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OPORD 13-68 (Operation SHOW LOW).

Reference: Maps, Vietnam 1:50,000; Series L7014; Sheets 6738I, 6738IV, 6739II, 6739III.

Task Organization:

4-3 Inf	Bde Control
A/4-3	D/3-1 Inf
B/4-3 (+)	
C/4-3	
D/4-3	
E/4-3	
A/1-20 (+)	
Plat/E-1 Cav	
A/6-11 Arty (DS)	
B/6-11 Arty (DS)	
Plat/C-26 Engr (DS)	
Searchlight Plat (-)	

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces:

- (1) Current INTSUM.
- (2) Annex A, Intelligence.

b. Friendly Forces:

(1) Americal Division continues current operations and provides resources to support operation SHOW LOW.

(2) 2d ARVN Division:

- (a) Continues current operations.
- (b) Participates in joint operation in coordination with 11th Infantry Brigade and CIDG Forces (HA THANH).
- (c) Conducts combat assault with two battalions to secure LZ's TRAK and FIR.
- (d) Blocks in sector North of TRA KH'IC River.

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(e) Execute search and destroy missions on axes BISHOP, ROCK, and QUILL.

(f) Provides external security and space for location of 11th Infantry Brigade forward support elements (FSE) at QUANG NGAI Airfield.

(3) CIDG Forces (HA THANH):

(a) Continues current operations.

(b) Conducts joint operation in coordination with 11th Infantry Brigade and 2d RVN Division.

(c) Occupies and blocks enemy movement in sector from positions C and D.

(4) 7th Air Force operates ASQ-77 "Combat Sky Spot" radar controlled bombing systems at PLEIKU (AR7350) and LANG BI (YB2461) in support of all-weather air operations. 7th Air Force provides normal tactical air support for immediate and preplanned targets.

(5) 1st Marine Air Wing (1MAW) provides air support as requested, to include TFQ-10 radar bombing systems from QUANG NGAI (BS6172) and CIU LAI (BT5211) in support of all-weather operations.

c. Attachments and Detachments: Task Organization.

2. MISSION

11th Infantry Brigade initiates operation SHOCK LOA 070740 March 1968 to conduct search and destroy operations to eliminate enemy forces in area bounded by the SONG TRI KHUC, East West grid line FS61, North South grid line ES56, and North South grid line ES40.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation: Annex B, Operation Overlay.

(1) Maneuver: Bde conducts search and destroy operation with 4-3 Infantry executing a combat assault with two companies to secure designated LZs, to deny routes of withdrawal and to force the enemy into preselected killing zones by maneuvering on two axes. One company executes a combat assault and one company moves by foot to block from designated positions in zone to fix and destroy the enemy in the open flatland South of the SONG TRI KHUC. D/3-1 Infantry employed as Brigade ready reaction force (RRF) with one platoon on five minute standby at CIDG PVI Airfield for airlift to designated area and the Co (-) at LZ DRAGON. Operation SHOCK LOA will be phased as follows:

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(a) PHASE I (3 Mar 68 to 5 Mar 68). Preparatory activities to include reconnaissance and liaison with appropriate US and VN commanders and advisers.

(b) PHASE II (5 Mar 68 to 7 Mar 68):

1. PHASE I continues.

2. 5 Mar 68:

a. 4-3 Inf commences deployment and prepositioning of forces along Southwest MUSCATINE boundary 5 Mar 68 with one company and one Cav Platoon.

b. B/6-11 airlifted to designated firing positions.

c. One platoon E-1 Cav moves to MUSCATINE AO for release to OPCON 4-3 Inf.

3. 6 Mar 68:

a. TF BARKER releases B/4-3 to OPCON 4-3 Inf. B/4-3 moves to location vicinity LS SUE.

b. One company and one Cav plat cross Southwest MUSCATINE boundary to occupy blocking position "A" and establish fire support base.

c. B/6-11 airlifted to fire support base at blocking position "A" when secure by elements of 4-3 Infantry.

d. A/1-20 moves to LZ BRONCO.

e. Brigade LHO Teams and FSE displace to QUANG NGAI to arrive NET 1600 hours.

f. 2d ARVN deploys and prepositions blocking forces North of TRA KHUC River.

(c) PHASE III (D-day - 7 Mar 68):

1. 4-3 Infantry conducts combat assault (CA) with one company from LZ SUE into LZ KUA and occupies blocking position "B" followed by CA from LZ SUE into LZ OAK. Annex D, Life Planning Schedule.

2. A/1-20 conducts CA from LZ BRONCO into LZ PINE.

3. 2d ARVN conducts CA into LZ's TEAK and FIR with two battalions.

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4. 2d APVN occupies blocking position North of TRA KHUC River.

5. CIGG Forces (HA THINH) occupy blocking positions "C" and "D".

(2) Fires: Radar bombing (Sky Spots) employed on known and suspected enemy locations at H-2. Preassault air strikes to clear LZs and neutralize or destroy enemy forces in each LZ area at H-40 minutes. A five minute artillery preparation of LZ's will follow air strikes beginning at H-3 minutes. Priority of fires to units conducting combat assault priority to units in contact. Priority to Brigade RRF when committed. Annex C, Fire Support.

b. 3-1 Inf:

(1) Continue present missions consistent with forces available.

(2) Provide one company for employment as Brigade RRF. One platoon will move as part of F32 convoy on 6 Mar 68 to QUANG NGAI and prepare for immediate employment. Company (-) will be located at LZ DRAGON and be prepared for afloat within 30 minutes to the operational area. Released to Brigade OPCON on crossing North DUC PHO AO boundary.

(3) Release one platoon to OPCON E-1 Cav for bridge security on 5 Mar 68 at a mutually agreeable time.

c. 4-3 Inf:

(1) Be prepared to assume OPCON of one plat E-1 Cav on 5 Mar 68 at a mutually agreeable time, subsequent to 1200 hours.

(2) Be prepared to assume OPCON of B/4-3 (+) on 6 Mar 68 at a mutually agreeable time.

(3) Preposition one company with one Cav platoon along Southwest MUSCATINE boundary 5 Mar 68 to occupy and secure blocking position "A" prior to 1500 hours.

(4) Be prepared to assume OPCON of A/1-20 on crossing Northern DUC PHO boundary on 7 Mar 68.

