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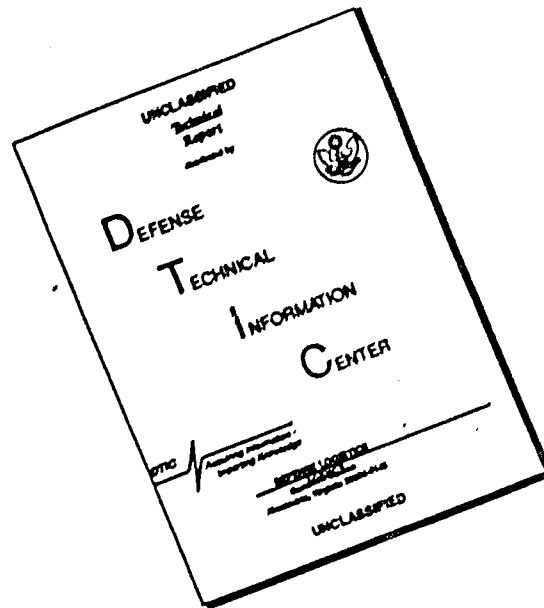
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Commanding General
25th Infantry Division
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1. (U) NAME OF OPERATION: Operation SARATOGA.
2. (U) DATES OF OPERATION: 250001 February 1968 - 102400 March 1968.
3. (U) LOCATION: TAY NINH and BINH DUONG Provinces, RVN.
4. (U) COMMAND HEADQUARTERS: Headquarters, 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division.
5. (C) REPORTING OFFICER: Colonel Fremont B. Hodson Jr.
6. (C) TASK ORGANIZATION:
 - a. HQ, 1st Brigade
 - b. 2-14 Infantry
 - c. 2-22 Infantry (Mech)
 - d. D Trp 3-17 Cav (Released from OPCON, 070700 March 1968)
 - e. 7-11 Arty (DS)
 - f. 1-27 Arty GSR
 - g. 2-32 Arty (GS)(-)
 - h. 5-2 Arty (GS)(-)
7. (C) SUPPORTING FIRES:

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a. Artillery: Artillery support was characterized by daily movement of the firing batteries to support the airmobile operations of 2-14 Inf. Fire support bases used were:

- (1) FSB WAINWRIGHT II (XT 285 509)
- (2) FSB BOWIE (XT 239 427)
- (3) FSB HULL (XT 260 380)
- (4) FSB LOGAN I (XT 316 552)
- (5) FSB LOGAN II (XT 231 581)

A total of 6,851 H&I, 131 WP, and 147 illumination rounds were expended. Artillery fire accounted for 4 enemy KIA (BC) and 6 enemy KIA (POSS). GS units were used for firing TCTs, preparations of landing zones, large tactical targets, and the H&I program.

b. Tactical Air: Tactical Air Support was provided by the 7th USAF. The missions were controlled by the 1st Brigade TACP. The following summarizes USAF activities in support of Operation SARATOGA.

- (1) Missions flown: 59
- (2) Fighter Sorties: 118
 - a. Preplanned: 47
 - b. Preplanned (diverted): 21
 - c. Divert: 3
 - d. Immediate: 47

(3) Bomb Damage Assessment: 189 bunkers destroyed, 23 bunkers damaged, 762 meters of trench destroyed, 1310 meters of trench uncovered, 8 spider holes destroyed, 100 spider holes uncovered, 100 meters of tunnel uncovered, 1 tunnel entrance exposed, 3 boxes of supplies destroyed, 3 boxes of supplies damaged, 3 automatic weapons destroyed (possible), 4 enemy killed (BC).

c. Army Aviation: Army Aviation statistics for operation SARATOGA are as follows:

- (1) Sorties (UH-1C, UH-1D Aircraft): 155
 - a. Combat assaults (missions): 30

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- b. Tactical troop lifts: 60
- c. Resupply: 20
- d. Air Evac, C&C, & Misc: 45
- (2) Sorties CH-47 Aircraft: 52
 - a. Resupply: 45
 - b. Evacuation: 0
 - c. Other: 7
- (3) Sorties CH-53 Aircraft: 200
 - a. Tactical: 190
 - b. Administrative: 10

8. (C) INTELLIGENCE: Intelligence studies and experiences prior to the start of Operation SARATOGA indicated the presence of the D14 Local Force Battalion and 4-16 Local Force Companies in the 1st Brigade area of operations. D-16 Local Force Battalion which normally operated in the AO had departed in late January to take part in the TET Offensive. Also located in or on the boundaries of the AO were the 680th Training and Rear Service Regiment, and elements of the 83d Rear Service Group. The local force elements were thought to be dispersed down to platoon level in order to avoid contact, while conducting limited attacks against RF-PF outposts, and conducting resupply and propaganda activities.

D-14 was known to be understrength following attacks on TAY NINH City during mid-February. Their location was thought to be somewhere east of TAY NINH. C-40 Local Force company was located in the "STRAIGHT EDGE WOODS" vic (XT 1637) and generally conducted platoon sized operations in areas to the south and southwest of TAY NINH City. There had been no recent contact with this unit. In the MICHELLEN PLANTATION the C-64 Local Force Co with several guerilla units had been conducting usual propaganda and harrassing activities. Little was known of the 680th Regiment except that it generally operated along the CAMBODIAN Border vic XT 0065. The 83d Rear Service Group was located in the TRAPEZOID conducting resupply and administrative activities.

Special Agent reports indicated the bulk of activity in the AO was centered in the northern TRAPEZOID (83d Rear Service) and north of KATUM on the CAMBODIAN Border (COSVN HQ). VR's, Red Haze and SLARs indicated possible resupply routes coming east from CAMBODIA on the ORIENTAL RIVER and through the STRAIGHT EDGE, and north from CAMBODIA through BO TUC toward the SAIGON RIVER.

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Vegetation varied from triple canopy jungle to large areas of open rice paddies. The terrain was generally flat and the central and Southern portion of the AO were well populated. Major rivers in the area were the SAIGON and ORIENTAL. Weather did not hamper or prohibit friendly troop movements. Roads in the area were in good condition and were used for resupply and movement of infantry and artillery. The ground was firm enough to enable the utilization of mechanized infantry.

The overall evaluation of the intelligence information from ARVN HQs and other local sources is considered B-3 (usually reliable, possibly true). On several occasions US troops responded to local agent reports with good results. Overall operational security was considered good.

9. (C) MISSION:

- a. Within capability, conduct offensive operations in TAY NINH and BINH DUONG Provinces to locate and destroy enemy forces.
- b. Provide engineer security for repair of MSR between BAU CO and TAY NINH, TAY NINH and DAU TIENG, TAY NINH and GO DAU HA.
- c. Secure FSB ST. BARBARA at BAU CO and LOC between BAU CO and TAY NINH.
- d. React to VC initiatives in TAOI.
- e. Assume responsibility for defense of DAU TIENG Base Camp.
- f. Conduct combined operation with 25th ARVN DIV to drive VC forces from AP TAN HOA (XT 4405).
- g. Suspend Rome Flow operations and return LCT to TAY NINH.
- h. Secure any LCT operations required for support of II FFV Arty at FSB ST BARBARA.
- i. Establish water-borne blocks on SAIGON RIVER and other canal systems to prevent enemy resupply and movement.
- j. Relieved of mission to provide engineer security for repair of MSR, and daily route security and sweeps from TAY NINH to GO DAU HA effective 070700 March 1968.

10. (C) CONCEPT OF OPERATION: The operation was to employ D troop 3-17 Cav and one infantry battalion to clear and secure the MSR daily, either by sweep or outposting. The infantry battalion would then conduct combat assault and recon in force operations in the area adjoining the MSR. The remaining infan-

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try assets of the brigade would be employed in daily airmobile assault, combat assault, recon in force, cordon and search, and bushmaster operations. Artillery would be moved over land to forward fire support bases to support infantry operations.

11. (C) EXECUTION: (C)

a. Mission order received 240040 February 1968.

b. Conduct of the Operation:

25 February 1968

2-14 Inf: Conducted cordon operation in conjunction with National Police around villages vic. XT 173534, XT 175528, XT 178528 and XT 176536. Cordon netted 21 suspects, negative contact. MEDCAP's were conducted at scene of operation, and 30 patients were treated. Battalion returned to TAY NINH to provide security during hours of darkness.

2-22 Inf (M): A Co (-) cleared Rt 22 to GO DAU HA. A platoon of Co A moved to BAU CO to secure the fire support base. B & C Co secured DAU TIENG and cleared and swept road from DAU TIENG to TAY NINH. B Co conducted recon in force in area XT 340450, XT 448420 and XT 460449, with negative contact. C Co conducted recon in force in area XT 344452, XT 354470 and XT 375456, with negative contact. Battalion returned to DAU TIENG to provide security during hours of darkness.

D Trp, 3-IT Cav. Swept Rt 4 to BAU CO. Secured Rome Plow effort at BAU CO, and escorted Rome Plow convoy to TAY NINH.

26 February 1968

2-14 Inf: Battalion conducted a 3 Company combat assault to LZ vic XT 325526. D Co remained at TAY NINH as ready reaction force. Battalion then conducted recon in force to vic XT 329502, negative contact. A MEDCAP was conducted at HELP NEMTA, 137 patients were treated, and 100 bars of soap distributed. Battalion Chaplain distributed 40lbs of candy to children. Battalion closed TAY NINH to secure it during hours of darkness.

2-22 Inf (M): Platoon of Co A swept Rt 4 to TAY NINH, and secured an artillery convoy to BAU CO from TAY NINH. B & C Co swept road from DAU TIENG to TAY NINH, and escorted convoy; another convoy was escorted from TAY NINH to DAU TIENG. B & C Co then conducted a recon in force along axis XT 375440, to XT 375480 to XT 358475. B Co located 3 bicycles, 2 Chicom grenades, vic XT 372484, and destroyed 2 hoochas vic XT 379476. negative contact. B & C Co closed DAU TIENG to secure during hours of darkness.

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D Trp, 3-17 Cav: Two platoons swept road to GO DAU HA. One platoon secured FSB WAINWRIGHT.

27 February 1968

2-14 Inf: B, C & D Cos conducted combat assaults to LZ via XT 355545. A Co(-) acted as blocking force via XT 375524. B, C & D Co recon in force to via XT 368533. A Co (-) located 6 bunkers, 75 ft of trench, and 3 spider holes, negative contact. A MEDCAP was conducted at HIEP TROUNG (XT 215485), treating 229 patients. Bn returned to TAY NINH to secure during hours of darkness.

2-22 Inf (M): A Co (-) conducted sweep of Rt 4, and secured convoy to BAU CO from TAY NINH, and return convoy to TAY NINH. B & C Cos conducted cordon operations assisted by OMP and National Police in villages via XT 511485, XT 520499 and XT 520436. C Co then conducted recon in force to via XT 520515. All companies closed DAU TIENG to secure during hours of darkness.

D Trp, 3-17 Cav: Two platoons swept road to GO DAU HA, one platoon secured artillery batteries at FSB WAINWRIGHT.

28 February 1968

2-14 Inf: A, C & D Co's conducted combat assault to via XT 117576. All Co's were in position and began recon in force at 0823 hours to via XT 109564, negative contact. Companies closed TAY NINH to secure during hours of darkness at 1615 hours. Gunships, 1 VC KIA (EC), XT 119483. B Co moved to Bushmaster positions via XT 113566, XT 116559, and XT 122666 to remain overnight.

2-22 Inf (M): Platoon of A Co swept Rt 4 and conducted convoys between BAU CO and TAY NINH. Recon platoon conducted sweep mission to TAY NINH. B & C Co's conducted recon in force from via XT 4714 to XT 4743. B Co was diverted to assist recon in clearing numerous barricades. C Co continued recon in force to via XT 470415 then set up ambush position via XT 496456.

D Trp, 3-17 Cav: Conducted sweep of Rt 22 to GO DAU HA.

29 February 1968

2-14 Inf: Conducted combat assault with three companies via XT 202393 and XT 203413 and conducted recon in force to PZ via XT 18042 for extraction. B Co returned from overnight Bushmaster location, and remained at TAY NINH as ready reaction force. B Co departed for Bushmaster via XT 170460 at 1600. Co A, 2-22 Inf now OPCON 2-14 Inf, secured Laterite pit with one platoon. Co A (-) secured artillery in support of 2-14 and conducted road sweep and convoy security from BAU CO to TAY NINH with one

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platoon. At 0845 light fire team engaged 4 VC with AW, resulting in 2 VC KIA (BC). Co's closed TAY NINH to secure during hours of darkness. At 2333 TAY NINH Base Camp received 10-20 rnds, 82mm mortar. Results 2 WIA (slight), 10 vehicles damaged.

2-22 Inf (M)(-): Conducted recon in force from vic DAU TIENG to vic XT 425475 and XT 445475 and returned to DAU TIENG. At 1520 DAU TIENG Base Camp received 15 rnds 82mm mortar; results: 2 friendly WIA (slight); returned fire with counter-mortar program. At 1736 DAU TIENG Base Camp received 7 rnds 82mm mortar; results: 2 US WIA (slight), 1 commo bunker damaged, 1 mess hall damaged.

D Trp, 3-17 Cav: CRIP conducted over-night ambush patrol vic XT 186467. Conducted road recon of Route 22 from TAY NINH to GO DAU HA and out-posted the road for convoy from CU CHI to TAY NINH.

1 March 1968

2-14 Inf: Conducted Eagle Flights into LZ's vic XT 3054222, XT 306440, XT 300472, and XT 365465 with 3 companies. D Co found VC base camp at XT 355492, with one fresh grave; result: 1 VC (BC). A Co 2-22 (M)(-) cleared road from BAU CO to TAY NINH and secured convoy from TAY NINH to BAU CO. Secured laterite pit and artillery in support of Eagle Flight. Bn closed TAY NINH to secure during hours of darkness.

2-22 Inf (M)(-): Conducted recon in force West from DAU TIENG to vic XT 417443. B Co lead personnel carrier hit a mine vic XT 471468. Results: 7 US WIA, 1 APC destroyed, 2 mine detectors destroyed. At 1050 hours DAU TIENG Base Camp received 10 rounds 60mm mortar, neg casualties, neg damage. At vic XT 457415 B Co received 150 rounds of automatic weapons fire, and one claymore fired; returned fire with organic weapons, mortars and artillery, negative casualties, negative results. Bn remained at DAU TIENG to secure during hours of darkness.

D Trp, 3-17 Cav: Conducted road sweep and AVLB security to loc vic XT 440228. One platoon remained at bridge site OPCON 4-23 for overnight security of AVLB.

2 March 1968

2-14 Inf (-): A Co was OPCON to 2-22, returned to TAY NINH 1500 hours, and was placed on alert to assist D, 3-17th. B, C & D Co's combat assaulted to LZ located vic XT 106451 and XT 110448 and then conducted recon in force along three axis to XT 111460, XT 132455, and XT 142453. Negative contact. Companies closed TAY NINH to secure during hours of darkness.

2-22 Inf (M)(-): B Co departed to secure LZ vic XT 520478. A & C

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Co 2-14 arrived LZ 0730. B Co then conducted recon in force to XT 517414 to XT 452416 to XT 464411. B Co located a large quantity of drugs and 3 bunkers with 8-12 inch overhead cover vic XT 464411. A, 2-14, and C Co searched village vic XT 534481; 5 bunkers were found and destroyed. C Co located and destroyed 17 bunkers vic XT 468453. Recon platoon secured engineer efforts on MSR vic XT 503483. One element securing vic XT 471468. Bn returned to DAU TIENG to secure during hours of darkness.

D Trp, 3-17 Cav: Conducted sweep Rt 22 to GO DAU HA. Established contact vic XT 450225 at 1345 hours. Negative casualties. Enemy loses 4 VC KIA(BC). Contact was broken at 1520 hours. Village vic XT 4522 was declared not secure, and convoy returned to TAY NINH at 1830.

3 March 1968

2-14 Inf (-): A Co (-), A Co (-) 2-22 Inf (M) and artillery moved to positions at FSB vic XT 260380 at 0715. C Co moved to FSB at 0741 hours, then to LZ vic XT 296287 at 0908 hours. B Co conducted a combat assault to LZ vic XT 2631. Companies then conducted recons in force to XT 288296, XT 293308 and XT 288304; negative contact. Companies then conducted recons in force to XT 288296, XT 293308, and XT 288304; negative contact. Battalion returned to TAY NINH to secure during hours of darkness.

2-22 Inf (M)(-): Recon platoon conducted sweep of MSR to TAY NINH and provided convoy security. B Co conducted MSR sweep from vic XT 415445 to LT 371424 then moved to a lager position vic XT 371424. When convoy to DAU TIENG passed XT 352420 it received RFG and claymore fire resulting in 3 US WIA (dusted off), and 1 US WIA (ambulatory). Enemy results, 1 KIA (BC). At 1445 hours APC of B Co hit mine vic XT 453421 resulting in 2 WIA. C Co departed DAU TIENG to lager position vic XT 497456 and AP vic XT 506447. Conducted MEDCAP, BIN CUI (XT 468450), treated 182 patients.

D Trp, 3-17 Cav: Conducted sweep of Rt 22, provided convoy security from TAY NINH to GO DAU HA and secured engineer effort on bridge located vic XT 440229.

4 March 1968

2-14 Inf: B, C & D Co's conducted combat assault to LZ vic XT 264327, then recon in force along 2 axis to vic XT 285390. At XT 275372 received sniper fire, returned with SA weapons; negative casualties; VC casualties unknown. All elements of Bn and A Co, 2-22 closed TAY NINH 1715 hours. Conducted MEDCAP at HIEP DINH (XT 220490) and treated 247 patients.

2-22 Inf (M)(-): Conducted road sweep with C Co vic XT 415443. C Co conducted recon in force, established temporary lager position at XT 465438, XT 448421 and XT 491400 and cloverleafed from those positions. At

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XT 487423 an APC struck a pressure type mine. Results, 4 US WIA; all were dusted off. Damage to APC, 3 road wheels blown off, and TC hatch blown off. B Co conducted recon in force to temporary lager positions at XT 451431 and XT 452419 and conducted cloverleaf operations around those locations. Recon swept the road from DAU TIENG to TAY NINH and secured the convoy there and back. All units closed DAU TIENG to secure during hours of darkness.

D Trp, 3-17 Cav: Conducted road sweep and bridge security. Swept road from TAY NINH to vic XT 440228. Secured AVLB at XT 440228. Troop closed TAY NINH at 1907.

5 March 1968

2-14 Inf: At 0220 hours 4 Co's departed base camp to cordon village vic XT 190435 in conjunction with National Police. Due to VC mortaring of MACV and B-32 Special Forces, vic XT 204511, the National Police were diverted from cordon operation. Battalion then conducted recon in force to vic XT 120270 with 4 companies conducting cloverleaf search vic XT 140478, XT 144471, XT 150464 and XT 156456. One platoon of A Co conducted a sweep of Rt 4 and secured convoy to TAY NINH, and return to BAU CO. Another platoon of A Co secured engineer effort vic XT 113513. Supervised bunker and Dispensary, Self Help projects at HEIP LONG (XT 233480). Bn returned TAY NINH to secure during hours of darkness.

2-22 Inf (M)(-): B Co swept MSR from vic XT 414442 to west until over-taken by recon platoon. C Co conducted sweep of MSR to vic XT 414442. Recon conducted sweep of MSR and provided convoy security to TAY NINH and return. B & C Co conducted recon in force in the area of operations. C Co located and destroyed a pressure type mine of 30, $\frac{1}{2}$ pound blocks of Chicom TNT, vic XT 415443. Recon platoon APC hit mine at 1110 hours vic XT 522449, blowing off three road wheels, 4 US WIA. Dust off complete 1115 hours. Recon platoon hit another mine at 1700 hours vic XT 338458. Moderate damage, no casualties. All units closed DAU TIENG to secure during hours of darkness.

D Trp, 3-17 Cav: Conducted sweep of Rt 22, providing convoy security between TAY NINH and GO DAU HA, and secured engineer effort at bridge vic XT 440228.

6 March 1968

2-14 Inf: During early morning hours TAY NINH Base Camp received 22 rnds 82mm mortar, impacting vic XT 147518, resulting in 1 KIA, 35 WIA and 8 buildings damaged. At 0600 2-14 began combat assault with the advance element departing enroute to FSB LOGAN I. C Co and B (-) secured FSB. A Co combat assaulted to LZ vic XT 411533 at 0919 hours. Contact was established immediately. A Co, 2-22 conducted recon in force along axis ZT 3252 to XT

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411533 to link up with A Co 2-14 at 1038 hours. D Co combat assaulted to LZ 1129 hours. Task force conducted recon in force to vic XT 418538 with extensive contact. Task Force established wagon wheel XT 418538 at 1745 and remained overnight to continue recon by force at first light. Results: 15 US WIA, 3 US KIA, 21 Enemy KIA (BC), 11 Enemy KIA (POSS). One platoon of B Co secured engineer effort at laterite pit, vic XT 311513. A platoon of A, 2-22 conducted a sweep of Rt 4, and provided convoy security. A MEDCAP was conducted at HIEP HOA, (XT 215485) and 203 patients were treated.

2-22 Inf (M)(-): Recon platoon swept MSR to TAY NINH. B Co outposted MSR from XT 338458 to XT 416444. C Co outposted MSR from XT 416444 to XT 475467. Recon platoon secured convoy to TAY NINH and return to DAU TIENG.

D Trp, 3-17 Cav: Conducted sweep of Rt 22 to GO DAU HA and provided convoy security.

7 March 1968

2-14 Inf: Bn continued recon in force from previous day with Bn forming RON position vic XT 415527 at 1140 hours. 2-22 Inf (M)(-) ready reaction force was in position vic XT 415515 at 0905. 2-14 conducted recon in force to vic XT 416535. 2-22 conducted recon in force to vic XT 417422. At 1500 hours 2-14 began extraction from PZ vic XT 417529 with 2-22 securing LZ and A, 2-22 conducting recon in force to FSB vic XT 315545. B Co, 2-14, A & C Btry, 7-11 Arty and A Co, 2-22 moved back to TAY NINH in convoy. All 2-14 and A Co 2-22 closed DAU TIENG. Friendly losses: 4 US WIA, enemy losses 5 KIA (BC), 3 60mm mortar tubes, 1 base plate, 2 AK-47, 1 AK-50, and 1 Chicom assault weapon. 2-14 supervised dispensary construction, SELF HELP Project, HIEP LONG, XT 233480.

2-22 Inf (M)(-): Operated with 2-14 as above.

D Trp, 3-17 Cav: Conducted sweep Rt 22 to GO DAU HA and secured convoy. One platoon secured engineer effort at laterite pit.

8 March 1968

2-14 Inf: Conducted a combat assault with 3 companies to LZ vic 075553 and conducted recon in force to vic XT 072538 for extraction. C Co provided a platoon for security of the laterite pit, and the remainder of the company supported 2 platoons at XT 115510. One platoon of A Co, 2-22 swept and cleared Route 4 and provided convoy security back to BAU CO. Bn conducted MEDCAP, HIEP TROUNG (XT 212475), treated 182 patients.

2-22 Inf (M)(-): Cleared and swept MSR from DAU TIENG to vic XT 338458. B Co cordoned and searched village vic XT 338458. Result 16 detainees. C Co conducted recon in force vic XT 435425. At XT 427423 at 1355 C Co found

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2 graves with 2 VC bodies killed by small arms, result 2 VC KIA (BC). Recon secured the convoy from DAU TIENG to TAY NINH and back.

D Trp, 3-17 Cav: Released OPCON 070700 March 1968.

9 March 1968

2-14 Inf: Battalion conducted 3 Co assault to LZ vic XT 243632, then conducted recon in force along axis to XT 247638 to XT 275640 to PZ vic XT 262648. A Co conducted a recon in force along axis XT 284667, to XT 268665 to 266636 to XT 268649. D Co (-) secured FSB vic XT 232582. Neg contact. One platoon of A Co, 2-22 conducted a sweep of Rt 4 and provided convoy security to TAY NINH and return to BAU CO. One platoon secured engineer effort at laterite pit. Bn conducted MEDCAP at HEIP AN, (XT 225483), treated 205 patients.

2-22 Inf (M)(-): Recon platoon conducted sweep of MSR and provided convoy security to TAY NINH and return to DAU TIENG. C Co outposted MSR from XT 471468 to XT 415414 and conducted recon in force vic XT 412439. B Co outposted MSR from XT 415414 to XT 337457. Bn closed DAU TIENG 1905. DAU TIENG received 6 mortar rnds, unknown size at 1812, neg casualties, neg results.

10 March 1968

2-14 Inf: C Co conducted a recon in force from XT 170467 to XT 154468 to XT 144485 to Highway 13. B Co conducted a recon in force from XT 170467 to XT 135485 to Highway 13. A Co conducted a recon in force from XT 170467 to XT 152485 to Highway 13. D Co conducted a recon in force from XT 170467 to XT 164490 to Highway 13. Negative contact. A platoon of A Co secured the TAY NINH convoy.

2-22 Inf (M)(-): B Co swept MSR to vic XT 405444, posted MSR from XT 403444 to XT 338485. B Co then conducted recon in force from XT 360422 to XT 350402. Recon platoon swept MSR from XT 405444 to vic XT 338458. C Co posted MSR from XT 405444 to 474468. Recon platoon of C Co conducted recon in force from XT 471468 to XT 465420, and secured convoy to TAY NINH and back. At 1806 DAU TIENG received 5 rnds 82mm mortar; result: 1 civilian WIA (slight) 500 gal MOGAS and 20 barrels Prem-A-Prim destroyed.

12. Results:

a. Personnel.

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(1) Friendly	KIA	WIA	NBC	TOTAL
2-14	3	10		13
2-22		14		14
7-11		1		1
D Trp, 3-17	—	—	—	—
	3	25		28

(2) VC/NVA

KIA (BC): 58

KIA (POSS): 11

Detainees: 45

POW's: 3

b. Equipment Losses.

(1) Friendly: 1 M-17 protective mask, 1 cal .45 pistol, 1 M-60 machine gun, 1 M-16 rifle, 2 mine detectors, 1 Armored Personnel Carrier, 500 gal MOCAS, 20 barral Prem-A-Prim, 1 Commo bunker.

(2) Enemy: Captured or destroyed: SA Weapons-5; Heavy Weapons-5; SA Ammo-1040 rnds, HE Ammo-23 rnds, Mine and Booby Traps-33, Rice (tons)-18.75, structures-20, Bunkers-582, Documents (lb)-14.5, Tunnels (meters)-135, Trenches (meters)-2,150, Sampans-8, Bicycles-57, Pigeons, carrier 6, peanuts, flour, and beans-1000 lb, cloth (yards)-1000, salt (lb)-200, sardines (cans)-200, nuts (lb)-400, sugar (lb)-175, tea (lb)-15, clothing (lb)-21, Ox cart-1, First Aid Bag-1, machette-1, protective mask-1, and cooking stove-1.

c. Bomb Damage Assessments: All area where air strikes were conducted were searched by ground forces.

13. (C) Administrative Matters:

a. Since operations were conducted from the TAY NINH and DAU TIENG base camps, adequate PX facilities were available to all personnel, and it was not necessary to operate mobile PX's.

b. No difficulty was encountered in the rapid distribution of mail.

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c. No difficulty was experienced in transporting replacements or R&R personnel.

d. Supply:

(1) Class I:

"A" Rations 42,800 meals

"C" Rations 11,320 meals

(2) Class II and IV: A total of 25.8 short tons were used in support of the operation.

(3) Class III:

Mogas 11,100 gal

Diesel 21,050 gal

Lube Oil 1,425 gal

Hydraulic fluid 37 gal

(4) Class IV: 107.7 short ton.

e. Maintenance: Maintenance teams were with their respective units and performed all 2d echelon vehicular maintenance. There was no 3d echelon maintenance provided in the field.

f. Treatment of casualties, evacuation and hospitalization: "DUST OFF" support for evacuation of casualties was provided by MEDEVAC units at CU CHI, DAU TIENG, and TAY NINH. Battalion aid stations treated patients for minor ailments.

g. Transportation was provided by organic vehicles and UH1D aircraft.

h. Communications: Communications were provided by organic FM, and RTT.

i. Medical Evaluation: Personal health was generally good throughout the operation. Dapsone Malaria Prophylaxis was used in addition to Chloroquine-Primaquine tablets. Two cases of malaria were reported during the operation. Common complaints included colds, minor cuts and scratches. Skin irritations were a persistent problem with most resulting from the heat.

14. (C) Special Equipment and Techniques: None.

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15. (C) Commanders Analysis:

a. VC/NVA attempts to capitalize on gains made during the TET Offensive were thwarted; VC/NVA were kept off balance by daily combat assaults to supply cache and base camp areas, through timely reaction to intelligence.

b. The MSR was kept open.

c. Base camps at TAY NINH and DAU TIENG remained secure.

d. Fire Support Bases at BAU CO and FSB ST BARBARA remained secure.

16. (C) Recommendations: None.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

THOMAS A. STOY
Major, Infantry
Adjutant

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS 2D BRIGADE, 25TH INFANTRY DIVISION
APO 96225

SUBJECT: Combat Operations After Action Report (RCS J3-J2)

TO: Commanding General
25th Infantry Division
ATTN: AVDCOP
APO US Forces 96225

1. OPERATION SARATOGA
2. 080600 Lee 1967 - 102400 March 1968
3. HAU NGHIA, and TAY NINH, BINH DUONG and GIA DINH PROVINCE,
Republic of Vietnam.
4. Control Headquarters: 2d Bde, 25th Inf Div
5. Reporting Officer's: Colonel Edwin W. Emerson
Colonel George F. Hoge
Colonel Raymond O. Miller
6. Task Organization:

1st Battalion, 27th Infantry	-	LTC ERNEST F CONDINA
2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry	-	LTC WALTER E ADAMS LTC WINFRED G SKILTON JR.
1st Battalion, 5th Infantry (M)	-	LTC FREMONT B HODSON LTC HENRY B MURPHY JR. LTC THOMAS C LODGE
2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry	-	LTC RATHAEL D TICE LTC CHARLES J. BAUFF
3rd Battalion, 22nd Infantry	-	LTC THOMAS W HARROLD LTC ROY K FLINT
4th Battalion, 9th Infantry	-	LTC JOHN H HENCHMAN LTC RICHARD R SIMPSON
2nd Battalion, 34th Armor	-	LTC H'L B RHYNE LTC JOHN H TITTON JR
4th Battalion, 23rd Infantry (M)	-	LTC THOMAS A WARE LTC AVERY S FULLERTON
1st Battalion, 8th Artillery	-	LTC ROBERT A.M DEAN

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7. Supporting Forces:

a. Air Support:

General: Tactical air-craft from the 7th Tactical Air Force were used to support 2d Brigade operations. The 510th, 90th, 531st, 416th, 309th, 308th, 614th, 612th and the 615th tactical fighter squadrons and the 8th and 18th tactical fighter-bombers flew a total of 203 preplanned missions throughout the Brigade area of operations. 221 immediate and 20 diverted airstrikes were delivered to suppress VC in contact with US forces.

b. Army Aviation

The four (4) organic OH23's were used on a daily basis by the Battalions for command and control, liaison and reconnaissance missions. During the period the four aircraft flew a total of 1,122 hours consisting of 2209 tasks, 3509 sorties with 3756 passengers carried.

The 25th Aviation Battalion provided a UH1D command and control helicopter to the Brigade commander on a daily basis. The Brigade Commander used the C&C extensively for controlling multi-battalion combat assaults, making command visits, and observing tactical operations.

The Bde utilized one or more assault helicopter companies on 76 of 94 days duration of operation SARATOGA. The helicopter Companies, normally furnished by the 269th Combat Aviation Battalion, were used primarily to conduct combat assaults and eagle flights.

CH47's, allocated daily by II Field Force, resupplied the battalions during Operation SARATOGA. An average of 21 sorties were used to move more than 168,000 lbs of Class I, II, IV and V supplies daily. Personnel and mail were moved to forward areas by CH47's daily. Increased activity and contact with the enemy brought more emergency resupplies than normally experienced. These were accomplished rapidly and on a timely basis by UH1D aircraft. Resupply for two units OPCON to the Brigade during a portion of Operation SARATOGA was accomplished by moving unit trains to forward locations and drawing supplies from Division FSE established at Tan Son Nhut. Resupply for Operation SARATOGA was performed without significant problems.

c. Artillery Support

(a) Direct Support

1st Battalion, 8th Artillery fired in direct support of the 2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division.

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(b) General Support

3d Battalion, 13th Artillery (155/8")
6th Battalion, 77th Artillery (105)

(2) Artillery was employed in the Operation to provide:

Suppression of Sniper Fire

Destruction of Attacking Enemy (Direct Fire)

Landing Zone Preparations

Suppressive Fires

H&I Fires

Counter-Mortar Fires

Smoke and Screening Fires

Illumination

(3) Fired in support of 2d Brigade Operations for units within Brigade TAOI, were 109,909 rounds 105MM, 155MM, and 8" artillery.

8. Intelligence:

a. The terrain of the area of Operation for Operation SARATOGA, was of varied types. This terrain ranged from the dry, hard rice paddies of Central Hau Nghia Province to the wet lowland groves and tidal flats of the Saigon and Oriental Rivers. Operations were also conducted in the thick transition jungle of the Iron Triangle and Ho Bo woods as well as the Rome-Flowed entanglements of the Filhol, Ho Bo, and Upper Triangle areas and the rubber plantations of Tay Ninh Province. During this period, the weather was hot and dry and imposed no operational difficulties on combat operations in the area.

Sources of intelligence information varied throughout the quarter, ranging from such sophisticated means of collection as People Sniffer and SLAR, to the utilization of infiltrated agents, incidental sources, Hoi Chanh, POW's and various other indigenous sources. Kit Carson Scouts were attached to each rifle company and proved to be useful in exploration of tunnels and base camp areas as well as obtaining information from the Vietnamese. National Police were utilized in areas of high civilian concentration and also were valuable in dealing with the civilian population.

During the initial stages of Operation SARATOGA, the enemy order of battle was much the same as it had been for several months previously. Enemy elements within the TAOI were primarily local force units, operating with little deviation from already established AO's.

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The 7th Cu Chi Local Force Battalion ranged the area north of National Route 1 from Trang Bang to Tan Phu Trung while elements of the 1st MR-4 Battalion generally worked the areas to the north of the 7th Cu Chi Battalion (lower Boi Loi, Ho Bo, Filhol). To the east of Cu Chi, along the western banks of the Saigon, could be found the 2d Local Force Battalion (Go Mon District). All these elements mentioned above drew their indirect fire support, in part, from the 8th Artillery Battalion MR-4. The northwestern portions of the TAOI were the operational areas of the D-14 Battalion (lower Tay Ninh - Boi Loi) and the D-16 Battalion (Straight Edge Woods-lower Tay Ninh). In southern Hau Nghia and northern Long An (the Pineapple) were located the 269th, 267th and the 506th VC Battalions. There were occasional sorties of Main Forces and NVA units both through and into the area from the north, but there had not been any extensive NVA-MF contacts prior to Operation SARATOGA. Enemy offensive activity for several weeks prior to the initiation of Operation SARATOGA was principally of a harassing nature. Stand off attacks were initiated on several provincial towns as well as Cu Chi Base Camp. Occasional attacks on RF/PF Outposts, primarily along Route 1, made up the bulk of the enemy-initiated action. The probable locations and strength of units within the TAOI upon initiation of SARATOGA are shown below:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>STRENGTH</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
1st MR - 4	460	XT5517
8th VC Arty	230	XT6630
269th Battalion	270	XS5197
2nd Go Mon	240	XT7907
7th Cu Chi	250	XT5922
D-14	400	XT5118

(b) Enemy Contact During Operation:

The first significant enemy contact of the operation occurred on the night of 12 December 1967 when elements of the 101st NVA Regiment conducted a coordinated attack on the night location of the 1-27 INF. In this contact, the first by 2d Brigade units against NVA troops in Hau Nghia, the VC suffered 39 KIA (BC). The VC withdrew north into the Ho Bo and were next located on 21 December when 2 Co's of the 2-27 INF ran headlong into one of the 101st, Regiments base areas. The day-long action cost the VC 43 KIA (BC) and gave a hint of the defensive tenacity that could be expected in future operations against similar units. This action added weight to various agent reports that indicated a build up of NVA units and the addition of NVA soldiers to MF and LF units already situated in the area of operations.

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On 4 January, the 1-27 INF and 2-27 INF contacted elements of the 2d Go Mon in their base areas in the p Nha Vieng-Trung An complexes on the western banks of the Saigon River. During the 2 day fight in this area the VC lost 89 KIA (BC). The build-up of NVA soldiers with LF units was made dramatically evident when on the night of 10 January, the 1-27 INF night location was attacked by a battalion size element, later identified as the 7th Cu Chi Battalion. A prisoner captured during this battle stated the 50% of his and other units were made up of NVA soldiers. The addition of NVA soldiers to MF and LF units markedly increased their combat effectiveness, a fact that would become increasingly evident in the days to come. 108 VC were killed in this human wave attack. In the middle of January, 4-23 INF (M) engaged elements of the 1st Battalion MR-4 in a 2 day action in the lower Ho Bo. The 4-23 INF (M) never penetrated the base area completely, but inflicted heavy losses (49 KIA (BC)) on the entrenched enemy. The build-up of MF units within the TAOI was indicated again when the 2-27 INF engaged the Reconnaissance Company of the 272nd Regiment in an all night battle just south of the Saigon River in the Mushroom. A prisoner taken by the 2-27 indicated that the 272nd was to move into the Cu Chi area and conduct operations beginning in early February. The extent and importance of their mission became dramatically evident the next several days.

The night of 31 January saw the initiation of the VC TET offensive throughout the III CTZ. Within the 2nd Brigade TAOI, the offensive was initiated with stand off rocket and mortar attacks against Cu Chi, Duc Hoa, Bao Trai and Trang Rang. This attack signalled the first utilization of 122MM rockets against Cu Chi. The main emphasis was directed against Ton Son Nhut and Saigon although there were several corollary ground attacks in the TAOI. The following day, the intent of the enemy in the Cu Chi area became apparent as National Route 1 was interdicted at Tan Thu Trung by a VC Battalion of the 272nd Regiment, the battle to push the 272nd out of the Tan Thu Trung - An Cho area lasted 10 days (6-16 February) and cost the VC 219 dead. The apparent intent of the enemy to remain in the area, no matter what the consequences, pointed out the importance of this interdiction to the overall success of the VC master plan in and around Saigon. The enemy consisted of the 271st and 272nd Regiments as well as the 2nd Go Mon and 1st MR-4 Battalions and assorted artillery elements of the 56th and 58th Battalions of the 69th artillery Groups and portions of the 8th Artillery. Contact was made daily in most portions of the area with well armed, and disciplined VC soldiers.

The extent of the enemy build-up became obvious as large caches of food, ammunition and equipment to include rockets, were discovered. Contact with 2nd Brigade in the Saigon area cost the VC 692 KIA (BC), 184 KIA (POSS), and 211 weapons captured.

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CONCLUSIONS: The losses sustained by enemy forces, both local force and main force, during Operation SARATOGA has greatly reduced their combat effectiveness. The large quantities of arms, ammunition and other supplies captured by 2nd Brigade units, have rendered sustained enemy offensive operations in the area extremely difficult without a major resupply effort. In addition, much knowledge of VC main force and NVA organization, equipment and operation tendencies has been gained by 2nd Brigade units. This information can be effectively utilized in future operations against similar units. Large tunnel complexes and caches areas in the Ho Bo, Filhol, and Trung An have been rendered unusable. Rome Flow operations in the Ho Bo and Iron Triangle have destroyed valuable, previously secure base areas.

