

1967

2d Div 21st Regt 31st Regt

PC Div Nguyen Minh Dieu (Caka Dao)

Div Cdr Lê Hữu Trữ (Thach)

* Prong Van Quong (Le Truc) CofS To Cdr in Dec 67
Nguyen Ngoc Son (Lam) Dep PC as of Dec 67

MKS gave order for 2d Div to move on Kham Duc

Dist Hq in early March 1968. MK gave 2d Div mission of blocking reinforcements from American Div.

2d Div ~~was~~ used plan to begin battle 7-10 days prior to decimate US forces of American to insure they wouldn't be able to provide replacements to Kham Duc.

Div mission had mission of destroying Kham Duc post and opening route for supply of weapons.

31st Regt was reinforced with one company of 12.7mm AAA

1st Step was to destroy Ngoc Tavak ~~and~~ while blocking reinforcements from either Kham Duc or the Coastal Lowlands

2d Step was to take out the strong points around Kham Duc

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Night of 9 May 2d Div began attack on Ngoc Tavak and one Dist minis at the ~~a~~ helicopter airfield, couldn't penetrate. Second prong hit the command bunker 8 minutes into the attack. 40th Bn, Ba Gia Regt joined the attack, reserve company attacked helicopter area but opposition too strong. It down a small element stayed on the objective already seized while bulk went to block reinforcements as ordered.

P:30 a.m 10 May ^{while} being attacked by jets, helos got in with reinforcements. 2 ^{CH-47} helos hit causing the Khom Duc Cdr to give word to evacuate. A number of US captured alive while trying to escape. Most were killed by B52's.

Area of Phuoc Sai, Phuoc Lam, Phuoc Tan

At same time 315th Regt was engaging the Communist Div at ^{the} Thui Ngang. Regardless the Communist Div was able to move the 2^d Bn of the 196th Bde into Khom Duc A/F. Plan was to attack Thui Ngang 4 days prior to Khom Duc.

11-May - Div Party Chptn decided to ensure integrity of attack. Late on the 11th early on 12th ^{215th} Sapper Bn coordinated w/ Sapper Company and the 11th Bn of 215th Regt to destroy the strong points ^{on the high ground} around Khom Duc Valley, gaining control over the high ground around the command Hq of the US.

85 mm and 23 mm from MR 5 supported. 0600 on 12 May the last ~~route~~ ^{in and} route out of Khom Duc ^{by helicopter} was closed. Numerous sorties of jet A/C dropped ordnance and B52 dropped bombs clearing the jungle along Hwy 14. 1200 hrs 12 May the remaining US moved along Hwy 14 from Khom Duc to Thui Ngang. 2^d Div in pursuit but hampered by B-52's.

Which Regt is Ba Gia?