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1. (C) MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS - I CTZ.

OPERATIONS. On 6 October, an operation from Ha Thanh, A-104, Quang Ngai Province, consisting of two USASF, one VNSF, and 80 CIDG made contact with one VC platoon. Results of the encounter were three VC killed and one US carbine captured. There were no friendly casualties. On 15 October a security operation from Camp Tien Phuoc, A-102, Quang Tin Province, consisting of two USASF, one VNSF, and 75 Camp Strike Force personnel were providing security for elements of the 101st Airborne Division when they came under attack by an unknown number of VC. The VC were firing 81mm mortars, 57mm recoilless rifles, and throwing satchel charges. After a brief fire fight the VC broke contact and withdrew, leaving behind six VC killed, one pistol, one AK-47, and 30 Chicom grenades. Friendly losses were six Camp Strike Force personnel killed and five wounded. On 19 October a recon operation from Camp Thuong Duc, A-109, Quang Nam Province, consisting of two VNSF and 40 Camp Strike Force troops initiated contact against 20 VC. A short fire fight followed and the VC broke contact. The friendly element called in artillery on the suspected withdrawal route. The patrol lifted the fire and made an immediate sweep of the area. Results of the encounter were two VC killed, two separate blood trails were found along with two grenades and one anti-personnel mine. There were no friendly casualties. On 20 October a search and destroy operation from Camp Gia Vuc, A-103, Quang Ngai Province, consisting of two USASF and 85 Camp Strike Force personnel initiated contact against 30 heavily armed VC. TAC air was called and upon completion of the air strike the patrol made an immediate sweep of the area. Results of the action were six VC killed and two bolt action rifles captured. One Camp Strike Force soldier was wounded. On 20 October, an operation from Camp Tra Bong, A-107, Quang Ngai Province, consisting of four USASF, 50 Camp Strike Force personnel and 25 Popular Force made contact with four VC who immediately withdrew to a cave and bunker complex. The patrol assaulted the complex but was unable to regain contact. Results of the contact were two bunkers, eight structures, 350 kilos of salt and 30 kilos of rice destroyed. There were no friendly casualties. On 23 October a search and destroy operation from Camp Tien Phuoc, A-102, Quang Tin Province, consisting of two USASF, two VNSF, and 85 Camp Strike Force personnel ambushed 30 VC. Results of the ambush were two VC killed and 16 VC suspects detained. There were no friendly casualties. On 23 October a search and destroy operation from Camp Gia Vuc, A-103, Quang Ngai Province, initiated contact with two squads of VC. One VC was wounded and 50 rounds of 5.56mm ammo, 800 rounds of carbine ammo and five cases of soap were captured. There were no friendly casualties. On 26 October a recon operation from Camp Tien Phuoc, A-102, Quang Tin Province, consisting of two VNSF, and 85 Camp Strike Force personnel received light sniper fire. There were no casualties. At 1300 hours on the 26th the patrol observed 300 VC moving in a southwesterly direction. The patrol immediately called in 450 rounds of 155mm artillery from elements of the 101st Airborne Brigade located in the camp. A FAC was on station and directed airstrikes into the area. There were 71 VC killed by the airstrikes and artillery. There were no friendly casualties. At 1400 hours the patrol received two rounds of 60mm mortar fire which resulted in no friendly casualties. On 27 October the patrol was ambushed by an enemy force of undetermined size resulting in one Camp Strike Force soldier killed. Enemy casualties for this contact are unknown. The patrol was reinforced and continued the operation. The operation terminated at 1800 hours 27 October without further contact or sightings. On 26 October a recon patrol from Camp Thuong Duc, A-109, Quang Nam Province, consisting of two USASF, one VNSF and 40 Camp Strike Force personnel made chance contact with two VC. The patrol opened fire on the VC at a range of 100 meters. Results of the contact were one VC killed, one VC captured, and one AK-47 seized. There were no friendly casualties.

SA HUYNH FORWARD OPERATIONAL BASE. On 10 October, a forward operational base was activated in the vicinity of Sa Huynh, in the southeastern corner of I CTZ. Troops from the base immediately began operations in coordination with the Americal Division to secure one bridge site and a portion of Highway 1 that runs

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through their TAOR. A CIVAC program has also been instituted by the FOB and 700 of the local population have been treated by MEDCAP patrols conducted in the area. This was the first time such treatment was provided to the local population of the Sa Huynh Area.

REVOLUTIONARY DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT ACTIVITIES. Disasters, natural and man made, characterized the CA effort this month. Typhoon rains on 9 Oct caused floods at Thuong Duc and Tra Bong. At Thuong Duc 10,000 people had to evacuate their homes and take refuge around the Special Forces camp. The flood destroyed 25 to 50% of the unharvested rice crop. CIVAC supplies were shuttled from Company C to Thuong Duc; 22,236 pounds were delivered the day after the flood. The same storm caused 76 families to be homeless in Tra Bong. Rice from CARE was sent to provide food for the homeless; coordination was made with other agencies to supply the needs of the people. On 19 Oct, one squad of Viet Cong entered Tra Trung Hamlet, in Tra Bong District, and kidnapped eight villagers. The villagers had recently arrived in the safe area from a Viet Cong controlled area. The Viet Cong attempted to persuade the villagers to return; when they failed the hamlet was burned. Over 8,000 pounds of CIVAC supplies; food, clothing, and construction material were delivered the next day. A team from the 244th PSYOPS Company was sent to exploit the psychological opportunities of the incident. CBS News filmed the Thuong Duc flood relief activities as well as the village destroyed by the Viet Cong. Also at Tra Bong, were reporters from NBC, AP, UPI, UPI-TN, and Graphic Publications. Ambassador Koren, Regional Director of CORDS/I CTZ, accompanied by LTC Schungel and Major Khoni flew to the "A" camps at Kham Duc and Gia Vuc. They were investigating the feasibility of a Montagnard refugee resettlement project. The project was proposed by Special Forces and Highland Affairs/CORDS. At Gia Vuc, the ambassador visited two new hamlets that had been built by refugees and Special Forces. Mr. Roman of Highland Affairs/CORDS/I CTZ was responsible for additional CIVAC commodities being sent to Special Forces camps with large Montagnard population. A total of 109,007 pounds of CIVAC supplies were delivered this month. An additional 188,809 pounds of commodities were shipped from Quang Ngai for Montagnard assistance by Mr. Roman of Highland Affairs.

PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS. Most Montagnard people cannot read, as a result it is difficult for printed matter to reach the target audience. A very effective means to overcome this obstacle is to have the school teachers explain leaflets to the children, telling them to relay the information to their parents and friends. This insures that a large portion of the intended target audience will be reached. People are becoming more responsive to civic action (CIVAC) programs through PSYOPS efforts. Civic action programs are increasingly supported and publicized by PSYOPS; as a result, the people are being informed of the support GVN and the free world are giving them.

LOGISTICS. From 13 to 15 October, the 109th Aerial Delivery Company from Cam Ranh Bay rigged and airdropped 474,000 pounds of building material into Camp Lang Vei, A-101, Quang Tri Province. The material was primarily building materials to be used in construction of the camp. None of the dropped equipment was lost or destroyed in the operation.

