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Dear Mr. Detra:

This replies to your letter, concerning the operations of Seal Team ONE during the Vietnam War period.

I am enclosing extracts from the history of this unit and the Monthly Historical Report of Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Vietnam which, for your period of interest, offer some details regarding Seal Team ONE's actions in the Rung Sat Special Zone operations area. I am also attaching extracts from Dennis Cummings's book, The Men Behind The Trident. As you will note, this coverage focuses on the operations of specific Seal Team ONE Detachments located at Nha Be during the later part of 1967. Hopefully, you may be able to locate this volume in your local library, or make arrangements for an interlibrary loan.

Your interest in naval history is appreciated and I hope that this material will be helpful.

Sincerely,

for Kathleen M. Lloyd
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Head, Operational Archives Branch

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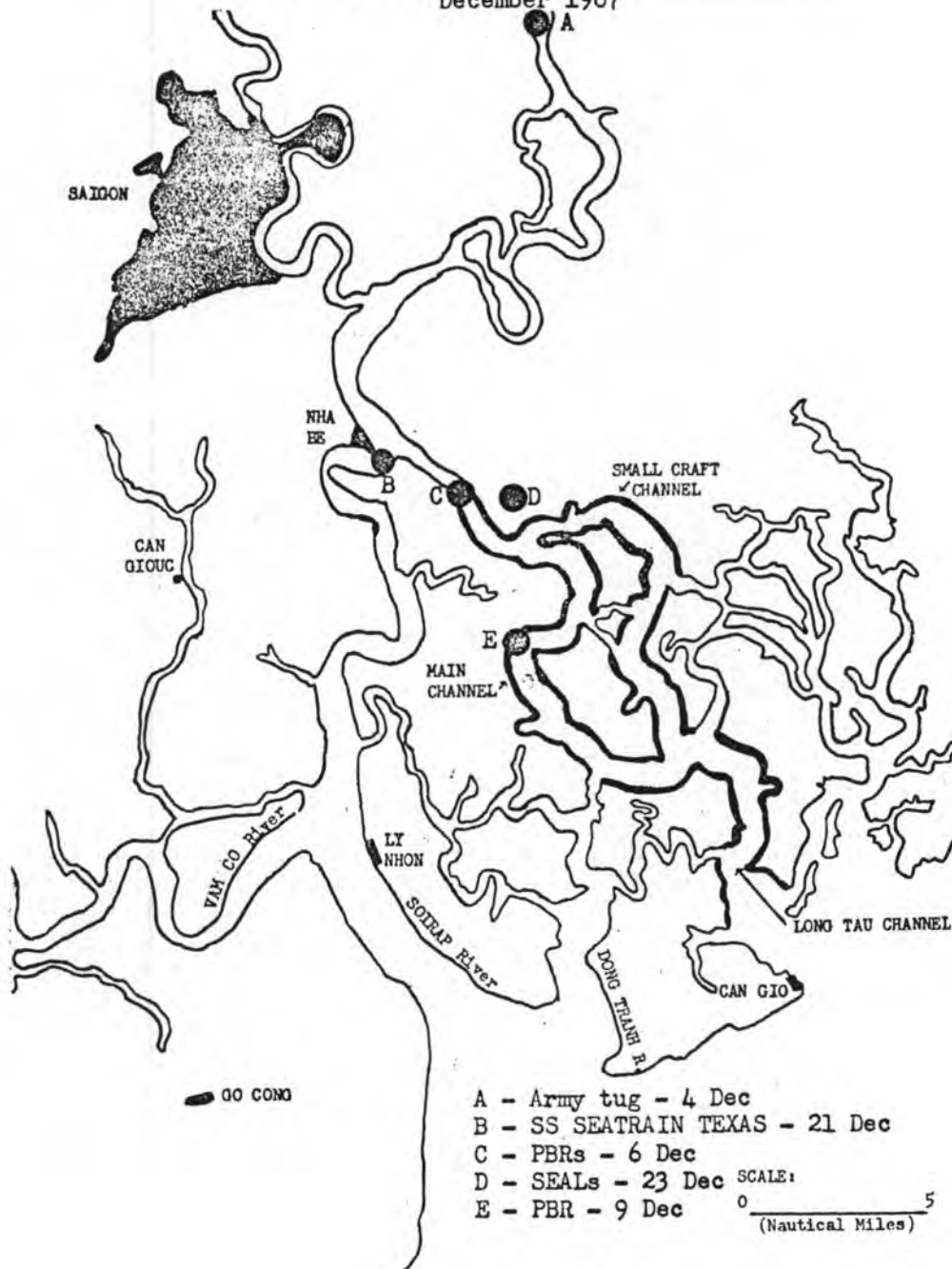
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On 4 December at 0930 the Viet Cong launched a recoilless-rifle and mining attack against a U. S. Army Tug and ammunition barges on the Dong Nai river in the vicinity of Cat Lai, about 13 miles northeast of Nha Be. One barge was sunk and another severely damaged by a command-detonated mine as determined by a subsequent investigation. The investigation also revealed a new technique used by the enemy to protect the electrical wires leading from the firing station to the mine. To protect the detonation wires from being cut by minesweepers, the wires were enclosed in two sections of beetlenut logs, each approximately six inches in diameter and fifteen feet long with approximately 10 feet of unprotected wire between the two beetlenut sections. The area of the mining had been swept approximately fifteen minutes prior to the mining incident. The dual chain drag, being used by the Vietnamese minesweepers, apparently passed over the beetlenut logs without disturbing the command wire. The Viet Cong made no attempt to divert the minesweepers from the area of the plant prior to the attack. A subsequent experimental sweep using the protective log coverings recovered in the Dong Nai incident demonstrated that a conventional U. S. chain drag was effective.

On the evening of 6 December, a PBR patrol operating on the Long Tau River detected three sampans crossing the river, three

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miles southeast of Nha Be. When the sampans attempted to evade, the patrol boats opened fire on them. Simultaneously, the PBRs came under heavy automatic-weapons and small-arms fire from enemy positions on both banks of the river. The PBRs cleared the area to evacuate one seriously wounded crewman by medical helicopter. In the meantime Navy "Seawolves" put in air strikes on the area of the attack. Upon completion of the air strikes, the PBRs, with air support being provided by the "Seawolves", returned and recovered two enemy sampans containing 12 one-quarter pound blocks of TNT, one blasting cap, documents and personal gear. Three Viet Cong were killed in the action. In addition to the seriously wounded PBR sailor, two others received slight wounds.

On 9 December, a Chinese Communist hand grenade landed in the lead boat of a two-boat night patrol operating on the Long Tau river about 10 miles down river from Nha Be. The grenade, thrown from concealment along the river bank, was immediately picked up by the patrol officer, Lieutenant (junior grade) C. OEHLER, USN, and thrown overboard where it exploded harmlessly in the water. The enemy ambush site was taken under fire by the PBRs and Navy helicopters with unknown results.

On 21 December, while at anchor in the Long Tau river about one mile from the U. S. Navy base at Nha Be, the U. S. merchant ship SS SEATRAN TEXAS was damaged by a floating explosive charge.

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The explosion, which occurred at about 0210, blew a hole amidships on the starboard side, extending five feet above the waterline and two feet below. PBRs were rushed to the scene to provide security for the ship which got underway in anticipation of beaching on the bank of the river to prevent sinking in the shipping channel. The ship, however, was able to control the flooding with her pumps and anchored close to shore. Temporary hull repairs were made by the Navy harbor clearance unit and the ship proceeded to Saigon with a load of general cargo. This incident was the first swimmer/sapper attack in this area since the sinking of the SS EASTERN MARINER in May 1966.

