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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
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APO San Francisco 96217

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SUBJECT: Combat Operations After Action Report

Commanding Officer
11th Infantry Brigade
23rd Infantry Division
APO San Francisco 96217

1. (U) IRON MOUNTAIN PHASE III.
2. (C) DATE OF OPERATION: 3 May 1970 - 1 March 1971.
3. (C) LOCATION OF COMBAT POST: FSB DIBBLE (DS875325), LZ ALICE (DS660253), LZ ANN (DS459759), LZ REED (DS766276), FCB FSB SAN JUAN HILL (DS633382).
4. (U) COMBAT HEADQUARTERS: 4th Battalion, 21st Infantry.
5. (U) REPORTING OFFICER: LTC Vernon B. Sones.
6. (C) TASK ORGANIZATION:

A/4-21	E/4-21
B/4-21	HHC/4-21
C/4-21	E/1st C.V (OPCON)
D/4-21	

7. (C) SUPPORTING FORCES:

- a. A Btry, 6/11th Arty (DB).
- b. C Co, 26th Engr.
- c. C Btry (-), 1/62nd Arty (GS).
- d. A Btry (-), 3/16th Arty (GS).
- e. 59th Inf Flt (Set Dog) (GS).
- f. 174th & 171st Assault Helicopter Companies provided Command and Control aircraft, helicopter airlift, and gunship support. 11th Infantry Brigade Aviation Section (HAWO) provided visual reconnaissance/armed reconnaissance teams.
- g. 7th United States Air Force provided close air support.

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- h. Regional Force Group 1-8, Duc Pho District Regional Force Companies.
- i. Provincial Reconnaissance Unit, Quang Tri Province.
- j. National Police Field Forces.
- k. Armed Propaganda Team (APT), Quang Tri Province.

8. (c) INTELLIGENCE: See Annex A.

9. (c) MISSION: 4/21st Infantry conducted operations to find and destroy NVA and local enemy forces; interdict enemy supply and communication lines; secure QI-1 daily; plan, coordinate and conduct combined operations with 4th ARVN Regiment and RF/RF forces in AO with special emphasis on training; effect continuous liaison with Duc Pho District for the purpose of improving RF/RF forces, obtaining intelligence and furthering the pacification effort. Assist GVN officials in resources control operations with particular emphasis on rice and salt denial operations; target psychological operations against the enemy so as to supplement combat operations and to weaken his will to resist.

10. (c) CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS:

a. Maneuver: Battalion conducted offensive operations to locate and destroy NVA forces. Support of GVN pacification programs, and the upgrading of performance of para-military forces accomplished by physical security and construction of strategic outposts and pacification of hamlets and the conduct of extensive combined operations with RF/FF/FRU and PSDF. Highway One was secured for military convoys through employment of the company team concept using Armored Cavalry and Infantry in roving patrols and subsequently by the use of 4 V100's also in roving patrols plus scheduled intradiction fires.

b. Fires: A Btry, 6/11th Arty (DS) provided 105mm support from FSB DEBBIE and LZ CHARLIE BROWN. C Btry, 1/82nd Arty (-) provided 155mm support from FSB DEBBIE. G Btry, 55th Arty provided Quad 50 support from FSB DEBBIE. 4.2 mortar platoon provided GS support from FSB DEBBIE and LZ CHARLIE BROWN. 7th USAF provided unplanned, and on call air strikes on known and suspected enemy targets.

11. (c) EXECUTION:

03 May 70: G/4-21 received information from PF of 6 VC hiding in a tunnel at 849356. While enroute to area spotted 5 VC in green uniforms with weapons at 853383; received 3 rounds of sniper fire. Called arty into area. B/4-21 while on search and clear found natural cave (3'x3'x8') with documents, arms, and rice. C/4-21 against target grid 849313 substantiated the location of high level VUI trail group NOM SUOI by agents. Results of the search: 31 detainees, which were released and all but 8 released.

