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(3) Operation SARATOGA (8 December 1967 to 10 March 1968). This operation, as previously discussed in the 25th Infantry Division Operational Report for the period 1 November 1967 to 31 January 1968, was directed at the southern portion of the division TAOI and was executed concurrently with YELLOWSTONE in its earlier phases. The mission of SARATOGA as specified by 25th Infantry Division OPLAN 19-67 was to conduct operations in conjunction with RVN forces to pacify portions of LONG AN, BINH DUONG and HAU NGHIA Provinces within the TAOI, to secure allied base areas, to control resources, particularly food and to prevent enemy rice taxation.

The initial concept of execution for SARATOGA envisioned the 2nd Brigade maneuvering with three battalions and supporting forces in conducting combined operations with the 5th and 25th ARVN Divisions and other GVN forces in the three province area. The concept of execution was to take place in two phases. Phase I (1 December - 31 January 68) corresponded with the last two months of the rice harvest and with Operation YELLOWSTONE in War Zone "C". Phase II

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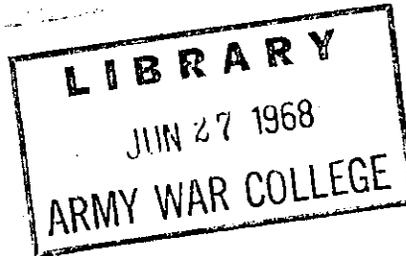
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HEADQUARTERS 2D BRIGADE, 25TH INFANTRY DIVISION  
APO 96225

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

TO: Commanding General  
25th Infantry Division  
ATTN: AVDCOP  
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- 1. OPERATION SARATOGA
- 2. 080600 Dec 1957 - 102400 March 1958
- 3. HAI 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 HERMESSE 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 RAPHAEL D TICE  
LTC CHARLES J. BAUFF
- 3rd Battalion, 22nd Infantry - LTC THOMAS U 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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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.
- e. Assist GVN forces in controlling food resources.
- f. Reinforce friendly forces in TAOI as required.

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10. Concept of Operation:

Chronological Summary:

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

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 (FNU)
- 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 (Packaders)
- 205th Assault Support Helicopter Company (Geronimo)
- 213th Assault Support Helicopter Company (Black Cats)

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*10 units*

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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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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 II		AUSTRALIAN B57
BOXER	12	TACTICAL FIGHTER WING
BLADE	35	TACTICAL FIGHTER WING
LITTER	31	TACTICAL FIGHTER WING

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