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3D BRIGADE 25TH INFANTRY DIVISION
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SUBJECT: Operational Report for Quarterly Period Ending 31 July 1967

TO: Commanding Officer
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SECTION I (C) SIGNIFICANT ORGANIZATION OR UNIT ACTIVITIES

1. GENERAL. The 1st Bn 35th Inf participated in Operation Baker, during this reporting period.

a. Commander and Staff:

- (1) Major James E. Moore Jr. - Battalion Commander
- (2) Major Robert M. Drudick - Battalion Executive Officer
- (3) Major Garold L. Tippin - Battalion S-3
- (4) Captain Jacky A. Burr - Battalion S-2
- (5) Captain William A. Baker - Battalion S-4
- (6) 1Lt William M. Dalehite - Battalion S-1

b. Company Commanders

- (1) Captain Lloyd H. Yoshima - Company A
- (2) Captain Kenneth I. Barton - Company B
- (3) Captain John C. Cavender - Company C
- (4) Captain Martin P. Kelley - HHC

c. Operational area:

The Battalion operated in Quang Ngai Province near Duc Pho. The Battalion CP was located at 12 OLIVE DRAB, BS 786362.

d. Mission:

- (1) Conduct Search and Destroy Operations in assigned Area of Operation.
- (2) Provide tactical security for the defense of 12 MONTEZUMA (3d Bde TF CP).

(3) Provide tactical security for the Engineers working on Highway #1.

(4) Coordinate and conduct operations with the Regional Force and Popular Force units in the area.

(5) Conduct Civil Affairs activities throughout the area of operations in order to win the people back to the GVN cause.

e. Concept of Operations:

(1) The concept of operations during this period was to advance over suspected avenues of enemy movement, searching for enemy personnel, caches, and fortifications. The Battalion area of operation was further broken down into zones of operations for the companies. The objective here was to deny the enemy the use of inhabited lowlands, and cut off their sources of food, intelligence and labor. In order to accomplish this it was necessary to have the physical presence of US troops. The general plan was to establish a BN firebase with one company as security and conduct sweeps, and search and destroy operations with the other two rifle companies. The infantry was used to find and fix the enemy. Once this was accomplished all available fire power was brought on the enemy to destroy them.

(2) The company providing security for the firebase habitually employed one platoon out from the firebase in a night ambush role; and one platoon was used either in daily sweeps or eagle flight missions.

(3) The reconnaissance platoon was frequently employed in the opposite direction of the Battalion's main effort. The platoon often operated for three day periods without resupply which allowed them to conceal their presence.

(4) Major emphasis was placed upon; quick reaction to intelligence by airmobile assaults; a thorough search of the terrain; use of day and night ambushes; village roundups; and going back into areas already searched. The latter procedure proved extremely effective because the enemy had a habit of moving into an area just searched by American troops.

Thorough search techniques were slow but they were profitable as indicated by some 50 tons of rice and 15 tons of salt found in this manner.

(5) Generally these basic concepts were applied throughout the operation. A kill ratio of 14 to 1 was maintained during the period.

f. The Fighting:

The fighting during this operation was characterized by several major contacts in fortified villages, separated by many minor contacts and ambush engagements, and one major contact in the mountains with an NVA platoon.

The village fighting was vicious, and close-quarter. The enemy had spent years preparing these fortified villages and they contained mutually supporting fighting bunkers, connecting trench systems and tunnel networks. All were elaborately prepared and ingeniously camouflaged. The overhead cover of the bunkers were in some cases 5 to 8 foot thick and could withstand the direct hit of a 155 shell. This battalion had good

results by maneuvering forces in an attempt to seal off the escape routes, maintaining pressure on the enemy by the infantry troops, firing machine and artillery to suppress the enemy fires and softening up the village with TAC air. In the battle of Dien Truong (4), 22-23 May, 87 enemy KIA; fifteen TAC air strikes were called in on the enemy positions before the infantry went in.

g. Deceptive techniques employed during this quarterly period consisted of visual reconnaissance by fixed wing aircraft, air strikes, the use of night bombing techniques (Sky Spots); persistent CS and H&I fires. False extractions of platoons and companies were also used. It was intended that some friendly activity would take place throughout the operational area each day. The objective was to harass the enemy, deceive him as to our true intentions, and to locate hidden enemy with reconnaissance aircraft.

2. INTELLIGENCE:

a. Enemy activity during the reporting period decreased substantially as compared to the latter part of the last reporting period. The enemy continued to depend on the local populace for food, resupply, and intelligence. The number of booby traps encountered increased during the months of May & June, but decreased in July. Local guerrillas discontinued the practice of shooting at aircraft and there were only 3 incidents reported of sniper fire. After being driven from the coastal plains near Duc Pho, the enemy set up rest areas in the mountains to reorganize and resupply. On 15 July, C Co discovered one such area which was occupied by a platoon from the 7th Bn. The action that followed resulted in 28 enemy KIA and 12 weapons captured.

b. On 19 May the battalion engaged elements of the 7th Bn 22d Regt at Nga Man, BS 844318. The enemy had entered the village in the early morning hours and had begun fortifications. The ensuing battle resulted in 31 enemy KIA and 5 weapons captured. The enemy escaped through a stream bed to the north of the village and using the pass vicinity BS 670304 moved to Dien Truong (4) the following night. The 1st Bn 35th Inf on 22 May again engaged the 7th Bn resulting in 65 enemy KIA 10 weapons captured. Since these 2 defeats the enemy has not entered the Battalion area of Operations in strength although ambushes established in the valley area BS 830320 has proved to be fruitful in intercepting parties resupplying the regular units in the mountains west and south of Duc Pho.

c. The VC infrastructure, although still functioning in some areas, has been dealt numerous setbacks. By utilizing the Popular Forces almost continuously with the companies we have apprehended many local VC guerrillas as well as arms and rice caches. On 5 different occasions we have exploited information gained from Hoi Chans; each resulted in finding a weapon. On 17 July a Hoi Chan which had rallied to the Popular Forces at Duc Pho, was taken to the Recon platoon, and subsequently led them to a well concealed underground bunker where 5 VC were hiding. Significantly one of those killed was a Duc Pho district VC committee member, of some standing. The following day the Recon platoon conducted a Madcap in another hamlet some 1000 meters away. Everyone in the surrounding villages knew the VC Committee

member had been killed.

d. It is believed the NVA are distributed in small platoon size elements in the mountains to the west and south of Duc Pho, and only infiltrate occasionally in small groups into the valley to buy rice. They will probably continue this type operation until the monsoons. The VC elements having suffered severe setbacks and defeats, will probably continue their operations on a small scale, searching for food and needed replacements. After the monsoons begin they will probably come down into the valleys and attempt to occupy the villages and try to regain control of the populace that they had lost.

3. OPERATIONS & TRAINING:

a. Operations

(1) Total number of days engaged in combat operations 92

(2) Results:

(a) Chieu Hois	7
(b) Enemy CIA	81
(c) Enemy KIA	237
(d) Detainees (VCS)	684
(e) Weapons Captured:	

1. Chicom IMG	4
2. Rocket Launcher, RPG 40	4
3. M-60 MG	1
4. AK-47	17
5. Sub-Machine gun	9
6. SKS	10
7. M-79 Grenade Launcher	1
8. M-1 Rifle	9
9. US Carbine	11
10. Shotgun	3
11. Chicom Carbine	3
12. 45 Cal Pistol	4
13. Sam Pistol	3
14. MAS 36	11
15. Mosin Nagant	3
16. Unknown Wpn destroyed	8

(f) Rice Captured	57 tons
(g) Salt Captured	17 tons
(h) Booby traps	
1. Discovered	82
2. Tripped & Detonated	24

(1) Aerial bombs, (duds) located and destroyed - 87

(j) Misc:

1. Rice milling machines	2
2. Diesel engines	2

NOTE: These items were turned over to Duc Pho District for use in helping the refugees and the hospital.

b. Training:

(1) A three day FO class was conducted by the artillery liaison officer. Two men from each company were given the training. The purpose was to provide the rifle company with a third FO team.

(2) A stand-down system for platoons was inaugurated where a rifle platoon would spend 3 1/2 days at LZ NONTUOMA. During this period they received an intelligence briefing by the Bn S-2 and conducted training in rifle marksmanship; battle drill, ambush patrolling, mines and booty-traps and map reading.

c. Chemical:

(1) Non-persistent CS grenades were used with excellent results against caves and bunkers.

(2) The portable E-8 dispenser is on hand and has been tested. The Bn keeps several on call, ready to be sent out to a company at any time.

(3) Air Force A1-E Skyraiders with CS dispensers were used in one operation. At 0630 hrs on 3 July, 1967, two skyraiders bombed three targets with non-persistent CS. This was followed by two airstrikes using napalm and fragmentation bombs. Then sixteen volleys of artillery were fired into the area. When the artillery was finished one reinforced rifle company (with gas masks) was assaulted into the area. It was found that 75% of the target area (three square kilometers) was covered by CS. Had the intelligence been correct, enemy casualties would have been heavy. This type of operation can be utilized effectively and with good results.

d. Psychological Warfare:

Aerial speaker and leaflet missions were integrated into all tactical operations. In addition, considerable use was made of ground speaker teams especially in the Medcap operations.

e. Civil Affairs activities:

The Battalions Civil Affairs activities have concentrated chiefly on improving the Duc Pho hospital. The hospital's defunct plumbing system was repaired, three new sinks added and a gas driven water pump was obtained (through USAID), which is not yet installed. To prevent over-use of the hospital's one small well, a large well was begun in the adjacent refugee village, and this well is now more than half finished. The labor is being paid for with salad oil and captured rice. The attempt to set up an intact rice thresher at the hospital, in hopes of using the possible modest profits towards hospital improvements, was completely unsuccessful due to thefts of key parts, and the basic, unforeseen opposition of the other rice mill owners in Duc Pho. The Vietnamese civilian personnel

working with us seemed much more interested in possible advantages for themselves, than the welfare of the hospital and nearby refugees, and in retrospect the machinery should have been installed entirely by US troops, and two watchmen-mechanics hired to safeguard the equipment. Key motor parts, such as fuel injectors, gas lines, etc. should have been removed before the machinery left the US compound. A captured sewing machine was given to the nurses at the hospital, along with cloth for new uniforms. Two English classes have been held early each afternoon for the past two months, with about 12 students in each class. Chairs and benches were obtained for the clinic room where the classes are held, and all of the hospital's woodwork was painted with enamel.

The battalion surgeon makes daily rounds for the 50 to 70 in-patients. The medications were dispensed chiefly by the Vietnamese civilian medics, but all of the necessary medical supplies must be moved back and forth daily in TOT's because of the security problems and likelihood of theft. The training level of the Vietnamese personnel has been improved and in a few weeks a class of medical instruction for the hospital employees will be initiated.

During this quarterly period 31 MEDCAP Operations were conducted and some 4,930 people were treated. The usual method of conducting these MEDCAPS were as follows:

- (1) US troops set up a cordon around a populated area.
- (2) PSYOPS teams are used to broadcast the pending arrival of the MEDCAP team.
- (3) When available a Culture & Drama team entertains as the MEDCAP team works.
- (4) Leaflets and booklets are passed out to the people.

4. PERSONNEL:

a. The 1st Bn 35th Inf remains attached to the 4th Infantry Division for all administrative functions.

- (1) Unit Strength as of 27 July 1967.

<u>Authorized</u>	<u>Assigned</u>
INOC 20/2/273	14/1258
A 6/173	5/175
B 6/173	5/169
C 6/173	5/179

(2) The most serious shortage in this battalion continues to be qualified personnel in the ranks of E-5 and E-6. These vacancies exist primarily in the 11 series MOS. Monthly promotion allocations are based on the number of vacancies in the particular grade. There are more than an adequate number of allocations, but the majority can only be utilized for first in-country promotions. An example of this is the allocations received for the month of June: To E-5 - 100 received and 10 used.

(3) In the senior NCO ranks all positions for E-8 and E-9 sergeant E-7 positions with an average of two per rifle company.

(4) For the quarterly period the battalion received seven (7) lieutenants as officer replacements. Vacancies continue to exist in the O-2 and O-3 ranks. There are three (3) O-3 vacancies and three (3) O-2

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(e) Services: The battalion has experienced no difficulties in transportation and maintenance. The principal projects now on the way is development of the base area for monsoon season.

c. Medical Evacuation and Hospitalization: Medical evacuation has been accomplished by aircraft. There are no shortages in medical supplies and equipment. The battalion has experienced 148 battle casualties during the covered period.