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2. TROOP DISPOSITION LIST - I CTZ

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DET	LOCATION	COORD	DATE OPENED	NR VNSF*	NR USASF*	NR NR CO/CSF	CRP	CA/PO SQUADS	MSF	RF CO	PF PLT	MISSION
Company C												
C-1	Danang	BT07527193	Sep 62	17/58	16/46**	1/93						C&C
A-101	Lang Ve	XD78443573	Sep 67	4/9	3/13	4/284	2/37	1/6				BS
A-102	Tien Phuoc	BT10571435	Nov 65	3/8	3/8	4/441	2/66	1/12		2/188	17/550	CSF/SS
A-103	Gia Vuc	BS37752710	Feb 63	3/11	3/8	4/433	2/68	1/6				CSF
A-104	Ha Thanh	BS38657005	Apr 65	2/10	3/9	3/360	2/80			2/208	7/210	CSF/SS
A-105	Kham Duc	ZC00590795	Sep 63	3/11	1/7	2/255	1/33	1/10				CSF/BS/TC
A-106	Ba To	BS55783262	Mar 65	2/7	3/9	3/286	1/29			2/319		CSF/SS
A-107	Tra Bong	BS34548838	Mar 65	2/9	3/9	3/347	1/33				7/245	CSF/SS
A-108	Minh Long	BS53555099	Mar 66	2/10	3/9	3/367	2/68			1/120	7/228	CSF/SS
A-109	Thuong Duc	ZC14175324	Apr 66	3/10	3/9	4/431	2/68					CSF
A-111	Danang	BT07527193	Mar 67	2/7	2/7				3/422			MSF
A-113	Danang	BT07527193	Aug 65	5/6	2/9***				3/473			MSF
TOTAL:				48/156	45/143	31/3297	15/482	4/34	6/895	7/835	38/1243	

LEGEND: C&C - Command and Control

BS - Border Surveillance

S/SS - Sectro/Subsectro

RF - Regional Force (Province Level)

PF - Popular Force (District Level)

CRP - Combat Reconnaissance Platoon

CA/PO - Civic Action/Psychological Operations Squad

AATTV - Australian Army Training Team, Vietnam

TC - Training Center

CSF - Camp Strike Force (Formerly CIDG)

MSF - Mobile Strike Force (Formerly Mike Force)

NOTE: CIDG - Civilian Irregular Defense Group are MSF, CSF, CRP, AND CA/PO SOD Personnel

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3. (C) DETACHMENT STATISTICAL DATA - I CTZ

DET	VNSF CO	USAFSE CO	OPERATIONS			CONTACTS			*FRIENDLY LOSSES				ENEMY LOSSES			
			Co	Plt	Sod	FOA	VCA	INC	KIA	NIA	NIA	WPNS	KIA	NIA	CPTR	WPNS
Company C																
C-1	MAJ Khoai	LTG Schunzel														
A-101	LT Than	CPT Willoughby		29	110		2									
A-102	LT Diep	CPT Anodaca	13	164	600		27	1	0/0/10/2	0/0/5/1			81	3	4	
A-103	LT Taichu	CPT O'Keefe	8	7	157	11	1		0/0/1/0	0/0/1/0			6	6	2	
A-104	LT Nap	CPT Shelton	18	8	257	3		1	0/0/1/0	1/0/1/0			6		2	
A-105	LT Thuan	LT Neubauer	2	12				1								
A-106	LT Pe	CPT Spokes	18	34	96	2	2			0/0/1/0			17	3	1	3
A-107	LT Tai	CPT Cuesada	3	139	554	2	4									
A-108	LT Chanh	CPT Blake	0	155	230	6	5	1					1			
A-109	LT Du	CPT Edwards	4	15	96	4		2	0/0/1/0	0/0/3/0			3	5	1	
A-111		LT Melvin		16	21	3							1		5	
A-113	CPT Ky	LT Katz		5	20											
TOTAL:			66	584	2158	31	41	6	0/0/13/0	1/0/11/1			115	8	16	11

NOTE: - Friendly casualties are listed USAFSE/VNSE/CIDG/PT & PT

LEGEND: FOA - Contacts resulting from friendly offensive action
 VCA - VC attacks on installations and convoys
 INC - Incidents (mines, booby traps, assassinations, etc.)

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1. (C) MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS - II CTZ.

OPERATIONS. On 6 October a search and destroy operation from Camp Trung Dung, A-502, Khanh Hoa Province, consisting of one Camp Strike Force Company (CSF) made contact with an estimated squad of NVA seven kilometers west of Nha Trang. The CSF engaged the NVA at a range of 60 meters. The NVA broke contact and withdrew south. Results of this contact were two CIDG wounded; enemy casualties unknown. On 4 October a CIDG outpost from Camp Vinh Thanh, A-228, Binh Dinh Province, was attacked by two platoons of NVA, 40 kilometers north northwest of Qui Nhon. The CIDG returned fire when the NVA set off the attack, using hand grenades and automatic weapons. Artillery was fired on the suspected avenues of withdrawal when the NVA broke contact. Results were four NVA killed; four CIDG killed; three civilians wounded; seven carbines, one BAR, one HT-1 radio, one pair of binoculars, and one compass lost. On 5 October, a 59 man pathfinder team made a parachute assault 70 kilometers west southwest of Ban Me Thuot. The pathfinder team secured the area and 30 minutes later a mass jump was made by the Pleiku Mobile Strike Force (MSF) consisting of 296 MSF personnel and their USASF and VNSF advisors. No enemy contact was made. Two companies of Camp Strike Force (CSF) personnel were brought into the area by CH-47 helicopters to start construction on a new Special Forces fighting camp. The camp was named Bu Prang, A-236. Local civilians from a nearby village were detained for questioning. The civilians stated that they knew nothing of the airborne assault, and that they feel safe knowing that a camp is being constructed in their area. On 10 October the Special Forces Operational Base in Nha Trang came under 82mm mortar attack fired from 2,000 meters east of the SFOB by an unknown number of VC. Nine mortar rounds landed inside the SFOB compound causing slight damage to the supply storage area. There were no casualties. On 8 Oct, a search and destroy operation from Camp Luong Son, A-237, Binh Thuan Province, consisting of one Camp Strike Force platoon, made contact with two squads of VC, 63 kilometers southwest of Phan Rang. A brief fire fight ensued from a range of 50 meters. The VC broke contact, leaving behind ten dead. A reaction force from Camp Luong Son reinforced the operation with two USASF and one Camp Strike Force platoon. A sweep of the area revealed four small arms and the ten VC dead. On 12 October a search and destroy operation consisting of five USASF, and one Mobile Strike Force Company, operating at Camp Bu Prang, A-236, Quang Duc Province, made contact with an unknown number of NVA, 10 kilometers northeast of Bu Prang. After a short firefight at close range the NVA broke contact and withdrew in an unknown direction. Four NVA were captured and one killed in the action. There were no friendly casualties. On 15 October a search and destroy operation consisting of one platoon of Camp Strike Force from Camp Ha Tay, A-227, Binh Dinh Province, made contact with a company of VC 35 kilometers north, northwest of Phu Cat. The Camp Strike Force engaged the VC at a range of 500 meters. The VC attempted to maneuver around the Camp Strike Force to disorganize the friendly operation. Camp Ha Tay supported the operation with 4.2 inch mortar fire causing the VC to break contact. A search of the area of contact revealed two VC killed, one pistol, assorted documents and a quantity of equipment, left behind by the fleeing VC force. On the 19th of October, Camp Duc Lap, A-239, Quang Duc Province, came under mortar attack by an unknown number of VC, using an estimated three 60mm mortars. The VC fired 20 rounds into the camp perimeter, wounding one USASF. Camp Duc Lap fired counter mortar on the suspected enemy mortar positions causing the enemy to cease fire and withdraw. A reaction force was immediately dispatched. The reaction force swept the enemy mortar positions without contact. On 25 October a local security operation consisting of one squad of Camp Strike Force troops from Camp Dak Seang, A-245, Kontum Province, was ambushed by an estimated platoon of NVA 22 kilometers northwest of Dak To. The Camp Strike Force returned fire on the NVA at a range of 50 meters. The NVA broke contact when a FAC arrived in the area to support the operation. Three CSF personnel were killed, nine wounded, and one is missing and four carbines were lost. NVA casualties are unknown. On 25 October a search and destroy operation from Camp Phu Tuc, A-224, Phu Bon Province, consisting of one platoon of CSF on a joint operation with the 173d Airborne Brigade made contact with an estimated platoon of NVA 17 kilometers west of Tuy Hoa. A brief fire fight ensued from a range of 75 meters, after which the NVA broke contact and fled east. Three NVA

