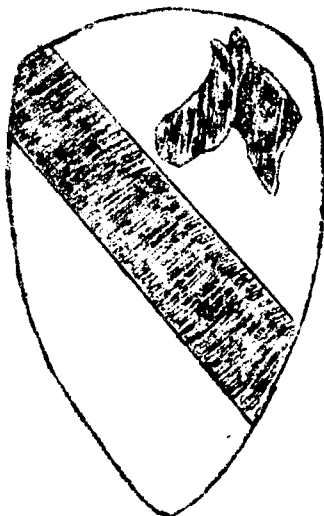


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THRU: Commanding General
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TO: Assistant Chief of Staff for Force Development
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1. (C) Operations: Significant Activities.

a. Mission: During the reporting period, the Brigade was located in an area of operations which included all of Long Khanh and Binh Tuy Province and portions of Dien Hoa and Phuoc Tuy Provinces in MR-3, and Lam Dong Province in MR-2. The size of the AO ranged from 3500-3800 square miles and was the largest AO ever assigned to a Brigade in Vietnam. The 3rd Brigade's missions were:

- (1) Destroy the enemy forces in the AO with priority to the 33rd NVA Regiment.
- (2) Attack the enemy command and control system with priority to Hq MR-7.
- (3) Neutralize the enemy logistical system.
- (4) Support the 1971 GVN Community Defense and Local Development efforts with emphasis on Binh Tuy and Long Khanh Provinces.
- (5) Be prepared to execute assigned contingency plans.

b. General:

- (1) The period of 1 May to 31 October 1971 saw no significant changes in the area of operations or the alignment of forces of the Brigade.

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A 500 sq mile section of Lam Dong Province MR-2, was acquired on 1 August and terminated on 31 October. This AO was worked by 1-12 Cav during this period and yielded significant caches of flour.

(2) On 1 October, the Brigade was assigned responsibility for portions of Phuoc Tuy Province which were vacated by the 1st Australian Task Force as it prepared to withdraw from RVN.

(3) Enemy activity within the Brigade's area of operations remained at a low level during the reporting period as enemy main and local force units avoided contact.

(4) The Brigade continued to provide Brigade assets to territorial and ARVN Forces in an effort to upgrade their combat effectiveness. Several very successful combined operations were conducted which were supported by Cav lift and combat support aviation assets. The territorial forces have steadily improved in the area, particularly in the Xuan Loc District.

c. 1st Bn, 7th Cav Operations:

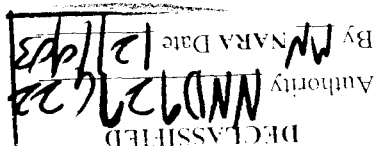
(1) Mission: During the period 1 May 1971 through 31 October 1971 the 1st Infantry Battalion, 7th Cavalry was assigned the mission of finding and destroying enemy forces, interdicting enemy lines of communication, locating and destroying/evacuating enemy caches, and assisting insofar as possible in the Vietnamization program.

(2) Execution:

(a) From 1 May - 14 May the battalion deployed in Long Khanh province south of Nui Chua Chan (southeast of Xuan Loc) with the command post located at Forward Operating Base (FOB) Mace and was targeted principally against the 3d Battalion, 33d NVA Regiment, elements of MR-7 headquarters, and local VC forces.

(b) From 15 May - 12 June the battalion deployed north of Nui Chua Chan (northeast of Xuan Loc), targeted against the same enemy forces. The command post remained at Mace, and Fire Support Base Furr (YT548164) was opened to provide artillery coverage of the area of operations.

(c) From 13 June - 28 July the battalion returned to its former area of operations south of Nui Chua Chan in response to intelligence that indicated redeployment of the enemy. FSB Furr was closed on 14 June, and the command post remained at Mace.



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(d) From 29 July - 23 August the battalion deployed in eastern War Zone D, targeted against the 61st Rear Service Group. The command post relocated to Fire Support Base Charles (YT407643), and mini-FSD Connel was opened (YT315628).

(e) From 24 August - 31 August the battalion deployed in western War Zone E, targeted against rear service activities and elements of SR-5 in addition to maintaining a posture of readiness to execute OPLAN Rome Eagle (A). The command post was established at Fire Support Base Sherman (YT218375).

(f) On 1 September the battalion again deployed to its former area of operation south of Nui Chua Chan, targeted against the 3d Battalion and the headquarters of the 33d NVA Regiment, elements of MR-7, and local VC forces. The battalion command post was again established at FOB Mace, and mini-FSD Hall (YS628998) was opened.

(2) Significant Events for May:

(a) 060845 1D at YT669024 observed two individuals. Engaged and received 15 rds AK-47 fire. Enemy evaded NW. 1D pursued. Pink Team on station engaged and killed one ind. PT received GAF. Reported additional two indiv KBH.

(b) 061220 2D at YS599992 found cache with one Thompson sub-machine gun with 4 magazines, 2 SKS, Wpns on 3X4 bamboo platform 2 ft off the ground, 50 meters from trail, camouflaged with brush. Wpns condition: rusting, in place est one year.

(c) 061245 2D at YT669029 found rucksack, 2 waterproof bags, 4 pr trousers, 2 civ shirts, 1 GI poncho liner, 1 GI monsoon sweater, 2 pr socks, 4 pkg tea, 1 can cream, 3 toothbrushes, 2 bars soap, 1 fountain pen, 1 towel, 7 strips of rubber, 1 roll gauze, 1 tube toothpaste, 1 chapstick, 1 spoon, 1 rice bowl, 4 ft elastic strip, 2 dish towels, 1 plastic helmet, 11" switchblade, 1 pr eyeglasses, 1 cig lighter, 1 sewing kit (VN), 1 GI Canteen cup, 1 pr black underwear, 1 GI rain jacket, 1 metal pot 5" diameter-4" deep full of cooked rice, 1 package dried fish, 9 lbs rice, 1 pkg documents (est 3 lbs), no body and no weapon. Recent use in area est 3 days.

(d) 061445 3D at YT668019 found small cache cont 30 small sandbags of polished rice-10 lbs each, 1 gal motor oil, 2 gal cooking oil ("Donated by people of the US"); all found inside cave (5X5 hole) in side of hill.

(e) 070745 C(-) at YT567007 while taking up claymores found that O2 were missing. Wire had been cut about 2' from the blasting caps. Ind who took CMMs came through trip flare defense.

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(f) 071204 C (-) spotted 01 indiv to N and engaged with 81mm. Rcvd return SA fire. Unknown results.

(g) 071805 C (-) heard movement NE of their loc (YT567007). Sent out patrol with neg findings. At 1835 spotted 02 ind 15-20 meters E of their loc wearing black PH's. En init fire, M-60 ret fire. En evad unk direction.

(h) 091015 A (-) at YS607972 had contact with VC/NVA squad (est 3-5 ind). En walked within 20 meters of NDP. CP engaged with M16 resulting in 01 VC KIA, 1 pack and 1 wpn captured. 1 VC pulled frag gren resulting in 01 US WIA. Weapons cap was AK-47 with full mag. Inside pack was civ clothing, hammock, poncho, flour, cooking uten, flashlight batteries, no documents.

(i) 150950 2D at YS538989 obsr 5-6 ind coming out of woodline moving E-W. Eng with SA: ind evad W. All armed with AK-47's, possibly 1 or 2 carbines; all dressed in black clothing. Results: 01 en KIA, 1 AK-47 cap. En ret fire with 1 M-40 and SA Fire.

(j) 161010 2A contact at YT612249. Eng 3-4 ind moving N-S with CMM and SA fire. Res: 1 VC KIA, 1 AK-47 cap with full mag. Ind had a pack with rice and hammock.

(k) 211520 3A contact at YT603253 enemy initiated. Possibly 7-8 ind with small arms and 2-3 CMM. En evad N, 3A ret fire. Results: neg en cas. 3 US WIA. 3A also found 4 bunkers, 2 picnic tables, 1 bunker arranged as a classroom. Also found 6 oz docs, 1 VC CMM wire, 2 pr new NVA boots, 1 pr shower slippers, 2 pr trousers (blue and black), 3 shirts (blue, black, grey), 1 cooking site with 8 pots.

(l) 231250 2A at YT595262 fnd 12 bkrs 6X4 with 3' OHC, 1 bkr 20X20 with 3' OHC. Bkrs had huts built on top. 20 oz docs disc in area, 1 well 3X3X25' deep with running water in bottom, 2 pans 6" deep 24" diameter, 2 pr black underwear, 1 bra, 1 pr NVA books, 1 blue shirt, 2 pr black pants, 2 pr HCM slicks, 2 brown shirts 3X4 (one with shelf underneath), 1 smoke house 8X8X10, 50 pieces of cut firewood, 1 poncho, 4 baskets 18" diameter, 2 pans with 2 lbs cooked rice, 1 cloth bag cont polished rice, 2 GI metal canteen, 2 latrines, 1 teapot, 3 dishes, 1 classroom 8X10X8, 1/2 lb rock salt, 1 gal soybean oil, 1 shoel, 1 gas oil lamp, 1 lb medical supplies, 1 mess hall 15X6.

(m) 251045 2C vic YT543146 had PSID activate and heard movt. Sgt in amb psn blew 2 CMM, had more movement and again blew 2 CMM. Began receiving rtn fire from 1 AK-47. Began recon by fire. 1 NVA WIA shouting "Chieu Hoi" capt. Fnd another AK-47, 2 oz docs, poncho, 1 photo, 2 pages poems, songs, 1 letter, 1 rice receipt.

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(n) 251235 1D vic YT510221 rcvd SA fire from O3 ind. Eng with SA. Fnd 2 blood trails, 2 M1 carbines (good cond), 1 rucksack, 2 full 30-rd carbine mags. Tracker teams inserted to follow blood trail. Pack cont 2 hammocks, 3 VC ponchos, 2 bag soap, 1 tube toothpaste, 3 lbs uncooked rice, 2 shirts, 1 pr pants, 1 mosquito net, 1 US flashlight with 2 docs inside.

(o) 261205 1D at YT513234 fnd 1 M1, 1 SKS, 3 pr black PJs, 1 bottle ink, VC flag, 3 medals, 1 guitar string, 1 US pistol belt, 2 lbs docs (incl large map); docs in good cond, wpn poor cond. No recent use.

(p) 281510 1D at YT512234 fnd 1 booby-trapped 5-gal can with 25 frags, pressure pull release on side of trail. None hurt. Also fnd 1 Singer sewing mach, 1 transfusion kit, 1 letter. Frags were hand made and old; other items in fair cond.

(4) Significant Events for June:

(a) 020530 FSD Furr (YT550183) rcvd atk by fire consisting of 4 rds 82mm and 3 rds D40 from SW. Suspected firing psn at YT548180 eng with direct fire arty (beehive), 61mm AFA, First light sweep of area disc 4X82mm mortar craters 35 meters SW of perimeter, 2 D40 craters 20 meters NE of perimeter. 1 D40 rd exploded SW perimeter wire. Meg fdly cas, unk en loss.

(b) 021450 D (-) YT582166 obsr 5 ind with blk PJs, 1 AK-47, 1 D-40 RL, carrying litter patient. Eng w/org, rec ret SA and D40 fire. Results: 1 heavy blood trl, 1 KIA (litter patient).

(c) 030001 3D at YT603170 had AA detonate while in NDP. First light ck disc 2 en KIA. En had been moving NW. 1 AK-47 cpt, 1 fld expd flashlight, 1 US flashlight, 2 oz docs.

(d) 030830 3C at YT572163 obsr 3 ind (with black PJs, packs, and AK-47) Eng with org, ret SA fire, contact broke immed when en evad E and S. Check of area indic 10-20 indiv. 1 en KIA, 1 pack cont note written in crayon, 1 AK-47 mag with 30 rds, 50 loose AK-rds, 1 pr blk pants, 1 blk shirt, 5 lbs rice, 5 lbs salt, 1 US belt, 1 pick, 2 lbs tea, 1 bottle US insect repellent, 2 roll commo wire, 1 canvas ruck.

(e) 091200 4D advanced and obsr 1 indiv in bkr. Eng with org, rec hvy vol SA fire fm est sqd size en force. Results: 3 US WIA, unk en losses.

(f) 171100 4D vic YT527033 while on gnd rcn heard movt. Set up hasty amb. En eng with SA and 3 D40 rds, possibly 5 rds 60mm mortar. Est 15-20 en in bkr complex 30 meters away. Results: 1 US KIA, 2 US WIA, unk en loss.

(g) 180800 B and D vic YT527033 while attempting to sweep bkr complex

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disc on 17 Jun were eng by est co size en fce in bkrs approx 30 meters away. En SA and CMM fire ret with org SA. AFA, arty, PT, Air Strike supported. Sporadic contact continued until 0915 when fdly fcs pulled back for arty, a/s and medevac. Several en w/blk PJs and AK-47, rice, fresh fruit obsr. Contact resulted in 2 US KIA, 4 US WIA, unk en losses.

(h) 221150 E Rcn vic YS536995 while in amb psn obsr 2 ind with civ clothes and grn unif, fld expd packs, and AK-47 moving E. Ind mov through kill zone with neg eng. 1 ind returned, stopped 30 meters E of loc. Heard voices of undet no indiv to W. Eng w/ CMM w/neg ret fire. Fdly moved up and disc 3 en KIA. Wpns and wallets had been taken from bodies. Contact resulted in 3 en KIA, 3 rucks w/D40 rkts, 3 CC gren, 2 fld expd grens, 6 NVA hammocks, 2 NVA shovels, 1 NVA canteen, 1 US 1-qt canteen, 15 lbs potatoes, 75 lbs rice, 10 lbs cooked rice, 10 lbs bananas, 5 lbs cooking uten, 16 lbs mixed clothing, 2 first aid dressings, 150 AK-47 rds, 12 lbs personal items, 1 booby trap firing mech, 2 handsaw blade, 1 lb doc.

(i) 231120 2A vic YS626993 while in amb psn obsr 6 ind 150m SW. Engr w/org w/ret AK-47 fire. Contact broke when en evad E. Res: 1 en KIA, 1 AK-47 rifle, 2 AK-47 mag, 1 US map, bag w/15 cans C rations cptr. Also fnd 2X55 gal drums diesel fuel.

(j) 231140 4B vic YT514032 while in amb psn obsr 2 indiv 30m NE. Fdly yelled for ind to Chieu Hoa; indiv hit gnd and tried to evad. Eng w/org; 1 ind evad, 1 en WIA. White plastic helmet, civ papers, 600 \$VN, and cutting tool cptr.

(k) 240635 4C vic YS547990 while preparing to move from NDP to site of AA det, eng by unk SEF 50m NNE w/hvy vol SA and 10-15 D40 eng w/org. Sporadic cont until 0715 when en evad NNE. Res: 2 US WIA, 1 en KIA. Cpt doc ident en as mbr C9, 3/33d.

(l) 231355 4B vic YS563964 while on gnd recon disc old sapper training area with 4 lanes (vines used to simulate wire) and simulated bkr made of sticks, leaves, and mud. Neg recent use.

(5) Significant Events for July:

(a) 031415 D (-) vic YT627039 rovd en init hvy vol D40 and SA fire from USEF; ret with org. Res: 2 US KIA, 4 US WIA, 1 en KIA.

(b) 041320 3 & 4C vic YT625025 while on gnd rcn hrd mov of unk nr ind to the W move N through brush. Fdly estab hasty perimeter and obsr approx 5 ind 15m NW. Eng with org. rec ret SA fire. En evad N. Res: 2 block trls leading N.

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(6) Significant Events for August:

(a) 061130 2A vic YT343651 while on gnd rcn obsr 3 ind with green pants, 1 white shirt, 2 dark shirts, 50m N; eng w/org and rec rtn SA fire. En evad N. Neg results.

(b) 061140 2A vic YT343651 during search of cont area disc 1 U-shape bkr 2X4X9 with 12" OHC. 2 picnic tables 10X4, 2 benches inside. On 6" N-S trl leading fm bkr stepped on trip wire det CMM. Results: 1 US KIA, 2 US WIA.

(c) 061325 2A vic cont area while moving fwd to cont search of area det unk type mine resulting in 2 US WIA.

(7) Significant Events for September:

(a) 061200 2B vic YS556946 while on gnd rcn were eng by 2-3 ind 100m at az of 300 degrees from their psn. En eng w/AK-47 full auto. Ret fire w/org. Pk Tm, RASH, arty sptd. Cont broke 1210 when en evad NW. Res: 1 US WIA, unk en losses.

(b) 061310 4C vic YT635965 on OP obsr 1-2 en 30m SW approaching psn. OP eng with org, neg rtn fire. En evad E. Unk en losses.

(c) 141545 B (-) vic YT325658 while in resupply posture eng w/2 rds B 40 and SA by USEF loc 60m NW. Ret fire w/org. En evad N and NW. Res: 1 US WIA, unk en losses.

(d) 141900 4A vic YS674965 while in NDP obsr 75-100 ind 100m mov W. Eng w/81mm w/neg rtn fire. En evad unk dir. AFA, flare ship spt.

(8) Significant Events for October:

(a) 011730 2C vic YS549989 disc 2 bkrs. Searched with neg findings. Continued W and disc 3 bkrs and 2 D40 rkts. Obsr 02 ind 150m E mov SE. Eng w/Org, rec ret SA, MG, 82mm mortar. En evad unk dir. Res: 1 US KIA, 2 en KIA.

(b) 071230 E Rcn vic YS587963 while in day halt psn had AA det 25m W. Eng w/org, rec ret AW fire. En evad unk dir. Res: 1 en KIA.

(c) 101045 A vic YS506844 obsr 4 ind (3 male, 1 fem) move SE. Eng w/org, neg ret fire. Res: 1 en (fem) WIA (POW). En medevaced.

(d) 111630 2A vic YS501951 while on gnd rcn disc 6 sticks 12' tall w/"V" cut in top and claymore wire strung to form a 360 degree circle. Circle was 10' diameter and believed to be fld expd antenna.

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(e) 161520 2A vic YS522942 heard movement 75m SW. Eng w/org, rec ret SA fire. En evad unk dir. Unk en losses, no fdly cas.

(f) 271117 B and C Co at FSD Mace rec SA fire fm 2 ind w/blk clothing, 100m NW of perimeter. Ret fire w/org. Pk Tm sptd. Res: no fdly cas, unk en losses.

(g) 300915 C Co vic YS580971 while on gnd rcn hrd voices to W. Check of area revealed several indiv in tent. Eng w/SA and AW. Rec rtn SA/AW and D40 fire. En evad in unk dir. PT, AFA, AFFAC, arty, A/S, medevac sptd. Contact resulted in 1 US KIA, 3 US WIA, unk en losses. (Subsequent rcn of bkr complex revealed heavy blood smears.)

(h) 311825 3A vic YS571968 while on gnd rcn vic NDP disc 12" NE-SW HP trl and obsr 1 indiv w/grn clothing and HCM sandals 50m away mov SW. Eng w/org w/neg rtn fire. Hrd voices approx 200-300m NE. Res: neg fdly cas, unk en losses.

d. 1st Bn (AM), 12th Cav Operations:

(1) Mission and Area of Operations: During the period 1 May - 31 October 1971, the 1/12 Cavalry conducted tactical operations of platoon, company, and battalion size against the enemy. During this period the primary mission was to close with and destroy the enemy, with secondary missions to disrupt his lines of supply and communications, to deny him the sanctuary of isolated base camps, and to sever his control over local populated areas. In this regard the 1/12 Cavalry operated over FSD Pace and FSD Katum in Tay Ninh Province on the west, and North to FSD Katie in War Zone D and FSD Power Ridge in Lem Dong Province. The battalion conducted operations from seven separate major FSD's and from a host of mini-bases.

(2) Significant Events for May:

(a) 051100 while on a ground recon at YT245286, 1/C discovered a 10 in wide trail with recent use in the last 48 hours. They also found 4 75mm RR rounds in cannisters with CC markings. The rounds had been in place approx 3 days and were in good condition.

(b) 081210 at YT158495 1/A discovered 8 bunkers east of FSD Katie. The bunkers were 6-9 months old and appeared to have had napalm dropped on it in the last 6 months. 11 mortar rounds were discovered along with 1000 non-electric blasting caps and various weapons parts.

(c) 101145 at YT125495 2/C found 47 75mm RR rounds northwest of FSD Katie. The rounds were packed in cosmoline in shipping cannisters and were in good condition.

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(d) 111240 at YT185505 1/A found 16 bunkers and 4 huts with recent use in the last 24-36 hours. At YT147495 2/A found 5 huts and numerous sleeping positions, but there was negative recent use. 4/A discovered 25 bunkers, 300 VC pineapple grenades, 800 non-electrical blasting caps, 3 lbs of gun powder, and a 250 lb lathe with motor. This area also had negative recent use.

(e) 231200 at YT120493 4/B discovered 49 75mm RR rounds, 5 82mm mortar rounds, 560mm HE rounds, 37500 grenades, 100 AK rounds, 150 NATO 7.62 mm linked rounds, 1000 AL mines, and 5 US 105mm fuzes. The rounds had been in place about 6-8 months.

(f) 261600 at YT305209 while on ground recon, 3/D found a campfire with hot coals and footprints of 12 individuals. A 10 day old grave containing one female was also discovered.

(g) 271030 at YT310205 3/B discovered 5 bunkers with overhead cover and were engaged by small arms fire with 1 US WIA. 2/D also found 4 bunkers and bloodstained documents.

(h) 201035 at YT306214 2/D found a bunker complex with the help of a Visual Tracker Dog Team. 8 bunkers, 2 AK-47 magazines, and 12 blasting caps were also discovered. One individual with an AK-47 was observed fleeing to the north. At YT310205 at 1215 3/D found a trail and 120 lbs rice, 2 lb pepper, 1 SKS, 54 9mm rounds, 5 gal cleaning fluids, 40 lbs of fat, and 1 transistor radio.

(i) 301600 at YT239239 3/C found 22 bunkers, 4 of them with recent use. A suspected classroom was also found with 2 cut away E-40 warheads and 2 cut away 75mm rocket warheads. 3/D found approx 100 lbs bananas and a few AK-47 rds. 3 new U.S. 81mm rounds were also found.

(3) Significant Events for June:

(a) 030605 while in NDP at YT275256, E-Recon Platoon engaged 5 indiv NE of FSD Pat with negative return fire. A blood trail was discovered but enemy casualty results were unknown. The Tracker Dog Tm lost the blood trl.

(b) 101415 at YT493179 2/A found 12-15 bunkers with overhead cover. 2/A was engaged with small arms with negative friendly casualties and unknown en losses.

(c) 140630 at YT173344 E-Recon platoon detonated an M26 Frag grenade booby trap, resulting in 1 VN (KCS) KIA and 1 US WIA.

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(d) 161145 at YT470196 A Co was engaged with 60mm mortar and small arms fire. Fire was returned and AFA and arty support was called in. Results: 1 enemy KBAFA and 1 heavy blood trail discovered.

(e) 210800 at YT550248 D Co, engaged 3 indiv with negative return fire Results: 1 en KIA.

(f) 221130 at YT490265 E-Recon plt engaged 2 enemy and received return fire. Results: 1 enemy KIA and 1 blood trail. A tracker tm was inserted with negative results. 1 SKS and 1 K-54 pistol were also found.

(g) 271105 at YT589235 C Company discovered a cache containing 10 lbs beans, 50 lbs rice, 35 lbs salt, 1 SKS, 1 M-1 carbine, 2 bandoleers with 140 rounds of 5.56mm, 1 transistor radio, and 5 lbs of wax.

(h) 281030 at YT544224 2/A engaged 6 indiv and received small arms fire and B-40 rocket fire in return. Results: 3 US WIA. 1 carbine and a small amount of small arms ammo captured.

(4) Significant Events for July:

(a) 081245 at YT509169 1/D engaged 3 indiv with negative return fire. Results: 1 enemy KIA, 1 B-40 rocket launcher and 2 B-40 rockets captured. 3/D discovered 8 bunkers, 30-35 sleeping positions, and a recently used trail. 1/D found 2 bunkers and 3 huts; one of the huts was a messhall and one was an aid station. 250 lbs rice, 10 lbs corn, 5 lbs salt, 5 lb sugar, and 8 lbs of medical supplies were captured.

(b) 101630 at YT494152 B Company found 23 bunkers, 3 kitchens, and 3 huts; many of them were still under construction.

(c) 142205 at YT504262 D Company engaged one craft on a stream near FSB Pecos. The craft sustained heavy damage and one individual was observed fleeing.

(d) 201000 at YT566526 E-Recon plt heard VN voices and engaged 3 indiv and received return small arms fire. Enemy losses were unknown; however 40 hammock positions, 10 cooking sites, 3 bunkers, 5 fighting positions, 1 small docking area, 1 sampan, 20 br pants, 50 NVA shirts, 20 NVA ponchos, 20 lbs rice, 20 lbs flour, 2 Panasonic radios, and other misc items were found.

