

b. Operation Narrative:

15 May: Operation LAMAR PLAIN 1-46th Inf commenced with A/1-46 closing on LZ Professional after two days of heavy contact with 5 individuals still listed as MIA. B/1-46 secured the key terrain to the southwest of LZ Prof along the axis of advance of A & Recon/1-46 from their last point of contact (BT 137073) to LZ Professional (BT 173076. C/1-46, which had been employed to reinforce A & Recon/1-46, continued to move in close proximity to those elements during their advance to LZ Professional. Those three elements loggered in close proximity of LZ Professional overnight. D/1-46 continued to secure LZ Professional with one platoon receiving heavy automatic rifle fire from grid BT 181074 along the ridgeline southeast of LZ Prof to grid BT 175069 sustaining negative casualties as they patrolled northeast of LZ Prof. An airstrike was requested in that area with unknown results. LZ Professional received sporadic Recoilless Rifle and 82 MM mortar fire with negative casualties or damage. All aircraft departing or arriving at LZ Prof received 51 caliber MG fire resulting in one chinook shot down and completely destroyed with negative casualties.

16 May: A/1-46 departed their night logger and patrolled to the north with negative incidents. They moved back to take up defensive positions for LZ Prof. B/1-46 remained in negative incidents. C/1-46 departed their night defensive position to set up defensive position in close proximity to A/1-46 with negative incidents. D/1-46 continued to secure LZ Professional reporting that all aircraft in the area were receiving small arms fire with negative casualties. Recon/1-46 continued to aid in the security of LZ Prof.

17 May: A/1-46 Inf remained in location north of LZ Professional with negative incidents. B/1-46 conducted operation south of LZ Prof with negative incidents. C/1-46 conducted RIF operations in a location north of LZ Prof with negative incidents. D/1-46 secured LZ Prof reporting numerous incoming small arms fire and 51 caliber MG fire with negative casualties. One CH-47 and one gunship sustained hits from enemy ground fire resulting in one door gunner slightly wounded.

18 May: A/1-46 Inf remained in location north of LZ Professional with negative significant incidents. B/1-46 conducted operations to the south of LZ Prof in vicinity grid BT 177052, found a tunnel complex and hooch structure. Inside the complex were thirty 82 MM rounds, one M-16 SN 782098, 10 chicom grenades, 2 NVA packs with medical supplies, 2 NVA ponchos, 3 NVA gas masks, 1 bear trap (booby-trapped with a chicom grenade), one AK magazine, 150 rounds AK ammo, 40 rounds M-60 ammo, 50 rounds M-16 ammo, 6 plastic film bags, 3 boxes of spaghetti and sardines, and assorted NVA clothing. Also detained in the vicinity were 4 women and 12 children. C/1-46 remained in location north of LZ Prof with negative significant reports. Recon/1-46 continued to aid in the security of LZ Prof without incidents.

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19 May: A/1-46 remained in location north of LZ Prof with negative incidents. B/1-46 operated south of LZ Professional. At grid BT 178057 Co B found one SKS SN 7062811, two AK-44's SN 1351814 and 3080408, one US M-1 SN 14030, one chicom field phone, fifteen 82 MM rounds, 2 cans black powder, one pair NVA boots, assorted documents, 10 ft claymore wire, 1 box cinnamon. Later vicinity grid BT 177063, B/1-46 found 4 - 5 well prepared bunkers. All were destroyed. C/1-46 remained in location north of LZ Professional with negative incidents reported. D & Recon/1-46 continued to secure LZ Professional with negative incidents.

20 May: A/1-46 remained in location just north of LZ Professional with negative incidents. B/1-46 at BT 179063 found twelve 57 recoilless rifle cannisters. In close proximity at BT 180063 Co B found five bunkers 1 - 3 days old, one 82 MM mortar position, and one 82 MM fuse - All were destroyed. C/1-46 remained in location just north of A/1-46 north of LZ Professional. D & Recon/1-46 continued to secure LZ Professional. LZ Professional received 8 rounds of 60 and 82 MM fire resulting in 2 US KIA and 5 US WIA. Two KIA's and 3 WIA's were from 1-46 arty and the other WIA's (2) were from Recon/1-46. 1-46 C&C received 25 - 30 rounds automatic small arms fire with negative hits or casualties.

21 May: A and C/1-46 closed on LZ Professional at 0820 hours. At 0837 hours, A, C, & D/1-46 conducted a combat assault into grid BT 140070, last PZ 0910 hours and last LZ 0913 hours with all LZ's and PZ's cold. B/1-46 operated to the south of LZ Professional with negative incidents. C/1-46 in close proximity to A/1-46 had negative significant incidents. D/1-46 at 1440 hours grid BT 140068 found one bolt action type weapon SN A8644 wrapped in plastic, also in that vicinity Co D discovered 6 bunkers with overhead cover. All bunkers destroyed. At 1815 hours, grid BT 142078 D/1-46 spotted 20 VC/NVA carrying packs and weapons, called arty, VC/NVA successfully evaded. Recon/1-46 continued to aid in security of LZ Professional. A/1-501 airlifted into LZ Prof and relieved D/1-46 on bunkerline security. LZ Professional received 4 - 5 82 MM mortar rounds with negative casualties or damage. 1-46 C&C took 51 caliber MG fire with negative hits or casualties.

22 May: LZ Professional was hit with approximately 5 rounds of 82 MM mortar at 0615 hours. Friendly casualties were two KIA and 6 WIA. Elements of A, C, and D Companies located the bodies of the 12 individuals who had been carried MIA as a result of the action of 14 May. The bodies were located vicinity BT 132072 and were moved to graves registration at Chu Lai by the battalion command and control helicopter. Co B located an enemy cache at BT 187065 consisting of 9 SKS rifles, two 57 MM recoilless rifle rounds, one 60 MM mortar round, 19 bangalore torpedoes, 42 chicom grenades, and two propaganda tapes. The weapons and tapes were extracted to LZ Professional. Recon platoon continued to assist A/1-501 in security of LZ Professional.

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23 May: A/1-46 operated west of LZ Professional with negative incidents. B/1-46 found a complex of enemy bunkers and mortar positions vicinity BT 183064. Complexes were destroyed by airstrikes. C/1-46 operated southwest of LZ Professional with negative incidents. D/1-46 operated southwest of LZ Professional with negative incidents. Recon/1-46 remained at LZ Professional with A/1-501.

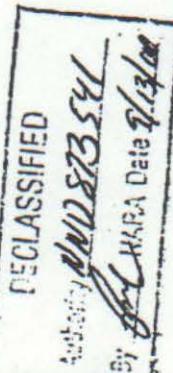
24 May: A/1-46 continued operations to west and north of LZ Professional with negative significant incidents. B/1-46 closed LZ Professional and assumed bunker responsibility at 0800 hours. C/1-46 operated west and south of LZ Professional with negative incidents. D/1-46 operated south and west of LZ Professional with negative incidents. Recon/1-46 aided in security of LZ Professional with negative reports. A/1-501 released from OFCON 1-46.

25 May: C/1-46 operating south of LZ Professional at BT 176062 found 3 small bunkers 3 ft X 5 ft and possible mortar position containing 2 expended 82 MM cannisters. AT BT 178066 C/1-46 found 22 expended 90 MM recoilless rifle cannisters. Liming stakes were found pointing at LZ Professional. A/1-46 operated north of LZ Professional with negative incidents. D/1-46 operated southwest of LZ Professional with negative incidents. B/1-46 secured LZ Professional without incident. Recon platoon remained at LZ Prof.

26 May: A/1-46 operated northeast of LZ Professional, vicinity BT 192082 found one tunnel 5 ft X 4 ft, 100 lb rice, and one VC KIA by SA/Arty 10 - 12 days prior. Rice and tunnel were destroyed. D/1-46 at BT 175058 southwest of LZ Professional found one mortar pit, five 82 MM rounds, 2 tunnels 4 ft X 3 ft; all were destroyed. C/1-46 operated south of LZ Professional with negative incidents. B & Recon/1-46 secured LZ Professional without incident.