9. MISSION

2nd Brigade conducts offensive operations commencing 8 December 1967 in TAOI to:

- a. Destroy VC/NVA forces and installations.
- b. Provide security for Rome Flow operations, in Iron Triangle.
- c. Support GVN RD programs
- d. Deny the use of the Oriental River as a VC/NVA LOC.
- e. Assist GVN forces in controlling foods resources.
- f. Reinforce friendly forces in TAOI as required.

10. Concept of Operation:

Chronoglogical Summary:

(1) OPLAN 25-67 (Operation SARATOGA) Hq 2d Brigade, 25th Infantry Division was issued to participating units.

(2) 8 December 67 - 23 December 67 : TF 4-23 Infantry (M) (REINF) conducted Rome Flow clearing operations. A total of 5,250 acres comprised the area designated to be cleared. Clearing operations were conducted for 16 days. At the end of the period unit returned to Cu Chi Base Camp.

(3) 11 December 1967 1-27 Infantry combat assaulted into area west of Trung Lap to establish a night location and conduct operations North of Route 1. On 12 December, unit made contact with 101st NVA Battalion. This was the first engagement with an NVA unit in the 2nd Brigade TAOI.

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(4) 17-31 December 1967, 2nd Brigade conducted Tank - Infantry operations in Ho Bo, Boi Loi Woods.

(5) 3 January 1968 - 05 February 1968 with 28 Rome Flows moved into Filhol Plantation area and began cutting operations cutting continued until terminated by TET offensive. Flows were returned to Cu Chi Base Camp and released from OFCCN, 2nd Brigade.

(6) 4 January 1968 1-27 Infantry moved to FSB CROCKETT and attacked the VC strong holds of Trung An and Ap Nha Viec. 2-27 Infantry Combat assaulted into LZ's along Saigon River vicinity Binh My. Unit later moved into N/L at Trung An. Battalions continued operations through area to the Saigon River.

(7) 29 January 1968 2-27 Infantry conducted night combat assaults into Northern Ho Bo Woods to reinforce Aero Rifles of Troop D, 3rd Squadron 4th ACR. Contact continued throughout the night. All units were extracted the following morning.

(8) 3 February 1968 - 3-22 Infantry attacked Tan Hoa 4-23 Infantry (M) engaged enemy force in Tan Thu Trung - Ap Cho area. Contact in these areas continued until on 14 February when Tan Hoa was taken and, 16 February when Tan Thu Trung and Ap Cho were taken.

(9) 20 February 1968 2nd Brigade Headquarters moved to Hoc Mon where unit remained until 4 March 1968. Brigade elements conducted operations North and East of Hoc Mon until 9 March when all units moved into Hau Nghia Province or were released 2nd Brigade OFCCN.

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The following units supported the Brigade during Operation SARATOGA.

1st Battalion, 27th Infantry
2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry
1st Battalion, 5th Infantry (M)
4th Battalion, 23rd Infantry (M)
2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry
3rd Battalion, 22nd Infantry
2nd Battalion, 34th Armor
1st Battalion, 8th Artillery
3rd Battalion, 13th Artillery
6th Battalion, 77th Artillery
65th Engr Battalion
554th Engr Battalion
168th Land Clearing Task Force
269th Aviation Battalion (Black Baron)
68th Assault Helicopter Company (Top Tiger)
116th Assault Helicopter Company (Hornets)
118th Assault Helicopter Company (ThunderBirds)
128th Assault Helicopter Company (Tomahawks)
135th Assault Helicopter Company (EMU)
162nd Assault Helicopter Company (Vultures)
187th Assault Helicopter Company (Blackhawk)
173rd Assault Helicopter Company (Robinhood)
188th Assault Helicopter Company (Black Widow)
147th Assault Support Helicopter Company (Hill Climbers)
200th Assault Support Helicopter Company (Tackadorns)
205th Assault Support Helicopter Company (Geronimo)
213th Assault Support Helicopter Company (Black Cats)

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242nd Assault Support Helicopter Company (Mule Skinner)

25th Aviation Battalion

25th S&T Battalion

25th Medical Battalion

125th Signal Battalion

12th Evacuation Hospital

7th AA (CA FLT)

9th AA (CA FLT)

5th ARVN Division

25th ARVN Division

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HAMMER (RAMROD)	391	TACTICAL FIGHTER SQUADRON
WARHAWK	531	TACTICAL FIGHTER SQUADRON
RAF	604	TACTICAL FIGHTER SQUADRON
SHARKBAIT	557	TACTICAL FIGHTER SQUADRON
GRIT (DICE)	90	TACTICAL FIGHTER SQUADRON
YELLOW JACKET	352	TACTICAL FIGHTER SQUADRON
WHISKEY	559	TACTICAL FIGHTER SQUADRON
ENTRY (BUZZARD)	510	TACTICAL FIGHTER SQUADRON
PHANTOM	559	TACTICAL FIGHTER SQUADRON
MAGI D		AUSTRALIAN B57
BOXER	12	TACTICAL FIGHTER WING
BLADE	35	TACTICAL FIGHTER WING
LITTER	31	TACTICAL FIGHTER WING

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1-5 INF (M): Remained OPCON to Div

1-27 INF: Remained in Cu Chi Base Camp conducting maintenance and training. Co B provided the Base Camp reaction force. The 4.2 mortar plt provided security for FSB located vic XT608110.

2-27 INF (-): Remained OPCON to the 199th Inf Bde (SEP)

TF 4-23 INF: Continued to secure Rome Flow clearing operations in the Iron Triangle and conducted S&D operations vic XT73222 AND XT692258 discovering several rice and equipment caches.

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1-5 INF (M): Remained OPCON to Division

1-27 INF: 4.2 platoon continues to provide security for FSB vic XT608110. Provided one Co for the Base Camp reaction force. The Recon plt provided the Base Camp patrol force. Conducted Air-movile combat assaults to LZ's vic XT701099, XT707104, XT763124, and XT516177 with negative contact. Conducted cordon and search of Vinh Cu vic XT6714, apprehended 36 detainees who were evacuated to LPW for further interrogation.

2-27 INF (-): Remained OPCON to the 199th Inf Bde (SEP)

TF 4-23 INF: Continued to secure Rome Flow clearing operations in the Iron Triangle vic XT7322, XT7323 and XT7025. Conducted S&D operations vic XT6925, XT7322 discovering three weapons and ammo caches. At 1305 hrs, Co A discovered a grave vic XT692244 containing 1 VC KIA (BC) from gunshot wounds.

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1-5 INF (M): Remained OPCON to Division

1-27 INF: Conducted airmobile combat assaults to LZ's vic XT5617, XT5619, XT5122, XT5322, XT5519, XT6017 and XT6018, sustaining 12 US WIA from booby traps. At 1500 hrs, vic XT562178 Co D sustained 1 US KIA and 1 US WIA from S/A fire. At 1458 hrs, the Bde C&C ship engaged 1 VC vic XT565178 resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC). Co D provided the Cu Chi Base Camp reaction force and the Recon plt replaced the 4.2 plt at the FSB vic XT608110 and assumed the security mission for the FSB.

2-27 INF: Remained OPCON to the 199th Inf Bde (SEP).

TF 4-23 INF: Continued to secure Rome Flow clearing operations in the Iron Triangle and secured the Engr Raft site vic XT712309. Conducted S&D operations vic XT6826 discovering several bunkers/tunnel complexes, weapons, equipment, and rice caches.

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... continued to explore large tunnel complex vic XT733223.

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1-5 INF (M): Remained OPCON to Division.

1-27 INF: Conducted airmobile combat assaults to LZ's vic XT575245, XT597243, XT588235 and XT533222. At 0900 hrs, vic XT597244 supporting gunship was shot down by A/W and S/A fire received on LZ, crew sustained no casualties. At 0937 hrs, vic XT600241 Co B engaged unknown number of VC in a bunker resulting in 9 VC KIA (BC). Co B sustained 1 US KIA and 1 US WIA from this engagement. At 0955 hrs, supporting gunships engaged 1 VC vic XT599237 resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC). At 1240 hrs, Co D vic XT571248 sustained 4 US WIA from booby trap. At 1526 hrs, vic XT564215 Co C engaged 2 VC resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC) and 1 VC POW. Recon plt continued to secure FSB vic XT608110.

TF 4-23 INF: Continued to provide security for Rome Flow clearing operations in the Iron Triangle vic XT6924, XT7324, XT6825 and S&D operations vic XT6926, XT6924 and XT6825. Co A provided the Cu Chi Base Camp reaction force. Scout plt continued exploration of the tunnel complex vic XT7222.

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Special Operations: Crip conducted S&D operations vic XT501114. At 1100 hrs, engaged 3 VC vic XT501114, resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC).

1-5 INF (M): Remained OPCON to Division.

1-27 INF: Conducted airmobile combat assaults to LZ's vic XT557249, XT554251, XT503194 destroying several booby traps. At 0210 hrs, the Bn night position came under attack, receiving mortar, RPG 2, Rifle grenades, S/A and A/W fire in the perimeter. Returned fire with arty, mortars, S/A, A/W fire resulting in 39 VC KIA (BC) and 30 VC KIA (POSS), sustaining 10 US WIA. Co C provided one plat for security of the FSB vic XT549175.

2-27 INF: (-) Remained OPCON to the 199th Inf Bde (SEP).

TF 4-23 INF: Continued to provide security for Rome Flow clearing operation in the Iron Triangle vic XT7026, XT6826 and XT6926. Conducted S&D operations vic XT7026 and XT7126. Scout plt continued exploration of large tunnel complex vic XT7222. At 1715 hrs, Scout plt vic XT723225 engaged 1 VC resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC).

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Special Operations: Crip conducted airmobile combat assaults

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to a LZ vic XT515009, negative contact.

1-27 INF: Co B provided one plt for security of FSB vic XT606-114. Conducted airmobile combat assaults and S&D operations vic of LZ's XT587219, XT589229, XT561189, XT525240 and XT572238. At 2144 hrs, radar reported movement vic XT533226 engaged with artv, negative results. At 0800 hrs, a CH-47 received unknown number of hits from S/A fire, negative casualties. At 1350 hrs, Co B engaged 5 VC with S/A negative results. At 1520 hrs, vic XT570232 sustained 3 US WIA's from A/W fire.

2-27 INF: Remained OPCON to the 199th Inf Bde (SEP).

TF 4-23 INF: Co A provided one plt for Cu Chi Base Camp patrol. Scout platoon conducted security and S&D operations in general location of tunnel complex vic XT7322, XT7422. Co C conducted S&D operations vic XT7227. Continued to secure Rome Flow operations in Iron Triangle vic XT7125, XT7225, XT7322 and XT7223. At 1030 hrs, Co B vic XT683265 APC detonated AT mine resulting in 4 US WIA's.

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Special Operations: None

1-5 INF (M): Remained OPCON to Division.

1-27 INF: Conducted airmobile combat assaults to LZ's vic XT500237, XT556217, XT558183, XT512205, XT561189, XT564187 and XT-536234 and S&D operations vic of LZ's. Co B provided one composite plt for security of FSB vic XT606114. At 0500 hrs, Co B vic XT-565234 engaged 1 VC in tunnel with hand grenades resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC). At 0925 hrs, UH-1D and gunships on LZ vic XT559186 received unknown amount of S/A, A/W fire from estimated VC plt located vic XT556184. Co B sustained 2 US WIA from this engagement. At 1335 hrs, vic XT558184 Co B sustained 1 US WIA from booby trap. At 1330 hrs, Co C vic XT562179 sustained 2 US WIA from booby trapped grenade. At 1500 hrs, Co C vic XT568177 sustained 3 US WIA from a booby trapped grenade.

2-27 INF (-): Released OPCON 199th Inf Bde (SEP) effective 14-1225 and conducted air move to Cu Chi closing at 141237 hrs.

TF 4-23 INF: Continued to provide security for Rome Flow clearing operations in the Iron Triangle area vic XT7125, XT7225, XT7322 and XT7223. Scout plt conducted S&D operations vic XT7222 and continued exploration of the tunnel complex at that location. At 0855 hrs, Co C vic XT725272 received fire from estimated VC squad, sustaining 1 US KIA and 1 US WIA. At 0916 hrs, a tank from Co A 2/34 detonated a AT mine vic XT725272, negative casualties, minor damage to tank. At 1315 hrs, Co C vic XT725272, in the process of entering a bunker at that location, detonated a booby trap resulting in 1 US KIA, and 2 US WIA. Co B provided one platoon for The Cu Chi Base Camp patrol force.

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Special Operations: GRIP conducted S&D operations to objective areas vic XT532990, XT530008, XT519026. At 1205 hrs, Crip engaged 5 VC with S/A fire vic XT530008, negative results.

1-5 INF (M): OPCON to Division.

1-27 INF: Conducted airmobile combat assaults to LZ's vic XT506247, XT578175, XT589251, XT572205 and XT563193. At 0358 hrs, Co C vic XT531219 received unknown number of grenades and A/W fire. Negative casualties. At 1010 hrs, Co A vic XT585173 located 2 graves containing 2 VC KIA (BC). At 1207 hrs, Co D sustained 1 NBI from snake bite vic XT505220. At 1315 hrs, Co C vic XT571230 sustained 1 US WIA from booby trap. At 1330 hrs, dustoff ship vic XT571230 received heavy volume of A/W fire, negative hits or casualties. At 1530 hrs, Co A vic XT566217 apprehended 3 detainees evacuated to IPW.

2-27 INF: Remain Cu Chi Base Camp conducted maintenance and preparation for future operations. Co A provides Base Camp reaction force. Co C provided one plt for base camp patrol force.

4-23 INF: Scout platoon conducted security and S&D operations vic XT7227. Provided security for Rome Plow clearing operations in Iron Triangle vic XT7125, XT7225, XT7322 and XT7223. Co B provided one platoon for security of Engineer raft site vic XT712209.

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Special Operations: GRIP conducted night ambush patrolling vic XT530008, negative results. 2-27 INF (-) conducted a combined cordon and search of AN PHU vic XT505170 with elements of TRANG BANG National Police.

1-5 INF (M): OPCON to Division

1-27 INF: Co A provided one platoon for security of FSB vic XT606114. Conducted S&D operations vic XT5222, XT5223, XT5419, XT5420, XT5321, XT5421, XT5521, XT5522, XT5423, XT5424 and XT5524. Destroying several booby traps and apprehending 3 female detainees who were evacuated to IPW for further interrogation.

2-27 INF: Conducted airmobile combat assaults into blocking positions vic XT488184, XT488175, XT495169, XT504170, XT518165, XT520167, XT519173, XT500170, XT503174, XT511174, XT504189, XT507172, XT506168, XT503168. Conducted combined cordon and search vic XT505170 utilizing National Police from TRANG BANG. At 1420 hrs, vic XT518180 Co B apprehended 16 VC suspects, evacuated to IPW. At 1130 hrs, Bde Q&C ship apprehended 1 detainee vic XT514180. At 1420 hrs, Co B apprehended 83 VC suspects vic XT518180, evacuated to IPW.

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TF 4-23 INF: Continued to secure Rome Flow operations negative contact.

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1-5 INF (M): Remained OPCON to Division.

1-27 INF: Conducted multi-Bn airmobile combat assaults to LZ vic XT507206 and S&D operations in conjunction with Co A 2/34 ARMOR and elements of 2-27 vic XT5721, XT5621, XT5620, XT5720, XT6123, XT6124, XT6125 and making contact with unknown size VC force. At 1040 hours, Bn sustained 2 US WIA from S/A fire and rifle grenades. At 0741 hrs, Recon platoon sustained 1 US WIA from punji pit vic XT573208. Co B provided one platoon for the security of FSB vic XT593217. Bn provided one platoon (composite) for the security of FSB vic XT605114. Co A provided one platoon for the security of FSB vic XT549175.

2-27 INF (-): Conducted multi-Bn airmobile combat assaults with elements of 1-27 INF vic XT6524, XT6525 and combined S&D operations with Co A 2/34 ARMOR and elements of 1-27 INF vic XT6524, XT6425 and XT6326 with negative contact. At 1020 hrs, and 1140 hrs supporting helicopters received S/A and A/W fire, negative hits. Bn provided one company for the Cu Chi Base Camp reaction force and one platoon for the Base Camp patrol force. At 2120 hrs, Bn night location vic XT507206 received 20 rifle grenades sustaining 3 US WIA.

TF 4-23 INF: Continued to provide security for Rome Flow clearing operations in the Iron Triangle vic XT7422, XT7226, XT7127 and provided one platoon for security of the Engineer Fast site vic XT726217. At 1400 hrs, Co C vic XT712273 discovered a grave containing 3 VC KIA (BC). At 1745 hrs, Co B vic XT728263 discovered a large grenade factory and at 1115 hrs, vic XT730289 discovered a large rice cache.

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1-5 INF (M): Remained OPCON to Division

1-27 INF (-): Conducted airmobile combat assaults to LZ's vic XT494024, XT482026 and provided security for downed aircraft. Provided one platoon (composite) for security of FSB vic XT603114. Co A provided 1 plt for security of FSB vic XT549175 and Co B provided one plt for security of FSB vic XT593217. At 1118 hrs, a UH1D in support of the Bn received unknown amount of A/W fire, sustaining no hits.

At 1545 hrs, supporting gunships 1/27 received unknown amount of ground fire from vic XT483027 sustaining 1 US WIA. At 1625 hrs, Co D vic XT484028 sustained 1 US WIA, from gunshot wounds. At 1730 hrs, supporting gunships engaged VC force resulting in

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3 VC KIA (BC) vic XT481029. At 1800 hrs, Co D vic XT482027 sustained 2 US WIA from gunshot wounds.

2-27 INF (-): Conducted tank infantry S&D operations in conjunction with Co A 2/34 ARMOR vic XT6426, XT6326 and XT6226, destroying small amounts of rice, booby traps and bunkers containing misc cooking utensils and articles of clothing. At 0405 hrs, Bn night location vic XT647266 received 25-30 rounds of 60 mm, Bn did not sustain any casualties. Co C provided one platoon for the Cu Chi Base Camp patrol force.

TF 4-23 INF: Continued to provide security for Rome Flow operations in the Iron Triangle vic XT7327, XT7127. At 0855 hrs, a Rome Flow vic XT725264 detonated a booby trapped grenade, resulting in 1 US WIA, negative damage to the vehicle. At 0943 hrs, Co B vic XT725245 sustained 1 US WIA from booby trap.

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1-5 INF (M): Remained OPCON to Division.

1-27 INF: Co A provided one platoon for security of FSB vic XT593217. Bn (-) conducted S&D operations vic XT5620, XT5720, XT5621 & XT5721. Co A (-) conducted airmobile combat assaults in AO FEACOCK to LZ's vic XT561242 and conducted sweep to the SE. Provided one platoon for Cu Chi Base Camp patrol. At 1826 hrs, dustoff ship for Bn vic XT482027 took two hits in fuel cell unknown source. At 1955 hrs, Co D reported 1 US KIA from earlier action at downed aircraft site. At 1826 hrs, Co D sustained 8 US WIA vic XT482027 from gunshot and shrapnel wounds. At 0158 hrs, Co's C & D reported under attack receiving S/A, Mortar, RPG's, negative casualties. At 0217 hrs, GO and 5 FM sustained wounds from earlier action. At 1216 hrs, Co C during extraction received unknown amount of S/A fire vic FZ XT480027. At 1225 hrs, Bn (-) received 10 - 12 rounds of A/M fire from vic XT485025, negative casualties. At 1330 hrs, Bn accounted for 4 VC KIA (BC) and 2 VC KIA (POSS) vic XT480038 and XT475035. At 1409 hrs, Co A vic XT559228 sustained 1 US WIA from booby trap.

2-27 INF: Conducted S&D operations in AO CAMDEN to objective 1 vic XT650282; objective 2 vic XT658287 and a blocking position vic XT650289. At 1034 hrs, Co D vic XT650282 received unknown amount of mortar rounds, resulting in 4 US WIA. At 1052 hrs, Co D vic XT651282 sustained 1 US WIA from RPG 2. At 1230 hrs, Co D vic XT658270 sustained 1 US WIA from shrapnel. At 1356 hrs, gunships supporting Bn engaged 3 VC vic XT662288 with negative results. At 1550 hrs, Co C vic XT657287 received 1 RPG 2 round, negative casualties. At 1554 hrs, Co C vic XT657287 received approximately 50 - 60 rounds of AK47 and carbine rounds, negative casualties. At 1722 hrs, Co A vic XT656280 engaged 1 VC, resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC).

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TF 4-23 INF: Continued to provide security for Rome Plow clearing operations in Iron Triangle vic XT7226, XT7326 and XT7324. Scout platoon continues to S&D tunnel complex in southern portion of Iron Triangle vic XT7222. At 0910 hrs, vic XT729221 Scout platoon sustained 1 US WIA from booby trap.

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4-5 INF (M): OPCON to 1st Bde effective 201200 Dec 67

1-27 INF: Provided one platoon for Cu Chi Base Camp patrol and one platoon for FSB PATTON. Conducted airmobile combat assaults to LZ vic XT489317 in response to 3/4 Cav contact. At 2008 hrs, Bn night location came under attack, receiving S/L, RPG, Mortar, rifle grenades and A/W fire from vic XT562193. At 2100 hrs, Bn night location received 9 RPG and Mortar rounds from vic XT570213, XT574208. At 1005 hrs, Co A vic XT514204 received unknown amount of AK47, SA and grenades negative casualties. At 1116 hrs, Co C vic XT573207 sustained 3 WIA's from booby trap. DELETED 1000 a total of 6 VC were found at the location of previous night engagement.

2-27 INF: Co D provided one platoon for convoy security. Conducted Tank Infantry S&D operations in NW portion of vic XT6227, XT6327, XT6328, XT6329 and XT6127. At 2050 hrs, Co D AP engaged movement, with negative results. At 2113 hrs, Co D vic XT631286 engaged 3 VC with negative results. At 2135 hrs, Co D engaged 3 VC vic XT648219, resulting in 3 VC KIA (POSS). At 1127 hrs, Co B sustained 1 US NBI vic XT623294, from broken leg. At 1250 hrs, Co D vic XT626287 received 3 rounds sniper fire, with negative casualties. At 1307 hrs, Co A 2/34 vic XT605246 sustained 2 US WIA's from tank detonating an AT mine, moderate damage to tank.

TF 4-23 INF: Continued to provide security for Rome Plow clearing operations and wind rowing operations vic XT7128, XT7228, XT7229 and XT6925. At 2010 hrs, 4/23 night location received 1 mortar round, with negative casualties. At 2019 hrs, Bn received two rounds mortar fire from NW, with negative casualties.

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1-27 INF: Co D provided one platoon for Cu Chi Base Camp patrol. Co A provided one platoon for FSB PATTON vic XT593218. Co D (-) provided security for field night location. Co D provided one platoon for the security of FSB vic XT442343. Conducted S&D operations in NW portion of AO CAMDEN vic XT4932, XT4931, XT5032. At 2002 hrs, Co B sustained 1 US NBI vic Bn night location resulting from falling into a bomb crater. At 2253 hrs, bunker #23 sustained 1 US NBI, resulting from EM accidentally shooting himself in the hand.

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1-5 (M): OPGON to 1st Bde.

2-27 INF: Co C (-) conducted "coverleaf" operations to N & NW of field night location vic XT6329, XT6229, XT6328, XT6228. Bn (-) conducted S&D operations in AO CAMDEN vic XT6226. At 0855 hrs, a tank from Co A 2/34 detonated an AT mine vic XT607221, negative casualties, and minor damage to tank. At 0909 hrs, Co A vic XT625265 received AK47, S/A and M79 fire from unknown number of VC. Co A sustained 16 US WIA's and 4 US KIA's two tanks destroyed and accounted for 29 VC KIA (BC) and 20 VC KIA (POSS). At 1123 hrs, Co A 2/34 had a tank destroyed from RPG 2 round vic XT624463.

TF 4-23 INF: Continued to provide security for Rome-Flow clearing and Wind Rowing operations in Iron Triangle vic XT7326, XT71-28 and XT7728. Co A conducted S&D operations to objectives vic XT725273. Scout platoon continues to S&D tunnel complex in SW portion of Iron Triangle vic XT7222. At 0700 hrs, HHC Co Mortar platoon sustained 2 US NBI from burns (NBI).

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1-27 INF: Co D provided one platoon for security of FSB GLADYS and one platoon for Cu Chi Base Camp patrol. Conducted heliborne move from position in AO CAMDEN to new field night location vic XT482063 in AO REINDEER. Co B and D (-) provided security for the field night location. Bn (-) conducted airmobile combat assaults in AO REINDEER to LZ's vic XT497051, XT476082, XT482063 and XT503073, also conducted S&D operations vic of LZ's.

1-5 INF (M): OPGON to 1st Bde.

2-27 INF: Co D provided one platoon for security of FSB PATTON. Co's A and D provided security of new field night location and Bn reaction force. Bn (-) conducted S&D operations in eastern portion of AO CAMDEN vic XT625265. At 1900 hrs, reported 13 VC KIA (BC) vic XT625256 from engagement on the 21 Dec 67. Total VC KIA (BC) 42 from this engagement.

TF 4-23 INF: Continued to secure Rome Flow operations, negative contact.

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Special Operations: CRIP conducted 2 airmobile combat assaults to LZ's vic XT403204 and XT407207 in response to an intelligence report.

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1-5 Inf (C): CPECN to 1st Bde.

1-27 INF: Conducted airmobile combat assaults in AO REIN-
DEER vic XT458107, XT451089, XT468054, XT441081, XT462062, XT-
505029, XT510059 and XT485070. At 0017 hrs, Co C engaged
2 VC vic XT484066 with hand grenades, resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC).
At 0017 hrs, Bn received mortar and ground attack at their night
location. At 0138 hrs, Co C vic XT484066 located 2 VC KIA (BC)
from engagement at 0017. At 0115 hrs, LFT on station engaged
1 VC, resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC) vic XT482059. At 0255 hrs,
contact broken Bn sustained 3 US WIA (minor). At 1152 hrs, Co
C sustained 1 US NBI, resulting from respiratory malfunction.

2-27 INF: At 1700 hrs, Chinook in support of Bn received
unknown amount of damage vic XT615287 caused by explosion believed
to be a command type detonated mine, negative casualties. At 1715
hrs, Co D vic XT618285 received unknown number of 60mm rounds,
negative casualties.

TF 4-23 INF: At 1625 hrs, Bn moved to position vic BEN CAT and
conducted convoy and motor convoy to Cu Chi on 24 DEC. At 1240
hrs, a dozer vic XT699298 detonated an unknown type AT mine re-
sulting in a total loss of dozer and 1 US WIA.

24 DEC

1-27 INF: Co D provided 1 platoon for the Cu Chi Base Camp
patrol. Provided 1 platoon for security of FSB BUTLER vic XT-
530037. Bn conducted S&D operations in AC REINDEER vic XT4806,
XT4907 and XT5007. Relocated new Base Camp vic XT499073.

2-27 INF: Conducted airmobile combat assaults to LZ's in AO
CAMDEN to secure Bridge sites for movement of Co A 2/34 to establish
security of new Base Camp. Co A combat assaults to vic XT585304 and
provided security for bridge site. Co C combat assaulted to XT569-
316 and also secured bridge site. Co B combat assaulted to vic XT-
545306. Conducted S&D operations to vic XT546316 established and
secured new night location. Co D provided one platoon for security
of FSB PATTON vic XT593217. At 1125 hrs, Co C vic XT568317 engaged
1 VC resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC). At 1635 hrs, Warrior C&C reported
1 additional VC KIA (BC) vic XT568317.

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1-27 INF: Conducted S&D operations in AO REINDEER vic XT5006,
XT5005, XT5004, XT4907, XT4807, XT4708, XT4908 and XT4809. Co D
provided 1 platoon for security of FSB BUTLER vic XT530037. Co D
provided 1 platoon as Cu Chi Base Camp patrol. At 0604 hrs, Co A
vic XT481080 apprehended 1 detainee, released as an innocent civ-
ilian. At 1137 hrs, Co C vic XT503035 received 3 rounds S/A fire
from the South. At 1145 hrs, Co C vic XT503035 sustained 1 US WIA
resulting from S/A fire. At 1207 hrs, Co C vic XT503035 received 1
round sniper fire, negative casualties.

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2-27 INF: Conducted Bn cloverleaf operations vic XT5431, XT-5430, XT5530 and XT5531. Co D provided security for FSB PATTON vic XT543217. At 1422 hrs, Co D vic XT549310 found 3 graves containing 3 VC bodies, resulting in 3 VC KIA (BC).

26 DEC

Special Operations: CRIP in reaction to an Intelligence report conducted S&D operations vic XT511018. At 1830 hrs, vic XT511018 engaged 50 VC with artillery, resulting in 10 VC KIA (POSS).

1-27 INF: Conducted S&D operations in AO REINDEER vic XT5006, XT5005, XT5004, XT4807, XT4804, XT4708 and XT4808. Co D provided 1 platoon security of FSB BUTLER vic XT530037. At 2115 hrs, Co C vic XT5030, engaged 10 VC, resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC). At 1225 hrs, Co C vic XT515035 apprehended 1 male detainee. At 1405 hrs, Co D vic XT476073 spotted 1 man running engaged with negative results. At 1527 hrs, Co B vic XT483072 located 9 VC graves, resulting in 9 VC KIA (BC). At 1550 hrs, Co D vic XT497072 sustained 1 US WII, from heat stroke.

2-27 INF: Conducted S&D operations vic XT5531 and XT5632. At 1600 hrs, Co D vic XT561324 located 1 grave containing 1 VC KIA (BC).

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1-27 INF: Conducted S&D operations in AO REINDEER vic XT4609, XT4708, XT4807 and XT4907. Conducted airmobile combat assaults to LZ's in AO REINDEER vic XT497037, XT515985, and XT513019. At 1950 hrs, Co C vic XT498072 detected 2-3 personnel crawling away from perimeter, engaged with S/A, negative casualties, VC losses unknown. At 2142 hrs, Co C vic XT504673 received 3 rounds rifle grenades or 60mm rounds, negative casualties.

2-27 INF: Conducted S&D operations in AO GARDEN vic XT5331, XT5431, and XT5432. At 0833 hrs, Co A vic XT549311 sustained 1 US WIA, from shrapnel wounds from friendly air strikes. At 1207 hrs, Co A vic XT549311 sustained 1 US NBI from dislocated knee.

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1-27 INF: Co A provided 1 platoon for the security of FSB BUTLER vic XT530037. At 1008 hrs, conducted motor march to Cu Chi Base Camp closing at 1455 hrs. Conducted stand down, maintenance and prepared for future operations. At 1955 hrs, Co A AP engaged an Ox Cart vic XT487064 with M-79, sustained 1 US WIA from frag wounds. At 2025 hrs, vic XT490055 Co C received unknown amount of S/A, A/W, RPG, Rifle Grenade fire, returned fire with S/A, A/W, 81mm, M79 fire, VC losses unknown, 1 US WIA.

2-27 INF: Co B provided security for FSB POPE vic XT548315. Co A provided the Bn reaction force. Co's C and D conducted airmobile combat assaults to LZ's vic XT51345, XT546338. Conducted S&D operations vic XT5134, XT5433, XT532, and XT5431. At 0840 hrs, S-4

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received unknown number rounds of sniper fire, negative casualties. At 0914 hrs, vic XT547336 Co D received unknown amount of AK47, RPG-2 fire from 4-5 VC, resulting in 1 US KIA. At 1325 hrs, Bn found 1 VC KIA (BC) from artillery vic XT546338. At 1453 hrs, vic XT548334 Bn located 2 VC KIA (BC) from artillery.

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1-27 INF: Remained in Cu Chi Base Camp and conducted maintenance, and prepared for future operations.

2-27 INF: During the morning hours Co's C and D conducted S&D operations vic XT5432, XT5431, XT5229 and XT5330 while Co A provided security for FSB POPE vic XT548315. Co B provided the Bn reaction force. In the afternoon, Co D provided security for FSB POPE. Co C provided the Bn reaction force. Co's A and B conducted airmobile combat assaults to LZ's vic XT549345, XT548315. At 1920 hrs, Bn reported finding 2 VC KIA (BC) vic XT546338 from the engagement on the 28 of Dec.

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1-27 INF: Remained Cu Chi Base Camp. Recon platoon provided security for PHU MOA DONG Outpost. Co C provided security for FSB YORK vic XT548177. Bn (-) conducted airmobile combat assaults in AO SATURN to LZ's vic XT500225, XT528211, XT517216, XT532202, XT577172, XT525202, XT584162. At 1041 hrs, Co C vic XT535492 engaged 1 VC running, negative results. At 1200 hrs, vic XT588164 supporting gunships engaged 3 VC, unknown results. At 1230 hrs, vic XT584171 Co C made contact with unknown size VC force resulting in 1 VC KIA (POSS). At 1312 hrs, vic XT585172 Co C engaged 1 VC, resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC). At 1345 hrs, vic XT586173 Co C located 2 graves containing 2 VC KIA (BC). At 1400 hrs, vic XT588164 supporting gunships engaged 2 VC, resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC) and 1 VC KIA (POSS). At 1440 hrs, vic XT523203 CH47 received unknown amount of hits resulting in 1 US KIA and 1 US KIA damage to helicopter unknown. At 1450 hrs, vic XT520203 Co A received unknown amount of S/A fire resulting in 1 US KIA, returned fire with S/A fire, with negative casualties.

2-27 INF: Co A provided reaction force for 3-17 CAV. Co A and C conducted S&D operations vic XT5531, XT5532. Bn (-) conducted airmobile combat assaults to LZ's vic XT523328, XT517289, XT515293, XT510265, XT519281, XT512283, XT522266, XT518270, XT545268, XT534256, XT534259, XT540280 and XT548315. At 1140 hrs, vic XT520265 supporting gunships engaged 1 VC with unknown results. At 1400 hrs, vic XT534258 Co B apprehended 3 detainees, who were evacuated to IPW. At 1550 hrs, vic XT533264 Co C captured 3 VC POW's, evacuated to IPW.

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1-27 INF: Co C provided night location Base Camp security and Bn reaction force. Bn (-) conducted airmobile combat assaults and S&D operations in AO SATURN vic XT465226, XT477231, XT474212, XT488222, XT

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At 0900 hrs, Co A vic XT589168 found 1 VC. At 0931 hrs, Co A vic XT594166 received unknown amount of 60 mm mortar rounds, negative results. At 1100 hrs, gunships vic XT578171 engaged 2 VC, resulting in 2 VC KIA (BC). At 1205 hrs, Co B vic XT578-174 sustained 3 US WIA's from booby traps. At 1230 hrs, Co B vic XT-578175 apprehended 1 detainee. At 1325 hrs, 1-27 vic XT521205 engaged 4 VC with negative results. At 1513 hrs, Co B vic XT579174 received S/A fire from 6 VC with negative results. At 2042 hrs, Co B vic XT-517204 received 2 rifle grenades and S/A fire resulting in 1 US WIA. VC losses unknown.

2-27 INF: Conducted eagle flights and S&D operations in AO. PLATO vic XT433267, XT435242, XT440235, XT488261, XT405290, XT985-288. Conducted move to new night location vic XT426252. At 0644 hrs, Co C vic XT548315 sustained 1 US WIA from unknown type explosion. At 0718 hrs, Co C (LP) sustained 1 US WIA from back blast of claymore. At 0920 hrs, Co B vic XT427253 apprehended 1 detainee.

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1-27 Co C provided security for FSB vic XT 548177. Conducted RIF operations vic XT510214, XT535220, XT550180 and XT501195. Co B provided 1 platoon for Cu Chi Base Camp reaction force. At 0042 hrs, Co C vic XT511209 engaged unknown size VC force, resulting in 2 US WIA's. At 0230 hrs, Co C vic XT511090 engaged est. VC squad resulting in 3 VC KIA (BC) and 8 US WIA's. At 0353 hrs, Co C vic XT512210 engaged by 2 VC squads with S/A and 35 rifle grenades, returned fire with 81MM, unknown results. At 0852 hrs, Co D vic XT552195 sustained 1 US WIA from falling in punji pit. At 2245 hrs, Co D vic XT 532202 engaged 6 VC resulting in 2 VC KIA (BC).

2-27 INF Conducted RIF operations vic XT426252. Co A provided 1 plt for Cu Chi Base Camp patrol. At 0550 hrs, Co B vic XT431251 received 1 hand grenade, negative casualties.

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Special Operations: Beginning 02 Jan 68 the TF 1-5 Inf (M) conducted combined RIF operations in conjunction with 2 PF plt's from Tam Binh district.

1-27 INF: Co C provided security for FSB vic XT548177. Co D provided for the Cu Chi Base Camp Reaction Force. Conducted RIF operations vic XT5220, XT5219, XT5218, XT5214, XT5217, XT5116, XT5016, XT5017, XT5118, and XT5119. At 0144 hrs, Co B vic XT521201 sustained 1 US WIA from engagement with unknown size force. At 0940 hrs, Co C vic XT515171 received 5-10 rds burst from AK47 fire, negative casualties. At 1050 hrs, Co C vic XT443234 received fire from 4 VC, negative casualties. At 0730 hrs, Co C vic XT 512183 apprehended 2 detainees, will evac to IPW.

2-27 INF: Co A provided 1 plt for the Cu Chi Base Camp patrol. Conducted RIF operations vic XT4225, XT4324, XT4424, 4624, XT4375, XT4425, XT4525, XT4625, XT4224, XT4124, and XT4125. At 1340 hrs, Co Z vic XT450246 apprehended 6 detainees 3 were released and 3 were EVAC to IPW.

1-5 INF with Co C 3-22 and Co B 4-23 INF attached OFCON to 2d Bde eff. 021200 Hrs. Conducted road march to night location.

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Special Operations: None

1-27 INF: Conducted foot march to trucking point XT514189 and conveyed to Cu Chi closing Cu Chi Base Camp at 1120 hrs. Conducted stand down, maintenance and prepared for future operations. At 0025 hrs, Co C vic XT523202 sustained 3 US WL's resulting from incoming rifle grenades. At 0110 hrs, LP vic XT523202 engaged unknown number of VC with hand grenades and shot guns, negative casualties, VC losses unknown.

TF 1-5 INF: Comprized of 1-5 INF (-) Co B 4-23 Inf. Co A 1-5 INF provided security for FSB vic XS728962. TF 1-5 INF (-) conducted Rif operations vic XS7292, XS7095, XS7097, XS7294, XS6993, and XS7199.

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TF 4-23 INF: Comprized of 4-23 INF (-) Co A 2-34 and 28 some plows conducted move to night location.

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Special Operations: Beginning at 04 Jan thru 06 Jan 68 1/27 and 2/27 have conducted combined S&D operations with the 5th ARVN Ranger Group.

