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S3 HQ, 1st Bn 8th Arty. APO 96225		Cu Chi XT 654 154	FROM HOUR 0001	TO DATE 25 Jan 68 HOUR 1930
1.	0001	Journal Open.	J.	
2.	0350	B/3/13-3 tubes are operational, 1 tube has bad track, 1 track has faulty electrical system. Both are now at 725th Maint at Cu Chi.	Not D/A LN	
3.	0540	Div Arty-Arty moves; A/6/77 to FSB Shafter & B/3/13 to Ban Tieng.	Not FDC LN	
4.	0640	Maj Ramos-A/6/77 is to remain in position until released by him.	Not A/6/77 LN	
5.	0700	B/3/13-B/3/13 departed for FSB Putnam.	Not D/A WH	
6.	0805	B/3/13 closed FSB Putnam at 0755 hrs.	Not D/A VC	
7.	0805	B/3/13-B/3/13 laid & ready to fire at this time.	Not D/A VC	
8.	0838	Bn FDC to Hotshot B-1/8 request 2 dusters be on 1 hour alert to act as escort to A/1/8 if they move to Trung Lap.	Not D/A LN	
9.	0900	Div Arty-Photo mission in grids XT4302, XT 4603 XT3498 XT4693 from 1200-1230 hrs.	Not CC Arty VC	
10.	1100	A/6/77-A/6/77 departed FSB McClellan for FSB Shafter at this time.	Not D/A SR	
11.	1220	Bn FDC to Div Arty-Message sent regarding A/1/8 has only 5 guns, 1 gun in ordnance.	Not D/A CG	
12.	1230	A/6/77- /6/77 received small arms fire at grid XT638258. Returned fire with small arms & M79. Negative casualties. Incident took place at 1200 hrs.	Not D/A JR	
13.	1310	A/6/77-A/6/77 closed FSB Putnam at this time.	Not D/A VC	
14.	1410	Maj Ramos: A/1/8 will not move today. They will be prepared to move on 1 hr notice starting at 0600 hrs tomorrow.	Not A/1/8 CG	
15.	1810	Maj Ramos-B/3/13 departed FSB Putnam for Cu Chi at this time.	Not D/A PT	
16.	1830	Div Arty-Photo mission in grids XS3478 4286 4965 5673 from 0030-1300 hrs tomorrow.	Not Btrys RB	
17.	1900	Fwd FDC-A/1/8 & B/1/8 expended 253 rounds in grid XT464106. 1 VC RH (DC), 3 sampans destroyed. TOT on supplies along river.	Not D/A PT	
18.	1930	B/3/13-B/3/13 closed Cu Chi at this time.	Not D/A OP	
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			HOUR 1950	DATE 25 Jan 68	HOUR 2400
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19.	1950	Bde-Bde elements had 2 VC KIA (BC), 2 sampans destroyed, 1 sampan damaged in grid XT401107 at 1910 hrs.	Not D/A VC		
20.	2000	Div Arty-Photo mission in grid XT6801 X32376 from 2100-2150 hrs.	Not D/A VC		
21.	2025	B/3/13-B/3/13 laid & ready to fire at 2000 hrs.	Not D/A VC		
22.	2045	Killer 10-Killer 10 fired 42 rounds in grid XT664443. Fire mission was fired because lights were spotted in above mentioned grid.	Not D/A VC		
23.	2145	A/6/77-A/6/77 reports receiving rounds at 2125 hrs. B/1/5 Mech has 5 US KIA; 2 serious. LNO 1/5 Mech reports receiving 10 rounds, negative casualties or damage. LNO 1/5 Mech reports another US KIA for B/1/5 Mech bringing total to 6 US KIA. All KIA's were dusted off. A/6/77 negative casualties or damage. Grid not given.	Not D/A VC		
24.	2245	Cu Chi sub sector-Fire mission given to B/6/77. Expended 13 rounds of illumination in grid ?	Not D/A VC		
25.	2250	Killer 10-Fire mission grid XT6624. Given to A/6/77.	Not A/6/77 VC		
26.	2400	Journal Closed.	J.		
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY					
During the reporting period, enemy contact was light. A/1/8 & B/1/8 fired a combined mission which resulted in 1 VC KIA (BC) and 3 sampans destroyed. Totals are as follows:					
PERSONNEL					
KIA (BC) 503 KIA (POSS) 1619					
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 104 7					
7. Vehicles 3 3					
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8.		Boats 14 0	
9.		Sec exp 86 0	
10.		Bunkers 72 5	
PLANS & SUMMARY			
MOVES: B/3/13 moved from Go Dau Ha to FSB Putnam, via grid XT521187, & then to Cu Chi base camp. A/6/77 moved from FSB McClellan to FSB Shafter, via grid XT653254.			
PLANNED MOVES FOR 26 Jan: A/1/8 from Cu Chi to FSB Patton & then to FSB Houston. B/1/8 & C/1/8 from FSB Reed to FSB Butler & back to FSB Reed.			
OTHER SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION: A/6/77, B/6/77 & B/3/13 remain attached to 1/8 Arty.			
The total amount of ammunition expended since arrival in country is 425,510 rounds.			
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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.

