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SUBJECT: ⑨ COMBAT AFTER ACTION REPORT
for period ending 27 Dec 67

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TO: COMMANDING GENERAL
25TH INFANTRY DIVISION
ATTN: ACOFS, G3
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1. NAME OF OPERATION: OPERATION C/MDEN.
2. DATES OF OPERATION: 180300 DEC 67 - 270600 DEC 67.
3. LOCATION: BOI LOI - HOBBO WOODS, TRAPEZOID AREAS.
4. COMMAND HEADQUARTERS: 3D BRIGADE 25TH INFANTRY DIVISION.
5. COMMANDERS:

3D BDE 25TH INF DIV	COL LEONARD R DAEMS JR
2D BN 12TH INF	LTC RAPHAEL TICE
2D BN 22ND INF (MECH)	LTC AWBREY G NORRIS
3D BN 22ND INF	LTC THOMAS HARROLD
2D BN 77TH ARTY	LTC WILLIAM L ALBRIGHT

6. TASK ORGANIZATION:

2-12 INF (- A CO) 3 TMS, 44TH IPSD 1 PLT, D/65 ENGR (DS)	RDE CONTROL CO A (-), 2-12 INF (OPCON) 2-77 ARTY (DS) 1 PLC A/2-12 INF (OPCON) D/45 ENGR (DS) SIG PLT ELM (SPT) 3D PLT, 25TH MP CO (SPT) DISCOM FWD ELM (SPT) FWD SPT SFCT S&T (SPT) B/25TH MED BN (SPT) D/725TH MAINT BN (SPT) SEC QM GRREG PLT (SPT)
2-22 INF (M) 2 TMS, 44TH IPSD 1 PLT, D/65 ENGR (DS)	
3-22 INF (- C CO) 3 TMS, 44TH IPSD 1 PLT, D/65 ENGR (DS)	

7. SUPPORTING FORCES:

A. ARTILLERY:

- (1) THE 2/77TH ARTILLERY PROVIDED BOTH PREPLANNED AND ON CALL SUPPORT FOR THE 3D BRIGADE IN ADDITION TO EXTENSIVE H&I FIRE.
- (2) ARTILLERY PROVIDED SUPPORT FROM FIRE SUPPORT BASE ALLEN (XT541402) FROM 18 TO 22 DECEMBER 1967 AND FIRE SUPPORT BASE LAFAYETTE EAST (XT586423) FROM 22 TO 26 DECEMBER 1967.

(3) STATISTICAL DATA:

- (A) H&I MISSIONS: 2609. ROUNDS EXPENDED: 3213.
- (B) SUPPORT MISSIONS: 158. ROUNDS EXPENDED: 3600.

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B. USAF:

(1) THE NORMAL CHANNELS FOR REQUESTING TACTICAL AIR SUPPORT WAS USED.

(2) STATISTICAL DATA:

(A) MISSIONS:

1. PREPLANNED MISSIONS REQUESTED: 14
2. PREPLANNED MISSIONS FLOWN: 14
3. IMMEDIATE MISSIONS REQUESTED: 8
4. IMMEDIATE MISSIONS FLOWN: 8

(3) RESULTS OF TACTICAL AIR:

BUNKERS DESTROYED:	5
BUNKERS DAMAGED:	16
BUNKERS UNCOVERED:	53
TRENCH DESTROYED:	15 METERS
TRENCH OPENED UP:	135 METERS
MILITARY STRUCTURES DAMAGED:	4
MILITARY STRUCTURES DESTROYED:	2

C. ARMY AVIATION:

(1) OPERATION CAMDEN STARTED 18 DECEMBER 67 WITH THE COMBAT ASSAULT OF 2-12 INF AND 3-22 INF INTO LZ AT XT585419. THE LZ WAS PREPPED WITH TAC AIR, ARTY AND THE 269TH COMBAT AIR BN'S SMOKE SHIP, SMOKEY BARRON. THE 269TH ALSO PROVIDED THE TWO LIFT COMPANIES THE 116TH AHC AND THE 187TH AHC. THE LZ WAS COLD AS THE 2-12 INF WAS INSERTED IN 4 LIFTS UTILIZING BOTH COMPANIES. THE 3-22 FOLLOWED IN 7 LIFTS, THE LAST 6 BEING MADE BY ONE ASSAULT HELICOPTER COMPANY AS THE OTHER WAS RELEASED DUE TO PREVIOUS COMMITMENTS. THIS WAS THE ONLY AIRMOBILE OPERATION THAT OCCURED DURING OPERATION CAMDEN.