On the afternoon of 23 December, a SEAL platoon was landed by helicopter in an area about six miles east of Nha Be, their base of operations. The platoon patrolled to the east and about three hours later came under automatic-weapons fire. The first burst of the enemy fire killed Seaman F. G. ANTONE, USN, the Navy point man, and a Vietnamese LDNN and wounded one other Navyman. The platoon quickly established a defensive position and engaged the enemy. During the ensuing fire fight two more SEALs received slight wounds. As the SEALs fell back from the heavy enemy force (it was suspected that the platoon had come upon an enemy base camp) the dead and one wounded SEAL were evacuated to Nha Be by a helicopter using a McGuire Rig. The remaining personnel were later extracted by helicopter and

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a SEAL support LCM. One Viet Cong was killed and one was wounded.

DELTA RIVER PATROL GROUP

Operations in the Mekong (My Tho) River

On 1 December PBRs and Navy "Seawolves" supported a Vietnamese outpost, located about one and a half miles north of Sa Dec, under attack by communist forces. At the request of the Kien Van subsector advisor, a PBR was dispatched to aid in the counter-attack. The patrol boat commenced firing runs and received automatic-weapons and rifle-grenade fire from the beach in return. Two additional boats arrived shortly thereafter to assist in suppressing the Viet Cong fire. The enemy targets were then taken under attack by Navy armed helicopters and once again the enemy responded with ground fire. Artillery fire was called in to suppress the enemy. When the artillery mission was complete, Popular Force troops from the outpost reported the location of a platoon of Viet Cong. Navy "Seawolves" put in a strike against the platoon and once again encountered ground fire. For the second time artillery fire was called into the area and the PBRs landed a Regional Force unit, from Kien Van subsector, to join the Popular Forces in a sweep of the area. The determined enemy broke contact leaving 19 bodies behind. There were no U. S. casualties.

On 10 December two PBRs, in support of a SEAL operation, were

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RIVER PATROL FORCE (TASK FORCE 116)

During the month of November units of the River Patrol Force continued to inflict heavy losses on the enemy amid increased activity in the central Ham Luong and Bassac rivers and along the main shipping channel to Saigon. **GAME WARDEN** forces came to the aid of beleaguered Vietnamese troops on three occasions, killing over 60 of the enemy.

On the 15th and 18th the Long Tau River was the scene of Viet Cong attacks against friendly merchant ships. The second attack proved rather costly to the enemy as counter-attacking forces killed 23 Viet Cong and captured two recoilless-rifles.

The Navy suffered a serious casualty when YRBM-16 was mined in the early morning hours of 24 November. The quick reaction and professional competence of the Navymen in extinguishing the raging fire that ensued after the explosion of the mine prevented what could have been a major catastrophe. Seven sailors died in the incident.

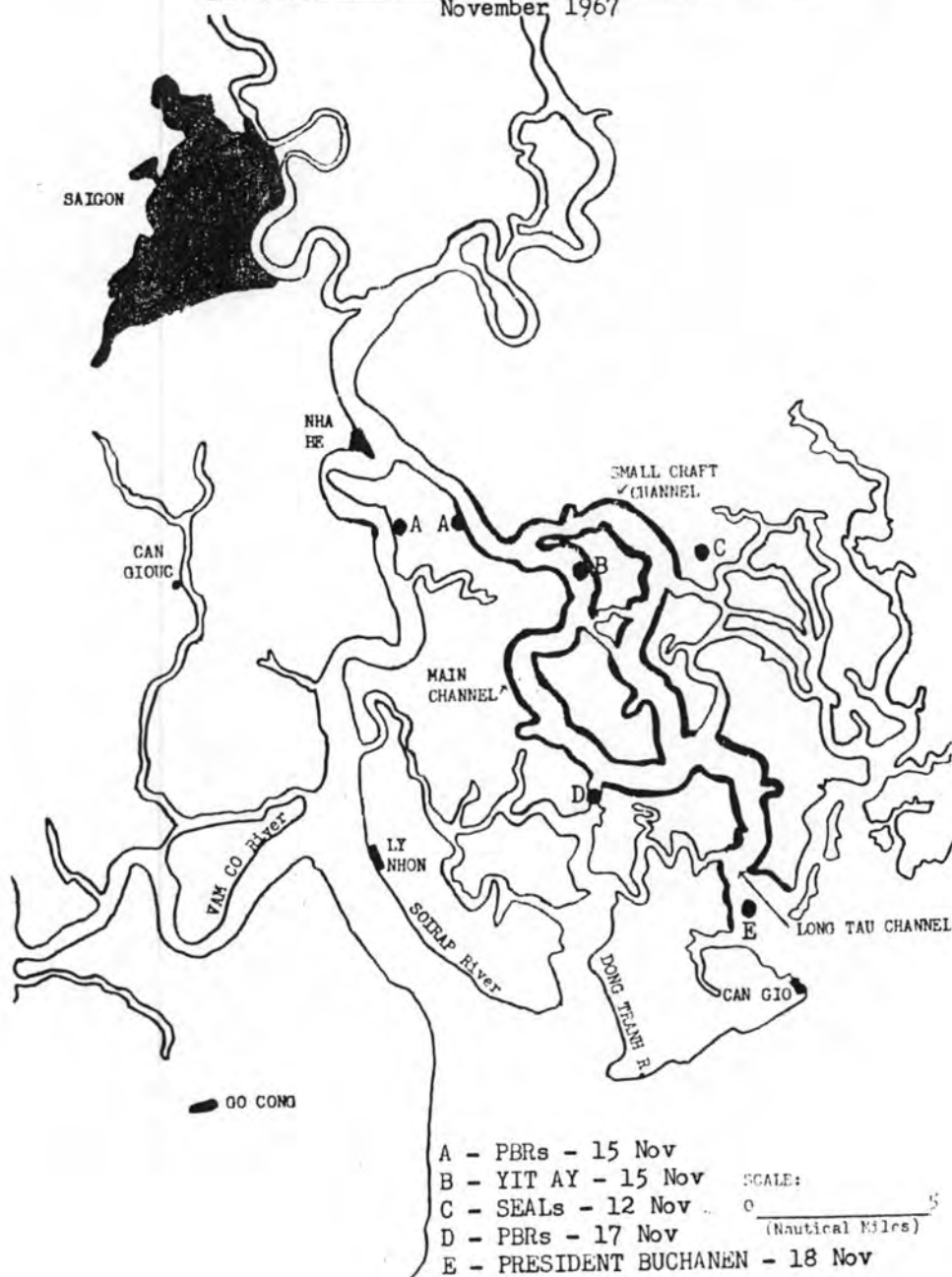
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At dawn on the morning of 12 November a squad of SEALs debarked from a helicopter near the Ba Gioi River at a point 12 miles east-southeast of Nha Be. Throughout the day, the SEALs could hear from their ambush site, voices, short bursts of heavy automatic machine-gun fire and grenades exploding. It was surmised that a

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Viet Cong training area was close by. At 2215 the squad ambushed a heavily-loaded sampan, with three Viet Cong aboard, heading south. Another sampan, 100 meters astern of the first, evaded and escaped the ambush. The long day of waiting resulted in three dead Viet Cong. The SEALs were withdrawn from the area by an LCM fifteen minutes later with no casualties.