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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 overlooming 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 diatribe LFT spotted several VC and engaged at XT750162. At 1625 hours Company C reported 5 VC (BC). At 1630 hours (Dienhenhoo) LFT reported sinking one sampn 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.

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)
Cpt Herbert C. Cheneoy
Cpt Robert L. Morphyll
(26 Jan 68 to 18 Feb 68)
1Lt Richard J. Freire
(18 Feb 68 to Present)
1Lt Charles J. Boyle
Cpt William J. Monahan
2Lt Steven A. Wildor
1Lt Philip J. Hallisy

Company A, 3-22 Infantry
Company B, 3-22 Infantry

Company C, 3-22 Infantry
Company D, 3-22 Infantry
Reconnaissance Platoon
Heavy Weapons Platoon

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

2-27 INF: Conducted airborne combat assaults to LZ's via XT478048, XT458038, XT452044, XT564097, XT540013, XT517096 XT567082, XT75026, XT522094. Company C provided 1 platoon for security of Engineers mine sweep operations of route 10 via XT695143 to Sugar Mill via XT437072. ~~Provided 1 platoon to secure artillery at Sugar Mill via XT437072 and provided 1 composite platoon to secure the Battalion night location via XT460138.~~ At 1145 hrs, supporting gunships via XT460042 received A/W fire, negative hits. At 1615 hrs, Company A via XT564056 engaged 1 VC with S/A, resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC). At 1645 hrs, supporting gunships via 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 via XT655233. Scout platoon provided security for Rome Flow cutting operations via XT642237. Company A 2-34 ARMOR provided security for the Battalion night location via XT651260, and conducted maintenance and provided the Battalion ready reactions force. At 1830 hrs, supporting gunships via XT610238 engaged unknown number of VC, resulting in 2 VC KIA (BC). At 2110 hrs, Battalion night location via 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 via XT647255 a Rome Flow detonated an AT mine, (30 lb tilt rod), negative casualties minor damage to Flow. At 0825 hrs, Recon platoon via XT643248 a Rome Flow detonated an AT mine, (40 lb tilt rod) negative casualties, minor damage to Flow. At 0912 hrs, Recon platoon via XT644247 a Rome Flow detonated an AT mine, negative casualties, Flow blade in operable. At 0925 hrs, Company B via XT655241 received RFG and S/A fire, lead APC was hit with 2 RPG rounds, returned fire with S/A, A/W and M79 resulting in 1 US WIA and APC combat loss. At 1000 hrs, Company C via XT654320 located 4 graves containing 4 VC KIA (EC). At 1119 hrs, Company C via XT657244 a Rome Flow detonated a 30 lb tilt rod mine negative casualties or damage to Flow. At 1122 hrs, Company C via XT657244 a Rome Flow detonated a 30 lb tilt rod mine, negative casualties or damage to Flow. At 1200 hrs, Company C via XT634238 located 1 VC KIA (BC) from air strikes. At 1606 hrs, supporting artillery claim 2 VC KIA (BC). At 1650 hrs, Company A via XT659249 located and destroyed 700 lbs of polished rice. At 1910 hrs, supporting FAC via XT401107 engaged 3 sampans with artillery carrying supplies, resulting in 2 VC KIA (BC). At 1450 hrs, Bde C&C ship via XT421100 engaged 3 VC in sampan, resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC).

3-22 INF: ~~Effective 260930 hrs, 3-22 INF became ORCON to 2d Bde. Conducted convoy from Dau Tieng to via XT777447 where they established and secured a new night location, located at 1550 hrs.~~

