

(4) Operations QUYET THANG (11 March - 7 April 1968). The mission of the 25th Infantry Division in Operation QUYET THANG was to conduct combined operations with GVN forces to destroy NVA/VC forces within the Capital Military District, HAU NGHIA and BINH DUONG Provinces and to maintain the capability to reinforce Tan Son Nhut air base with mechanized or armored forces. Operation QUYET THANG was a combined II Field Force and II and III RVN Corps operation designed to clear enemy forces from Saigon and its environs and to restore RVN control of the area in the wake of the enemy TET Offensive.

In addition to the involvement of the 25th Infantry Division in this operation, the US 1st and 9th Infantry Divisions also participated in conjunction with the ARVN 5th and 25th Infantry Divisions, the RVN Airborne Division and RVN Marine Task Force.

The "Tropic Lightning" Division began Operation QUYET THANG on 11 March with two brigades, the 2nd and 3rd and one task force, TF 4-23 (Mech), committed. TF 4-23 (Mech) operated concurrently between QUYET THANG and Operation WILDERNESS which also commenced 11 March. For both operations the task force had the mission of road security of the MSR between CU CHI, TAY NINH and DAU TIENG.

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The task organization of 2nd Brigade, 3rd Brigade and TF 4-23 (Mech) remained the same for Operation QUYET THANG until the operation was terminated on 7 April. A detailed description of significant organizational operations on QUYET THANG is included in Combat After Action Reports attached to this report as TAB D.

The final results of Operation QUYET THANG are as follows: US losses: 50 KIA, 396 WIA (289 evac), 9 tanks, 18 APC's, 7 trucks and 4 Rome Flows damaged: 1 helicopter, 9 APC's and 2 trucks destroyed. Enemy losses: 729 KIA, 96 detainees and 36 PW's, 234 individual weapons, 39 crew-served weapons, 62.6 tons of rice, 273 pounds of documents, 5 radios, 5.2 tons of salt, 21018 small arms rounds, 54 rocket rounds and 1 Russian aiming circle captured: 1471 rocket, mortar or artillery rounds; 10.2 tons of rice, 1933 hand grenades, 19413 small arms rounds, 3.5 tons of salt, 230 mines, 69 sampans, 3 bombs, 749 pounds of documents, 5 crew served weapons, 105 cluster bombs, 1 truck, 1 radio, 16 individual weapons and 300 crates of ammunition destroyed.

A total of 312 tactical Air Force sorties were flown in support of Operation QUYET THANG.

(5) Operation WILDERNESS (11 March - 7 April 1968). The mission of the 25th Infantry Division in Operation WILDERNESS was to continue the mission activities associated with Operation YELLOWSTONE. The operations plan for WILDERNESS envisioned the security of allied base camp areas in the northern portion of the Division TACI with emphasis on the protection of TAY NINH base camp, TAY NINH city, DAU TIENG base camp, DAU TIENG city, BAU CO and the artillery fire support base, St. BARBARA near BAU CO. The plan also envisioned security of the MSR's connecting these military and civilian complexes. The division commenced WILDERNESS on 11 March with the 1st Brigade committed with three maneuver battalions and supporting combat support elements. Task Force 4-23 (Mech) also participated in WILDERNESS in conjunction with its participation in QUYET THANG. A detailed description of the significant operations in WILDERNESS is provided by the Combat Operations After Action Reports for Operation WILDERNESS contained in TAB E to this report.

The 199th Light Infantry Brigade, a independent II Field Force Brigade with two organic battalions, 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry and 4th Battalion, 12th Infantry became OPCON to the 25th Infantry Division on 31 March and participated in WILDERNESS until its completion. In addition to its two organic battalions, the 199th Brigade had operational control of the 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry and 12th Infantry and A Troop, 3rd Squadron, 17th Cavalry. (25th Infantry Division units).

The final results of Operation WILDERNESS are as follows: US losses: 26 KIA, 155 WIA (103 evac), 4 APC's, 4 helicopters, 18 trucks, 4 trailers and 1 duster damaged: 4 APC's and 2 trucks destroyed. Enemy losses: 274 KIA, 4 PW's, 61 detainees, 150 rounds of small arms ammunition, 5 individual weapons, 1 crew-served weapon, 9.2 tons of rice, 27 pounds of documents and 1 motorcycle captured: 5 tons of rice, 20 mines, 37 sampans, 1 cluster bomb, 90 grenades, 1150 rounds of small arms ammunition and 18 rocket, mortar or artillery rounds destroyed.

A total of 289 tactical Air Force sorties were flown in support of WILDERNESS.

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