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1. Operation MATADOR

The Battalion entered into the New Year with the continued missions of Search and Destroy in the TAO and defense of the barrier, but were relieved on 2 January. On 3 January preparations were made for the move to the ST. DIU area and attachment to the 1st Brigade, 1st Air Cavalry Division, for participation in Operation Matador. The Battalion moved to the Stadium area, south of Pleiku (ZA 115285), by CH-47 and wheeled vehicles on 4 January. Company size search and destroy operations began on the 5th of January and continued through the 12th of January, when Operation Matador ended and the battalion reverted to the control of the 2nd Brigade. Operation Hurricane began on 13 January and the battalion conducted search and destroy operations west of Pleiku. The battalion returned to Camp Radcliff on 18 January for care and maintenance of equipment, training of new personnel, and construction of facilities in the battalion area. On the 23rd of January the 2nd Bn, 5th Cav assumed responsibility for the 2nd Brigade sector of the barrier. Efforts were directed to construction of the barrier line extension as well as on the Machine Gun range and the Golf Course.

2. Operation WHITE WING-EAGLE'S CLAW-BLACKHORSE

The 2nd Bn, 5th Cav was relieved of the barrier and TAO mission on the 2nd of February and moved to the Dong Son area (PSN DUG B 870012) by CV-2 aircraft. The battalion commenced Operation White Wing on the 3rd of February under the control of the 2nd Brigade. From the 14th through the 16th of February the battalion was opcon to the 3rd Brigade and then reverted to the control of the 2nd Brigade.

The battalion commenced sweep operations in its assigned AO on 17 February. Company B started moving to Position Pete (BR 768748) and at 0945 hours they became heavily engaged in that vicinity. All attempts by Company B to maneuver were thwarted by fire from all sides, and Company A was diverted to assist

against what was estimated to be a reinforced company. By 1315 hours Company B became heavily engaged, and though still able to maneuver, was not yet close enough to Position Pete to reduce the pressure on Company B. This, coupled with Company A's capture of enemy heavy weapons and the discovery of an area estimated to have been a battalion headquarters, Company C was committed to the battle, moving from Position Mike to the vicinity of Position Pete. At 1442 hours, Company B, 2d Bn, 12th Cav was attached to the 2d Bn, 5th Cav and conducted an air assault into LZ PETE EAST to sweep to, and link up with Company B which was still heavily engaged. By 1600 hours, the pressure on Company B had been reduced to isolated sniper fire. This engagement was estimated to have been with an NVA Battalion that withdrew northward.

Company B, 2d Bn, 5th Cav and Company C, 2d Bn, 12th Cav swept the high ground in the vicinity of Position Pete on 18 February to find and destroy, or capture enemy personnel and equipment by-passed in the heat of action the previous day. They contacted several small groups, none exceeding squad size, and accounted for more enemy personnel and equipment. This operation continued through the 19th and the situation developed through two separate actions involving an enemy company and a separate enemy platoon. The battalion continued operations in this area until the 5th of March when it was air lifted to An Khe for maintenance and training.

3. Barrier-T/OA-Operation JIM BOWIE

During the period 5 March - 11 March the battalion conducted training of new personnel, conducted operations in the T/OA, and acted as the Brigade ~~OP~~. Planning for operation Jim Bowie, under the control of the 3rd Brigade, was completed by the 11th of March. The operation was conducted from the 12th of March through the 14th of March, with no significant contact, and the 2d Bn, 5th Cav reverted to the control of the 2d Brigade on the 14th of March. The

battalion (-) was airlifted to Highway 19 the next day and initiated highway security in sector by implacing ambush patrols during hours of darkness and loc 1 patrolling during daylight hours. Company A, 2d Bn, 5th Cav, Recon and mortar platoons of Company D, 2d Bn, 5th Cav remained attached to the 3rd Brigade for operation Jim Bowie. On the 21st of March the battalion (-) moved back to Camp Redclif for barrier duty and daylight reconnaissance patrols. Companies A and B reverted to battalion control for utilization on the barrier and in the FACR. The battalion was relieved of the barrier mission by the 1st Bn, 12th Cav on the 10th of April and prepared for the commencement of Operation Mosley on the 21st of April. While on the barrier considerable progress was made in constructing and improving defensive positions. Continuous patrolling activities were conducted. During this period there was no contact with the enemy despite the aggressiveness of all elements of the battalion.

