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1. (C) Operations: Significant Activities

a. MISCELLANEOUS: During this reporting period the 1st Cav Div (AM) conducted a coordinated attack against the CGVY Base area in the "Fishhook" region of Cambodia. Subsequent sieze and interdict operations were conducted throughout the Cambodian AO followed by a phased withdrawal and a redeployment of forces. Operations were continued throughout the AO to interdict enemy infiltration routes through Phuoc Long, Binh Long, Binh Dong, Bien Hoa and Long Khanh Provinces in order to deny enemy access to the population centers and to neutralize enemy forces operating in the area. Division elements continued to support the GVN pacification Program and conducted Dong Wian operations with RVNAF forces operating within the Division AO.

b. GENERAL:

(1) The 1 May 1970 to 31 July 1970 period saw the initiation and completion of the Cambodian operations followed by the redeployment of the 1st Brigade from War Zone "C" to War Zone "D".

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(2) Initially there was light enemy resistance to the Allied drive into Cambodia; however, by the end of the first week the enemy had begun to react and by 12 May initiated countersweep operations against the Allied Forces, highlighted by ground probes against KB Brown and 353 Ready on 13 and 14 May. As the cross-border operations spread to Base Areas 350 (operation Hoc Ma) and 351 (operation Gieng To), enemy activity increased toward the middle of the month and then continued at a moderate level for the remainder of the reporting period. Enemy activity was most pronounced in the "Fishhook" where major elements of the 7th NVA Division were committed against the ARVN Abn Division.

(3) By the end of May the 1st ACD AO within RVN was virtually devoid of enemy forces other than artillery units. The "Fishhook" contained the 165th and 209th Regiments while the 141st was northwest of Highway 7 in Cambodia. The few 5th VC Division forces within RVN at the beginning of the cross-border operations were largely withdrawn as the Allied drive penetrated the 70th and 86th RSG depot areas. The remaining battalions of the 69th Arty Command within RVN attempted to lessen the pressure by fire attacks during the first week of May on the Cav's main base camps at Quan Loi, KB Buttons and Camp Corvad. By the end of the month the number and intensity of standoff attacks within RVN had delineated possibly indicating a shortage of both food and munitions. Local forces activity was markedly absent as the enemy began to suffer from the long term effect of the interdiction of his locations forcing his concentration on resupply rather than offensive action.

(4) In the month of June the 1st Cavalry Division continued to emphasize location, and evacuation or destruction of enemy caches as well as neutralization of enemy forces in the Cambodian AO. During June the frequency of contacts lessened although the Cav continued its relentless aerial and ground reconnaissance that resulted in the elimination of many enemy munitions and rice caches.

(5) Enemy activity remained moderate to heavy during the first part of the month with attacks by fire against Allied field positions and FSB's throughout the 1 ACD and ARVN Abn Division's AO; and decreased during the latter part of the month as Allied elements withdrew from Cambodia.

(6) Significant activities throughout the first half of July continued to be minimal. The boundaries of the 1st Cavalry Division's AO within the NWI were greatly changed as Allied forces relocated in the III CIU. The 2nd Bde remained in eastern and central Phuoc Long Province. The 3rd Bde concentrated its forces in eastern Binh Long Province and western Phuoc Long Province. The major change in the Cav's AO involved the relocation of the 1st Bde from northeastern Phuoc Long Province into

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an AO that included a large portion of northwestern Long Khanh Province including "War Zone D". Intensive ground and air operations continued against enemy forces. Significant results included discovery of several weapons caches in "War Zone D".

(7) The period centering around 20 July deserves special mention. Intelligence reports composed of Hoi Chanh interrogations and captured documents made reference to this date as a time when intensified artillery attacks and sapper attacks would occur in III Corps. The 20 July date corresponds with the anniversary of the signing of the 1954 Geneva Accords, known to both North and South Vietnam as the "National Day of Shame". Indirect fire attacks on Cev bases did increase and resulted in casualties and damage, especially at Camp Gorved.

(8) Intelligence developed since March has indicated that the NVA in III CMF would stage a series of "Highpoint" periods lasting through the spring and summer months. These highpoint periods have been variously referred to as phases of the "X" Campaign. The purpose of this "X" Campaign: To disrupt the CVN pacification program and destroy the effectiveness of Vietnamization.

(9) In retrospect, the destruction of enemy sanctuaries and caches in Cambodia is the most significant aspect of Cev operations during the reporting period, 1 May to 31 July 1970. The Division also contributed toward pacification in Binh Long, Phuoc Long and northern Binh Duong Province. In July major operations were initiated in Long Khanh Province, particularly War Zone "D".

c. 1st Brigade Operations:

(1) Mission: From 1 May to 3 May, the 1st Brigade continued offensive operations in western War Zone "C" to interdict enemy lines of communication and supply, and to neutralize enemy elements operating within the area. From 4 May to 19 May, it conducted offensive operations in the "Fishhook" region of Cambodia, searching and extracting or destroying enemy cache sites, and neutralizing enemy elements in its TAOR. From 20 May to 30 June, the brigade continued its mission in the vicinity of O'RANG, Cambodia. From 1 July to 9 July, the 1st Brigade conducted "dilative" operations to interdict enemy infiltration routes, search for caches and neutralize enemy elements within its TAOR in Northern PHUOC LONG Province. On 11 July to 31 July, the 1st Brigade conducted operations to interdict enemy infiltration and supply routes, neutralize enemy elements operating within War Zone "D" and support Vietnamization and the Vietnamese Pacification program in the remainder of its TAOR.

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(2) Execution:

(a) From 4 May - 19 May, the 1st Brigade with the 2-5th Cav, 2-7th Cav, 1-5th Cav, 2-12th Cav, 2-47th Inf (Mech), 2-34th Armor and the 3d ARVN Abn Bde with the 3d, 5th, 9th, and 1st ARVN Abn Bns conducted operations in the vicinity of MOMOT, Cambodia searching and extracting or destroying enemy cache sites and neutralizing elements of COSVN headquarters, 7th NVA Division, and the 82nd RSG located in their TAOR. The operation resulted in the location of numerous caches and bunker complexes. Enemy activity increased during the latter part of this operation with most actions targeted against US and ARVN maneuver elements.

(b) The period 20 May - 30 June covers the 1st Brigade, with the 1-5th Cav and 2-12th Cav, operating in the vicinity of O'RANG Cambodia. Operations were conducted to interdict the NIEMAN Road and parallel trail networks, exploit associated caches and disrupt transshipment operations in the vicinity of O'RANG. The operation resulted in the location and destruction/evacuation of 32,703 rounds of small arms ammo, 560,535 large cal machine gun ammo, 8,033 grenades, 482 tons of rice, and numerous other types of foodstuffs, weapons, and munitions. The enemy generally avoided contact except in and around cache sites where diversionary and harassing tactics were employed.

(c) During the month of July, the 1st Brigade operated in two areas of III Corps. The first area of operation with the 2-12th Cav and 1-5th Cav, was northern Phuoc Long Province with the mission of interdicting the Jolly Trail and Adams Road supply network and neutralizing enemy elements in its TAOR. This operation was characterized by light enemy activity in the TAOR. On 11 July, the 1st Brigade moved into War Zone "D" with 2-7th Cav. The 1-5th Cav followed on the 15th and the 1-12th Cav became OPCON on 25 July. Mission was to interdict the Jolly, Serges, Adams trail network and eliminate enemy elements in TAOR. Activity was moderate with several caches located in both eastern and western War Zone "D".

(3) Discussion and Analysis of Significant Events:

(1) 1 May: AF/FAC A/G firing at 0845 hours WT944893: AF/FAC observed 02 individuals on trail and 10 individuals on bicycles. Engaged with HE rockets, resulting in 06 NVA KIA and 01 secondary explosion.

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(2): 02 May: C/1-11 ACR at 2320 hours (PGB KPHCR) received 40 mixed RPG, 82mm, 60mm, 107, 57mm and 75mm rounds and small arms fire. At 2330, received ground probe from north-northeast by estimated company size enemy force. Engaged with organics, flareships, Shadow, artillery, 03 sections of AA and 02 air strikes. At 2350 hours incoming ceased and ground probe was repelled and enemy evaded into woodline to north northeast of PGB. Friendly casualties were 07 US WIA. At 2352, ARA on station received heavy .51 cal ground to air fire at 1500 feet, 140 knots from 03 positions north northwest with negative damage or casualties. Engaged with organics, resulting in 03 NVA KB/AA and 01 .51 Cal destroyed. A check of damage inside; C/1-11, 3 ACRV's with moderate damage, 01 M551 Sheridan gun tube damaged and 02 81mm mortar tubes destroyed. A check around perimeter found 04 NVA KIA. First light recon around PGB found an additional 14 NVA KIA, 03 NVA POW's, 01 75mm recoilless round (live), 10 expended 75mm shells, 22 60mm rounds, 09 AK47's 15 Chicom grenades, 02 RGD PMGs, 02 B-40 rocket launchers, and assorted documents captured.

(3) 03 May: AF/PAC A/G firing at 1725 hours (W911600) observed 20-30 water buffalo and 10 individuals. Engaged with artillery, resulting in 02 NVA KB/Arty, 06 water buffalo KB Arty. Further engaged with organics, resulting in 04 NVA KB/AF and 10 water buffalo KB/AF.

(4) 04 May: D/5-7 at 2245 hours (PGB WOOD) received approximately 25 60mm and possibly some 82mm mortar fire from 200 meters northwest of PGB. Also received small arms fire from woodline to west. Area was immediately engaged with organics, ARA and Arty. Ground attack from a company size enemy force was dispersed immediately. At 2305 hours most small arms fire ceased. At 2310 hours all small arms fire ceased. At 2310 hours flares lit and Shadow received heavy .51 cal fire from 02 positions. Shadow engaged with organics and ground to air fire ceased immediately. Results of contact was 07 US WIA, 30 NVA KIA and 03 NVA POW's and numerous weapons captured.