(5) Conduct combat assault into LZ KCA with one company to occupy and secure blocking position "B" on 070740 March 1968.

(6) Conduct combat assaults to secure LZ's OAK and PINE. On completion of CA commence search and destroy operations on axes PALM and KNIGHT to destroy the enemy and/or force him into preselected killing zones.

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(7) Establish a fire support base at position "A" and occupy position "B" to fix and destroy enemy forces attempting to exfiltrate and/or enter the operational area.

(8) Provide security for the artillery battery located at position "A".

(9) Reconnoiter for possible foot and personnel carrier fording sites along TRA KHUC River.

(10) Conduct patrols and ambushes along likely avenues of approach and exfiltration.

(11) Defend established BISCATTINE AO fire bases with minimum forces and limit operations in assigned AO to those required for security of base areas.

(12) Be prepared to provide security of temporary fire support base for B/6-11 Arty.

d. 1-20 Inf:

(1) Continue present missions consistent with forces available.

(2) Move A/1-20 (+) to LZ BRCNGO on 6 Mar 68 for further deployment on 7 Mar 68 to participate in a combat assault into designated LZ.

Released to OPCON 4-3 Infantry on crossing Northern DMZ PHO AO boundary.

e. Task Force Barker:

(1) Continue present missions consistent with forces available.

(2) Release B/4-3 (+) to OPCON 4-3 Infantry on 6 Mar 68 at a mutually agreeable time.

f. 6-11 Arty:

(1) Continue assigned mission.

(2) Move B/6-11 to designated firing position on 5 Mar 68 and to position "A" on 6 Mar 68 when secured by 4-3 Infantry.

(3) Airlift A 6-11 to HA THANH on 6 March 1968.

(4) Establish fire support coordination center to control all fires in operational area.

(5) Establish air warning net for operational area.

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(6) Annex C, Air Support Plan.

g. F-4 Cav:

(1) Continue assigned missions.

(2) Release one platoon to OPCON 4-3 Infantry on 5 Mar 68 at a mutually agreeable time.

(3) Assume OPCON of one platoon 3-1 Infantry on 5 Mar 68 for bridge security.

h. C-26 Engr:

(1) Continue assigned missions.

(2) Release one platoon with pioneer and demolition capability to OPCON 4-3 Infantry on 5 Mar 68 at a mutually agreeable time.

i. Bde Avn Sec:

(1) Continue present missions.

(2) On completion of normal VR requirements locate OH-23 aircraft at QUANG NGAI Airfield for employment as needed.

j. Reserve, D/3-1 Inf:

(1) Move one platoon by convoy to QUANG NGAI Airfield on 6 Mar 68 in coordination with commander FSE.

(2) Be prepared for commitment of Company (-) by helicopter lift from LZ DRAGON as Brigade AFP within 30 minutes.

(3) Provide internal security for FSE with platoon located at QUANG NGAI.

k. Coordinating Instructions:

(1) Reconnaissance restricted to Battalion Commander, S-3, and company commanders and further limited to one flyover per person. Helicopters will not be used for reconnaissance of the operational area.

(2) Be prepared to conduct operations for a five day period.

(3) Report occurrence of blocking positions.

(4) Flame warfare equipment available on call from forward support element.

(5) LZ's will be constructed at each overnight position.

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- (6) All units will make maximum utilization of B100 mortars.
- (7) Direct coordination between commanders concerned is authorized and directed. Coordination with CIDG and ARVN Commanders will be cleared by this Headquarters.
- (8) Road priority to tactical units when conducting move.
- (9) OPCON and attachments effective at a mutually agreeable time, between commanders concerned, on the day specified herein.
- (10) Companies from 4-3 Infantry and TF B BMM, released to OPCON 4-3 Infantry, will consist of 4 rifle platoons and one 81mm mortar squad.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

Annex E, Administration and Logistics.

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL

a. Signal: Current SOL. Annex F, Signal.

b. Command:

- (1) Brigade Main CP located LUC PHO (ES612383).
- (2) Brigade HQ Group located HUANG NGAI (ES604719) for coordination with 2d ARVN Division.

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Annexes:

- A-Intelligence
- B-Operation Overlay
- C-Fire Support (TFP)
- D-Lift Planning (TFP)
- E-Administration and Logistics
- F-Signal
- G-Distribution

Distribution: Annex G

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INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE 2-68 (TU NGHIA, MINH LONG, SON HA, NGHIA HAM DISTRICT)

Reference: Map, VIETNAM, 1/50,000, Series L7014 Sheets 6739III, 6739II, 6738I & 6738IV

1. (U) MISSION

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2. (U) AREA OF OPERATIONS

a. Weather.

(1) ~~Existing~~ Situation. Southeast Asia is still under the influence of the northeast monsoon during the first half of March. The air is relatively cool and dry since it originates over continental Asia. However, it does pick up considerable moisture during its trajectory over the waters of the South China Sea and causes extensive cloudiness along the east coasts. During the first part of March most cloudiness and precipitation occurs on the eastern slopes of the Annam Range in the northern part of the Republic of Vietnam and along the eastern coastlands. Periods of drizzle and rain associated with low stratus clouds occur frequently and are generally referred to as "crachin" weather. "Crachin" weather is at its worst during the first part of March but occurs with decreasing frequency after the middle of the month. Temperatures continue to rise throughout March. Relative Humidity remains near the annual minimum.

MARCH

<u>PRECIPITATION</u>	<u>MONTHLY MAX</u>	<u>MONTHLY AVG</u>	<u>24 H MAX</u>
<u>COAST</u>	9.1 IN	1.8 IN	5.0 IN

MOUNTAINS Locations above 3,000 feet can expect greater rainfalls.

<u>VISIBILITY</u>	<u>FOG DAYS</u>	<u>% of time visibl. is less than</u>	<u>5 miles</u>	<u>1 mile</u>
			4.8	3.3

Visibility of less than 3 miles can be expected with early morning valley fogs. These restriction rarely persist after 0900 hours.

