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Combat Operations After Action Report for Phase I
of Operation TOAN THANG

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1. This report will cover civil affairs activities and operations within the Brigade TAOR during the period 8 April 1968 to 31 May 1968.
2. All civic action programs and projects conducted during Operation TOAN THANG WERE COORDINATED WITH THE Tri Tam District Chief and Sub-Sector Advisor in order that such endeavors would not conflict with plans and priorities previously established by local GVN Officials. Further, conferences were held to insure that all planned projects and programs had the approval of the Tri Tam District Chief and that they would be meaningful and lasting contribution to the local population.
3. In that Tri Tam District, Binh Duong Province are not placed on the National Priority List for Revolutionary Development most supplies and materials were procured from unfunded accounts of various volunteer relief agencies, 25th Inf Div Helping Hand stores and 3d Bde Civic Action Fund.
4. The intent of the Bde Civic Action Program has been to promote the image of the local GVN as the rightful benefactors of the people with the US Forces taking a secondary role in the application of these programs. Some difficulty was experienced during the initial phases of this program in motivating the Vietnamese, however, this has been overcome since the successful completion of several self help projects.
5. Civic Action Projects have been limited to Dinh Thanh (Dau Tieng) and immediate environs in that the remaining hamlets of the Michelin and Ben Cui Plantation have been under VC domination. However, this has not precluded conducting MEDCAPS within the Ben Cui Plantation when sufficient security has been available. The above situation is the primary reason for not placing this area on the National Priority List for Revolutionary Development.
6. A Vietnamese-American Friendship Council continues to provide better communication between US and Vietnamese Officials. Problems of mutual concern have been discussed and for the most part resolved during these meetings. Further, it has been found that this council is an excellent vehicle to discuss, coordinate and approve civic action projects. The Friendship Council meets once each month with the Chairman being the District Chief.
7. The village of Dinh Thanh (Dau Tieng) and environs has been "OFF LIMITS" to all US Troops throughout the report period except for official business. However, this has not caused any appreciable monetary loss to the community in that the financial growth of the community is primarily dependent upon the purchasing power of the workers employed by the Michelin Rubber Plantation.
8. The Civil Affairs Office and the Brigade S5 has acted as the principle coordinating offices between the brigade and officials of the Michelin Plantation in matters of real estate, utilities, and the utilization of many facilities of the rubber processing plant to include machine and carpentry shops.

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9. 33 MEDCAPS have been conducted within the Brigade TAOR during the reporting period. 5,530 patients were treated during this period. The Tri Tam District Dispensary is located in the village of Dan Tiang and is staffed by Vietnamese Technicians and 4 Nurses/Aids. The Medical Technicians have completed some medical training and receive OJT from the Sub-Sector Medical Advisor. Emergency cases beyond the capability to handle are referred to the Base Camp Dispensary for treatment.

10. 34 Brigade initiated plans to construct homes that were destroyed during and after the Tet Offensive. As of the end of this report period 70 homes have been completed, along with this project a Public High School has been completed with only the making of chairs, benches, tables and blackboards left to be completed. Five scheduled MEDCAPS are held each week. Milk distribution is made twice each week by the 44th IPSD at the PT Nursery, Catholic School and the Elementary Schools when they are open. The VIS building is presently in process of being completed. All the above is a self-help project with Brigade and the Civil Affairs Platoon providing materials and technical supervision.

11. The Public Works Program with the help of the brigade is making headway in that the refugees and poor families are working and enjoy the chance to work to earn the food distributed to them each week. The food distribution to the workcamp at the going price of food in the village of Dan Tiang.

12. There has been two assassinations in and around the village of Dan Tiang during the reporting period. The two were Not Chanh's who had turned themselves in and were killed by the VC during an attack on Hamlet #4 and #7 during the month of May.

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