4. Operation MOSLEY II (Kontum Area)

On the 21st of April, the battalion began Operation Mosley II by conducting an air assault into LZ Hook (AA 912678). 68 UH-1D's, 6 CH-47, and 3 C-130 sorties were employed for the movement. Companies D and B conducted sweeps to the West and East respectively while the Battalion CP with Companies C and D remained at LZ Hook. During the following days, the battalion continued to conduct sweep operations, apprehending several VCS and capturing large quantities of rice and small arms ammunition. On the 26th of April the battalion continued to secure Kontum Airfield, and conducted a stand down to allow personnel to rest and perform maintenance of equipment. The battalion closed Kontum in preparation for the move to An Khe on the 2nd of May. The 1st Platoon, Company A was placed upon to Company C, 8th Engineer Battalion, to secure the air strip vicinity BAN DOM (ZU 0327), and Company A (-) with the Recon Platoon, Company D, continued to secure the FSE at Kontum under opcon of the 229th AIR. The Battalion (-) closed An Khe on the 3rd of May and initiated

maintenance of equipment and refitting of the battalion for future operations.

5. TF COLT

On the 4th of May the battalion (-) participated in a farewell formation for Major General H. W. Kinnard, then reassumed the task of refitting for future operations.

"On the 9th of May TF 2/5 Cav conducted movement from An Khe to BIEN NO LAKE (AR 771545) by advance party on two (2) CH-47's, motor convoy starting at 090945 May and ten (10) CV-2 sorties from An Khe Airstrip to New Pleiku Airstrip. The TF 2/5 Cav closed at 091830 May at Bien No Lake with no significant problems. A defensive perimeter was established for the night and preparations were started for TF Harris' departure the next morning"

TF 2/5 Cav (-) remained at BIEN NO LAKE, occupied the defensive perimeter and conducted highway security from Pleiku to An Khe with no enemy contact. The TF ColM mission continued with Company B securing the engineer work parties constructing an airfield (AO 9811) and Company D conducting convoy security. There was an weapons firing, repelling from the UH-1D, and artillery fire adjustment continued for all elements while at the BIEN NO LAKE area.

6. Operation PAUL LEVER and HOOKER I

On the 25th of May, Company A moved to the OASIS (ZA 120277) and was attached to the 3rd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division. On the 30th of May the 2d Bn, 5th Cav (-) moved to the OASIS opcon to the 3rd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division. The battalion then conducted reconnaissance in force operations. These operations continued with negligible results until the 21st of June, when the battalion was airlifted to Kontum and reassumed the TF ColM mission. The TF (-) was airlifted to An Khe on 22 June, leaving Company C to conduct reconnaissance around the Kontum airfield and secure the FSE. The battalion assumed the security of Highway 19 from the 2d Bn, 8th Cav while Company C returned to An Khe and was designated the reaction force. Convoys were escorted between

1. POR NR 128 dtd 9 May 66 2d Bn 5th Cav

An Khe and Pleiku and squad and platoon size patrols were conducted daily. The 2nd Bn, 5th Cav conducted a relief in place of the 2nd Bn 12th Cav on 1 July and assumed control of the barrier line and security of Camp Radcliff. Concurrently, the battalion refitted for future operations and trained incoming personnel in small arms firing, artillery fire adjustment, repelling and trooper leader training.

7. GORDON AND SLARCH-HIGHWAY 19

Company A conducted a raid at 0400 hrs on the 4th of July with two platoons. The 1st Platoon moved by truck (BR 482438) and the 3rd Platoon moved by helicopter (BR 489439), with Company B as a reaction force.

"A Co conducted an air assault at BR 489439 (3d Platoon) and following equipment was discovered: 75 VC suspects (nine of which informers said were hard core VC), three carbines, four pistols, sixteen rds of carbine ammo, one belt expended 50 cal ammo and US Army blankets"2

The battalion continued security of Camp Radcliff until 11000 July when relieved in place by the 1st Bn, 5th Cav. The battalion (-) remained in base camp and performed maintainance, while individual companies conducted sweep operations outside the four kilometer line around the barrier. On the 20th of July, the 2nd Bn, 5th Cav relieved the 2nd Bn, 12th Cav on Highway 19 from the ROK boundary to Pleiku. The battalion escorted a total of 61 convoys between An Khe and Pleiku and conducted continuous patrolling on both sides of the highway until the 31st of July, when it returned to Camp Radcliff.