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were killed; two SKS carbines, three 60mm mortars rounds and miscellaneous equipment was captured. There were no friendly casualties. On 25 October a search and destroy operation from Cung Son, A-221, Phu Yen Province, consisting of one platoon of CSF made contact with an estimated squad of VC 30 kilometers southwest of Tuy Hoa. A fire fight ensued from a range of 50 meters, after which the VC fled west. Eight VC were killed; two Mauser rifles, one US carbine and one VC flag were captured. There were no friendly casualties. On 25 October a Combat Recon Platoon from Camp Trung Dung, A-502, Khanh Hoa Province, ambushed 30 VC 12 kilometers west of Nha Trang. After a short fire fight from a range of 15 meters the VC broke contact. A search of the area revealed 13 VC killed; one VC wounded; one VC captured along with 12 small arms, seven hand grenades, 21 AK-47 magazines and 300 pounds of rice. There were no friendly casualties. On 25 October a search and destroy operation from Camp Poley Kleng, A-241, Kontum Province consisting of two USASF, one VNSF and 30 CSF troops made contact with an estimated company of NVA 20 kilometers northwest of Kontum. A fire fight ensued and the USASF directed two airstrikes on the NVA positions. The operation was reinforced by two USASF, one VNSF and 75 CSF troops from the camp. When the reinforcing element linked up with the element in contact, a sweep was conducted to assess the area. Four NVA were killed and two SKS carbines captured. There were no friendly casualties. On 29 October a hamlet security operation from Camp Trung Dung, A-502, Khanh Hoa Province, consisting of one company of CSF ambushed an estimated 20 VC, 12 kilometers from Nha Trang. A fire fight ensued from a range of ten meters. The VC broke contact and withdrew northwest. A sweep of the area of contact was made, revealing six VC killed. Six small arms were captured.

REVOLUTIONARY DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT ACTIVITIES. Throughout II Corps there has been a large increase in the area of medical services. This is due to the increase of MEDCAP's and a growing acceptance of the population's desire to be helped by modern medicine. A large portion of the medical program this month has been devoted to the Plague inoculations program that each "A" camp is conducting. Buon Blech (A-238) is in the planning stage for a refugee resettlement of 13 hamlets in its local security area. This will take place at the end of the rice harvest season. The coordination for this program involved a four day visit to Phu Bon Province by 13 of the village chiefs to discuss resettlement.

PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS. The continuing program for PSYOPS within this CTZ was highlighted this month by staging a recruiting drive among villagers in conjunction with an anti-VC lecture. As a result of this combined program 70 new men were recruited at one location. MEDCAP patrols are continuing to be used as a primary PSYOPS media. Posters, signs and leaflets are being used to inform the people of the security program for their rice harvest.

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2. (C) TROOP DISPOSITION LIST - II CTZ.

DET	LOCATION	COORD	DATE OPENED	NR VNSF*	NR USASF*	NR NR CSF/CO	CRP	ARTY SEC	106RR	CA/PO SQDS	MSF CO	RF CO	PF PLT	MISSION
Company R														
C-2	Pleiku	AR76504751	Oct 62	15/65	13/83	1/133								C&O
A-217	Pleiku	AR76504751	Jan 67	7/12	3/13						7/1308			MSF
A-218	Pleiku	AR76504751	Oct 62		3/13									MSF
A-219	Pleiku	AR76504751	Oct 62		2/13									MSF
B-22	Qui Nhon	CRO9912281	Jan 65	6/19	9/8	120								C&O
A-221	Cung Son	BQ80104346	Jan 66	2/10	3/9	4/528	2/68	1/28				3/586		CSF/SS
A-222	Dong Tre	BQ90957425	Jun 63	2/8	2/9	4/548	2/72	1/28						CSF
A-223	Van Canh	BR83150720	Aug 65	2/10	2/9	4/379	2/68		1/3					CSF
A-224	Phu Tuc	BQ50405965	May 65	2/7	3/10	4/521	2/75					2/210	5/280	CSF/SS
A-226	Mai Linh	BQ24459220	Sep 65	2/8	2/9	4/468	2/68							CSF
A-227	Ha Tay	BR79508301	Jun 67	2/9	2/11	4/474	2/68							CSF
A-228	Vinh Thanh	BR61586052	Oct 65	3/13	2/7	4/433	2/61	1/18						CSF
B-23	Ban Me Thuot	AQ28000400	Nov 64	5/13	8/29	1/132								C&O
A-232	Tan Rai	ZT09958765	Jan 66	1/8	3/8	3/253	2/59							CSF
A-233	Trang Phuoc	ZV03662671	Sep 66	3/10	3/10	6/499	2/62							CSF/BS
A-234	An Lac	AP86474847	May 65	2/8	3/10	4/525	2/54							CSF
A-235	Nhon Co	YU80402505	Mar 66	2/8	2/9	4/397	2/57							CSF/BS
A-236	Bu Prang	YU48895610	Oct 67	2/7	2/9	4/548			2/					CSF/BS
A-237	Luong Son	BN12503850	Jan 66	2/0	2/8	3/467	2/66	1/12						CSF
A-238	Buon Blech	BQ00785942	Jul 66	2/10	3/8	4/560	2/68							CSF
A-239	Duc Lap	YU91327513	Nov 66	2/9	2/9	4/420	2/69		2/12					CSF/BS/SS
B-24	Kontum	AR27318891	Jan 66	7/17	9/25	1/119								C&C
A-241	Polei Kleng	ZA03269330	Mar 66	3/6	2/8	4/357	1/15							CSF/BS
A-242	Dak Pek	YB03269330	Nov 62	2/9	2/13	5/615	2/40	1/16	2/9					CSF/BS
A-243	Plateau Gi	BS08651555	Jan 65	2/6	2/9	4/310	2/54							CSF
A-244	Dak To	ZB01222150	Aug 65	2/10	2/10	4/436	2/68							CSF/BS
A-245	Dak Seang	YB89594051	Jul 66	2/10	2/8	4/366	2/47	1/16						CSF/BS
A-246	Mang Buk	AS98414180	Jul 64	2/7	2/10	3/373	2/60							CSF
A-251	Plei Djereng	YA87454590	Dec 66	2/8	2/9	4/336	2/58	1/16						CSF/BS
A-113	Plei Mrong	ZA11256700	Nov 62	2/13		4/524	2/62		2/12					CSF
A-253	Duc Co	YA84602499	Jun 62	2/10	2/9	5/412	2/57							CSF/BS
A-255	Plei Me	ZA16240592	Oct 63	2/9	2/8	4/407	2/29	1/12						CSF
B-50	Nha Trang	CP03105180	Jul 66		7/69							3/636		OMEGA
B-51	Dong Ba Thin	CP04002900	Apr 64	33/174	7/22	3/357	1/35							TC
B-52	Nha Trang	CP03105180	Apr 64	45/85	14/76	1/98	1/52							DELTA

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A-502	Trung Dung	BP93705571	Mar 64	6/12	3/ 9	6/784	2/68			1/12				CSF
A-503	Nha Trang	CP03105180	Jun 64	1/ 9	3/23		2/76				5/741			MSF
Recondo	Nha Trang	CP03105180	Jun 64		6/42	1/103								RS
Sig Co	Nha Trang	CP03105180			7/189									SPT
HHC	Nha Trang	CP03105180			72/438									SPT
TOTAL:				177/619	220/1281	115/12902	53/1636	8/146	9/36	27/321	15/2685	5/796	5/280	