27 May: A/1-46 operating east of LZ Professional made contact twice resulting in 7 VC/NVA KIA, captured assorted equipment, 500 lbs of rice, and one POW. AT BT 205077 Co A engaged 2 NVA resulting in 2 NVA KIA. NVA were wearing green uniforms, age 25. Also captured were one helmet, one bandolier of M-79 ammo, one US type pistol belt. Later at BT 211081, Co A spotted estimated platoon of enemy and processed artillery resulting in 5 confirmed NVA KIA, 10 NVA Rucksacks captured, medical supplies, 500 lbs rice, one M-33 grenade, 3 NVA helmets, 3 NVA pistol belts, one US type pistol belt, and one POW wearing Khaki uniform. Co A at BT 205077 had 9 US KIA by booby-trap (m-26 grenade with trip wire). C/1-46 at BT 180068 found 7 82 MM rounds, one fuze and charge (82 MM), one mortar pit with two bunkers. All were destroyed. D/1-46 operated south of LZ Professional with negative incidents. B & Recon/1-46 secured LZ Professional without incident.

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28 May: A/1-46 operated east of LZ Professional with negative incident. C/1-46 operating southeast of LZ Professional at BT 197064 found 9 bunkers 5 ft X 5 ft X 4 ft which had been destroyed by artillery. D/1-46 at BT 190043 southeast of LZ Professional found 3 small bunkers with a one man OP with overhead cover — All were destroyed. Recon/1-46 departed LZ Professional to the east without incident.

29 May: A/1-46 operated northeast of LZ Professional calling arty on 8 VC/NVA with negative results. Co B secured LZ Professional without incident. Co C operated south of LZ Professional with negative incidents reported. Co D operated south of LZ Professional calling arty on 40 VC/NVA with negative confirmed results. Recon/1-46 at BT 189092 engaged 2 NVA in black PJ's with small arms fire resulting in 2 NVA KIA's, one US .45 caliber pistol SN 1080733 CIA. One female and four children were detained and extracted to Bde HQ.

30 May: All companies remained stationary in 1-46 AO during the day in observance of Buddha's Birthday. Operations were limited to security patrols. No incidents were reported.

31 May: A/1-46 continued operations northeast of LZ Professional with negative incidents. Co B departed LZ Professional approximately 1100 hours to the east, negative incidents. Co C closed LZ Professional approximately 1200 hours and assumed bunkerline security. Co D continued operations southeast of LZ Professional with negative incidents. Recon/1-46 closed LZ Professional approximately 0800 hours, and helped to secure upper firebase. C/1-501 Inf became OPCON to the 1-46 and secured A Battery 2-32- Arty on lower firebase at LZ Professional.

1 June: B/1-46 at BT 206072 observed 7 VC/NVA 600 meters to their east. Arty was processed into the area resulting in 3 confirmed VC/NVA KIA, one secondary explosion and fire. KIA's wore black PJ's and were approximately 30 years of age. Co A continued operations northeast of LZ Professional finding a large animal snare which they destroyed. Recon/1-46 departed LZ Professional on a sweep south. At BT 173066 Recon found 3 well camouflaged hooches made of tin and straw. There were negative signs of recent activity. The hooches were destroyed. C/1-46 continued securing LZ Professional without incident. D/1-46 continued operations southwest of LZ Professional with negative incidents reported. C/1-501 Inf continued to secure A/2-320 Arty at LZ Professional.

2 June: A/1-46 continued operation northeast of LZ Professional with negative significant incidents during the day. Co B continued operations east of LZ Professional, relocated 37 refugees (11 women, 2 cld men, 24 children) from BT 205070 to Hau Duc. C/1-46, continuing to secure LZ Professional, sent a patrol to the southwest which found a 51 caliber MG position at BT 165066. Position was destroyed. Co D continued operations southeast of LZ Professional, processed arty mission on 9 VC/NVA with negative results. Recon remained at LZ Professional. C/1-501 continued to secure lower firebase at LZ Professional.

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3 June: A/1-46 continued operations northeast of LZ Professional with no significant action. Co B continued operating east by southeast of LZ Professional. They extracted for relocation 62 persons (22 women, 39 children, 1 male) at 1300 hours from grid BT 215068. The extraction was made by C&C with relocation to Hau Duc. Co B at 1645 hours requested an urgent Dustoff for 6 people. The personnel had been struck by lightning at location BT 208068. The prognosis was three critical and 3 in fair condition. One of the critically injured died at hospital. Co C continued to secure LZ Professional. Co D continued operations southeast of LZ Professional, spotting approximately 10 VC, negative packs or weapons, wearing black PJ's crossing a river in the vicinity of grid BT 213051. At 0630 hours, arty was processed in the area with unknown results. Recon/1-46 continued to aid in security of LZ Professional. C/1-501 secured lower firebase at LZ Professional.

4 June: A/1-46 continued RIF operations east of LZ Professional with squad size elements. They discovered one 51 caliber position and 5 bunkers freshly dug at BT 181082 at 1110 hours. The bunkers and positions were destroyed. B/1-46 while operating east of LZ Professional came across 30 Vietnamese Nationals (2 males, 11 females, 17 children) requesting relocation from grid BT 219072. All refugees were extracted to Hau Duc. C/1-46 continued to secure LZ Professional. Co D continued operations east to southeast of LZ Professional with negative significant incidents. Recon/1-46 conducted a daytime patrol east and northeast of LZ Professional without incident. C/1-502 continued to secure A Battery on lower firebase of LZ Professional.

5 June: A/1-46 closed LZ Professional 0715 hours and assumed security of the upper firebase. B/1-46 at 0815 hours vicinity BT 216076 engaged one NVA from an approximate distance of 50 to 100 meters. The action resulted in one enemy KIA (age 25) and the capture of one SKS rifle SN 720070. KIA was clad in Khaki uniform, with pack, weapon, and small bag of medical supplies. At 1255 hours at BT 218078 Co B found 12 Vietnamese Nationals (3 females, 9 children) requesting relocation. All were relocated to Hau Duc. C/1-46 departed LZ Professional 0735 hours to the northeast with no significant activity reported. Co D continued operations east to southeast of LZ Professional with no significant reports. Recon/1-46 remained on LZ Professional without incident. C/1-501 continued to secure lower firebase at LZ Professional.

6 June: A/1-46 continued to secure LZ Professional. B/1-46 continued operations east of LZ Professional. At 0705 hours vicinity BT 219072, Co B located one male, age 20, Chieu Hoi. Individual was extracted to Tam Ky. At 0950 hours vicinity BT 216072 B/1-46 found one fresh grave. The grave was dug up and one male body 20 to 30 years old wearing blue top and red bottom was found. The body was believed to be dead less than 24 hours and was killed by small arms fire. At approximately 1010 hours in same area, Co B destroyed one hooch and found various sewing materials and a sewing machine.

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The equipment was extracted to LZ Professional. Later at 1100 hours vicinity BT 226078 Co B destroyed two huts 10 ft by 20 ft, one chicom grenade, and one 55 gallon drum of polished rice. They also found two huts 14 ft X 14 ft and 3 bunkers 10 ft X 12 ft which had been destroyed by gunships. Three refugees (1 female, 2 children) were extracted from the area. C/1-46 continued operations southeast of LZ Professional with no significant events reported. D/1-46 continued operations southeast of LZ Professional with no significant events reported. Recon/1-46 departed LZ Professional at 0900 hours to the south without incident. C/1-501 continued to secure lower firebase at LZ Professional.

7 June: A/1-46 minus one platoon continued to secure LZ Professional. 3/A/1-46 departed LZ Professional 1340 hours to the south and established a night ambush position 1740 hours vicinity BT 175066. B/1-46 continued operations east of LZ Professional. At 1740 hours, vicinity BT 215095 Co B discovered 8 Vietnamese (1 male, 2 females, 5 children) hiding in a woodline. One small hoch was found in the area. Detainees were extracted to Hau Duc. C/1-46 continued operations northeast of LZ Professional. At 0850 hours, vicinity BT 207099 they spotted 5 NVA (green uniforms, 2 weapons) evading northeast. Arty was processed in the area. A check revealed negative results. At 1035 hours vicinity BT 209099 C/1-46 engaged one VC resulting in one VC KIA (age 30). Captured were one AK-47, two AK magazines, one knife, one pair of field glasses. All were extracted to LZ Professional. Also, at 1240 hours; vicinity BT 207099, Co C located 27 refugees (3 old men, 10 females, 14 children). All were extracted to Tam Ky. D/1-46 continued operations southeast of LZ Professional with no significant activity reported. Recon/1-46 at 1140 hours vicinity BT 178060 engaged 3 NVA at a distance of 10 meters resulting in 2 NVA KIA. All were approximately 18 to 22 years of age, and wearing green uniforms. The 3rd NVA evaded southeast. Captured were one M-16 SN 765613 and one M-79 SN 66866. One US slightly wounded by M-79 shrapnel in the right arm was treated in the field. Weapons were brought to LZ Professional upon Recon's return at 1430 hours. C/1-501 secured lower firebase.

