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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
 HEADQUARTERS, 82 INFANTRY 9TH INFANTRY
 APO San Francisco 96342

15 October 1970

SUBJECT: Combined After Action Report (U)

Commanding Officer
 82 Airborne, 4th Inf Div
 AFHQ: 87
 APO San Francisco 96342

1. (C) General:

During the period 5 Oct - 12 Oct, 2-75 Inf supported Operation
 FURIAH DRAGON under the operational control of 82 ABN, 4th Inf Div.
 This operation was located 90 kilometers NE of CAMP RADLEY, RVN. 2-75
 Inf forward command post was located at LE ANHUA (H007720).

2. Task Designations:

1/2-75 Inf	IN OCS
2/2-75 Inf	RCN XIN
3/2-75 Inf	2/4-42 Arty (25)
4(-)/2-75 Inf	

3. Commanders & Principal Staff:

POSITION	NAME	PERIOD
IN CO	LTC DALE M. HENRY	5 Oct - 12 Oct
IN XO	MAJ WILLIAM J. HANDEBERG	5 Oct - 12 Oct
IN S1	1LT KEN M. H. JOHNSON	5 Oct - 12 Oct
IN S2	CPT FRANK G. HUGHES	5 Oct - 12 Oct
IN S3	MAJ GUSTAVE GARRIS	5 Oct - 12 Oct
IN S4	1LT RALPH W. JAMES	5 Oct - 12 Oct
IN S5	CPT RICHARD HENRY	5 Oct - 12 Oct
IN SFT P12 L22	CPT THADDEUS YOST	5 Oct - 12 Oct
A CO	CPT MELVIN BAKER	5 Oct - 12 Oct
B CO	CPT JEFFERSON D. KIRBY	5 Oct - 12 Oct
C CO	CPT WARD K. GORDON	5 Oct - 12 Oct

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B CO	CPT RICHARD D. O'CLAIRE	5 Oct - 12 Oct
E CO	1LT THOMAS M. WAJER	5 Oct - 12 Oct
KNOWN FIE LDR	1LT GEORGE W. LANIER	5 Oct - 12 Oct
4.2 MORTAR FIE LDR	1LT WILLIE M. HENKA	5 Oct - 12 Oct
B/4-42 ARMY CO	CPT PAUL MULLER	5 Oct - 12 Oct
B/4-42 ARMY LG	1LT MICHAEL J. PINTKOLLO	5 Oct - 12 Oct

d. Missions: B-35 Inf moved on 050700H Oct 70 to LA PHUOY, conducted an airlift in assigned AO to conduct a secure relief in place of the 1-12 Inf located at PHU AUGUSTA; conduct search and clear operations in assigned AO w/ambush patrol and ambush techniques; be prepared to place 4.2 platoon and security element 0100H A/3-16 Arty on 5 Oct; be prepared to commit one rifle platoon as reaction force 0100H to E-75 Hengue.

2. (C) Intelligence

a. Weather: The weather remained mild during the period that this battalion was operating off PHU AUGUSTA. Only one day of rain was experienced. The northwest and northeast monsoons were in transitional stage and because of this little rain was received, however, a morning mist was ever present until 0900 hours daily.

b. Terrain: The terrain consisted of rugged mountain peaks. The area was covered with multi-canopied forests, however, L's few operations and resupply were abundant. There were numerous mountain streams in the area, thus the availability of water was not a problem.

c. Enemy: It was expected that the battalion would find elements of the 400th Sapper Bn, 1st Inf Bn, 300th Arty Bn, 200th AA Bn, and 5th Inf Bn in our area of operations. Numerous indications of recent enemy activity were found in our area, however, no documents were found to indicate which enemy elements were operating in the area. Only one major find was made during this operation, B Co, via HQ45743, found a bunker complex large enough to accommodate an NVA company-sized unit. Various material and equipment were found within the complex. The battalion made no contacts with the enemy during this operation.