(5) 05 May: A/2-47th at 0525 hours (WU550060) received approximately 12 x 82mm, 09 x 60mm, 05 RPG, small arms and automatic weapons fire from unknown size enemy force. Engaged with organics, ARA, Arty and air strikes. Results were 05 US WIA, 14 NVA KIA, 03 AK 47 and 02 RPG Rocket launchers.

(6) 05 May: 35 Co at 1645 hours, (WU515016) received small arms and B-40 fire from unknown size enemy force. Engaged with organics and ARA. Resulting in 09 NVA KIA, 06 weapons captured.

(7) 06 May: AF/PAC Bnk of air strikes at 0715 hours (WU347060) revealed 03 NVA KIA, 06 water buffalo KIA, 04 pigs KIA and several structures destroyed. Also at 0805 hours WU341079: Bnk air strike destroyed bunkers and structures and 05 NVA KIA. At 1405 hours WU33940: Bnk of air strike destroyed .51 cal HMG, 06 NVA KB/air strike.

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(8) 07 May: 31 Co at 1615 hours (JU536074) found large arms cache containing: 04 anti-aircraft heavy machine guns, 09 x 75mm recoilless rounds, 18 x 82mm mortars, 04 x 57 recoilless rounds, 13 Browning automatic rifles, 08 light machine guns, 04 x 50 cal Chinese heavy machine guns, 01 US .50 cal heavy machine gun, 46 x 60mm mortars, 11 Chinese heavy machine guns, 02 B-41 rocket launchers, 04 B-40 rocket launchers, and 200 mixed small arms (AK, SKS), also 01 x 120mm mortar complete.

(9) 08 May: 2-34, 2-47 A and C Co at 1312 hours (JU284049) received small arms, automatic weapons and RPG fire from unknown size enemy force. Engaged with organics, artillery, ARV and air strike. Contact broke at 1410 hours, resulting in negative friendly casualties, 05 NVA KIA, 05 NVA KB/Arty, 05 NVA KB/ARA, 01 AK47 captured.

(10) 08 May: 51 Co at 0915 hours (JU422003) received small arms, automatic weapons and B-40 fire from an estimated company size enemy force to their north, northwest and southwest. Engaged with organics, artillery, ARV and air strike. Contact broke at 1200 hours, resulting in 03 ARVN KIA, 08 ARVN WIA, 12 NVA KIA and 04 AK47 captured.

(11) 09 May: 15 Co at 0915 hours (JU477966) found small arms cache which contained 01 x 7.62 heavy machine gun, 01 H60 machine gun, 02 Browning automatic rifles, 02 Dutch light machine guns, 02 B-40 rocket launchers, 01 B-41 rocket launcher, 02 AR50s and 02 AK47s.

(12) 09 May: 51 Co at 1215 hours (JU407997) received small arms fire from squad size enemy force. Engaged with organics and artillery. Contact broke at 1305 hours, resulting in negative friendly casualties, 05 NVA KIA, 03 NVA PCWs (01 PCW WIA) and 01 AK47 captured. Also detained 28 Cambodians.

(13) 10 May: A/2-7 Cav at 1030 hours (JU384977) received small arms fire from 3-4 individuals from north and northeast. Engaged with organics, artillery, ARV and ARV/PC. Contact broke at 1055 hours, resulting in 03 ARVN KIA, 04 US WIA and unknown enemy losses. Also at 1745 hours (JU378978) received small arms and automatic weapons fire from an unknown size enemy force in a bunker complex. Engaged with organics, artillery and ARA. Contact broke at 1805 hours, resulting in 03 US WIA. Check of contact area revealed 02 NVA KIA. At 1430 hours (JU405937) received small arms fire from estimated reinforced-platoon size enemy force. Engaged with organics, artillery and ARA. Contact broke at 1445 hours, resulting in 03 US WIA and unknown enemy losses.

(14) 11 May: 52 Co at 2250 hours FOB CENTER received unknown number of B-40, 82mm and small arms fire from east. Engaged with organics, ARA, Spooky, Vietnamese Spooky and Arty. Contact broke at 2350 hours, resulting in 11 ARVN WIA, 01 Jeep destroyed, 01 3/4 ton truck destroyed, 01 x 105 recoilless rifle and 01 x .50 cal heavy machine gun with moderate damage. At 0800 hours (JU458003) check of automatic ambush detonated, found 05 NVA KIA, 01 AK47, 10 B-40 and B-41 rounds, 100 x .51 cal rounds and 03 x 75

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recoiless rifle rounds. At 1540 hours (KT470002) received small arms, automatic weapons and B-40 fire from an unknown size enemy force. Engaged with organics and artillery. Contact broke at 1434 hours, resulting in negative friendly casualties 03 NVA KIA, 01 AK47 and 01 K54 pistol captured.

(15) 11 May: 92 Co at 1030 hours (KU489048) received small arms, automatic weapons and B-40 fire from an estimated company size enemy force to southwest. Engaged with organics, artillery and AR. Contact broke at 1250 hours. At 1300 hours contact was re-established. Received small arms, automatic weapons and B-40 fire from southwest. Engaged with organics and artillery. Contact broke at 1500 hours, resulting in 01 ARVN KIA, 16 ARVN WIA (02 serious), 10 NVA KIA and 02 unknown type weapons captured.

(16) 12 May: 15 Co at 0900 hours (KT491965) found arms cache containing 11 SKS rifles and 17 sub-machine guns and unknown quantity of small arms ammunition.

(17) 12 May: 92 Co at 0645 hours (KU490042) received small arms and B-40 fire from estimated platoon size enemy force from west. Engaged with organics, artillery and AR. Contact broke at 1045 hours, resulting in 11 ARVN WIA and 14 NVA KIA, negative weapons.

(18) 16 May: A/1-5 Cav at 0902 hours (KU464266) engaged 15 meters southeast of location. Received small arms and B-40 fire in return. Contact broke at 0914 hours, resulting in 02 US KIA, 08 US WIA and 01 NVA KIA wearing black clothing. Contact initiated when the enemy element was between B/1-5(-) and 2d platoon. Believed enemy element was trailing 2d platoon (B Co).

(19) 17 May: C/1-12 Cav at 1100 hours (KU544100) found cache containing 10 x 60mm mortars, 06 x 75mm recoiless rifle rounds and 02 bundles of web gear. All was backlogged to 1st Bn 12th.

(20) 19 May: D/1-12th Cav at 1020 hours (KU467118) while moving southeast on northwest-southeast trail observed and engaged 02 individuals to southeast sitting on side of trail. Received small arms, automatic weapons and B-40 fire from estimated company size enemy force from southeast, south and southwest (estimated 01 enemy platoon had flanked friendly position). Initially engaged with organics, artillery, 02 sections of AR and 03 air strikes. Contact broke at 1125 hours with 01 US KIA and 02 US WIA. At 1500 hours sweep of contact area revealed 04 NVA KIA and 01 AK47 captured.

(21) 21 May: A/1-5 Cav (YU201800 and YU283623) found a cache site containing 05 US M-1 rifles, 03 Belgian automatic rifles, 03 RPD light machine guns, 05 typewriters, 01 Willis 1/2 ton Jeep, 01 Dodge 6-passenger truck, 01 2½ ton truck (military type), 1200 rounds of US .30 cal ammo, 500 AK47 rounds, 20 French hand grenades, 01 M-1 rifle grenade adaptor, 08 US frog hand grenades, 15 SKS rifles and 01 M-16 rifles, 01 British Bren gun, 01 M-60 machine gun, 01 x 7.65 pistol, 01 AK47, 170 x .51 cal rounds, 15 saw blades, 300 x 82mm rounds with charges, 02 new jeeps (unknown type), 01 2½ ton truck (unknown type).

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(22) 22 May: A/1-5 Cav 3rd platoon at 1330 hours (YU289621) observed an automatic ambush activate. Check of area revealed 05 NVA KIA, 04 AK47s and 01 bicycle captured. Individuals were wearing green uniforms; 01 NVA was identified by KCS as a 1st Sgt. One NVA had 01 lb of documents in a box.

(23) 23 May: A/1-5 Cav at 0700 hours (YU278634) on first light recon of yesterday's contact area found: 15 NVA KIA, 02 SKSs, 07 AK47s, 440 x 7.62 rounds, 08 shovels, 07 individual medical kits, 01 bicycle, 120 x 82mm rounds in boxes, 01 x 82mm mortar site, 09 x 82mm mortar rounds, 08 pounds of rice, 02 pounds of coffee, 200 pounds of NVA clothing, 06 B-40 rounds with charges, 04 Chicom grenades, 12 NVA ponchos, 01 pair of bolt cutters, 175 rounds M-1 Carbine ammunition, 02 night lights for 82mm mortar, 17 empty AK magazines.

(24) 23 May: C/1-5 Cav at 1100 hours (YU371730) found cache containing 01 C4 receiver and transmitter with amp ant tuner, suspected to be a USCR-19 with 02 power packs, 401 CC power packs, 04 C4I power packs, 401 CAI type AII radios. Also found 01 French back pack radio, 08 B-40 rounds, 01 x 75mm recoilless rifle, 07 M72 Laws, 05 mortar base plates, (02mm), 01 case of rifle grenades (32), 01 case of Chicom grenades (32), 09 cans of lined .50 cal ammo (1800), 01 case of tear gas (20 grenades), 211 x 60mm rounds, 65 x 81mm rounds, 01 Belgium 7.62 automatic weapon, 02 cases of incendiary grenades (32), 01 tripod of .50 cal machine gun, 01 case of 2.62 rockets (9), 01 case of smoke grenades (15), 29 cases of 40mm rifle grenades (2068 grenades), 04 cases of US .50 cal ammo (800), 04 cases of .30 cal ammo (3200), 13 M31 rifle grenades, 01 power supply (15), 02 reels of comm wire (15,000 feet), 02 soldering irons, 16 microphones, 02 sound power telephones, 03 PRC-6 radios, 01 US switch board, 01 EC 2000 AI radio.