8 June: LZ Professional received 10 rounds of 57 RR fire from vicinity BT 185053 at 0630 hours. Resulting in 3 friendly WIA (1-14 Arty). Artillery fired 149 HE and 20 WP rounds on suspected enemy locations with unknown results. A/1-46 minis one platoon continued to secure upper firebase of LZ Professional. 3/A/1-46 continued operations to the south and found 5 expended 75 RR cannisters. One cannister was extracted to LZ Professional. B/1-46 operating north-east of LZ Professional at 0945 hours, vicinity BT 219097 found 5 refugees requesting relocation. They were relocated to Tam Ky. At 1730 hours, vicinity BT 219097, Co B found an old man and one child in a hooch. They too, were extracted to Tam Ky. C/1-46 2nd platoon at 0730 hours vicinity BT 203099 spotted 7 NVA moving north. They received 20 to 30 rounds of small arms fire resulting in one US WIA. The NVA were wearing khaki uniforms, pack, and carrying weapons and

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successfully evaded to the north. D/1-46 continued operations east of LZ Professional and at 1100 hours vicinity BT 217080 found one K-44 rifle SN F1199 hidden in bush. The rifle contained scrapnel holes. The rifle was extracted to LZ Professional. Recon platoon patrolled around LZ Professional during daylight hours with negative incidents. C/1-501 continued to secure lower firebase at LZ Professional.

9 June: A/1-46 continued to secure LZ Professional. A/1-46 3rd platoon closed LZ Professional at 0830 hours. B/1-46 continued operations northeast of LZ Professional. B/1-46 after departing their night logger position at 0610 hours patrolled from vicinity BT 214097 to the northwest receiving sniper fire at 0845 hours, vicinity BT 210 100. Results were two US KIA and four US WIA. The platoon returned small arms fire. A search of the area revealed two NVA KIA (25 to 30 years of age) wearing green uniforms and NVA type helmets. Captured were one AK-47 SN EC4856M, one poncho, and one canteen. A third NVA sniper evaded into a tunnel. Hand grenades were thrown into the tunnel resulting in one additional NVA KIA. The NVA was wearing a green uniform with negative equipment. Dustoff was called at 0910 hours and completed at 0955 hours for the four WIA. The two KIA were later extracted by C&C to grave registration in Chu Lai. C/1-46 at 1605 hours, vicinity BT 203099 spotted two to three NVA at grid BT 203107 wearing green uniforms. Gunships were requested at 1710 hours. Arty was processed into the area resulting in one secondary explosion. Also C/1-46 observed one NVA KIA by Arty in a rice paddy. D/1-46 vicinity BT 189046 found one bunker 6 ft X 6 ft X 6 ft, no overhead cover with 3 ft tunnels in-side of the mountain. 12 canisters and 7 casings for 75 MM RR were also found. All were later destroyed. Recon/1-46 continued to aid in security of LZ Professional. B/1-502 became OPCON to 1-46 and immediately assumed security of the lower firebase at LZ Professional. C/1-501 released from OPCON 1-46.

10 June: LZ Professional received approximately 8 rounds of 75 MM RR fire resulting in 7 US WIA at 1850 hours. Fire was returned with Arty, 106 RR, 50 caliber MG and a rocket assault by Cobra gunships. The return fire silenced the enemy offensive action, but with unknown results. All WIA belonged to B/1-502. A/1-46 continued to secure LZ Professional. 2/A/1-46 conducted a daytime patrol 1000 meters to the west of LZ Prof without incident. Co B continued to operate northeast of LZ Professional; at 1225 hours vicinity BT 219109 found 12 refugees requesting relocation. Relocation was made by 1-46 to Tam Ky. C/1-46 continued to operate northeast of LZ Prof without incident. D/1-46 continued to search the high ground to the immediate south to southeast of LZ Professional with negative significant activity reported. Recon/1-46 continued to aid with the security of the upper firebase at LZ Professional. B/1-502 Inf continued to secure the lower firebase at LZ Professional. Suffering 7 WIA as a result of the incoming RR fire, four were dusted-off and three were treated at LZ Professional. At 2240 hours Beacon drop completed with (22) 500 lb HE bombs expended at BT 165041, a known enemy infiltration route.

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11 June: A/1-46 continued to secure LZ Professional without incident. B/1-46 continued operations northeast of LZ Professional. At 1020 hours vicinity BT 217114 2/B/1-46 discovered 2 Vietnamese Nationals requesting relocation. Extraction was made by 1-14 C&C to Tam Ky. C/1-46 continued operations northeast of LZ Professional. At 0900 hours, vicinity BT 107104 while moving to their day logger Co C spotted an unknown number of NVA. They engaged at a distance of 200 meters with small arms fire. They received 250 rounds of small arms and machine gun fire from NVA. Gunships were requested with 3 sets of gunships and 1 set ARA responding. A check of the area revealed two NVA KIA. NVA KIA's wore green uniforms, but negative packs or weapons were found. D/1-46 continued to work the high ground just south of LZ Professional with negative results. Recon/1-46 continued to aid in security of upper-firebase. B/1-502 Inf continued to secure lower firebase at LZ Professional without incident.

12 June: C/1-46 continued operations northeast of LZ Professional to secure Hill 270 vicinity BT 197115 and met stiff resistance. Co C reported 5 NVA KIA, and discovered two small ammo caches consisting of 500 rounds AK-47 ammo, two US claymore mines, two US anti-tank mines, 20 sticks unknown type explosives, 10 82 MM mortars rounds, and 4 unknown type rockets. Co C also sustained two US WIA which were dusted-off (gun shot and frag wounds). A total of six airstrikes were employed in support of C/1-46 during the day. B/1-46 continued operations northeast of LZ Prof, finding one 50 caliber MG tripod mount vicinity BT 208108. Tripod was extracted to LZ Professional. D/1-46 continued operations south of LZ Professional with negative incidents. Recon remained at LZ Professional. A/1-46 was airlifted to Chu Lai at approximately 0730 hours for standown. A/1-501 Inf assumed security of upper firebase at LZ Professional without incident. C/1-501 assumed security of the lower firebase and A/2-32- Arty at LZ Professional. C&C 1-46 received small arms fire and 51 caliber MG fire southwest of LZ Professional, negative hits or casualties. C&C also engaged three VC in black PJ's with weapons. Resulted in one VC KIA.

13 June: B/1-46 assaulted Hill 270 vicinity BT 197115, but met stiff resistance. Friendly casualties were 3 US KIA and 25 US WIA, all from mortar scrapes. All WIA were dusted-off to 312th Evacuation Hospital. During the day B/1-46 confirmed 7 NVA KIA by small arms fire. Co B employed 3 airstrikes on Hill 270. C/1-46 supported B/1-46 throughout the day with negative friendly casualties. D/1-46 continued operations south of LZ Professional finding a RR position with 5 bunkers with overhead cover and 11 expended 75 MM RR rounds, vicinity BT 178048. The bunkers were destroyed. Recon/1-46 remained on LZ Professional. A & C/1-501 continued to secure upper and lower firebases respectively without incident. A/1-46 remained at Chu Lai on standown. Dustoff 59 was shot down while attempting to extract WIA from B/1-46, but crew was safely extracted.

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14 June: LZ Professional received an 82 MM mortar attack at 2110 hours sustaining one US KIA from 1-14 Arty, and 8 US WIA (one from quad 50 crew, three from A/1-501 and four from 1-14 Arty). A total of 5 to 6 rounds of 82 MM mortar were received during the attack. B & C/1-46 operating jointly moved northeast of LZ Professional with negative significant incidents. D/1-46 continued operations south of LZ Professional finding an old RR position with some expended 75 MM rounds vicinity BT 175049. The positions were destroyed. A/1-46 remained at Chu Lai on stand-down. Recon/1-46 remained on LZ Professional. A & C/1-501 continued to secure the upper and lower firebases respectively at LZ Professional.