<u>CLOUDINESS AND CEILING</u>	<u>% of time ceiling below</u>	<u>5000 FEET</u>	<u>3000 FEET</u>
		20	10

Average Cloudiness 57%

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<u>TEMPERATURES (F)</u>	<u>EXTR. MAX</u>	<u>AVG MAX</u>	<u>AVG MIN</u>
	96	84	67

SURFACE WINDS

Prevailing Wind Direction: E

Prevailing Wind Speed: 5 knots

- (2) Effects on Enemy Operations: Weather will not have any significant effects on enemy operations. The weather remains generally fair throughout the area with periods of drizzle and rain associated with low stratus clouds, occurring more frequently during the first part of March. The ground remains dry and no significant flooding occurs. As precipitation increases, brief periods of flooding along the mountain valleys occur, however, enemy movement will not be significantly hampered.
- (3) Effects on Friendly Operations. Weather will have some significant effects on our operations. Air assaults in the early morning in the mountains will be affected because of fog and low clouds. Air strikes against enemy positions will be affected during the late afternoon and evening due to rain showers, especially along the mountain ridges and valleys. Ground operations will not be affected.

b. Terrain.

- (1) Existing Situation. The objective area extends 18 km west to east from grid BS40 to 58 and north to south from grid BS78 to 60. Two types of terrain found in this area are river low lands and mountains. The objective area is bordered on the west and north by the SONG THA KHUC, the major water course in the area, flowing west to east.
 - (a) Mountain elevations average from 250 meters along the river and eastern boundary, to 800 meters in the central region, with the highest elevation (1136 meters) at BS473623. Slopes vary from 10° - 30° with slopes greater than 60 degrees in the central mountain region.
 - (b) Vegetation. Almost 75% of the objective area is covered by multi-canopied, forest, thick semi-closed canopy with little light. Average height of growth is 25-30 meters. The multi-canopied forest affords excellent concealment from aerial observation. The canopy becomes discontinuous in places after December. The undergrowth provides excellent ground concealment. The canopy affords limited overhead cover; i.e., ordinance is often deflected and/or prematurely detonated by the dense branches.
 - (c) Lowlands. Along the SONG THA KHUC River and in the NE portion of the objective area are extensive clear areas planted with dry crops and rice. The area north of E-W grid line 74 is predominantly covered by rice paddies, seasonally inundated. The foothills strung along the river valleys commonly have terraced rice paddies on their slopes.

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- (2) Obs and Ide of Fire. Aerial observation is excellent along the river valleys, while the mountain areas permit only limited observation due to dense, continuous tree canopy in most places. Ground observation is good along valley floors with the only obstructions being small groves of trees, thickets of grass, brush, and slight terrain irregularities. Fields of fire in the non-mountainous areas are good for flat, satisfactory and high angle fire weapons, but all fires will generally be less effective in the mountainous areas.
- (3) Cover and concealment. The valley floors offer only limited cover and concealment in the form of stream beds, groves of trees, brush, and terrain irregularities. Conversely, the mountain areas offer excellent cover and concealment. The sandy soil along the valley floor is less suitable for tunneling than for construction of bunkers and communications trenches; however, the soil composition in the mountain areas is suitable for tunneling and cave networks.
- (4) Obstacles. The SONG TRA KHUIC is the major obstacle in the area with an average width of 150-250 meters. It is navigable to small shallow draft sampans year round. There are no known fording places across the SONG TRA KHUIC, however the mean depth in this part of the river is only 24 inches. Several small tributaries can be forded by foot troops at the following coordinates:

RS 43464P

RS 478676

RS 493659

RS 455599

RS 45970P

RS 495644

RS 475727

RS 527687

RS 481708

NOTE Ambush potential is excellent at all above fording sites.

- (a) Key Terrain Features: Dominating terrain parallels the East bank of the SONG TRA KHUIC River. The key terrain features are at 410664, 463686, 533600, and 540637.

- (b) Avenues of Approach.

(1) Potential Avenues. When the rice paddies are wet or inundated, cross-country movement is generally poor to unsuited and foot troops are restricted to dikes and levees, while vehicles are restricted to the few existing trails. The only highspeed approach from the East is route 7151P from PS 583724 to 544740, an improved earth, fair weather road, with a width varying from 1-4 meters. The SONG TRA KHUIC River Valley provides a broad avenue of movement, (1-6 km wide) SW into the mountains. There is one excellent staging area at PS 415702. The trails are generally North-South oriented with numerous trails interconnecting in this area.

- (2) Probable Avenues of Movement. The SONG TRA KHUIC Valley affords the only probable avenue of movement easterly towards CHIANG MAI, thus making it of particular significance.

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- (5) Effects On Enemy Course of Action. The valley floors do not favor any day movement or a defensive posture. Night movement is restricted and conducive to ambush operations or limited attacks. The mountainous terrain favors the enemy's employment of defensive or evasive tactics. His knowledge of the terrain and trail network is a distinct advantage for evasive actions, limited attacks and rapid withdrawal.
- (6) Effects On Our Course of Action. The mountainous terrain hinders foot movement thus limiting a complete and adequate "Search and Destroy" operation. Air operations will be somewhat impeded in the mountains due to morning fog and haze. Good to excellent observation in the SONG TRA KHUC Valley, combined with good fields of fire, favor full employment of tactical supporting fires.
- (7) Cultural Features. The population density ranges from 50 to 100 people per square km. The majority are settled along the SONG TRA KHUC Valley and eastern border of the AO.
- (8) Sociology. The HRE inhabit the river valleys and the mountainous areas of West QUANG NGAI Province. They are one of the largest Montagnard groups; estimates vary from 27,000 to as high as 210,000. The HRE are stocky and muscular with dark eyes and straight long hair. Some of the highland HRE still wear a loincloth, while others wear the black shorts and a brief black jacket. Locally woven blankets may also be worn. HRE men usually wear a turban; yellow appears to be the preferred color. HRE women dress in colorful clothing, usually blue and black are the colors for the tight jackets. The jackets generally have two rows of red and white embroidery; 10 inches wide on each side with rows of buttons down the front. Skirts are ankle length.