3. EXECUTION:

a. 1 May - 31 May 67

(1) 1 May 67 - Unit loc: Bn CP, A 2/9 Arty, 4.2 mort plat, C Co loc LZ OD, (BR 768328), A Co (-) 736330, 1st & 4th plats 739334, Recon plat 735329, B Co 806304, 1st plat 803603, 2nd plat 804604, 3d plat 812607. The 3d plat, A Co and the Recon plat were on a E-W line from 731327 to 735328 and were sweeping North when they took 3 armed individuals under fire at 0855 hours. Also at 0855 the 2nd plat, C Co wounded one VC at 777375. At 1030 hours the Bn CO granted 2/35 an extension of their area of operations to include the area from 760440 and 760450 eastward to the coast. The extension became effective at 010600 and ended 030600. 2nd plat, C Co sweeping the area vicinity 763370 picked up 4 VCS at 1100.

(2) 2 May 67 - Unit loc: Bn CP, A 2/9 Arty, 4.2 mort, C Co loc LZ OD, A Co 754331, 2nd plat 765327, 3d plat 761332, B Co 795299 and 706295, 2nd plat 797299, 3d plat 745295, Recon plat 754331. At 0555 B Co's CP's spotted 15 enemy running across a field at 775399. The CP's opened fire on the enemy and called in artillery. B Co checked out the field and found 1 NVA KIA, 1 KIA and 1 SKS. A Co boxed up 1,400 lbs of rice they had found at 754331. The 1st plat, C Co found recently used bunkers at 687367 which contained maps of the Beng Son area, a M-2 plotting board, a range finder and 14 bags of rice with carrying straps. Also they found 10 Khaki uniforms which had been dyed black. At 1728, 2nd plat, B Co spotted 2 VC and took them under fire killing one. The VC KIA was located at 787330.

(3) 3 May 67 - Unit loc: Bn CP, A 2/9 Arty, 4.2 mort, C Co loc LZ OD, A Co loc 752325, B Co (-) 777331, 1st plat 783335, 2nd plat 763340, 3d plat 786334, Recon plat 765345, IRRP loc 765345. 1st plat, B Co

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found 3 huts containing 5 tons of rice at 779334. The rice was evacuated to Duc Pho District Hq. The Blue Team was inserted at 0910 vicinity 721393. At 1008 the 3d plat, B Co killed 1 VC at 776328 who carried a M-1 rifle and 1 grenade. The 2nd plat, C Co discovered a tunnel at 745435 which was 100 meters in length and ran into a room 24' x 24' x 4' high. The room had some benches and 250 lbs of rice. The tunnel was destroyed by the engineers. The Blue Team was extracted at 1100 hours, and reinserted at 723386 at 1325. Wpns plat, C Co received sniper fire from the village at 766425 and suffered 1 US KIA. At 1704 C Co closed 770445. At 1745 the C Company Commander, Captain Joseph Caudillo was hit by a sniper fire which came from two VC who were firing from behind a hay stack. At 2311 the Battalion CO was notified by the Brigade Surgeon that Captain Caudillo has passed away in the Qui Nhon hospital.

(4) 4 May 67 - Unit loc: Bn CP, A 2/9 Arty, 4.2 mort, Recon plat, B Co loc LZ OD, A Co loc 758323, 2nd plat 773327, C Co loc 770445, 2nd plat 768438, 3d plat 759442, LRP loc 769349. At 0810 the 2nd plat, C Co took 7 VC with weapons under fire at 758427. A soldier from 2nd plat, B Co was KIA when he tripped a grenade type booby trap at 727304 at 0905. Two more grenade booby traps were found by 2nd plat, B Co at 727304. The 2nd plat, C Co found 1 VC KIA in a cave patch near 758427.

(5) 5 May 67 - Unit loc: Bn CP, A 2/9 Arty, Recon plat, B Co loc LZ OD, A Co loc 769332, C Co (-) 758404, 1st plat 756402. A 500 lb bomb was found at 761400 by 2nd plat, C Co at 0845. At 1005 the 1st plat, C Co picked up 7 VCS on a village sweep vicinity 750394. At 1335, A Co (-) at 783234 discovered an elaborate complex of large huts, five tons of rice, a motor block, other hand machinery, and two 55 gallon drums of fuel. The complex was a rice polishing mill.

(6) 6 May 67 - Unit loc: Bn CP, A 2/9 Arty, B Co loc LZ OD, Recon plat loc 785385, A Co 1st plat 780331, 2nd plat 782336, 3d plat 784334, C Co loc 774375, 3d plat 742232, 4th plat 745379, LRP loc 738361. At 0610 the Wpns plat, C Co killed two VC at 745379. Captured weapons included one .45 cal pistol, one 9mm pistol, and ammunition. The 3d plat, C Co sweeping the adjacent area found 1 VC KIA and 1 SKS rifle, ammo and a hand grenade. At 1112 the 1st plat, B Co at 769376 killed one female VC.

(7) 8 May 67 - Unit loc: Bn CP, A 2/9 Arty, B Co loc LZ OD, A Co loc 783305, A Co 1st plat and 2nd plat 796320, 1st plat 1st sqd, 3d plat 1st sqd 749303, A Co 3d plat 3d sqd 748308, A Co 4th plat 1st sqd 786307, B Co CP's loc 1/ 780365, 2/ 784364, 3/ 784371, C Co 725374, 1st plat 745379, 2nd plat 740392, C Co 3d plat 728384, Recon plat loc 765342 and 765345, LRP loc 751361. The 3d plat, B Co collected 66 VCS and sent them to Bde for processing at 1120 hours. The VCS were picked up on the E-W trail vicinity 790384. Most of the VCS did not have ID cards.

(8) 9 May 67 - Unit loc: Bn CP, A 2/9 Arty, B Co loc LZ OD, A Co (-) 785313, 1st plat 787321, 2nd plat 793322, 3d plat 788314, wpns plat 784312, C Co (-) 727376, 2nd plat 732387, Recon plat 755358. The 3d plat, A Co found a shotgun and 12 shells in a hut at 783307. At 2140 hours 8 men were wounded at LZ OD when a 81mm mortar round fell short as it left the mortar tube. Among those wounded was Captain Keith Carlton, Battery

Commander of A Battery, 2/9 Artillery.

(9) 10 May 67 - Unit loc: Bn CP, A 2/9 Arty, C Co loc LZ OD, A Co (-) 777325, 3d plat 768326, C Co (-) 775374, 2nd plat 743386, 1st plat 745473, Recon plat (-) 775340, TX elem 777341, LRRP 751361. At 0830, near 741392, 3d plat, C Co found 7 pairs of sandals, 1 bangalore torpedo, 1 concussion grenade, 30 rounds of 9mm ammo, 1 pack, and 21 Vietnamese hats. All items were destroyed except the torpedo. 1st plat, B Co picked up 1 VCS at 0845 near 782384. 7 VCS were detained by 1st plat, B Co at 1012 vicinity 779385. The Recon plat found a tunnel, 50 feet long at 750366. While checking out the tunnel the Recon plat found some bedding, food, 1 pack, and sighted 2 VC who ran. The VC were taken under fire and 1 VC was KIA. The VC was carrying 2 pistol belts, 1 knife, 1 food pouch, 11 AK-47 rounds and 1 US frag grenade. At 1245 the 3d plat, A Co found a 250 lb bomb at 795325. The weapons plat, C Co at 746381 found a Chicom grenade and a 57mm recoilless rifle round at 1417 hours.

(10) 11 May 67 - Unit loc: Bn CP, A 2/9 Arty, 4.2 mort, A Co loc LZ OD, B Co (-) loc 803367, 1st plat LZ MONTEZUMA, 2nd plat 801360, 3d plat 809361, C Co (-) 735400, 1st plat 726406, 3d plat (-) 732398, 3d plat (A) 734396, Recon plat (-) 763374, 767374, LRRP loc 795322. The Recon plat detained 2 VCS at 0920. One was stopped at 761380 and the second at 756377. 1st plat, A Co picked up 2 VCS at 719383.

(11) 12 May 67 - Unit loc: Bn CP, A 2/9 Arty, 4.2 mort, A Co loc LZ OD, B Co (-) loc 803367, 1st plat LZ MONTEZUMA, 2nd plat 801360, 3d plat 809361, C Co (-) 735400, 1st plat 746382, Recon plat loc 766367, WT elem 758368, 3-B (LRRP) with Recon plat 766367. C Troop, 3/4 Cav entered the 1/35 AO at 0836 vicinity 794404. The troop left the AO at 0945 hours. 50 bags of rice were evacuated from 747407 by 2nd plat, C Co at 1715.

(12) 13 May 67 - Unit loc: Bn CP, A 2/9 Arty, 4.2 mort, A Co loc LZ OD, 2nd plat A Co ambush at 792363, OP's 781367, 787371, 784365, B Co (-) 791314, 1st plat LZ MONTEZUMA, 2nd plat 796313, C Co (-) 753342, 1st plat 734397, 2nd plat 745391, 3d plat 741392, Recon plat 756374, 741392, LRRP loc 795322. LZ LIZ was attacked at midnight by mortar and small arms. C Co 1/35 was alerted by the Bn CO to be ready to move north toward 2/35. At 0023, 1st plat, C Co heard the enemy mortar rounds leaving the mortars. 1st plat, C Co was then at 734397. C Co moved into a blocking position to cut off enemy movement to the southwest from LZ LIZ. At 0935 the Wpns plat, C Co picked up 6 VCS at 745407, and at 1000 the 1st plat, C Co picked up 2 VCS at 745412. At 1325, 2nd plat, C Co found a corpse at 747375 which had a M-26A grenade booby trap attached to the body. B Co captured a 12 gauge shotgun at 1805 vicinity 790313. C Co fired on 3 armed individuals at 1846 and wounded one who was captured. No weapons were taken.

(13) 14 May 67 - Unit loc: Bn CP, A 2/9 Arty, A Co loc LZ OD, B Co (-) 802297, 2nd plat 769259, 3d plat 804291, C Co (-) 748394, 1st plat 744393, 2nd plat 743373, 3d plat 734393, 4th plat 747372, Recon plat 765365, LRRP loc 795322. At 1005 hours a Chieu Hoi walked into the 3d plat, A Co area and surrendered. The Chieu Hoi turned over an M-1 rifle and 8 rounds of ammo. The 1st plat, A Co found a cave and tunnel at 796367. The LRRP was extracted at 1500 from their location at 795314.

(14) 15 May 67 - Unit loc: Bn CP, A 2/9 Arty, 4.2 mort, A Co loc LZ CD, 2nd plat ambush 779367, CP's 781367, 787371, 784365, B Co (-) 813007, 3d plat 813110, 4th plat 727406, Recon plat 776385 & 766388, C Co (-) 744404, 1st plat 722416, 2nd plat 741392, 3d plat (-) 740403. The 3d squad, 3d plat, A Co picked up 1 VC while still in their ambush position at 0703. At 0707, C Co picked up 3 VCs at 745405. The Recon platoon found a cache containing one 9mm pistol, 1 pack, and 1 pistol belt with bayonet. The 2nd plat, A Co made contact at 1505 with 4 individuals. Results: 1 VC KIA, 1 female wounded, and the other two escaped with the weapons.

(15) 16 May 67 - Unit loc: Bn CP, A 2/9 Arty, 4.2 mort, A Co loc LZ CD, B Co loc 834291, 1st plat at LZ NGONTRUMA, 3d plat 834300, B Co (-) wpm plat 828298, C Co 762402, Recon plat 754377, TX elem 752380, IERP loc 791338. A Co made a combat assault onto 856265 at 0615 hours. At 1043 the Recon plat was given the mission of finding a weapon which had been hidden at 745375 by a Chieu Hoi. At 1410 the Recon plat found the 1917 Enfield rifle.

(16) 17 May 67 - Unit loc: Bn CP, A 2/9 Arty, 4.2 mort, A Co loc LZ CD, B Co (-) 835280, 1st plat 839379, 2nd plat 835265, 3d plat 838268, C Co (-) 755405, 1st plat 755402, 3d plat 743411, Wpm plat 747405, Recon plat 753386, TV elem 757378, IERP loc 791338. C Co picked up 5 VCs at 0741 vicinity 748415 as they swept down a trail. Recon plat made a CA at 0800. The Recon plat killed 1 VC at 1035 hours vicinity 806303. Again Recon had 1 VC KIA at 1625 vicinity 800297. 1,500 lbs of rice was found under 2 haystacks at 1940 hours by 2nd plat, C Co near 747377. At 2045, the Recon plat located at 804299 had 1 VC KIA who was wearing a PAVN belt.