1-27 INF: Conducted motor march to Da-Truak location vic XT732148. Moved to FSB vic XT733148. Co B provided 1 platoon for security of FSB. Conducted RIF operations vic XT7317, XT7414, XT7514, XT 7315, XT7316, XT7416, XT7516 and XT7415. Co D remained in FSB and provided Bn Reaction Force. At 0830 hrs, Co C and B received S/A and A/W fire sustained 1 US WIA resulting from A/W fire. At 0920 hrs, Co B and C received S/A and A/W fire, negative casualties. At 0925 hrs, Co C vic XT748168 engaged VC position, resulting in 1 VC KIA (EC). At 1000 hrs, supporting gunships vic XT742168 engaged 5 VC, resulting in 5 VC KIA (EC). At 0955 hrs, Co B vic XT742165 received S/A fire resulting in 5 US WIA's and 2 US KIA's. At 1048 hrs, Co C vic XT749158 sustained 8 US WIA's and 4 US KIA's from gunshot wounds. At 1100 hrs, Co A vic XT752151 sustained 2 US WIA's from gunshot wounds. At 1225 hrs Co B vic XT747159 engaged unknown number of VC, resulting in 2 VC KIA (EC). At 1245 hrs, Co A vic XT755153 sustained 6 US WIA and 1 US KIA from sniper fire. At 1350 hrs, Co A vic XT756154 engaged 3 VC, resulting in 3 VC KIA (EC) and 8 VC KIA (POSS). At 1554 hrs, Co A vic XT754154 sustained 20 US WIA's and 4 US KIA's from friendly air support of troops in contact. At 1620 hrs, Co C vic XT748158 sustained 2 US WIA's and 1 US KIA's resulting from S/A fire. At 1655 hrs, Co D vic XT748160 sustained 1 US KIA from engagement with unknown number of VC.

2-27 INF: Conducted airborne combat assaults from Row Bravo to LZ's in AO Vic XT794177 and XT796116 and RIF operations vic XT8011, Co B provided as the Bn reaction force. At 0950 hrs, supporting F.C vic XT800105 received unknown amount of S/A fire, negative hits. At 1705 hrs, Co C vic XT752149 sustained 10 US WIA's and US KIA resulting from artillery short rounds.

TF 1-5 INF: Conducted cordon and search operations vic Vinh Hanh area vic XS7296 and XS7197. 1-5 recon platoon provided security for Night Location.

TF 4-23 INF: Conducted security for Rome Plow clearing operations vic XT6719 XT6819, XT6919, XT6920, XT6820. TF Recon platoon provided security of night location At 0700 hrs, Co D 3/4 Cav UICON to TF 4-23. At 0805 hrs, Co C vic XT692198 received unknown amount of S/A fire, returned fire with S/A and A/W negative casualties, VC losses unknown.

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1-27 INF: Co A provided security for night location and the Bn reaction force. Co B provided 1 platoon for security of FSB vic XT733148. Bn (-) conducted RIF operations in AO SPIC to objective vic XT7416, XT7415 and XT7515. At 1835 hrs, supporting gunships vic XT665297 engaged 3VC, resulting in 6 VC KIA (EC). At 1820 hrs, supporting air vic XT749163 engaged unknown number of VC, resulting in 3 VC KIA (EC) and 1 VC KIA (POSS).

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AT 0910 hrs, Bn C&C vic XT752163 engaged 1 VC resulting in 1VC KIA (BC). At 0935 hrs, supporting gunships vic XT749158 engaged 3 VC resulting in 2 VC KIA (PCSS). At 1600 hrs, Co B vic XT 748161 located 4 graves containing VC bodies resulting in 9 VC KIA (BC). At 1600 hrs, Co B vic XT757157 located 1 VC KIA (BC).

2-27 INF: Co D provided security for Bn night location vic XT752149. Bn (-) conducted RIF operations to the East of their night location to vic XT7614. At 0343 hrs, Bn sustained 1 US NDI from stomach disorder vic XT752149. At 1200 hrs, Co B vic XT752149 sustained 1 US WIA from booby trap. At 1240 hrs, Co E vic XT759150 sustained 2 US WIA's from booby traps. At 1300 hrs, Co C vic XT 755151 located 2 VC KIA (BC). At 1600 hrs, Co B vic XT757157 located 1 grave containing 1 VC KIA (BC). At 1620 hrs, Co B vic XT 757157 located 1 grave containing 1 VC KIA (BC). At 1617 hrs, Co C vic XT755159 located 8 VC KIA (BC). At 1730 hrs, Co B vic XT757157 located 1VC KIA (BC).

TF 1-5 INF: Conducted cordon and search operations vic ^{E.B.} XS7343. Co D 3/22 provided security of night location.

TF 4-23 INF: Continued to provide security for Rome Flow clearing operations vic XT6919, XT6816 and XT6619. Recon platoon provided security of the night location. At 1130 hrs, Co B vic XT719938 apprehended 4 detainees.

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1-27 INF: Conducted Reconnaissance in force operations vic XT7314, XT7315, XT7416, XT7417 and XT7516. Recon and Co A provided security for FSB vic XT741170. Co B provided 1 platoon for the security of FSB vic XT72916. Provided a composite element for the security of night location vic XT737146. At 0940 hrs, Co C vic XT746164 located 3 graves containing 3 VC KIA (BC). At 1300 hrs, Co D vic XT752-158 located 1 VC KIA (BC). At 1345 hrs, Co D vic XT751162 located 6 graves containing 6 VC KIA (BC).

2-27 INF: Conducted Reconnaissance in force operations vic XT7514, XT7615, XT7614. Co A provided security for the night location. At 1800 hrs, Co B vic XT757153 located 5 VC KIA (BC).

TF 1-5 INF: Conducted Reconnaissance in force operations vic XT720005. One FF Co blocked on the North of village along road 236. 1-5 A.C.C blocked to the west and south of hamlet.

TF 4-23 INF: Continued to provide security for Rome Flow clearing operations vic XT650215, XT652201 and XT67204. Recon platoon provided security for the night location.

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Special operations: TF 1-5 INF: Conducted combined Reconnaissance in force operations with 2 FF platoons from Tan Binh district vic XS728953, XT723915, and XT728953. CRIP in reaction to an intelligence report conducted Reconnaissance in force operations vic XS528995. Discovered a small VC Base Camp and mortar positions, will destroy.

1-27 INF: Conducted airmobile combat assaults to LZ's vic XT589181, XT589190, XT564214, XT559198, XT579209. At 0225 hrs, Co B and C vic XT736147 received 10-15 rdd unknown type fire from North negative casualties, VC losses unknown. At 1020 hrs, Co D vic XT560188 received 3 rds S/A fire, negative casualties.

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At 1020 hrs, supporting choppers vic XT560188 received 5 rds S/A fire, negative hits. At 1630 hrs, Recon platoon vic XT566194 received 4 rds sniper fire, negative casualties.

2-27 INF: At 0800 hrs, truck convoy departed Cu Chi enroute 8A to pick up the Bn's forward elements. At 0945 hrs, convoy closed Cu Chi will stay the night.

TF 1-5 INF: Conducted Reconnaissance in force operations vic XT728953, XT-723915, XT703923, XT728953.

TF 4-23 INF: Continued to provide security for Rome Flow clearing operations vic XT52201 and XT570220. At 1540 hrs, Co A 2/34 vic XT664197 detonated a 25 lb tilt rod mine, minor damage to tank, negative casualties.

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1-27 INF: Co A provided security of Bn night location. Conducted airmobile combat assaults and Reconnaissance in force operations in area of LZ's vic XT539-092, XT560091, XT546117. At 1830 hrs, vic XT559198 a Chui Hoi turned himself in to S-5, evacuated to RFM. At 2125 hrs, Co C vic XT563193 engaged 9 VC with S/A fire resulting in 1 VC KIA (EC). At 0250 hrs, vic XT730149 located 2 VC KIA (EC), killed from artillery. At 1653 hrs, Co A vic XT599198 received 4 rds sniper fire negative casualties.

2-27 INF: Remained Cu Chi Base Camp.

TF 1-5 INF: Conducted road march to Dan Tieng released OPCON effective 081100.

TF 4-23 INF: Provided a composite platoon for the security of the night location. Continued to provide security for Rome Flow clearing operations vic XT650215, XT670220, and XT665209. At 0800 hrs, Co A vic XT650213 detonated a tank mine resulting in 2 US WIA's and AFC combat loss. At 0835 hrs, Co C vic XT662214 Rome Flow detonated an Anti-Personnel Mine, negative casualties. At 0835 hrs, Co A vic XT662220 a Rome Flow detonated an Anti-Personnel Mine negative casualties. At 0958 hrs, Co A vic XT662220 detonated an Anti-Tank Mine resulting in 2 US WIA's and heavy damage to AFC.

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Special operations: Grip reaction to an intelligence report conduct RIF operations vic XT500047, XT496048, XT493057, XT488068, XT440080 and XT502080, negative results.

1-27 INF: Conducted RIF operations vic XT5519, XT5517, XT5617, XT5518, XT5619, XT5719, XT5819, XT5519, XT5419, XT5529, XT5521, XT5621. Bn provided a composite unit to secure the new night location. At 2210 hrs, Co A vic XT556191 engaged 3 VC resulting in 1 VC KIA (EC) with weapon. At 1145 hrs, Co D vic XT531195 was engaged by 4-5 VC with S/A fire, negative casualties, returned fire with A/W and Artillery VC losses unknown.

2-27 INF: Conducted airmobile combat assaults to LZ's vic XT412012, XT408021, XT448030, XT451016, XT435004 and XT442027. Co A provided 2 platoons for

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2-27 security of FSB vic XT438071. Conducted combat assault to LZ vic XT441032 to establish and secure a new Fm night location.

TF 4-23 INF: Conducted RIF operations vic XT6322, XT6422, XT6421, XT6420 XT6320, and XT6219. Continued to provide security for Rome Flow clearing operations vic XT665210, XT636217 and XT660220. Fm provided a composite unit to secure Fm night location. At 0720 hrs a tank from Co A 2/34 vic XT644218 received 1 round of RPG2 resulting in 1 US WIA; negative damage to the tank. At 1054 hrs, vic XT642142 dozer detonated a 20 lb tilt rod mine resulting in 3 US WIA's and moderate damage to the dozer. At 1150 hrs, XT646217 a dozer detonated a Unit-Personnel mine negative damage to the dozer and negative casualties. At 1450 hrs, XT646217 Co A 2/34 sustained 1 US WIA from a booby trapped grenade.

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Special Operation: CRII in reaction to an intelligence report conducted RIF operations vic XT5503, at 1545 hrs, vic XT557037 engaged 1 VC, resulting in 1 VC KIA (DC).

1-27 INF: Conducted RIF operations vic XT5320, XT5420, XT5520, XT5620, XT5319, XT5419, XT5519 and XT5619. Recon platoon provided security for night location. At 2200 hrs, Co B vic XT562192 engaged VC in OX Carts with M79, unknown result. At 0024 hrs, vic XT559198 the Fm night location received heavy volume of RPG fire, mortar rds, S/A and A/W fire, resulting in 28 US WIA's and 5 US KIA's, returned fire with IFT, Spooky, Artillery S/A and A/W resulting in 33 VC KIA (DC) and 1 VC POW (WIA). At 0511 hrs, Co D vic XT559198 received 1 RPG rds resulting in 2 US WIA's. At 0721 hrs, supporting gunships vic XT572250 engaged 1 VC, resulting in 1 VC KIA (DC). At 0901 hrs, supporting gunships vic XT574274 engaged 2 VC, resulting in 1 VC KIA (DC) and 1 VC POW. At 0915 hrs, Co B vic XT560192 located 13 VC KIA (DC). At 1010 hrs, Co D vic XT564206 located 2 VC KIA (DC). At 1040 hrs, Co B vic XT559064 located 6 VC KIA (DC). At 1030 hrs, 2d C&C ship vic XT565195 located 1 VC KIA (DC). At 1045 hrs, Co D vic XT561212 located 5 VC KIA (DC). At 0945 hrs, Co A vic XT588192 located 1 VC KIA (DC). At 1150 hrs Fm vic XT536208 located 2 VC KIA (DC). At 1610 hrs, Supporting gunships vic XT-549218 engaged 4 VC, resulting in 4 VC KIA (DC). At 1630 hrs, Co B vic XT542228 engaged 1 VC, resulting in 1 VC KIA (DC), and apprehended 1 detainee, evacuated to IPW.

2-27 INF: Conducted airborne combat assaults to LZ's vic XT579228, XT549227 and XT565236. Co A provided 2 platoons for security of FSB vic XT585215. Co A (-) established and secured a new Fm night location. At 1315 hrs, supporting gunships vic XT539217 located 1 VC KIA (DC). At 1500 hrs, Co B vic XT568232 located 22 graves containing 22 VC KIA (DC). At 1503 hrs, supporting gunships vic XT565234 received S/A fire and was downed, resulting in 4 US WIA's. At 1645 hrs, Co D vic XT565237 sustained 2 US WIA'S from booby trap.

TF 4-23 INF: Continued to provide security for Rome Flow clearing operations vic XT6620, XT6621, XT6720, and XT6719. Conducted Reconnaissance in force operations vic XT6218, XT6318, XT6219 and XT6319.

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1-27 INF: Conducted Reconnaissance in force operations vic XT5220, XT5319, XT5419, XT5519, XT5618, XT5718, XT5719, XT5820, XT5730, XT5620.

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* 2155 hrs, LP B vic XT561201 spotted 2 groups of VC containing 17 personnel plus 1 Ox Cart, engaged with 81mm, VC losses unknown. At 2204 hrs, Bn vic XT559198 received 10 60mm rds and 10 rifle grenades, negative casualties. At 2300 hrs, LP D vic XT558197 received S/A fire returned fire with S/A, resulting in 1 US KIA, VC losses unknown. At 0055 hrs, LP B vic XT560200 received 1 fire with S/A, negative casualties VC losses unknown. At 0940 hrs, Co C vic XT531201 received 2 rds S/A fire, negative casualties. At 1000 hrs, Cp A vic XT556-186 detonated 4 booby trapped grenades, negative casualties. At 1105 hrs, Co C vic XT529210 engaged 4 VC, negative results. At 1335 hrs, Co C vic XT521204 received 5-8 rds S/A fire, negative casualties.

2-27 INF: Conducted Reconnaissance in force operations vic XT-5422, XT5522, XT5423. Conducted airmobile combat assaults to LZ's vic XT561264, XT567267, XT549277, XT559231, XT549254. Co A provided 2 platoons to secure FSB vic XT582125. Co A provided security for the new night location. At 1427 hrs, Co B vic XT562265 engaged 3 VC resulting in 3 VC KIA (EC). At 0910 hrs, Co B vic XT549232 detonated a booby trapped grenade resulting in 1 US WIA. At 1429 hrs, Co B vic XT562265 engaged 3 VC resulting in 2 VC KIA (EC) and 1 VC FOW. At 1600 hrs, Co B vic XT556324 apprehended 1 detainee. At 1708 hrs, supporting slicks vic XT559231 crashed and burned, negative casualties.

TF 4-23 INF: Conducted Reconnaissance in force operations vic XT7021, XT6622, XT6523 and XT5218. Provided 1 platoon to secure night location.

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1-27 INF: Conducted airmobile combat assaults and Reconnaissance in force operations to LZ's vic XT527216, XT524216, XT515217, XT541-219, XT535199. Conducted airmove to new night location. Co A provided security for the new night location and Bn reaction force. At 2025 hrs, Co B vic XT558197 spotted 21 VC to their front, received rifle grenades, returned fire with mortar and artillery fire, negative casualties, VC losses unknown. At 1030 hrs, supporting gunships vic XT552198 engaged 4 VC resulting in 2 VC KIA (EC). At 1440 hrs Recon platoon vic XT507223, apprehended 1 detainee, will evac.

2-27 INF: Conducted airmobile combat assaults to LZ's vic XT-561266, XT545257, XT535240, XT550251. Conducted Reconnaissance in force operations vic XT540228, XT528205, XT527219, XT549236, XT550226, XT555221, XT548216 and XT548227. Co A provided 2 platoons for the security of FSB vic XT565215. At 1225 hrs, Co B vic XT552226 received 1 rd sniper fire, negative casualties. At 1523 hrs, supporting gunships vic XT577268 engaged 1 VC resulting in 1 VC KIA (EC). At 1500 hrs, friendly airstrikes vic XT5733 engaged unknown size VC force, resulting in 3 VC KIA (EC). At 1620 hrs, supporting gunships on Recon of air strikes area vic XT573314 engaged 1 VC in a sampan resulting in 1 VC KIA (EC). At 1645 hrs, Co C vic XT574278 received fire from unknown number of VC, returned fire with S/A and gunships resulting in 1 US KIA. At the close of the period Bn (-) in night location. Co C remained in contact with unknown size force.

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TF 4-22 INF: Continued to secure Rome Flow clearing operations
vic XT626180, XT630195, and XT625105.

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1-27 INF: Conducted airmobile combat assaults and Reconnaissance in force operations vic of LZ's XT514250, XT514250, XT518249, XT527-250, XT495235, XT488223, XT487220, XT468242, XT475220, XT496226, XT-473219. At 100 hrs, Co A vic XT525245 received 2 rds sniper fire, negative casualties. At 1238 hrs, Co A vic XT522242 recd 1 rd RFG 2 fire, negative casualties.

2-27 INF: Conducted airmobile combat assaults to LZ's vic XT-549175, XT341362, XT332355, XT337367. Co A provided 2 platoons for initial security of FSB vic XT345261. Dn conducted airmove to new night location vic XT332355. At 1830 hrs, supporting gunships vic XT575278 engaged 1 VC, resulting in 1 VC KIA (EC). At 1855 hrs, Co C vic XT574278 located 8 bodies and 1 grave containing 1 body resultin in 9 VC KIA (EC). At 1905 hrs, supporting gunships vic XT575277 located 1 VC KIA (EC), from previous contact at 1855 hrs. At 1020 hrs, Co D vic XT330354 received 3-4 rds sniper fire resulting in negative casualties.

TF 4-23 INF: Continued to secure Rome Flow clearing operations vic XT666210. Scout platoon conducted Reconnaissance in force operations vic XT626180, XT630195. At 1604 hrs Co A vic XT674223 sustained 2 US WIA's from RFG hitting tank, returned fire with S/A and A/W resulting in 1 VC KIA (PC).

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Special Operations: CRIF in reaction to an intelligence report conducted Reconnaissance in force operations vic XT5201, with negative results.

1-27 INF: Dn (-) conducted airmobile combat assaults to LZ's vic XT508268, XT522256, XT514238, XT484310, XT515252, XT477294, XT-464280, XT518251 and XT510251. Co B provided security for FSB vic XT517218. At 1100 hrs, Co A vic XT513246 engaged 2 VC, negative results. At 1305 hrs, Co C vic XT476299 apprehended 2 detainees. At 1315 hrs, Co C vic XT476294 apprehended 1 detainee. At 1445 hrs, Co D vic XT514246 engaged 8 VC with S/A and A/W negative results. At 1625 hrs, supporting gunships vic XT523243 received unknown amount of A/W fire, negative hits.

2-27 INF: Conducted Reconnaissance in force operations vic XT-3335, XT3435, XT3436, XT3436, XT3535, XT3536 and XT3636. Co C provided security for FSB vic XT332355. At 1830 hrs, Dn night location vic XT334349 received 3 rds sniper, fire returned fire with S/A and A/W, negative casualties. At 2010 hrs, Dn night location vic XT332553 received 60mm mortar or rifle grenades, negative casualties. At 2000 hrs, Co C vic XT332353 engaged 12 VC with claymore and grenades, sustained 1 US WIA from grenade. At 1330 hrs, supporting FAC vic XT364367 received 3 rds of S/A fire, negative hits.

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TF 4-23 INF: Bn (-) continued to secure Rome Flow clearing operations vic XT688218, XT683195 and XT640180. Scout platoon provided security for cutting area vic XT640180. Co A conducted Reconnaissance in force operations vic XT688210, XT6722, XT6921. At 0730 hrs, Co C vic XT653143 a dozer detonated an AT mine, resulting in 1 US WIA and heavy damage to dozer.

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1-27 INF: Conducted cloverleaf operations vic XT5120, XT5021, XT5022, XT5121, XT5122, XT5221 and XT5222. Bn (-) conducted airmobile combat assaults to LZ's vic XT545245, XT537187, XT549182, XT573234, XT563187. Co B provided security for FSB vic XT517218. At 1510 hrs, supporting gunships vic XT370233 received fire from G- VC, negative casualties. Received 1 hit in radio resulting in 1 VC KIA (POSS). At 1500 hrs, supporting FIC vic XT663283 received S/A fire, negative hits. At 1535 hrs, Co D vic XT572234 engaged 2 VC with S/A and A/W VC losses unknown. At 1535 hrs, supporting gunships vic XT569232 engaged 5-6 VC, VC losses unknown. At 1610 hrs, Co D vic XT570232 received 1 rd RPG-2, negative casualties.

2-27 INF: Conducted airmobile combat assaults to LZ's vic XT-375391, XT382385, XT367377, XT372343 and XT303366. Conducted Reconnaissance in force operations vic of LZ's. Co C provided security for FSB vic XT332355.

TF 4-23 INF: Conducted Reconnaissance in force operations from vic XT635195 NW to XT610245 to establish and secure a new FSB vic XT-610245. Bn prepared to secure Rome Flow operations in the HO BO WCDS. At 0917 hrs, Co A 2-34 vic XT628298 a tank detonated a AT mine, negative casualties. At 1120 hrs, Co A vic XT618232 received RPG-2 fire and AK47 and 4 claymore mines, resulting in 4 US WIA, VC losses unknown. Bn in new night location, Co C searching for suspected VC in in vic XT618233.

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1-27 INF: Conducted airmobile combat assaults to LZ's vic XT-578231, XT567243, XT577256. Recon platoon conducted Reconnaissance in force operations vic of night location. Co B provided security for FSB vic XT517218. At 0850 hrs, supporting gunships vic XT656223 received heavy volume of A/W fire, from unknown size VC force, ship sustained unknown number of hits. At 1123 hrs, Co C vic XT567232 received heavy volume of A/W fire sustaining negative casualties. At 1155 hrs, Co B vic XT569249 sustained 2 US WIA from detonation of booby trap. At 1330 hrs, Recon platoon engaged unknown number of VC, vic XT567232, resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC) and 1 US WIA. At 1158 hrs, Co C vic XT567235 sustained 3 US WIA's from S/A fire. At 1240 hrs, Co C vic XT567231 sustained 1 US WIA from S/L fire. At 1425 hrs, Co C vic XT567231 engaged unknown number of VC, resulting in 9 VC KIA (BC) and 8 US WIA's. At 1425 hrs, Co D vic XT570236 engaged 1 VC resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC).

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1-27 INF: Supporting gunships vic XT567231 engaged unknown number of VC, resulting in 4 VC KIA (BC).

2-27 INF: Conducted Reconnaissance in force operations vic XT-328397, XT342390, XT330364, XT333364, XT332356, XT325369, XT345358, XT370356, XT349368, XT352376, XT334356, XT335354, XT340353. Co B provided security for the Battalion night location and provided for the Battalion reaction force. At 1335 hrs, Co C vic XT366358 received S/A fire from unknown number of VC. At 1335 hrs, Co C vic XT361354 received VC KIA (BC) from unknown number of VC, negative casualties. S/A.

TF 4-23 INF: Co's A and B conducted Reconnaissance in force operations vic XT625260, XT625244. Co C conducted exploration of tunnel complex vic XT618229. Battalion (-) continued to provide security for Rome Flow clearing operations in HO BO WOODS vic XT610245, XT620230. Recon platoon split sections, 1 section to work with Co A 2-34 securing Rome Flow operations, 1 section for Battalion night location and provide for the Battalion reaction force. At 2030 hrs, Co C vic XT610239 received 4 60mm rounds, returned fire, negative casualties, VC losses unknown.

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Special Operations: CRIF in reaction to an intelligence report conducted airmobile combat assaults to LZ's vic XS536964 and XS525-969.

1-27 INF: Conducted Reconnaissance in force operations vic XT-5021, XT5022, XT5121, XT5221, XT5321. Co C provided security for FSB vic XT517218. At 0045 hrs, Battalion night location vic XT517218 received 175 rounds of 60 and 82mm mortar, resulting in 7 US WIA's VC losses unknown. At 1030 hrs, Co D vic XT514205 apprehended 1 detainee, will Evac. At 1100 hrs, Co D vic XT507206 apprehended 1 detainee, will Evac.

2-27 INF: Co D provided security for killer element, motor convoy vic XT5328 North and South. Conducted air move to vic XT-332335 to XT545305 to establish and secure a new Battalion night location.

TF 4-23 INF: Co B and C conducted Reconnaissance in force operations vic XT6224, and XT5924. Battalion (-) continued to secure Rome Flow clearing operations in HO BO WOODS area vic XT6124 and XT6223. At 0950 hrs, Recon platoon vic XT603238 a Rome Flow detonated an AT mine, negative casualties. At 1004 hrs, Recon platoon, vic XT603238 a Rome Flow detonated an AT mine negative casualties or damage. At 1200 hrs, Co C vic XT597246 sustained 2 US WIA's, resulting from stepping into a punji pit. At 1430 hrs, Co F vic XT626240 sustained 1 US KIA from friendly artillery.

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2-27 INF: Conducted Reconnaissance in force operations vic XT5219, XT5220, XT5221, XT5321, XT5320 and XT5322. Co A provided security for FSB vic XT517216.

2-27 INF: Conducted Reconnaissance in force operations vic XT5420, XT5421, XT5429, XT5529, XT5629. Co C provided security for FSB vic XT545305. At 2012 hrs, Co D vic XT546204 received 3 rounds of S/A fire negative casualties. At 2215 hrs, Co A vic XT546306 received 15 60mm mortar rounds, negative casualties.

TF 4-23 INF: Conducted Reconnaissance in force operations vic XT5926, XT6025, XT6023, XT6022, XT5922 and XT5923. Co A provided security for FSB vic XT610239. Continued to secure Rome Flow operations in the HO DO WOODS area vic XT616223, XT610253 and XT-620245. At 0045 hrs, Battalion night location received 50 rounds of 60mm mortars, negative casualties. At 0730 hrs, Co B vic XT-599267 detonated a tilt rod mine, negative casualties, major damage to APC. At 1025 hrs, Recon platoon vic XT596256 detonated an AT mine resulting in 2 US WIA's and APC combat loss. At 1110 hrs, Co A 2-34 vic XT603230 received 2 burst of S/A fire, negative casualties. At 1125 hrs, Recon platoon vic XT595265 a Rome Flow detonated an AT mine negative casualties or damage. At 1135 hrs, Vic XT604249 Co A Rome Flow detonated an AT mine resulting in 2 US WIA's moderate damage to Flow. At 1326 hrs, vic XT604269 Co B engaged 3 VC with S/A fire resulting in 3 VC KIA (DC). At 1350 hrs, Co A 2-34 detonated an AT mine negative casualties minor damage to tank. At 1415 hrs, Co A 2-34 vic XT609221 detonated an AT mine negative casualties minor damage to dozer. At 1325 hrs, Recon platoon vic XT593267 engaged 2 VC with negative results.

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1-27 INF: Conducted Cordon and Search operations vic XT5717, XT5718, XT5917, XT5816, XT6017, XT6016. Conducted airborne combat assaults to LZ's vic XT582165, XT589182, XT604169, XT516236, XT-518252. Co A provided security for FSB vic XT517218. At 2130 hrs, Battalion night location vic XT517218 received 2 rounds 82mm mortars and 1 round BR, unknown type resulting in 5 US WIA's.

2-27 INF: Conducted Reconnaissance in force operations vic XT6031, conducted airborne combat assaults to LZ's vic XT608345, XT-518339, XT545305, XT571287, XT565276, XT548339, XT545305, XT571287 and XT565276. Co C provided security for FSB vic XT545305.

TF 4-23 INF: Conducted Reconnaissance in force operations vic XT-6222, XT6121, XT6322, XT6123, XT5924, XT5925. Continued to secure Rome Flow clearing operations in HO DO WOODS vic XT614220, XT604-235. Provided 1 Company for security of FSB vic XT610239. At 0015 hrs, Battalion night location vic XT610239 received 10 rounds of 60mm mortars, resulting in 2 US WIA's. At 0735 hrs, Company A 2-34 vic XT622227 received S/A and 1 RPG-2 round, resulting in 1 US KIA and 1 US WIA. At 0740 hrs, Company C vic XT608222 a tank detonated an AT mine resulting in 1 US WIA. At 0945 hrs, Company C vic XT607-222 a Rome Flow detonated an AT mine, negative casualties or damage to plow. At 0951 hrs, Co C vic XT607220 sustained 1 US WIA from a booby trapped CDU. At 1030 hrs, Company C vic XT607220 received S/A and RPG rounds, resulting in 2 US WIA's. At 1415 hrs, Company C vic XT626224 a Rome Flow detonated an AT mine resulting in 1 US WIA.

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Special Operations: CRIP in reaction to an intelligence report CRIP conducted combine Recon operations vic XT564068. Negative results.

1-27 INF: Conducted airmobile combat assaults to LZ's vic XT-564227, XT568236, XT522282, XT512279, XT480254, and XT517218. Company A provided security for FSB vic XT517218. At 0910 hrs, Company B vic XT564228 sustained 2 US WIA's from booby traps. At 0945 hrs, Company D vic XT577230 engaged 1 VC, resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC). At 1020 hrs, Company D vic XT573231 sustained 2 US KIA and 1 US WIA from command detonated 105mm round. At 1400 hrs, supporting gunships-vic XT570248 engaged 1 VC, negative results.

2-27 INF: Conducted Reconnaissance in force operations vic XT-548329, XT562293 and XT523299. Company B provided security for FSB vic XT545305. At 1400 hrs, Company C vic XT532296 apprehended 2 detainees, evacuated to IPW. At 1505 hrs, Company C vic XT525284 apprehended 3 VC suspects, 1 tried to flee, was wounded, other 2 were evacuated to IPW.

TF 4-23 INF: Conducted Reconnaissance in force operations vic XT605246. Continued to secure Rome Flow Clearing operations in HO BO WOODS vic XT635210, XT637205, XT612260. Provided 1 Company for the security of FSB vic XT610239. At 1940 hrs, Battalion night location vic XT610329 received 50 rounds of unknown type mortar fire and S/A, resulting in 2 US WIA's. At 0725 hrs, Company C vic XT-625210 received S/A fire from unknown number of VC, negative casualties. At 1100 hrs, Company A 2-34 vic XT630250 engaged 2 VC, VC losses unknown. At 1315 hrs, Company A vic XT609264 an APC detonated an AT mine resulting in 1 US WIA, and APC combat loss.

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1-27 INF: Conducted Eagle flights vic XT621162, XT644207. Company B and Recon platoon provided security for FSB vic XT517218. Conducted airmobile to Cu Chi commencing at 1225 hrs and closing at 1650 hrs. Conducted stand down and prepared for future operations. At 0950 hrs, Company D vic XT534191 engaged 3 VC with S/A and A/W, negative results.

2-27 INF: Conducted Reconnaissance in force operations vic XT562320, XT520315. Conducted Eagle flights vic XT534266, XT531244, XT518272, XT549277. Company A provided security for FSB vic XT545055. At 1025 hrs, Company D vic XT533314 located 3 graves containing 3 VC KIA (RC).

TF 4-23 INF: Conducted Reconnaissance in force operations vic XT650255, XT648245. Battalion provided a composite platoon for FSB vic XT610239. At 1012 hrs, Battalion enroute to Rome Flow cutting areas made heavy contact with unknown number of VC, received S/A A/W and RPG fire, returned fire with all organic weapons, contact was broken at 1240 hrs. At 1545 hrs, contact was again made, and contact was broken at 1625 hrs.

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At 2030 hrs, Battalion night location vic XT610239 received 100 rounds of 82mm mortars and S/A, returned fire with S/A, 50 gal, mortars and bee hive rounds, contact broken at 2115 hrs, negative casualties, VC losses unknown. At 2200 hrs, Battalion night location vic XT610239 received 15 82mm mortars and S/A fire, returned fire with S/A, 50 gal and bee hive rounds contact was broken at 2215 hrs. Negative casualties, VC losses unknown. At 0814 hrs, Company C vic XT628257 received 1 RPG round, returned fire with S/A, 50 gal, negative casualties, VC losses unknown. At 0910 hrs, Company C vic XT640257 detonated a buoby trap grenade, resulting in 1 US WIA. At 1612 hrs, Companys A and C vic XT646247 in contact with unknown number of VC, received S/A RPG rounds, returned fire with all organic weapons, resulting in 12 US WIA and 3 US KIA, VC losses were 30 VC KIA (BC).

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Special Operations: CRIP in reaction to an intelligence report conducted combined airmobile combat assaults to LZ vic XT532098. At 1400 hrs, CRIP vic XT532098 engaged 1 VC, resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC).

1-27 INF: Remained in Cu Chi Base Camp prepared for future operations. Company C provided for the Base Camp patrol.

2-27 INF: Conducted Reconnaissance in force operations and airmobile combat assaults to LZ's vic XT580267, XT511312, XT568262, XT502283, XT585256. Battalion provided a composite platoon for FSB vic XT545305. At 0758 hrs, supporting gunships vic XT581264 engaged 3 VC, resulting in 3 VC KIA (BC). At 0936 hrs, Co D vic XT-580268 engaged estimated VC platoon, received S/A and A/W fire, resulting in 2 US WIA, VC losses unknown. At 1000 hrs, Company B vic XT574368 engaged 1 VC, resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC). At 1004 hrs, Company D vic XT577268 engaged 1 VC, resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC). At 1015 hrs, Company D vic XT577268 engaged 1 VC, resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC). At 1040 hrs, Company B vic XT574268 engaged 1 VC, resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC). At 1140 hrs, Company D vic XT574268 located 4 VC KIA (BC). At 1253 hrs, Company B vic XT574268 located 1 VC KIA (BC) in a tunnel. At 1300 hrs, Company D vic XT577270 located 1 VC KIA (BC) in a tunnel. At 1557 hrs, Company A vic XT577266 engaged 1 VC, resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC). At 1634 hrs, supporting gunships vic XT582278 engaged 2 VC, resulting in 2 VC KIA (BC). At 1638 hrs, Company D vic XT582278 engaged 1 VC, resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC). At 1640 hrs, supporting gunships vic XT583266 engaged 1 VC, resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC). At 1703 hrs, Company A vic XT582266 received fire from 1 VC, returned fire with S/A, resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC).

TF 4-23: Company B conducted Reconnaissance in force operations vic XT630243. Companys A and C set up blocking positions for the security of Rome Flow vic XT634256, XT630250, XT629243, and XT638255. Company A 2-34 and Scout platoon continued to provide security for Rome Flow clearing operations in HO BO WOODS, vic XT630253, XT638247. Battalion provided 4 composite platoons for the security of FSB vic XT610239.

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1-27 INF: Remained Cu Chi Base Camp. Conducted combined Reconnaissance in force operations with 2 RF companys from Cu Chi sub-sector. At 0700 hrs, Company D departed from the starting point XT-642150, to establish blocking position vic XT601174 to XT601165. Company D conducted Reconnaissance in force operations vic XT604154. At 0730 hrs, Company A conducted motor convoy from XT564167 to XT572-175 where they conducted Reconnaissance in force operations vic XT-599169.

2-27 INF: Conducted combat assaults to LZ's vic XT468137 to establish and secure a new night location. Company A provided 1 platoon for airmobile combat assaults to LZ vic XT5429, XT5328, XT5227 and XT5126, with 1 platoon of Company B conducting combat assaults to LZ's vic XT5024, XT5023, XT5022 and XT5021. At completion of the combat assaults they provided road and motor convoy security for 1-8 Artillery move from old night location vic XT545303 to vic XT468137. Completed at 1618 hrs, 2 platoons were then air lifted to there new night location.

TF 4-23 INF: Continued to secure Rome Flow clearing operations in HO BO WOODS area. Company A conducted Reconnaissance in force operations and provided security for Rome Flow team vic XT644250. Company B and C and Company A 2-34 provided escort for 3 Rome Flows to their cutting areas vic XT645255, XT628218 and XT637257. Scout platoon departed their night location for Cu Chi Base Camp and provided escort for Task force convoy back to their night location. Company C conducted Reconnaissance in force operations vic XT635267. At 0900 hrs, Company C vic XT642246 a tank detonaed an AT mine, resulting in 2 US WIA's. At 1005 hrs, Company C vic XT642246 an APC detonaed an AT mine, resulting in 1 US WIA and APC combat loss. At 1209 hrs, Company A 2-34 vic XT627207 a Rome Flow detonaed an AT mine, negative casualties, minor damage to Flow. At 1345 hrs, Company A 2-34 vic XT629219 a dozer detonated an AT mine, negative casualties, or damage to dozer. At 1346 hrs, Company A 2-34 vic XT-629219 a dozer detonated an AT mine, negative casualties or damage. At 1445 hrs, Recon platoon vic XT624215 detonated an AT mine, negative casualties, APC combat loss. At 1525 hrs, Company A 2-34 vic XT629-209 a Rome Flow detonated an AT mine, resulting in 1 US WIA, minor damage to Flow. At 1530 hrs, Company A 2-34 vic XT644248 a Rome Flow detonated an AT mine, negative casualties, minor damage to Flow. At 1605 hrs, Company A 2-34 vic XT629209 detonated an AT mine negative casualties, minor damage to Flow.

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1-27 INF: Remained Cu Chi Base Camp conducted Reconnaissance in force operations vic XT618115, XT633109, XT616233, XT638116, XT-682110, XT625221, XT653113, XT641150, XT629127, XT633123, XT617-128, XT653238, XT619229, XT605098, XT659194, XT617214, XT654107, XT648116, XT651133, XT647107, XT618230, XT668092, XT674097, XT-661093, XT680086 and XT628213. Company D provided for the Battalion reaction force for Phu Hoa Dong, Tan Than Dong. (new life hamlet). Company A provided 1 platoon for the Cu Chi Base Camp patrol.

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At 1200 hrs, Company A vic XT653113 received S/A and A/W fire, returned fire with S/A and A/W fire, resulting in 1 VC PW, 1 VC PW WIA. 1325 hrs, Company A vic XT654107 located what appears to be a VC bivouac area. At 1400 hrs, Company C vic XT619229 located a Company sized VC Base Camp.

2-27 INF: Conducted airmobile combat assaults to LZ's vic XT-610138, XT532066, XT408136, XT550079, XT552121, XT536088, XT545305. At 1137 hrs, Company B vic XT461137 located 5,000 lbs of unpolished rice.

TF 4-23 INF: Companys B and C conducted Reconnaissance in force operations vic XT649249. Company A provided security for Rome Flow Cutting operations vic XT647256, continued to secure Rome Flow cutting operations in the HO BO WOODS, vic XT645255, XT628218, XT637257. Battalion provided 1 platoon for the security of FSB vic XT610239. At 2200 hrs, Battalion night location vic XT610239 received 20-25 rounds of mortar fire, returned fire with 4.2 mortars, negative casualties or results. At 0850 hrs, Companys B and C vic XT653238 received S/A and A/W, RFG also 90MM fire, returned fire with S/A, A/W Tank Canister and Artillery, Contact was broken at 1000 hrs. Battalion sustained 5 US KIA and 15 US WIA and 2 AFC's combat loss, VC losses unknown. At 1125 hrs, Company C vic XT655239 located 1 large grave containing 37 VC KIA (BC). (results of action of 211012 1645). At 1305 hrs, Company A vic XT655240 a track detonated an AT mine (25 tilt rod) resulting in 1 US KIA and 2 US WIA. At 1345 hrs, Company C vic XT6552391 located 1 grave containing 1 VC KIA (BC).

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Special Operations: CRIF in reaction to an intelligence report conducted Reconnaissance in force operations vic XT516005. At 1720 hrs, vic XT525006 received S/A and A/W fire, returned fire, negative results.

1-27 INF: Remained Cu Chi Base Camp. Companys A, B and C departed the starting point vic XT642150 at 0700 hrs. At the release point vic XT675100 Company D detrucked and set up a block from vic XT680106 to XT682100. Company A detrucked at release point 2 vic XT705082 and proceeded to XT708088. Company B conducted Reconnaissance in force operations to objective Bravo, vic XT667219. Company C conducted Reconnaissance in force operations to objective Charlie vic XT675132. Company B conducted Reconnaissance in force operations to objective Alpha, vic XT662122. Company D departed their ambush reaction site vic XT695199 and at 0700 hrs, conducted Reconnaissance in force operations to Cu Chi Base Camp. Company A provided the Cu Chi Base Camp reaction force.