(e) 220730 at YT468481 2/D found a hut and 40 sleeping positions with recent use in the last 24 hours.

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(f) 271050 at YT719606 1/C heard voices and engaged 4 indiv, receiving small arms fire in return. Results: Negative friendly casualties and 1 enemy KIA. Several blood trails, 130 lbs of flour, 90 lbs of salted fish, 1 B-40 rocket launcher, and small quantities of foodstuffs and ammo were discovered.

(5) Significant Events for August:

(a) 011000 at YT492504 2/B found 27 bunkers, many of them caved in, that had been used in the past 20 days.

(b) From 3-5 August elements of 1-12 Cav uncovered 4 significant caches near FSD Roundrock which have yielded 1 ton of salt and nearly 11 tons of American flour. The average time in place for flour and salt was one to three weeks. The food caches were off the ground and covered with VN and US ponchos and canvas tarpaulins. All of these finds were located along a well maintained N-S truck road/trail, which links the area of J95 Headquarters with the Shadow Supply System pick-up points along QL-20. A company engaged 4 indiv and received negative return fire. Results: 3 enemy KIA. Later in the day A company found a seriously wounded NVA soldier who was medevaced to FSD Mace. Interrogation indicated that his mission was to carry supplies for RSG MR-7.

(c) 071200 Near FSD Roundrock 10 bunkers were discovered by C company and E-Recon platoon with recent use.

(d) 081215 at YT704581 3/C engaged 1 individual with unknown results. 7 bunkers (5 still under construction) and 200 lbs of mixed NVA and civilian clothing were found. Two heavy blood trails were also discovered.

(g) 091300 at YT592577 1/C discovered 24 bunkers and 24 huts that had been used by approx 150 indiv in the past 2 wks. At YT638555 E-Recon found 7 bunkers that had been used by 100-125 indiv in the last 5 days.

(h) 121630 at YT687730 1/D found 6 bunkers and 6 huts built in the last 5-7 days. 1 enemy KB arty 7 days ago was also discovered.

(i) 141430 at YT 683537 D Company found 2 hootches containing 5800 lbs of flour and 759 lbs of salt.

(j) 151335 at YT684538 D Company discovered various truck parts including 2 axles, 3 transmissions, and assorted tie rods and springs in place about one week.

(k) 161900 at YT686530 D Company found an additional 5 tons of flour in huts; the flour was two feet off the ground and was in place from 1-3 months.

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(l) 181745 at YT679539 1/D discovered a recently used sapper training area. One messhall and one classroom capable of holding 40 individuals were also discovered. 3/C engaged and killed one enemy near FSD Timbuktu, YT703693 at 1535.

(m) 190930 at YT682548 D Company found 1 US 2½ ton truck with several bullet holes in body. The vehicle was covered with bamboo and canvas and had been in place about 1 month. 1/D found 7500 lbs of flour covered with NVA ponchos at 1100 at YT680539.

(n) 221445 near FSD Roundrock D Company found 7½ tons of flour covered with NVA ponchos and 2 feet off the ground. The flour had been in place from 2-5 months.

(o) 230930 at YT687540 1/D found another 3 tons of covered flour, near FSD Roundrock.

(p) 241330 at YT684543 3/D found 3 more tons of flour covered and stored on 2 foot platforms. The flour had been in place for 1-2 months. 75 lbs of potatoes were discovered by 3/D near FSD Timbuktu after a brief contact with 3 individuals.

(q) 250930 at YT679543 1/D found 6½ tons of flour near FSD Roundrock. It was covered and had been in place for 3-4 weeks.

(6) Significant Events for September:

(a) 011610 at YT800725 B Company received small arms fire and 1 RPG round. Results: 2 US WIA. Unknown enemy losses.

(b) 021215 at YT794717 B Company while in defensive position blowing a bunker complex, were engaged with 2 B-40 rounds and a heavy volume of small arms fire by 7 NVA's. Results: 3 US WIA and unknown enemy losses.

(c) 041510 at YT790714 A Company was engaged by sniper fire while on NDP. Results: 1 US KIA and unknown enemy losses.

(d) 080950 at YT782715 1/D engaged 10-12 indiv and received return small arms fire. Results negative friendly casualties and 1 enemy KIA. Later 1/D engaged 1-2 indiv attempting to drag away a body. Results: 1 en KIA.

(e) 101600 YT777695 E-Recon discovered 30 bunkers and 35 huts with waterproof thatched roofs. 5 lbs of medical supplies were also found.

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(f) 251700 at YT778713 B Company led by a Hoi Chanh, discovered a cache containing 234 rifle grenades, 1.30 cal MG, 4 M-1's, 1 SKS, 3 French mausers, 1 M-3A1 sub MG, 10 boxes 30 cal ammo (500 rds), 17 cases CKC ammo (8500 rds), 7.75 RR rounds and 6 CC grenades. The cache had been in place approx 3-6 months.

(g) From 26-30 September, A Company operated at FSD Pace, (YT071883) receiving approx 111 82mm mortar rounds causing 1 US MIA, 1 KC KIA, and 3 KC WIA.

(h) The Tay Ninh Operation commenced 23 September when the battalion was alerted to provide a rifle company for security to an artillery FSD along the Cambodian border. Within a few hours this mission was changed to provide security for two FSD's. Immediately, the companies were reorganized for the combat support capability. On 24 Sep a second rifle company was inserted into FSD Pace, and the original rifle company was reconsolidated on FSD Katum. On 28 Sep as part of TF Garry Owen, the 1/12 Cavalry was alerted to conduct a relief operation of FSD Katum. On 30 Sep the battalion (-) conducted an airmobile assault into FSD Ladysmith and from there provided a quick reaction force to the main force which comprised elements of the 2/11 ACR. The relief was completed on 1 Oct and the Battalion returned to its normal AO.

(7) Significant Events for October:

(a) Between 1 and 21 October, A, B, and C Company elements received over 200 mortar rounds and small amounts of RR and rocket fires while supporting operations in Tay Ninh province at FSD Pace (YT071883).

(b) 101610 D Company found 3000 lbs of flour near FSD Roundrock YT677524.

(c) 261825, A Company engaged 3 indiv near FSD Katie (YT164449) while setting up NDP. Results: Negative friendly casualties and 1 enemy KIA.

(d) On 28 October elements from 1-12 discovered 33 bunkers and small amounts of supplies near FSD Katie.

(e) 291210 at YT157443 C Company's point man detonated a booby trap and the main body detonated another booby trap. Results: 1 US KIA and 5 US WIA.

(f) 301250 at YT157440 C Company discovered 18 bunkers containing 80 lbs of blank carbon sheets, a duffle bag w/female clothing, and a Russian flag. The items had been in place approx 3-4 days.

e. 2nd Bn 5th Cav Operations:

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(1) Mission: During the period 1 May to 31 October 1971 the 2d Bn, 5th Cav (AM) conducted ground and airmobile operations from six fire support bases (FSB) to locate and destroy headquarters MR-7 and elements of the 33d NVA Regiment.

(2) Execution: From 1 May until 28 July the battalion operated from FSB Evelyn in an area generally east of Evelyn. The mission was executed by assigning area of operations (AO) to each company. The company AO's were designed to exploit the best available intelligence workable at the time assigned. A company normally searched for enemy and caches within their AO for 15 days unless new intelligence required the assignment of new AO's. After 15 days operation in an AO the company was normally moved to a fire base where it trained, defended the fire base, and assumed the reserve mission. From 28 July to 31 Oct the battalion operated from FSB Mace in the area generally north and south of Mace. The concept of operations was similar to the concept used the previous 3 months. During the entire period the enemy avoided contact when possible.

(3) Significant events for May:

(a) 041030 at YT835081 B Company discovered a 28 bunker complex and a small cache which included 1 radio receiver, various food stuffs, 12-15 vials of medicine, assorted pots and pans, 100-150 BA-30's, and 1 122mm launching device.

(b) 110930 at YT958106 the Recon plt engaged 3 enemy, resulting in 1 US WIA and negative enemy assesment.

(c) 121000 Co B at YT917126 on 12 May engaged 2 enemy who fled SW, Co B followed and engaged 7 enemy spotted in a base camp area with negative results. Found in the camp were 5 bunkles of foodstuffs, various items of clothing, 1 carbine magazine, 1 grenade, 2 trip flares, 1 M-16 cleaning kit, 25 lbs of rice and approximately 2 lbs of documents. The same day at YT987158 Co D spotted 2 enemy leaving a bunker complex; they were engaged by cobra gunship, artillery and small arms. Results were 5 VC/NVA KIA and 10 rucksacks, 4 oz documents, 10 first aid pouches, 200 lbs of rice, fresh fish, 1 ID card, 1 map case and a hand drawn map of Tan Linh captured.

(d) 141240 at YT982162 Co D discovered a 5 bunker complex, movement to SE was engaged by small arms, grenades, and cobra gunship resulting in a heavy blood trail to SE.

(e) 151815 at YT979123 Co A was engaged by 1 enemy with 1 M79 round. Fire was returned, results were 1 US WIA, no enemy casualties.

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(f) 171414 at YT803172 Co B discovered a cache of one bottle of wine and 200 lbs of rice covered with 2 NVA ponchos.

(g) On 27 May the battalion opened FSD Jay (YT66238) and became operational at 1400 hrs.

(h) 280845 at YT773262 Co C had an automatic ambush activated resulting in 3 NVA KIA and 1 NVA WIA captured. A small quantity of rice, 3 D-40 rockets, 1 AK-47, 2 rucksacks, 3 RPG charges and various items of clothing were also captured. The same day at YT807279 Co D located a 10 bunker complex and found 1 rucksack of clothing and 8 lbs of documents.

(i) 300945 at YT304276 Co D engaged 4 enemy resulting in 1 NVA KIA and 1 NVA POW, 1 AK-47 and 1 carbine captured.

(4) Significant Events for June:

(a) 010740 at YT304276 Co D had an automatic ambush activated by 2 enemy resulting in 1 heavy blood trail. At YT815243 Co A discovered a cache 2 feet above ground which included 2 M1 carbines, 2 M1 rifles 1 12 Ga shotgun, 4 SKS's, 1 Cal .45 pistol, 1 sniper scope, 2 US claymores, 1 case AK ammo, 1 case SKS and M1 ammo, 1 case M16 ammo, 5 US smoke grenades, 30 rounds cal .45 ammo, 6 claymore wires, 2 D-40 boosters, 11 M-16 magazines 3 12 Ga shells, 1 D 40 round, 1 claymore clacker and 5 gals of grease.

(b) 021400 at YT808258 Co A had an automatic ambush activated accidentally by rain resulting in 2 US injured.

(c) On 5 June the battalion moved a jump CP from FSD Evelyn (YT902118) to FSD Furr (YT766238) and closed FSD Jay (YT766238), by 1635 hrs.

(d) 071640 at YT498157 Recon engaged 6 enemy with small arms and claymores resulting in 2 NVA KIA and 2 AK-47 captured.

(e) 081000 at YT501150 Recon spotted movement in a bunker complex and engaged with claymores and grenades. A Cobra gunship was requested and took GAF as did the Command Control (CC) ship. An airstrike was placed on the complex. Co B searched the complex and found 2 VC KIA and captured 1 pistol belt, some grenades, and D-40 boosters.

(f) 091100 at YT497185 A/1-12, OPCON to 2-5 Cav was ambushed by estimated plt size enemy force using small arms and D 40's. Results were 4 US WIA, 1 NVA KIA, and 1 D 40, 1 82mm mortar round and 1 pack captured. Later at YT497187 they found 2 packs containing 1 D 40 round, 1 60mm mortar round, some AK-47 rounds, a small amount of rice and marijuana.

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(g) 110915 at YT494151 Co B requested cobra gunships when they spotted movement in a bunker complex. A search revealed 1 NVA WIA who was captured and an enemy fleeing to the SW who was engaged with small arms and gunship. Also spotted and engaged 6 other NVA resulting in 5 NVA KDH.

(h) 130940 Co B at YT506140 found 1 NVA KIA about two days earlier. At 1830 at YT478200 Co D engaged 2 enemy; a few minutes later they received 10-12 60mm mortar rounds. Artillery was called and small arms fire directed into the area, results were 3 US WIA and 2 NVA KIA.

(i) 140855 at YT472202 Co D was engaged by small arms and D-40 resulting in 3 US WIA initially. Firing resumed each time recovery of the wounded was attempted. Aerial field artillery (AFA) was employed. Contact continued sporadically throughout the day resulting in 5 US KIA, 12 US WIA, and 9 NVA KIA. 1 US KIA and 1 US WIA were the result of a short artillery round which fell into the FOB site. At 2300 hrs Base Defense spotted a beacon SW of FSD Evelyn (YT902118), it was engaged with mortars and Arty and disappeared, simultaneously, movement was detected by radar in the trash dump and engaged with M79. Movement ceased.

(j) 151015 at YT474202 Co C was engaged by small arms, claymores, and 6 rds of mortar fire while attempting to retrieve the bodies of Co D's contact of the preceding day. AFA was called and air strike was placed on the bunker complex, results were 17 US WIA, 1 US KIA, and 2 NVA KIA. Co B at YT463216 engaged 8-10 NVA. Cobra gunships were called and took GAF. Results were 2 NVA KIA.

(k) 161145 at YT470196 A/1-12 was engaged by small arms, grenade and mortar fire. Fire was returned with organics, AFA and an airstrike was called, Search of the area produced a 4 bunker complex, 1 pair US jungle boots, 1 pair ARVN boots, 1 B-40 rocket, 1 M 60 sling, a map of Saigon and 1 NVA KIA.

(l) 171600 Co D at YT474200 found 1 NVA body, 1 GI canteen, 1 knife and 1 60mm mortar round. Co C at YT474202 located a 25 bunker complex containing 5 B-40 rounds, 1 M-16, 1 Map, 1 AK-47 magazine and 3 bodies in graves, 1 KIA and 2 KHA.

(m) 200940 at YT471196 Co C found 2 rice caches containing 800 lbs of rice.

(n) On 22 June the jump CP was moved from FSD Furr (YT551184) to FSD Gail (YT654154).

(o) 221400 Co B at YT605179 had an automatic ambush activated resulting in 1 NVA KIA.

(p) 260900 at YT613195 Cobra gunships engaged 1 NVA resulting in 1 NVA KDH.

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(5) Significant Events for July:

(a) 051610 at YT722100 Cobra gunships engaged 1 NVA resulting in 1 NVA KIA.

(b) 101400 at YT989147 Cobra gunships engaged 2 NVA, an air strike was placed in the area resulting in 4 NVA KDH.

(c) 170925 at YT858098 Co D engaged 3 NVA resulting in 2 NVA KIA and 2 grenades captured.

(d) 211340 at YT805202 Cobra gunships engaged 2 NVA resulting in 2 NVA KDH.

(e) On 28 July FSI Evelyn (YT902118) was closed and the battalion CP moved to FSI Mace (YT626112).

(6) Significant Events for August:

(a) Construction began on FSD Wishart (YT584185) 3 August.

(b) 061040 at YT774118 Co A found 1 NVA body and 1 AK-47. Recon at YT581164 engaged 3 enemy, fire was returned with negative casualties.

(c) 091300 at YT574201 Co B captured 1 M16 magazine, 1 AK-47 magazine, 700 M-16 rounds, 15 lbs flour, 12 DA30's, 1 transistor radio and a small amount of various items of equipment.

(d) 120800 at YT566204 Co B found 1 M72 LAW, 25 lbs rice, 2 US claymores, 30 rds K54 ammo, 30 rds AK-47 ammo and 2 oz documents. Co C at YT548238 found 1 ruck sack, 1 gun com P844, 400 lbs rice and 8 oz of documents.

(e) 231345 at YT573001 Recon engaged 3 enemy with small arms resulting in one blood trail.

(f) 141620 at YT488162 Co C received 15-20 rds of 82mm with negative results.

(g) 250950 at YT575968 Co A found 3 claymores daisy chained around a tree, 1 box of non-electrical blasting caps, and 8 lbs of G4 in a PZ area. A truck convoy was ambushed at YT432301 resulting in 1 US KIA and 2 US WIA. Cobra gunships engaged with unknown enemy assessment.

(h) 301030 at YT492152 Co B found and destroyed 1 LAW and 20 lbs salt.

(7) Significant Events for September:

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- (a) 021700 at YT483207 Co C located 50 bunkers and found 1 Chinese radio (Unser) and 1 unidentified metal box.
- (b) 071340 at YT496219 Co C engaged 3 enemy resulting in 1 VC WIA POW.
- (c) 081400 at YT568152 Cobra gunships engaged 8 VC resulting in 2 VC KIB. Cobra gunships also spotted a 100 bunker complex at YT569152. Co B, at YT595245 found a cache including 1 M1 carbine, 5 vises, 60-100 smoke grenade fuzes, 4 anvils, 2 M79 stocks, 1 drill press, 44 B-40 rounds, various tools, 71 grenades, 19 D40 fuzes, 4 pecks copper sulfate, 1 60mm fuze, 1 gas mask, 19 lbs meat, 1 lb medical supplies, 1 ammo can of blasting caps, 200 ft time fuze, 13 batteries, 9 AK rounds 30 22 cal rounds. 1 RPG Launcher, 1 M60 bolt, 40 M16 rounds, 1 roll det cord, 1 ammo can of rivets and documents.
- (d) 131345 at YT588244 Co D found 300 lbs rice.
- (e) 201600 at YT570138 Co D engaged by small arms, B-40 and claymore. Fire was returned and Cobra gunships called. Results were 1 US KIA, 5 US WIA and 3 enemy KIA.
- (f) 281530 at YT580135 Co D found 1 AT grenade and 1 7.62 rifle in an 8 bunker complex.

(g) Significant Events for October:

- (a) 020955 at YT491199 engaged 5 enemy sitting around a bunker. Results were 5 NVA KIA and 2 K54 pistols, 1 AK-47, 1 M1 carbine, 2 Swedish K SM6's, 1 Russian flag and 4 ruck sacks containing various clothing, medicine, rice, and 15 lbs of documents.
- (b) 031030 Co C at YT498198 found 60 lbs of rice, 1 typewriter and 10 magazines of M16 ammo. Co A at YT488177 located a 15 bunker complex and found 2 bicycles, 2 US helmets, 2 syringes, 1 RPG, 1 500 lb bomb used as water container, an oven and 20 AK magazines.
- (c) 061300 at YT499186 Co A found a cache above ground containing 4 chicom claymores, 2 Vietnamese type shape charges, and 1 walkie talkie.
- (d) 080900 Co A at YT500192 found a cache above ground containing 2 sandbags, each of rice and fl our.
- (e) 101430 Co C at YT470195 found an above ground cache containing 100 lbs of rice and 50-75 bags of noodles. At YT500192 Co C found 1 SKS, 1 M1 carbine, an unknown type of Chinese automatic weapon, 5 shovels, and 2 saw blades laying on the ground.

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(f) 111100 Co C at YT499199 found 40 lbs of rice, a 100 lb bag of corn, 20 lbs of sugar, 1 civ radio, 1 typewriter, 1 gallon soybean oil and assorted medical supplies.

(g) 14045 at YT494195 Co C found a chicom grenade and 1 chicom mine laying on the ground.

(h) The battalion moved a jump CP to FSD Wishart (YT584185) and returned to FSD Mace (YT626112) on 23 October.

(i) The battalion moved a jump CP to YT156289 on 25 October.

(j) 260915 at YT540359 a US convoy was ambushed by enemy using small arms. Results were 1 US KIA and 1 US WIA.

(k) 271130 the battalion jump CP moved from YT156289 to FSD Sherman (YT218375). FSD Mace (YT626112) reported receiving small arms fire from 2 indiv 100 meters NW of the perimeter. They were engaged by MP's and evaded.

(l) 290820 the battalion CP returned to FSD Mace (YT626112). A convoy 5-42 Arty reported being ambushed at YT545359 with B-40's, claymores and small arms. Fire was returned with quad 50's and small arms. There were no casualties.

f. 2nd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Operations:

(1) Mission and Area of Operations: 2/8's mission, like the rest of the infantry battalions, was to find and destroy the enemy forces and his supply caches and assist in Vietnamization. The area of operations for nearly the entire period consisted of the northern slopes of the Nui Be mountain complex targeted against elements of the RSG of MR-7. Operations were also conducted north of QL-1 in Base Area 305; this area housed elements of Hq, 1st, and 2nd Bn's, 33rd NVA Regiment.

(2) Significant Events for May:

(a) 021410 at YT861071 3/C found 10 recently constructed huts, numerous tables, fire sites, coconut crushing blocks, and numerous empty C-Ration cans. The area was located in thick palm grove with a capacity for 20-25 individuals.

(b) 037520 E-Recon at YT792000, NW of FSD Fontaine, engaged 4 indiv with unknown results. Captured documents indicated that they were members of the RSG.

(c) 041545 at YT581930, E-Recon had AA detonated resulting in 2 female enemy wounded and captured. PW told KCS that they came from hospital south of Nui Be where VC were under treatment PW evoc to Mace of died of wounds. Results: 2 en KIA.

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(d) 111645 at YS816975 2/D was engaged w/SA and returned fire. Pk Tm and AFA called. Results: 1 US WIA and unknown en losses.

(e) 121010 at YS815978 C Company found 500 lb dried fish and 10 pr brown plastic sandals. Cache was used in last 2 days. D Company at YT770028 at 1315 disc. 3 en KIA, 3 AK-47's dest. and 100 lbs corn and 40 lbs flour scattered in area of preplanned A/S conducted 29 April.

(f) 141130 2/C at YS815975 eng small en force with PT spt. Results: neg fdly cas. 1 en KIA. At 1200 the PT eng 2 indiv. Results: 1 en KDH. 10 lbs clothing, 600 lbs rice, 5 lbs tobacco, 5 lbs plastic bags, and 10 lbs crepe paper were captured.

(g) 150900 at YS815980 1/C found 10 mo old cache site near a stream bed. Cont 1500 lbs salt, 15 lbs brown sugar, 20 lbs rice flour, and a small amount of rice.

(h) 261610 at YTS45853 E-Recon found a 10 bunker complex with huts built on top, 1 classroom w/sleeping positions, and small amounts of medical supplies.

(3) Significant Events for June:

(a) 061225 at YS547956 B Company, while in ambush psn eng approx 16 indiv. Pk Tm obsr: 2 en KIA.

(b) 071530 at YS542963 E-Recon eng 3 indiv results: 1 en KIA, and 1 blood trail disc. 1 AK-47 and small amt of clothing and ammo capt.

(c) 210745 E-Recon at YT795010 were engaged by 10-15 enemy and returned fire with org., AFA, arty, and FAC. Results: 3 en KIA, 2 AK-47's, 1 M-16, 1 M-79, and 96 lbs of food capt. B Company at 1525 at YT792036 eng 1 indiv w/AFA resulting in 1 en KIA.

(d) 260835 at YT780088 2/A eng 4 indiv with PT, arty, and FAC. Results: 1 en KIA. 6 bunkers were also found. At 1405 4-5 indiv were eng by PT and FAC. Results: 1 en KIA, 3 blood trails and drag marks.

(e) 270830 at YS846947, D Company found 3000 lbs flour, 250 lbs rice, 200 lbs salt, 3 sewing machines, 280 lbs cloth in bolts, 100 pr unfin, trousers, and small amt of many other misc items.

(f) 281215 at YS846945 D Company found 700 lbs rice and 200 lbs salt under brush covered w/ponchos.

(g) 290730 at YT775088 C and 2/A found 3 en KIA from a contact the night before by SA. 3 AK-47's were also captured. At 1115 D Co found 4 tons of flour & 72 lbs of yeast.

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(h) 301100 at YT776089 1/D found 25 bunkers with OHC used in the past 24 hours.

(4) Significant Events for July:

(a) 031245 at YS820965 D Company eng one indiv. Results: 1 PW. PW stated he was a squad ldr. His mission was to provide food for VC Long Khanh HQ.

(b) 081115 at YT778082 A Company found a 200 bkr complex in good condition w/recent use in last two weeks.

(c) 141805 while on base defense at FSB Fanning (YT759987) rec 1 rd sniper fire. Returned fire with 61mm mortar and 106mm RR. Results: 1 US WIA.

(d) 231700 at YT737087 C Company dis 20 bkrs and 20 huts. Recent use in past 10 hrs.

(5) Significant Events for August:

(a) 020845 at YS850945 3/D took 1 PW wounded in leg. He was a member of 1st Co, 2nd Dn, 33rd NVA Regt. Base camp was located in vic of Nui Ong.

(b) 071830 while in NDP 3/D eng 5 indiv at YT06057. Rec'd ret SA and B-40 rkt fire. AFA and FAC spt rec'd. Results: 1 PW from 5th Co, 33 NVA Regt on resupply msn.