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1.	0001		Journal Open.		J.
2.	0015		Hotshot B-1/8 notified Hotshot B to have 2 dusters move with A/1/8 to meet wheel convoy NLT 0630 hrs. B-42's will go with wheel convoy to FSB Reed instead of with A/1/8.	Not A/1/8	LN
3.	0020		Div Arty-Radar down for transmitter.	Not S2	RS
4.	0130		Div Arty-Radar operational.	Not S2	RS
5.	0515		Div Arty-Arty moves for today: C/2/77 to Cu Chi: HQ/6/77 to Cu Chi base camp: 2 platoons of A/1/27 Arty from FSB Sill to FSB Sheridan & back to FSB Sill. A/1/8 from FSB Patton to Cu Chi: B/1/8 & C/2/8 from FSB Reed to FSB Houston & back to Reed.	Not FDC	LN
6.	0700		A/1/8-A/1/8 march ordered at this time.	Not D/A	JR
7.	0745		Div Arty-HQ/6/77 is General Support Reinforcing to 1/8 Arty. A/6/77, B/6/77, & B/3/13 are detached from 1/8 Arty.	Not FDC	CG
7.	0800		B/1/8 & C/2/8 departed FSB Reed at this time.	Not D/A	RB
8.	0955		Fwd FDC-B/1/8 closed FSB Houston at 0910 hrs. At 0920 hrs, C/2/8 departed FSB Reed.	Not D/A	RB
9.	0958		A/6/77-B/1/5 Mech had contact at 0940 hrs in grid XT660245. Received RPG's, mortar & small arms fire. 1 APC combat loss, 1 US MIA dusted off, 1 US MIA not dusted off.	Not D/A	PT
10.	1020		A/1/8-A/1/8 battery center is grid XT69095.	Not D/A	PT
11.	1040		Fwd FDC-A/1/8 closed FSB Patton at 1015 hrs. C/2/8 closed FSB Houston at 1020 hrs. Fwd FDC closed FSB Houston at 1020 hrs.	Not D/A	PT
12.	1230		B/1/8-B/1/8 expended 171 rounds for a prep in grid XT453036. C/2/8 expended 126 rounds for a prep in grid XT454054.	Not D/A	PT
13.	1400		Div Arty-Photo mission in grid XS5986 at 1500-1530 hrs.	Not D/A	RB
14.	1525		A/1/8-PO from 3/4Cav found 1 VC in a hole with an M2 carbine. He gave himself up along with wife & mother-in-law. VC showed hole with M60 in it, grid XT571231.	Not D/A. OP	

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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 B (-) conducted airmobile combat assaults to LZ's vic XS584977 to establish and secure a new Battalion night location XS584977.~~ 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 air-lifted to the Battalion night location vic ~~XS584977~~.

2-27 INF: At 0700 hrs, ~~conducted convoy from Cu Chi Base Camp enroute to the Battalion 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 XT468137 was forced to land due to catching on fire. Slick flipped over and caught on fire and slick was flying over the main area and it received fragmentation from the slick 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 (EC).

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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.