(2) ALL EXTRACTIONS AND RESUPPLY FOR THE BRIGADE'S THREE BATTALIONS WAS ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH THE USE OF CH-47 MULE-SKINNERS FROM THE 242ND SUPPORT HEL CO. NORMAL PROCEDURES WERE FOLLOWED IN THAT NIGHT KITS WERE EXTRACTED EACH MORNING TO ENABLE THE BNS TO MOVE UNENCUMBERED. THE NIGHT EQUIPMENT WAS THEN RETURNED WITH THE EVENING RESUPPLY. DUE TO THE TACTICAL SITUATION, A COMBAT ESSENTIAL WAS REQUESTED FOR 3-22 ON 22 DEC. THIS EMERGENCY RESUPPLY WAS COMPLETED AT 1905H, AFTER DARKNESS HAD SET IN. THE MULESKINNER PILOTS DID AN OUTSTANDING JOB IN ACCOMPLISHING THIS MISSION.

(3) ON 22 DEC THE 25TH AVIATION CO SUPPLIED 2 SHIPS AND PROVIDED ACCURATE AND CONTINUOUS GUNSHIP SUPPORT FOR 3-22 INF COMMENCING AT 1030H. THE LIGHT FIRE TEAMS WERE REQUESTED WHEN VC CONTACT WAS ESTABLISHED VIC XT5739. THE LIGHT FIRE TEAM REMAINED ON STATION UNTIL AFTER THEY HAD ESCORTED THE COMBAT ESSENTIAL RESUPPLY OUT OF THE LZ.

(4) DUE TO THEIR NON-AVAILABILITY, GENERAL SUPPORT SLICKS WERE USED SPARINGLY. WHEN OBTAINABLE THEY WERE USED FOR MISSIONS SUCH AS:

- (A) EXTRACTION OF KIA'S FROM THE FIELD.
- (B) FERRY SIGNAL REPAIRMEN AND CARGO SLINGS.
- (C) INSERTION & EXTRACTION OF MEDCAP TEAMS.
- (D) RETURN OF DETAINEES TO HOME PROVINCE.
- (E) EMERGENCY RESUPPLY.

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(5) THE BDE AVN SFC PROVIDED AN AVERAGE OF 3 FLYABLE OH-23 SNOOPIES DAILY. DUE TO THE 2-22 INF(M) RAPID MOVEMENT, AN OH-23 WAS ASSIGNED TO THEM DAILY FOR COMMAND AND CONTROL. A SECOND OH-23 WAS SHARED BY THE 2-12 AND 3-22 ALSO FOR C&C. IN ADDITION THESE AIRCRAFT WERE EMPLOYED FOR NUMEROUS RECON AND ARTY ADJUSTMENT BY ALL THREE BATTALIONS. THE THIRD OH-23 WAS USED PRIMARILY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE TYPE MISSIONS. AIRCRAFT #64-15256 DID NOT FLY DURING THE OPERATION AS IT UNDERWENT A SERIES OF CORRECTIONS AT THE 725TH MAINT BN.

8. INTELLIGENCE:

A. INTELLIGENCE CONCERNING THE AREA OF OPERATION CAMDEN WAS OBTAINED FROM 25TH INFANTRY DIVISION G-2 SOURCES, VR MISSIONS, AGENT REPORTS, AND INTERROGATION REPORTS.

B. THE 3D BDE AREA OF OPERATION WAS THE TRAPEZOID, IMMEDIATELY SOUTH OF THE MICHELIN PLANTATION. THIS AREA IS CHARACTERIZED BY HEAVY JUNGLE WITH STREAMS AND INTERMITTENT OPEN AREAS RUNNING THROUGHOUT, PROVIDING GOOD SUPPLY ROUTES. PRIOR TO THE OPERATION, INTELLIGENCE CONCERNING THE AREA INDICATED LARGE CACHE SITES AND NUMEROUS FORTIFICATIONS AND BASE CAMPS IN THE AREA. IN ADDITION, ROUTE 14 FROM DAU TIENG SOUTH TO THANH AN WAS REPORTED TO BE HEAVILY MINED.