2-27 INF: Conducted combined airmobiles combat assaults with elements of the 34th ARVN Rangers, to LZ's vic XT521099, XT525111, XT535110, XT545105, XT564099, XT525111, XT568084, XT557086, XT-540075, XT542112, XT429147.

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Company A provided 1 platoon for the security of FSB vic XT467139. At 2327 hrs, Company B vic XT456137 engaged 1 VC with S/A and A/W fire with negative results. At 0857 hrs, supporting gunships vic XT422206 engaged 1 VC in a sampan, resulting in 1 VC KIA (FC) and 1 sampan destroyed. At 1512 hrs, Company D vic XT437095 apprehended 2 VC POW NIA's. executed to 12th Evac hospital.

24-23 INF: Companys A and B conducted Reconnaissance in force operations vic XT644255. Company A and Hg group conducted motor convey from XT610239 to XT651257 to establish and secure a new Battalion night location. Company C (-) provided security for the old Battalion night location vic XT610239, until extractions were completed. provided 1 platoon for the security for FSB vic XT610239. Scout platoon provided security for Rome Flow cutting operations vic XT610238, continued to secure Rome Flow Cutting operations in the HO BO WOODS vic XT610218. At 0630 hrs, Recon platoon vic XT633220 a Rome Flow detonated an AT mine, negative casualties or damage. At 0821 hrs, Recon platoon vic XT627217 a Rome Flow detonated an AT mine, negative casualties, or damage to Flow. At 0836 hrs, Recon platoon vic XT628217 a Rome Flow detonated an AT mine, negative casualties or damage to Flow. At 0844 hrs, Recon platoon vic XT628217 a Rome Flow detonated an AT mine, negative casualties, or damage. At 0856 hrs, Recon platoon vic XT628216 a Rome Flow detonated an AT mine, negative casualties, or damage to Flow. At 0920 hrs, Recon platoon vic XT628221 a Rome Flow detonated 2 AT mines negative casualties or damage. At 0945 hrs, Recon platoon vic XT627222 a Rome Flow detonated 2 AT mines negative casualties or damage to flow. At 0957 hrs, Company B vic XT657243 received 4 rounds of S/A sniper fire, returned with S/A, A/W and tank canister fire, negative casualties, VC losses unknown. At 1001 hrs, Recon platoon vic XT627223 a Rome Flow detonated an AT mine negative casualties or damage to flow. At 1600 hrs, Company A vic XT649253 located 2 VC KIA (BC).

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1-27 INF: Remained Cu Chi Base Camp conducted Reconnaissance in force, road clearing and road security operations. At 0715 hrs, Companys B, C and D trucked to starting point vic XT642150 enroute to release point vic XT676144. Company C conducted Reconnaissance in force operations in Vinh Cu Hanlet, moving from the release point to vic XT690151 and XT655142, then back to the release point. company D conducted Reconnaissance in force along the northern side of the road (8A) from the release point to vic XT726147, where Company B (-) set up a blocking position, 1 platoon of Company B remains vic XT694145 and a 2d platoon vic XT711146 to provide road security. Company D conducted Reconnaissance in force along the south side of route 8A from the release point to vic XT733142. Provided 1 platoon for road security vic XT706144. Recon element conducted sweep along road 8A from release point to vic XT728144. Company A provided security for the Cu Chi ready reaction force.

2-27 INF: Conducted airmobile combat assaults to LZ's vic XT478048, XT458038, XT452044, XT564097, XT540013, XT517096 XT567082, XT75026, XT522094. Company C provided 1 platoon for security of Engineers mine sweep operations of route 10 vic XT695143 to Sugar

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Mill vic XT437072. Provided 1 platoon to secure artillery at Sugar Mill vic XT437072 and provided 1 composite platoon to secure the Battalion night location vic XT468138. At 1145 hrs, supporting gunships vic XT460042 received A/W fire, negative hits. At 1615 hrs, Company A vic XT564056 engaged 1 VC with S/A, resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC). At 1645 hrs, supporting gunships vic XT461044 engaged 2 VC, resulting in 2 VC KIA (BC).

TF 4-23 INF: Conducted Reconnaissance in force and cutting operations in south east portion of the HO BO WOODS area. Company A and B conducted Reconnaissance in force operations vic XT655233. Scout platoon provided security for Rome Flow cutting operations vic XT642237. Company A 2-34 ARMOR provided security for the Battalion night location vic XT651260, and conducted maintenance and provided the Battalion ready reactions force. At 1830 hrs, supporting gunships vic XT610238 engaged unknown number of VC, resulting in 2 VC KIA (BC). At 2110 hrs, Battalion night location vic XT651260 received 30 rounds of 82mm mortars, returned fire with counter mortar, resulting in 6 US WIA's, VC losses unknown. At 0755 hrs, Recon platoon vic XT647255 a Rome Flow detonated an AT mine, (30 lb tilt rod), negative casualties minor damage to Flow. At 0825 hrs, Recon platoon vic XT643248 a Rome Flow detonated an AT mine, (40 lb tilt rod) negative casualties, minor damage to Flow. At 0912 hrs, Recon platoon vic XT644247 a Rome Flow detonated an AT mine, negative casualties, Flow blade in operable. At 0925 hrs, Company B vic XT655241 received R/G and S/A fire, lead APC was hit with 2 R/G rounds, returned fire with S/A, A/W and M79 resulting in 1 US WIA and APC combat loss. At 1000 hrs, Company C vic XT654320 located 4 graves containing 4 VC KIA (EC). At 1119 hrs, Company C vic XT657244 a Rome Flow detonated a 30 lb tilt rod mine negative casualties or damage to Flow. At 1122 hrs, Company C vic XT657244 a Rome Flow detonated a 30 lb tilt rod mine, negative casualties or damage to Flow. At 1200 hrs, Company C vic XT634238 located 1 VC JLA (EC) from air strikes. At 1606 hrs, supporting artillery claim 2 VC KIA (BC). At 1650 hrs, Company A vic XT659249 located and destroyed 700 lbs of polished rice. At 1910 hrs, supporting FAC vic XT401107 engaged 3 sampans with artillery carrying supplies, resulting in 2 VC KIA (BC). At 1450 hrs, Bde C&C ship vic XT421100 engaged 3 VC in sampan, resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC).

3-22 INF: Effective 260930 hrs, 3-22 INF became OICON to 2d Bde. Conducted convoy from Dau Tieng to vic XT759145 where they established and secured a new night location, closing at 1550 hrs.

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1-27 INF: Remained Cu Chi Base Camp conducted airmobile combat assaults in AO STEWART. At 0915 hrs, Company A (-) conducted airmobile combat assaults to LZ's vic XS584973 and conducted Reconnaissance in force operations vic XS577988. Company D (-) conducted airmobile combat assaults to LZ's vic XS591977 to establish and secure a new Battalion night location XS587971. Company B (-) conducted airmobile combat assaults to vic XS575965. Company C (-) conducted airmobile combat assaults to vic XS591982. Conducted Reconnaissance in force operations to vic XS578974. The remainder of the elements were airlifted to the Battalion night location vic XT585971.

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2-27 INF: At 0700 hrs, conducted convoy from Cu Chi Base Camp enroute to the Battalions night location vic XT468137, returned to Cu Chi Base Camp at 1100 hrs. Received 1 Company and 1 platoon size ambush patrols for Cu Chi Base Camp. At 2223 hrs, Company D vic XT448137 engaged 3 VC with S/A and A/W, negative fire returned. At 1800 hrs, supporting slick vic XT468138 was forced to land due to catching on barn. Slick flipped over and caught on fire and slick was flying over the same area and it received fragmentation from the ship which was burning, it also was forced to land, resulting in 1 US KIA. At 0700 hrs, Company D vic XT448137 located 1 VC KIA (BC).

TF 4-23 INF: Company C conducted Reconnaissance in force operations vic XT648252 and XT652257. Company A 2-34 ARMOR provided security for Rome Flow operations vic XT637268. Company B conducted Reconnaissance in force operations vic XT637268. Continued to secure Rome Flow operations vic XT637268. At 0900 hrs, Company A 2-34 ARMOR vic XT660250 a Rome Flow detonated a 25-30 lb tilt rod mine, negative casualties, track was blown off plow. At 0920 hrs, Co A 2-34 ARMOR vic XT633250 a Rome Flow detonated an AT mine, negative casualties, minor damage to plow. At 1147 hrs Company A 2-34 ARMOR vic XT650249 a Rome Flow detonated an AT mine, resulting in 1 US WIA.

3-22 INF: Remained OICON to 2d Bde. Company A and C conducted Reconnaissance in force operations vic XT750160. The remainder of their elements provided security for their Battalion night location vic XT729145. At 1010 hrs, Company D vic XT755150 received approx 12 rounds S/A fire, returned fire with all organic weapons and artillery negative casualties, VC losses unknown. At 1117 hrs, Company A vic XT749151 received A/W fire from unknown number of VC, negative casualties. At 1230 hrs, Battalion vic XT749151 received A/W fire, resulting in 5 US WIA's and 1 US KIA. At 1250 hrs, Company D vic XT749149 located 3 graves containing 3 VC KIA (BC). At 1300 hrs, supporting gunships vic XT749151 engaged 1 VC, resulting in 1 VC KIA (LC). At 1345 hrs, supporting gunships vic XT749158 engaged 2 VC, resulting in 2 VC KIA (PC). At 1350 hrs, Company A vic XT755158 engaged 2 VC with S/A, resulting in 2 VC KIA (BC). At 1628 hrs, Company C vic XT750162 received S/A fire from unknown number of VC resulting in 5 VC KIA (BC). At 1715 hrs, Company C sustained 3 US WIA and 1 US KIA, vic XT750162 and Company A sustained 1 US KIA vic XT729146 from earlier reported contact.

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1-27 INF: Company D conducted Reconnaissance in force operations from the Battalions night location vic XS587971 to vic XS574972. Company B conducted Reconnaissance in force operations vic XS576970, XS573952 and XS589957. Company A conducted Reconnaissance in force operations from the Battalions night location to vic XS587971. At 1923 hrs, Company A vic XS585971 while preparing night position detonated a dud round, resulting in 2 US KIA. At 2212 hrs, Company D IE vic XS587972 received 8-10 rounds of S/A fire, negative casualties. At 1321 hrs, Company D vic XT570951 received sniper fire, returned fire with S/A, A/W and M79, negative casualties, VC losses unknown.

2-27 INF: Remained in Cu Chi Base Camp. Conducted Reconnaissance in force operations in AO WOLF.

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Company A conducted airmobile combat assaults in AO WOLF to LZ's vic XT677222. Company C conducted airmobile combat assaults to LZ's vic XT665234. Company D conducted airmobile combat assaults to LZ vic XT665234. and at 0940 hrs, became OPCON to company C released OPCON at 1700 hrs, to Battalion control. Company B Remained Cu Chi Base Camp provided 3 platoon size ambush patrols vic of Cu Chi Base Camp. At 0945 hrs, supporting UH1D vic XT649288 received an unknown amount of A/W fire when lifting off of LZ, negative hits. At 0945 hrs, Company A vic XT676223 sustained 1 US WIA from encounter with unknown type of powder believed to be a blistering agent. At 1050 hrs, supporting gunships vic XT655255 received an unknown amount of A/W fire, took one hit in the air frame and sustained 1 US WIA. Returned fire with A/W. VC losses unknown. At 1420 hrs, Company C vic XT655235 located 1 VC KIA (BC) resulting from gunshot wounds from supporting gunships.

TF 4-23 INF: Continued to provide security for Rome Flow Cutting operations in HO BO WOODS area vic XT660252, XT660265, XT641241, XT-645235. Company B conducted Reconnaissance in force operations vic XT660265, XT640264. Company A 4-23 provided security for Rome Flow Cutting operations vic XT660252. Company A 2-34 ARMOR provided security for Rome Flow Cutting operations vic XT660265. Company C provided security for Rome Flow Cutting Operations vic XT641241 and XT645235. Company D 2-27 INF OPCON to Company C 4-23 at 0940 hrs. At 1115 hrs, Company A vic XT661252 an EM detonated a booby trapped chicken grenade resulting in 3 US WIA's.

3-22 INF: Remained OPCON to 2d Bde. Co's B, C and D conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations vic XT752153, XT743166. Co A provided security for the Battalion night location vic XT729146. At 1544 hrs, Co C vic XT747165 located 1 VC KIA (BC) resulting from gunshot wounds. At 1800 hrs, supporting artillery vic XT-421128 Brigade and 1NO FAC engaged 1 sampan carrying supplies and 2 VC, resulting in 2 VC KIA (BC). At 1949 hrs, Supporting FAC vic XT695110 received unknown number of sniper rounds, negative hits.

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1-27 INF: Conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations in AO STELLER. At 0715 hrs, Co A and C departed their N/L enroute to vic XS573971 where they conducted Reconnaissance in Force along the south west side of the Bach Long Lach Song Creek toward the Oriental River. Co D with Co A 65th Engineer Battalion followed and remained in vic XS569951 to destroy VC Base Camp located at this vic of previous days operation. Recon element conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operation vic of their night location vic XS569971.

2-27 INF: Remained Cu Chi Base Camp conducted airmobile combat assaults to LZ's and Reconnaissance in Force Operations vic of Cu Chi Base Camp and northern portion of the Filhol. At 0730 hrs, 2 platoons of Co C departed Cu Chi Base Camp by trucks

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and set up a blocking position from vic XT634113 south west to vic XT639112. At 0800 hrs, first lift of Co C and elements of Co D 3 ships of LZ vic XT632108 and 3 ships on LZ vic XT633112. Remaining 3 ships LZ and block vic XT635107 to XT638112. Co D conducted airmobile combat assaults to LZ CAT and Reconnaissance in Force operations vic XT633105. Co A conducted airmobile combat assaults to LZ BILL vic XT654229 and LZ MIKE vic XT678223. Co B provided 1 platoon sized ambush patrol vic of Cu Chi Base Camp. At 0840 hrs, Co B was designated for reaction force of Co D 3-4 Cav vic XT6131. At 1640 hrs, Co C moved to vic XT594304 as Co reaction force to Co D 3-4 Cav replacing Co B. At the close of the period Co B located Cu Chi Base Camp providing 1 platoon for Base Camp patrol. Co (-) providing Cu Chi Base Camp reaction force. Co A vic XT6522 continued to conduct Reconnaissance in Force Operations. Co C vic XT5930 provided reaction force for 3/4 Cav elements. Co D row Bravo Cu Chi Base Camp.

TF 4-23 INF: Conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations and Rome Plow cutting Operations in Ho Bo woods area. Co A 4-23 INF and Co B 4-23 INF and Co A 2/34 ARMOR provided security for Rome Plow cutting operations vic XT638237. Recon element escorted Co A 2/34 ARMOR to their cutting sites and then picked up Co A 65th Engineers at their night location vic XT65128 and provided security for road construction to vic XT665240. Co B (-) 4-23 and 2 tanks from Co A 2/34 ARMOR conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations vic XT640235. Co A 4-23 INF (-) provided security for cutting operations vic XT615260. Co C 4-23 INF provided security for cutting operations vic XT632270, and XT-638237. At 1007 hrs, Co A vic XT619265 a Rome Plow detonated a 30-40 lb AT mine, negative casualties or damage to plow. At 1145 hrs, Co A 2/34 ARMOR vic XT651260 a tank detonated an AT mine, negative casualties, minor damage to suspension system of the tank. At 1150 hrs, Co A 2/34 ARMOR vic XT640235 a Rome Plow detonated an AT Tilt Rod Mine, negative casualties, minor damage to radiator of plow. At 1405 hrs, Co A 2/34 ARMOR vic XT638233 a Rome Plow detonated a Tilt Rod AT Mine, negative casualties, or damage to plow. At 1435 hrs, Co A 2/34 ARMOR XT640235 2 plows each received 1 RPG 2 round resulting in 1 US WIA, negative damage to dozers. At 1550 hrs, Co A 2/34 ARMOR vic XT640235 received unknown number of S/A and RPG fire, returned fire with all organic weapons, negative casualties, VC losses unknown. At 1707 hrs, Co A 2/34 ARMOR vic XT640232 2 Rome Plows detonated 2 AP mines, resulting in 9 US WIA's and minor damage to plow's. At 1810 hrs, Battalion sustained 1 US NBI's vic XT645257 resulting when individuals caught ring finger on the side of the track while dismounting.

2-27 INF: Remained OPCON to 2nd Brigade. Conducted Reconnaissance in Force in AO NANCY, Co B vic XT748150, XT752176. Co A vic XT754176, Co C vic XT757175 Co D provided security for the Battalion night location. At 1200 hrs, Co C vic XT753162 received a heavy volume of S/A and A/W fire, resulting in 9 US WIA

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and 1 US KIA, returned fire with all organic weapons resulting in 5 VC KIA (BC). At 1655 hrs, Co A vic XT753162 received unknown number of sniper rounds, sustained 2 US KIA and 1 US WL, returned fire with artillery, TAC air and gunships, resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC), contact broken at 1706 hrs.

Supporting Elements: At 0810 hrs, vic XT665164 supporting gunships (UH1D) downed due to mechanical failures, secured by elements of 2-27 Infantry, negative casualties. At 0930 hrs, downed aircraft and security element were extracted. At 1210 hrs, vic XT754163 a supporting gunships (UH1D) received 2 hits of S/A fire, negative casualties and minor damage to ship, returned fire with VC losses unknown. At 1200 hrs - 1325 hrs supporting gunship vic XT7516 engaged unknown number of VC, resulting in 5 VC KIA (BC).

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Special Operations: 3-22 Infantry conducted a combined Operation with elements of the 2-7 ARVN Battalion.

1-27 INF: Conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations. Co A conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations vic XS590955, Co B conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations vic XS590955 and XS-572948. Co C conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations vic XS572951 and XS567948. At 1525 hrs, Co B vic XT569948 received an unknown amount of sniper fire, returned fire with S/A, A/W, negative casualties, VC losses unknown.

2-27 INF: (-) Remained in Cu Chi Base Camp. Co A conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations vic XT597303. Co B provided 1 platoon for the Cu Chi Base Camp and Co B (-) provided the Base Camp reaction force. Co C conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations vic XT594303. Co D conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations vic XT583300. Battalion (-) conducted night airmobile combat assaults to LZ vic XT5930 in reaction to heavy contact experienced by D Troop 3-4 Cav effective 291800 hrs, D Troop 3-4 Cav became OFCON to Co C, and released OFCON effective 301335 hrs. 3rd platoon D Troop 3-4 Cav became OFCON to Co C at 1804 hrs. Battalion (-) conducted night airmobile combat assaults to LZ vic XT5930 to reinforce Aero Rifles, D troop 3-4 Cav who were heavily engaged with VC Battalion, fire was returned with all organic weapons to include artillery, gunships and spook. As Battalion advanced to relieve the pinned down platoon D Troop 3-4 Cav it received heavy S/A and A/W fire from bunkers and individual fighting positions, fire was returned and VC positions were overrun. Battalion (-) affected link up with 3-4 Cav approx 30/0100 hrs, contact continue to be sporadic. The heavily engaged platoon was extracted and together with 2-27 Infantry (-) established a night position vic XT588293. Near the night location approx. 40VC were observed and supporting gunships engaged, killing 25 VC KIA (BC). At 0715 hrs, Battalion (-) made sweep of battle area locating a total of 68 VC KIA (BC) and 1 VC POW (WL). VC were dressed in green uniforms, steel.

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helmets, web gear and armed with AK47's, AK50's, R&G's and 7's and light machine guns. The Battalion (-) sustained 3 US KIA and 10 US WIA from this engagement, killing 68 VC KIA (BC).

TF 4-23 INF: Conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations vic of their night location. At 0405 hrs, Battalion night location vic XT650250 an unknown number of VC attempted to exfiltrate out of the Battalion night location where they had been hiding in tunnels for an unknown period of time. At 0900 hrs, Battalion engaged an unknown number of VC, resulting in 2 VC KIA (BC) and 6 VC POW. At 0910 hrs, Co C vic XT653232 sustained 1 US WIA from detonation of a booby trap.

3-22 INF: Conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations vic XT7212, XT7313, XT7414, XT7415. At 1851 hrs, Co B vic XT752162 enroute to the night location located 3 VC KIA (BC) from S/A fire. At 2045 hrs, Co D AP vic XT744155 received 2 rifle grenades from unknown number of VC, negative casualties, returned fire with A/W fire resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC). At 1145 hrs, conducted a combined blocking and sweep operation with elements of 2-7 ARVN's. Blocking positions were established by Co A vic XT7213 and XT-7313. 2-7 ARVN Conducted sweep from vic XT7213 North East towards blocking positions established by Co A.

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1-27 INF: Conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations and Airmobile combat assaults vic HCC MCN. At 0346 hrs, Co B AP vic XT586965 engaged an unknown number of VC with S/A, A/W and claymores, sustained 2 US KIA and 5 US WIA. At 0745 hrs, vic XT589972 dustoff helicopter received unknown number of hits from S/A fire resulting in major damage to the ship and sustained 2 US WIA's. At 0830 hrs, Co B engaged unknown number of VC vic XT595967 resulting in 22 VC KIA (BC) and the capture of 1 75RR, 1 US carbine and 3 AK50's. Unit sustained 12 US WIA's. At 1010 hrs, vic XT-543008 Battalion resupply convoy received S/A and A/W fire from unknown number of VC, negative casualties, returned fire with unknown results. At 1232 hrs, Battalion (-) conducted airmobile combat assaults to LZ vic XT737047 to reinforce ARVN units in heavy contact (HCC MCN). At 1232 hrs, the Battalion became OPCON to II FFV.

2-27 INF: Conducted airmobile combat assaults to H3 Saigon to reinforce the 3-4 Cav in pushing the VC from the Ton Sen Nhut area. At 0305 hrs, Battalion sustained 6 US WIA from Rocket/Mortar attack on Cu Chi Base Camp. At 1700 hrs, Battalion conducted airmobile combat assaults to H3 Saigon to reinforce the 3-4 Cav.

TF 4-23 INF: Conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations Bridge security at Trang Bang Bridge, provided security for Rome Flow cutting operations in Ho Do Woods and airmobile combat

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assaults in conjunction with elements of a FF Company in heavy contact with 2 VC Companies. At 1200 hrs, Co A moved to vic XT501195 and provided security for the Trang Bang Bridge. At 0305 hrs, Battalion sustained 3 US WIL from Rocket/ Mortar attack on Cu Chi Base Camp.

3-22 INF: Conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations, Airmobile combat assaults in zone. At 1220 hrs, Battalion (-) conducted airmobile combat assaults to LZ's XT635115, and XT632118 to establish a block south of Cu Chi and conducted Reconnaissance in Force to the south to reinforce a FF company in contact with 2 VC companies. The remainder of the Battalion conducted a motor march from the night location to Cu Chi Base Camp closing at 2030 hrs.

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1-27 INF OFCON to II FFV.

2-27 INF: OFCON TO CMD.

3-22 INF: CO D and Scout Platoon 4-23 INF (M) executed counter-attack of VC penetration in Cu Chi. Ln (-) conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations at 0630 hrs from Cu Chi Base Camp to Cu Chi Sub-Sector. Conducted combined operations with 2-49th ARVN Regiment and one troop 10th CAV ARVN. At 0719 hrs, Co D and Scout Platoon engaged unknown number of VC resulting in 7 US WIA and 1 M-113 with major damage. At 1630 hrs, Co's A, B and C departed Cu Chi and conducted a combined operation with 2-49th Regiment ARVN in vic Cu Chi Sub-Sector. At 0935 hrs, vic XT637120 Co C engaged unknown number of VC resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC) and one VC PW WIA. At 0940 hrs, vic XT639132 Co B engaged unknown number of VC resulting in 4 VC KIA (BC). At 0945 hrs, in market place at Cu Chi Co D engaged 3 VC resulting in 3 VC KIA (BC). At 1010 hrs, Co B vic XT639132 located 1 VC KIA (BC). At 1215 hrs, vic XT628128 Co D engaged unknown number of VC resulting in 2 VC KIA (BC) and 1 VC PW WIA and captured 5 small arms weapons. At 1415 hrs, Co's A, B and C closed Cu Chi Base Camp. At 1440 hrs, vic XT620119 Co D received RFG rds resulting in 2 US WIA'S.

TF 4-23 INF (-): Continued to secure Rome Flow operations in Ho Bo Woods. Co A continued to secure Bridge vic XT501195. Scout Platoon OFCON to 3-22 INF effective 010300 hours.

2-12 INF: Became OFCON 2d Brigade effective 010900 hrs. Conducted airmobile combat assaults to LZ vic XT631180.

Special Operations: 3-22 INF conducted combined Reconnaissance in Force Operations with elements of Cu Chi National Police, 2-49th ARVN Battalion, and 1 Troop 10th ARVN CAV.

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Special Operations: CRIF in reaction to an intelligence report conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations of suspected VC mortar positions vic XT5204 south to vic XT5202 and west to vic XT5402, with negative results.

1-27 INF: OFCON to IIFV.

2-27 INF: OFCON TO CMD.

2-12 INF: Conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations an airmobile combat assaults. At 0550 hrs, Battalion night location vic XT628180 received 6 rounds of 82MM, negative casualties. At 1525 hrs, vic XT588173 Co A sustained 1 US WIA from detonating a booby trap.

3-22 INF: Provided security for the Cu Chi Sub-Sector and Cu Chi Base Camp. Provided security for the 554th Engineer clearing operations on Highway 1 from Trang Bang South East to Hoc Mon Bridge.

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Co A relieved Co D and assumed the responsibility of securing Cu Chi Sub-Sector effective 0600 hrs. At 0715 hrs, vic XT608137 Co C received 4 rounds of ineffective sniper fire, negative casualties.

4-23 INF (M): Provided Bridge security base camp reaction force. Provided security for Rome Flow clearing operations of fringe areas of Ho Bo Woods and Reconnaissance in Force Operation in search of VC rocket sites, vic XT6323. At 0700 hrs, Battalion received 6 RPG2 S/A, A/W fire from estimated 2 VC squads, resulting in 3 US WIA's. At 0825 hrs, received unknown amount of mortar rounds, with negative casualties. At 0930 hrs, Co C vic XT648251 located 3 VC KIA (BC) and 2 AK47's. At 0933 hrs, Co C vic XT648251 located 1 VC KIA (BC) and 1 12.5 Machine Gun. At 0945 hrs, Co C vic XT6485 located 2 VC KIA (BC), 2 60MM mortar rounds and 1 RPG 2 rocket launcher. At 1350 hrs, Co B vic XT643232 made contact with unknown number VC, resulting in the capture of 1 US .45 caliber pistol and magazine. At 1420 hrs, Co B vic XT642230 engaged 2 VC, resulting in 2 VC KIA (BC). At 1715 hrs, Co C vic XT640227 sustained 1 US WIA from gunshot wounds from contact with estimated 2 VC Squads. At 1715 hrs, Co's B and C XT648-228 received S/A, A/W fire from 2 VC squads, resulting in 1 US KIA and 4 US WIA, fire was returned with S/A, A/W, M79 and ARTY and LFT resulting in 5 VC KIA (BC). Commencing at 1921 hrs, The Cu Chi Base Camp and the 2nd Brigade received 6 separate mortar attacks, resulting in 1 US KIA and 11 US WIA from 2nd Brigade units. The ASF of the 4-23 INF (M) exploded after being hit with a 122MM rocket causing major damage to the 1-5 INF (M), and 4-23 INF (M) troop billets and facilities.

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1-27 INF: OPCON to II FFV

2-27 INF: OPCON TO CMD.

2-12 INF: Conducted combined airmobile combat assaults to LZ vic XT705184 with elements of the 4th Battalion 7th ARVN and Reconnaissance in Force Operations South to Reinforce the Tan Hoa Dong Compound. At 0322 hrs, Battalion sustained 5 US WIA's vic XT631180 from fragmentation wounds. At 1135 hrs, Co A in contact with unknown size force vic XT-708193, negative casualties. At 1255 hrs, Co's A and B vic XT714197 sustained 12 US WIA's from gunshot wounds, returned fire on unknown number of VC resulting in 7 VC KIA (BC). At 1400 hrs, supporting gunship was downed by S/A fire vic XT703193.

3-22 INF: Co B with Co A 4-23 INF (M) (-): Conducted movement to contact SE along Route QL #1 to the village of Tan Phu Trung vic XT6909, to destroy VC ambush site and provide convoy security. Co C provided security for the 554th Engineer road clearing operations of Route QL #1 from Cu Chi North West to Trang Bang and South East to the Hoc Mon Bridge vic XT7107. Co D conducted Reconnaissance in Force operations to Tan Hoa Compound vic XT7014 to reinforce ARVN Compound in heavy contact. At 0042 hrs, Co A vic Cu Chi Sub-Sector

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Compound, received 30 - 82MM mortar rounds and RPG rounds, attack continued until 0112 hours, sustained 5 US WIA's. Returned fire resulting in 13 VC KIA (BC). At 0902 hrs, Battalion vic XT690145 (Tan Hoa) received heavy volume of S/A, A/W fire from estimated VC Co, negative casualties. At 1115 hrs, Co D received heavy volume of S/A and A/W fire from vic XT679114 sustaining 2 US WIA's. At 1150 hrs, Co A vic XT710190 received S/A, A/W, RPG and 60MM mortars resulting in 7 US WIA's.

4-23 INF (M): Co A (-) moved South East from bridge site vic XT501193 along Route QL #1 to Cu Chi effected link up with Co B 3-22 Infantry, conducted movement to contact South East along Route QL #1 to the village of Tan Phu Trung vic XT6909. Provided 1 platoon for security of bridge site vic XT501193. Co's B and C conducted Reconnaissance in Force operations in AO WHITE and AO NANCY in search of suspected rocket sites. Recon platoon provided the Cu Chi Base Camp reaction force, provided security for ammunition resupply convoy from Ton Son Nhut North West along Route QL #1 to Cu Chi and Trang Bang. Co A 2-34 ARMOR continued to provide security for Rome Flow clearing operations in the South East portion of the Ho Bo Woods. At 0812 hrs, vic XT698189 Scout platoon was engaged by an estimated VC platoon armed with S/A, A/W and RPG's, negative casualties, VC losses unknown. At 0947 hrs, Co A vic XT554177 received sniper fire, with negative casualties. At 1242 hrs, Co A vic XT700088 sustained 8 US WIA's and 1 APC combat loss from contact with unknown size force. At 1420 hrs, Co's B and C vic XT637217 received fire from estimated VC Co received 50 caliber Machine Gun, RPG 2 and 60MM mortar fire, sustaining 11 US WIA, 2 APC's combat loss.

Supporting Air: At 1215 hrs, vic XT691147 supporting air engaged unknown number of VC, resulting in 4 VC KIA (BC).

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1-27 INF: OPCON TO CMD.

2-27 INF: OICON TO CMD.

2-12 INF: Co's B and C conducted airmobile combat assaults to LZ vic XT673231. Co's A and C provided security for night location vic XT628180.

3-22 INF: At 1117 hrs, Co A conducted motor march from Battalion night location to Cu Chi Base Camp closing at 1205 hours. Co D conducted combined road clearing operations and security for convoy along highway #1 with elements of the 554th Engineer Battalion, from Cu Chi to Trang Bang. Co's B and C remained Cu Chi Base Camp providing the Base Camp reaction force. At 0100 hrs, Co A vic of Cu Chi Compound received 2 incoming 82MM mortar rounds, negative casualties. At 1355 hours, Co D vic XT653114 a bulldozer detonated a mine negative casualties or damage. At 1530 hrs, Co D vic XT695092 received sniper fire, negative casualties.

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Special Operations: Co's A and B conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations in conjunction with Cu Chi National Police vic of ambush and lightning roads to the south west and established a blocking position vic XT634133 and XT635130. Co C and elements of the 554th Engineer Battalion conducted combined road clearing operations from Cu Chi Base Camp to vic XT553183 (Trang Bang).

TF 4-23 INF: Co A provided security for Trang Bang Bridge vic XT501193. At 1200 hrs, Recon platoon with mission of providing security for motor convoy departed Cu Chi Base Camp escorting 200 vehicles to Trang Bang. Convoy arrived Trang Bang at 1300 hrs, at which time the 3-4 Cav assumed the security mission of convoy.

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1-27 INF: OPCON to CMD.

2-12 INF: Conducted airmobile combat assaults and Reconnaissance in Force Operations in AO CLEANUP to LZ vic XT677124. At 1325 hrs, Battalion (-) came in contact with an unknown number VC. At 1325 hrs, Co C vic XT694125 engaged unknown number of VC, resulting in 1 US WIA, VC losses unknown. At 1403 hrs, Battalion sustained 8 US WIA and 4 US KIA from contact with unknown number VC. At 1602 hrs, Co C vic XT694125 received fire from 2 VC negative casualties. A sweep of the immediate area revealed 27 VC KIA from gunshot wounds, Airstrikes and Gunships 34 VC KIA (BC).

3-22 INF: Co's A and B conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations in conjunction with Cu Chi National Police vic of ambush and lightning roads to the South west and established a blocking position vic XT634133 and XT635130. Co C and elements of the 554th Engineer Battalion conducted combined road clearing operations from Cu Chi Base Camp to vic XT553183 (Trang Bang). At 0931 hrs, Co B vic XT641132 apprehended 3 detainees. At 1019 hrs, Co B vic XT625121 received 2 rds sniper fire, negative casualties.

TF 4-23 INF: Battalion (-) at 1145 hrs, conducted motor march from Battalion night location vic XT651260 to the northern portion of Ho Bo Woods area vic XT589293, to establish and secure a new Battalion night location. Co A provided security for Rome Plow convoy from Battalion night location to Cu Chi Base Camp. Provided convoy security for Battery B, 1-8 Artillery from Cu Chi Base Camp to Battalion night location.

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Special Operations: CRIF in conjunction with 1-10 ARVN CAV conducted blocking operations vic XT478064. At 1250 hrs, CRIF was engaged by an estimated VC Co Vic XT478064 contact broken at 1440 hours. CRIF sustained 3 US WIA and 7 ARVN WIA from this engagement, VC losses unknown.

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1-27 INF: OPCON to CMD.

2-27 INF: OPCON to CMD.

2-12 INF: Conducted airmobile combat assaults to LZ vic XT678123 and Reconnaissance in Force Operations vic of LZ. At 1000 hrs, vic XT696124 Co A was engaged by an unknown number of VC. At 1130 hrs, Co B vic XT-695122 received an unknown amount of S/A and A/W fire, sustained 1 US KIA, VC losses unknown. At 1315 hrs, Battalion vic XT695122 received fire from unknown number of VC, sporadic contact continued until 1724 hours. A sweep of the battle area revealed a total of 9 VC KIA (BC), Battalion sustained a total of 9 US KIA from this engagement. A total of 4 VC KIA (BC) resulted from engagement by supporting gunships and a total of 2 VC KIA (BC) resulted from friendly airstrikes for a total of 15 VC KIA (BC) for this engagement.

3-22 INF: At 0800 hrs, Co C with elements of the 554th Engineer Battalion conducted a combined road sweep of MSR highway #1 from Cu Chi to Hoc Mon Bridge. Co's A and D provided security along MSR (highway 1). At 1400 hrs, Co C vic XT699091 was engaged by a platoon sized VC force. At 0920 hrs, Co C sustained 1 US KIA from S/A fire vic XT675100, returned fire with VC losses unknown. At 1029 hrs, Co C vic XT655144 sustained 1 US KIA from S/A, and A/W fire, returned fire with VC losses unknown. At 1345 hrs, Co D vic XT698090 received a heavy volume of S/A and A/W fire, contact broken approximately 1505 hrs, Co sustained 3 US KIA, 3 US KIA VC losses unknown.

TF 4-23 INF: At 0700 hrs, Battalion (-) conducted motor march from Battalion night location to vic XT572302 to establish and secure a new Battalion night location. Bn (-) closed new night location at 1500 hours. Co's A and B provided security at damaged bridge site vic XT582300 for construction team from Co C 554th Engineer Battalion.

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1-27 INF: OPCON 3D BDE EFFECTIVE 061200 hrs.

2-27 INF: OPCON 3D BDE EFFECTIVE 061200 hrs.

2-12 INF: Conducted airmobile combat assaults from Battalion night location vic XT628180 to LZ vic XT700116 and established and secured a new night location vic XT698113. Co's C and D conducted sweep of yesterday's area of contact vic XT696124. Conducted move to new night location Co A provided security for the Battalion's new night location vic XT698113. Co B provided security for the old night location vic XT628180; at the completion of Battalion (-) closing the new night location, conducted move to Cu Chi Base Camp for platoon night combat patrol mission. At 1400 hrs, Battalion vic XT694123 located 3 VC KIA (BC).

3-22 INF: Battalion (-) conducted road clearing and security operations of MSR (QL 1) from Cu Chi South East to Hoc Mon Bridge vic XT712071. Conducted Reconnaissance in Force operations North of the Hoc Mon Bridge to the

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village of Ap Cho vic XT708800, established and secured a new night location vic XT708800. Co B provided the Cu Chi Base Camp reaction force. At 1000 hrs, Co C vic XT701088 received 2 rounds of sniper fire, negative casualties. At 1100 hrs, Co C vic XT702087 received sporadic A/W and S/A fire resulting in 3 US WIA's. At 1325 hrs, Co C vic XT703087 received S/A and AK47 fire, resulting in 3 US WIA and 2 US KIA. At 1350 hrs, Co A received fire from unknown number of VC, resulting in 2 US WIA and 1 US KIA.

TF 4-23 INF: At 1000 hrs, Battalion (-) conducted motor convoy from their night location vic XT572302 to Cu Chi Base Camp upon arrival they became OPCON to the 25th Infantry Division. Recon platoon provided security for convoy from Cu Chi to Trang Bang and continued to Go Dau Ha to secure Tay Ninh Convoy to Hoc Mon Bridge. Platoon released from 2nd Brigade OPCON 1230 hours.

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Special Operations: CRIP in reaction to an intelligence report of large bodies of VC in area conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations vic XT5427 and XT5307. At 1500 hrs, Received unknown number of sniper fire, negative casualties, returned fire with S/A and A/W, VC losses unknown.

1-27 INF: OPCON to 3D BDE.

2-27 INF: OPCON to 3D BDE.

2-12 INF: At 0830 hrs, Co's A and D conducted airmobile combat assaults to LZ vic XT677139. Conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations from XT-677139 back to their night location vic XT698113. Co B conducted a search of tunnel complex vic of their night location. Co C conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations from the south of night location. At 2140 hrs, Co C AP vic XT695120 engaged 3 VC with claymore mines resulting in 3 VC KIA (BC). At 2300 hrs, vic XT698114 Battalion engaged approximately 150 VC with arty and LFT, VC losses unknown. At 1145 hrs, Co B vic XT698112 captured 5 VC POW. At 1410 hrs, Co D vic XT692144 received S/A and A/W and RPG fire, returned fire with all organic weapons and LFT resulting in 12 US WIA, 1 US KIA, 22 VC KIA (BC) and 8 VC KIA (POSS).

