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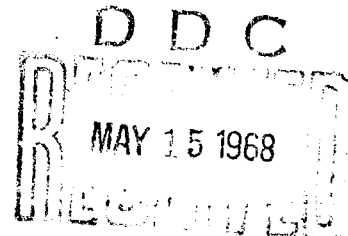
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THRU: Command Channels

TO: Commanding General
US Military Assistance Command, Vietnam
ATTN: J3
APO U.S. Forces 96243

1. (U) Name of Operation: SANTA FE Phases I,II,III (1st Bde, 9th Inf Div).
2. (U) Dates of Operation: 030600 Nov 1967 to 051525 Jan 1968.
3. (C) Location: East of Xuan Loc, South of Hwy 1, North of Ham Tan in the MAY TAO SECRET Zone, South of EW grid line 06, North of EW grid line 67, East of NS grid line 67 and West of NS grid line 19. Reference: Map Vietnam, 1:50,000 sheets 6430 III,IV, 6530 I,II,III, and IV.
4. (C) General: During the period 3 Nov 1967 to 5 Jan 1968, Opn SANTA FE was conducted by the 1st Bde, 9th Inf Div. The First Brigade conducted Opn SANTA FE, in the MAY TAO SECRET ZONE to locate and destroy the 5th VC Div, cleared trails to provide ready access to and aerial surveillance of the Brigade AO and to upgrade Hwy #1. The 2-47 (M) Inf, 4-39 Inf, 3-5 Cav were units under 1st Bde, 9th Inf Div control. Also operating in close cooperation and coordination with 1st Bde was the 18th Division (ARVN) and TF BINH TUY (ARVN).
5. Reporting Officer:
 - a. 1st Bde, 9th Inf Div - Colonel HARRY O. WILLIAMS
 - b. Subordinate maneuver and combat support unit commander:
 - (1) 4-39 Inf Bn - LTC DANIEL BALDWIN
 - (2) 2-47 (M) Inf Bn - LTC ARTHUR MORELAND
 - (3) 3-5 Cav Sqdn - LTC HOWARD FULLER
 - (4) 1-11 Arty Bn - LTC J.J. SULLIVAN 3 Nov-25 Dec
- LTC DONALD W. FARMER 26 Dec-5 Jan
6. TASK ORGANIZATION:
4-39 Inf 2-47 (M) Inf 3-5 Cav TF PLOWS 15 Engr Bn (+) Co A, 86 Engrs

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18th ARVN DIV BDE CONTROL

43rd ARVN Regt. HHC 1st Bde

TF BINH TUY C/709 MAINT

L&T MP 9th MP (DS)

Fwd Sig Commo Plat/9th Signal Bn

B Co 9th MED Bn

A Co 15th Engr (DS)

335 BRU

7. SUPPORTING FORCES

a. Artillery

(1) The following Direct Support/General Support Reinforcing units supported Brigade Operations from Fire Support Bases within the Brigade TAOR.

(a) 1st Bn, 11th Arty (-).

1 B Btry, 1-11 Arty (105T).

2 C Btry, 1-11 Arty (105T).

(b) 2d HOW Btry, 11th ACR (155SP) 2 Nov 67 - 29 Nov 67.

(c) B Btry, 7th Bn, 9th Arty (105T) 30 Nov 67 - 30 Dec 67.

(d) B Btry, 2d Bn, 35th Arty (105T) 1 Dec 67 - 30 Dec 67.

(e) 1st Plt, (-), C Btry, 5th Bn (AW) 2d Arty (40mm, Dusters)

(2) Btry B, 1st Bn, 83d Arty (175mm/8") was located adjacent to the Brigade AO and fired on call missions during the operation.

(3) Rounds Expended.

(a) Observed (Except Preps):

1 High Explosive: 9,270.

2 White Phosphorous: 1,410.

3 Smoke: 55.

4 Illumination: 67.

5 Beehive (Demonstration): 12.

(b) Unobserved, (H&I's):

1 High Explosive: 20,798.

2 Illumination: 23

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(c) Unobserved Targets:

1 High Explosive: 1,651.

2 White Phosphorus: 37.

(d) Unobserved Preparations; High Explosive: 284.

(4) Artillery ammunition expenditures by type.

(a) High Explosive: 32,003.

(b) White Phosphorus: 1,455.

(c) Illumination: 90.

(d) Smoke: 55

(e) Beehive: 12.

(5) Total rounds expended; 33,615.

b. Army Aviation

(1) Organic Aviation: Sorties 1610
Hours 557
Passengers 2207
Cargo 4 (+ons)

(2) Non-organic Aviation:

(a) One UH-1D was used daily for Command and Control.

(b) Three Airmobile Assaults were conducted using 152 sorties of UH1D's to transport 1360 personnel.

(c) Two airmobile movements were conducted using 18 sorties of CH47's to transport 422 personnel and 8 tons of equipment.

c. Close Air Support

(1) Both preplanned and immediate air strikes were employed as follows:

(a) Preplanned

1 Strikes requested 90

2 Strikes approved 56

3 Strikes diverted 8

4 Strikes diverted to 5
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5 Total Strikes 61

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6 Type of Aircraft used:

<u>a</u>	F100	103
<u>b</u>	A37	11
<u>c</u>	F4C	12
<u>d</u>	B57	18

7 Ordnance

<u>a</u>	250 GP	4
<u>b</u>	500 lb	190
<u>c</u>	750 lb	342
<u>d</u>	750 NAP	107
<u>e</u>	Rockets	16
<u>f</u>	20mm	25/20
<u>g</u>	CBU	6

8 Targets Hit

<u>a</u>	Suspected Observation Points	5
<u>b</u>	Suspected VC Concentration Areas	2
<u>c</u>	Suspected Base Camps	11
<u>d</u>	Prestrikes	26
<u>e</u>	Interdiction target	1
<u>f</u>	Tunnel	1
<u>g</u>	Suspected VC positions	4
<u>h</u>	Suspected VC Headquarters	6
<u>i</u>	Suspected VC Activity	11

(b) Immediate

<u>1</u>	No requested	1
<u>2</u>	No approved	1
<u>3</u>	Strikes diverted	0
<u>4</u>	No/type aircraft:	2 F100's

(2) Total number of airstrikes flown, including both immediate and preplanned: 62

d. Engineers: Included in the initial mission assigned to the 1st Brigade on Operation SANTA FE was the requirement to clear and upgrade Highway #1 on order. This was an operation of considerable magnitude and required the establishment of a forward GP at FS/PB WILLCAT by the 15th Engineer Battalion to control their organic Co's A and B; Co A, 86 Engr

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Bn with land clearing team; 617 Engineer Co (Panel Bridge), and the Engineer Battalion, 18th Division (ARVN). The collective accomplishments of these units are listed below:

ENGINEER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

	Phase I & II (3-30 Nov)	Phase III (1-30 Dec)	Total (3 Nov-30 Dec)
(1) Base Camp Constructed	4	1	5
(2) Cubic Meters Rock Placed (Road Work)	2322	NEG	2322
(3) Cubic Meters Laterite Placed (Road Work)	8937	NEG	8937
(4) Meters Culvert Placed	112	80	192
(5) Kms Road Improved	46	50	96
(6) Feet New Bailey Bridge Placed	0	810	810
(7) Feet Bailey Bridge Repaired	0	470	470
(8) Expedient Bridges Repaired	2	2	4
(9) Acres Jungle Cleared	2332	6566	8898
(10) Heliports Constructed	1	0	1
(11) RF/PF Outposts Cleared and Constructed or Presently Under Construction	0	15	15
(12) Potable Water Produced			317,140 Gal.

Of significance is the fact that the normal direct combat engineer support to the maneuver elements, in the form of demo work, LZ clearing, water supply, expedient bridging and fire support construction, continued without interruption.

8. INTELLIGENCE:

a. Pre & Operational Intelligence Information.

(1) Friendly operations in the area of interest can expect to encounter Hqs 5th VC Div with its administrative and combat support units located vic YS7793. Support elements include a hospital complex (T1500) and the 50th Trng Bn believed located vic YS7490. According to a rallie, HO VAN VANG, the 2d Bn 274th VC Regt is in the Cam My Jungle. However, the 11th ACB operations in that area may have forced them to move probable location along the Song Rai vic YS6393. The 84th Rear Services Group and possibly two companies of 0445 Ba Bien Bn are reported north of Thua Tich and along the Song Rai vic YS6084. The 1st Bn 275th VC Regt could be providing security for Hqs 5th VC Div, off in Long Thanh Province north of Gia Ray. Other reports indicate a RM IV main force battalion from Binh Thuan Province in the vic YS8885, replacing a 5th Div battalion that is on a special mission.

(2) Elements of the 274th VC Regt located in the HAT DICH 0445 Ba Bien Bn and elements of the 275th Regt located in Long Khanh could reinforce.

(3) The probable course of action will be avoid friendly operations, to divert and disorganize friendly forces utilizing mines and booby traps and harassing fires, and to remain fairly close while waiting for targets of opportunity to attack or ambush. If forced to withdraw, the enemy will withdraw to the east or northeast.

b. Significant Events:

(1) 031607 B/4-39th Inf vic YS809951 found VC Base Camp consisting of 12 spider holes. Camp was very old and not destroyed.

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- (2) 031638 ARP/3-5 Cav vic YS913947 found several old trails. Area checked with neg results. Extracted 031727H.
- (3) 031710 B/4-39th Inf vic YS874946 found well used trails and fresh tracks. Tracks were approx 1 hr. old. Area searched with neg results.
- (4) 050815 E/4-39th Inf vic YS781912 exchanged SA fire w/2 VC; in pursuit spotted 4-6 more and VC evaded friendly units. VC fled south. Neg US cas and VC cas unk.
- (5) 051112 B/4-39th Inf vic YS787916 rec'd 20 rds SA from est 4 VC. Fire was returned. Neg US cas and enemy cas unk.
- (6) 060730 B/4-39th Inf vic YS778897 engaged 1 VC w/SA.
- (7) 060832 1st Bde C&C ship vic YS777866 observed 3 VC dressed in khaki uniforms. FAC reconed the area with neg results.
- (8) 071721 A/4-39th Inf vic YS777895 found VC base camp consisting of 6 bunkers (8'x5'x5'). Also destroyed 37 chicom grenades, and evac 5 lbs documents, 1 can unidentified medical supplies.
- (9) Delayed entry 0713 6 B/4-39th Inf vic YS813865 found 1 tunnel (12' deep). A search of the area 080900 Nov 67 resulted in finding 1 sq size VC base camp consisting of 3 bunkers w/ohc, also 2 forked poses in the ground (suspected AA support). Tunnel and bunkers destroyed.
- (10) 080830 A/4-39th Inf vic YS780882 destroyed 3 huts and 4 bunkers w/ohc. Also in the area found well used trail. Area checked w/neg results.
- (11) 080930 A/4-39th Inf vic YS778884 destroyed 16 huts, 16 bunkers w/ohc, and 1 rd AK-47 ammo. A search of the area revealed an old map of area and 3 well used trail. Area checked w/neg results. Map evac.
- (12) 081342 C/2-47th Inf (M) vic YS767920 dest 11 huts, 11 bunkers, misc clothing and evac 2 documents. Bunkers were old but appeared to have been recently used.
- (13) 111105 C/2-47th Inf (M) vic YS800920 destroyed bunkers, 3 huts, misc cooking utensils, and misc BA 30's.
- (14) 111400 A/4-39th Inf vic YS781878 destroyed 5 bunkers (3'x3'x4') 3 bunkers (8'x8'x4') w/ohc, 5 huts, 20 rds M-1 ammo, assorted clothing, 1 table and evac 1 lb documents and 1x1 DH 5 lb claymore w/wire, 1 ear phone set CIC dated 26 May 1959, 1 long line antenna.
- (15) 121417 C/2-47th Inf (M) vic YS770938 destroyed VC base camp consisting of 3 huts and 2 bunkers w/ohc; also vic YS770937 additional 9 huts and 8 bunkers. Evac 1 poncho, 1 gas mask, 1 piece of web gear and misc pots, 2 misc documents. Documents include a personnel roster of ammunition and type weapon issued to each individual, 9x S&S type 56 and 4 AK-47 assault rifles.
- (16) 131230 A/4-39th Inf vic YS766885, destroyed 8 bunkers (3'x4'x3'), 5 huts (10'x8'x5') and 2 latrines. Also evacuated 100 lbs rice, 25 lbs of beans, 1 gal bean oil (US), 2000' field wire, 2 RP rocket rds, 2 Yugoslavian TM 50 telephones.
- (17) 131425 C/2-47th Inf (M) vic YS771925 located 10 bunkers (8x4x3) w/ohc, 3 huts.
- (18) 151145 1st C&C ship rept large VC base camp complex vic approx location YT74

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(19) 161245 C/4-39th Inf vic YS781782 found VC base camp containing 13 bunkers and 3 huts. Engaged 3 VC with neg results. Also found 2 chicom claymores, 4 hand grenades, 300 rds AK-47 and 7.62 ammo, 1 large grenade, 50 lbs of rice, misc amount medical supplies, and unk amount of documents. The documents were extracted and the remainder left intact and an ambush patrol was established. Follow-up: destroyed bunkers and huts and evacuated the remainder 17 Nov.

(20) 171000 B/4-39th Inf vic YS774844, found VC base camp consisting of 30 bunkers 2 to 3 weeks old, 1 classroom for approx 80 people, 5 cooking huts and misc clothing. Also found 20 lbs medical supplies, 2 lbs of documents, 1 map, and 1 training manual, 1 home made hand grenade, 50 rds of 50 cal armor piercing ammo, 1 box for 81mm mortar sight. The bunkers, huts classroom and clothing were destroyed and the remainder evacuated.

(21) 180830 B/4-39th Inf vic YS771847, located base camp consisting of 12 bunkers (10'x10') w/ohe and 1 classroom for approx 75 people, also destroyed 2 rds 75mm RR, 2 chicom claymores and 26 CBU's. Bunkers and classroom were not destroyed due to mission.

(22) 201055 B/4-39th Inf vic YS735895 found 15 graves approx 3 days old. Graves contained 7 VC KIA (BC) by arty and 8 VC KIA (BC) by SA fire.

(23) 221105 A/2-47th (M) Inf vic YS803418, destroyed 8 huts, 20 bunkers, 1 tunnel and evacuated small amount medical supplies and 3 documents. In searching area found base camp vic YS811920, consisting of 20 bunkers and 7 huts.

(24) 241455 B/2-47th (M) Inf vic YS784757, destroyed VC base camp consisting of 4 bunkers w/ohe. Searched area w/neg results.

(25) 271205 B/2-47th (M) Inf vic YS810738, destroyed a VC base camp consisting of 20 bunkers, 9 huts. Camp was approx 2-3 weeks old.

(26) 290010 1st Bde S-4 rpt Xuan Loc rec'd 45 rds S1/82mm mortar and SA & AW fire. Fire came from NW, appeared to be trying for a ammunition dump. Mortar ceased at 0124H; neg friendly cas, there were 5 2 1/2 ton lightly damaged.

(27) 051640 43rd ARVN rpt fresh trenches in vic YS2193; YS2195; YS234933; and 5 rectangular trenches (3x6) vic YS220953; and 30 trenches near Hwy 340 vic YS220953.

(28) 121325 LNO TF NGOC vic 085976 fd rice cache containing 660 lbs of rice. Rice was destroyed.

(29) 151150 A/2-47th (M) Inf vic YS053983 destroyed 2 small punji pits, 2 huts, 150 lbs rice, grinding machine, 20 lbs rice evac.

(30) 160955 LNO TF BINH TUY rpt I&R plt vic 25 078978 rec'd SA/AW fire from plt size unit. VC broke contact at 1005H and fled SW; VC wearing blk PJ's and khaki uniforms w/shoulder harnesses. Results: 2 friendly WIA's, 6 VC KIA and 1 Chicom grenade captured; no unit ID on bodies.

(31) 281135 A/2-47 (M) Inf vic 25 101992, dest 3 bunkers (10x4x5) 3 huts and evac 2 anti-personnel mines

(32) Delayed entry 280830 512 RF co Plt and 41e of the 7th and 3d plt vic YS972884 were ambushed by est 2 VC sqd; broke contact at 0835H and moved NW. VC cas unk, friendly cas 2 WIA.

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(33) 301000 LNO TF Binh Tuy rpt to LNO 1-11 Arty that ARVN sighted approx 500 VC YS9490. PRU conducted VR and searched area without results.

(34) 301200 LNO TF Binh Tuy rpt to 1-11th Arty that approx 500 VC loc vic YS895925. Arty fired into area. Army conducted VR and rec'd SA fire vic YS914911, neg hits; aircrafts continued mission. Air strike was placed vic YS914911.

c. Weather: During the operation, weather had no significant impact on military operations. Approximately 36 hours of rain temporarily; delayed the trail clearing operation south of the May Tao Mountain area.

d. Conclusions: The results of the operation did not substantiate previous intelligence information regarding the 5th VC Division. There was insignificant sporadic contact during phase I. The lack of bcoby traps along trails and base camp areas indicated the VC attached little importance to the area. Equipment and documents captured and evacuated were deteriorated. From all indications, the base camps were vacated before Operation SANTA FE was initiated.

9. MISSION: The 1st Bde attacks H-Hour D-Day to destroy VC/NVA forces and installations in zone in the MAY TAO SECRET ZONE; clear and upgrades Hwy 1 on order.

10. Concept of Operation:

a. During the period 3 November 1967 to 5 January 1968 the 1st Bde conducted strike opns in the SANTA FE area with forces ranging from one Mech Inf Bn to one Mech Inf Bn, one Cav Sqdn, and an ARVN TF consisting of 2 ARVN Ranger Bn's to locate and destroy elements of the 5th VC Div in the MAY TAO SECRET ZONE. To provide security for the 15th and 86th Engrs building bridges and clearing jungle along Hwy 1 to open that route and clearing trails along Rte 331 and Rte 23 to provide ready access to the MAY TAO SECRET ZONE and the village of HAM TAM and TAM TAN.

b. Maneuver:

(1) Phase I: from 3 Nov 1967 to 13 Nov 1967. The 1st Bde conducted AML assault and ground assault into the MAY TAO SECRET ZONE to locate and destroy elements of the 5th VC Div.

(2) Phase II: from 13 Nov 1967 to 1 Dec 1967. Conducted opns south of Hwy 1 along Rte 331 to locate and destroy elements of the 5th VC Div and to clear trails in area to provide ready access to the MAY TAO SECRET ZONE.

(3) Phase III: from 1 Dec 1967 to 5 Jan 1968. Conducted assault, both AML and ground, to seize and secure the bridge sites along Hwy 1 from FS/PB WILDCAT to the Corp boundary. To build and repair bridges along Hwy 1 to open Hwy 1 to the Corp boundary.

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11. EXECUTION:

3 Nov: The FIRST AND FOREMOST commenced Opn SANTA FE to locate and destroy the 5th VC Div and to provide security for Engrs clearing jungle along Hwy 1 on order. Conducted Bn (-) AML aslt and moved overland with one Bn to seize and secure Obj 1 and establish and secure FS/PB WILDCAT vic YS817967. Attached on order to seize Obj 2. The 4-39 Inf conducted Bn (-) AML aslt from Long Thanh airstrip commencing 0825H and landed on LZ 1 vic YS817967 and seized obj 1. Upon link-up with 2-47 (M) Inf at FS/PB WILDCAT, attacked to the south in zone to seize Obj 2 vic YS792938 without contact. 2-47 (M) Inf provided security for the First Brigade elements from Bearcat to FS/PB WILDCAT and dropped off the First Brigade Trains at Xuan Loc without contact. D Troop 3-5 Cav provided LFT support during the move and screened to the northeast in zone. The Aero Rifle Platoon was inserted vic YS917947 and searched that area without contact.

4 Nov: The FIRST AND FOREMOST continued Opn SANTA FE with 2 Bn's and an Air Cav Troop to locate and destroy the 5th VC Div and to provide security for Engrs clearing jungle and opening Hwy 1 on order. The 4-39 Inf conducted S&D opns in zone and conducted cloverleaf patrols from Obj 2 vic 7993 to locate and destroy VC forces in that area. During the hours of darkness the Bn conducted ambush patrols in zone to interdict trails and avenues of withdrawal in that area without contact. The Bn assumed OPCON B Company 2-47 (M) Inf effective 041030H. A Company conducted S&D opns vic YS7992 and conducted ambush patrols in that area without contact. B Company conducted S&D opns vic YS7992 and conducted ambush patrols in that area without contact. C Company conducted S&D opns vic YS7893 and secured the Bn CP. E Company conducted S&D vic YS7891 and established ambushes in that area to interdict trails and routes of withdrawal without incident. B Company 2-47 (M) Inf became OPCON 4-39 Inf 041030H and secured the route plow cutting a trail from YS815963 to YS788934 to be used as an LOC between FS/PB WILDCAT and PANTHER without incident. The 2-47 (M) Inf continued S&D opns in zone and conducted screening opns on Hwy 1 in sector to locate and destroy VC forces in that area. The Bn also interdicted likely avenues of withdrawal in zone. The 2-47 (M) Inf provided security for FS/PB WILDCAT and the Bde CP vic YS817967 and released B Company OPCON 4-39 Inf 041030H. A Company conducted local S&D in zone vic YS8198 and conducted ambush patrols along Hwy 1 northeast in zone. The company also provided security for FS/PB WILDCAT and the Bde CP without contact. Company C provided one platoon to assist the Scout platoon on convoy escort from FS/PB WILDCAT to Xuan Loc. The company also conducted S&D opns vic YS7897 and outposting of Hwy 1 in sector without contact. D Troop 3-5 Cav conducted S&D opns vic YS8697 with the Aero Rifle Platoon without contact. D Troop provided air screen in zone and inserted the LRRP in AO BLUE JAY I and AO BLUE JAY II without sightings or contact.

5 Nov: Opn SANTA FE was continued by elements of the First Brigade. The 4-39 Inf continued S&D opns in zone to locate and destroy VC forces in the area. Company A conducted S&D opns vic YS7790 without incident. B Company conducted S&D in zone with one report of contact in the vic YS787916. Contact was with an estimated 3 to 4 VC. Contact was broken after 2 minutes by the VC. B Co pursued the VC but could not re-establish contact; there were no casualties in the engagement. C Company conducted S&D opns vic YS7992 without contact. E Company conducted S&D opns in zone with one reported contact. At 0810H the company exchanged fire with 2 VC. The VC broke contact and fled to the north. E Co pursued and spotted 4 to 6 more VC but was unable to establish contact; there were no casualties in the contact. B Company 2-47 (M) Inf remained OPCON 4-39 Inf and conducted S&D opns vic YS7892. The company also secured the Bn CP and the route plow effort in that area without contact. The 2-47 (M) Inf conducted S&D opns in zone to locate and destroy the 5th VC Div. The Bn secured FS/PB WILDCAT and provided convoy escort from WILDCAT to Xuan Loc.

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Company A secured FS/PB WILDCAT and outposting of Hwy 1 without contact. C Company conducted S&D ops west of Obj 1 in vic 7998 and YS7896 without contact. The Scout Platoon conducted convoy escort from FS/PB WILDCAT to Xuan Loc without incident. D Troop 3-5 Cav extracted the LRRP from AO without incident and was released OPCON TF FOMSYTH effective 050600H.

6 Nov: Opn SANTA FE was continued by elements of the First Brigade. The 4-39 Inf conducted S&D ops in zone to locate and destroy VC forces in that area. Company A conducted S&D ops vic YS7690 without contact. B Company conducted S&D ops in zone and at 060755H spotted movement in VC positions vic YS778895. The company called in arty fire with unknown VC casualties. C Company conducted S&D ops vic YS7891 without incident. B Company 2-47 (M) Inf remained OPCON 4-39 Inf and secured the Rome plow effort, the Bn CP and FS/PB PANTHER without contact. The 2-47 (M) Inf continued S&D ops in zone; provided security for FS/PB WILDCAT; provided convoy escort from Xuan Loc to WILDCAT. Company A secured FS/PB WILDCAT and conducted local patrolling. The company also continued to outpost Hwy 1 without contact. C Company conducted S&D ops vic YS8397 and YS7795 and outposting of Hwy 1 without contact. The Scout Platoon provided convoy escort between WILDCAT and Xuan Loc without incident.