3. (C) ~~ENEMY SITUATION~~

- a. Composition, Disposition and Strength: Annex A. This objective area contains base area 121. This base area is located 17 km west of QUANG NGAI City and five km northeast of SON IK. It is located on hilly and mountainous terrain. The mountains are dissected by narrow valleys, forming islands-like groups which border the coastal plain. Small rounded hills are uniformly distributed within the base area. The western edge of the designated area lies along the TRA KHUC River; the northern boundary is the TRA KHUC River Valley, which extends in from the coast. While vegetation is predominantly evergreen forest and brush growth; rice is grown in the narrow valleys created by the tributaries of the TRA KHUC River that enters the base area from the north. This base is approximately 35 sq. km in size.
- b. Enemy Activity: Since July 1966, 15 installations have been reported: 5 general, one base camp, three medical, one ordnance, one prison, three food and one training area. The VC Provincial HQ of QUANG NGAI Province is reported located within the base area. The 506B VC Sapper Company base area is located here. Unidentified units of battalion size have been reported on numerous occasions within and on the perimeter of this area. Re-

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cent information indicates that the following units are operating in the general vicinity of this base area:

406th MF Sapper Bn	BS5363	2 Jan 68
31st LF Bn	BS5167	30 Dec 67
107th AA Bn	BS4675	31 Jan 68
120th MF Bn	BS4773	31 Jan 68
506A LF Sapper Co.	BS5168	17 Jan 68
506B LF Sapper Co.	BS4887	10 Jan 68

c. Enemy Installations: Annex B

d. Target List: Annex C

e. Order of Battle: Annex D

4. (C) ENEMY CAPABILITIES

a. Enumeration.

- (1) Attack our combat assault immediately with nearest elements of 4 battalions and two companies, supported by organic mortars and recoilless rifles.
- (2) Defend in present positions to protect logistic administrative and control complexes in base area.
- (3) Reinforce either attack or defense by committing elements not initially engaged (No known immediate reinforcement capability beyond total strength of 4 battalions and 2 companies).
- (4) Withdraw to S and W along concealed exfiltration routes or withdraw to secret tunnel complexes within the base area. (This may be accomplished prior to our attack).
- (5) Delay with rear guard elements of 4 battalions and 2 companies while avoiding decisive combat and evading contact.

b. Analysis and discussion

- (1) Attack. No indication of adoption of this capability at the present time.
- (2) Defend. Following indications point to enemy's adoption of this capability:
 - (a) Large number of fortified hamlets and positions in the area.
 - (b) Occupation of good defensive terrain.
 - (c) Establishment and occupation of permanent type logistics admin and control facilities in the area for an extended period of time.
- (3) Reinforce. Enemy's normal tactics includes reinforcement at any time to exploit initial local successes, but there are no specific indications that this capability will be adopted.
- (4) Withdraw. The following indications point to enemy's adoption of this capability:
 - (a) His political aims are not served by dissipating his resources engaging in combat in isolated areas.
 - (b) His normal tactics include withdrawal in the face of superior firepower and combat force at a time and place not of his choosing.
 - (c) Preparation of successive unoccupied positions.

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- (5) Delay. The following indications that the enemy will adopt this capability are present:
- (a) When attacked in his base areas in the past he has adopted this capability.
 - (b) He needs time to evacuate his logistic assets which are critically short.
 - (c) Preparation of unoccupied successive positions.
 - (d) Enemy's expertise in sapper tactics is best exploited by employment of delay as a means to concentrate our forces in areas he has mined and booby trapped.

5. (C) CONCLUSIONS

- a. Effects of the area on our courses of action. Best avenues of approach to the objective area are:
 - (1) LZ OAK (4660) H along ridge to NWI DA LD (4672) to SONG TRA KINH River (4576).
 - (2) LZ PINE (4769) H along military crests on both sides of SUDI BEN DA Stream Valley to SONG TRA KINH River (4677).
- b. Probable course of action. Delay with rear guard elements of 4 battalions plus 2 companies while avoiding decisive combat and evading contact. Delay will rely heavily on employment of mines and booby traps.
- c. Vulnerabilities.
 - (1) Limited capability to oppose armored vehicles.
 - (2) Enemy positions oriented downhill and vulnerable to attack from the rear and above.
 - (3) Limited reinforcement capability due to lack of air mobility.
 - (4) Limited capability to conduct sustained combat operations due to lack of adequate resupply system.
 - (5) Low morale, due to shortage of food, medicine, supplies, and replacements can be exploited by PSYWAR operations.

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4 Annexes:

- A - Enemy Disposition O/L
- B - Enemy Installations O/L
- C - Target List
- D - Order of Battle

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Annex C (Target List) to Intelligence Est. 2-68

Map Reference: Series L7014, 1:50,000, Sheet 6739III

<u>Coordinates</u>	<u>Target</u>
RS 398611	Strongpoint.
RS 387637	Strongpoint.
RS 402612	Recently constructed circular, trench type AW position, possible anti-aircraft due to neg fields of fire. Position is located on hill with trees encircling location.
RS 416739	Numerous bunkers and foxholes in partly destroyed village.
RS 416757	Possible military area; containing five trenches, approximately twenty-four holes, possible tunnel entrances and one hut with a large bunker. Four caves on north bank of river.
RS 431754	Trench.
RS 438735 - RS 439736	Four recently constructed bunkers along bank of river hidden in bushes.
RS 442756	Approximately 20-30 bunkers built in sand bank.
RS 444755	Trench.
RS 446766	Numerous new foxholes along road leading through village.
RS 448772	Abandoned possible triangular strongpoint.
RS 452753	Three AW positions.
RS 452755	Eight tunnel entrances on west side of hill.
RS 452774	Approximately 80 foxholes.
RS 453763 - RS 462764	One AW position.
RS 453738	Two possible tunnel entrances.
RS 454739	Two AW positions recently constructed.
RS 456718	Several fresh foxholes & AW position.
RS 458764	Approximately 70 foxholes.
RS 457710 to RS 459711 to	
RS 458713	One possible AW position.
RS 457711	Abandoned triangular strongpoint.
RS 457742	Abandoned square shaped strongpoint.
RS 457743	Two tunnel entrances.
RS 458712	Three recently constructed AW positions on high ground hidden in trees. Bunker type structure between positions, possible ammo storage.
RS 458739	Five AW positions and a partially camouflaged trench.
RS 458763	Strongpoint.
RS 459668	