04 May 70: D/4-21 at 847316 found documents in hootch; extracted to 4-21 S2. B/4-21 at 847311 found tunnel containing documents and clothes. D/4-21 at 844321 found natural rock caves with documents and miscellaneous items. D/4-21 and B/4-21 found 7,500 lbs. rice and documents in area bounded by 847317, 844314, 847309, and 849313. D/4-21 enroute to HQ spotted 1 NVA with weapon and pack evade from hootch at 834313.

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05 May 70: C/4-21 at 849357, working with PF 172 received sniper fire from 847366 and 845366. D/4-21 spotted 7 NVA with packs and weapons at 805304, engaged with S/A. C/4-21 at 849358 found a tunnel.

06 May 70: B/4-21 at 858293 hit B/T; results: 1 US KIA, 1 US WIA. B/4-21 also at 055302 found approximately 1,000 lbs. rice. E Trp at 921232 - 918238 received automatic S/A fire from 913239; results: 2 US WIA.

07 May 70: Pink Team at 891264 had 1 VC KIA, Ben 4-21 had 1 VC KIA, 3 VC CI, 2 M1 carbines, 1 M1 rifle, 2 BAR's and documents CIA. B/4-21 had 2 US WIA from 2 incoming rounds.

08 May 70: C/4-21 at Chi Trung received 3 to 6 rounds AK sniper fire. B/4-21 found 1,000 lbs. rice vicinity 851403. B/4-21 and E Trp received sniper fire from Hill 56; D/O required for 2 US WIA. Primo 4 White Team observed 1 VC in Khami's with carbine at 901261. S2 with agents conducted CA into LZ 903294 which resulted in one VC KIA.

09 May 70: A/4-21 at 828315 engaged 2 VC with weapons; results: 1 VC KIA, 1 AK47 CI, other VC evaded west. B/4-21 while emplacing a MA outside the perimeter wire observed 2 VC in the road. Engaged with unknown results.

10 May 70: CA of Ben 4-21 and agents from PZ at LZ DEBIE to LZ 832289, cold. CA of Ben 4-21 from PZ 811280 into LZ 901259. 1 aircraft from PZ 811280 CA agents to LZ DEBIE. During CA agents reported sniper fire from 901264. PF compound at So Rayh 920224 reported receiving 4 - 5 batched charges.

11 May 70: A/4-21 while on ambush at 832344 received AK and M16 fire from vicinity of 831247. E Trp had 1 US WI from incoming mortar rounds from 900247. Ben 4-21 and agents CA from LZ DEBIE into LZ 871275, LZ cold. E Trp while on road security at 916242 found pressure type mine. A/4-21 at 844306, within 35 to 100 meter radius from approximately 1,500 lbs. rice. E Trp received 4 incoming 82mm mortar rounds at 911242, negative casualties. A/4-21 spotted 3 to 4 VC/NVA at approximately 100 meters northwest of their location and 1 VC/NVA 100 meters southwest of their location.

12 May 70: C/4-21 at 856370 found empty tunnel and at 858367 found tunnel with can of fish and bottle of beer. Both tunnels were destroyed. A/4-21 at 840298 found 3,000 - 4,000 lbs. rice in ground. A/4-21 observed 11 individuals evading and being sniped at the area. Results: 1 VC/NVA KIA, 1 VC/NVA CIA, 1 AK47, 1 AR50, 12 8mm rounds, 19mm and B/T's CIA.

13 May 70: A/4-21 at 842302 found 1 VC KIA with B/A flag and 11 oblong B/T's with 11 disposable rounds. E Trp while on road security along QL-1 received approximately 250 rounds S/A and automatic fire from 911252; negative casualties.

14 May 70: A/4-21 found 3 more batches of rice, 5 in vicinity of 858503 and 2 in vicinity of 842302. B/4-21 on ambush engaged 3 VC/NVA with negative results. E Trp at 842302 had incoming 82mm rounds; results: 3 US KIA and 2 US WIA.

15 May 70: B/4-21 found 350 lbs. rice at 861315 and at 843315 found 500 lbs. rice and 100 lbs. salt. A/4-21 while on ambush at 842308 ambushed 8 VC/NVA; results: 2 VC KIA, 1 oblong CIA. Also received 1 round and approximately 20 rounds AK fire, 1 US had minor fire wounds.