At 0100 on 15 November, a PBR patrol on the Soirap River fired on a sampan that had evaded into a stream, about three and a half miles down river from Nha Be, with unknown results. PBRs on the Long Tau River, to the east, were alerted to a possible Viet Cong crossing attempt at a point adjacent to where the sampan had evaded. At 0120 the Long Tau patrol detected six sampans with ten people exiting from the west bank at the suspected crossing point three miles downstream from Nha Be. The enemy, having been detected, opened fire on the patrol with automatic-weapons from the sampans and from both banks of the river. The PBRs quickly retaliated and suppressed the Viet Cong fire. There were two Viet Cong killed and five others were declared possible kills. The patrol captured four sampans, one CHICOM carbine, two U. S. M-1 carbines, 1 U. S. hand flare and 100 pounds of assorted clothing and documents. There were no friendly casualties. Helicopter air strikes and artillery fire was called in on the possible escape routes with unknown results.

On 15 November at 1125, Viet Cong forces attacked the Nationalist

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Chinese merchant ship YIT AY, with Russian-made rockets, in the Long Tau shipping channel 15 miles southeast of Saigon. The ship was hit in an area below the bridge by four RPG-7 rounds. There were no casualties and damage was minor.

A Navy helicopter light fire team and a U. S. Army spotter aircraft coordinated with PBRs and Popular Force troops at the scene of the attack to flush out the enemy forces. At 1200 two young Vietnamese males were apprehended after they appeared to be evading the helicopters. The Popular Forces commenced a sweep of the area. About an hour later a PBR patrol on a blocking station captured an evading sampan and killed the two Viet Cong occupants. The sampan contained a CHICOM carbine, eight clips of ammunition and miscellaneous documents and supplies.

A PBR patrol, while proceeding to investigate Viet Cong harassment of wood cutters on the 17th, received small-arms fire from an enemy position located about 14 miles southeast of Nha Be on the Dinh Ba River. Shortly after the small-arms fire began a mine detonated ten feet from one PBR, spewing water 150 feet into the air. The PBR received minor damage to the hull, radar and radio but remained in action to suppress the enemy fire. The enemy position was later attacked by Navy "Seawolves" and fixed-wing aircraft after the PBRs withdrew. The airstrikes destroyed three bunkers and damaged three others. There were no personnel casualties.

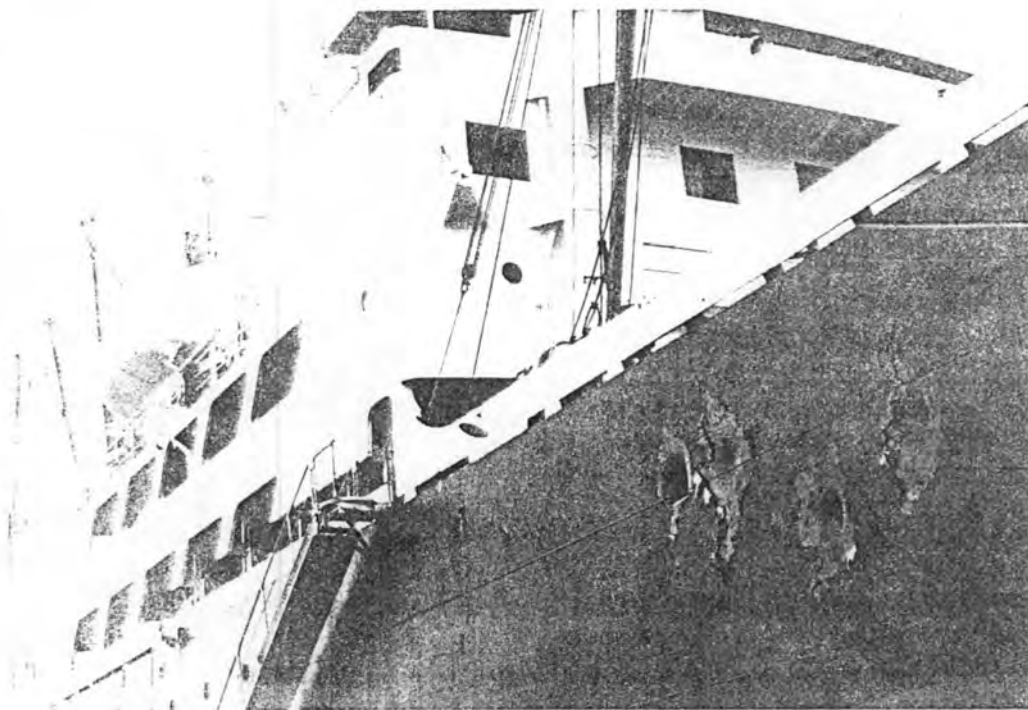
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At about 1245, 18 November, the U. S. merchant ship, SS PRESIDENT BUCHANAN, was attacked by recoilless-rifle and automatic-weapons fire about 30 miles south of Saigon, on the Long Tau River, while en route to the South Vietnamese Capital. During the attack, that lasted about ten minutes, the ship was hit 19 times. The enemy fire hit the hull and superstructure, ripping holes ranging from six inches to two and one-half feet in diameter. There were



SS PRESIDENT BUCHANAN after a Viet Cong ambush on the Long Tau river in the Rung Sat Special Zone on 18 November.

no casualties. When word of the attack was received by CTG 116.2 at Nha Be, four PBRs and Army and Navy helicopters were immediately

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dispatched to the area. Air strikes were made against the enemy position and shortly thereafter Vietnamese Popular Force troops were airlifted into the area to engage the Viet Cong. The PBRs set up blocking forces to prevent the enemy from escaping via the river. At 1645 the enemy attempted to break contact and began to flee. An Army spotter plane observed 20-30 Viet Cong and shortly thereafter an airstrike was made against them. Sixteen Viet Cong were killed.

Contact with the enemy was broken at 1730. One 57-mm recoilless-rifle, one CHICOM 75-mm recoilless-rifle, two CHICOM carbines, one CHICOM grenade and miscellaneous ammunition were captured during the afternoon engagement. One U. S. Army helicopter was downed by enemy fire and recovered without personnel casualties.

The following day the Popular Forces made another sweep of the area and found 16 freshly-dug graves and seven Viet Cong bodies. Also found were miscellaneous personal equipment and one scope for a 57-mm recoilless-rifle. The total enemy casualty figure was 23 killed and five probably killed in the action. One Vietnamese Popular Force soldier was wounded--the only friendly casualty.

The aggressive reaction and professional competence demonstrated by participating units earned a "well done" from Commander U. S. Naval Forces, Vietnam.

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COMMAND ORGANIZATION AND REGULATIONS

The Commanding Officer of SEAL Team ONE for the calendar year of 1967 was LCDR Franklin W. ANDERSON, USN, 615028/1100 with command headquarters located at the U. S. Naval Amphibious Base, Coronado, San Diego, California.

The mission of the SEAL Teams as laid down in NWIP 29-1 is "to develop a specialized capability for sabotage, demolition and other clandestine activities conducted in and from restricted waters, rivers, and canals and to conduct training of selected U.S., allied, and indigenous personnel in a wide variety of skills for use in naval clandestine operations."

This general mission of the SEAL Team has been followed during calendar year 1967 by operating units in Southeast Asia. The basic SEAL mission has changed little, but it has expanded greatly. While still remaining within the guide lines of NWIP 29-1, SEALs have developed and refined for use the methods of counterinsurgency warfare on a larger scale than ever before in the history of SEAL Team ONE. The command has maintained operational units and trained new personnel at an ever-increasing rate in order to meet growing commitments. SEAL Team ONE presently maintains detachments in the Republic of Vietnam, conducting missions in both the advisory and operational fields.

