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ORGANIZATION OR INSTALLATION LOCATION

S3 HQ, 1st Bn 8th Arty

Cu Chi XT 654 154

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FROM HOUR 0001 DATE 20 Dec 67 TO HOUR 2400 DATE 20 Dec 67

ITEM NO.	TIME	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
1.	0001	Journal Open.	J.
2.	0010	Fr Fwd FDC to Bn FDC-1/27 element took mortar fire, small arms fire, automatic weapons fire, & 5 RPG. Fwd FDC receiving small armsfire. Killer elements got 3 VC KIA (BC). Incident started haystack on fire, 3 secondary explosions from haystack, 4 US WIA. A/1/8 expended 544 rds, B/1/8 expended 396 rds, A/6/77 expended 324 rds. This took place in grids 5721 5621 5622 5723 5724 5719.	3VC 4WIA Not D/A JR
3.	0530	Fr Fwd C/1/8 to Bn FDC-Woodchopper prep in grids 72962710 71402850. C/1/8 Fwd expended 100 rds, B/3/13 expended 70 rds, D/3/13 expended 16 rds.	Not D/A WM
4.	0600	Fr Btrys to Bn FDC-Ammo report; A/1/8 1326 HE 64 WP 94 ILL 30 SMK 60 BH. B/1/8 828 HE 22 WP 100 ILL 34 SMK 58 BH; A/6/77 887 HE 49 WP 110 ILL 36 SMK 60 BH.	Not D/A WM
4.	0600	Fr Btrys to Bn FDC-H&I report; A/1/8 22 missions 44 rds expended; B/1/8 26 missions 89 rds expended; A/6/77 50 missions 80 rds expended; C/1/8 55 missions 110 rds expended.	Not D/A WM
6.	1525	Fr A/1/8 to Bn FDC-A/1/8 departed FSB Patton at 1520 hrs.	Not D/A MH
7.	1600	Fr LNO 2/27 to Bn FDC-D/2/27 received RPG2 fire & small arms in grid 657287.	Not D/A MH
8.	1630	Fr A/1/8 to Bn FDC-A/1/8 closed FSB Wood.	Not D/A MH
9.	2000	Fr Fwd FDC to Bn FDC-A/1/8 expended 53 rds for Mustang in the last 24 hrs. B/1/8 expended 202 rds, A/6/77 expended 334 rds, C/3/13 expended 45 rds, B/3/13 3 rds.	Not D/A WM
10.	2400	Journal Closed.	J.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

During the reporting period enemy contact was light. A/1/8 & B/1/8 fired a combined missions which resulted in three (3) VC KIA (BC). Totals are as follows:

PERSONNEL KIA (BC) 349 KIA (POSS) 1607

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6 KIA 22 WIA

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1.	Weapons	DES	DAM
a.	Mortars	17	2
b.	MGs	6	2
2.	Buildings	273	116
3.	Ammo dumps	1	0
4.	Bridges	10	0
5.	Trenches	3	0
6.	Sampans	96	7
7.	Vehicles	3	3
8.	Boats	14	0
9.	Sec exp	86	0
10.	Bunkers	56	1

OPERATION SUMMARY

A, B departed FSB Patton, moved to Wood
 HQ element remained at FSB Patton, vic grid XT585225. *A/1/8* departed FSB Patton at 1520 hrs & closed FSB Wood, vic grid XT60353. *B/1/8* remained at FSB Patton vic grid XT585225. *C/1/8* remained at Cu Chi. *2* howitzers of *C/1/8* remained at FSB Hale. *A/6/77* remained at FSB Patton.

The total amount of ammunition expended since arrival in country is 385,734 rounds.

HQ, A, B departed FSB Patton, moved to FSB Wood vic XT585225

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1-27 INF: Co D provided one platoon for Cu Chi Base Camp. 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.

1 WIA
1 MIA

1-5 : C. C. 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.

16 WIA
4 KIA
29 VC - 20P

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).

2 NBI

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1.	0001	Journal Open.		J.	
2.	0350	Fr Div Arty to Bn FDC-Air strike in grid 6426 at 1500 hrs.		Not FDC DW	
3.	0830	Fr Btrys to Bn FDC-Cu Chi H&I report; Hotshot 30 missions 740 rds expended; C/1/8 40 missions 80 rds expended; B/3/13 82 missions 164 rds expended.		Not D/A RB	
4.	0955	Fr Div Arty to Bn FDC-Photo mission in grids XT6314 6714 6718 6318 from 0945-1015 hrs.		Not D/A RB	
5.	1050	Fr Div Arty to Bn FDC-Photo mission in grids XT698090 XS715834 from 1250-1310 hrs.		Not B/3/13 PT	
6.	1100	Fr A/6/77 to Bn FDC-2/27 element has 4 US KIA & 17 MIA. 27 VC KIA (BC).		Not D/A WM	
7.	1205	Fr LNO Bde to Bn FDC-Dustoff cannot get in, gun ships are running 20mm up the middle. 3 tanks, 1 blown up, 2 left. Resupplying people from forward base camp, no casualties at this time.		Not D/A RB	
8.	1620	Fr S2 3/13 to 1/8 S2-In grid XT607221 2/27 Armor team detonated anti-tank mine. Other mines found were tilt rod anti-tank mines. Moderate damage to tank, negative casualties.		Not D/A RD	
8.	1645	Fr Bde to Bn FDC-Air strike in grid 620225 at 1700 hrs.		Not FDC DW	
9.	1950	Fr Fwd FDC to Bn FDC-VC Co at grid 424311. They are under Arty fire now.		Not D/A LM	
10.	2045	Fr Btrys to Bn FDC-H&I report; A/1/8 781 HE 10 WP 11 ILL 25 SMK 60 BH; B/1/8 1272 HE 39 WP 118 ILL 34 SMK 60 BH; C/1/8 899 HE 82 WP 225 ILL 40 BH; C/1/8 Fwd 419 HE 70 WP 77 ILL 18 SMK 20 BH.		Not D/A MH	
11.	2045	Fr Btrys to Bn FDC-H&I report; A/1/8 12 missions 24 rds expended; B/1/8 21 missions 125 rds expended; C/1/8 40 missions 80 rds expended; C/1/8 Fwd 26 missions 53 rds expended.		Not D/A MH	
12.	2200	Fr Fwd FDC to Bn FDC-79 rds were expended for ARVNs at grid 424311.		Not D/A WM	
13.	2210	Fr C/1/8 to Bn FDC-C/1/8 reported an air burst of a 105mm rd approximately 600meters in front of their #4 piece. Approximate end of burst XT647170. The round was fired by B/1/321 Arty. They were firing FzMTS) set on safe. The lot of fuzes were suspended. Lot number was UST1-89.		Not D/A LN	
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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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PERSONNEL

KIA (BC) 349 KIA (POSS) 1607

1. Weapons	DES	DAM
a. Mortars	17	2
b. MG's	6	2
2. Buildings	273	116
3. Ammo dumps	1	0
4. Bridges	10	0
5. Trenches	3	0
6. Sampans	96	7
7. Vehicles	3	3
8. Boats	14	0
9. Sec exp	86	0
10. Buildings	56	1

OPERATION SUMMARY

~~HQ element remained at FSB Patton, vic grid XT585225. A/1/8 remained at FSB Wood, vic grid XT460253. B/1/8 remained at FSB Patton. C/1/8 remained at Cu Chi. 2 howitzers of C/1/8 remained at FSB Hale. A/6/77 remained at FSB Patton.~~

The total amount of ammunition expended since arrival in country is 386,343 rounds.