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PS 460740	One AW position.
PS 460740	New AW position on west side of stream
PS 462766	Large trench system.
PS 462740	Abandoned square shaped strongpoint, with a new AW position in the SW corner.
PS 464746	Abandoned triangular strongpoint.
PS 465738 - PS 462745	Three AW positions on high ground in treeline.
PS 468743	Abandoned triangular strongpoint.
PS 469742	Abandoned triangular strongpoint.
PS 470745	Abandoned triangular strongpoint.
PS 470743	Abandoned triangular strongpoint.
PS 473789	One camouflaged AA position, four camouflaged small holes nearby.
PS 457787	One new bunker (8' x 8') partly destroyed by artillery.
PS 476714	8 to 10 huts and possible bunkers hidden in trees.
PS 476750 to PS 77755	Ten to twenty newly constructed huts, all built with underground bunkers.
PS 482784	Four foxholes in area. Several huts in immediate vicinity in treeline.
PS 483706	New circular type AW position situated along bank of stream in treeline. Position is equipped with trench leading to bunker. Few recently constructed huts just north of location.
PS 489756 to PS 497754	Approximately 80 foxholes.
PS 490758	Trench.
PS 491733	Abandoned strongpoint.
PS 491741	Two AW positions.
PS 495743	Numerous new foxholes along trail.
PS 498754	AW position.
PS 500753	Trench.
PS 508684	Suspected weapons storage area. Very good trails, many fresh and heavily used.
PS 515743	One partially camouflaged AW position.
PS 515746	Two AW positions, fairly new, rectangular shaped with firing mount in center. Tree laying across position possibly for camouflage.
PS 515757	One hundred foxholes along road. Most of them new.
PS 516685	30-40 old fortified positions.
PS 518689	30-40 old fortified positions.
PS 519694	Recently constructed, circular type AW position on tree covered hill. Position is equipped with firing mouth and hole on side of trench, suspected ammo storage.
PS 520764	Ten foxholes on edge of the hamlet.

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Coordinates

Target

PS 522745	Entire area is heavily fortified with bunkers, trenches, numerous foxholes, and AW positions. Area also has some recently constructed huts.
PS 552708	Abandoned strongpoint.
PS 524745	heavily fortified village with bunkers, trenches, foxholes, and AW positions. Foxholes on hill near village.
PS 524748	One AW position, newly dug, rectangular shaped, with firing mouth in center.
PS 530765	Three trenches and six foxholes on sandbar.
PS 531753	AW position.
PS 532495	Foxholes and trenches on hill. One recently constructed AW position.
PS 535705	Thirty new foxholes.
PS 536759	Numerous foxholes in bank along trail hidden between bushes.
PS 536732	20-25 new foxholes on hilltop.
PS 539732	20-25 new foxholes on hilltop.
PS 540740	Large trench network with caves and AA positions.
PS 546648	Eight to ten bunkers, huts camouflaged in treeline.
PS 550730	Freshly dug camouflaged AA position.
PS 552753	New trenches and tunnel complex with AW position.
PS 555752	One bunker.
PS 561750	Well kept AA position.
PS 563757	One freshly dug AW position.
PS 573702	Within 50 meters radius, three large tunnel or bunker entrances.
PS 573757	Two bunkers forty meters apart.
PS 575617 - PS 577623	25-30 freshly dug foxholes in circular pattern.
PS 575643	Numerous new defensive type ditches in village. Numerous new foxhole type dippings in graveyard on south edge of village.
PS 576753	Several 4' x 10' rafts on river and two new huts partially camouflaged (1 Mar 68)
PS 579652	Village is completely entrenched with numerous spider holes around trench. New bunkers being built beside or below most huts.

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Coordinates

RS 595753

Target

Village at coordinate is heavily fortified with trench encircling village and numerous foxholes along trail.

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Annex D (Order of Battle) to Intelligence Est. 2-68

UNITS IN VIC BASE CAMP AREA 121

406th Sapper Battalion:

Strength: 300

Weapons: 1-81mm mortar, 3-60mm mortar, 2-57mm RR, 4-B40 RI, machine guns, individual weapons.

Personnel: CO- Luyen, XO- Dan, PO- Tran Tan Doc, APO- Luc

The 406th Sapper Bn was formed in April 1967 from a newly infiltrated unit from NVN and elements of the 409th Sapper Bn. The unit is well trained in sapper and infantry tactics. Members have been taught techniques of crossing various types of terrain and obstacles while advancing on an objective, use of explosive charges, bangalores, and hand grenades. The unit will normally carefully recon its objective and hold sandtable exercises before an attack. In attacking a target, penetration cells will move forward and effect an opening in any barb wire obstacles. A mortar attack will be initiated simultaneously to the opening of an entrance to the objective area to deny friendly forces observation of the penetration cells. Upon completion of an attack, the individuals will exfiltrate the area and regroup at a predesignated point from there move to a rest area. The Bn is now believed to be subordinate to the 401st Sapper Regt which allegedly participated in the 31 January attack on Quang Ngai City.

120th Montagnard Battalion:

Strength: 400

Weapons: unk

Personnel: CO- Dinh Quyen (aka Lam), XO- Dinh Doi, PO- Nguyen Dau.

The 120th Bn has been in existence since 1953. The majority of the cadre are veterans of the Viet Minh/French War and have fought in Laos. The unit has been trained in raid, ambush, and on installations tactics. The 1st, 2nd, 3rd companies are specifically trained to act as attacking forces against strongholds. The 4th and 5th companies are trained to act as a blocking force, and the 6th (support company) is well trained to support the other companies with indirect and ICG fire. In September 1967, the Bn attacked Tam Ky along with the 70 Bn and V16 Co. Over 200 VC were killed from these units. The Bn participated in the January 31 attack on Quang Ngai City.

81st Battalion:

Strength: 360

Weapons: 1-82mm mort, 2-57mm RR, 4-B40 RI, individual weapons

Personnel: CO- Vo An, XO- Hien, PO- Le Van Hanh

The 81st Bn has been in existence since at least June 1967 when its designation was changed from 85 to 81. The unit participated in attacks in Oct and Nov 1967 and recently participated in the attack on Quang Ngai City.

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506B Sapper Company:

Strength: 69

Weapons: 6-M1's, 3 AK's, 18-Carabines, 8-SMGs, 5-K50's, 4-"improved model" weapons and demolitions.

Personnel: CO- Hy, XO- Nam, PO- Anh

The 506B Co of Quang Ngai Province was activated in 1966 when provincial unit 506 divided into 506A and 506B Sapper Companies. This unit is trained to set booby traps, lay mines, set up ambushes along routes of travel, and to use demolition raids on installations. The company operates in platoon or squad size units around cities and towns. It participated in the 31 January attack on Quang Ngai City.

