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employed the 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division and the 3rd Squadron, 4th Cavalry to search and destroy VC forces and installations in an AO thought to house elements of Military Region (MR) IV, and that contained supply routes that continued to the ETIHOLO Plantation immediately north of the Division base camp at CU CHI and to the HO BO Woods beyond them. During the operation no main force units were encountered. Contact was limited to sporadic sniper activity from local guerrillas. The operation was begun with two crossings of the SAIGON River. One a non-illuminated, non-support crossing using aluminum foot bridges and light tactical rafts. It was unopposed while another diversionary crossing was made by mechanized units to the south. Although contact was negligible, extensive amounts of enemy munitions and equipment were seized. Results of Operation KAWELA were: 38 VC KIA (BC), 26 VC KIA (poss), VC Killed by Air strikes (KBA) (BC) 2, VC KBA (poss) 25. Enemy equipment captured was: 58 rds of SA ammo, 2 RPG-2 launchers, 22 lbs of medical supplies, 12 lbs of documents, 42 rds of SA ammo, 5 AK-47 rifles, 1 pistol belt, 1 combat pack, 5 bags of CS-1, 9 tape recordings, 1 CHIOM carbine, 7 RPG-2 rds, 9.2 tons of rice, 1 CHIOM carbine, 1 cannon barrel, 2 bicycles, 1 82mm mortar w/base plate, 1 grinding machine, 2 grenades, 1 dairy. Equipment destroyed: 9 sampans, 6 AT mines, 305 bunkers, 82 military structures, 12 bicycles, 29 tons of rice, 1,257 rds of SA ammo, 3 claymores, 2 VC protective masks, 55 AP mines, 1 500 lb bomb, 23 CBU's, 66 trenches, 29 tunnels, 54 grenades, 14 sampans, 1 60mm rd, 1 500 lb bomb, 1 .50 cal breech, 1 .30 cal pistol w/o barrel, 1 .50 cal MG tripod, 3 1/2 lbs of explosives, 3 booby traps, 3 stoves, 1 RPG-2 rd, 1 raft, 6 CBU's detonators.

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(8) SABER THRUST (22 - 20 April, 22 May - 2 June, 5 - 8 e, 2 - 10 July 1967). This operation was conducted by the 3rd adron, 4th Cavalry as an intermittent security operation. SABER THRUST was begun on 7 April and conducted in five phases as separate security and patrolling operations in the vicinity of the CU CHI base camp, and along the Main Supply Route (MSR). During this reporting period it was expanded to include engineer security, night ambushes, Long Range Reconnaissance Patrols and employment of a base camp reaction force. Operation SABER THRUST VI was conducted from 22 May through 2 June throughout the CU CHI and TRANG BANG Districts of HAU NGHIA Province, to include the ETIHOLO Plantation and the HO BO Woods. SABER THRUST VII was conducted from 5 - 8 June in an AO centered on XT2839 northwest of GO DAU HA. SABER THRUST VII was conducted from 2 - 10 July 1967 again throughout the CU CHI and TRANG BANG Districts of HAU NGHIA Province. For the extent of enemy contact see paragraph 1e, Intelligence. Results of the three phases of Operation SABER THRUST were: 17 VC KIA (BC), 28 VC KIA (poss), 1 VC WIA, and 9 VC PW. Enemy equipment captured was: 10 SA weapons, 10 1/2 lbs of documents, 800 lbs fish, \$200 in SVN currency, 1 - .50 cal mount, 1 - 4.2mm mortar tube, 1 carbine, 1 grenade. Enemy equipment and foodstuffs destroyed were: 22,400 lbs rice, 500 lbs fish, 51 fortifications, 34 tunnels, 27 structures, 1 sampan, 15 BT's, 2 AP mines, 19 grenades, 2500 rounds of assorted SA ammo, 5 road blocks.

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