(c) 131640 at FSB Silver (YT828042) rec, 7 rds 60mm mtr fire. Results: 3 US WIA.

(d) 171100 at YT816071 C Company disc approx 75 bkrs w/OHC and huts on top. Also found 4 classrooms w/2 rows of tables. Area approx 900m in length w/recent use in last 3 months.

(e) 251050 at YT802127 D Company disc approx 40 bkrs, 3 kitchens, 1 30 capacity classroom, and 80 wire chicken traps w/recent use.

(6) Significant Events for September:

(a) 141305 at YT709079 A Company eng 1 indiv w/ret return fire. PT and AFA called. Search of area disc 2 bkrs.

(b) 191050 at YT769142 3/D set up a hasty ambush and eng 2 indiv rec return SA fire. Results: 1 en KIA and 1 heavy blood trl. Neg friendly cas.

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(c) 241040 at YT783070 A Company was eng by SA and AW by 6-10 indiv. Ret fire w/org, PT, AFA and FAC, Results: 1 US WIA and 1 en KIA.

(d) 261700 at YS731934 E-Recon eng 3 indiv. w/neg ret fire. PT, AFA and arty supported. Results: Neg friendly cas. 2 en KIA 3 AK-47's, 1 D-40 Rkt, 5 M-79 rds, and a small amt of med supplies were captured.

(e) 270850 at YT783074 A Company disc. 15 bunkers. Tables and maps of provinces and FSD. Small amts of supplies were also found.

(7) Significant Events for October:

(a) 031040 at YT786084 A Co was eng w/4 60mm mortar rds. PT, AFA, FAC, and arty spt rec. Results: 3 US WIA, 1 en KB Arty.

(b) 101045 D Co at YT777095 found 9 bkrs, 3 kitchens, 1 classroom, 2 latrines and wood carved mock-up of helicopter. Bkrs were living and fighting type.

(c) 131050 C Co at YT755089 found 16 bkrs w/tunnels between 6 bkrs. Also disc 1 D-40 KL and 2 graves.

(d) 162135 at YS847987 E-Recon eng 5 indiv and rec ret SA/AW fires, AFA, flare, and arty supported. Results. 4 en KIA. Neg friendly cas.

(e) 211600 at YS818925 C Company was eng by 1 indiv w/SA. Fdlys ret fire. Results: 1 US KIA, 1 en KB Pk Tn.

(f) 220940 at YS811929 2/D was eng w/SA and 3MM's. Fdlys ret fire. PT, AFA, and FAC supported. Results: 1 US WIA.

(g) 291300 at YS807926 2 and 3/D disc, 13 bkrs. Also found 9 40mm rds. 5 20mm rds. 3 lb c-4 and small amts of food and medical supplies.

g. Co. H (Rangers), 75th Inf (Abn) Operations:

(1) Mission and Execution: During the reporting period, Company H (RANGER) continued to provide long range reconnaissance and surveillance for the 3d Bde (Sep), 1st ACD. Ranger Patrols continued to be deployed according to current enemy activity with the emphasis being placed on the recovery of documents and positive identification of enemy routes of movement. During this reporting period Co H (RANGER) employed 110 patrols of which 70 made sightings of enemy personnel resulting in 60 engagements. These engagements yielded 94 VC/NVA KIA, 13 detainees, 101 individual weapons, approximately 150 lbs of documents. For the period there were not any Ranger KIA or WIA.

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(2) Significant Events for May:

(a) 061340 at YT598225 Ranger patrol 42 was moving along a NE-SW trail when the patrol heard voices 50m to their NE. The patrol moved NE 35m and observed 9 indiv; 4 sitting at a table and 5 standing. They wore black PH's and one AK-47 was observed leaning against the table. At 1350 hours 1 indiv carrying a AK-47 began to move towards the patrols location. The patrol engaged the indiv with small arms fire resulting in 1 enemy KIA. The patrol then engaged the remaining indiv with small arms fire and received heavy return small arms fire. The patrol requested a pink team from D1/9 Cav, D1/9 Cav Blues and a section of AFA from C2/20 Cav. The patrol then observed two individuals SW 40m 1 carrying a D-40, the other an AK-47. The patrol engaged the individuals with small arms and received negative return fire with the individuals evading to the SW. Contact broke at 1355 hours with negative friendly casualties. At 1430 hours the blues were inserted and moved towards the patrols location. At 1445 hrs with the blues and patrol linked up a sweep of the contact was made finding: 1 enemy KIA, 1 AK-47, 1 .45 Cal pistol, 1 SKS, 1 German sten, 4 D-40 rounds, numerous cans of food, 7 NVA Poncho's, 1 pair sandals, 1 set of NVA Khaki, 2 lbs of pills, assorted toothbrushes, razors and soap, and 3 lbs of documents. At 1600 hours the patrol and blues moved SSW 600m to YT597220 and were extracted by D1/9 Cav.

(b) 081400 at ~~YT582230~~ Ranger Patrol 41, while monitoring a E-W trail the patrol observed 6 individuals moving west on the trail. The individuals were wearing green fatigues, carrying AK-47's, packs and web gear. When the indiv were in front of the patrols location the patrol then attempted to have the individuals surrender. The enemy immediately raised their weapons and started to evade. The patrol engaged the individuals with claymore mines and small arms fire taking heavy return fire in return. (Approx - 180 rds) The patrol requested a pink team from D1/9 Cav, D1/9 Cav blues, and a section of AFA from C2/20 Cav. Contact broke at 1410 hrs with negative friendly casualties. At 1425 hrs the Blues were inserted into the contact area and linked up with the patrol. A sweep of the contact area was then made finding: 8 enemy KIA's, 7 AK-47's, 1 heavy blood trail leading west, 9 packs containing rice (225 lbs), 2 poncho's and assorted personal equipment. Also 1 1/2 lbs of documents were found. The blues then followed the blood trail west while the patrol was extracted by McGuire Rigs at 1650 hrs.

(c) 140845 at YT310217 Ranger Patrol 75; while monitoring a NE-SW trail the patrol observed three individuals moving SW on the trail. The patrol observed that the indiv were carrying AK-47's. At 0846 hrs the patrol engaged the indiv with claymore mines and small arms, receiving approx 30 rounds of return fire. The patrol requested a pink team from D1/9 and D1/9 Blues, and a section of AFA from C2/20 Cav. The patrol then moved into the contact area and engaged the area further with fragmentation grenades. The patrol then observed 1 indiv that appeared wounded hiding behind a tree. The patrol was then engaged with 3 D-40 rds. The returned fire with small arms. Contact broke at 0905

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hrs with negative friendly casualties. The patrol then moved into the contact area again and found: 1 enemy KIA, 1 AK-47, 3 magazines (90 rounds), 1 US flashlight, pistol belt, and 1 quart canteen cover, 1 set of DATA boots, 1 NVA poncho, and 1 hammock. They also observed 2 blood trails leading west. At 0940 hrs the blues were inserted and at 1045 hrs linked up with the patrol. At 1100 hrs the patrol and blues followed the blood trails west 25m and found 3 AK-47 magazines (90 rounds) and one set of chest web gear. The patrol then observed 1 indiv west 10m. The patrol captured the indiv and found him to be wounded. First aid was administered and medivac requested. After the indiv was given first aid the Kit Carson Scout with the patrol was told by the POW that a bunker complex consisting of 3 bunkers was located in the vicinity of YT316233 and that 29 indiv were there armed with 26 AK-47's and 2 L-40's. At 1200 hrs the patrol, blues and POW moved NE 300m to YT309219 where at 1225 hrs the POW was evacuated. At the same location a tracker team was inserted. The patrol, blues, and trackers then moved SW 2700 m to YT279204 where at 1450 hrs they were extracted with negative further findings.

(d) 161630 at YT306221 Ranger Tm 71, while setting an ambush on a NE-SW trail a security element to the patrols SW 15m observed 1 indiv SW 10m armed with a carbine. The security element engaged the individual with small arms fire and received negative return fire. The patrol requested a pink tm from D1/9 Cav and a section of AFA from C 2/20 Cav. The patrol then moved into the contact area and found 1 enemy KIA, 1 SKS carbine, 1 magazine (11 rds), 1 green shirt, 1 pair green shorts, 1 set of Ho Chi Minisandals, and 1 lighter. At 1730 hrs the patrol moved WSW 1700m to YT295215 and at 1800 hrs were extracted by D 1/9 Cav.

(e) 211000 at YT650002 Ranger Patrol 76, while monitoring a E-W trail the patrol observed four indiv moving to the east on the trl. They all wore black pants and green shirts, carrying undetermined types of weapons. The patrol engaged the individuals with claymore mines and small arms fire, taking negative return fire. The patrol requested a pink tm from D 1/9 Cav and a section of AFA from C 2/20 Cav. The patrol moved into the contact area and found 4 enemy KIA's, 2 Russian submachine guns, 1 SKS and two sewing machines. At 1100 hrs the patrol was extracted by D 1/9 Cav.

(f) 221015 at YS864952 Ranger Patrol 76, while monitoring a E-W trail the patrol observed two individuals moving to the west on the trl. The patrol observed the indiv armed with AK-47's. At 1016 hrs the patrol engaged the indiv with claymore mines and small arms fire taking negative return fire. The patrol moved into the contact area and found: 3 enemy KIA, AK-47's, 7 magazines (200 rds), 3 pecks, full, 2 lbs of documents were found. At 1130 hrs the patrol was extracted by D 1/9 Cav.

(3) Significant Events for June:

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(a) 041140 YT516242 Ranger Patrol 74, while monitoring a N-S trail the patrol observed 4 indiv armed with AK-47's moving south on the trail. At 1141 hrs the patrol engaged the individuals with claymore mines and small arms receiving approximately 5 rounds of return fire. The patrol requested a pink team from D1/9 Cav, D1/9 Blues, and a section of AFA from C2/20 Cav. At 1230 hrs. the Blues were inserted and at 1240 hrs linked up with the patrol to make a sweep of the contact area. They found: 4 en KIA's, 3 AK-47, 1 M-16, 8 AK-47 magazines (200 rds), 9 M-16 magazines (150 rds), 1 set chest web gear, and a small amount of documents. Three of the KIA's wore green fatigues, the other black PEs. At 1330 hrs the patrol and blues moved WNW 300m to YT516243 and at 1400 hrs were extracted by D1/9 Cav.

(b) 041400 at YT588033 Patrol 76, while checking a trail junction of a NW-SE and NE-SW trail the patrol observed one individual moving on the NW-SE trail to the SE. The indiv was observed carrying a AK-47. At 1401 hrs the patrol engaged the individual with small arms fire and received negative return fire. The patrol requested a pink team from D1/9 Cav and a section of AFA from C2/20 Cav. The patrol moved into the contact area and found: 1 en KIA, 1 AK-47, 3 magazines (90 rds), one pack containing pills, vitamin vials, and miscellaneous personal equip and a small amount of documents. The KIA was wearing black pants and a green shirt, with Ho Chi Minh sandals. At 1750 hrs the patrol was extracted by McGuire Rig by D1/9 Cav.

(c) 141200 at YT865951 Patrol 76, while monitoring a N-S rd and E-W trl junction the patrol observed 5 indiv carrying AK-47's moving south on the logging rd. At 1201 hrs the patrol engaged the indiv's with claymore mines and small arms fire, taking negative return fire. The patrol requested a Pink Team from D1/9 Cav, D1/9 Blues, and a section of AFA from C2/20 Cav. At 1300 hrs the blues inserted and linked up with the patrol. A check of the contact area found: 4 en KIA's, 3 AK-47's, 9 AK-47 magazines (270 rds), 1 M-16, 9 dark green shirts and black pants with the fourth wearing black PEs and a set of MVA chest web gear. At 1405 hrs the patrol and blues were extracted, at YT 865951 by D1/9 Cav.

(d) 221040 at YS859971 Patrol 76, while monitoring a N-S logging road the patrol observed 3 indiv carrying AK-47's moving to the north of the road. At 1041 hrs the patrol engaged the individuals with claymore mines and small arms fire, taking negative return fire. The patrol requested a pink team from D1/9 Cav D1/9 Blues, and a section of AFA from C2/20 Cav. At 1100 hrs the patrol checked out the contact area and found: 3 enemy KIA, 1 AK-47, 1 AK-50, 1 K54 pistol, 3 packs containing miscellaneous equipment, clothing, and food, and 61 lbs of documents. All three were wearing mixed black and green shirts, one with Ho Chi Minh sandals. one with bataboots and the other with GI boots. At 1140 the blues were inserted and at 1150 hrs the blues and patrol linked up. At 1200 hrs the blues and patrol moved E 400m to YS865971 and at 1425 hrs were extracted by D1/9 Cav.

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(e) 230830 at YS840958 Ranger Patrol 71, while monitoring a E-W trail the patrol observed two indiv one carrying a AK-47 moving to the west on the trl. At 0831 hrs the patrol engaged the indiv with claymore mines and small arms, taking negative return fire. The patrol requested a pink team from B1/9 Cav, B1/9 Blues, and a section of AFA from C2/20 Cav. At 0910 hrs the blues were inserted and at 0930 hrs linked up with the patrol to conduct a sweep of the contact area finding: 2 en KIA's, 1 AK-47, 3 AK-47 magazines (90 rds), 1 K54 pistol, 1 magazine, (5 rds), 1 set chest web gear, 1 pistol blet (U.S.) 1 pack containing miscellaneous clothing and food. Also ½ lb documents were found. At 1010 hrs the patrol and blues moved W 50m and at 1015 hrs were extracted by B1/9 Cav.

(f) 241505 at YT582229 Patrol 75, while monitoring a E-W trl the patrol observed three indiv wearing green fatigues carrying AK-47's and packs, moving to the west on the trl. At 1507 hrs the patrol observed three more indiv carrying AK-47's moving west on the trail. At 1508 hrs the patrol engaged the indiv with claymore miens and small arms fire taking negative return fire. The patrol requested a pink team from B1/9 Cav, B1/9 Blues and a section of AFA from C2/20 Cav. At 1515 hrs the patrol checked the contact area and found 3 enemy KIA's, 3 AK-47's, 7 AK-47 magazines (200 rds), 3 packs containing miscellaneous food, personnel equipment and ½ lb of documents. All three were wearing green fatigues and Ho Chi Minh sandals. At 1540 hrs the blues were inserted and linked up with the patrol. At 1640 hrs the patrol and blues moved SE 100m to YT583228 and at 1750 hrs were extracted by B1/9 Cav.

(4) Significant Events for July:

(a) 071010 at YS794013 Patrol 73, while monitoring a NW-SE road, the patrol observed an estimated 10 indiv some carrying AK-47's moving SE on the rd. At 1011 hrs the patrol engaged the indiv with claymore mines and small arms fire taking negative return fire, the patrol requested a pink tm from B1/9 Cav, B1/9 blues, and a section of AFA from C2/20 Cav. At 1035 hrs the blues were inserted and linked up with the patrol. At 1040 hrs the patrol and blues checked the contact area finding 7 enemy KIA's, 6 AK-47's, 8 AK-47 magazines (200 rds) 5 packs containing miscellaneous clothing, personnel equipment, food, and ½ lb of documents. The indiv were wearing a mixture of green shirts, black pants, and civilian clothing. At 1130 hrs the patrol and blues moved NE 100m to YS759014 and at 1245 hrs were extracted by D 229 Cav.

(b) 220735 at YT736189 Ranger Patrol 77, while monitoring a N-S road, the patrol observed two indiv carrying unknown types of weapons moving to the S on the road. At 0736 hrs the patrol engaged the indiv with claymore mines and small arms fire, taking negative return fire. The patrol requested a pink tm from H1/16 Cav. At 0755 the patrol checked the contact area and found 2 en KIA's, 1 en WIA, 1 Russian submachine gun, 3 magazines (50 rds), ½ lb of documents, 2 US pistol belts, 2 canteens with covers (US). The patrol administered first aid on the enemy WIA. At 0850 hrs the POW was extracted by a medivac bird. At 0900 hrs the patrol moved SE 300m and at 0930 hrs were extracted by H1/16 Cav.

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(c) 261105 at YT817995 Patrol 74, while monitoring a NW-SE trl, the patrol observed 2 indiv carrying AK-47's moving NW on the trail. At 1106 the patrol engaged the indiv with claymore mines and small arms fire taking negative return fire. The patrol requested a pink team from M1/16 Cav. At 1135 hrs the patrol checked the contact and found 2 en KIA, 2 AK-47's, 6 magazines (100 rds), 2 poncho's (US), 2 pistol belts (US), 1 pack containing miscellaneous personnel equipment, food, 3 oz documents. One individual was wearing black pants, green shirt, and Ho Chi Minh sandals, while the other had green pants, grey shirt, and ping pong sandals. At 1250 hrs the patrol moved SE 300m to YT818994 and at 1320 hrs they were extracted by M1/16 Cav.

(d) 280830 at YT541239 Patrol 76, while monitoring a NW-SE rd the patrol observed one indiv moving SW on the rd. The indiv was carrying a M-1 carbine. The patrol engaged the individual with claymore mines. The patrol requested a pink tm from M1/16 Cav. At 0835 hrs the patrol observed 1 indiv moving into the contact area carrying a M-1 carbine. The patrol engaged the indiv with small arms fire taking negative return fire. At 0840 hrs the patrol checked the contact area and found 1 en KIA, 1 M-1 carbine, 1 pack with 25 lbs of rice inside, 1 M-1 carbine magazine (10 rds), and one blood trail leading NE. The KIA wore black pants, green shirt, green hat, and ping pong sandals. At 0845 hrs the patrol followed the blood trail NE 75m and found 1 M-1 carbine, 1 magazine (10 rds), 1 pack containing 2 flashlights (US), two hammocks, 2 ponchos (US) 2 oz documents and female clothing. At 0905 hrs the patrol moved NE 200m to YT541241 where at 1000 hrs they were extracted by M1/16 Cav.

(e) 291100 at YT570170 Patrol 73, while monitoring a E-W trail, the patrol observed one indiv carrying an AK-47 moving to the east on the trl. At 1101 the patrol engaged the indiv with claymore mines and small arms fire receiving negative return fire. The patrol requested a pink tm from M1/16 Cav. At 1135 hrs the patrol checked the contact area and found 2 enemy KIA's, 1 AK-47, 3 magazines (90 rds), 1 Czech weapon, 1 magazine (30 rds), 2 pistol belts (US), 2 canteens (US), 1 pack containing personnel equipment, food, and approx 1 lb of documents. At 1215 hrs the patrol moved NW 300m to YT578171 where at 1300 hrs were extracted by M1/16 Cav.

(f) 291600 at Y8856945 Patrol 72, while on ground reconnaissance, observed 25 individuals W 20 m of their location. They were wearing mixed color clothing, 10 carried weapons, 15 carrying packs and several with pith helmets. The patrol moved N 20m and set up to establish commo, and request assistance. The patrol established commo with RASH 08 and while passing the information to RASH the patrol observed 3 indiv 20m N of there location. The patrol requested two sections of AFA from F/79 Cav. At 1640 hrs the patrol engaged the indiv with small arms. At 1655 hrs the patrol checked the contact area and found 1 enemy KIA, wearing black pants, grey shirt and Ho Chi Minh sandals, 1 AK-47, 1 set of NVA chest web gear, 3 AK-47 magazines (90 rds), 7 packs filled with flour (105 lbs). The patrol moved NE 25m and found 1 log table, with 9 packs containing flour (150 lbs). At 1720 hrs the patrol moved NE 300m to Y8859943 and at 1828 hrs they were extracted by D 229 Cav.

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(3) 311650 at YT600017 Patrol 77, while monitoring a N-S trl the patrol heard movement and observed 2 indiv N 15m of their location. Both indiv carried AK-47's. The patrol engaged the individuals with claymore mines and small arms fire and received sporadic small arms fire in return. The patrol requested a pink team from H1/16 Cav and a section of AFA from F/79 Cav. At 1730 hrs while checking out the contact area the patrol came under fire from small arms. The patrol returned fire with contact breaking immediately and resulting in one enemy KIA, 2 US WIA, (very slight). The patrol moved deeper into the contact area and found another enemy KIA, 3 blood trls, 2 AK-47's, 2 AK-47 magazines (empty), and one empty pack. At 1800 hrs the patrol moved W 300 m to YT797017 where at 1820 they were extracted by H 1/16 Cav.

(5) Significant Events for August:

(a) 041935 at YT640615 Ranger Patrol 75, while monitoring a sampan docking site the patrol observed 8 indiv 20m west of the docking site. At 1950 hrs the patrol observed 20 more individuals arrive at the docking site. All the indiv carried AK-47's, rucksacks, chest web gear, and were dressed in black or green uniforms and wearing Ho Chi Minh sandals. Three of the indiv were female. At 2015 hrs the patrol observed three sampans arrive at the docking site carrying two individuals in each sampan. The Kit Carson Scout with the patrol overheard the indiv talking and translated as that thirty people would leave in each sampan along with ten NVA, and that they would be going NE on the SONG DING SAI river. The last sampan left the patrol's location at 2230 hrs.

On 050230 the patrol heard voices and movement of approx 8 indiv coming from the NE and stopping at the docking site. The indiv remained at this location until 0530 then left moving south. At 0800 the patrol crossed the stream and found a N-S trail, another docking site, sleeping areas and camp fire pits. At 1000 the patrol set up to monitor the area. At 1830 the patrol observed one sampan moving NE with one individual in it. The sampan circled the docking area then headed back the way he came. At 1945 hrs the patrol observed 8-12 indiv coming from the south into the docking area. The majority of the indiv carrying packs and AK-47's. At 2015 hrs the patrol heard a undetermined size force move into the docking site. The patrol could hear talking and observed 12 cigarettes being smoked within his ambush site. At 2030 hrs the patrol requested a flare ship and two sections of AFA from F/79 Cav with the aircraft on station at 2045 hrs the patrol engaged the enemy with claymore mines and hand grenades. At 2150 hrs the patrol was extracted by McGuire Rigs by D229 Cav.

On 06 August the patrol and H1/16 Cav Blues were inserted into the contact area finding: 4 enemy KIA's, 3 AK-47's, 1 Czech assault rifle, 2 packs, 2 sets of chest web gear, 9 AK-47 magazines (270 rds), 1 Czech magazine, (30 rds), 2 lbs of documents and a 5 gallon can containing gas and oil. The patrol and blues also found numerous drag marks which indicated that some of the KIA's had been dragged off. From the patrol's findings they estimated there were 20-30 individuals in the contact.

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(b) 051300 at YT567229 Patrol 71 while monitoring a N-S trail the patrol observed three indiv carrying AK-47's moving to the north. At 1301 hrs the patrol engaged the indiv with claymore mines and small arms fire taking light return fire. The patrol requested a pink team from H1/16 Cav and a section of AFA from F/79 Cav. Contact broke at 1305 hrs with negative friendly casualties. At 1430 hrs the blues were inserted and linked up with the patrol to sweep the contact area. The sweep found: 4 en KIA's, two AK-47's, two AK-47 magazines (60 rds) 4 packs and two blood trails. Also a small amount of documents were captured. At 1530 hrs the patrol and blues moved E 200m to YT569228 where at 1600 hrs they were extracted by H1/16 Cav.

(c) 081830 at YT644620 Patrol 76, while monitoring a N-S trail the patrol observed 1 indiv carrying a AK-47 moving to the south. At 1831 the patrol engaged the indiv with claymore mines. The patrol requested a pink team from D 229 Cav. At 1915 the patrol checked the contact area and found 1 en KIA, 1 AK-47, 3 AK-47 magazines (90 rds), 1 set chest web gear, and 2 oz documents. The indiv wore black PH and Ho Chi Minh sandals. At 1920 hrs the patrol moved 100m to YT644620 and at 1930 hrs were extracted by D229 Cav.

(d) 110750 at YT721673 Patrol 73, while monitoring a E-W trail the patrol observed two indiv with AK-47's moving west on the trail. At 0751 hrs the patrol engaged the individuals with claymore mines. The patrol requested a pink team from D229. The patrol then observed 1 indiv move into the contact area. The patrol engaged the indiv with small arms fire with negative return fire. At 0830 hrs the patrol moved into the contact area and found 2 en KIA, 1 en WIA, 2 AK-47's, 2 AK-47 magazines (60 rds), 3 packs containing food, clothing, personnel equipment, and 4 lbs of documents. The patrol treated the WIA and requested a medovac. At 0930 the medovac evacuated the wounded enemy soldier. At 1000 hrs the patrol moved SSE 100 to YT726635 and at 1030 hrs the patrol was extracted by D229 Cav.

(e) 151100 at YT717672 Patrol 76, while monitoring a E-W trl the patrol observed 1 indiv with an AK moving east on the trl. At 1101 the patrol engaged the indiv with claymore mines. The patrol requested a pink team from D229 Cav. At 1130 the patrol checked out the contact area and found: 1 en KIA, 1 AK-47 with magazine (30 rds), pack containing; 20 lbs of flour, 2 lbs of documents, and personnel clothing. At 1145 the patrol moved W 300m to YT741672 and at 1250 hrs were extracted by D229 Cav.