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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 (EC). At 1300 hrs, supporting gunships vic XT749151 engaged 1 VC, resulting in 1 VC KIA (EC). At 1345 hrs, supporting gunships vic XT749158 engaged 2 VC, resulting in 2 VC KIA (EC). At 1350 hrs, Company A vic XT755158 engaged 2 VC with S/A, resulting in 2 VC KIA (EC). At 1628 hrs, Company C vic XT750162 received S/A fire from unknown number of VC resulting in 5 VC KIA (EC). 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.	0001	Journal Open.	J.		
2.	0115	A/1/8-A/1/8 received incoming mortar rounds at 0100 hrs. mortars ceased at 0105 hrs. Negative casualties or damage. Mortars coming in again at 0110 hrs.	Not D/A	LN	
3.	0130	Trang Bang At 0035 hrs, Trang Bang received incoming mortar rounds from Grid XT503215. At 0105, they received incoming recoilless rifle fire in grid XT488194. 2 ARVN KIA, 39 ARVN KIA, 6 VC KIA (BC).	Not D/A	PT	
4.	0530	Div Arty-Arty moves for today: HQ, B, & 3/1/8 to 1st Bn 8th Arty A/1/8 to FSB McArthur.	Not FDC	LN	
5.	0648	A/1/8-A/1/8 departed Go Dau Ha at this time.	Not D/A	LN	
6.	0727	A/1/8-A/1/8 reports that culvert 2 clicks north of Trang Bang has been blown making the road impassable.	Not D/A	JJ	
7.	0825	B/1/8-B/1/8 departed FSB Reed at this time.	Not D/A	VC	
8.	0855	A/1/8-A/1/8 closed FSB McArthur at this time.	Not D/A	JR	
9.	0900	Div Arty-C/2/77 Arty attached to 1/8 Arty today.	Not FDC	VC	
10.	0907	B/1/8-B/1/8 closed FSB Reed at this time new 535015 B stopped here for a while	Not D/A	VC	
11.	1135	C/1/8-C/1/8 laid a mine to fire at FSB Reed .	Not D/A	JR	
12.	1155	C/2/77-C/2/77 firing on a bunker complex in grid XT752160. Firing for Bde.	Not D/A	VC	
13.	1520	B/1/8-B/1/8 closed FSB Reed at this time .	Not D/A	JR	
14.	1555	A/1/8-A/1/8 departed FSB McArthur at this time.	Not D/A	VC	
15.	1735	A/1/8 closed Go Dau Ha at this time.	Not B/A	VC	
16.	1840	Div Arty-Photo mission in grids XS3478 XS4286 XS4965 from 0400-0500 hrs tomorrow.	Not FDC	RB	
17.	1840	Maj Carleton-At 1930 hrs fire all BANMA fire zone A, B, & C. Sectors Cedar, Hickory, Birch & Oak to check BANMA plan.	Not D/A	VC	
18.	1915	A/1/8-A/1/8 fired a mission in grid XM411128 and got 2 VC KIA (POSS) & 1 sampan destroyed.	Not D/A	OP	
19.	2000	Div Arty-No 1st Div troops in the Iron Triangle.	Not FDC	PT	
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20.	2000	Maj Ramos-The 2 searchlights from Hotshot I will be used at FSB Crockett.			Not D/A 2 LH
21.	2225	Fwd FDC-D/1/27 LP reporting rifle grenades landing 75 meters to their front. Grid not given.			Not FDC RD
22.	2357	Fwd FDC-C/6/77 will support 2/27 at 0630 hrs tomorrow.			Not FDC VC
23.	2400	Journal Closed.			J.
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY					
During the reporting period, enemy contact was light. A/1/8 fired a mission that resulted in 1 sampen destroyed at 2 VC KIA (POSS). Totals are as follows:					
PERSONNEL					
KIA (BC) 503 KIA(POSS) 1621					
1. Weapons					
a. Mortars					
b. MG's					
2. Buildings					
3. Ammo dumps					
4. Bridges					
5. Trenches					
6. Sampans					
7. Vehicles					
c. Boats					
9. Sec exp					
10. Bunkers					
PLANS & SUMMARY					
MOVES: A/1/8 moved to FSB McArthur, vic grid XT518218. HQ B. & C/1/8 moved to FSB Remains, vic grid XT551270.					
PLANNED MOVES FOR 28 Jan: None					
OTHER SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION: C/2/77 was attached to 1/8 Arty.					
The total amount of ammunition expended since arrival in country is 426,675 rounds.					
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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 (EC). At 1400 hours
Company B vicinity XT747165 found 2 bunkers 6x3x4, 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.

1-27 INF: Company D conducted Reconnaissance in force operations from the Battalion's 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 Battalion's 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 A vic XS587972 received 8-10 rounds of S/A fire, negative casualties. At 1321 hrs, Company B vic XS570951 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. At 0940 hrs, became OFCON to company C released OFCON at 1700 hrs, to Battalion control. Company B Remained Cu Chi Base Camp provided 3 platoons size ambush patrols vic of Cu Chi Base Camp. At 0945 hrs, supporting UH1D vic XT649288 received an unknown amount of A/A fire when lifting off of LZ, negative hits. At 0945 hrs, Company A vic XT678223 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 XT659235 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, XT645235. 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 OFCON to Company C 4-23 at 0940 hrs. At 1115 hrs, Company A vic XT661252 an EM detonated a booby trapped chicom grenade resulting in 3 US WIA's.

3-22 INF: Remain OFCON 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 1344 hrs, Co C vic XT747165 located 1 VC KIA (BC) resulting from gunshot wounds. At 1800 hrs, supporting artillery vic XT421128 Brigade and LNO FAC engaged 1 sampan carrying supplies and 2 VC, resulting in 2 VC KIA (BC). At 1949 hrs, Supporting FAC vic XT635110 received unknown number of sniper rounds, negative hits.