(25) 26 May: A/1-9 Blues at 1105 hours (YU378774) found 02 handas, 70 flintlock and percussion type rifles, 494 x 81mm rounds, 1000 x 9mm rounds, 250 x 51 cal rounds, 120 SKS rounds, 720 x .30 cal rounds, 800 110G rounds, 200 x 50mm rounds and 64 rifle grenades.

(26) 02 June: 1-5 Cav A Co at 1045 hours, while making a sweep of an activated automatic ambush area, discovered 01 hut 7 x 8 ft with false floor. Under floor found 01 bunker 7 x 8 ft containing 23 Bangalore torpedoes, 28 Chicom grenades (new type), 10 Chicom CM, 01 case 7.62 ammo, 05 AT mines, 76 pick handles, 07 pick handles, 240 x 82mm mortar rounds with charges, 126 x 60mm mortar rounds without charges, 36 x 75mm recoilless rifle rounds, 02 cases TNT (100 lbs total), 12 B-40 rounds with charges, and 09 Chicom CM stands.

(27) 04 June: 2-12 Cav A Co (YU240547) south southwest of FSB SPIDER at 1100 hours, while on a ground reconnaissance, discovered 01 hut (unknown size) with 300 x 220 lb bags of rice (total 66,000 lbs). Also found 02 huts 30 x 20 x 15 ft with 200 x 220 lb bags of rice in cache hut (total 63,000 lbs). Five tunnels were also found in the area.

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(28) 04 June: E Co 1-5 Cav (YU296562) southwest of FSB, at 1335 hours, while on a ground reconnaissance, discovered 01 hut 30 x 20 x 15 ft. In south hut found 360 x 300 lb bags polished rice (total 54 tons).

(29) 05 June: D Co 2-12 Cav at 1558 hours (YU249581) received small arms fire from unknown size enemy force. Engaged with organics, artillery and AM. Contact broke at 1645 hours resulting in 02 US KIA, 04 NVN KIA, and 01 Hoi Chanh LA.

(30) 06 June: Division sniper 1-5 Cav 2355 hours (YU349670) observed 06 individuals moving northeast to west. Engaged with claymores and H14, received small arms fire in return. Contact broke at 0015 hours resulting in 04 NVN KIA, 03 AK50, and 01 9mm pistol captured.

(31) 07 June: A Co 1-5 Cav at 1410 hours (YU293564) southwest of FSB, while on a ground reconnaissance discovered 03 huts 20 x 15 ft containing 135 tons of polished rice (1,350 x 100 kilo and 50 kilo bags). One hut showed signs of rice being evacuated recently. Also found an east-west trail with recent use by unknown number of individuals and ox-carts.

(32) 09 June: A Co 2-12 Cav at 1730 hours (YU240545) south of FSB, continuing exploitation of cache site, discovered an additional 125 cases .51 cal rounds (11,250 rounds) in hole #7 4 x 8 x 4 ft, hole #8 (5 x 6 ft) led to a cave 18 ft deep with a floor covered with plastic. In hole found 274 cases .51 cal rounds (46,580 rounds), 36 cases of 14.75mm (5,204 rounds), and 2 cases 37mm (40 rounds). In hole #9 (5 x 12 x 6 ft) found metal and plastic sheet lining; it contained 260 cases .51 cal (34,200 rounds).

(33) 10 June: A Co 2-12 at 1100 hours (YU240545), found 06 additional holes in cache site for a total of 15 holes. In hole #10 found 35, 540 rounds .51 cal ammo, 1,550 rounds 37mm (hole 4 x 5 x 18 ft with 20 ft tunnel). In hole #13 found 27,200 rounds of .51 cal ammo, 4,512 rounds 14.75mm (hole 4 x 5 x 18 ft with 15 ft tunnel).

(34) 11 June: A Co 1-5 Cav at 0555 hours (YU296568) had an automatic ambush detonate 45 meters east of location. After detonation received heavy movement to the north. Engaged with organics, claymores, 81mm mortars, and artillery. Received small arms, and Chicom grenades from 5-7 individuals in return. Further engaged with organics and artillery. Contact broke at 0630 hours, resulting in 01 US LA. Search of area revealed 02 NVN KIA and 01 B-40 rocket launcher captured.

(35) 11 June: A Co, 1-5 Cav at 1300 hours (YU296567) discovered a cache under 20 x 8 x 20 ft hut, containing 250 B-40 rocket launchers, 68 M1 mines, 153 x 75mm recoilless rifle rounds, 120 x 60mm mortar rounds, 1,196 x 82mm mortar rounds, 750 Chicom hand grenades and 24 powder charges.

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(36) 12 June: A Co, 1-5 at 1330 hours (YU290566) while on ground reconnaissance discovered 01 hut 0x20x3 ft. Under hut found 510 B-40 rounds, 40 AT mines, 2 x 75mm recoilless rifle rounds, 36 x 60mm mortar rounds, 336 x 82mm mortar rounds, 4,750 Chicom hand grenades, 27 pair of wire cutters, 33,300 non-electric blasting caps, 02 picks, 28 machetes, and 250 3ft x 2ft saw blades.

(37) 14 June: D Co, D Recon 1-5 Cav and HHC 1st Bde 0250 hours at YU345553 had a trip flare go off 50 meters from east side of HHC and observed individuals in wire. Engaged with organics and received small arms, B-40, 82mm mortars and Chicom grenades with ground probe from unknown size enemy force from the east and north. Friendly further engaged with organics and artillery receiving small arms and B-40 fire. Ground probe ceased at 0445 hours. HHC continued receiving small arms and B-40 fire from north and east and west. At 0700 hours the contact was broken resulting in 29 US WIA (04 serious). Check of HHC area revealed 26 NVA KIA, 04 B-40 rocket launchers, 01 German luger, 08 M147s and 01 AK Mark 2 captured.

(38) 17 June: B Co 1-5 Cav at 1350 hours (YU295556) while on a ground reconnaissance found 02 huts 10x20 ft. Inside one hut found 50-220 lb bags unpolished rice (11,000 lbs). Under rice found 400 x 82mm mortar rounds, 300 x 60mm mortar rounds, 70 x 75mm recoilless rounds, 40 T-46 AT mines (each weighed 19½ lbs), 200 B-40 rounds, 500 Chicom hand grenades, 20 satchel charges (2lb each) and 16,000 M147 rounds.

(39) 19 June: C Co 1-5 Cav at 1340 hours (YU289561) while on a ground reconnaissance, discovered 01 hut 15x12x10 ft with 1½ x 220 lb bags of unpolished rice (total: 33,000 lbs).

(40) 19 June: D/2-12 Cav at 1540 hours (YU293597) while moving through a saddle, approximately 50 meters from hilltop, observed a Chicom claymore. Pointman cautioned platoon and moved off trail to claymore detonated. This was followed by small arms and B-40 fire. Platoon engaged with organics, artillery, AH and air strike. At 1735 hours Co attempted to move up hill again and received small arms and B-40 fire. Engaged with organics and artillery. Contact broke at 1500 hours, resulting in 19 US WIA. (Negative enemy assessment).

(41) 20 June: B Co 1-5 Cav at 1600 hours (YU239561) while on a ground reconnaissance, discovered 01 hut 10 x 20 ft containing 150 x 220 lb bags of rice (33,000 lb) (all destroyed). Also observed 03 individuals 50 meters east of location moving north and engaged with organics with unknown enemy losses.

(42) 02 July: D/2-12 Cav at 1000 hours (YU309487) found grave containing 03 NVA KIA. Bodies were hastily buried and blood was fresh. Believed to be results from D Co's contact on 19 June. Individuals were wearing green uniforms.

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(43) 04 July: E Recon/2-12 Cav at 0930 hours (YT273565) while moving from their HDP observed 01 individual moving east on east-west trail. Individual had negative weapon and was captured by E Recon and taken to CH2P GORVAD, RVN.

(44) 22 July: A/2-7 Cav at 0800 hours (YT273565) found 02 (30x20x10 ft) bunkers with 4 ft. over head cover. Inside bunker found 02 bangalore torpedoes, 25 lbs of Chinese comp "B", 76 x 120mm mortar rounds, 124 x 60mm mortar rounds, 197 x 75mm mortar rounds, 162 rifle grenades (anti-tank type), 76 x 57mm recoilless rifle rounds, 69 Chicom hand grenades, 2 x 82mm mortars complete, 03 sets of 107mm rocket launchers welded together, other misc. munitions.

(45) 23 July: D/2-7 Cav at 1835 hours (YT195976) recon patrol spotted 01 NVA latrine moved up to check out latrine/bunker when received 01 Chicom claymore approximately 25 meters to the south. Results were 03 US KIA and 05 US WIA with negative enemy assessment. Engaged area with artillery. Negative enemy assessment.

(46) 24 July: A/2-7 Cav at 0908 hours (YT272563) received automatic weapons fire and 01 Chicom claymore from an unknown size enemy force in bunkers 150 meters from north-northeast. Engaged with organics, artillery ADA and requested air strike. Contact broke at 1100 hours, resulting in 04 NVA KIA, 01 US KIA, and 04 US WIA.

(47) 24 July: A/2-7 Cav at 1745 hours (YT272563) received small arms fire from unknown size enemy force in bunkers to north-northeast. Engaged with organics, artillery, ADA and air strike. 07 large secondary explosion observed. Contact broke at 1845 hours resulting in 02 US WIA. Man on station observed 20 NVA KIA.