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3. (C) Operations:

a. A Company: On 051424H Oct 70, A Co completed an airlift from LZ PEGGY to FEB AUGUSTA and began the security mission at that location. A Co remained on the firebase throughout the entire operation. On 12 Oct, A Co closed the firebase and conducted an airlift to LZ PEGGY. Upon arrival at LZ PEGGY, A Co conducted a convey move to CAMP RADCLIFF.

b. B Company: On 051235H Oct 70, B Co completed an airlift from LZ PEGGY to LZ via HR267730 and departed the LZ to begin search and destroy operations in their assigned AO. On 080945H Oct 70, B Co located a large bunker complex consisting of 29 bunkers. Various equipment was found inside the bunkers. It was estimated that this complex could accommodate a company-sized element. The area was used within the last 7-10 days. B Co made no contacts with the enemy during this operation. On 12 Oct, B Co conducted a final extraction from the field to LZ PEGGY and moved by convey to CAMP RADCLIFF.

c. C Company: On 051236H Oct 70, C Co conducted an A/L from LZ PEGGY to LZ via HR257734 and began search and destroy operations in their assigned AO. On 8 Oct, via HR227113, 1/C found a grave which was estimated to be 3-4 months old. The grave was dug up and found to contain one body wrapped in an NVA poncho. 1/C was unable to determine what the cause of death was. C Co made no contacts while operating in this AO. On 12 Oct, C Co conducted a final extraction from the field to LZ PEGGY and moved by convey to CAMP RADCLIFF.

d. D Company: On 051436H Oct 70, D Co(-) conducted an airlift from LZ PEGGY to LZ via HR271730 and departed into their AO to begin search and destroy operations. 1/D was placed GFCOM A/3-16 Arty. On 8 Oct, via HR246763, 1/D found a LCH which was estimated to have been there for approximately one year. There was no tail number visible on the LCH, however, it did not appear to have been disturbed. D Co(-) made no contacts during this operation. On 12 Oct, D Co(-) conducted a final extraction from the field and conveyed to CAMP RADCLIFF. 1/D returned to the control of D Co at this time.

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3. Recon Platoons: On 051325H Oct 70, Recon Plt conducted an A/L from LE PEGGY to LE via HRODY687 and moved into their AO to begin REF operations. Recon Plt made no contacts with the enemy and made no significant findings while operating in this area. On 12 Oct, Recon Plt conducted a final extraction from the field and conveyed to CAMP RADCLIFF.

4. (G) Trainings: The battalion received and filled quotas to Division schools as follows:

	QUOTA	ATTENDED
NDG Leadership	2	2
Sniper School	1	1

5. (G) Logistics: Battalion trains were located at LE UPLIFT with a forward resupply point for emergency Class I and V located at FEB ABONETA. Transportation to and from LE PEGGY was provided by 8th Group.

6. (G) Organization: There was no major change in the organization during this operation.

7. (G) Other: Aid stations were located both at the forward fire base and at the rear area at CAMP RADCLIFF. Casualties were evacuated to 77th Field Hospital at CAMP RADCLIFF.

8. (G) Commanders Analysis: The operation was not long enough to present a good analysis as nothing of significance occurred. About the only thing that can be said was the absence of enemy activity. Based on the intelligence reports the suspected enemy units never materialized. The concept of giving a battalion one helicopter to conduct daily resupply was one that should have been adopted years ago. Nevertheless, the Bn suffered from a lack of coordination, thus the helicopters suffered inefficient use. By thorough planning and staff coordination all of the problem areas were solved.

One outstanding achievement of the Bn was the swiftness and ease with which the Bn conveyed to its staging area and combat assaulted or air lifted in its area of operation. The training that the Bn received on its last

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operation was instrumental in the case by which the 2d moved and
deployed to its new AO.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

**CHIEF OF STAFF
NAJ, Infantry
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