3-22 INF: Co's A, C and D conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations in Ap Cho Village vic XT7008. Provided security of MSR (QL1). Co B provided security for their night location vic XT708800. At 1210 hrs, Co A vic XT-703087 received 3 rounds of sniper fire from 1 VC, returned fire with S/A and M79, negative casualties, VC losses unknown. At 1445 hrs, Co's B and D vic XT703087 received S/A, A/W, M/G and RPG fire returned fire with all organic weapons and LFT. Sustained 2 US WIA, VC losses unknown. At 1620 hrs, Battalion vic XT699090 located 30 VC KIA (BC).

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1-27 INF: OPCON to 3D BDE.

2-27 INF: OPCON to 3D BDE.

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2-12 INF: Conducted airmobile combat assaults to LZ vic XT676144 and XT690150. One Company established and secured a new night location at XT691144. Co C with elements of the 554th Engineer Battalion conducted road clearing and security operations along highway 8A from vic XT6514 east to XT6914. At 2029 hrs, night location vic XT698113 received an unknown amount of S/A fire, negative casualties, returned fire with S/A, A/W and Artillery, VC losses unknown. At 0745 hrs, Co C with elements of the 554th Engineer Battalion vic Cu Chi Base Camp, conducted road clearing and security operations along Highway 8A vic XT6514 east to vic XT6914. At 0835 hrs, Co C vic XT690145 received A/W and 50 caliber fire from unknown number of VC, sustained 1 US KIA and 1 US WIA, returned fire with all organic weapons, arty and airstrikes, a sweep of the battle area revealed 8 VC KIA (BC) and 20 VC KIA (POSS), and 1 VC KBA (BC), 9 US WIA and 2 US KIA. At 1248 hrs, Co's A and C vic XT6914 engaged by an unknown number of VC, received A/W and S/A fire, negative casualties. Returned fire with S/A, A/W, VC losses unknown. At 1306 hrs, supporting gunships vic XT6914 received unknown number of S/A, A/W fire, negative hits. At 1319 hrs, Battalion sustained 2 US WIA from gunshot wounds vic XT692144 returned fire with A/W and S/A and friendly airstrikes, VC losses unknown. At 1500 hrs, Co A vic XT692147 sustained 3 US WIA's and 3 US KIA's, in contact with an unknown size VC force, returned fire with S/A and A/W, VC losses unknown. At 1615 hrs, Co A and B vic XT7009 received a heavy volume of S/A and A/W fire from unknown number VC, negative casualties, returned with S/A, A/W, LWS and Arty, resulting in 9 US WIA and 2 US KIA.

3-22 INF: Co's A and D provided security for road convoy. Conducted Reconnaissance in Force operation in 'p Cho Village vic XT7008. Co's B and C provided security for their night location. Conducted foot march from vic XT708800 to vic XT701091, to establish and secure a new night location vic XT701091. At 1810 hrs - 1824 hrs, vic XT693144 while extracting from PZ, received unknown number of rounds from 2 VC, sustained a total of 20 US WIA's. Total casualties for the days activities: 22 US WIA's. Contact was broken at 1829 hrs. At 1907 hrs, vic XT698088 Battalion sustained 1 US NBI from accidental discharge of round from his weapon. At 1155 hrs, Battalion sustained 1 US WIA resulting from gunshot wounds vic XT702095 returned fire with unknown results. At 1432 hrs, Battalion vic XT701089 received a heavy volume of S/A, A/W and RFG fire from unknown size VC force, returned fire with 90MM RR, S/A and A/W, negative casualties, VC losses 23 VC KIA (BC). At 1510 hrs, Co's A and B vic XT702090 received sporadic sniper fire, negative casualties. At 1615 hrs, Co's A and D vic XT701090 received sporadic sniper fire, negative casualties.

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Special Operations: Commencing at 1530 hrs, GRIF conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations to the West and the South West of Bao Trai (XT526045) to 4 objective areas vic XT515025, XT503034, XT-497060 and XT517060 in search of mortar positions and VC reported to be moving in this area.

TF 1-5 INF (M) with Co A 2-34 Armor: OPCON to 2d Brigade effective 101200 hrs February 1968.

1-27 INF: Remain OPCON to 3D Brigade.

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2-27 INF: OPCON 3D Brigade.

2-12 INF: Conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations vic XT693144. Co B provided security for their night location. At 0730 hrs, Co A, C and D was engaged by an unknown number of VC force, vic XT693144. Received S/A and A/W fire returned fire with all organic weapons. At 1350 hrs, unit withdrew approximately 2 kilometers to the east. At 1400 hrs, friendly airstrikes engaged the VC force with 750 lb bombs and 20MM cannon fire. At 0735 hrs, Co's C and D vic XT698146 engaged unknown size VC force, received S/A, A/W and RPG fire. Contact developed to sporadic sniper fire. At 1310 hrs, contact was broken. Fire was returned with Arty, 90MM RR S/A and A/W fire. Co C sustained 1 US KIA from this engagement, VC losses unknown. At 1340 hrs, Co B vic XT702144 again came in heavy contact, receiving S/A, A/W, 50 caliber M/G and RPG contact continued as of 1800 hrs. Battalion sustained 11 US KIA and 1 US MIA from this engagement, VC losses were 11 VC KIA (BC) and 3 VC KBA (BC).

3-22 INF: Conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations in area of yesterday's contact vic XT704089. Co B provided security for the night location. At 1000 hrs, Co's A, C and D vic XT704089 received a heavy volume of S/A and A/W fire. Heavy to sporadic fire continued to 1500 hrs, direct support artillery was employed against the VC at that location effective 101700 hrs. Co A OPCON to 4-23 INF (M). At 0900 hrs, vic XT702088 Co C came in contact with heavy volume of sniper fire, sniper fire continued through the day. Fire was returned with TAC air, Arty, 90MM, S/A, A/W fire. At 1237 hrs, Co A was committed as the Battalion reserve vic XT703088 and was engaged by an unknown size VC force and heavy volume of sniper fire. At 1545 hrs, contact was broken resulting in 3 US KIA and 4 US WIA'S.

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Special Operations: 2-12 INF in conjunction with elements of the 5th ARVN Division providing blocking positions vic XT750150 conducted Reconnaissance in Force and blocking positions. CRIP ay 1700 hrs, conducted raiding operations in area bounded by XT5700, XT5204, XT5304 and XT5401.

TF 1-5 INF: Effective 102100 hrs, OPCON to 25th Inf Div.

1-27 INF: Remains OPCON to 3d Bde.

2-27 INF: Remains OPCON to 3d Bde.

2-12 INF: Conducted Reconnaissance in force operations in area of yesterdays contact vic XT702144. Co's B and D conducted security and clearing operations of highway 8A. At 1300 hrs, Co A vic XT701145 was engaged by unknown number of VC, received S/A, A/W and RPG fire. Returned fire with all organic weapons, ARTY LFT and 3 strikes of TAC air, delivering 500 lb bombs and napalm resulting in 3 US KIA and 1 US MIA. Contact continued until 1630 hrs, with Co sustained an additional 2 US WIA's, VC losses were 6 VC KIA (BC) and 4 VC KIA (FOSS).

3-22 INF: Probed enemy positions vic XT705091. Prepared for tomorrow's offensive operations. At 1335 hrs, Co B vic XT702088 recovered 1 US MIA from yesterdays contact changing status of 1 US MIA to 1 US KIA. At 1445 hrs, Co D vic XT702088 received 5-1- rds S/A fire, sustaining 4 US WIA's and 1 US KIA,

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Returned fire with S/A and A/W fire, VC losses unknown. At the close of the period Co D remained in contact.

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Special Operations: CRIF at 1947 hrs, sustained 4 US WIA, 10 US KIA; from engagement with estimated 2 VC reinforced companies in area bounded by XT5700, XT5204, XT5304 and XT5401. Fire was returned with all organic weapons LFT, ARTY and gunships. Contact was broken at 2005 hrs, VC losses 39 VC KIA (POSS), 16 VC KIA (BC). ARVN losses 3 WIA, 3 MIA and 1 KIA.

1-27 INF: OPCON to 3D BDE.

2-27 INF: OPCON to 3D BDE.

2-12 INF: Co's B, C and D conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations in area of Tan Hoa village vic XT6814, XT6914, and XT7014 supported by elements of the 65th Engineer Battalion who conducted tunnel and bunker destruction in zone. Co A provided security for the Battalion night location. Elements of the 5th ARVN in conjunction with Battalion (-) conducted Reconnaissance in Force and block operations to the East of Tan Hoa village vic XT7114. At 1000 hrs, Battalion (-) was heavily engaged vic XT70145 by an unknown size VC force employing S/A and A/W. Fire was returned with S/A, A/W LFT and Arty. Contact broken at 1100 hrs. At 1135 hrs, Co C again received sporadic sniper fire, and from light to sporadic contact continued to the remainder of the reported period. At 2330 hrs, Battalion sustained 1 US WIA vic XT69144 night location resulting from friendly M79 fire. At 1135 hrs, Co C vic XT70145 received sporadic S/A, A/W fire resulting in 3 US WIA, returned fire with all organic weapons, Arty and LFT's, TAC air strikes, VC losses unknown. Co sustained 3 US WIA's. At 1357 hrs, contact continued vic XT6709 until the close of the reported period, contact varied from heavy to sporadic fires. Continued to engage VC with Artillery, LFT and TAC AIR. At the close of the period Battalion remained in contact, sustaining an additional 3 US WIA and 1 US KIA, 1 VC KIA (BC).

3-22 INF: Co C and D conducted a detailed sweep of yesterday's battle area vic XT679098 supported by 1 attached flame track, two 40MM duster tracks, and one 105mm howitzer employed as direct fire for the suppression of fires and neutralization of bunker and trench complexes within this area. Co B provided security for the Battalion night location and the Battalion reaction force. Recon platoon provided security for the attached elements. Co A remained OPCON to the 4-23 Infantry (M). At 1130 hrs, Co B and the Recon platoon in reaction to an intelligence report of a VC regiment in the area, conducted Reconnaissance in Force mission vic XT679095. National Police from Cu Chi provided road block in conjunction with the Battalion operation vic XT698089 and XT630126. At 1801 hrs, Co C and D remained in contact with unknown number VC, vic XT702088 withdrew to the south side of road, employed extensive fires into area of contact. Sustained 1 US KIA and 4 US WIA, VC losses unknown. At 1835 hrs, contact was broken, Co C and D departed for the Battalion night location closing at 1855 hrs. At 0855 hrs, Co D vic XT703089 received S/A and A/W fire sustained 2 US WIA returned fire with S/A and A/W, VC losses unknown. At 0858

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hrs, Co C vic XT704088 received S/A and A/W fire, negative casualties, returned fire with unknown results. At 1353 hrs, until the close of the reported period the Battalion remained in contact vic XT6709 sustaining 3 US WIA and 4 US KIA, 3 VC KIA (BC).

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1-27 INF: OPCON to 3D BDE.

2-27 INF: OPCON to 3D BDE.

2-12 INF: Co's A, B and C with elements of 65th Engineer Battalion conducted Reconnaissance in Force and tunnel and bunker destruction vic XT6914. Co D provided security for the Battalion night location and the Battalion reaction force. At 1130 hrs, Co B vic XT695140 was engaged by an unknown number of VC with AK47 and carbine fire. Fire was returned with all organic weapons, TAC air strikes and artillery. At 1130 hrs, Co C was engaged by an unknown size VC force vic XT695147, contact continued until the close of the reported period. Fire was returned with Artv, Gunships, TAC air strikes, S/A and A/W fire, VC losses unknown. Battalion sustained 3 US WIA's and 2 US KIA's.

3-22 INF: Co's C, D and elements of the Recon platoon conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations vic XT697090. Co's A and B provided security for the Battalion night location and the Battalion reaction force. Cu Chi National Police provided road blocks along Route QL 1 vic XT698089 and XT630126. At 0830 hrs, maneuver elements were engaged by an unknown size VC force employing RPG, A/W, S/A fire. Fire was returned with Arty, 90MM RR, S/A A/W and flame provided by two OPCON flame tracks. At 0830 hrs, Co's C and B vic XT698089 enroute to reinforce elements of the 4-23 Infantry (M) received S/A and A/W fire from unknown number VC, returned fire with unknown results. Contact continued until 1740 hrs fires placed on the contact area consisted of Artv flame, 90MM RR, S/A and A/W fire with unknown results. Battalion sustained 2 US WIA's.

4-23 INF: OPCON 2d Brigade effective 130500 hrs. At 0752 hrs, Battalion sustained 1 US NDI resulting from convulsions. At 0813 hrs, vic XT698092 Battalion was engaged by an unknown size VC force, entrenched in tunnels and bunkers, employing S/A and A/W. Fire was returned with all organic weapons, 105MM and 155MM and Artillery fire, TAC AIR strikes consisting of bombs and napalm, flame provided by two flame tracks, and a 8 inch Arty employed as direct fire against tunnel and bunker complexes. At 0843 hrs, Co D vic XT697090 received an unknown number of RPG rounds, contact continued until the close of the reported period. TAC airstrikes employing 500 lb bombs, Napalm, Arty fires from 105, 155 and 8 inch Arty pieces, flame tracks, S/A, A/W and LA's were placed on the area of contact, VC losses unknown. Battalion sustained 34 US WIA and 4 US KIA, 3 APC's combat loss.

TAC AIR: At 1837 hrs, vic XT646151 1 VC KIA (BC). At 0840 hrs, vic XT699152 2 VC KIA (BC). At 0943 hrs, vic XT696153 3 VC KIA (BC).

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Special Operations: Elements of the Cu Chi National Police in conjunction with the 3-22 Infantry and 4-23 Infantry (M) operations established and maintained 2 vehicles and personnel checkpoints along Route (QL 1) vic XT698089 and XT630126.

1-27 INF: OPCON to 3D BDE.

2-27 INF: OPCON to 3D BDE.

2-12 INF: Conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations on a 3rd Company front along the North and South of highway 8A to vic XT695146, with one Company moving to the rear providing security and reaction force. Bn provided a composite platoon for the security of the night location. Elements of the 65th Engineer Battalion conducted tunnel and bunker destruction along the axis of the Reconnaissance in Force Operations. Elements of the 5th ARVN Division conducted Reconnaissance in Force and blocking operations. 4.2 mortar, 106mm, Artv, S/A and A/W Fires were employed in conjunction with the Reconnaissance in Force Operations. At 0650 hrs, moved to area of previous contact vic XT695147 with 4 Companies swept area with negative contact, located 46 VC KIA (BC) and 3 VC KIA (FOSS) vic XT695147.

3-22 INF: Conducted move to night location vic XT686088, closing at 0115 hrs, LF's were employed vic the night location. Conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations and a 2 Company attack to objective RRD vic XT703089. Co D provided security for the night location and provided the Battalion reaction force, effective 140500 hrs, Co A OPCON 3-4 Cav. 8 inch Artv prep of the objective area commenced prior to the Reconnaissance in Force attack. At 1915 hrs, vic XT698088 reaction sustained 1 US WIA from a RPG round, returned fire with unknown results. At 0950 hrs, Co's B and C received A/W fire from vic XT698089. Returned fire with all organic weapons, 105MM, 155MM and 8 inch artillery fire. Unit remained in sporadic contact until end of reported period. VC losses 10 VC KIA (BC). Bn sustained 6 US WIA, 4 US NDI.

TF 4-23 INF: Effective 140500 hrs, 1 troop from the 3-4 Cav consisting of 6 tanks and 20 APC's OPCON TF 4-23 Infantry effective 140500 hrs, recon platoon OPCON 3-4 Cav. Conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations and a combined attack to objective Blue vic XT715099 with 3 Infantry Companies and one Cav Troop. A pre-dawn Air strike dropping 500 lb, 750 lb and 1000lb bombs was employed on the objective area commencing at 0300 hrs. A one (1) hour prep employing 8 inch artillery followed the air strike on the objective area. Elements of the 554th Engineer Battalion conducted road repair, tunnel and bunker destruction in conjunction with the Battalion's operations. At 0854 hrs, Co B received S/A sniper fire from vic XT697090. Fire was returned with A/W, Grenades with unknown results. At 0950 hrs, Troop A 3-4 Cav and Co A received S/A, A/W fire. Fire was returned with S/A, A/W, 90MM, 105MM and 8 inch

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artillery fire. Unit remained in sporadic contact until end of the reported period. VC losses 91 VC KIA (BC). Di sustained 10 US KIA and 52 US WIA and 1 Tank and 1 ATC combat loss.

TAC AIR: At 1330 hrs, vic XT658287 engaged an unknown VC force resulting in 6 VC KIA(BC) and 3 VC KIA (POSS).

2D Brigade C&C ship at 1215 hrs, vic XT703091 2nd Brigade C&C engaged 1 VC resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC).

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Special Operations: Cu Chi National Police provided 2 personnel and vehicle checkpoints vic XT713072 and vic XT643120 in conjunction with the Battalion operations, 554th Engineer's provided the 3-22 Infantry 5 dozers for assistance in destroying tunnel and bunker complex in the objective area. Elements of Co A 65th Engineer's provided 2-12 Infantry Engineer Support in the destruction of tunnel and bunker complexes in the area of operations.

1-27 INF: OPCON to 3D BDE.

2-27 INF: OPCON to 3D BDE.

2-12 INF: Co A provided security for 4 dozers who moved from Cu Chi Base Camp to Battalion area of operation. Battalion conducted sweep of the battle area and with elements of Co A 65th Engineer Battalion and 4 dozers, destroyed tunnel and bunker complexes vic Tan Hoa village. At 0730 hrs, all Companies started sweep of area of previous contact, vic XT695145, with negative contact. Located 36 VC KIA (BC).

3-22 INF: At 0500 hrs, A Troop and Co C released OPCON 4-23 INF. A Troop and Co C 3-22 Infantry and two-flare tracks from 4-23 Infantry (M) moved via QL 1 to Cu Chi. At 0946 hrs, Battalion crossed ID and commenced the attack to objective area vic XT7008. At 1035 hrs, Co's D and E received sporadic sniper fire continuing until 1210 hrs resulting in 2 US WIA, fire was returned with all organic weapons, 105, 155 and 8 inch artillery resulting in 28 VC KIA (BC).

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1-27 INF: OPCON 3D BDE.

2-27 INF: OPCON 3D BDE.

2-12 INF: Provided security for Engineer elements. Conducted clearing of tunnel and bunker operations. At 2235 hrs, Co C vic XT-708145 engaged unknown number of VC with S/L and A/V fire, negative casualties, VC losses unknown. At 2250 hrs, Co B vic XT708145 received unknown number of sniper rounds, returned fire with S/L, negative casualties, VC losses unknown. At 1025 hrs, Co B vic XT-683124 sustained 3 US WIA from booby trapped grenade.

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Co C 4-23 Infantry (M) remained in contact with Co D. Conducted Reconnaissance in Force operations tunnel and bunker destruction and provided security for 65th Engineer and 554th Engineer dozers. At 2135 hrs, Co D vic XT708077 engaged 12 VC, with S/A, A/W, M79 and Artillery. VC returned fire with S/A and A/W negative casualties, VC losses unknown. At 2333 hrs, Battalion vic XT712096 sustained 1 US NBI resulting from a malaria attack. At 0721 hrs, Co D vic XT708077 engaged 3 VC with S/A and A/W fire, resulting in 3 VC KIA (DC). Between 1000-1400 hours, Co C vic XT701089 located 21 VC KIA (DC). At 1430 hrs, Co C vic XT701089 located 4 VC KIA (DC).

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1-5 CMF (M) and Co A 2-34 Armor: Effective 170600 hrs, returned to 2nd Brigade control. Conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations in zone. At 0900 hrs, HHC vic XT801047 apprehended 1 detainee, evacuated to IFW. At 1000 hrs, received fire from unknown number of VC, resulting in 7 US WIA from Co C, returned fire with S/A and A/W, VC losses unknown. At 1205 hrs, Battalion vic XT768047 engaged by unknown number of VC, negative casualties, returned fire with S/A and A/W resulting in 2 VC KIA (DC). At 1645 hrs, Co C vic XT757043 2 APC's were hit by RPG rounds resulting in 1 US WIA and moderate damage to track. At 1645 hrs, Co B vic XT764044 1 APC was hit by an RPG round negative casualties, minor damage to track. At 1725 hrs, Co B and C remained in contact vic XT761041 with an additional 2 VC KIA (DC).

1-27 INF: Conducted airmobile combat assaults and Reconnaissance in Force operations in zone. At 1250 hrs, Co D vic XT859015 received unknown number of sniper fire, resulting in 1 US WIA; fire returned with all organic weapons and IFT, VC losses unknown. At 1200 hrs, Co B vic XT761041 yesterday's contact recovered 2 US MIA's changing the status to 2 US KIA's.

3-22 INF: Conducted motor convey from XT701395 to XT749135 to establish and secure a new Battalion night location closing at 1350 hrs. At 0845 hrs, vic XT700090 recon platoon located 10 VC KIA (DC).

2-12 INF: Effective 0600 hrs, released OFCON 2nd Brigade. L Troop 11th ACR effective 1400 hrs, OFCON to 2nd Brigade conducted motor convey to vic XT728955 to establish a new night location.

TAC AIR: At 1330 hrs, vic XT750164 engaged 1 VC resulting in 1 VC KIA (DC).

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1-5 INF: Co A remains OPCON 3D BDE. Conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations provided security for FSDvic XT802049. At 1745 hrs, Co B vic XT766043 received a heavy volume of A/W and RFG fire from estimate two VC reinforced Companies, negative casualties, returned fire with all organic weapons and artillery resulting in 7 VC KIA (BC). At 0130 hrs, Battalion night location vic XT803-048 received 50-60 rounds 60 and 82MM, resulting in 10 US WIA, 1 US KIA, returned fire with all organic weapons and artillery, VC losses unknown. At 0350 hrs, Battalion night location vic XT803-048 received 35 rounds of 60MM resulting in 2 US WIA returned fire with 81MM and LFT, VC losses unknown.

1-27 INF: Conducted airmobile combat assaults in zone. At 1030 hrs, Co C vic XT781181 supporting aircraft received S/A from unknown number of VC, 2 ships minor damage, 2 ships with heavy damage, negative casualties. Between 1200-1700 hrs, vic XT8501 located 2 fresh graves containing 2 VC KIA (BC).

2-27 INF: Conducted air move from Tay Ninh to Dow Bravo, Cu Chi Base Camp. Conducted airmobile combat assaults in zone. At 1010 hrs, Co C vic XT773085 received a heavy volume of A/W fire while approaching LZ, negative damage or casualties. At 1530 hrs, Co B vic XT774084 located 3 tunnels containing various types of ammunition and 21 graves containing 21 VC KIA (BC).

3-22 INF: Conducted saturation night ambush patrols, maintenance and rest and preparation for future operations in zone and local Reconnaissance in Force Operations. At 0130 hrs, Battalion received 10-15 rounds of 82MM rounds, resulting in 2 US WIA, returned fire with 81MM, VC losses unknown.

L Troop 11th ACR: Conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations seal cordon and search of Vienh Loc vic XS715975. Provided recon screen of Marsh area from vic XS690960 North to XT960000. At 0335 hrs, L Troop night location vic XT700962 was engaged by an unknown size VC force, returned fire with all organic weapons, resulting in 24 VC KIA (BC) and 20 VC KIA (FOSS). Troop sustained 2 US WIA.

Supporting PAC: At 0100 hrs, vic XT825054 received a heavy volume of A/W fire, negative casualties or damage.

Supporting Gunships: At 1331 hrs, vic XT776083 engaged 9 VC, resulting in 8 VC KIA (BC) and 1 VC KIA (FOSS).

GRNF: Between 0610 hrs, and 0635 hrs, vic XT527046 received 25 60MM and 82MM mortar rounds, resulting in 5 US WIA's. Returned fire with all organic weapons, VC losses unknown.

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1-5 INF: Conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations in zone. At 0905 hrs, Recon platoon vic XT762054 engaged unknown number of VC, with S/A and A/W fire resulting in 1 VC KIA (FOSS),

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VC returned fire with S/A and A/W fire, resulting in 9 US WIA's. At 0940 hrs, vic XT806053 apprehended 2 detainees will evacuate to HW.

1-27 INF: Provided security for FSD HARRISON vic XT736047. Conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations in zone. At 1345 hrs, Co C vic XT825025 received S/A fire, negative casualties, returned fire with all organic weapons, resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC).

2-27 INF: Conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations in zone. At 2310 hrs, Co B AF vic XT777083 engaged 5 VC with S/A, A/W and M79, resulting in 4 VC KIA (BC) and 1 VC KIA (POSS). At 0445 hrs, night location vic XT774085 received 15-20 rounds of 60MM mortar rounds, negative casualties, returned fire with counter-mortar and LFT, VC losses unknown. At 0733 hrs, Co B vic XT773082 engaged 1 VC with S/A and A/W fire resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC). At 1445 hrs, Co D vic XT775077 received S/A and A/W fire from 5 VC, negative casualties, returned fire with all organic weapons, VC losses unknown.

3-22 INF: Co A remained OPCON to 4-23 INF (M). Conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations in zone. At 2125 hrs, Battalion night location sustained 1 US NBI from malaria attack. At 2351 hrs, Co D AF vic XT744153 engaged 75 VC with artillery, VC losses unknown. At 0805 hrs, Co B vic XT720158 received unknown number of S/A and RIG fire, resulting in 3 US KIA and 3 US WIA, returned fire with all organic weapons, VC losses unknown. At 1510 hrs, Co A's convoy vic XT770144 received RIG and AK47 fire from estimate VC squad, resulting in 1 US WIA, returned fire with S/A, A/W and M79 resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC).

ATroop 11th ACR: Released OPCON effective 182000 hrs.

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1-5 INF (M): Co's B, C and Co A 2-34 conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations in area of yesterdays contact vic XT7605, XT77-04, XT7804, XT7904 and XT8004. Co D provided security for the Battalion night location and the Battalion reaction force. At 0758 hrs, Co C vic XT774048 apprehended 1 PW (WIA), evacuated to HW. At 0800 hrs, Co C vic XT770052 received sniper fire from unknown number of VC, returned fire with S/A and A/W fire, negative casualties, VC losses unknown. At 0822 hrs, Recon platoon vic XT772042 received sniper fire from unknown number of VC, returned fire with all organic weapons, resulting in 2 US WIA's VC losses unknown.

1-27 INF: Co's B, C and D conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations vic XT8202, XT8302, XT8201, and XT8300. Co A provided security for the Battalion night location and the Battalion reaction force. At 1040 hrs, Co C vic XT843017 engaged

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1 VC with S/A and A/W, resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC). At 1100 hrs, Co C vic XT843017 received unknown number of S/A and A/W fire, negative casualties; VC losses unknown. At 1135 hrs, Co B vic XT843019 engaged 1 VC with S/A, A/W and M79, resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC).

2-27 INF: Conducted airmobile combat assaults in zone. Negative contact during the reported period.

3-22 INF: Conducted daylight ambush patrols. Conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations sweep and clearing operations. Between 1050-1400 hrs, Co D vic XT822030 received A/W rifle grenade and RPG fire from estimate VC platoon in bunkers, negative casualties, returned fire with S/A and A/W resulting in 5 VC KIA (BC).

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1-5 INF (M): Co B and Co 2-34 Armor conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations vic XT808034, XT801033, XT765036, XT804037, XT-762034 and XT803040. Co A provided security for the Battalion night location and the Battalion reaction force. At 1348 hrs, Recon element vic XT765034 apprehended 1 detainee, will evacuate. At 1359 hrs, Co B vic XT807033 apprehended 2 detainees, will evacuate.

1-27 INF: Co's A, B and Recon platoon conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations vic XT830008, XT847088, XT849006 and XT855990. Co's C and D provided security for the Battalion reaction force and the Battalion night location. At 1255 hrs, Recon element vic XT855996 engaged 2 VC with S/A and A/W, resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC). At 1430 hrs, Recon element and Co A was engaged by an unknown number of VC with S/A, A/W and RPG fire, returned fire with all organic weapons, resulting in 3 US WIA's, VC losses unknown. At 1430 hrs, vic XS855997 a dustoff ship enroute to evacuate wounded received unknown number of A/W fire. Dustoff ship was downed by this A/W fire. At 1500 hrs, Co C vic XT817079 received fire from 3-5 VC, returned fire with S/A, A/W resulting in 1 US KIA, VC losses unknown.

2-27 INF: Co's A, C and D conducted airmobile combat assaults and Reconnaissance in Force Operations to LZ's vic XT788077 and XT783077. Co B provided security for the Battalion night location and the Battalion reaction force. At 1313 hrs, Co C vic XT791075 located 2 VC KIA (BC). At 1345 hrs, Co C vic XT793073 received S/A and A/W fire from unknown number of VC, returned fire with all organic weapons, resulting in 1 US WIA, 1 VC KIA (BC).

3-22 INF: Co's B, C, and D with Recon platoon conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations vic XT829028, XT835035, XT-828029, XT843039 and XT853041.

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1-5 INF (M): Co's B, C and Recon element and Co A 2-34 Armor conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations vic XT680048, XT753-053, XT758038 and XT766042. At 0739 hrs, supporting FAC vic XT-769047 engaged 1 VC with napalm, resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC). At 1134 hrs, Co C vic XT771043 engaged 2 VC with .50 caliber machine gun, resulting in 2 VC KIA (BC).

1-27 INF: Co's B, C and D conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations vic XT815026 and XT820021. At 1930 hrs, Co C vic XT-817017 received S/A and A/W fire from an unknown number VC, returned fire with all organic weapons, resulting in 2 US WIA, and 3 US KIA, VC losses unknown. At 2337 hrs, Co C AF vic XT777093 engaged unknown number of VC with S/A and A/W fire, resulting in 1 VC KIA (FOSS). At 1220 hrs, Co C vic XT814021 located 5 VC KIA (BC). At 1325 hrs, Co D vic XT818014 detonated a booby trapped claymore, resulting in 1 US KIA and 2 US WIA. At 1344 hrs, Co D vic XT812-012 received S/A fire from unknown number of VC, returned fire with all organic weapons, negative casualties, VC losses unknown. At 1400 hrs, Co C vic XT817026 located 1 VC KIA (BC).

2-27 INF: Co's B, C and D conducted airmobile combat assaults to LZ vic XT771073. Conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations vic XT772071, XT765069 and XT773068. Co A provided security for the Battalion night location and provided for the Battalion reaction force. At 2105 hrs, Co D AF vic XT776077 engaged 4-5 VC with S/A and A/W, a later sweep of the battle area revealed 1 VC KIA (BC). At 1155 hrs, Co D vic XT767070 engaged 1 VC with S/A, resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC) and 1 VC POW. At 1246 hrs, supporting gunships engaged 2 VC resulting in 2 VC KIA (BC). At 1350 hrs, Co D vic XT776075 located 9 graves containing 19 VC KIA (BC) killed by artillery. At 1445 hrs, supporting gunships vic XT776075 engaged 1 VC, resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC). At 1500 hrs, Co C vic XT775-078 located 4 graves containing 4 VC KIA (BC).

3-22 INF: Co C conducted airmobile combat assaults to LZ vic XT846060. Co D and B (-) conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations vic XT820021, XT842028 and XT844024. Co B (-) conducted extensive day ambush patrol operations vic XT845061. At 0424 hrs, Co D vic XT848033 engaged unknown number of VC with claymores, S/A and A/W fire, resulting in 2 VC KIA (FOSS). At 1015 hrs, Co B vic XT842028 received S/A and A/W fire from unknown number of VC, returned fire with S/A and A/W, negative casualties, VC losses unknown. At 1155 hrs, Co D vic XT842028 engaged 3 VC with S/A and A/W fire, resulting in 1 VC KIA (FOSS).

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1-5 INF (M): Co's B and C conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations vic XT3006 and XT8106. Co B provided security for the Battalion night location vic XT824014. Conducted night

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AF operations vic XT824014.

1-27 INF: Co's B and C conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations vic XT813026, XT811027. Co D remained in night location provided security for the night location and the Battalion reaction force. At 1130 hrs, Co A vic XT820012 located 1 VC KIA (BC). At 1145 hrs, Co B vic XT818019 located 1 grave containing 1 VC KIA (BC). At 1153 hrs, Co A vic XT818019 located 1 VC KIA (BC). At 1154 hrs, Co C vic XT819021 located 1 VC KIA (BC). At 1353 hrs, Co A vic XT823023 located 1 VC KIA (BC).

2-27 INF: Conducted airmobile combat assaults and Reconnaissance in Force Operations in zone. At 2047 hrs, Co D vic XT772088 engaged 4 VC with all organic weapons, resulting in 2 VC KIA (BC). At 2135 hrs, Co B AF vic XT773082 while crossing a canal received S/A and A/W fire, negative casualties, returned fire with S/A and A/W fire with unknown results. At 2150 hrs, Co C vic XT776082 engaged unknown results. At 2335 hrs, Co C vic XT775082 engaged 3 VC with S/A and A/W fire resulting in 1 VC KIA (POSS). At 2359 hrs, Co D vic XT773085 engaged 2 VC with S/A and A/W fire with unknown results. At 1100 hrs, supporting gunships vic XT7982 located 1 VC KIA (BC). At 1410 hrs, Co D vic XT791075 located 2 VC KIA (BC). At 1430 hrs, Co B vic XT787069 located 1 VC KIA (BC).

3-22 INF: At 1000 hrs, Co's B and D conducted airmobile combat assaults to LZ's vic XT845062 to establish and secure a new night location Co B conducted Reconnaissance in Force from vic XT830045 and to their new night location. Co C provided security for their new night location. At 1355 hrs, Co B vic XT830045 received S/A and A/W fire from an unknown number of VC, returned fire with all organic weapons, resulting in 1 US KIA and 1 US WIA, VC losses unknown. At 1355 hrs, Co D vic XT830045 located 7 VC KIA (BC) killed by a secondary explosion.

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1-5 INF (M): Co's B and C conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations vic XT813057, XT8144 and XT792043. Recon element provided security for their night location vic XT803048. At 0903 hrs, Battalion vic XT760035 received 5-6 rounds of sniper fire negative casualties.

1-27 INF: Co's A, C and D conducted airmobile combat assaults to LZ's vic XT813014 and XT831030. Conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations vic of LZ's. Co D provided security for their night location vic XT824014. At 1020 hrs, Co C vic XT831028 received S/A and A/W fire from unknown number of VC. Returned fire with S/A, A/W and M79, resulting in 5 VC KIA (BC), 1 US WIA. At 1340 hrs, Co A vic XT828031 received sniper fire from unknown size VC force, returned fire with S/A and A/W and M79 fire, resulting in 1 US WIA, VC losses unknown. At 1405 hrs, Co A vic XT830036 received sniper

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fire from an unknown number of VC, resulting in 1 US WIA, VC losses unknown. At 1532 hrs, Co A vic XT820029 engaged 2 VC with S/A and A/W resulting in 2 VC KIA (BC). Co's A, B and C conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations vic XT779100, XT776674. Co D provided security for their night location vic XT773086. At 0106 hrs, Co D AF vic XT774089 engaged 7 VC with S/A and A/W, VC did not return fire, resulting in 5 VC KIA (FOSS).

3-22 INF: Co's C and D conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations vic XT831021, XT825158. Co C remained vic XT855062. Co D remained in night location providing the Battalion reaction force. At 1050 hrs, Co C vic XT831056 received A/W fire from bunker, returned fire with all organic weapons, and LFT, resulting in 1 US KIA and 1 US WIA, 2 VC KIA (FOSS) and 1 VC KIA (BC).

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1-5 INF: Conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations and a mounted attack to objective area vic XT802057 and XT794052. At 0855 hrs, Co C vic XT801056 apprehended 1 detainee, evacuated to IIW.

1-27 INF: Effective 250800 hrs OFCON to the 3D BDE.

2-27 INF: Conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations vic of their night location and airmobile combat assaults. At 1120 hrs, Co B vic XT777082 engaged 2 VC with S/A and A/W resulting in 2 VC KIA (BC). At 1254 hrs, supporting gunships vic XT789098 engaged 1 VC, resulting in 1 VC KIA (FOSS). At 1045 hrs, Co C vic XT798096 received S/A, A/W fire from an unknown number of VC, resulting in 4 US WIA, and 3 US KIA returned fire with S/A, A/W, Artillery and LFT resulting in 2 VC KIA (BC) and 1 VC KIA (FOSS). At 1720 hrs, vic XT773085 2nd Brigade C&C ship engaged 2 VC resulting in 2 VC KIA (BC).

3-22 INF: Conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations, provided security for Engineer efforts and conducted blocking operations on waterways. At 1055 hrs, vic XT841053 Co B received sniper fire, negative casualties, returned fire with S/A, A/W, M79, LFT, VC losses unknown. At 1110 hrs, Co B vic XT841052 while sweeping area of contact located 21 VC KIA (BC) and sustained 2 US WIA from S/A fire. At 1220 hrs, Co D vic XT840054 engaged unknown number of VC with all organic weapons, Artillery, and LFT resulting in 8 VC KIA (BC), 1 VC POW WIA, unit sustained 5 US WIA'S.

4-9 INF: Effective 250800 hrs, OFCON 2nd Brigade. Conducted saturation night ambush patrols and Reconnaissance in Force Operations in search of VC/NVA rocket positions. At 1125 hrs, Co's B and C vic XT848046 received S/A and A/W fire from an unknown number of VC, resulting in 4 US WIA and 3 US KIA, returned fire with all

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organic weapons, resulting in 3 VC KIA (BC).

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1-5 INF (M): Conducted extensive daylight AF operations and blocking patrols east of their night location. At 0500 hrs, Co D moved half of their force to vic XT815055. The other half will remain in position vic XT815053. Co B conducted AF operations vic XT812046 and Recon element set up a patrol vic XT810046. The remainder of Co A provided security for their night location. At 1330 hrs, Co A returned OFCON to 2nd Brigade 2-27 Infantry and conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations vic of their night location. At 0811 hrs, Co A 2-34 Armor vic XT690145 a tank detonated an AT mine, negative casualties.

TF 2-27 INF: Conducted airmobile combat assaults and Reconnaissance in Force Operations vic XT750150 with Team C 1-5 Infantry (M). At 0700 hrs, Team C 1-5 Infantry (M), 3 tanks from Co A 2-34 Armor, 3 Flame tracks, 2 sweep teams from Co A 65th Engineer and the 554th Engineer - Bulldozers, departed Cu Chi Base Camp and crossed the LD vic XT673150 to vic XT673140. Team C 1-5 Infantry conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations along route 8A and cleared the road to vic XT735144. Co's B and D conducted Reconnaissance in Force operations vic XT738161, XT733161, XT723-157, XT717156 and XT713149. Upon closing CP #5 vic XT713149 Team C 1-5 Infantry (M) became OFCON to 2-34 Armor (-). At 1700 hrs, Co B became OFCON to TF 2-34 Armor (-). Co A provided security for the Battalion night location. At 2150 hrs, Co B AF vic XT773083 engaged 2 VC with M79's, resulting in 2 VC KIA (BC). At 1540 hrs, Co C vic XT719156 received A/W and rifle grenade fire, returned fire with all organic weapons, artillery and air-strikes, resulting in 2 US WIA, VC losses unknown. At 0933 hrs, Co D vic XT724156 received S/A and A/W fire from unknown number of VC, resulting in 1 US KIA, returned fire with all organic weapons, artillery and LFT resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC). At 1550 hrs, vic XT690144 3 APC's were hit by RPG mun's, resulting in 12 US WIA's, 2 US KIA and 3 APC's combat loss.

3-22 INF: Conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations, provided security for Engineer, conducted a combined attack with the 4-9 Infantry to objective area vic XT833043. At 1100 hrs, Co A vic XT837057 received A/W fire from 2 bunkers resulting in 1 US WIA, returned fire with all organic weapons, artillery, VC losses unknown.