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16 May 70: A/4-21 at 847315 found 2,000 lbs. D/4-21 at 835313 found 200 lbs. rice in hootch; also at 834314 found 300 - 400 lbs. rice in concrete jars. S2 detained 1 VN male, age 30, on CL from PZ DEBBIE to LZ 904298. A/4-21 spotted and engaged 6 VC/NVA at 848313 which evaded to Hill 56.

17 May 70: B/4-21 at 910240 spotted 4 VC/NVA with packs and weapons, engaged with 4.2 mortars. A/4-21 while on search and clear at 848311 received approximately 20 rounds S/A fire, negative casualties. B/4-21 while patrolling at 913243 spotted 2 VC/NVA at 913226, engaged with 4.2 mortars. Also at 847315 found 18,000 lbs. buried rice. D/4-21 while setting up ambush at 829318 received 8 rounds automatic weapons fire from vicinity of 829319, results: 1 US WIA. A/4-21 at 848310 received approximately 8 rounds of probing fire from vicinity of 843307, negative casualties.

18 May 70: D/4-21 found 11 M16 rounds and 200 lbs. rice hidden in a false wall in a hootch, 2 females detained. Americal Division will observe temporary cease of offensive operations from 181200 to 191200 in honor of Buddha's birthday. US forces will not initiate any offensive operations during this period, but will take all necessary actions for self defense. A/4-21 at 847316 found 5,000 lbs. rice buried. 4-21 has ceased all offensive operations at this time.

19 May 70: Minesweep at 915247 received S/A fire from 912249, 912243, estimated 250 rounds, results: 4 US WIA. A/4-21 at 843318 found 2,000 lbs. rice, 30 - 60 lbs salt and 12 BL 30 batteries. B/4-21 at 826317 found 6 50 caliber ammo cans of polished rice.

20 May 70: B/4-21 and agents made CL to 913293 and 901292 and had 2 VC KIA, 1 female wounded while evading, 2 AK47's CL and 3 males detained. B/4-21 found at 831321 numerous foodstuffs in holes and floors of hootches. Also at 833325 engaged 15-20 VC/NVA in ambush with unknown results.

21 May 70: B/4-21 at 833325 checking area of last night's ambush found: 14 baskets w/shoulder straps, 1 bush hat; 8 gunny sacks, 10 sheets plastic, 5 US sandbags, 1 lantern, 3 VC/NVA ponchos, 1 US poncho. C/4-21 while on patrol found a 105 round B/T at 825348, blow in place. A/4-21 at 846295 found 50 caliber ammo can with documents, also 1 VN female age 35 was detained in area. B/4-21 received 4-6 M79 rounds while in NDP, also A/4-21 at 846298 received M79/ΔK rounds in NDP.

22 May 70: A/4-21 MA last night results in 6 VC KIA, one 9mm chicon pistol and 2 pineapple grenades CL. A/4-21 MA at 845295 resulted in 2 VC KIA. Also at 853303 found 3,500 lbs. of unpolished rice. B/4-21 enroute to vicinity 827313 to ambush site at 826313 engaged 2 NVA who evaded. B/4-21 received 2 M79 rounds 200 meters to their west, approximately 838315.

23 May 70: Ron 4-21 found 300 rounds of M60 ammo. B/4-21 at 833311 found 300-400 lbs. of unpolished rice in hootch. B/4-21 at 840312 spotted and engaged 2 VC/NVA in stream bed, negative results.

24 May 70: C/4-21 KCS at 858358 found a 155 round B/T. B/4-21 and agents had 1 VC CL, 1 SKS and uniforms CL. A/4-21 at 855307 found 1,000 lbs. rice, B/4-21 at 855307 engaged 1 NVA, results: 1 NVA KIA, 1 pack CL.

25 May 70: B/4-21 requested tactical urgent Dust Off at 835307. Dust Off took sniper fire from 835301, 842307, 30 to 40 rounds. Returned fire with S/A and M79 with negative results. Primo received sniper fire at 856302. A/4-21 at 850302, found 600 lbs. of unpolished rice. Ron 4-21 found old base camp destroyed by arty at 902203. A/4-21 at 828280 engaged 2 VC with negative results. B/4-21 engaged 1 VC at 816337 with unknown results. Ron 4-21 at 899200 called arty in on 5 VC/NVA with possible 3 KIA's.