(17) 18 May 67 - Unit loc: Bn CP, A 2/9 Arty, 4.2 mort, A Co loc LZ CD, B Co (-) 838269, 1st plat 839261, 2nd plat 834262, 3d plat 829267, C Co (-) 753346, 1st plat 747405, 2nd plat 753393, 3d plat 738416, Recon plat (-) 804299, TV elem 798333, IERP loc 798201. At 1827 hours the Recon plat took two VC under fire and killed 1 VC. He was carrying an M-1 carbine. Also captured were: 1 canteen, 1 pistol belt, 1 PAVN gas mask, 2 rice filled socks, 1 CS grenade and 1 US frag grenade. The second VC escaped.

(18) 19 May 67 - Unit loc: Bn CP, A 2/9 Arty, 4.2 mort, A Co loc LZ CD, A Co 2nd plat ambush 781368, A Co CP's 781367, 787361, 784365, B Co (-) 795237, 1st plat (-) 844244, 2nd plat (-) 843233, 3d plat 844245, C Co (-) 755405, 1st plat (-) 755405, 2nd plat 753393, 3d plat 742403, Recon plat 801247, IERP loc 791338. C Co found 2 German Mauser rifles, 20 rounds of ammo, and 10 Chicom grenades at 739414. The Bn S-3 notified the Recon plat of an estimated enemy force of 300 which were reported to be at 841315. Recon was instructed to move NE through the pass and set up a block vicinity 828307. A Co (-) was inserted at 1455 hours at 839343 and 1st plat, A Co at 852300, the 3d plat, 403d (OPCON 1/35) was moved to a blocking position at 862314. At 1545 the 3d plat, 403d received two rounds of sniper fire, and at 1556 the Recon plat began receiving sniper fire. At 1602 the Recon plat was placed OPCON to A Co. By 1650 Recon had made heavy contact and had 6 friendly KIA. A Company, to the North was in contact at 1641 and had 2 KIA. At 1645 all 1/35 units were pulled back and artillery fires were called in. C Co was directed to close LZ CD by nightfall. B Co was alerted and made a CA at 1700 hours. At 835299, and at 1710 the Bde CO informed the Bn CO that B Co, 2/35 would be placed OPCON to him. Two air strikes were conducted by

the A Co FO at 1825 and 1840 hours respectively. At 2118 hours the Bn CO reported to Bde that A Co had 5 KIA, 3 WIA, B Co had 1 KIA, 2 WIA, Recon had 1 KIA, 9 WIA, and B Co 2/35 had 1 WIA. The companies remained in their positions around the village for the remainder of the night utilizing machine-gun fire and M-79 H&I fires to keep the enemy from making escape attempts.

(19) 20 May 67 - Unit loc: Bn CP, A 2/9 Arty, 4.2 mort, C Co loc LZ OD, A Co, B Co, B Co 2/35 vic A Co 843304, B Co 1/35 vic 835311, Recon plat 835315, B Co 2/35 loc 843304, Bn CO & S-3 over contact area at this time, LRP loc 793337. At 0017 the gunships were released and instructed to return to LZ MONTEZUMA and remain on an on-call status. The remainder of the wounded were evacuated from the B Co area at 0035 hours. The Bde CO requested that the Bn C&C remain on station over the battle area during the night. The Bn XO and Bn Communications Officer relieved the Bn CO and S-3 at 0030 to man the C&C for the remainder of the night. B Co reported 1 NVA KIA and 1 bangalore of M-16 ammo at 0105. A Co suffered another WIA at 0130 hours. B Co started moving at 0330 hours toward the village to be in a better position for their sweep. At 0600 B Co started their sweep while A Company conducted an air strike on the northern portion of the village. The Bn XO evacuated 20 VCS from the contact area at 0940. B Company's sweep through the village met no resistance and a thorough search was begun for weapons and enemy KIA. B Co 2/35 was lifted back to the 2/35 AD at 1335 hours. B Co 1/35 assembled at 837309 for a 2 hour stand-down. At 1617, B Co reported on the engagement as follows: 13 enemy KIA, 1 carbine and 1 SAS, 7 Chicom grenades, 3 Chicom mines, AK47 magazines and assorted ammo. The Recon plat was lifted to LZ OD at 1700. (See Incl 1 & 2).

(20) 21 May 67 - Unit loc: Bn CP, A 2/9 Arty, 4.2 mort, Recon plat, C Co loc LZ OD, A Co 856298, B Co 833307. The weapons plat, A Co discovered a large tunnel at 855386 which terminated into several big rooms. At 1008 the 1st plat, A Co found four tunnels at 862298 which contained a small amount of rice and water. At 1030 hours the Bn XO made final coordination at Bde for TASK FORCE DRUDIK and at 1100 the 2nd plat, A Co closed LZ CASP to secure the LZ for the remainder of A Co and the TF DRUDIK CP. TF DRUDIK consisted of A Co, 1/35, 2nd plat, A Trp, 17th Inf, 1st Bde 101 ABN, located at LZ SEMPER, and the 4.2 mortar plat. The TF DRUDIK mission was to move A Co from LZ CASP to the valley to the south and then sweep west across Highway #1 to the western shore of the large lake located at 900280. There, the company would set up three platoon-size blocking positions to pick up any individuals who might be crossing the lake in a boat. In conjunction with this operation was the sweep by TF BEASLEY which would commence at 0600 on the morning of 22 May. The sweep would be made from north to south on the beach area to the north and east of the large lake. The TF CP was set up and the remainder of A Co closed LZ CASP at 1733. At 1830 hours, A Co moved out to the south to take ambush positions on the valley floor. Movement down off the mountain was slow because the A Co point heard voices and artillery had to be called on the suspected enemy locations.

(21) 22 May 67 - Unit loc: Bn CP, A 2/9 Arty, Recon plat loc LZ OD, A Co, TF DRUDIK, 4.2 mort loc LZ CASP, B Co 833307. At 0355 B Co

reported 1 friendly WIA and said they had received 15 rounds of small arms fire and one hand grenade. A search of the 2nd plat, B Co area revealed that the enemy had cut a trip flare wire to enter the 2nd plat perimeter. A Co took two VC under fire at 0515 as they moved eastward on the trail at 868267. At 0540, A Co called for artillery fire on the location where the VC were sighted. Again at 0607, A Co made contact and killed 1 VC with a M-1 rifle. At this time A Co began receiving heavy fire from the village at 874269. Artillery was called for and A Co began reconning by fire. Gunships were requested for the A Co location at 0710. The first A Co KIA was suffered at 0711. The A Co CO was wounded at 0737 vicinity 889280. The Bn CO alerted the 1st plat, B Co to get ready for pick up to be lifted to the A Co area. At 0830 the CA for B Co from 833305 to the Hill south of the contact village located at 892273. At 0833, A Co (-) was at 886380, west of Highway #1, 2nd plat, at 891281 and the 1st plat at 892268. As the contact continued, B Co made their CA onto 798273 at 0953. Four air strikes were laid on for the A Co contact area to begin at 1515, 1530, 1545, and 1600 hours. The USAF PAC reported a body count of 33 VC KIA from his position over the battlefield. At 1730, B Co, 2/35 was placed OPCON to 1/35 and at 1815, B Co 2/35 touched down at 892273 and moved to the right flank of B Co 1/35. At 1900, C Co (-) 1/35 was lifted to the contact area. The 2nd plat, C Co was moved to LZ OD. The Air Force C-47, "SPOCKY", was on station at 1930 hours to provide illumination and machine-gun fire. As night fell the village was rigged by A Co, B Co 1/35, B Co 2/35, C Co (-) and on the eastern shore of the lake was a platoon of tanks which supplied blocking fires on the eastern side of the contact area. Illumination was provided throughout the night and air strikes were planned for the morning of 23 May. Also used during the night were gunships to screen the likely escape routes.

(22) 23 May 67 - Unit loc: Bn CP, A 2/9 Arty, C Co 4th & 2nd plats loc LZ OD, Bn CP (-), 4.2 mort, loc LZ CASP, A Co 887277, to 886274, B Co 894277 to 892276, C Co (-) 875275 to 895276, B Co 2/35 891276 to 892277. The first air strike began at 0654. The 2nd plat, C Co wpm plat, C Co and Recon plat prepared for air lift to the contact area at 0710, and the lift was completed at 0836 with the units touching down at 895273. A Chieu Hoi surrendered to 1st plat, C Co at 0938 and a MI team was requested. B Co killed 4 VC with weapons as they fled the contact zone at 0947. C Co killed 2 more VC as they fled to the east. At 1115 a smoke screen was laid from N to S in front of the A Co position to enable them to cross Highway #1 and the open ground between them and the village. By this time the tank plat had moved down the beach, to the west, and up Highway #1 to the contact area. The tanks were placed OPCON to B Co 2/35, and were given the mission of penetrating the southern portion of the village while A Co pushed from west to east across the northern portion. The villages were swept without meeting resistance and a second sweep was begun to locate enemy KIA and weapons. The body count totaled 87 enemy KIA and 23 weapons were captured. A Co was lifted to LZ OD and B Co 2/35 was returned to the 2/35 AO. (See Incls 3 & 4).

(23) 24 May 67 - Unit loc: Bn CP, A 2/9 Arty, B Co, Recon plat loc LZ OD, B Co (-) 892275, C Co (-) 892283, C Co 3d plat 895282, Bn CP (-) (TF DRUDIK) loc LZ CASP, also 4.2 mort loc LZ CASP. The 3d plat, B Co found six 82mm mortar rounds at 0815 in the western portion of the contact village. At 0832, 2nd plat, B Co found 1 NVA KIA who was wearing a medal. The Wpns plat, A Co was lifted from LZ CASP to LZ OD and the wpns plat, C Co was lifted to LZ CASP at 1430. At 1445, C Co (-) was located at 892383 with its wpns plat at LZ CASP. B Co was located at 893275 at 1450.

(24) 25 May 67 - Unit loc: Bn CP, A 2/9 Arty, Recon plat, loc LZ OD, B Co (-) 883275, 879280, 883273, 877269, C Co (-) 893283, 3d plat 897283, C Co (-) 893283, TF DRUDIK, Bn CP, (-), 4.2 mort plat, 4th plat C Co all loc LZ CASP. The Bn S-2 picked up 24 VCS from the C Co location at 893283 for delivery to Bde at 1100 hours. The 1st plat, B Co found 2 tons of salt at 1256, and the 1st and 2nd plats, C Co located 7 tons of rice near the contact village. At 1605, C Co 2/327 touched down at LZ HOLBROOK (746 297). The Bn CP moved to LZ CASP.

(25) 26 May 67 - Unit loc: Bn CP, A 2/9 Arty, loc LZ OD, 4.2 mort, loc LZ CASP (BR 865277), A Co (-) loc LZ OD, 1st plat 811313, B Co (-) 881273, 2nd plat 878279, 3d plat 877268, C Co (-) 885294, 2nd plat 1st sqd 885286, 1st plat 1st sqd 889300, Recon plat loc LZ OD, LRRP loc 811301. At 0725 the Blue Team C Trp, 1/9 Cav was inserted at 892311. C Co, 2/327 found a tunnel 100 meters long, 4 feet wide and 6 feet high at 849283. At 1020 the LRRP found a hut with 2 armed VC at 801301. The VC were taken under fire with negative results. The tunnel found by C Co 2/327 was blown at 1155. The LRRP found an enemy SOI and other documents at 803300. At 1452, 1st plat, B Co had 5,000 lbs of salt ready for extraction. At 1512 a woman and a man walked into the 3d plat, C Co loc (895 277) waving a Chieu Hoi pass.

(26) 27 May 67 - Unit loc: Bn CP, 4.2 mort, C Co wpns plat loc LZ CASP, A 2/9 Arty, D Co 2/327 loc 850274, D Co 2/327, 2nd plat loc 839 282, D Co 2/327 4th plat 854284, A Co (-) loc LZ OD, 2nd plat 787374, 3d plat 781366, A Co 1st plat 802209, B Co (-) 877264, 2nd plat 874264, and 786266, 3d plat 876255, C Co 879288, Recon plat loc 763386, LRRP loc 802 297. 1st plat, A Co located at 802296 received 2 rounds of sniper fire at 0747 and called in 4.2 mortars on the suspected location. At 1105, B Co (-) was located at 873250, 1st plat at 874259, 2nd plat 867253, and 3d plat 874252. The area adjacent to the contact area of May 22 and 23 was being searched and the use of armor was being utilized more than at any previous time. The tank/infantry team found the terrain suitable for joint operations and the Bn S-3 made a survey of all areas where the tanks could not travel.