15 June: A/1-46 began closing LZ Professional from Chu Lai stand-down at 0730 hours, completed at 0820 hours. At 1150 hours Co A began departing LZ Professional to the northeast. B/1-46 continued operations northeast of LZ Professional. At 1530 hours vicinity BT 198088 Co B engaged one NVA/VC evading north at a distance of 50 meters with small arms fire resulting in one NVA/VC KIA (age 20). The KIA was wearing black shorts and green fatigue shirt with negative pack or weapons. He did have pack marks. C/1-46 continued to operate northeast of LZ Professional with no significant activity reported. D/1-46 operated to the south of LZ Professional. At 1030 hours vicinity BT 172065 Co D found 6 to 8 bunkers 3 ft X 3 ft and one 57 RR position 6 ft X 10 ft X 3 ft. The positions had been used in the last week. All were destroyed. Recon/1-46 continued to secure LZ Professional. A & C/1-501 continued to secure the upper and lower firebases respectively at LZ Professional without incident. Beacon drop was completed at 2110 hours vicinity BT 130098. (22) 500 lb HE bombs were dropped in the area, a source of constant intelligence reports.

16 June: A/1-46 continued operation north to northeast of LZ Professional with negative significant incidents. B/1-46 continued operations northeast of LZ Professional with no significant incidents. C/1-46 worked in close proximity with B/1-46 with no significant incidents. D/1-46 continued to the south of LZ Professional with no significant incidents. Recon/1-46 conducted a patrol to the south of LZ Professional with no significant incidents. A/1-501 continued to secure LZ Professional and dispatched one platoon to the southwest. The patrol located 8 well used bunkers and a fresh trail at BT 169072. At location BT 162078, they found three (3) old bunkers with no signs of recent activity. C/1-501 continued to secure A Battery at LZ Professional. Bomb damage for Beacon airstrikes at grid BT 130098: Three (3) structures destroyed, four (4) structures damaged. 1-46 Beacon drop completed at 1930 hours at grid BT 136055 with (22) 500 lb bombs dropped.

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17 June: A/1-46 continued operations north of LZ Professional. Ten (10) NVA were spotted and engaged with small arms fire and Arty at grid BT 162100. While checking the area, Co A received small arms fire and machine gun fire resulting in one US MIA and three US WIA. Fire was returned, resulting in eight NVA KIA. B/1-46 continued operations in close proximity of C/1-46 northeast of LZ Professional. During the day, Co B at grid BT 205105 processed Arty and ARA on 20 NVA who were setting up a defensive position. Results were not known. C/1-46 continued operations northeast of LZ Professional with no significant activity. D/1-46 continued operations south of LZ Professional with no significant activity. Recon/1-46 remained on LZ Professional. A/1-501 continued to secure LZ Professional. C/1-501 released OFCON 1-46. C/1-501 OFCON 1-46 secured lower firebase at LZ Professional. FAC (WILK 14) put an airstrike on grid BT 170097, expended (6) 500 lb napalm and (8) 500 lb HE bombs. BDA: One bunker damaged and two sustained fires.

18 June: A/1-46 continued to operate northwest of LZ Professional with no significant activity. B/1-46 at 1850 hours, grid PT 207092, found one .50 caliber position with small bunker, tunnel and expended brass. Site had a perfect view of LZ Professional, camouflaged, about 30 days old. D/1-46 continued to operate south to southwest of LZ Professional with no significant activity. Recon/1-46 continued to secure LZ Professional. A/1-501 continues to secure LZ Professional. Airstrike at grid BT 155050. Expenditures: (12) 250 lb bombs, (3) napalm and 5,000 pounds 20 MM cannon. BDA: two sustained fires and three structures destroyed.

19 June: A/1-46 continued operations north of LZ Professional. 2/A/1-46 at grid BT 155050 spotted 4 to 5 NVA/VC moving southeast on a trail. Arty was processed into area, with negative results. 2/A/1-46 at grid BT 157083 spotted 3 to 4 NVA moving on a trail to the southeast. Engaged with small arms, with negative results. A check of this area revealed one .51 caliber position, 5 to 6 spider holes, and heavily used trails. B/1-46 continued operations north of LZ Professional. At grid BT 166099 Co B found two male VC/NVA suspects with packs containing rice and medical supplies. They also found 4 females and ten children at this location. All suspects and detainees were extracted to Tau Ky. C/1-46 continued operations northeast of LZ Professional. At grid BT 193083 Co C spotted four VC/NVA wearing black FJ's, no packs or weapons, moving south. Arty was processed into the area with unknown results. D/1-46 continued operations south of LZ Professional. At grid BT 183058 Co D found (4) two-man bunkers with overhead cover, reinforced by logs. They also found six empty charge and fuse cans. Recon/1-46 remained on LZ Professional. A/1-501 continued to secure LZ Professional. D/1-501 continued to secure LZ Professional and conducted a patrol to the east of LZ Professional with no significant incidents. White Team destroyed one sampan at grid BT 123057, two hooches at grid BT 125053. Airstrike at grid BT 136055. Expended (12) 500 lb bombs.

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20 June: A/1-46 continued operations northwest of LZ Professional. B/1-46 continued operations northwest of LZ Professional. At grid BT 154097 Co B found six fresh foxholes 4 ft X 2.5 ft X 3 ft. C/1-46 continued operations east of LZ Professional with no incidents. D/1-46 continued operations south of LZ Professional with no incidents. Recon/1-46 remained on LZ Professional. A & D/1-501 continued to secure LZ Professional with no incidents.

21 June: A/1-46 continued to operate northwest of LZ Professional with no incidents. B/1-46 continued to operate northwest of LZ Professional with no incidents. C/1-46 operating west of LZ Professional at grid BT 211043 spotted 25 VC/NVA wearing green uniforms moving to the south. Processed arty on location with unknown results. Recon/1-46 remained at LZ Professional. A/1-501 released from OFCON 1-46 assumed security of LZ Professional. D/1-501 continued security of LZ Professional and conducted a patrol to the north with no incidents. Gunships on VR engaged two VC, resulting in 2 VC KIA at grid BT 211102. Airstrike completed at grid BT 225105. Expenditure: (22) 500 lb bombs, results unknown.

22 June: A/1-46 continued to operate northwest of LZ Professional and discovered three graves at BT 135087. The graves were dug up and contained 3 VC/NVA bodies killed by Arty. B/1-46 continued to operate northwest of LZ Professional with no significant activity. C/1-46 continued to operate southeast of LZ Professional. At grid BT 200053 Co C spotted 6 to 7 VC/NVA evading. Arty and gunships employed, resulted in one VC/NVA KIA and one bunker destroyed. D/1-46 continued to operate south of LZ Professional with no incidents. Recon/1-46 remained on LZ Professional. B/1-501 continued security of LZ Professional. D/1-501 continued security of LZ Professional.

23 June: A/1-46 continued to operate west and northwest of LZ Professional with no activity. B/1-46 continued to operate west of LZ Professional with no activity. C/1-46 continued to operate southwest of LZ Professional sweeping west with negative findings. Recon & D/1-46 departed for Chu Lai on stand-down. B/1-501 continued to secure LZ Professional. D/1-501 continued to secure LZ Professional and conducted a patrol to the northeast with no incidents. Gunships destroyed six hooches at grid BT 158098.

24 June: A/1-46 continued to operate southwest of LZ Professional. At grid BT 139057 Co A engaged one NVA, resulting in one NVA KIA. B/1-46 continued to operate southwest of LZ Professional with no significant activity. D & Recon/1-46 on stand-down at Chu Lai. B/1-501 continued to secure LZ Professional. D/1-501 continued to secure LZ Professional and conducted a patrol to the east of LZ Professional with no significant activity.

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25 June: A/1-46 continued to operate to the southwest of LZ Professional with no significant activity. B/1-46 continued to operate to the south-southwest of LZ Professional with no significant activity. C/1-46 operating south to southeast of LZ Professional found at grid BT 187049 a 500 lb (DUD) bomb; which they destroyed in place. At grid BT 184055 Co C found 5 graves containing 5 VC/NVA bodies that had been killed by airstrikes. D & Recon/1-46 continued on stand-down. B & D/1-501 continued to secure LZ Professional.