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WALTER E. KATUZYNY JR., CPT, ARTY, S3

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22 DEC

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 air-mobile combat assaults in AO REINDEER to LZ's vic XT497051, XT-476082, XT482063 and XT503073, also conducted S&D operations vic of LZ's.

1-5 INF (M): OPCON 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.

13 VC
42 VC

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10,000 mtd. NW

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

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1.	0001	Journal Open.		J.	
2.	0610	Fr C/1/8 Fwd to Bn FDC-G/1/8 Fwd expended 72 rounds on <u>Woodchopper prep</u> from 0515-0600 hrs.		Not D/A RB	
3.	0615	Fr Fwd FDC to Bn FDC-HQ element, A/1/8, B/1/8 departed FSB Wood for FSB Butler at 0615 hrs.		Not D/A RB	
4.	0830	Fr Fwd FDC to Bn FDC-HQ element, A/1/8 & B/1/8 closed FSB Butler from FSB Wood at 0830 hrs.		Not D/A RB	
5.	0850	Fr Div Arty to Bn FDC-Boat convoy from Tho Cong to Dau Chang. 53 boats with white panel markings from 0600-1800 hrs.		Not FDC DW	
6.	1430	Fr Div Arty to Bn FDC-Immediate airstrike in grid XT6225. Also at 1500 hrs.		Not FDC DW	
7.	1750	Fr LNO 2/27 to Bn FDC-2/27 reentered area of contact. Found 4 M16 rifles, 1 M79 launcher, 3 US bodies, 1 body unable to tell if US or VC, and 1 VC body at 1750 hrs. 2/27 will not conduct extensive search today.		Not D/A DW	
8.	2000	Fr Div Arty to Bn FDC-Photo mission; Moonglow in grids XT698090 & XS715834 from 2030-2100 hrs.		Not B/3/13 RB	
9.	2015	Fr LNO 2/27 to Bn FDC-Area 2/27 was in at 1750 hrs had <u>30-40 bunkers destroyed</u> , many tunnels destroyed, all fighting positions destroyed by air strikes or artillery, negative contact on this date.		Not D/A RB	
10.	2400	Journal Closed.		Not D/A RB	
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5. Trenches	3	0
6. Sampans	97	7
7. Vehicles	3	3
8. Boats	14	0
9. See exp	86	0
10. Bunkers	56	1

OPERATION SUMMARY

HQ element departed FSB Wood at 0615 hrs & closed FSB Butler, vic grid XT530043, at 0830 hrs. A/1/8 departed FSB Wood at 0615 hrs & closed FSB Butler at 0830 hrs. B/1/8 departed FSB Wood at 0615 hrs & closed FSB Butler at 0830 hrs. C/1/8 remained at Cu Chi. A/6/77 remains attached to 1/8 and is at FSB Patton, vic grid XT583231.

The total amount of ammunition expended since arrival in country is 386,964 rounds.

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Atlanta.

From Nov. 18th til Dec. 23rd the division mounted Atlanta.

Atlanta's primary objectives was to uproot the enemy in the iron triangle and

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to deny him sanctuary. This turned into a major project for the 65th engineer

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battalion who acted vehicles into and out of action and after some experimentation

destroyed nearly two miles of enemy tunnels. Atlanta proved as expensive to the

Vietcong as it was rewarding for tropic lightning. A body count of 1467 was

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a master in operations but no big fire fights took place. 123 enemy small arms

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were captured more than 350,000 #'s of rice were taken.

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237 VC KIA (BC), 496 detainees, 4 NOI CHANH; Material captured and destroyed - 103 individual weapons, 2 crew service weapons, 170 tons of rice, and 34,000 SA rounds.

(f) ATLANTA (18 November - 23 December 1967).

This operation was conducted in the IRON TRIANGLE of BINH DUONG Province in order to destroy the VC haven which had not seen any friendly operations since the termination of CEDAR FALLS in January, 1967. Enemy contact was made during the early stages of the operation in the southwestern sector of the IRON TRIANGLE where the 2d Brigade, 25th Infantry Division had airmobile assaulted some of their units and other elements with the Rome Plows moved by land. [The majority of the contacts consisted of mechanized Infantry attacks of fortified enemy positions from which the enemy initially fought fiercely and then departed.] The repeated discovery of documents as well as the discovery of 178.5 tons of rice in the AN THUAN and PHU AN (XT 7222) areas indicated a transfer of large quantities of rice from PHU HOA DONG village (XT 7120) to storage areas within the IRON TRIANGLE. [With assistance from a BEN CAT District Popular force unit, the location, exploitation, and subsequent destruction of approximately 10,000 meters of interconnecting tunnels was accomplished. During ATLANTA, Rome Plows cleared a total of (10,995) acres in the IRON TRIANGLE. ***

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The 3d Brigade, 25th Infantry Division conducted an airmobile combat/assault of one battalion into the southeastern portion of the TRAPEZOID to support operation ATLANTA. From 18 November to 25 November, this battalion conducted S&D operations to interdict and deny VC use of lines of communications from the IRON TRIANGLE.

From an intelligence standpoint, operation ATLANTA was a great success. The location and destruction of a large percentage of the major tunnel complexes along with the extensive land clearing by the Rome Plows will hamper the enemies' ability to move and live in the TRIANGLE. ATLANTA should affect the VC's operations in the PHU HOA DONG area for sometime.

During the last half of December 1967 Operation Camden was mounted by the Tropic Lightning 2nd and 3rd brigade. In ^{Tay Ninh} ^{Marine} Tanine province the trapezoid and hobo and boyloy woods before it was over Camden's (?) fire fights yielded a 136 _____ by body count. Skirmishing began early and continued thru out the operation for the two wolfhound battalions but no significant engagement developed during Camden. Dec. 18th could be taken as a typical day of the wolfhounds twice recieved sniper fire during the daylight hours 25-30 rounds of mortar fire during the night. On Dec. 21st the 2nd wolfhounds got into the most exciting the 2nd brigade produced during operation Camden when an unknown number of Vietcong took them under fire shortly after 9 a.m. - proved to be a large mistake. 29 of the Vietcong never made. The 3rd brigade the story's much the same. Charlie would harass on a small scale and fall into the foliage. Some occasions they didn't fall fast enough and they ran up a body count of 10. and captured two.

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23 DEC

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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.

1-5 Inf (C): CPACN 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.