(48) 28 July: C/1-9 Cav Blues and Ranger Team 72 (YT697684) found 3 x 12.7mm heavy machine guns in cradle, 03 spare barrels, 03 SIS T56, 127 x SKS T53, 09 Soviet 7.62 MOSIN-NAGANT, 12 cases .30 cal magazines, 03 tripods for 12.7mm machine gun, 24 AK47s, 08 sub-machine guns TJO, 15 Ross sub-machine guns PPS43, 04 x 60mm mortars complete, 04 x 107mm rocket launcher complete, and 02 duffel bags of web gear.

d. 2nd Brigade Operations:

(1) Mission: During this period the 2d Brigade, 2d ARVN Airborne Brigade and 7th ARVN Infantry Regiment conducted ground operations, air reconnaissance and pacification operations aimed at fixing and destroying the enemy, interdicting enemy supply lines, locating enemy caches, and pacifying Phuoc Long Province. The 2d Brigade continued operations in Phuoc Long Province and concurrently assaulted into Cambodia first to locate and neutralize COSVN Headquarters and then to neutralize Base Area 351. The 2d ARVN Abn Brigade continued ground operations targeted against the 275th NVA Regiment elements operating in the proximity of the Sargent Thail until moving from Phuoc Long Province into a separate AO in Tay Ninh Province on 15 May. The 7th ARVN Inf Regt entered the 2d Bde AO on 12 July and took on the task of ground reconnaissance and security in the vicinity of the Song Be area and clearing and security of QL 14.

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(2) Execution: During the reporting period the "Racing To Go" Brigade conducted three major operations. In early May the Brigade drove into Cambodia with the mission of locating and neutralizing COSVN Headquarters. The second mission was to assault and neutralize Base Area 351. After the unprecedented cache exploitations made in Base Area 351, the 2d Bde conducted a successful withdraw from Cambodia and realigned along the border. The 2d Bde then took on the mission of exploiting cache sites in RVN, interdicting the northern and central portions of the Adams and Jolley trails and establishing contact with the enemy. Concurrently throughout this period, the 2d Bde continued its mission of pacifying Phuoc Long Province. The 7th ARVN Regt, upon their arrival, took up the mission of security of the Song Be area and QL 14.

The only significant personnel change during the reporting period was the change of Brigade Commanders on 1 July 1970. There was no significant impact on combat operations as a result of loss or shortage of key command personnel.

(3) Operations Conducted in May: During the month of May this headquarters continued its operations in Phuoc Long Province and concurrently conducted two major operations into Cambodia. On 2 May the 2d Bde was given the mission of conducting a two battalion thrust into the Fishhook region of Cambodia in order to locate and neutralize CCSVN Headquarters. This move was coordinated with similar thrusts conducted by US Armored Cavalry units and ARVN elements. After the successful initiation of the first operation, the 2d Bde was given the mission on 5 May of assaulting into and neutralizing Base Area 351. To aid in the accomplishment of this mission, the 5-7 Cav and 5-12 Inf were placed under OPCON of the 2d Bde on 4 and 5 May respectively. The road security mission for resupply convoys on Highway QL 14 and Route 311 was shifted from the 15th ARVN Cav Regt to two different US Cav units during the month. These units were the 3-4 Cav (-) and D Troop 3-17 Cav. The 2d ARVN Abn Bde moved from Phuoc Long Province on 15 May into a separate AO in Tay Ninh Province in an effort to complement allied operations in Cambodia. In support of these operations the 2d Bde constructed 7 fire support bases and reestablished an 8th one.

(a) The first operation was targeted against the Fishhook Region of Cambodia which contained CCSVN Headquarters and large enemy weapons and munitions caches. Reacting on short notice, the 2d Bde moved a TIC CP and the 1-12 Cav to Loc Ninh Special Forces Camp. On 3 May the 1-5 Cav was placed under OPCON to the 2d Bde and air assaulted into Cambodia and established FSB NORF. On 4 May the 1-12 Cav was air assaulted into Cambodia and established FSB IVANS. This rapid deployment of forces caused the enemy to flee his major base areas and resulted in the capture of an extensive enemy complex dubbed "The City", and a large weapons and munitions cache. The 1-5 Cav oriented on "The City" and the 1-12 Cav seized the large weapons and ammunition cache.

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(b) The second major operation was initiated when the 2d Bde was given the mission to realign its forces and neutralize Base Area 351 located 60 kilometers east of the Fishhook in Cambodia. The Brigade MAC CP returned to FSB BUTTONS in Phuoc Long Province and released O'CON of the 1-5 Cav and 1-12 Cav to the 1st Bde on 5 May. In order to provide additional combat power the 5-7 Cav was placed under O'CON to the 2d Bde on 4 May. On 5 May the 5-12 Inf, 199 Light Infantry Bde was also placed under O'CON of the 2d Bde. On 6 May the 2d Bde air assaulted the 5-7 Cav and the 2-12 Cav in Cambodia, establishing FSB BRCN and NYRON respectively. Again due to the rapid deployment of Air Cav forces, the enemy evacuated his sanctuaries leaving behind extensive ammunition, weapons and rice caches. On 7 May while moving into a suspected enemy cache site, D Co 2-12 Cav made contact with a reinforced NVA unit. In a series of sharp contacts throughout the day 33 NVA were KIA, three trucks and numerous documents were captured, and the cache site later named "Rock Island East", was discovered. This cache was so extensive that CIDG, RF and stevedore companies were utilized to retrograde the materials found. To provide a nearby logistical resupply and cache retrograde point FSB SHUFFY was reopened on 9 May by the 5-12 Inf. Concurrently the 1st ACD Engineer Battalion upgraded the Bu Gia Map airstrip to accommodate C-130 aircraft. In order to block enemy routes of egress toward O'RANG, Cambodia, and provide more extensive coverage of Base Area 351, the 1-8 Cav closed FSB HUGYEN TRAI (YU365262) 10 May and established FSB MO (YU255430) on 11 May. Simultaneously, in order to jump ahead of the enemy and interdict his lines of communication further to the northeast, the 5-7 Cav closed FSB BRCN and established FSB NYRB (YU122529). As a reinforcing measure the 5-12 Inf (-) moved from FSB SHUFFY and reestablished FSB NYRON on 12 May. On 13 May at 0315 hours, FSB NYRON came under a heavy ground attack by an estimated force of two NVA companies. This attack was beaten off by B Co and C Co, 5-12 Inf who were defending FSB NYRON. This action resulted in 51 NVA KIA and 38 weapons captured. In a series of sharp contacts Co B 5-7 Cav, captured Hill 423, later named "Shakey's Hill". This cache site was so extensive in size that CIDG, RF and Stevedore elements were again utilized to retrograde the munitions, weapons and rice. On 23 May the 2-12 Cav was released to the 1st Bde and established FSB SPEIR (YU261619) in an attempt to interdict enemy routes of egress out of Base Area 351. In order to provide additional supporting fires, the 5-12 Inf moved its CP to FSB NYRON and closed out FSB BRCN on 24 May. This operation oriented on Base Area 351 continued through the month.

(c) Significant Contacts:

- (1) On 1 May at 1750 hours, via YU315285, C 1-9 engaged 5 individuals resulting in 5 NVA KIA.
- (2) On 2 May at 1555 hours, via YU325381, C 1-8 made contact with an unknown size enemy force resulting in 7 NVA KIA.

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(3) On 6 May at 1200 hours, via YU17524, C 1-9 received ground to air fire and engaged the area with organics. The action resulted in 9 NVA KIA and 4 secondary explosions.

(4) On 6 May at 2300 hours, via YU057369, C 5-7 had automatic ambush activate resulting in 4 NVA KIA and 6 Chicom grenades, 2 AK-50's, 2 B-40 rocket launchers and 2 B-40 rockets captured.

(5) On 7 May at 0800 hours, via YU027430, C 1-9 engaged a convoy of 2½ ton trucks resulting in 20 NVA KIA and 6 2½ ton trucks destroyed.

(6) On 7 May at 1210 hours, via YU023434, D 2-12 made sporadic contacts with small enemy units throughout the day as they attempted to move into a large enemy cache site. The largest contact occurred at 1700 hours and was with an estimated company size enemy force. The results of the actions were 33 NVA KIA and 3 trucks, a series of caches, and documents captured.

(7) On 8 May at 0835 hours, via YU125535, C 1-9 received ground to air fire and engaged the area with organics, AR, air strikes and CS. The action continued throughout the day resulting in 29 NVA KIA, 14 NVA KB air strikes, and 1 NVA KB AR. Air strikes also destroyed 14 military structures, 5 bunkers, and caused 1 secondary explosion.

(8) On 9 May at 1835 hours, via KU975445, C 1-9 engaged 7 individuals in a bunker complex resulting in 7 NVA KIA and several secondary explosions.

(9) On 10 May at 0650 hours, via YU124523, A 5-7 made contact with an unknown size enemy force resulting in 6 NVA KIA, 3 AK-47's and 15 packs with medical equipment, miscellaneous equipment captured.

(10) On 11 May at 0915 hours, via KU905173, 2-2 Co made contact with an estimated squad size enemy force, resulting in 5 NVA KIA.

(11) On 11 May at 1120 hours, via YU365460, C 1-9 received ground-to-air fire from a complex of military structures and engaged the area with organics resulting in 10 NVA KIA.

(12) On 11 May at 1735 hours, via YU188547, C 1-9 engaged an unknown size enemy force resulting in 37 NVA KIA.

(13) On 12 May at 1550 hours, via YU023490, C 1-9 received ground-to-air fire and engaged the area with organics resulting in 19 NVA KIA.

(14) On 12 May at 1730 hours, via YU186442, B 5-7 made contact with an estimated platoon-size enemy force resulting in 6 NVA KIA, 2 AK-47's and documents captured.