26 June: A/1-46 continued operations to the southwest of LZ Professional. At grid BT 152049 Co A found a large rock and cave complex with fresh signs of enemy use. While searching out this area, they received an unknown amount of small arms fire, resulting in one US WIA. Fire was returned with negative results. At grid BT 152051, Co A found 1,000 rounds of loose AK-47 ammo, 2 rounds of .51 caliber ammo, one ton of rice, 4 NVA uniforms, AK cleaning equipment, 3 NVA pouches and enough cooking ware to feed a company size unit or larger. B/1-46 departed for stand-down. C/1-46 continued operating south to southeast of LZ Professional with no activity. D & Recon/1-46 returned from stand-down and resumed security of upper firebase. B/1-501 released from OPCON 1-46. D/1-501 continued security of lower firebase at LZ Professional.

27 June: A/1-46 continued to operate south to southwest of LZ Professional with no significant activity. B/1-46 continued on stand-down. C/1-46 continued to operate south of LZ Professional. At grid BT 174059 Co C found one dug in mortar position 2 to 3 weeks old, 6 ft in diameter, 4 ft deep; also found four one-man fighting positions. All were destroyed. D & Recon/1-46 continued to secure LZ Professional without incident. Professional Reserve Company (PROSERVCO), a provisional company organized from battalion rear area personnel, arrived at LZ Professional and departed on patrol to the east with no incidents. D/1-501 continued to secure LZ Professional with no significant incidents.

28 June: A/1-46 operating south of LZ Professional found three large hooches at grid BT 176406. The following items were inside of the hooches: NVA clothing, 2 packs with rice and some small arms ammo. B/1-46 returned from stand-down and departed on a patrol to the northwest of LZ Professional. C/1-46 departed for stand-down. D & Recon/1-46 continued to secure LZ Professional with negative incidents. D/1-501 continued to secure LZ Professional with no incidents. PROSERVCO (Provisional Reserve Co) returned to LZ Professional and was transported to the battalion trains area in Chu Lai by Chinook helicopter. Air-strike at grid BT 156101; 6 Bunkers destroyed, 2 bunkers damaged, one .50 caliber position uncovered along with many bunkers and a well used trail. Expenditures (16) 500 lb bombs and (4) rockets.

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29 June: A/1-46 continued to operate south of LZ Professional with no incidents. B/1-46 continued to operate to the northwest of LZ Professional with no incidents. B/1-46 continued to operate to the northwest of LZ Professional with no activity. C/1-46 continued on stand-down. D & Recon/1-46 continued to secure LZ Professional with no incident. D/1-501 continued to secure LZ Professional and conducted a patrol to the east of LZ Professional with no incident.

30 June: A/1-46 continued to operate south of LZ Professional. At grid BT 165042 Co A spotted 12 NVA wearing green uniforms. Arty was processed with negative results. B/1-46 continued to operate northwest of LZ Professional. At grid BT 149087 they spotted two NVA in green uniforms moving west. They engaged NVA with small arms which resulted in one NVA KIA. The other NVA successfully evaded to the west. C/1-46 returned from stand-down and assumed security of LZ Professional. D/1-46 conducted combat assault grid BT 128090. Co B moved into blocking position to support Co D. Recon/1-46 continued security of LZ Professional. D/1-501 continued to secure LZ Professional; conducted a patrol to the north of LZ Professional with no incidents.

1 July: A/1-46 continued operating to the southeast of LZ Professional with no incidents. B/1-46 continued to operate to the northwest of LZ Professional with no incidents. C/1-46 continued to secure LZ Professional. D/1-46 continued to operate to the northwest of LZ Professional without incident. Recon/1-46 continued to secure LZ Professional. D/1-501 continued to secure LZ Professional.

2 July: A/1-46 conducted RIF operations south of LZ Professional with no incidents. B/1-46 conducted RIF operations northwest of LZ Professional. At grid BT 152100 the 2nd platoon Co B hit a booby trap (mortar round with pressure release) which resulted in one US KIA and two US WIA. C/1-46 continued to secure LZ Professional with no incidents. D/1-46 conducted RIF operations northwest of LZ Professional with no incidents. Recon/1-46 and D/1-501 continued to secure LZ Professional. White Team destroyed five hooches at grid BT 129075.

3 July: A/1-46 operated south of LZ Professional with no incidents. B/1-46 operated northwest of LZ Professional. At grid BT 155099 they engaged one VC/NVA with small arms, resulting in one VC KIA. C/1-46 continued to secure LZ Professional, conducted a patrol to the north with no incidents. D/1-46 conducted operations to the northwest of LZ Professional with no incidents. Recon/1-46 continued to secure LZ Professional. D/1-46 conducted operations to the northwest of LZ Professional with negative incidents. Recon/1-46 continued to secure LZ Professional. D/1-501 released from OPCON 1-46. C/1-501 OIC ON 1-46, assumed security of lower firebase. Airstrike at grid BT 151050. BDA: 100 meters of trail destroyed. Expenditures (12) 500 lb bombs. White Team destroyed a total of (12) hooches at grids: BT 171044, BT 167044, BT 158048, and BT 157044.



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4 July: A/1-46 continued to operate south of LZ Professional. Co A engaged unknown enemy size unit in night logger site at grid BT 191045, results unknown. B/1-46 continued to operate northwest of LZ Professional with no incidents. C/1-46 continued to secure LZ Professional. D/1-46 continued to operate to the northwest of LZ Professional. At grid BT 148087 they found one VC/NVA that had been killed by small arms fire. Recon/1-46 continued to secure LZ Professional, conducted a patrol to the south and found numerous signs of recent enemy activity. C/1-501 continued to secure LZ Professional with no incidents. Air-strike at grid BT 158044, two hooches destroyed, 2 hooches damaged and 2 sustained fires. Expenditures (12) 500 lb bombs, (3) napalm bombs, 300 rounds 20 MM.

5 July: A/1-46 continued to operate to the south of LZ Professional with no incidents. B/1-46 continued operations northwest of LZ Professional. At grid BT 164086 Co B found (1) M-1 rifle, (1) .30 caliber rifle, (1) M/6 Russian rifle, (2) cases SKS ammo, (1/2) case 7.62 MM pistol ammo, and (1) 60 MM mortar round. C/1-46 continued to secure LZ Professional with no incidents. D/1-46 continued operations northwest of LZ Professional. At grid BT 150080 Co D found 2 females and 4 children hiding in a hooch, they were extracted to Tam Ky. At grid BT 150079 Co D found 2 females and 2 children also hiding in a hooch, also found was one M-79 hidden in a tree at this location. The detainees were extracted to Tam Ky. Recon/1-46 continued to secure LZ Professional. C/1-501 continued to secure LZ Professional.

6 July: A/1-46 continued operations to the south of LZ Professional with no incidents. B/1-46 closed LZ Professional and secured the lower firebase. C/1-46 continued security of LZ Professional with no incidents. D/1-46 continued operations northwest of LZ Professional with no incidents. Recon/1-46 continued to secure LZ Professional. C/1-501 released from OFCON 1-46.

7 July: A/1-46 assumed security of upper firebase of LZ Professional. B/1-46 continued security of lower firebase at LZ Professional. C/1-46 OFCON to 1-501. D/1-46 continued operations southeast of LZ Professional with no incidents. Recon/1-46 continues security of LZ Professional, conducted a patrol to north. Airstrike into grid BT 171-91. Expenditures (6) 500 lb bombs. VR team destroyed 10 hooches at grid BT 125093.

8 July: A/1-46 continued to secure upper firebase sending one platoon into vicinity of BT 169087 to make an assessment of airstrike put into that area previously. They found a blood trail, but negative bodies. B/1-46 continued to secure lower firebase at LZ Professional without incident. D/1-46 continued to operate to the south of LZ Professional without incident. Recon/1-46 remained at LZ Professional without incident. Recon/1-46 remained at LZ Professional. C/1-46 OFCON to 1-501.

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9 July: A/1-46 continued to secure upper firebase at LZ Professional without incident. B/1-46 continued to secure the lower firebase of LZ Professional, dispatched one patrol to the north without incident. D/1-46 continued to operate to the southwest of LZ Professional with no significant activity. H/1-46 departed LZ Professional 0650 hours to the south and southwest. One airstrike fired BT 160030 completed at 1040 hours with (20) 500 lbs HE expended resulting in two bunkers and 100 meter of trail destroyed. C/1-46 remained OFCON 1-501 Inf.

10 July: A/1-46 continued to secure LZ Professional without incident. E/1-46 continued to secure lower firebase at LZ Professional with a platoon size patrol going to the northeast with no significant activity. D/1-46 continued to operate to the south of LZ Professional with no significant activity. Recon/1-46 continued to recon the area southwest of LZ Professional with no significant activity. C/1-46 OIC ON to 1-901 Inf. At 0930 hours 1-46 directed combat assault of Province forces into grid BT 173000 to locate enemy hospital. At 1422 hours ARVN forces found (1) US WIA at grid BT 185990, extracted at 1500 hours.