1 VC
2 VC
1 VC
3 WIA
1 NBI

2-29 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 resulting in a total loss of dozer and 1 US WIA.

1 WIA

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2.	0630	Fr Fwd FDC to Bn FDC-1/27 in contact at 0115 hrs at grid XT483068. A/1/27, negative casualties, B/1/27, negative casualties, C/1/27 1 US WIA. VC force is estimated 2 platoons. RPG's and automatic weapons going over area now. A/1/8 expended 32 rounds of illumination in support.	Not D/A RB
3.	0745	Fr Bde to Bn FDC-Air strike in Grid XT6124 at 0800 hrs & in grid XT6023 at 0900 hrs.	Not 3/13 MH
4.	0850	Fr LNO Bde to Bn FDC-C/2/27 completed sweep vic grid XT6125 and credited 15 VC KIA (BC) to artillery & air strikes. 12 (BC) for Arty, 3 (BC) for air strikes.	Not D/A PW KVC
5.	1025	Fr 101 Abn to Bn FDC-101 Abn will be working in Ann Margret from now until 1700 hrs.	Not FDC PT
6.	1100	Fr Fwd FDC to Bn FDC-Prep for 1/27 completed at 1050 hrs. In grid XT470052, A/1/8 expended 70 rounds, B/1/8 expended 90 rounds.	Not D/A DT
7.	1230	Fr LNO 1/27 to Bn FDC-A/1/27 & B/1/27 closed Cu Chi at 1230 hrs.	Not D/A PT
8.	1515	Fr Div Arty S2 to 1/8 S2-In grid XT499038 50 fighting positions were found 24-48 hrs old at 1515 hrs.	Not FDC LK
9.	1700	Fr Div Arty to Bn FDC-Name of FSB vic grid of old Pamela will be FSB Pope.	Not FDC PW
10.	2200	Fr Fwd FDC to Bn FDC-C/1/27 spotted movement to their front at 2200 hrs. Threw 2 grenades, negative casualties, negative surveillance.	Not D/A WM
11.	2300	Fr Fwd FDC to Bn FDC-4/23 element spotted movement to their front at 2245 hrs. 4/23 threw grenades, 1 VC KIA (BC) with AK47.	Not D/A WM KVC
12.	2400	Journal Closed.	J.

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10. bunkers	56	1

OPERATION SUMMARY

HQ element remained at FSB Butler, vic grid XT530043. A/1/8 remained at Butler. B/1/8 remained at FSB Butler. ~~C/1/8 remained at Cu Chi.~~ A/6/1/8 remains attached to 1/8 and is at FSB Patton, vic grid XT583231.

The total amount of ammunition expended since arrival in country is 387,462 rounds.

(2) 8 December 67 - 23 December 67 - TF 4-23 Infantry had been conducting operations. 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.

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SPER N. WALKER, MAJ, ARTY, S3

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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 AO REINDER 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.	0001	Journal Open.			J.
2.	0700	Fr A/6/77 to Bn FDC-A/6/77 requests resupply of HE, have only 15 at this time.			Not FDC PT
3.	1100	Fr Div Arty to Bn FDC-Photo mission in grids XT698980 XT698090 XS715834 from 1400-1500 hrs.			Not D/A WM
4.	2050	Fr D/1/27 to Bn FDC-A/1/27 received incomin grenades, resulted in 1 US KIA.			Not D/A WM
5.	2400	Journal Closed.			J.
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY					
During the reporting period, enemy contact was light. There was no positive or significant surveillance from Arty this date. Totals are as follows:					
PERSONNEL					
KIA (BC) 361 KIA (POSS) 1607					
		1. Weapons	DES	DAM	
		a. Mortars	17	2	
		b. MG's	6	2	
		2. Buildings	273	116	
		3. Ammo dumps	1	0	
		4. Bridges	10	0	
		5. Trenches	3	0	
		6. Sumps	97	7	
		7. Vehicles	3	3	
		8. Boats	14	0	
		9. Sec exp	86	0	
		10. Bunkers	66	1	
OPERATION SUMMARY					
HQ element remained at FSB Butler, vic grid XT530043. A/1/8 remained at FSB Butler. B/1/8 remained at FSB Butler. C/1/8 departed Cu Chi and moved to FSP Pope. (A/6/77) remains attached to 1/6 and moved from FSB Patton to FSB Pope.					
The total amount of ammunition expended since arrival in country is 387,666 rounds.					
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				HOUR 2400	DATE 25 Dec 67
ITEM NO.	TIME IN	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.			ACTION TAKEN
1.	0001	Journal Open.			J.
2.	0400	Fr Div Arty to Bn FDC-Photo mission in grids XT698090 XS715834 from 0600-0650 hrs.			Not FDC DW
3.	0600	Fr Btrys to Bn FDC-Ammo report; A/1/8 1458 HE 88 WP 122 ILL 25 SMK 60 BH; B/1/8 1294 HE 99 WP 139 ILL 29 SMK 55 BH; C/1/8 1492 HE 67 WP 74 ILL 60 BH; A/6/77 735 HE 13 WP 80 ILL 24 SMK 60 BH.			Not D/A PT
4.	0600	Fr Btrys to Bn FDC-H&I report; A/1/8 6 missions 12 rounds expended; B/1/8 8 missions 16 rounds expended; C/1/8 54 missions 109 rounds expended.			Not D/A PT
5.	1500	Fr C/1/27 to Bn FDC-C/1/27 received fire from estimated 5-10 VC in grid 4806, negative casualties.			Not D/A-MH
6.	1835	Fr Div Arty to Bn FDC-VC platoon spotted in grid 552260, 4 rounds expended, negative surveillance.			Not FDC MH
7.	2320	Fr C/1/8 to Bn FDC-5 VC spotted about 80 meters outside perimeter at this time. Ambush patrol is trying to get in position & make contact.			Not D/A DW
8.	2400	Journal Closed.			J.
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY					
<p align="center">During the reporting period, enemy contact was light. There was no positive or significant surveillance from Arty this date. Totals are as follows:</p>					
PERSONNEL					
KIA (BC) 361 KIA (POSS) 1607					
		DES	DAM		
1. Weapons					
a. Mortars		17	2		
b. MG's		6	2		
2. Buildings		273	116		
3. Ammo dumps		1	0		
4. Bridges		10	0		
5. Trenches		3	0		
6. Sampans		97	7		
7. Vehicles		3	3		
8. Boats		14	0		
9. Sec exp		86	0		
10. Bunkers		56	1		
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OPERATION SUMMARY

Hq element remained at FSB Butler, via grid XT530043. A/1/8 remained at FSB Butler. B/1/8 remained at FSB Butler. (C/1/8 remained at FSB Pope.) A/6/77 remains attached to 1/8 and is at FSB Pope. B/3/13 was attached to 1/8 at 0600 hrs today at is at Go Dau Ha.

The total amount of ammunition expended since arrival in country is 388,194 rounds.