26 May 70: C/4-21 uncovered rice cache containing approximately 800-1,000 lbs. A/4-21 vicinity 853283 found 2 VC KIA. Ron 4-21 vicinity 913195 hit a B/T, results 4 US WIA. A/4-21 at 844288 received 3 B/T's 5' outside the NE side of their perimeter.

27 May 70: C/4-21 was engaged by 6-7 VC/NVA with S/A vicinity 845366. B/4-21 at 843307 received 4-5 rounds S/A fire from 843308; while checking area engaged 1 VC vicinity 854313 in hedgerow, results: 1 VC WIA/CIA.

28 May 70: There were no significant incidents.

29 May 70: RF 115 at 897282 had 2 VC KIA and 2 weapons CIA. E Trp took one male as detainee who turned out to be an ARVN deserter. S3 on VR spotted NVA and engaged with negative results. D/4-21 became OPCON to 1/20.

30 May 70: B/4-21 in a stay-behind ambush observed 7 VC digging up a dump on NE portion of perimeter. Engaged with S/A, results: 2 VC KIA, other 5 VC evaded NE. C/4-21 at 825333 engaged 2-3 personnel with M79 and S/A, negative results. Also at 888300 engaged 3-4 personnel with negative results.

31 May 70: B/4-21 found 1 KIA in ambush site; 1 female, age 14, with 1 French MAS-36.

01 June 70: A/4-21 found 1 B/T handgrenade at 907238. C/4-21 found and destroyed a tunnel at 822306. RF 115, PF Plt 252 at 923161 uncovered 200 kilo's of rice and 1 M16 and 4 AK magazines.

02 June 70: C/4-21 reported their MA vicinity 816308 was blown, results: parts of human flesh, hand guard from AK47, one 9mm pistol found. Pink Team checking area of C/4-21 MA spotted 2 VC/NVA at 817295.

03 June 70: D/4-21 released from OPLAN to 1/20.

04 June 70: D/4-21 while on ambush engaged unknown enemy size element with S/A.

05 June 70: Ron 4-21 and S2 agents at 901302 found C rations and 1 canteen, 1 blue uniform in tunnel.

06 June 70: B/4-21 stay behind ambush at 833258 had 1 VC KIA. D/4-21 at 827303 found two tunnels, destroyed. Also at 826304 found one tunnel. C/4-21 MA detonated, results: 1 NVA KIA.

07 June 70: D/4-21 at 809312 found a 250 lb. bomb, destroyed. B/4-21 heard a large explosion at 874312, at same time received 1 magazine S/A from same area.

08 June 70: E Trp 1/1 Cav released from OPCON to 4-21.

09 June 70: C/4-21 took 2 lob bombs at 832332, negative casualties. Also while on patrol spotted 3 personnel evading SW into 839329.

10 June 70: While putting in "Night Owl" airstrike at 872276 Holix 38 reported his aircraft and fighter took 75-100 rounds S/A ground fire.

11 June 70: A/4-21 while on search and clear at 775253 found a base camp complex, all bunkers were destroyed.

12 June 70: C/4-21 with RF Company 169 at 847367 received 100 rounds S/A fire. C/4-21 with FF Flt 186 at 854351 found 200-250 lbs. unpolished rice. CA of S2 and squad from B/4-21 and agents from PZ DEBBIE into LZ 905290, cold. S2 SGT engaged 1 VC resulting in 1 VC KIA. 4-21 S2 agents and SRRP team at 905290 found a cache of penicillin.

13 June 70: Holix 34 took ground fire at 790328. E Trp 1/1 Cav OPCON to 4-21.

14 June 70: C/4-21 at 832332 received 20 rounds S/A and possible lob bomb, with negative casualties. B/4-21 found one man made cave at 905154, unable to destroy. A/4-21 at 803328 found enemy way station or base camp, destroyed. Also at 803328 found 2 B/T's, destroyed.

