

I. MISSION (Chart)

Plus Blockade border and CMD.

II. FORCES ASSIGNED (5 different assets) (Chart)

200 PBR - Continuous round the clock 12 hour 2 boat patrols - Manned crew of 4 plus boat officer and VNN Maritime Policeman - Authority to arrest VN for lack of identification and conveying unmanifested cargo.

Extensive PSYOPS Program - involving Civic Action - MEDCAPS - Loudspeaker operations, etc - we average about 175 of these ops/month.

Finally the PBRs operate with RF/PF units on small scale operations about 60 times/month.

22 HELLO - Own Air Force

Army loan on ISSA

7 Fireteams - 8 maintenance base Vung Tau

5 minute reaction - 24 hours day

Direct support PBR

Assist SA, IV Corps as required

4 LST - Standard WW II 542 class

Modified deck to support LHFT

Booms added to tend 10 PBR

Cargo hatch widen allow all 10 boats to be positioned in tank deck

40MM cannon ideal GFS

Ideal Mobile asset - infact in May we deployed HUNDERTON CTY with 10 PBR to II Corp at Qui Nhon where they provided support for a very successful ROIC operation.

7 MSB - 57 ft boat designed to clear a channel of contact and influence type mines

Used on main shipping channel to Saigon

We turned over 6 LCM(M) to VNN on 10 June and they now perform all chain drag operation in the RSSZ.

6 SEAL Plt - These are the Navy's Commando type units who operate from Sea, Air or Land.

6 Plt assigned to the Delta composed of 2 officers 12 men plus 2 LDNN (UDT). These units also assist in training the LRRP. Primary mission is intelligence gathering. During the first half of 1968 SEAL ops were conducted throughout the Chau Doc and Kien Giang province, which resulted in considerable updating and confirmation of infiltration routes over the Cambodian border into the western portion of the 44 SZ.

III. BASES - To support our assets we have 10 GAME WARDEN Bases in the Delta - 5 Ashore - 5 Afloat.

ASHORE - Binh Thuy - Sa Dec - Vinh Long - My Tho - Nha Be

AFLOAT - 3 LST (River) - YRBM-18 - MB II in 44 SZ At Tan Toi

IV. EXPANSION

PROGRAM V - Which was originated in 1967 and is finally being delivered Provides for the fol add assets for GAME WARDEN.

50 - PBR for total of 250 in country

5 - Afloat asset (YRBM)

24 - Minecraft (8 LCM(M)
(8 MSD)
(8 MSR) (ASPB)

19 - UH-1B/OV-10A/OV-12A

However in view of Helo shortages cutbacks of funds in July we have reduced PROGRAM V assets as follows:

10 of 50 PBR will be used of OVHL of MK I.

3 vice 5 YRBM

Additional assets at Long Xuyen

Cow Long
Vinh Long ↙ move afloat

V. EFFECTIVENESS

1. Our operational summary for the past 12 months portrays our accomplishments.

2. One of the most significant items is the fact that GAME WARDEN personnel came in contact with over 2 million 800 thousand Vietnamese.

3. Although the number of VC killed is not great, you can see that our patrols have had a definite influence on the movement of personnel and cargo on the main waterways of the Delta.

4. This past 12 months we had over 960,000 watercraft contacts. Discounting the TET Campaign as we compare the past three months of May, June, and July against October, November, and December of last year, we find that day contacts on the major waterways have increased 110% (from 176,000 to 360,000). At the same time night contacts show an upward trend of about 300% (11,000 to 32,000).

Chut down
5. Persons and watercraft detained have decreased indicating a stricter adherence to the GVN laws. Accurate cargo manifests and identification papers resulted in better than 50% of our detainees being identified VC, VCS, draft dodgers, or deserters.

6. The number and effectiveness of combined operations conducted with RF/PF troops particularly those assigned to the outposts on and near the major rivers is on the increase.

7. Slow but tangible increases are noted in contribution to Chieu Hoi Program since each PBR is a Chieu Hoi station. In the past year, 55 Hoi Chanhs have rallied to PBRs. Just last week four in Sa Dec Province hailed a PBR for pick up.

8. Enemy movement certainly has not stopped but we have indicators that impediments to his movements have been imposed. We feel that due to the presence of PBRs and Seawolf helo he is forced to move in smaller units with larger security forces, i.e. a minimum of 4 squads is required per crossing area on a major river.

chart

9. Regarding De-Escalation of the VC within the GAME WARDEN TAOR. Our overall engagements involving PBR, Helo and SEALs went from 182 during the month of June to 48 in July and so far during August the rate is about the same as July 25 for the 1st 15 days.

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CONCLUSION:

Our presence has restored travel on the main waterways to higher levels, has reduced susceptibility to VC taxation, and people know they can obtain needed emergency assistance resulting in the GVN image of concern for the Vietnamese being increased.