LATE ENTRY

At approximately 0100 hrs this morning a VC mortar attack was staged on FSB Pope. (Pope) received an estimated 30 rounds of 60 & 81mm. Negative casualties.

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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 civilian. 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, ~~no~~ ~~casualties~~.

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2-27 INF: Conducted En 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).

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At 4 am the Bulletin was received - this message:

"The enemy was spotted in the Kobo woods, — miles west of
our base camp. — Company, 1/ — ^{will be} ~~will be~~ air assaulted into
their position at 0630, following a prep at 0600. (This prep
will follow early morning air strikes to soften the resistance
of the enemy and to destroy any fortified positions in the area.)"

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columns of APCs and infantarymen start the edge of a jungle which
is much of an elusive enemy near the Ho So woods.

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 for security of FSB BUTLER vic XT530037. At 2115 hrs, Co C vic XT503073 engaged 10 VC, resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC). At 1225 hrs, Co C vic XT513035 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 MIA, 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.	0001	Journal Open.		J.	
2.	0600	Fr Fwd FDC to Bn FDC-B/3/13 was attached to 1/8 at 0600 hrs & they are presently at Go Dau Ha.		Not D/A RB	
3.	0640	Fr D/2/27 to Bn FDC-D/2/27 engaged 50 VC in grid XT511018 at 1830 hrs yesterday. Negative casualties, 10 VC KIA (POSS).		Not D/A RB	
4.	0640	Fr LNO Bde to Bn FDC-C/1/27 engaged estimated 10 VC in grid XT503073 at 2115 hrs yesterday. VC fired 1 RPG in return. Negative casualties, 1 VC KIA (BC).		Not D/A RB	
5.	0800	Fr Div Arty to Bn FDC-Boat convoy from Dau Tieng to Phu Cong from 0735 to 1800 hrs.		Not B/3/13	
6.	0830	Fr Div Arty to Bn FDC-Air strike at 0915 hrs in grid XT5332.		Not FDC MH	
7.	1120	Fr Btrys to Bn FDC-Rounds expended in grid 550320. B/1/8 expended 124 rounds. A/6/77 expended 169 rounds.		Not D/A MH	
8.	1500	Fr Asst S3 to Bn FDC-2/27 element received small arms fire and RPG rounds at 1440 hrs in grid 533402. negative casualties.		Not D/A MH	
9.	2400	Journal Closed.		J.	
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY					
During the reporting period, enemy contact was light. There was no positive or significant surveillance from Arty this date. Totals are as follows:					
PERSONNEL					
KIA (BC) 361		KIA (POSS) 1607			
1. Weapons		DES		DAM	
a. Mortars		17		2	
b. MG'S		6		2	
2. Buildings		273		116	
3. Ammo dumps		1		0	
4. Bridges		10		0	
5. Trenches		3		0	
6. Sampans		97		7	
7. Vehicles		3		3	
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At 7:30 on the morning of a routine sweep in mid-February, the
discovered extensive bunkers and tunnels in the Bu La
woods south of Dau Trung. Efforts to investigate were greeted
by enemy ~~fire~~ rifle and machine gun fire. The Mech attacked
the complex in three tanks and armored personnel carriers;
first head on and then from the flank as enemy rifle fire
and rocket propelled grenades exploded around them. The
Mech pounded the bunkers and spider holes lining the road but
soon had to withdraw because of casualties. However, the
retreat was only far enough back to allow artillery
strikes in and they waited for help.

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8. Boats	14	0
9. Sec exp	86	0
10. Bunkers	56	1

OPERATION SUMMARY

HC element remained at PSB Butler, vic grid XT530043. A/1/8 remained at PSB Butler. B/1/8 remained at PSB Butler. C/1/8 remained at PSB Pope. A/6/77 remains attached to 1/8 and is at PSB Pope. B/3/13 remains attached to 1/8 and is at Go Dau Ha, vic grid XT417239.

The total amount of ammunition expended since arrival in country is 388,925 rounds.

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1-27 INF: Conducted S&D operations in AO REINDEER vic T4609, XT4708, XT4807 and XT4907. Conducted airmobile combat assaults to IZ'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 CAMDEN) 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.	0001		Journal Open.	J.
2.	0035		Div Arty: Photo mission in grid XT7311 at 0645 hrs & grid XT7411 at 1300 hrs.	Not B/3/13 DW
3.	0610		Btrys: Ammo report: A/1/8 1577 HE 84 WP 73 SMK 25 ILL 60 BH; B/1/8 1537 HE 63 WP 69 ILL 21 SMK 60 BH; C/1/8 674 HE 12 WP 80 ILL 24 SMK 60 BH; A/5/77 1157 HE 63 WP 69 ILL 24 SMK 60 BH; B/3/13 1407 HE 256 WP 501 ILL 109 SMK.	Not Div Arty
4.	0610		C/1/8: AN&I report: (C/1/8 35 targets 70 rounds expended; B/3/13 32 missions 64 rounds expended)	Not D/A MH
5.	0935		LNO 2/27: Sp4 Blancard, forward observer from 2/27 accidentally shot himself in the foot. He has been dusted off.	Not D/A RB
6.	1615		Fwd FDC: Prep in grid XT509019 from 1540-1552 hrs. A/1/8 expended 96 rounds. B/1/8 expended 108 rounds.	Not D/A RB
7.	1620		Fwd FDC: 1/27 element at grid XT509019 at this time found numerous bunkers & sleeping platforms. Also found trail in marsh believed to be made from a VC squad. 1/27 also received small arms fire in this grid at this time.	Not D/A DW
8.	1630		Fr Fwd FDC: 1/27 at grids XT491993 & XT499991 founds several bunkers, 2 with overhead cover at this time. Bunkers running north & south along stream. Area believed to be VC base camp.	Not D/A MH
9.	2025		Fwd FDC: C/1/27 receiving small arms fire & rifle grenades in grid XT500050 at this time.	Not D/A MH
10.	2040		Fwd FDC: C/1/27 contact broken with unknown VC force. 1 US KIA, VC losses unknown.	Not D/A MH
11.	2330		Fwd FDC: C/1/8 LP spotted flashlights 300 meters in front of their position. Willan is expended 3 rounds, lights silenced, extinguished.	Not D/A MH
12.	2400		Journal Closed.	J.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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PERSONNEL
KIA (BC) **361** KIA (POSS) 1607

	DES	DAM
1. Weapons		
a. Mortars	17	2
b. LC's	6	2
2. Buildings	273	116
3. Ammo dumps	1	0
4. Bridges	10	0
5. Trenches	3	0
6. Sampans	97	7
7. Vehicles	3	3
8. Boats	14	0
9. See exp	86	0
10. Bunkers	56	1

OPERATION SUMMARY

HQ element remained at FSB Butler, vic grid XT530043. A/1/8 remained at FSB Butler. B/1/8 remained at FSB Butler. C/1/8 remained at FSB Pope. A/6/77 remains attached to 1/8 and is at FSB Pope. B/3/13 remains attached to 1/8 and is at Go Dau Ha, vic grid XT417239.