LEGEND: C&C - Command and Control

BS - Border Surveillance

S/SS - Sector/Subsector

RF - Regional Force (Province Level)

PF - Popular Force (District Level)

CRP - Combat Reconnaissance Platoon

CA/PO - Civic Action/Psychological Operations

TC - Training Center

CSF - Camp Strike Force (Formerly CIDG)

MSF - Mobile Strike Force (Formerly Mike Force)

RS - Recondo School

NOTE: CIDG - Civilian Irregular Defense Group are MSF, CSF, CRP, and CA/PO Sqd Personnel

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3. (C) DETACHMENT STATISTICAL DATA - II BTZ

DET	UNSF CO	USAF CO	OPERATIONS			CONTACTS			KIA	*FRIENDLY LOSSES		TPNS	ENEMY LOSSES			
			CO	PLT	SOD	FOA	WGA	INC		MIA	MIA		KIA	MIA	CPTR	TPNS
Company B																
C-2	LTC Ph ng	LTC Faistenhammer														
A-217		CPT Adams	5			17	2		1/0/3/0	4/0/14/0			23	21	54	
A-218		CPT Gezelman														
A-219		1Lt Kramer														
B-22	CPT Tu Van	LTC Longfellow														
A-221	1Lt Cat	CPT Mercier	30	148	679	2							8			6
A-222	1Lt Hong	CPT Sevier	10	108	244	5	2			0/0/1/0			2	1		
A-223	CPT Trinh	CPT Besser	28	172	257		2									
A-224	CPT Kue	CPT Vogel	110	142	229	4	1			0/0/1/0			4			3
A-226	CPT Cai	CPT Hall	37	89	104	3	1						2			1
A-227	1Lt Lang	CPT Baumann	2	77	200	11	2			0/1/8/0			7	1	5	3
A-228	CPT Nguyen	CPT Lofft	29	638	508	4	3	2	0/0/5/0	0/0/5/0		8	6	2		2
B-23	MAJ Dien	MAJ Jones														
A-232	1Lt Tho	CPT Keller	8	34		1	1	1								
A-233	1Lt Voe	CPT Hamilton	10	40		1										
A-234	CPT Boov	CPT Hayes	2	34		1									2	
A-235	1Lt Chien	CPT Munsey	4	34		4		1	2/0/3/0				1	11	5	2-5
A-236	CPT Bao	CPT Tolsom	18			2	4	1	0/0/1/0	0/0/10/0			1	4		1
A-237	CPT Que	CPT Davis	8	24		2	1			0/0/2/0			12			4
A-238	CPT Khim	CPT Gant	6	25		2	2						2	6		4
A-239	CPT Roa	CPT Green	6	36		1	1			0/0/1/0						
B-24	MAJ Bau	LTC Cole														
A-241	1Lt Thieu	CPT Acosta	1	93	336	3							4	2		1
A-242	1Lt Hoa	CPT Carr	82	432	433											
A-243	1Lt Toan	CPT Ferguson	28	104	191		2		0/0/1/0	0/0/7/0						
A-244	CPT Tuoc	CPT Braddock	74	158												
A-245	1Lt Nam	CPT Zadrozny	35	191	361		2	4	0/0/3/0	0/0/9/0	0/0/1/0	4				
A-246	CPT Vilkson	CPT Hartley	38	52	263		1			0/0/1/0			4			
A-251	1Lt Len	CPT Nieubauer	3	12	93											
A-113	1Lt Foa		14	49	130	5							1	15		
A-253	1Lt Jung	CPT Sandstrom	49	27	144		1									
A-255	1Lt Va	CPT Bizatto	22	147	174	3		2					2			1
B-50		LTC LaVar	7	4	56	3							4	1		
B-51	CPT Nhan	MAJ Borgman	3	10	60											
B-52	MAJ Tat	MAJ Allen	8	3	27	7	7		1/2/5/0				9	4		

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			CO	PLT				INC	KIA	TA	MIA		KIA	VIA	CPT	PNS
A-503	CPT Hung	MAJ Costa	1	4	1	4	1			0/0/2/0			1			2
A-502	CPT Ngoc	CPT Lee	80	752		16	4		1/0/2/0	1/0/11/0			29	4		28
05		MAJ Lunday	4	48	6											
Total			762	3,677	4,496	101	40	11	2/0/15/0	8/3/20/0	0/0/1/0	12	122	5	74	115

Note: Friendly casualties are listed: VNSE/VNSE/INC/PT & PF

LEGEND: FOA - Contacts resulting from friendly offensive action
 VCA - VC attacks on installations and convoys
 INC - Incidents (mines, boobytraps, assassinations, etc)

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RECAPITULATION

1. Personnel Assigned	60,822
a. USASF	2,559
b. VNSF	1,628
c. CIDG	35,672
d. Mobile Strike Force	6,371
e. Regional Force	6,791
f. Popular Force	7,811

2. Operations	
a. Squad	11,522
b. Platoon	6,633
c. Company or Larger	1,568
d. Total Operations	19,723

3. Contacts	
a. Contacts resulting from friendly offensive action	266
b. VC attacks on installations and convoys	177
c. Incidents (mines, booby traps, assassinations, etc.)	67

4. Confirmed VC Losses	
a. KIA	764
b. WIA	36
c. Captured	116
d. Weapons	202

5. Friendly Losses	<u>USASF</u>	<u>VNSF</u>	<u>CIDG</u>	<u>RF/PF</u>
a. KIA	5	0	82	15
b. WIA	32	5	384	74
c. MIA	0	0	8	0
d. Total Weapons Lost:	53			

6. Personnel Recruited During Period: 1,792

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1. (C) MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS - III CTZ.