(f) 181125 at YT702601 Patrol 74, while monitoring a NE-SW trl, the patrol observed 1 indiv carrying an AK-47 moving NE on the trl. At 1126 the patrol engaged the indiv with claymore mines. The patrol requested a pink team from D229 Cav. At 1128 hrs the patrol heard movement SW 20m and engaged the area with small arms fire receiving light return fire. Contact broke at 1130 with negative friendly casualties. The pink Team on station observed a bunker complex SW 300m from the patrol. At 1230 hrs the patrol checked the contact

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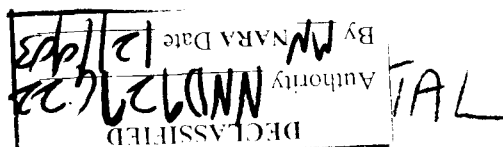
area and found 3 enemy KIA's, 2 AK-50's, 1 AK-47, 9 AK-47 magazines (150 rds), and 3 sets of NVA chest web gear. All KIA's wore black pants, green shirts, and Ho Chi Minh sandals. At 1245 the patrol moved NE 1000m to YT715613 then SE 1000m to YT719605 were at 1410 hrs the patrol was extracted by D229 Cav.

(g) 201200 at YT111329 Patrol 77, while monitoring a NE-SW trl, the patrol observed 2 indiv 10m SW of the patrols location. Both indiv were wearing green shirts and black pants. One had a green hat, AK-47, pistol belt, canteen, poncho, and first aid packet. The other indiv wore a tan hat, and was carrying only a bayonet. The indiv with the bayonet was following the patrols claymore wires. The patrol engaged the individuals with claymore mines and small arms fire receiving approx 30-40 rounds in return. The patrol requested a pink team from H1/16 Cav. At 1300 hrs the patrol checked the contact area and found 2 enemy KIA's, 1 AK-47, 1 bayonet, 02 magazines (10 rds), and 3 oz of documents. At 1320 hrs the patrol moved SW 200m to YT110238 and at 1333 hrs the patrol was extracted by H1/16 Cav.

(h) 270930 at YS816943 Patrol 73, while on ground reconnaissance the patrol heard voices to their N 35m. The patrol then observed 1 indiv moving NNW to SSE. The indiv was wearing black PH's and carrying a pack. The patrol remained at this location to further monitor the voices and movement. The patrol was able to detect the smell of food cooking and heard female voices. At 1030 hrs a pink team from H1/16 Cav arrived on station and the patrol moved towards the voices. The patrol moved E 20m and engaged the enemy with small arms. The patrol then moved back to their original location while the pink teams engaged the area. At 1230 hrs the H1/16 Cav Blues were inserted into the area and linked up with the patrol. A sweep of the contact area found 2 en KIA's, 1 SKS rifle, 75 lbs of food stuffs, 75 lbs of clothing, 1 lb of documents and 10 lbs of medical equipment. The two KIA's were wearing black pants and brown shirts with Ho Chi Minh sandals. At 1445 hrs the patrol and blues moved SSE 400m to YS819939 and at 1530 hrs were extracted by H1/16 Cav.

(i) 271045 at YT407647 Patrol 74, while monitoring FSB CHARLES, (closed), the patrol observed 2 indiv 150m SW of the patrol. At 1100 hrs when the indiv were 15m from the patrols location, the patrol engaged them with claymore mines and small arms fire. The patrol observed 2 other indiv evade SE. The patrol requested a pink team from D229 Cav. At 1130 hrs the patrol checked the contact area and found: 2 en KIA's, 1 SKS, 1 grenade (US), 9 rds of SKS ammo, and 1 sand bag full of food stuffs that had been policed up from the FSB. One KIA wore black pants, T-Shirt, and Ho Chi Minh sandals. The other indiv wore black pants, jungle fatigue shirt and Ho Chi Minh sandals. At 1150 hrs the patrol was extracted from FSB CHARLES.

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(a) 011725 at YS637966 Patrol 78, while on ground reconnaissance the patrol found a bunker complex consisting of 16 bunkers. Eight were (6x8x4), while the other eight were (8x10x4). All had 3 to 4 ft of OMC. While checking the complex out the patrol found, 400 lbs of flour, 100 lbs of polished rice, 50 lbs of various clothing, 3 pairs of bata boots, 5 pairs of shower shoes, 1 medic kit, 1 dairy, 30 lbs of warm bread, and numerous cooking utensils. The complex ran W-E 100m to a small stream. The entire area showed heavy recent use in the last 5 hrs by 10-20 individuals. At 1810 hrs while moving through the complex the patrol observed 2 indiv to their N 20m moving to the east. At 1815 hrs the patrol engaged the individuals with one evading south. The patrol requested a pink team from M1/16 Cav. At 1830 hrs the patrol checked the contact area out and found 1 enemy KIA, 3 oz of documents, 1 D-40 launcher with rocket. The indiv was wearing a green uniform and Ho Chi Minh sandals. At 1835 hrs the patrol moved NW 300m to YS635967 and at 1850 hrs were extracted by M1/16 Cav.

(b) 041230 at YT591242 Patrol 71, while on ground reconnaissance encountered a small stream, on the other side of which the patrol heard voices and cutting of an undetermined number of individuals. The patrol moved back 30m and set up to monitor the area. The patrol at 1405 hrs observed 8-10 indiv in what appeared to be the entrance to a bunker complex. The indiv were wearing Black PH's and chest web gear, but negative weapons were visible. The patrol requested a pink team from M1/16 Cav and a section of AFA from F/79 Cav. At 1415 hrs with the aircraft on station the patrol engaged the contact area with small arms fire and M-79 fire. At the same time the aircraft on station engaged the area with their organic weapons. The patrol reported heavy movement and heavy return fire as the aircraft continued to expend its load on the target. At 1500 hrs the patrol moved into the contact area and observed 1 indiv with a AK-47 in a bunker. The patrol engaged the indiv with small arms resulting in 1 enemy KIA, 1 AK-47. The indiv was wearing black pants, green shirt and Ho Chi Minh sandals with a pistol belt, poncho, canteen, and bone knife, and one AK-47 magazine (30 rds). The patrol continued to check the complex and found 40-50 packs. At this time the patrol requested D229 Cav Blues. Continuing to check the area the patrol found 20-30 pistol belts (US, NVA, HOMEMADE), 1 K-54 pistol with holster, 80-90 mortar rounds for a 61mm and 82mm (VP & HE), 25-30 NVA chest web gear, 3 AK-47 magazines, 600 rounds of AK ammo, 75 lbs of various clothing, 5-10 lbs of documents, and numerous toilet article kits. The patrol also found 250-300 lbs of flour, 300-400 lbs of polished rice, 6 bags of indigenous rice, 70 lbs of salt, 70 lbs of made dough, 50 lbs of cooked bread, 6 large cooking pots, intrenching tools (US), 2 picks, 30-40 plastic poncho's, 5-10 canteen cups (US & NVA). The bunker complex consisted of 15-20 bunkers (8-10 intact), (8-10 being rebuilt), (10x8x4 with 2' OMC). At 1830 hrs D229 blues were linked up with the patrol and as much as possible of the captured equipment was carried out. Due to darkness it was necessary to leave some behind. At 1900 hrs the patrol and blues moved NE 300m to YT593243 and at 2000 hrs were extracted by D229 Cav.

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On 05 September 1971, the Team Leader and Assistant Team Leader were inserted back into the area to link up with a line company and all articles captured were evacuated at this time.

(c) 071555 at YT616227 Patrol 73, while monitoring a NW-SE road observed 2 indiv, 1 carrying an AK-47 moving NW. At 1556 hrs the patrol engaged the indiv with claymore mines. The patrol requested a pink team from D229 Cav. At 1630 hrs the patrol checked the contact area and found: 2 enemy KIA's, 1 AK-47, 1 M-1 carbine, 1 K-54 pistol and approx 4 oz of documents. Both indiv wore black pants, green shirts and ping pong sandals. At 1750 hrs the patrol moved N 25m and was extracted by D229 Cav by McGuire Rig.

(d) 071330 at YT568144 Patrol 72, while monitoring NW-SE trail observed 2 indiv carrying AK-47's moving to the NW. At 1331 hrs the patrol engaged the indiv with claymore mines. The patrol requested a pink team from D229 Cav. At 1355 hrs the patrol checked the contact area and found 2 enemy KIA's, 2 AK-47's, 2 AK-47 magazines (60 rds), 2 packs containing 1½ lbs of food and 2 lbs of clothing. At 1420 hrs the patrol moved SE 400m to YT571141 where at 1445 hrs they were extracted by D229 Cav.

(e) 151300 at YT604300 Patrol 72, while monitoring a NNE-SSW trail the patrol observed two indiv one carrying an AK-47 moving to the SSW. At 1301 hrs the patrol engaged the individuals with claymore mines. The patrol requested a pink team from D229 Cav. At 1315 hrs the patrol checked the contact area and found 2 enemy KIA's, 1 AK-47, 1 K-54 pistol, 2 AK-47 magazines, 60 rds, 2 K-54 magazines (10 rds), 1 chicom grenade, two packs containing 30 lbs of food stuffs, 8 lbs of clothing, 1 pistol belt, and approx 1 lb of documents. Both individuals wore black PH's and HCM sandals. At 1340 hrs the patrol moved SW 200m to YT604298 where at 1400 hrs they were extracted by D229 Cav.

(f) 161245 at YS729948 Patrol 71, while monitoring a E-W road, observed four indiv carrying AK-47's moving to the east. At 1246 hrs the patrol engaged the indiv with claymore mines. The patrol requested a pink team from D1/16 Cav. At 1305 hrs the patrol checked the contact area and found: 1 enemy KIA, 1 AK-47, 3 AK-47 magazines (90 rds), 1 pistol belt, and 1 pack containing 40 loose AK-47 rounds, 10 lbs of food stuffs, personal clothing, and 3-4 lbs of documents. At 1400 hrs the patrol moved W 50m where at 1440 hrs they were extracted by D1/16 Cav.

(g) 181000 at YT586291 Patrol 72, while monitoring a NW-SE road observed 4 indiv with weapons moving to the SE. At 1001 hrs the patrol engaged the indiv with claymore mines. The patrol requested a pink team from D229 Cav. At 1030 hrs the patrol checked the contact area and found: 4 enemy KIA's, 1 M-2 carbine, 1 AK-47, 1 K54 pistol, 1 browning 9mm pistol (Canadian), 3 M-2 magazines, (15 rds), 3 AK-47 magazines (90 rds), 2 K54 magazines (17 rds),

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2 Browning 9mm magazines (10 rds), 3 packs containing 4 lbs of personal clothing, 40 lbs of food stuffs, 1 civilian radio, 6 blasting caps with short time fuze, 2 chicom grenades, 20 loose rounds of K54 ammo, 4 oz of documents, 4 canteens (US), 1 canteen cup (US), 1 cooking pot, several eating utensils. All KIA's had on black pants with mixed colored shirts. At 1100 hrs the patrol moved NW 100m to YT584293 where they were extracted at 1130 hrs by D229 Cav.

(h) 251225 at YT654037 Patrol 78, while monitoring a E-W road the patrol observed 2 indiv with AK-47's moving to the west. At 1226 hrs the patrol engaged the indiv with claymore mines and small arms fire. The patrol requested a pink team from H1/16 Cav. At 1245 hrs the patrol checked the contact area and found 1 enemy KIA, 2 AK-47's, 2 AK-47 magazines (60 rds), 1 hand grenade (US), 1 wallet containing 3 oz documents, and a blood trail leading west. At 1400 hrs the patrol moved E 200m to YT661038 where they were extracted at 1500 hrs by H1/16 Cav.

(3) Significant Events for October:

(a) 031330 at YT551230 Patrol 76, while setting up an ambush on NE-SW/N-S trail junction the security element to the S 10m observed 5 indiv with weapons moving towards the patrols location. The security element engaged the indiv with small arms with the indiv evading east and west. The patrol requested a pink team from D229 Cav. At 1350 hrs the patrol checked the contact area and found 1 enemy KIA, 1 AK-47, 2 packs containing 100 yds of double strand electrical wire with blasting caps, military and civilian clothing, and 2 lbs of documents, along with two flashlights. Also 2 heavy blood trails and one light blood trail evading west, south, and east. At 1400 hrs the patrol moved S 100m to YT551229 where they were extracted by D229 Cav.

(b) 100915 at YS855953 Patrol 74, while monitoring a NW-SE road the patrol observed 2 indiv, one carrying an AK-47, moving to the SE. At 0915 hrs the patrol engaged the individuals with claymore mines and small arms fire with negative return fire. The patrol requested a pink team from H1/16 Cav. At 0945 the patrol moved into the contact area and found: 1 enemy KIA, 1 AK-47, 3 magazines (90 rds), 1 pistol belt (US), 1 flashlight (US), 1 hammock, 1 poncho, 1 ammo pouch, and 1 pack containing 10 lbs of various clothing, 1 pair HCM Sandals, 8 oz of documents, 1 9mm Browning pistol (Canadian), 1 groundcloth, 4 oz of food stuffs, 1 drinking cup, 1 billfold, toilet articles, photo album, and several miscellaneous items. At 1015 hrs the patrol moved WNW 200m to YS853954 where at 1030 hrs they were extracted by H1/16 Cav.

(c) 131150 at YTS13922 Patrol 77, while on ground reconnaissance the patrol found a N-S trl with heavy recent use. The patrol then observed 1 rucksack on the trl. At 1200 hrs the patrol observed 1 indiv moving to the south on the trail. As they observed this individual they spotted another indiv NE 15m. The patrol engaged with small arms and received heavy return

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fire from the N, SE, and NW. The patrol requested a pink team from H1/16 Cav, H1/16 Blues, and a section of AFA from F/79 Cav. The patrol observed movement of 5 indiv evading NW. At 1300 hrs the blues were inserted and linked up with the patrol. A sweep of the contact area found: 1 drag mark, 1 bloody poncho, 6 packs containing, 33 lbs of rice, seven cans of soybean oil, 5 lbs of sweet potatoes, and 4 bags of unknown food stuff. At 1410 hrs the patrol moved SE 100m to YT814921 and were extracted at 1430 hrs by H1/16 Cav.

(1) 211210 at YS775923 Patrol 74, while monitoring a E-W road the patrol observed 3 indiv to the east. At 1210 hrs the patrol engaged the indiv with claymore mines. The patrol received approx 10 rounds of small arms fire from 1 indiv W 50m. The patrol engaged the indiv with small arms fire. The indiv dropped his weapon and evaded west. The patrol requested a pink team from H1/16 Cav. At 1235 hrs a check of the contact area found: 3 enemy KIA's, 1 AK-47 1 magazine (18 rds), 3 packs containing 25 lbs of rice, 20 lbs of solid fuel, and 1 canteen. Two of the KIA's were female wearing black pants, blue shirts, and tennis shoes. The other indiv (male) wore US fatigues with HCM Sandals. At 1245 hrs the patrol moved E 200m to YS777923 where at 1255 hrs they were extracted by H1/16 Cav.

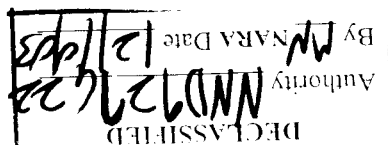
(e) 300927 at YT595303 Patrol 77, while monitoring a N-S trail, observed 10 indiv moving south on the trl. At 0930 hrs the patrol engaged the indiv with claymore mines and small arms fire. The enemy evaded NE. A pink team from D-229 Cav was requested and arrived on station at 0935 hrs, and engaged the contact area with organic weapons. At 1030 hrs the patrol moved into the contact area and observed 2 enemy KIA's, 2 packs, and 2 AK-47's. At 1045 hrs the patrol came under heavy small arms fire from the NE approx 20m away. At 1050 hrs the patrol evaded S 75m and set up in defensive posture while the pink team engaged the suspected enemy locations with organic weapons. At 1120 hrs the patrol moved back into the contact area and found 1 KIA, 1 pack containing extra clothing, food stuffs, M-16 magazines (New), 1 flashlight (US), 1 lensatic compass (US), and 1½ lbs of documents. They also found drag marks and a heavy blood trail leading NE. At 1200 hrs the patrol moved NE 300m to YT596302 where at 1230 hrs they were extracted by D229 Cav.

h. 1st Bn. 21st Artillery Operations:

(1) MISSION: The 1st Battalion, 21st Artillery, and supporting artillery provided fire support to 3d Brigade (Separate) maneuver forces within the Brigade's assigned area of operations.

(2) EXECUTION:

(a) The Battalion's organic batteries continued their habitual association with the Brigade's maneuver battalions enhancing the coordination required for direct support artillery fires:



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A 1/21 - 2/5 Cav
 B 1/21 - 1/7 Cav
 C 1/21 - 2/8 Cav
 D 1/21 - 1/12 Cav

(b) Medium and heavy artillery support continued to be provided by 23d Artillery Group assets. Upon completion of the 2d Battalion, 12th Artillery, (155 T) standdown in August 1971, C Battery, 5th Battalion, 42d Artillery was assigned a reinforcing role to this Battalion, significantly increasing available fire support flexibility.

(c) Battery F, 79th Aerial Field Artillery continued to reinforce the fires of the 1st Battalion, 21st Artillery, with its organic AH-1G Cobra aircraft.

(d) During the reporting period the Battalion continued its primary mission of direct support to 3d Brigade (Sep) operations targeted against the 33rd NVA Regiment, HQ MR-7, HQ SR-5, the 81st Rear Service Group in War Zone D, and enemy local force elements within the AO. Early May found Battery A supporting the 2d Battalion, 5th Cavalry, operating in western Binh Tuy Province and eastern Long Khanh Province against elements of the 33rd NVA Regiment. Battery B supported the 1st Bn, 7th Cavalry, in their operations north and south of FSB Mace against the 33rd NVA Regiment and elements of Ba Long Province. Battery C continued its fire support of the 2d Bn, 8th Cavalry in the Nui Be Mountain complex and in Base Area 305 against HQ, MR-7. Battery D was supporting the 1st Bn, 12th Cavalry, in an area of operations on the axis FSB Sherman (YT2136) - FSB Katie (YT1249).

(e) Significant shifts of operational areas of the maneuver battalions resulted in Battery A displacing to an area supported by fire from Fire Support Bases Gail and Jay in June. Battery C also displaced with the infantry to Fire Support Bases Jeffries and Hall in June. Battery D departed War Zone D in June and made a series of quick fire base occupations between Fire Support Bases Brazos, Pecos, Del Rio, Gail, and again Pecos.

(f) July was a significant month for the Battalion in that it saw a severe turnover of critical personnel in a relatively short period of time. On 16 July, LTC Jack L. Keaton assumed command from LTC Carl E. Vuono. During the following two week period, the Battalion Executive Officer, S-1, S-2, S-3, S-4, Ammunition Officer, Maintenance Officer, Brigade LNO, senior Battalion FDO and two Battalion LNO's rotated due to DEROS. A proportional number of senior NCO's and enlisted positions added to the drain of the Battalion's experience. The caliber of the newly assigned personnel and their desire to excel was evident by the speed in which the Battalion progressed in continuing its fire support mission.

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(g) Again, enemy activity in War Zone D resulted in Batteries B and D displacing to firing positions north of the Dong Nai River, Battery B moved to FSD Charles along with elements of a newly acquired reinforcing medium battery, C Battery, 5th Battalion, 42d Artillery (155 Towed). Subsequently an additional light fire support base (mini-base) was established at FSD Connel. Battery D occupied FSD Jupiter and split half the Battery to FSD Round Rock. Continued enemy activity north of Round Rock resulted in Battery D closing FSD Jupiter and occupying a new Battalion Fire Base at FSD Timbuktu. Increased activity of the 33d NVA Regiment and the approaching Vietnamese elections resulted in Battery B returning to operate south of Nui Chur Chan where 1/7 Cav forces screened along the eastern approaches to Xuan Loc. Battery C and 2/8 Cav continued to operate in Base Area 305, and the Battalion Fire Base was moved from FSD Fanning to FSD Jefferies on 15 August.

(h) Of significance in September was the Battalion's participation in the Task Force Garry Owen mission to relieve the besieged FSD Katun in Tay Ninh Province. On 29 September the Battalion T/C CP deployed to Tay Ninh West followed by Battery D and F Battery, 79th AFA. During the ensuing three day operation the TAC CP coordinated the fires of Battery D, a Howitzer Battery (-) of the 2/11 ACR, and F/79 AFA. Of particular significance was the night interdiction mission along QL-4 to prevent mining operations by the enemy. Coordinated field artillery, aerial field artillery, and flareships resulted in constant surveillance or fires along the road from Katun to Tay Ninh during the evening of 30 September. Battery B was able to complete the operation by conducting a fixed wing move by C-130 from Tay Ninh to Xuan Loc, providing valuable training experience to new battery personnel.

(i) Significant operations in October resulted from intelligence gathered concerning probable enemy locations between FSB's Sherman and Katie. In reaction to this intelligence, the 2/5 Cavalry and the 1/12 Cavalry were combat assaulted into the area on 26 October following a preparation of target areas by AFA, TAC Air, and field artillery, all of which were coordinated and controlled by this Battalion. During the evening of 26 October and the morning of 27 October, 1338 rounds of 105mm, and 210 round of 155mm ammunition were expended on target areas by A 1/21 (-), B 1/21 (-), D 1/21, and C 5/42 (-) all of whom were airlifted to the operational area early on 26 October. On 29 October the 2/5 Cavalry was extracted from their AO near FSD Sherman and landed at Dien Hoc. They then convoyed to Dinh Quan to begin search and destroy operations in that area. In order to support these operations, A 1/21 (-) was moved from FSD Sherman to Rock POL Point, and B 1/21 (-) was moved from FSD Sherman to FSD Nancy, both moves being made on 29 October. On that same day C 5/42 (-) was moved from FSD Sherman to FSD Mcco. D 1/21 remained at FSD Katie to support operations of the 1/12 Cavalry in their AO south of FSD Katie.

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(j) Expenditures for the battalion for the period May 71 to October 71 are listed below:

<u>CONTACT</u>	<u>ACQUIRED</u>	<u>COUNTERFIRES</u>	<u>PREPARATIONS</u>	<u>SPECIAL PURPOSE</u>	<u>OTHER</u>
23,454	986	122	13,995	19,934	1,450

i. F Battery (AFA), 79th Artillery Operations:

(1) ORGANIZATION:

(a) F Battery was assigned to 229th Assault Helicopter Battalion for administrative purposes and to 1st Battalion 21st Artillery for operational control on 15 June 1971. Prior to this time F Battery was assigned to 1st Battalion 21st Artillery for both Artillery for both administrative and operational control.

(b) The unit designation was changed 1 July 1971 from Battery C, 2nd Battalion 20th Artillery, 1st Cavalry Division (AM), APO SF 96490 to F Battery (AFA) 79th Artillery, 1st Cavalry Division (AM), APO SF 96490.

(2) Mission: The mission of F Battery, 79th Artillery is to provide aerial field artillery fire support to the maneuver forces of the Brigade. In the performance of this mission F/79 reinforces or replaces other fire support available to the Brigade. The battery may be assigned any of the standard field artillery tactical missions of general support reinforcing, reinforcing or direct support. A quick fire communication channel through the Brigade artillery elements has been established to facilitate rapid response, standard missions include:

(a) Fire mission: A fire mission is any mission requiring direct fire support of troops in contact, downed aircraft, US or ARVN basis under mortar, rocket, or sapper attack, or any other mission requiring instant response and close-in fires. Every flyable aircraft in F Battery 79th Arty is on 24 hour standby for ASAP missions of this type.

(b) Medical evacuation Mission: A section is on call on a 24 hour a day basis to cover any 3rd Bde Medevac aircraft engaged in recovering injured or sick personnel from the field. A two ship section is employed. One ship remains in orbit at altitude while the second ship follows the Medevac ship into position, making tight orbits and staying constantly alert for enemy fire directed at the hovering medevac.

(c) Escort: Any 3rd Bde aircraft or flight of aircraft flying in areas in the 3rd Bde AO which are considered hostile are assigned as a minimum a single AH-1G to provide security from hostile fire. A section of two ship may

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be assigned as the mission or situation dictates. The aircraft or section is in contact with, under the control of, and responsible to only the aircraft of flight of aircraft they are covering.

(d) TOT/Planned Fires: F Btry aircraft are frequently employed effectively in areas of reported enemy troop concentration. Using CS WE, and/or flechette rockets, planned fires incorporated with surprise and mobility prove effective in disrupting supply lines and headquarters activities. These fires discourage the enemy from attempting any activities involving large concentrations of troops and equipment.