The total amount of ammunition expended since arrival in country is 389,923 rounds.

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the construction and concealment of tunnels proved to be a step or so beyond the ability of the engineers who destroyed the subterranean refuges. Some were demolished by cratering charges placed every 40 meters and when this method tho effective proves burdensome it was decided to try flooding the tunnels in hopes it would collapse.

First _____ had to be cleared from the water source to the mouth of the tunnel to be flooded. In a shortage of pipe (?) developed engineers simply ditched the water source closer to the tunnel. Flooding however did not completely destroy the tunnels. In the engineers floated explosive charges into the passage to finish it off.) The final incidence of Atlanta was also an engineering feat. The tank boarding the raft was damaged by a mine and went down like a U-boat. Engineers waited til low tide pulled it out and fine(?) to Atlanta.

28 DEC

1-27 INF: Co A provided 1 platoon for the security of FSB BUTLER via 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 via XT487069 with M-79, sustained 1 US WIA from frag wounds. At 2025 hrs, via XT490055 Co C received unknown amount of S/A, A/W, RFG; Rifle - Grenade fire, returned fire with S/A, A/W, 81mm, M79 fire, VC losses unknown, 1 US WIA.

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2-27 INF: Co B provided security for FSB POPE via XT548315. Co A provided the in reaction force. Co's C and D conducted airmobile combat assaults to LZ's via XT518345, XT546338. Conducted S&B operations via XT5134, XT5433, XT5432, and XT5431. At 0840 hrs, S-4

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

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1.	0001	Journal Open.			J.
2.	0635	Fr Btrys to Bn FDC-Ammo report; C/1/8 1469 HE 52 WP 70 ILL 46 SMK 60 BH; A/6/77 1069 HE 77 WP 128 ILL 50 SMK 60 BH.			Not D/A RB
3.	0635	Fr C/1/8 to Bn FDC (H&I report; 56 missions) 112 rounds expended.			Not D/A RB
4.	0645	Fr Bde to Bn FDC-Air strikes; at 0700 hrs in grid 5234; at 0715 hrs in grid 5133; at 0800 hrs in grid 5432; at 0900 hrs in grid 5332; at 1100 hrs in grid 5332.			Not FDC RB
5.	0805	Fr C/1/8 to Bn FDC-1st LZ cold, grid 280755. A/6/77 expended 180 rounds on prep & C/1/8 expended 104 rounds. Prep was from 0700-0745 hrs.			Not DO DW
6.	0810	Fr C/1/8 to Bn FDC-2d LZ cold, grid 546339, prep was from 0750-0810 hrs. A/6/77 expended 78 rounds & C/1/8 expended 78 rounds.			Not DO DW
7.	0815	Fr Bde to Bn FDC-Immediate air strike in grid 5432.			Not C/1/8 DW
8.	0900	Fr Div Arty to Bn FDC-Photo missions in grids XT698090 & XS715134 at 1230 hrs, 1640 hrs & 1600 hrs.			Not FDC DW
9.	0915	Fr Bde to Bn FDC-Air strike in grid 5332 at 0930 hrs.			Not C/1/8 DW
10.	0915	Fr C/1/8 to Bn FDC-D/2/27 received small arms fire in grid 544331 at 0905 hrs.			Not D/A MH
11.	0920	Fr C/1/8 to Bn FDC-D/2/27 received 1 RPG round, elements have withdrawn. Arty working over area now. 1 US WIA dusted off.			Not D/A DW
12.	1010	Fr B/3/13 to Bn FDC-B/3/13 departed Go Dau Ha for FSB McNair.			Not D/A DW
13.	1100	Fr B/3/13 to Bn FDC-B/3/13 closed FSB McNair at this time.			Not D/A DW
14.	1110	Fr Bde to Bn FDC-Air strike in grids 5433 & 5432 immediate.			Not D/A DW
15.	1150	Fr Bde to Bn FDC-Air strike in grid 5332 at 1200 hrs.			Not C/1/8 DW
16.	1200	Fr Div Arty to Bn FDC-Photo mission in grids XT6949 & XS7183 from 1330-1350 hrs.			Not FDC OP
17.	1315	Fr Killer 3 to Bn FDC-1/27 extraction complete.			Not D/A DW
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18.	1340	Fr Fwd FDC to Bn FDC-HQ element, A/1/8 & B/1/8 departed PSB Butler for Cu Chi at this time.	Not D/A MH
19.	1540	Fr C/1/8 to Bn FDC-A/1/8 given credit for destroying 10 bunkers & fighting positions.	Not D/A DW
20.	1555	Fr LMO 2/27 to Bn FDC-B/3/13 is released from support of 2/27.	Not D/A DW
21.	1600	Fr Killer 3 to Bn FDC-HQ element, A/1/8 & B/1/8 closed Cu Chi at this time.	Not D/A DW
22.	1610	Fr C/1/8 to Bn FDC-Resupply ship received 2 rounds of small armsfire at this time. Negative damage.	Not D/A DW
23.	1640	Fr Bde to Bn FDC-2/27 at 1600 hrs in grid XT594321 destroyed old VC base camp & found 2 trenches, 2 documents, 2 pair of pajamas & 2 pairs of shoes.)	Not D/A MH
24.	1640	Fr Bde to Bn FDC-At 0800 hrs in grid XT519343, C/2/27 destroyed 1-5 gallon can of tar & 10 sheets of tin. At 0914 hrs in grid XT655155, D/2/27 received sniper fire, negative casualties. 2/27 element at grid XT 548343 found 3 VC KIA (BC) from Arty. At 0914 hrs in grid XT547336, D/2/27 received AK47 fire & RPG rounds. 1 US WIA.	3VC Not D/A MH
25.	1745	Fr C/1/27 to Bn FDC-C/1/27 found a foot bridge, 6 fishing poles, 1 fish trap, & 1 US helmet with a hole in it at grid XT545335 at this time. Also at this time, C/1/27 found 10 lbs of grease & a poncho at grid XT550331.	Not D/A RB
26.	1920	Fr C/1/8 to Bn FDC-C/1/8 reports that infantry elements have 5 VC KIA (BC) at this time & reconfirmed the three body count 1/8 elements were credited with earlier.	5VC Not D/A RB
27.	1920	Fr C/1/8 to Bn FDC-At this time, D/2/27 found 1 document with unit on it. Unit working in this area has a doctor with it. Also found a document dated 1941. Also found a medical prescription, 1 5lb of rice, & 2 empty 100lb bags.	Not D/A RB
28.	2400	Journal Closed.	J.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

During the reporting period, enemy contact was light. A/6/77, B/3/13, & C/1/8 fired a combined mission which resulted in three VC KIA (BC).