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(15) On 13 May at 0315 hours, LM BROKE received a ground attack from an unknown size enemy force. The enemy were engaged with organics, A-7A, Shadow, Night Hawk and air strikes with Blind Bat and flareships on station. The result of this action was 50 NVA KIA and several B-40 rocket launchers, 11 RPG's, 17 AK-47's, 1 60mm mortar, 3 RPD RPG's, 2 K-54 pistols and documents captured.

(16) On 13 May at 1400 hours, vic YU135496, C 1-9 engaged 7 individuals resulting in 7 NVA KIA.

(17) On 13 May at 1455 hours, vic YU120340, C 1-9 engaged 30 individuals resulting in 10 NVA KIA.

(18) On 14 May at 0910 hours, vic YU124443, C 1-9 received ground-to-air fire and engaged the area with organics resulting in 7 NVA KIA.

(19) On 14 May at 1540 hours, vic YU125433, C 1-9 engaged 5 individuals carrying a .51 cal machine gun. The results of this action were 5 NVA KIA.

(20) On 15 May at 0715 hours, vic YU085399, C 1-9 received ground-to-air fire from 10 individuals and engaged them with organics, resulting in 5 NVA KIA.

(21) On 16 May at 1726 hours, vic YU264640, C 1-9 and AR in support of Ranger Team 73 engaged an unknown size enemy force resulting in 3 NVA KIA and 2 NVA KB A/S.

(22) On 17 May at 1100 hours, vic YU346632, C 1-9 received ground-to-air fire and engaged the area with organics and an air strike resulting in 5 NVA KIA and 7 NVA KB A/S.

(23) On 20 May at 1225 hours, vic YU225436, C 5-12 made contact with an unknown size enemy force and continued sporadic contact until 1930 hours. The results of the action were 9 NVA KIA.

(24) On 22 May at 1225 hours, vic YU225436, C 1-9 engaged 6 individuals resulting in 6 NVA KIA.

(25) On 25 May at 1040 hours, vic YU148463, A 5-7 had an automatic ambush activate, resulting in 5 NVA KIA and documents captured.

(26) On 25 May at 1645, vic YU134435, C 1-9 engaged a number of vehicles in a motor pool and called in an air strike. The results of the action were 13 jeeps destroyed, 2 2 1/2 ton trucks destroyed, 4 jeeps damaged, 5 bunkers destroyed, 15 x 55 gallon drums destroyed, 2 NVA KIA and 5 NVA KB A/S.

(27) On 31 May at 1055 hours, vic YU134650, the Big Sniffer Bird received ground-to-air fire and engaged the area with organics. The results were 4 NVA KB Sniffer Bird (A227) and 10 NVA KB Cobras (D227).

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(4) Operations Conducted in June: During the month of June this BN concluded its operations of neutralizing Base area 351 in Cambodia and continued its operations in Phuoc Long Province. To aid in the accomplishment of these missions, the 5-60 Inf and 2-7 Cav (-) were placed under OPCON of the 2d Bde. The road security mission for resupply convoys on Highway QL14 and Route 311 remained with D Trp 3-17 Cav. In support of these operations the 2d Bde established two additional fire support bases.

(a) The major operation, oriented on Base Area 351 continued until 29 June and continually revealed new caches of enemy war materiel. In order to provide additional combat power the 5-60 Inf was placed under OPCON of the 2d Bde on 1 June and established FSB SHAKLEY (YU210517). The 5-60 Inf then took responsibility from 5-7 Cav for evacuating the weapons and ammunition from "Shakey's Hill" which was completed 10 June and resulted in one of the largest caches of the war. On 5 June the 2-7 (-) was also placed under OPCON of the 2d Bde and co-located its CP at FSB MO with 1-8 Cav. Ground units encountered only light enemy resistance from small forces employing harassing tactics. With lines of communications effectively cut, the enemy appeared to have withdrawn from Base Area 351 leaving his extensive caches of weapons, ammunition, rice and medical supplies to be discovered, evacuated and/or destroyed. A detailed and systematic search throughout the area was employed by ground units and aerial reconnaissance, resulting in the discovery of 18 significant cache sites.

(b) On 10 June the 2d Bde began its withdrawal from Base Area 351 to realign its forces along the border areas of Phuoc Long Province. The 5-7 Cav combat assaulted one company back into South Vietnam to establish FSB BARRY at (YU170331) and search out the area of the Dnh Hayt River Corridor, then closing FSB NELL on 20 June. Elements of 5-12 Inf conducted ground reconnaissance back to FSB MURCH and FSB SHAKER, closing out these FSBs on 26 June respectively, at which time the 2d Bde released OPCON of these units. All other ground units conducted a thorough sweep back across the border concluding combat operations in Cambodia on 28 June, and began a search for caches which may have been evacuated by the enemy from Base Area 351 while the 2d Bde conducted its operations there. On 30 June the 2d Bde released OPCON of 2-7 Cav (-) to DIVARTY. In addition to this, the 2d Bde released OPCON of 5-7 Cav and assumed OPCON of 1-12 Cav, which took over FSB BARRY. Operations by 1-12 Cav were oriented against the Dnh Hayt River Corridor and those by 1-8 Cav oriented against the head of the Adams and Jolley Trails.

(c) Significant Contacts:

(1) On 4 June at 1308 hours, a Pink Team from C 1-9 and AFM from 2-20 Arty responded to Ranger Team 51's sightings, engaged groups of individuals throughout the RVN. The action resulted in 10 NVA KIA and 3 NVA KB ARK.

(2) On 9 June at 1535 hours, via YU595179, C 1-9 engaged 4 individuals resulting in 4 NVA KIA.

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(3) On 10 June at 0830 hours, vic YU086975, 334th Provincial Recon Unit made contact with an estimated 35-40 individuals firing small arms. The action resulted in 5 VC KIA and 3 AK-47s captured.

(4) On 11 June at 0810 hours, vic YU184464, D 5-60 had an automatic ambush activate and made contact with an unknown size enemy force firing small arms. The results of the action were 2 NVA KIA, 1 AK-47 captured, and numerous blood trails in the area. A tracker team was used to follow the blood trails and led the company to 1 NVA WI who was wounded.

(5) On 18 June at 1305 hours, vic YU016394, C Trp, 2-11 MCR had two automatic ambushes activate resulting in 4 NVA KIA.

(6) On 18 June at 1600 hours, vic YU141449, B 5-7 made contact with an unknown size enemy force resulting in 4 NVA KIA and 4 AK-47s, one magazine, 3 AK magazine belts and 6 Chicom grenades captured.

(7) On 19 June at 1202 hours, vic YU095435, D 5-12 made contact with an unknown size enemy force firing small arms. The results were 5 NVA KIA.

(8) On 21 June at 1225 hours, vic YU053363, C Trp, 2-11 MCR had 3 separate automatic ambushes activate resulting in 7 NVA KIA and 1 AK-47 rifle captured.

(9) On 22 June at 1537 hours, vic YU086431, D 5-12 made contact with an unknown size enemy force firing small arms, automatic weapons, and RPG's. The results of the action were 6 NVA KIA.

(10) On 22 June at 1645 hours, vic YU243515, A 2-7 made contact with an estimated platoon-size enemy force firing small arms and 3-40s. The enemy was engaged with armories, AR, air strike and arty. The results of the action were 5 NVA KIA, 2 AK-47s, 9 rucksacks, 8 sets of web gear, 1.1 tons of rice and documents captured.

(11) On 29 June at 1605 hours, vic YU222541, C 5-60 made contact with an unknown size enemy force firing small arms and RPGs. The action resulted in 3 NVA KIA, 1 SKE rifle, 1 RPG, 2 rocket launchers, 2 RPG rounds, 2 Chicom grenades and 10 x 220 lb bags of rice captured.

(5) Operations Conducted in July: During the month of July the 2d Bde, having concluded its Cambodian operations, realigned its Battalions along the enemy's routes of supply and infiltration. During this period of time 5 fire support bases were opened and four closed. Four of the five CICOF battalions rotated out to a three-day stand-down in Bien Hoa, two of which returned to Bde control. On 12 July, the 7th NVA Regt (-) assumed a portion of the Bde A0 with the mission of fixing and destroying enemy units in the Long Be Area and securing Highway 2114. The 2d Bde in conjunction with the 7th NVA Regt (-) continued the pacification of Phuoc Long Province and supported Vietnamization.

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(a) The month of July began with 1-8th Cav conducting operations from FSB MO, 1-12th Cav from FSB BARRY and 5-7th Cav from FSB SNUFFY. On 9 July, as a result of the relocation of the 1st Bde, OPCON of the 1-5th Cav at FSB ALEXUS and 2-12th Cav at FSB 11-ERATO passed to the 2d Bde. On 12 July, 1-5 Cav closed FSB EXODUS and rotated to Bien Hoa for a 3 day stand-down. On 15 July 1-5 Cav OPCON was passed to 1st Bde. On 16 July 2-12 Cav rotated to Bien Hoa, closing out FSB 11-ERATO. On the same date, C 5-7 conducted an air assault into YU231234 to conduct ground reconnaissance in response to a IRRP team contact on 15 July. A 5-7 (-) was inserted along with Arty into FSB CANNY to provide support. On the 19th of July, 2-12 Cav returned from Bien Hoa to FSB MO to conduct operations targeted against the northern portion of the Jolley Trail complex. On the 20th of July the 1-8 Cav rotated out of FSB MO to Bien Hoa for stand-down. Having concluded operations via FSB CANEY, A(-) and C 5-7 were extracted and air assaulted into YU245200 on 21 July. At that location, FSB DUFFY was established. On the 22nd of July, 5-7 Cav assaulted B Co, D Co (-) and Recon Platoon into the Dong Nai River corridor in response to heavy ground-to-air fire and enemy sightings reported by 1-9 Cav. B Co. along with Arty, opened FSB ANDREWS while D Co (-) and RON conducted ground reconnaissance in the contact area. On the 23rd of July, 1-8 Cav returned from stand-down and assumed control of FSB EINNY, with the mission of interdicting enemy supplies and personnel moving south on the Adams Trail. A and B Cos 5-7 returned to FSB SNUFFY to continue the battalion's mission of locating and destroying main force units reported in the Bu Gia Map Area. The 1-12 Cav, on 24 July, rotated from FSB BARRY to Bien Hoa. OPCON of 1-12 was passed to 1st Bde on 26 July. B Co, D Co (-) and RON 5-7 Cav concluded operations in the Dong Nai River Corridor on 26 July and returned to the Bu Gia Map Area, closing FSB ANDREWS. On 28 July, 2-12 Cav assumed the mission of interdicting supplies and destroying enemy personnel moving south in the central portion of the Jolley Trail complex. To support this mission, FSB JEANNE was established. The battalion's move from FSB MO to JEANNE was completed on 30 July at which time MO was closed.