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ITEM NO.	TIME IN	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
1.	0001	Journal Open.	J.
2.	0200	Trang Bang-Request clearance to fire in & around soccer field. Negative clearance given.	Haj Carleton VC
3.	0510	Div Arty-Arty moves for today: A/1/8 from Go Dau Ha to FSB McArthur & back to Go Dau Ha.	Not FDC LM
4.	0645	A/1/8-A/1/8 departed Go Dau Ha for FSB McArthur at this time.	Not D/A WH
5.	0745	A/1/8-A/1/8 closed FSB McArthur at this time.	Not D/A CG
6.	1120	LNO 1/5 Mech-A/1/5 Mech in grid XT662254 has 3 MIA, 2 litter, 1 ambulatory at this time. All 3 will be dusted off.	Not D/A VC
7.	1125	3/4Cav-3/4Cav wants to escort A/1/8 to Go Dau Ha tonight & tomorrow to FSB Patton. They will remain as security with A/1/8 until after TET.	Not D/A CG
8.	1300	Fwd FDC D/1/27 spotted 3 personnel, who ran when they spotted US troops. Fired at them with small arms, negative results. A/1/8 expended 44 rounds for a fire mission in grids XT5653, 5.	Not D/A VC
9.	1620	Fwd FDC-D/2/27 destroyed 13 tunnels, 8 bunkers, 4 stick mines, 3 Chicom grenades, & 5 butterfly bombs in grid XT654254.	Not FDC VC
10.	1650	A/1/8-C/3/4 Cav vehicle hit a mine, 4 US MIA at this time. Grid not given.	Not FDC JA
11.	1825	A/1/8-A/1/8 found a 10 lb mine in road at this time. They will blow it in place.	Not FDC JR
12.	1910	A/1/8-A/1/8 closed Go Dau Ha at this time.	Not D/A JR
13.	2130	Bde-Intelligence Report: 26th VC Co passed through grids X8490985 & X8490967. They plan to attack Bao Trai.	Not FDC VC
14.	2254	Bn FDC-Bn FDC requested Radio Research to attempt to check Miller Admin Net. The net appears to be deliberately jammed.	Not FDC LM
15.	2400	Journal Closed.	J.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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was light. There was no positive or significant surveillance from Arty. Totals are as follows:

PERSONNEL

KIA (BC) 503 KIA (POSS) 1621

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	105	7
7. Vehicles	3	3
8. Boats	14	0
9. Sec exp	86	0
10. Bunkers	72	5

PLANS & SUMMARY

MOVES: A/1/8 moved from Go Dau Ha to FSB McArthur & back to Go Dau Ha.

PLANNED MOVES FOR 29 Jan: None

OTHER SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION: 6/2/77 remains attached to 1/8 Arty.

The total amount of ammunition expended since arrival in country is 427,010 rounds.

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(7) ~~29 January 1968 207 Infantry~~ ~~converted night~~
~~combat elements into~~ ~~Northern~~ Woods to reinforce Aero Rifles
of Troop D, ~~3rd Squadron 4th~~ ~~Reg~~ Contact continued throughout
the night. All units were extracted the following morning.

3/22 a. 29 Jan - At 1150 hours Company C reported heavy contact at XT752163, 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.

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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 XT65120 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 vic 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 LF 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 XT755162 received unknown number of sniper rounds, sustained 2 US KIA and 1 US WIA, 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/L 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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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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1.	0001	Journal Open.	
2.	0015	Div Arty-Photo mission in grid XT625385 at this time.	
3.	0600	Div Arty-Arty moves for today: A/1/8 to FSB Patton.	
4.	0726	A/1/8-A/1/8 departed Go Dau Ha at this time.	
5.	0825	A/1/8-A/1/8 closed FSB Patton, south, at 0823 hrs.	
6.	1210	6/1/77-A/6/1/77 fired 46 rounds in grid XT642295, 1 VC KIA (POSS) & 2 bunkers destroyed.	
7.	1250	Div Arty-Air strike in grid XT7516 at 1310 hrs.	
8.	1530	A/1/8-A/1/8 march ordered to Go Dau Ha at this time.	
9.	1540	C/2/77-C/2/77 have received their TET cease fire instructions.	
10.	1540	Maj Walker- is issued TET cease fire instructions with A/1/8 BC.	
11.	1550	A/1/8-A/1/8 departed FSB Patton at this time.	
12.	1620	Bde-3/4 Cav in contact at this time in grid XT595303.	
13.	1820	Maj Carleton-CO 25th Div Arty says Arty fire is on until contact is broken in grid XT594304.	
14.	1830	Bde-8/2/27 in contact at 1738 hrs with some VC that 3/4 Cav had contact with. Both units receiving RPG's & grenades, contact too close to use Arty. Trojan 6 will take command of both units during contact. Specky ship up now for illumination. 3/4 Cav has 4 US KIA, 10 US WIA. C/2/27 has 10 US WIA, VC losses unknown at this time.	
15.	1835	A/1/8-A/1/8 returned to FSB Patton at this time.	
16.	1850	A/1/8-A/1/8 laid & ready to fire at this time.	
17.	1915	Div Arty- Defensive targets & M&I's cannot be fired after contact ends. If they are to be fired, they must be fired during contact.	
18.	1956	Maj Ramos- Do not fire any missions without Killer 5 permission.	
19.	2100	C/2/77-C/2/77 reports LP engaged 4 VC at this time, grid XT744155. LP reports 4 VC KIA (POSS).	
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20.	2150	C/2/77-C/2/77 fired 5 rounds of illumination in grid XT724195 at a suspected VC location.		Not D/A LH																																				
21.	2230	Bde 3/22 reports seeing estimated VC BN moving south toward FSB Crockett. They appear to be carrying either recoilless rifles or RPG's.		Not D/A LH																																				
22.	2255	Div Arty-C-3 Division has granted permission to fire into grid XT744154 if Warrior 6 feels it is needed.		Not D/A LH																																				
23.	2400	Journal Closed.		J.																																				
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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 airborne 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 OTCON to Co C, and released OTCON effective 301333 hrs. 3rd platoon D Troop 3-4 Cav became OTCON to Co C at 1804 hrs. Battalion (-) conducted night airborne combat assaults to LZ vic XT5930 to reinforce 4th 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 spooks. 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 continues 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 40 VC 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~~