15 June 70: S2 agents CA at 895315 resulted in 1 VC KIA. A/4-21 located enemy base camp. Ren 4-21 at 78253040 MA had 1 NVA KIA and while checking area another NVA was KIA by S&F.

16 June 70: B/4-21 at 856289 observed 2 males, one with weapon, engaged with unknown results; again at 856281 spotted 4 VC/NVA, engaged with arty; results unknown. A/4-21 at 791313 observed 3 NVA moving NW from 796312. Ren 4-21 at 779319 observed 4 NVA moving SW at 783312, called arty. Also had MA detonate at 776303 resulting in 2 NVA KIA.

17 June 70: C/4-21 at 853361 found 350 lbs. unpolished rice and 400 lbs. potatoes. Also at 853362 found one tunnel approximately 10' x 11' long. A/4-21 hit B/T resulting in 1 US KIA, 2 US WIA, 1 KCS WIA. D/4-21 with agents found family size bunker which contained 5,000 piaster. B/4-21 while on ambush at 859377 engaged 2 personnel resulting in 1 NVA KIA, documents and 1 US .45 caliber pistol CIA. Other individual evaded. B/4-21 received two magazines of automatic fire from about 75 meters south of their location. Also at 870344 took 30-40 rounds S/A automatic fire from vicinity 8653'6. Again at 852350 took 12-15 rounds automatic AK47 fire from 852349, and one incoming lob bomb.

18 June 70: B/4-21 and PRU's at 875354 found 1 50 caliber ammo box buried containing 2 Sony TR-8238 short wave radio sets, 18 AK47 rounds, pair of PJ's. A/4-21 with sniper at 804316 observed and engaged three NVA/VC moving SE to NE 812314, results: saw one individual fall. E Trp took 50 incoming rounds of AK47 at 916243 from vicinity 913243.

19 June 70: B/4-21 at 852359 received 2 incoming H79 rounds, 1 US WIA. D/4-21 engaged 5 VC/NVA with weapons at 849300. S2 acting on information from Mr. Hieu, detained a total of 4 VN females who were reported buying supplies for VC. B Co at 852359 reported 2 US WIA from 20-30 incoming AK rounds from vicinity 852358.

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20 June 70: B/4-21 found one 105 round B/T at 846382. C/4-21 found 1 homo male N/F at 829344. C/4-21 took 10-15 rounds of AK sniper fire at 827317 from vicinity 828316.

21 June 70: C Co while moving to dry ambush at 835362 received 10 rounds AK fire and spotted 8 VC/NVA at 842364. C of S2 agents and 1 Plt of A/4-21, PZ DEBBIE to LZ 910284, cold. Results: one VC KIA. Ron 4-21 at 802315 M detonated, results: 2 NVA KIA, 2 AK47's CL. B/4-21 w/DIOCC agent captured two VC with weapons at 865356. One female detained also.

22 June 70: B/4-21 at 852381 hit B/T resulting in 3 US KIA, 2 US WIA. D/4-21 engaged 4 individuals, killing 2 VC.

23 June 70: D/4-21 at 767306 found VC/NVA dispensary. 24 June 70: No incidents.

25 June 70: B/4-21 SRRP Team detained 1 VN female, age 13, at 815298, carrying a ruck sack. At 814300 SRRP Team spotted and engaged 1 VC/NVA, negative results. Ron 4-21 and agents at 894256 engaged 1 NVA with AK47 evading into a hedgerow at 894253. C/4-21 received 12 rounds of automatic S/A fire from 892293, the element was at 885288.

26 June 70: D/4-21 had 5 US WIA from B/T at 769313. Ron 4-21 at 918241 found a 4.2 mortar round hooked with a pressure release device. C/4-21 engaged 8 VC/NVA with carbines at 852363. VC/NVA evaded SE. A/4-21 at 854346 had T/F go off, engaged with M79 and received S/A automatic fire at same time. Results: 1 US WIA.