7 Nov: Opn SANTA FE was continued by elements of the First Brigade. The 4-39 Inf conducted S&D ops to locate and destroy VC forces in the area. Company A conducted S&D ops vic YS7790 with four finds in the area. In the vic YS772900 the company found and destroyed a 250 lb bomb. They found a squad size VC base camp vic YS772895 consisting of 5 foxholes 4'x2'x2' without overhead cover and destroyed them. The company located another VC base camp vic YS777885 consisting of 6 bunkers 8x5'x5' without overhead cover. Also found in the bunkers were 37 Chicom grenades, 5 lbs documents and one can unidentified medicine. The bunkers and grenades were destroyed and the medicine and documents evacuated. The company located 5 foxholes vic YS774883 that had been occupied in the last 24 hours and destroyed them. B Company conducted S&D ops in vic YS7988 without incident. Company C conducted S&D ops vic YS8087 and found and destroyed in the vic YS801871 3 oxcarts, 1 hut, and 1 poncho. E Company continued S&D ops vic YS8286 and closed FS/PB LEOPARD at 1120H without contact. B Company 2-47 (M) Inf remained OPCON 4-39 Inf and moved from FS/PB PANTHER to FS/PB LEOPARD. Also secured the Rome plows during the move without contact. The 2-47 (M) Inf (-) moved from FS/PB WILDCAT to FS/PB PANTHER and relieved 4-39 Inf in place. A Company became OPCON to 1st Bde 0900H for security of FS/PB WILDCAT and Bde CP. Company C moved from vic YS788-977 to FS/PB PANTHER without incident. The Scout Platoon secured convoy from Xuan Loc to FS/PB WILDCAT and moved to FS/PB PANTHER without contact.

8 Nov: Opn SANTA FE was continued by elements of the 1st Bde. The 4-39 Inf continued S&D ops in zone to locate and destroy the 5th VC Div. The Bn continued to clear and improve FS/PB LEOPARD and released B Company OPCON 2-47 (M) Inf effective 080800H. A Company continued S&D ops in zone vic YS7888 with three finds. In the vic YS780682 the company found one hut and 3 bunkers w/overhead cover and 100 meters south of that location found 2 more huts and 4 well used trails. The company located 16 huts with a bunker to each vic YS778824 containing the following items: misc: clothing, 5 "P" batteries, 2 "C" batteries, 2 small bags soup mixture, 1 VC protective mask, 1 VC shovel, 2 V-10 directional mines (5 lb each), 1 oiler, 75' electrical wire, 1 commercial fish net, 1 French canteen, 2 VC ammo packs, 1 VC pistol belt, 1 rice sack, 7 tin pie pans, 1 VC head lamp, 1 small bag white powder (type unk), 1 small bag fried rice, 1 small bag uncooked rice. The bunkers were 8'x6'x4' with 2' of overhead cover. They also found one old map and one round of AK47 ammo. The map was evacuated and all other items were destroyed. Also in vic YS814864 they found 1 large tunnel 12' deep and a squad size base camp consisting of 5 bunkers w/overhead cover. All items were destroyed. B Company was released OPCON 2-47 (M) Inf effective 080800H. C Company conducted S&D ops from vic YS-8186 to the west with one find and one contact. In the vic YS779872 they found 2 huts and 2 bunkers with 16' overhead cover. The bunkers were

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approximately 12 months old and were destroyed by the company. The company spotted 2 VC in the vic YS786864 and opened fire on the VC. VC fled with the company in pursuit. This contact resulted in negative casualties. E Company continued to secure FS/PB LEOPARD and conducted local patrolling without incident. B Company 2-47 (M) Inf secured the same plows clearing jungle vic FS/PB LEOPARD and secured the LOC from FS/PB PANTHER to FS/PB LEOPARD without incident. The 2-47 (M) Inf continued S&D ops in zone and provided security for FS/PB WILDCAT and PANTHER. A Company remained OPCON 1st Bde for security of FS/PB WILDCAT and conducted local patrolling around the FS/PB. B Company OPCON 4-39 Inf. C Co secured FS/PB PANTHER and conducted S&D ops to the east of that FS/PB with one find. In the vic YS767922 the company located and destroyed 11 huts and 11 bunkers. In the bunkers they found some clothes and documents that were evacuated. The Scout platoon secured the LOC between FS/PB WILDCAT and PANTHER with one incident. An ambush patrol from the Scout Platoon detected movement in the vic YS790837 and fired M-79 and mortars; the movement ceased. A short time later the ambush received a rifle grenade that hit an APC. There was no damage to the APC and neg US cas. The ambush returned the fire with M-79, mortars, and arty with unknown results. The ambush received a burst of AW fire a short time later and returned the fire with machine guns, arty and mortar fire. A sweep of the area was conducted at first light with neg results. B Co 4-39 Inf became OPCON 2-47 (M) Inf 080200H and conducted S&D from vic YS7889 to vic YS7890 without incident. The company also continued S&D ops with one platoon on Obj 11 vic YS7790 without contact.

9 Nov: Opn SANTA FE was conducted by elements of the 1st Bde. The 4-39 Inf continued S&D ops in zone and continued clearing and improving FS/PB LEOPARD. A Company continued S&D ops vic YS7687 with one find. In the vic YS767886 the company found and destroyed 67 bunkers, one tunnel and 2 huts. They also evacuated 4 lbs of documents in the same area. B Co remained OPCON 2-47 (M) Inf. C Co continued S&D to the south from vic YS7686. E Co conducted S&D vic YS7884 without contact. B Co 2-47 (M) Inf remained OPCON 4-39 Inf and secured FS/PB LEOPARD. The company also secured the LOC between FS/PB PANTHER and LEOPARD. A resupply helicopter spotted 3 oxcarts and 20 personnel vic YS751860 and a patrol checked the area with neg results. 2-47 (M) Inf continued S&D in zone; provided security for FS/PB WILDCAT and PANTHER. A Co remained OPCON to 1st Bde for security and local patrolling around FS/PB WILDCAT. B Co remained OPCON 4-39 Inf. C Co secured FS/PB PANTHER and conducted patrols east of FS/PB PANTHER with one reported contact and find. A platoon from C Co made contact with an estimated VC squad vic YS771927 resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC) and no US casualties. While pursuing the VC, the platoon found a VC base camp consisting of 5 bunkers which were destroyed. They also destroyed one gal of Kerosene and evacuated misc uniforms, 1 bush hat, 2 ponchos, unk # BA 30's, and misc documents. The Scout platoon secured the LOC between FS/PB WILDCAT and PANTHER without incident. B Co 4-39 Inf remained OPCON 2-47 (M) Inf conducting S&D vic YS7991 and outposting Obj 11 vic YS779901 without contact.

10 Nov: Opn SANTA FE was continued by elements of the 1st Bde. The 4-39 Inf continued S&D ops in zone and clearing and improving FS/PB LEOPARD. Co A continued S&D ops to the east from vic YS7586 without contact. B Co remained OPCON 2-47 (M) Inf. Co C conducted S&D ops to the east from vic YS7585. E Co conducted S&D ops vic YS7884 with one find. The Recon platoon located and destroyed a VC base camp vic YS754856 consisting of 12 bunkers 8'x6'x4' and 5 huts. B Co 2-47 (M) Inf remained OPCON 4-39 Inf and secured FS/PB LEOPARD. The company also conducted local patrolling in that area without contact. 2-47 (M) Inf continued S&D ops in zone and provided security for FS/PB PANTHER and WILDCAT. Co A remained OPCON 1st Bde for security of FS/PB WILDCAT and local patrolling. B Co remained OPCON 4-39 Inf. Co C conducted patrols east and west of FS/PB PANTHER with one contact and one find. In the vic YS806925 the 2nd platoon made contact with an unknown size VC force. Contact was broken by the VC 10 minutes later with neg US casualties and VC losses unknown. While pursuing the VC, the platoon found a small VC base camp consisting of 4 bunkers

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which were destroyed. The base camp location was YS808925. The platoon also found in the bunkers 2 pair black PJ, 2 tan shirts, one Russian rifle, one AK47, and 50 lbs of rotten rice; all items except the rice were evacuated. Also in the vic YS806925 the platoon located and destroyed one VC hand grenade booby trap. The company located a small tunnel with a hut vic YS814931; both were destroyed. The Scout platoon secured the LOC between FS/PB WILDCAT and PANTHER without incident. B Co 4-39 Inf remained OPCON 2-47 (M) Inf and conducted S&D vic YS7790 and YS7890 without contact.

11 Nov: Opn SANTA FE was conducted by elements of the 1st Bde. The 4-39 Inf continued S&D opns in zone to locate and destroy the 5th VC Div. Also continued clearing and improving FS/PB LEOPARD. A Co continued S&D vic YS7586 with one find. The Co found 8 bunkers and 3 huts containing one table, 20 rds M-1 ammo, 1 Chicom claymore w/wire, 3 lbs documents and assorted clothing at 1350H in the vic YS781878. The documents and claymore were evacuated, all other items were destroyed. B Co remained OPCON 2-47 (M) Inf. Co C conducted S&D opn vic YS7681 with one find. In the vic YS-750840 at 0800H, the company found 2 VC KIA (arty) (BC). There was no identification or weapons on the bodies. E Co continued S&D opns vic YS8184 with one find. In the vic YS828839 the co found 6 dead oxen that were killed by arty. There were oxcart tracks leading to the east. B Co 2-47 (M) Inf remained OPCON 4-39 Inf and conducted local patrolling. The Co also secured FS/PB LEOPARD and the LOC between FS/PB PANTHER and LEOPARD without incident. The 2-47 (M) Inf continued S&D opns in zone to locate and destroy the 5th VC Div and provided security for FS/PB PANTHER and WILDCAT. A Co remained OPCON 1st Bde for security of FS/PB WILDCAT and local patrolling. B Co remained OPCON 4-39 Inf. C Co conducted patrols east and west of FS/PB PANTHER and secured the FS/PB with two finds in the area. At 1030H this morning the company located a water point, a tan shirt and tin buckets in the vic YS797920 and destroyed all items. The co found a small base camp at 1105H in the vic YS800920 that consisted of 3 huts, 4 bunkers, cooking utensils, toothpaste, batteries, home made stove. All these items were old and not used recently and were destroyed. The Scout platoon secured the LOC between FS/PB WILDCAT and PANTHER without contact. B Co 4-39 Inf remained OPCON 2-47 (M) Inf and conducted S&D opns vic YS7790 with one find in the area. In the vic YS792908 the co found and destroyed 4 huts, 4 tables, one VC canteen pouch and 1 entrenching tool.

12 Nov: Opn SANTA FE was conducted by elements of the 1st Bde. The 4-39 Inf continued S&D opns within AO and conducted local patrolling and maintenance. A Co conducted maintenance and local patrolling vic YS-7889 without incident. B Co remained OPCON 2-47 (M) Inf. C Co conducted maintenance and local patrolling vic YS7681 without contact. E Co conducted maintenance and local patrolling vic YS8184 without contact. B Co 2-47 Inf remained OPCON 4-39 Inf and secured FS/PB LEOPARD and conducted local patrolling without contact. The 2-47 (M) Inf continued S&D opns and security opns within AO; secured the 86th Engrs clearing teams working between FS/PB PANTHER and WILDCAT. A Co remained OPCON 1st Bde and secured FS/PB WILDCAT. The co also secured clearing teams from 86th Engrs clearing trail from FS/PB WILDCAT to PANTHER without contact. B Co remained OPCON 4-39 Inf. C Co secured FS/PB PANTHER and conducted local patrolling with two finds. The 3rd platoon located 9 huts and 8 bunkers vic YS770937 w/18" overhead cover. They found in the bunkers, pots and utensils, 1 piece of web gear, 1 protective mask w/pouch; all these items were evacuated and were estimated to have been used in the past 3 days. In the vic YS770938, the platoon found and destroyed 3 huts, and 2 bunkers 6x4x3 with 7" overhead cover. The Scout platoon secured clearing teams moving to FS/PB LEOPARD without incident. B Co 4-39 Inf remained OPCON 2-47 (M) Inf, conducted local patrolling vic YS7890 and continued manning OP vic YS778903 without contact.

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13 Nov: Opn SANTA FE was conducted by elements of the 1st Bde until 131200H, at which time, all elements initiated SANTA FE II. The 4-39 Inf continued S&D and security opns in their AO. A Co continued S&D opns vic YS7888 with one find. The 2nd platoon found a small base camp vic YS766885 consisting of 8 bunkers 3x4x3, 5 huts, 100 lbs rice, 25 lbs beans, 1 gal bean oil, 2000' cable, 2 telephones of unk type, 2 latrines, and 2 RPG-2 rockets. The bunkers, huts and latrines were destroyed; all other items were evacuated. B Co remained OPCON 2-47 (M) Inf. C Co continued S&D opns vic YS7682 with one find. The 1st platoon found a VC base camp vic YS757819 consisting of 6 bunkers 8x6x4 with 24" overhead cover, and two huts; all were destroyed. E Co conducted S&D opns vic YS8184 without contact. B Co 2-47 (M) Inf remained OPCON 4-39 Inf and conducted S&D vic YS7987 and secured FS/PB LEOPARD without contact. The 2-47 (M) Inf continued S&D and security opns within AO. A Co remained OPCON 1st Bde for security of FS/PB WILDCAT and secured clearing tms working between FS/PB WILDCAT and PANTHER without incident. B Co remained OPCON 4-39 Inf. C Co continued security of FS/PB PANTHER and secured clearing tms working between FS/PB PANTHER and LEOPARD with one find. The 1st platoon located and destroyed 10 bunkers 8'x4'x3' with 3' overhead cover. B Co 4-39 Inf remained OPCON 2-47 (M) Inf and continued manning OP vic YS778903. The company also continued patrolling vic YS7790 and YS8192 with one find. The 3rd platoon found in vic YS804924, a base camp that was destroyed 12 Nov 1967 that had one bowl of freshly cooked rice and some fresh cut sapplings. All were destroyed. On opn SANTA FE II the 86th Engrs cleared 67 acres and windrowed 3 acres. There was 18 acres cleared in FS/PB PANTHER, 39 acres from LEOPARD 1300m north, 10 acres in FS/PB WILDCAT.

14 Nov: Opn SANTA FE II was conducted by elements of the 1st Bde. The 4-39 Inf continued S&D opns within AO and secured some plows clearing north from FS/PB LEOPARD. A Co continued S&D opns vic YS7587 without contact. B Co remained OPCON 2-47 (M) Inf. C Co continued S&D opns vic YS-8079 with one find. The company found and destroyed one can, 6 huts and one bunker 4x4x3 with 10" to 24" overhead cover in the vic YS82810 at 1130H. E Co continued S&D opns vic YS8380 and 8082 with one contact and one find in the area. At 1205H today the Falcon platoon engaged 2 VC vic YS835808. The VC fled to the west with the platoon pursuing with neg results. In the vic YS837819 at 1100H the company found and evacuated one 1953 German SMG Ser no 353618 and 2 inter parts of a PRC/25 radio. B Co 2-47 (M) Inf remained OPCON 4-39 Inf, secured FS/PB LEOPARD and the clearing tms from 86th Engrs clearing Rte 331 north from FS/PB LEOPARD. The 2-47 (M) Inf continued S&D and security opns within AO and secured clearing tms from 86th Engrs clearing trails in AO. A Co remained OPCON 1st Bde for security of FS/PB WILDCAT and local patrolling. The company also secured some plow teams clearing trail between FS/PB WILDCAT and PANTHER. B Co remained OPCON to 4-39 Inf. C Co continued security of FS/PB PANTHER and conducted local patrolling without contact. B Co 4-39 Inf remained OPCON to 2-47 (M) Inf and continued manning OP vic YS779803 and conducted S&D opns vic YS 7991 without contact. A Co 86th Engrs cleared 106 acres of jungle today for a total of 293 acres to date. Traces were cleared south of FS/PB PANTHER from YS788926 to YS788922. Traces were also cleared north of FS/PB LEOPARD from YS802867 to YS790885 and traces were started to the south from FS/PB LEOPARD. The Engrs have 8 dozers on hand and 0 deadlined. They have 22 some plows on hand with one on deadline.

15 Nov: Opn SANTA FE II was continued by elements of the 1st Bde. The 4-39 Inf continued S&D opns within AO and secured clearing teams clearing north from FS/PB LEOPARD. A Co continued S&D opns vic YS7587 without contact. B Co remained OPCON to 2-47 (M) Inf. C Co continued S&D vic YS-8080 without contact. E Co continued S&D opns vic YS8281. B Co 2-47 (M) Inf remained OPCON 4-39 Inf, continued security of FS/PB LEOPARD and conducted local patrolling. The company also secured clearing teams from 86th

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Engrs clearing Rte 331 north of FS/PB LEOPARD. The 2-47 (M) Inf continued S&D and security ops in AO. Secured the clearing teams from 86th Engrs clearing Rte 331 between FS/PB PANTHER and WILDCAT. A Co remained OPCON 1st Bde and secured FS/PB WILDCAT and conducted local patrolling. The company also secured clearing teams from 86th Engrs clearing trails between FS/PB PANTHER and WILDCAT. B Co remained OPCON 4-39 Inf. C Co secured FS/PB PANTHER and conducted local patrolling. B Co 4-39 Inf remained OPCON 2-47 (M) Inf, continued manning OP vic YS778902 and conducted S&D ops vic YS8000. There was no contact in 1st Bde's AO today. A Co 86th Engrs cleared 104 acres today for a total to date of 397 acres. Traces from YS790885 to YS787894 and from YS805865 to YS817857 were cleared. Also cleared were traces from YS803872 to YS797871; from YS787929 to YS791939. They have 9 Rome plows operational and 5 deadlined. They have 8 dozers operational and 3 on deadline. In the vic YS7483 the Bde C&C ship spotted 4 VC base camps that will be checked at a later date by troops on the ground. The locations of the base camps are YS744836, YS740839, YS741832, and YS748837.

16 Nov: Opn SANTA FE II was conducted by elements of the first Bde. The 4-39 Inf continued S&D ops within AO. The Bn moved its CP from FS/PB LEOPARD to LYNX. The Bn released OPCON B Co 2-47 (M) Inf 160600H and assumed OPCON B Co 4-39 Inf at that time. A Co conducted S&D ops vic YS7582 and secured the Bn CP at FS/PB LYNX without contact. C Co conducted S&D ops vic YS7878 with two finds and one contact in the area. In the vic YS796782 at 0910H the co found and destroyed 5 bunkers and 5 huts. The bunkers were 10x8x4 with 2' overhead cover. Later in the day vic YS781782 the company found a base camp and engaged 3 VC, that fled to the SW, with neg results. The base camp consisted of 3 huts, 13 bunkers. While pursuing the VC, about 100m SW of the base camp, the co found 2 Chicom claymores, 400 rds SA ammo, 20 lbs medical supplies, 100 lbs rice, 10 ammo pouches, 4 grenades, and 2 lbs documents. The co is conducting ambush patrols in the area tonight and will destroy the base camp tomorrow and evacuate the other items. E Co conducted S&D ops within AO without contact. The 2-47 (M) Inf continued S&D and security ops within AO and secured clearing teams from 86th Engrs clearing south of FS/PB WILDCAT. The Bn released OPCON B Co 4-39 Inf 160600H and assumed OPCON B Co 2-47 (M) Inf. A Co remained OPCON 1st Bde and secured FS/PB WILDCAT. The Co also conducted local patrolling without contact. B Co continued security of FS/PB LEOPARD and secured clearing teams clearing toward FS/PB LYNX. C Co secured FS/PB PANTHER and conducted local patrolling with one find. The Co also secured teams clearing south of FS/PB PANTHER. In the vic YS804925 found and destroyed one hut, rice bowls, and a table. There was a fire in the area and the area was checked with neg results. The Scout platoon maintained the LOC between FS/PB PANTHER and LEOPARD without contact. A Co 86th Engrs cleared 116 acres today for a total to date cleared of 513 acres. The Engr have 18 Rome plows and 8 dozers operational. Traces cleared today were from YS795885 to YS778875, from YS800850 to YS786850, from YS795850 to YS805840, from YS788925 to YS788809.

17 Nov: Opn SANTA FE II was conducted by elements of the 1st Bde. The 4-39 Inf continued S&D ops within AO and secured FS/PB LYNX. A Co secured FS/PB LYNX and conducted local patrols without contact. B Company conducted S&D ops vic YS7834 with one find in the area. The company located a base camp containing 30 bunkers w/overhead cover, 1 classroom and 5 cooking huts. In the huts they found 20 lbs medical supplies, 2 lbs medical supplies, 2 lbs documents, misc clothing, one map, training manuals, home made grenade, 50 rds 50 cal armor piercing, and a box for 81mm mortar site. Base camp loc YS724844. The bunkers were destroyed; all other items evacuated. C Company conducted S&D ops vic 7878 with one find. In the vic YS789799 the company found a VC base camp of 20 bunkers that were caved in. E Company conducted S&D ops vic YS8282 without contact. The 2-47 (M) Inf continued S&D and security ops within AO. The Bn moved its CP from FS/PB PANTHER to LEOPARD and secured clearing teams from 86th Engrs clearing trails and FS/PB's in AO. A Co remained OPCON for security of FS/PB WILDCAT and local patrolling without contact. B Co continued to secure FS/PB LEOPARD and conducted local patrolling in that area without contact. The

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company also secured Engrs clearing teams working in the area without contact. C Company continued to secure FS/PB PANTHER and conducted local patrolling without contact but had one find in the area. In the vic YS-794925 the company found and destroyed 2 huts and 2 bunkers. The company also secured the Engrs clearing trail south of FS/PB PANTHER. Scout platoon secured the LOC from FS/PB PANTHER to WILDCAT with one incident. The platoon received one round of sniper fire vic YS753835 with neg casualties. In the vic YS853871 a Bde FAC reported an airstrike resulted in a secondary explosion, black smoke was seen rising from the target area. A Co 86 Engr cleared 107 acres today for a total to date of 720 acres. The Engrs have 8 dozers operational and 17 romo plows operational. They have 5 plows deadlined. Traces cleared today from YS775870 to YS762872, from YS753828 to YS754834, from YS756827 to YS758828, from YS788909 to YS788905.

18 Nov: Opn SANTA FE II was conducted by elements of the 1st Bde. The 4-39 Inf continued S&D ops within AO and secured FS/PB LYNX. The bn also established blocking positions in conjunction with 11 ACR opn. A Co secured FS/PB LYNX and conducted local patrolling until 180900H. The Co then moved and established blocking pns vic YS763887 without contact. B Co conducted S&D ops vic YS7784 until 180900H and then moved and established blocking pns vic YS742885 without contact. The Co located a VC base camp vic YS771847 containing 12 bunkers w/overhead cover, one classroom, 2 - 75M: RR rds, 2 Chicom claymores, 26 butterfly bombs. The RR rds, claymores and butterfly bombs were destroyed. The base camp was not, due to mission. C Co conducted S&D ops vic YS7879 until 180900H and then moved and established blocking pns vic YS754886. E Co conducted S&D ops vic YS8076 until 180900H and then moved to secure FS/PB LYNX with one platoon. The Co furnished the RRF for the Bn with one platoon vic YS755875. Enroute to FS/PB LYNX the co located an old VC base camp vic YS797792 and passed through due to nature of mission. The 2-47 (M) Inf continued S&D and security ops within AO. The Bn also secured FS/PB WILDCAT and LEOPARD and secured clearing teams from 86th Engrs. clearing trails in Bde AO and provided blocking forces in conjunction with 11 ACR ops. A Co remained OFCON to 1st Bde for security of FS/PB WILDCAT and local patrolling. The company provided one platoon for security of FS/PB PANTHER and one platoon for blocking force vic YS777915 without contact. B Co continued security of FS/PB LEOPARD and conducted local patrolling until 180930H. They also provided security for clearing teams clearing trails in AO until that time. The Co then moved dismounted to blocking pns vic YS779903 and YS770890. The company also provided a platoon for security of FS/PB PANTHER until released by a platoon from A Co. They also conducted S&D ops and security ops for clearing teams clearing trails in Bde AO until 180930H, then moved and established blocking pns vic YS775923, YS774927, and YS779903 without contact. The Scout platoon secured LOC between FS/PB PANTHER and WILDCAT and relieved other elements of security of clearing teams at 180930H. The Scouts also provided security for FS/PB LEOPARD and assisted in security at FS/PB PANTHER without contact.