During the month of July this Bn continued its mission of pacifying Phuoc Long Province and supporting Vietnamization. Security for Highways 9L14 and 311 was maintained by D Trp 3-17 Cav in conjunction with 1-8th ARVN Inf until D Trp's departure from the Bde AO on 2 July. At that time the mission was assumed completely by 1-8 ARVN Inf. On 12 July the 7th ARVN Regt (-) began operations in the vicinity of Song Be. Operations included ground reconnaissance, local patrols, ambush operations and security of Highways 9L14 and 311. The 60th Land Clearing Company passed OPCON to the 2d Bde on 13 July, with the mission of conducting Rome Plow operations along Highways 14, 1A and 301. Rome Plow security is provided by D Trp, 2-11th LCR.

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(b) Significant Contacts:

(1) On 5 July at 1555 hours, via YT3555765, C 1-9 engaged 3 individuals with organics and received small arms fire in return. The results of the action were 3 NVA KIA.

(2) On 11 July at 1328 hours, via YU248443, B 1-8 made contact with 10-15 individuals in a skirmish line followed by a second line of 30-35 individuals firing small arms and automatic weapons. The enemy was engaged with organics, ARI, mortars, CS and air strikes. The results of the action were 5 NVA KB A/S, 1 NVA KB ARI, and 1 NVA KIA.

(3) On 12 July at 0855 hours, via YU217370, D 1-8 made contact with an estimated company size enemy force firing S/A, A/I, and B-40's. D Co engaged the area with organics, artillery, ARI and air strike. The results of the action were 7 NVA KIA.

(4) On 12 July at 1640 hours, via YU225368, B 1-12, while going into an LZ received ground-to-air fire. The area was engaged with ARI, air strikes and artillery. The action resulted in 3 NVA KIA, 1 Ak-47, 1 Russian carbine, and 1 US carbine captured.

(5) On 15 July at 1650 hours, via YU297275, A 1-9 on VR received a heavy volume of small arms fire. The area was engaged with organics and an air strike resulting in 4 NVA KB A/S and 1 8' x 10' military structure destroyed.

(6) On 16 July at 1615 hours, via YU266434, A 1-9 on VR received ground-to-air fire and engaged the area with organics resulting in 3 NVA KIA.

(7) On 19 July the 2d Bde S-2 received an agent report which indicated that an air strike employed on 13 July, via YU234231 accounted for a total of 12 NVA KB A/S.

(8) On 19 July at 1513 hours, via YU565975, A 1-9 engaged an 8' x 10' military structure, resulting in 3 NVA KIA, 8 pigs KIA, and the structure destroyed.

(9) On 19 July at 1800 hours, via YU542268, A 1-9 on VR received .51 cal ground-to-air fire while extracting Ranger Tn 71. The area was engaged with organics and ARI resulting in 3 NVA KIA, and 3 NVA KB ARI.

(10) On 22 July at 1130 hours, via YT506977, A 1-9 spotted an estimated 20 individuals in the open and engaged with organics, ARI and air strike. The result was 7 NVA KB A/S, 4 NVA KIA, and 1 NVA KB ARI.

(11) On 23 July starting at 1400 hours, via YU543389, A 1-9 on VR received ground-to-air fire on 4 different occasions from small arms and RPG. The area was engaged with organics, ARI, artillery and air strike resulting in 5 NVA KIA, 5 NVA KB ARI, 1 NVA KB Arty and 1 NVA KB A/S.

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e. 3rd Brigade Operations:

(1) Mission: During the period 1-4 May 1970 the primary efforts of the 3rd Bde were directed toward interdiction of NVA/VC infiltration along the Mustang Trail and Saigon River Corridor within War Zone "C". The brigade was targeted specifically against the 95-C, 101st, and 165th NVA Regiments and the 50th and 82nd Rear Service Groups. During the period 5-15 May 1970 the brigade mission encompassed operations within the Flutiron area of Cambodia to neutralize NVA/VC Base Area facilities in the COSVN Base. During the period 14 May-29 June the brigade relocated to the northeast to neutralize elements of the 5th VC Division vicinity Base Area 351 to locate base areas and cache sites with emphasis on evacuation of supplies and equipment, and destruction of base area sites. During the period 29 June-31 July, as the brigade completed its withdrawal from Cambodia, efforts again were directed toward the interdiction of NVA/VC infiltration along the Sanges Jungle Highway in western Phuoc Long and northeastern Binh Long Provinces. The brigade again assumed overwatch responsibility for RVNAF/CVN forces and installations in Binh Long Province and Bo Due District of Phuoc Long Province.

(2) Execution: 3rd Brigade tactical operations during the period were characterized by 4 distinct phases. Phase 1 (1-4 May 1970) consisted of 3rd Brigade effecting initial penetrations of the COSVN Base Area and Base Area 353. During Phase 2 (5-15 May 1970) the brigade continued operations in the COSVN Base Area reorientation to the northeastern portion of Base Area 352. With the passage of tactical responsibility for Base Area 352 to the 1st Brigade, the 3rd Brigade realigned forces and commenced Phase 3 (15 May-29 June), reorientating forces again to the northeast into Base Area 350. Phase 4 (29 June-31 July) was initiated as 3rd Brigade elements withdrew from Cambodia after successfully neutralizing enemy structures and destroying numerous cache sites. Upon completion of withdrawal, 3rd Brigade initiated tactical operations along the Sanges Jungle Highway.

(a) Significant Activities: May

(1) 1 - 4 May: During this period 3d Bde effected initial penetration of the COSVN Base under the operational control of TF Shoemaker. The 3d Bde organization for combat included 2-5 Cav, TF 2-7 Cav, TF 2-34 Armor and TF 2-47 Mech. On 30 April the 2-7 Cav established FSB WEST I (KU347934) to provide initial artillery coverage for 3d Bde forces. On 1 May TF 2-34 Armor and TF 2-47 Mech moved from assembly areas in NW, effecting the initial penetration of the COSVN Base Area, and secured final objectives within Cambodia by 011730 May. The 2-7 Cav conducted a two-company AM assault into Base Area 353 and began search and sweep operations within Cambodia vicinity LZ K-RAY. The 2-5 Cav established the initial 3d Bde FSB within Cambodia, FSB K-R Y (KU359010) on 2 May. The 2-7 Cav, subsequent to the initial combat assault on 1 May, effected a link-up with the 1st NVA Division forces on the eastern flank of the 3d Bde AO on 2 May. 3d Bde elements continued search and sweep operations during this period, directed at neutralization of NVA/VC base areas and cache sites with light enemy contact.

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(2) On 5 May Buan Loi Base Camp received an attack by fire consisting of 7 x 122mm rockets, resulting in 2 US KIA and 7 US WIA. Counter-battery fire was exercised with unknown enemy casualties. D/1-12 Cav found a large cache consisting of weapons, vehicles, ammunition and miscellaneous equipment at XU493172. C/1-5 Cav found a large weapons/ammunition cache at XU527215.

(3) On 6 May the 1-12 Cav at FOB EWANG received 2 x 107mm rockets resulting in negative friendly casualties. C/1-5 while still in cache site received 2 x 107mm rockets resulting in negative friendly casualties. C/1-12 found an additional truck and automotive parts cache and had an automatic ambush activate resulting in 6 NVA KIA, 5 AK-47s and 1 SKS CLA.

(4) On 7 May at 0025 hours E Ron/1-12 Cav had an automatic ambush activate resulting in 10 NVA KIA. At 1920 A/1-5 Cav had an automatic ambush activate resulting in 2 NVA KIA and 2 AK-47s CLA. B/1-9 made 6 significant sightings during the day resulting in 12 NVA KIA, 1 US WIA, and 1 US aircraft damaged.

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(10) On 15 May 1-5 Cav and 1-12 Cav were released OPCON by the 3d Bde and passed OPCON to the 1st Bde; and the 1-11 ACR was released OPCON by the 3d Bde and passed OPCON to the 25th Inf Div. Scattered contact during 15 May resulted in 2 NVA KIA, 2 AK-47s CIA, and 2 US WIA. Also the 3d Bde assumed OPCON of the 2-7 Cav which displaced from FSB BRUISER and established FSB KETTER (XU928427).

(11) On 16 May the 1-7 at FSB RANCH received a ground probe from an estimated 35-50 NVA. Artillery, ARA, Shadow, and fixed wing flare ship supported until contact was broken. Results of the contact were 13 NVA KIA, 4 small arms, 1 B-40 rocket launcher, and 75 hand grenades CIA. Friendly casualties were 5 KIA and 26 WIA. At 0650 the 2-5 Cav at FSB READY received 20 x 60mm mortar rounds with negative friendly casualties. Scattered contacts by 3d Bde elements throughout the day resulted in 6 NVA KIA and 4 small arms CIA. Friendly casualties were 1 KIA and 2 WIA. B/1-9 had 6 significant sightings resulting in 12 NVA KEH and 1 vehicle destroyed.