SEAL Team ONE manpower authorization has been greatly increased during calendar year 1967. On 1 July 1967 the SEAL Team ONE manpower allowance was changed from the previous 21 officers and 105 enlisted to a more realistic 33 officers and 195 enlisted¹.

On 21 October 1967, SEAL Team ONE requested that its complement of 24 officers and 120 enlisted be revised upward to bring it in line with the manpower authorization.² This request has been approved by CNO³.

1. Authorized by:

CNO ltr ser 12198P10 of 15 July 1966 and
CNO ltr ser 14388P10 of 27 December 1966

2. CC SEAL Team ONE ltr 01:hd 5320 ser 721 of 21 October 1967

3. CNO ltr OP100D/gn ser 10336P10 of 22 January 1968.

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The following dates and personnel figures show the rapid increase in SEAL Team ONE strength during the past year:

13 January 1967

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10 March 1967

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16 June 1967

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15 September 1967

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29 December 1967

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These figures reflect the greatly increased commitments of SEAL Team ONE in Southeast Asia.

During calendar year 1967, SEAL Team ONE was composed of 10 operating platoons designated from ALPHA to KILLO (INDIA omitted). In March 1967, in order to more effectively meet commitments in the Mekong Delta, an 11th platoon, LIMA, was formed. At this time SEAL Team platoon complements were increased from two officers and 10 enlisted to two officers and 12 enlisted. Each platoon was further broken down into squad sized operating units of one officer and six enlisted. The smaller sized unit is best suited for certain types of clandestine operations presently conducted by the SEAL Teams in the Republic of Vietnam.

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NARRATIVE

The following pages present a cross-section of SEAL Team ONE's work since 1 January 1967. The few items cited are examples of the many operations conducted in the Republic of Vietnam and are drawn from COMNAVFORV Confidential messages. In accordance with reference (a) details of subject operations will be found in enclosure (4), annex (a). Details of subject operations will be found in enclosure (4), annex (a).

SEAL Team ONE's size has increased to 32 officers and 132 men. Of the 11 platoons, comprised of approximately two officers and 12 enlisted each, approximately 50 percent have always been in Vietnam thereby putting the majority of personnel on a port and starboard rotation.

SEAL personnel deployed to Vietnam have been under the operational control of COMUSMACV and/or COMNAVFORV. Of the five platoons deployed, three make up "DETACHMENT GOLF" located in NHA BE, Rung Sat Special Zone. Officers in Charge of Detachment "GOLF" during the past year have been LT J. H. MC GEE (DEC 66 - MAY 67), LT W. R. SALISBURY (MAY 67 - NOV 67), and LT C. L. FLYNN (NOV 67 - JAN 68). Detachment "GOLF" operates extensively in the Rung Sat Special Zone conducting ambushes, listening post operations, prisoner abductions, diving operations and reconnaissance patrols.

Detachments "ERAYO" and "ECHO" have been operating under the operational control of COMUSMACV. The nature of their work exceeds the classification of this report.

In December 1966, SEAL Team personnel participating in operation CHARLESTON captured a quantity of VC documents. During January 1967, the first translations of the documents were being sent to intelligence and operational units of SEAL Team ONE. Among other points of value, these transcripts, and subsequent aerial photography, indicated that VC guerrilla units were utilizing numerous fresh water wells in the southern sector of the Rung Sat Special Zone. To put a stop to this valuable source of resupply, SEAL Team ONE on 12 January began a series of coordinated demolition raids in the indicated area. The raids were completely successful. The U.S. Army Advisor in the area stated some two months later that the destruction has been so complete that VC units in his area were forced to travel to other villages to obtain fresh water.

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During the first week in January while on such an operation, the SEAL LCM-3 was taken under heavy automatic weapons and anti-tank rocket fire from the river bank. During the fire fight that followed, three SEAL Team personnel were wounded and one ARVN officer on board was killed. The LCM-3 withstood the enemy assault and gained fire superiority to complete its assigned mission. The U.S. Army Commander later termed the operation a total success with four VC KIA and a large quantity of food, clothes, ammunition, demolition and documents captured. Three hundred and sixty VC suspects were detained and preliminary intelligence at that time indicated that the majority of these were active Viet Cong. All SEAL personnel participating in the operation received a Letter of Appreciation from the Army Commander.

On 15 March Admiral SHARP, Admiral WARD, and General WESTMORELAND visited SEAL Team Detachment "GOLF".

From 3 April to 10 April a new type of listening post operation of extended duration was conducted. Continuous surveillance of certain waterways was needed to determine any pattern of VC resupply in the area. JULIETT platoon activated the posts for a four day period. Three posts were activated for a seven day period. The operation was particularly significant in that it proved a SEAL capability to conduct reconnaissance missions over extended periods without external support.

On 4 April KILG platoon arrived on board Detachment "GOLF" with LTJG D. CILL, LTJG D. MANN, SML WILSON, DC1 MACK, EML CHRISTENSEN, GMS2 SWEEPSTON, MM2 SITTER, BUL2 PAYNE, TM3 HALDEMAN, RM3 NEAL, IC3 BOSTON, PH3 KEIMMEL, FN CARY, HM2 LAPPONH.

On 7 April LIMA platoon arrived in Vietnam with LTJG W. C. WHITE as platoon leader accompanied by EML ESCHTE, BFL VAN ORDER, PNL PAHIA, SFL MATHISON, ABH2 RAABKE, EN2 DOYLE, DM2 RAND, EN3 BODKIN, EM2 KACZMAR, and PN3 WILSON.

On 7 April while acting as a supporting unit in a joint military operation, SEAL Team ONE personnel on board the LCM-3 were taken under fire from shore bunkers. A fire fight ensued during which a severe explosion, believed to be a VC, proximity fused, mortar round, killed three SEAL personnel and wounded 13. In spite of heavy casualties, the LCM-3 fought its way to an area where the wounded could be evacuated by helicopter. The LCM-3 returned to base under its own power. The list of casualties are included in Annex (g). Killed in action were: LTJG D. MANN, IC3 BOSTON, RM3 NEAL.

Upon relief by KILG platoon, CHARLIE platoon left Vietnam on 14 April to take part in operation JUN CHIU on the Island of Taiwan, Republic of China. The annual exercises lasted approximately two

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weeks during which time SEAL Team personnel conducted raids, reconnaissance, and simulated demolition operations to test the "DEFENDERS" system and effectiveness of island security. CHARLIE platoon returned to CONUS on 2 May 1967.

LIT SALISBURY relieved LIT MC GEE as OIC Detachment "COLF" on 4 May.

With the monsoon season approaching, operations in the month of June slackened. KILO platoon conducted a continuous series of ambush and patrol missions. Throughout this period new methods of insertion and extraction involving PBR's were perfected. The PBR was used with considerable success since quietness, speed, and ample fire support were available within this delivery vehicle.

On 16 June ECHO platoon arrived in NHA BE and immediately conducted a series of ambushes and reconnaissance patrols similar to those already in progress. On several occasions ECHO platoon conducted operations with indigenous personnel trained in small unit warfare. These personnel proved to be quite capable and enthusiastic, their operating procedures were compatible with those of SEAL Team ONE, and their leaders were disciplined and effective.