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A/1/8 fired a mission which resulted in 10 bunkers and fighting positions being destroyed. Total are as follows:

PERSONNEL
KIA (BC) 366 KIA (POSS) 1607

	DES.	DAM
1. Weapons		
a. Mortars	17	2
b. MG's	6	2
2. Buildings	273	116
3. Ammo dumps	1	0
4. Buildings	10	0
5. Trenches	3	0
6. Sampans	97	7
7. Vehicles	3	3
8. Boats	14	0
9. See exp	86	0
10. Bunkers	66	1

OPERATION SUMMARY

HQ element departed FSB Butler at 1340 hrs & closed Cu Chi at 1600 hrs. A/1/8 departed FSB Butler at 1340 hrs & closed Cu Chi at 1600 hrs. B/1/8 departed FSB Butler at 1340 hrs and closed Cu Chi at 1600 hrs. C/1/8 remained at FSB Pope. A/6/77 remains attached to 1/8 and is at FSB Pope. B/3/13 departed Go Dau He and closed FSB McNair to support the 2d Battalion 27th Infantry. B/3/13 later returned to Go Dau He.

LATE ENTRY

The Bn FDC received a report that on 5 Sep 67 1/8 Arty was credited with 2 VC KIA (BC). These two body count were included on the total amount in the intelligence summary of today's journal.

The total amount of ammunition expended since arrival in country is 391,022 rounds.

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Prosper H. Waller

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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 via XT5432, XT5431, XT5229 and XT5330 while Co A provided security for FSB POPE via 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 via XT549345, XT548315. At 1920 hrs, Bn reported finding 2 VC KIA (BC) via XT546338 from the engagement on the 28 of Dec.

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HOUR 1800		DATE 29 Dec 67		
ITEM NO.	TIME IN	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	
1.	0001	Journal Open.	J.	
2.	0530	Fr Div Arty to Bn FDC-Report of action in Phu Hoa Dong & Bau Tram; Received unknown number of 60mm rounds, small arms fire, automatic weapons fire, hand grenades, & ground attack. 1 ARVN KIA, 2 ARVN WIA, 1 US WIA, district chief's house destroyed. 1 US WIA dusted off, 1 chopper shot down, 3/4 Cav gunship hit, pilot wounded. Bau Tram reports mortars, automatic weapons fire, small arms fire, & hand grenades from estimated 150 VC. 3 jeeps 2 US houses, & 1 generator destroyed. 1 US KIA 2 US WIA 1 US MIA. A/1/8 fired 19 rounds support in grid 702167.	Not D/A MH	
3.	0600	Fr Btrys to Bn FDC-Ammo report; A/6/77 1016 HE 75 MP 123 ILL 50 SMK 60 BH; B/3/13 2558 HE 255 MP 677 ILL 109 SMK.	Not D/A RB	
4.	0600	Fr Btrys to Bn FDC-H&I report; A/6/77 77 missions 235 rounds expended; B/3/13 50 missions 150 rounds expended.	Not D/A RB	
5.	0910	Fr A/1/8 to Bn FDC-A/1/8 has 1 tube down (recoil). Tube will be operational by 1200 hrs.	Not D/A PJ	
6.	1000	Fr Div Arty to Bn FDC-Photo mission in grids XS6794 XS5808 XS6708 from 1000-1040 hrs. In grid XT698090 & XS715834 from 1240-1300 hrs.	Not Btrys PJ	
7.	1100	Fr C/1/8 to Bn FDC-D/1/27 found 4 blasting cap, 6 yds of bandages, & 1 case of soap at grid XT544318.	Not D/A PJ	
8.	1330	Fr Div Arty to Bn FDC-Immediate air strike in grid XT5131 & XT4931.	Not FDC RB	
9.	1435	Fr Bde to Bn FDC-Air strike in grid XT5131 at 1435 hrs.	Not D/A RB	
10.	1513	Fr C/1/8 to Bn FDC-C/1/8 at prep from 1254-1352 hrs expended 70 rounds. C/1/8 prep from 1405-1437 hrs in grid XT489387 expended 122 rounds.	Not D/A PJ	
11.	1535	Fr C/1/8 to Bn FDC-B/2/27 reports a secondary explosion after airstrike in grid XT506309. Explosion believed to be from small arms munitions factory.	Not D/A RB	
12.	1600	Fr C/1/8 to Bn FDC-B/3/13 intelligence target fired on with 16 rounds at 1552 hrs, grid XT552241.	Not D/A RB	
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13.	1600	Fr A/6/77 to Bn FDC-On prep in grid XT549344, A/6/77 expended 77 rounds from 1320-1345 hrs. On prep in grid XT489307, A/5/77 expended 150 rounds from 1410-1435 hrs.	Not D/A PJ
14.	1640	Fr 1/321 to Bn FDC-Short rounds hit kneecap personnel at grid XT6318 at this time. Dusted off all of them. 4 US KIA 9 US WIA.	Not D/A MH
15.	1850	Fr Div Arty to Bn FDC-Photo mission in grids XT6909 & XS7183 from 2020-2050 hrs.	Not FDC LN
16.	2145	Fr Bde to Bn (FDC-2/27 will eagle flight to south with support remaining at FSB Pope.)	Not D/A LN
17.	2200	Fr Div Arty to Bn FDC-ARVN photo mission in grids XT755206, XT743320, XT745279, & XT770225 from 292230 Dec-300030 Dec.	Not Btrys LN
18.	2350	Fr Trang Bang to Bn FDC-At 2345 hrs, Trang Bang in contact with unknown VC force. Receiving mortar rounds, B/3/13 firing into grid XT534168. 10 ARVN WIA.	Not D/A MH
19.	2400	Journal Closed.	J.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

During the reporting period, enemy contact was moderate. There was no positive or significant surveillance from Arty this date. Totals are as follows:

PERSONNEL
KIA (BC) 366 WIA (POSS) 1607

	DBS	DAM
1. Weapons		
a. Mortars	17	2
b. MGs	6	2
2. Buildings	273	116
3. Ammo dumps	1	0
4. Bridges	10	0
5. Trenches	3	0
6. Sampans	97	7
7. Vehicles	3	3
8. Boats	14	0
9. Sec exp	86	0
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7. Supporting Forces:

a. Air Support:

General: Tactical aircraft 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 18 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.

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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.

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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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ITEM: Troop in the field should be alert to the possibility of ~~of~~ parathion (insecticide containing toxins which are harmful to ~~man~~) being used in the rice paddies and other cultivated agricultural areas.

DISCUSSION: Parathion is used in Vietnam as an insecticide especially in rice paddies. Poisoning may result from agricultural products heavily contaminated by parathion in the following ways: Through the skin, the mucous membranes, the gastrointestinal tract, and the lungs. Toxic signs and symptoms are mainly confined to the effects of the insecticide upon: The eyes, intestines, muscles, lungs, and nervous system.

OBSERVATION: The best treatment and the most effective is the immediate injection of atropine since parathion is akin to nerve gas. The patient is to be considered a medical emergency and must have the care of a medical doctor without delay.