27 June 70: On observation and engagement by the Bde Pink Team, B/4-21 SRRP Team was inserted into 80803321, results: 2 NVA KIA, 2 VC KIA, 4 weapons CL. C/4-21 at 832332 took 6 M79 rounds from the NE. A/4-21 at 852360 received 5 M79 rounds from suspected enemy location of 857363.

28 June 70: C/4-21 received one lob bomb which detonated 100 meters to SE outside perimeter. D/4-21 at 806331 found 6 NVA ruck sacks and 1 NVA poncho.

29 June 70: A/4-21 at 845362 found a B/T, blown in place. Also at 862363 engaged 1 VC with pack who evaded east. At 852364 found 105 round hidden in hedgerow, blown in place. C/4-21 at 885288 reported that PF's spotted 4 VC/NVA with weapons at 880280.

30 June 70: A/4-21 had 3 US WIA from B/T at 864332. Again at 854380 hit B/T, results: 1 US KIA, 5 US WIA. D/4-21 at 807330 searching area of A/S found 1 NVA KIA.

01 Jul 70: Ron 4-21, S2, and agents upon completion of CL had 1 VC WIA/CL. CL informed S2 that there were 2 more VC KIA. A/S by Helix 03 at 611375, 24 x 500 lb. bombs, 1 bunker destroyed, approximately 30' of tunnel, 1 small secondary. S3 reported that gun ships received sniper fire from 905243.

02 Jul 70: A/4-21 at 886225 spotted 2 personnel at 888232 900 meters to the north, engaged with 105mm. B-Trip received 50 rounds sniper fire from 913218. PF Plt 182 engaged 1 Plt VC with 4.2 at 852357, negative results.

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03 Jul 70: B/4-21 engaged 2 VC at 818302, results: 2 VC KIA. C/4-21 at 885288 received 10 M79 rounds from south approximately 300 meters, 884286, negative casualties.

04 Jul 70: S2 agents and S2 SGT at 908299 detained 1 male, age 50, dressed in purple PJ's. Also captured 40,000 piaster (8,000 piaster, 32,000 in gold). Village chief said the money was VC. S2 and Ron 4-21 found a tunnel at 873333. Flushed tunnel with CS resulting in 7 VC KIA. A/4-21 at 898243 while on search and clear found tunnel, destroyed. B/4-21 at 817332 engaged 5 VC/NVA, enemy evaded, results unknown.

05 Jul 70: PF Plt 188 at Chi Trung 885306 received 10 81mm mortar rounds and 7 B40 rockets, results: 1 PSDF KIA, 1 PSDF WIA, 2 PF WIA. A/4-21 sniper post at 914215 spotted 6-8 VC/NVA at 908198, engaged with arty, results unknown. A/4-21 at 856353 received 25-30 rounds of S/A fire from their N, and one plt at 851354 received 10 rounds S/A fire from 855357. Returned fire with S/A, M79, and M60, negative friendly casualties, enemy casualties unknown. C/4-21 at 912159 engaged 1 VC at 20 meters, results 1 VC KIA, 1 M1 carbine KIA.

06 Jul 70: 4-21 officially lost OPCON of 2 plts of E Trp 1st Cav. 1 plt remains to perform minesweep and road security duties. Ron 4-21 at 849265 had MA detonate. Found 3 large pools of blood at sight. A/4-21 found a tunnel at 855357. Ron 4-21 at 850275 spotted 6 NVA with packs and weapons at 848300. Lost sight and did not engage. Also at 852280 spotted 2 NVA in green with packs and weapons at 851284. Engaged with arty, negative results. B/4-21 at 833280 spotted 2 individuals at 844285, engaged with arty, negative results. A/4-21 at 868367 received 10 rounds sniper fire from 865365. Returned fire with S/A, M79. Negative friendly casualties. A/4-21 at 874356 received 6-10 S/A rounds from vicinity 875345. Negative return fire, negative casualties.

07 Jul 70: C/4-21 at 830425 found 105 round B/T, destroyed. Ron 4-21 at 853284 received 20-30 rounds S/A from SE at 856284. Engaged with S/A and arty, results unknown.

