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Headquarters, 4th Battalion, 21st Infantry
Americal Division
APO San Francisco 96217

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15 February 1970

SUBJECT: Combat Operations After Action Report

Commanding Officer
11th Infantry Brigade
Americal Division
APO San Francisco 96217

1. (U) IRON MOUNTAIN PHASE II.
2. (C) DATE OF OPERATION: 11 August 1969 - 31 December 1969.
3. (C) LOCATION OF COMMAND POST: FSB Debbie (BS 875325).
4. (C) COMMAND HEADQUARTERS: 4th Battalion, 21st Infantry.
5. (U) REPORTING OFFICER: Lieutenant Colonel George R. Hovey Johnson.
6. (C) TASK ORGANIZATION:

A/4-21	E/4-21	A/3-1 (OPCON)
B/4-21	HHC/4-21	Sqd/C/26 Engr (OPCON)
C/4-21	E/1st Cav (OPCON)	
D/4-21	A/1/1 Cav (OPCON)	

7. (C) SUPPORTING FORCES:

- a. A Btry 6-11 Arty (DS)
- b. C Co 26th Engr
- c. C Btry (-) 1-82 Arty (GS)
- d. 174th Assault Helicopter Company provided Command and Control ship, helicopter airlift and gunship support.

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- e. 7th United States Air Force provided close air support.
- f. 7th Fleet provided Naval support.
- g. 7th Psychological Operations Battalion provided psychological operational support.
- h. 9th Special Operations Squadron provided Psychological Operations support with aircraft containing broadcasting facilities.
- i. 59th Scout Dog Platoon provided sentry, scout, tracker, tunnel, and mine dogs for special operations.
- j. Regional Force and Popular Force Units.
- k. Provincial Reconnaissance Unit.
- l. National Police Field Forces.

8. (C) INTELLIGENCE: See Annex A.

9. (C) MISSION: 4-21st Infantry conducted operations in assigned AO to secure GVN controlled population centers, support the US/GVN pacification effort, and fix and destroy NVA/VC units and VC Infrastructures.

10. (C) CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS:

a. Maneuver: 4-21st Infantry conducted extensive search and clear operations to find and destroy the enemy, interdict his supply routes in the coastal plains, and to destroy his military structures and fortifications.

b. A/6-11 Arty (DS) provided 105mm support from FSB Debbie, 7th USAF provided preplanned and on call air strikes on known and suspected enemy targets throughout the operation. The 4.2 Mortar Platoon Organic to 4-21st Infantry provided general support to the units in the field from FSB Charlie Brown. C (-) 1-82 Arty provided 155mm support from FSB Debbie.

11. (C) EXECUTION.

11 Aug 69: B Co received 30 to 45 rounds of S/A fire, negative casualties. B Co, C Co and PRU's had 1 NVA KIA. Recon spotted 2 NVA, negative contact. FSB Debbie received S/A fire, negative casualties. Aero Scouts working in 4-21 AO, found bunker complex and spotted 5 to 6 NVA; engaged, results 2 NVA KIA.

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