(e) Sensor Missions: F Btry is tasked daily to provide one aircraft to escort and cover a UH-1H aircraft equipped with electronic sensing equipment. The UH-1H is usually assigned areas where they have been no recent allied ground operations. The sensing equipment can pinpoint areas where the enemy is living and working. The F Btry aircraft navigates for both aircraft and relays maximum read outs to the responsible battalion. Information gathered by this team many times dictates the future moves of the responsible units. The F Battery aircraft will also engage lucrative targets found by the UH-1H.

(f) Ground-Air Plans: Much of the flying done by F Btry aircraft is in direct support of 3rd Bde combat assaults. A section is scrambled a few minutes prior to the insertion and briefed in the air by the controlling artillery LNO on the mission plan, location of friendly elements, and the fires required from the section. The section is usually directed to provide a one minute rocket prep of the landing zone immediately prior to lift aircraft touchdown, and to remain overhead in contact with the ground controller until the entire insertion is complete. The section is in contact with, under the control of and responsible to the artillery LNO until given an end-of-mission at the completion of the move.

(g) Allied operations: Allied operations are common in the 3rd Bde AO, when any significant operations are initiated, the Australian Army, the South Vietnamese Army, or the RTAVF may request and receive gunship support by F Btry.

(3) Statistical Data:

(a) Ammunition Expenditures:

(May)	2.75 rockets	
	101b	3310
	171b	2013
	Flechettes	222
	CS	
	WP	42
	7.62mm rounds	39,150
	40mm rounds	6,350

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(Jun)	2.75 rockets	
	101b	5120
	171b	3684
	Flechettes	122
	CS	14
	WP	78
	7.62mm rounds	24,802
	40mm rounds	5,165
	20mm rounds	300
(Jul)	2.75 rockets	
	101b	3367
	171b	2291
	Flechettes	167
	CS	348
	WP	2
	7.62mm rounds	14,480
	40mm rounds	2,370
(Aug)	2.75 rockets	
	101b	3851
	171b	2436
	Flechettes	
	CS	57
	WP	
	7.62mm rounds	17,700
	40mm rounds	4,550
(Sep)	2.75 rockets	
	101b	4196
	171b	2059
	Flechettes	128
	CS	64
	WP	8
	7.62mm rounds	26,185
	40mm rounds	6,120
(Oct)	2.75 rockets	
	101b	5759
	171b	877
	Flechettes	1298
	CS	
	WP	25
	7.62 rounds	42,450
	40mm rounds	7,486

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(b) Surveillance:

(May)	NONE	
(Jun)	Enemy KDH	9
	Dunkers destroyed	2
(Jul)	Enemy KDH	2
	Dunkers destroyed	1
(Aug)	Enemy KDH	1
	Dunkers Destroyed	1
(Sep)	Enemy KDH	2
	Dunkers Destroyed	3
(Oct)	Enemy KDH	13
	Dunkers destroyed:	8

(4) Significant Operations:

(a) On 30 May 71, at grid YT639012, one section of AFA was scrambled with 100 percent flechettes to expend on a pre-planned target. Expended: 152 flechettes; Logged: 03+20 hours; Results: Negative surveillance was reported to this unit.

(b) On 7 Jun 71, at grid YT593275, one section of AFA scrambled on a fire mission. Expended: 34-101b rockets, logged: 04+00 hours; Results: 1 bunker, 3 'X4' destroyed.

(c) On 8 Jun 71m at grid YT501152, two sections of AFA scrambled on a fire mission. Expended: 129-101b rockets; logged: 06+10 hours; Results: two (2) enemy KDH.

(d) On 9 Jun 71, at grid YT5804, two sections scrambled on a fire mission. Expended: 110-101b, 26-171b rockets; Logged: 05+10 hours, Results: one (1) enemy DBH.

(e) On 13 Jun 71, at grid YT4821 one section of AFA scrambled on a fire mission. Expended: 58-101b rockets; Logged: 03+00 hours, Results: one (1) KDH.

(f) On 14 Jun 71, at grid YT475206, three (3) sections of AFA were scrambled on a fire mission. Expended: 142-101b, 300-171b rockets; Logged 04+50 hours; Results: two (2) enemy KDH.

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- (g) On 16 Jun 71, at grid YT470195, two sections of AFA were scrambled on a fire mission. Expended: 55-101b rockets; Logged: 04+50 hours; Results: two (2) enemy KDH.
- (h) On 29 Jun 71, at grid YT778028, three (3) sections of AFA were scrambled on a fire mission. Expended: 66-101b, 74-171b rockets; logged: 07+50 hours; Results: 1 bunker, 4 'X6' destroyed.
- (i) On 1 Jul 71, at grid YT779097, one section of AFA was scrambled on a fire mission. Expended: 35-101b, 22-171b, 43-CS rockets, Logged: 03+30 hours; Results: 1 bunker, 4 'X6', destroyed.
- (j) On 10 Jul 71, at grid YT985146, one section of AFA was scrambled on a ground to air mission. Expended: 32-101b, 24-171b rockets; Logged: 02+20 hours; Results: Two (2) KDH.
- (k) On 28 Aug 71, at grid YT410040, one section of AFA was scrambled on a ground to air fire mission, supporting troops in contact against VC in bunkers. Expended: 36-101b, 32-171b rockets; Logged: 03+10 hours; Results: one (1) KDH, one (1) bunker, 8 'X10' destroyed.
- (l) On 4 Sep 71, at grid YT565245, two sections of AFA were scrambled on a fire mission. Expended: 126-101b, 62-171b rockets; Logged: 13+50 hours; Results: one (1) KDH; three (3), 8 'X10' destroyed.
- (m) on 15 Sep 71, one aircraft covered a sniffer aircraft firing on a target. Expended: 10-101b, 10-171b rockets; Logged: 03+00; Results: one (1) enemy KDH.
- (n) On 21 Sep 71, at grid YS463921, a total of three section were scrambled to cover ARVN troops in contact with a large enemy force. Expended: 114-101b, 93-171b rockets; Logged: 27+05 hours; Results: One (1) enemy KDH, heavy blood trails found at first light.
- (o) On 21 Sep 71, at grid YS514857, a total of six sections were scrambled to cover Australian troops engaged in heavy contact with NVA Trps. Expended: 137-101b, 133-171b 10-flechetts rockets; Logged: 25+ 00 hours; Results: (Negative Surveillance)
- (p) On 29 Sep 71, F Battery deployed four sections, along with ops and maint pers to Tay Ninh West in support of 3rd Bde (Sep), 1st Cav Div (AM) Task Force Garry Owen. The Battery's aircraft and pers were at Tay Ninh West set up and operational approx two hours prior to the scheduled close time of 1300 hrs. A section was scrambled to FSD Face, which was taking 82mm mortar from the . The section spotted the mortar tube in the edge of a tree line and engaged the position. An anti-aircraft position was spotted and silenced with HE and flechette rockets. Expended: 86-101b, 51-171b, 32-flechette rockets, Logged 08+25 hrs. Results: 82mm Mortar dest. 51 cal. silenced.

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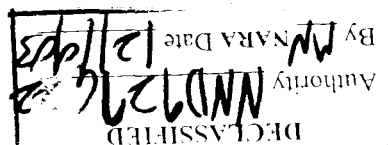
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(q) On 30 Sep 71 an additional section, was deployed from Bearcat to Tay Ninh West making a total of 5 sections where the OPORD called for only three sections. During the day F Battery aircraft provided continuous coverage over the convoy as it deployed from Tay Ninh West to FSB Katum. F Battery also provided numerous sections escorting CH-47 and UH-1H aircraft resupplying and re-enforcing FSB Ladysmith, FSB Katum and elements along the road from Tay Ninh West to FSB Katum. A special interdiction mission requiring three sections of F Battery aircraft was planned for the night of 30 Sep 71. Due to the 100 per cent availability of F Battery's aircraft and 5 sections being on station at Tay Ninh West the mission was changed to include the additional two sections. The mission was to put down suppressive fires along TL4, NW, of Nui BA Den north to FSB Katum, except where designated as no fire zones because of friendlies in the area. At five pre-arranged times during the night a section of AFA was scrambled and at the mission commander's decision and after receiving clearance from the ground commander for blanket clearance, laid down interdictive fires. During the mission two sections of AFA received ground to air fire which was immediately silenced. Expended: 239-101b, 36-171b, 145-flechette rockets; Logged 19+40 hours; Results: 2 ground to air positions silenced. No friendly position was subjected to indirect fire or ground attack while F/79 elements were in the air. This is the first time AFA has ever been used successfully in an extended inter-diction mission normally performed by tube artillery which was unable to reach the entire target area in this operation.

(r) On 1 Oct 71, F Battery flew continuous cover over the convoy as it left FSB Katum enroute Tay Ninh West. Task Force Gary Owen completed its mission approximately 1900 hours and F Battery received an order to return personnel and equipment to Bearcat. F Battery had maintained 100% aircraft and crew availability throughout the entire operation.

(s) From 2 Oct 71 to 4 Oct 71 F/79 logged two sections each day at Tay Ninh West in support of TRAC operations. The Battery also provided one section to remain overnight on 2 and 3 Oct. During this period F/79 provided numerous escorts for CH-47 helicopters working in the AO. F/79 also provided direct fire support for ARVN elements in the field.

(t) On 3 Oct 71 elements from F/79 were given the mission to extract wounded ARVN personnel from a position 8 kilometers SW of FSB Thien Ngon. Dustoff attempts had been attempted all that day and had been aborted each time due to intense ground to air fire and ground combat. With F/79 providing command and control, plus 4 AH-1G's a task force of 4 additional AH-1G's from other units and two dustoff helicopters formed and launched at 1645, with a mission complete at 1745. Logged: 02+20; Expended: 190-101b, 150-171b, 120-flechette rockets, 2000 rds, - 7.62, 400 rds-40mm; Results: 7 friendly WIA Medevaced, negative enemy fire received by Medevac aircraft.



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(u) On 4 Oct 71 at grid YT 063169, three sections of AFA were scrambled on a ground to air fire position. Expended 230-10lb, 18-17lb, 36-flechette rockets, Logged 06+00 hours; Results: 3 enemy KBH.

(v) On 11 Oct 71, four sections of AFA were scrambled to cover a single UH-1H VIP flight. This was the POW exchange mission flown into Cambodia to release an NVA officer on Highway 7, 15 kilometers south of KRECK. Expended: None; Logged 27+40 hours; Results: (POW mission accomplished)

(w) On 12 Oct 71, two sections were scrambled to the Tay Ninh area to provide cover for ten lift ships tasked with the direct exchange of companies at FSB Pace, along the border. One AH-1G, while covering a smoke ship, received intense .51 cal ground to air fire. The aircraft caught fire, crashed and burned. The crew survived with minor injuries. The position was located, fired upon, and silenced. The exchange of companies was completed with no further incidents.

(x) From 12-15 Oct 71 F/79 again provided 2 sections daily to support TRAC operations out of Tay Ninh West, with section remaining overnight on 12-14 Oct 71. Sections were employed on CH-47 escorts and troops in contact. Expended: 90-10lb, 2000 rds-7.62, 220 rds - 40mm, Logged: 35+30 hrs; Results-effective fire support ARVN ground elements and an escort missions successfully completed.

(y) On 13 Oct 71, at grid YS 8192, a section of AFA was scrambled on a Pink Team report of enemy personnel in the open and firing from a bunker complex. Expended: 60-10lb, 50- flechette rockets; Logged: 2+40 hours; Results: 3 bunkers destroyed.

(z) On 14 Oct 71, at the western access of Bearcat Army Heliport, a total of five sections were scrambled on a bunker complex being used by the enemy. Expended: 167-10lb, 23-17lb, 31 flechette rockets, 2000 rounds 7.62 mm, 400-40mm; Logged: 19+15 hours; Results: 3 enemy KBH, 4 enemy WBH, all 5 bunkers damaged or destroyed.

(aa) On 15 Oct 71, a fire team from F/79 escorted a command and control helicopter and a CH-47 from Tay Ninh West to fire base Alpha, 4 kilometers east of Krek, Cambodia. The assigned mission was to extract a downed UH-1H. The UH-1H was not recovered due to improper rigging and the task force returned to Tay Ninh West. Expended: None. Logged: 03+15. Results: Only one round of 82mm mortar and no small arms fire was encountered during the extraction attempt.

(bb) On 22 Oct 71 F/79 provided 3 sections to provide cover for a 3rd Brigade airmobile force final extracting a company from 1/12 at first light from FSB Pace. F/79 provided gunship coverage for 2 flights of 5 ships each and a smokeship, plus an AFA section over FSB Pace for the entire operation.

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Expended: None. Logged: 7+15; Results: No friendly aircraft received fire during this successfully completed operation.

(cc) From 22 through 24 Oct 71 F/79 provided two sections daily in support of RTAVF operations in the Bearcat - Xuan Loc AREA. F/79 provided escort and AFA coverage during this period. Expended: 60-10lb, 28-fleshette rockets. Results: Negative fire taken by friendly ground elements was suppressed.

(dd) On 29 Oct 71, F/79 committed a section to support ARVN ground elements in contact vicinity of FSB Blackhorse. Expended: 74-10lb, 30-177lb, 38-fleshette rockets; Logged: 08+00 Results: 7 enemy KBH.

j. 229th Assault Helicopter Battalion Operations:

(1) Mission: The mission of the 229th AHB was to provide tactical mobility for combat troops, supplies, and equipment for the 3rd Brigade during the conduct of combat and airmobile operations. The mission of this unit was expanded during this reporting period to include providing aviation support for the airmobile brigade (Separate), artillery battalion headquarters and other units without organic aircraft; providing pathfinder support as directed; providing medium lift helicopter support; providing security for airmobile forces; providing aerial field artillery rocket fire support, and to perform reconnaissance and provide security for designated major combat elements.

(2) Execution: The execution of the battalion's primary mission and the additional missions as described in paragraph (1) above, were facilitated through the augmentation of this battalion's assets by the assignment of one (1) air cavalry troop, one (1) general support platoon, one (1) aviation platoon (Pathfinder), one (1) assault support helicopter company, and one (1) aerial field artillery battery. Additionally, Company D (Aerial Weapons) of the 229th AHB was restructured, utilizing assets within the assigned units, so that it now performs the mission of an air cavalry troop. An infantry platoon, drawn from brigade assets, was assigned to this company. This reorganization was effected in order to increase the surveillance capabilities of the brigade, and better enable it to conduct operations in its relatively large area of operations. Operational control of the two air cavalry units (D/229 and H/16th Cav) was given to the brigade S-2. These units maintained LNO teams at the Brigade TOC in order to be responsive to the needs of the S-2 in the gathering of intelligence information, performing visual reconnaissance, inserting ranger teams, and providing additional security for selected units. Operational control of F Battery, 79th Artillery (AFA) was given to the brigade artillery officer for coordination of fire support plans in support of brigade operations. Full utilization of this units capabilities was exercised through the assignment of such missions as landing zone preparation, escort of troop carrying helicopters, direct fire support of

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units in contact and those missions directed in support of all brigade operations.

(3) Discussion and analysis of significant events:

(a) The conversion of D Company 229th AHB from an aerial weapons company to an air cavalry troop was initiated on 24 June 1971 and completed prior to 1 July 1971. In mid-July the unit completed the training of the necessary infantry, air crews and maintenance personnel, which enabled it to assume the mission of an air cavalry troop. This training included special training of air crews in the performance of visual reconnaissance and air cavalry tactics, as well as the training of maintenance personnel in order to maintain the new types of equipment which the unit received.

(b) On 20 September 1971, H Troop/16th Cavalry was deployed in support of the 1st Royal Australian Task Force, elements of which were in contact with a large enemy force. This operation lasted three days during which H Troop located the major forces of the enemy and was instrumental in bringing conventional artillery, aerial artillery, and air strikes to bear against them. Subsequently the enemy forces broke contact and cleared the area.

(c) On 29 September through 1 October the battalion moved the operational assets of F Battery, 79th Arty, D Company 229th AHB, and A Company 229th AHB to Tay Ninh RVN for a special combat operation. The 229th AHB was in direct support of Task Force Garry Owen and was given the mission to evacuate the besieged outpost of Katum that was located near the Cambodian border. The battalion provided 767 hours of OH-6A, CH-47, UH-1H, and AH-1G aircraft hours with no accidents or incidents. Additional specific details are included in the "After Action Report" Operation Katum (10 October 1971).

(d) On 11 October, elements of the 229th were deployed to a forward operating base to link up with personnel who were to release an NVA prisoner. At a set time and date the prisoner was transported by UH-1H to a field location and released. Further details of this action are included in previous classified reports.

k. 501st Engineer Company (Combat) Operations:

(1) Missions: To provide combat engineer support for the 3rd Brigade (Sep), 1st Cavalry Division (AM) by accomplishing general and special tasks. Some examples of assigned missions are demolition, fire support base construction, PZ and LZ construction, boating operations, water supply and airfield maintenance, mine sweeps and base development.

(2) Execution:

(a) Assigned missions are accomplished by the combat engineer platoons augmented by equipment support from the light equipment platoon.

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(b) Combat Engineer platoons are in direct support of the infantry battalions. The platoon leader functions as the Battalion Engineer. Control of the brigade's engineer assets rest with the brigade engineer and the CO of the 501st Engineer Company.

(c) Sixteen new and eighteen old fire support bases were opened. 1st platoon in support of 2nd Inf Bn, 8th Cav, constructed 9 FSB's. 2nd platoon in support of 1st Inf Bn, 7th Cav constructed 5 FSB's. 3rd platoon in support of 1st Inf Bn, 12th Cav constructed 14 FSB'S. 4th platoon in support of 2nd Inf Bn, 5th Cav constructed 6 FSB's. The Combat Engineer platoons provide demolition support of the battalions. Each platoon maintains a six man rappel qualified PZ cutting team on 30 minute notice at the battalion fire bases.

(d) Minesweep operations are conducted frequently during road resupply of fire bases and reopening of old fire bases.

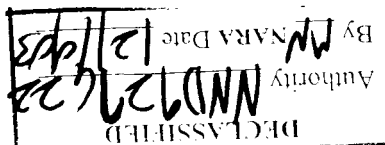
(e) Fire bases which can be reached by road are constructed with non-airmobile assets. The airmobile equipment is reserved for those areas which cannot be reached by road. Difficulties with parts and maintenance dictate this deployment policy.

(f) Base development work is done when operational requirements permit, every effort is made by the Brigade Engineer to have non-brigade assets committed to base development projects.

(3) Significant Events:

(a) 10 April 71 - Company C, 8th Engineer Battalion was augmented by an additional combat engineer platoon and a light equipment platoon in order to provide adequate support to the 3rd Brigade (Sep), 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile).

(b) April - June 71 - The relocation of the Brigade headquarters from FSB Mace to Bien Hoa caused considerable remodeling of FSB Mace. The work included building a new berm, a new rearm point, a new refuel point, new guard towers, and new wire barriers. Considerable upgrading of the drainage system was completed. Many difficulties were encountered because sufficient planning had not been carried out. Priorities of tasks were not set because no single person was charged with overall responsibility for the project. Another problem was the availability of engineer support; the requirements to provide field support to maneuver battalions which often left FSB Mace without sufficient support. Non-Brigade engineers could have provided better support.



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(c) May 71 - 1st Inf Bn, 7th Cav opened FSB Furr in an old rice paddy. The sight was chosen because engineer assets were a critical shortage. Considerable difficulties were experienced because the base was under water most of the time. Insufficient reconnaissance was made before selection of the site. A new technique for stabilization of artillery pieces was developed for the muddy conditions.

(d) May 71 - The 2nd Inf Bn, 5th Cav opened FSB Jay in one day. It stands as the most rapid response by C Company, 8th Engineer Bn for construction of a new base. Notification of the company was made at 1100 hrs; the first engineer equipment arrived at 1400 hrs; the base was fully operational by 1700 hours. The operation went rapidly because of close coordination between the Brigade Engineers, the Brigade S3 and TRAC to get the heavy lift helicopters to move the airmobile equipment in less than three hours.

(e) June 71 - Engineer equipment support was provided to MACV Advisory Team #87 at Vo Dat for the construction of one fire support base, three OP's and a POL point. Close coordination was made between the senior advisor and the engineer company commander. The operation went smoothly and was completed in four days rather than five.

(f) June 71 - Fire support base Pecos was opened by the 1st Inf Bn, 12th Cav. The base was built on a open field with three feet of clay over a gravel base. Construction was difficult because of the mud. Once a drainage system was established, the base dried out completely. The gravel subbase aided the drainage significantly.

(g) 30 June 71 - Company C, 8th Engineer Battalion was redesignated as the 501st Engineer Company (Combat).

(h) Sept 71 - Task Force Gary Owen participated in the withdrawal of U.S. elements from FSB Katun. The task force was called upon to conduct a road march. The 501st Engineer Company was initially asked to provide an engineer platoon. The committed infantry battalion did not take the platoon. The 501st Engineer Company was later required to provide and emplace a 38 foot M4T6 dry span across a blown culvert. The task was completed with difficulty because the requirement had not been anticipated and the staff was not knowledgeable of the availability, transportation and emplacement of bridges. Close coordination between the staff and engineer is indicated for future operations.

1. 525th Signal Company Operations: During the reporting period this organization changed unit designation. It was designated Detachment 9 (Signal Company) when the 1st Cavalry Division stood down. On 1 July 1971 it was redesignated the 525th Signal Company.

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(1) Mission: Provide constant communications support throughout the 3rd Bde (Sep) area of operation.

(2) Execution: This unit provides FM and VHF communication to all of the battalions. Due to the wide expanse of the area of operation this entails one communication relay site on Nui Chau Chan.

(3) Significant events:

(a) VHF communications experienced complete loss of primary and reserve power on Nui Chau Chan on 5 September 1971. Approximately 1300 the primary source of power, a 30 KW generator, malfunctioned and stopped working. Within the next forty-five minutes the four reserve 10 KW generators were started and each one malfunctioned, for different reasons. VHF communications for the entire 3rd Bde area of operations was down. The 525th Signal Company possessed two operational 10 KW generators at the Bien Hoa site. AA&E was notified of the situation and a request was made for a helicopter to lift the generators to NCC. The S-3 Officer was informed of the situation and immediately produced a helicopter to fly the generators to Nui Chau Chan. VHF communications were quickly restored.

(b) On 25 September 1971, the 525th Signal Company provided one jump team to FSB Katum. The purpose was to provide an AM voice nonsecure net between 1/12 at Katum and Bien Hoa. This mission was established when the 1/12 was called upon to support the 23rd Artillery at Katum. On 24 September 1971 the 525th Signal Company was alerted by Brigade S-3 to have one AM jump team ready for departure to FSB Katum within one hour. The afternoon of 25 September the AM jump team departed Bien Hoa for Katum. At approximately 1530 hrs of the 25th AM voice communications was established from Katum to Bien Hoa and constantly maintained until the jump team was pulled out of Katum on 1 October 1971.

(c) From 29 September 1971 through 2 October 1971 the FM section was called upon to provide a jump CP to Tay Ninh. The FM section was to provide three radio nets of communication, one secure and two nonsecure, from Tay Ninh to Bien Hoa. Six radio operators, one NCOIC and an OIC for communications were sent from the 525th Signal Company. They were to establish the three FM nets at Tay Ninh; and retrans capability for the three FM nets to communicate to Bien Hoa via an automatic relay to be positioned at Nui Ba Den. The commitment was accomplished very successfully because of the availability of sufficiently trained personnel and adequate equipment.

(d) From the period 12 through 15 October 1971 the 525th provided an FM jump CP to Tay Ninh. Purpose was to provide one secure net and two nonsecure net voice communications for the Tay Ninh area and back to Bien Hoa. The 525th Signal Company was tasked to provide FM communications for the Tay Ninh area and from Tay Ninh to Bien Hoa. Communications for the three

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FM nets from Tay Ninh to Bien Hoa were to be provided via an automatic retransmission rack placed a top Nui Ba Den. On approximately 7 October 1971 the 525th Signal Company was notified that it would be providing communications support for another jump CP to Tay Ninh. Three FM voice nets would be required: one secure and two non-secure. These would be used to communicate within the Tay Ninh AO and back to Bien Hoa. On 12 October the jump CP left for Tay Ninh with the required communications personnel and equipment. Upon arrival at Tay Ninh the Task Force Commander necessarily changed the requirements for signal support. The afternoon of 12 October FM communications were established as well as four channel VHF (provided by the 1st Signal Brigade) from Tay Ninh to Bien Hoa. The 525th received a call from the Bde Signal officer requesting AM non-secure voice communications. The evening of 12 October the 525th received a request from Tay Ninh for additional radio equipment and a 3 KW generator. The morning of 13 October the signal CIC for the jump called and stated the task force commander requested secure teletype communications be sent to Tay Ninh. This was sent the morning of the 13th. The afternoon of the 13th comm center was up and operational.