8. PAUL REVERE II

The 2nd Bn, 5th Cav was alerted on 1 August to move to Pleiku (Turkey Farm) on the following day for participation in Operation Paul Revere II. On the 3d of August the battalion was airlifted from the Turkey Farm to the Oasis (ZA 103275) to prepare for an air assault to LZ MARLBORO on the 4th of August.

"Small Unit Action: 041601 August recon platoon contacted one

2. POR NR 188 dtd 4 July 1966 2d Bn, 5th Cav

VC armed with carbine vic coord ZA 015235 . Negative results.
 041650 August A26 contacted 2 VC armed with automatic weapons AK-47
 in same general vicinity; believed to be same engaged earlier.
 041755 August Co C LRP engaged VC platoon vic coord ZA 010221.
 Reinforced by one platoon from Co C, Air Strikes and Atry used.
 Results: US one WIA, VC one KIA (BC)."³

Continued aggressive actions by companies of the Black Knights on the 5th
 of August resulted in one VC KIA, and the recovery of one VC KIA believed
 killed by the LRP on 4 August.

"Equipment captured included: two Russian carbines, one Chinese
 automatic weapon, 20 rds 60 mm mortar, 3 cases 50 cal MG ammo, 20
 Chinese grenades, numerous items of clothing, entrenching tools, TNT
 and medicine. At approximately 1350 hours a Chieu Hoi (SGT Dick
 subsequently identified as a NVA Sergeant) gave himself up to elements
 of Company D."⁴

The battalion continued working from LZ Marlboro in search and destroy
 operations. Contact was light and confined to single individual VC's at scattered
 times through the 8th of August, when the battalion returned to the control of
 the 2nd Brigade. On the 9th of August, the battalion air assaulted to LZ CAT
 (YV 910897). On the 12th of August Company B (+) confirmed one NVA KIA and one
 VC KIA and then continued with their mission.

"At 1440 TF Bravo resumed movement N.W. At 1615 hrs B26 contacted
 a 2 man outpost (NVA) vic coord YV 889932. Enemy evacuated as result
 of arty fire. At 1625 hrs B16 engaged estimated VC platoon vic coord
 YV 891935. Enemy broke contact and moved in direction of B26, B36, and
 Recon platoon. By 1800 hrs contact was heavy, enemy utilizing AW from
 four (4) prepared interlocking positions. Atry was called in, area
 assaulted by Recon platoon and B Co (-) (B16 in reserve status). By
 2015 enemy completely broke contact. Results US WIA four (4), NVA KIA
 (BC) seven (7), NVA KIA (est) 15, weapons captured : one Chinese MG
 (Drum Fed) one Russian assault weapon, Rocket launcher, make unknown.
 After contact was broken TF Bravo moved to LZ Hound (YV 832932) for
 bivouac."⁵

The 2d Bn, 5th Cav continued search and destroy operations in the battalion
 area of operations on the 13th of August. The 3d Platoon, Company B made
 contact with 2 VC (YV 902932) resulting in 2 VC KIA (BC) and recovery of 2 AK-47
 weapons. That night the 1st Platoon, Company B established an ambush (YV 892916)
 which was successfully initiated at 1950 hours.

3. POR NR 227 dtd 4 Aug 66 2d Bn 5th Cav
4. POR NR 228 dtd 5 Aug 66 2d Bn 5th Cav
5. POR NR 233 dtd 12 Aug 66 2d Bn 5th Cav

"Sprang ambush at 1950 hrs. Results: 9 NVA KIA (BC), recovered two (2) Russian carbines, four (4) Chinese SMG, numerous items of equipment."6

During the 14th of August, the battalion continued search and destroy operations, Company B became opcon 1st Bn 5th Cav at 1300 hours and Company C remained as the Brigade reaction force.