OPERATIONS. On 4 October a search and destroy operation consisting of two USASF, two VNSF and one Camp Strike Force Company from Camp Tra Cu, A-352, Hau Nghia Province, made contact with one platoon of VC, 19 kilometers north of camp. Friendly elements initiated fire at 100 meters. After a five minute fire fight, the VC broke contact and withdrew. Results of this contact were four CIDG, one VNSF and one USASF wounded; one VC killed, one US M-1 carbine, four rifle grenades, two Chicom grenades, assorted ammunition, web gear and ammunition magazines captured. On 4 October Camp Tra Cu, A-352, Hau Nghia Province was probed by a company of VC. Mortar and small arms fire was directed against the camp. Ten rounds of 82mm mortar landed inside the inner perimeter. After 20 minutes the VC broke contact and withdrew. Results of this probe were two CIDG killed, five CIDG wounded and two bunkers destroyed. On 7 October an RF/PF platoon from Song Be, B-34, Phuoc Long Province, ambushed one platoon of VC 10 kilometers south southwest of Song Be. After a short fire fight the VC withdrew. Results of this contact were 10 RF/PF wounded; five VC killed; one US submachine gun, four hand grenades and one pound of documents captured. On 13 October, a search and destroy operation from Camp Bu Dop, A-341, Phuoc Long Province, consisting of two USASF, one VNSF, and one Camp Strike Force company established contact with two platoons of VC, emplaced in dug-in positions 12 kilometers south southwest of Camp Bu Dop. Friendly elements initiated contact at 200 meters. A one hour fire fight ensued after which the VC broke contact and withdrew. Results were one USASF wounded; five VC killed; and estimated four VC wounded; five carbines, six pounds of documents, assorted equipment and rice captured. On 14 October, an unknown number of VC opened fire with small arms on a search and destroy operation consisting of two USASF, one VNSF and 72 Camp Strike Force troops from Camp Minh Thanh, A-332, Binh Long Province, five kilometers northeast of camp. Friendly element returned fire and called artillery in support. After a five minute fire fight the VC broke contact and withdrew. Results were four VC killed. In addition to the above, Detachment B-56 Ho Ngoc Tao, Bian Hoa Province, conducted two company, three platoon, and three recon team operations and engaged in two contacts. Results were three mobile strike force wounded; eleven VC killed; four weapons captured; and one enemy 2 1/2 ton truck destroyed. On 18 October a search and destroy operation consisting of two USASF, one VNSF and two Camp Strike Force companies from Hiep Hoa, A-351, Hau Nghia Province, opened fire from ambush on an estimated company of VC. After a seven minute fire fight the enemy broke contact and withdrew east. Results of this contact were seven VC killed, 10 VC wounded, one M-16 rifle, one .45 caliber pistol, one M-26 grenade, four loaded AK-47 magazines, one pistol belt, assorted uniforms and five pounds of documents captured. On 20 October at 1130 hours a search and destroy operation consisting of two USASF, three VNSF, and one company of Camp Strike Force personnel from Tra Cu, A-352, Hau Nghia Province, found a cache of five new rockets (similar to the 3.5 inch US type rocket) OD in color, with Chinese markings, and six sealed 360 round containers of type M43, 7.62mm ammunition. At 1318 hours the operation sighted 20 VC southeast of the camp. The friendly element opened fire and the VC withdrew. Results were five VC killed, and two AK-47 rifles captured. At 1550 hours an additional 20 VC were sighted hiding in a tree line and under water breathing through bamboo. The friendly element engaged the enemy at a distance of 200 meters. A short fire fight followed, after which the enemy broke contact and fled northeast. Results of this contact were 10 VC killed, two AK-47 rifles and one US carbine captured. On 24 October a search and destroy operation from Trai Bi, A-323, Tay Ninh Province, consisting of two USASF, two VNSF and two Camp Strike Force companies, while conducting a sweep sighted a force of 20 VC armed with AK-47's. The friendly element engaged the enemy who immediately took up defensive positions and returned fire. The friendly element assaulted the enemy positions, using fire and maneuver which caused the enemy to break contact and withdraw. This contact resulted in five VC killed and three small arms captured. On 25 October a search and destroy operation in ambush position, consisting of two USASF, two VNSF and one Camp Strike Force company from Tra Cu, A-352, Hau Nghia Province, opened fire on three VC sampans moving on a canal at a distance

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of 20 meters. After a five minute fire fight, the enemy broke contact and withdrew. This contact resulted in one VC killed; one VC captured; one sampan with motor, one small arm, and assorted supplies, munitions and medicine captured. On 25 October, a search and destroy operation from Bu Dop, A-341, Phuoc Long Province, consisting of two USASF, two VNSF, and one Camp Strike Force company, made contact with a VC squad. After a ten minute fire fight, the enemy broke contact and withdrew. This contact resulted in two VC killed. Later in the day, this same element, while searching for a VC base camp, made contact with another VC squad which later increased to a larger force of unknown size. The VC attempted encirclement but the friendly element managed to break through with artillery support from their camp. Two VC were killed as a result of this action. Shortly thereafter, the same element was surrounded by a VC force of company plus size and was engaged at a distance of 50 to 100 meters. Mobile Strike Forces and helicopter support were requested. Two companies of Mobile Strike Force began arriving on 26 October and made contact with a VC company. After a 15 minute fire fight, the VC broke contact and withdrew. This contact resulted in four VC killed, three small arms, two grenades and one 105mm round captured. During that operation, a helicopter, with three USASF aboard, crashed while attempting to pick up a wounded Camp Strike Force soldier. The three USASF were killed as a result of this crash and all members of the crew were seriously injured. On 27 October, Camp Song Be, B-34, Phuoc Long Province, came under mortar attack from three VC mortar squads. The camp returned mortar fire and after nearly three hours, the enemy broke contact and withdrew. This attack on Camp Song Be resulted in three USASF and three Camp Strike Force personnel wounded. On 21 October Camp Tong Le Chon, A-334, Binh Long Province, came under mortar attack from an unknown size VC force. The camp returned 105mm artillery fire and called for tactical air support. During the 20 minute attack, the camp received 30 rounds of 81mm and 82mm mortar rounds. Tactical air support started dropping napalm and CBU's on the suspected enemy positions which caused the VC to break contact and withdraw. This attack resulted in five USASF, two US engineers, eight CIDG and two ARVN wounded. On 29 October a search and destroy operation from Camp Tong Le Chon, A-334, Binh Long Province, consisting of two USASF, two VNSF and one Camp Strike Force Company made contact with an estimated VC company. The friendly elements opened fire with small arms, and called artillery and air strikes in support. The enemy returned fire and after a two hour fire fight, the enemy broke contact and withdrew. This contact resulted in one CIDG wounded and seven VC killed.

REVOLUTIONARY DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT ACTIVITIES. Throughout III Corps this month civic action centered on the construction of CIDG dependent housing, hospitals, bridges and schools. In Duc Phong, the fourth school house in four months was completed. The children of the area are now able to attend classes and receive an education. Approximately 100 migrant Montagnard families residing under VC control in the Chi Linh AO have expressed desire to be relocated near the Chi Linh Special Forces camp to escape harassment from the VC. Coordination is being conducted and plans are being made for the arrival of the refugees. In Ben Soi, 100 families were forced to leave their homes because of rising water. Plans were immediately made to establish temporary living quarters on dry ground. Most of the families lost what food they had from water damage. A rice distribution point was established and food and health kits were distributed. In Minh Thanh a program has been underway to train nurses to work throughout the "A" camps in III Corps. Medical personnel are needed in this area, and the program will help to supplement the efforts of the overburdened medics.

PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS. The first class of Co A's new CIDG POLWAR teams graduated this month. The student body was composed of three CIDG from the formerly established CAPO squads at each "A" camp. The POLWAR course emphasizes a more inclusive concept than just CA and PSYOPS activities. The

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POIWAR concept incorporates motivation and indoctrination into the overall program with the CIDG striker receiving training priority in welfare, education, vocational training and PSYOPS efforts. It is presently planned that this school will continue until all personnel are retrained under the POIWAR concept. The course is six weeks in duration. The entire III CTZ area received an intensified PSYOPS campaign. Leaflets, loudspeaker appeals, and face-to-face communication resulted in 41 Chieu Hoi coming over to the GVN cause. MEDCAPS were the primary means utilized for face-to-face communication.

TIPS OF THE TRADE. One day heliborne operations have proven more successful than the three day operations that have been run in the past few months. It is recommended that more of these short operations be conducted to enhance the element of surprise. A technique that is used successfully when approaching a trail junction is to leave a squad in ambush while preselected elements recon the trail network. If the enemy is following the operation, the ambush will pick them up, while the recon continues. Additionally, if an enemy patrol ventures along any of the trails running through the intersection, they are denied information as to the direction of movement of the operation.

The use of dogs as a means of tracking down the VC should be utilized to the utmost. Contrary to popular belief, scout dogs do have a "staying power" for more than 4 days providing they adhere to the rotation system and proper diet.

When conducting small boat river operations, likely VC ambush sites should be reconned by fire. It is most desirable that small boat river operations be accompanied by either an overhead FAC or a light fire team.

Reluctance to pursue, and the continuance of offensive action against the VC once contact has been initiated, has been noted on the part of the CIDG company size operation. When significant contact is made, often LIDB counterparts immediately request air and artillery support against squad size VC elements instead of employing fire and maneuver tactics. Often the immediate employment of air and artillery support allows the VC ample time to break contact and withdraw. It is believed that more aggressive pursuit and less reliance on artillery and air support, would result in more VC confirmed kills, especially in squad size contacts. If the USASF advisors determine that close air or artillery is necessary they must insure that immediately after employment, the CIDG continue pursuit of the VC force.