11 July: A/1-46 continued to secure the upper firebase of LZ Professional without incident. B/1-46 continued to secure the lower firebase of LZ Professional without incident. D/1-46 continued RIF operations south of LZ Professional with no activity. Recon/1-46 continued reconnaissance southwest of LZ Professional. C/1-46 OPCON to 1-501. At 1500 hours 1-46 directed extraction of Province forces from grid BT 173000.

12 July: A/1-46 continued to secure the upper firebase at LZ Professional without incident. B/1-46 continued to secure lower firebase. D/1-46 continued RIF operations south of LZ Professional without any significant activity. Recon/1-46 closed LZ Professional at 0830 hours without incident. C/1-46 remained OIFCON to 1-501 Inf. Bilk 13 on station 0950 hours for airstrike vicinity BT 137057 complete 0958 hours. Expenditure (20) 500 lb HE bombs in 300 meter radius of grid. Resulted in one secondary explosion, white smoke 100 meters high.

13 July: A/1-46 continued to secure the upper firebase at LZ Professional without incident. B/1-46 continued to secure the lower firebase. D/1-46 continued RIF operations south of LZ Professional along the high ground with no significant activity. Recon/1-46 remained at LZ Professional. C/1-46 remained OFCON to 1-501 Inf.

14 July: A/1-46 continued to secure the upper firebase at LZ Professional without incident. B/1-46 continued to secure the lower firebase sending one platoon on patrol to the west of LZ Professional without incident. D/1-46 continued RIF operations south of LZ Professional with no significant incidents. Recon, 1-46 continued to aid in security of LZ Professional. C/1-46 continued OPCON to 1-501 Inf.

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15 July: B/1-46 continued to secure the lower firebase of LZ Professional. Co B sent one patrol, platoon size, to the west along the Burlington Trail destroying dug-cut positions which lined the route. A/1-46 continued to secure the upper firebase at LZ Professional without incident. D/1-46 continued to operate to the south of LZ Professional along the high ground with no significant incidents. Recon/1-46 continued to aid in security of the upper firebase at LZ Professional. C/1-46 remained OPCON to the 1-501 Inf.

16 July: B/1-46 departed LZ Professional patrolling to the southwest with negative incidents. A/1-46 continued to secure the upper firebase at LZ Professional with negative incidents. D/1-46 continued operations to the south of LZ Professional with negative incidents. Recon/1-46 conducted a patrol to the east of LZ Professional with negative incidents. B/1-502 became OPCON to 1-46 and secured the lower fire base at LZ Professional without incident. C/1-46 remains OPCON to 1-501.

17 July: A/1-46 departed LZ Professional patrolling to the west and south. At grid BT 170059, 3/A/1-46 found two very old graves. After digging up the graves they found two skeletons wearing remnants of green uniforms. B/1-46 continued to operate to the southwest of LZ Professional without incident. C/1-46 was released from OPCON to 1-501 and operated to the southwest of LZ Professional with no significant incidents. D/1-46 assumed security of upper firebase with no significant incidents. Recon/1-46 remained at LZ Professional and conducted a daytime patrol to the north-northwest of LZ Professional with negative incidents. B/1-502 continued security of the lower firebase with no significant activity. Airstrike vicinity BT 187095 BDA: Two bunkers destroyed, two hooches destroyed, and two hooches damaged. Twelve (500 lb HE) bombs were expended.

18 July: A/1-46 continued operations south of LZ Professional, vicinity BT 179054 found (9) 57 RR rounds, (80) .51 caliber rounds hidden in a hedge row. Co A also found five very old bunkers 8 ft x 8 ft x 8 ft. Bunkers seemingly had not been used for over 30 days. B/1-46 continued to operate southwest of LZ Professional with no significant incidents. C/1-46 continued operations to the southwest of LZ Professional, vicinity BT 163056 found 6 old firing positions 2 ft x 3 ft and one structure on a stone foundation 10 ft x 14 ft, about one month old. Vicinity BT 159049 Co C engaged two VC at a proximity of 250 meters with negative results. The VC successfully evaded to the south. VC were wearing black clothing and carrying two sandbags, negative packs of weapons. Co C vicinity BT 154048 found one large unoccupied hooch and two recently built bunkers. Inside the hooch and bunkers were medical supplies, VC and NVA clothing, two types of VC supply farms and a roster of workers, (12) 105 MM cannisters, 36 illumination containers, one large vat containing 1500 lbs of rice and 3 burlap bags containing 35 lbs of tea. Rice was destroyed; other items were extracted. Co C vicinity BT 158052 observed a

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Company B continued operations to the west. Arty and White Team processed on this location. White Team engaged three NVA/VC grid BT 152064 with packs evading west and followed trail to BT 149059, finding one hooch and bunker with overhead cover. Airstrike was processed into the area (vicinity BT 1447057) with unknown results with no immediate follow-up action because of severe thunderstorm in that area. D/1-46 continued to secure upper firebase at LZ Professional with no significant incidents. Recon/1-46 departed LZ Professional conducting operations to the west of LZ Professional with no significant incidents. B/1-502 continued to secure the lower firebase of LZ Professional with a platoon conducting a patrol to the east of LZ Professional with no incidents. There were four airstrikes in 1-46 AO: (1) Vicinity BT 147057 in support of C/1-46 with expenditures and BDA unknown. (2) Vicinity BT 143027 with expenditures: (16) 500 lb HE bombs and (15) 5 in rockets. BDA: 50 meters of trail destroyed. (3) Vicinity BT 144022 with expenditures: (20) 500 lb HE delay bombs. BDA: (1) bunker destroyed. (4) BT 153047 with expenditures (16) 500 lb HE bombs and 800 rounds of 20 MM rounds. BDA: (20) meters of trail destroyed.

19 July: A/1-46 continued operations to the south of LZ Professional, vicinity BT 188053 spotted one VC/NVA wearing black RJ's, negative pack or weapon. Arty was processed into that area with negative results. B/1-46 continued operations to the southwest of LZ Professional with negative significant incidents. C/1-46 continued operations to the southwest of LZ Professional, vicinity BT 159051 found four bunkers 5 ft x 5 ft, three old graves and an OP structure in a tree. The bunkers were destroyed. Co C vicinity BT 154052 found one rucksack containing corn, syrup and rice, also three hooches 15 ft x 15 ft, 15 ft x 20 ft, and 15 ft x 30 ft respectively. Hooches appeared to be a cleaning and issue point for food. There were signs of a large element eating in the area the day prior. Co C also detained one male, one female and two children who admitted that they were VC sympathizers and stated that one female had evaded to the south and that she was supposedly a VC nurse. Co C vicinity BT 151049 found three dug-out sleeping quarters 10 ft x 5 ft x 5 ft with overhead cover. There were also cooking items in the area that appeared to have been recently used. There were signs on the ground, that either bodies or rucksacks had been drug through the area. D/1-46 continued to secure the upper firebase of LZ Professional with no significant incidents. Recon/1-46 continued to operate southwest of LZ Professional vicinity BT 147067, observed a squad sized enemy force wearing green shirts. The enemy force was believed to be observing the area and cutting a new trail. Recon did not engage because of their mission. Recon vicinity BT 143072 found two hooches 15 ft x 15 ft, fresh vegetables and recently made foot-prints. B/1-502 continued to secure the lower firebase of LZ Professional with no significant incidents. Vicinity BT 165095, White Team engaged one NVA wearing a pith helmet and carrying a package; resulted in one NVA KIA. White Team also burned and destroyed eight hooches in this area. At vicinity BT 166037 the C&C/1-46 flying 60 knots at an altitude of 600 ft received eight rounds of small arms fire. There were no hits sustained by the chopper. Airstrike vicinity BT 155048 expended (12) 500 lb HE bombs. BDA: One bunker destroyed, one bunker damaged and one sustained fire.

