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(9) AKUMU (08 July 67 - 26 July 67). Purpose of the operation was to conduct a cordon and search and pacification operation in PHU HOA DONG Village (XT715195), BINH DUONG Province. This village is located five kilometers to the northeast of the division's base camp at CU CHI and at the eastern edge of the FILHOL Plantation. The cordon and search and pacification operations were conducted jointly with the 7th ARVN Regiment, located in PHU HOA DONG. First Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, with 3rd Squadron, 4th Cavalry (-) under its operational control (OPCON), was the control headquarters for the execution and continuation of the cordon while 7th ARVN Regiment controlled the execution of the search and clearing of the village interior.) Intelligence prior to the operation indicated the presence of elements of the 1st Bn, Military Region IV (MR IV), the 7th Bn, CU CHI District and the 2nd Bn, GO MON District in the area. The strength of each battalion was 200 - 300 men. In addition a VC local force platoon of 25 men was known to operate in the area. Considerable VC activity in the adjacent FILHOL Plantation and HO BO Woods was known to be influential in the activities in the village and surrounding areas. VC fortifications, installations, booby traps and mines were found throughout the operation. Contact with VC forces was light for the first days of the operation, consisting of sporadic sniper fire from groups of 2 or 3 VC. Then on 13 July contact increased markedly. At 130148 hours, Co B, 4th Bn (mech), 23d Inf received 10 rds of RPG-2 fire vic XT686216, damaging 2 Armored Personnel Carriers (APC), and resulting in 1 US KHA, 8 US WHA, 3 VC KIA (BC), 2 VC KIA (poss) and the capture of 1 RPG-2 launcher with two rounds. At 130142 hours a four man Listening Post (LP) from Co B, 4th Bn (Mech), 23d Inf engaged 3 VC at XT687212, resulting in 3 US WHA and unknown VC losses. Finally at 130225 hours, Co A, 4th Bn (Mech), 23d Inf received sniper fire at XT702208, resulting in 1 US WHA. At 131440 hours Companies B and C engaged an unknown VC force at XT664218 resulting in 2 US WHA. There was light contact until 18 July when Co B, 4th Bn (Mech), 23d Inf received 23 RPG-2 rounds and 82mm mortar rounds at XT669198. Fire was returned resulting in 3 VC KIA (BC), 1 VC KIA (poss), 1 US KHA and 15 US WHA. Contact was believed to be with 2nd Co, 1st Bn, MR IV.

There was no further significant contact until 22 July, when 2nd Bn, 14th Inf Recon Platoon engaged 2 VC at XT749159 after they were spotted by a Forward Air Controller (FAC). Two VC were KIA (BC) and an AK-47 rifle and a caliber .45 pistol captured. Further contact was again negligible until the termination of the operation.

At the start of the operation a hamlet festival was conducted by Civil Affairs team which explained the purpose of the US presence in the village to over 19,000 persons. MEDCAPS and Catholic services (in the village church) were held throughout the operation. Operation AKUMU challenged the VC in a formerly secure stronghold, and greatly diminished VC influence "at the back door" of Camp CU CHI. In addition VC

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supply and movement routes through the FILHOL Plantation to the HO BO Woods were severely disrupted. Results of the operation were: VC KIA (BC) 15, VC KIA (poss) 11, HOI CHANH 1. Enemy equipment destroyed: 237 bunkers, 74 tunnels, 49 foxholes, 970 meters of trench, 55 punji pits, 43 military structures, 22 AT mines, 27 AP mines, 15 sampans, 4 82mm mortar rds, 2 60mm mortar rds, 16 CHICOM grenades, 5 rifle grenades, 2 US claymores, 9 US hand grenades, 2 docking sites, 2 misc drums, 57 rds CHICOM carbine ammo, 1 rd M16 ammo, 2 stick mines, 2 lbs clothing, misc, 15 lbs rice, 2 105 canister, 1 hat. Enemy equipment captured: 1,198 rds SA ammo, 3 belts, pistol, 1 lb documents, 1 sign-minefield, 1 flashlight, 1 compass, 1 pr black gloves, 1 poncho (VC), 3 RPG-2 rocket launchers, 1 RPG-2 booster, 12 pr sandals, 1 hammock, 1 pr trousers, 1 M1 rifle - cal .30, 1 canteen with cup, 2 masks-protective, 2 57 RR containers, 1 bag-canvas, 15 M79 rds, 2 belts with clip for AK-47 rifles, 1 82mm mortar tube and elevating mechanism, 2 .45 cal pistols, 1 magazine-AK-47, 1/2 lb med supplies, 1 lb clothing, 560 piastres, 1 holster-.45 cal, 1 canteen cover, 1 magazine .45 cal, 1 CHICOM rifle, 1 CHICOM 7.62mm red stock carbine.