"Intelligence Summary: During ground operations approximately nine (9) kilometers west, north-north west and three (3) kilometers south of LZ Cat, 2/5 Cav accomplished the following:

a. Discovered several old shelter type bunkers that were destroyed some time ago by bombs vic YV 860898, and an abandoned squad size camp of entrenchments vic YV 860908.

b. Recovered one (1) watch, one (1) wallet, one (1) entrenching tool, and uniform, four (4) rds 82 mm mortar ammo and two (2) grenades.

c. Confirmed seven (7) NVA killed by arty and SA fire. Five (5) very old bodies killed by arty, and two (2) bodies approximately four (4) days old killed by SA fire."7

On the 15th of August there were negative results in the 2d Bn, 5th Cav area of operations. Company G became opcon to the 1st Bn, 5th Cav in their AO where there was heavy contact (see footnote). During the remainder of Paul Revere II, the 2d Bn, 5th Cav aggressively hunted for NVA and VC personnel and equipment but their results were negligible. The battalion returned to An Khe on 24 August, subsequently preparing for future operations, conduction training of personnel and performing maintenance of equipment from the 25th of August through the 7th of September.

9. THAYER I

The battalion conducted search and destroy operations in the TAOB from the 8th of September until the 13th of September when it was airlifted to LZ Hammond for participation in Operation Thayer I. Security operations were conducted around LZ Hammond with minor contact. The 21st of September found the battalion occupying blocking positions west of Highway 1. They continued this mission through the 27th of September with only minor contact.

6. POR NR 234 dtd 13 Aug 66 2d Bn 5th Cav

7. POR NR 235 dtd 14 Aug 66 2d Bn 5th Cav

See Appendix for Hill 534 Company B & C opcon 1st Bn 5th Cav

10. BARRIER

The 2d Bn 5th Cav closed Camp Radcliff on the 28th of September to conduct inventories of equipment, rest, and refit. On the 30th of September, the battalion assumed responsibility for the barrier line and security of Camp Radcliff. Patrols were conducted daily in the TAOR, and on the 30th of September the 2d Bn 5th Cav again assumed responsibility for the barrier line and security of Camp Radcliff. Patrols were conducted daily in the TAOR, and barrier defenses were continually improved.

"2/5 Cav will continue present mission of securing Camp Radcliff utilizing three companies minus on the barrier line and three platoons patrolling the TAOR. Visual, aerial surveillance will be employed to include first and last light Recon, by a scout team of two (2) H-13 helicopters."8

11. PAUL REVERE IV

The 2d Bn, 5th Cav was relieved on the barrier on 29 October by tenant units of Camp Radcliff and then flown to New Ploiku Airfield. The battalion, minus Company A, which went directly to the Oasis, remained at Pleiku for the night. The next day the remainder of the battalion traveled to the Oasis and was opcon to the 4th Infantry Division. Upon the arrival of the 2d Brigade, the battalion reverted to its control and initiated search and destroy operations in the area south of Duc Co, near the Cambodian border. On the 4th of November, the first contact in this operation was initiated by Company A when an ambush (YA 829179) was sprung on an estimated NVA Sapper Squad. The results were as follows:

"Enemy Losses:

- a. Personnel: 3 NVA KIA (BC)
- b. Equipment Captured: 2 AK-47, 1 SKS Carbine, 4 packs, 5 AT mines, TNT, and 6 Hand grenades."9

This operation continued through the rest of November until late December. The battalion alternated with other units in securing the Oasis and conducting search

- 8. POR NR 290 dtd 1 Oct 66 2d Bn 5th Cav
- 9. Journal Log dtd 4 Nov 66 2d Bn 5th Cav

and destroy operations throughout the 2d Brigade area of operations. However, it was not until the 21st of December that the battalion again saw any significant contact. On that date Companies B and C were air assaulted (YA 946335) into an area where an estimated NVA platoon had been sighted. Company B had slight contact upon landing and proceeded to develop the situation. This action continued through the 22nd of December with the total results as follows:

"10 NVA KIA
 5 NVA Captured
 1 VCM Captured
 8 AK-47 Assault Rifles Captured
 1 US M-1 Rifle recovered
 1 RPD LMG Captured
 1500 rds of 7.62 ammo captured
 5300 lbs of rice"10

The battalion suffered only 4 WIA from this action.