(12) At 0017 on 17 May 2-5 Cav at FSB READY received 3 x 107mm rockets resulting in negative friendly casualties. At 0905 C/1-7 received heavy sniper fire resulting in 4 KIA and 5 WIA with unknown enemy losses. B/1-9 had 7 significant sightings resulting in 16 NVA KEH, 4 NVA KBARTY and 1 NVA KBA.

(13) On 18 May scattered contact throughout the Bde AO resulted in 3 NVA KIA, 4 NVA KBARTY, and 2 NVA KEMOFFAR. There were negative friendly casualties. B/1-9 had 8 significant sightings resulting in 21 NVA KEH.

(14) During the period 19 - 21 May 3d Bde forces encountered light enemy contact in 19 NVA KIA, 1 NVA KBARTY, 1 NVA IW, and 8 small arms CIA. Friendly casualties were 1 KIA and 2 WIA. B/1-9 had 6 significant sightings resulting in 18 NVA KEH. At 1730 on 19 May B/2-5 at XU822355, found a large rice cache. On 20 May 3d Bde assumed OPCON of the 2-8 Cav which displaced from Phuoc Virh and established FSB GONDER (XU807383). Also on 20 May the 2-7 Cav was released OPCON 3d Bde.

(15) During the period 22 - 23 May there was a marked decrease in enemy activity with 8 ground attacks reported, resulting in 9 NVA KIA and 6 small arms captured. Friendly casualties were 5 WIA.

(16) On 24 May at 1435 C/1-7 Cav engaged an unknown size enemy force in a bunker complex. Results were 6 NVA KIA, 1 US KIA and 1 US WIA. At 1845 C/1-7, while on NDP, received heavy small arms fire, B-40 fire, and suspected 82mm mortar fire from an unknown size enemy force. Artillery, ARA, and air strikes supported during the contact which resulted in 5 friendly KIA and 8 WIA. Other elements of the 3d Bde forces encountered scattered contact resulting in 4 NVA KIA, 1 KBARTY, and 35 small arms captured with negative friendly casualties. B/1-9 Cav had 2 significant sightings resulting in 5 NVA KEH.

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(17) During 25 May light enemy contact was encountered by 3d Bde forces. At 1445 B/2-5 had an OP engaged by 1 NVA resulting in 1 US KIA. At 1600 hours, A/2-8 engaged 1 NVA resulting in 1 NVA KIA and a large motor pool cache uncovered (XU776366). At 1645 hours B/2-8 engaged 3 NVA resulting in 1 NVA KIA and negative friendly casualties.

(18) During the period 26 - 27 May light enemy contact was encountered by 3d Bde forces resulting in 8 NVA KIA and 2 small arms CIA. On 26 May A/1-7 found a cache at XU952434 containing rice; C/2-8 found an ammunition cache at XU802368; and C/2-5 found an arms cache at XU862338. On 27 May the 3d Bde assumed OPCON of the 1-12 Cav which then established FSB THOR (XU908286).

(19) During 28 May B/1-9 had 5 significant sightings resulting in 35 NVA KBH and 6 NVA KBARA. At 1905 the 2-5 Cav at FSB READY received 5 x 120mm mortar rounds resulting in 1 US KIA and 14 US WIA. Counter-battery fires were exercised, ARA and flare ship supported, with unknown enemy losses.

(20) The period 29 - 31 May was characterized by a marked decrease in enemy contacts as compared to previous periods. Extremely light contact was reported and automatic ambushes accounted for the majority of the 25 NVA KIA and 2 NVA PWs with 10 small arms and 1 light machine gun CIA. Friendly casualties were 3 KIA and 25 WIA. On 30 May the 1-7 Cav closed FSB RANCH and established FSB CORRAL (XU930538).

(b) Significant contacts in June:

(1) On 1 June at 0735 D/2-5 Cav was engaged by 5 individuals with small arms and .30 cal machine gun fire resulting in 1 friendly KIA and 2 WIA.

(2) 2 light contacts on 3 June by E Hcn/1-12 Cav and 1/2-8 Cav resulted in 2 NVA KIA and 1 SKS captured.

(3) The period of 4 - 5 June was one of light activity. C/1-7 Cav had an automatic ambush activate at 1615 hours resulting in 3 NVA KIA. In a subsequent sweep of the area C/2-8 observed and engaged 2 individuals. The enemy returned fire, resulting in 2 US WIA. A/1-12 had an automatic ambush detonate at 0745 on 4 June resulting in 1 NVA KIA. B/1-9 had 6 significant sightings on 4 June resulting in 5 NVA KBH and 1 NVA KBARA. D/1-7 Cav at 0920 on 5 June observed and engaged 5 individuals attempting to disarm an automatic ambush, resulting in 1 NVA KIA. D/2-5 Cav observed and engaged 2 individuals at 0915 resulting in 1 NVA KIA and documents captured. An automatic ambush by C/2-8 Cav detonated at 1510 on 5 June resulting in 2 NVA KIA and 1 AK-47 captured. B/1-9 Cav had 1 significant sighting resulting in 30 NVA KBH and 6 bunkers destroyed. D/2-8, while on ground recon found a commo cache at XU803347.

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(4) On 6 June the 2-5 Cav displaced to and began construction of FSB CAMLOT. B/2-5 Cav remained at FSB READY to conduct retrograde operations. D/2-8 observed and engaged 3-4 individuals at 0830 resulting in 1 NVA KIA, 1 SKS and 5 Chicom grenades captured. B/1-9 Cav had 2 significant sightings resulting in 7 NVA KBR and 3 NVA KBRTY.

(5) On 7 June C/1-7 made contact with 4 individuals at 1505 hours resulting in 2 NVA KIA and 1 AK-47 captured. A/1-7 at 1550 hours was engaged by 3 individuals resulting in 1 NVA KIA and 1 AK-47 captured. A/2-5 Cav observed and engaged 3 individuals at 1020 hours resulting in 2 NVA KIA and 1 SKS CIA. D/2-5 Cav made contact at 1115 hours with an unknown size enemy force resulting in 8 NVA KIA, and 11 grenades, 1 AK-47, and 2 light submachine guns CIA. B/1-9 Cav had 2 significant sightings resulting in 1 NVA KBR.

(6) On 8 June the 1-7 Cav began retrograde movements at FSB CORRAL, displaced to, and began construction of FSB BRONCO. The 2-5 Cav moved from FSB CAMLOT to begin construction of FSB ANNA. D/1-7 observed and engaged 4 individuals at 1430 hours with negative return fire and the contact resulted in 1 NVA KIA. D/1-12 observed and engaged 10-15 individuals at 0830 hours resulting in 4 NVA KIA and 6 packs CIA. D/2-5 received sniper fire and then made contact with an unknown size enemy force resulting in the capture of 1 .30 cal machine gun and tripod. Friendly losses were 6 US WIA. B/1-9 engaged an unknown size enemy force resulting in 3 NVA KBR.

(7) On 9 June A/1-7 Cav observed and engaged 3 individuals at 1700 hours resulting in 3 NVA KIA and 1 SKS captured. A/2-5 observed and engaged 2 individuals resulting in 1 NVA KIA and 1 AK-47 CIA. A/2-5 Cav made contact at 1745 hours with 3-4 individuals resulting in 1 NVA KIA. They engaged 2 individuals at 1803 hours also resulting in 1 NVA KIA and 1 AK-47 CIA. They later engaged 1 individual resulting in 1 NVA KIA.

(8) On 10 June the 1-7 Cav completed retrograde operations at FSB CORRAL and continued construction and security of FSB BRONCO. E Rcn/1-7 received fire at 0745 hours from 5-10 individuals while making a first light check of a contact. Friendly losses were 7 US WIA and there was negative enemy assessment. C/1-7 made contact with an unknown size enemy force which fired 30 B-40 rockets and utilized heavy automatic weapons and small arms fire. ARA, Rash, and air strike supported the unit in contact. Enemy loss was 1 NVA KIA. Friendly losses were 2 US KIA and 23 US WIA. An automatic ambush emplaced by A/1-7 Cav detonated at 1330 hours resulting in 1 NVA KIA and 1 AK-47 captured. D/1-12 Cav made contact with 20 individuals resulting in 1 NVA KIA. Friendly losses were 1 US KIA and 2 US WIA. They later made contact in the same area with 7 individuals at 1600 hours resulting in 1 NVA KIA and 3 grenades, 100 lbs of rice, 2 packs and 2 shovels CIA. Friendly loss was 1 US WIA. At 0920 hours A/2-5 Cav made contact with 3 individuals resulting in 2 NVA KIA and assorted equipment CIA. While extracting C/1-7 Cav, an aircraft of B/229 Avn received ground-to-air fire. The enemy was engaged with organics resulting in 1 NVA KIA.

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(9) The period of 11-12 June was one of light enemy contact in the 3d Bde AO. On 11 June B/1-7 Cav completed the retrograde of FSB READY and closed that fire base. B/2-5 at 0715 hours received heavy small arms, automatic weapons, and B-40 rocket fire in their NIP. The enemy was engaged with organics and ARA resulting in 2 NVA KIA, 11 US WIA and 1 B-40 rocket launcher CIA. Friendly losses were also 2 US KIA. A LOH of B/1-9 received ground-to-air fire at 1915 hours resulting in negative damage. Rash airstrikes supported the contact resulting in 4 NVA KB A/S. An automatic ambush emplaced by D/1-12 Cav detonated at 1030 hours resulting in 2 NVA KIA and 4 Chicom grenades CIA. E Rcn/2-5 Cav observed and engaged 2 individuals resulting in 1 NVA KIA and 1 Hoi Chanh. B/2-5 Cav observed and engaged 4 individuals resulting in 2 PPD .50 cal machine gun drums CIA. Friendly losses were 1 US KIA, 7 US WIA. B/1-9 had 3 significant sightings resulting in 5 NVA KBH. At 1850 hours B/1-9 ARP was inserted and made contact with an unknown size

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(14) On 17 June at 1100 hours C/1-12 engaged 2 individuals resulting in 2 NVA KIA, 1 AK-47, 1 B-40 rocket launcher, and 1 B-40 CIA. B/2-8 had an automatic ambush detonate resulting in 2 NVA KIA, and 2 AK-47s and documents captured. A/2-8 engaged 3 individuals resulting in 1 NVA KIA and 1 AK-47 CIA. B/2-8 was engaged at 1550 hours by 2 individuals in bunkers. Unit was supported by arty, ARA and Rash. Enemy losses were 1 NVA KIA with negative friendly losses.