(27) 28 May 67 - Unit loc: Bn CP, 4.2 mort, C Co wpns plat loc LZ CASP, A 2/9 Arty, 3d plat C Co 2/327 loc LZ HOLBROOK, A Co (-) 799298, B Co (-) 867248, 1st plat 869244, 2nd plat 864243, 3d plat 865244, C Co 892778, 1st plat 1st sqd 891274, Recon plat loc 764403, LRRP loc 799289. The Recon plat lifted to a LZ at 793313 touching down at 0800. The LRRP and Hawkeyes were extracted at 0822 and lifted to LZ MONTEZUMA. At 0921

C Co (-) was inserted at 737477. By 1205 the 1st plat, A Co and the tanks were moving toward LZ HOLBROOK. At 1627, 3d plat, B Co found 3 bunkers with overhead cover which were freshly constructed at 874240.

(28) 29 May 67 - Unit loc: Bn CP, 4.2 mort, 81mm mort loc LZ CASP, A 2/9 Arty, 3d plat C Co 2/327 loc LZ HOLBROOK, A Co (-) 799296, B Co (-) 867248, 1st plat 869244, 2nd plat 864243, 3d plat 865244, C Co 892278, 1st plat 1st eqd 891274, Recon plat loc 769403, LRRP loc 799289. C Co (-) 2/327 began the day with an ambush at 853240, and then patrolled to 853234. The 2nd plat, 2/327 patrolled from 844235 to 847234. Their 1st plat had an ambush at 849237. At 0815, B Co was lifted to LZ CASP and the 4.2 mortars plat returned to LZ OD. At 1030 hours the NCS and Bn CP was returned to LZ OD. By 1245 hours C Co 2/327 had been extracted and returned to the 101st ABN base at LZ CARENTON.

(29) 30 May 67 - Unit loc: Bn CP, 4.2 mort, 81mm mort loc LZ CASP, A 2/9 Arty, C Co 2/327 loc LZ HOLBROOK, A Co (-) LZ OD, A Co 2nd plat 757277, 1st plat 380266, B Co (-) 873286, 1st plat 876289, 2nd plat 868385, 3d plat 872289, C Co OPCON 2/35, Recon plat loc 802297. The C Trp, 1st of 9th Cav, White Team took 2 VC under fire at 0925 vicinity 821325. The Blue Team checked the area out and found 2 VC KIA. C Co (-) had 3 VCS and 1 VC WIA at 1210 hours. The VC WIA had tried to evade capture and was taken under fire. He was carrying 1 US frag grenade. At 1532, the White plat, C Co took an armed VC under fire and killed him. Captured was one M-1 carbine and 140 rounds of ammo. At 1600 hours, C Co captured 1 VC, vicinity 735392 at 1732, 3d plat, C Co received AW fire resulting in 1 US WIA and 5 VC KIA, 2 VC CIA (1 wounded), 1 M-1 rifle, 1 AK-47, and 1 machine pistol captured.

(30) 31 May 67 - Unit loc: Bn CP, A 2/9 Arty, 4.2 mort, A Co loc LZ OD, B Co (-) 828308, 1st plat 820309, 2nd plat 825434, 3d plat 829313, C Co 446396, Recon plat loc 797297, 1st plat, C Co had 1 VC KIA at 742396. The VC was carrying a US hand grenade. 3d plat, C Co found a 500 lb bomb at 725385, and requested EOD at 1010. B Co picked up 6 VCS at 817328 and sent them to Bde at 1635.

b. 1 June - 30 June

(1) 1 Jun 67 - Unit loc: Bn CP, A 2/9 Arty, 4.2 mort, A Co loc LZ OD, B Co (-) 816329, 1st plat 812331, 3d plat 817326, OP 814330, C Co loc 745412, Recon plat 797247. At 1128 hours a Chieu Hoi led C Co to a Mauser rifle and 10 rounds of ammo he had hidden in the vicinity of 754404. The Recon plat picked up 1 VCS at 1445. The VCS was evacuated to Bde because he was a military age male and did not have an ID card. 3d plat, C Co took three individuals under fire at 1930 vicinity 962302, resulting in 2 KIA.

(2) 2 Jun 67 - Unit loc: Bn CP, A 2/9 Arty, 4.2 mort, A Co (-) loc LZ OD, 1st plat 796384, OP's 782366, 784364, 787631, B Co (-) 824317, 1st & 2nd & 3d plats & tanks 814323, 1st & 3d plats will move to 820322 then to 824317, C Co (-) 755404, 2nd plat 774404, 4th plat 771410, Recon plat 824357 & 815351. At 0950, 3d plat, C Co spotted 3 individuals, one armed, and took them under fire. One dropped his web gear; but all got away. Recon found a cave complex at 826355 at 1015 hours.

(3) Jun 67 - Unit loc: Bn CP, A 2/9 Arty, 4.2 mort, B Co loc LZ OD, A Co (-) 848299, 1st plat, 2nd sqd loc 848299, A Co 1st plat 2nd sqd 852293, A Co 2nd plat 700380, C Co (-) 756404, 2nd plat 754384, 4th plat 769388, Recon plat (-) 823356, WT elem 842352. The Recon plat found a French Mauser and 50 rounds of ammo in a well concealed spider hole vicinity 832356. The weapon and ammo appeared to have been cached there for quite a while. 1st plat, A Co 17th Inf reported 1 VC KIA at 1342. Captured were 2 pistol belts and a transistor radio, also found at 1350 were: 1 M-26 grenade, 1 bayonet, 1 hammock, 1 canteen; but no weapons were located.

(4) 4 Jun 67 - Unit loc: Bn CP, A 2/9 Arty, 4.2 mort, B Co loc LZ OD, 768328, A Co (-) 890307, 1st plat 1st sqd 891304, 2nd plat 2nd sqd 895005, 3d plat 1st sqd 890309, B Co 2nd plat 779355, C Co (-) 758400, 2nd plat 772410, 4th plat 744387, Recon plat (-) 827353, TW elem 829351. A Co (-) picked up 2 VCS vicinity 893296 at 1316, and then picked up 5 more VCS at 1340 near 893296. At 1605, Bde requested 2 platoons from the battalion to provide security for LZ MONTEZUMA. The wpns plat, C Co and 3d plat, B Co were moved to LZ MONTEZUMA to fill the requirement. At 1845, a VC platoon with packs and weapons were sighted at 752406. Artillery was requested and C Co was alerted to move toward the enemy. Gunships engaged the enemy at 1930. A chopper equipped with a CS dispenser was requested and protective masks for C Co were picked up in the 1/35 trains. Artillery was still being called in on the village. At 2027, the USAF C-47 "SPOOKY" was on station. At 2110, the CS mission had been completed, the gas masks distributed and C Co was ready to sweep the village. At 2330, C Co requested a PSYOPS Team and continuous illumination during the night.

(5) 5 Jun 67 - Unit loc: Bn CP, A 2/9 Arty, 4.2 mort, B Co loc LZ OD, B Co 3d plat LZ MONTEZUMA, A Co (-) 889313, A Co 1st plat 1st sqd 891314, 2nd plat A Co 1st sqd 888312, A Co 3d plat 2nd sqd 889315, C Co LZ MONTEZUMA, Recon plat 792344, C Co vic 754408. The PSYOPS Team was on the ground with C Co at the southern edge of the village at 0020. Medevac of wounded civilians was completed by 0220. By 0700, C Co was thoroughly searching the village at 753406, and the 1st plat, C Co found 30 rounds of .30 cal. linked ammo in the NW corner of the village. A medevac was requested by C Co at 0737 when a soldier stepped on a booby trap. At 1118, C Co captured 1 VC hiding under a sampan. At 2203, the 2nd plat, C Co requested gunships and a flare ship when they began receiving AW and small arms fire from the SW vicinity 788402. At 2343, the 2nd plat, C Co was still receiving small arms and M-79 fire. At 2353, 2nd plat, C Co reported they were under fire from 11 semi-automatic and 2 AW which were firing from the North.

(6) 6 Jun 67 - Unit loc: Bn CP, A 2/9 Arty, 4.2 mort, B Co loc LZ OD, 4th plat B Co loc LZ MONTEZUMA, A Co (-) 845318, 1st plat 2nd sqd 846313, 2nd plat 1st sqd 843818, 3d plat 3d sqd 844317, Recon plat loc 808347. At 0004 the remainder of C Co was moving toward the 2nd plat, C Co location. A resupply of ammo was received at the 2nd plat, C Co location at 0028. The 2nd plat, C Co was still receiving small arms fire at 0220,

and C Co (-) reached their position at 775405 by 0245. At 0717, 2nd plat, C Co had 1 VC KIA and 1 VC WIA CIA. Captured at 0824 was one 2.75 rocket at the location 788399. The 1st plat, A Co located six 105mm rounds booby trapped at 818306 and destroyed it. The 105 shell had a grenade fuse detonator. At 1631 a VC was KIA by gunships. The VC was carrying a mess kit and had web gear. He was killed vicinity 910285.

(7) 7 Jun 67 - Unit loc: Bn CP, A 2/9 Arty, 4.2 mort, B Co loc LZ OD, B Co 4th plat loc LZ MONTEZUMA, also B Co 3d plat at LZ MONTEZUMA, A Co (-) 818323, 1st plat 817301, 2nd plat 812215, C Co (-) 775405, 1st & 2nd plats 771404, 3d plat 783296, Recon plat 813367. At 0850, A Co, located at 835305, spotted a large number of sandal tracks and detained 3 VCS. One of the VCS was wearing a NVA belt. At 1255 the Recon plat picked up 1 VCS female at 797334. She reported that she was the mother of a VC. Also picked up were medical supplies, rice, home made grenades, 2 rifles and 1 shotgun. Ammunition found at the same location included 40 rounds 7.62 and 7 rounds .30 cal ammo.

(8) 8 Jun 67 - Unit loc: Bn CP, A 2/9 Arty, 4.2 mort, B Co loc LZ OD, A Co (-) 827314, 2nd plat 828316, 3d plat 834313, 3d plat 2nd sqd 835316, C Co (-) 753374, 1st plat 750373, 3d plat 746373, Wpns plat loc LZ MONTEZUMA, Recon plat 792348. A 250lb bomb was found at 0715 by 1st plat, B Co vicinity 783376. At 1954 hours, the 3d plat, B Co received some sniper fire from the west of their position at 793403. Gunships and a flare ship were called. A search was conducted with negative results.

(9) 9 Jun 67 - Unit loc: Bn CP, A 2/9 Arty, 4.2 mort, B Co loc LZ OD, B Co 3d plat 796404, A Co (-) 832307, 1st plat 427303, 1st plat 1st sqd 827302, 3d plat 835304, C Co (-) 749379, 2nd plat 753385, 3d plat 750384, Recon plat loc 804344. At 0955, 2nd plat, A Co located a booby trap at 821307. 1st plat, B Co picked up 3 VCS at 1110. One of the VCS was carrying a civilian radio and none of the VCS had ID cards. At 1135, the Recon plat located 1 anti-tank rocket which had vines for carrying straps. The rocket was found at 786396 and was destroyed. 2nd plat, A Co located a tunnel complex at 823301, which contained 500 lbs rice. 1 VC WIA CIA was taken by 1st plat, B Co at 1405. The VC was hit in the arm and stomach and was carrying an AK-47. The 1st plat, C Co located at 754407, captured 2 VC with 1 US carbine M-1, 1 US pistol belt with 5 magazines, 1 trip flare and 1 transistor radio (civilian type).

(10) 10 Jun 67 - Unit loc: Bn CP, A 2/9 Arty, 4.2 mort, B Co (-) loc LZ OD, A Co (-) 827303, 1st plat 817303, 2nd plat 828301, B Co 1st plat 778357, 3d plat LZ MONTEZUMA, C Co (-) 751416, 1st plat (-) & 2nd plat (-) & 3d plat (-) 751414, wpns plat LZ MONTEZUMA, Recon plat (-) (WT) patrolling 794406, Recon plat (-) ambushed 794406, 796403. At 0722 the Recon plat killed 3 VC at 792402. The VC were carrying 4 US grenades, 1 clip carbine ammo, 1 US pistol belt, medical supplies and some documents. Two of VC KIA were males and 1 was a female. At 0840, Recon found 3,000 lbs of rice under a haystack vicinity 792402. 1st plat, B Co found a 250 lb bomb at 776366 which was destroyed by EOD at 1745.