(1) ENEMY INITIATED INCIDENTS DURING OPERATION CAMDEN WERE AS FOLLOWS:

- (A) SNIPER FIRE: 11
- (B) MORTAR FIRE: 3
- (C) MINES: 11
- (D) BOOBY TRAPS: 7
- (E) ENGAGEMENTS: 13
- (F) FIRE AGAINST AIRCRAFT: 2

(2) ACTION ALONG AVENUES OF APPROACH WAS CHARACTERIZED BY COMMAND DETONATED MINES WITH BOOBY TRAPPED WIRES PRIMARILY ALONG RTE 14 AND ON TRAILS LEADING OFF THIS ROUTE. IN THE EVENT A MINE WAS DISCOVERED AND DISARMED, ANY ATTEMPT TO TRACE THE WIRE RESULTED IN FRIENDLY CASUALTIES FROM BOOBY TRAPS.

(3) AN APPARENT COMMO STATION WAS LOCATED AT XT600412 WHERE A TELEGRAPH KEY AND HEADSET WERE CAPTURED. ANOTHER APPARENT COMMUNICATIONS STATION WAS LOCATED AT XT606415 WHERE ONE RADIO TRANSMITTER AND ONE SPEAKER WERE CAPTURED.

(4) ONLY IN ISOLATED CASES DID VC ENCOUNTERED EXCEED 8 IN NUMBER. NORMALLY THEY WERE SEEN IN GROUPS OF 3-6.

C. TACTICS: AS IN RECENT PAST OPERATIONS, VC TACTICS WERE LIMITED TO HARASSING SNIPER FIRE AND SHORT MORTAR ATTACKS. NO LARGE SCALE GROUND ASSAULTS WERE ATTEMPTED BY ENEMY UNITS OF ANY SIZE. ENEMY ELEMENTS ATTEMPTED TO EVADE FRIENDLY TROOPS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. WHEN DISCOVERED AND ENGAGED HE WOULD EXFILTRATE THE AREA RAPIDLY. ONLY ONE INCIDENT OCCURRED WHERE THE ENEMY STOOD HIS GROUND FROM WELL FORTIFIED BUNKERS AND ENGAGED FRIENDLYS FROM FRONT AND FLANKS RESULTING IN 12 US KIA AND 13 US WIA.

9. MISSION: 3D BDE CONDUCTS OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS IN THE TRAPEZOID COMMENCING 180400 DEC 67 TO LOCATE & DESTROY THE 101ST NVA REGT. BDE PREPARES TO REORIENT WITHIN THE TRAPEZOID OR REPOSITION TO OTHER GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS ON ORDER.

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10. CONCEPT OF OPERATION:

A. MANEUVER: THIS OPERATION WAS CONDUCTED WITH THE 2-22 INF(M) CONDUCTING A NIGHT TACTICAL ROAD MARCH TO ESTABLISH A BASE TO PATROL IN ASSIGNED AREA. 2-12 INF & 3-22 INF COMBAT ASSAULT INTO LZ VIC XT585419 WITH 3-22 INF FOLLOWING 2-12, SUBSEQUENTLY ESTABLISHING BASES & PATROLS IN ASSIGNED AREAS.

B. FIRES: MAXIMUM USE WAS MADE OF TAC AIR AND ARTILLERY THROUGHOUT THE OPERATION.

C. REFERENCES: OPLAN 39-67 HQ 3D BDE 25TH INF DIV DTD 17 DEC 67.

11. EXECUTION:

A. CHRONOLOGICAL SUMMARY:

(1) 18 DECEMBER 1967:

(A) 2-12 INF: BN(-) CONDUCTED A COMBAT ASSAULT INTO A COLD LZ VIC XT585419 AT 0721 HRS. CO A(-) CONTINUED AS DAU TIENG RRF. ONE PLT, CO A CONTINUED OPCON 2-77 ARTY FOR SECURITY OF FSB ALLEN. A BN BASE CAMP WAS ESTABLISHED VIC XT570415 AND INTERDICTIONARY OPERATIONS INITIATED IN ASSIGNED AREAS.