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20 July: A/1-46 continued operations to the southeast of LZ Professional. Co A spotted 9 VC/NVA crossing a river, vicinity BT 216052, and moving north. Arty was processed in that area with negative results. B/1-46 continued operations to the southwest of LZ Professional, vicinity BT 138043, engaged one NVA evading south from a hooch at a distance of 100 meters resulting in one NVA canteen, one NVA poncho, bamboo water container, assorted documents, 3 wooden bowls, tobacco wrapped in leaves, and (14) 20 MM casings. C/1-46 continued operations to the south of LZ Professional with no significant incidents. D/1-46 continued to secure the upper firebase of LZ Professional with no significant incidents. Recon/1-46 returned to LZ Professional without incident. B/1-502 released from OICOM of 1-46, departed LZ Professional. C/1-502 became OICOM to 1-46 and assumed security of lower firebase at LZ Professional. White Team destroyed five hooches and three bunkers vicinity BT 197053 and one VC KIA vicinity BT 176094. Airstrike vicinity BT 216053. Expenditures: (12) 500 lb HE bombs and 1200 rounds 20 MM. BDA: Unknown.

21 July: C/1-46 continued operations south of LZ Professional. Co C vicinity BT 169030 found a large compound about 100 meters by 50 meters with a 6 ft high fence of bamboo and trees. Inside was found 4 hooches: One hooch 15 ft x 15 ft, another 15 ft x 25 ft, and 2 hooches 10 ft x 15 ft with a tunnel complex and a bunker 6 ft x 5 ft x 3 ft. Inside the hooches were one rucksack, 2 US canteen cups, one bear trap, and a pile of ashes that were still warm. Co C vicinity BT 172032 engaged 5 VC/NVA wearing black clothing at a distance of 25 meters resulting in 2 VC/NVA KIA. Arty was processed the 3 VC/NVA evaded to the west. While searching out the area, Co C found some tunnels that led to 4 bunkers. The tunnels were 2 ft high, 3 ft wide and 8 ft long; the bunkers were 5 ft x 10 ft. Inside of the hooches were 10 to 12 rounds of AK47 ammo, one M-1 carbine magazine, one pair of small GI jungle boots and a rucksack containing cooking utensils and a small rice knife. A/1-46 continued operations to the south of LZ Professional, spotted 8 VC/NVA, Arty was again processed with negative results. Vicinity BT 225053 Co A observed 6 to 10 VC/NVA wearing helmets and masks. FNC was on station and engaged enemy with AR. VC/NVA evaded into the treeline. One hooch was destroyed and two secondary explosions were reported by the FNC. B/1-46 continued operations to the south of LZ Professional with no significant incidents. D/1-46 continued to secure the upper firebase of LZ Professional and conducted a patrol to the east of LZ Professional with no significant incidents. Recon/1-46 departed LZ Professional and conducted a daytime patrol to the south. At vicinity BT 172052 recon spotted 5 VC/NVA moving to the northeast, Arty was processed with negative results. Later vicinity BT 172061 recon found 2 graves that were about 30 to 35 days old. Recon dug up the graves and found 2 bodies dressed in green uniforms. C/1-502 continued to secure the lower firebase at LZ Professional and conducted a patrol to the north with no significant incidents. White Team vicinity BT 1302, BT 1301, BT 1201 burned 2 hooches 12 ft x 20 ft and 8 ft x 15 ft. Later vicinity BT 178104 White Team destroyed 9 hooches 15 ft x 25 ft and 2 bunkers 12 ft x 10 ft; also 1 VC/NVA KIA, wearing green uniform.

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1 Aug: A & B/1-46 continued operations to the south of LZ Professional with no negative incidents. D/1-46 vicinity BT 164101 engaged 3 to 4 NVs. at a proximity of 350 meters and received small arms fire from the enemy evading south. The NV/VC wore khaki shirts and black shorts and carried weapons negative packs. C/1-46 continued to secure upper firebase at LZ Professional with one platoon patrolling to the west. Recon/1-46 patrolled high ground to the south of LZ Professional to make a physical check of GCI devices and returned to LZ Professional. D/1-502 continued to secure the lower firebase at LZ Professional without incident.

2 Aug: A/1-46 continued to operate south of LZ Professional without significant incident. B/1-46 continued to operate south of LZ Professional and at 1545 hours vicinity BT 199056 picked up four detainees. Two were males of military age, one old man, and one woman in black PJ's. They had negative weapons; but some of the detainees had pack strap marks and were carrying some NV type equipment. All were extracted to Tan Ky. D/1-46 continued to secure the lower firebase at LZ Professional without incident. C/1-46 at LZ Professional.

3 Aug: A & B/1-46 closed LZ Professional from the south with Co A as using security of the lower firebase and Co L assuming security of the upper firebase. C/1-46 departed LZ Professional to the east to begin operations southwest of LZ Professional. At approximately 1000 hours vicinity BT 195051 Co C found one child laying in bushes. Upon questioning, the child stated that its father had evaded southeast when the Co C element moved into the area. The child, approximately 5 years old, was extracted to Tan Ky. Co C at 1300 hours vicinity BT 198062 engaged 2 NVs. with small arms fire evading to the south at a proximity of 300 meters with negative results. D/1-46 continued operations to the southwest of LZ Professional with negative significant incidents. D/1-502 was released from CH-47 and departed LZ Professional by CH-47 helicopters.

4 Aug: A & B/1-46 continued to secure LZ Professional and at 0440 hours reported 2 rounds of unknown type HM impacting approximately 250 meters southwest of LZ Professional and one round approximately 100 meters north of lower firebase. Bunkerline spotted flashes vicinity BT 145044. Art, 4.2 inch, and 82 MM mortars were employed into vicinities BT 152091, BT 145072, BT 145084 with unknown results. Co A securing lower firebase at 2335 hours spotted in front of bunker No 11 (1) VC/NV in wire and (1) VC/NV 35 to 50 meters north of wire at bunker No 10. VC/NV were engaged with M79 and grenades with unknown results. C/1-46 continued to operate south and southeast of LZ Professional without significant incidents. Recon/1-6 at vicinity BT 149073 engaged an unknown size VC force resulting in one VC NV approximately 25 years old. VC was carrying one rucksack containing two hammocks, medical supplies, and some GI type equipment. Also recon detained one female (40 years old) and 3 small children which were extracted to Tan Ky. Search of area revealed negative weapons.

5 Aug: B/1-46 continued to secure the upper fire base at LZ Professional with negative incidents. Co 1 had one platoon size element patrol to the southwest without incident. A/1-46 continued to secure the lower firebase at LZ Professional and sustained one US I.I. at approximately 0700 hours while checking the wire along lower firebase. The pax is believed to have detonated a booby-trapped M26 grenade. C & D/1-46 continued to patrol south of LZ Professional with negative significant incidents. Recon/1-46 patrolled to the northwest of LZ Professional during the daylight hours without incident.

6 Aug: A/1-46 continued to secure the lower firebase and had one platoon size patrol to the north of LZ Professional with negative significant incident. B/1-46 continued to secure the upper firebase at LZ Professional without incident. C & D/1-46 continued to operate south of LZ Professional without any significant incidents reported. Recon/1-46 continued to aid in the security of upper firebase at LZ Professional.

7 Aug: A & B/1-46 continued to secure the lower and upper firebase respectively at LZ Professional. Co 1 sent a patrol to the north and Co 2 sent a patrol to the west with no significant incidents. C & D/1-46 continued to operate to the south of LZ Professional with negative significant incidents. Recon/1-46 operated to the east of LZ Professional and vicinity BT 202031 found 16 hooches (7 new), all with underground bunkers 4 ft x 4 ft x 4 ft. Also found 4 new bunkers of the same dimensions and one bunker re-enforced with logs, 5 ft x 5 ft x 5 ft containing (1) T and (2) M26 grenades, assorted clothing, and cooking pots. In that same area vicinity BT 202031 recon captured one VC male age '75 with pack bags wearing green shorts and shirt carrying (1) avol bag containing medical supplies, clothing, and poncho liner. Recon engaged two other VC at a proximity of 300 meters, who successfully evaded to the north. The VC had appeared to had been building bunkers. The O was extract with his equipment to Tan Ky.