Under the auspices of Admiral VETH a SEAL symposium was held in the last week of June. The discussions and proposals centered around the questions of who could effectively use SEAL personnel. Many of the personnel attending expressed a desire for SEAL Detachments to continue operations in the Rung Sat Special Zone, the Delta, and other areas. It was agreed that CTF 117's immediate reaction ability, number of boats, and supporting equipment might be used quite profitably in conjunction with SEAL operations. Considerable mention was also made of increasing the SEAL activities in the Riverine Force both as a training and operational force. Operations were continuing on a regular schedule by the first week in July. On 4 July personnel from JULIETT and KILO platoons raided an enemy stronghold in II Corps and abducted three VC infrastructure leaders from the area. This raid was launched from the USS BRUSH and marked the first utilization of a Destroyer in direct support of a SEAL Team ONE combat mission. In addition to acting as the launch platform, the USS BRUSH remained on station for three days to provide radio relay service, and fired some 164 rounds of five inch ammunition to cover the abduction. Several documents concerning VC political activity were found on the captured VC.

This operation was the most significant in recent weeks. Within 14 days, however, KILO platoon conducted a series of extended ambushes in the Rung Sat Special Zone, making contact three times, killing several VC, and capturing many documents. SEAL ambushes and reconnaissance patrols made direct contact with the enemy on nine

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different occasions in July.

In the first weeks in August new demands were placed on SEAL personnel for reconnaissance support of the U.S. Army 199th Brigade operations. Extended 48 hour ambushes were still held on major waterways, one of which proved to be the most profitable of the year. ECHO platoon ambushed a courier who was carrying 10 pounds of the most valuable documents yet captured in the Rung Sat Special Zone. By the time ALFA platoon arrived as relief, in-country units had encountered enemy fire on 13 occasions. LT DEFLORIA was platoon leader of ALFA with LTJG NELSON; PHC CIGNARELLA; PTL BOWEN, MM1 MARTIN, QM2 BOHANNON, SK2 GOUVEIA, HM2 MAHNER, BM3 WILLIAMS, RM3 BYRUM, ICFN GUIDRY, SK2 OSTRANDER.

Throughout September and October the weather began to clear and an increased schedule of patrols and ambushes were carried out with great success. The most profitable ambush took place on 21 September. ALFA platoon successfully ambushed a VC sapper squad preparing to mine the Long Tau River. This action resulted in the killing and wounding of seven VC and the capturing of nine detonating equipment.

During September and October, high speed Boston Whalers were used for the quick recovery of ambushed sampans before they sank. This tactic increased the intelligence gathering capability of the ambush squads.

As the favorable weather continued through November and December, more emphasis was placed on ambushes rather than patrols. This change in tactics developed from the large amounts of intelligence obtained from documents captured in ambushes. A total of eight successful ambushes were carried out during this period.

On 9 December BRAVO platoon relieved ECHO platoon at Detachment "GOLF". LTJG VAN HEERTUM was BRAVO platoon leader with WO-1 CASEY as his assistant.

On 23 December BRAVO platoon was taken under heavy automatic fire while patrolling deep in a VC Regimental Headquarters area designated T-10. A fire fight ensued resulting in the death of the SEAL pointman and one South Vietnamese Scout, and the wounding of three SEAL riflemen. In spite of these heavy initial casualties, the platoon managed to suppress the enemy fire long enough to extract by helo. Intelligence later obtained indicated the platoon had walked into the outer perimeter of a VC base camp. The list of casualties are included in enclosure (3) (g). Killed in action was SN F. G. ANTONI.

Annex (c) of enclosure (4) gives summaries of operations carried out in 1967.

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324. 28-29 OCT 67 0655-0545 YS008602 - FOXROT ONE inserted by PER on 24 hour ambush, extracted by PER. Terrain was swamp and nipa palm. Tide various. Weather sunny. Inserted YS004608, found 3-4 man VC camp with new bunker at 004607. Destroyed one can of oil, 2 small pouches (covering dry firewood). Patrolled to ambush site YS008602. Negative results.
325. 31 OCT 67 1915-1930 XS997751 - SEAL Team ONE, ALFA ONE/PER/SEA WOLF inserted by PER on night ambush, extracted by PER. Terrain was defoliated, flat, little cover. Tide low 6.6. Weather cloudy, no rain. Extracted 1930 to allow artillery concentrations to saturate area ALFA 1 & 2. Set up to close to Long Tau - better chance for hit and observation 100 meters down stream.
326. 31 OCT 67 1830-2030 XS988761 - ALFA TWO inserted by PER on night ambush, extracted by PER. Terrain rice paddy. Tide low, moon none, weather clear. Inserted and activated night ambush. Immediately spotted VC by starlight scope directly across stream. Opened up with base of fire taken under fire by heavy auto weapons from across Long Tau and small arms across stream. Suppressed fire and extracted. One probable KIA. Late returning MSB's took our position under fire along with VC when we opened up on VC.
327. 3-5 NOV 67 1745-0600 XS995725 - FOXROT TWO inserted by PER on 36 hour ambush, extracted by LCM. Terrain was nippa palm and mud (defoliated). Weather was hot with rain at night. Inserted last light set up ambush at XS995725 first light 4 November patrolled 200 meters knee deep water and nippa palm for high ground to bivouac for day. No high ground available. Spent daylight in water re-set ambush last light. Do not advise inserting at ambush site. Better to patrol in. Limit time in field during flood tides to 24 hours. We were in shoulder deep water for over 24 of 36 hours. Weapons and personnel become ineffective.
328. 3-5 NOV 67 1845-0530 XS979727 - FOXROT ONE inserted by PER on 36 hour ambush, extracted by LCM. Terrain mangrove swamp. Tied extremely high. Weather clear, rain. Inserted 031845H at XS987727 by PER. Negative results. On overnight ambush 040645H pulled back from site 100 meters for day rest. 040800H wood cutter walked into position. Man had no papers and was detained. While waiting for LCM for extraction, detained three sampans whose occupants had no I.D. Detainees turned over to SA, Quang An, Woodcutter to 5-2, RSSZ 041830H inserted by LCM at XS979727. Negative ambush results. Ambush site at XS979727 is poor due to low elevation (under water about 22 hours each day.).
329. 06-07 NOV 67 0630-0700 YS060596 - ALFALONE/MSF-3/SEA WOLF inserted by Slick on patrol and ambush, extracted by LCM. Terrain mangrove deep mud, water covered. Weather fair hot. This area, one of the swampiest in the Bung Sat Zone is unsuitable for any type of operation due to its thick deep mud and being covered by water. Recommend this area be avoided as future ambush patrol site.

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330. 6 NOV 67 0600-2000 YS084564 - ALFA TWO inserted by Helo on patrol/ambush, extracted by PER. Terrain was mangrove/palm. Weather clear, moon first quarter. Inserted YS084564 patrolled YS079564 located heavily fortified base camp, no occupants/patrolled YS081568 located old base camp no occupants. Activated ambush. YS081573/061945 sampan with two VC ambushed recovered 3 water urns, sampan, 2 carbines, 50 rounds ammo, grenade. TWO VC KIA.
331. 0708 NOV 67 1800-0715 XE997750 - SEAL Team ONE ECHO ONE/PER541/HAL3-2, inserted by PER on point ambush, extracted by PER. Terrain was flat, marshy, grass. Tide high at 2034, 13.5 feet. Moon first quarter, weather clear. Nothing seen or heard throughout the night. Inserted at XE995753. Good site.
332. 0708 NOV 67 1800-0645 YS016746 - SEAL ONE ECHO TWO inserted by PER on ambush, extracted by PER. Terrain was high ground, sparse cover. Tide high. Moon first quarter, weather clear. Musical instruments heard, barely audible, south of ambush. Good field of fire on either bank.