08 Jul 70: A/4-21 at 856356 found 3 4.2 B/T's, destroyed. Also at 856377 found 1 baseball handgrenade B/T, destroyed. Bn CO and S3 were wounded by sniper fire while boarding Dolphin 17 at B/4-21 day lagor at 834313.

09 Jul 70: Ron and agent conducted CA from PZ DEBBIE into LZ 901257. Results: 1 VC KIA at 50 meters, negative weapon or documents. B/4-21 at 846282 spotted 2 enemy personnel with weapons vicinity 843293. Then reported 10-12 personnel with weapons moving S-N in vicinity 832281, called arty. B/4-21 engaged 2 VC/NVA at 854295, results: 1 VC/NVA KIA, 1 AK47 KIA, other evaded. A/4-21 at 873358 observed and engaged 3-5 individuals with negative results.

10 Jul 70: E Trp at 915 243 received 4-5 rounds sniper fire from 913242. Returned fire with M60 and 50 caliber, negative casualties. B/4-21 SRRP Team at 813330 observed 10 VC/NVA at 822320 moving E, did not engage due to populated area. Also at 813335 spotted 3 personnel in vicinity 825322 moving SE. Did not engage for same reason. D/4-21 conducting search at 875342 found 51 caliber in hedgerow.

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11 Jul 70: Ron 4-21 and agents at 899263 on ambush engaged 4 VC. Found blood trails, 2 US minor wounds. C/4-21 at 911250 found 1 81 mm B/T, destroyed. B/4-21 sniper engaged 1 VC at 817321, cannot confirm hit. Also sniper engaged 1 VC at 821324 but could not confirm hit.

12 Jul 70: S-5 interpreter found B/T hand grenade on south side of QL-1 at 838342, destroyed.

13 Jul 70: D/4-21 at 860355 found approx 1000 lbs of unpolished rice in open near heotah. C/4-21 spotted 2 NVA/VC in vicinity 813346. Engaged w/81mm, results unknown. B/4-21 at 855284 heard movement approx 50-75 meters to the south moving north. Fired claymore and S/A, results unknown.

14 Jul 70: C/4-21 w/RF's at 885288 received approx 400 rds S/A and M60 fire from their SE vicinity 889284. Returned fire with S/A and M60 neg friendly casualties, enemy casualties unknown. C/4-21 while patrolling around their NDP found a B/T hand grenade, blown in place. D/4-21 at 878346 detained 1 VN male in boat hiding at 860348. 2 or 3 other boats evaded seaward.

15 Jul 70: CA of A/4-21 from PZ of Debbie into LZ of 793288. LZ hot, trail ship took S/A fire. C/4-21 at 833350 while moving to ambush site received 10-20 rds AK fire. Results: 1 US KIA, 1 PF WIA. D/4-21 moving into NDP at 873357 received magazine M16 fire from sand dune to NW, neg casualties.

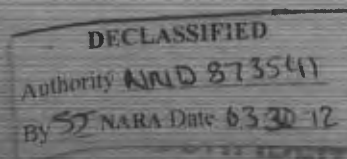
16 Jul 70: CA from PZ Debbie to LZ 915281, results: 4 VC KIA and 10 detainees. D/4-21 at 857335 spotted and engaged 5 VC evading to the W and took 1 male detainee age 71.

17 Jul 70: Minesweep received S/A and M/G fire at 920208, returned fire and called for gunships. Warlords reacted with possible results of 1 VC KIA. A/4-21 MI detonated with results of 1 VC KIA at 804297.

18 Jul 70: A/4-21 had 5 US WIA by friendly arty fire. 3 required D/O. C/21 found a piece of paper on trail at 834355 which PF's said was a warning to VC to stay out of the area because of B/T. S2/agents CA from PZ Debbie to LZ 903302. Results: 1 VC WIA who evaded to the SE into a ville.

19 Jul 70: C/4-21 and RF Co 182 at 830353 hit a B/T resulting in 2 RF KIA, 1 RF WIA. A/4-21 w/Helix 32 spotting for A Co 1 VC dressed in black at 817302. Engaged with arty. C/4-21 at 885288 received report from VN at their location that their ambush at 897276 resulted in 3 VC KIA, 1 MI CIA.