19 Nov: Opn SANTA FE II was conducted by elements of the 1st Bde. The 4-39 Inf provided company size blocking forces south of mountain vic YS7591 and conducted local patrolling. The Bn also secured FS/PB LYNX. A Co provided blocking force vic YS760886. B Co provided blocking force vic YS752886. C Co provided blocking force vic YS740385. E Co secured FS/PB LYNX and provided plat size RRF vic YS762870. There was no contact or finds in the 4-39 Inf today. All companies conducted local patrolling. The 2-47 (M) Inf continued S&D and security ops within AO and secured clearing teams from 86th Engrs clearing trails within Bde AO. The Bn also provided blocking forces East of mountain vic YS7591. A Co (-) remained OFCON to 1st Bde and secured FS/PB WILDCAT. One plat remained at FS/PB PANTHER for security and Bn RRF. One platoon provided blocking force vic YS777915. B Co continued security of FS/PB LEOPARD and provided

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blocking forces vic YS776906 and YS768888 with two platoons. C Co provided company size blocking force vic YS775925. Scout plat secured some plows clearing trails in Bde AO with one find. In the vic 800783 the plat found and destroyed 2 lean to's and 3 ox carts. There was no contact in 2-47 (M) Inf area today. A Co 86th Engrs cleared 66 acres today for a total to date of 878. Engrs have 16 some plows operational and 5 deadlined. They have 8 dozers on hand and 0 deadlined. Traces cleared today from YS753833 to YS784845, from YS802830 to YS810830.

20 Nov: Opn SANTA FE II was conducted by elements of the 1st Bde. The 4-39 Inf continued S&D opns within AO and provided three company size blocking forces south of mountain vic YS7591. The Bn also secured FS/PB LYNX. A Co provided blocking force vic YS760886 and conducted local patrolling without contact. B Co provided blocking force vic YS752886 and conducted local patrolling with four finds and one contact in the area. The 1st platoon found 15 graves in the vic YS735895 at 201050H containing 15 VC KIA (BC), approximately 3 days old. Seven bodies killed by arty and eight killed by SA. The 1st platoon also found a VC base camp vic YS735895 consisting of 10 bunkers. The bunkers were not destroyed. The platoon found a VC base camp vic YS746890 consisting of bunkers and trenches. One bunker was 50'x75' and contained medical supplies which were evacuated. The platoon engaged 1 VC wearing a tiger uniform vic YS774894 with neg results. C Co provided blocking forces vic YS740885 and conducted local patrolling with one find in area. Vic YS740900 the co found one hut, one ruck sack, and a blood trail. The hut was destroyed and the ruck sack was evacuated. All companies of 4-39 Inf returned to FS/PB LYNX at 201705H in preparation for AML movement to Bearcat on 21 Nov 1967. The 2-47 (M) Inf continued S&D opns and security opns within AO and secured clearing teams from 86th Engrs clearing trails within Bde AO. The Bn also provided blocking forces east of mountain vic YS7591. A Co (-) remained OPCON 1st Bde and secured FS/PB WILDCAT. One platoon A Co remained at FS/PB PANTHER as Bn RRF. One platoon A Co provided blocking force vic YS777915. B Co continued security of FS/PB LEOPARD and provided blocking forces vic YS776906 and YS768888 with two plats. C Co provided company size blocking force vic YS775925. Scout platoon secured some plows clearing trails within Bde AO today. A Co 86th Engrs cleared 11 acres today for a total to date of 922 acres.

21 Nov: Opn SANTA FE II was conducted by elements of the 1st Bde. The 4-39 Inf terminated Opn SANTA FE II and conducted AML movement by CH47 from FS/PB LYNX to Bearcat commencing 0700H and completing at 0855H. Bn released from OPCON 1st Bde at that time. The 2-47 (M) Inf continued S&D and security opns within AO and secured clearing teams from 86th Engrs clearing trails within Bde AO. The Bn also terminated blocking pns east of mountain vic YS7591. A Co (-) remained OPCON 1st Bde and secured FS/PB WILDCAT. Two platoons secured FS/PB PANTHER until the FS/PB was closed out at 1645H. The two platoons returned to FS/PB WILDCAT at that time. A Co had no contact in their area today. B Co secured FS/PB LEOPARD and secured Engrs clearing trails in AO. The Co also conducted local patrolling with one sighting in the area. At 1029H the Co spotted 4 individuals wearing dark uniforms vic YS811886. The Co called in Arty and mortars and made a sweep of the area without contact or any trace of the personnel observed. Co C secured FS/PB LYNX and conducted local patrolling without contact. The Scout platoon secured the Engrs moving from FS/PB LYNX to YS790790 without contact. A Co 86th Engrs cleared 65 acres today for a total cleared of 1057 to date. The Engrs have 8 dozers operational, none deadlined and 21 some plows operational and one on deadline. Traces cleared today from YS766818 to YS762813, from YS752860 to YS762860.

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22 Nov: Opn SANTA FE II was conducted by elements of the 1st Bde. The 2-47 (M) Inf continued S&D and security ops within AO. The Bn provided security for teams from 86th Engrs clearing trails within Bde AO. A Co secured FS/PB WILDCAT and conducted local patrolling. The Co remained OPCON to 1st Bde. The Co had two finds in the area today. At 1026H in the vic YS802920 the 2nd platoon found a well used trail running north and south. The platoon checked out the area with no further development. The 1st platoon located 2 VC base camps, one in vic YS803918, the other YS911-920. The base camp at YS803918 consisted of 8 huts, 20 bunkers and one tunnel which were destroyed. The platoon also found a small amount of medical supplies and documents in the base camp and evacuated them to Bde CP. The other base camp consisted of 7 huts and 20 bunkers which will be destroyed at a later date. B Co continued security of FS/PB LEOPARD and manned an OP vic YS778903 with one squad. The Co also conducted local patrolling and secured LOC between WILDCAT and LEOPARD without incident. C Co secured FS/PB LYNX and conducted local patrolling without incident. Scout platoon secured some plows clearing on LIMESTONE trail and located and destroyed 15 old bunkers vic YS790790. A Co 86th Engrs cleared 85 acres today for a total of 1,142 acres to date. Traces cleared from YS791-730 to YS795790, from YS792790 to YS796778 to YS785762, from YS76287 to YS770876. The Engrs have 16 some plows operational and 6 deadlined. They have 8 dozers operational and 0 deadlined. B Trp 3-5 Cav remained at FS/PB TIGER and became OPCON 11 ACH.

23 Nov: Opn SANTA FE II was conducted by elements of the 1st Bde. The 2-47 (M) Inf continued S&D and security ops within AO. The Bn provided security for teams from 86th Engrs clearing trails within Bde AO. A Co secured FS/PB WILDCAT and conducted local patrolling. The Co remained OPCON to 1st Bde and did not have any contact in their area. B Co continued security of FS/PB LEOPARD and conducted local patrolling without incident. The Co also manned OP vic YS778903 with one squad. The Co also secured the Loc between FS/PB WILDCAT and LEOPARD. C Co secured FS/PB LYNX and escorted B Btry 1-11 arty from LYNX to BOBCAT completely closing FS/PB BOBCAT at 1740H. The Co conducted local patrolling and provided a platoon for security of FS/PB BOBCAT without incident. Scout plat secured some plows clearing on LIMESTONE trail and secured FS/PB BOBCAT without contact. A Co 86th Engrs cleared 70 acres today for a total cleared to date of 1212 acres. Traces cleared today from YS755826 to YS762824, from YS790790 to YS788772. The Engrs have 7 dozers operational and 1 deadlined. They have 18 some plows operational and 4 deadlined.

24 Nov: Opn SANTA FE II was conducted by elements of the 1st Bde. The 2-47 (M) Inf continued S&D and security ops within AO. The Bn provided security for teams from 86th Engrs clearing trails within Bde AO. A Co remained OPCON to 1st Bde until relieved by B Co at 1247H. A Co moved to FS/PB LEOPARD and secured that FS/PB and conducted local patrolling without contact. B Co moved from FS/PB LEOPARD to FS/PB WILDCAT and relieved A Co and became OPCON 1st Bde 1247H. B Co reported receiving 16 rds of sniper fire from northeast side of WILDCAT. There were no friendly casualties and fire was not returned. The First platoon relieved the 2nd squad of the 2nd platoon on OP vic YS778903. C Co secured FS/PB LYNX, clearing teams clearing between LYNX and BOBCAT and conducted local patrolling in AO with one find. The Co, while reacting to a report from a resupply helicopter that a hut was spotted vic YS783808, found and destroyed 4 bunkers in that area. The Co also located some well used trails and checked the area with neg results. The Co also provided one platoon for security of FS/PB BOBCAT. Scout platoon secured Engrs clearing trails south of FS/PB BOBCAT and secured FS/PB BOBCAT with one find. The platoon found and destroyed 4 bunkers vic YS784757. A Co 86th Engrs cleared 54 acres today for a total to date of 1266 acres cleared. The Engrs have 5 dozers operational and 3 deadlined. They have 12 some plows operational and 10 deadlined. Traces cleared today from YS785772 to YS788764, from YS788796 to YS787803, from YS787790 to YS787788.

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25 Nov: Opn SANTA FE II was conducted by elements of the 1st Bde. The 2-47 (M) Inf continued S&D and security opns within AO. A Co secured FS/PB LEOPARD and conducted local patrolling without contact. At 1800H, A Co cleared 1 platoon OPCON to B/2-47 for security of Engr base vic YS8297. B Co remained OPCON 1st Bde for security of FS/PB WILDCAT and conducted patrolling without contact. C Co secured FS/PB LYNX until 1300H, then moved to secure FS/PB BOBCAT. Established and secured Engr base vic YS8074. The company also conducted local patrolling without contact. Scout platoon secured clearing teams south of FS/PB BOBCAT and secured forward Engr base vic YS8074 without incident. A Co 86th Engrs cleared 75 acres today for a total cleared to date of 1301 acres. The Engrs have 7 dozers operational and 1 deadlined. They have 19 romo plows operational and 3 deadlined. Traces cleared today from YS789748 to YS794742, from YS792768 to YS790765, from YS783764 to YS788768, from YS772811 to YS783803.

26 Nov: Opn SANTA FE II was conducted by elements of the 1st Bde. 2-47 (M) Inf continued S&D and security opns within AO and secured clearing teams from 86th Engrs clearing trails within Bde AO. A Co continued security of FS/PB LEOPARD and conducted local patrolling without contact. B Co remained OPCON to 1st Bde for security of FS/PB WILDCAT and local patrolling until relieved by B Trp 3-5 Cav at 1145H. The Co then moved to FS/PB LYNX and continued to man OP vic YS778903 with one platoon. The Co secured FS/PB BOBCAT and provided one platoon for security of Engrs Base vic YS8074. The Co also conducted local patrolling and secured clearing teams clearing south of FS/PB LYNX. The Co had a patrol find and disarmed one booby trapped grenade in vic YS752764. Scout plat. secured clearing teams clearing south of BOBCAT and secured Engrs Base vic YS8074 without contact. B Trp 3-5 Cav closed FS/PB WILDCAT and relieved B Co 2-47 (M) Inf of the security mission of that FS/PB and became OPCON to 1st Bde. A Co 86th Engrs cleared 96 acres today for a total acreage cleared to date of 1397. The Co has 19 romo plows operational and 3 deadlined. They have 8 dozers on hand and all operational. Traces cleared today from YS792753 to YS792747 to YS796745, from YS783803 to YS790790.

27 Nov: Opn SANTA FE II was conducted by elements of the 1st Bde. The 2-47 (M) Inf continued S&D and security opns within AO and provided security for clearing teams from 86th Engr clearing trails within Bde AO. A Co continued security of FS/PB LEOPARD and conducted local patrolling. The Co also relieved the plat of B Co on OP vic YS778903 with its 1st plat. There was no contact in A Co area today. B Co continued security of FS/PB LYNX and conducted local patrolling. The 3rd plat found a VC complex vic YS739837 which contained 50 bunkers that had been destroyed. C Co continued to secure FS/PB BOBCAT and provided one plat for security for Engr Base vic YS8074. The Co conducted local patrolling and provided security for 86th Engr clearing trails in AO without incident. The Scout plat secured Engr Base vic YS8074 and secured Engr clearing trail south of BOBCAT with one find in the area. In the vic YS810738 the plat found and destroyed 20 bunkers and 9 huts that appeared to be 2-3 weeks old. B/3-5 Cav secured FS/PB WILDCAT and conducted local patrolling. At 1500H a patrol from B/3-5 Cav sighted a man vic YS808972 who fled to the northwest. A Co 86th Engr cleared 66 acres today for a total cleared to date of 1,463 acres. The Engr have 20 romo plows operational and 2 deadlined. They have 7 dozers operational and 1 deadlined. Traces cleared today from YS78-1764 to YS785733, from YS804743 to YS815750, from YS799749 to YS807741, from YS799799 to YS803799.

28 Nov: Opn SANTA FE II was conducted by elements of the 1st Bde. The 2-47 (M) Inf continued S&D and security opns within AO and provided security for clearing teams from 86th Engr clearing trails within Bde AO. A Co continued security of FS/PB LEOPARD and conducted local patrolling without contact. B Co continued security of FS/PB LYNX and conducted local patrolling in AO without contact. C Co continued to secure FS/PB BOBCAT

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and provided one plat for security for Engr Base vic YS8074. The Co conducted local patrolling and provided security for 86th Engr clearing trails in AO without incident. The Scout plat secured Engr Base vic YS8074 and secured Engr clearing trail south of BOBCAT without incident. B/3-5 Cav secured FS/PB WILDCAT and conducted local patrolling. At 1400H, a patrol from B/3-5 Cav found 1 Taunus bus body. The bus was left intact. A Co 86th Engr cleared 29 acres today for a total cleared to date of 1,492 acres. The Engr's have 20 rone plows operational and 2 deadlined. They have 7 dozers operational and 1 deadlined. Traces cleared today from YS810740 to YS817722, from YS807747 to YS808740.

29 Nov: Opn SANTA FE II was conducted by elements of the 1st Bde. The 2-47 (M) Inf continued S&D and security opns within AO and provided security for clearing teams from 86th Engr clearing trails within Bde AO. A Co continued security of FS/PB LEOPARD and conducted local patrolling without contact. One plat continued manning outpost at YS779991. B Co continued security of FS/PB LYNX and conducted local patrolling in AO. At 1345H, vic YS748802, 2nd plat found a company size VC base camp consisting of 9 bunkers. Established AP at this location tonight, plan to destroy 30 November 1967. C Co continued to secure FS/PB BOBCAT and provided one plat for security for Engr Base vic YS8074 and secured Engr clearing trails in AO without incident. The scout plat secured Engr Base vic YS8074 and secured Engr clearing trail south of Bearcat without incident. B/3-5 Cav secured FS/PB WILDCAT and 86th Engr base vic YS819968 until 1800H at which time they were relieved in place by 1 plat D/1-11. Patrolling was conducted in assigned AO without contact. A Co 86th Engr cleared 21 acres today for a total cleared to date of 1,513 acres. The Engr's have 20 rone plows operational and 2 deadlined. They have 8 dozers operational and none deadlined. Traces cleared today from YS818713 to YS809744.

30 Nov: Opn SANTA FE II was conducted by elements of the 1st Bde. The 2-47 (M) Inf relocated units in preparation for phase III, Opn SANTA FE. A Co conducted movement from FS/PB LEOPARD to vic YS796974 and became OPCON 3-5 Cav at 1040H. B Co conducted movement from FS/PB LYNX to FS/PB PANTHER, closing at 0843H and prepared for future opns. C Co continued to secure FS/PB BOBCAT and provided one plat for security for Engr movement from Engr Base vic YS8074 to FS/PB BOBCAT. Scout platoon provided 1 section as security for move of Engr from Engr base YS8074 and 1 section moved to FS/PB PANTHER to prepare for future opns. 3-5 Cav (-) conducted motor march from Bearcat closing west of FS/PB WILDCAT vic YS796974 at 1040H without incident. A Trp conducted motor march from Bearcat to vic YS969-974, closing at 1040H and prepared for future opns. B Trp 3-5 Cav secured FS/PB WILDCAT, moved one plat to FS/PB LEOPARD closing at 0955H and became OPCON 2-47 (M) Inf at 1040H. C Trp 3-5 Cav conducted motor march from Bearcat to vic YS796974, closing at 1040H and prepared for future opns. A Co 86th Engr conducted movement from forward base located at YS8074 to FS/PB BOBCAT.

1 Dec: Opn SANTA FE III was conducted by elements of 1st Bde. The 2-47 (M) Inf relocated units initiating Phase III of Opn SANTA FE. A Co remained OPCON 3-5 Cav. B Co conducted move from FS/PB PANTHER along Hwy 1, crossing LD at 0955H and closed FS/PB FUMA at 1230H without incident. B Trp 3-5 Cav remained OPCON 2-47 (M) Inf and secured FS/PB WILDCAT, conducted local patrolling, and moved one plat from FS/PB LEOPARD to FS/PB WILDCAT. At 1140H, a patrol spotted one individual vic YS819959. A combat tracking team was dispatched to the area and a search was made with neg results. C Co conducted move from FS/PB BOBCAT to FS/PB WILDCAT closing at 2100H and provided security for A Co 86th Engr movement to FS/PB WILDCAT. One plat provided security for FS/PB BOBCAT until B/1-11 ARTY was airlifted at 1535H. The Scout platoon provided one section for security of A Co 86th Engr movement from FS/PB BOBCAT to FS/PB WILDCAT. One section moved to vic YS839991 and provided security of AVLB. 3-5 Cav (-) attacked

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east along Hwy 1, crossing LD at 0655H and closed FS/PB ALLEYCAT at 1241H without incident. A Trp attacked east along Hwy 1, crossing LD at 0655H and provided security for FS/PB ALLEYCAT. A Co 2-47 remained OPCON 3-5 Cav and conducted attack east along Hwy 1, crossing LD at 0915H and moved to vic YS971970 and outposted along Hwy 1. C Trp attacked east along Hwy 1, crossing LD at 0745H and established RON position vic ZS046997, and outposted along Hwy 1. At 1115H, YS934930 a LST from 3-5 Cav sighted one individual pushing a bicycle loaded with food; also sighted in same area was a camp site. The individual was taken under fire with unknown results. The 43rd ARVN Regt conducted airmobile assault from FS/PB PUMA to secure objective FS/PB TOMCAT and bridges located vic ZS074999 and ZS074998. Completion of air assault was at 1055H, LZ COLD. A Co 86th Engr conducted movement from FS/PB BOBCAT to FS/PB WILDCAT closing at 2100H.

2 Dec: Opn SANTA FE Phase III was conducted by elements of 1st Bde. The 2-47 (M) Inf continued outposting and screening along Hwy 1, continued to secure FS/PB PUMA and conduct S&D opns in AO. A Co remained OPCON 3-5 Cav. B Co secured FS/PB PUMA, provided one platoon to secure AVLB vic YS928981, and conducted local patrolling and Roadrunner operation along Hwy 1. B trp 3-5 Cav remained OPCON 2-47, secured FS/PB WILDCAT, Engr base loc YS819971, and conducted local patrolling without contact. C Co loc vic YS857997, conducted local patrolling and outposted along Hwy 1. At 1723H, vic YT834024 an ele destroyed 2 huts, 2 bunkers and assorted dishes. The scout platoon provided one section to secure FS/PB PUMA, and one section secured AVLB vic YS839991. The 3-5 Cav (-) conducted S&D opns north and south of Hwy 1 in zone, secured FS/PB ALLEYCAT and conducted road march east along Hwy 1 to vic ZS074998. A trp secured FS/PB ALLEYCAT, outposted along Hwy 1, and conducted patrolling in AO without contact. A/2-47 (M) Inf remained OPCON 3-5 Cav (-), conducted Roadrunner opns between PL JANG and FS/PB ALLEYCAT. At 1645H, vic YS950970, ele received 1 rd RPG fire. Fire was returned W/SA, M-79 & M16 w/unlk results. There were neg US cas or damage. B trp remained OPCON 2-47 (M) Inf. C trp outposted Hwy 1, moved 1 plat east along Hwy 1 to bridge sites located south of FS/PB TOMCAT. At 1950H, vic YS937979, ele received SA/AW fire. Fire was returned w/unlk results. Neg US cas or damage. 43rd ARVN Regt secured FS/PB PUMA, bridges loc ZS074998 and conducted patrolling east of FS/PB TOMCAT without contact.

3 Dec: Opn SANTA FE Phase III was conducted by elements of 1st Bde. The 2-47 (M) Inf continued outposting and screening along Hwy 1, continued to secure FS/PB PUMA and conducted S&D opns in AO. A Co remained OPCON 3-5 Cav. B Co secured FS/PB PUMA, provided elements to secure AVLB vic YS878997 and YS928982; manned OP vic YS905005, conducted local patrolling and roadrunner opns without incident. B trp 3-5 Cav remained OPCON 2-47 (M) Inf; secured FS/PB WILDCAT and 86th Engr base loc YS820973, and conducted local patrolling without contact. C Co loc vic YS857997, conducted local patrolling, outposted along Hwy 1, and conducted roadrunner opns. At 1608H, vic YS855998 ele found 1 pack containing 1 gas mask, 1 pair trousers, and 3 books. Will evacuate gas mask and books; will destroy trousers and pack. The scout plat provided 1 section to secure FS/PB PUMA, and one section secured AVLB loc vic YS839991. The 3-5 Cav (-) conducted S&D opns in AO, outposted along Hwy 1, and conducted roadrunner opns without incident. A trp secured FS/PB ALLEYCAT, outposted along Hwy 1, conducted local patrolling and reconned Hwy 28 south to Ham Tan without contact. B trp remained OPCON 2-47 (M) Inf. C trp outposted Hwy 1, secured Engr effort repairing bridges at ZS074998 and ZS074999. At 1855H elements moved across obstacle at above coordinates and linked up with 43rd ARVN. 43rd ARVN Regt secured FS/PB TOMCAT, conducted S&D opns and reconned bridge sites east of FS/PB TOMCAT without contact. At 1442H, vic ZS095986, ele discovered plat size base camp consisting of 3 houses, 4 bunkers w/OH cover, 4 CBU bomblets, 1 chicom hand grenade, and assorted dishes. All of the items were destroyed except for some of the dishes.

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4 Dec: Opn SANTA FE Phase III was conducted by elements of 1st Bde. The 2-47 (M) Inf continued outposting and screening along Hwy 1, secured FS/PB PUMA, secured Engr clearing along Hwy 1 and conducted patrolling in AO. A Co remained OPCON 3-5 Cav. B Co secured FS/PB PUMA; provided elements to secure AVLB vic YS978997; manned OP vic YT905005; conducted patrolling and roadrunner ops without incident. B Trp 3-5 Cav (-) remained OPCON 2-47 (M) Inf; secured FS/PB WILDCAT; conducted local patrolling; secured Engr base loc YS820973 and secured some plow clearing teams. C Co loc vic YS858997, conducted local patrolling, outposted along Hwy 1 and conducted roadrunner ops. At 1235H, vic YT815055, ele found 2 bunkers, 15'x20' W/OHC and 2 huts in same area. All were destroyed. The scout plat secured FS/PB PUMA, conducted roadrunner ops and conducted local patrolling without incident. 3-5 Cav (-) conducted S&D ops in close coordination and cooperation with 43rd ARVN Regt; secured Engr upgrading Hwy 1, conducted roadrunner ops and secured FS/PB ALLEYCAT. A Trp secured FS/PB ALLEYCAT; outposted along Hwy 1; conducted local patrolling and roadrunner op without incident. A/2-47 remained OPCON 3-5 Cav; loc vic YS965968, conducted local patrolling; outposted along Hwy 1; and conducted roadrunner ops without incident. B Trp remained OPCON 3-5 Cav. C Trp outposted along Hwy 1, secured Engr upgrading of Hwy 1, and conducted combined S&D ops with 43rd ARVN east to III Corp boundary. At 0915H, vic ZT046005, ele located an OP consisting of 1 bunker W/OHC, 5 one man lean-to's, small amount of rice and grain, cooking utensils, and 2 rice bowls. All of the items were destroyed except for the grain and rice, (evac). 43rd ARVN Regt secured FS/PB TUMCAT and conducted S&D ops east of TUMCAT to III Corp boundary. At 0835H, vic ZS085992, ele found squad size OP, consisting of 1 bunker W/OHC 3'x3'x4', and 1 hut. All were destroyed. At 0935H, vic ZS096983, element found 3 fortified bunkers with 4' OHC, misc clothes, cooking utensils 60 loose chickens, 1 dead pig, 1 live pig, and unknown amount of medical supplies. The medical supplies will be evacuated, the other items be destroyed, and live stock left in place. At 1110H, vic ZS104970, ele engaged 2 VC with neg results. The Engr cleared 118 acres today. At YS-540997, YS865998 and YS884995 the Engr cleared sites for OP. They have 21 some plows operational and 1 deadlined. They have 8 dozers operational and none deadlined. The 11 bridge sites to be improved; work was initiated on 4 today.