(11) 11 Jun 67 - Unit loc: Bn CP, A 2/9 Arty, 4.2 mort, B Co (-) loc LZ OD, 1st plat 817303, 2nd plat 828301, C Co (-) 752389, Wpns plat loc LZ MONTEZUMA, Recon plat (-) 794406, 780400, 799395, LRP loc 790341. 1st plat, B Co located a 250 lb bomb at 781378 and requested an EOD at 0830. The 1st plat, A Co located 400 lbs of rice in two separate caches; one at 844291 and 845295. A NVA canteen and protective mask was found by 2nd plat, B Co at 835410. At 1225, 2nd plat, C Co engaged 2 armed VC at 735416. The gunships killed 2 VC and 2nd plat, C Co killed 1 VC and captured 1 VC. A tunnel, 300 lbs of rice and some flags were located by 1st plat, A Co vicinity 855295.

(12) 12 Jun 67 - Unit loc: Bn CP, A 2/9 Arty, 4.2 mort, loc LZ OD, A Co (-) 845310, 1st plat 845305, 2nd plat 845310, 3d plat 848308, B Co (-) loc LZ OD, 3d plat LZ MONTEZUMA, Wpns plat (-) 786375, C Co (-) 745409, 2nd plat 745417, 3d plat 743412, Wpns plat loc LZ MONTEZUMA, Recon plat (-) patrolling 783402, 775405, 775413, 783413, Two (2) ambushes 797402 and 795404. The 2nd plat, B Co was released from its mission at LZ MONTEZUMA at 0925. At 0945, the 1st plat, A Co located a booby trap at 876310. At 1100, A Co (-) began receiving heavy AW fire vicinity 854305. The 2nd plat, A Co and the tanks began moving toward A Co (-) at 1105. The AW fire ceased at 1110, and A Co (-) began searching the rice paddy where the fire came from. 2nd plat, C Co captured 1 VC KIA at 1130, vicinity 852400. He was carrying a M-1 rifle with 5 clips of ammo. The 1st plat, A Co located a 500 lb bomb booby trap with a command detonating type fuse at 876311. At 1245, the 2nd plat, B Co located 3,100 lbs rice and 600 lbs of salt which was cached in 3 different caches in the vicinity 769362. The Recon plat found a 500 lb bomb at 807409 and requested an EOD team at 1250. At 1530, the Recon plat found a 250 lb bomb booby trap with pressure type device. The booby trap was placed in old tank tracks vicinity 807408. At 1550, the 3d plat, A Co picked up 1 VC at 889294. The 2nd plat, A Co made contact with 3 VC at 866388 resulting in 2 VC KIA and 1 VC WIA. Captured equipment included 2 carbines, 2 bayonets, and 2 grenades.

(13) 13 Jun 67 - Unit loc: Bn CP, A 2/9 Arty, 4.2 mort, loc LZ OD, A Co (-) 897315, 1st plat (-) 891315, 2nd plat and tanks 881339, 3d plat and CP 897315, B Co (-) LZ OD, 2nd plat 780376, C Co (-) 1st & 2nd plats 718400, 3d plat 749410, Wpns plat loc LZ MONTEZUMA, Recon plat in four ambushes 795403, 797402, 788377, 783406, Strike 36 loc LZ HUMPER. At 0025 the Recon plat had six hand grenades thrown at them and received small arms fire. Recon suffered 5 friendly WIA's. Gunships, a flare ship and arty were called in on the contact area. At 0214, Recon reported M-79 rounds coming in from the village to the North. The contact broke at 0305 and Recon found 1 grease gun, 1 PAVN poncho, 1 PAVN gas mask, 1 magazine for the grease gun and 3 VC KIA. At 1225 the 1st plat, A Co took one armed individual under fire at 843302 resulting in 1 VC KIA.

(14) 14 Jun 67 - Unit loc: Bn CP, A 2/9 Arty, 4.2 mort loc LZ OD, A Co (-) 894377, 1st plat (-) 893312, 2nd plat (-) 865339, 3d plat (-) 893310, B Co (-) LZ OD, 1st plat ambushes 781367 and 784362, C Co (-) 750403, 3d plat 718377, Wpns plat LZ MONTEZUMA, Recon plat in two ambushes 794406, 781400, 786372, 797406, Strike 36 loc LZ HUMPER, LRP loc 781367.

At 0800, the Recon plat found a 105 dud vicinity 783400. The 2nd plat, B Co picked up 1 VCS at 1004, vicinity 780380. The 1st plat, A Co, at 0910, found a booby trapped 3.5 inch rocket, 2 booby trapped butter fly bombs and 1 81mm mortar round booby trapped. All in the vicinity of 879312. The Wpns plat, A Co picked up 1 VCS at 833314 when the VCS tried to take away a weapon from a soldier.

(15) 15 Jun 67 - Unit loc: Bn CP, A 2/9 Arty, 4.2 mort, C Co loc LZ OD, A Co & Tanks 825323, B Co 785395, Recon plat 759463, LRRP loc 781367. At 0636, the 2nd plat, C Co picked up 1 VCS at 785373. The LRRP moved into LZ OD at 0641 hours. At 0850, A Co (-) conducted a MEDCAP for 150 persons in a village at 830330. The 3d plat, A Co found a 105 dud at 0940 vicinity 834323 and requested an EOD team. At 2042, the 2nd plat, C Co took 3 persons with weapons under fire at 774384 with negative results.

(16) 16 Jun 67 - Unit loc: Bn CP, A 2/9 Arty, 4.2 mort, C Co loc LZ OD, A Co (-) 830307, 1st & 2nd plate patrolling, B Co (-) 786405, with 1st & 2nd & 3d plate patrolling, wpns plat at LZ MONTEZUMA, Recon plat in ambushes at 754417, 753421, Strike 36 loc LZ SEMPER, LRRP loc 780366. 2nd plat, C Co found a 105 dud round at 781380 and requested EOD at 0632. The 3d plat, B Co found a bunker containing clothing, hammock, and medical supplies at 782398. At 1820, the 3d plat, A Co picked up 5 VCS at 834304.

(17) 17 Jun 67 - Unit loc: Bn CP, A 2/9 Arty, 4.2 mort, C Co loc LZ OD, A Co (-) 850294, B Co 792419, Wpns plat LZ MONTEZUMA, Recon plat 733395, 731399, Strike 36 loc LZ SEMPER, LRRP loc 780366. The 2nd plat, C Co made a CA at 0720 onto the LZ at 762353. A Co (-) picked up 4 VCS at 747315. The Recon plat located 1000 lbs rice at 1210 vicinity 724405. A Co (-) picked up 5 VCS at 824325 and evacuated them to brigade at 1705.

(18) 18 Jun 67 - Unit loc: Bn CP, A 2/9 Arty, 4.2 mort, C Co loc LZ OD, 1st plat (-) 822328, 2nd plat 817350, 3d plat (-) 813317, B Co (-) 787410, 1st plat 796411, 3d plat 787412, Wpns plat LZ MONTEZUMA, C Co 3d plat 810363, 814396, 803366, Recon plat loc 734415, 735410, Strike 36 loc LZ SEMPER, LRRP loc 780366. The 3d plat, A Co picked up 3 VCS at 0633. At 1130 hours, the 2nd plat, B Co, located at 696357, located 40 old bunkers with overhead cover which had been destroyed by an air strike. A Co (-) picked up 7 VCS at 846307, 1st plat, C Co at 710382, located 19 old 2-man bunkers at 1550 hours.

(19) 19 Jun 67 - Unit loc: Bn CP, A 2/9 Arty, 4.2 mort, C Co (-) loc LZ OD, A Co (-) 824330, 1st plat 891334, 827348, 2nd plat 840330, 3 Co (-) 707375, Wpns plat LZ MONTEZUMA, C Co 3d plat in four ambushes 810363, 814365, 803366, 812362, Recon plat loc 714397, Strike 36 LZ SEMPER, LRRP 780366. The LRRP returned to LZ OD at 0658. At 0754, the Recon plat, at 717413, located 5 booby traps. A rice mill was found by 2nd plat, B Co at 703378. A rice polishing mill and a diesel engine were found at that location. The 2nd plat, C Co closed LZ OD at 1010 hours. The 2nd plat, A Co received sniper fire at 1605 vicinity 885277. A Co (-) moved to the location and found a bunker with a M-1 clip and empty shell inside.

(20) 20 Jun 67 - Unit loc: Bn CP, A 2/9 Arty, 4.2 mort, C Co (-)

loc LZ OD, A Co (-) 883305, 1st plat 818345, 817342, 2nd plat 840330, 865319, B Co (-) 729393, 2nd plat (-) 728344, Wpns plat loc LZ MONTEZUMA, C Co 3d plat 810363, Recon plat 797402, 796403, Strike 36 loc LZ SEMPER, LRRP loc 780366. The LRRP returned to LZ OD at 0703. Wpns plat, A Co, at 809315 found a booby trap in tank tracks at 0800 and requested EOD. At 1045, the 3d plat, B Co found two 40 pound shaped charges near a tunnel which had previously been blown by EOD. The 1st plat, C Co found 1 US carbine and clip of ammo at 1115 vicinity 773387. A Chieu Hoi had led the platoon to the weapon. 3d plat, C Co closed LZ OD at 1435 hours.

(21) 21 Jun 67 - Unit loc: Bn CP, A 2/9 Arty, 4.2 mort, C Co loc LZ OD, A Co 890306, 1st plat 891288, 3d plat 884306, B Co (-) 840323, 2nd plat 823372, 820343, 3d plat (-) 840330, Wpns plat loc LZ MONTEZUMA, C Co 1st plat 812362, 807366, Recon plat 786405, 797400, Strike 26 loc LZ SEMPER, LRRP loc 780366. At 0613, A Co (-) took three armed individuals under fire vicinity 891298. Two of the three got away but the third was captured. The one captured was a NVA and he carried a B-40 rocket. At 0725, the Recon plat reported that they had one man KIA when he tripped a 250 lb bomb booby trap. The Recon plat was located at 810408. The Wpns plat, A Co had 2 men WIA from enemy MG fire vicinity 894306. The tanks took the village under fire and the village was searched with negative results. At 0910, Recon plat found 1 eight inch shell and one 105 shell which were booby trapped. The booby traps were located at 810408. At 1150, A Co reported they had killed 4 NVA in a bunker at 894306. The 4.2 mortar plat lifted from LZ OD to LZ SEMPER at 1153 hours. At 1330, A Co reported finding 1 AK-47 and 1 SKS at the bunker where the 4 NVA were KIA. Also found were two M-1 carbines, 1 US and 2 Chicoms grenades and some documents.

(22) 22 Jun 67 - Unit loc: Bn CP, A 2/9 Arty, C Co (-) loc LZ OD, A Co (-) 896304, 2nd plat 892367, 3d plat 885306, B Co (-) 804330, 1st plat (-) 853322, 2nd plat 822347, 819346, 3d plat 828303, Recon plat loc 795406, 800405, Strike 26 loc LZ SEMPER, LRRP loc 781369. At 0453, the 1st plat, B Co reported 1 VC KIA who had been sneaking-around their perimeter at 853322. The 3d plat, A Co, at 883307, found a rice polishing mill. The Recon plat found a 105 round booby trap at 1130, and again at 1230 another booby trap was found at 806308.

(23) 23 Jun 67 - Unit loc: Bn CP, A 2/9 Arty, C Co (-) loc LZ OD, A Co (-) 892304, 1st plat 883265, 883284, 3d plat 883307, 883309, B Co (-) 845327, 1st plat 819320, 819325, 2nd plat 856219, 3d plat 823347, 819348, Wpns plat LZ MONTEZUMA, C Co 1st plat 821362, 814359, Recon plat 792403, 794403, 4.2 mort loc LZ SEMPER, Strike 26 loc LZ SEMPER, LRRP 789366. The 1st plat, A Co reported AW fire coming from the village at 822285 after a claymore had been set off at 0142 hours. Gunships and a flare ship were requested while 4.2 mortars were being called. B Co (-) conducted a Medcap at 0935 in the village near 831320. At 1935, A Co (-) received 5 rounds of sniper fire vicinity 893297. A Co returned the fire and reconned with M-79's.