1-27 INF: Remained at ~~On Chi Di Camp~~. Recon platoon provided security for PHU HOA BONG 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, XT-577172, 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 WIA damage to helicopter unknown. At 1450 hrs, vic XT520203 Co A received unknown amount of S/A fire resulting in 1 US WIA, returned fire with S/A fire, with negative casualties.

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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, XT-510265, 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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requires less power, hence less RPM loss.

OBSERVATION: The takeoff from the ground should be employed to prevent accidents due to loss of RPM.

ITEM: Inspection of captured rice prior to distribution in Civic Action.

DISCUSSION: A quantity of captured rice was found to have been treated with a chemical insecticide making it unfit for human consumption. To insure that the captured rice is not contaminated, it should be immediately dispatched through S-2 channels for analysis.

OBSERVATION: Captured rice should be analyzed to determine suitability for human consumption prior to distribution in civic action projects.

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ITEM: Destruction of Rice.

DISCUSSION: On several occasions, caches of rice were discovered that were not able to be evacuated. The problem arose as to how this rice could effectively be destroyed.

OBSERVATION: It was found that by soaking the rice with diesel fuel, inserting bangalore torpedos into the rice and blowing it was effective. To insure that all the rice was denied use by the enemy, 55 gal drums of CS agent with detonation devices were dropped from helicopters on the rice.

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1.	0001	Journal Open.	J.
2.	0130	Fr Div Arty to Bn FDC-VT fuze lot #7043 RCA temporarily suspended.	Not Btrys RB
3.	0200	Fr Div Arty to Bn FDC-Photo missions in grids XT0645 & XT7411 from 1900-2200 hrs, in grids XT0500, XT2227 XT2828 from 0330-0430 hrs.	Not B/3/13 RB
4.	0300	Fr 4/23 LNO to Bn FDC-At 2245 hrs last night, A/4/23 received sniper fire. At 2335 hrs last night, A/4/23 received small arms fire. At 0015 hrs today, A/4/23 had 4 US KIA & 5 US WIA from receiving 15 RPG rounds. Wounded personnel were dusted off.	Not D/A WM
5.	0540	Fr B/1/8 to Bn FDC-B/1/8 departed Cu Chi at this time to move to ESB York.	Not D/A CN
6.	0645	Fr B/1/8 to Bn FDC-B/1/8 closed PSB York, vic grid XT533195 at this time.	Not D/A CN
7.	0648	Fr Btrys to Bn FDC-Ammo report: A/1/8 946 HE 237 WP 445 ILL 113 SMK 60 BH; B/1/8 832 HE 99 WP 237 ILL 44 SMK 60 BH; C/1/8 913 HE 70 WP 158 ILL 46 SMK 60 BH; A/6/77 906 HE 75 WP 123 ILL 50 SMK 60 BH; B/3/13 2300 HE 751 WP 253 ILL 109 SMK.	Not D/A RB
8.	0648	Fr Btrys to Bn FDC-H&I report; A/1/8 31 missions 79 rounds expended; B/1/8 28 missions 85 rounds expended; C/1/8 56 missions 112 rounds expended; A/6/77 118 missions 171 rounds expended.	Not D/A RB
9.	0800	Fr B/1/8 to Bn FDC-B/1/8 laid & ready to fire at 0755 hrs.	Not D/A WM
10.	0810	Fr B/1/8 to Bn FDC-B/1/27 elements had cold LZ at grid XT500222.	Not D/A WM
11.	0845	Fr B/1/8 to Bn FDC-C/1/27 had cold LZ at grid XT528211 at this time.	Not D/A MH
12.	0910	Fr C/1/8 to Bn FDC-C/1/27 destroyed 2 bunkers at grid XT515288 at this time.	Not D/A MH
13.	0913	Fr B/1/8 to Bn FDC-B/1/8 found a 60mm dud at grid XT543178.	Not EOD MH
14.	0930	Fr C/1/8 to Bn FDC-1/27 element at grid XT514292 found 1 hooch with a false bottom. Under hooch was an undetermined amount of loose rice.	Not D/A JR
15.	0940	Fr B/1/8 to Bn FDC-The road blocks on the road to Trung Lap that were believed to be boobytrapped were removed. They were not boobytrapped.	Not D/A MH

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16.	0945	Fr C/1/8 to Bn FDC-1/27 element at grid XT549317 found 10 10lbs bags of rice at this time.	Not D/A MH
17.	0950	Fr Div Arty to Bn FDC-Photo missions in grids XT5808 XT6708 XS 5894 XS6794 from 0955-1020 hrs.	Not Btrys MH
18.	1020	Fr Div Arty to Bn FDC-3/17 Cav conducting airmobile operations in grid XT6323 from 1300-1500 hrs.	Not A/1/8 JR
19.	1130	Fr Div Arty to Bn FDC-Photo missions in grids XS5789 XS6789 XS5894 XS6794 from 1115-1145 hrs.	Not Btrys JR
20.	1145	Fr C/1/8 to Bn FDC-Gunships engaged 1 VC at grid XT520265 at this time. 1 VC WIA, 1 womand & 1 child * killed. Dust off called in.	Not D/A JR
21.	1430	Fr Div Arty to Bn FDC-Photo mission in grid XT5931 from 1500-1515 hrs.	Not Btrys JR
22.	1555	Fr C/1/8 to Bn FDC-C/2/27, have 3 POW's at this time. They were found in a tunnel. C/2/27 still receiving fire from tunnel. C/2/27 threw grenades in tunnel, are checking it out now.	Not D/A JR
23.	1620	Fr LNO 2/27 to Bn FDC-2/27 captured 3 VC believed to be laborers for VC.	Not D/A PT
24.	1700	Fr LNO 2/27 to Bn FDC-The three VC captured earlier are members of the 153d Labor Group.	Not D/A PT
25.	1705	Fr B/1/8 to Bn FDC-2/27 were engaged by unknown size force at 1645 hrs. VC used automatic weapons & rifle grenades. C/2/27 found 2 VC graves & 1 VC KIA (BC) with pistol. At the same time A/2/27 engaged 3 VC with automatic weapons. Chinook was taken under fire & had 2 US WIA, VC losses unknown.	Not D/A JC
26.	1915	Fr 1st MI Det to Bn FDC-Binh Duong VC province committee has established a recruit training school in the Hoc Tran area, vic grid XT631409. The area are to be used for tactical training of recruits and are located in the Hoc Tram woods. Locations are grids XT6340 & along the Rach Ginh stream from XT657420 to XT645410. Preparations now being made to complete school facilities prior to 1 Jan 68, which has been designated as opening date fro training. A network of tunnels are being dug & supplies are being assembled. Approximately 200 men between (16-19 yrs) old will be trained for a period of one month. After completion of the school, it will be supervised by political & military cadre from Binh Duong Province. The men will be trained to reinforce units in the Binh Duong Province, expecially the (Cho Loi Bn.) The training area will be protected by 50 VC	Not S2 JC