5 Dec: Opn SANTA FE Phase III was conducted by elements of the 1st Bde. The 2-47 (M) Inf continued outposting and screening along Hwy 1, secured FS/PB PUMA, secured Engrs clearing along Hwy 1 and conducted patrolling in AO. A Co remained OPCON 3-5 Cav. B Co secured FS/PB PUMA; provided elements to secure AVLB vic YS978997; manned OP vic YT905005; conducted patrolling and roadrunner op without incident. B Trp 3-5 Cav (-) remained OPCON 2-47 (M) Inf; secured FS/PB WILDCAT; conducted local patrolling, and secured Hwy 1 from FS/PB WILDCAT to bridge loc YS839002. C Co vic YS858997 conducted local patrolling, outposted along Hwy 1 and conducted roadrunner ops without incident. The Scout plat conducted roadrunner ops and secured Engrs upgrading Hwy 1. 3-5 Cav (-) conducted S&D ops in close coordination and coordination with 43rd ARVN Regt; secured Engrs upgrading Hwy 1; conducted roadrunner ops and secured FS/PB ALLEYCAT. A Trp secured FS/PB ALLEYCAT; outposted along Hwy 1; conducted local patrolling and roadrunner ops without contact. A/2-47 remained OPCON 3-5 Cav and relocated CP vic ZS092999; conducted local patrolling; outposted and screened Hwy 1. At 1653H vic ZS092999, A Co detained 2 males w/o ID. They were evacuated for interrogation. B Trp remained OPCON 2-47 (M) Inf. C Trp relocated CP to vic ZS143998; established FS/PB with 1 plat of B/1-11 arty; conducted roadrunner ops; outposted and screened Hwy 1, and conducted S&D ops in close cooperation and coordination with 43rd ARVN. 43rd ARVN Regt secures FS/PB TUMCAT; conducted airmobile assault to LZ vic ZS148941; conducted S&D ops south from that loc to Hwy 1. The Engrs cleared 187 acres today for a total of 305 to date. They have 21 plows operational and 1 was evacuated for repair. They have 8 dozers operational and none deadlined. Bridge construction was continued by Engrs at YS878997 and completed today.

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6 Dec: Opn SANTA FE Phase III was conducted by elements of 1st Bde. The 2-47 (M) Inf continued outposting and screening along Hwy 1, secured FS/PB PUMA, secured Engr clearing along Hwy 1 and conducted patrolling in AO. A Co remained OPCON 3-5 Cav. B Co secured FS/PB PUMA; provided ele to secure AVLB vic YS929981; manned OP vic YT905005; conducted S&D opns north of FS/PB PUMA without contact. B trp 3-5 Cav remained OPCON 2-47 (M) Inf; secured FS/PB WILDCAT; conducted local patrolling, and secured Hwy 1 from FS/PB WILDCAT to bridge, loc YS839992. C Co loc YS858997, conducted local patrolling, outposted along Hwy 1 and conducted roadrunner opns without incident. The scout platoon conducted roadrunner opns and secured Engr upgrading Hwy 1. 3-5 Cav (-) conducted S&D opns in close coordination and cooperation with 43rd ARVN Regt, secured Engr upgrading Hwy 1, conducted roadrunner opns, and secured FS/PB ALLIYCAT. A trp secured FS/PB ALLIYCAT; outposted along Hwy 1; conducted local patrolling; roadrunner opns; and secured Engr rebuilding bridges in AO. A/2-47 (M) Inf remained OPCON 3-5 Cav; CP loc ZS046998; outposted and screened Hwy 1; conducted local patrolling south of Hwy 1 in zone and conducted roadrunner opns without contact. B trp remained OPCON 2-47. C trp CP loc ZS143998; conducted S&D opns in close coordination and cooperation with 43rd ARVN Regt; secured 1 platoon of B/1-11 ARTY loc at ZS143998; outposted and screened along Hwy 1. 43rd ARVN Regt secured FS/PB TOMCAT; conducted S&D opns in vic ZT0702 and outposted along Hwy 1. The Engr cleared 169 acres today. Total acres cleared to date is 474 acres. They have 20 romo plows operational and 2 deadlined. They have 8 dozers operational and none deadlined. Construction was continued on bridges in AO. At 1205h, vic ZS038925, FAC observed secondary explosion during air strikes.

7 Dec: Opn SANTA FE Phase III was conducted by elements of 1st Bde. The 2-47 (M) Inf continued outposting and screening along Hwy 1, secured FS/PB PUMA, secured Engr clearing along Hwy 1 and conducted patrolling in AO. A Co remained OPCON 3-5 Cav. B/2-47 manned OP vic YT905005 with reinforced sqd; secured Hwy 1 and Engr clearing operations in zone and continued to secure FS/PB PUMA. C/2-47 conducted S&D opn vic YT8603, located 2 huts containing pots, pans, plates and rice vic YT851027, destroyed huts and utensils and evac 50 lbs of rice. B/3-5 Cav secured FS/PB WILDCAT, Hwy 1 and Engr clearing opns in zone and conducted local patrolling without contact. Scout platoon secured Hwy 1 and Engr clearing opns in zone. The 3-5 Cav conducted S&D opns in close coordination and cooperation with the 43rd ARVN Regt, provided security for Engr clearing and upgrading along Hwy 1, conducted roadrunner opns, secured FS/PB ALLIYCAT, and assisted 43rd ARVN Regt in securing FS/PB TOMCAT. A/3-5 Cav secured FS/PB ALLIYCAT; secured Hwy 1 and conducted patrolling 1000 meters north and south of Hwy 1 in zone. B/3-5 Cav remained OPCON 2-47 (M) Inf. C/3-5 Cav secured Hwy 1 from ZS090997 to ZT195018 and outposted all critical pts along Hwy 1 in zone. A/2-47 (M) Inf secured Hwy 1 in zone, secured bridge sites 8 and 9 and provided one platoon to assist 1-43rd ARVN Regt in securing FS/PB TOMCAT. 1ST discovered a bunker and possible tunnel entrance vic YT971025 which will be checked out tomorrow. 1-43rd ARVN secured FS/PB TOMCAT and conducted local patrolling. The Engr cleared 202 acres today. Total area cleared to date is 578 acres; from YS893990 to YS898998 and from YS912986 to YS923985. They have 19 romo plows operational and 3 deadlined, 8 dozers operational and none deadlined. Construction on bridges in AO continued. Bridge at site 8 was completed today.

8 Dec: Opn SANTA FE Phase III was conducted by elements of 1st Bde. The 2-47 (M) Inf continued outposting and screening along Hwy 1, secured FS/PB PUMA, secured Engr clearing along Hwy 1 and conducted patrolling in AO. A Co remained OPCON 3-5 Cav. B Co manned OP vic YT905005 with reinforced sqd and provided security along Hwy 1 for Engr clearing and upgrading Hwy 1 in zone. The Co also conducted S&D vic YT9102 and secured FS/PB PUMA without contact. C Co conducted S&D opns vic YS8797 and secured Hwy 1 in zone. The Co provided security for the Engr clearing and upgrading Hwy 1 in their area without incident. B trp 3-5

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Cav remained OPCON 2-47 (M) Inf and secured FS/PB WILDCAT. The trp secured Hwy 1 in zone and conducted S&D ops vic YT8494 without contact. The trp also provided Bde RRF but was not committed. The scout platoon secured Hwy 1 in zone without contact. The 3-5 Cav conducted S&D ops in zone, secured Engr clearing operations in zone, secured Engr clearing operations along Hwy 1 in zone, secured FS/PB ALLEYCAT and provided one platoon to assist 1-43rd ARVN Regt in securing FS/PB TOMCAT. A/3-5 Cav secured FS/PB ALLEYCAT, secured Hwy 1 in zone and conducted patrolling 1000 meters north and south of Hwy 1 in zone without contact. B/3-5 Cav remained OPCON 2-47 (M) Inf. C/3-5 Cav secured Hwy 1 from ZS090997 to ZT195018, and outposted all critical points along Hwy 1 in zone. A/2-47 (M) Inf secured Hwy 1 in zone, secured bridge sites 8 and 9 and provided one platoon to assist 1-43rd ARVN Regt in securing FS/PB TOMCAT. 1-43rd ARVN Regt secured FS/PB TOMCAT and conducted an S&D opn vic ZS189980 without contact. The Engr cleared 318 acres today. Total area cleared to date is 994 acres; from YS892993 to YS857998. They have 22 romo plows operational and 0 deadlined; 8 dozers operational and 0 deadlined. Construction of bridges in AO continued. Bridge site 1 was completed today.

9 Dec: Opn SANTA FE Phase III was conducted by elements of 1st Bde. TF 2-47 (M) Inf continued outposting and screening along Hwy 1 from vic YS7997 to vic YS9298, secured FS/PB PUMA, secured Engr clearing ops along Hwy 1 and conducted patrolling in AO. A Co remained OPCON 3-5 Cav. B Co manned OP vic YT905005 with a reinforced squad, secured FS/PB PUMA, and conducted S&D ops along Hwy 1 and Hwy 336 in zone without contact. C Co conducted S&D ops vic YS8897 without contact and secured Engr clearing ops and Hwy 1 in zone. B trp, 3-5 Cav secured FS/PB WILDCAT, secured Engr clearing ops and Hwy 1 in zone, and conducted S&D ops vic YS8299 without contact. The trp also provided the Bde RRF but was not committed. The scout platoon secured Hwy 1 in zone without incident. TF 3-5 Cav secured Engr clearing ops and outposted Hwy 1 from vic YS9398 to vic ZT1901, secured FS/PB ALLEYCAT and assisted 1-43rd ARVN Regt in securing FS/PB TOMCAT. A trp secured FS/PB ALLEYCAT and secured Hwy 1 in zone, patrolling along the road without contact. B trp remained OPCON 2-47 (M) Inf. C trp secured Hwy 1 in zone and outposted critical points along the road. C Co, 2-47 (M) Inf secured Hwy 1 in its zone, secured bridge sites 8 & 9 and provided one platoon to assist 1-43rd ARVN Regt securing FS/PB TOMCAT. LST assisted 5th ACK (ARVN) in conducting recon south of Hwy 1 vic YT7001. TF NGAC (ARVN) secured FS/PB TOMCAT conducted local patrolling and prepared to displace CP from TOMCAT to vic FS/PB ALLEYCAT on 10 Dec 67. The Engr cleared 217 acres today. Total area cleared to date is 1,011 acres, from vic YS839991 to vic YS934981. They have 22 romo plows operational and 1 deadlined (one additional romo plow was available today); 8 dozers were operational and 0 deadlined. Construction on bridges in AO continued. Bridge site 4 was completed today.

10 Dec: Opn SANTA FE Phase III was conducted by elements of 1st Bde. TF 2-47 (M) Inf assumed responsibility for the security of Hwy 1 from vic YS7997 to vic YS9797 and continued outposting and screening of the hwy, provided security for Engr clearing ops and conducted patrolling in AO. A Co remained OPCON 3-5 Cav. B Co displaced its CP to vic YS944974. The company secured bridge site #6, conducted roadrunner ops in zone, and outposted the hwy. C Co displaced its CP to FS/PB PUMA, manned to OP vic YT898002 and secured bridge site #5. The company also outposted the road and conducted roadrunner ops in zone. B trp 3-5 Cav secured FS/PB WILDCAT and bridge sites #1&2. The trp conducted a dismounted patrol vic FS/PB PUMA without contact, outposted the hwy and conducted roadrunner ops in zone. The scout platoon assisted in providing security for FS/PB PUMA and outposted Hwy 1. At approx 1855H an element of the Recon plt received four rds S/A fire vic YS813966. Ele returned fire. No US casualties. VC casualties unk. TF 3-5 Cav assumed responsibility for the security of Hwy 1 from vic YS7997 to vic ZT1901, outposted the road and continued to provide security for Engr upgrading and clearing ops. A trp secured FS/PB ALLEYCAT, conducted roadrunner ops, and secured Hwy 1 in zone. B trp remained OPCON 2-47 (M) Inf. C trp outposted Hwy 1 and conducted roadrunner ops in zone. A Co, 2-47 (M) Inf

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secured FS/PB TOMCAT, secured Hwy 1 and conducted roadrunner opns. TF NGOC (ARVN) was reconstituted by the release of 1-43rd ARVN Regt and the attachment of the 35th and 36th Ranger Bns (ARVN). The 36th Ranger Bn (ARVN) and CP TF NGOC (ARVN) displaced to FS/PB ALLEYCAT. The 35th Ranger Bn (ARVN) outposted along Hwy 1 and provided one company to assist in securing FS/PB ALLEYCAT. The Engr cleared 191 acres today. Total area cleared to date is 1,185 acres, from vic YS319969 to vic YS950970. They have 20 Rome plows operational and 3 deadlined; 8 dozers were operational and 0 deadlined. Construction on bridges in AO continued. Bridge sites #4, 5 & 9 were completed today. At approx 1615H the bde log convoy returning to Xuan Loc received 3 rds S/A fire vic Y1660065. Convoy continued. No US casualties.

11 Dec: Opn SANTA FE Phase III was conducted by elements of 1st Bde. TF 2-47 (M) Inf continued its mission of securing Hwy 1 in zone, provided security for Engr clearing opns and conducted patrolling in AO. A Co remained OFCON 3-5 Cav. B Co continued to provide security for Engr ele in zone and conducted local patrolling north of Hwy 1 without contact. C Co continued to secure FS/PB PUMA and man OP vic YT898002. The company outposted Hwy 1 in zone and conducted local patrolling north of the road. Tracks of approx 15 VC were discovered vic YS924 999. A tracker team was brought in to pursue this find. C trp 3-5 Cav secured FS/PB WILDCAT and bridge sites #1 & 2. The trp also conducted roadrunner opns in zone and patrolled north of FS/PB WILDCAT without contact. Scout plt assisted in securing Engr ele along Hwy 1. TF 3-5 Cav continued to secure Engr opns along Hwy 1 and to conduct S&D opns in AO. A trp provided security for FS/PB ALLEYCAT, outposted Hwy 1, secured Engr clearing opns along hwy and conducted patrols to vic YS985983 and to north of Hwy 1 without contact. B trp remained OFCON 2-47 (M) Inf. C trp secured Hwy 1 in zone, conducted roadrunner opns, and patrolled to vic ZT125020 and south of Hwy 1. One plt received one rd RPG fire vic ZS097997. No casualties or damage were incurred. Arty engaged enemy with unknown results. A Co, 2-47 (M) Inf secured FS/PB TOMCAT, outposted Hwy 1 and conducted roadrunner opns. The company patrolled to vic ZT068028 and located several trail mkrs and other signs of activity vic ZT068021. TF NGOC (ARVN) continued to organize its new positions at FS/PB ALLEYCAT occupied by TF CF and 35th Rngr Bn (ARVN) and to prepare for future operations. The 36th Rngr Bn (ARVN) outposted along Hwy 1, secured Engr opns along Hwy and provided one company to assist in securing FS/PB ALLEYCAT. One TF ele reported sighting 4 VC vic YT815230 without results. The Engr cleared 146 acres today. Total area cleared to date is 1610 acres, from vic YS819969 to vic ZS000980. They have 22 Rome plows operational and one deadlined and all eight dozers operational. Bridge sites #3, 7 & 10 were completed today. Work continues on site #11, the only bridge still unfinished.

12 Dec: Opn SANTA FE Phase III was conducted by elements of 1st Bde. TF 2-47 (M) Inf continued its mission of securing Hwy 1 in zone, provided security for Engr clearing opns and conducted patrolling in AO. A Co remained OFCON 3-5 Cav. B Co continued to provide security for Engr opns along Hwy 1 in zone and patrolled north to vic YS970999 without contact. C Co provided security for FS/PB PUMA and manned OP vic YT898002. The company also conducted a patrol north to vic YT942012 without incident and secured Hwy 1 and Engr clearing opns in its area. B Trp, 3-5 Cav continued to secure FS/PB WILDCAT and Hwy 1 and conducted roadrunner opns. The company patrolled to vic YS815999 without contact. The Scout plt assisted in securing the hwy. TF 3-5 Cav continued to outpost and secure Hwy 1 and secured Engr clearing opns along the hwy in its AO. A Trp provided security for FS/PB ALLEYCAT, outposted Hwy 1 and secured the road in its zone. The troop accounted for one detainee, a female who was evacuated to BLACKHORSE. B Trp remained OFCON 2-47 (M) Inf. C Trp secured Hwy 1 in zone, conducted roadrunner opns and patrolled north of the road to vic ZT173017. At this loc the patrol found and destroyed two bunkers, a small bag of rice and noted evidence of a fire approx 2 days old. A Co 2-47 (M) Inf secured FS/PB TOMCAT, outposted the hwy in zone and patrolled north to vic ZT085025. TF NGOC (ARVN) began a 2-day battalion-sized S&D opn south of Hwy 1. 35th Rngr Bn (ARVN) moved by trk

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from FS/PB ALLEYCAT to bridge site #8, disintegrated and searched to RON vic ZS071-967. The bn discovered and destroyed a 660 lb rice cache vic ZS085976, located a small base camp vic ZS071969 and destroyed 3 bunkers and some sewing mach parts. Bde of bn received 2 rds S/A fire vic ZS068973. The bn also reported 2 detainees. One was an 18 yr old female; the other a 25 yr old deserter who was evacuated to Ham Tan. Another element of the battalion swept Hwy 2B south as far as Ham Tan. The 36th Rngr Bn (ARVN) continued to occupy outposts along Hwy 1 and provided one company to assist in securing FS/PB ALLEYCAT. The Engr cleared 169 acres today. Total area cleared to date is 1779 acres; vic YS819969 to vic ZS024989. They have 22 rone plows operational and 1 deadlined; all 8 dozers operational. Clearing opns continue in AO.

13 Dec: Opn SANTA FE Phase III was conducted by elements of 1st Bde. TF 2-47 (M) Inf continued its mission of securing Hwy 1 in zone, provided security for Engr clearing opns and conducted patrolling in AO. A Co remains OPCON 3-5 Cav. B Co continued to provide security for Engr opns along Hwy 1 in zone and conducted patrolling vic YS9395 without contact. C Co provided security for FS/PB PUNA and Engr opns along Hwy 1. The company also conducted patrolling vic YS9296 without contact. B Trp 3-5 Cav remained OPCON 2-47 (M) Inf and secured FS/PB WILDCAT and secured Hwy 1 in zone. The Trp also conducted patrolling vic YS8297 without contact. The Scout Platoon assisted in securing Hwy 1 in zone without incident. TF 3-5 Cav continued to outpost and secure Hwy 1 and secured Engr opns along Rte 2B. A Trp provided security for FS/PB ALLEYCAT and outposted Hwy 1 in zone. The Trp also secured Engr clearing and upgrading Rte 2B without incident. B Trp remained OPCON 2-47 (M) Inf. C Trp secured Hwy 1 in zone and secured the Engr clearing and upgrading Hwy 1 in zone without contact. The Trp also conducted patrolling; vic ZT1503 without incident. A/2-47 (M) Inf secured Hwy 1 in zone and conducted patrolling vic ZT0903 with one find. The Co found and destroyed 2 bunkers and one hut vic ZT097038. TF NGOC continued S&D opns from vic ZS0697 to the west back to FS/PB ALLEYCAT with the 35th Ranger Bn without contact. The 36th Ranger Bn continued to man outpost along Hwy 1 without incident. The female detainee that the 35th Rangers detained 12 Dec 67 will be evacuated to Xuan Loc tomorrow for further questioning. She admitted she has been a VC for 2 years and 2 months.

14 Dec: Opn SANTA FE Phase III was conducted by elements of the 1st Bde. TF 2-47 (M) Inf continued to secure Hwy 1 in zone and provided security for Engr clearing opns. The Bn also conducted local patrolling. A Co remained OPCON to 3-5 Cav. B Co secured Hwy 1 in zone and provided security for Engr clearing Hwy 1 in zone. The Co also conducted patrolling vic YS9397 without contact. C Co secured FS/PB PUNA and continued manning OP vic YT89-8002. The Co outposted Hwy 1 in zone and conducted patrolling vic YT8903 without contact. B Trp 3-5 Cav remained OPCON 2-47 (M) Inf secured FS/PB WILDCAT and secured Hwy 1 in zone. The Trp also conducted patrolling vic YS8299 and YS8497 without contact. The Scout plat assisted in security of Hwy 1 without incident. TF 3-5 Cav continued S&D and security opns along Hwy 1 in zone and secured FS/PB ALLEYCAT and TOMCAT. The Sqdp also secured Engr operation along Hwy 1, and Rte 2B. A Trp secured FS/PB ALLEYCAT and secured Hwy 1 in zone. The Trp also secured Engr cutting opns along Rte 2B without incident. B Trp remained OPCON 2-47 (M) Inf. C Trp secured Hwy 1 in zone and conducted patrolling vic ZS1494 with one find. The 2nd plat found and destroyed 4 bunkers and 2 huts vic ZS140946. A Co 2-47 (M) Inf secured FS/PB TOMCAT and out posted Hwy 1 in zone. The Co also conducted patrolling vic ZS0798 without contact. TF NGOC continued to man OP's along Hwy 1 with the 36th Ranger Bn. The 35th Ranger Bn conducted maintenance and prepared for future opns. The female detainee captured by the 35th Ranger Bn on 12 Dec 1967 was turned over to ARVN units located in Ham Tan.

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15 Dec: Opn SANTA FE Phase III was conducted by elements of the 1st Bde. TF 2-47 (M) Inf continued to secure Hwy 1 in zone and provide security for Engr clearing and upgrading Hwy 1. The Bn also conducted local patrolling and secured FS/PB WILDCAT and PUMA. A Co remained OFCON 3-5 Cav. B Co secured Hwy 1 in zone and Engr clearing and upgrading Hwy 1 in zone. The Co conducted patrolling vic YS9598 without contact. C Co secured FS/PB PUMA and continued manning OP vic YT898002. The Co also outposted Hwy 1 in zone and conducted patrolling vic YS8895 without contact. B Trp 3-5 Cav secured FS/PB WILDCAT and outposted Hwy 1 in zone. The Trp also conducted patrolling vic YS8294 without contact. The Scout plat assisted in outposting Hwy 1 without incident. All units under 2-47 (M) Inf control conducted Roadrunner ops along Hwy 1. TF 3-5 Cav continued Opn SANTA FE Phase III and conducted S&D and security ops in zone. The Sqdn also secured FS/PB ALLEY-CAT and TOMCAT. A Trp secured FS/PB ALLEYCAT and outposted Hwy 1 in zone. The Trp also secured Engr clearing and upgrading Hwy 1 and Rte 2B without contact. B Trp remained OFCON 2-47 (M) Inf. C Trp secured Hwy 1 in zone and provided security of Engr clearing and upgrading Hwy 1 in zone. The Trp conducted patrolling vic ZS1398 without contact. A Co 2-47 (M) Inf secured FS/PB TOMCAT and secured Engr clearing and upgrading Hwy 1 in zone. The Co conducted patrolling vic ZS0598 with one find. The 2nd plat found 2 small punji pits, 2 huts, and a 150 lb rice grinding machine, which were destroyed, in the vic ZS133978. All elements under the control of 3-5 Cav conducted Roadrunner ops along Hwy 1 and 2B. TF Binh Tuy continued to man OP's along Hwy 1 with the 36th Rngr Bn and began a 2 day opn in area from Ap Song Phan vic ZT012031. There was no contact in the TF Binh Tuy area today. The Engr cleared 240 acres today for a total of 2573 acres cleared to date. They have 25 plows operational and 2 deadlined, 4 dozers operational and 0 deadlined; 4 dozers were converted to plows today.