(24) 24 Jun 67 - Unit loc: Bn CP, A 2/9 Arty, C Co (-) loc LZ OD, A Co (-) 896301, 1st plat 883293, 3d plat 892313, 892315, B Co (-) 813327, 2nd plat (-) 845328, 3d plat 823437, 820348, Wpns plat LZ MONTEZUMA, C Co 2nd plat 807366, 812362, Recon plat 745373, 747372, Strike 26 and 4.2 mort

loc LZ SEMPER, LERP loc 780367. At 0100 hours LZ MONTESUMA began receiving mortar rounds and 57mm recoilless rifle fire from the north. The mortars fell into the artillery battery at the northern end of the base camp. Counter mortar radar and observers pinpointed the enemy tube locations. At 007701, 812401 and 811394. The Blue Team was inserted at 810406 and the 2nd plat, C Co was alerted to push north to the suspected enemy mortar area. The Blue Team touched down at 0210 hours at 809408. The 1st plat, C Co lifted from LZ CD at 0223 and was inserted at 0243 vicinity 809405. At 0328, B Co reported mortars at two locations: 806397 and 793308. The 2nd plat, C Co and the Blue Team married up at 0533 hours vicinity 803389. At 0725, the 1st plat, C Co, at 811400, found 10 expended 57mm rounds, 1 unfired round, and 5 carrying cases. Footprints indicated the VC went south. B Co picked up 2 VCS at 825325. At 0740, the 2nd plat, B Co found a 155 dud at 840308.

(25) 25 Jun 67 - Unit loc: Bn CP, A 2/9 Arty, C Co (-) loc LZ CD, A Co (-) 897305, 1st plat 899301, 3d plat 899309, B Co (-) 898304, 1st plat 823347, 819348, 3d plat 846306, 2nd plat 810312, Wpns plat loc LZ MONTESUMA, C Co 2nd plat 806368, 814359, Recon plat 803407, 807403, 4.2 mort, Strike 26 all loc LZ SEMPER, LERP loc 780367. A Company had 2 men wounded when they tripped a booby trap at 0730. The booby trap was a 250 lb bomb and was located at 898306. At 1200 hours the 1st plat, A Co found a 500 lb bomb and requested an EOD team.

(26) 26 Jun 67 - Unit loc: Bn CP, A 2/9 Arty, C Co (-) loc LZ CD, A Co (-) 890311, 2nd plat 898310, 3d plat 890320, B Co (-) 858318, 1st plat 823347, 820348, 2nd plat (-) 840330, Wpns plat 814359, 815355, Recon plat loc 799409, 794406, 4.2 mortars, Strike 26 loc LZ SEMPER, LERP loc 780367. The LERP closed LZ CD at 0616. At 1151, the Recon plat picked up 1 VCS vicinity 774401. At 1500 hours, A Co, at 892317, spotted 2 individuals sneaking up on the Medevac operation with hand grenades. The individuals were taken under fire and the persons ran. The A Co Medevac Team was extracted at 1643 hours after treating 230 people.

(27) 27 Jun 67 - Unit loc: Bn CP, A 2/9 Arty, C Co (-), Recon plat, loc LZ CD, A Co (-) 894318, 1st plat 899317, 2nd plat 897308, B Co (-) 846326, 1st plat 813303, 2nd plat 843281, 3d plat (-) 854285, C Co 3d plat 813401, 811406, 813399, Wpns plat loc LZ MONTESUMA, 4.2 mort and Strike 26 loc LZ SEMPER, LERP loc 780367. At 0651, the LERP returned to LZ CD. The 1st plat, C Co was ready to begin a Medevac by 0758 hours. At 1640, A Co (-) at 900300, picked up 1 VCS who was hiding under the floor of a hut on the beach. He appeared to be an NVA.

(28) 28 Jun 67 - Unit loc: Bn CP, A 2/9 Arty, C Co (-) loc LZ CD, A Co (-) 890304, 1st plat 899319, 3d plat 898323, B Co (-) 832278, 1st plat 820347, C Co 3d plat 805403, Recon plat and B Co wps plat loc LZ MONTESUMA, 4.2 mort and Strike 26 loc LZ SEMPER, LERP loc 780367. B Co (-), at 832278, received 3 grenades in their perimeter at 0132. A flare ship was requested at 0137. B Co (-) suffered 3 KIA's and 3 KIA's from the enemy grenades. No contact was made with the enemy.

(29) 29 Jun 67 - Unit loc: Bn CP, A 2/9 Arty, C Co (-), Recon plat loc LZ CD, A Co (-) 884034, 2nd plat 888398, B Co (-) 883273, Wpns plat loc LZ MONTEZUMA, C Co 1st plat 775370, 4.2 mort and Strike plat 26 loc LZ SEMPER. At 0815, A Co picked up 1 VCS at 884304. The Recon plat lifted to 820310. At 1235, the 2nd plat, B Co found eighteen 55 gal drums of rice cached at 893272.

(30) Jun 67 - Unit loc: Bn CP, A 2/9 Arty, A Co loc LZ CD, B Co (-) 884306, 1st plat (-) 885295, 2nd plat (-) 882306, 3d plat 883303, C Co (-) 788398, 2nd plat 753399, 3d plat 805403, Wpns plat loc LZ MONTEZUMA, Recon plat 838295, 4.2 mort and Strike 26 loc LZ SEMPER. At 0815 the 3d plat, C Co located a cache of two 55 gal drums of rice at 805402. The Recon plat, at 830288, found a tunnel and cave system which contained two 55 gal drums of rice. At 1058, the 3d plat, C Co tripped a 155 round booby trap which killed one American. At 2138, a VC tried to throw a grenade into the B Co perimeter and flee; but he was KIA by 2nd plat, B Co.

c. 1 July - 31 July 67:

(1) 1 Jul 67 - Unit loc: Bn CP, A 2/9 Arty, A Co loc LZ CD, B Co (-) 895303, 3d plat 896310, C Co (-) 788397, 1st plat 804407, 2nd plat 795395, Recon plat 839286, 4.2 mortars, Strike 16 loc LZ SEMPER. The 1st plat, A Co picked up 2 VCS vicinity 765375 at 0835. At 0920, the 3d plat, B Co located a 5" rocket and requested EOD. The Recon plat found 300 lbs of rice in a cache at 814315 and made the report at 1410. At 1417, the 2nd plat, C Co picked up a VCS at 748404. The VCS was carrying a phony ID card and had a Chieu Hoi pass.

(2) 2 Jul 67 - Unit loc: Bn CP, A 2/9 Arty, A Co (-) loc LZ CD, 2nd plat LZ MONTEZUMA, 3d plat (-) 776368, B Co (-) & Tanks 896630, 1st plat (-) 890304, 2nd plat (-) 900299, C Co (-) 781377, 1st plat 807400, 2nd plat 758397, Wpns plat loc LZ MONTEZUMA, Recon plat 819316, 4.2 mort & Strike 16 loc LZ SEMPER. At 0900, the 1st plat, A Co began a medcap at 791384. The 3d plat, A Co picked up 2 VCS vicinity 780375. Neither had ID cards and tried to run at 1120. A man in the 3d plat, A Co tripped a hand grenade type booby trap at 782375. The 3d plat, A Co closed LZ CD, at 1455 hours. At 1633, B Co concluded their medcap and reported they had treated 245 persons. At 2117, 4 VC tried to enter the Recon plat perimeter and were taken under fire resulting in 1 KIA and 1 WIA.

(3) 3 Jul 67 - Unit loc: Bn CP, A 2/9 Arty, A Co (-) loc LZ CD, 3d plat (-) 987309, 2nd plat (-) 894311, 3d plat 900303 & 897305, C Co (-) 783407, 1st plat 805402, 2nd plat 758395, 3d plat 777393, 4th plat LZ MONTEZUMA, Recon plat 819314, Strike 16 & 4.2 mortars loc LZ SEMPER, A Co 2nd plat loc LZ MONTEZUMA. B Co (-) made a CA onto LZ BOB at 0635. The 3d plat, B Co was inserted at 924275. The Recon plat lifted to 870243 at 0730. The 1st plat, A Co lifted from LZ CD to 932253 at 0758. At 1514 hours the 1st plat, A Co found 3 tons of salt at 920253. 1st plat, A Co was lifted back to LZ CD at 1708 hours.

(4) 4 Jul 67 - Unit loc: Bn CP, A 2/9 Arty, A Co (-) loc LZ CD,

A Co 1st plat 777362, 2nd plat LZ MONTEZUMA, B Co (-) 918268, Wpns plat LZ BOB, CP's 917267, 919267, 917270, C Co (-) 795404, 2nd plat & tanks 757378, 787394, Wpns plat LZ MONTEZUMA, Recon plat 884244, 4.2 mortars loc LZ BOB, Strike 26 loc LZ SEMPER. B Co made a CA at 0650 hours to 896 220. At 0720, the 3d plat, B Co blew a booby trap in place at 918268. At 2130 hours the 1st plat, C Co reported a command detonated 175 round in their area. No one was injured and members of the platoon found pieces of the shell casing and detonating wires which led to the nearby river. Their location was 802407, at the time of the explosion.

(5) 5 Jul 67 - Unit loc: Bn CP, A 2/9 Arty, A Co (-) loc LZ OD, 2nd plat (-) 787383, 774368, B Co (-), 4.2 mortars loc LZ BOB, B Co 1st plat & tanks 924272, C Co (-) 805402, 2nd plat loc LZ MONTEZUMA, Recon plat 894 238, 897401. The Recon plat lifted to 803324 at 0709. The 4.2 mortar platoon lifted from LZ SEMPER to LZ WEIS at 0857 hours. B Co had 2 men wounded by a booby trapped 105 round on a trail at 803244. The automatic retransmission station was lifted from LZ SEMPER to LZ WEIS at 1530 hours. The 2nd plat, C Co had 160 bags of rice ready for extraction at 745411.

(6) 6 Jul 67 - Unit loc: Bn CP, A 2/9 Arty, A Co (-) loc LZ OD, 1st plat 769373, 3d plat LZ MONTEZUMA, B Co (-) 787302, 2nd plat 795305, 3d plat 797296, Wpns plat loc LZ WEIS, C Co (-) 807403, 2nd plat 741413, Wpns plat LZ MONTEZUMA, Recon plat 791312, 4.2 mortars loc LZ WEIS. The 3d plat, C Co lifted to 762396 at 0940. C Co picked up 3 VC vicinity 767 388 at 1120 hours. The VC were carrying 6 grenades and had medical supplies. The 2nd plat, C Co found a 8" Naval shell at 744384.

(7) 7 Jul 67 - Unit loc: Bn CP, A 2/9 Arty, A Co (-) loc LZ OD, 1st plat 769373, 3d plat LZ MONTEZUMA, B Co (-) 787302, 2nd plat 795205, 3d plat 797296, C Co (-) 785399, 1st plat (-) 805402, 2nd plat 747400, Wpns plat LZ MONTEZUMA, Recon plat 807344, 4.2 mort loc LZ WEIS. C Co made a CA at 0746 to an LZ at 703405. The 1st plat, A Co made a CA to 716402 at 0758. At 1017 hours, the Recon plat at 825335 located a 105 shell booby trapped and requested an EOD team.

(8) 8 Jul 67 - Unit loc: Bn CP, A 2/9 Arty, A Co (-) loc LZ OD, 1st plat (-) 779379, 3d plat LZ MONTEZUMA, B Co (-) 795292, 1st plat (-) 793278, 2nd plat (-) 797295, Wpns plat LZ WEIS, C Co (-) 712308, 1st plat (-) 707380, 2nd plat 713397, 3d plat 807403, Wpns plat LZ MONTEZUMA, Recon plat 822347, 814353, 4.2 mort plat loc LZ WEIS. The Recon plat, at 825335, found a hut which contained 2,000 lbs of rice, a pair of khaki trousers, and some batteries wired together.

(9) 9 Jul 67 - Unit loc: Bn CP, A 2/9 Arty, A Co (-) loc LZ OD, A Co 1st plat (-) 791361, B Co 800295, 1st plat (-) 797295, 2nd plat (-) 302277, 3d plat (-) 804296, C Co (-) 805403, 2nd plat & APC's 737404, 3d plat 816399, Wpns plat LZ MONTEZUMA, Recon plat 802348, 4.2 mort plat & B Co wpns plat LZ WEIS. At 0850 the 1st plat, A Co lifted to LZ MONTEZUMA. The 3d plat, A Co picked up 3 VCS vicinity 793403 at 1050 hours. The 3d plat, B Co found three 55 gal drums of CS gas at 775299. The CS was destroyed.

(10) 10 Jul 67 - Unit loc: Bn CP, A 2/9 Arty, A Co (-) loc LZ CD, A Co 2nd plat (-) 779375, 1st plat LZ MONTEZUMA, B Co (-) 786308, 1st plat (-) 790316, 2nd plat (-) 786308, 1st plat (-) 790316, 3d plat (-) 793313, Wpns plat LZ WEIS, C Co (-) 791405, 3d plat (-) 791408, Wpns plat LZ MONTEZUMA, Recon plat 818346, 819347, 4.2 mort plat LZ WEIS. At 0925, the 2nd plat, B Co, at 786314, found 30 maps and overlays of Quang Ngai Province and coastal area. At 1652 hours, C Co reported they caught the VC they had trailed and killed him. The VC was carrying a M-14 rifle, 3 magazines of ammo and 1 US frag grenade.