2. (C) Lessons Learned: Commanders Observations, Evaluations, and Recommendations

a. Personnel: In-country Replacements

(1) OBSERVATION: In-country transferees with less than 60 days to DEROS have been assigned to tactical units as replacements in critical shortage MOSs.

(2) EVALUATION: Replacements with less than 60 days remaining in-country are of little value to tactical units operating in the field. The problem is particularly acute in shortage MOSs (e.g., Infantrymen and combat medics) for line companies because the replacements are unable to become fully integrated into the unit before they must return to the rear to DEROS. The impact upon the unit is a degradation of unit integrity and lack of confidence in the soldiers concerned.

(3) RECOMMENDATION: That personnel managers at all levels insure that replacements have sufficient time remaining in-country to be of benefit to the units to which they are reassigned.

b. Intelligence:

(1) Electronic Intelligence:

(a) Observation: Electronic gadgetry is over relied upon by American forces in Vietnam. Too often it is the only means used for collecting information. This gadgetry includes Red Haze, SLAR, Sniffer, Sensors, and URS's.

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(b) Evaluation:

(1) Red Haze is generally flown at night after the enemy has doused his evening fires and before he has started his morning fires. Red Haze seems to be unable to detect personnel through the jungle canopy. This is very understandable since it was designed to detect such things as vehicles and tanks. Its use, especially in the middle of the night does not seem applicable to the conditions in eastern MR III.

(2) SLAR seems also to be ineffective in that it works on the Doppler effect and cannot penetrate the jungle. The only practical use of SLAR in eastern MR III is to survey the rivers where the rules of engagement make it particularly difficult for American forces to engage the enemy.

(3) Sniffer is used constantly largely due to its availability. However, it has not yet provided truly accurate intelligence. Twice responding to particularly intense sniffer readouts the results were totally negative.

(4) Sensors have proven somewhat effective in determining enemy use of various areas or his non-use of these areas. However, their short life span detracts from their effectiveness and considerably increases the cost in terms of man-days spent on implanting the sensors and in securing the implant team. Such sensors as PSID's too frequently give false activations. For this reason units have lost confidence in them.

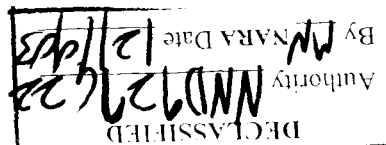
(5) URS's are relied upon very heavily for information concerning the enemy's location and disposition. With certain enemy units the URS's are invaluable indicators; however, other enemy elements seem to avoid transmitting from their actual location. Still other enemy elements very infrequently transmit at all.

(c) Recommendations: It would seem that certain actions could be taken to improve the accuracy and timeliness of information acquired by electrical means. Red Haze, for instance, could be flown at hours when the enemy is most likely to have his fires lit - early evening and early morning. Sensors are still in their initial stage of development. Further development should aim at fewer false readings and a longer life span.

(2) District or Province Intelligence Operations Centers:

(a) Observation: Presently these are not being adequately supported by American forces who operate in these Centers' area of interest.

(b) Evaluation: American forces presently are required to evacuate all material and documents through American channels to CDEC and CMEC. Generally, these documents are reproduced and sent to the GVN Province concerned. However, it would seem far more efficient for the documents to go straight



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to either the DIOC or the GVN Province intelligence personnel. At either of these locations American liaison teams from the American units involved could be established. These teams would not be advisors but purely liaison groups. By such a method both the GVN and Americans could study the same documents without the necessity of reproduction. Also, there is at present a lack of communication between the GVN intelligence personnel and their American counterparts in US units. Such liaison teams could help increase mutual respect and the free flow of information. At present this unit must deal directly with the Provinces through informal channels. This system does not provide a continuous flow of information and leads only to minimum trust on the part of both the Americans and Vietnamese because these contacts are so infrequent and mutual trust does not have the opportunity to develop.

(c) Recommendation: That American Liaison teams for intelligence be established at either Province or District level. That all material and documents captured by American forces be brought first to these combined intelligence centers for exploitation by both GVN and American personnel.

c. Operations:

(1) Bunker Destruction:

(a) OBSERVATION: The use of C-4 explosive for destruction of enemy bunkers does not provide sufficient damage for the cost involved.

(b) EVALUATION: A more efficient and less expensive method for destruction of enemy bunkers was developed. The 40 pound cratering charge containing ammonium nitrate (cost: \$15.00 per charge) was found to be more effective than C-4, (cost: \$2.02 per 1 1/4 lb block) in destroying bunkers. The charge breaks the logs and destroys the hole while C-4 only cuts the logs.

(c) RECOMMENDATION: That cratering charges be used for destruction of enemy bunkers.

(2) Stabilization of Artillery pieces:

(a) OBSERVATION: The M102, 105mm Howitzer is unstable when employed on muddy ground. Stabilize the pad with M8A1 matting.

(b) EVALUATION: The flooring of a gun pit with M8A1 matting (PSP) was completed. The stabilization stakes were driven through the matting. Firing was conducted with no shifting of the piece.

(c) RECOMMENDATION: That M8A1 matting be used as flooring in gun pits under muddy conditions.

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(3) LZ Preparation Fires:

(a) OBSERVATION; A combat assault landing zone preparation by AFA employing flechette rockets permits greater surprise, faster insertion of ground troops, and effective variance of standard insertion procedures to confuse the enemy.

(b) EVALUATION: Primarily because no adjustment of tube artillery is required, the element of surprise is enhanced by an AFA preparation. It has been found that the command and control helicopter can mark the LZ with smoke, insure that the flight leader has an accurate identification of the LZ and the wind direction, and then begin the actual insertion within a few minutes without having any helicopters in the immediate vicinity of the LZ for a prolonged period of time. The flechette rockets provide highly effective coverage of the area around the LZ. This technique contributes to operational security by varying the standard pattern of preceding a combat assault by tube artillery adjustment (with the command and control ship orbiting near the LZ) and preparation.

(c) RECOMMENDATION; That units occasionally employ AFA flechette LZ preparations, particularly in those instances when speed is a factor.

(4) CI sweeps of FSBs:

(a) OBSERVATION: The use of CI teams significantly reduced the number of security violations and denied the enemy the use of abandoned US materials.

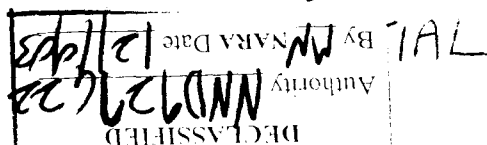
(b) EVALUATION: The presence of trained CI personnel on a FSB at the time of closing provided the FSB commander with additional trained eyes to assist him during the crucial period of final closing. The use of trained personnel accompanied by untrained unit personnel provided a training vehicle that was most effective under actual field conditions.

(c) RECOMMENDATION: That all units closing either FSBs or permanent installations utilize trained CI personnel during the final phase of their standdown.

(d) COMMAND ACTION: The requirement will continue to exist within the structure of the MID.

(5) Use of MSS personnel in direct support of US intelligence activities.

(a) OBSERVATION: Well trained MSS personnel, with their power of arrest and interrogation, are a distinct asset when directly assigned in support of a US MID.



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(b) EVALUATION: Although this is a relatively new program, the preliminary results indicate that it will provide better counterintelligence coverage and at the same time, reduce the amount of illegal drug traffic on the base.

(c) RECOMMENDATION: That other US intelligence units in support of US tactical elements conduct liaison with their local MSS agency for similar support.

(d) COMMAND ACTION: Continued supervision of the complete program and liaison with MSS.

(6) Airborne Personnel Detector:

(a) OBSERVATION: The APD could be a useful method to employ in the search for aircraft that have been lost over areas covered by dense vegetation.

(b) EVALUATION: Since the APD operates by sensing changes in particle concentrations in the air, it could be an effective means for searching for downed aircraft by picking up the dust and debris that is scattered by the craft at the crash site or by picking up smoke particles if the plane is still burning or smoldering. The search operation with the sniffer would have to be employed within a few hours after the aircraft accident, however.

(c) RECOMMENDATION: That the APD be employed in the search for missing aircraft.

d. Organization:

(1) Engineer Squad Organization:

(a) OBSERVATION: Engineer squads under 5-217TP501 do not have an assistant Squad Leader.

(b) EVALUATION: It has been found that the squad operates less effectively without a Sergeant (E-5) Assistant Squad Leader. Squad Leaders are unable to divide their squads into two effective work parties.

(c) RECOMMENDATIONS: That Sergeant (E-5) MOS 12B40 be substituted for one combat demolition specialist (E-4) MOS 12B30.

(2) Organization of Chaplain Section:

(a) OBSERVATION: Organization of the Chaplain Section for a Separate Brigade should be tailored to the operational situation.

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(b) EVALUATION: The standard procedure in which Brigade Chaplains provide religious coverage as a team working out of the Brigade Headquarters does not function well in a Vietnam environment. The large area of operations and the large number (8) of chaplains assigned make it difficult for the Brigade Chaplain to maintain daily contact and thus reduces the effectiveness of centrally administered and controlled religious coverage.

(c) RECOMMENDATION:

1 That clear attainable religious coverage objectives for the Brigade be established and accepted by all Chaplains and Commanders.

2 That assistant Brigade Chaplains be attached to both maneuver and support battalions. Special instructions in each attaching order assign responsibility for additional basic religious group (Protestant or Roman Catholic) coverage to battalions whose attached Chaplain is of another basic religious group.

3 That CER preparation procedures be established in which each assistant brigade chaplain is rated by the CO or XO of the battalion to which he is attached.

(d) COMMAND ACTION - All of the above recommendations have been implemented in the 3rd Brigade (Sep).

e. Training: Pilot training.

(1) Observation: Pilot training must be a constant process of coherent, consistent effort. Insuring the availability and professionalism of top quality pilots and aircraft commanders is a primary mission of this unit.

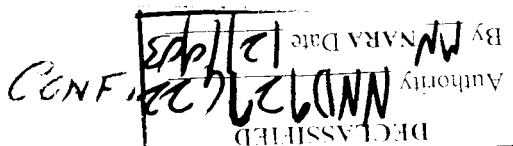
(2) Evaluation: To prevent any deficiencies in aviator training a cohesive and constantly updated training program, involving all available personnel and resources must be kept in effect.

(3) Recommendations:

(a) That this unit continue to maintain pilot training and progress records on each pilot and that these logs be reviewed by the CO and the training officer regularly and by all aircraft commanders after each day's flight.

(b) That this unit's aircraft commanders continue to meet informally weekly to review pilot progress and reevaluate the unit training program.

(c) That the policy of assigning each pilot an aircraft commander as a "sponsor", the primary source and monitor of his training, be continued.



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f. Logistics: Log Day

(1) Observation: LZ construction kits should be utilized in preparing Log Pads.

(2) Evaluation: Most of the daylight hours of Log Day are lost and a considerable expense is incurred through the use of C4 in preparing a Log Pad. In addition an LZ construction kit consisting of: three axes, one chain saw, three bush axes, and five machettes would produce a safer log pad due to the lack of wood splinters with planned placement of fallen trees.

(3) Recommendations: An LZ construction kit be dropped into the company once the LZ is determined. This kit can be returned to the company rear on the resupply helicopter.

g. Communications:

(1) Aircraft FM Radios:

(a) Observation: Aircraft currently assigned are equipped with two types of FM radios, either the AN/ARC-131 with a transmitting power of 17 watts or the AN/ARC-54 radio with a transmitting power of 8 1/2 watts.

(b) Evaluation: The increased range provided by the AN/ARC-131 radio greatly enhances the communications capability of all aircraft. In addition, it will accept (X-mode) secure traffic without modification while the AN/ARC-54 radio requires the application of MWO #11-5821-244-3012 prior to operating in the secure mode.

(c) Recommendation: That all aircraft be converted to the AN/ARC-131 radio.

(2) Signal Mirrors:

(a) Observation: Use of smoke grenades may compromise unit location.

(b) Evaluation: It is possible that noise of a smoke grenade may compromise a unit's location. Such smoke may be observed by the enemy on high ground in the area.

(c) Recommendations: Signal Mirrors should be used to mark friendly locations when applicable. Concurrently positive communications must be established with the aircraft or the friendly element being contacted. If not feasible, it is then recommended that the tape be removed from the bottom of the smoke grenade to reduce the noise level when discharged.

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h. Material:

(1) Organic Transportation:

(a) OBSERVATION: The airmobile engineer company is not equipped for moving its heavy equipment by road.

(b) EVALUATION: Reliance on non-organic road haul means for movement of heavy equipment has often resulted in delayed engineer support for Brigade requirements which can be reached by road. Provision for organic transportation would improve engineer response.

(c) RECOMMENDATION: That the Separate Brigade Combat Engineer Company be given at least 2, 10-ton tractors and 1, 25-ton low bed semi-trailer.

(2) Factory parts:

(a) OBSERVATION: Another problem area which has recently been developing is in the quality of some factory components. These components have been arriving at the unit level with the maximum allowable tolerances already evident in these component life.

(b) EVALUATION: If a factory component is tested and found to have present in a new condition, the maximum tolerances allowable for safe flight, then the part cannot be expected to stay within tolerance for the entire forecast component life.

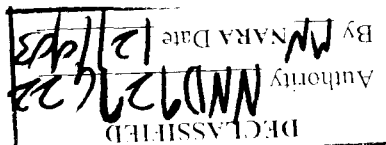
(c) RECOMMENDATION: That the quality control element inform the manufacturers of the problem developing, and request higher standards be set for new parts to insure maximum component life.

i. Other: Construction of culvert/bunkers.

(a) OBSERVATION: Culvert/bunker construction does not provide adequate protection if there is no overhead cover between bunker and blast wall.

(b) EVALUATION: From experience on FSB Pace it was noted that 82mm rounds were falling between culvert/bunkers and the blast walls.

(c) RECOMMENDATIONS: That overhead cover be constructed between the blast wall and the culvert/bunker utilizing two pieces of joined perforated steel plates (PSP) then sandbagged.



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TAB A: Task Organization as of 312400 October 71.

3rd Bde (Sep)

2/5 Cav
 1/7 Cav
 2/8 Cav
 1/12 Cav
 1/21 Arty (+)
 F/79 Arty (AFA)
 34 Inf Plat (SD)
 Co H, 75th Ranger
 229 Avn Bn (Comp)
 501 Eng Co
 525 Sig Co
 MI Det
 215th CS Bn (Spt)

SUPPORTING ARTILLERY

A (-)/5-42 Arty (155)(GS)(POF Long Khanh)
 A (-)/6-27 Arty (8") (GSR 3rd Bde Arty)
 B (-)/5-42 Arty (155)(GS)(POF Binh Tuy)
 C/5-42 Arty (155)(GSR 3rd Bde Arty)

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TAB B: Friendly Order of Battle as of 312400 October 1971.

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>PROVINCE</u>	<u>STATION</u>	<u>COORD</u>	<u>CONTROL HQ</u>
TRAC	BIEN HOA	LONG BINH	YT051111	MACV
3rd BDE (SEP) 1ST				
CAV DIV (AM)	BIEN HOA	BIEN HOA	YT014144	TRAC
2/5 CAV	LONG KHANH	FSB MACE	YT628111	3rd Bde (Sep)
1/7 CAV	LONG KHANH	FSB MACE	YT628111	3rd Bde (Sep)
2/8 CAV	BINH TUY	FSB JEFFRIES	YS875995	3rd Bde (Sep)
1/12 CAV	LONG KHANH	FSB GIBRALTAR	YT253280	3rd Bde (Sep)
1/21 ARTY (+)	BIEN HOA	BIEN HOA	YT014144	3rd Bde (Sep)
229 AVN BN (COMP)	BIEN HOA	BIEN HOA	YT014144	3rd Bde (Sep)
34th INF PLAT (SD)	BIEN HOA	BIEN HOA	YT014144	3rd Bde (Sep)
Co H, 75th RANGER	BIEN HOA	BEARCAT	YT145982	3rd Bde (Sep)
501st ENGR CO	BIEN HOA	BIEN HOA	YT014144	3rd Bde (Sep)
525th SIG CO	BIEN HOA	BIEN HOA	YT014144	3rd Bde (Sep)
MI DET	BIEN HOA	BIEN HOA	YT014144	3rd Bde (Sep)
215th CS BN (SPT)	BIEN HOA	BIEN HOA	YT014144	3rd Bde (Sep)

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TAB C: Enemy Order of Battle as of 312400 October 1971

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>PROBABLE LOCATION AS OF 31 OCTOBER</u>
1. (C) 33rd NVA Regiment HQ	SW of FSD HALL (YS 6299)
a. 1st Bn.	N of FSD WISHART (YT 5718)
b. 2nd Bn.	E of Dinh Quan (V) (YT 5637)
c. 3rd Bn.	NE of Cam My (H) (YS 5390)
2. (C) SR-5 HQ	Western War Zone D
3. (C) MR-7 HQ	Base Area 305 (YT 7402)
4. (C) 814th Rear Service Group HQ	Northern War Zone D
5. (C) Rear Service Group, MR-7	Mui Le (YS 8789)
6. (C) Dr Long (P) HQ	Base Area 305 (YT 7402)

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TAB D: Operation Results (Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses) as of 312400 October 1971.

ENEMY LOSSES FOR MAY

	<u>3RD BDE</u>
(1) En Killed	55
(2) PW	4
(3) HC	1
(4) IC	25
(5) CD	6
(6) Unclas	0
(7) IW (act/che)	43/0
(8) CS (act/che)	1/0
(9) Rice (Tons)	1.229
(10) Salt (Ton)	1.027
(11) Corn (lbs)	0
(12) Flour (Tons)	0.123
(13) Sugar (lbs)	40
(14) Med Sup (lbs)	49.28
(15) 82mm rds	6
(16) 81mm rds	3
(17) 60mm rds	15
(18) 75mm RR rds	100
(19) B 40 rds	10
(20) Grenades	1406
(21) SA rds	2883
(22) AT Mines	1
(23) AP Mines	62
(24) Expic (lbs)	823.6
(25) Blast caps	2315
(26) Vehicles	1
(27) Currency	922
(28) Plastic (lbs)	503
(29) Canvas (lbs)	50

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ENEMY LOSSES FOR JUNE

	<u>3RD BDE</u>
(1) En Killed	106
(2) PW	1
(3) HC	0
(4) CD	5
(5) IC	11
(6) Unclas	0
(7) IW (act/che)	44/18
(8) CS (act/che)	0/1
(9) Rice (Tons)	1.742
(10) Corn (lbs)	4
(11) Salt (Tons)	0.632
(12) Flour (Tons)	11.355
(13) Sugar (lbs)	30.00
(14) Med Sup (lbs)	33.76
(15) 122mm rkt	1
(16) 82mm rds	1
(17) 60mm rds	1
(18) B-40 rds	18
(19) 40mm rds	9
(20) Grenades	38
(21) SA rds	5883
(22) AP Mines	3
(23) AT Mines	5
(24) Cloth (lbs)	280

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ENEMY LOSSES FOR JULY

	<u>3RD BDE</u>
(1) En Killed	47
(2) PW	2
(3) HC	0
(4) CD	5
(5) IC	9
(6) Unclass	9
(7) IW (act/che)	25/0
(8) CS (act/che)	2/0
(9) Rice (Tons)	1.333
(10) Corn (lbs)	70
(11) Salt (Tons)	0.144
(12) Flour (Tons)	2.455
(13) Sugar (lbs)	22
(14) Med Sup (lbs)	22.26
(15) 8" rds	1
(16) B 41 rds	1
(17) B-40 rds	5
(18) 12.7mm rds	50
(19) Grenades	11
(20) SA rds	4815
(21) Explo (lbs)	3.00
(22) AT Mines	1
(23) AP Mines	2
(24) Vehicles	2
(25) Bicycles	1
(26) Cement (lbs)	3000

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ENEMY LOSSES FOR AUGUST

	<u>3RD BDE</u>
(1) En Killed	49
(2) En PW	2
(3) HC	1
(4) CD	4
(5) Unclas	0
(6) IW (act/che)	26/0
(7) CS (act/che)	1/0
(8) Rice (Tons)	.312
(9) Corn (lbs)	135
(10) Flour (Tons)	55.851
(11) Salt (lbs)	2.00
(12) Med Sup (lbs)	315.34
(13) 105mm rds	1
(14) 81mm rds	2
(15) 75mm rds	3
(16) 60mm rds	1
(17) 12.8mm rds	100
(18) B-40 rds	3
(19) Grenades	12
(20) SA rds	1724
(21) AT Mines	4
(22) AP Mines	9
(23) 82mm fuses	150
(24) Vehicles	1
(25) Explo (lbs)	10.50

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ENEMY LOSSES FOR SEPTEMBER

	<u>3RD BDE</u>
(1) En Killed	48
(2) En PW	0
(3) HC	0
(4) CD	0
(5) IC	0
(6) Unclas	0
(7) IW (act/che)	29/17
(8) CS (act/che)	4/1
(9) Rice (Tons)	.298
(10) Flour (Tons)	.690
(11) Corn (lbs)	81.00
(12) Salt (Tons)	.056
(13) Med Sup (lbs)	30.45
(14) 122mm rkt rds	5
(15) 82mm mort rds	89
(16) 75mm RR rds	7
(17) 60mm mort rds	27
(18) B-41 rds	1
(19) B-40 rds	84
(20) M 79 rds	7
(21) 12.7 rds	1045
(22) Grenades	357
(23) SA rds	20657
(24) AP Mines	4
(25) Explos (lbs)	12.50
(26) Blasting Caps	281

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ENEMY LOSSES FOR OCTOBER

	<u>3RD BDE</u>
(1) En Killed	63
(2) PW	1
(3) HC	0
(4) CD	0
(5) IC	12
(6) IW (act/che)	18/1
(7) CS (act/che)	3/3
(8) Rice (Tons)	.337
(9) Corn (lbs)	3.00
(10) Flour (Tons)	3,658
(11) Salt (Tons)	.020
(12) Sugar (lbs)	20.00
(13) Med Sup (lbs)	21.50
(14) 155mm How rds	1
(15) 122mm rkts	1
(16) 82mm mort rds	49
(17) 81mm mort rds	2
(18) 75mm RR rds	17
(19) 60mm mort rds	6
(20) 57mm RR rds	2
(21) B-40 rds	13
(22) 40mm rds	9
(23) 20mm rds	5
(24) Grenades	6
(25) SA rds	6217
(26) AP Mines	7
(27) AT Mines	2
(28) 82mm mort charges	81
(29) Explosive (lbs)	63
(30) Vehicles	1
(31) Piasters (US\$ Equiv)	6673

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TAB E: Weather and Terrain

1. Terrain: The terrain in the Third Brigade AO is generally flat in central Long Khanh and Binh Tuy provinces although parts are rough and mountainous. Long Khanh (P) north of the Dong Nai River (War Zone D) is heavily vegetated, uninhabited, and is very rough terrain. The remainder of Long Khanh (P) in the AO is generally flat and moderately vegetated. The dominating features of that area are Nui Chau Chan, a cone shaped mountain, and the area of the La Nga River which includes several tributary streams and ridge lines. Northern Binh Tuy Province includes rice paddies and mountains. The rice growing area of Binh Tuy (P) includes an extensive populated area and the La Nga River which produces the largest rice harvest collected anywhere in MR-III. Nui Ong, to the southeast of the rice bowl, is the highest point in MR-III at 1300 meters. Northeastern Binh Tuy (P) is covered by rough hills and mountainous terrain and is largely uninhabited. Southern Binh Tuy (P) is a sparsely vegetated coastal plain broken up by several mountains to the south of QL-1: Nui May Tao, Nui Be, Nui Nhon. QL-1 is the main highway in the southern half of the AO going in an east - west direction and QL-20 is the main highway in the northern half of the AO going in a northeast - southwest direction parallel to the Dong Nai River.

2. Weather: a. During the month of May, the weather pattern was typical of the normal southwest monsoon. Wind flow was mainly from the southeast to south and isolated thunderstorms were reported throughout MR3. Usually these thunderstorms began to build about 1400-1600 and by 1800 nearly all areas reported thunderstorms. Only in very isolated cases had the thunderstorms lasted beyond 2400. Haze was present on some mornings, but visibility was normally not restricted to less than 5 miles anywhere except at Phu Loi. Temperatures ranged from lows in the mid-70's to highs in the upper 90's. Average rainfall for the area was about 2 inches per week at the beginning of the month and nearly 6 inches per week near the end of the month.

b. June showed the southwest monsoon at full strength. Afternoon and evening thunderstorms and showers occurred nearly every day of the week. With precipitation almost everyday, visibilities in the morning have been restricted by fog and haze from 2-5 miles; by afternoon visibility increased to over 7 miles except in showers or thunderstorms where it was rarely better than 2 miles. Surface winds ranged from 5-20 knots and temperatures ranged from lows in the 70's to highs in the 90's. Average rainfall per week was approximately 4 inches.

c. Typhoons dominated the weather scene in July. Typhoons moved through the South China Sea on an average of 1 each 5 days. Once the storms entered the South China Sea, weather over southern RVN became cloudy with rain for a period of 2-4 days. Temperatures ranged from lows in the 70's to highs in the 90's with approximately 2 inches of rain per week.