16 Dec: Opn SANTA FE Phase III was conducted by elements of the 1st Bde. TF 2-47 (M) Inf displaced CP to FS/PB TOMCAT and relieved 3-5 Cav and assumed responsibility for eastern portion of Bde AO. The Bn secured FS/PB TOMCAT and the Engr effort along Hwy 1 in zone. The Bn released OFCON B/3-5 Cav effective 160600H Dec 1967 to 3-5 Cav. The Bn released OFCON Scout Plat and 4.2 mortar plat OFCON 1st Bde for security of FS/PB WILDCAT effective 160700H Dec 1967. The Bn also assumed OFCON A/2-47 (M) Inf from 3-5 Cav effective 160600H Dec 1967. A Co remained at FS/PB TOMCAT and secured that FS/PB and secured Engr clearing and upgrading Hwy 1 in zone. The Co also conducted Roadrunner ops along Hwy 1. B Co displaced its CP to ZS047994 and secured Hwy 1 in zone. The Co also conducted Roadrunner ops along Hwy 1 without contact. C Co displaced its CP to ZS142997 and secured Hwy 1 in zone. The company also conducted Roadrunner ops along Hwy 1 without contact. The Scout Plat became OFCON 1st Bde 160700H Dec 1967 and moved to and secured FS/PB WILDCAT. The 3-5 Cav continued to secure Hwy 1 in zone until released by 2-47 (M) Inf and TF BINH TUY in place at 161333H Dec 1967. The Sqdn moved to a position east of FS/PB WILDCAT until 161600H Dec 1967 and then started road march to Bearcat via Hwy 1 and Hwy 15. 3-5 Cav was released OFCON to TF FORSYTH on closing Bearcat. TF BINH TUY continued Opn SANTA FE Phase III in close cooperation and coordination with 1st Bde and relieved 2-47 (M) Inf in western portion of Bde AO. The TF secured Hwy 1 in zone and secured Engr clearing and upgrading Hwy 1 in zone. 35th Rngr Bn terminated S&D ops in AO VORBECK and relieved 3-5 Cav of security of FS/PB ALLEY-CAT. The Bn also secured Hwy 1 in zone. 36th Rngr Bn secured Hwy 1 in zone and manned ARVN OP 1, 2 & 4. The Bn also secured bridge sites 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6. The I and R Company from TF BINH TUY conducted S&D ops vic ZS0797 with one contact and one find. The Co made contact with an estimated VC Co vic ZS078-973 resulting in 6 VC KIA and 2 ARVN WIA (killed off). The Co also found 4 huts, one tunnel, and 15 bunkers in vic of contact. The Co captured one Chicom grenade. The VC broke contact and fled to the SW. Arty supported the contact. An airstrike was called in on the bunkers, no BDA at this time. The 1st Bde assumed responsibility for AO around FS/PB WILDCAT and assumed OFCON Scout Plat 2-47 (M) Inf 160700H Dec 1967 for security of FS/PB WILDCAT. There was no contact in that AO today.

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17 Dec: Opn. SANTA FE Phase III was conducted by elements of the 1st Bde. The 1st Bde secured FS/PB WILDCAT and Hwy 1 from eastern boundary of AO to YS825984 with the Scout Plat of 2-47 (M) Inf which remained OFCON 1st Bde. The 2-47 (M) Inf secured FS/PB TOMCAT and CIVET. FS/PB CIVET loc is ZS141998. The Bn secured the Engr clearing and upgrading Hwy 1 in zone and conducted roadrunner ops along Hwy 1. A Co secured FS/PB TOMCAT and bridge site in zone. The Co also conducted roadrunner ops along Hwy 1 in zone without contact. B Co continued to occupy CP vic ZS047994 and outposted Hwy 1 in zone. The Co also conducted roadrunner ops along Hwy 1 without contact. Co C secured FS/PB CIVET and outposted Hwy 1 in zone. The Co conducted local patrolling vic ZT1300 and ZS1498 without contact. TF BINH TUY (ARVN) in close cooperation and coordination with 1st Bde secured FS/PB ALLEYCAT and secured Hwy 1 in zone. The TF also named ARVN OP's along Hwy 1 and secured Engr in their area of operation. The 35th Ranger Bn (ARVN) secured FS/PB ALLEYCAT and outposted and secured Hwy 1 in zone without contact. The 36th Ranger Bn (ARVN) secured Hwy 1 and bridge sites 1,2,3,4,5 and 6 in zone without contact. The 15 Engr departed Bde AO 171400H with B Co and the bridge Co and closed Xuan Loc at 171625H. The Engr will move from Xuan Loc to Bearcat along Hwy 1 and Hwy 15 with security provided by 3-11 Cav. The convoy will move during the hours of darkness. The Engr cleared 276 acres today for a total to date of 3108. They have 25 Rome plows operational and 4 deadlined; 2 dozers operational and 0 deadlined.

18 Dec: Opn. SANTA FE Phase III was conducted by elements of the 1st Bde. The 1st Bde secured FS/PB WILDCAT and Hwy 1 from eastern boundary of AO to YS825984 with the Scout plat 2-47 (M) Inf which remained OFCON 1st Bde. The 2-47 (M) Inf secured FS/PB TOMCAT and CIVET. The Bn secured Engr clearing and upgrading Hwy 1 in zone and conducted roadrunner ops along Hwy 1. A Co secured FS/PB TOMCAT and bridge sites along Hwy 1 in zone. The company conducted roadrunner ops along Hwy 1 without contact. The Co conducted patrolling vic ZS07797 with two finds. In the vic ZS077972, the Co found and destroyed two bunkers with G/H cover that were 16'x16'x5', and in the vic ZS061986, the Co found and destroyed two raised sleeping areas. The Co also found misc documents in the bunkers that were evacuated. B Co continued to occupy CP vic ZS047994 and secured bridge sites and Hwy 1 in zone. The Co conducted roadrunner ops along Hwy 1 without contact. The Co conducted patrolling vic ZS0396 and spotted 2 VC wearing grey uniforms and carrying weapons. The Co called in 81 mm mortars and a dismounted element swept in the area vic ZS039991 but failed to make contact. The patrol did find fresh blood trails. The Co reported a helicopter received S/A fire vic ZT038031. and Arty AO called fire into suspected VC position. A visual reconnaissance was made of the area and discovered 1 bunker and 20 m of trench had been destroyed. Co C secured FS/PB CIVET, which was displaced to ZT164015 today. The Co outposted Hwy 1 in zone and provided security for Engr clearing Hwy 1 in zone. The Co conducted roadrunner ops along Hwy 1 without contact. One of the Co outposts, vic ZT183008 received one round of sniper fire and a patrol was sent into area with neg contact. The Co detained two male civilians vic FS/PB CIVET and released as innocent civilians. TF BINH TUY, in close cooperation and coordination with 1st Bde, secured FS/PB ALLEYCAT and secured Hwy 1 in zone. The 36th Ranger Bn continued to secure Hwy 1 in zone. The Bn secured bridge sites 1,2,3,4,5 & 6 without contact. The 35th Ranger Bn secured FS/PB ALLEYCAT and secured Hwy 1 in zone without contact.

19 Dec: The ELAST BRIGAD CP and FS/PB WILDCAT (YS615965) was secured by the Scout platoon, 2-47 (M) Inf. The 2-47 (M) Inf (-) continued to secure FS/PB TOMCAT and FS/PB CIVET; provided security for Engr elements clearing and upgrading Hwy 1 within the 2-47 AO; provided security outposts along critical bridge sites; provided security for the ARVN Vice President's inspection tour of Hwy 1; and reinforced TF Binh Tuy's (ARVN) outposts along the inspection route by establishing additional outposts. Co A 2-47 (M) Inf secured FS/PB TOMCAT; secured bridge sites along Hwy 1 within the company AO; conducted night ambush patrols and roadrunner operations. Company A 2-47 (M) Inf reported neg enemy contact for the 24 hr period. Co B 2-47 (M) Inf continued to occupy CP/CP vic ZS047994, established and occupied addi-

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ional outposts along Hwy 1 within TF Binh Tuy's AO to provide security along the RVN Vice President's inspection route; conducted roadrunner ops and night ambush patrols with neg enemy contact for the 24 hr period. Co C 2-47 (M) Inf continued to secure FS/PB CIVET, outposted the critical bridge sites within the company AO; provided security for the Engr elements clearing and upgrading Hwy 1; conducted night roadrunner and night ambush patrols with neg enemy contact for the 24 hr period. TF Binh Tuy (ARVN), in close cooperation and coordination with FIRST BRIGADE secured FS/PB ALLEYCAT and the critical bridge sites along Hwy 1 in zone. The 36th Ranger Bn (TF Binh Tuy) continued to secure Hwy 1 in zone by outposting bridge sites 1 through 6; conducted local patrolling and night ambushes with neg enemy contact for the 24 hr period. The 35th Ranger Bn secured FS/PB ALLEYCAT; secured Hwy 1 in zone; conducted local patrols and night ambush patrols with neg enemy contact for the 24 hr period.

20 Dec: Opn SANTA FE Phase III was conducted by elements of the 1st Bde. The 1st Bde secured FS/PB WILDCAT and Hwy 1 from western boundary of AO to YS825984 with scout plat 2-47 (M) Inf which remained OPCON to 1st Bde. The 2-47 (M) Inf secured FS/PB's TOMCAT and CIVET, and Engr clearing and upgrading of Hwy 1 in zone. Night ambush patrols, listening posts and daylight combat patrols were also conducted. Company A secured FS/PB TOMCAT, secured bridge site #10, and staged night ambush patrols, roadrunner operations and listening posts with negative contact. Company B continued to occupy CP loc ZS047994, secure bridge sites #7, 8 & 9, conduct daylight patrolling vic ZS-080000, and stage ambush patrols and listening posts in zone. Company C continued to secure FS/PB CIVET, secure bridge site #11, conducted patrolling vic ZS168998, roadrunner, ambush patrols and listening posts in zone with negative contact. The daylight patrol found 2 bunkers 10'x4' w/2' overhead cover, a large cooking pot and a small amount of cooked rice. The area appeared to have been vacated recently. TF Binh Tuy, in close cooperation and coordination with the 1st Bde, secured FS/PB ALLEYCAT and secured Hwy 1 in zone. The 35th Rngr Bn, (ARVN), continued to secure FS/PB ALLEYCAT, conduct daylight patrolling vic ZT001001, and stage ambush patrols and listening posts with negative contact. The 36th Rngr Bn (ARVN) continued to secure bridge sites #1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6, Hwy 1 in zone, ambush patrols and listening posts with negative contact.

21 Dec: Opn SANTA FE Phase III was conducted by elements of the 1st Bde. The 1st Bde secured FS/PB WILDCAT and Hwy 1 from western boundary of AO to YS825984 with scout plat 2-47 (M) Inf which remained OPCON to 1st Bde. The 2-47 (M) Inf secured FS/PB's TOMCAT and CIVET, and Engr clearing and upgrading of Hwy 1 in zone. Night ambush patrols, listening posts and daylight combat patrols were also conducted. Company A secured FS/PB TOMCAT, secured bridge site #10, staged night ambush patrols, roadrunner operations, listening posts and daylight patrolling (vic ZT195020), with neg contact. Company B continued to occupy CP loc ZS047994, secure bridge sites #7, 8 & 9, conduct daylight patrolling vic ZS063998, and stage ambush patrols and listening posts in zone. The daylight patrol found two huts, water cans, water ladels, a saw, broom, a shovel, and two bunkers. The bunkers were new, 6'x12' w/o overhead cover. Company C continued to secure FS/PB CIVET, secure bridge site #11, conducted patrolling vic ZS140998, roadrunner, ambush patrols and listening posts in zone with negative contact. TF Binh Tuy, in close cooperation and coordination with the 1st Bde, secured FS/PB ALLEYCAT and secured Hwy 1 in zone. The 35th Rngr Bn, (ARVN), continued to secure FS/PB ALLEYCAT, conduct daylight patrolling vic ZT001001, and stage ambush patrols and listening posts with negative contact. The 36th Rngr Bn (ARVN) continued to secure bridge sites #1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6, Hwy 1 in zone, ambush patrols and listening posts with negative contact.

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22 Dec: Opn SANTA FE Phase III was conducted by elements of the 1st Bde. The 1st Bde secured FS/PB WILDCAT and Hwy 1 from western boundary of AO to YS825984 with scout plat 2-47 (M) Inf which remained OFCON to 1st Bde. The 2-47 (M) Inf secured FS/PB's TOMCAT and CIVET, and engr clearing and upgrading of Hwy 1 in zone. Night ambush patrols, listening posts and daylight combat patrols were also conducted. Company A secured FS/PB TOMCAT, secured bridge site #10, staged night ambush patrols, roadrunner operations, listening posts, with negative contact. Company B (-) displaced to vic of FS/PB TOMCAT, detaching one plat to vic of FS/PB CIVET to assist C 2-47th in securing Engr effort east of FS/PB CIVET; conducted night ambush patrols and roadrunner operations. Company B continued to occupy CP loc ZS047994. Co C continued to secure FS/PB CIVET, secure bridge site #11, conducted roadrunner, ambush patrols and listening posts in zone with negative contact. TF Binh Tuy, in close cooperation and coordination with the 1st Bde, secured FS/PB ALLYCAT; relieved Co B 2-47 (M) Inf at bridge site #7 and secured Hwy 1 in zone. The 35th Rngr Bn (ARVN), continued to secure FS/PB ALLYCAT, relieved Co B 2-47 (M) Inf at bridge site #7 and assumed the security of the bridge site and staged ambush patrols and listening posts with negative contact. The 36th Rngr Bn (ARVN) continued to secure bridge sites #1,2,3,4,5 & 6, Hwy 1 in zone, ambush patrols and listening posts. The TF Binh Tuy P.R.U. element commenced S&D opn vic ZS073953 at 1800H.

23 Dec: Opn SANTA FE Phase III was conducted by elements of the 1st Bde. The 1st Bde secured FS/PB WILDCAT and Hwy 1 from western boundary of AO to YS825984 with scout plat 2-47 (M) Inf which remained OFCON to 1st Bde. The 2-47 (M) Inf secured FS/PB's TOMCAT and CIVET, and engr clearing and upgrading of Hwy 1 in zone. Night ambush patrols, listening posts and daylight combat patrols were also conducted. Company A secured FS/PB TOMCAT, secured bridge site #10, staged night ambush patrols, conducted roadrunner operations, and established listening posts. Co A provided one platoon of trucks to transport an element from TF Binh Tuy to a location vic YS9292 where they conducted a S/D operation. Company B (-) displaced to vic of FS/PB TOMCAT, detaching one plat to vic of FS/PB CIVET to assist C 2-47th in securing Engr effort east of FS/PB CIVET; conducted night ambush patrols and roadrunner operations. Company B continued to operate from FS/PB TOMCAT and detached one platoon to FS/PB CIVET to assist Co C 2-47 in providing security for the engr element working east of FS/PB CIVET. Co C continued to secure FS/PB CIVET, secure bridge site #11, conducted roadrunner, ambush patrols and listening posts in zone, provided security for the engr element clearing and upgrading Hwy 1 east of FSB CIVET. TF Binh Tuy, in close cooperation and coordination with the 1st Bde, secured FS/PB ALLYCAT and secured Hwy 1 in zone. The 35th Rngr Bn (ARVN) continued to secure FS/PB ALLYCAT, staged ambush patrols and listening posts, and conducted S/D opn vic of YS9192. The S/D opn was supported by two airstrikes vic YS917928 and vic of YS912-916. One ARVN soldier accidentally shot himself in the leg during the S/D opn. The ARVN soldier was medevac to 7th Surg. Hospital, Blackhorse at 1100H. The 36th Rngr Bn (ARVN) continued to secure bridge sites #1,2,3,4,5 & 6, Hwy 1 in zone, ambush patrols and listening posts. P.R.U. element continued S&D opn vic ZS073953.

24 Dec: Opn SANTA FE Phase III was conducted by elements of the 1st Bde. The 1st Bde secured FS/PB WILDCAT and Hwy 1 from western boundary of AO to YS825984 with scout plat 2-47 (M) Inf which remained OFCON to 1st Bde. The 2-47 (M) Inf secured FS/PB's TOMCAT and CIVET, and Engr clearing and upgrading of Hwy 1 in zone. Night ambush patrols, listening posts and daylight combat patrols were also conducted. Company A secured FS/PB TOMCAT, secured bridge site #10, staged night ambush patrols, conducted roadrunner operations, and established listening posts. Company B (-), with CP at FS/PB TOMCAT, detached one plat to vic of FS/PB CIVET to assist C 2-47 which continued to secure FS/PB CIVET, secure bridge site #11, conducted roadrunner, ambush patrols and listening posts in zone, provided security for the engr element clearing and upgrading Hwy 1 east of FSB CIVET. A traffic control

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point was established at FS/PB TOMCAT to survey indigenous traffic. The following are the results from the survey: traffic west to east; 4 Lambrettas, 6 motorcycles, 9 buses, traffic east to west; 17 trucks, 1 Lambretta, 25 motorcycles, 5 buses. A traffic control point was established at FS/PB WILDCAT to survey indigenous traffic. The following data is the result of the survey: Traffic west to east: total 34 vehicles; traffic east to west: total 34 vehicles. Type traffic: trucks - 35, buses - 14, automobiles - 7, motorcycles - 9, tractors - 1, jeeps - 2. At 1240H C-2-47 apprehended 2 male personnel in foliage type uniform w/o I.D. cards. Individuals were evacuated to Blackhorse. At 1940H A/2-47 apprehended one male individual, while checking traffic, without I.D. Individual detained will be evacuated to Blackhorse on 25 Dec for further questioning. TF Binh Tuy, in close cooperation and coordination with the 1st Bde, secured FS/PB ALLEYCAT and secured Hwy 1 in zone. The 35th Rngr Bn (ARVN) continued to secure FS/PB ALLEYCAT, staged ambush patrols and listening posts. The 36th Rngr Bn (ARVN) continued to secure bridge sites along Hwy 1 in zone, ambush patrols and listening posts. P.R.U. element closed at FS/PB at 241430H.

25 Dec: Opn SANTA FE Phase III was conducted by elements of the 1st Bde. The 1st Bde secured FS/PB WILDCAT and Hwy 1 from western boundary of AO to YS825984 with scout plat 2-47 (M) Inf which remained OFCON to 1st Bde. The 2-47 (M) Inf secured FS/PB's TOMCAT and CIVET. Night ambush patrols, listening posts and daylight recon patrols were also conducted. Co A secured FS/PB TOMCAT, secured bridge site #10, staged night ambush patrols, conducted roadrunner operations, and established listening posts. Company B, with CP at FS/PB TOMCAT, continued to secure FS/PB TOMCAT, conducted roadrunner, ambush patrols and listening posts in zone. Co C 2-47 (M) Inf continued to secure FS/PB CIVET, conduct daylight recon patrols, staged night ambush patrols and listening posts in zone. A traffic control point was established at FS/PB TOMCAT to survey indigenous traffic. The following are the results from the survey: traffic west to east: 43 trucks, 4 Lambrettas, 42 motorcycles, 6 buses, traffic east to west: 26 trucks, 5 Lambrettas, 36 motorcycles, 7 buses. A traffic control point was established at FS/PB WILDCAT to survey indigenous traffic. The following data is the result of the survey: traffic west to east: total 36 vehicles; traffic east to west: total 26 vehicles. Type traffic: trucks - 40, buses - 11, automobiles - 7, motorcycles - 4. TF Binh Tuy, in close cooperation and coordination with the 1st Bde, secured FS/PB ALLEYCAT and secured Hwy 1 in zone. The 35th Rngr Bn (ARVN) continued to secure FS/PB ALLEYCAT, staged ambush patrols and listening posts. The 36th Rngr Bn (ARVN) continued to secure bridge sites along Hwy 1 in zone, ambush patrols and listening posts.

26 Dec: Opn SANTA FE Phase III was conducted by elements of the 1st Bde. The 1st Bde secured FS/PB WILDCAT and Hwy 1 from western boundary of AO to YS825984 with Scout plat 2-47 (M) Inf which remained OFCON 1st Bde. The 2-47 (M) Inf secured FS/PB's TOMCAT and CIVET and secured Engr clearing and upgrading Hwy 1 and Rte 341. The Bn also conducted roadrunner ops along Hwy 1 in zone. A Co secured FS/PB TOMCAT and secured Hwy 1 in zone. The Co also conducted patrolling vic ZT1201 without contact. B Co continued to secure bridge sites 8 & 9 and conducted roadrunners along Hwy 1 in zone. The Co also secured Engr clearing Rte 341 and conducted patrolling vic ZT-0803 without contact. C Co secured FS/PB CIVET and secured Hwy 1 in zone. The Co also conducted roadrunner operations along Hwy 1 in zone and conducted local patrolling vic ZT2100. However, C Co detained 2 males at FS/PB CIVET and evacuated both to FS/PB WILDCAT for questioning. One was released to 36th Rngr Bn as one of their personnel and one was evacuated to Xuan Loc for further questioning. TF Binh Tuy, in close cooperation and coordination with 1st Bde, continued Opn SANTA FE III. The 35th Ranger Bn (ARVN) continued to secure FS/PB ALLEYCAT and conducted ambush patrols and listening posts. The 36th Ranger Bn (ARVN) continued to secure bridges along Hwy 1 in zone and conducted ambush patrols and listening post without contact. The Engr cleared 208 acres today for a total to date of 5053. The Engr have 25 plows operational, 3 deadlined, 3 dozers operational, 0 deadlined.

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The traffic control point at FS/FB WILDCAT reported 38 vehicles moving east today and 61 vehicles moving west. The breakdown: 60 trucks, 16 buses, 9 cars, 14 cycles. The traffic control point at FS/FB CIVET reported traffic moving from east to west as 8 trucks, 6 Lambrettas, 17 cycles, 20 buses and traveling from west to east as 58 trucks, 14 Lambrettas, 6 cars, and 7 cycles.

27 Dec: Opn SANTA FE Phase III was conducted by elements of the 1st Bde. The 1st Bde secured FS/FB WILDCAT and Hwy 1 from western boundary of AO to YS825984 with the Scout plat and 1st plat of C Co 2-47 (M) Inf which remained OFCON 1st Bde. The 2-47 (M) Inf secured FS/FB's ALLEYCAT, TOMCAT, and CIVET and secured Engr clearing along Hwy 1 and Rte 341. The Bn also conducted patrolling and roadrunner ops along Hwy 1. A Co continued security of FS/FB TOMCAT and Hwy 1. The Co also conducted roadrunner ops along Hwy 1 without contact. B Co moved to and secured FS/FB ALLEYCAT. The Co continued to secure Hwy 1 and conduct roadrunner ops along Hwy 1 without contact. C Co continued to secure FS/FB CIVET and Engr clearing along Rte 341. The Co released one plat OFCON 1st Bde for extra security of FS/FB WILDCAT. There was no contact in the Co area today. TF Binh Tuy (ARVN), in close cooperation and coordination with 1st Bde, continued Opn SANTA FE Phase III. The 35th Rngr Bn (ARVN) was relieved of responsibility for security of FS/FB ALLEYCAT. The Bn continued to secure bridge site 7 and ARVN OP's 9 & 12. The Bn also outposted Hwy 1 and conducted patrolling vic YS8497 without contact. The 36th Rngr Bn (ARVN) continued to occupy ARVN OP's 1, 2 and 4 and secured bridge sites 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. The Bn also outposted Hwy 1 without contact. The Engr cleared 143 acres today for a total of 5196 to date. The Engr have 22 Rome plows operational, 5 deadlined. They have 3 dozers operational, 0 deadlined. The traffic control point at WILDCAT reported 89 eastbound vehicles and 29 westbound today for a total of 118. Traffic control point at FS/FB CIVET reported 99 eastbound vehicles and 45 westbound for a total of 144 vehicles.

28 Dec: Opn SANTA FE Phase III was conducted by elements of the 1st Bde. The 1st Bde secured FS/FB WILDCAT and Hwy 1 from western boundary of AO to YS825984 with the Scout plat. The 2-47 (M) Inf secured FS/FB's ALLEYCAT, TOMCAT and CIVET and secured Engr clearing along Hwy 1 and Rte 341. The Bn also conducted patrolling and roadrunner ops along Hwy 1. A Co continued security of FS/FB TOMCAT and Hwy 1. The Co also conducted roadrunner ops along Hwy 1 without contact. At 1135H, vic ZS101992, ele found three (3) bunkers w/OHC, three (3) huts and two (2) anti-personnel mines. The bunkers and huts were destroyed and mines were evacuated. B Co secured FS/FB ALLEYCAT, conducted roadrunner ops along Hwy 1 and patrolled south on Hwy 1 without contact. C Co continued to secure FS/FB CIVET and Engr clearing along Rte 341 without incident. There was no contact in the Co area today. TF Binh Tuy (ARVN), in close cooperation and coordination with 1st Bde, continued Opn SANTA FE Phase III. The 35th Ranger Bn continued security opn by securing bridge sites 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11. The 36th Ranger Bn (ARVN) continued to occupy ARVN OP's 1, 2 and 4 and secured bridge sites 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6. The Bn also outposted Hwy 1 without contact. The Engr cleared 109 acres today for a total of 5305 to date. The Engr have 24 Rome plows operational and 0 deadlined. They have 3 dozers operational, 0 deadlined. The traffic control point at WILDCAT reported 102 eastbound vehicles and 39 westbound today for a total of 141. Traffic control point at FS/FB CIVET reported 118 eastbound vehicles and 79 westbound for a total of 197 vehicles.

