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The 25th Infantry Division, United States Army, an outstanding and highly experienced combat unit, has achieved many victories against the Communist aggressors. During the period from December 1965 to August 1968 the 25th Infantry Division operated unilaterally and in coordination with units of the Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces against the Viet Cong in Hau Ngia, Gia Dinh, Tay Ninh, Long An and Binh Duong Provinces. In Operations Atlanta, Yellowstone, Saratoga, Toan Thang I and Toan Thang II, the Division fought courageously against intense hostile fire and unfavorable terrain to destroy many Viet Cong and North Vietnamese Regular Army units, capture thousands of enemy weapons, large quantities of ammunition and equipment, and destroy many important enemy bases and installations. Units of the 25th Infantry Division were also highly effective in overwhelming two all-out enemy attacks during the Tet period and May 1968, and in thwarting Viet Cong attempts to attack Tay Ninh Province late in July 1968, inflicting heavy losses on the enemy. The 25th Infantry Division personnel also participated enthusiastically in various civic action programs, constructing schools and houses, repairing roads, conducting medical clinics, and distributing medicine and food to local inhabitants, thereby promoting friendship between the Vietnamese people and the U.S. Armed Forces. Through these brilliant efforts, the 25th Infantry Division has contributed substantially and effectively to the struggle against Communism in the Republic of Vietnam.

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