MONSOON
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(10) The 25th Infantry Division MONSOON CAMPAIGN began on 14 May 1967. Within the division TAOB, three operations are being conducted: Operation KOLEKOLE, BARKING SANDS and DIAMOND HEAD. The mission of the division in the MONSOON CAMPAIGN is to conduct offensive operations with emphasis in populated areas, to destroy VC/NVA forces and installations, to secure major lines of communication (LOC's) to support the Government of Vietnam (GVN) Revolutionary Development Program and to reinforce Free World Military Assistance Forces and GVN forces as directed.

(a) KOLEKOLE (14 May 1967 - continuing). This operation is a search and destroy operation conducted by 2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division in the DUC HOA, BAO TRAI, HIEP HOA and LOC GIANG Areas and along the ORIENTAL River (SONG VAM CO DONG). The brigade conducts EAGLE FLIGHTS and airmobile operations based on current intelligence. Cordon and search outposting, and County Fair operations are conducted in conjunction with 25th ARVN Division, Civilian Irregular Defense Groups (CIDG), Regional and Popular Forces. Significant actions were the relief of an 80 man CIDG force encircled by a VC company on 16 May west of the ORIENTAL River (XT4402), by elements of the 1st and 2nd Bn, 27th Infantry. Airmobile assaults into the area resulted in prolonging contact from 1600 to 0130 hours 17 May. Results were 27 VC KIA (BC) and 36 more VC KIA (poss) with only 2 US KHA and 9 more WHA. There was intermittent contact throughout June and July, particularly along the AN HA Canal and at LOC GIANG (XT428155) along the ORIENTAL River. Engineer operations in conjunction with KOLEKOLE have reopened Highway 10 from DUC HOA to BAO TRAI, the HAU NGHIA Province capital. This improved the GVN's authority and control and assisted the 25th Infantry Division's overland reaction capability, as well as allowing civilians to move local products to

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new markets. Engineer operations continue to improve Highway 10 and the bridge west of TRANG BANG (XT4519). Results of Operation KOLE-KOLE to date are as follows: 338 VC KIA (80), 226 VC KIA (poss), 45 VC PW, 21 HOI CHANH and 290 detainees. Enemy material captured was: 168 lbs documents, 2 Russian rifles, 3-105mm rds, 20 M1 carbines, 1-.38 pistol, 4 shotguns, 16 CHICOM carbines, 2 VC packboards, 3-55 gal drums of CS, 4-.45 cal pistols, 19 M1 rifles, 5 M3 SMGs, 2 BARs, 1 French LMG, 8 AK-47s, 114 batteries, 5 PRC-10 radios, 2 RPC-2 rds, 7 AT mines, 52 lbs medical supplies, 127 lbs of clothing, 1-20mm cannon, 2255 SA rds, 1-57mm recoilless rifle, 227 SA magazines, 1 sniper rifle, 1 Mauser rifle, 2 grenade launcher adapters, 12 claymores, 17 CHICOM grenades, 1 M79 launcher, 150 US blasting caps, 3 claymore generators, 30 yds of bandages, 5 SMG magazines, 1 Thompson SMG, 420 meters of wire, 92 grenades, 50-.50 cal rds, 45 prs of black uniforms, 60 hammocks, 1 commercial radio, 1-60mm mortar rd, 1 lb C-4, 2 -20mm rds, 100 ft claymore wire, 1 M2 carbine, 2 M14 rifles, 1-75mm RR rd, 2 M16 rifles, 2 bolt action rifles, 3 homemade rifles, 1 wallet, 1 VC flag, 1 gasoline generator, 400 pcs chinaware, 1 BAR, 1 AK-47, 2 US carbines, 4500 lbs of rice, 2 M2 carbines, Enemy material destroyed: 2633 bunkers, 483 military structures, 203 tunnels, 14 trenches, 226 sampans, 187 AP mines, 72 AT mines, 51 booby traps, 60-81mm rds, 58-60mm rds, 11-57mm rds, 3-175mm rds, 17 M79 rds, 60-155mm rds, 30-105mm rds, 635 grenades, 923 RPG-2 rds, 5305 lbs of rice, 66 CBUs, 2 lbs clothing, 4 small rockets, 2 ponchos, 2 oxcarts, 7622 SA rds, 8-4.2" rds, 1 typewriter, 1-500 lb bomb, 4 VC protective masks, 75 lbs TNT, 12 rifle grenades, 1 foot bridge, 2 LAWs, 2 motorized sampans, 1 claymore, 100 lbs nitrates, 800 lbs cement, 7000 chopsticks, 1 commercial radio, 200 blasting caps, 5 cans assorted fuzes, 14 AT mine casings, 50-2.75" rockets, 7 bicycles, 1 flare device, 3 grenade detonators, 5-250 lb bombs, 2-75mm rds, 10-82mm rds, 2-2.5" rockets, 1 homemade carbine, 50 lbs black powder, 8 AT mine fuzes, 87 grenade casings, 48 grenade fuzes, 32 SA magazines, 6 CHICOM rifle bolts, 100 AT mine plungers, 3 AT mine detonators, 1-3.5" rocket, 1 micrometer, 1 shaped charge, 1-60mm mortar tube, 4-20mm rds, 4 trip flares, 8-2.75" rocket warheads, 16-.50 cal rds, 500 ft claymore wire, 200 booby trap springs, 9 claymore adapters, 3 rifle stocks, 1 knife, 5 mine molds, 1 VC pack, 1 bangalore torpedo, 2 rifle grenade launcher adapters, 200 lbs of fertilizer, 3 fuzes, 4 hand grenade threaders, 1000 lbs of charcoal, 200 lbs of salt.