helmets, web gear and armed with AK47's, AK50's, RIG's and 7's and light machine gun. The Battalion (-) sustained 3 US KIA and 10 US WL 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 XT650850 on 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 WL 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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(c) On 29 January at 1625, just prior to the start of the 1968 TET Holiday Truce period, the Aero Rifles from Troop D, 3d Squadron, 4th Cavalry vicinity XT 594305 came into heavy contact with an estimated VC Bn force consisting of a recon unit from 272nd NVA Regiment and possibly elements from the local main force Battalions. Fire was returned with all available organic weapons, artillery, LFT, and spooky. The 2d Battalion, 27 Infantry conducted a night combat assault to reinforce the Aero Rifles. Results: 9 US KIA and 14 US WIA. VC Losses: 64 VC KIA (BC), 1 VC PW WIA, 4 AK-47 rifles, one 82mm mortar tube, and 1 RPG-2 rocket launcher.

10 US WIA. 34 4 US KIA 10 WIA.

(d) On 31 January the VC launched a large scale offensive in the SAIGON area. Troop B and C of the 3d Squadron, 4th Cavalry while moving to reinforce the Capital Military District area vicinity XS 90950 came into heavy contact with elements of the

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1.	0001	Journal Open.	J.				
2.	0005	Hotshot B-900 meters from Ambush gate, automatic weapons are being fired.	Not D/A LN				
3.	0015	Hotshot B-Firing reported Earlier is from TET celebration in Baka.	Not D/A LN				
4.	0145	4/27 elements contact 3/4 Cav as to 2/27 casualties. 1 US KIA, 4 US WIA, 7 US MIA. 2/27 will return to location today and try to find their missing.	Not D/A WH				
5.	0308	Discom-2 rifle grenades were received at the main gate at this time.	Not D/A LN				
6.	0335	Discom-Negative incoming or outgoing fire at this time. Negative casualties or damage.	Not D/A LN				
7.	0535	A/6/17 A/4/23 has 8 VC POW, 2 of them wounded. 15 more on perimeter at grid XT655238.	Not D/A LN				
8.	0720	Loyal 22-The POW's that 4/23 had taken said that they had been living under their base camp for the past few days.	Not D/A LN				
9.	0720	LNO 2/27-2/27 body count as of 300600: 36 VC KIA (BC) 21 for 2/27 & 15 for 3/4 Cav.	Not D/A LN				
10.	0730	Bde-At 0711 hrs in grid XT651260 4/23 Mech elements found 2 M2 Carbines.	Not FDC JA				
11.	0730	Bde-At 1930 hrs last night, 2/27 received automatic weapons fire in grid XT291930, results 15 VC KIA (BC). At grid XT559302, A/4/23 had 6 VC KIA (BC) at the same time.	Not D/A ZA				
12.	0800	Div Arty - Cancelled as of 30 Jan at 0950	Not Btys LN				
13.	0800	Fwd FDC-Sitrep for yesterday: D/1/27 found a bunker at grid XS572965. A/1/27 destroyed a bunker pit & 3 bunkers at XS573959. C/1/27 destroyed a bunker with overhead cover at XS571959. A/1/27 destroyed 2 bunkers at XS572963, C/1/27 destroyed a bunker at XS569953. D/1/27 destroyed a bunker & a dud 105mm round at XS571953. D/1/27 destroyed 15 bunkers at grid XS571960.	Not FDC VC				
14.	0910	Bde-At 0205 hrs this morning, Gunships engaged approximately 40 VC in grid XT577305. Results 24 VC KIA (BC). Negative US casualties.	Not D/A VC				
15.	1131	Fwd FDC-Extraction of 2/27 element will start at 1530 hrs.	Not FDC CG				
16.	1145	Bde-Total body count for 2/27 & 3/4 Cav. 65 VC KIA (BC) & 4 VC KIA (POS). 1/8 given 1 VC KIA (BC).	Not FDC OP				
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17.	1335	Maj Ramos-A/1/8 will move to Co Dau Ha approximately 1630 hrs. 3/4 Coy will provide security.	Not D/A CC																																							
18.	1500	A/1/8-2/27 element reported finding in grid XT596301 a field telephone, medical equipment, mortar fuzes, documents, grenades, 3 AK47's, 4 82mm rounds, 2 AK47 magazines, 1 butterfly bomb, 1 82mm with sight, 1 Chicom rifle & 13 VC KIA (BC).	Not D/A RT																																							
19.	2130	4/23 Mech-Prep in grids XT633232, 639233, 635231, 637230, & 637233 will be 1/2 HE & 1/2 WP.	Not FDC RT																																							
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(d) On 31 January the VC launched a large scale offensive in the SAIGON area. Troop B and C of the 3d Squadron, 4th Cavalry while moving to reinforce the Capital Military District area vicinity XS 90950 came into heavy contact with elements of the