Company A's FSP utilizes an automatic resupply system which has proven to be an effective time saver and has reduced considerably the requisition requirement. A chart is maintained by the FSP, and posted daily, reflecting the on-hand balance of rice, mogas, diesel, butane, and oil for each camp. We receive information from the daily admin reports. Each camp has a numerical reorder point. When their on-hand balance falls below this point, the FSP programs aircraft to deliver the needed supplies. It is, however, required that all detachments forward an accurate admin report. In order to attain maximum effectiveness and insure proper aircraft utilization, all detachments must insure that items on automatic resupply are properly distributed. Several detachments have used rice to pay laborers and often come up with a low rice balance, necessitating continual resupply. The effect of this practice on our supply system is disastrous; as aircraft must be continually diverted to meet the needs of any camp experiencing a shortage. Effective 20 Oct Company A commenced monitoring all admin reports for indications of excessive use in an attempt to eliminate any misuse of the automatic resupply system.

Company A receives about 10 aircraft requests weekly. This is a routine matter and should take no more than one hour per request. Our major problem, until recently, was that the FSP received incomplete information regarding aircraft usage. Upon receipt of the proper paperwork, a request is initiated and

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submitted through channels. At General Staff level, II FFV, a decision is made indicating approval, type of aircraft, and number of sorties. Many requests previously received did not contain the necessary required information to effect a request from the FSP. Responses on recent requests have improved considerably and prompt airlift service will result if proper requesting formats are followed.

It is possible to double the life of generators by following a few simple tips. It is necessary to keep any generator elevated so as to keep its carriage off the ground. If two generators are being used it is recommended that they be alternated on a regular basis. Any mechanical repair which appears complicated and beyond the capabilities of mechanics at the location is either checked by a B detachment Tech Rep or forwarded to Company A's FSP to be repaired.

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(C) TROOP DISPOSITION LIST - III CTZ.

DET	LOCATION	COORD	DATE OPENED	NR VNSF*	NR USASF*	NR CO/USF	NR CRP	CA/PO SQDS	MSF CO	AIRBOAT FLT	RF CO	PF PLT	MISSION
Company A													
C-3	Bien Hoa	YT00901270	Nov 64	19/59	18/61	/ 42							C&C
A-301	Trang Sup	XT16655540	Jan 63	5/11	2/10	3/382	1/34						CSF/BS
A-302	**** Chien Thang I	YS43965104	Sep 67	9/ 9	2/15				6/1022				MSF
A-311	Tanh Linh**	YT92872617	May 65	2/ 3	1/ 6	4/272	1/14						CSF
B-32	Tay Ninh	XT20305025	Dec 64	6/12	7/17	1/117	1/32	1/12					C&C
A-321	Ben Soi	XT09204757	Mar 65	3/10	2/ 8	4/446	2/68	1/12		1/36	3/ 396	1/ 32	CSF/BS/SS
A-322	Prek Klok	XT27827856	Mar 67	3/10	2/11	6/653	2/66						CSF/BS
A-323	Trai Bi	XT11766947	Jun 66	3/ 8	2/10	5/631	2/68						CSF/BS
A-324	Nui Ba Den	XT28105820	Jul 64	/ 1	1/ 6	1/118							Radio RCL
B-33	Hon Quan	XT73858770	Jul 65	7/13	8/18	/ 38	1/34						C&C
A-331	Loc Ninh	XU73140823	Dec 66	3/10	2/10	5/459	2/63	1/12					CSF/BS
A-332	Minh Thanh	XT64356682	Feb 64	2/ 9	2/ 9	4/288	1/25						CSF
A-333	Chi Linh	XT91507350	Jan 67	2/ 9	2/ 9	4/205	2/56						CSF
A-334	Tong Le Chon	XT62228103	Mar 67	2/ 8	2/11		3/106						CSF/BS
B-34	Song Be	YU17971132	Apr 65	6/13	8/23	/ 51	1/34	1/23			6/ 620	30/1019	C&C/S/SS
A-341	Bu Dop	YU97452909	Nov 63	3/ 8	3/11	4/357	1/59	1/12			1/ 77	9/ 305	CSF/BS/SS
A-342	Dong Yoi	YT07647597	Jun 65	2/ 6	2/ 8	5/388	2/60				/ 22	8/ 220	CSF/BS
A-343	Duc Phong	YU43750499	Apr 66	2/ 8	3/ 9	4/471	2/68				1/ 104	6/ 217	CSF/BS
A-344	Bunard	YT27 018877	Apr 67	2/ 9	2/10	5/315	1/27						CSF
B-35	Duc Hoa	XS60007625	Dec 66	8/ 9	7/20	1/ 77	1/34						C&C
A-351	Hiep Hoa	XT43000717	May 66	2/ 8	3/10	4/429	2/68	1/12		1/16	2/ 385		CSF/BS/SS
A-352	Tra Cu	XS47759846	Jan 67	2/ 7	3/11	6/436	2/64	1/12		1/16			CSF/BS
A-353	Luong Hoa***	XS58108555	May 67	2/ 7	2/ 7	4/284	2/57	1/10		1/16			CSF/BS
B-36	**** Chien Thang II	YT43845122	Sep 67		9/23								C&C
A-361	**** Chien Thang II	YT43845122	Sep 67						1/ 139				MSF
A-362	**** Chien Thang II	YT43845122	Sep 67						1/ 169				MSF
B-55	Saigon				8/34	1/212							LNO
B-56	Ho Ngoc Tao	XT95810010	Aug 66		8/52				4/455				SIGMA
TOTAL:				95/247	111/419	71/6671	32/1037	8/105	12/1785	4/84	13/1604	54/1793	

LEGEND: C&C - Command and Control
 BS - Border Surveillance
 S/SS - Sector/Subsector
 RF - Regional Force (Province Level)
 PF - Popular Force (District Level)
 CRP - Combat Reconnaissance Platoon
 CA/PO - Civic Action/Psychological Operations
 TC - Training Center

NOTE: CSF - Camp Strike Force (Formerly CIDG)
 MSF - Mobile Strike Force (Formerly Mike Force)
 CIDG - Civilian Irregular Defense Group are MSF, CSF, CRP and CA/PO Sqs
 * - VNSF & USASF strengths - Off/EM, all other strengths Nr Units/Nr Personnel
 ** - Tanh Linh converted to RF/PF eff 31 Oct 67 (District Control)
 *** - Luong Hoa, A-353 closed out eff 25 Oct 67
 **** - Camps redesignated Chien Thang I & Chien Thang II eff Oct 67