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333. 10-11 NOV 67 0615H-0810H X8093668 - PORCINE ONE inserted by HEO on 24 hour ambush, extracted by LHM. Terrain was defoliated Nippy Palm. Tide was various. Moon was 30%. Weather rain. Inserted X8093668 by HEO. Patrolled to 0945H to remain during daylight hours. Last light estimated ambush site at 093668. Negative results. Poor area for ambush as lack of foliage makes use of area by VC improbable.
334. 10-11 NOV 67 0900H-0900H Y8114699 - PORCINE TWO inserted by HEO on 24 hour ambush, extracted by LHM. Terrain was flat ankle-deep mud - heavy brush and trees. Tide: 13.2. Moon: First Quarter. Weather: Rain. Inserted 114699. Patrolled 500 meters. Heavy walking, good cover. Ideal ambush site.
335. 11-12 NOV 67 1105H-120700H X8019765 - MONO ONE/PA50/PA13-1 inserted by HEO on 24 hour ambush, extracted by LHM. Terrain was flat, sandy mangrove. Tide: High 0859. Moon: First Quarter. Weather: Clear. Inserted at X8019765. Nothing seen or heard. Negative results. Good area, a lot of mud but was dry at high tide. Across the stream, as a sandy made small stream could possibly lead from a large camp, good fields of fire in all directions.
336. 11-12 NOV 67 1350-0700 X8093663 - MONO TWO inserted by HEO on ambush, extracted by HEO. Terrain was thick vegetation. Tide: Low. Moon: Second Quarter. Weather: Clear. Two shots approximately 1000 meters south of ambush heard at 2012. No contact. Vegetation provides good cover.
337. 12 NOV 67 0700-2005 X8117753-120714 - ALPHA TWO inserted by HEO on patrol ambush, extracted by LHM. Terrain: Mangrove/Palm. Tide: High 11.2, Low 8.6. Moon: Second Quarter. Weather: Clear - Hot. Inserted by HEO first light. Patrolled to ambush site. crossed footbridge. Four persons heard heavy machine gun and explosive area X8117753. Ambush 0800H 3 VC. Bangun turned over. Destroyed bunker. Bangun had field pack with medical supplies, 10 lbs rice. 3VC KIA by body count.
338. 16-17 NOV 67 0945H-0900H X8980517 - MONO ONE/PA50/PA13-1 inserted by HEO on patrol/ambush, extracted by HEO. Terrain: Mangrove, High palm, sandy. Tide: 0140 High. Moon: Full. Weather: Mostly clear, light shower. Patrolled X8980517, 988540, 994542, 998546 and where set up ambush site for the night. Two base camps located vicinity X8980517 that have been leveled by artillery and bombing, area has not been used since this time. A lot of shell holes near ambush site though no known camp in area. There was no trench tracks or other indications and area had not been used for combat. At 0140 (about) a company came out of the stream via. X8980517 and headed northwest. Ambush site is good, good fields of fire, high ground.

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339. 16-17 NOV 67 0330-0900 XB969583 - BUEO TWO inserted by PER, extracted by PER on patrol/ambush. Terrain: Good footing, thick vegetation. Tide: Low. Moon: Fourth Quarter. Weather: Clear. Firing positions to rear of ambush site. Voices heard 1830 to rear on stream. Excellent ambush site. Good fields of fire.
340. 15 NOV 67 1200-1730 XB976568 - FOKTROF inserted by LQML on base camp raid, extracted by whaler/LQML. Terrain: Nippa Palm. Tide: Various. Moon: N/A. Weather: Clear. Patrol inserted 151200H by LQML at XB975533 and patrolled to stream at XB976568 looking for base camp believed in area. Camp not found. Patrolled to stream at XB976567 and destroyed one large hut. Extracted by whaler and reinserted on several small streams in area with CHIEF HOI in attempt to locate his camp. Man had left camp only once and was unfamiliar with area. Results negative.
341. 16-17 NOV 67 1800-0600 XB000685 - ALFA TWO inserted by PER on ambush, extracted by PER. Terrain: Nippa Palm. Tide: 12.1. Moon: Full. Weather: Clear. Good ambush site for COMO-JTAISON - PP had just left area. Same site. Safe to use again.
342. 19-20 NOV 67 0530-0530 XB026765 - FOKTROF ONE inserted by LQML on 24 hour ambush, extracted by LQML. Terrain: Nippa Palm. Tide: Various. Moon: Full. Weather: Clear. Inserted by LQML 190530H at XB026766. Patrolled to ambush site (XB026766). Results negative.
343. 14 NOV 67 1300-1645 XB060980 - ALFA PER/OTR16/PER/PER/SPANIEL inserted by STAB on VC village sweep, extracted by STAB. Terrain: Village was located among bamboo and palm trees. Weather: Fair and Warm. Conducted 200-meter sweep of VC village searching for VC believed to be in the area. Upon completion of sweep, commenced taking sniper fire. Extracted and began infiltration up canal. Commenced taking sniper fire from both banks. Fire returned. VC casualties unknown. Destroyed two houses, one rice mill, one sampan and one outboard engine.
344. 21 NOV 67 0615-1100 YB110776 - BUEO/MTB3/BA13-2 inserted by HUEO on ambush, extracted by HUEO. Terrain: Mangrove, mid. Tide: High 0500 12.1. Moon: Last Quarter. Weather: Partly cloudy. Inserted by HUEO at YB111776, LZ large enough for only one BUEO at a time. Three VC came along fur bank fishing, came back near bank, noticed ambush, was told to halt, would not, was then able to shoot one. During morning between 0730-0800 SA and AW fire came from bearing 200-245, about 500-1000 meters away. Good site, field of fire good. At high tide would be sitting in about one foot of water. 1 VC KIA (BC).
345. 19-20 NOV 0600-0600 XB052778 - FOKTROF TWO inserted on 24 hour ambush by LQML, extracted by LQML. Terrain: Mangrove swamp. Tide: Low 1030, High 1730, Low 2230, High 0300. Moon: Full. Weather: Clear. 1430 heard shot. 1835 heard two volleys AW fire. 2000-2100 heard banging of a pot and chanting. 0135 heard large bell being rung. 0300 at 0305. Voices came from area 200-300 meters north of ambush site.