4-9 INF: Conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations and a two Battalion attack with 3-22 Infantry to objective vic XT833043. Co A followed as a reserve force. Co C provided security for the Battalion night location. At 0900 hrs, Co B vic XT849050 received S/A fire from unknown number of VC, returned fire with all organic weapons, resulting in 5 US WIA's, 1 US KIA and 2 VC KIA (BC). At 1138 hrs, Co's A, B, C and D vic XT8404 and XT8304 received S/A,

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A/W and RFG fire from unknown number of VC, returned fire with all organic weapons, resulting in 1 US KIA, 10 US WIA's, 12 VC KIA (BC) and 15 VC KIA (POSS).

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1-5 INF (M) Conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations in search of VC/NVA rocket positions. At 0935 hrs, Co C vic XT69147 received sniper fire from unknown number of VC, negative casualties, returned fire with all organic weapons with unknown results. At 1430 hrs, Co B vic XT699148 located 3 VC KIA (BC).

2-27 INF: Conducted airmobile combat assaults and provided security for FSD vic XT729146. At 2345 hrs, vic XT774083 Co A AP engaged 2 VC with grenades and claymores, with unknown results. At 1130 hrs, Co D vic XT696143 received A/W, S/A and RFG fire from unknown number of VC, sustaining 3 US WIA's, returned fire with all organic weapons, resulting in 12 VC KIA (BC) and 15 VC KIA (POSS). At 1520 hrs, Co D and supporting gunships vic XT696143 engaged 3 VC resulting in 3 VC KIA (BC).

3-22 INF: Conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations and provided security for Engineer efforts. At 0540 hrs, vic XT841-052 Co A AP engaged estimate VC platoon with S/A, A/W and M79 with unknown results. At 1740 hrs, Co D vic XT835053 recovered 2 US KIA's from the previous days engagement.

4-9 INF: Conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations. At 2039 hrs, Co A vic XT843048 received unknown number of rifle grenades, negative casualties, returned fire with S/A and A/W resulting in 2 VC KIA (BC). At 2110 hrs, Co A AP vic XT836045 received S/A and grenades, negative casualties, returned fire with S/A and A/W fire resulting in 2 VC KIA (BC). At 0905 hrs, Co C vic XT843045 engaged estimated VC squad in bunkers with S/A and M79 resulting in 5 VC KIA (BC) and 1 VC KIA (POSS). At 1010 hrs, vic XT841044 Co C located 1 VC KIA (BC). At 1313 hrs, vic XT838-048 Co C engaged 7 VC with S/A and M79 resulting in 3 VC KIA (BC). At 1400 hrs, Co B vic XT839043 received sniper fire resulting in 2 US WIA's. At 1410 hrs, vic XT842044 Co B located 4 graves with 4 VC KIA (BC). At 1445 hrs, vic XT842044 Co C sustained 2 US WIA resulting from S/A fire returned fire with unknown results.

TF 2-34 ARMOR: Conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations and a Tank Infantry attack on the village of Tan Hoa vic XT7115 and XT7114. At 0935 hrs, vic XT694147 Co C 1-5 (M) received fire from unknown number of VC with negative casualties, returned fire with S/A and A/W fire resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC). At 1125 hrs, vic XT694147 Co C 1-5 (M) received RFG fire resulting in 1 US WIA, returned fire with S/A and A/W fire resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC). At 1430 hrs, vic XT699148 Co C 1-5 (M) engaged unknown number of VC, resulting in 10 VC KIA (BC).

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1-5 INF: Conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations in search of VC/NVA rocket positions. At 0010 hrs, recon platoon vic XT790060 engaged an estimate VC squad with W and S/A fire, resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC). At 0105 hrs, recon platoon vic XT797060 located 2 VC KIA (BC). At 1740 hrs, Co B vic XT768052 located 7 VC KIA (BC).

2-27 INF: Conducted airmobile combat assaults and Reconnaissance in Force Operations in search of VC/NVA rocket positions. At 1105 hrs, Co C vic XT778073 located 1 VC KIA (BC). At 1540 hrs, Co C vic XT778076 located 5 graves containing 5 VC KIA (BC). At 1710 hrs, Co B vic XT714148 located 1 VC KIA (BC).

3-22 INF: Conducted daylight ambush patrols and river patrolling Operations. At 1500 hrs, Co D vic XT828057 located 3 VC KIA (BC).

4-9 INF: Conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations in search of VC/NVA rocket positions. At 1130 hrs, vic XT843043 Battalion located 1 VC KIA (BC).

TF 2-34 ARMOR: Conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations in zone. At 0244 hrs, Battalion night location vic XT728147 received 20 rounds of unknown size mortar fire, resulting in 1 US KIA and 7 US WIA, returned fire with counter mortar with unknown results. At 0333 hrs, Battalion night location vic XT728147 received

21 rounds of 122 rocket and RPG rounds with negative casualties. At 1209 hrs, recon element 2-34 Armor vic XT717157 received S/A and RPG fire from unknown sized VC force resulting in 1 US KIA, returned fire with all organic weapons, 1 VC KIA (BC) and 3 VC POW's.

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1-5 INF (M): Co B and Recon element and 1 platoon of Co A conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations vic XT780052, XT-729055, XT787068 and XT795068. Co A (-) provided security for the Battalion night location. At 1100 hrs, Recon element vic XT792064 engaged 3 VC with S/A and A/W fire, with unknown results.

2-27 INF: Co's C and D conducted airmobile combat assaults to LZ's vic XT742169 and Reconnaissance in Force Operations vic of LZ. Co A provided security for the Battalion night location. Co C 4-23 INF (M) remains OPCON to 2-27 Infantry. At 1045 hrs, supporting gunships vic XT740170 engaged 1 VC, resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC). At 1100 hrs, supporting FAC engaged 1 VC, resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC). At 1140 hrs, Team D vic XT739165 received S/A and A/W fire, returned fire with all organic weapons, resulting in 2 US WIA's, 1 tank with major damage, VC losses unknown. At 1145 hrs, Co C vic XT739165 located 1 VC KIA (BC). At 1205 hrs,

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supporting gunships vic XT739165 engaged 3 VC, resulting in 3 VC KIA (BC). At 1220 hrs, Team C vic XT739165 received S/A and A/W fire from unknown number of VC, returned fire with all organic weapons, resulting in 1 US WIA, VC losses unknown. At 1530 hrs, Flame Track vic XT739176 engaged 1 VC, resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC). At 1630 hrs, Co C vic XT739165 engaged unknown number of VC with all organic weapons resulting in 3 US WIA's, VC losses unknown. At 1630 hrs, Co D vic XT739165 engaged 4-5 VC with all organic weapons, resulting in 3 US WIA's, VC losses unknown.

3-22 INF: Co C (-) continued to provide security for engineer efforts vic XT845062. Co A conducted a stationary ambush patrol operation vic XT810070-XT816077. Co C (-) conducted a detailed patrol operation vic XT845061. Co B conducted daylight patrol operations vic XT841055, XT833063 and XT830073. Co D provided security for the Battalion night location and the Battalion reaction force. At 0104 hrs, Co A vic XT814074 received sniper fire from 1 VC, returned fire with S/A, A/W and M79, negative casualties, VC losses unknown. At 0947 hrs, Co A vic XT814074 received sniper fire from unknown number of VC, returned fire with all organic weapons resulting in 1 VC POW and 2 US WIA's. At 1646 hrs, Co D vic XT842051 located 1 VC KIA (BC).

4-9 INF: Co's C and D conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations vic XT851047 and XT848045, XT846042 and XT842045. Co D (-) provided security for the Battalion night location. Co D (-) provided security for bridge site vic XT849053. At 1155 hrs, Co D vic XT842042 located 2 VC bodies, resulting in 2 VC KIA (BC).

TF 2-34 AFMTR: TF 2-34 conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations vic XT749158. At 1026 hrs, 1-5 Co C vic XT747158 received 2 rounds of RFG fire, resulting in 2 US WIA's. At 1200 hrs, 2nd Brigade C&C ship vic XT737170 engaged 3 VC, resulting in 3 VC KIA (BC). At 1100 hrs, supporting FAC vic XT740172 engaged 2 VC, resulting in 2 VC KIA (BC). At 1430 hrs, vic XT743168 supporting FAC engaged 10 VC resulting in 10 VC KIA (BC).

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1-5 INF (M): Co's A and D conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations to locate and destroy VC/NVA rocket sites vic XT7905, and XT7906. Recon element provided security for their night location. At 1025 hrs, Co A vic XT795065 located 1 VC KIA (BC). At 1445 hrs, Co A vic XT864066 located 2 VC KIA (BC). At 1613 hrs, COBR. 17 vic XT777066 apprehended 3 detainees.

2-27 INF: Co's A, D and Co C 4-23 INF (M) Conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations to locate and destroy VC/NVA rocket sites vic XT7417 and XT7416. 1 section of Flame tracks, 1 platoon of Co C 4-23 Infantry (M) remains OPCON to TF 2-27 Infantry. At 1030 hrs, Co D vic XT745167 engaged 3 VC with S/A and A/W resulting in 3 VC KIA (BC). At 1220 hrs, Co B vic XT745167 engaged 1 VC with S/A and A/W resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC).

3-22 INF: Co's B, D and Recon element conducted extensive daylight ambush patrols vic XT8106, XT8206, XT8307 and XT8107. Continued to provide security for Engineer efforts. At 1930 hrs, Co A vic XT514075 received sniper fire from unknown number of VC, returned fire with all organic weapons, negative casualties, VC losses unknown. At 2150 hrs, Co A vic XT812074 engaged 8 VC in a sampan with a LAW, resulting in 8 VC KIA (BC). At 0025 hrs, Co A vic XT812071 engaged 7 VC with S/A and A/W, resulting in 7 VC KIA (BC). At 0530 hrs, Co A vic XT812071 received S/A and A/W fire from unknown number of VC, returned fire with all organic weapons, resulting in 4 VC KIA (BC). At 0600 hrs, Co A vic XT812071 engaged 3 VC in a sampan with A/W, resulting in 3 VC KIA (BC).

4-9 INF: Battalion conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations to locate and destroy VC/NVA rocket sites vic XT8304, XT8303 and XT8404. At 2005 hrs, Co B vic XT852054 engaged 6 VC with S/A and A/W, VC did not return fire, resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC). At 0920 hrs, Co D vic XT833041 located 1 VC KIA (BC). At 1255 hrs, Co B vic XT847045 located 1 VC KIA (BC). At 1315 hrs, Co A vic XT836037 located 1 VC KIA (BC). At 1315 hrs, Co A vic XT834043 located 1 VC KIA (BC). At 1317 hrs, Co B vic XT848046 located 1 VC KIA (BC). Also apprehended 4 detainees, who were turned over to ARVN Control. At 1343 hrs, Co B vic XT833047 received S/A and A/W fire from unknown number of VC, returned fire with S/A, A/W and B79, resulting in 2 US KIA and 1 US WIA.

TF 2 34 ARMOR: Foot OPCON of Co C 1-5 Infantry (M) and Co C 4-23 Infantry (M) remains OPCON to 2-27 Infantry. Scout Platoon 2-34 Armor provided security for FSB CROCKETT and also provided security for a resupply convoy from FSB CROCKETT to Cu Chi Base Camp and back to FSB CROCKETT.

2 March

1-5 INF (M): Co's A and D conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations to locate and destroy VC/NVA rocket sites vic XT800034

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and XT799032. Recon element provided security for the Battalion night location. Co C remains OPCON to TF 2-34 ARMOR. At 1205 hrs, COBRA 12 vic XT806069 engaged 12-15 VC with all organic weapons, resulting in 1 US KIA and 1 VC KIA (BC).

2-27 INF: Co's A, C and D conducted operations to locate and destroy tunnel and bunker complexes vic XT739165 and XT740170, Co D provided security for the Battalion night location.

3-22 INF: Co A and B conducted extensive daylight ambush patrols vic XT8305, XT8307 and XT8107. Co C conducted river patrol vic XT83079 to XT850067. Co D provided security for the Battalion night location. Recon element conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations to locate and destroy VC/NVA possible rocket sites vic XT834048. At 1215 hrs, supporting gunships vic XT815075 received AK47 fire, ship took 5 hits, but still was able to continue mission, negative US casualties. At 1235 hrs, Recon element vic XT834048 received sniper fire from 1 VC, returned fire with S/A and A/W negative casualties, VC losses unknown.

4-9 INF: Battalion conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations to locate and destroy VC/NVA possible rocket sites vic XT846036, XT847040, XT848042 and XT845036. At 0918 hrs, Co's A and C vic XT850045 engaged unknown number of VC with all organic weapons, negative casualties, VC losses unknown.

TF 2-34 ARMOR: Conducted Rome Plow cutting operations vic XT7516. Co B conducted roving patrol vic XT720150 and XT719154. Co C 4-23 Infantry (M) remains OPCON and Co C 1-5 Infantry (M) remains OPCON. At 0006 hrs, night location vic XT729146 received 30 rounds of mortar fire, returned fire with counter mortar, resulting in 2 US WIA's, VC losses unknown. At 0908 hrs, Co C 1-5 Infantry (M) vic XT748146 received sniper fire from unknown number of VC, returned fire with all organic weapons, resulting in 1 US WIA and 1 VC KIA (BC). At 1001 hrs, Co C 1-5 Infantry (M) vic XT748156 engaged 1 VC with S/A and A/W, resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC). At 1040 hrs, Co A vic XT752144 a Rome Plow detonated an AT mine, minor damage to plow sustaining 2 US WIA's. At 1420 hrs, Co C 1-5 Infantry (M) vic XT753163 located 15 graves containing 15 VC KIA (BC). At 1450 hrs, Co C 1-5 Infantry (M) vic XT751164 apprehended 4 POW's.

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2-27 INF: Co's B, C and D (-) conducted airborne combat assaults to LZ's vic XT697097 and XT693097. Co D (-) provided security for the 4-9 Infantry's night location. At 1231 hrs, Supporting gunships vic XT705105 engaged 8 VC with A/W, resulting in 4 VC KIA (BC) and 1 VC KIA (F688). At 1730 hrs, Co C vic XT704106 engaged 2 VC with S/A, resulting in 2 VC KIA (BC).

3-22 INF: Co's D and C (-) conducted extensive daylight ambush patrols vic XT8107. Co C (-) conducted dragging operations to recover 6 EM who drowned from Co A vic XT8107. Co B conducted

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Reconnaissance in Force Operations to locate and destroy VC/NVA rocket sites vic XT8107. Co A provided security for their night location. At 2015 hrs, Co A AF vic XT813076 engaged 1 VC with Law, resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC). At 0100 hrs, Co A AF vic XT-813076 engaged 5 VC in a sampan resulting in 3 VC KIA (BC) & 2 VC KIA (FOSS). At 0140 hrs, Co A AF vic XT813076 engaged 1 sampan with Law, resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC). At 0145 hrs, Co A AF vic XT843076 engaged 1 sampan, resulting in 2 VC KIA (BC). At 0225 hrs, vic XT837052 received AK47 fire from unknown number of VC, returned fire with mortar and artillery, negative casualties, VC losses unknown. At 0726 hrs, Co A AF vic XT-831078 located 1 VC KIA (BC). At 1225 hrs, Co B vic XT838053 located 12 graves containing 12 VC KIA (BC). At 1406 hrs, Co D vic XT837050 received A/W fire from unknown number of VC, returned fire with all organic weapons and artillery, resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC). At 1635 hrs, Co C vic XT838054 located 7 graves containing 7 VC KIA (BC).

4-9 INF: Co's A, B and D conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations to locate and destroy VC/NVA suspected rocket sites vic XT8402 and XT8403. Co C was extracted to Tay Ninh for rest and administration matters. At 0755 hrs, Co A vic XT843045 located 1 VC KIA (BC). At 0935 hrs, Co B vic XT846372 located 1 VC KIA (BC). At 1330 hrs, Co A vic XT843025 received sniper fire from unknown number of VC, returned fire with all organic weapons, negative casualties, 11 VC KIA (BC). At 1625 hrs, Co D vic XT847028 located 1 VC KIA (BC).

2-34: Conducted cutting operations in objective Y vic XT7515. Co C 4-23 Infantry (M) and Co C 1-5 Infantry (M) provided security for Rome Flow cutting Operations vic XT-7614. At 1425 hrs, 65th Engineer Battalion vic XT756156 a Rome Flow detonated 2 booby trapped grenades, negative casualties, or damage to Rome Flow.

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2-27 INF: Co's A, B and D conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations to locate and destroy VC forces in area vic XT6809 and XT6908. Co C provided security for the Battalion night location. At 2310 hrs, Co A vic XT751098 engaged 1 sampan with S/A and Law, resulting in 4 VC KIA (BC).

3-22 INF: Co's C and D conducted saturation patrols of suspected rocket sites vic XT8305 and XT8304. Co A provided security of Engineer efforts vic XT845063. Co B provided security for the Battalion night location and Battalion reaction force. At 1039 hrs, Co D vic XT817039 located 3 graves containing 3 VC KIA (BC). At 1043 hrs, Co D vic XT-817039 received A/W fire from unknown number of VC, returned fire with all organic weapons, resulting in 1 US KIA, VC losses unknown. At 1245 hrs, Co D vic XT837049 located 1

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grave containing 1 VC KIA (BC). At 1425 hrs, Co D vic XT834047 located 2 bodies killed by artillery, resulting in 2 VC KIA (BC).

4-9 INF: Co's A, B and D conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations to locate and destroy VC/NVA suspected rocket sites vic XT8402 and XT8403. At 2325 hrs, Co D vic XT843032 engaged movement to their front with all organic weapons, negative return of fire, resulting in 1 VC KIA (FOSS). At 1210 hrs, Co A vic XT546026 received RFG2 fire and A/W fire from unknown number of VC, resulting in 1 US WIA. Co A and supporting gunships vic XT846026 received S/A, A/W and RFG fire from unknown number of VC, returned fire with all organic weapons, artillery and airstrikes. Resulting in 9 US WIA, 3 VC KIA (BC) and 3 VC KIA (FOSS).

TF 2-34 ARMOR: Conducted Rome Flow cutting operations vic XT7515, in objective Y. Co C 1-5 Infantry (M) and Recon element provided security for Rome Flow cutting operations. Co C 4-23 Infantry (M) provided security for the Battalion night location and the Battalion reaction force. At 0800 hrs, 2-34 Armor vic XT758152 a Rome Flow detonated an AT mine of unknown size, negative casualties or damage to plow. At 1455 hrs, Recon element vic XT743167 located 1 grave containing 1 VC KIA (BC).

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2-27 INF: Co's A, C and D conducted airmobile combat assaults to LZ vic XT699120. Conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations vic XT6912, XT6812, XT6811 and XT6911. Co B provided security for the Battalion night location. At 1115 hrs, Co A vic XT696119 located 3 bodies, resulting in 3 VC KIA (BC). At 1115 hrs, Co A vic XT696119 located 3 VC KIA (BC). At 1205 hrs, Co A vic XT697119 located 4 VC KIA (BC). At 1245 hrs, Co A vic XT695125 located 3 VC KIA (BC).

3-22 INF: Co A (-) conducted river patrol vic XT814078 and XT847071. Co A provided 1 platoon for the security of Scuba Divers conducting recovery of MIA's from accidental drowning 2 March 1968, vic XT814078. Co B conducted extensive daylight ambush patrols vic XT832050. Co's C and D conducted saturation patrols vic XT8304, XT8404 and XT8305. At 1150 hrs, Co D vic XT835049 located 1 VC KIA (BC). At 1345 hrs, Co A vic XT835049 located 8 graves containing 8 VC KIA (BC).

4-9 INF: Co's A, B and D conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations vic XT8402 and XT8403. At 0847 hrs, Co A vic XT849026 received sniper fire from unknown number of VC, returned fire with all organic weapons, negative casualties, VC losses unknown. Between 0941 - 1033 hrs, Co A vic XT849026 located 5 VC KIA (BC). At 1045 hrs, Co A vic XT851027 located 8 VC KIA (BC). At 1153 hrs, Co A vic XT852029 located 3 VC KIA (BC).

2-34 ARMOR: Conducted Rome Flow cutting operations and placing of CS gas in objective W, X-Ray and Y vic XT7514 and XT7414.

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1-27 INF: Co C 1-5 Infantry (M) vic XT763148 engaged 50 VC with all organic weapons, VC returned fire with S/A and A/W fire, resulting in 3 VC KIA (BC) and 5 VC KIA (POSS), negative casualties.

At 1350 hrs, 2nd Brigade C&C vic XT846026 engaged 3 VC, resulting in 2 VC KIA (BC) and 1 VC KIA (POSS).

At 1500 hrs, S-5 vic XT738034 received AK47 fire, from unknown number of VC, returned fire with A/W, resulting in 2 VC KIA (BC).

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2-27 INF: Co's A, B and C conducted airmobile combat assaults to LZ's vic XT671095, XT678102 and Reconnaissance in Force Operations vic XT6411, XT6510, XT6610, XT6511 and XT6612. Co D provided security for the Battalion night location.

3-22 INF: Co A conducted river patrol from vic XT826074 to XT849065. Co's B, C and D conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations vic XT8406, XT8306, XT8206 and XT8305. At 1525 hrs, Co D vic XT821067 engaged by 3 VC with S/A, A/W fire; returned fire with all organic weapons, resulting in 2 US WIA, 1 US KIA and 1 US MIA, VC losses unknown.

4-9 INF: Co's A, B and D conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations vic XT8402, XT8401 and XT8302. At 0740 hrs, Co D vic XT844026 engaged unknown number of VC with all organic weapons, VC returned fire with S/A, resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC).

TF 2-34 ARMOR: Conducted Rome Flow clearing operations vic XT7114, XT7115 and XT7215. Co's B and C provided security for Rome Flow Operations. At 2330 hrs, Co A AP engaged 4 VC with S/A, A/W and Claymores, negative casualties or results. At 0816 hrs, Recon element vic XT684145 an APC detonated an AT mine, negative casualties or damage to APC. At 0943 hrs, Co C 4-23 Infantry (M) vic XT715150 located 1 VC KIA (BC).

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2-27 INF: Co A provided security for their Battalion night location. Co's B, C and D conducted airmobile combat assaults to LZ's vic XT698112, XT676136, XT643119, XT644117, XT675077, XT688110, XT707107 and XT727097. Conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations to locate and destroy VC forces and positions vic XT6412, XT6413, XT6712 and XT6912. At 0945 hrs, Co C vic XT697125 located 3 VC KIA (BC) killed by artillery. At 1610 hrs, Co B vic XT708106 located 1 VC KIA (BC) by supporting gunships.

3-22 INF: Co's C and A conducted river patrol vic XT8306, XT8305 and XT8205. Co D conducted Reconnaissance in Force

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Operations to locate and destroy VC forces and positions vic XT-8206 and XT8207. At 1011 hrs, Co C vic XT821055 received a heavy volume of machine gun fire from unknown number of VC, returned fire with all organic weapons, resulting in 1 US WIA, VC losses unknown. At 1020 hrs, Co C vic XT819055 received sniper fire from unknown number of VC, returned fire with all organic weapons, resulting in 3 US WIA and 2 US KIA's, VC losses unknown. At 1130 hrs, Co D vic XT822072 received sniper fire from 1 VC, returned fire with all organic weapons, resulting in negative casualties, VC losses unknown.

4-9 INF: Co's A, B and D conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations to locate and destroy VC position vic XT8402 and XT-8401. At 0720 hrs, Co B and Co D vic XT844020 received sniper fire, returned fire with all organic weapons, resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC). At 0730 hrs, Co D vic XT844020 captured 1 VC PW WIA, POW later died, resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC). At 0940 hrs, Co A vic XT844020 received S/A and V/W fire, returned fire with S/A and V/W, resulting in 3 US WIA and 1 US KIA, and 3 detainees were apprehended. At 1212 hrs, Co A vic XT841019 received RPG fire and machine gun fire from unknown number of VC, returned fire with all organic weapons, resulting in 4 US WIA and 3 VC KIA (BC).

TF 2-34 ARMOR: Conducted Rome Flow cutting Operations vic XT7214, XT7114, XT6914, and XT6915. Recon element, Co C 4-23 Infantry (M) and Co C 1-5 Infantry (M) provided security for Rome Flow cutting operations. At 0907 hrs, Co C 1-5 Infantry (M) vic XT698152 located 18 graves containing 18 VC KIA (BC). At 1550 hrs, Co C 4-23 Infantry (M) vic XT707145 an APC detonated an AT mine, negative casualties, or damage to APC.

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2-27 INF: Battalion (-) conducted airmobile combat assaults to LZ vic XT578164 and Reconnaissance in Force Operations South - East from LZ to vic XT584162 to establish and secure a new Battalion night location. Co C provided security for the old Battalion night location vic XT710095.

3-22 INF: Co's B and D conducted river patrol to vic XT83077, XT8407, XT8406 and XT8505. Co C provided security for the Battalion night location and the Battalion reaction force. At 0110 hrs, Co A vic XT853058 received AK47 fire from an estimate 2 VC, resulting in 1 VC KIA (POSS).

4-9 INF: Co's A, B and D conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations to locate and destroy VC forces and positions vic XT8402 and XT8502. At 0730 hrs, Co D vic XT849027 located 2 VC KIA (BC).

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hrs, supporting Air (FAC) vic XT636220 engaged 2 VC, resulting in 2 VC KBA (BC).

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Special Operations: 2-34 ARMOR: in conjunction with elements of the Cu Chi National Police conducted a Cordon and Search of the village of Thai My vic XT5415 and XT5515, with negative results.

1-27 INF: Conducted airmobile combat assaults. At 2050 hrs, Battalion night location vic XT517218 received 10-15 rounds of 60MM mortar fire, resulting in 4 US WIA's, returned fire with counter mortar with unknown results. At 0435 hrs, Battalion night location vic XT517218 received 60-80 rounds of 60 and 82MM mortar fire, sustained 8 US WIA and 1 US KIA. Returned fire with counter mortar, results unknown. At 0816 hrs, Co B vic XT518245 received 1 round of RPG fire on LZ, supporting gunships engaged 1 platoon of VC with rockets and A/W resulting in 2 VC KIA (BC) and 3 VC KIA (POSS). At 0940 hrs, supporting gunships vic XT514243 engaged 3 VC, resulting in 3 VC KIA (BC). At 0950 hrs, Co B vic XT518243 received S/A fire from unknown number of VC, resulting in 1 US WIA. Returned fire with all organic weapons, VC losses unknown. At 1000 hrs, supporting gunships engaged an estimate VC platoon vic XT518239 with unknown results. At 1040 hrs, vic XT516243 supporting gunships received a heavy volume of A/W fire, negative hits or casualties. At 1340 hrs, supporting gunships vic XT524244 engaged an unknown number of VC, resulting in 6 VC KIA (BC). At 1345 hrs, Co's B and D vic XT525245 received a heavy volume of S/A, A/W and RPG fire from unknown number of VC, sustaining 1 US KIA and 2 US WIA, returned fire with all organic weapons with unknown results. At 1415 hrs, supporting gunships vic XT518243 engaged an unknown number of VC, resulting in 4 VC KIA (BC).

2-27 INF: Conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations and provided security for Engineer elements on road clearing operations. At 1050 hrs, Co C vic XT568173 received 10 rounds of sniper fire with negative results. At 1105 hrs, Co C vic XT568176 received S/A, A/W and RPG fire from estimate VC platoon resulting in 1 US WIA, returned fire with all organic weapons with unknown results. At 1220 hrs, Co A vic XT553127 received S/A and A/W fire from unknown number of VC, resulting in 1 US WIA, returned fire with all organic weapons, LFT with unknown results. At 1710 hrs, Co A vic XT551187 engaged 1 VC sniper with S/A and A/W resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC).

TF 2-34 : Conducted a combined cordon and search of Thai My Village vic XT5415 and XT5515 in conjunction with elements of the Cu Chi National Police with negative results.

SUPPORTING AIR (FAC) At 1600 hrs, supporting air (FAC) vic XT519240 engaged unknown number of VC resulting in 4 VC KBA (BC) and 4 VC KBA (POSS).

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12. STATISTICAL RESULTS:

a. Enemy Losses:

VQ KIA (BC)	2043
VQ KIA (POSS)	477
VC PW	39
SMALL ARMS	247
CREW SERVED WEAPONS	224
122MM ROCKET	13
122MM RL	3
RPG ROUNDS	362
BANGELOR TORPEDOS	26
SMALL ARMS AMMO	332095
60MM MORTAR AMMO	462
81 AND 82MM AMMO	365
105 ROUNDS	105
BOMBS	11
EXPLOSIVES	235 lbs
HAND GRENADES	61
AT MINES	51
AP MINES	36
BOOBY TRAPS	33
CBU'S	207
BUNKERS	2412
SPIDER HOLES	219
TRENCHES	19
TUNNELS	216
SAMPANS	15
PUNJI PITS	99

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RICE	107250 lbs
DOCUMENTS	245
MEDICAL SUPPLIES	146
GAS MASK	10001

B. Friendly Losses

UNIT	KHA	WHA	DCW	TOTAL
1-27	65	439	5	509
2-27	33	265	1	299
1-5	24	248	5	277
4-23	30	258	1	289
2-32	12	121	0	133
3-22	42	134	2	178
2-34	0	7	0	7
4-9	64	124	0	188
65TH ENGR	0	2	0	2
168TH LCTF	0	3	0	3
1-8 ARTY	0	18	0	18
D TROOP 3-4 CAV	4	18	0	22

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13. Supply and Civil Affairs:

a. Supply:

(1) The CH-47 A has proven to be the most effective and efficient vehicle available for providing logistical support to forward units. Its inherent ability to respond quickly to changing tactical situations, rapid delivery speed, and relatively greater allowable AGL, has made it an invaluable asset in situations prohibiting the use of over land resupply techniques.

(2) When tactical situations permitted, replacement and evacuation of vehicles and materiel was accomplished, by the CH-47 A helicopter, CH-54 flying cranes, and river rafts.

(3) Treatment of casualties, evacuation and hospitalization of WIA's and KIA's to Cu Chi and Long Binh hospital was accomplished rapidly and efficiently by helicopters.

(4) A total of 1,974 CH-47 A sorties were used on operation SARATOGA to move more than 168,000 tons of class I, II, IV, V TLL, mail and personnel from Cu Chi Base Camp to forward areas.

b. Civil Affairs/Psyops

(1) Medcaps: A total of 206 Medcaps (Medical Civic Action Program) were conducted throughout the Brigade TAOI. A total of 27,472 patients were treated.

(2) Distribution of Commodities: In support of civic action report the following commodities were distributed.

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FOOD	15,655	lbs
RICE	13,500	lbs
SOAP	11,706	bars
TOOTHPASTE	100	tubes
REFUGEE KITS	141	ea
FISHING KITS	100	ea
MIDWIFE KITS	5	ea
SEWING KITS	26	ea
FRIENDSHIP KITS	295	ea
SCHOOL KITS	400	ea
CLASSROOM SUPPLY	1500	assorted
LUMBER	16 2 1/2	ton truck loads
CLOTHING	1331	lbs
BRICKS	2270	ea
CEMENT LOUVERS	12	ea
SAND	21 1/2	meters
METAL DOOR BRACES	100	ea
WOOD SCREWS	600	ea
STEEL WIRE	1	Kilo

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c. RF/FF and CIDG Outpost Support:

(1) In support of RF; FF and CIDG Outposts the following materials were distributed to district advisors (US) for further distribution to the Outpost.

BARB WIRE	1,172 Rolls
CONCERTINA WIRE	301 Coils
STAKES (ALL SIZES)	8,034 ea
SAND BAGS	74,800 ea
AMMO BOXS	130 ea
PSP	400 sheets
TIN	50 Sheets
50 CAL AMMO	24,896 rounds
7.62 AMMO	3,288 rounds
FLARES	432 ea
CLAYMORES	15 cases
M79	15 case
STARCLUSTERS	1 case
30 CAL AMMO	30,000 rounds
TNT	500 lbs
BLASTING CAPS	500 ea
DET CORD	1,000 feet
TIME FUZE	1,000 feet
M26 HAND GRENADES	1,108 ea
GASOLINE	1,100 gallons
DIESEL FUEL	1,100 gallons
SMOKE GRENADES	4 cases
5.56 AMMO	7,640 rounds

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81MM HE 100 rounds

81MM Illumination 50 rounds

D.. PSYOPS

(1) During this period there were 141 missions flown dropping a total of 23,718,000 leaflets.

(2) There were 147 loud speaker mission flown totaling 136 hours and 40 minutes of tape time.

Completion of Projects:

(1) The Bao Trai High School was dedicated on 16 December 1967. The 2nd Brigade supplied 2 teachers desk, 16 chairs, 6 blackboards, and 6 world globes.

(2) On 16 December 1967 the 2nd Brigade S-5 arranged for the division veterinarian and his assistant to be flown to the 1-27 Infantry's location to treat an ox who had been wounded by a 1-27 Infantry soldier. The animal had been wounded in the lower hind leg partially severing the tendon. The veterinarian injected 60cc's of tranquilizer in the animal then cleaned and sewed up the wound. 10cc's of penicillin was left with the owner to fight the infection. There were approximately 19 Vietnamese who watched the operation and was kept informed on what was going on by an interpreter. The Vietnamese expressed their thanks.

(3) On 5 January 68 the project to convert the market place at Duc Hue vic XT443064 to a 2 room school was completed.

14. Special Equipment and Techniques:

On three (3) occasions the Brigade utilized CH-47's to fly 38' 4" dry spans, lumber and engineer personnel to build crossing sites within the Brigade Operational area. The crossing sites facilitated the movement of a tank Co OPCON to the 2-27 Infantry. Construction time was normally about four (4) hours and on 24 December 1967 two (2) crossing sites were constructed, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. As the last tank crossed the first 38' dry span, the span, materiel and personnel were extracted by CH-47 and landed at the second crossing site approximately three (3) kilometers away.

15. Commanders Analysis:

16. Recommendations:

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
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APO San Francisco 96268

AVDCFB-H-3

SUBJECT: Combat After Action Report (Operation Saratoga)

THRU: Commanding Officer
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ATTN: S-3
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TO: Commanding General
25th Infantry Division
ATTN: G-3
APO San Francisco 96225

1. (U) NAME AND TYPE OF OPERATION: Operation Saratoga, a 25th Infantry Division offensive operation in its Tactical Area of Interest (TAOI).

2. (U) DATES OF OPERATION: 26 January 1968 to 10 March 1968.

3. (U) LOCATION: GIA DINH PROVINCE

4. (U) COMMAND HEADQUARTERS: 2d Brigade, 25th Infantry Division.

5. (U) COMMANDERS:

3D Battalion, 22D Infantry

LTC Thomas U. Harrold
(26 Jan 68 to 2 Feb 68)

LTC Roy K. Flint

(3 Feb 68 to Present)

Company A, 3-22 Infantry

Cpt Herbert C. Chrnczy

Company B, 3-22 Infantry

Cpt Robert L. Hemphill
(26 Jan 68 to 18 Feb 68)

1Lt Richard J. Priiro
(18 Feb 68 to Present)

Company C, 3-22 Infantry

1Lt Charles J. Boyle

Company D, 3-22 Infantry

Cpt William J. Monahan

Reconnaissance Platoon

2Lt Steven A. Wilder

Heavy Weapons Platoon

1Lt Philip J. Hallisy

6. (C) TASK ORGANIZATION:

Company A, 3-22 Infantry

Company B, 3-22 Infantry

Company C, 3-22 Infantry

Company D, 3-22 Infantry

Reconnaissance Platoon, 3-22 Infantry

Heavy Weapons Platoon, 3-22 Infantry

Attachments:

A/3-4 Cavalry (15 Feb 68 - 17 Feb 68); A/4-23 Inf (M) (3 Feb)

C/4-23 Infantry (M) (15 Feb 68 - 17 Feb 68)

7. (C) SUPPORTING FORCES:

a. Artillery: Artillery support for 3-22 Infantry during Operation Saratoga was provided by 1-8th Artillery. At various times during the operation the following batteries provided direct support for the battalion:

(1) A Battery, 1-8th Artillery (105mm)

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- (2) C Battery, 1-8th Artillery (105mm)
- (3) C Battery, 2-77th Artillery (105mm)
- (4) B Battery, 3-13th Artillery (155mm)

(5) Additional fire support was provided by the Battalion Heavy Weapons Platoon in general support, while all weapons platoons provided direct support at company level. All supporting artillery fires were extremely accurate.

b. United States Air Force: Extensive effective use was made of Tactical Air to include preplanned and immediate missions. All 3-22 Infantry requests for air support went through 2d Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, this was accomplished by forwarding all requests to the 2d Brigade Liaison Officer.

c. Army Aviation: Extensive use was made of Army Aviation during Operation Saratoga. Army Aviation units that worked for 3-22 Infantry were as follows:

- (1) B/3-17 Cavalry
- (2) C/3-17 Cavalry
- (3) D/3-4 Cavalry
- (4) 116th Assault Helicopter Company
- (5) 125th Aviation Battalion
- (6) 205th Assault Support Helicopter Company
- (7) 269th Assault Helicopter Company
- (8) 242d Assault Support Helicopter Company
- (9) 68th Medical Group (57th Medical Detachment)

8. (C) INTELIGENCE:

a. Intelligence concerning the battalion T/O for Operation Saratoga was obtained from 25th Infantry Division G-2, 2d Brigade S-2, 25th MI Detachment and VR sightings.

b. Enemy initiated incidents during Operation Saratoga were as follows:

- (1) Sniper Fire: 24
- (2) Mortar Fire: 4
- (3) Mines: 0
- (4) Booby Traps: 1
- (5) Engagements: 37
- (6) Fire Against Aircraft: 4

c. At 2045 hours on 29 January 68, D 26 sprung an ambush on 4 VC at XT744155. The VC body count was unknown at that time. At 2210 hours on the same night, D 26 spotted a VC battalion estimated 300-400 strong moving from north to south along the road (XT744155). They were carrying numerous recoilless rifles and 82mm mortar tubes plus small arms. D 26 requested artillery and adjusted the fire. The VC element was dispersed. It could be assumed that this unit was moving south to take part in the TET offensive which was planned to start shortly after that. A sweep of the area the following day disclosed 1 VC (BC).

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d. On 31 Jan 68, the battalion was moved into Cu Chi Base Camp. Intelligence reports indicated that all major US installations would be hit at 0300 (US C-3). Cu Chi came under mortar attack at 0300 hours, however damage was not extensive and there was no ground attack.

e. During the first few days of Feb 68, intelligence reports indicated the presence of large numbers of VC in the area south and east of Cu Chi. There were also reports of the VC capturing villagers and using them for slave labor. From these intelligence reports and from the actions of the enemy it was assumed that his objective was to try and stop convoy movement on MSR 1. The biggest VC resistance was in the village of AP Cho (XT699090) where the enemy were in bunkers made of concrete and reinforced with railroad ties. These bunkers were also connected by a trench and tunnel complex. Fighting in the village was characterized by the enemy staying in position and fighting, contrary to encounters fought in the past.

f. During the last few weeks in Operation Sarrtogs, the battalion was located north of the Saigon region. Here the operation was characterized by lighter enemy contact, none of the type encountered in AP Cho. Numerous bunker complexes were found containing anywhere from 10 to 100 bunkers. Also numerous caches of the new 122mm rocket and its component parts were uncovered. It is believed that these rockets were being used on the Tan Son Nhut Airfield during and after the TET offensive. The enemy also utilized sampans very frequently as a mode of transportation.