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NARRATIVE SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

OPERATION SHOW LOW

1. GENERAL

a. 11th Brigade CP remained at DUC PHO. A liaison team from 11th Light Infantry Brigade was sent to 2nd ARVN Division to effect fire support coordination and to assist in general coordination between the two control headquarters.

b. Task Force PARKER in the Eastern part of the Operation MUSCATINE AO which is directly adjacent to the 4-3 Infantry AO provided the 4-3 Infantry with Co B/4-3 Inf which is normally OPCON to TF PARKER. Task Force PARKER (-) continued Operation MUSCATINE during the conduct of Operation SHOW LOW.

c. The 1st Bn, 20th Inf, located in the DUC PHO - MO DUC AO to the South of QUANG NGAI provided 4-3 Inf with Co A (OPCON). The 1-20 Inf continued all assigned missions and operations during the conduct of Operation SHOW LOW.

d. The 3rd Bn, 1st Inf had the mission of providing one rifle platoon as an Immediate Reaction Force and the company minus to be committed, on order. Company D was assigned the mission of providing the reaction force. The Immediate Reaction Force was deployed to QUANG NGAI Airfield with the Brigade Forward Support Element and Co D (-) remained at LZ DRAGON (BS731522).

e. 6th Support Battalion deployed a forward support element to QUANG NGAI Airfield on 6 March 1968.

2. Phase I (D-2, 5 March 1968): 4-3 Inf commenced deployment of forces at 050700 March 1968 with Co A moving from LZ SUE (BS565877) to an NDP vic BS514803 and Co B conducting a combat assault, commencing 050800 March 1968, from LZ UPTIGHT (725856) to LZ vic BS523815. Upon completion of combat assault, Co B secured an initial fire support base vicinity BS523815 no later than 051000 March 1968. Co D moved from NDP, commencing 050730 March 1968 and occupied LZ SUE (BS565877). B/6-11 Arty commences airlift from LZ SUE to initial forward fire support base at 051300 March 1968. 3/E-1 Cav Plat and 3/C-26 Engr Plat (-) released to OPCON of 4-3 Inf upon entry of MUSCATINE AO and move to initial forward fire support base vicinity BS535805 and on order, move to and occupy NDP with Co A vicinity BS514803.

3. Phase II (D-1, 6 March 1968): 4-3 Inf moved, commencing 060730 March 1968, to secure blocking position A (RS453773) with Co A and 3/C-26 Engr (-) moving on Axis PEO and 3/E-1 Cav on Axis PJE, on order. Co B remained at present location and provided security for B/6-11 Arty; prepared for combat assault on 7 March 1968; prepared to assist in seizure of blocking position A, on order. Co C moved to and occupied PZ vic RS587850 and prepared for combat assault on 7 March 1968. Co D secured LZ SUE and conducted platoon size search and destroy operations vic that location; established squad size ambushes; and provided one rifle platoon to Co C for duration of operation SHOW IOW. Co E (-) continued present operations. 11th Rde Liaison team and Forward Support Elements departed DMU PHO at 061500 March 1968 for QUANG NGAI City. The Forward Support Element established a forward support base on the West end of the QUANG NGAI Airfield (RS604721) at 061800 March 1968. Rde liaison team closed at 2nd ARVN Division HQs 061700 March 1968 and established communications with 11th Rde TCC at DMU PHO at 061715 March 1968.

4. Phase III (D-Day, 7 March 1968): 4-3 Inf conducted a combat assault with Co B from PZ vic RS523815 into LZ KOA; seized and occupied blocking position B (RS437744). Co's C and A/1-20 Inf conducted combat assaults from PZ vic RS587850 and LZ DEACON (RS731528) into LZ's OAK and PINE respectively. Upon completion of combat assault into LZ's OAK and PINE, commenced S/D operations in zone on axes PAVN and KNIGHT respectively; destroying enemy or forcing him into pre-selected killing zones. Co D (-) secured LZ SUE; conducted platoon size S/D operations vic LZ SUE; established squad size ambushes until Operation SHOW IOW was completed. Co E (-) continued present operations until termination of Operation SHOW IOW. 3/E-1 Cav screened North of TRA KIUNG River in zone and prepared for employment as reaction force for 4-3 Inf.

5. 3rd Bn, 4th Inf Regiment, 2nd ARVN Division moved from NGHIA HANH (RS617643) 070900 March 1968 for conduct of sweep to the Northwest to secure objective X (RS604685) and Y (RS565705) and conducted a sweep to the Northeast to TRA KIUNG River. 3rd Bn, 5th Regiment secured blocking position North of the TRA KIUNG River vic of Highway 5B from RS567762 to RS545765. 4th Bn, 4th Regiment conducted a combat assault from PZ at QUANG NGAI Airfield to LZ TRAK and commenced sweep North to the TRA KIUNG River. 2nd Bn, 4th Regiment conducted a combat assault from PZ at QUANG NGAI Airfield into an alternate LZ at RS522675 and commenced sweep North to seize objective Z vic RS540715 and continued sweep North to TRA KIUNG River. 2nd Div TAC CP, 21st Arty Bn and 1-4 APC Co, accompanied by 11th Rde liaison team displaced from 2nd Div HQs in QUANG NGAI City to RS578730. 21st Arty provided forward fire support for maneuver units and 1-4 APC Co secured TAC CP and constituted the 2nd Division reaction force. 4th Regiment HQs, initially established at QUANG NGAI Airfield RS604712, later displaced forward by accompanying 2-4 Inf on combat assault and remained with that unit throughout the duration of Operation SHOW IOW.

6. Phase IV (D+3, 10 March 1968): 2nd ARVN Division withdrew the following units from Operation SPOW LON: TAG CP, 4th Regiment HQs, 2-4 Inf, 3-4 Inf and 3-5 Inf. 4-4 Inf given mission to support 4-3 Inf continuation of Operation SPOW LON by establishing a blocking position from BS510745. The 21st Arty and 1-4 APC Co remained at the forward support base at BS578703 for purpose of continued support for 4-4 Inf. 4-3 Inf continued plans and preparation to continue Operation SPOW LON to the North of the TRA KHUC River.

7. Phase V (D+4, 11 March 1968): 4-3 Inf conducted S/M operations in zone to the North and East of TRA KHUC River commencing 110700 March 1968 with Co's B and C moving in zone. Co A/1-20 Inf moved to and established a blocking position vic BS454795. Upon 4-3 Inf commencing movement of B and C Companies to the North of the TRA KHUC River, 2nd ARVN withdrew all elements from OPERATION SPOW LON. 4-3 Inf continued operations north of TRA KHUC River until 13 March 1968 when the operation was terminated.

