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d. Army Aviation. There were 18,313 sorties, 3,217 combat missions, 8,933 hours flown, and 32,592 passengers carried. The armed helicopter section expended, 1,036,040 rounds of 7.62mm machine gun ammunition, 890 rounds of 5.62 mm rifle ammunition, 14,142 rounds of 40mm grenades, and 4,075 aerial rockets in support of combat operations. These missions resulted in the destruction of 17 structures, 22 VC killed by Army Aviation (KBAA) (BC), and 106 VC killed.

e. Intelligence.

(1) VC Activity.

(a) General: During November and December VC efforts consisted primarily of efforts to delay allied clearing operations, counter sweep operations, and harrassing activities along Main Supply Routes (MSR) and vicinity of base camps and field locations. During the last month of the reporting period VC offensive activity increased. This increased activity was a result of the VC Winter - Spring campaign which began approximately 1 January 68.

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(b) VC Tactics: VC activity during November

was directed at countering allied sweep operations in HAU NGHIA, Southern TAY NINH and Western BINH DUONG Provinces. In December, simultaneous with the beginning of Operation YELLOWSTONE, counter-sweep operations were conducted primarily in War Zone "C". At the beginning of January the VC reverted from a defensive to an offensive posture with the most notable attacks, those at FSB Burt on 1-2 January and the attacks in the SAIGON area on 31 January. In addition to the ground attacks, there was a notable increase in attacks by fire. These attacks, beginning immediately after YELLOWSTONE was initiated, were directed at Base Camps and field CP's. 122mm Rockets were employed on several occasions in attacks at KATUN, DAU TIENG, and CU CHI Base Camps.

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(2) Significant Contacts.

(a) On 20 December at 0140 the 4th Battalion, 9th Infantry received an attack of approximately 250 rounds of 60mm and 82mm mortar fire and an unknown number of small arms. At FSB BEAUREGARD (XT3885). They returned fire with small arms, automatic weapons, artillery, light fire teams, and air strikes. Documents captured indicated that elements of the 2nd and 3d Battalions, 141st NVA Regiment conducted the attack. Results: 6 US KIA and 22 US WIA. VC losses were 40 VC KIA (BC), 33 VC KIA (poss). Also 15 AK-47 rifles, 4 Russian machine guns, 1 CHI COM rifle, 1 RPG-2 launcher, 1 RPG-7 launcher, 1 M-1 rifle, 1 unknown light machine gun, 2 9mm pistols, and 1 PRC-10 radio.

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