8 Aug: A & B/1-46 continued to secure the lower and upper fire-base at LZ Professional respectively with Co 1 sending one platoon size patrol to the northeast. Neither company had any significant incidents. C & D/1-46 continued to operate south of LZ Professional with Co 2 finding one small punji pit 2 ft x 2 ft x 2 ft containing 15 punji stakes vicinity BT 192033. The pit was fairly old and was destroyed by Co 3. Meanwhile, Co D at vicinity BT 207031 detained what they believed to be a VC (58 years old, wearing black IJ's). Detainee was moving from east to west. He had about 30 M147 rounds and some cooking items wrapped in a plastic wrapper. Detainee was extracted to Tan Ky. Recon/1-46 continued to operate to the east of LZ Professional and engaged 5 VC/A.V. at vicinity BT 203037 at a proximity of 100 meters with negative results. Many evaded success-

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9 Aug: A & B/1-46 continued to secure the lower and upper firebases at LZ Professional respectively. Co B had one platoon patrol to the northwest of LZ Professional with negative significant incident. C/1-46 continued to operate south of LZ Professional and swept west about 2,000 meters with negative significant incidents. D/1-46 continued to operate southeast of LZ Professional, vicinity BT 206031 engaged 10 or more VC/NVA at a proximity of 200 meters with small arms fire. The enemy returned 20 to 30 rounds of small arms fire. Check of the area revealed 5 VC/NVA KIA's approximately 20 to 30 years old wearing black PJ's. An unknown number evaded some wearing Tiger fatigues. Co D also found 6 packs with clothing and documents. Recon/1-46 continued to operate east of LZ Professional and observed 10 VC/NVA vicinity BT 198063 and engaged them at a proximity of 300 meters with Arty and ARA with negative results. VC/NVA had weapons and were wearing black PJ's. In that same area recon came across 15 detainees (2 males, 5 females, 8 children) which were extracted to Tam Ky.

10 Aug: A & B/1-46 continued to secure the lower and upper firebases at LZ Professional respectively. Co A sent one platoon size patrol to the south and west in close proximity of LZ Professional with negative significant incidents. C/1-46 continued to operate southwest of LZ Professional without significant incident. D/1-46 continued operations southeast of LZ Professional vicinity of BT 227028, engaged 5 to 6 VC/NVA at a range of 400 meters with small arms fire resulting in one VC/NVA KIA, wearing black PJ's with negative pack or weapon (approximately 25 to 30 years old). Remaining enemy were wearing black PJ's with negative weapons, but were observed carrying packs. Recon/1-46 operated east of LZ Professional vicinity BT 187093, engaged one VC/NVA at a proximity of 30 meters with small arms fire resulting in one VC/NVA KIA, wearing black shorts, khaki shirt. KIA was approximately 20 to 22 years old and carried one US type poncho and canteen, and NVA pistol belt, and documents; but negative weapons.

11 Aug: C/1-46 secured area of downed CH-47 vicinity BT 1407 and located missing body of crew member and KY-28 radio. A/1-46 made a combat assault vicinity BT 129071. Co A extracted 2 detainees and 9 refugees to Tam Ky. B/1-46 departed LZ Professional to the southwest and began a RIF southwest of LZ Professional with negative significant incidents. D/1-46 continued to operate southeast of LZ Professional, at 1800 hours engaged 7 VC/NVA vicinity BT 223053 at a proximity 600 meters with M60 and Arty. Due to proximity, they were unable to distinguish packs or weapons and did not receive return fire. They proceeded to move to check out the area, but due to the thick undergrowth and darkness closing fast they were unable to make an assessment. Recon/1-46 continued to operate east of LZ Professional without significant incident. A/1-502 and B/1-502 airlifted to LZ Professional and assumed security of the lower and upper firebase respectively.

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12 Aug: A/1-46 continued to operate west of LZ Professional, at 0840 hours vicinity BT 133083 found 5 females and 6 children. A detailed search of the area revealed numerous camouflaged hooches with bomb shelters. In the hooches were 2 bags of clothing (black PJ's and 4 NVA green uniforms), 8 packages of noodles, 2 bags of NVA documents. All were extracted to Tam Ky. One male of military age was spotted in the area wearing black PJ's but he successfully evaded to the northeast. All structures were destroyed. Later vicinity BT 125091 A/1-46 spotted 5 VC/NVA proximity one kilometer. Arty was processed into enemy location with negative assessment. Co A at 1840 hours spotted 15 VC/NVA in the open vicinity BT 127094 with packs, weapons, and wearing green uniforms proximity one kilometer northwest. ARA called at 1840 hours resulted in 4 secondary fires (one burned brightly with sparks). B/1-46 at grid BT 181046 engaged 4 VC/NVA resulting in the capture of (1) AK47 rifle SN 4115, (1) AK magazine, and a rucksack containing (1) hammock, (1) NVA poncho, (2) spoons, (2) AK magazines with ammo. Later while moving toward their night defensive position Co B engaged 6 VC/NVA with M60 at 500 meters with unknown results. C/1-46 found vicinity BT 141077 numerous small tunnels and two fairly large tunnels containing 2 bear traps and 50 lbs of salt. Structures and salt were destroyed; bear traps were extracted. Later vicinity BT 146077 Co C found 2 new rice paddies, 1 rice polisher, and an air force survival manual. There were signs of recent activity in the area. D/1-46 vicinity BT 210075 found (3) RPG-7 rounds hidden in the grass and were blown in place. Later vicinity BT 227053 Co D spotted 8 or 9 VC/NVA in khaki uniforms moving south. The enemy were engaged with M60 at a proximity of 500 meters. Although the VC/NVA carried weapons and packs, they did not return fire as they successfully evaded south. Recon/1-46 closed LZ Professional from the east and ran security patrols around LZ Professional without significant incident. A & B/1-502 continued to secure LZ Professional without incident.

13 Aug: Operation LAMAR PLAIN terminated as 1-46 became OPCON to 196th Bde effective 1200 hours.

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12. (C) Results:

a. Operation LAMAR PLAIN was successful in clearing NVA forces from the immediate vicinity of LZ Professional. When the operation commenced LZ Professional was virtually under seige and helicopters were unable to land at the firebase without an armed escort. In addition LZ Professional sustained 2 ground attacks and received in excess of 50 mortar and recoilless rifle rounds. In marked contrast, during the period 15 June - 13 August, LZ Professional received no enemy fire.

b. Enemy losses:

- (1) 12 VC KIA
- (2) 39 NVA KIA
- (3) 21 VC/NVA Killed by air
- (4) 19 VC/NVA Killed by arty
- (5) 4 VC/NVA POW
- (6) 33 IWC
- (7) 139 Bunkers destroyed
- (8) 187 Hooches destroyed
- (9) 14,426 rounds small arms ammo captured
- (10) 156 rounds CSW ammo captured
- (11) 4,280 lbs of rice captured
- (12) Miscellaneous captured equipment

- (a) 3 NVA gas masks
- (b) 1 NVA radio receiver/transmitter
- (c) 1 pair field glasses
- (d) 1 chicom field phone
- (e) 1 .51 caliber barrel
- (f) 1 .51 caliber tripod
- (g) 1 sewing machine

c. Friendly losses:

- (1) 9 KIA
- (2) 59 WIA

d. Body to weapons ratio: 51:33

e. Enemy to friendly killed ratio: 51:9

13. (C) Special Equipment and Techniques: The only special equipment employed by the battalion during operation LAMAR PLAIN was the ground transponder (BEACON) in the employment of airstrikes. In general, beacon controlled airstrikes were very accurate, provided excellent coverage of linear targets, and could be employed during periods of marginal weather and visibility.

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14. (C) Commander's Analysis:

a. Lessons Learned:

(1) Item: Organization of a Provisional Reserve Company.

(a) Discussion: Immediately prior to LAMAR PLAIN, during the period 12 May - 14 May, virtually all line companies of the battalion were in contact with the enemy which precluded availability of an immediate reserve force for the battalion. An additional rifle company may well have assisted materially in the relief of A company.

(b) Solution: On 21 June 1969 a Provisional Reserve Company (PROSERVCO) of battalion trains personnel was organized. This 117 man company was exercised in the vicinity of LZ Professional during the period 27 June - 28 June. Provisional Reserve Company will receive 16 hours training in weapons, grenades, claymore, first aid, map reading and airmobile operations each month. Additionally a 24 hour FTK will be scheduled for PROSERVCO. This company can be employed for up to 3 days without severely degrading logistical and administrative support. This lightly armed (99 M-16's, 12 M-79 grenade launchers, 12 laws) company can be employed to relieve a rifle company then on firebase security for use elsewhere; establish an LZ through which a besieged company could be extracted, or relieve/reinforce a rifle company in jeopardy.

b. Commanders Notes: None

15. (C) Recommendations: Negative.

Inclosures:

- 1 - Intelligence
- 2 - Operations Schematic

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