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346. 20-21 NOV 67 1600-0700 YS127744 ALFA ONE/SEAWOLF/PER/USA SLICKS inserted by SLICK on overnight ambush, extracted by PER. Terrain: Dense mangrove occasional shoulder high water. Tide: 9.9 to 12.1'. Moon: Three Quarter. Weather: Fair and warm. Inserted by SLICK at YS127746, patrolled southeast to ambush site at YS127744 through very dense mangrove covered entirely by water occasionally reaching arm pit level. Site afforded excellent view of river junction although entirely underwater. PER support boat observed red pyrotechnic fire, ambush site at 2130, Zlars not seen by this patrol. No enemy activity observed.
347. 21-22 NOV 67 0600-0600 YS043608/044618 ALFA TWO inserted on patrol ambush by PER, extracted by PER. Terrain: Mangrove-Palm. Tide: High 12.1. Moon: Full. Weather: Clear. No visual VC signs.
348. 21-23 NOV 67 0615-1130 YS150761/210733 ECHO/MSR3/BA13-2/ALPHAS inserted by HHO/LCH on ambush, extracted by LCH. Terrain: Mangrove swamps. Tide: 0700 High 12.5. Moon: Last Quarter. Weather: Partly cloudy. Inserted by HHO at YS153760 (crater), veg. really thick to site approximately 500 meters west. Two men developed ambush, extracted at 1630 by LCH. Re-inserted by LCH at YS152731 about 1900. Nothing seen or heard at second site. At first site about 1800 large junk came by heading westward, few minutes later two sampans came by apparently fishing, stayed in area about one hour. Because of high tide first site not recommended. Second site ideal, high ground, good fields of fire, probable a crossing point.
349. 21 NOV 67 0615-2330 YS117514 - ALFA FIVE/PER/SEAWOLF/USA SLICKS inserted by SLICK on patrol ambush, extracted by PER. Terrain: Mangrove swamp, very dense and muddy. Tide: Low throughout day, high from 1800 to 21.5'. Weather: Fair and warm. Inserted by SLICK at YS113514, ALFA ONE sent to ambush site at YS117514. ALFA TWO to ambush site at YS113515. At 2210 ALFA ONE observed sampans on Song Binh in heading west and turn into river heading south. Took sampans under fire resulting in 3 VC KIA. Sampans contained a large quantity of rice and two weapons, however sampans and contents were not recovered due to late arrival of PERs (40 minutes). HHO pilots say sampans sunk 30 minutes after ambush.
350. 24-25 NOV 67 0615-0515 YS008755 - FORTNOT inserted by LCH on 48 hour ambush, extracted by whaler. Terrain: Mostly dry with Hippa Palm. Tide: High 0540, Low 1200, High 1830, Low 0300. Moon: Last Quarter. Weather: Clear. 250445H a sampans loaded HZ was ambushed. Both passengers were killed. A GHI00M carbine, ammo and water jug was captured with sampans.
351. 28-29 NOV 67 0615-1030 YS069564 - ECHO/MSR3/BA13-2/USA SLICK inserted by HHO on patrol and ambush, extracted by LCH. Terrain: Hippa Palm and dense trees. Tide: Low 0700, 6.9'. Moon: Last Quarter. Weather: Fair. Conducted patrol YS072554/070554/072554/069564. Established ambush. Nothing seen or heard. There set ambush in good spot for likely base camp. Is not good spot for ambush in low low tide. Boats cannot get in.

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352. 29 NOV 67 0630-1430 YSL37656 - ALFA FIVE/STANGLE/FER/ELIOTS inserted by SLICK on patrol to locate VC base camp, extracted by FER. Terrain: Dry woody area to mangrove swamp. Tide: 0645-5.5', 1330-11.5'. Weather: Fair and warm. Inserted at YSL37656 located base camp at YSL41655. Camp vacant for at least three months. Various articles of clothing and pottery in area. Heard automatic weapons fire vicinity YSL43548. Excellent area to locate base camp. Possibly one where automatic weapon fire heard.
353. 30 NOV-1 DEC 67 1730-0530 YSL33719 - ALFA TWO inserted by FER on 12 hour ambush, extracted by FER. Terrain: Mangrove. Tide: High 13.1'. Weather: Clear. No enemy heard or seen. Ambush site under water most of tide cycle. Not recommended for further ambush.
354. 30 NOV-1 DEC 67 1530-0530 YSL45718/148715 - ALFA ONE inserted by FER on patrol ambush, extracted by FER. Terrain: Ruddy mangrove. Tide: low - high 15'. Weather: Cloudy. Inserted 300 meters west of ambush site. Patrolled to site. Poor cover at ambush site. Heard motorized junk north of our location.
355. 1-3 Dec 67 0630-0600 HB949664 - FOXHAT inserted by HHO on 48 hour ambush, extracted by LOM. Terrain: Swamp. Tide: High 0200, Low 0800, High 1600, Low 2000. Weather: Clear. Poor ambush site - too open.
356. 3-4 DEC 67 1615-0900 YSO21661 - HHO ONE/HAL3-2/FER512 inserted by FER on point ambush, extracted by FER. Terrain: Flat trees and defoliated. Tide: High 1600-13.5'. Moon: First Quarter. Weather: Fair. We heard shots during the night, nothing else was heard or seen. Shots was heard in vicinity of YSO29630. You have a good field of fire, but we were in water most of the night. Cover is good night or day.
357. 3-4 DEC 67 1615-0900 YSO15640 - HHO ONE/HAL3-2/FER512 inserted by FER on point ambush, extracted by FER. Terrain: Flat, trees and mangrove, defoliated. Tide: High 1600-13.5'. Moon: First Quarter. Weather: Fair. A HHO had been shot at morning of 3 December. VC were thought to still be in area, so ambush was not around this area with HHO ONE and TWO and two FER units each on the north and east, with two FER's supporting HHO. Two shots heard in vicinity of YSO29630 at about midnight, nothing else seen or heard. During high tide this site is under three feet of water, otherwise it is a good site, good field of fire, old firing positions in area, not too much cover for day.
358. 8-9 DEC 67 0630-2430 YSO05530/027540 - ALFA FIVE inserted by SLICK on patrol reconnaissance, extracted by SLICK. Terrain: Mangrove and mangrove. Tide: 3.9 - 11.5'. Moon: First Quarter. Weather: Fair. Inserted YSO05530 patrolled HHO to YSO27540. Located abandoned VC munitions factory vicinity 020540. Rocky traps on trail. No recent activity. Extracted by MC GORE pick-up due to deep mud. Located and destroyed 200 lbs. rice and full water jug. Area east of YSO05540 impassable due to waist high mud.

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359. 8 DEC 67 1830-2030 18990690 - FORTNOT TWO inserted by FMR on 12 hour ambush. Terrain: Dry and defoliated. Tide: High-2330. Moon: Half full. Weather: Clear. Extracted by FMR. Sampan entered small stream from SW. Ambush was activated 2030. Both occupants were killed. One AK-47 with 30 rounds and one Thompson Submachine Gun were recovered. Sampan was destroyed after extraction.
360. 8-9 DEC 67 1830-0530 18999585 - FORTNOT ONE inserted by FMR on FMR overnight ambush, extracted by FMR. Terrain: High Palm. Moon: 3/4 full. Weather: Clear. Inserted into old base camp 993686 and patrolled to ambush site. Found grenade booby trap 25 meters to rear of site. Negative ambush results. Good site (dry).

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361.	12-13 DEC 67	0600-0830	YSL47653	- FOXHROT 2. Task: 24 hour ambush. Inserted by helo extracted by LCHL. Terrain was firm and wet (ankle deep). Tide 11.8 feet. Weather warm and clear. Moon three quarters full. Negative contact. Ideal for 48 hours, good cover day and night.
362.	12-13 DEC 67	0630-0530	YSL51624	- FOXHROT 1. Task: 24 hour ambush. Inserted by helo, extracted by VAPL. Terrain was defoliated/nipa palm. Moon full, weather clear. Inserted by slick at 120630H at YSL51624. Patrolled to ambush site nothing seen or heard. Good ambush site.
363.	15-16 DEC 67	0630-0630	YEO17780	- ALFA. Task: Patrol/ambush. Inserted by helo, extracted by whaler. Terrain was mangrove. Tide extremely high. Moon full, weather clear. No enemy or sign of recent activity. Good ambush site, must extract by whaler extremely heavy undergrowth and noisy patrol.
364.	17-18 DEC 67	1915-0600	XS987762	- FOXHROT 2. Task: Overnight ambush. Inserted by PIR, extracted by PIR. Terrain was rice paddies. Moon full, weather clear. Inserted by PIR at XS988760. At 171930 saw two red light flashes across Long Tau. Three flashes seen at 171935H. Set ambush. Negative results. South bank excellent ambush site.
365.	17-18 DEC 67	1900-0620	YSL72655	- FOXHROT 1. Task: 12 hour ambush. Inserted and extracted by PIR. Terrain was flat, mud, high grass at ambush site. Tide high 12.5 low 9.5. Moon full, weather slightly cloudy. Negative results.
366.	19-20 DEC 67	0600-0645	YSL72655	- BRAVO 1/MST-3/USS LOFBERG (NGPS). Task: 24 hour recon patrol/ambush. Inserted and extracted by LCHL. Terrain was many streams, moderate nipa/mangrove. Tide high. Moon full, weather cloudy and humid. Crossed five large streams, only three indicated on map, many recent footprints. Ambush site excellent (dry) both streams heavily traveled during day by friendly fishermen. Nothing seen or heard in ambush. Extracted 200645H. Patrol leader cannot be compass man, point must do this job also.
367.	19-20 DEC 67	0615-0645	YSL79655	- BRAVO 2. Task: 24 hour ambush/recon. Inserted and extracted by LCHL. Terrain was heavy vegetation/mud/nipa palm. Tide high. Moon full, weather cloudy, humid. Negative contact. Signs of VC in area. Fresh footprints. Mission compromised by accidental discharge automatic fire in ambush site. Extracted 191430H. Set ambush on north bank (northwest). Intersection of Tak Kho Kho river and Tak Bach Cau Kho river at a future date. Good ambush site.
368.	19-20 DEC 67	1800-0645	YS988761	- SEAL Team ALPHA, PIR, Seawolf. Task: overnight ambush. Inserted and extracted by PIR. Terrain was high grass ground marshy. Tide high 12.8. Moon three