(B) 2-22 INF(M): CONDUCTED ROAD MOVEMENT FROM DAU TIENG TO XT546393, DEPARTING AT 0405 HRS AND CLOSING AT 1108 HRS. AT 0828 HRS VIC XT527423 A COMMAND DETONATED 8" ARTILLERY ROUND WAS FIRED CAUSING 2 US KHA AND 3 WHA TO THE BN SWEEPING TEAM. AT 1035 HRS B CO OBSERVED 10-15 VC VIC XT551396. ARTY WAS EMPLOYED AND B CO PURSUED WITHOUT GAINING CONTACT. NEG US AND UNK VC LOSSES. AT 1147 HRS CO C ENGAGED 2 VC VIC XT546393. VC BROKE CONTACT AND FLED SE. UNK VC RESULTS. COMPANY PATROL BASES WERE ESTABLISHED BY CO A VIC XT527400, CO B VIC XT562389, AND CO C XT546393. THE BN OR LOCATED WITH CO B. FROM 1517 TO 1525 HRS, CO C ENGAGED 3 VC VIC XT548-399 WITH SA, AW, AND M-79 FIRE. VC RETURNED FIRE WITH RIFLE GRENADES AND AK-47 FIRES. RESULTS INCLUDED 1 VC KIA (BC) AND 1 AK47. THERE WERE NO US LOSSES.

(C) 3-22 INF: BN(-) CONDUCTED A COMBAT ASSAULT INTO A COLD LZ VIC XT585419 AT 0907 HRS. A BN BASE CAMP WAS ESTABLISHED XT587417 AND INTERDICTIONARY OPERATIONS INITIATED.

(2) 19 DECEMBER 1967:

(A) 2-12 INF: BN(-) CONDUCTED INTERDICTIONARY OPERATIONS FROM XT570415 TO XT555425. CO A(-) CONTINUED AS DAU TIENG RRF AND ESCORTED RESUPPLY CONVOY TO AND FROM FSB ALLEN. ONE PLT, CO A CONTINUED TO SECURE FSPB ALLEN. AT 1016 AND 1034 HRS A CO, SWEEPING THE ROAD FROM DAU TIENG TO FSPB ALLEN, HAD MINES DETONATED CAUSING 1 KHA AND 7 WHA VIC XT523413.

(B) 2-22 INF(M): CONTINUED CO LEVEL INTERDICTIONARY OPERATIONS FROM BASES VIC XT527400 (CO A); XT562389 (BN(-)); AND XT546393 (CO C). AT 1713 HRS CO C HAD 6 OR 7 RPG RDS FIRED AT ITS VICINITY XT546393. CO C RESPONDED WITH ARTILLERY, MORTAR, AND .50 CAL MACHINE GUN FIRES. A SWEEP OF THE AREA THE ROUNDS WERE FIRED FROM PRODUCED NO RESULTS. CO C SUFFERED 2 MINOR WHA.

(C) 3-22 INF: CONTINUED INTERDICTIONARY OPERATIONS FROM XT587417 TO XT599411. AT 1505 HRS D CO ENGAGED 4 VC IN 2 BUNKERS VIC XT597411. VC USED AK-47 FIRE TO INFLICT 1 US WHA. ARTILLERY AND A LIGHT FIRE TEAM WERE EMPLOYED WITH UNK RESULTS.

(3) 20 DECEMBER 1967:

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(A) 2-12 INF: CONTINUED INTERDICTIONARY OPERATIONS VIC XT565425. CO A(-) CONTINUED AS DAU TIENG RRF AND ESCORTED RE-SUPPLY CONVOY TO AND FROM FSPB ALLEN. ONE PLT, CO A, CONTINUED TO SECURE FSPB ALLEN. AT 0920 HRS CO C OBSERVED 4 VC VIC XT563426. ARTILLERY WAS CALLED IN WITH UNK RESULTS. AT 1205 HRS CO A SUFFERED 5 US WHA FROM BOOBY TRAPS VIC XT501441.