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D-14 and the D-16 VC Battalions at 0708 hours. After an all day fight, contact was broken at 1530 hours. Results: 15 US KIA, 23 US WIA, 3 APC's and 1 tank destroyed. VC losses: 162 VC KIA (BC), 24 VC PW's, and numerous weapons, web gear, and documents.

(3) Conclusion: The tactics employed by the VC during the first two months of the reporting period were devised to delay the US sweep and clearing operations. Tactics during January were employed to compliment the Winter - Spring Campaign. The large number of attacks by fire are believed to have been conducted to cover the movement of VC forces to the SAIGON area and to cause as many casualties and as much damage as possible. By creating a threat on Base Camps the VC hoped to restrict allied reinforcing capabilities to the populated areas and political installations where their main ground efforts were directed.

1-27 INF: ~~Conducted Reconnaissance in Force Operations and~~
~~Airmobile combat assaults~~ ~~vic HOC MCN.~~ At 0346 hrs, Co B A/P 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 RVN units in~~
~~heavy contact (HOC MCN).~~ At 1232 hrs, the Battalion became
 OPCON to II FFV.

0745

12:30

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 1900 hrs, Battalion conducted airmobile
 combat assaults to H3 Saigon to reinforce the 3-4 Cav.

5:00

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

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 WIA 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 Recon
 naissance 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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S3 HQ, 1st Bn 8th Arty APO 96225		Cu Chi XT 654 154	FROM 0001 31 Jan 68 TO 1525 31 Jan 68
ITEM NO.	TIME	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
1.	0001	Journal Open.	J.
2.	0200	Div Arty-Photo mission in grids XT0645 & XT7411 from 0300-0500 hrs.	Not FDC VC
3.	0425	Maj Ramos-B/6/77 will be alerted to move at 1st light. Destination Tan Son Knut. Details to follow.	Not S3/6/77 LN
4.	0720	A/1/8-Due to 3/4Cav having heavy contact south, today's planned ball game is canceled. A/1/8 will remain in their present position until further notified.	Not FDC OP
5.	0800	Bde-A power ship will be flying in the following grids to try & persuade VC to becoming Chew Hoy's: XT6816 6221 6624 7220 6122 5718 7008 7211.	Not FDC OP
6.	0932	Fwd FDC-1/27 at ambush sight received automatic weapons fire & grenades from 0130-0900 hrs. A/1/27 had negative casualties. B/1/27 had 4 VC KIA (BC), 3 AK47's captured, 2 75mm recoilless rifles captured, 3 US WIA and 2 US KIA. C/1/27 had negative casualties. D/1/27 had 11 US WIA. HQ/1/27 had 1 WIA. B/1/8 had 1 US WIA & fired 83 rounds in support. C/1/8 had negative casualties & fired 109 rounds in support.	Not D/A CG
7.	1020	Trang Bang-Trang Bang reports a positive sighting of 2 VC companies at grid XT504202. VC are heading towards Trang Bang.	Not D/A CG
8.	1100	Discom-Maj Johnson gave a Red Alert . All personnel are to be placed under close supervision.	Not D/A CG
9.	1115	Blaster 5-OPCON of 1/8 & 6/77 elements passed from Blaster 6 to Blaster 5 at 1100 hrs. Execute all orders without question. Be prepared to move B/1/8 & C/2/8 by air on short notice. Check ammo situation carefully. Road between Cu Chi & FSB Creekett was blown. Engineers are repairing it now.	Not D/A CG
10.	1445	C/2/77-C/2/77 departed FSB Creekett at this time.	Not D/A RS
11.	1525	C/2/77-C/2/77 closed Cu Chi at this time.	Not D/A RS
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12.	1710	Maj Carleton-Hoch Mon bridge is intact & secure.	Not FDC CC
13.	1845	A/1/8-A/1/8 received 10 rounds approximately 800-900 meters from their position at this time.	Not FDC OP
14.	1945	Fwd FDC-C/1/8 closed grid XT746048 at 1715 hrs. B/1/8 closed Cu Chi at 1935 hrs.	Not D/A VC
15.	2000	Fwd FDC-B/1/8 receiving incoming mortar rounds at this time in grid XT579964. They are returning fire with Killer Jr.	Not D/A VC
16.	2100	B/1/8-B/1/8 took 10 rounds. Negative casualties, 4 generators destroyed.	Not FDC VC
17.	2400	Journal closed.	J.
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY			
During the reporting period, enemy contact was light. There was no positive or significant surveillance from Arty. Totals are as follows:			
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PLANS & SUMMARY			
MOVES: C/2/77 moved to Cu Chi. B/1/8 moved to Cu Chi. C/1/8 moved to grid XT746964.			
PLANNED MOVES FOR 1 Feb: None			
OTHER SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION: C/2/77 remained attached to 1/8 Arty.			
The total amount of ammunition expended since arrival in country is 428,616 rounds.			
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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.