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			CO	PLT	SQD	FOA	VCA	INC	KIA	WIA	NIA	WPNS	KIA	WIA	CPTR	PNS
Company A																
A-3	LTC Can	LTC Hayes														
A-301	1Lt Jan	CPT Ford	3	0	203											
A-302	CPT Lac	CPT Pino	6	8	28			1		0/0/4/0	0/0/1/0					
A-311	CPT Pat	CPT Surdu	7	3	4											
A-32	CPT Vanh	LTC Vance	2	11	15											
A-321	CPT Mac	CPT Phillips	19	9	94	4				0/0/1/0			2		1	
A-322	CPT Thanh	CPT Winton	9	30	90	4	2		0/0/1/0	1/1/4/0			2			1
A-323	1Lt An	CPT Lopez	9		120	4		2		0/0/12/0			6			6
A-324	Sgt Lai	1Lt Seetin	1	1	10	1	1	5								
A-33	MAJ Tuu	MAJ Jordan	1				1									
A-331	1Lt Vanh	CPT Beruten	6			3	1		0/0/7/0	6/0/53/0			238			9
A-332	1Lt Nchia	CPT Schacter	8													
A-333	1Lt Hoang	CPT Drollinger	9				2									
A-334	2Lt Marh	CPT Pedigo	6			2	5			1/0/10/0			11	1		1
A-34	MAJ Rien	MAJ Miller	1		375	11			3/0/0/8	3/0/15/21	0/0/6/0	6	28		3	10
A-341	1Lt Treiu	1Lt Carter	16	61	88	17	28	1	0/0/1/1	1/0/3/5			18	11		5
A-342	1Lt Te	1Lt Dickman	16	2	275		1		0/0/0/1							
A-343	CPT Kieu	CPT Remener	7		248	1	2			0/0/2/0			2			1
A-344	1Lt Phuone	CPT Lee	8	24	8											
A-35	MAJ Tien	MAJ Mendoza	2				1		0/0/4/0	2/0/4/0						
A-351	1Lt Luc	CPT McLaughlin	71	67		3			0/0/3/0	0/0/3/0			10		1	3
A-352	1Lt Thoi	CPT Williams	10	4		3	3		0/0/4/0	1/1/7/0		1	13		2	6
A-353	CPT Song	CPT Johnson	3	19	2	2		1		0/0/1/0		5				
A-36		CPT Swain		1	8		1			2/0/3/0						
A-56		LTC Utegaard	11	8	10	13	3		0/0/10/0	3/0/34/0		15	122		3	7
TOTAL:			231	248	1578	57	62	10	3/0/30/10	20/2/156/26	0/0/7/0	27	452	12	10	19

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1. (C) MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS - IV CTZ.

OPERATIONS. On 2 October, an operation consisting of two Camp Strike Force (CSF) companies, two Combat Reconnaissance Platoons (CRP), one airboat section, three VNSF, and four USASF, departed from Camp Cai Cai, A-431, Kien Phong Province on a search and destroy operation. The operation continued for two days. During the operation, the friendly elements were in contact with enemy forces of squad and platoon size. Results of the operation were one CIDG killed and one wounded; two carbines lost; three VC killed and two captured; 45 mines, five sampans, and one kilogram of medical supplies seized; 20 sampans, 43 huts, 20 bunkers, and one mine factory destroyed. On 7 October at 1150 hours an RF outpost approximately ten kilometers northwest of Cao Lanh, Detachment B-43, Kien Phong Province, initiated contact with an estimated platoon of VC from a distance of 200 meters. Results of the contact were: Three RF wounded; 27 VC killed (14 of which were USASF confirmed) five VC and eight small arms captured; and three sampans destroyed. On 12 October at 0145 hours an estimated two companies of VC attacked the Chau Doc, B-42 compound, Chau Doc Province. The VC were armed with 57mm RR, B-40 rockets, 60mm mortars, and small arms. The fire came from 250 meters northeast of the compound. Air support was requested and arrived at 0215 hours. Results of the attack were: One US killed (from the 52d Signal Battalion), nine US wounded (five of which were USASF); two RF and two PF killed; three RF wounded; one VC captured. On 12 October, at 0600 hours, a combined operation from Detachment B-43, Cao Lanh, Kien Phong Province, was initiated. At approx. 1500 hours the airboat element while making a sweep, initiated contact with an unknown number of VC, resulting in four VC killed, 40 sampans destroyed, assorted ammo, three ponchos, 20 kilos of rice, cooking utensils, a gas stove, and assorted documents captured. On 17 October at 0630 hours, the RF element initiated contact with an enemy unit. Unit was estimated as thirty VC. After a 30 minute fire fight the VC broke contact and withdrew northeast. Results were one RF wounded, four VC killed, one VC wounded, one .45 caliber pistol captured, and one sampan destroyed. At 0915 hours the gunships that were supporting the operation initiated contact with an unknown number of VC resulting in four VC killed, 26 sampans and nine structures destroyed. At 1100 hours the airboat element received sporadic fire and called in the gunships. Gunships made a sweep of the area and the RF element was sent in to assess the strike. Results of the sweep were 10 VC killed, three sampans and five structures destroyed. At 1350 hours the gunships again made a sweep of the area with the following results: seven VC killed; 15 sampans and 20 structures destroyed. A total of 31 VC were reported killed by air during the operation. The overall results of the two day operation were one RF wounded; 62 VC killed; three VC captured; one sampan, six weapons captured; and a quantity of equipment and documents captured; 58 sampans and 34 structures destroyed. On 22 October at 0800 hours an operation from Detachment A-401, Don Phuoc, Kien Phong Province, consisting of one airboat section and four USASF departed on a search and destroy operation. On 23 October the friendly element called in gunships in support of the operation. A sweep of the area revealed 10 VC killed and six sampans destroyed. At 1130 hours the airboat element initiated contact with two VC with the following results: two VC killed, and two Chicom carbines captured. One airboat was slightly damaged from small arms fire. At 1230 hours the airboat element again initiated contact with 10 VC in four sampans. After a five minute fire fight the VC broke contact and fled. Results were two VC killed; two submachine guns, one carbine, one home made pistol belt captured; and four sampans destroyed. One airboat was damaged from a mine however it remained operational. At 0100 hours on 25 October, Camp Cai Cai, A-431, Kien Phong Province, received approximately 40-50 rounds of 81mm and 82mm mortar fire. The camp fired counter mortar fire and the enemy fire ceased at 0120 hours. The attack was mounted from Cambodia and the enemy withdrew into Cambodia after the attack. Results were eight CIDG and six civilians killed; 41 CIDG and seven civilians wounded. Enemy casualties are unknown.

REVOLUTIONARY DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT ACTIVITIES. Revolutionary Development continues to increase throughout IV Corps. The main emphasis is on BEMAPS and local construction. The construction being conducted involves the repairing and

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building of roads, churches, pagodas, schools, and health and sanitation facilities. MEDCAP's mission during the month of October was the inoculation of the people against plague, typhoid, cholera, and small pox. At My Da and My An emphasis is on improving the health and sanitation of the villagers. At present the people are using the canal water located there to wash in, cook with, and as a sewage system for garbage, refuse, and excrement. A program is being conducted to build a water purification plant, however, a problem exists in getting the people interested in having and using one. The electrical co-op for Tinh Bien District is progressing satisfactorily with the work centered on the construction of electrical poles.

PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS. Numerous night missions were flown in support of "A" detachments under attack or in danger of being attacked. Quick reaction special tapes were made, within hours of receiving intelligence, to exploit psychological vulnerabilities of enemy units. On 13 October Det A-431 received an intelligence report that a VC unit was massing for an attack. The camp interpreter was used to cut a tape. The tape was broadcasted calling the VC unit commander by name and telling the unit that their presence was known and the camp was prepared for them. The result was sporadic small arms fire, however, the camp was not attacked.

TIPS OF THE TRADE. In moving through heavy bamboo swamps, gloves have been found to be a necessity. Hands are easily cut on sharp broken bamboo, and infection sets in rapidly from bamboo sap, dirty water and mosquitoes. A mosquito headnet in swamp areas is also a very important item.

B-43. Experience has dictated that the airboats are useless, unless they are provided air cover by either VR or FAC. The flat terrain coupled with the extremely high grass in the Delta and the speed of the boats makes accurate navigation impossible. Airboats operating without this cover are a hazard to themselves as well as the units they are designated to support. Airboats must maintain two kilometers distance from blocking and maneuvering units to avoid mistaken contact.

Sampan operations present command and control problems which are not experienced in foot mobile operations. Identification of friendly sampan units from the air is almost impossible because of the large number of sampans in any one area. Vietnamese commanders must constantly be advised of the importance of using colored panels or flags placed in the bottom of the lead sampan or on all boats to facilitate identification. Colors must be alternated to avoid compromise. This will assist the air CP in making positive identification. The use of smoke is not satisfactory since this often results in a compromise of friendly locations.