(11) 11 Jul 67 - Unit loc: Bn CP, A 2/9 Arty, A Co (-) loc LZ CD, 1st plat at LZ MONTEZUMA, 3d plat (-) 770370, B Co (-) 795311, 1st plat (-) 796305, 2nd plat 790316, Wpns plat at LZ WEIS, C Co (-) 805403, 2nd plat & APC's 746406, Wpns plat LZ MONTEZUMA, Recon plat 818345, 815354, 4.2 mort loc LZ WEIS. At 1000 hours the 1st plat, B Co located a hut that contained a rice sack and a second hut nearby contained another 500 lbs of rice. The huts were located at 786322. The 2nd plat, A Co found a tunnel, at 765375, large enough to hide a platoon. At 1005 hours, the Recon plat began a Medoap in the village at 832327.

(12) 12 Jul 67 - Unit loc: Bn CP, A 2/9 Arty, A Co (-) loc LZ CD, 1st plat at LZ MONTEZUMA, 2nd plat (-) 788379, B Co (-) 784366, 1st plat (-) 806402, 2nd plat (-) 786335, C Co (-) 806402, 1st plat 815403, 2nd plat 745408, 3d plat 805407, Wpns plat LZ MONTEZUMA, Recon plat (-) 822347, 822353, 4.2 mort & B Co wpm plat loc LZ WEIS. The 3d plat, B Co, located at 779330, located a rice polishing mill including a diesel engine. The 1st plat, B Co, at 775338, found 3 graves containing bodies dressed in NVA uniforms. The cadavers were approximately 5 days old and appeared to have been killed by artillery. A 105 dud was blown in place at 787335 by the 2nd plat, B Co at 1115 hours. At 1200 hours, the 1st plat, B Co, at 778337, found a tunnel which led into 2 large rooms (30' x 15') and then two smaller rooms (3.5' x 3.5'). Found in the rooms were: 3 Vietnamese bicycles, 45 gallons of peanuts, 30 lbs salt, and one 12 gauge single barrel shotgun (US made) and six double 00 buckshot shells.

(13) 13 Jul 67 - Unit loc: Bn CP, A 2/9 Arty, A Co (-) LZ CD, 1st plat, A Co 787358, B Co (-) 782342, 1st plat at 778341, 2nd plat at 773338, 3d plat 774343, Wpns plat at LZ WEIS, C Co (-) 806402, 2nd plat 777403, Recon plat 813307, and 4.2 mort plat at LZ WEIS. At 0103 hours the Recon plat had 8 grenades thrown into their perimeter from the north. 4.2 mortar fire was called in on the suspected enemy locations. No one was hurt in the Recon plat from the enemy grenades. At 1423, B Co (-) had picked up 2 VC WIA and had requested an interpreter be sent to their location at 782347. At 2105, Recon killed 2 VC and had 3 more pinned down at 849296. The Recon plat did not get the remaining VC, and at 2247 hours they reported 2 pistols captured from the 2 VC KIA.

(14) 14 Jul 67 - Unit loc: Bn CP, A 2/9 Arty, B Co (-) loc LZ CD, A Co 824402, 1st plat 820403, 3d plat & APC's 820404, B Co wpm plat LZ WEIS, C Co (-) 798324, 2nd plat 795375, 3d plat 793287, Recon plat 849286, 4.2 mort loc LZ WEIS. At 0838, A Co (-) at 755297, picked up 1 VCS. The individual did not have an ID card. The 2nd plat, A Co, located at 759395, found a Hauser 36 rifle at 1031 hours. A Hal Chan led them to the rifle. At 0049 hours a second Hauser was located by 2nd plat, A Co. The 2nd plat, B Co closed LZ CD, at 1405.

(15) 15 Jul 67 - Unit loc: Bn CP, A 2/9 Arty, B Co (-) loc LZ CO, A Co (-) 739410, 1st plat 815401, 3d plat & APC's 743405, B Co 1st plat LZ MONTEZUMA, Wpns plat LZ WEIS, C Co 1st plat loc 810358, 2nd & 3d plats 795269, Recon plat loc 839414, 837415, 4.2 mort loc LZ WEIS. At 0738, B Co located a tunnel, at 778393, large enough to house seven men. At 0839, A Co (-) found a bunker at 737409, which contained a sewing machine and some cloth. At 1035, the 3d plat, A Co captured an individual at 723400 who was wearing khaki pants, black shirt and web gear. At 1055 hours, 2nd plat, C Co made contact and killed 3 NVA in a bunker at 802267.

a. The following is the sequence of actions taken by Co C throughout the contact from 1055 to 1640 hours.

(1) 1055; 2nd plat encounters 1 bunker with 3 En. En engaged from rear.

Results: 3 En KIA
2 AK-47
1 LMG

(2) 1127; 2nd plat engaged by enemy in bunkers using automatic weapons.

Result: 2 Frnd WIA

Co (-) (1st plat plus Wpns plat) lead elements moving west when engaged by single individual. Fire returned and individual flees through brush. Co commander decides to continue with plan to try and pinch out the enemy engaging the 2nd and 3rd platoons. He will continue forward with Wpns plat plus one-half of 1st plat. Two squads of 1st plat are to be sent uphill through thick undergrowth to get behind enemy position.

(3) 1137; 3d plat maneuvers to left to 2nd plat. 2nd plat estab base of fire. Part of 2nd plat moved to Med Evac area.

(4) 1230; 2nd plat (-) begins to chop trees to prepare for extraction by hoist and drop of ammo. Jungle has double canopy with 100-150 foot trees.

(5) 1230; Route up east slope of hill is too thick to traverse. Co CO moves further north to use trail in order to move more rapidly. 2 sqds of 1st plat continue up on east slope and along trail.

(6) 1250; One unoccupied bunker found. Two squads of 1st plat moved into blocking positions east of the bunker area.

(7) 1350; CO and 4th plat arrived at this point and assist in establishing area for base of fire and to use 90mm RR. Several additional men from 2nd, 3d and 4th plats are wounded and moved to Med Evac area. (Note A Med Evac HUID with which makes initial sortie into med evac area to evac 1st man. On second sortie, Bn Surgeon is lowered into area with plasma to work on wounded and organize wounded for evacuation. HUID evacuates 3 additional men but breaks two hoists. A CH-47 is requested and brought to area with gunship escort. The Bde Surgeon is aboard CH-47. Fifth casualty is half-way up when hoist breaks. Hook proceeds toward LZ MONTEZUMA with wounded man hanging 50' below. Man is lowered into open field and is picked up by C and 1. This evacuation by CH-47 takes 45-50 minutes in objective area).

(8) 1600; Co CO uses LAW's and 90mm RR in attempts to neutralize bunker. He organizes men for assault while hook makes extraction. Some enemy fire is directed at hook in final moments of extraction. CO decides to launch final assault. Men charge enemy position using assault fire.

with grenades. Assault characterized by vicious rush with men screaming. Enemy is killed in his positions. Some enemy attempt to escape to east but are gunned down by sqd from 1st plat.

Results: 25 En KIA
4 AK-47's
2 LMG's
1 Mauser
2 Grenades

(9) 1640; After police of area, Co moves downhill to LZ where walking wounded are evacuated by C and C helicopter.

b. With contact broken and medevac completed, C Co moved east to 820260, for resupply and extraction of captured equipment.

(2) This action by Co C is an outstanding example of the application of fire and maneuver plus the use of organic direct fire weapons. Note that no artillery, air or gunships were employed with the exception that a 105 Howitzer battery was registered 250 meters south of the contact. Support was not used due to the close quarters fighting with infantryman engaged within 15-20 meters of the bunkers. Of particular note was the final assault in true infantry style. Only one man was wounded in this violent charge and many enemy were found cowering in their bunkers. (See Incl 5, Tab A, for a detailed account of action).

(16) 16 Jul 67 - Unit loc: Bn CP, A 2/9 Arty, B Co (-) loc LZ OD, A Co (-) 739410, 1st plat 815401, 3d plat & APC's 743405, B Co 1st plat LZ MONTEZUMA, Wpns plat LZ WEIS, C Co (-) 810268, 2nd & 3d plates 795269, Recon plat 839414, 4.2 mortars LZ WEIS. The 1st plat, A Co located a 250 lb bomb at 822402, and requested EOD. At 1040, the 2nd plat, B Co killed 1 VC who was carrying a frag grenade. The 2nd plat, B Co found a campsite at 778348, which had a kitchen and a tree OP. Found at the camp were: 20 lbs of fresh pork; rice, fish, 1 pistol belt, 3 clips of 30 cal ammo and an anti-personnel mine.

(17) 17 Jul 67 - Unit loc: Bn CP, A 2/9 Arty, B Co (-) loc LZ OD, A Co (-) 727407, 1st plat 819402, 3d plat & APC's 744405, Wpns plat LZ OD, B Co 1st plat LZ MONTEZUMA, Wpns plat LZ WEIS, C Co 820268, Recon plat 814267, 4.2 mortars LZ WEIS. At 0805, the 1st plat, A Co killed one VC who had a M-1 rifle and 3 clips of ammo. At 1135, A Co (-) located 1,500 lbs of rice. The Recon plat had one US KIA and one seriously wounded when the VC they were trying to extricate from a tunnel threw a grenade. The VC were killed and among those KIA was a VC District Chief. The total enemy KIA was 5 and there were 4 weapons captured. At 1535, the 4.2 mortar plat and the automatic retrans station lifted from LZ WEIS to LZ SEMPER.

(18) 18 Jul 67 - Unit loc: Bn CP, A 2/9 Arty, B Co (-) loc LZ OD, A Co (-) 755378, 1st plat, 807408, 2nd plat (-) 758382, 3d plat & APC's 732405, Wpns plat (-) 753383, B Co 2nd plat LZ MONTEZUMA, C Co 842256, Recon plat 819315, 4.2 mortars loc LZ SEMPER. At 1000 hours, the Wpns plat, A Co, located at 742377, a hut which contained three 82mm rounds and a M-1 rifle that had blown up when it was last fired. The 3d plat, A Co found a 155 dud at 1506 hours vicinity 713396.

(19) 19 Jul 67 - Unit loc: Bn CP, A 2/9 Arty, B Co (-) loc LZ OD, A Co (-) 755390, 2nd plat 761390, 3d plat & APC's 750404, 1st plat 811406, B Co (-) 2nd plat LZ MONTEZUMA, C Co 854265, Recon plat 812323, 4.2 mortars loc LZ SEMPER. The 1st plat, A Co located 814405, picked up 3 VCS at 0745 hours. At 0952, the 3d plat, A Co, located 723403, received one round of sniper fire. Later, at 1124, the 3d plat, A Co located a tunnel complex at 723416. At 1255 hours the 2nd plat, C Co located at 865265, found a 105 dud and requested EOD. At 2137 hours the 1st plat, A Co, located at 777414 made contact with 3 armed individuals and killed 1 VC.

(20) 20 Jul 67 - Unit loc: Bn CP, A 2/9 Arty, B Co (-) loc LZ OD, A Co (-) 762404, 1st plat 777414, 3d plat & APC's 735405, B Co 2nd plat LZ MONTEZUMA, C Co (-) 883272, 1st plat 887269, Wpns plat 876266, Recon plat 848278, 4.2 mortars plat loc LZ SEMPER. The 1st plat, B Co located at 893233, found a 750 lb bomb and requested EOD at 0757 hours. At 1027 hours, the Recon platoon's MEDCAP was completed after they had treated 175 persons.

(21) 21 Jul 67 - Unit loc: Bn CP, A 2/9 Arty, B Co (-) loc LZ OD, 2nd plat AM 773369, 2nd plat sub elem AM 769370, A Co (-) 753401, 1st plat 758405, 2nd plat 814405, 3d plat & RR 744405, C Co 843307, Recon plat (-) (ambush) 837286, Recon plat "Y" elem ambush 837292, 4.2 mortars plat loc LZ SEMPER. At 1045 hours, A Co (-) located at 738385, found a 500 lb bomb and requested EOD. At 1510 hours the 2nd plat, A Co killed 1 VC at 816396. The VC did not have a weapon. At 1545, the Recon plat found a "Bouncing Betty" mine at 804303.