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368. (Cont'd) quarters full, weather partly cloudy. No enemy encountered. Observed what appeared to be a red signal light from the east bank of Tae Long Tau. Above signal light probably warning VC units not to cross Long Tau. Suggest fake extraction and cause PER's to clear the area to about 2 clicks or more.
369. 19 DEC 67 1800-0600 YS994748 - ALFA 2/PER/Seawolf. Task: Ambush. Inserted and extracted by PER. Terrain was grass, thick, 6' high up to river. Tide high. Moon three quarters full, weather fair, 60°. Inserted by PER at YS995749, patrolled 100 meters to YS994748. This was not a good ambush site. Junction of two rivers was open 1' to 3' grass, no cover.
370. 21 DEC 67 0715-1100 YS081593 - FONTROF. Task: search and destroy of base camp. Inserted by helo extracted by LCPL. Terrain was swamp. Tide high at 0300 low 1100. Weather clear. Found unoccupied base camp, 1 kohia, 3 sleeping platforms, 1 kitchen, 3 sampans, 1 junk. Junk had crate with 12 M-29 rounds, pamphlets. Destroyed usable goods.
371. 23 DEC 67 1400-1800 YS02857840 - BRAVO Platoon/MET-3/Seawolf/2 slicks. Task: 36 hour recon patrol/ambush. Inserted and extracted by Helo. Terrain was dense vegetation, some nipa/mangrove. Tide low at 1334, 3.3. Moon, none, weather hot/humid. Enemy encountered: Base camp with 3 A/W minimum. Casualties: 1 KIA (US), 1 KIA (VN), 3 WIA (US), VC unknown. Patrolled 1120° from insertion point for 200 meters. Turned to 036° for 125° meters. Turned to 090° and was immediately taken under fire (A/W) from front. (Multiple position). Point man (Antone) and LHM scout Nhoi KIA. Went into defensive perimeter, returned fire. Seawolf, Army LHFT overhead with-in five minutes. Sustained 3 WIA (US) in subsequent A/W bursts while extracting. Six persons (KIA/WIA taken out first). Extracted by McGuire rig. Eight remaining taken out by Army slick. No weapons lost/captured. Believe VC were defending base camp with supplies to be moved during Christmas truce.
372. 29 DEC 67 1900-2000 - ALFA. Task: Night ambush. Inserted and extracted by PER. Terrain was rice paddies. Mission aborted due to fisherman.
373. 23 DEC 67 1500-1900 YS057783 - ALFA 2. Task: Ambush. Terrain was heavy palm and mangrove. Inserted by helo extracted by LCM. Tide 3.1 and 12.1. Weather clear. Outstanding ambush site extraction due to possible compromise. Use site again. Helo insert directly behind site.
374. 23 DEC 67 1435-1845 YS985614 - FONTROF. Task: Bunker demolition. Inserted and extracted by helo. Terrain was defoliated nipa palm. Weather clear. Inserted YS987623. Destroyed three large bunkers, five small bunkers by demolition. Patrolled to YS 985614 looking for base camp. Two VC walked into rear of SEAL column. 1 KIA, 1 WIA. (Severely wounded in chest) Captured two Chicom carbines. Heard many more VC after attack, but unable to make contact. Extracted by slick 1845H.

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375. 29-31 DEC 67 0000-0100 BRAVO Platoon, MSF-3. Task: patrol/ambush. Inserted and extracted by LCHL. Terrain was defoliated mangrove, wet, muddy. Tide high 12.8, low 0.1. Weather clear. Inserted YS089561, stayed remainder of night in ambush. Patrolled to YS085569 then to YS088560. Discovered small unoccupied base camp with sniper positions. Set up ambush until 310100H. Rear security reported movement to rear. Extracted heard woodcutting/sawing/hammering both day and night. No sampan/fishing traffic on normally busy Tac Lo Voi. Same night SLAR report confirmed activity in area. Believe VC possibly constructing new base camp.
376. 28 DEC 67 1815-2340 XS958632 - FOXTROT 2. Task: 12 hour ambush. Inserted and extracted by PBR. Terrain was fairly dry, defoliated. Tide low 1800, high 0000. Weather haze. Encountered 2-3 sampans. 1 VC KIA. 2330 sampans approached ambush site from south. Fired at voices and rowing noises. Too dark to see boats. Nothing recovered. Excellent site, 1 grenade booby trap directly to rear. Site had been used possibly as a sentry post (VC).
377. 28-29 DEC 67 1828-0445 XS987702 - FOXTROT 1. Task: overnight ambush. Inserted and extracted by PBR. Terrain was open (cleared) land. Tide high. Weather clear. Inserted at ambush site utilizing helos overhead to cover PBR noise. 0420H Sampan with 2 VC beached at ambush site to check stream junction prior to crossing. VC killed after they spotted ambush team silhouettes and started running. VC came out of smaller stream. This is the third consecutive hit when helos were used to make noise to cover insertion noise from PBR's.
378. 30-31 DEC 67 1900-0600 XS987727 - ALFA 2. Task: Ambush. Inserted and extracted by PBR. Terrain was green bush, good cover. Tide high 12.1. Weather clear. Upon insertion three warning shots fired over ambush position. Believe VC heard boat stop. Good ambush position. Had personnel on two boats. Recommend insert with one boat other boat cover and continue moving in order to hide noise of insert boat.
379. 3-4 JAN 68 0600-0600 YS185675 - FOXTROT 3 BRAVO. Task: 24 hour ambush. Inserted and extracted by LCHL. Terrain was mangrove swamp. Tide high at 0300, low at 1100 high again at 1820, low 0000. Weather clear. Nothing seen or heard. Woodcutters transited area during the day. Very poor ambush site.
380. 4 JAN 68 0600-2000 XS969585 - ALFA. Task: Patrol/ambush. Inserted and extracted by PBR. Terrain was palm. Tide high 13.1. Weather overcast. Encountered 2 VC. 2 VC KIA, no friendly. 2 VC KIA. Captured one chicom carbine, 20 rounds ammo, personal gear, sampan. VC in one sampan were ambushed just after dark on high tide believe base camp very near site.

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