Airboats require an extensive logistical tail. They use a fantastic amount of fuel, ammunition and spare parts. Prior planning is an absolute must. Figures, which are based on operations conducted during the month of October, indicate that for every VC target engaged, the airboats used 1,552 rounds of .30 caliber linked ammunition, 52-40mm grenades, and 51.6 gallons of aviation fuel. This figure does not include aviation oil, small arms ammo and spare parts. This is a clear indication that a more reliable method of controlled maneuvering must be developed and fire directed on known or suspected enemy positions, not on every cluster of weeds, bushes and trees within range of their weapons.

The most successful use of the airboat is in combination with gunships and a FAC, VR, or C&C ship. The gunships proceed over the area ahead of the airboats calling sightings and conducting reconnaissance by fire. The airboats follow checking out suspicious areas. Due to the speed of all units concerned the timely introduction of infantry into such an area is impossible without helicopters. In many cases this is impossible due to the lack of LZ's. A possible solution would be to place ground troops in airboats to accompany or be on call in order that certain areas can be checked out on the ground.

A-432. This detachment has found that an assault boat with a sampan motor is excellent for recovering air drops on flooded LZ's where regular assault boats cannot travel due to the weeds.

2. (C) TROOP DISPOSITION LIST - IV CTZ.

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DET	LOCATION	COORD	DATE OPENED	NR VNSF*	NR USASF*	NR NR CD/CSF	CRP	CA/PO SQDS	MSF	RF CO	PF PLT	MISSION
Company D												
C-4	Can Tho	WS84301160	Jan 63	17/47	13/36	1/178						C&C
B-40	Don Phuc	WT51500990	Oct 67		1/7							C&C
A-401	Don Phuc	WT51500990	Jan 66	7/6	2/8				4/532**			MSF
A-402	To Chau	VS45604545	Feb 67		1/10				1/151			MSF
A-403	To Chau	VS45604545	Mar 67		2/10				1/168			MSF
A-404	Binh Hung	VQ84858175	Jan 65		1/5		1/34		1/155			CSF
A-405***	Ha Tien	VS43824686	Apr 65	2/9	2/4	3/437	2/64			1/120	3/106	CSF/SS
B-41	Moc Hoa	XS03019092	Feb 65		10/13							C&C/S
A-411	My Phouc Tay	XS20215981	Feb 67	3/9	2/10	4/781	2/68	1/22				CSF
A-412	Kinh Quan II	WS97847568	Oct 65	2/8	3/10	4/614	2/64	1/11		3/360	9/163	CSF/SS
A-413	Binh Thanh Thon	WT86290320	May 65	2/10	3/9	4/423	2/66	1/11		1/140	10/364	CSF/BS/SS
A-414	Moc Hoa	XS02858980	Mar 63	6/20	3/9	5/535	2/49	1/11		3/378	7/288	CSF/BS/SS
A-415	Tuyen Nhon	XS27357738	Apr 65	6/14	7/16	4/512	2/66			1/91	3/122	CSF/BS/SS
B-42	Chau Doc	WS13158410	Mar 65	6/14	7/16	1/58				5/615	37/1347	C&C/S/SS
A-421	Ba Xoi	VS95606280	May 66	2/7	3/14	3/396	2/68	1/12				CSF
A-429	Vinh Gia	VS76216093	Aug 64	4/10		4/581	2/67	1/12				CSF/BS
A-423***	Tinh Bien	VS95267115	Apr 64	2/4	2/8	6/504	2/66	2/17		3/355	23/624	CSF/BS/SS
B-43	Cao Lanh	WS69515620	Feb 67	5/18	11/17							C&C/S
A-431	Cai Cai	WT56200740	Apr 65	3/9	2/10	5/791	2/90					CSF/BS
A-432	Thuong Thoi	WS31709565	May 66	2/8	3/10	4/571	2/65	1/12		4/499	23/729	CSF/BS/SS
A-433	My Da	WS99856205	Mar 67	2/9	3/11	5/685	3/130			4/584	11/467	CSF/SS
B-44	Phu Quoc	US86353035	Feb 67		4/8					4/414	2/85	C&C/SS
A-441	Phu Quoc	US86752855	Feb 65	2/9	5/9	4/460	2/63	1/12				CSF
A-442	Phu Quoc	US86353035	Sep 66	3/8	2/4	3/313						TC
TOTAL:				72/214	88/252	60/7839	28/960	11/122	7/1006	29/3556	128/4295	

LEGEND: C&C - Command & Control
BS - Border Surveillance
S/SS - Sector/Subsector
RF - Regional Force (Province Level)
PF - Popular Force (District Level)
CRP - Combat Reconnaissance Platoon
CA/PO - Civic Action Psychological Operations
TC - Training Center
CSF - Camp Strike Force (Formerly CIDG)
MSF - Mobile Strike Force (Formerly Mike Force)

* - VNSF and USASF strengths - Off/EM, all other strengths Nr Units/Nr Personnel
** - Includes one airboat company
*** - Converted to RF/PF eff 31 Oct 67 (District Control)

NOTE: CIDG - Civilian Irregular Defense Group are MSF, CSF, CRP, and CA/PO Sqds

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3. (C) DETACHMENT STATISTICAL DATA - IV CTZ

DET	VNSE CO	USAF CO	OPERATIONS			CONTACTS			*FRIENDLY LOSSES				ENEMY LOSSES			
			Co	Plt	Sqd	FOA	VCA	INC	KIA	WIA	MIA	WPNS	KIA	WIA	CPTR	WPNS
C-4		LTC Hassinger														
P-40	MAJ Kieu	MAJ Marecek	7			10	8	2	0/0/4/0	0/0/10/0			25	1		5
A-401		MAJ Marecek										6				1
A-402		CPT Griffith		12	3	2										
A-403		1LT Dubois								0/0/1/0			9	1	4	6
A-404		1LT Matelic	4	15	118	6										
A-405	CPT Mul	1LT Myers														
B-41	MAJ Son	LTC Stonecipher							0/0/1/0	0/0/2/0		1	5			
A-411	1LT Hai	CPT Alvord	6	132	25	6	3	1	0/0/1/0	0/0/11/0			10	2	2	3
A-412	1LT Giang	1LT Cropper	11	97	157	10		4	0/0/1/0	0/0/2/0			3		5	3
A-413	1LT Loc	CPT Sabin	7	134	451	2	2	2	0/0/0/1	0/0/0/5			3			1
A-414	MAJ Son	CPT Jencks	16	81	89	8	3	1	0/0/2/0	0/0/12/0		3	6			2
A-415	1LT Thanh	CPT Vogelberger	13	232	609	4		4								
B-42	MAJ Kiem	MAJ Smith										3				1
A-421	CPT Raul	CPT Gibson	44	26	165	1		5								4
A-149	CPT Nam		14	131	399											
A-423	CPT Tan	CPT Knowlton	58	45	593	4	11	15	0/0/6/3	3/0/6/38			2			
B-43	CPT Hai	LTC Mullen										1	8	3	5	4
A-431	CPT Nghi	CPT Gerhardt	7	271		10	4		0/0/9/0	0/0/4/0						
A-432	MAJ Danh	CPT Fletcher	118	612	439		1		0/0/0/1	0/0/0/4						
A-433	1LT Duc	CPT Gordon	114	88		4	2	6	0/0/1/0	0/0/15/0			1			
B-44	CPT Phuong	MAJ Lucas											3	4		1
A-441		1LT Hill	90	238	242	10										
A-442	CPT Tai	CPT Komendantov														
TOTAL:			502	2114	3290	77	34	40	0/0/24/5	3/0/99/47		14	75	11	16	27

NOTE: * - Friendly casualties are listed USAF/VNSE/CJDC/REAPP

LEGEND: FOA - Contacts resulting from friendly offensive action
VCA - VC attacks on installations and convoys
INC - Incidents (mines, booby traps, assassinations, etc)

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