9. (C) MISSION: 3-22 Infantry (-) convoyed from Dru Tieng Base Camp to FSB SCARLET, via MSR 2, to conduct reconnaissance in force operations to locate, fix and destroy VC/NVA forces between Cu Chi and Saigon.

10. (C) CONCEPT OF OPERATION: The 3-22 Infantry (-) to move and secure FSB SCARLET. Initiate action with reconnaissance in force (RIF) to locate, fix and destroy VC/NVA forces along the MSR. The Battalion, Company, and Platoon size units will be prepared to; reinforce other units under attack, provide security for designated areas and routes.

11. (C) EXECUTION:

Chronological Summary:

a. 26 Jan - 3-22 Infantry (-) is OPCON to 2d Brigade, and is securing FSB SCARLET (XT728145) and RIF in assigned AO. Negative contact as of 2400 hours.

b. 27 Jan - Company D vicinity XT755150 was receiving S/A fire. At 1019 hours Company D withdrew and called in artillery with negative results or casualties. At 1120 hours Company D (XT751154) found 5 bunkers 5x6x4 with 2' OHC, one booby trapped grenade was destroyed. At 1220 hours Company D was cloverleafing at XT759154 and found 12 bunkers 4x6x4 with 2' OHC, 3 tunnels approximately 10 meters long and 3 fresh graves. At 1225 hours Company A was maneuvering against a VC force, with Company C to Company A's rear, and Stinger LFT was on station for support. At 1230 hours Company A had lost contact. At 1315 hours Company D dug up three graves and received credit for 3 VC (BC). At 1400 hours Company A had 3 VC (BC). At 1420 hours Company D XT759149 found 3 bunkers 4x6x4 with 2' OHC, 250 meters of trench. At 1428 hours Company A at XT751158 received credit for 2 more VC KIA (BC) as a result of Stinger LFT. At 1507 hours Company D found three tunnels 10 meters long with sleeping quarters, 1 trench 50 meters long and 1 protective mask all at XT758149. At 1520 hours Company D at XT758149 found 20 punji pits 4x4x4. At 1530 hours Company C at XT752-158 found 2 bunkers 8x10x4 with 2' OHC. At 1608 hours GI director LFT spotted several VC and engaged at XT750162. At 1625 hours Company C reported 5 VC (BC). At 1630 hours Diemhead LFT reported sinking one sampan at XT751163. At 1640 hours Company C at XT750163 reported that they were overrunning a bunker resulting in one VC (BC). At 1655 hours Companies A and C lost contact. Negative further contact as of 2400 hours.

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c. 28 Jan - At 1340 hours Company C reported finding 1 VC hand, at XT747147 and were given credit for 1 VC (BC). At 1400 hours Company B vicinity XT747165 found 2 bunkers 6x8x4, 1 bunker 3x5x4 with 2' OHC. At 1510 hours Company D found 1 bunker 6x10x5 with 2' OHC. All bunkers destroyed. Negative further contact as of 2400 hours.

d. 29 Jan - At 1150 hours Company C reported heavy contact at XT752153, size of force unknown. At 1430 hours Company C reported 6 VC KIA (BC). At 1645 hours Company A received sniper fire at XT752162, returned fire resulting in 5 VC KIA (BC). Negative further contact as of 2400 hours.

e. 30 Jan - Negative contact as of 2400 hours.

f. 31 Jan - At 1715 hours Company B reported heavy contact at XT700095 with 1 VC (BC). At 1735 hours Company A reported contact vicinity XT701095 resulting in 2 VC (BC). At 1800 hours Company A reported 7 VC (BC). Negative further contact as of 2400 hours.

g. 1 Feb - At 0703 hours Companies A and B received sniper fire at main gate of Cu Chi. At 0725 hours Company D received fire vicinity XT625120. At 0740 hours Company D in contact at ARVN outpost at XT621131. At 0755 hours Company A receiving harassing fire at XT638132. At 0850 Companies A and B receiving fire from front and rear at XT639133. At 0900 hours Company D in contact at XT649136. At 0915 hours Company C received fire at XT627130 resulting in 1 VC (BC). At 0935 hours Company B has 2 VC (BC). At 0945 hours Company D has 3 VC (BC) at XT627126. At 1210 hours Company D reports 2 VC (BC) and 5 weapons at XT621126. At 1215 hours Company A captured 1 POE WIA. At 1430 hours Company D again in contact at XT629119.

h. 2 Feb - Company D, securing ARVN outpost XT621131, receiving S/A and 60mm mortar at 0250 hours. At 0705 hours Cu Chi Base Camp under 122mm rocket attack. Hawk ASP burned, resulting in three explosions. Negative contact as of 2400 hours.

i. 3 Feb - 0900 hours Company D received sniper fire. At 0915 hours Company D reported heavy contact. At 1015 hours Company D was still in contact and required air strike. At 1050 hours Company A 4/23 Infantry (M) became OPCON to Company A 3-22 Infantry both elements were contacted at XT695092. At 1202 hours Issue 24 completed air strike, 1 VC (BC), D6 reported 5 VC (BC). At 1310 hours Company D reported contact lost and was entering village at XT700090. At 1325 hours Company D reported renewed contact at XT687145. Company D reports 4 more VC (BC) for a total of 10. At 1420 hours Company A reported more contact at XT695092. At 1425 hours Company C moved down MSR 1 to assist Company A in contact. At 1525 hours Company D completely extracted, total VC (BC) 14. At 1620 hours Company C has renewed contact at XT688094. At 1730 hours Company C lost contact, total VC (BC) 7. At 1815 hours all companies were receiving fire at XT697-091. At 1940 hours Company C took 1 VC POW in a spider hole vicinity XT-626100. At 2000 hours Companies A and C were given mission to recover three trucks that were broken down at XT663104. At 2010 hours at XT663104, while securing vehicles Companies A and C received AK-47 fire, contact lost at 2045. At 2200 hours Company A closed ARVN compound at Cu Chi City, Company C closed Cu Chi Base Camp. Total VC (BC) for the day 21.

j. 4 Feb - 3-22 Infantry (-) conducted RIF in Cu Chi City. Negative contact as of 2400 hours.

k. 5 Feb - At 0926 hours Company B had 3 detainees at XT641132. Detainees had US ID card, Dog Tags and EM/TAC manual. Negative contact as of 2400 hours.

l. 6 Feb - At 0915 hours while clearing the road vicinity XT-675100 Company A received fire from north and south. At 1035 hours Company D met with Company C and began sweeping southwest on highway # 1. At 1325

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hours Company D made contact at XT697091. At 1730 hours 3-22 Infantry (-) was given the mission to attack and take the area of contact, XT697091, Companies A and C will lead with Company D in reserve. At 1855 hours Companies A and C were in contact with VC in bunkers with IAG and AK-47. At 2040 hours Company C had taken 1 bunker. At 2050 Company B received mortar and RPG fire while in position in the ARVN outpost. At 2015 hours Companies A and C extracted to Cu Chi. Negative further contact as of 2400 hours.

m. 7 Feb - At 1005 hours vicinity XT701088 Company C received fire. At 1100 hours Company C 1st contact. At 1245 hours Company A spotted 5 VC in green uniforms at XT700090, fired on them with S/A and M-79. At 1442 hours Company A was receiving S/A and RPG fire, both units pulled back to allow artillery to fire on contact area. At 1540 hours Company C reported 1 detainee. Negative further contact as of 2400 hours.

n. 8 Feb - At 0920 hours after 2 air strikes Companies B and D moved into objective area and made contact at XT703087. At 1100 hours a third air strike was made, by 1415 hours the 4th and 5th air strikes were complete. At 1725 hours Company D reported bunkers were heavily reinforced. At 1735 hours Company B while extracting received A/W fire from their rear. At 1810 hours contact was lost, at 1822 hours contact was re-established to be lost again at 1930 hours. POW reported a mass grave containing 30 VC bodies that was credited to 3-22 Infantry. Negative further contact as of 2400 hours.

o. 9 Feb - At 1130 hours Company D saw and took under fire 5 VC vicinity XT705085. At 1210 hours the air strikes were completed in the area of contact. At 1340 hours Company A received fire at XT701088 and returned fire with L/Ws and 90mm RR. At 1455 hours contact was broken by VC. At 1505 hours Companies A and D advanced to a trench line and were receiving renewed sniper fire at XT700090. Company A engaged 2 VC at 1700 hours with M-60 resulting in 2 VC (BC) at XT700090. At 1730 hours Company A was heavily engaged by A/W at XT700090 resulting in 4 VC (BC). 1820 hours Company A and D receiving A/W and S/A. 1850 hours contact was broken by the VC. Negative further contact as of 2400 hours.

p. 10 Feb - At 0855 hours Company C was receiving sniper fire. At 1020 hours Company C had renewed sniper fire activity at XT701089. At 1030 hours contact was lost. At 1225 hours Company C was receiving heavy fire from XT700089. At 1530 hours Companies A and C extracted and called artillery on the area of contact with negative results. At 1700 hours Company A became OPCON to 4-23 Infantry (M). At 2130 hours Company D reported S/A fire and returned fire with negative results. Negative further contact as of 2400 hours.

q. 11 Feb - 0600 hours Dau Tieng Base Camp was receiving incoming mortar rounds. At 1458 hours Company D received carbine fire. At 1625 hours Company D received incoming AK-47 and RPG fire from XT700090. At 1720 hours Company D received 4 60mm mortar rounds. 1740 hours Company D had withdrawn and called in artillery with negative results. Negative further contact as of 2400 hours.

r. 12 Feb - 0900 hours Company D received 1 RPG round vicinity XT701088. At 1355 hours Company B received AK-47, A/W and RPG fire from an estimated 15 VC bunkers at XT678099. At 1510 hours Company B reported 3 VC (BC). At 1608 hours Company B was supported by CS gas from helicopters. By 1800 hours Company B eliminated the resistance and swept through the area. At 1845 hours Company D received heavy sniper fire vicinity XT679099. Negative further contact as of 2400 hours.

s. 13 Feb - 0910 hours Company B receiving S/A and RPG fire at XT701089. At 1145 hours Company D had withdrawn and called in artillery. At 1230 hours the first of three air strikes were put into the area of contact. 1350 hours the final air strike was put into the area of contact. At 1900 hours 3-22 Infantry (-) moved to a new night laager at XT685087. Negative further contact as of 2400 hours.

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t. 14 Feb - Company C received 1 incoming RPG at 1055 hours vicinity XT699088. The NL came under heavy sniper fire at 1115 hours. At 1435 hours Company C reported 1 VC (BC). At 1550 hours Company C engaged 6 VC resulting in 6 VC (BC). At 1605 hours Company C was in contact with an estimated 15 VC in bunkers, by 1625 hours Company C had 3 VC (BC). At 1750 hours Company D swept the area around the NL and found 1 VC (BC).

u. 15 Feb - 1/3-4 Cavalry and C/4-23 Infantry (ii) became OPCON to 3-22 Infantry as of 0600 hours. At 1000 hours Heavy Weapons fired 120 rounds of CS gas in support of attacking elements. At 1118 hours Company C, vicinity XT701038, recovered weapons lost in contact on the 11th thru 14th of February. At 1223 hours Company B reported 7 VC (BC) at XT700086, VC were in green uniforms. At 1223 hours Company D reported 2 VC (BC) at XT703089. At 1445 hours Company B reported 8 VC (BC) in green uniforms. At 1645 hours Company B had 1 VC (BC) in green uniform. At 2125 hours Company D LP had 3 VC (BC). Negative further contact as of 2400 hours.

v. 16 Feb - 1105 hours at XT701089 Company C found bunker system containing 100 bunkers 4x4x5 with 21 VC (BC). At 1230 hours Company D found 17 bunkers 4x4x5 at XT681097. At 1450 hours Company C reported an additional 4 VC (BC). Negative further contact as of 2400 hours.

w. 17 Feb - 0600 hours attachments from 3-4 Cavalry and 4-23 Infantry (N) were released. 0900 hours Recon found 10 VC KIA by artillery vicinity XT700090. 3-22 Infantry (-) departed at 0940 hours and conveyed to FSB SCARLET XT723144. Negative further contact as of 2400 hours.

x. 18 Feb - 0145 hours NL had 15 incoming 82mm mortar rounds. At 1100 hours 3-22 Infantry (-) was given the mission to check possible rocket site vicinity XT762142. At 1425 hours Company D checked rocket site with negative findings. Negative further contact as of 2400 hours.

y. 19 Feb - 0805 hours Company B received sniper fire vicinity XT729157. At 0820 hours Company B in heavy contact at the same area. At 1045 hours Company B extracted from area of contact aided by Snakey Bear and Diamondhead LFTs. At 1240 hours 3-22 Infantry (-) was alerted for a new mission in new AO. At 1500 hours resupply convoy, vicinity XT704144, received A/W and RPG fire. At 1705 hours 3-22 Infantry (-) made a combat air assault into LZ, XT840025. Recon and Mortar Platoon returned to Cu Chi Base Camp. At 1835 hours all lifts were on the ground, NL vicinity XT840-025. Negative further contact as of 2400 hours.

z. 20 Feb - 3-22 Infantry (-) mission: Reconnaissance in force, maximum ambushes. At 0950 hours, D 36 LP vicinity XT842040 engaged 10 VC with AK-47s. At 1105 hours D 36 found, XT847033, 12 bunkers, 6x6x4 with 2' OHC. Negative further contact as of 2400 hours.

aa. 21 Feb - D 16 found 25 bunkers 4x4x4 with 2' OHC at XT847033. Negative further contact as of 2400 hours.

bb. 22 Feb - 0750 hours Company C moved to new location vicinity XT846066. B 16 LP reported 1 VC (BC) at XT842023 at 0810. D 36, vicinity XT848026, found 90-100 bunkers, 5x4x4 with 2' OHC, at 1500 hours. Negative further contact as of 2400 hours.

cc. 23 Feb - 3-22 Infantry (-) moved to a new NL at 1010 hours to a LZ at XT845063. At 1130 hours 3-22 Infantry (-) moved to a NL at XT-842069. At 1320 hours Company D made a CA to check rocket site vicinity XT830045. At 1350 hours LZ for Company D began receiving S/A and A/W fire. At 1545 hours Company B assaulted VC positions resulting in 7 VC (BC). Negative further contact as of 2400 hours.

dd. 24 Feb - 1349 hours Company C received A/W fire and lost contact at 1500 hours, 1 VC (BC). Negative further contact as of 2400 hours.

ee. 25 Feb - 0630 hours Company A released OPCON from 4-23 Infantry (N). At 1112 hours Companies B and D were in contact at XT841052. Contact was lost at 1800 hours. Company B reported 11 VC (BC), Company D reported 21 VC (BC) and 1 POW. Negative further contact as of 2400 hours.

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ff. 26 Feb - 1115 hours Company A received heavy fire vicinity XT837057. Company C in contact at 1230 hours vicinity, XT823050, while maneuvering to assist Company A. Companies A and C withdrew at 1315 hours, artillery was requested on error of contact. Negative further contact as of 2400 hours.

gg. 27 Feb - 0545 hours Company A engaged VC platoon with the VC breaking contact. Negative further contact as of 2400 hours.

hh. 28 Feb - At 1325 hours Recon found 15 bunkers 4x4x5 with 2' OHC at XT848062. Negative further contact as of 2400 hours.

ii. 29 Feb - 0940 hours Company A captured 1 VC POW. At 1650 hours Company D reported 1 VC (BC) from action of 26 Feb. At 2150 hours Company A, at XT815097, engaged 1 sampen resulting in 8 VC (BC). Negative further contact as of 2400 hours.

jj. 1 Mar - 0024 hours Company A, at XT815097, engaged a sampen resulting in 7 VC (BC). At 0525 hours Company A sank another sampen resulting in 4 VC (BC). At 1350 hours Company B found 18 bunkers XT823063, 4x4x5 with 2' OHC. Negative further contact as of 2400 hours.

kk. 2 Mar - Company B found 4, 122mm rockets at XT826052. At 2015 hours Company A sank 1 sampen at XT813074, resulting in 5 VC (BC). Negative further contact as of 2400 hours.

ll. 3 Mar - 0100 hours Company A sank 4 VC sampens at XT813074, resulting in 13 VC (BC). At 0230 hours Company B in contact with unknown number of VC. VC engaged with 4.2" mortars resulting in breaking of contact at 0300 hours. At 0740 hours Company A, while extracting from LP position had 1 boat capsized resulting in 6 US KIA. At 1200 hours Company B found one 122mm rocket at XT836053. At 1405 hours Company D made contact at XT-810040. At 1530 hours Company D lost contact. Negative further contact as of 2400 hours.

mm. 4 Mar - 1042 hours Company D made contact at XT837039. At 1230 hours Company D lost contact, results 5 VC (BC). Company D found two 122mm rockets at 1545 hours, vicinity XT830046. Company D found 8 more 122mm rockets at 1600 hours. Negative further contact as of 2400 hours.

nn. 5 Mar - 1150 hours Company D found 9 VC (BC) at XT835049, resulting from action on 4 Mar. Negative further contact as of 2400 hours.

oo. 6 Mar - 1530 hours Company D made contact with unknown size VC force at XT818067. Contact was lost at 1740 hours. Negative further contact as of 2400 hours.

pp. 7 Mar - 1011 hours Company C made contact at XT821055. Company D while moving to help Company C made contact at XT821071, at 1130 hours. At 1436 hours Company C lost contact, 1515 hours Company D lost contact. Negative further contact as of 2400 hours.

qq. 8 Mar - 1049 hours Company D found 35 bunkers 4x4x5 with 2' OHC, vicinity XT822057. Negative further contact as of 2400 hours.

rr. 9 Mar - 0700 Hours 3-22 Infantry became OPCON to 3d Brigade. Company C XT821053 reported 1 VC (BC) at 1745 hours. Negative further contact as of 2400 hours.

ss. 10 Mar - 0645 hours air strikes completed in objective area. At 1000 hours Companies A and C moving into area. At 1030 hours Company A in contact receiving A/W and S/A fire from XT835053. At 1130 hours Company A withdrew and called in artillery on error of contact. Company A found 3 bunkers 4x4x5 with 2' OHC at 1500 hours. At 1610 hours Company A found 2 more bunkers in the same area. At 1735 hours A element found 1 VC (BC) killed by artillery. Negative further contact as of 2400 hours.

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12. (C) RESULTS:

a. US Losses: 44 KIA; 6 KNHA; 134 WIA; 1 WNHA.

b. Enemy Losses:

(1) Personnel: 253 KIA (BC); 31 KIA (POSS); 6 POW and 6 Detainees.

(2) Equipment Captured and Evacuated:

ORDNANCE

2 AK-50
28 AK-47
8 RPG-2
5 RPG-7
2 Blasting Caps
1 M-16 Magazine
5 Unknown Type Weapons
8 M-16 (Recovered by losing unit)
8 LAM (Recovered by losing unit)
2 M-79 (Recovered by losing unit)
1 Russian MG
M-60 (Recovered by losing unit)
2 81mm Tubes
2 Carbine magazines (loaded)
1 .51 Cal MG
4 Chi Co MG
1 .45 Cal Pistol
2 US .50 Cal MG
2 US .50 Cal MG Spare Barrel
1 US .50 Cal MG Tripod
1 Russian P-38 Pistol
60 rds M-60 ammo
205 rds AK-47 ammo
3,650 rds S/A ammo
12 Cases 81mm charges
1 81mm base plate
1 81mm bipod
1 M-1 adaptor (rifle grenade)
1 82mm mortar sight
1 122mm rocket tube
3 122mm rocket firing device
2 122mm sights
1 122mm bore brush
1 122mm tripod
1 122mm gunners quadrant
6 122mm carrying bags
2 122mm firing cables
16 122mm warheads
16 122mm rocket motors
13 122mm fuses

OFFICE SUPPLIES

Documents 44 lbs

CLOTHING

1 Blue denim shirt
1 Black pajamas
1 Khaki uniform
11 lbs Various clothing

MISCELLANEOUS

2 Gas masks
1 Aid pack
1 Penicillin syringe
1 bottle Penicillin pills US
1 Bottle Cod Liver Oil
1 Roll Surgical Tape
1 Bottle Iodine
8 Lbs Medical Supplies
1 VC Flag
1 US Web gear
3 Pistol Belts
1 US entrenching tool
1 Field pack
1 Pr NVA jungle boots
1 NVA Cap
3 US Canteens
3 Helmet Liners
10,000 ft Firing wire
3 Cigarette Lighters
1 Gun cleaning kit
2 VC tunnel lights
1 VN ID card
1 VC antenna
3 Flashlights
1 Chi Com radio
Unk Number US ID cards
Unk Number Dog Tags
1 IM/TAC Manual
1 NVA jungle rucksack

(3) Equipment Captured and Destroyed:

ORDNANCE

1 105mm rd
6 155mm rds
1 175mm rd
3 60mm mortar rds
12 82mm mortar rds
5 RPG-2 rds
7 RPG-7 rds
37 grenades
1 smoke grenade
1 VC mine
20 electric blasting caps

30 non-electric blasting caps
2 US claymores
1 90mm RR

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564 bunkers
170 ft Tunnels
300 meters Trenchline

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MISCELLANEOUS (Continued)

1 PRC/10	10 VC ponchos
1 Radio antenna	3 lbs grain
1 Steel pot	1 lb Tobacco
1 Toothbrush	2 cans oil
1 Lino box	40 lbs rice
3 VC web gear	1 bottle lamp
4 VC canteens	1 lb sugar
1 VC back pack	1 lb salt
2 lbs derno	

13. (C) ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

a. Personnel: During the operation the battalion S-1 Section operated from Dau Tieng Base Camp with reports being forwarded from the forward location.

(1) Maintenance of Unit Strength: Average daily operating strength for the forty-five (45) day period (26 January 1968-10 March 1968) were:

<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>BASE CAMP</u>	<u>OPERATIONS</u>
HHC	148	120
Company A	37	95
Company B	44	92
Company C	36	95
Company D	23	106
BATTALION TOTAL	288	508

(2) Development and Maintenance of Morale.

(a) Through out the duration of this operation the battalion "Regulars Club" was able to provide an adequate supply of cold refreshments. This was accomplished from the battalion training area, located at Cu Chi and later at Ten Son Nhut, by convoy and aerial resupply whenever the situation permitted. There were very few occasions during the period that free beer and soda could not be supplied to the units from the rear area.

(b) Mail was delivered to the forward area by a mail courier on the first available aircraft. There were very few occasions when the mail was unable to be delivered and only then because of lack of transportation.

(c) Catholic and Protestant religious services were conducted in the forward area by Chaplains from the 3d Brigade.

b. Supply: Resupply was conducted by forward resupply elements from S-4. The forward element was located at Cu Chi and Ten Son Nhut resupply was conducted by convoy and helicopter (CH-47 and UH-1D).

c. Maintenance: Maintenance and Maintenance Support Services proved adequate throughout the operation.

d. Status of Each Class of Supply:

(1) Class I	QUANTITY
Combat Rations	39,747
A Rations	19,873
Sundry Packs	205
Ice	17,600 lbs

(2) Class II	
Sling	14
Rope Nylon	1,500 ft

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Boat, Jungle	0
Towels	200
Socks	360 pr
Undershirt Ctn	100
Drawers Ctn	200
Heart Tablets	16,500
Paper Plates	66,000
Cups, Paper	22,000
Batteries BA-386	1,440
Batteries BA-1100	216
Batteries BA-505	400
Batteries BA-58	312
Batteries BA-399	144
Batteries BA-30	600
Batteries BA-42	146
Insect Repellent	11,000 btls
Cleaning Patches	15 cases
Cleaning Rods M-16	500
Bore Brushes M-16	85
Chamber Brush M-16	60
Sand Bags	80,000

(3) Class III

Oil GP 4 oz	3 cases
LSA, Lub Oil, 4 oz tube	15 cases
Oil	6 barrels
Diesel	562 gal
Keros	2,505 gal

(4) Class V

12 Ga.	80 rds
5.56mm	180,000 rds
7.62mm	144,600 rds
.45 cal	420 rds
.50 cal	5,740 rds
40mm	6,000 rds
81mm	1,800 rds
81mm Ill	160 rds
90mm	123 rds
4.2"	2,800 rds
4.2" Ill	180 rds
Grenade Frag	900
Grenade Smoke	1,100
Grenade Incend	26
Grenade Riot CS	250
LMW M-72	700
Claymores	200
Smoke Pot	10
Red Star Cluster	108
White Star Cluster	142
White Star Parachute	72
Trip Flare	280
Demo Kit	50

o. Combat Losses:

Belt Pistol	52
Blanket	5
Boots	24
Canteen	96
Canteen Cover	96
Cup Canteen	50
Pouch Ammo	72
Poncho	76
Liner Poncho	122
Air Mattress	38
Body Armor Frag	66
Helmet Steel	41
Pack Field	49
Intrenching Tool	26
Cover, Intrenching tool	24

Trouser Jungle	102
Shirt Jungle	102
Rifle 5.56mm M-16	38
Pistol Cal .45	4
Launcher Grenade M-79	3
Sight Bore Mortar	1
Mask Protective M-17	138
Bayonet M7 w/scabbard	15
Gun Machine 7.62mm M-60	5
Surgical Instrument Supply Set	2
Starlight Scope	1
Radio Set AN/TRC-25	1
Transmitter AN/PRT-4	2
Receiver AN/PRR-9	1
Rifle Recoilless 90mm	1
Bag Water Proof	1

f. Communications:

(1) The proximity of the Battalion to Dau Tieng Base Camp did not permit the use of direct radio communications without the use of a retrans station, located at Cu Chi.

(2) Land line communications were established to FSB SCARLET and were highly effective, however, there were occasional breaks caused by vehicles. This problem was solved by burying the cables. Land lines were also used at Cu Chi Base Camp to allow the forward TOC communications with Dau Tieng Base Camp. When the Battalion moved to Tan Son Nhut it was not necessary to lay land lines.

(3) In general, communications were excellent. Terrain occasionally interfered with radio transmission, however, long antennas nearly always eliminated the problem.

(a) Maximum personnel utilized by Battalion Communications Section at any one time during the operation were as follows:

- 1 1 Communications Officer
- 2 6 Wiremen
- 3 4 Radio Operators
- 4 3 Radio Chiefs
- 5 3 Radio Mechanics
- 6 6 Switchboard Operators
- 7 1 Generator Operator

(b) Equipment used during the operation:

- 1 4 292 Antennas
- 2 6 TA-312 Telephones
- 3 5 1/2 Miles Wire WD-1TT
- 4 TOC Radio Equipment
- 5 1 1/2 Ton Vehicle
- 6 1 3/4 Ton Vehicle
- 7 1 TA-1 Telephone
- 8 2 10KW Generators

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2 2 3KW Generators

10 2 1.5KW Generators

11 2 Lighting Sets

f. Medical:

(1) During Operation Saratoga the medical facility continued its three phase system of medical treatment (company aidmen, senior medic, and aid station at base camp). A forward aid station was established at Fire Support Base SCIMITAR and was staffed by the Battalion Surgeon and two senior aidmen.

(2) With the battalion trains movement to Tan Son Nhut across the Battalion Aid Station (Fwd) assumed a greater importance in the resupply of medical items to the field. Coordination through the senior medic with the command group to the Battalion Aid Station (Fwd) proved to be quite effective. Resupply of the Battalion Aid Station (Fwd) was coordinated with DMSO.

14. (C) SPECIAL EQUIPMENT AND TECHNIQUES: See Inclosure 1

15. (C) COMMANDERS ANALYSIS: Enclosed is a narrative of a class given to a USARV Training Seminar on 3 April by LTC Roy K. Flint concerning this operation. (Incl 1)

16. (C) RECOMMENDATIONS: None

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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Night Ambush of Waterway Lines of Communication

In the last two months we recognized that the enemy has many advantages over daytime reconnaissance in force operations by Free World Forces. However, since daylight operations are essential, we sought a method of engaging the VC under conditions most advantageous to ourselves which would capitalize on our daylight operations and influence future operations. The purpose of this presentation is to discuss the techniques that evolved for the conduct of night time ambushes of enemy waterway lines of communications.

In late February, the 3d Battalion, 22D Infantry was operating in an area 10 kilometers north of Saigon. The mission of the battalion was to stop enemy rocket attacks on the Saigon area and to destroy enemy forces in the area of operations. Our mission required us to operate in the daytime initially. Utilizing accurate intelligence provided by the local population and the local Popular Force, we located the center of the rocket activity. There ensued a period of extensive daytime offensive operations during which we destroyed a large VC force, uncovered a complete rocket launcher with accessories, and 16 complete rockets. After this fight we pretty well dominated our area of operations. More importantly to subsequent operations, we began to know the terrain as well as, or better than, the enemy. This knowledge was largely attributed to the use of local PF's as guides. Our daytime operations diminished as we turned more to company sized night ambushes as a means of maintaining control of the terrain taken during daylight operations. Once the enemy was under control on the ground we looked to the waterways as the probable routes of enemy movement and rocket supply in our area.

Soon after our arrival in the area, we received an additional mission to secure an Engineer Construction Project in our area of operation. We were given two 27' Engineer Bridge Construction Boats to assist in the security operations and to patrol the Saigon River. These boats were so efficient that we requested and received six additional "Boston Whalers" to move larger forces within the area and to react quickly. We mounted .50 caliber machine guns on the 27 footers to increase the fire power of our waterborne force.

Since we could not indiscriminately take sampans under fire during the daytime, we ambushed the waterways at night. This was also the most logical time for the enemy to attempt to move his men and material. To illustrate these techniques, I have selected two examples of our operations. The first, presented in some detail, is an ambush conducted by A Company during the night of 29 Feb thru 1 Mar 68. It was characterized by the use of boats for insertion and extraction of the ambush force. The ambush site was the intersection of the Hoc Mon Canal and the Saigon River - the most likely looking spot in our area of operations. The objective was the destruction of VC sampans traffic. A Company was inserted at 0900 hours at a point about 1000 meters east of the ambush site.

We paid a great deal of attention to the insertion and extraction of our ambush forces. Frequently we inserted one company at the same place as, or near, the force to be extracted. Sometimes we inserted overland and extracted by boat or inserted by boat and extracted overland. Hopefully we deceived the VC as to the exact location, and even the existence of an operation. In all cases we planned artillery and mortar fires along the route of insertion and extraction and in the vicinity of the ambush sites.

The plan called for the daylight hours to be spent first in searching and securing the area adjacent to the ambush site and then hiding for the balance of the day. This permitted rest and careful planning for occupation of the ambush site at dusk. I emphasize that rest is essential since the ambush must maintain a 100% alert throughout the night. In this case, during the initial search A Company captured one sleeping VC and made contact with a second who chose to engage the company with AK-47 fire. The sniper was located and subsequently killed. The PCW was evacuated by water, interrogated and disclosed that he was a replacement who swam the Saigon River the preceding night. A Company killed three more of these infiltrators during the night as they crawled out of the river after their swim.

At dusk the company occupied the east bank of the Hoc Mon Canal utilizing three positions. One platoon was positioned to the north and one platoon to the south of the main body to serve as lookouts. The killer force consisted of one platoon along the bank of the canal while one platoon provided security to the rear.

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Several specialized techniques were employed to increase the efficiency of the ambush force. The man travelled light, carrying only weapons, ammunition, food and water. At night helmets were discarded to enhance the sense of hearing. Starlight scopes were distributed within the company to bolster the capability of the killer force. In addition, the platoon leader of the killer force was armed with an M-14 rifle with starlight mounted. He fired the first rounds-tracers and thus directed the fires on the other members of the platoon. When required, illumination was provided by positioning the light several thousand meters away from the ambush site - primarily to assist the starlights while not illuminating the men.

The primary kill weapons were claymore mines set on the bank at high water level, LAWS to sink the sampans, M-79's used on the banks, and 1-60 machine guns with tracer rounds to kill the personnel. Later we began to lay command detonated satchel charges on the bottom of the shallow canals primarily in an attempt to take prisoners by stunning the occupants of the sampans.

The ambush was conducted by the lookout elements alerting the killer force when a sampan entered the kill zone. This early warning afforded us maximum effective fire by the killer force.

We learned quite a bit about river ambushes during this night. First of all, there were four separate engagements during the night all conducted from the same ambush positions. We concluded that there was no communications between sampans. By striking and then maintaining strict noise discipline, another one to two hours would see another target using the same route. This was later proven to be an unwarranted conclusion when we discovered the use of a "Traffic Cop". He would tap out a signal on the side of a sampan. About 30 minutes later a sampan would appear. We used him until he got wise and fired some warning shots. Secondly confinement of sampan traffic to the observed waterways, plus the early warning, enhances the effectiveness of the ambush. Finally we found that after striking a sampan, patient and quiet observation with starlights and "ears" gave us an opportunity to hit survivors as they tried to escape. In this situation, the American soldier is far more patient than the VC.

This ambush, one of the most successful, produced four sunken sampans and at least 22 VC killed, including the morning kill and three swimmers.

The next morning, waterborne extraction was preceded by a visual recon by a light fire team at first light and a sweep of the immediate area by the company. The return boat ride to the battalion base was also covered by the light fire team.

The second brief example was chosen because it illustrates the insertion and extraction of an ambush without the use of boat transportation.

This was a two company operation which took place to the west where the Hoc Hen Canal splits to form a triangle as shown here. In this case, Company A was employed on the western triangular island and Company C occupied the eastern island position. Both companies moved overland and concealed their intentions by searching an adjacent area to the south of their ambush sites. They hid at lunch time and then proceeded to their ambush sites at dusk. Each company carried a 3 man Engineer Reconnaissance raft and lengths of nylon rope. The rope was tied to the raft, fore and aft, and a fairly rapid water crossing was accomplished.

A Company had no contact on this night, but Company C found a propaganda center complete with printing press on their island and subsequently engaged 10 VC moving toward the north bank of the Hoc Hen Canal. The early morning search of the north bank and adjacent areas disclosed 5 VC bodies. Again extraction from the islands was covered by visual reconnaissance provided by a light fire team. Both companies returned to the battalion base by sweeping an area not previously covered. It was during one of these follow up search operations the C Company found 16 122mm rockets in one cache.

As an example of the effectiveness of this technique, A Company alone has averaged 6 + kills per ambush for 7 ambushes. While this is not a large kill, it is consistent, and we believe that the VC movement into our area was disrupted. MOST IMPORTANTLY the enemy was deprived of freedom of movement at night. We have observed that the VC are extremely vulnerable at night. They talk, use trails, reportedly use the same water routes and generally present easy marks for our ambushes. As a result, our normal method of operations now is to employ two companies on a 24 hour operation at all times. All of these operations include a daylight search of A Company area of operations, a night ambush, and a sweep back to the battalion base.

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The psychological benefits accrued by these night ambushes are great. First of all we have suffered only two casualties in the entire battalion when operating at night. This is an obvious selling point for the men. Secondly the results are tangible and the units have become highly competitive and inventive about ambushing. And finally, the ultimate has happened. We now have companies and platoons looking for ambush sites during daylight operations and actually requesting night ambush missions. As a direct result we believe that the enemy - who formerly owned the night has now lost his sanctuary.

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SUBJECT: Combat Operations After Action Report (RCS J3-52)

Commanding General
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1. Operation SARATOGA
2. 21 January - 10 March 1968
3. Trang Bang (XT4919) to Tan Son Nhut (XS6196)
4. Control Headquarters:
 - a. 3d Squadron, 4th Cavalry, 25th Infantry Division
 - b. 2d Brigade, 1st Infantry Division
 - c. 2d Brigade, 25th Infantry Division
 - d. 3d Brigade, 25th Infantry Division
5. Reporting Officer: LTC Glenn K. Otis
6. Task Organization:
 - Troop A, 3-4 Cav
 - Troop B, 3-4 Cav
 - Troop C, 3-4 Cav
 - Troop D, 3-4 Cav
 - HHT, 3-4 Cav

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Company A, 1st Bn, 27th Inf.

Company B, 2d Bn, 12 Inf.

Company D, 2d Bn, 12 Inf.

Troop L, 3d Sqdn, 11th ACR

7. Supporting Forces:

a. Air Support: Tactical air was provided when required. Troop D (Air) provided light fire teams for close-in support; while UH-1D's and OH-23's provided command and control, resupply, and lift helicopters as required.

b. Artillery Support:

(1) Battery B, 3d Battalion, 13th Artillery

(2) Battery C, 6th Battalion, 77th Artillery

8. Intelligence:

9. Mission: 3d Squadron, 4th Cavalry performed reconnaissance in force vic Trung Lap (XT5820). Reacted to attack on Tan Son Nhut Air Base vic (XS8196), conducted search and destroy, reconnaissance in force missions vic Tan Son Nhut and Hoc Mon (XT7403).

10. Concept of Operation: The Squadron moved vic Trung Lap to conduct reconnaissance in force to locate, destroy, and prevent VC/NVA infiltration in/through that area subsequently terminating this operation 29 January. The Squadron secured major areas along MSR, characterized by ambush patrols, listening posts, and radar. 31 January the Squadron (-) reacted to Tan Son Nhut Air Base initially with one ground troop (-), which was ambushed. Subsequently re-enforcing with one air troop and one ground troop (+). The Squadron (-) became OPCON to the 2d Bde, 1st Infantry Division to conduct search and destroy missions vic Tan Son Nhut to locate and destroy all VC/NVA forces in area. Operations terminated 7 February. The Squadron (-) became OPCON 3d Bde, 25th Infantry Division to conduct reconnaissance in force to locate and destroy VC/NVA forces rocket sites, and VC/NVA Base Camps.

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11. Execution:

21-29 January

The Squadron conducted road march to vic Trung Lap. CP was maintained near same area. The Squadron conducted reconnaissance in force utilizing three ground troops with the air troop screening to their flanks. On 24 January Troop A tripped a booby trap 105mm round resulting in 3 US WHA and one VC PW with web gear. On 25 January a tank from Troop C hit a mine resulting in 2 US WHA. The Troop later was ambushed receiving 3 RPG-2, 300 small arms rounds. Return fire with organic weapons resulting in 2 US WHA. On 26 January Troop C picked up 1 VC PW and 1 detainee with carbine, 1 RPG-2 round, notebook and paper, 1 M60 machine-gun and 1 aircraft radio. Troop A engaged 1 VC, XT57228, with three hand grenades and 5-10 rounds small arms, resulting in 1 VC KIA(BC) and capturing 1 AK 47 with magazine, 2 batteries and 1 reel of wire, 6ea 2 1/2 lb bags of rice, 4 can of condensed milk, 2 pair brown and 1 pair of black trousers. On 28 January 3 VC jumped out of spider holes XT567262 and threw grenades at C troop. The troop took under fire resulting in 4 US WHA, 7 VC KIA(BC), 5 VC PW, and 3 detainees. On 29 January Troop D received fire from 4 VC, XT595304, returned fire resulting in 4 VC KIA(BC), then inserted Aerorifles which made heavy contact with unknown number VC. The 2d Bn, 27 Inf reacted to them. Results of action 5 US KHA, 6 US WHA, 46 VC KIA(BC), 4 VC KIA (POSS), 8 VC PW and 6 detainees. There was 15 pounds of food, condensed milk, numerous documents and clothing captured.