(B) 2-22 INF(M): CONTINUED COMPANY LEVEL INTERDICTIONARY OPERATIONS FROM BASES VIC XT527400 (CO A); XT562389 (BN(-)); AND XT546393 (CO C). FROM 1455 TO 1503 HRS CO C ENGAGED AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF VC VIC XT557383. VC EMPLOYED CLAYMORE AND SA FIRE. CO C USED ARTILLERY AND ORGANIC WEAPONS AND MAEUVERED TO CLOSE WITH THE ENEMY WITH UNKNOWN VC RESULTS. THERE WAS 1 KHA AND 3 WHA SUFFERED BY US TROOPS. AT 1605 HRS RECON PLT OBSERVED AND ENGAGED 2 VC VIC XT568380. VC BROKE CONTACT IMMEDIATELY AND RESULTS WERE UNKNOWN.

(C) 3-22 INF: BN(-) CONDUCTED INTERDICTIONARY OPERATIONS FROM XT599411 TO XT598412. CO C CONTINUED ATTACHED TO 1-5 INF(M). AT 192027 DEC THE CO A AMBUSH PATROL ENGAGED 1 VC VIC XT593412 WITH SA AND A CLAYMORE. RESULTS 1 VC KIA (POSS).

(4) 21 DECEMBER 1967:

(A) 2-12 INF: BN(-) CONTINUED INTERDICTIONARY OPERATIONS VIC XT564424. CO A(-) CONTINUED AS DAU TIENG RRF. ONE PLATOON, CO A CONTINUED TO SECURE FSPB ALLEN. NEG CONTACT.

(B) 2-22 INF(M): BN CONTINUED COMPANY LEVEL INTERDICTIONARY OPERATIONS ESTABLISHED COMPANY BASES. NEG CONTACT.

(C) 3-22 INF: BN(-) CONTINUED INTERDICTIONARY OPERATIONS FROM XT599412 TO XT588399. CO C REMAINED ATTACHED TO 1-5 INF(M). AT 1145 HRS A CO ENGAGED 4 VC VIC XT587407 WITH S/A. VC FLED AND RESULTS ARE UNKNOWN. AT 1435 HRS A CO RECEIVED HARRASSING FIRE VIC XT586397 WITHOUT CASUALTIES. A CO MANEUVERED AGAINST THE SOURCE OF FIRE WITHOUT RESULTS.

(5) 22 DECEMBER 1967:

(A) 2-12 INF: BN(-) CONTINUED INTERDICTIONARY OPERATIONS FROM XT568424 TO XT577393. CO A(-) CONTINUED AS DAU TIENG RRF. ONE PLATOON, CO A CONTINUED TO SECURE FSPB ALLEN UNTIL CLOSED. AT 1015 HRS CO A DETONATED A BOOBY TRAP VIC XT502441 CAUSING 1 WIA.

(B) 2-22 INF(M): BN(-) CONTINUED INTERDICTIONARY OPERATIONS FROM COMPANY PATROLS BASES TO THE SW. CO C ESTABLISHED A BLOCKING POSITION FROM XT578373 TO XT583373 TO SUPPORT THE 3-22 INF INF CONTACT. NEG CONTACT.

(C) 3-22 INF: BN(-) CONDUCTED INTERDICTIONARY OPERATIONS TO THE SOUTH. CO C REMAINED ATTACHED TO 1-5 INF(M). AT 0915 HRS CO D CAME INTO CONTACT WITH AN UNK NUMBER OF VC IN BUNKERS VIC XT594394. D CO MANEUVERED ON LINE AND CO B MOVED TO THE RIGHT FLANK. BOTH UNITS WERE ABLE TO GO THROUGH THE BASE CAMP WITH SUPPORTING ARTILLERY FIRES BY 1500 HRS. RESULTS INCLUDED 8 KIA AND 14 WIA. THERE WAS 1 VC KIA (BC) AND UNKNOWN OTHER VC LOSSES. AT 0935 HRS CO A ENGAGED AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF VC VIC XT584391. ARTILLERY AND GUNSHIPS, AND TACTICAL AIR WERE EMPLOYED UNTIL 1700 HRS WHEN CONTACT WAS BROKEN TO ALLOW FOR USE OF TAC AIR. RESULTS INCLUDED 2 VC KIA (BC) AND 6 US KHA AND 25 WHA.