(b) BARKING SANDS (18 May 1967 - continuing). This operation is being conducted by the 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division for the pacification of CU CHI and TRANG BANG Districts in HAU NGHIA Province and in PHU HOA District of BINH DUONG Province. Counter guerrilla warfare techniques are being employed to include saturation patrolling, "Checkmates" (road blocks in unannounced locations to check for VC personnel or supplies being moved by surface transportation), bushmaster and cordon and search operations in cooperation with Regional and Popular Forces, and with ARVN units. Engineer units

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upgraded Highway PA, leading from CU CHI to PHU CUONG, the capital of adjacent BINH DUONG Province. Daily convoys now run between these locations.

In addition to pacification missions, numerous small unit operations have been staged from ~~dispersed battalion or company size bases~~ throughout the district which have allowed the US units to limit VC capability to move freely during night or day, and therefore VC control of the AO has been reduced. A "Buddy" operation (conducted with the PHU DUC PF and the 494th RF Co), that illustrates the type of operations employed, was conducted on 19 June after intelligence was received through the Combined Operation Center (COC) at TRANG BANG that a VC squad was operating vic XT5130. Through three contacts that day the squad was eliminated, resulting in 5 VC KIA (BC), 3 VC KIA (poss) and 2 VC PW. These operations are continuing. Results of Operation BARKING SANDS to date are as follows: 115 VC KIA (BC), 294 VC KIA (poss), 9 VC PW, 1 HOI CHANH and 12,346 detainees. Enemy material captured was: 48 lbs documents, 6 CHICOM rifles, 6 AK-47s, 7 CHICOM carbines, 1 pistol, 4 RPG-2 rds, 12,000 lbs rice, 2 M1 carbines, 15 lbs clothing, 1 can of 16mm film, 925 SA rds, 2 - 57mm RR containers, 2 Russian carbines, 2 batteries, 2 claymores, 2 sampans, 1 commercial radio, 2 Mauser rifles, 300 meters claymore wire, 1 US protective mask, 1 LAW, 5 homemade blasting caps, 23½ lbs medical supplies, 30 M79 rds, 2 vials penicillin, 4 signs, unk amt medical records & medical booklets, 1 tunnel complex map, unk amt bottles & medicine vials, 1 Thompson SMG, 1 Russian semi-automatic rifle, 1 RPG-2 booster, 1 notebook, 3 wallets, 1 M1 rifle, 1 M79 protective mask, 1 M60 MG, 2-.45 cal pistols, 2 homemade rifles, 1 9mm CHICOM pistol, 1 VC protective mask, 560 piasters, 1 holster, 1-4.2" tube w/elevating mechanism, 24 VC flags, 1 canvas bag, 380 gals of fuel, (700 CHIEU HOI pamphlets.) Enemy material destroyed was: 1157 bunkers, 576 military structures, 236 tunnels, 19 trenches, 74 AT mines, 58 booby traps, 46 AP mines, 8 claymores, 25-81mm rds, 8-82mm rds, 18-60mm rds, 3-75mm rds, 3-175mm rds, 12-105mm rds, 13-155mm rds, 10-RPG-2 rds, 272 grenades, 2-4.2" rds, 42 sampans, 3 bicycles, 19 CBUs, 23 bombs, 504 lbs clothing, 3150 lbs rice, 1-8" rd, 17,411 SA rds, 1 shaped charge, 14 M79 rds, 145 lbs TNT, 50 lbs propaganda, 1 CHICOM claymore, 2 lbs bandages (soiled), 1000 ft commo wire, 2 RPG-2 chargers, 20 stick mine fuzes, 3 PPS41 Soviet SMGs, 2 unk mines, 1-81mm firing table, 200 sandbags, 2 concertina (rolls), 1-750 lb bomb casing, 1 Arty flare.