20 Jul 70: SREP's, S-2/agents CA from FSB Debbie to LZ of 913280. Found tunnel at 912280, destroyed. Found another tunnel at 10 meters from 1st w/radio inside it. D/4-21 and agents reacting on intell of 4 VCI located at 808301. Found a tunnel at 807298 which had been used in last 4 days. D/4-21 MA at 807317 detonated resulting in 2 VC/NVA KIA, 1 AK47 CIA. A/4-21 received AK fire from 838318, neg casualties. C/4-21 at 925153 hit B/T resulting in 1 US WIA. Ron 4-21 engaged 2 VC/NVA in ambush at 888326. Results: 2 VC/NVA KIA, 1 M26 H/F CIA.



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21 Jul 70: Ron 4-21 at 867304 observed 2 individuals in black at 855305, all not seen due to poor vision. D/4-21 at 859299 received 1 RPG from vicinity 859200 150-200 meters due N. Results: 1 US KIA.

22 Jul 70: D/4-21 checking out ML that detonated 212045 found chunks of clothing and pieces of NVL truck back and drag marks and blood trails to the W. 50 meters west of 827302 found 2 VC/NVA in grave. A/4-21 requested DO for 2 US KIA, 1 US KIA, and 2 VN KIA after hitting B/T. D/4-21 w/trucker team found 1 NVL KIA in a shallow grave 5 meters off the trail at 827302. C/4-21 at 922204 received 50 rds S/A fire from 919205, 1 US KIA. While blocking at 922204 received 20 rds S/A fire from 919205. A/21 released OPCON of 3 Trp 1st Cav. LTC Witter assumes command of A/21. D/4-21 at 849301 received 6-8 rds S/A from NW at 75-100 meters, 1 US KIA. C/4-21 and PF 261 & 272 received 30 rds sniper fire from south. Returned fire, results unknown.

23 Jul 70: Ron 4-21, S-2 and agents found tunnel at 845313, blew tunnel resulting in 1 VC KIA, 1 AK47 CIA. Ron was also led to a bunker at 845314 by a Chieu Hai. Bunker was blown resulting in 4 VC KIA by shrapnel, 1 VC KIA by S/A, 1 SKS CIA. At 845276 spotted and engaged 5 VC/NVA with A-2, evaded north.

24 Jul 70: Ron 4-21, S-2 and agents found reinforced underground bunker at 905284. A/4-21 at 884272 spotted and engaged 6-10 individuals with arty, neg results.

25 Jul 70: B/4-21, S-2, My Trang village personnel at 842317 detained 1 VN age 19, neg ID. Man classified as CD/VC.

26 Jul 70: C/4-21 and RF 115 received S/A fire from 900211 and 900200, neg casualties. C 26th Dngr reported taking sniper fire on QL 1 vicinity 918238, neg casualties.

27 Jul 70: MACV adviser requested urgent D/O at 919254 for 4 VN soldiers wounded in an ambush of convoy on QL-1 at 916246. Ron 4-21 at 855292 engaged 3 VC at 851291, results: 1 VC KIA, other 2 evaded.

28 Jul 70: There were no significant incidents.

29 Jul 70: There were no significant incidents.

30 Jul 70: S-2 was informed by Tuy Thach village officials that Mr Pham and agents were ambushed at 902302. Ron 4-21 and S-2 SGT were dispatched to area of contact. Results: 2 VN KIA, 1 VN KIA. B/4-21 at 908231 hit a B/T resulting in 1 US KIA. C/4-21 while on patrol at 832395 destroyed bunker 3'x5' w/ overhead cover.

31 Jul 70: B/4-21 at 906234 hit B/T resulting in 5 US KIA. Ron 4-21 and agents spotted and engaged 2 VC killing one, other evaded into hootch. Hootch was blown resulting in 1 VC KIA. VC was Pho Trung VC Security Chief.

01 Aug 70: Holix 35 put in AS 906190, 8 Napalm, 6 500 lb bombs, 12 1000 lb bombs, 2 structures destroyed, 1 secondary explosion.

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