(15) The period 18-19 June was one of light enemy contact. C/1-7 received heavy automatic weapons and small arms fire while on sweep operations on 18 June. The enemy was engaged with organics and arty. Friendly losses were 1 US KIA. At 1715 hours B/2-8 Cav received B-40 and small arms fire causing 2 US WIA and 1 US MIA. Enemy location was engaged with arty and organics. On 19 June the point element of D (-) 1-7 Cav observed and engaged 4 individuals resulting in 1 NVA KIA and 1 AK-47 CIA. A/1-7, while on FSB BRONCO, received 57 rounds of 120mm and 82mm mortar fire at 1905 hours, with friendly losses 2 US WIA. C/2-5 received small arms fire in their NDP causing 2 US KIA and 1 US WIA. ARA supported the unit in contact with negative enemy assessment. D/2-5 made contact with 10 individuals at 1015 hours resulting in 2 NVA KIA. Friendly losses were 1 US WIA. A/2-5 Cav made contact with an unknown size enemy force at 1015 hours. ARA and arty supported with negative enemy assessment. Friendly losses were 1 US KIA and # US WIA. A/2-8 Cav found a small medical cache at XU 690515 at 1415 hours on 19 June.

(16) On 20 June C/2-5 Cav made contact at 1215 hours with 15-20 NVA. Unit received small arms, B-40 and light machine gun fire. ARA, Pink Team, and airstrikes supported the unit in contact resulting in 2 US WIA and negative enemy assessment. At 1545 hours C/1-12 found a miscellaneous equipment cache site and A/2-5 Cav found a cache site containing bicycles and parts at 1400 hours. C/2-8 found a machine shop area at 1625 hours and A/2-8 found a medical cache at XU782364.

(17) On 21 June C/1-7 Cav and E Ron/1-7 Cav engaged an unknown size enemy force resulting in 4 NVA KIA and 2 US WIA. A/2-5 engaged 1 individual resulting in 1 NVA KIA with 1 AK-47 captured. B/1-9 had 2 significant sightings resulting in 1 NVA KIA at 1620 hours. 3 caches were uncovered: a medical cache was found by A/2-8 at 1300 hours; a cache and 200-bed hospital and training area was found by B/2-5 Cav, and a miscellaneous cache was found by C/2-8 at 1020 hours.

(18) On 22 June at 0715 hours A/2-5 Cav engaged 2 individuals resulting in 1 NVA KIA and 1 B-40 rocket launcher and 6 RPG rounds CIA. At 0940 hours D/2-8 received small arms and B-40 fire while on patrol. Arty, Rash, and ARA supported the unit in contact resulting in 6 US WIA. On a sweep operation, C/2-8 Cav received small arms fire and circu'more activations from 10 individuals. Unit engaged with negative enemy assessment. Friendly losses were 7 US WIA. B/1-9 had 1 significant sighting resulting in 1 NVA KIA.

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(19) On 23 June FSB BRONCO received 3 stand-off attacks. The suspected enemy firing positions were engaged by arty after each attack. Friendly losses were 12 US WIA. B/1-7 and C/1-7 made contact with an unknown size enemy force which engaged them with heavy small arms and automatic weapons fire. Friendly losses were 1 US KIA and 2 US WIA. D/2-5 Cav and E Ron/2-5 Cav engaged 3 individuals resulting in 3 NVA KIA. C/2-5 found an ammunition cache at XU743467. B/2-5 Cav and E (-)/2-5 Cav conducted the complete retrograde of FSB ANH.

(20) On 24 June the 1-7 Cav conducted a complete retrograde of FSB BRONCO. Construction and security operations were begun at FSB RONDA. D/1-7 observed and engaged 7 individuals resulting in 3 NVA KIA and 1 NVA W. While in PZ posture, lift shifts received a heavy volume of small arms and automatic weapons fire resulting in 1 UH-1H CBL. AR and arty supported the unit in contact resulting in 1 NVA KBH. A/2-5 engaged 8 individuals resulting in 1 AK-47 CIA. A/2-5 found an automobile parts cache and D/2-5 found an ammunition cache, and E Ron/1-12 found a truck park.

(21) The period 25-27 June was one of very light enemy contact. On 25 June A/1-12 observed and engaged 1 individual resulting in 1 NVA KIA. B/1-9 had 2 significant sightings on 26 June resulting in 1 NVA KBH. On 27 June B/1-9 had 2 significant sightings resulting in 3 NVA KBH. On 26 June the 2-5 Cav concluded operations in the 3d Bde AO and displaced to Bien Hoa VIP Center for stand down. On 26 June B(-)/2-8 Cav discovered a large bicycle cache. C/2-8 displaced to and began construction of FSB EWNICE on 26 June. FSB CONDOR was retrograded and closed by the 2-8 Cav on 27 June.

(22) The period 28 - 30 June was also one of very light activity. On 28 June the 2-11 ACR was passed OPCON to the 3d Bde. While checking automatic ambush at 1355 hours, C/2-11 received small arms fire from an unknown size enemy force. Artillery and AR engaged the suspected enemy locations. Friendly casualties were 1 US WIA. D/1-9 had 2 significant sightings on 28 June resulting in 3 NVA KBH. On 29 June a convoy from F/2-11 ACR traveling from Quan Loi Base Camp to FSB JKE hit a 25-lb mine. Friendly casualties were 1 US WIA and 1 H551 heavily damaged. B/1-9 Cav made 3 significant sightings on 29 June resulting in 4 NVA KBH. On 30 June the 1-12 Cav conducted retrograde operations and closed FSB TIGR. B/1-9 Cav made 3 significant sightings on 30 June resulting in 2 NVA KBH.

(c) Significant Contacts in July:

(1) The period 1 - 2 July was one of negligible enemy activity. 1 automatic ambush detonation and 1 unsuccessful ground-to-air firing incident summarized the enemy activity.

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(2) On 3 July the 2-5 Cav displaced from Quan Loi, air-assaulted to secure FSB FT GRANITE, and began construction of the fire base continuing operations targeted against local force units and the 33rd Arty Bn. While on road sweep operations, G/2-11 ACR at 1215 hours found 1 NVA KIA by automatic ambush on 1 July.

(3) On 4 July the 2-8 Cav displaced from FSB EUNICE to begin stand down at Bien Hoa VIP Center. FSB EUNICE was closed.

(4) The period of 5 - 6 July was one of negligible enemy activity. 1 ground contact by LRHP Team 72 with 3 individuals and the detonation of a mine by a vehicle from H/2-11 ACR summarizes enemy activity. Losses included 1 US WIA and 1 M578 CBL.

(5) On 7 July the 2-8 Cav concluded stand down operations at Bien Hoa and displaced to, opened, and began construction of FSB UNION. The 2-8 began operations to interdict NVA/VC main force infiltration routes. A/1-7 and C/1-7 Cav were passed OPCON from the 3d Bde to DIVARTY. 2 instances of ground-to-air fire occurred resulting in 1 hit to aircraft. There were negative friendly casualties.

(6) On 8 July the 1-7 Cav concluded operations in the 3d Bde AO, closed FSB RAMADA, and passed OPCON to DIVARTY.

(7) There was negligible enemy activity on 9 July. On 10 July, 2-11 ACR passed OPCON to the 11th ACR with the exception of F/2-11 ACR, which passes OPCON to 2-8 Cav. B/1-9 Cav observed and engaged 1 individual resulting in 1 NVA KIA.

(8) During the period 11 - 13 July there was negligible enemy activity. 3 ground contacts with negative results summarizes the action. On 12 July F/2-11 ACR passed OPCON from the 2-8 Cav to the 3d Bde and on 13 July passed OPCON to the 2-11 ACR.

(9) On 14 July D/2-8 Cav made 4 separate enemy contacts. At 1423 hours the unit engaged 1 individual with organics resulting in 1 NVA KIA. At 1715 hours they engaged 1 individual with organics resulting in negative enemy assessment. At 1813 hours they engaged an unknown size enemy force with organics resulting in negative enemy assessment and 6 US WIA.

(10) Only light enemy activity was reported on 15 July. The 297 RF Co received 7 x 75mm rounds and the District HQ at Bo Duc received 6 x 75mm rounds, all of which landed outside of the perimeter. There were negative friendly casualties. OPCON of D(-)/1-9 Cav was assumed by 3d Bde.

(11) On 16 July A(-)/2-8 Cav had sporadic contact with 5 individuals killing 1 NVA and capturing 1 AK-47. Friendly losses were 1 US KIA and 1 US WIA.

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(12) On 17 July an 876 RF Co 2½ ton truck detonated a 23-lb mine resulting in 16 RF WIA.

(13) Enemy activity increased on 18 July. Rash 34 observed and engaged 1 individual carrying a pack, resulting in 1 NVA KIA. The C/31st Engr convoy enroute to bridge site at YU004207, was ambushed by an unknown size enemy force at XU934205. The enemy engaged with B-40, B-41,