12. CHRISTMAS-THAYER II

The battalion closed into Camp Radcliff on the 23d of December for refitting and maintenance of equipment. Christmas was celebrated in Camp Radcliff by the battalion with maximum personnel attending Chapel services, and participating in a superior meal put forth by the mess personnel of the battalion.

The next two days were a continuation of maintenance and training, as the battalion received approximately 150-200 replacements. The training program was terminated on the 27th of December as a result of increased activities in the Bong Son area, and the battalion moved to LZ English by C-130 -- --

The battalion CP and C
 escorted the motor
 CH-47. Companies A
 search and destroy
 end of the year, but

*According to Richard Bratten,
 2 platoons ~~sent~~ were sent
 to vicinity of Saigon for 2
 weeks*

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10. Operations Summary

APPENDIX I - KEY PERSONNEL

BATTALION COMMANDER

Meyer, Edward C	LTC	00063968	10 Dec 65	2 Jul 66
Lombard, Reginalt T	LTC	062437	2 Jul 66	25 Nov 66
Stevenson, Robert D	LTC	070515	25 Nov 66	

BATTALION EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Crooks, Ronald W	MAJ	04031207	15 Dec 65	8 Mar 66
Harris, Arthur	MAJ	073715	8 Mar 66	23 Sep 66
Martin, Edward W. Jr.	MAJ	073777	23 Sep 66	23 Oct 66
Deringer, Clifton H., Jr	MAJ	088253	23 Oct 66	

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Boyt, Edward A	CPT	02273004	22 Dec 65	21 Jul 66
Conlon, John F	CPT	086007	21 Jul 66	24 Nov 66
McKenna, Gerald M	CPT	05013506	24 Nov 66	

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Lenderman, William R	CPT	079596	27 Oct 65	3 Feb 66
Davies, William	CPT		3 Feb 66	14 Aug 66
Markham, Don	CPT	087239	14 Aug 66	

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Guillory, Larry C	CPT	085553		30 Jan 66
Lenderman, William R	CPT	079596	1 Feb 66	11 Apr 66
Spears, Joseph M	MAJ	076034	11 Apr 66	15 Oct 66
Wishart, Leonard P., III	MAJ	075872	15 Oct 66	

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Kellar, Stuart B	CPT	04056085	16 Jul 65	10 Jul 66
Cuccaro, Joseph T	CPT	0F0J00253	10 Jul 66	

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Cuervo, Rolando P	CPT	02312318	10 Jul 66	
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Medical Officer

Lunati, Frank P	CPT	05022056	Aug 65	May 66
Merrick, Richard S	CPT	05024662	May 66	Oct 66
McCann, Gerald	CPT	05712612	Oct 66	

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY COMMANDER

Ayers, Larry W	CPT	05412873	22 Dec 65	7 Aug 66
McInerney, Richard N	CPT	090954	7 Aug 66	13 Dec 66
Boucher, Arthur G	CPT	096739	13 Dec 66	

APPENDIX I - KEY PERSONNEL (Cont)

COMPANY A COMMANDER

Fincher, Hubert T	CPT	0F102872	23 Nov 65	12 Jul 66
Jones, William J., Jr	CPT	092075	12 Jul 66	25 Nov 66
Donlon, John F	CPT	086007	25 Nov 66	

COMPANY B COMMANDER

McMahon, Robert	CPT	096778		9 Mar 66
Taylor, William	CPT	084004	9 Mar 66	14 Aug 66 (KIA)
Snider, Don M.	CPT	096204	15 Aug 66	

COMPANY C COMMANDER

Long, George L.	1LT	05525614	11 Dec 65	10 Jul 66
Fry, Charles H.	CPT	094928	10 Jul 66	

COMPANY D COMMANDER

Carney, Thomas E	CPT	02299467	27 Dec 65	15 Jun 66 (KIA)
Howes, James A.	1LT	05320313	15 Jun 66	10 Sep 66
Hamilton, William O.	CPT	088216	10 Sep 66	26 Dec 66
McInerney, Richard N.	CPT	090954	26 Dec 66	