EXTRACT OF DAILY JOURNAL ENTRIES FOR ALL ENTRIES PERTAINING TO OPERATION SHOW LOW

<u>TIME</u>	<u>INCIDENTS</u>
061925 Mar	4/3, S-3: Btry B/6-11 Arty has closed to BS 454774 at 191H.
070304 Mar	4/3 TOC: A/4-3 BS 453772; Received 15-20 rounds of 60mm mortar and 15-20 rounds small arms fire. Neg casualties.
070340 Mar	4/3 TOC: Rcn/4-3 BS 453772; Called dust-off 2 US WIA. Both litter patients. Chi Com grenade was thrown at track and bounced into foxhole. 1 man had left foot severed; other had frag wounds in left leg and arm. Leg broken. Dust-off completed at 0330H.
070750 Mar	4-3 TOC; BS 429752; 1st lift TD at 0843H LZ GOLD, 2nd lift TD 0856H LZ GOLD. CA complete.
070945 Mar	4-3 TOC; C/4-3, BS 462682; 1st lift TD at 0925H LZ GOLD, 2nd lift TD at 0943H LZ GOLD.
070945 Mar	4-3 TOC; B/4-3 closing in blocking position 432746.
070953 Mar	4-3 TOC; C/4-3, 0930H, BS 462682, received light sniper fire. from West. Neg casualties. Are checking area.
071002 Mar	4-3 TOC; B/4-3, 0955H, BS 442744, observed 5 VC evading. Results 3 VC KIA.
071005 Mar	4-3 TOC; C/4-3, 0950H, BS 561462, Received light sniper fire. Neg casualties. Checking area.
071040 Mar	4-3 TOC; B/4-3, 1031H, BS 445735, observed large number of people moving SW.
071045 Mar	6th Snt; 3 ammo trk's going North to QUANG NGAI. Request security.
071053 Mar	11th Bde FWD CP has closed destination BS 603721.
071055 Mar	Late Entry: 1100H, 6 Mar 68, VB sighted approx 100 people West ahead of A/4-3 and E Trn vehicle. Approx 4 of these people were military age males. At least 3 were observed to evade in bushes at sight of aircraft. Also sighted 12 military age males crossing river to the South at the same time. No women, children, or old men were observed crossing river. Info was passed to 4-3 at the time of sighting.
071120 Mar	4-3 TOC; 1112H, A/4-3 estimated half of mortar rounds received last night to be 82mm and half to be 60mm.

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071130 Mar 4-3 TOC; A/4-3, 1105H, RS 439745, Found 7 or 8 small holes in area that appears to be a stop over position, 3/B/4-3, 1108H, RS 438735, made contact w/un'k size element. Arty fo RS 446630 at 1110H, observed hut and smoke in wooded area RS 435625 and smoke along trail complex.

071154 Mar 4-3 TOC; A/1-20, 1st lift TD 1116H LZ COLD, 2nd lift TD 1150H LZ COLD. CA complete.

071155 Mar HDE LNO Ref Item 37. Found downed chopper vic RS 508888, 3 crew members KHA.

071320 Mar 4-3 TOC, 4-3 Unit locations; A/4-3 RCN, B/6-11, Arty, 3/E Trp, and Fwd CP RS 453773. B/4-3 RS 435743, C/1-20 RS 458688, A/1-20 RS 478695, A/6-11 Arty RS 957703, D/4-3 LZ SUE.

071340 Mar 4-3 TOC, TOC, 3/B/4-3, 1200 hrs, RS 443739; Engaged 1 VC on sand bar in river, escaped. 2/B/1-20 observed 25 personnel in vic BS 418738. At 1215 hrs B/4-3 found numerous temporary shelters, less than 1 yr old, vic RS 439743.

071340 Mar 4-3 TOC, 1313 hrs, A/1-20, RS 496713; observed 1 VC in green uniform, evaded.

071420 Mar 4-3 TOC, Unit locations; A/4-3 no change, D/4-3 no change, C/1-3 RS 464695, D/4-3 no change, E/4-3 no change, A/1-20 RS 477699.

071520 Mar 2nd ARVN (11th Bde LO), Locations of A/4-51 Inf, Sweet Banner RS 515680, B/1-51 RS 597692, C/4-51 RS 520694, C/3-5 RS 560763, All lifts complete, Neg contact, moving as scheduled.

071536 Mar 4-3 TOC, C/4-3, 1418 hrs, RS 469691; Engaged 6 VC w/wpns, neg results VC evaded toward East.

071540 Mar 4-3 TOC, C/4-3, 1507 hrs, RS 476690; found sqd size VC base camp, appeared to be undeveloped tunnel. Checking area.

071543 Mar 4-3 TOC, B/4-3, 1511 hrs, RS 415735; OP observed heavy traffic on road. Men women and kids carrying baskets, headed SW, will keep under surveillance.

071545 Mar 4-3 TOC, B/4-3, 1431 Hrs, RS 442741; OP spotted 2 VC w/wpns observing their 2nd Plat. Op engaged with neg results.

071556 Mar S3, 4-3; Due to rough terrain and lack of good fields of vision, unable to move search light to blocking position A. Will attempt to move in tomorrow.