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d. August showed a return of the normal seasonal southwest monsoonal flow. Weather was fairly consistent with light groundfog and haze restricting visibilities in the mornings to 3-5 miles in most areas. Temperatures and rainfall were much the same as in the previous two months.

e. A regular daily weather pattern was followed throughout the month of September. Patchy early morning ceilings were based between 500 and 1000 feet with visibilities occasionally restricted to 1-2 miles in ground fog. Normal visibilities remained at 3 to 6 miles. These low conditions normally dissipated by 1000 hours, leaving skies which were scattered variable broken at 1500 - 2000 feet. Isolated rainshowers and thunderstorms were in the area from 1400 to 0200. Temperatures ranged from lows in the 70's to highs in the mid-90's. Rainfall averaged about one inch per week.

f. In October, the weather pattern underwent a marked change as the monsoonal trough moved slowly southward. Each day was almost a carbon copy of the previous one. Morning fog and stratus clouds, and the resultant low ceilings and visibilities, which generally occurred between 0600-1000, gave way to scattered to broken cumulus clouds and unlimited visibilities which lasted until 1400. Then as the maximum heating hour was reached, widespread rain and thundershower activity occurred. This pattern remained fixed until, finally, the monsoon moved far enough south to permit the first signs which announced the arrival of the northeast monsoon. These are clear to partly cloudy skies and drier, less humid air. The northeast monsoon began to show its effects toward the end of the month. Rainfall averaged about 2-3 inches per week with temperatures remaining nearly the same as the previous month.

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TAB F: Aerial Surveillance

1. OBSERVATION:

a. Red Haze:

- (1) Missions Requested: 201
- (2) Missions Granted: 176
- (3) Mission Aborted: 50
- (a) Weather: 37
- (b) Sensor Malfunction: 4
- (c) Others (Neg Arty, Clearance, A/C Failure, etc): 9
- (4) Missions Flown: 126
- (5) R/O's: 144
- (6) R/O's per Missions: 1.1

b. SLAR:

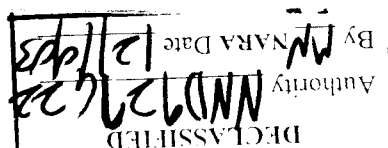
- (1) Missions Requested: 201
- (2) Missions Granted: 170
- (3) Missions Aborted: 17
- (a) Weather: 5
- (b) Sensor Malfunction: 12
- (4) Missions Flown: 153
- (5) R/O's: 101
- (6) R/O's per mission: .66

c. Sniffer:

- (1) Missions Requested: 201
- (2) Missions Granted: 145
- (3) Missions Flown: 145
- (4) Boxes Cancelled: 32
- (5) Boxes Cancelled per mission: .45
- (6) R/O's: 1371
- (7) R/O's per mission: 9.05

d. YO3A:

- (1) Missions Recorded: 60
- (2) Missions Aborted: 23
- (3) Missions w/Sightings: 20
- (4) Targets Engaged: 13



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2. EVALUATION: Of the first 3 assets, Sniffer provided the greatest yield/output ratio. Red Haze and SLAR proved to be generally ineffective over jungle terrain during the monsoon season. Reaction to both SLAR and Red Haze R/O's was practically non-existent. They were used only to develop patterns of enemy activity; however, the high mission abort rate (especially in the case of Red Haze) made it difficult to fly continuous nightly coverage over a given area and hence pattern analysis was invalid. Sniffer was provided with gunship escort and thus was able to react quickly to heavy R/O and/or sightings. The lack of highly sophisticated equipment seems to have reduced its aborted mission rate in comparison with Red Haze and SLAR. It generally seems better adapted to counter insurgency warfare than Red Haze and SLAR.

b. The effectiveness of YO3A is difficult to judge. Statistics seem to indicate a poor record; however, they do not reflect the fact that during the period of 1 April 1971 to 15 August 1971 the aircraft gradually lost its night vision devices to maintenance and towards the end of this period became nothing more than an O-1 with a silent engine. When the aircraft did fly with night vision devices performing properly it had significant sightings and was generally effective.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS: a. Red Haze and SLAR should be used against a more conventional type enemy under more favorable conditions of terrain and weather. If they are used for developing patterns of enemy activity, they should be allowed to fly over the same area for extended periods of time and not jumped from place to place.

b. Sniffer missions should play a greater part in the intelligence collection program due to its dependability and flexibility. Heavy readouts should be acted upon quickly and decisively.

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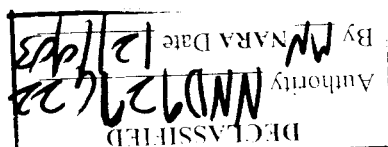
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TAB G: Intelligence Activities

1. 191st MI Activities: a. During July 1971 a program was instituted which provided counterintelligence (CI) teams to each fire support base (FSB) commander during the closing of the FSB. The mission of the CI team was to insure that no CLASSIFIED information was left at the FSB and that CLASSIFIED information was properly handled during movement from one FSB to another. The CI team was organized from organic assets of the MID and transportation to the FSB was provided by the Brigade S-2. CI inspection check-lists were prepared and provided to each major maneuver element of the Brigade prior to the initiation of the CI inspection program. The concept of operations was to insert the CI team within two hours of the final closing of the FSB to assist the commander during the final stages of closing. The CI team checked all areas of the FSB to include billets, storage areas, briefing facilities, tactical operation centers, garbage sumps, latrines and the perimeter. During the initial series of inspections some information of value to the enemy was found; however, on the spot corrections were made and subsequent inspections discovered little or no information of intelligence value to the enemy left on FSB's. An unexpected benefit accruing from these inspections was the discovery of material items such as batteries, ammunition, canteens, ponchos and similiar gear that had been left on the FSBs. Most of these items were no longer of tactical value to the US elements, but they did have value to the enemy. Denying him the use of these items probably increased his reliance on his own logistic system.

b. Liaison visits with the Vietnamese Counterintelligence Service, the Military Security Service (MSS), resulted in the assignment of four MSS agents directly to the MID in September 1971. This is the first time that MSS personnel have been directly assigned to a US combat unit in the Republic of Vietnam. Additionally, two female MSS agents were hired through the Civilian Labor Office in the capacity of female strip-searchers. Although the primary mission of the MSS personnel is to prohibit the entry of enemy agents inserted among the Local Nationals employed on Bien Hoa Army Base, these personnel are also utilized in a drug suppression role. As MSS has the power of arrest, controls the security investigations of all Vietnamese Nationals and has trained interrogators, their effectiveness in both CI and drug suppression is expected to weed out enemy infiltrators and to limit the amount of drugs brought onto Bien Hoa Army Base. It was determined that the most effective utilization of the MSS personnel would be derived by having them physically located on the base at all times. This resulted in the establishment of a combined office and billet for the team. All fixtures and furniture were provided from organic MID assets, however, water and latrine facilities were provided by the Pacific Architects and Engineers Corporation. The MSS team provided its own vehicle with the agreement that POL support would be provided by the Brigade. Administrative support, messing, communications, laundry and general housekeeping support is provided by the MID. Side benefits arising from this action have been increased rapport with a counterpart agency, detailed intelligence briefings



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on intelligence matters as seen by the Vietnamese, the detailed interrogation of Vietnamese drug/criminal offenders apprehended on the base, and the assurance that offenders are prosecuted under Vietnamese law.

2. The following are statistics for the Sensor Platoon Operations from 1 May - 31 October 1971:

a. Total number of sensors in field as of:

1 May	1 June	1 July	1 August	1 September	1 October
197	182	193	155	60	103

b. Number of implant missions per month:

May	June	July	August	September	October
5	2	4	6	7	5

c. Number of sensors put in field per month:

May	June	July	August	September	October
13	6	29	35	45	29

d. Number of sensor activations per months:

May	June	July	August	September	October
14	12	12	34	55	86

e. While there was a decrease in the number of sensors in the field, there was a significant increase in the number of activations each month.

f. This indicates that both recent implants have been in more lucrative locations, and that the monitor station has improved the quality of its sensor monitoring operations.

3. 34th Infantry Platoon (Scout Dog) (IPSD) and 62nd Infantry Platoon (Combat Trackers) IPCT:

a. MISSION: The mission of the 34th IPSD, to include the mine dog section, and the attached 62nd IPCT is to support the Brigade's ground tactical units by detecting and giving early warning of enemy presence, enemy caches, booby traps and mines, and tracking the enemy in order to re-establish contact.

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b. EXECUTION: This mission is carried out on a continuing basis, assisting the ground tactical units in accomplishing their own missions with a minimum amount of casualties and loss of equipment.

c. DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: This unit does not conduct separate operations, but does contribute significantly to those activities of the ground tactical units. Results of this support for the period concerned are listed below. Use of dogs in previous wars resulted in an estimated sixty-five percent fewer casualties in units with dogs attached. It would not be presumptuous to assume the same is true in this instance, to make no mention of the valuable intelligence and enemy supplies found.

d. Handlers KIA: 0
WIA: 3
MIA: 0

e. Dog KIA: 1
WIA: 1
MIA: 1

f. Missions:

(1) Search.....	638
(2) Ambush.....	24
(3) Recon.....	60
(4) Outpost.....	4
(5) Road Clearing.....	42
(6) Perimeter Patrol.....	12
(7) Days Teams in Field not used.....	69
(8) Combat Tracker Missions.....	13
TOTAL.....	862

g. Results of Scout Dog - Combat Tracker Teams:

(1) Enemy KIA: 10
(2) Enemy WIA: 1
(3) Enemy PW: 1

h. Scout Dog Alerts:

(1) Warning of enemy ambush occupied bunker, sniper, or tunnel: 14
(2) Warning of enemy booby traps, caches, mines, or unoccupied base camp, bunker or hootch: 132.

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TAB H: Training/Combat Developments

1. Brigade Training:

a. The First Team Combat Training Center (CTC) conducted individual training for all incoming replacements. A total of 7135 United States Officers and men underwent training during the reporting period in such diverse courses of instruction as Replacement Training, Combat Leadership Course, Mines and Booby Trap Training, and Bunker Refresher Training. In addition CTC presented instruction to 172 ARVN soldiers in Mines and Booby Trap Training.

- (1) Sniper school: 13
- (2) Combat Leadership Course: 140
- (3) Mines and Booby Trap Training: 1735
- (4) Replacement Training: 4898

b. An "Attack on a Bunker Complex" course was initiated in May 1971. This training included a live fire exercise on how to attack a bunker complex utilizing the organic fire support of the Brigade. The training was conducted as a platoon size problem since this was the size unit most frequently used in actual contact. This training gave the individual soldier a ground level view of some of the problems he would encounter, i.e., thick vegetation prohibiting movement and difficulty in sighting the enemy. A total of 375 troops received this training.

2. Non-Brigade Training Programs and Schools. Utilization of USARV schools by the First Team is as follows:

- a. UH-1 IP/SIP: 8
- b. OH-6A IP/SIP: 13
- c. AH-1G IP/SIP: 6
- d. Radar Operator: 10
- e. Radar Maintenance: 7
- f. PLL: 15
- g. AH-1G Helicopter Repair: 7
- h. OH-6A Helicopter Repair: 6

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- i. UH-1 Helicopter Repair: 4
- j. CH-47 Helicopter Repair: 5
- k. T53-L13 Engine Repair (UH-1): 12
- l. T55 Engine Repair: 3
- m. T63 Engine Repair: 9
- n. Technical Inspector: 13
- o. Aviation Supply: 10
- p. Armament AH-1G (Officer): 4
- q. Armament AH-1G (EM): 8

3. Combat Developments:

a. The only item presently under evaluation is the Waterproofing Kit for the AN/PRC-25 and AN/PRC-77 radio handsets.

b. During the reporting period the Brigade also tested a Claymore Triggering Device. This triggering device was developed to replace the many field expedients used to adapt the claymore to a mechanical ambush. Evaluation concluded that the device would often be detected before it was triggered, so the device was rejected for standard use by the First Team. Also, the amount of pull required to trigger the device using a trip wire was excessive.

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TAB I: S1 Activities

1. BRIGADE STRENGTH REPORT:

	<u>31May71</u>	<u>30Jun71</u>	<u>31Jul71</u>	<u>31Aug71</u>	<u>30Sep71</u>	<u>31Oct71</u>
<u>OFFICER</u>						
AUTH:	477	477	468	468	468	468
ASG:	513	481	506	544	568	567
<u>PLAINT OFFICER</u>						
AUTH:	227	227	227	227	227	227
ASG:	150	161	167	168	167	177
<u>ENLISTED</u>						
AUTH:	6619	6619	6575	6575	6575	6575
ASG:	7257	6953	6529	6342	6799	6641

2. CASUALTY STATISTICS:

	<u>HOSTILE</u>			<u>NON-HOSTILE</u>	
	<u>KIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>DEATH</u>	<u>INJURY</u>
MAY 71	1	0	8	2	16
JUN 71	14	0	112	4	10
JUL 71	2	0	16	2	19
AUG 71	2	0	31	1	22
SEP 71	4	0	34	7	24
OCT 71	7	0	46	1	29

3. REENLISTMENTS AND EXTENSIONS:

	<u>OBJECTIVE</u>	<u>REEN</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>	<u>EXTENSION</u>	<u>AUS RECALLED TO ACTIVE DUTY</u>
MAY 71	74	31	41.9	3	0
JUN 71	72	45	62.5	5	1
JUL 71	139	58	41.7	3	0
AUG 71	130	28	21.5	10	0
SEP 71	76	35	46.1	4	1
OCT 71	12	6	50.0	1	2

4. ENLISTED PROMOTIONS STATISTICS:

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUN</u>	<u>JUL</u>	<u>AUG</u>	<u>SEP</u>	<u>OCT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
E-9	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
E-8	0	3	0	0	0	0	3
E-7	0	0	0	3	0	0	3
E-6	3	6	5	3	35	9	61
E-5	281	287	0	181	47	194	990
E-4	867	170	435	344	205	187	2216
TOTAL	1151	474	440	533	287	390	3275

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5. AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

<u>VALOR AWARDS</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUN</u>	<u>JUL</u>	<u>AUG</u>	<u>SEP</u>	<u>OCT</u>
Bronze Star with "V"	25	67	57	19	27	45
Air Medal with "V"	12	19	16	5	30	5
ARGOM with "V"	22	47	39	15	29	84

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Bronze Star	361	343	394	300	293	536
Air Medal	375	350	534	420	414	544
ARGOM	250	238	237	215	183	231
Purple Heart	41	35	36	34	33	33

6. R&R UTILIZATION:

<u>R&R SITE</u>	<u>MAY</u>			<u>JUN</u>		
	<u>ALLOC</u>	<u>USED</u>	<u>PCT</u>	<u>ALLOC</u>	<u>USED</u>	<u>PCT</u>
HAWAII	204	133	65%	191	152	74%
SYDNEY	142	221	155%	177	163	92%
BANGKOK	136	149	108%	119	108	91%
HONG KONG	93	119	124%	136	104	76%
TAIPEI	34	37	108%	40	32	80%
TOTALS:	609	659	108%	663	559	84%

	<u>JUL</u>			<u>AUG</u>		
HAWAII	189	142	75%	160	134	84%
SYDNEY	142	165	115%	123	118	96%
BANGKOK	113	122	108%	122	106	87%
HONG KONG	104	132	126%	74	53	72%
TAIPEI	45	63	150%	33	31	94%
TOTALS:	593	624	105%	512	442	86%

	<u>SEP</u>			<u>OCT</u>		
HAWAII	170	159	94%	102	111	108%
SYDNEY	172	167	97%	132	134	101%
BANGKOK	161	152	94%	117	106	96%
HONG KONG	82	87	106%	106	89	84%
TAIPEI	40	41	103%	34	39	115%
TOTALS:	625	606	97%	491	479	98%

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TAB J: Information Activities

1. Press Releases. The Press Section released 179 editorial and pictorial features and news stories to civilian and military news media. These releases were distributed as follows:

	<u>Total Released</u>	<u>Total Distribution</u>
Stories w/o pictures	59	885
Stories w/pictures	41	615
Pictures w/o stories	<u>79</u>	<u>1085</u>
Total	179	2585

2. Media Liaison Activities. 24 accredited press representatives of news media visited the Brigade during the period 1 May 71 to 31 Oct 71. They represented the following media:

USARPAC	DASPO
Westinghouse	Time/Life
NBC	Profile Magazine
USARV	Time Magazine
N.Y. Times	Chicago Daily News
ABC	ABC-TV
US News & World Report	Stars & Stripes
Tokyo News	Newsweek
US Army Hometown News Center	AP

3. Home Town News Release Program. The following releases were forwarded to the Home Town News Center for distribution to civilian news media:

Printed Releases

May	236
June	372
July	344
August	328
September	219
October	<u>151</u>
Total	1650

4. Command Information Guidance. Subjects for Command Information are contained in quarterly Command Information Guidance from MACV, USARV, and Brigade Information Offices. Information is disseminated in Command Information classes, Fact Sheets and Officer Calls. Commanders choose from a variety of recommended subjects according to the needs of their unit. MACV subjects for 1st and 2nd quarter FY 1972 are: Geneva Conventions, Defensive Driving, Drug Abuse, Black Market, Voting Obligations,

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7. POSTAL ACTIVITIES:

a. A comparison of the business conducted by AFO 96490 by month is indicated below:

<u>TYPE OF BUSINESS</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUN</u>	<u>JUL</u>
Money Order Sales:	\$302,494.53	\$330,898.99	\$316,813.91
Stamp Stocks:	\$7,809.00	\$7,522.00	\$6,067.00
Postage Meter Stocks:	0	0	0
Total Pieces of Mail			
Receiving Directory Svc:	\$14,846	13,350	14,873

<u>TYPE OF BUSINESS</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUN</u>	<u>JUL</u>
Money Order Sales:	\$379,843.37	\$403,620.98	\$449,623.35
Stamp Stocks:	\$5,570.00	\$5,195.00	\$5,524.00
Postage Meter Stocks:	0	0	0
Total Pieces of Mail			
Receiving Directory Svc:	17,273	15,274	16,220

b. Total business conducted during the entire period:

Money Order Sales:	\$2,182,802.98
Stamp Sales:	\$37,495.00
Postage Meter Sales:	0
Total Directory Svc:	91,836

8. ABR REPORT:

	<u>GRANTS APP/AMT</u>	<u>LOANS APP/AMT</u>	<u>TOTAL APP/AMT</u>
MAY		4/\$750.00	4/\$750.00
JUN	1/\$250.00	6/\$1,180.00	7/\$1,430.00
JUL		1/\$200.00	1/\$200.00
AUG		4/\$800.00	4/\$800.00
SEP		3/\$550.00	3/\$550.00
OCT		5/\$1,140.00	5/\$1,140.00
TOTALS:	1/\$250.00	23/\$4,620.00	24/\$4,870.00

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US/Vietnamese Relations, and Drug Identification & First Aid for the Drug Abuser. USARV subjects are: Weapons Safety, Supply: An Individual Responsibility, Customs Control, Drugs, Driving in Nam Versus US/Vietnamese Relations, the USARV Drug Problem, and Your Discharge and the Consequences. 3rd Bde (Sep) recommended topics are: The Modern Volunteer Army, Prevention and Control of Venereal Disease, Human Relations-Race, Your Personal Affairs-The Power of Attorney, Maintenance and Supply Discipline, Relationships with the Vietnamese People, Motor Vehicle Maintenance, Special Services, Prohibitions in Mailing Contraband Home, Uniform Standards when Departing Vietnam and Use of Personal Checks in Vietnam.

5. Brigade Publications. The Garry Owen, the Brigade's Bi-weekly newspaper is prepared at Bien Hoa Army Base, type set and laid out at Hqs MACV, then sent to Stars & Stripes in Japan for printing and then shipped to their office in Saigon. Distribution to 3rd Bde, 1st Cav is accomplished through the Bde's APO at Bien Hoa. This office was directed to submit copies of our last two issues of the Garry Owen to the Office of Chief of Information, Washington, for evaluation. The first evaluation has been received and it has been rated excellent in all areas evaluated. The fall edition of the Brigade's First Team Magazine is now being printed in Taiwan. A representative from the Information Office was sent to Taiwan to coordinate and approve the printing of this issue. He has returned and the magazine is due in RVN in late November. An information booklet has been put together and given to CTC for distribution to new arrivals. The First Team Combat Certificate is being printed in Taiwan and will be shipped with the magazine.

6. Photographic Laboratory Activities. During this period the Information Office has taken over the signal photographic mission. Photographic support covered the following areas: Photos for the Garry Owen and First Team Magazine, photos released to news media (listed under item 1, fifteen copies of each picture are released), photos for Brigade Hqs (since September, much of this has been accomplished by attaching a photographer to protocol). Misc. photos for passports, chain of command, soldier of the month and hometown news releases. Photographic film and supplies have been a critical area with few requisitions being filled. Currently a request through HHC supply to the Inventory Control Center in Long Binh has been submitted along with a request for supplies. This has been verbally approved, but photographic supplies are in critically short supply throughout RVN. The Information Office has tripled its photo processing capabilities since August which has resulted in increased production of both photos released and input to the editor of the Garry Owen.

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TAB K: Provost Marshal Activities

1. During the period 1 May 1971 through 31 October 1971, the Office of the Provost Marshal processed a total of 1,281 offenses.

Crimes of violence and crimes against property.....	269
Miscellaneous Offenses.....	443
Traffic law enforcement.....	<u>569</u>
TOTAL.....	1281

2. Breakdown of offense statistics:

a. Crimes of Violence and Crimes Against Property, 269; Murder 1; Forcible Rape 2; Aggravated Assault 7; Burglary and Housebreaking 4; Larceny (over \$50.00) 235; Auto Theft 15; and Robbery 5.

b. Miscellaneous Offenses, 443; Simple Assault 28; Larceny (under \$50.00) 83; Wrongful Appropriation 1; Fraud 2; Narcotics 134; Dangerous Drugs 13; Marijuana 61; Blackmarketing 4; Counterfeiting and Currency Manipulations 3; AWOL (Reported) 70; AWOL (Apprehended) 25; and other minor offenses 19.

c. Traffic Law Enforcement 569; Speeding 152; Reckless Driving 29; other Miscellaneous Violations 398.

4. It appears that except for the drop in marijuana rate (169 last period) all other reductions are a result of decrease in population at BHAB and a settling down of the Brigade after the Division standdown.

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TAB L: Surgeon Activities

1. Medical Operations

a. Administration

(1) Occasionally the Brigade has experienced difficulty in keeping wounded prisoners of war in US medical channels long enough to complete the necessary interrogation. This problem developed because of the policy of the 24th Evacuation Hospital to evacuate POW patients as soon as possible to Vietnamese medical channels. Arrangements have been made with the 24th Evacuation Hospital to keep selected patients for longer periods of time. Priority and routine patients will be kept at the medical company's clearing station in Bien Hoa.

(2) There have been several instances in which the disposition of remains of deceased personnel has been a significant problem. The 3rd Brigade, Tactical SOP has been revised to eliminate this problem.

(3) For a separate Brigade engaged in active combat, four medical evacuation helicopters are not sufficient to always give the support needed.

(a) The average availability has been 86%, revealing that only three helicopters have been available due to scheduled and unscheduled maintenance (i.e. periodic and intermediate inspections, battle damage and mechanical failures). A maximum of three geographically separate urgent missions can be performed at one time in the present area of operations. Any contingency for a simultaneous and separate operation cannot be properly supported, thereby negating the aeromedical evacuation support of the airmobile concept.

(b) The use of properly equipped "borrowed" helicopters as back-up support has been tried twice, with an unsatisfactory minimum delay of forty-five minutes in acquiring the helicopter before it could be equipped with hoist and medical supplies. Another thirty minutes travel time was required to put the aircraft "on station" for actual support.

(c) Not all helicopters are properly rigged or wired for use of the hoist equipment. A minimum of fifty man-hours is required to re-wire a helicopter to accept the hoist.

(d) The required hazardous exposure of aeromedical helicopters has proven that unscheduled maintenance on battle-damaged but salvagable aircraft greatly magnify the need for more aircraft as instantaneous and continued support for the wounded. As a minimum six aircraft are needed in the air ambulance section for a separate brigade to provide the necessary support.