29 Dec: Opn SANTA FE Phase III was conducted by elements of the 1st Bde. The 1st Bde secured FS/FB WILDCAT with the Scout plat 2-47 (M) Inf. The 2-47 (M) Inf secured FS/FB's ALLEYCAT, TOMCAT and CIVET and secured Engr clearing along Hwy 1. The Bn also conducted patrolling and roadrunner ops along Hwy 1. A Co continued security of FS/FB TOMCAT and Hwy 1. The Co also conducted roadrunner ops along Hwy 1. B Co secured FS/FB ALLEYCAT, conducted roadrunner ops along Hwy 1 and patrolled south on Hwy 1 without contact. C Co continued to secure FS/FB CIVET and conducted patrolling and roadrunner ops. There was no contact in the Co area today. TF Binh Tuy

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(ARVN), in close cooperation and coordination with 1st Bde, continued Opn SANTA FE III. The 35th Ranger Bn continued security opns by securing bridge sites 7,8,9,10 & 11 and OP's 9, 10 & 11. The 36th Rngr Bn (ARVN) continued to occupy ARVN OI's 1,2 & 4 and secured bridge sites 1,2,3,4,5 & 6. The Bn also outposted Hwy 1 without contact. The Engr cleared 140 acres today for a total of 5445 to date. The Engr have 23 rome plows operational, 1 deadlined. They have 3 dozers operational, 0 deadlined. The traffic control point at WILDCAT reported 87 eastbound vehicles and 56 westbound today for a total of 143. Traffic control point at FS/PB CIVET reported 23 eastbound vehicles and 49 westbound for a total of 137 vehicles.

30 Dec: Opn SANTA FE Phase III was conducted by elements of the 1st Bde. The 1st Bde continued Opn SANTA FE Phase III until 301600H at which time the Bde CP and support elements of the Bde displaced to Bearcat. The 2-47 (M) Inf continued Opn SANTA FE Phase III and displaced its CP from FS/PB TOMCAT to FS/PB COUGAR, along with B Btry, 1-11 Arty. A Company remained in vic FS/PB TOMCAT as RRF and conducted roadrunner opn along Hwy 1. B Company displaced to FS/PB COUGAR and secured A Company 86th Engrs displacing from FS/PB CIVET to FS/PB COUGAR and clearing jungle along Hwy 1 to the west and left one plat vic of old FS/PB PUMA for RRF and roadrunner opns along Hwy 1. C Company secured FS/PB COUGAR and conducted roadrunner opns along Hwy 1. Scout Plat remained OFCON 1st Bde and provided security for Bde CP and Arty elements moving to Bearcat. There was no contact in the SANTA FE AO today.

31 Dec: The 2-47 (M) Inf continued Opn SANTA FE Phase III. A Co CP loc vic FS/PB TOMCAT as RRF and conducted roadrunner opns along Hwy 1. B Co loc at FS/PB COUGAR secured rome plows clearing Hwy 1 west of FS/PB WILDCAT. C Co secured FS/PB COUGAR, conducted local patrolling and roadrunner opns without contact. The Scout platoon remained at Bearcat and conducted maintenance. The Engr cleared 160 acres today for a total of 5,706 acres to date. The Engr have 20 plows operational and 4 deadlined. They have 3 dozers operational and none deadlined.

1 Jan: The 2-47 (M) Inf continued Opn SANTA FE Phase III. A Co CP loc vic FS/PB TOMCAT as RRF and conducted roadrunner opns along Hwy 1. B Co loc at FS/PB COUGAR conducted patrolling vic YS732998 with negative contact. C Co secured FS/PB COUGAR, conducted local patrolling and roadrunner opns without contact. The Scout platoon remained OFCON to 1st Bde at Bearcat and conducted maintenance. The 86th Engr conducted maintenance. No clearing opns were conducted in observance of the truce period. The Engr have 20 plows operational and 4 deadlined. They have 3 dozers operational and none deadlined. Vehicle check point located at FS/PB COUGAR counted 111 vehicles (52 trucks, 15 cars, 12 buses, 15 Lambrettas, 12 motorcycles) eastbound and 84 vehicles (36 trucks, 7 cars, 10 buses, 13 Lambrettas, 18 motorcycles) westbound.

2 Jan: Opn SANTA FE Phase III was continued by 2-47 (M) Inf. Co A remained vic of FS/PB TOMCAT, conducted local patrolling, roadrunners acted as RRF, and departed on road movement back to Bearcat at 1400H. Co A will fall under OFCON of 4-29. Co B remained at FS/PB COUGAR and conducted ambush patrols, listening posts and roadrunner operations. Co C secured the 86th Engr rome plows working west of FS/PB COUGAR. Traffic control point at FS/PB COUGAR counted 117 vehicles eastbound and 80 westbound.

3 Jan: Opn SANTA FE Phase III was continued by 2-47 (M) Inf (-). Co A conducted motor march to Bearcat closing at 0400H without incident and became OFCON 4-39 Inf. B Co secured FS/PB COUGAR and rome plows clearing along Hwy 1, west of FS/PB WILDCAT. C Co secured FS/PB COUGAR, rome plows, and conducted roadrunner opns along Hwy 1. The scout plat remained at Bearcat. The rome plows cleared 156 acres today for a total of 6,442 acres. They have 21 plows operational and one (1) deadlined. They have 2 dozers operational and 0 deadlined.

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4 Jan: Operation SANTA FE Phase III was continued by 2-47 (M) Inf (-). Co B and C continued to conduct local patrolling, security around FS/PB COUGAR and escort the 86th Engr some plows working west of FS/PB COUGAR. Co A and Scout Platoon remained OPCON to 4-39 Inf at Bearcat. Vehicle check point at FS/PB COUGAR reported 99 vehicles eastbound, 64 vehicles westbound. The some plows cleared 166 acres today for a total of 6608 to date. All 19 plows and 2 dozers are operational.

5 Jan: Operation SANTA FE was continued by 2-47 (M) Inf (-) with local patrolling around FS/PB COUGAR. The 2-47's participation in Operation SANTA FE was terminated at 1525H when they crossed the SP starting the motor march to Bearcat. As of the closing time of this report, March Unit #1 is located at YT071131 and March Unit #2 at YT340101.

12. RESULTS:

a. Enemy Losses:

(1) Personnel:	VC KIA (BC)	18
	VC POW	0
	Chieu Hoi	0
	Detainees	0

(2) Equipment Captured:

(a) Weapons:	1 9mm, 1 AK-47, 1 SKS, 2 Chicom type 50's
(b) Ammo:	2 RFG rds, 3 hand grenades, 114 rds assorted SA ammo
(c) Foodstuffs:	200 lbs rice, 25 lbs beans
(d) Medical:	75 lbs assorted
(e) Communications:	2 PRC-25's, 2 TM-50's
(f) Documents:	1 map, 29 1/2 lbs assorted documents

(3) Items Destroyed: 352 bunkers, 450 lbs rice

b. Friendly Losses:

(1) Personnel:

(a) KIA	0
(b) DOW	0
(c) WIA	1
(d) MIA	0
(e) NB	10

13. ADMINISTRATION:

a. The administration planning of Operation SANTA FE proved to be sound and the logistical combat service support was effective throughout the operation. However, adjustments were necessary in the Class I, III and medical support areas for PHASE III of the operation. Palletized dry and canned vegetables were positioned at XUAN LOC (YT468084) to substitute for contingencies brought about by logistical convoys. Class III, 3 ten thousand gallon bladders, were positioned at FSE ILDCAT (YT817966) to expedite resupply of supported units and helicopters in support of the mission. Medical support from B Company 9th Medical Battalion was displaced from XUAN LOC to FSE ILDCAT in order to provide more effective service. The logistical base of support Class I-IV was

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established at XUAN LOC by a forward element of the 9th S & T Bn. Class V was also distributed from XUAN LOC out of the 1st Brigade's Class V Yard with the assistance of 1st Log Command and DAO personnel. Land LOC was Highway QL 1 to FSB WILDCAT (YT817966). Aerial resupply was utilized until 6 November 1967 when land LOC was established as the primary means of logistical resupply. The most significant detrimental factor during the operation was the long distance of the resupply route and its condition. These factors resulted in an abnormal requirement for maintenance and associated repair parts. The route continued to improve throughout the operation.

b. Supply

(1) Class I

(a) Class I point, 9th S&T Bn XUAN LOC issued during period of operation:

<u>"A" RATION</u>	<u>"B" RATION</u>	<u>"C" RATION</u>	<u>SUNDRY PACKS</u>
176,161	0	140,104	888
<u>POTABLE ICE (lb)</u>		<u>STERILIZED MILK (cans)</u>	
614,691		236,595	

(b) Units departed BEARCAT on a C Ration cycle.

(c) D + 1 units changed to A-C-A cycle.

(d) Shortages of Class I:

1. During this operation, meals issued were often incomplete, resulting in units changing their ration cycles in order to serve a complete meal. This was solved by locating pre-palletized rations for back-up purposes at XUAN LOC.

(e) Ice: Potable ice was received at the Class I supply point the night before issuing. 2/3rd's of the ice was stored in a Refer Van, the rest on a 2 1/2 Ton Truck this resulted in a loss due to melting. Units further trucked ice to Fb/FB WILDCAT resulting in a further loss of ice. Sandbags arranged in the bed of the trucks helped preserve 75% of the amount issued.

(2) Class II and IV

(a) Class II requisitions were submitted by rear detachments located at XUAN LOC and BEARCAT, they maintained land line and radio communications with forward locations.

(b) There were no critical shortages of these items during Operation SANTA FE.

(c) Class IV

1. Barrier Material issued during this operation:

<u>ENG SPALLS</u>	<u>SAND BAGS</u>	<u>CONCRETE</u>	<u>STRAIGHT (B) WIRE</u>
3,200	350,200	240 rolls	56 rolls

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BOARD FEET LITERS

27,400

(3) Class III and IIIA

(a) Class III dispensing points at XUAN LOC and PS/PB WILDCAT issued the following quantities during the operation:

<u>MOGAS</u>	<u>DIESEL</u>	<u>AVGAS</u>	<u>JP-4</u>	<u>OILS & LUBS</u>
327,267	326,416	6,055	245,000	4,555 gals.

(b) Class III was delivered to the forward areas by 5000 gallon tanker trucks, 500 gallon collapsible bladders, 55 gallon drums and 5 gallon fuel cans.

(4) Class V

(a) Class V was issued from ASP located at XUAN LOC (T471095).

(b) No critical shortages of Class V occurred at any time during the operation.

(c) Units remained within the limits of the 9th Division ASR during the operation.

(d) Ammunition expenditures by type and quantity follows:

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>TOTAL ROUNDS EXPENDED</u>
5.56mm ball	46,000
5.56mm tracer	42,560
7.62mm ball	77,560
7.62mm link tracer	40,000
7.62mm 1500 MLB4-1 (minnie gun)	9,000
50 cal 4/1 MLB	80,000
40mm M79GL, HE	6,000
40mm Fixed H&IT-SD (for gun)	3,710
81mm HE	7,756
81mm ILL	198
81mm WP	1,061
90mm Cannister	256
90mm HE	30
105mm HE	35,987
105mm ILL	1,571
105mm Sunk WP	2,662

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<u>TYPE</u>	<u>TOTAL ROUNDS EXPENDED</u>
4.2" Mortar HE	8,000
4.2" Mortar Ill	206
4.2" Mortar WP	2,186
155mm HE	7,920
155mm Ill	530
155mm WP	896
Grenade Hand Frag	2,146
Grenade Hand Smk	3,022
Thickner Oil 100lb Drum	18
Trip Flare Surf 495	2,900
Chg Dem Block Comp 4	3,210
Demo Block TNT 1&1/2 lb	70,450
Dynamite Military	7,600
Sig Illum White	348
Cap Blast Elec	1,248
Cap Blast NonElec	19,200
Cord Det Ft	211,200 ft
Igniter Fuze Ft	300 ft
Fuze Time Blasting Ft	57,500 ft
Mine Claymores APERS	710
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TOTAL CLASS V EXPENDED TONS	3,553

c. Maintenance:

Company "C", 709th Maint Bn and HQ & A, 709th Maint Bn received the following job orders in direct support of all battalions and separate companies:

<u>WHEEL</u>	<u>TRACK</u>	<u>SIGNAL</u>	<u>SMALL ARMS</u>	<u>CHEMICAL</u>	<u>FUEL/ELECTRIC</u>
67	33	257	16	0	3
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<u>ENGINEER</u>	<u>INSTRUMENT</u>				
41	8				

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d. Treatment of Casualties and Hospitalization

- (1) Patient categories handled by Co "B", 9th Med Bn were as follows:

<u>DRHA</u>	<u>IRHA</u>	<u>NBI</u>	<u>DIS</u>	<u>EVAC</u>	<u>ADMITTED</u>	<u>DUSTOFF</u>
0	6(ARVN)	291	709	135	38	*40

* Seen & coordinated

- (2) Dustoff procedures and medical evacuation of slightly wounded personnel was deemed fully adequate.

e. Transportation

- (1) Transportation requirements totaled 18 2½ Ton Trucks utilized by HHC, 1st Bde. All requests were forwarded to the DTO, 9th DISCOM.

- (2) Army Aviation Helicopters were utilized to airlift classes of supply I-V from the Brigade Trains location at XUAN LOC and FSB WILDCAT to forward areas as follows:

	<u>UH1D</u>	<u>CH-47</u>
No Sorties	412	340
Total Wt	494,400 lbs	2,550,000 lbs

- (3) There were difficulties noted during the operation in that one aircraft was deemed inadequate for aerial resupply and contingency missions.

f. Services:

- (1) Water:

(a) Erderlators were placed at XUAN LOC, FSB WILDCAT, and for Phase III FSB PUMA (YT395990) because of the long distance involved, approximately 115 KM to the most distant resupply point. During the final phase of SANTA FE it was necessary to displace the water point located at FSB PUMA (895990) to FSB CONGAM (735000). These erderlators purified a total of 317,140 gallons potable water.

(b) Non-potable water sources in forward areas were purified on an individual basis by use of iodine chlorine tablets.

(c) Metal and plastic five gallon containers were utilized during the operation.

- (2) Graves Registration:

(a) The Co "A", 9th S&T Bn Graves Registration Section was initially located at XUAN LOC and was later moved up to FSB WILDCAT along with the medical section to provide better service.

(b) The Graves Registration Section processed 0 U.S. remains.

- (3) Bath

(a) There were two bath sections in operation during the operation provided and operated by CO "A" 9th S&T Bn. They were located at XUAN LOC and FSB WILDCAT, combined they bathed 156,000 personnel during the period of the operation.

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(4) Laundry

(a) A laundry facility was established at the Bde Trains area located at XUAN LOC by the 483rd Fld Service Co. This unit provided laundry service for all units located in the field on this operation.

(b) There was a total of 2,063 bundles of laundry washed.

(c) Some personnel used individual laundering of clothing.

14. CIVIC ACTIONS: There was no civic action program conducted on operation SANTA FE. A limited program was continued in AO RILEY by the First Brigade rear detachment.

15. COMMANDERS EVALUATION: Operation SANTA FE was an overall success although it failed to locate, fix and destroy the 5th VC Division. However, many of their base locations and lines of communication were found and destroyed. Constant saturation patrolling and artillery harassment and interdiction fires succeeded in fragmenting those small elements left in the Brigade AO. Jungle clearing south of Highway 1 on Route 331 provided the widened trails and mutually supporting FS/PB's necessary for future airmobile or surface assaults. The highpoint of the operation was the security and upgrading operations along Highways 1 and 2B. These major routes of communication and commerce had not been used since 1962 due to the destruction of most of the eleven bridge sites in the 1st Brigade AO. During the latter phase of operation SANTA FE one-hundred meters of jungle on both sides of Highways #1 and 2B were cleared and burned for a distance of 81 kilometers. All bridges were upgraded to sustain civilian traffic and the road surface was improved. Following the visit of Vice-President Ky on 19 December for the official opening of the highway, the flow of civilian traffic mounted to 175-200 assorted vehicles daily. The population center of XUAN LOC in the west was again connected with PHAN THIET, HAM TAN and TAM TAN in the east--thus connecting SAIGON with PHAN THIET on the China sea coast. Relocation of families and the reestablishment of commerce took place concurrently with the return of this area to the control of the GVN. This operation proved that the rejuvenating of commerce, return of areas to governmental control and upgrading of public facilities are as much a part of the stability operations in Vietnam as a direct confrontation with a large enemy force. Operation SANTA FE evolved into a monumental engineering effort taxing the leadership, ingenuity, morale and alertness of the First Brigade. However, the officers and men met the challenge in every respect. The accomplishments of the operation contributed much to the overall war effort.

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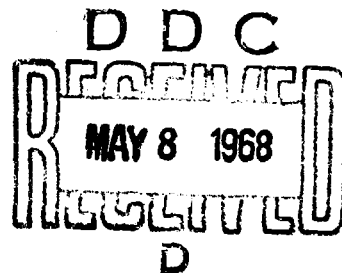
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TO: Commanding General
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1. (U) Name of the Operation: AKRON V
2. (U) Dates of Operation: 110650H January 1968 to 211400H January 1968.
3. (C) Location: Southeast of Long Thanh Hamlet and Binh Son rubber plantation east of Hwy 15 and west of Hwy 2 in Long Thanh District of Bien Hoa Province; south of east-west grid line 92; east of north-south grid line 23; north of east-west grid line 80; west of north-south grid line 37. Reference: Maps, Vietnam, 1:50,000 sheets 6430 III & IV.
4. (C) General: During the period 110650H Jan 1968 to 211400H Jan 68, Operation AKRON V was conducted by the FIRST BRIGADE, in close coordination and cooperation with the 1st ATF, in southeastern Long Thanh district of Bien Hoa Province to locate and destroy elements of the 274th VC main force regiment. The 2-47th Inf (M), 2-39th Inf, Co A, 4-39th Inf and Troop A, 3-5th Cav were maneuver units under the operational control of the 1st Brigade.
5. (C) Reporting Officer:
 - a. 1st Bde, 9th Inf Div: Colonel Harry O. Williams
 - b. Subordinate maneuver and combat support unit commanders:
 - (1) 2-47th Inf (M): LTC John B. Tower
 - (2) 2-39th Inf: LTC Harold P. Mueller
 - (3) 1-11th Arty Bn: LTC Donald W. Farmer
6. (C) Task Organization:

TF 2-39th Inf

2-39th Inf

B/2-47th Inf (M)

1st Plat, Co A, 15th Engr (DS)

1-11th Arty Bn (DS)

TF 2-47th Inf (M)

2-47th Inf (M) (-Co B)

TEAM 3-5th Cav

A/3-5th Cav

A/4-39th Inf (-)

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7. Supporting Forces:

a. Artillery: The following Direct Support/General Support Reinforcing units supported Brigade Operations from Fire Support Bases within the Brigade TAOR.

(1) 1st Bn, 11th Arty.

(a) A Btry, 1-11th Arty (105T) 11 Jan 68 - 18 Jan 68.

(b) B Btry, 1-11th Arty (105T).

(c) C Btry, 1-11th Arty (105T) 19 Jan 68 - 21 Jan 68.

(2) Rounds Expended.

(a) Observed:

1 High Explosive: 5,434.

2 White Phosphorus: 363.

3 Illumination: 854.

4 Propaganda: 17.

(b) Unobserved (H & I's):

1 High Explosive: 268.

2 White Phosphorus: 18.

3 Illumination: 0.

4 Propaganda: 9.

(c) Unobserved Targets:

1 High Explosive: 754.

2 White Phosphorus: 130.

(d) Unobserved Propaganda: 27.

(3) Artillery ammunition expenditures by type.

(a) High Explosive: 6456.

(b) White Phosphorus: 511.

(c) Illumination: 854.

(d) Propaganda: 53.

(4) Total rounds expended: 7,874.

b. Army Aviation

(1) Organic Aviation:	Sorties	439
	PAX	461
	Hours	103
	Cargo	25 Tons

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(2) Non-organic Aviation:

(a) There were 4 airmobile daylight assaults utilizing 132 sorties of UH1D aircraft to transport 790 passengers.

(b) There were 2 airmobile daylight extractions utilizing 73 sorties of UH1D aircraft to transport 438 passengers.

(c) There was 1 airmobile night insertion utilizing 5 sorties of UH1D aircraft to transport 30 passengers.

(d) There was 1 airmobile night extraction utilizing 5 sorties of UH1D aircraft to transport 30 passengers.

(e) There were 2 daylight airmobile moves utilizing 11 sorties of CH47 aircraft to move 128 passengers and 28 tons of equipment.

(f) Two UH1D aircraft were used daily for Command and Control and resupply.

o. Close Air Support

(1) Both preplanned and immediate air strikes were employed as follows:

(a) Preplanned.

1	Strikes requested	45
2	Strikes approved	31
3	Strikes diverted from 1st Bde	8
4	Strikes diverted to 1st Bde	1
5	Total strikes delivered	24
6	Type aircraft used	
a	F100	50
b	F4C	8
c	A37	14
7	Ordnance	
a	250 GP Bomb	24
b	500 GP Bomb	119
c	750 GP Bomb	59
d	750 lb NAPALM	30
e	Rockets	97
f	20mm	4000 rds

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8 Targets Hit

a VC Base Camp	11
b Troop in contact	6
c LZ Preparation	1
d VC Bunker Complex	1

(b) Immediate

1 Number requested	7
2 Number approved	6
3 Number Diverted to 1st Bde	1

(2) Total number of airstrikes flown 30
and delivered

8. Intelligence:**a. Preoperational Intelligence Information**

(1) Elements of the 1st and 2d Bn of the 274th VC Regt are believed dispersed in the area of operation; it is possible some elements of the 2d Bn are located vic YS1179. The 3rd Bn is unlocated but probably south of Rt 1. LRRP on 1 Dec 67 reported an occupied base camp center of mass vic YS292835. On 8 Dec 67 vic YS308835, LRRP engaged a VC squad dressed in black trousers and light colored shirts armed with AK-47's. A LRRP engaged an unknown size VC force vic YS297832 on 2 Jan 68. Analysis of available intelligence indicate the VC are probably company/platoon locations with center of masses vic YS318845; YS285865; YS270895. (This follows the pattern indicated company locations are separated approximately 150 to 250 meters apart and 2 to 4 kilometers between battalions and regimental Headquarters. II FFORCEV PERINREP 46).

(2) Strengths and Weaknesses:

(a) The 274th Regt is strengthened by its knowledge of the terrain and by its complete control of the hinter land.

(b) The VC are able to disperse their installations and personnel widely because of the dense concealment offered by dense forested areas, yet concentrate rapidly on a well developed trail system to accomplish a mission.

(c) However, the VC are vulnerable to massive allied fire power. Order of Battle research indicates that the estimated strength of the 1st Bn, 274th VC Regt is 300. According to PW's captured by the FROAR, the strength of the 1st Bn, 274th Regt is approximately 150. If the regiment has been in the Hat Dich since August, malaria has probably weakened a high percentage of personnel. The rigors of jungle living are not generous and morale is probably low, making the enemy vulnerable to an aggressive PSYOPS Program.

b. Enemy Capabilities:**(1) The enemy can:**

(a) Attack friendly forces entering the area with elements of 2 battalions supported by the appropriate share of Regimental Artillery and 81/82mm mortars.

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(b) Reinforce within 24 - 36 hours with the D445 Bn and 3rd Bn, 274th Regt.

(c) Defend critical base areas with available forces.

(d) Avoid contact with friendly units yet remain in the area of operation.

(e) Attempt to withdraw from the area of operations.

(2) Analysis and Discussion:

(a) Attack: with forces available is unlikely because the concentration of force necessary to attack would present a lucrative target to artillery and airstrikes. An attack is unlikely to occur unless friendly forces present a target of opportunity in a vulnerable location: ie, an isolated company/platoon position. The attack would probably commence between 2400H and 0200H as a night assault against a perimeter.

(b) Reinforce: Historically, reinforcement of engaged units with other VC forces in the area is unlikely and is not practiced.

(c) Defense: Other than delay or harassment is not likely because of the vulnerability to massed artillery fires and close airstrikes. If trapped or threatened by encirclement the VC will attempt to break out by night assault between 2400 and 0300H.