(6) 23 DECEMBER 1967:

(A) 2-12 INF: BN(-) CONDUCTED INTERDICTIONARY OPERATIONS FROM XT576393 TO XT583377. CO A CONTINUED AS DAU TIENG RRF. AT 0835 HRS IN THE BN(-) LAAGER POSITION XT576393 A BOOBY TRAP WAS TRIPPED CAUSING 1 WIA. AT 1412 HRS CO D VIC XT585391 FOUND 1 VC KIA (BC) IN BUNKER.

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(B) 2-22 INF(M): BN(-) CONTINUED INTERDICTIONARY OPERATIONS FROM XT577376 TO XT577374. SCOUT PLATOON CONTINUED TO SECURE FSPB LAFAYETTE. AT 222105 DEC AN A CO AMBUSH PATROLS ENGAGED AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF VC VIC XT577374. RESULTS INCLUDED 3 VC KIA (BC), 2 AK-47'S AND 1 UNIDENTIFIED WEAPON CAPTURED. THERE WERE NO US LOSSES.

(C) 3-22 INF: BN(-) CONTINUED INTERDICTIONARY OPERATIONS FROM XT594396 TO XT604380. CO C CONTINUED ATTACHED TO 1-5 INF (M). AT 1003 HRS ARTY SHORT ROUND FELL INTO FRIENDLY LOCATION VIC XT583395 RESULTING IN 1 US KIA & 3 US WIA.

(7) 24 DECEMBER 1967:

(A) 2-12 INF: BN(-) CONDUCTED OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS FROM XT583377 TO XT588364. CO A CONTINUED AS DAU TIENG RRF. NEG CONTACT.

(B) 2-22 INF(M): BN(-) CONDUCTED OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS FROM XT577374 TO XT576341. SCOUT PLT CONTINUED TO SECURE FSPB LAFAYETTE. NEGATIVE CONTACT.

(C) 3-22 INF: BN(-) CONDUCTED OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS FROM XT604380 TO XT603355. CO C CONTINUED ATTACHED TO 1-5 INF(M). AT 1438 HRS 3-17 AIR CAV ENGAGED 10 VC VIC XT607356. THE RECON PLT MOVED TO THE POINT OF CONTACT AND JOINED THE PURSUIT. CONTACT CONTINUED UNTIL 1503 HRS WHEN THE REMAINING VC ELUDED THEIR PURSUERS. RESULTS INCLUDED 2 VC KIA (BC), 1 VC KIA (POSS) AND NO US LOSSES.

(8) 25 DECEMBER 1967:

(A) 2-12 INF: BN(-) CONDUCTED INTERDICTIONARY OPERATIONS VIC XT589345. CO A CONTINUED AS BDE RRF IN DAU TIENG. AT 241955 DEC AND UNTIL 2000 HRS THE BN DAU TIENG AMBUSH PATROL WAS ENGAGED BY AN ESTIMATED 4 VC VIC XT512409 ARMED WITH SMALL ARMS. THE AMBUSH RESPONDED WITH S/A, AW, AND M-79 FIRES. RESULTS INCLUDED NO US CASUALTIES AND UNKNOWN VC LOSSES.

(B) 2-22 INF(M): BN(-) CONDUCTED COMPANY LEVEL INTERDICTIONARY OPERATIONS VIC XT577361 (A CO), XT576340 (B CO), AND XT551360 (CO C). SCOUT PLT CONTINUED TO SECURE FSPB LAFAYETTE. AT 242016 DEC CO C RECEIVED 2 RPG RDS VIC XT551360, RESULTING IN 2 WHA. THE SUSPECTED SOURCE OF FIRE WAS ENGAGED WITH S/A, AND M-79 AND .50 CAL MG FIRE WITH UNK RESULTS. AT 0836 HRS CO A AND THE BN CP RECEIVED SEVERAL ROUNDS OF AK-47 FIRE VIC XT576361 WITHOUT LOSSES. THE SOURCE OF FIRE WAS ENGAGED WITH .50 CAL MG WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS. AT 1345 HRS, VIC XT574335 A CHIEU HOI WITHOUT WEAPON TURNED HIMSELF IN TO CO B.