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b. Medical Statistics and Reports: Field Medical cards and aid station log books provide the source material for all recurring medical reports. This data, when combined with specific information from the 24th Evacuation Hospital, reflects the health status of the command. Although this data collection system is well designed, implementation in the field has been a significant problem. The major impediment to accurate medical data has been the rapid turnover of trained medical personnel within the battalion sized units of the Brigade. An ongoing education program in the preparation of medical reports has been established by the Brigade Surgeon's Office.

c. Medical Care:

(1) The medical company has supported 2 clearing stations (Nace and Bien Hoa) since its inception in April. The normal workload at each station requires 2 medical officers at Bien Hoa and one at Nace. However, most combat casualties are treated at FSB Nace and, in the event of a mass casualty situation, the medical coverage is inadequate. To provide back-up, the medical officers from the clearing station at Bien Hoa will be airlifted to FSB Nace at the first sign of a mass casualty situation.

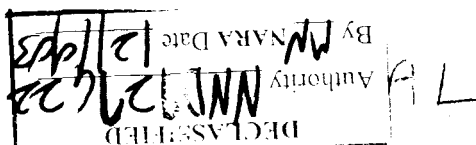
(2) Tay Ninh Operation: The operation in the Tay Ninh area demonstrated the speed and efficiency with which an airmobile clearing station can become operational. All equipment was airlifted in conexes except for one vehicle. The clearing station was fully operational one hour after arrival in Tay Ninh West.

d. Personnel: Medical treatment facilities throughout the Brigade have had to function below authorized strengths. Priority has been given to the maneuver battalions to insure adequate coverage for the rifle companies. This has necessitated suspension of the policy of rotating medics after 6 months of field duty to the rear aid station. Further, selected individuals have been trained by Battalion Surgeon's to function as field medics. The medical company with its additional functions of staffing two clearing platoons and the mental hygiene center has been maintained above authorized strength.

2. Preventive Medicine Activities:

a. Malaria:

(1) The total malaria rate for the months of May and June 1971 remained relatively constant ranging from 57.1 to 53.0. This was somewhat higher than expected, and resulted from the unusually high rate of vivax malaria (64.4% of total cases). Most of these cases occurred in individuals reassigned from field units to the rear area in March and April. It was felt that these individuals were infected in the field but did not become ill until they were assigned to the rear area where malaria discipline was



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lax. This distribution of vivax malaria disappeared in mid June 1971 as a result of the stability of the population in Bien Hoa and the exhaustion of this susceptible population of reassigned personnel.

(2) There was a significant increase in malaria during the month of August (incidence rate: 107.8). This increase is somewhat more than the normal increase expected during the rainy season. The persistent finding of at least 50% of the cases being vivax has continued and undoubtedly accounts for this excessive incidence. This is explained by a 2% urine sample obtained in July which revealed that only 30% of 3rd Brigade Personnel were taking the C-P tablet regularly. Renewed command emphasis in the form of a command letter, visits by Brigade Surgeon, and unannounced urine chlorequine testing has been implemented.

b. Diarrheal Disease: Diarrheal disease continues to be a major cause of morbidity. The vast majority of these cases are mild and rarely require hospitalization. There are occasional small outbreaks throughout the command but specific organisms have not been identified. It is imperative that a high level of sanitation be maintained in all food service facilities and potable water sources. In addition, the troops must be warned frequently of the high risk of contracting disease by eating or drinking at unauthorized establishments.

c. Venereal Disease: Venereal disease, particularly gonorrhea, continues at epidemic proportions. There are approximately 175 cases of gonorrhea within the command each month. It has been difficult to obtain reliable statistics on this disease. Most of the cases originate in Bien Hoa, Vung Tau, and Saigon. This disease has become a difficult disease to treat in Vietnam and resistance to antibiotics such as penicillin is common. The troops must be frequently informed of the potential seriousness of this infection and urged to exercise discretion in the selection of their sexual contacts and to use mechanical prophylaxis.

d. Hepatitis: There was a significant increase in hepatitis in July and August (incidence rate 12.5). Many of these cases resulted from close contacts with earlier cases. Control measures including renewed command emphasis on sanitation and increased surveillance of messing and water facilities have been implemented.

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TAB M: Logistics Operations

1. OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS:

a. During the period 1 May 1971 to 31 October 1971, the 215th Composite Service Battalion continued to support the 3rd Brigade (Separate), 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) in all operations. Combat service support provided by the 215th to the First Team included all classes of supply, maintenance (to include aircraft), medical services, evacuation of captured enemy material, technical assistance visits, and retrograde of excess equipment. In addition, training was provided in rigging and slingout procedures, aeromedevac with hoist and jungle penetrator, and class I resupply. Combat service support coordinated by the 215th CS Bn included explosive ordnance disposal and transportation. The support was provided from the Brigade Base Camp at Bien Hoa and from forward locations at Forward Operations Base Mace, Fire Support Bases Tanh Linh, Rock, and Phuong Lam.

b. Due to the generally secure "green" road network of Highways, QL-1 and QL-20, that trisects the 3rd Bde area of operations, locating forward bases with hook pads next to main supply routes is an easy task. This is evidenced by FOB Mace, FSBs Jefferies, Rock, and Phuong Lam. The location of these bases has helped in saving expensive blade time. Everything is prerigged at base camp and convoyed to forward base camps where it is then hooked out to other forward bases. This not only saves blade time, but reduces handling of the equipment after the initial loading. This also helps to reduce the number of riggers needed at multiple small bases.

c. Rearm/refuel points were reopened and closed at Phuong Lam, and closed at Tanh Linh. Support for air operations is now being provided through facilities located at Bien Hoa and FOB Mace. In addition, mini refuel points are used at Fire Support Bases (FSB) as required. A refuel point was also opened and closed at Tay Ninh (West); this along with existing facilities supported operations of Task Force Garry Owen in that area of operations (AO).

d. The Brigade Transportation Office coordinated the requirements for wheeled vehicles and fixed wing aircraft needed for troop and equipment moves. The Army Aviation Element (AAE) coordinated rotary wing aircraft requirements in the brigade AO. The use of ground lines of communication (LOC) for moving supplies, retrograding cargo and moving units was particularly significant. Ground transportation was used to move supplies as far forward as possible. From there, CH-47's lifted the supplies to their destination.

e. The more significant constraints on supply operations were shortage of 5-ton tractors for heavy hauling requirements, a reduction in vehicular support provided by supporting units, and extremely limited quantities of barrier materials and lumber in country.

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f. The 3rd Brigade (Sep) continued to monitor the Authorized Stockage List (ASL) of supplies to determine if items no longer met retention criteria. Items were continuously retrograded with the bulk of them being retrograded in July when 1140 class II and class IX items at a value of approximately \$600,000 were retrograded. At the end of the period, all lines on the ASL were demand supported.

g. Sling-out operations were conducted from Sandy Pad at Bien Hoa, FOB Mace, La Nga and Phuong Lam. These operations were controlled by personnel from the 215th CS Bn.

h. On 18 May 1971 all equipment and supplies essential to establish Fire Support Base King and a refuel/rearm point at Ham Tam were loaded. This was done from three locations. The 4th Terminal Command convoy started from Bien Hoa and picked up the remaining equipment and supplies enroute at Forward Operations Base Mace and Fire Support Base Fanning. After securing the area, the airlift of prerigged equipment began going into FSB King. This was the initial test of moving prerigged cargo as far forward by ground transportation and then having CH-47 helicopters pick up the load directly off a vehicle cargo bed or stake and platform semi-trailer. The POL and rearm points were set up at Ham Tam. The location had been picked by the Brigade S-4 and was approximately 200 meters long and 125 meters wide in a sandy area. There were eight personnel to run the operation. The POL point consisted of two 10,000 gallon JP-4 bags with six refuel points, four for UH-1H and two for CH-47. The point was closed on the third day due to the inability to control blowing sand which was a hazard to safety for everyone in the area.

i. The 215th CS Bn was prepared to install a refuel point at Tay Ninh West with a 20,000 gallon JP-4 capacity. The ARVN had a 100,000 gallon JP-4 point in operation. At 2200 hrs, 28 September 1971, a deployment order was received and the advance party arrived at Tay Ninh West the next day. The advance party, among others, included the Forward Service Support Element CIC and NCOIC. The FSSE CIC coordinated billeting, FSSE location and motor pool. Upon inspection of the existing ARVN POL points, the points were found to be inadequate. Using parts from the contingency POL system the ARVN facility went from the initial six points operational to 15 points operational. All were operational by 1 October 1971. By direction of TRAC G4 the contingency POL system was installed. Liaison with the ARVN POL advisors facilitated the replacement of the cannibalized parts used on their system. The withdrawal phase began at 2200 hrs, 30 September 1971. It began with coordination of fixed wing aircraft through the Brigade Transportation office for extraction of personnel and artillery from Tay Ninh West at 2300 hrs, 30 September 1971. Ground transportation was coordinated to extract the FSSE. Helicopter operations brought personnel and equipment into Tay Ninh West from Katum and FSB Ladysmith. Five sorties accounted for 104 personnel to Vung Tau, 292 to Vo Dat, and 35 personnel and three 105mm howitzers to Xuan Loc.

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TAB N: Fire Support Bases Opened and Closed

<u>FSB NAME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>DATE OPENED</u>	<u>DATE CLOSED</u>	<u>UNIT</u>
EVELYN	YT 901119	20 APRIL	29 JULY	2/5
DONNA	YS 848999	28 APRIL	11 MAY	2/8
ARES	YT 492665		16 APRIL	1/7
CHARLES	YT 407647		20 APRIL	1/7
KATIE	YT 125495	20 APRIL	01 MAY	1/12
SANDRA	ZT 096197		22 APRIL	2/5
DEEBLE	YT 944263		30 APRIL	2/5
PAT	YT 224207	01 MAY	07 MAY	1/12
KATIE	YT 125495	07 MAY	25 MAY	1/12
FANNING	YS 751995	08 MAY	20 AUGUST	2/8
FONTAINE	YS 803953		08 MAY	2/8
FURR	YT 566184	15 MAY	22 JUNE	1/7
KING	YS 898858	20 MAY	01 JUNE	2/8
PAT	YT 224207	25 MAY	11 JUNE	1/12
JAY	YT 768232	27 MAY	06 JUNE	2/5
JEFFRIES	YS 875994	01 JUNE	05 JUNE	2/8
HALL	YS 628998	05 JUNE	20 JUNE	2/8
BRAZOS	YT 413373	11 JUNE	18 JUNE	1/12
PECOS	YT 505260	18 JUNE	02 JULY	1/12
GAIL	YT 654153	22 JUNE	30 JUNE	2/5
SHERMAN	YT 216369		23 JUNE	1/12
DEL RIO	YT 693253	30 JUNE	02 JULY	2/5
JAY	YT 768232	30 JUNE	08 AUGUST	2/5
GAIL	YT 654153	02 JULY	06 JULY	1/12
PECOS	YT 505260	06 JULY	17 JULY	1/12
OLDHAM	ZT 079005	16 JULY	22 JULY	2/8
JUPITER	YT 498493	17 JULY	16 AUGUST	1/12
ROUND ROCK	YT 674573	25 JULY	17 OCTOBER	1/12
CHARLES	YT 407647	28 JULY	24 AUGUST	1/7
CONNEL	YT 315627	30 JULY	23 AUGUST	1/7
JUDY	YT 662042	30 JUNE	01 AUGUST	2/8
SILVER	YT 828042	02 AUGUST	28 AUGUST	2/8
WISHART	YT 577786	08 AUGUST		2/5
TIMBUKTU	YT 779658	14 AUGUST	17 OCTOBER	1/12
JEFFRIES	YS 875994	14 AUGUST		2/8
SHERMAN	YT 216369	23 AUGUST	02 SEPTEMBER	1/7
CHARLES	YT 407647	28 JULY	24 AUGUST	1/7
HALL	YS 628998	24 AUGUST	25 AUGUST	2/5
BILLY	YT 780150	28 AUGUST		2/8
HALL	YS 628998	31 AUGUST		1/7
PECOS	YT 505260	30 AUGUST	12 SEPTEMBER	2/5
GIBRALTAR	YT 253280	16 OCTOBER		1/12

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TAB O: S5 Activities

1. Civil Affairs: Because of the Vietnamization program civil affairs operations were accomplished under the approval and direction of Vietnamese authorities. Towards the end of the reporting period emphasis was placed in MEDCAP operations in the Brigade and Vietnamese medical personnel are beginning to be phased into the program. The S5 has initiated paperwork to establish a Civil Affairs-PSYOP Fund which will be used to support the Bien Hoa Mental Hospital, orphanages, and other worthy projects as their needs become known. The S5 created a Reaction Assistance Team in order to avert military/civilian confrontations. The team's function is to be at the scene as soon as possible after an incident occurs to insure the civilians concerned that the case will be fairly investigated, thereby avoiding possible demonstrations on the part of the civilian population against the US forces. On 29 October 1971, the team was put to its first test when a convoy of the 2/5th Cav caused some damage and injury while traveling along QL1. The rapid deployment of the team and its fine performance maintained good American/Vietnamese relations by precluding the possibility of civil confrontations resulting from the incident, and in so doing set the precedence for similar teams to be established at battalion level.

2. Psychological Operations:

a. General: PSYOPS, as during the last reporting period, continued to support the 3rd Brigade tactical operations by exploiting enemy vulnerabilities. Aircraft of the US Air Force 9th Special Operations Squadron supported the Brigade with 425 hours, 25 minutes of broadcasts and by dropping 56,045,000 leaflets.

b. During the reporting period emphasis was placed upon using up the old leaflet stockage and creating new leaflets in order to obtain greater results from our leaflet drops. In September, leaflets were made to exploit the seriousness of the floods in North Vietnam and were dropped over suspected locations of NVA units to inform those personnel of the disaster which has stricken their homeland. This "flood leaflet campaign" is still in progress. In October coordination was made with WNAF to support the 3rd Brigade in conjunction with the 9th Special Operations Squadron. Also in October, the maneuver battalions began to utilize their logistical helicopters, whenever possible, to support themselves in the PSYOP program. The battalion S5's have been encouraged to become more active in the PSYOP program during the period and in response to this encouragement there has been much improvement in the recent performance of the battalion S5's. In September a Loudspeaker Team (HB Team) was attached to the 3rd Brigade from the 7th Psychological Operations Battalion. This team is presently being deployed to the maneuver battalions on a weekly rotational basis. A request for 4 additional Loudspeaker Teams and 1 Audio-visual Team was recently submitted to USARV. This additional support will enable the maneuver battalions to have full-time loudspeaker assets.

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c. Enemy Units targeted:

- (1) 33rd NVA Regiment
- (2) 74th NVA Artillery
- (3) 274th VC Regiment
- (4) HQ Ba Long
- (5) HQ SR4
- (6) HQ U-1
- (7) HQ MR7
- (8) Bien Tan HQ
- (9) Xuan Loc Party HQ
- (10) Dinh Quan HQ
- (11) HQ MR6
- (12) J-95 HQ
- (13) HQ SR5
- (14) 814th RSG
- (15) RSG MR7
- (16) 81st RSG
- (17) 12th RSG
- (18) H-60 Transportation
- (19) C-119 Transportation
- (20) C-10 Transportation
- (21) V-17 Transportation
- (22) Cuan Thuan Grerillas
- (23) C4 Recon

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- (24) G4 Artillery
- (25) K-8 Heavy Weapons Company
- (26) DT-9 Dispensary
- (27) K-76 Hospital
- (28) K-11 Hospital
- (29) Z302 Ordnance Factory
- (30) Postal Transportation, SR5
- (31) G4 Purchasing & Requisitioning Company
- (32) Finance & Economy Section, MR7
- (33) Finance & Economy Section, Hoai Duc
- (34) Doan 8 Political Training Team
- (35) Current Affairs Section, Xuan Loc
- (36) Lam Dong HQ
- (37) VC Local Forces
- (38) Montagnards

3. Luc Luong 66 (Kit Carson Scouts):

a. The 3rd Brigade had 66 Kit Carson Scouts at the termination of the reporting period.

b. During the period 36 scouts were terminated as follows:

- (1) 23 - Substandard performance
- (2) 9 - AWOL
- (3) 3 - Drug Abuse
- (4) 1 - Medical reasons

c. Four KCS were killed in action during ground operations.

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TAB P: Chemical Activities

1. General: During the reporting period, 1 May - 31 October 1971 Brigade Chemical and the 26th Chemical Detachment continued chemical support activities for the 3rd Brigade (Separate). FIRST TEAM chemical personnel continued to support the Brigade in the following areas: Airborne Personnel Detection, CS employment, flame weapons employment, chemical subjects training and inspections; preliminary coordination was conducted with higher headquarters to conduct herbicide spray operations along selected base perimeters.

2. Operational Highlights:

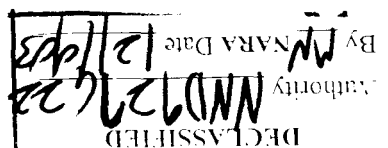
a. The Airborne Personnel Detector (Sniffer) operators have located a great number of garden plots and numerous bunker complexes and hootches while conducting sniffer missions. A sniffer team was also sent to the Phillipines on 10 August 1971 to assist in the search for a missing light aircraft. The downed aircraft was found before the team could become operational, however.

b. Personnel of the 26th Chemical Detachment supervised the installation and maintenance of fougasse emplacements along the Bien Hoa Army Base Greenline and perimeters of selected fire support bases.

c. All 3rd Brigade replacement personnel received informative classes on flame field expedients, XM202 incendiary rocket and launcher system, bunker use restriction bombs (BURBs), Maintenance of protective masks and riot control masks, and a mask confidence exercise. Chemical personnel continued to make technical inspections and pre-IG visits to 3rd Brigade units upon request.

d. 26th Chemical Detachment personnel continued to prepare and issue bunker use restriction bombs (BURBs), a field expedient designed to contaminate enemy bunkers with persistent CS, to the maneuver battalions. On 20 September 1971, a shipment of 2,300 pre-packaged BURBs produced by Vietnam Laboratory Assistance Program Army (VLAPA) was received.

e. In early September 1971, Department of Army approved the use of herbicides to clear fields of fire along the perimeters of US installations and fire support bases. Coordination has been affected with higher headquarters and chemical personnel from the FIRST TEAM are prepared to begin operations when the requests submitted to higher headquarters are approved.



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3. Operational Totals:

- a. Sniffer missions conducted: 268 with 953 significant readouts.
- b. Fougasse installed: 105.
- c. Replacement personnel trained: 2,451
- d. BURBs issued: 655.
- e. Technical inspections and pre-IG visits: 42.
- f. Perimeters requested for spray with herbicide: 3.
- g. E158/R2 CS Canister Clusters dropped: 60.

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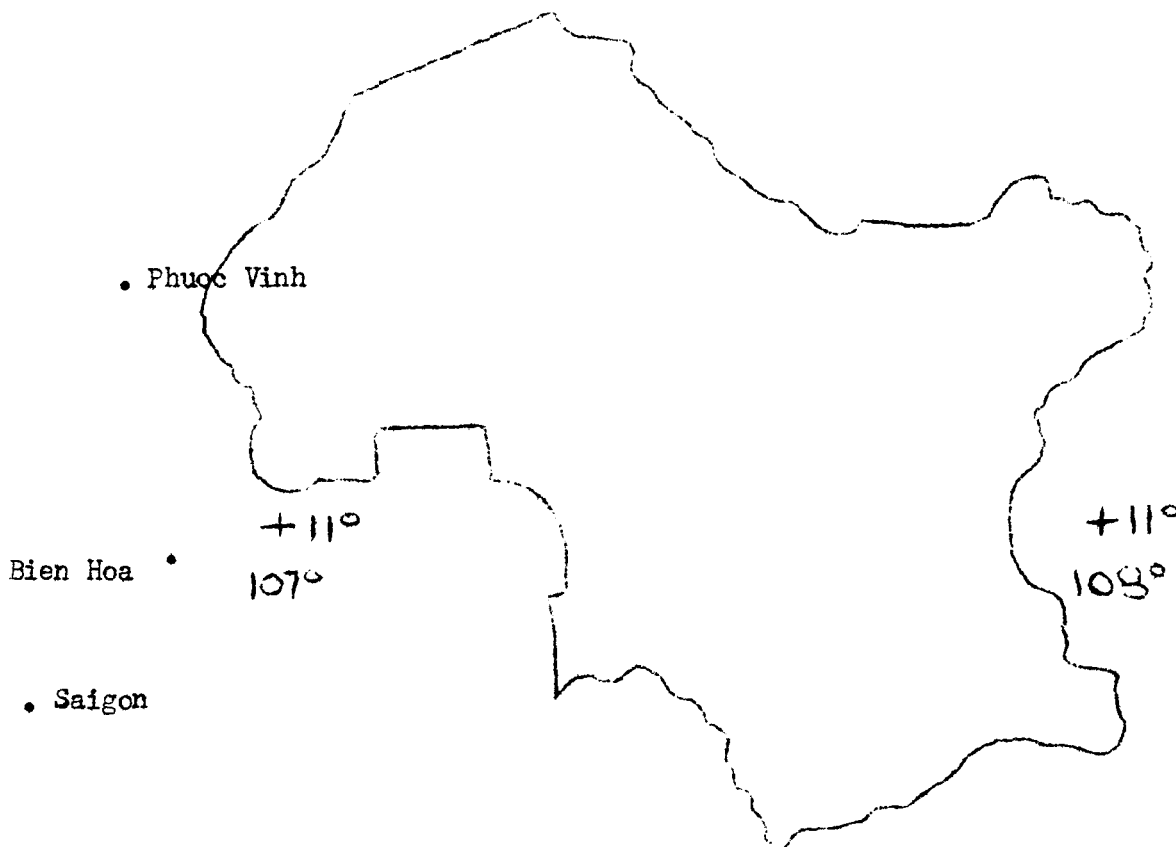
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TAB Q: First Team Area of Operation

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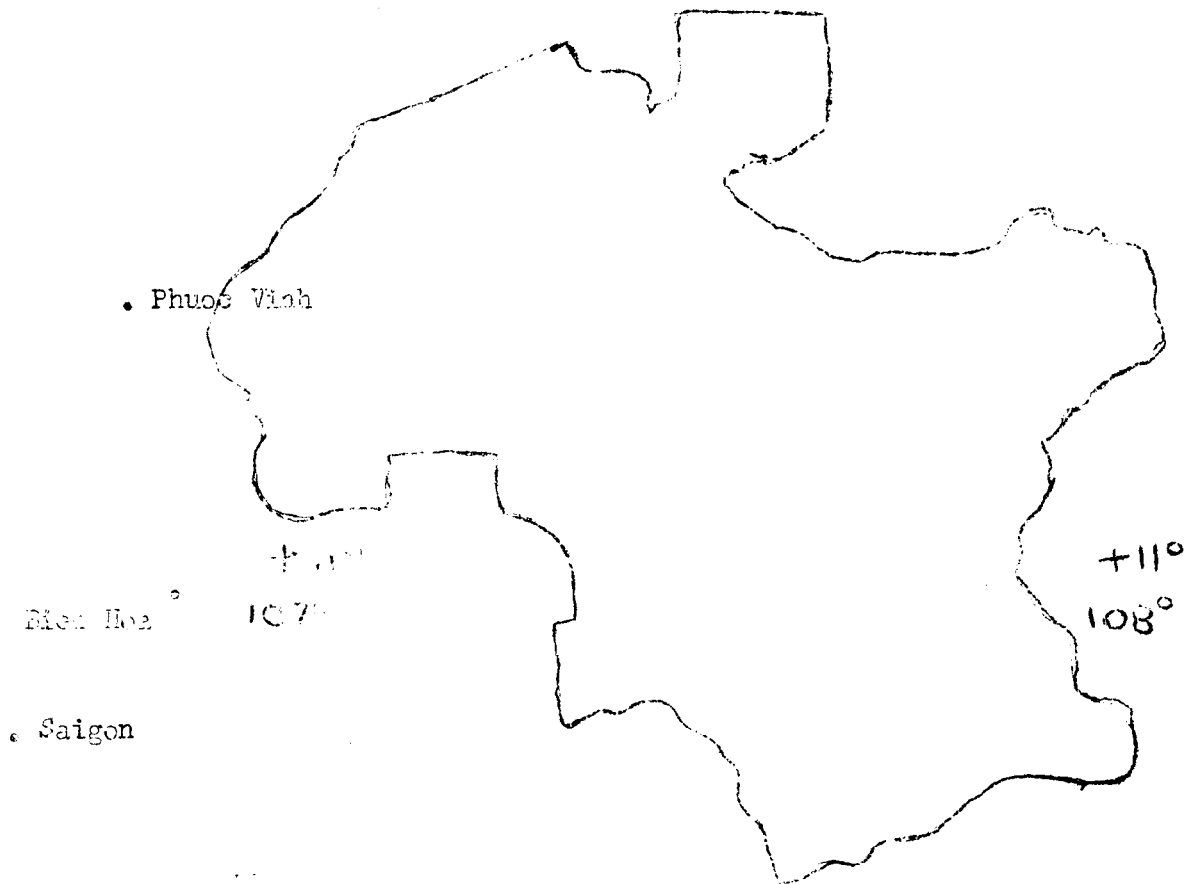
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