APPENDIX II Results of Contact

<u>OPERATION</u>	<u>VC/NVA</u> <u>KIA (BC)</u>	<u>(EST)</u>	<u>VC/NVA</u> <u>WIA (EST)</u>	<u>POW</u>	<u>DETAINÉES</u>
Matador	0	0	0	0	0
White Wings Gale's Claw Blackhorse	203	205	101	41	49
Paul Revere I Booker I	2	0	1	0	5
Paul Revere II *	34	21	0	3	3
Thayer I	19	2	0	6	34
Paul Revere IV	14	0	0	8	81
Thayer II	0	0	0	1	0
TOTAL:	272	228	102	59	172

* Does not include Hill # 534 B & C Company opcon to 1st Bn 5th Cav

APPENDIX II ANNEX A RICE FOUND BY 2d Battalion, 5th Cavalry 1966

	Tons of Rice Evacuated	Tons of Rice Destroyed
Matador		
White Wing		
Boyle Claw	32	3
Blackhorse		
Fort Revere I		
Kramer I		2
Fort Revere II		
Thayer I	13	1
Fort Revere IV	5	
Thayer II		
White	50 Tons	6 Tons

APPENDIX II ANNEX B WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT CAPTURED
 MATADOR P.R. I, H. I P. R. II T. F. II P. R. IV T. R. II OTHER OPN'S TOTAL

	MATADOR	P.R. I, H. I	P. R. II	T. F. II	P. R. IV	T. R. II	OTHER OPN'S	TOTAL
12.7 HMG							3	3
7.62mm SMG							4 1	5
Mortar	4						2	6
81mm Aslt. Rifles							5 2 10	17
4.2mm Machine							2 6 2 1	11
12.7mm Shotgun							1	1
4.2mm Machine	4							4
81mm Mortar	2							2
81mm Mortar	3							3
82mm Mortar	3							3
US M-1 Rifle							1	1
M-16 Rifle							2	2
4.2mm M6 SMG							1	1
Czech SMG							2	2
9mm SMG	1							1
Pistols								4 4
Bayonets								7 7
Hand Grenades	9						73 11 29	122
7.62 Ammo		200					240 154 1500	9 2103
12.7 Ammo							1090 500	1590
60mm Ammo							30 6 20	1 60
81mm Ammo								1 1
82mm Ammo	75						9	84
57 RR Ammo	75						5	80
TNT							10*	15lb
*1/2 lb Blocks								20 lbs

APPENDIX II ANNEX B WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT CAPTURED(cont)

AT Mines			5	5
AP Mines	9			9
Asst Ammo Sh.		450 56	3000	3506
Rocket Launcher		1		1
US Carbines			3	3
Tompson SMG	1			1
MG LMG		5		5

APPENDIX III Camp Development

The start of 1966 saw the 2d Bn, 5th Cav still living in tents with an inadequate latrine and shower facility. Improvements progressed slowly, until the middle of the year. During the first half of the year, latrines and shower facilities were constructed throughout the battalion area. Then during the last half of the year, 20' x 80' concrete pads were laid for prefabricated billets. The attached master plan for the 2d Bn, 5th Cav show the progress as of the end of December, 1966.

APPENDIX IV HILL 534

The battle of Hill 534 was controlled by the 1st Battalion, 5th Cavalry. The initial contact was made on 13 August by Company A, 1st Battalion, 5th Cavalry with an unidentified size force. Then on the 14th of August, Company A, 1st Bn, 5th Cav made further contact at the base of Hill 534 with a well dug in NVA Company which was prepared to defend its position. Company B, 2d Bn, 5th Cav, which was operating south of Company A, 1st Bn, 5th Cav became open to the 1st Bn, 5th Cav at 1423 hours and maneuvered to the top of Hill 534. There they engaged an enemy force estimated to be a company reinforced with mortars (YV 883941). Company C, 1st Bn, 5th Cav began moving toward the area to further box in the enemy position.