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(b) SARATOGA (8 December 1967 - Continuing). This operations first phase ended on 31 January 1968 and corresponds with operation YELLOWSTONE and the last two months of the rice harvest. In conjunction with GVN forces and province officials, 25th Infantry Division (minus YELLOWSTONE forces) conducted operation in the TAOI portions of LONG AN, BINH DUONG, and NAM NGHIA Provinces; to pacify 25th Infantry Division's TAOI in the provinces; to secure that portion of the allied base area in the Division TAOI; to prevent VC rice taxation, harvesting, or transportation within the Division TAOI; and to destroy VC/NVA forces within the Division TAOI. The execution of SARATOGA was principally effected by the 2d Brigade, 25th Infantry Division and 3rd Squadron, 4th Cavalry.

During the month of December, 1967, the 2d Brigade, 25th Infantry Division's Operation SARATOGA was restricted because of the holiday truces and operations ATLANTA and CAMDEN. In January the operation got into full swing. During the period of 4-10 January 1968, there were two significant contacts in the vicinity of AP AN HOA (XT 7416) with one contact resulting in 74 VC KIA (BC). Multi-battalion combat assaults, search and destroy missions, and joint operations with ARVN units were conducted in the vicinity of TRUNG LAP (XT 5921) between

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11 January and the end of January. Home flow operations were conducted in the FILHOL PLANTATION and HOBO WOODS during January. Before moving the clearing operation from the FILHOL, a total of 4,325 acres had been cleared. By the end of January nearly 4,000 acres had been cleared in the HOBO. In conjunction with attacks on allied facilities in the SAIGON - TAN SON NHUT area during the period of 30 - 31 January 1968, the VC posed a threat to the 25th Infantry Division base camp at CU CHI, resulting in the 2d Brigade encountering sizable VC forces east and south of the CU CHI Base Camp (XT 6515). During the first two months of SARATOGA, the kill ratio has been ten to one in favor of US forces.

more than
stand by

0600 - read ~~100~~ 100 in 15-hrs 1 W/M (US air-cashier) find 1/27 SA 16/11 - good
0720 - 34 has heavy combat ^{transferred} suit. A18 ~~bulky~~ cancelled - remain.

0745 1/27 assaults HOC Mun. - ^{new} number of major marked ~~turn~~

¹¹¹ 10:20 ^{Surge} - ^{of} 4-27 Heavy ^{2VC} ^{camp} in HOC Bo, - 2VC ¹⁰ ^{at} 7 ⁱⁿ ^{the} ^{area}.
12:30 ANUN ^{with} under heavy attack. near HOC Mun. 1/27 ^{to}

airmobile to help.

- ^{B-1} ^{at} ^{the} ^{location} - ^{intell} ^{report}

13:45 We're on the road. to HOC Mun - bridge has been blown.

5:00 2-27 conduct airmobile to help ¹⁰ ^{at} ^{the} ^{location} ~~34~~ 314 in H-3 Surge ^{disturb}
heavy combat.

Convey record ~~3~~ ¹ ^{at} ^{the} ^{location}.

5:10 HOC Mun Bridge ~~scare~~ ^{we} ^{there} ^{Bmm} ^{later}.

10:40 1/27 under mortar attack - at last night's location.

10:10 ~~Be~~ ¹⁰ ^{at} ^{the} ^{location} ¹⁰ ^{at} ^{the} ^{location} ¹⁰ ^{at} ^{the} ^{location}.

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0730

~~3/4 Cav-3/4 Cav in heavy contact at this time in~~
~~grid YS7896.~~

*440 not
for 05.*

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2.

1950

Dusters-Flashlights seen in grid XT64421762 at
this time. Dusters are engaging.

Not D/A WH

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