(d) Withdraw: to the east or northeast.

c. Conclusions: The VC will use harassing attacks, mines and booby traps to delay reconnaissance in force operations and avoid significant contact with US units in the area.

d. Weather and Terrain: During the operation, weather had no significant impact on military operations. Terrain hampered friendly movement and made maneuverability difficult. The trails cleared by the engineers throughout the area, alleviated the situation considerably, especially for mechanized and cavalry units.

e. Significant Events

(1) 110850 A/2-47 vic YS240954, destroyed 1 homemade mine rigged for either command or pressure detonation.

(2) 110905 A/2-47 vic YS230654, APC detonated 1 pressure type mine, consisting of 4 x 81mm mortar rounds. Only one round detonated and the remaining 3 were destroyed in place. There were no casualties or damage.

(3) 111100 2-39, moving into FSB NAIL vic YS272806, received 1 round RPG fire. Fire was returned with SA fire. Negative US casualties, area was searched without results.

(4) 111207 B/2-39, vic YS280837, made contact with estimated 12 VC. SA and AW was exchanged; VC broke contact at 1213H and withdrew east. Results: 1 US WIA (dust off complete at 1350 hrs). VC losses unknown.

(5) 111230 C/2-47 vic YS 244658, destroyed 3 x 81mm mortar rounds, possibly rigged as booby traps.

(6) 111300 B/2-47 vic YS 297817, destroyed 5 x 82mm mortar rds rigged as land mines.

(7) 111437 B/2-39 vic YS 278836, destroyed 1 bunker approx 20 days old and destroyed 1 latrine.

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(8) 111505 A/2-47 found 3 spider holes approx 18" wide and 3 1/2' deep. Also found 20 meters of trench. All were old and caved in. Found vic YS2508876.

(9) 111550 B/2-39 vic YS230838, found a well used trail running east to west. Searched area without results.

(10) 111605 B/2-39 vic YS287840, received 20 rounds SA fire from estimated 5-6 VC. Fire was returned and VC broke contact at 1607H. Results: 2 US WIA (one required dust off; complete at 1731H). VC losses unknown.

(11) 112000 C/2-47 vic YS277870, received SA fire from estimated 4 VC. Returned fire and VC broke contact at 2003H, and withdrew south. There was 1 US WIA (slight) and VC losses unknown.

(12) 122130 B/2-39 vic YS282838, received estimated 40 rounds unknown caliber mortar fire and ground attack from an unknown number of VC. Artillery, LFT, and Spooky supported. Mortars ceased at 2234H and were receiving SA and ground attack. VC broke contact at 0010H. At 0248H began receiving SA fire and ground attack from all sides. Artillery and Spooky supported. VC broke contact at 0610H. Results: 46 US WIA of which 31 required dust off, 2 Scout dogs killed.

(13) 120900 2-39 report B/2-47 vic YS279837, destroyed 4 bunkers, and evacuated 500 lbs of rice.

(14) 120910 2-39 report B/2-47 vic YS299839, found a battalion size base camp consisting of 55 bunkers with overhead cover. Also found a VC aid station containing medical supplies, bloody bandages, misc documents, and 1000 lbs of rice, 12 mortar rounds, 12 grenades. Documents and rice evacuated and remainder destroyed.

(15) 121408 A/2-39 vic YS284842, engaged 3 VC with SA fire, resulting in 2 VC KIA (BC), 1 AK-47 and 1 M-79 captured and evacuated to 2-39 CP.

(16) 121435 D/3-5 Cav ARP vic YS291892, engaged 3 VC carrying materials dressed in black pajamas, resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC).

(17) 121640 C/2-39 vic YS279837, evacuated 300 lbs of rice.

(18) 121036 (DELAYED ENTRY) 1st Bde Avn Section reported OH-23 vic YS280835, received unknown rounds SA fire from unknown number of VC. Fire was not returned. There were no hits and speed and altitude unknown.

(19) 130755 LNO 1-11th Arty vic YS272873, UH1D received unknown number of rounds SA from unknown number of VC. Fire was returned; the ship took no hits, speed and altitude unknown.

(20) 131050 B/2-39 vic YS280837, found and evacuated 2 AK-47's, SN 8407455; SN; 8410205.

(21) 131245 A/2-39 vic YS299838, found 1 VC KIA (BC); VC was killed by artillery and was dead approximately 36 hours.

(22) 131255 A/2-39 vic YS272837, destroyed 1 x 155mm WP dud, and evacuated 500 rounds AK-47 ammo, to 2-39 CP.

(23) 131325 S4/2-47 vic YS257863, received 6 rounds RPG fire from south of trace and 18 rounds SA fire from north of trace. Fire was returned with organic weapons. There were no US casualties or damage; VC losses unknown.

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(24) 131335 1st Bde Avn Section vic YS265867, while flying at 60 - 70 knots, at 100 feet, received unknown number rounds SA fire. Aircraft received unknown number of hits which broke bubble and forced to land and PS/PB HAMMER and was extracted.

(25) 131330 A/2-39 vic YS284839, engaged an estimated 1 VC force in regimental size base camp. VC were armed with RPG's and AK-47's. VC broke contact at 1413H. A/2-39 pursued VC and reestablished contact at 1429H with an estimated VC squad. C/2-39 linked up with A/2-39 and engaged unknown size VC force. VC broke contact at 1600H. There were 15 US WIA, 2 US KIA, and 5 VC KIA (BC).

(26) 131410 Recon/2-47 vic YS274866 to YS271849 destroyed 1 new bunker and 1 tunnel (8'x6'x6') and YS274866, destroyed 10 tunnels; 15 x 1 man fox holes. 5 pair black pyramas and 5 ponchos.

(27) 131448 Recon/2-47 vic YS205849, apprehended 2 male detainees, who were interrogated and released as innocent civilians.

(28) 141157 B/2-39 vic YS287837, while searching bunker complex found 3 VC bodies, also B/2-47 in same area found 11 VC bodies, Results: 4 VC KIA (BC).

(29) 142120 A/2-39 vic YS287837, found bunker complex consisting of 55 bunkers and in complex found the following: 4 R rounds; 2 RPG-2's; 27 Chicom grenades; 4 AK-47 clips; 28 x 81mm mortar rounds; 60 x 60mm mortar rounds; 60 x 60mm mortar fuzes; 67 x 60mm mortar rounds; 5 RPG propellant charges; 1 US TA 312; 1 US clay ore; 1 x 60mm mortar tube SN: 73073 12 with bi-pod; 2000 lbs of rice; 3000 rounds of assorted small arms ammo and 15 lbs of documents.

(30) 150930 FAC report vic YS319839, received SA fire. Fire not returned; speed and altitude unknown; negative hits.

(31) 150935 2-39 report B/2-47 vic YS287838, found 5 VC bodies lying on the ground. There were no unit ID or weapons on the bodies. 5 VC KIA (BC).

(32) 151107 A/2-39 vic YS287838, destroyed 25 bunkers which appeared to be living quarters. Evacuated 6 x 81mm mortar rounds.

(33) 151130 2-39 report B/2-47 destroyed 1 mine which consisted of 10 lbs TNT vic YS289845.

(34) 151143 C/2-39 vic YS287836, found 20 bunkers, 1 RPG-RI, and unknown amount of AK-47 ammo. Also vic YS292842, C/2-39 found 600 lbs of rice and many bloody trails. Bunker area had firing tables for mortars and contained a firing range. The bunkers were destroyed and the remainder evacuated to 2-39 CP. Also in same area found a document which identified the 1st Co, 1st Bn, 274th VC Regt.

(35) 151217 C/2-39 vic YS287838, received unknown rounds SA fire and 1 grenade from unknown number of VC. Fire was returned with or anti weapons and VC broke contact at 1220H. There was 1 US TIA (slight); C losses unknown. Captured 100 lbs medical supplies varying from powders to liquids, which were evacuated.

(36) 151334 2-39 report B/2-47 vic YS28935, found 4 VC KIA (BC); there were no weapons or documents on the bodies.

(37) Recon/2-47 vic YS271876, reported H1D received 15 rounds AW fire from 1 VC sniper. Engaged sniper with 50 cal and mortar. Search 1 area without results.

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(38) 151605 C/2-39 vic YS287838, found 3 VC graves containing 3 VC killed by schrapnel. Results: 3 VC KIA (BC).

(39) 151655 2-39 report UH1D vic YS289840, was forced down by VC sniper fire. There were no US casualties and extent of damage unknown.

(40) 160906 Recon/2-47 vic YS270875, had contact with 7 VC. VC broke contact at 1047H and fled northeast. Artillery was fired into the area and a sweep conducted which resulted in 2 VC KIA (BC) and 1 RPG charge captured. There were no US casualties.

(41) 161200 A/2-47 vic YS262865, to YS335875, report convoy received 1 RPG round and SA and AW fire from an unknown number of VC. C/2-47 was sent to the area and upon their arrival the VC broke contact and fled. There was 1 US WIA (slight); VC losses unknown.

(42) 161200 B/2-39 vic YS305820, guard sighted 1 VC. A patrol was dispatched and searched area without results.

(43) 161327 C/2-39 vic YS294839, destroyed 1 bunker and 1 booby trapped Chicom hand grenade.

(44) 161354 A/2-39 vic YS292839, found 11 bags of rice (1100 lbs), 2 RPG rounds, and misc documents. Rice was in an inaccessible location and upon contacting G2, the rice was destroyed and remainder evacuated to 2-39 CP.

(45) 170250 Recon/2-47 vic YS269871, spotted 3 VC approx 45 meters outside of perimeter. Engaged the VC with a claymore and patrol searched area without results.

(46) 170950 C/2-47 APC vic YS360844, hit 5 x 81mm mortar rounds rigged as pressure detonated land mines. Only 1 round detonated and there were no US casualties and no damage. The remaining rounds were destroyed in place.

(47) 171030 A/2-47 vic YS332844, found 12 old bunkers with old and caved in overhead cover. Bunkers were estimated 1 year old not recently used.

(48) 171130 A/2-39 vic YS313838, destroyed 1 bunker (4'x6'x4') with 2' overhead cover. Bunker was still being worked on.

(49) 171304 A/2-47 vic YS328837, found a VC base camp consisting of 10 bunkers (10'x7'), which appeared to be sleeping quarters and protection from artillery; the camp was used within the past week. In one bunker, found several 50 cal rounds without the powder, numerous "C" Ration cans, 3 anti-personnel mines, 500' wire, 1 Chicom claymore, and 100 rounds M-16 ammo. All were destroyed. At coordinates YS325834, found 49 bunkers of which 2 were (25'x15'x15'), 4 kitchens with assorted pots and pans, and 11 expended AK-47 rounds. All were destroyed.

(50) 171530 Recon/2-47 vic YS268882, found a bunker complex consisting of 30 bunkers (10'x10'x6') with 2' overhead cover. Also reported sniper fire from unknown number of VC. Fire was returned with organic weapons and an airstrike was placed on the base camp with the following results: 10 bunkers destroyed, 12 bunkers damaged, and 100 meters of trench destroyed. There 4 US WIA, 1 US KIA, and 1 WIA required dust off which was complete at 1710H.

(51) 172143 2-47 LP vic YS340870, observed 7 to 10 VC carrying what appeared to be a RR. LP engaged two VC with organic weapons. The VC did not return fire. LP withdrew and patrol searched area at daylight without results.

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(52) 181200 C/2-47 vic YS305877, received 5 - 6 rounds of semi-AW fire. Reconned area with 81mm mortar fire and searched area without results.

(53) 181825 C/2-47 vic YS275885, observed 1 VC moving west. Engaged VC with M-79 fire with unknown results.

(54) 190912 A/2-47 vic YS263872, found a possible LP position, used within the past 24 hours. Also found 8 gun positions (2'x3') without overhead cover. Search of the area revealed a well used trail with 2 unidentified markings, one on a tree and the other along the trail.

(55) 191104 C/2-39 vic YS247903, found a well used trail large enough for ox carts, also found fish trap in the area. Element reconned the area by fire with unknown results.

(56) 191227 A/2-39 vic YS260904, received unknown number of SA fire from unknown number of VC. Fire was returned with SA fire and LFT and artillery supported. VC broke contact at 1250H. Results: 1 US KIA, 1 US WIA, MEDAVAC complete at 1629H. VC losses unknown.

(57) 191340 Recon/2-39 vic YS248902, exhumed 3 graves without results.

(58) 191402 C/2-47 vic YS282894, destroyed 5 bunkers (7'x7'x5').

(59) 191424 A/2-39 vic YS260904, destroyed 5 old bunkers, (4'x8'x5').

(60) 191912 C/2-47 vic YS286895, received 2 - 3 rounds SA fire from unknown number of VC. Fire was returned and searched area without results.

(61) 200855 C/2-39 vic YS262892, made contact with unknown number of VC. VC broke contact immediately. Results: 3 US WIA; all dusted off. Dust off complete at 1002H. VC losses unknown.

(62) 201356 A/2-39 vic YS264887, made contact with 4 - 7 VC. VC armed with AK-47's and Carbines. Contact broke immediately. Searched area and destroyed 1 hut. There were no US casualties; VC losses unknown.

f. Conclusions: Pre-intelligence reports were substantiated by various contacts with the enemy. The two base camps uncovered attested to the fact that the area was used by the VC as an important focal point for their activity. Most probably the area is a coordinating point for logistical operations and troop movements to other areas (RSSZ and Phuoc Tuy Province). This is verified by the construction of the bunkers. The bunkers generally had no firing ports and were very well protected against artillery or airstrikes. The VC also did not engage superior Allied Forces but rather disperse throughout the area and escaped. The attack on B/2-39 on 12 Jan 68 was probably a rear action to cover the withdrawal of the VC units to the west and north, and then north to the northern part of Long Thanh District, across Hwy 1 and into the Cong Thanh District. The action disrupted the VC operations in the area, and especially their ability to launch offensive operations in that area. The VC need space and time to effectively operate. To interfere with either one is to severely limit their activity. The VC will probably return to this area but periodic Allied Offensive efforts will keep them off balance.

9. Mission: The 1st Bde, in close coordination and cooperation with 1st ATF, attacks at 111200H Jan 68 to locate and destroy elements of the 274th VC Main Force Regiment operating in the eastern portion of AO AKRON.

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10. Concept of Operation:

(a) During the period 11-21 Jan 68, the 1st Brigade conducts Operation AKRON V in four phases.

(b) Maneuver:

(1) Phase I - TF 2-39 and TF 2-47 (M) move by air and motor march during the morning of 11 January 68 to assembly areas vic LD in central AO AKRON. TF 2-47 (M) establishes a screening/blocking position along Engineer trail with team 3-5 Cav in eastern AO AKRON on Engineer trail NLT 111200H January 68.

(2) Phase II - At 111200H, TF's 2-47 (M) and 2-39 conduct reconnaissance in force to the east through the morning of 19 January 1968 to locate and destroy elements of the 274th VC Main Force Regiment and other unidentified VC/NVA elements, to sweep objectives to the east in zone and to drive fleeing VC/NVA elements against blocking positions established by 1st ATF and team 3-5 Cav.

(3) Phase III - During the morning of 18 January, the 2-39 Inf is AML extracted and reinserted at Binh Son Airstrip. The Bn conducts reconnaissance in force through the morning of 21 Jan to the southeast to locate and destroy unidentified VC/NVA elements, working toward a blocking position established along the Engr Trail by TF 2-47 Inf (M).

(4) Phase IV - TF 2-47 (M) moves by motor march to AO FINGERS (northeast corner of AO DENVER) for further reconnaissance in force operations. TF 2-39 is AML extracted from Engr Trail and reinserted in AO FINGERS for further reconnaissance in force operations.

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TF 2-47th Inf (M) continued search and destroy opns in zone with Co A and Co C; released OPCON of Co A 2-39th Inf; and retained OPCON of Co A (-) 4-39th Inf and A/3-5th Cav. Co A 2-47th Inf (M) conducted search and destroy opns east to a RON located vic YS300861 with negative VC contact. Co C conducted search and destroy opns east to a RON position vic YS306857 with negative VC contact. Scout platoon continued to secure FSB HAMMER. A/3-5th Cav assisted by Co A (-) 4-39th Inf continued screening opns in zone with negative VC contact.

13 Jan: TF 2-39th Inf continued search and destroy operations east in zone with three Infantry companies and one mechanized Infantry company. Co A conducted S&D opns east in zone. At 1245H, Co A found 1 VC body vic YS270837; VC killed by Arty and estimated been dead for 36 hours. At 1300H, Co A found 500 rounds of AK-47 rifle ammo. vic YS272837. At 1350H, Co A engaged an estimated 15 man VC force armed with AK-47's and RPG's; contact was broken at 1413H. Co A pursued the VC and regained contact at 1429H with an estimated VC squad resulting in 16 US WIA and 1 US KIA; contact was broken at 1605H. Co B 2-39th Inf assisted Co B 2-47th (M) Inf in the destruction of the base camp discovered on 12 Jan 68, then moved east to reinforce Co A vic YS284839. Co C conducted S&D opn east in zone making contact with an unknown size VC force vic YS284839 at 1410H resulting in 1 US WIA and 0 US KIA. Co B 2-47th Inf (M) destroyed the VC base camp discovered on 12 Jan 68; conducted S&D opns east; and reinforces Co A vic YS4839. At 1446H, Co B 2-47th Inf (M) made contact with an unknown size VC force vic YS284839 resulting in 2 US WIA and 1 US KIA. At 1625H, Co A, Co B, Co C and Co B 2-47th Inf (M) swept through the area of contact, discovering 5 VC KIA (body count) and an estimated bn size VC base camp; the elements secured the VC base camp; and RON vic YS284839. Co E continued to secure FSB HAMMER. *(NOTE: DELAYED ENTRY) B Co 2-39th Inf found two rifles on 12 Jan 68 when they swept vic YS282838; weapons had been lost during VC attack. TF 2-47th Inf (M) continued S&D opns in zone with Co A and Co C; retained OPCON of Co A (-) 4-39th Inf and troop A 3-5th Cav. Co A 2-47th Inf (M) conducted S&D opns east in zone. At 0724H Co A received 1 round from an unknown size VC force vic YS286884 resulting in one US slightly wounded and negative damage to US equipment. Co A RON vic YS306861. Co B 2-47th Inf (M) remained OPCON to TF 2-39th Inf. Co C conducted S&D opns east in zone and returned to RON vic YS306861 with negative VC contact. A troop 3-5th Cav assisted by Co A (-) 4-39th Inf continued screening opns in zone with negative results. Recon Flat continued to secure TF 2-47th Inf (M) CP/FSB HAMMER and conducted local patrolling. At 1316H, Recon Flat discovered VC position vic YS274866 and YS271849. There were ten protective underground positions, 8'x6'x6' long; 15 each one man spider holes; there were fresh foot prints in the area. In the area, Recon Platoon captured 5 pair of VC black pajama type uniforms and 5 VC ponchos. At 1448H Recon Flat detained two RVN nationals vic YS273866; the detainees were interrogated and released. At 0755H, a UH1D, while landing at FSB HAMMER, received small arms fire and automatic weapons fire vic YS272823; there were negative US casualties and negative US equipment damage. At 1330H, an OH-23 received several rounds small arms fire southwest of FSB HAMMER, resulting in a damaged cockpit. At 1255H, TF 2-47th Inf (M) resupply convoy received 6 rounds of RPG fire and an estimated 18 rounds of small arms fire vic YS257-863. There were negative US casualties and negative US equipment damage.

14 Jan: TF 2-39th Infantry continued to exploit the area of contact on 13 January by searching and destroying within the VC base camp area located vic YS287837. The VC base camp area was linear in design and contained 55 protective bunkers connected by a defensive type trench system. The bunkers were constructed eight feet long, six feet wide, and five feet deep with an average of two and one half feet of overhead cover. The bunkers were estimated to have been built for six months, however, there

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11. EXECUTION:

11 Jan: TF 2-39th Inf conducted airmobile assaults on LZ SCREW-DRIVER vic YS223834 with A Company and B Company commencing 110658H. BN HQ, Co E, A Btry 1-11th Arty, and Co B 2-47th Inf (M) conducted motor march from Camp Martin Cox along RVN Route #15 to FSB BROWN vic YS225804 displacing to and closing FSB NAILS vic YS275804 at 1400H. Co A, upon securing LZ SCREWDRIVER, conducted S&D opns, north and became OPCON to 2-47th Inf (M). Co B, upon insertion at LZ SCREWDRIVER, conducted S&D opns east at 1209H. Co B engaged 12 VC at YS280837 with SA and AW fire; there were 1 US KIA (dusted off at 1350H) and negative VC casualties. Co B, at 1437H, discovered and destroyed one VC bunker 1 1/2 meters deep x 2 meters long x 1 meter wide located vic YS178836. Co B, at 2133H vic YS282838, came under mortar attack; 2210H received ground attack from all directions with heaviest attack coming from NE; mortar attack also continuing; 2330H elements report VC massing fires from NE. US casualties and VC casualties unknown as of 2330H. Co B supported by LFT, Arty and USAF Dragon Ships. Co B engaged an estimated force of 6 VC at 1605H located vic YS238240; there were two US KIA (one dusted off at 1731H) and negative VC casualties. Co C, upon securing LZ SAW, conducted S&D opns northeast with negative contact. Co E and Co B 2-47th Inf (M) secured FSB NAILS; upon entering FSB NAILS at 1105H, the element received one round of RPG fire from an unknown size VC force. The VC were engaged with SA and AW fire; there were negative US or VC casualties. Co B 2-47th Inf (M), at 1300H, found and destroyed one VC mine consisting of 5 each 82mm HE mortar rounds vic YS297817. TF 2-47th Inf (M) conducted motor march from Camp Martin Cox along RVN Route #15 to FSB GREEN vic YS-200835 commencing 110516H with BN HQ, Co A (-), Co C and B Battery 1-11th Arty. Upon securing FSB GREEN, the Bn conducted S&D opn east to FSB HAMMER located vic YS267872. Co A discovered and destroyed 1 mine with dual Detonation System (command & pressure) at 0855H vic YS240854. Co A also detonated a mine consisting of 4 each 82mm HE rnds by running over it with a M113 APC at 0905H vic YS280846; there were negative US casualties and negative damage to the APC. Co B OPCON to TF 2-39th Inf. Co C at 1250H, found and destroyed a VC mine consisting of 3 each 81mm HE mortar rounds vic YS297817, secured and patrolled vic FSB HAMMER. Co A (-) 4-39th Inf conducted an airmobile assault into LZ PLIERS vic YS341871 and became OPCON to A/3-5th Cav. A/3-5th Cav conducted motor march from Xuan Loc to vic LZ PLIERS; secured LZ PLIERS; assumed OPCON Co A (-) 4-39th Inf; screened in zone and became OPCON to TF 2-47th Inf (M). Scout Platoon secured 2-47th Inf HQ with negative VC contact.

12 Jan: TF 2-39th Inf continued search and destroy operations in zone with Co B and Co C; regained OPCON of Co A 2-39th Inf from TF 2-47th Inf (M); conducted an airmobile assault into LZ SCREWDRIVER (YS223834) with Co B 2-47th Inf (M); and secured FSB NAIL with Co E. Co A 2-39th Inf conducted search and destroy opn south from their RON position commencing 0730H to link up with Co B 2-39th Inf at YS282838. At 1425H, Co A engaged three VC vic YS284842 resulting in negative US casualties and two VC KIA (body count), one AK-47 rifle and one M79 grenade launcher. Co B 2-39th Inf (NOTE: Continued from 1st Bde SITREP Period 110001H-112400H Jan 68) reported that VC had broken contact at 0010H. At 0248H, VC commenced second attack against Co B, breaking contact at 0610H. Co B sustained 46 US KIA (31 dusted off) and negative US KIA. There were negative VC casualties. Co C conducted search and destroy opns north to link up with Co B 2-39th Inf vic YS282838. At 1645H, Co C found 800 lbs of rice vic YS279837. Co B 2-47th Inf (M) conducted airmobile assault on LZ SCREWDRIVER and conducted search and destroy operations east to link up with Co B 2-39th Inf. At 0900H Co B discovered a VC base camp with 55 bunkers vic YS279837 and captured 12 mortar rounds, 12 hand grenades, and 1000 lbs of rice. Aero Scts D/3-5th Cav, while supporting TF 2-39th Inf engaged 3 VC at 1435H vic YS291871 resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC).