On the 15th of August heavy contact continued at Hill 534. At 0730 hours, Company B, 2d Bn, 5th Cav was attacked by an estimated NVA Company, supported by 81mm mortars. Company A, 1st Bn, 5th Cav encountered opposition as it maneuvered to hit the flank of the dug in unit. Company C, 2d Bn, 5th Cav air landed into the area and also linked up with Company B, 2d Bn, 5th Cav (YV 884546) after dark. Enemy casualties were estimated to be very heavy based on the volume of fire brought to bear on the area. The heavy contact on Hill 534 terminated on 16 August 1966 as the remaining enemy forces slipped off the hill during the night. A search of the hill and bunker complex around Hill 534, by Company G, 1st Bn, 5th Cav and Company B, 2d Bn, 5th Cav revealed graves, unburied bodies, equipment and documents. Communications equipment and wiring indicated the presence of at least a battalion and probably a regimental size headquarters. A continuation of the search on the 17th of August disclosed numerous bunkers and tunnels. NVA bodies and equipment were found throughout the area. NVA losses were 138 KIA (IC), 200 KIA (LST) and 250 KIA (EST). Company G, 2d Bn, 5th Cav found living quarters and mess facilities for 600

people (YV 876953). During the remainder of Operation Paul Revere II, the 1st Bn, 5th Cav conducted search and destroy operations on trails and routes out of the Hill 524 complex. Numerous bodies and graves were found, testifying to the heavy toll taken by Company B, 2d Bn, 5th Cav during the fierce engagements.

APPENDIX V THE CHAPLAIN'S SECTION

Chaplain (PT) Ralph Curcio continued at the 2d Battalion, 5th Cavalry's Chaplain. Remembering their religious heritage, the men of the 2d Bn, 5th Cav participated with the personnel of the 1st Bn, 5th Cav; 1st Bn, 77th Arty and HHC, 2d Bde in beginning the construction of a chapel for their worship services. A sum in the amount of seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750.00) was raised to purchase materials for the chapel and the actual building was begun in late December 1965. Chaplain Curcio departed the Battalion for a new assignment in mid March in mid April 1966.

Chaplain (OPT) Rupert A. Lutz was attached to the 2d Bn, 5th Cav in April 1966 following Chaplain Curcio's departure. In addition to ministering to the men of the Battalion, Chaplain Lutz was also responsible for conducting Roman Catholic Mass for the men of the entire 2d Bde. Under his able leadership, the Battalion personnel continued its participation in the building of the chapel and the completion of the sanctuary in May, 1966. As an added gesture of interest toward the chapel program, the altar, pulpit and lectern were designed by the 2d Bn, 5th Cav and constructed by its personnel, receiving final design for the furniture from Chaplain Lutz. Chaplain Lutz completed his service with the 2d Bn, 5th Cav and became 2d Brigade Chaplain in the first part of August, 1966.

Chaplain (OPT) Delaine T. Perkins, an airborne qualified chaplain, became the Battalion chaplain in August 1966 following Chaplain Lutz's reassignment. Since the men of the Battalion spent their time constantly in the field on operations following his arrival, Chaplain Perkins shared their common life in the best tradition of the combat chaplain always working to lift their spirits and morale. During the month of October 1966, when the Battalion had the mission of securing the perimeter of Camp Kadcliff, he became a usual "unusual" sight riding his mule with the blue and white chaplain's flag flying high over-

head. It was a different conveyance and not too distinguished for an officer, but altogether functional for a chaplain who had to be with the troopers. Also, during this period, chancel payments, (\$400.00), were donated to the chapel and lighting was installed in the chapel. Chaplain Perkin's DDCS is 2 August 1967.

ANNEX VI ANNEX A US LOSSES 1 January 1966-31 December 1966

	<u>MIA</u>	<u>DEA</u>	<u>PIA</u>
Company A	9	19	0
Company B	18*	79	0
Company C	13	50	0
Company D	5*	19	0
Headquarters Company	0	16	0

* CPT Taylor, Company C (Hill 534)

* CPT Carney, Co D

APPENDIX VI APPENDIX D US Losses 1 January 1966 - 31 December 1966

	<u>REMARKS</u>
Company A	33
Company B	75
Company C	18
Company D	22
Headquarters Company	2

APPENDIX VI ANNEX C Awards and Decorations

The following awards were made for the period 1 January 1966 - 31 December 1966:

Distinguished Service Cross	CPT William Taylor, USA004 (Posthumously) 15 August 1966
Silver Star	12
Soldier's Medal	9
Bronze Star for Valor	41
Bronze Star for Meritorious Service	64
Air Medal for Valor	1
Air Medal	797
Army Commendation Medal for Valor	39
Army Commendation Medal	63
Purple Heart	228
Army of Merit Medal	1521