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27.	2300	Fr A/1/8 to Bn FDC-A/1/8 fired 3 round of illumination for the ARVN's in grid XT725143. ARVN's under contact at this time.	Not D/A MH
28.	2330	Fr Fresh Carcass to Bn FDC-Fresh Carcass very grateful. They had to available artillery & they said that we "saved the day".	Not D/A WM
29.	2400	Journal Closed.	J.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

During the reporting period, enemy contact was light. There was no positive or significant from artillery this date. Totals are as follows:

PERSONNEL

KIA (BC) 366 KIA (POSS) 1607

	DES	DAM
1. Weapons		
a. Mortars	17	2
b. MG's	6	2
2. Buildings	273	116
3. Ammo dumps	1	0
4. Bridges	10	0
5. Trenches	3	0
6. Sampans	97	7
7. Vehicles	3	3
8. Boats	14	0
9. Sec exp	86	0
10. Bunkers	66	1

OPERATION SUMMARY

A/1/8 remained at Cu Chi. Battery B departed Cu Chi at 0540 hrs & closed FSB York at 0645 hrs, vic grid XT533195. C/1/8 remained at FSB Pope. A/6/77 remains attached to 1/8 and is at FSB Pope. B/3/13 remains attached to 1/8 and is at Go Dau Ha.

The total amount of ammunition expended since arrival in country is 392,532 rounds.

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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&B operations in AO SATURN vic XT465226, XT477231, XT474212, XT488222, XT

XT553196. 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&B operations in AO PLATO vic XT433267, XT435242, XT440235, XT483261, XT405290, XT385-288. 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 (IP) sustained 1 US WIA from back blast of claymore. At 0920 hrs, Co B vic XT427253 apprehended 1 detainee.

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1.	0001	Journal Open.		J.	
2.	0315	Fr Div Arty to Bn FDC-Arty moves for today: A/1/8 to Go Dau Ha, C/1/8 to Cu Chi, A/6/77 to York & Go Dau Ha, B/3/13 to McNair & Go Dau Ha.		Not FDC DW	
3.	0515	Fr A/1/8 to Bn FDC-A/1/8 departed Cu Chi at this time.		Not D/A JR	
4.	0600	Fr Btrys to Bn FDC-Ammo report; C/1/8 1222 HE 70MP 148 ILL 46SMK 60 BH; A/6/77 1226 HE 75 WP 123 ILL 50 SMK 60 BH.		Not D/A JR	
5.	0645	Fr B/3/13 to Bn FDC-B/3/13 departed Go Dau Ha at this time for FSB McNair.		Not D/A JR	
6.	0700	Fr Killer 5 to Bn FDC-A/1/27 element closed FSB York at this time.		Not D/A PN	
7.	0715	Fr B/3/13 to Bn FDC-B/3/13 closed FSB McNair at this time.		Not D/A JR	
8.	0805	Fr A/1/8 to Bn FDC-A/1/8 closed Go Dau Ha at this time.		Not D/A JR	
9.	0815	Fr B/1/8 to Bn FDC-A/1/27 element had a cold/LZ at this time in grid XT582162.		Not D/A LR	
10.	0830	Fr Div Arty to Bn FDC-Div Arty requests and additional 155 battery for Cu Chi to arrive MLT evening of 3 Jan. This is in addition to the battery at Go Dau Ha.		Not 2PT JR	
11.	0925	Fr Div Arty to Bn FDC-Photo mission in grids XS75118308 & XT71250709 from 1205-1215 hrs.		Not FDC RB	
12.	0940	Fr Maj Ramos to Bn FDC-A/6/77 completed 15 sorties at this time.		Not D/A JR	
13.	1000	Fr A/1/8 to Bn FDC-B/2/27 picked up 1 detainee at this time. Grid not given.		Not D/A RB	
14.	1105	Fr Btrys to Bn FDC-A/6/77 departed FSB York at 0930 hrs & closed Go Dau Ha at 0950 hrs. C/1/8 departed FSB (PoP) at 1100 hrs.		Not D/A RB	
15.	1125	Fr A/6/77 to Bn FDC-A/6/77 laid & ready to fire.		Not D/A JR	
16.	1155	Fr Div Arty to Bn FDC-Photo missions in grids XT7107 and XS7583 from 1200-1230 hrs.		Not D/A RB	
17.	1213	Fr B/3/13 to Bn FDC-B/1/27 has 3 MIA from a booby-trap in grid XT568182. They were dusted off.		Not D/A JR	
18.	1245	Fr C/1/8 to Bn FDC-C/1/8 closed Cu Chi at this time.		Not D/A PJ	
19.	1300	Fr Btrys to Bn FDC-A/6/77 location is grid XT415241. A/1/8 location is grid XT413239.		Not D/A PT	
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20.	1430	Fr B/3/13 to Bn FDC-B/3/13 departed FSB McNair at this time.	Not D/A MH
21.	1550	Fr B/3/13 to Bn FDC-B/3/13 closed Go Dau Ha at this time.	Not D/A MH
22.	1710	Fr B/1/8 to Bn FDC-11 A/1/27 elements closed base camp at this time.	Not D/A OP
23.	1803	Fr Div Arty to Bn FDC-Photo mission in grids XT698096 & XS715834 from 2015-2115 hrs.	Not D/A OP
24.	2130	Fr B/1/8 to Bn FDC-D/1/27 got two VC KIA (BC) from hand grenades at this time. Grid not given	Not D/A MH
25.	2400	Journal Closed.	J.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

During the reporting period, enemy contact was light. There was no positive or significant surveillance from Arty this date. Totals are as follows:

PERSONNEL

KIA (BC) 366 KIA (POSS) 1607

	DES	DAM
1. Weapons		
a. Mortars	17	2
b. MG's	6	2
2. Buildings	273	116
3. Ammo dumps	1	0
4. Bridges	10	0
5. Trenches	3	0
6. Sampans	97	7
7. Vehicles	3	3
8. Boats	14	0
9. Sec exp	86	0
10. Bunkers	66	1

OPERATION SUMMARY

A/1/8 departed Cu Chi at 0515 hrs & closed Go Dau Ha, vic grid XT417239, at 0805 hrs. B/1/8 remained at FSB York, vic grid XT583231. C/1/8 departed departed FSB Pope at 1100 hrs & closed Cu Chi at 1245 hrs. A/6/77 remains attached to 1/8. A/6/77 departed FSB Pope at 0715 hrs & closed Go Dau Ha at 0950 hrs. B/3/13 remains

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OPERATION SUMMARY CONT

attached to 1/8. Battery B/3/13 departed Co Dau Ha at 0645 hrs & closed FSB McNair, vic grid XT450294, at 0715 hrs. B/3/13 departed FSB McNair at 1430 hrs & closed Co Dau Ha t 1550 hrs.

The total amount of ammunition expended in since arrival in country is 394,321 rounds.

LATE ENTRY

Fr A/1/8 to Bn FDC-In grid XT595163. A/1/8 found a large amount of blood. Killer is credited with one VC KIA (BC). Time not given.

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