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was evidence of recent repair and construction. During the search of the base camp area there was a total of 14 VC KIA found in graves and 2 VC KIA found hanging in trees. The following are items of VC equipment found in the base camp: one combat servicable 60mm mortar, 3,000 rounds of 7.62mm ammunition, 3,200 lbs of rice, 4 lbs of salt, 5 lbs dried shrimp, 5 gal soy-bean oil, 1 package of medicine, 5 lbs of documents, 4 RPG rounds, 2 RPG launchers, 25 Chicom grenades, 4 AK-47 magazines, 28 US 81mm mortar rounds, 67 60mm mortar fuses, 5 RPG propellant charges, 1 TA312 telephone, 1 US type claymore mine, and 3 pick mallets. All elements reported finding evidence of a hasty withdrawal of the VC forces. There were numerous articles of bloody clothing found in the base camp area and several improvised stretchers containing blood stains. A thorough debriefing of unit commanders and element leaders determined through eye witness reports that a minimum of 31 VC were killed or wounded during the contact within the VC base camp area. Companies A, B, and C 2-39th Inf and Co B 2-47th Inf (M) remained over night vic YS-289840. Co E continued to secure TF 2-39th Inf CP/FSB NAILS. TF 2-39th Inf was supported with one airstrike vic YS297836 resulting in 4 VC bunkers destroyed, 20 meters of trench destroyed, and 10 VC bunkers damaged. Resupply of the elements operating within the VC base camp area was accomplished by the 1st Bde Aviation section utilizing two OH-23 helicopters. Due to the dense jungle area and time factor only an LZ large enough to land an OH-23 could be cleared. The 1st Bde Aviation Section flew 154 sorties in 14 hours carrying 79 passengers and 33,300 lbs of equipment and supplies. The OH-23 carried in supplies and passengers and back-hauled captured VC equipment and supplies. TF 2-47th Inf (M) conducted search and destroy operations southwest along the ridge line (vic YS306857 to vic YS295845). Co A swept south to vic YS300847 with negative VC contact. A troop 3-5th Cav swept southwest to vic YS307850 receiving sniper fire at 1145H from an unknown size VC force vic YS378867; the element returned fire resulting in negative US casualties and unknown VC casualties. Co A (-) 4-39th Inf continued to maintain screening/blocking positions along the Engr Trail on the northern boundary of the AO. At 1145H an element of A troop escorting the AVIS to a crossing site vic YS346877 received an RPG, small arms and automatic weapons fire; the element returned fire resulting in two US WIA (2 dusted off) and one M113 destroyed. VC casualties were unknown. At 1525H, A troop reported finding a partially destroyed and unservicable Mauser Rifle Model 92 vic YS-327877. Recon Platoon 2-47th Inf (M) continued to secure TF 2-47th CP/FSB HAMMER, provided security for resupply convoy, and supported by Engr squad, returned and destroyed 10 bunkers discovered on 13 Jan, vic YS271849.

15 Jan: TF 2-39th Inf continued Opn AKRON V. The TF continued to explore and destroy the large bunker complex discovered vic YS287837 and conducted search and destroy ops in zone. Co A and Co C continued to search and destroy vic of the VC base camp area. There were an additional 45 bunkers found in the area for an accumulative total of 100 bunkers found and searched in the base camp area. The following VC equipment and supplies were discovered: 1 RPG launcher, 2 hand grenades, 6 81mm mortar rounds, 339 rounds of AK-47 small arms, 600 lbs of rice, 100 lbs of medical supplies, 2 lbs of documents. There were also several blood trails and 5 VC KIA (body count) were found. The VC had been killed by small arms fire and were discovered unburied. At 1210H, Co C received small arms fire from an unknown size VC force; fire was returned and the VC broke contact by throwing a hand grenade resulting in one US slightly wounded and one VC KIA (body count). At 1546H, Co C discovered 3 graves vic YS301848 containing 3 VC killed by schrapnel. One VC appeared killed within last 12 hours; other bodies appeared two weeks old. At 1605H, the fourth platoon of Co C engaged one VC near the base camp area with small arms fire, resulting in negative US casualties and unknown VC casualties. Co B 2-47th Inf (M) and Co B 2-39th Inf conducted southwest toward FSB NAILS. At 1055H, Co B 2-47th Inf (M) discovered and destroyed one VC improvised mine consisting of two 105mm HE rounds and two 4.2 HE mortar rounds. At 1334H, Co B 2-47th Inf (M) found four VC bodies stripped of equipment near vic YS292832. The VC had been KIA

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by artillery. TF 2-39th Inf was supported by four preplanned airstrikes; during one airstrike at 0930H vic YS290850, the fighters received ground fire from an unknown size VC force, resulting in negative US casualties and unknown VC casualties. At 1655H, a UH1D (Jayhawk 764) received small arms fire and force landed vic YS284840 resulting in negative US casualties. The crew was extracted at 1727H. Commencing at 1820H, an element from Co B 2-39th Inf was airmobiled from FSB NAILS to vic of downed UH1D to provide security. The UH1D was extracted by a CH-47 at 1845H. Co B commenced airmobile extraction at 1908H and the last sortie landed at FSB NAILS at 1933H. The extraction mission was accomplished without incident. TF 2-37th Inf (M) continued search and destroy operations east in zone. Co C and Co A 2-47th Inf (M) conducted S&D ops east to vic YS335870. At 1050H, Co A discovered 3 VC tunnels vic YS334871; the tunnels were caved in and there was negative signs of recent VC activity. Co B 2-47th Inf (M) remained OFCON to TF 2-39th Inf. At 0859H, Co A (-) 4-39th Inf commenced airmobile extraction from PZ PLIERS YS332874; at 0959H the last sortie departed PZ PLIERS; and Co A (-) returned to the control of TF 4-39th Inf (OPN RILEY) at Camp Martin Cox. Troop A 3-5th Cav was released OFCON from TF 2-47th Inf (M) at 1300H and conducted motor march to Camp Blackhorse. TF 2-47th Inf (M) reported that a UH1D received 15 rounds small arms fire while landing at FSB HAMMER; fire was returned with 50 cal machine gun and mortar fire. There were negative US casualties or equipment damage. Recon Platoon 2-47th Inf (M) sighted 1 VC at 1400H vic YS268873. The VC was pursued for several hundred meters with negative results.

16 Jan: TF 2-39th Inf completed searching the bunker complex and continued search and destroy operations in zone. Co A assisted by Co C completed the search of the bunker area and swept east from the bunker complex commencing at 1215H. Co A discovered a cache of 1,100 lbs of rice, two RFG rounds and one lb of documents at 1354H vic YS292839. It was necessary to destroy the rice cache because the thick tripple canopy jungle prevented cutting of a LZ and the area to which the rice would have to be carried for evacuation would have prevented the element from accomplishing a thorough sweep of their objective area. Co B 2-39th Inf conducted a sweep north of FSB NAILS and returned to remain over night. Co C assisted Co A in the complete search of the base camp area and then swept east to remain over night with Co A vic YS303835. Co C reported finding one VC booby trapped chicom grenade and one VC bunker at 1317H vic YS293839. The bunker and grenade were destroyed. Co B 2-47th Inf (M) (OFCON to TF 2-39) conducted S&D operations northeast from FSB NAILS to vic YS317830 and returned to FSB NAILS to remain over night. At 1155H an outpost from Co B spotted 2 VC and engaged them with small arms fire vic YS305820. The outpost pursued the VC for several hundred meters resulting in negative US casualties and VC casualties unknown. Co E continued to secure FSB NAILS. TF 2-47th Inf (M) conducted S&D ops to the south with Co A and Co C to vic of LZ FILE YS287810. Co A commenced its sweeping operation south at 0902H. At 1128H, vic YS335875, Co A was unsuccessfully attacked by a VC ambush. The ambush was initiated by the VC firing an RFG at the rear of the lead M113 APC. The RFG missed the M113, exploded and caused only minor dents and scratches to the rear of the M113. Fire was returned by Co A and Co C moved from vic LZ PLIERS to reinforce Co A. Enroute Co C also received RFG and small arms fire. Co C arrived at the ambush site at 1131H, engaging the VC with small arms, automatic weapons and 50 cal machine gun fire causing the VC to break contact and flee to the west. The results of the contact were 2 US slightly wounded (treated by medic and released) and VC casualties were unknown. At 1407H, Co A found and destroyed 3 105mm Arty rounds. At 1125, TF 2-47th Inf (M) resupply convoy enroute to FSB HAMMER and escorted by Recon platoon (-), received small arms fire vic YS262865; fire was returned and the VC broke contact. There were negative US casualties; VC casualties were unknown. At 1045H, a patrol from Recon platoon made contact with 7 VC, engaging them with small arms fire vic YS270875. The VC broke contact and fled to the northeast. Artillery was fired into the area and at 1125H, Recon platoon (-) joined the patrol with combat tracker teams and

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pursued the VC. Debriefing of the patrol concluded that there were two VC seen hit by small arms fire, however, a search of the area revealed only blood trails.

17 Jan: TF 2-39th Inf continued to conduct search and destroy operations east in zone. Co A followed by Co C (RRF) conducted a sweep east from vic YS303835 to clear objective vic YS314836. At 1145H, Co A found and destroyed one bunker vic YS313833 and at 1327H vic YS315837 destroyed 3 bunkers. Co A and Co C remained over night vic YS312822. Co B conducted search and destroy operations northeast of FSB NAILS to vic YS294827 and returned to FSB NAILS with negative VC contact and remained over night. Co E continued to provide security for FSB NAILS. Co B 2-47th Inf (M) (OPCON to TF 2-39th Inf) conducted search and destroy operations northeast to vic YS294827 and returned to FSB NAILS with negative VC contact and remained over night. TF 2-47th Inf (M) continued to conduct search and destroy operations west and southwest in zone. Co A and Co C conducted search and destroy ops southwest from their night location to vic YS325884 at 0955H. Co C's point M113 hit an improvised 81mm mortar HE pressure detonated mine vic YS338845. There were negative casualties or equipment damage. At 1020H Co A found and destroyed three VC bunkers vic YS332844. At 1145H, Co A found and destroyed a VC base camp containing 10 bunkers vic YS328837. Also found in the VC base camp were expended 50 cal brass, C-ration cans, three anti-personnel mines, a Chicom claymore mine, and 100 rounds of 5.56 M16 small arms ammo. At 1430H, Co C discovered a VC base camp containing 49 bunkers vic YS325834, ten were new and the others old and unserviceable. The ten new bunkers were destroyed. The following equipment and supplies were found in the base camp area: 3 kitchens with pots and pans; 1 expended round of AK-47 ammo and 10 rounds of unexpended AK-47 small arms ammo. At 1530H a patrol from Recon platoon made contact with an unknown size VC force in a VC base camp located vic YS268882. In the ensuing fire fight the patrol sustained one KIA, one WIA dusted off, and three WIA with minor wounds (treated and returned to duty). Artillery fire and an immediate air strike were placed on the base camp resulting in 10 bunkers destroyed, 12 bunkers damaged and two hundred meters of trench destroyed.

18 Jan: TF 2-39th Inf initiated Phase III of Opn AKRON V by conducting an airmobile assault on the BINH SON air strip (YS429916) and conducted search and destroy ops south in zone. Co A spear-headed the assault, lifting off from LZ vic YS312822 at 0804H, followed by Co B 2-39th Inf and Co C. Co C completed the airmobile assault at 1140H. Upon securing the LZ, Co A, Co B and Co C with Recon platoon attached swept south in zone and established a three company night location vic YS247907. Co B, 2-47th Inf (M) secured the PZ for Co A, Co B and Co C; provided security for the motor movement of TF 2-39th Inf (-) from FSB NAILS to FSB GREY (YS212937). Co B was returned to the control of TF 2-47th Inf (M) at 1340H. Upon being released from OPCON TF 2-39th Inf, Co B established a night location at LONG THANH (YS138921) and provided one platoon security force for the 8 inch Arty Battery located vic YS137918. Co B assumed the mission of rapid reaction force for the defense of LONG THANH RF/FP outpost. TF 2-47th Inf (M) initiated phase III OPN AKRON V establishing blocking positions along the Engineer Trail from vic YS260860 to YS290888. Co A and Co C departed their night location at 0817H. Co A established blocking positions west of FSB HAMMER, screened and conducted roadrunner ops in zone. Co C established blocking positions along the Engineer trail vic YS290890 west to vic YS282-885. At 1200H, Co C reported receiving 5 to 6 rounds of semi-automatic small arms fire from a sniper vic YS290890. Co C returned fire with small arms, automatic weapons and 81mm mortar. There were negative US casualties and VC casualties were unknown. At 1825H, Co C engaged one VC vic YS275885, with M79 and small arms fire resulting in negative US casualties; VC casualties were unknown. Recon platoon, TF 2-47th Inf (M) conducted local patrols north of FSB HAMMER and provided convoy security between Hwy 15 and FSB HAMMER. Co A and Co C remained overnight in their blocking positions. At 1305H, vic FSB HAMMER an OH-23 received 2 rounds of small arms fire. There were negative equipment damage or casualties.

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19 Jan: TF 2-39th Inf continued OPN AKRON V, Phase III conducting search and destroy ops south in zone with Co A, Co B and Co C with Recon platoon attached. At 1227H, Co C made contact with an estimated 4-5 VC vic YS260904. Co A engaged the VC with small arms, automatic weapons, and was supported by artillery. There was one KIA and one US WIA (MEDEVAC); VC casualties were unknown. At 1320H, Co A found and destroyed five VC bunkers vic YS260904. Co C found and destroyed ten bunkers vic YS248902. Co C found and destroyed ten bunkers vic YS248902, and discovered the following items of equipment: 1 pair of US Army boots, small arms ammo, medical supplies, women's clothing and a small amount of documents. TF 2-39th Inf Headquarters and CP remained at FSB GREY (BINH SON). TF 2-47th Inf (M) continued Phase III, OPN AKRON V blocking in zone with Co A and Co C, maintained Co B at Long Thanh (YS138918) as a rapid reaction force to assist in the defense of RF/FF outposts vic Long Thanh; Recon platoon patrolled locally vic FSE HAMMER, and provided roadrunners and convoy security between RVN route 15 and FSB HAMMER. At 0912H, Co A found and destroyed a VC position containing 8 bunkers without overhead cover. Co C found and destroyed 5 bunkers vic YS282894 at 1442H.

20 Jan: TF 2-39th Inf continued OPN AKRON V, Phase III conducting search and destroy ops south in zone with Companies A, B & C. At 0855H, Co A engaged an unknown size VC force with small arms and automatic weapons fire vic YS262892. Co A was supported by artillery fire and an airstrike. There were two US WIA and VC casualties were unknown. Co C received automatic weapons fire (AK-47) and carbine fire at 1356H from an estimated force of seven VC. Co C returned fire immediately with small arms and automatic weapons fire causing the VC to flee the area, artillery was placed to block the escape route of the VC, however a sweep of the area revealed only blood trails and one VC structure which Co C destroyed. TF 2-39th Inf completed their sweep at 1658H and moved through TF 2-47th Inf (M) blocking positions and remained overnight at vic YS277890. TF 2-47th Inf (M) continued to screen and block in zone with Co A and Recon Platoon. Co B remained at Long Thanh (YS138918) providing a rapid reaction force for the defense of RF/FF outposts in the vic of Long Thanh. Co B released one platoon to OPCON 199th Light Infantry Brigade at 1600H. Co C was released OPCON to TF 4-39th Inf at 1005H.

21 Jan: TF 2-39th Inf completed OPN AKRON V with the airmobile extraction from AO AKRON. Co A, Co B and Co C were extracted from PZ vic YS277890 utilizing one airmobile helicopter company. The extraction commenced at 0816H and terminated at 1048H. Bn Hq was extracted from FSB GREY commencing at 1110H using CH-47 helicopters and was completed at 1250H. Co E was extracted from a PZ vic YS277890 commencing at 1300H utilizing CH-47 helicopters and terminating at 1505H. TF 2-47th Inf (M) completed OPN AKRON V conducting a motorized withdrawal from AO AKRON with the Bn Hq and Co A commencing at 0845H. Recon platoon secured the PZ for TF 2-39th Inf and withdrew upon the completed extraction. The last element of TF 2-47th Inf (M) cleared AO AKRON at 1400H.

12. RESULTS:

a. Enemy Losses

(1) Enemy Personnel Losses:	VC KIA (BC)	57
	VC POW	0
	Chieu Hoi	0
	Detainees	0

(2) Equipment Captured:

a. Weapons: 4 AK-47s; 1 M-79; 1 60mm mortar; 4 RPG Rocket Launchers; 2 M-16s.

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(b) Ammunition: Mortar rounds: 119; Small Arms ammo: 4:00;
Mines: 1; RPG-2 rounds: 14; Claymore: 1.

(c) Foodstuffs: Rice: 12,950; Dried Shrimp: 25 lbs; Fish: 5
lbs; Candy: 10 lbs; Rock Sugar: 15 lbs.

(d) Medical Supplies: 121 lbs

(e) Communications: 1 TA 312

(f) Documents: 49 lbs; 1 Map (hand Drawn)

(g) Clothing: 50 lbs

(3) Items Destroyed: 198 bunkers and 15 mortar rounds.

b. Friendly Losses

(1) Personnel:

(a) KIA 5

(b) WIA 67

(c) NB 4

(2) Equipment: None

13. Administration

a. The administration planning of Operation AKRON III proved to be sound, and the logistical combat service support was effective throughout the period of operation. The logistical support, Class I - IV was supplied directly from distribution points of 9th S&T Bn, Bearcat (XT151009). Class V was distributed direct from 3rd Ord Bn, Long Binh, ASP. Land Loc was HWY QL15 and 320. Aerial resupply by UH1D and CH-47 aircrafts was utilized for tactical ground units inaccessible by existing road nets.

b. Supply

(1) Class I point, 9th S&T Bn (Bearcat) issued during period of operation:

<u>"A" Ration</u>	<u>"B" Ration</u>	<u>"C" Ration</u>	<u>Sundry Packs</u>
4146	0	34,796	82
<u>LRRP Rations</u>	<u>Potable Ice (lb)</u>	<u>Sterilized Milk (cases)</u>	
197	364,000	490	

Units remained on a ration cycle C-C-C for most of the operation without noted discrepancies.

(2) Class II and IV:

(a) Class II requisitions were handled by the rear detachments who maintained radio communications with forward locations.

(b) All other items of an urgent nature were flown directly to requesting unit on as needed basis by rear detachment personnel.

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(c) Class IV barrier material issued during period of operation included 444 Engineer stakes, 32,000 snadbags, and 6 bundles of concertina barbed wire.

(3) Class III and IIIA

(a) Class III dispensing point, Bearcat Base Camp issued during period:

MOGAS	DEISEL	AVGAS	JP-4	OIL/LUBRICATION
6868 gal	8044 gal	1717	0	805 gals, 401 lbs

(b) Class III was delivered forward, by organic unit 1200 gal tankers, 500 gallon collapsible bladders, 55 gallon fuel cans.

(4) Class V.

(a) Expenditure of class V by all units, remained within the limit of the 9th Division ASR.

(b) No shortage of any type ammunition occurred during the period of operation.

(c) Ammunition expenditures by type and quantities during the period of operations are as follows.

TYPE	TOTAL ROUNDS EXPENDED
5.56mm Ball/Tracers	174,076
7.62mm Ball/Tracers	1,820
7.62mm Link	64,000
40mmGL,HE	4,354
40mm Cannister	134
45 Cal Ball	2,990
90mm HE RR	4
81mm HE	1,068
81mm Ill.	63
4.2 HE	1,334
4.2 Ill.	487
4.2 WP	130
4.2 CS Experimental	90
105 HE	8,305
105 Ill.	211
105 WP	539
Pyrotechnics (All types)	987
Fragmentary Grenades	356
WP Grenades	32
C4	1,700 lbs
Dynamite	750 lbs
Crater Chg.	40 lbs
Shapes Chg.	40 lbs
Non Electric Caps	300 each
Time Fuse	1,000 feet
Det. Cord	10,000 feet
Time Fuze Igniter	300 each

c. Maintenance

(1) Company C, 709th Maint Bn and Hq & A Co 709th Maint Bn received the following job orders in direct support of all battalions and separate companies.

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Wheel	Track	Signal	Small Arms	Chemical	Fuz/Elect.	Instrument
18	10	58	0	6	5	3

(2) Recovery operations performed upon request of supported units totaled none.

d. Medical Evacuation and Hospitalization

(1) Patient categories handled by Co B 9th Med Bn were as follows:

DRHA	IRHA	NBE	DIS	EVAC	DUSTOFF
10	2	4	0	0	6

(2) Dustoff procedures and medical evacuation of slightly wounded personnel was deemed fully adequate.

e. Transportation

(1) Army Aviation Helicopters were utilized to air lift class of supply from Bearcat to forward areas as follows:

	OH23	UH1D	CH47
<u>Sorties</u>	439	142	23
<u>Weight</u>	50,000 lbs	186,700 lbs	156,000 lbs

f. Services

(1) Unit water trailers were slung airlifted and extracted on a daily basis by CH47.

(2) Metal and plastic 5 gallon containers were utilized during the operation.

(3) Non-potable water sources in forward areas were purified on an individual basis by the use of iodine/chlorine tablets.

g. Graves Registration: GR support was provided by the 9th S&T Battalion located at Bearcat.

14. Civic Actions/Psychological Operations: There were no civic action projects conducted that were directly related to Operation AKRON V. During Operation AKRON V, the PSYOP Team, through coordination with S-2 and S-3, flew both loudspeaker and leaflet missions in support of the operation. A first was introduced during the operation. This was the use of 105 artillery shells filled with leaflets. There was a total of 667,600 leaflets disseminated during the operation. Of these, 24,000 were dispersed by means of the 105mm artillery rounds. The themes of the leaflets were: Chieu Hoi Mixture, Chieu Hoi Questions, Scare and Power, Allied Power, Safe Conduct Passes and assorted TET leaflets. There were also two special leaflets developed and printed especially for use against the 274th VC Regiment. The loudspeaker unit of the U-10 aircraft was utilized for a total time of four (4) hours and five minutes. The themes of the tapes were taken from the JUSPAO produced stock. These themes fitted well with the situations encountered. However, the team produced one tape in response to intelligence reports of a resupply effort through the village of Ba Ky. The greatest discovery of the operation, in a PSYOP point of view, was the use of 105mm artillery shells. This gives the timely delivery of propaganda on a particular unit, while they are still in contact with our forces. The only drawback to the shells is that they are prepacked with standard Chieu Hoi Leaflets and Safe Conduct Passes. Special situations still require the use of an aircraft. In a number of instances

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the aerial dissemination immediately preceded either an air strike or an artillery barrage. Although not planned, the psychological advantages are tremendous. The leaflets are no sooner on the ground than the attack is upon them. This brings a real sense of credibility to all our propaganda.

15. Commander's Evaluation: Operation AKRON V succeeded in locating and destroying elements of the 274th VC Main Force Regiment as prescribed in the original mission. The absence of the FIRST BRIGADE in AO RILEY, and specifically AO AKRON, during the Operation SANTA FE allowed the VC/NVA elements to improve fortifications, stockpile supplies and move about freely. Troop D, 3-5th Cav performed admirably in their overwatch mission (Operation AKRON IV) and gathered valuable intelligence, but they did not possess the ground troops to curtail VC movements and operations. It was evident from pre-operational intelligence that AO AKRON had been used as a refuge and way station on a major north-south supply route. This route lead from the RUNG SAT Special Zone northeast across Hwy 15 through the HAT DICH area and north across Hwy 1 into War Zone D and it was active during November and December. Movements were also traced east from the HAT DICH area to the MAY TAO Secret Zone. The airmobile and ground assaults of the 2-39th Inf and the 2-47th Inf (M) respectively, and the sweep east toward the 1st ATF/3-5th Cav block, trapped several elements of the 274th Regt. This was verified by the moderately heavy contacts and enemy delaying actions encountered in base camp locations. The contacts succeeded in fragmenting the VC/NVA elements, eliminating several of their coveted base locations, and sharply deterred their plans. The major contributing factors that allowed 1st Brigade elements to close with the enemy were the surprise achieved by the insertion on LZ SCREWDRIVER of an Infantry battalion without preparatory fires and the deliberate late positioning of forces, especially artillery. Should this operation or one of similar characteristics be conducted again a few adjustments could be warranted. With the same number of maneuver elements available it might be advisable to sweep and block a smaller area. Greater concentration would undoubtedly increase the degree of success achieved on this type of operation. Combining Infantry, both US and Australian, Armored Cavalry and Mechanized Infantry, with cross attachments wherever practical, proved to be tactically effective and feasible. Rapport with the 1st ATF was reinforced by close cooperation and coordination during both planning and execution phases. Operation AKRON V contributed much to the further welding of FVMAF. The forces participating in Operation AKRON V did much to accelerate the neutralization of the HAT DICH area as a VC haven.

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