(c) DIAMOND HEAD (18 May 1967 - continuing). This operation is being conducted by the 3d Brigade, 4th Infantry Division from its base camp at TAY NINH. Its mission is to conduct search and destroy operations in TAY NINH Province, cordon and search operations in the MICHELIN Plantation, and security and reinforcement missions in the TAY NINH and PREK KLOK Areas. An additional mission is to provide necessary security to its base camp at DAU TIENG. Search and destroy operations have resulted in the discovery of supply caches, and

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intelligence reports indicate the local VC in the TAY NINH and DAU TIENG areas are finding it increasingly difficult to effect resupply. However, terrorist incidents of assassination and kidnapping (in and around DAU TIENG, and the mortaring of DAU TIENG base camp) have increased. This is due, in part at least, to the detachment of one battalion of the 3rd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division to operate in Operation UNION TOWN outside the 25th Infantry Division's TAOR, as well as other times the brigade has left DAU TIENG. One battalion conducted security operations for the DAU TIENG and TAY NINH base camps exclusively, throughout the month of July. Buddy operations were also conducted during July with eight companies of RF, PF and CIDG forces. Engineer units are upgrading the road from TAY NINH to SUOI DA leading to War Zone "C", which will increase the reaction capability of the 3rd Brigade (particularly its mechanized units) and make the road available for civilian use. Results of Operation DIAMOND HEAD to date are: 40 VC KIA (BC), 92 VC KIA (poss), 4 VC PW, 1 HOI CHANH and 174 detainees. Enemy material captured was: 2 P38 pistols, 2 CHICOM carbines, 43½ lbs documents, 58,030 lbs rice, 1 unk weapon, 1 shotgun, 2 Mauser rifle, 10 AK-47s, 1 tractor, 1 RPG-2 rd, 1 AT mine, 75 lbs medical supplies, 463 SA rds, 1 CHICOM rifle, 6 bicycles, 230 lbs food, 8 cans cabbage, 2 cans oil, 2000 lbs fertilizer, 2 notebooks, 1 M1 rifle, 1 commercial radio, 2 pack of assorted medical supplies, 6 CBUs, 1 claymore, 1 VC training schedule, 1 book, 1 M79 launcher, several signal instruction manuals, 10 cases of cream. Enemy material destroyed was: 1152 bunkers, 650 military structures, 18 trenches, 9 tunnels, 6 bridges, 16 AT mines, 7 AP mines, 62 booby traps, 10-60mm rds, 9-57mm rds, 2-75mm rds, 3-105mm rds, 4-155mm rds, 2 RPG-2 rds, 1-250 lb bomb, 7 oxcarts, 40 lbs clothing, 30 lbs black powder explosives, 6 mines, 16-82mm rds, 16 sampans, 1 ammo casting, 1-500 lb bomb, 7 large storage tanks, 1 lb propaganda, 47 grenades, 902 SA rds, 46,250 lbs rice, 1 rice polishing machine, 3 VC protective masks, 18 bicycles, 900 lbs of cement, 3 CBUs, 7-81mm rds, 1100 lbs fertilizer, 301 trip flares, 6 claymores, 1 hand flare, 17 M79 rds, 1 voltage converter (100w), 2 blasting boxes, 20 gal cooking oil, 1 LAW, 55 gals diesel fuel, 1-8" rd, 2 metal silhouette targets, 1 RPG-2 fuze.

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b. Artillery Support. During the quarter Division Artillery fired 105,551 rounds in support and 139,871 rounds on Harassment and Interdiction (H&I) missions. Included in these totals were rounds fired in support of ARVN operations and/or outposts under attack.

c. Air Support. There were 2,684 sorties during the quarter flown in support of 1,254 missions with the following results: 67 VC Killed by Air Force (KBAF)(BC), 373 VC KBAF (poss). In addition, 295 VC structures, 1740 bunkers, 59 sampans, 3 tunnels, 55 caches and 11 bridges were destroyed. There were 42 secondary explosions and 196 secondary fires.

d. Army Aviation. During the period 1 May to 31 July 1967

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