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The following is a report of lessons learned for period 1-30 June 1971 from this headquarters. This report is submitted for inclusion in the 11th Infantry Brigade Operational Report-Lessons Learned.

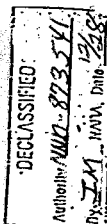
1. Section 1. Operations: Significant Activities

During the first part of the month of June the 1/52 Inf continued operations in the lowlands adjacent to LA Stinson with its main efforts on rice denial, however security was also provided to the 59th Land Clearing Company. The last half of the month the battalion shifted its operations to the Happy Valley area. A Co recorded the first kill of the month in the early morning hours of 1 June when one of its elements engaged an evading VC/NVA during a village raid. The raid also produced 2 detainees and assorted documents. On 3 June, B Co captured and evacuated 4325 lbs of polished rice and detained 2 VN males. On the morning of the 4th an element of B Co captured and evacuated 2400 lbs of rice, and the following morning detained another VC suspect during a village search. Participating in an Eagle Flight operation on 5 June, C Co detained 1 VN male wearing a NVA flag for a head band, and searching a living structure in the vicinity discovered a total of 5000 lbs of polished rice, which was evacuated. While on a security patrol an element of C Co engaged and killed 1 NVA outside their day laager position on 7 June. On the morning of 9 June, A Co while staging a raid, killed 1 VC/NVA. The same afternoon while on an Eagle Flight operation, A Co detained 1 VN male. The detainee was classified as a POW by IPW. On the same operation another element of A Co killed 1 VC/NVA as the enemy was entering a tunnel along a river bank. 10 June saw A Co detain 1 VN male and capture 2 chicom grenades, while on the 12th of June an element of A Co killed 1 NVA and captured 1 AK-47, 3 full magazines and 2 chicom grenades. A Co again engaged and killed 1 NVA and captured 1 AK-47 and 2 chicom grenades on the 17th, when an OP observed the enemy approaching his position. On the morning of 20 June, B Co ambushed and killed 4 NVA and captured 2 AK-47's, 4 chicom grenades, 3 NVA pistol belts and ponchos, 1 wallet and 5 hammocks. Also on the morning of 20 June while conducting an Eagle Flight operation, B Co observed 1 VC evading the area of insertion. Failing to heed warning shots fired to halt him, the VC was engaged, resulting in 1 VC KIA and assorted documents.

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Following this engagement an element of B Co participating in the operation detained 1 VN male in the same area. Later in the day on the 20th, D Co, in two separate ambushes, engaged and killed 3 NVA and captured 1 AK-47, 3 rucksacks and assorted food stuffs. Conducting an Eagle Flight on the 21st, B Co detained 1 VC/NVA who was classified a POW after interrogation. On the same mission B Co was also credited with capturing 1000 lbs of polished rice. The 1/52d snipers registered 8 first kills of the month on 21 June when the VC was observed and engaged at a 200 meter range. Conducting an Eagle Flight on the afternoon of 27 June, C Co found 6 graves, 2 of which were fresh. Two bodies were exhumed from the fresh graves revealing 2 military age males dressed in green uniforms and killed by small arms fire. B Co engaged 2 individuals in the same area during an Eagle Flight operation on the 28th of June. Although heavy blood trails were found and followed, no bodies were found. As a result of this contact B Co was credited with the 2 NVA C Co exhumed. C Co later in the operation detained 1 VN male, and captured 1 homemade "bangalore" torpedo, assorted medical supplies and 4200 lbs of rice. The evening of 27 June saw D Co capture 3 rucksacks containing 200 lbs of rice, 30 lbs of salt, 10 lbs of tea and assorted canned food stuffs, toilet articles, cooking utensils and clothing. The final kill of the month was produced by the snipers on 30 June when they engaged and killed 1 VC/NVA at a range of 500 meters. Captured in this action were 1 AK-47, 1 wallet and assorted documents. Total enemy losses in the reporting period were: 18 KIA, 2 POW, 10 detainees, 6 weapons, and 17,125 lbs of rice.



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