



sign of recent enemy movement on a track was found. 7 Platoon (Sgt TD Reid) was tasked to follow the track and eventually it came to the Suoi Ta Lung where there was a well-constructed log bridge (see Map 25 "1"). The Forward Observer with the company (Capt AJ Wales, RNZA) was directed to have 161 Battery guns laid on the far bank and then the lead section (Cpl RA Barnes) crossed the river. Just after it did the leading scout came face to face with an enemy patrol which was engaged by the scout and then the rest of the section. The enemy fled leaving behind four packs containing food and ammunition.



*"Once more unto the breach dear friends." Troops boarding APCs to move to the Rendezvous on 18 November at the start of Operation Ingham. (AWM PO 1404.030)*

A Company (Maj OJ O'Brien), B Company (Maj NE Ford) with Battalion Headquarters had moved in behind C Company while D Company (Maj HA Smith) harboured to the south-west (See Map 25).

On 20 November, 4 Platoon (2Lt J Sullivan) found a recently used foot track over a low knoll where the platoon had stopped. 2Lt Sullivan sent out a section reconnaissance patrol (Cpl PP Buttigieg) to determine whether the track crossed a creek some 250 metres ahead. It crossed the creek but there was no fresh sign. Buttigieg secured the crossing and was in the process of taking a water resupply (one man a time). As the last man was doing so, three enemy approached the opposite bank and were immediately engaged by the alert section killing one and wounding another (Map 25 "2"). OC C Company recognising the enemy from that contact were heading in his direction immediately set up some quick ambushes. A short time later one of them, Support Section (WO2 CR Vagg) with two ARVN interpreters, saw two enemy coming down the track and engaged them wounding both (Map 25 "3"). 9 Platoon (Lt KF Nipperess) was ordered to follow the wounded VC and had gone only 50 metres when the lead section saw movement and then a Chicom claymore mine. The section then started to trace the wires leading from the mine to the firing party when the mine was detonated,