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## 1st, 2d 'Hounds United; Wolf Pack Prowls Again

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**WOLFHOUND INFANTRYMEN** from the 2d Battalion, 27th Infantry pour out the firepower during a battle near Cu Chi in the early days of the Tropic Lightning's participation in the Vietnam War. It's just like old times for the two Wolfhound battalions, which are operating together again under the 3d Brigade.

**CU CHI** - The 1st and 2d Battalions, 27th Infantry, Wolfhounds, have united forces again under the 3d Brigade. The highly decorated battalions were separated in late 1968.

The battalions were reunited when the 3d Brigade moved from its base camp at Dau Tieng to a new area of operations at Cu Chi.

The two units came to Vietnam as part of the Division's 2d Brigade from their headquarters at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

They landed at Vung Tau in January, 1966, immediately starting a push northwest of Saigon into Hau Nghia province. In this area, the two Hound battalions were to help establish Division headquarters at Cu Chi. Operation Wahiyah from 16-22 May 1966 cooled a few Viet Cong heels. The Wolfhounds killed 157 enemy and captured 885 tons of rice, along with large amounts of field equipment.

After clearing most of the Viet Cong from their immediate area, the Wolfhounds worked in defense of Saigon. They harassed staging areas and blocked enemy infiltration routes from Cambodia.

Operations Kolo Kolo and Atlanta in 1967 took a heavy toll of enemy forces, ending a 10-year Viet Cong reign in Hau Nghia province. An estimated 2,264 enemy died in the action.

From December 1967 to May 1968, the Lightning forces embarked on Operations Saratoga and Toan Thang. The mission was to engage the enemy and destroy his rocket-launching capabilities.

During the 1967 offensive in early 1968, the Wolfhounds worked in defense of Saigon. The 1st and 2d Battalions pushed the 222d Viet Cong Regiment out of the Tan Phu-Trang Ap Cho areas in February 1968, leaving 219 enemy dead.