30 January-10 March

The Squadron secured major areas along MSR. On 31 January Troop C (-) reacted to Tan Son Nhut Air Base. The Troop was ambushed outside gate 051. The Squadron reacted with Troop D and Troop B (+). The results of action was 3 APC completely lost, 1 Tank completely lost, 7 APC damaged, 14 US KHA, 64 US WHA, 309 VC KIA (BC), 24 VC PW, 1 Chicom radio, numerous weapons and equipment. On 1 February Troop B and C began search and destroy mission vic Tan Son Nhut to destroy the remainder of VC/NVA forces in area. The Squadron was OPCON 2d Bde 1st Infantry Division until the termination of operations 7 February which results were 3 VC KIA (BC) and 1 VC KIA (POSS). The Squadron (-) then went OPCON to the 3d Bde 25th Infantry Division. The Squadron(-) and Co A, 1/27Inf began search and destroy operations vic Hoc Mon (XT7604). Troop B and Co A 1/27 Inf, were on line moving through area with Troop C as reaction force when Co A 1/27 Inf made

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heavy contact. Troop C moved up to support Co A 1/27 Inf. The contact continued until 10 February with no night contact except aerial reconnaissance and ambush patrols in the area. Results of the action was 1 tank destroyed, 2 tanks damaged, 3 APC damaged, 10 US KHA, 53 US WHA, 102 VC KIA(BC). On 12 February Troop A went OPCON to the 2d Bde 25th Infantry Division. They were on search and destroy mission vic Ap Cho (XT7006) making contact with unknown size VC force. They were in contact for 4 days resulting in A troop being credited with 57 VC KIA(BC) and 6 US KHA, 28 US WHA. On 14 February Troop C and HHT returned to Cu Chi leaving Troop B OPCON 3d Bde. On 16 February Troop A and B closed Cu Chi. The next day the Squadron went OPCON 3d Bde 25th Infantry Division. The Squadron moved to vic XS7295. On 19 February Troop C while returning to CP location was ambushed XS758979, returned fire resulting in 1 Damaged tank, 2 US KHA, 2 US WHA, and VC losses were unknown. On 20 February Troop D went OPCON 3/17 Cav. On 21 February Troop B destroyed 18 bunkers 4 foxholes, and captured 134 rounds of RPG-7, 1 RPG-2 round, 10 electric blasting caps, 4 22lb shape charges at XS702982. Troop C made contact with unknown number VC/ NVA XS719922. Troop D and A reacted to the contact resulting in 3 US KHA, 20 US WHA 1 UH-1C destroyed, 1 APC destroyed, 1 APC damaged, 135 VC KIA(BC), 3 VC KIA(POSS). That evening the Squadron CP was mortared resulting in 12 US WHA and light damage to equipment, 2 VC KIA(BC), 1 VC PW. On 22 February Troop C picked up 1 VC PW MIA with AK 47 while sweeping threw the area XS719922. They also located 1 ea 7.62 type machinegun on wheels and 2 ea 9mm pistols vic same area. Troop C observed one platoon size element moving east to west XS714445. Engaged with artillery and spooked with unknown results. On 22 February Troop B detonated a dud round resulting in 1 US WHA. While on search and destroy Troop A and Troop I 3/11 ACR located 2 VC KIA(BC), 1 RPG-2 and 7 rounds 4 AK 47s, misc. web gear, and 1 PRG-25. The Squadron recieved heavy volume small arms sniper, Automatic wps and RPG fire, returned fire resulting in 1 US KHA, 3 US WHA, 1 VC KIA(BC). Troop C observed 15-20 VC moving behind berm, engaged with organic weapons resulting in 2 VC KIA(BC), 3 VCKIA(POSS), captured 1 AK 47. On 23 February Troop A located and destroyed 50 bunkers XS711931, 2 damaged RPG-7 rounds, and one box of 7.62 ammo. Troop A later located a bunker which contained 1 AK 47, 1 M-16 2 ea 9mm pistols with magazines, 2 chicom grenade, 2 lbs of documents, 1 medical kit, 1 NVA gas mask, and one field pack. On 24 February Troop C on search and destroy, vic XS742997 captured numerous medical supplies, documents, 1 NVA gas mask, 1 AK 47 and destroyed one tunnel, one 500lb bomb, one 105mm round, 2 bunker complexes. 2 round 82mm mortar. Troop B recieved unknown number small arms, automatic weapons and RPG rounds

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from three sides, followed by crowd attack, returned fire with organic weapons, air and artillery resulting in 1 US KHA, 4 US WHA, and 2 VC KIA (EC). On 27 February Troops A and B on search and destroy captured one detainee, and 1/2 lbs documents, while destroying 30 bunkers. On 28 February Troop A and C received small arms, automatic weapons, and RPG fire XT742015, returning fire with organic weapons, artillery, LFT and Tactical air, resulting in 1 US KHA, 13 US WHA, 1 APC damaged, 1 tank heavy damaged, 7 VC KIA (EC). On 4 March Troop C and Co D2/12 Inf on search and destroy via XT760052 captured one AK 47 one set machinegun tools, 3 lbs of documents, one R-G-7 sight, destroying 15 Chicom grenades, 138 bunkers, 9 rounds of R G-2 and 7, 6 RPG boosters, 600 meters cone wire, 1 M-17 protective mask, 300 lbs chicom C-4, and 200 rounds of AK 47. On 6 March, 3d Squadron, 4th Cavalry received SA, AW, and RPG fire from unknown size VC force, returned fire with all organic weapons, LFT, arty and Tactical Air, resulting in 1 US KHA, 19 US WHA, 1 APC combat loss, 1 APC damaged, 2 tanks damaged, 2 VC KIA (EC), and 15 bunkers destroyed. 3d Squadron 4th Cavalry and D 2-12 Inf while on search and destroy mission via XT7500 located 2 VC KIA (EC) in graves also destroying 215 bunkers, 4 anti-aircraft positions, 1 CKG grenade, 1 carbine stock and 5 helmets. On 8 March Troop B and B Co. 2-12 Inf. captured 8 detainees and destroyed 12 bunkers and 12 spider holes while on search and destroy via XT7742. On 9 March at XT72000 received 5 rounds (3mm mortar) returned fire with AW and arty, resulting in 3 US WHA. On 9 March Troop A and B-2-12 Inf captured 1 AK 47, documents and a motor bike, they also destroyed 12 rocket positions via XT736989. On 10 March Troop A on search and destroy via XT7399 captured 4 detainees and destroyed 2 individual firing positions, also destroyed were 3 bunkers and 20 sleeping positions. Operations SJRATCGA terminated on 10 March 1968. The Squadron remained in Area OPCON to the 3d Bde 25th Infantry Division

12. Results:

a. Friendly:

- (1) 760 personnel participated in operation.
- (2) Casualties: 57 KHA, 253 WHA.
- (3) Vehicles

	<u>Total Damaged</u>	<u>Total Repaired</u>	<u>Total Combat Loss</u>
Tanks	17	5	2
Artillery	22	14	8
UH-1H	2	2	1
GA-21	1	1	0

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b. Enemy:

- (1) Enemy Losses: 741 VC KIA (EC), 21 VC KIA (POSS)
- (2) Captured: 27 AK 47, 4 pistols, 7 machine guns, 4 RPG launchers, 19 lbs documents, 2 M-16, 2 radios, and 1 motor bike.
- (3) Destroyed: 620 bunkers, 13 rocket firing positions, 272 RPG rounds, 6 tunnels, 12 anti-aircraft positions, 380 lbs CKC-C4, 8 gas masks, 22 grenades, 7 RPG weapons.
- (4) ENI: Received SA 37 times, AM 23 times, 3 grenade attacks, 2 mortar attacks, detonated 5 IT mines 1 AP mine, 32 VC POW's and 36 detainees.
- (5) FRI: Engaged enemy 21 times without being fired on first.

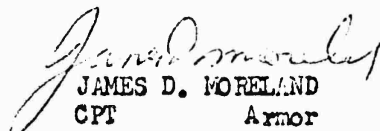
13. Administrative Activities:

14. Special Equipment and Techniques:

15. commander Analysis:

16. Recommendations:

FOR THE COMMANDER:


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3d Squadron, 17th Cavalry
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1 April 1969

SUBJECT: Combat Operations After Action Report

TO: See Distribution

1. NAME OF OPERATION: Operation SARATOGA
2. DATES OF OPERATION: 19 February 1968 thru 7 March 1968
3. LOCATION: Hau Nghia and Gia Dinh Provinces
4. COMMAND HEADQUARTERS: 3d Squadron, 17th Cavalry
5. COMMANDING OFFICER: William M. Brannon Jr., LTC, Commanding
6. TASK DESCRIPTION:

A Troop, Major Nathan W. Pulliam, Commanding (OPCON to 199 Light Infantry Brigade).

B Troop, Major Wayne T. Shehorn, Commanding
D Troop, 3d Squadron, 17th Cavalry (OPCON)

C Troop, Major Gary T. Luck, Commanding
25th Infantry Battalion (-) (OPCON)

D Troop, Captain Russel W. Mempel, Commanding

7. SUPPORTING FORCE: None

8. INTELLIGENCE:

a. When the 3d Squadron, 17th Cavalry was committed to operation Saratoga, elements of the 9th VC Division and 7th VC Division, as well as Local Force Battalions, were conducting offensive operations in and around the Saigon complex. During this period the VC/VVA had the capability to conduct coordinated battalion size attacks on installations or US Fire Support Bases and harass friendly units with rocket and mortar attacks.

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b. Terrain and Weather:

(1) General: The TAO was bounded generally by the Saigon River on the East, Highway #1 on the West, District of Go Vap on the South and the Michelin Plantation on the North. (Annex A Operations Overlay)

(2) Terrain:

(a) Observation and fields of fire ranged from limited in the Filhol and Ho Bo areas to excellent in the rice paddies near the Hoc Mon Canal.

(b) Obstacles - Throughout the TAO there were no natural or artificial obstacles which impeded the reconnaissance or movement of the Squadron.

(c) Concealment - The hours of darkness and early morning fog provide the VC/WVA with natural concealment from air activity. Once the fog lifted the enemy had to remain in his bunker complexes and huts to remain undetected.

(d) Key Terrain - Highway #1 was selected as key terrain since this is the route by which convoys move to resupply the 25th Infantry Division units.

(e) Avenues of Approach - Michelin Plantation - Trapezoid-Ho Bo - Filhol - Saigon.

(3) Weather:

(a) Visibility - During early morning hours visibility was restricted to 3 miles or less due to fog. At approximately 0600 hours the fog would lift enabling the aeroscouts to conduct armed visual reconnaissance.

(b) Temperature - The temperature averaged in the high eighties throughout the operation.

c. Intelligence During the Operation: (Annex B Intelligence Overlay)

(1) Enemy Units: The VC/WVA units that were identified within the Squadron's TAO were the 271st, 272d, 101st and 88th Regiments.

(2) Rocket sites which the enemy used were in the vicinity of XT8104 and XT8204, all east of Hoc Mon.

(3) Lines of communication for the VC/WVA extended from the Michelin Plantation - Trapezoid - Hoc Mon.

(4) Logistical Bases: Several large bunker complexes were discovered vicinity XT5930 and XT6822, consisting of over 75 bunkers in each complex. The small complexes consisted of approximately 10 bunkers each. All of the complexes were located along the Saigon River in Binh Duong and Hau Nghia Province.

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9. MISSION:

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Conduct armed aerial reconnaissance in assigned areas to find, fix and destroy enemy rocket positions.

10. CONCEPT OF OPERATION:

3d Squadron, 17th Cavalry (-) will provide continuous reconnaissance in force north and west of Tan Son Nhut to locate and destroy all enemy rocket positions. Squadron will receive OPCOM of D Troop, 3d Squadron, 4th Cavalry and 25th Aviation Battalion (-). Maximum effort will be maintained in AO both day and night.

11. EXECUTION:

a. Movement:

On 1 February 1968, the squadron was given the mission to provide continuous reconnaissance and surveillance in the Tan Son Nhut rocket belt. To accomplish this, the Squadron Tactical Operations Center had to move a jump command post to Cu Chi by air. The jump command post was composed of elements of S3, S2, Communications, Artillery Liaison Team and an Air Force Forward Air Control Team. All elements were operational by 1700 hours at Cu Chi. Troop and squadron field trains remained at Tay Ninh while limited organizational maintenance support was sent to Cu Chi. D Troop remained at Tay Ninh.

b. 19 February 1968 - 23 February 1968:

Operations during this period were characterized by intense armed aerial reconnaissance during the day and intense armed aerial surveillance at night. Both air cavalry troops maintained reconnaissance teams in their assigned sectors during the day performing detailed aerial reconnaissance, searching for enemy rocket positions, suspected enemy storage areas, and any signs of enemy movement. Enemy activity was very evident throughout the area which led the aeroscouts to pinpointing not only enemy locations but also rocket storage areas and launching sites. Night activities required several aeroweapons teams to be airborne throughout the night, prepared to bring fire on any sites launching rockets within the division area of responsibility. Controlling those teams was an airborne command and control helicopter, with flares aboard, as well as a fixed wing spotter plane, with an artillery forward observer. When targets were spotted at night, the aeroweapons teams would engage immediately, followed by an artillery saturation of the area. Flares were dropped as needed to illuminate the target area. On 19 February 1968, B Troop located a rocket site at XT852054, composed of twelve launching positions. Reconnaissance of the area showed several signs of recent enemy activity, however, no enemy were sighted. Firing from the site had been conducted at some previous time, as evidenced by the back-blast areas clearly evident on the ground. Necessary photographs were taken and sketches made for intelligence purposes. (Annex C: Sketch Rocket Launching Site). Upon completion of these activities, artillery fires were placed on the site destroying several positions and heavily damaging the rest. Enemy bunkers in the area of the site were also destroyed or damaged by artillery. On 21 February 1968, an element of the 3d Squadron, 4th Cavalry was engaged in heavy

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contact at XS719922. An airborne team of C Troop, 3d Squadron, 1st Cav was sent to support the Saber element in contact. The teams received heavy automatic weapons fire and one UH1C was shot down, landing just south of the contact. Shortly afterwards, the 3d Brigade Commander was shot down at the same location. C Troop immediately dispatched a scout team, a weapons team and one UH1H to the area to provide security for both aircraft until ground forces arrived. One of the OH6A immediately landed at the site and extracted the Brigade Commander, despite heavy enemy fire in the area. C Troop's aeroweapons team, combined with Saber elements, soon suppressed the enemy fire enabling the UH1H to extract the crew of the other downed aircraft. The following day both C Troop and the 3d Squadron, 1st Cavalry went back into the same area. C Troop located an estimated VC company, directed Saber to the enemy, supported him, and was credited with 30 VC KIA (VC). On 19 February 1968, B Troop received a report from 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry, of rockets being fired from XT817021. A scout team was immediately sent to that location and spotted the launching site. The scouts then proceeded to lead elements of the battalion to that location. While enroute, the element came in contact with an unknown number of VC, which B Troop immediately took under fire. Upon termination of the contact, a ground search was made of the launching site and all positions were destroyed. This combined technique, in both contacts, proved very valuable. In one instance, a complete search of the site was conducted as well as complete destruction, while the scout team provided the security for the completion of the above task. In the other, the scouts pinpointed the enemy and directed friendly troops to the point of contact, enabling the troops to maneuver and route the enemy. During this period D Troop had one platoon in Di An, packing organizational equipment for movement to Tay Ninh. One platoon was airlifted to Cu Chi each day to act as ready reaction force for the squadron.

c. 24 February 1968

D Troop, 3d Squadron, 1st Cavalry was inserted at XS693363 to exploit intelligence information gathered by C Troop. Recent activity had been noted around bunkers in the area and VC had been spotted in the general area on several occasions. D Troop was inserted at 1020 hours, methodically searched the area surrounding the LZ, and then proceeded toward the bunker complex. With air cover provided by C Troop, "Blue Tiger" assaulted the area and searched the bunkers. Many signs of the enemy were found, including clothing and two GHTOY Gas Masks, however, no enemy personnel were encountered. Extraction was completed at 1215 hours vicinity XS706971.

d. 25 February 1968 thru 7 March 1968

During this period the enemy became either bolder in his actions or more desperate in his attempt to destroy US Forces. The VC were not using their normal tactics of trying to hide during the day but rather engaged our aircraft on almost every mission. On 27 February 1968, an OH6A from B Troop was on a low level reconnaissance when he received automatic weapons fire at XT843043. The aircraft took four hits but the aviator was able to land safely at Cu Chi. On 28 February 1968, a light fire team from A Company, 25th Aviation Battalion, on a night surveillance mission, spotted a rocket site launching rockets toward Ton San Nhut Air Base. The Diamond Heads

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125 immediately struck and silenced the target with machine guns and rocket fire. The following morning a reconnaissance of the area credited them with 2 VC KIA (BC) and the rocket position partially destroyed. D Troop conducted a road sweep from Tay Ninh to Go Dau Ha. They encountered three roadblocks, all unguarded, and were ordered to XTH58216, site of a blown bridge. A dismounted patrol checking the bridge site received automatic weapons fire. Fire was returned resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC) and 1 VC KIA (Possible). On 2 March 1968, B Troop was in support of C Company, 4th Battalion, 9th Infantry, at XTH47035, who was in heavy contact. Both aircraft were engaged with heavy enemy automatic weapons fire resulting in one aircraft receiving four hits and the other ship five. The team was credited with 5 VC KIA (BC). On 4 March 1968, D Troop conducted a route sweep from Tay Ninh to XTH58216, south of Go Dau Ha. They proceeded to secure the engineer team rebuilding the bridge previously mentioned. A mounted patrol engaged 1 squad of VC at XTH47226 resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC) with no friendly casualties or damage. At 1800 hours the squadron command post closed out at Cu Chi and returned to Tay Ninh. During the course of the operation, initially, no movement had been sighted departing the Saigon area. All indications showed the enemy remaining in place with some indications of resupplies moving toward the Saigon area by sampan and foot traffic. Toward the end of this period, however, indications started to show some movement away from the Saigon area toward the northwest. Small groups of enemy were spotted moving north and engaged. Sampans were spotted, at night, by flare illumination, moving north and destroyed. Activity the last few days became less than at any previous time. On 7 March 1968, C Troop was placed OPCON to the 9th Infantry Division and D Troop was placed OPCON to 4th Battalion, 23d Infantry.

12. RESULTS:

a. Friendly:

	KIA	KIA
Officers	0	1
Warrant Officers	0	0
Enlisted Men	0	0

b. Enemy:

- (1) VC/KIA (BC) - 80
- (2) VC/KIA KIA (Poss) - 76
- (3) Military Structures Destroyed - 49
- (4) Military Structures Damaged - 11
- (5) Sampans Destroyed - 51
- (6) Sampans Damaged - 11
- (7) Rocket Sites Destroyed - 4
- (8) Rocket Sites Damaged - 6
- (9) Miscellaneous Destroyed

6 - 105mm Rounds
 1 - 60mm Round
 1 - FIC-25 Radio
 10 - 82mm Rounds

c. All Bomb Damage Assessments were conducted by aerial reconnaissance.

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a. Supply

(1) Class I

(a) Difficulties were experienced in providing B and C Troops with hot meals. The problem was partially solved by locating a unit at Cu Chi that agreed to feed B Troop. It became necessary to move a mess hall from Tay Ninh to Cu Chi for C Troop and Squadron headquarters personnel.

(b) It is suggested that a sponsoring unit be designated, in the operations order, to coordinate the supply and preparation of A rations when it is necessary for a troop to operate away from its base camp facilities.

(2) Class II

The absence of critical radios, i.e. RBC-41, AF/VRC-24, and the remote control GRA-74, imposed additional and unnecessary command and control problems. This unit is also short the KA-6A cameras.

(3) Class III

Without problems, generally outstanding support.

(4) Class IV

Barrier materials are increasingly harder to obtain. Personnel bunkers had to be constructed from make shift materials with questionable safety standards. The situation did not improve until OTOB 4-67 was used to justify this essential construction. Standard engineer plans for different size personnel anti-mortar/rocket bunkers should be made available to units, to include complete bill of materials. If materials on plan are not available for issue, a substitute issue should be made.

(5) Class V

(a) Total ammunition consumption by elements of this squadron (B Troop, C Troop and D Troop) during Operation Saratoga:

TYPE AMMUNITION	ROUNDS EXPENDED
7.62mm Linked	174,300
2.75mm Rockets	1708
40mm Linked	745
5.56mm	2750
Smoke Grenades (All Colors)	293

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(b) Average daily ammunition consumption for one Air Cavalry Troop during our participation in this operation:

TYPE AMMUNITION	ROUNDS EXPENDED
7.62 Linked	4155.5
2.75mm Rockets	42.8
40mm Linked	13.5
40mm M-79	6.3
5.56	74.4
Smoke (All Colors)	11.1

b. During this operation the squadron operated the Tay Ninh area rearming point without any outside help. This rearming point is actually the responsibility of DISCOM 25th Infantry Division. By utilizing all squadron assets (1 Ammo Specialists and 3 Ammo Handlers, as well as the Support Platoon Leader) no flexibility remained to the squadron to shift rearming points as required by tactical situation. In addition, work details of 2 to 6 men had to be provided by the combat elements of this organization.

c. Maintenance:

During the portion of the operation requiring 24 hour operation of armed UH1C helicopters, the availability was reduced by 50% or more. Aeroweapons teams, flown at night, were required to be down for maintenance during the day. The result being that the troops could provide one aeroweapons team, with no back up during the day. It was also noted that night maintenance for aircraft was hampered due to light discipline requirements at the troop's location at Cu Chi. Direct support maintenance at Cu Chi was also hampered as they were unable to perform maintenance at night. For the elements located at Tay Ninh, normal night maintenance was performed.

14. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT AND TECHNIQUES

In more than one instance, an earscout team led a ground maneuver unit to an enemy position, enabling the commander to make a complete exploitation of the area. The scout team made a detailed reconnaissance of the objective area, informing the commander of known enemy locations and suspected locations. A route to the objective was specified including best avenues of approach as well as fording sites over streams. Advance, flank and rear security were provided the unit during the move. At the objective the scouts relayed information on the enemy's activities to the commander and when the enemy broke and ran, the scout team engaged and killed them. This maneuver - air cavalry team proved very effective and should be considered and used on future operations.

15. COMMANDER'S ANALYSIS

ITEM: Timely Release of Tactical Units.

DISCUSSION: At 0700 hours, 7 March 1968, C Troop became OPCON to the 1st Brigade, 9th Infantry Division, located at Dong Tam. The Troop Command Post had to be moved to that location, make coordination with 1st Brigade, and issue an operation ordered by 0700 hours, 7 March 1968. C Troop was not released from tactical operations by the 25th Division until approximately

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1930 hours, 6 March 1968. Utilizing a tactical unit until almost the last moment before assignment, unless a tactical emergency exists, creates an undue hardship, not only upon that unit but also reduce its effectiveness to the receiving unit.

OBSERVATION: The losing organization should be directed to release CFCON at least 24 hours in advance. The G3 of the 9th Infantry Division stated that this was normal procedure, however, the 25th Division thought the opposite was true. A set procedure should be established. It is impossible for an Air Cavalry Troop to move its entire operation at night and be able to function with the expected degree of effectiveness at first light.

ITEM: Aeroweapons Teams in Close Support of Ground Units

DISCUSSION: Many times commanders would call for aeroweapons to scramble in support of a contact. When the team arrived on station, the commander was not ready to utilize it because he was employing artillery or did not know the disposition of his ground elements.

OBSERVATION: When commanders request aeroweapons support they should plan for their use prior to arrival. On many occasions it appears that some commanders cry "Wolf" and give no thought to the tactical plan. This prevents the aeroweapons team from being utilized on a mission where it might truly be needed.

ITEM: Employment of OH6A with UH1C

DISCUSSION: Many variations in the employment of OH6A's and UH1C's have been tried in the past.

OBSERVATION: The best general employment is one OH6A with one UH1C. This variation provides the ability to recon with the scout and strike with the weapons ship when a target is spotted. The weapons ship also helps to maintain air to ground communications as well as give instantaneous cover to the scout if he receives enemy fire.

ITEM: Employment of Light Fire Team

DISCUSSION: The squadron has frequently been detailed to provide light fire teams to support ground units. The missions of an air cavalry squadron are reconnaissance, surveillance, security and economy of force; not light fire team support. When this type mission is forced upon the squadron, it greatly reduces combat effectiveness and ability to accomplish the primary missions. Therefore, the ground commander may not receive the intelligence and information which he may need to properly employ his command.

OBSERVATION: The ground commander must be informed of the Air Cavalry's primary missions and made to realize that misutilization of air cavalry assets is denying him intelligence and information which he may need to command his tactical units.

ITEM: Engaging Rocket Sites at Night

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DISCUSSION: Up to this time the squadron had little and infrequent occasion to engage enemy weapons position at night. It was decided that additional training was needed in this type of mission. Since the conditions could not be simulated during daylight hours, it was further decided that the training had to be conducted concurrently with the primary mission. An artillery observer was on station with gun teams at night. By calling for a single round of 105mm, the rocket backblast was simulated. The gunship crews were required to detect and immediately engage the target. Since the artillery observer, in an O-1, was able to keep the target area in sight he could also judge the accuracy of the fires.

OBSERVATION: The above procedure proved beneficial to the unit's accomplishment of its mission by increasing the confidence of the gunners to engage such targets at night.

g. No civic action or psychological warfare operations were planned or conducted on this operation.

ATTACHMENTS: A- Operation Overlay
B- Intelligence Overlay
C- Sketch of Rocket Launching Site

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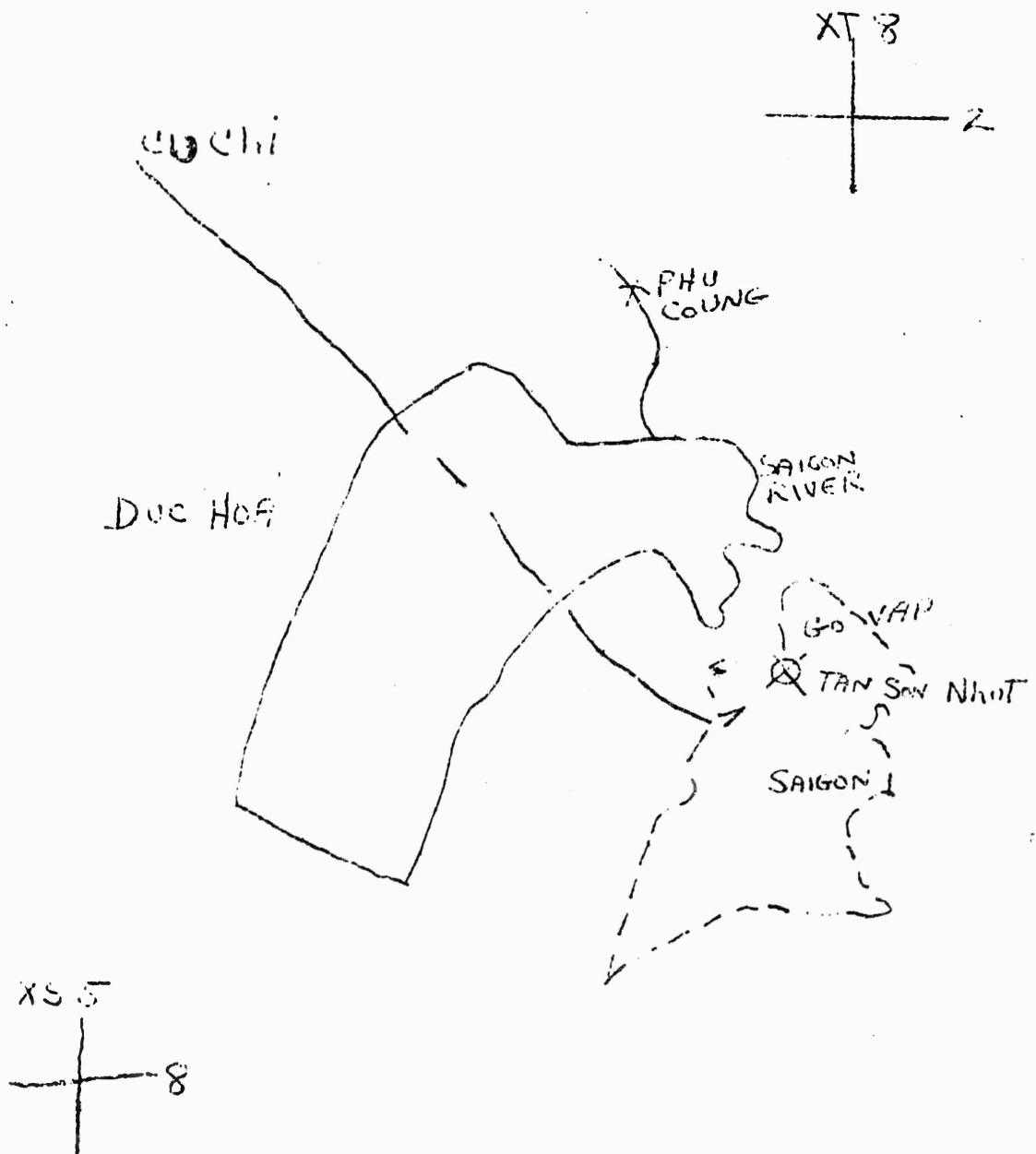
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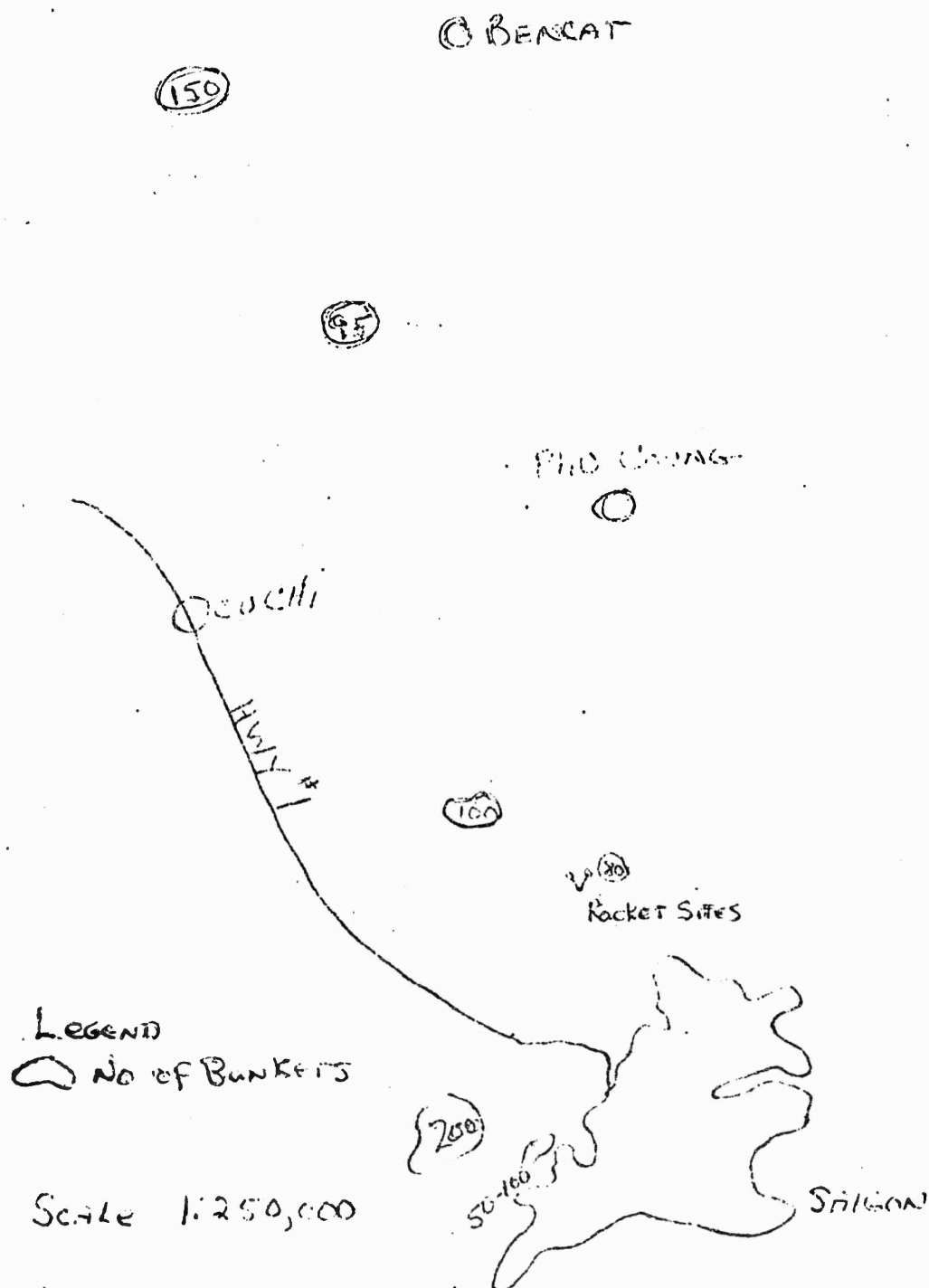
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ANNEX B (Intel Reference Overlay) To After Action Report OPERATION SARATOGA



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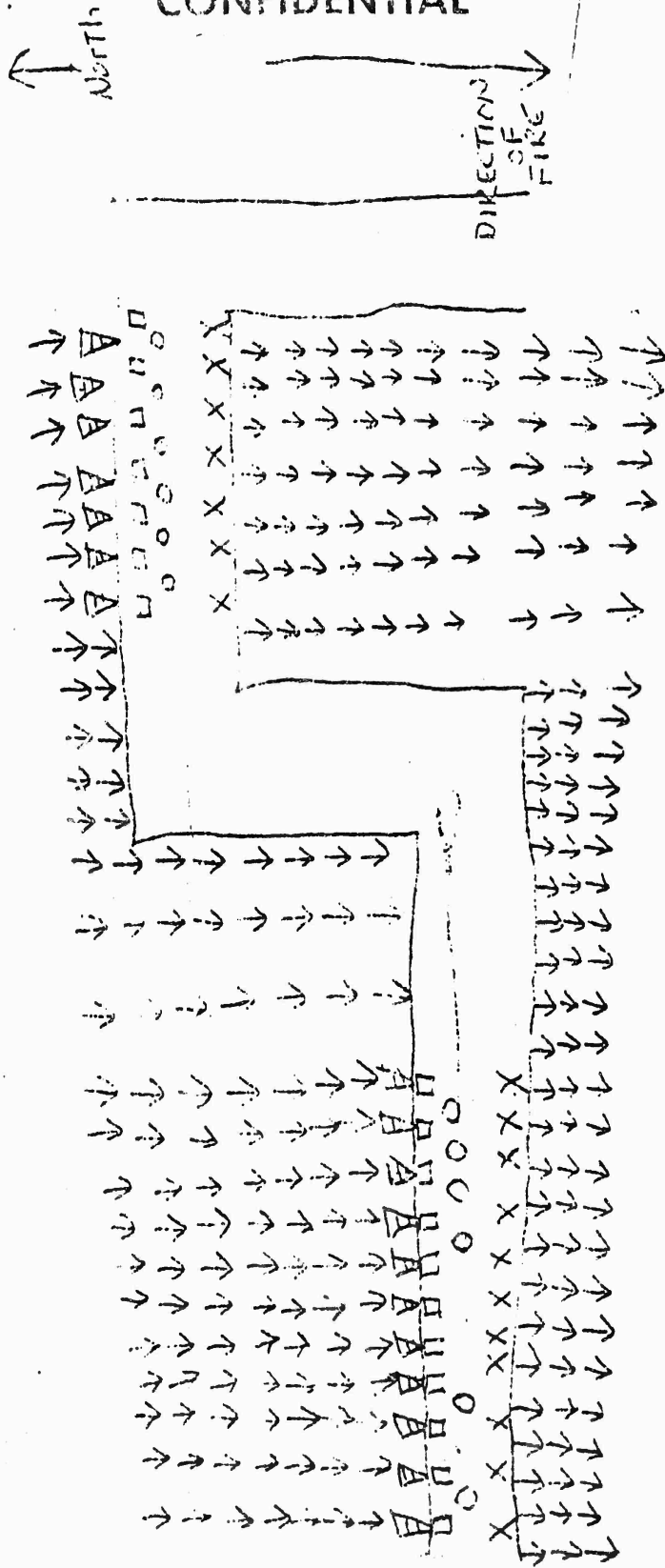
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DIAGRAM OF 122 MM RKT LAUNCH POSITION LOCATED APPROXIMATELY
9000 M NORTH OF TAN SON NHUT

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- NOTES: (1) APPROX 200M BETWEEN TUBE PWS
(2) DIKE APPROX 12" WIDE
(3) SINGLE TRESS BETWEEN LAUNCH PWS (uniforamy)
(4) ROCKETS APPARENTLY FIRED FROM TUBES ELEVATED
BY GOAL POST TYPE FRAME AS INDICATED ON
ATTACHED SHEET.

Legend
↓ RICE
X FIRING PWS
A BACK BLAST
O TRESS



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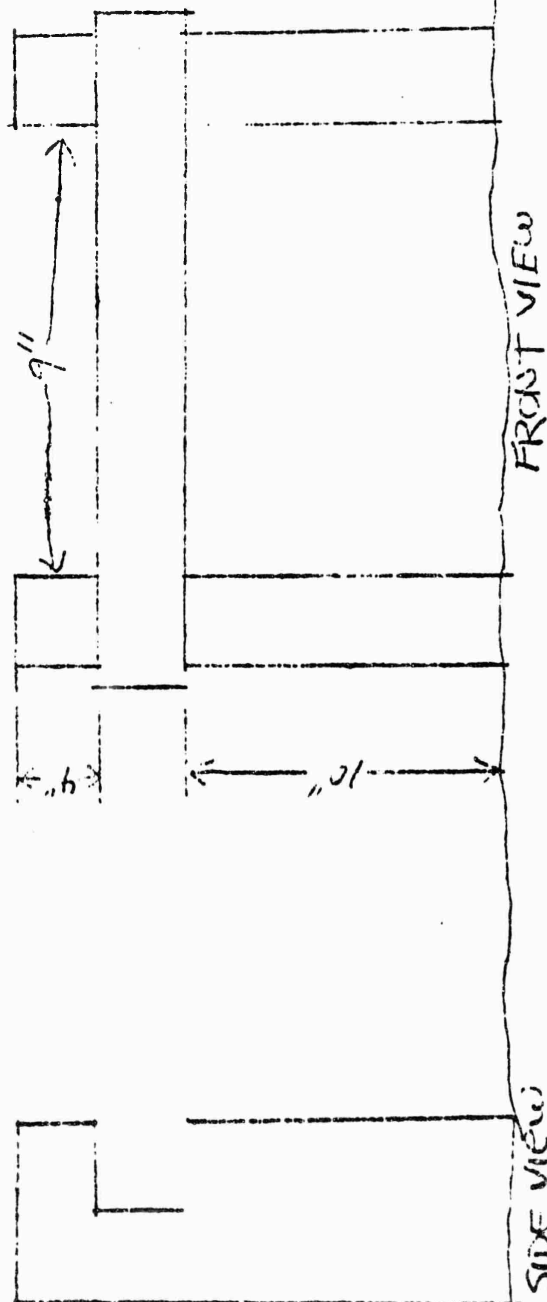
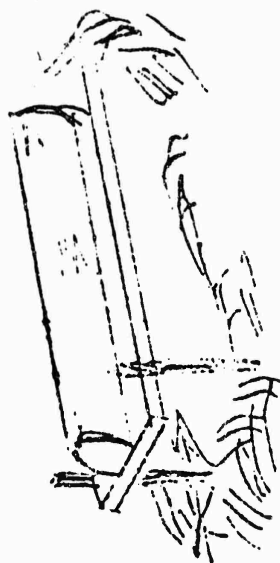
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GROUND
LEVEL

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DIAGRAM OF FRAME FROM WHICH TUBES ARE LAUNCHED

NOTE: TUBES ARE PROBABLY SECURED
TO BOARD, WHICH IS PLACED WITH
FORWARD END RESTING IN FRAME
AND WITH THE REAR END RESTING
ON THE GROUND



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