(C) 3-22 INF: BN(-) CONDUCTED INTERDICTIONARY OPERATIONS VIC XT602354. CO C CONTINUED ATTACHED TO 1-5 INF(M). AT 250446 DEC THE BN CP XT603355 AND SCOUT PLT XT608353 RECEIVED S/A, A/W, AND RPG FIRE AND 60 AND 82MM MORTAR FIRE FROM AN ESTIMATED VC SQUAD. FIRES CONTINUED UNTIL 0503 HRS WHEN FRIENDLY ORGANIC AND ARTILLERY FIRE SILENCED THE VC WEAPONS. THERE WERE NO US AND UNKNOWN VC LOSSES. AT 0627 HRS THE SCOUT PLATOON RECEIVED ONE INCOMING HAND GRENADE WITHOUT CASUALTIES. FIRE WAS RETURNED WITH S/A, A/W, AND M-79 WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS.

(9) 26 DECEMBER 1967:

(A) 2-12 INF: BN(-) TERMINATED INTERDICTIONARY OPERATIONS VIC XT5834. CO A REMAINED DAU TIENG AS RRF AND SWEEP AND OUTPOSTED RTE LTL 14 SOUTH TO VIC XT519418. CO B CLOSED DAU TIENG AT 1206 HRS BY HELIBORNE MOVE. CO C RELIEVED SCT PLT, 2-22 INF(M) FOR SECURITY OF FSPB LAFAYETTE AT 1201 HRS. CO D MOVED BY HELIBORNE MOVE TO VIC XT576361 AT 1113 HRS TO ASSIST THE 2-22 INF(M) IN THE CORDON & SEARCH OF THANH AN. CO C AIRMOBILE MOVED TO DAU TIENG

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AFTER CLOSURE OF FSPB LAFAYETTE. CLOSING AT 1727 HRS. AT THE CLOSE OF THE PERIOD CO D REMAINED WITH 2-22 INF(M) AND CO A CONTINUED TO OUTPOST RTE LTL 14 FOR PASSAGE OF 2-22 INF(M) & D/2-12 INF. AT 1136 HRS, CO A RECEIVED 2 RDS SA FIRE VIC XT499419 WITHOUT LOSSES. FIRE WAS RETURNED WITH SA, AW AND M-79S WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS. AT 1150 HRS VIC XT509432 A CO HAD A COMMAND DETONATED MINE DISCHARGED AGAINST THEM RESULTING IN 1 KIA.

(B) 2-22 INF(M): BN(-) CONDUCTED CORDON & SEARCH OF THANH AN (XT531379). SCOUT PLATOON WAS RELIEVED OF SECURITY OF FSPB LAFAYETTE AT 1201 HRS, AND MOVED TO JOIN THE BN(-) VIC XT546393 AT 1349 HRS. THE SEARCH OF THANH AN WAS COMPLETED AT 1402 HRS AND THE BN BEGAN MOVING TO DAU TIENG. AT THE CLOSE OF THE PERIOD THE BN CONTINUED TO MOVE TOWARDS DAU TIENG. A CO LAAGER (XT576361) RECEIVED 2 INEFFECTIVE MORTAR RDS AT 252107 DEC 67. COUNTER-MORTAR FIRES WERE EMPLOYED WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS. AT 1430 HRS VIC XT522407 SCT PLT RECEIVED LIGHT SNIPER FIRE AND DETONATED A MINE RESULTING IN 1 KHA. AT 1450 HRS VIC XT536378 CO B RECEIVED AN INCOMING RPG ROUND WITHOUT LOSS. THE AREA WAS RECONNOYED BY FIRE WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS. AT 1520 HRS SCT PLT WOUNDED AND APPREHENDED 2 VC PW IN A BUNKER COMPLEX VIC XT522407. AT 1545 HRS SCT PLT HIT 2 COMMAND DETONATED MINES RESULTING IN 1 KHA.

(C) 3-22 INF: BN(-) TERMINATED INTERDICTIONARY OPERATIONS VIC XT602354 AND AIRMOBILE MOVED TO DAU TIENG, CLOSING AT 1409 HRS. CO C REMAINED ATTACHED 1-5 INF(M). AT 251930 HRS THE BN LAAGER SITE (XT603355) RECEIVED 15 RDS OF 60MM MORTAR OUTSIDE ITS PERIMETER. THERE WERE NO US LOSSES. COUNTER-MORTAR FIRES WERE EMPLOYED WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS.