(22) 22 Jul 67 - Unit loc: Bn CP, A 2/9 Arty, B Co (-) loc LZ OD, B Co 3d plat LZ MONTEZUMA, A Co (-) 749905, 1st plat 753414, 2nd plat 818405, 3d plat (-) & RR 734414, 3d plat 3d sqd 733416, C Co (-) 848298, 3d plat ambush 890304, Recon plat ambush 798398, 4.2 mortars plat loc LZ SEMPER. At 0943 hours, C Co began a MEDCAP at location 897313 for approximately 215 people. At 1712 hours, the 2nd plat, B Co returned to LZ OD, at 1930 hours the 1st plat, C Co fired on an armed VC and wounded him. The VC escaped but he dropped his weapon; a 9mm sub-machine gun.

(23) 23 Jul 67 - Unit loc: Bn CP, A 2/9 Arty, B Co (-) loc LZ OD, 3d plat loc LZ MONTEZUMA, A Co (-) 1st plat (-), 4th plat 791401, 1st plat ambush 781414, 2nd plat 802402, 3d plat & APC's 726414, C Co 818371, Recon plat 807344, 4.2 mortars loc LZ SEMPER. At 0810 hours, the 3d plat, C Co which was moving down highway No #1 picked up 4 VCS at 888287 where they had run into a cave. At 1015 hours, the 1st plat, B Co found 1.5 tons of rice in a cache at 752374. A Noi Chan had led them to the cache. At 1437, the 3d plat, A Co located at 726401 spotted 3 individuals with weapons and took them under fire resulting in 1 VC KIA. The remaining VC fled to the west. No weapons were captured; however, the VC KIA had a pack which contained medical supplies.

(24) 24 Jul 67 - Unit loc: Bn CP, A 2/9 Arty, B Co (-) loc LZ OD, B Co 3d plat LZ MONTEZUMA, A Co (-) 779392, 2nd plat ambush 814401, 3d plat & APC's 736412, 4th plat (-) 783395, 1st plat 3d sqd 773412, 1st plat 2nd sqd 743315, C Co 897316, Recon plat 804344, 4.2 mortars loc LZ SEMPER. At 0637 hours, A Co (-), located at 796403, picked up 2 VCS. The 2nd plat, B Co

located a 250 lb bomb at 782155, and requested EOD. At 1455, the 1st plat, C Co, located at 889254, found a 105 dud and requested EOD. At 1500, 3d plat, B Co was lifted from LZ MONTESUMA to LZ CO.

(25) 25 Jul 67 - Unit loc: Bn CP, A 2/9 Arty, B Co (-) loc LZ CO, 1st plat ambush 77362, 77369, A Co & 4th plat 786400, 1st plat 789416, 2nd plat 802007, 3d plat & APC's 743403, C Co & Tanks 803304, Recon plat loc LZ MONTESUMA, 4.2 mortars loc LZ SENPER. At 0637, the 1st plat, C Co lifted from 803305 to 867054, touching down at 0647. The 1st plat, B Co closed LZ CO at 0710. At 0817, the 3d plat, A Co picked up 1 VC at 745415. At 1410, the 3d plat, B Co, located at 788350, found a Thompson sub-machine gun, 2 magazines of 7mm ammo, 2 M-204 grenades, 2 pistol belts, 1 US pack and a pair of wire cutters in a hut at that location.

(26) 26 Jul 67 - Unit loc: Bn CP, A 2/9 Arty, B Co (-) loc LZ CO, 1st plat 2nd sqd ambush 77367, A Co & 4th plat 784781, 1st plat (-) 759405, 1st plat 2nd sqd 733390, 2nd plat 795408, 3d plat & APC's 734416, C Co & Tanks 801303, Recon plat loc LZ MONTESUMA, 4.2 mortars loc LZ SENPER. At 0857, the 3d plat, A Co was ready for the Engineers to destroy the remains of the uninhabited village at that location. At 1008, a HELCAP was started by C Co (-) in a village at 893316.

(27) 27 Jul 67 - Unit loc: Bn CP, A 2/9 Arty, B Co (-) loc LZ CO, 1st plat ambush 776386, A Co 1st, 2nd, 4th plate 808415, 3d plat & APC's 742406, C Co & Tanks 883330, Recon plat loc LZ MONTESUMA, 4.2 mortars LZ SENPER. At 0538, A Co (-), located at 808415, reported 3 VC KIA. The VC were approaching from the east when they were ambushed. No weapons were captured. At 0637, A Co (-) picked up 2 VCS at 805416. The 1st plat, B Co closed LZ CO at 0737. The 3d plat, A Co picked up 1 VCS vicinity 743404. The Recon plat was lifted from LZ MONTESUMA at 0900 to end their 3 day stand-down. At 0952, the 1st plat, C Co found a 155 dud and requested EOD. At 1151, the Recon plat, located at 887309, found 2 VC in a bunker and took them under fire, resulting in 1 VC KIA and 1 VC MIA. Captured weapons included 1 M-16 rifle, 1 M-1 rifle, 6 M-16 magazines with ammo, 1 claymore, 6 Chicoon grenades, and US web gear. Later at 1534, the Recon plat, located at 895295, had 1 VC KIA when the VC threw a grenade out of the bunker he was hiding in. Several other VC were spotted and at 2025, Recon reported their contact had yielded 7 VC KIA, 2 VC CIA, 3 VC MIA/CIA, 1 US carbine, 3 Chicoon grenades, 1 US claymore, 175 rounds of 30 cal ammo and some documents.

(28) 28 Jul 67 - Unit loc: Bn CP, A 2/9 Arty, B Co (-) loc LZ CO, 2nd plat B Co & APC's loc 749403, A Co (-), 1st plat, Wpns plat 797421, 2nd plat A Co 1st sqd, 2nd plat 803421, 801418, 3d plat 1st sqd 796428, C Co (-) loc 837279, 3d plat loc LZ MONTESUMA, Recon plat & Tanks 890308, 4.2 mort plat loc LZ SENPER. At 0600, the 2nd plat, A Co was picked up at 795422 on a CA onto a LZ at 791422. At 0171, the 2nd plat A Co picked up 1 VCS when he ran into a bunker near 791422. At 0729, the 1st plat, A Co picked up 1 VCS when he ran into the bushes to hide in the vicinity of 790422. The Recon plat, located at 888303, picked up 1 VCS at 0846 hours. The 3d plat, B Co departed LZ CO on a local sweep mission at 0855 hours. At 0941, 3 VC were captured by the 3d plat, A Co when they were discovered hiding in a hole with a trap door which covered the hole. C Co conducted a HELCAP at 1000 hours in the village at 840300. The 1st plat, C Co located a 8-inch dud at 1348 hours vicinity 832304 and requested EOD. At 1432, the 1st plat,

I am enclosing herewith your letter dated May 7, 1968, regarding the matter of the proposed purchase of the land at the intersection of Highway 100 and Highway 101, near the town of Laramie, Wyoming.

- (a) Outposts should move into positions after dark.
 - (b) Outposts that have been in position during the day should shift their position after dark.
 - (c) An ambush position should be moved into after dark.
 - (d) Claymores and trip flares should be emplaced after dark.
 - (e) Units should avoid setting up near hedgerows or ditches.
 - (f) Individuals should always dig in at their night positions.
- At the minimum prone shelters should be dug.

e. Item: The problem of procuring spray aircraft and preventative medicine assistance for malaria control.

(1) Discussion: This unit has been at LZ OD for four months. In that time the firebase has never been sprayed. The Bn has requested time and again to have the firebase sprayed - but to no avail. After four months the Brigade still doesn't have a spray ship available. In order to get a hand-sprayer the Bn Surgeon had to go to Chu Lai and beg for it. It appears that the entire preventative medicine effort for Task Force Oregon is at Chu Lai. At least, it is apparent that all the personnel and equipment are there. The malaria incident rate is higher in the Duc Pho area than at Chu Lai. Therefore, it seems logical that a portion of the preventative medicine program be allotted this area.

f. Item: The use of the portable, chemical E-8 CS dispenser.

(1) Discussion: The Bn has extensively tested and on several occasions employed the E-8 CS dispenser. It is an excellent item of equipment to use when confronted with VC in fortified positions. Some of the units carry at least one with them on certain operations. In this situation the wind conditions must be considered in the unit's approach to the objective area. The Bn keeps several on standby, should a unit need them.

(2) Observation: Units should consider the use of E-8 CS dispensers in their tactical operations.

g. Item: The need exists for the procurement of special equipment for the use in cave/tunnel exploration and destruction.

(1) Discussion: In this area of operations we have run across hundreds of caves and tunnels. Some of them have been elaborate and extensive. Our problem has been to procure the equipment necessary to properly exploit the finds. There are several items of equipment that would be of great value:

- (a) Miners lamps.
- (b) Large flashlites (6 cell)
- (c) Revolvers with silencers.
- (d) Smaller light-weight gas masks.
- (e) Acetylene generators.
- (f) Chemical (Mighty Mite) CS dispensers.

(2) Observation: An effort should be made to procure special

equipment for use in tunnel exploration and destruction.

h. Item: There is a need for an M-79 marking round.

(1) Discussion: It has become almost an everyday occurrence to have gunships firing in support of ground troops. The average procedure is to have the ground troops mark their position with smoke and then point out the target by using distance and direction or referring to terrain features. A marking round for the M-79 could be used to rapidly indicate the target, it would also take away the human error in referring to terrain features.

(2) Observation: A standard M-79 marking round should be devised.

i. Item: There is a need for a grenade launcher device to fit on the M-16 rifle for the purpose of firing CS Riot grenades and standard smoke grenades.

(1) Discussion: There are many instances when it would greatly assist the ground troops if they could fire CS grenades at ranges farther than 25 to 30 meters. A grenade launcher type device affixed to the M-16 rifle would allow the individual soldier to place non-persistent CS grenades on a target more accurately and at a greater distance than by simply throwing them by hand. In addition the adapter could be used to fire the standard smoke grenade which would be of great assistance in marking targets for air craft.

(2) Observation: A grenade launcher should be developed for the M-16 rifle for the purpose of firing CS grenades. CS placed accurately near the apertures of a bunker, and in sufficient quantity would incapacitate the enemy within, thereby allowing the infantrymen to close in and destroy or capture him.

j. Item: There is a need for a standard survival mirror in each squad.

(1) Discussion: Several personnel in this Battalion have survival signal mirrors. These mirrors greatly conserve the use of smoke and they do not compromise the unit position as readily as smoke does, when signalling aircraft. When used properly and on a sunny day they are actually easier to spot than smoke.

(2) Observation: The standard survival signal mirror should be made available for issue to the rifle companies.

k. Item: Shortage of interpreters within the units.

(1) Discussion: The rifle companies habitually operate independently. There have been numerous times when an interpreter was needed immediately, i.e. to exploit tactical information, to persuade NVA/VC to surrender etc. There is a critical shortage of interpreters; in fact this BN operates without any interpreters about 40% of the time.

(2) Observation: A determined effort should be made to produce enough qualified interpreters so that one could be assigned to each rifle company, one to the reconnaissance platoon and two to Bn Hq.

1. Item: The use of Starlight scopes.

(1) Discussion: This Bn has had excellent results with the starlight scope mounted on the M-14 rifle. On one occasion, one of the platoons was set up in a night ambush when they sighted 15 to 20 individuals walking towards their location. The platoon leader was about to give the command to open fire when one of the men with a starlight scope saw that they were women. As it turned out it was a group of ladies returning from the fish market. During the battle of Binh My (2) 23-24 April, several VC were shot by use of the starlight scope when they tried to escape across the river. The biggest problem with these scopes has been maintenance. They are easily damaged. Once turned in for repair it takes a long time to get them back. The companies in this Bn usually have three or four turned in all the time for repair.

(2) Observation: An emphasis should be placed on procuring additional starlight scopes for the units. In addition the maintenance procedures and facilities should be improved.

n. Item: The use of booby-traps against the VC.

(1) Discussion: The enemy habitually trails US troops and scavenges the units campsites. It would greatly discourage the VC if we could give them a taste of their own medicine - and that is to leave booby-traps for him to find. The only problem is that US troops may return to the area and run into their own booby-traps. The solution is to make the booby-traps so they will self-destruct. The ideal device to use would be the chemical time delay fuze.

(2) Observation: The chemical delay time fuze should be made available on a limited basis so that self-destruction booby-traps could be used against the enemy.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS;

a. A determined effort should be made to procure and issue the new M-79 ammunition carrying vests as soon as possible.

b. An effort should be made to procure an aerial spray aircraft for this Bde T.F.

c. An emphasis should be placed on procuring special equipment for use in tunnel exploration and destruction.

d. A determined effort should be made to produce additional qualified interpreters.

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