(10) 27 DECEMBER 1967:

(A) 2-12 INF: REMAINED DAU TIENG BASE CAMP AND PREPARED FOR FUTURE OPERATIONS.

(B) 2-22 INF(M): MOVED BY MOTOR MARCH FROM VIC THANH AN TO DAU TIENG CLOSING 270048 DEC 67. CO A WAS RECONNOYING BY FIRE VIC XT519419 AND FIRED INTO CO A 2-12 INF (OPCON 2-22 INF). RESULTING IN 8 US NBI. AT 270830 DEC 67 DEPARTED DAU TIENG BY MOTOR MARCH ENROUTE TO XT285619. AT 271200 DEC 67 BN CAME UNDER OPCON 1ST BDE, 25TH INF DIV.

(C) 3-22 INF: REMAINED DAU TIENG BASE CAMP AND PREPARED FOR FUTURE OPERATIONS.

12. RESULTS:

A. US LOSSES:

(1) PERSONNEL: 21 KIA, 67 WIA, 1 DOW, 8 NBI.

B. ENEMY LOSSES:

(1) PERSONNEL: 10 KIA, 5 MA (POSS), 2 POW

(2) ENEMY EQUIPMENT CAPTURED AND DESTROYED:

<u>ORDNANCE</u>	<u>STRUCTURES</u>	<u>FOOD</u>
15 AT MINES	41 FOXHOLES	30 LB SOY BEAN OIL
15 LBS C-3 EXPLOSIVE	246 BUNKERS	15,100 LB RICE
2 AP MINES	523 METERS OF TRENCH	
4 BUTTERFLY BOMBS	11 MILITARY STRUCTURES	<u>COMMUNICATIONS</u>
9 GRENADES	210 METERS OF TUNNEL	1 TR 3 RADIO
20 LB TNT		1 TELETYPE KEY
3 CHICOM CLAYMORES	<u>TRANSPORTATION</u>	HEADSET
6 US CLAYMORES	20 BICYCLES	1 SPEAKER
1 RPG BOOSTER		
1 MINI-BOMB		

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MISCELLANEOUS

74 ROOBY TRAPS
55 GAL OIL
3000 LB CEMENT
8 DIESEL ENGINES
1 SEWING FACTORY
6 ROLLS PAPER
1 AMMO POUCH
2 SHOVELS
1 RICE GRINDER
300 AMMO POUCHES

(3) ENEMY EQUIPMENT CAPTURED AND EVACUATED:

ORDNANCE

14 AK-47'S
3 AK-47 MAGAZINES
2772 RDS SA
5 40MM ROUNDS
1 CHIGOM SMG
1 THOMPSON SMG
5 82MM MORTAR ROUNDS

FOOD

29,640 LBS RICE
300 LBS PEANUTS
1200 LBS BEANS

MISCELLANEOUS

1 MOCK UP GRENADE
3000 LBS CEMENT
100 LBS THREAD

COMMO

10 BA 30 BATTERIES

OFFICE SUPPLIES

16 LBS DOCUMENTS

MEDICAL SUPPLIES

300 LBS

13. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

A. PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION: DURING THE OPERATIONS THE BRIGADE S-1 SECTION OPERATED FROM DAU TIENG WITH REPORTS BEING FORWARDED TO AND FROM THE FORWARD LOCATION.

B. SUPPLY: OPERATION CAMDEN WAS SUPPORTED FROM DAU TIENG. ALL SUPPLIES WERE DELIVERED BY HELICOPTER WITH NO DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED.

C. MAINTENANCE: MAINTENANCE & SUPPORT SERVICES WERE ADEQUATE THROUGHOUT THE OPERATION.

D. STATUS OF EACH SUPPLY: ALL CLASSES OF SUPPLY WERE ADEQUATE THROUGHOUT THE OPERATION.

E. PATIENT CARE AND EVACUATION: HELICOPTERS CONTINUED TO BE THE PRIMARY MEANS OF EVACUATION OF WOUNDED PERSONNEL. CO B 25TH MEDICAL BATTALION OPERATED OUT OF DAU TIENG.

14. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT AND TECHNIQUES: NONE.

15. RECOMMENDATIONS: NONE.

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