071620 Mar 4-3 TOC, 4-3 Unit locations; A/4-3 no change, B/4-3 no change, C/4-3 RS 467690, D/4-3 no change, E/4-3 no change.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>INCIDENT</u>
071625 Mar	4-3 TOC, A/1-20, 1545 hrs, BS 475708; Found bunker concealed in bushes. Not recently used, destroyed same.
071625 Mar	4-3 TOC, C/4-3, 1540 hrs, BS 469689; Found US field gear, towel, canteen, poncho, and straps in open field.
071700 Mar	DIV G-3 AIR; A sky spot (BS7 high altitude radar bombing mission) will be conducted on 072130 Mar at coords BS 47107430. An air strike will be conducted on 081400 Mar at coords BS 458762. Limit 71 will conduct the air strike.
071752 Mar	4-3 TOC, 1747 hrs, Bon Son Advisor reports VC Bn location BS 576903, BS 581910, BS 585911 and 545906. Will move tonight. 4-3 will VR with CC ship.
071810 Mar	ARVN SHOW LOW; Unit locations; A/4-4 BS 538688, B/4-4 BS 578703 and C/4-4 BS 520683, Neg contact.
071830 Mar	4-3 TOC, B/4-3, Unit locations; A/4-3 BS 453773, D/4-3 LZ SUE, E/4-3 LZ SUE, B/4-3 (-) BS 440741 w/amb at BS 427749, BS 423745 & BS 441734, C/4-3 (-) BS 465609 w/amb at BS 465609, A/1-20 BS 477602, RCN/4-3 BS 453773.
071945 Mar	4-3 TOC, B/4-3, 1935 hrs, BS 440750; Engaged 3 VC in Sampan came from the North. Results: 2 VC KIA. Sunk the Sampan.
072000 Mar	4-3 TOC: Situation Report Negative.
072200 Mar	4-3 TOC: Situation Report Negative.
072230 Mar	(LATE ENTRY) 4/3 TOC: Overnight Unit Locations: Co A BS 453773, Co B BS 439743, Co C BS 459709, Co D LZ SUE, RCN BS 453773, Co A/1-20 BS 478711.
072400 Mar	4-3 TOC: Situation Report Negative.
080200 Mar	4-3 TOC: Situation Report Negative.
080400 Mar	4-3 TOC: Situation Report Negative.
080600 Mar	4-3 TOC: Situation Report Negative.
080815 Mar	4-3 TOC: 0730 hrs, C/4-3, BS 460710; Received sniper fire from 2 to 3 snipers using semi-auto wpns. Called Arty, results firing ceased.
080815 Mar	4-3 TOC: 0804 hrs, BS 484716; Received sniper fire from 1 sniper. Now checking out area.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>INCIDENTS</u>
080837 Mar	From 11th Bde LO ARVN Unit C/3-5 at 0630 hrs, spotted 67 VC moving in a Northwest direction, called in Arty, result unk.
080843 Mar	11th Bde LO FAC has spotted many VC, grid BS 5266. Requesting airstrike.
080911 Mar	11th Bde LO ARVN Unit A/2-4 reports air strike being conducted at BS 524661. Would like to put a unit in area.
080915 Mar	4-3 TOC; RCM/4-3, 0910 hrs, BS 453769; Found one mortar firing position, one handgrenade made from "C" ration can, spotted 1 VC male evading, engaged w/neg results.
081020 Mar	4-3 TOC, Unit locations; B/4-3 (-) BS 439743, C/4-3 (-) BS 460716, A/1-20 (-) BS 482719.
081033 Mar	11th Bde LO, VC moving out of area where air strike was conducted. Carrying dead and wounded. Calling in Arty.
081140 Mar	4-3 TOC, RCM/4-3 1100 hrs, BS 452769; Found and destroyed 2 home made charges made of C-4.
081143 Mar	4-3 TOC, A/1-20, 1105 hrs, BS 473715; Found plat size way station, 5 huts with stone wall around them and punji stakes also located vicinity. New huts destroyed.
081145Mar	4-3 TOC, A/1-20, 1115 hrs, BS 475715; Found huts 10' x 10' recently used, found 1 M-1 carbine magazine, also 2 pigs and 1 chicken.
081220 Mar	11th Bde LO, In contact with 123 Aero Scouts BS 524662, who is now over the area of the air strike.
081230 Mar	4-3 TOC, Unit locations; A/4-3 no change, D/4-3 no change, B/4-3 no change, C/4-3 (-) BS 462270, A/1-20 (-) no change, negative contact.
081320 Mar	11th Bde LO, 123d Aero Scout; (1) checked out area where air strike was conducted with neg sightings. (2) The ARVN will have 2 air strikes at BS 523718 and BS 530722, a preparation of 2 objectives. (3) ARVN unit has a unit close by, will check it out.
081350 Mar	11th Bde LO 4-4 Inf locations: C - BS 518695, A - BS 548704, Other units no change.
081410 Mar	4-3 TOC, A/1-20, 1340 hrs, BS 475718; found a small bomb in road not buried or Booby trapped. Type BLU 3-B. Looked like it was hastily put in road and that it would take very little to set it off. Destroyed in place.

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081430 Mar 4-3 TOC, A/1-20, 1200 hrs, BS 484720; Found 1 MAS 36 serial number 23449, good condition, had 4 rds in it ready to fire. Also found 300 empty magazines in belt, 1 dud Butterfly bomb underground finance bunker. Appear to be supply documents. Also found 4 BLU bombs, 1 M-26 hand grenades 1 M-79 rd, 16 M-16 rds and 1 canteen cup.

081430 Mar 4-3 TOC, A/1-20, 1415 hrs, BS 485717; Found hut with 2 60mm mortar rounds in it and 2 US hand grenades.

081500 Mar 4-3 TOC, A/1-20, 1415 hrs, BS 476724; Found a hut and a small tunnel w/2 60mm rds, 1 bag with 1348 rds of 30 cal ammo, 128 rds M-16 ammo, 37 rds M-14 ammo, 163 rds, 7.62 Chi Com ammo, 288 rds 7.62 Russian ammo, 148 rds AK-47 ammo, plus 4 lighters MK-125, 1 M-16 magazine and 2 unk, large type magazines.

081514 Mar 11th Bde IO. The unit at BS 524661 is the 401 Regt. ARVN desires air strike at that location.

081620 Mar 11th Bde IO ARVN Unit C/4-4 received sniper fire from BS 518706. Ships assisting them. (Aero Scouts)

081627 Mar 11th Bde IO ARVN requesting people sniffer mission first thing tomorrow morning vicinity BS 5246 and down valley to SB, BS 5465, BS 5366, 5267, BS 5165, BS 5164, BS 5163, and BS 5166. 4/3 requests the following area desmified: BS 4382, BS 4384, BS 4385, BS 4284, BS 4285, BS 4364, BS 4365, BS 4463, BS 4562, BS 4561, BS 4560, BS 4661, BS 4761, BS 4760.

081645 Mar 4-3 TOC, Unit locations; C/4-3 BS 462722, A/1-20 BS 482719.

081700 Mar 11th Bde IO. All others no change. There will be an air strike in area of suspected enemy unit shortly BS 524661.

081750 Mar 4-3 TOC, A/1-20, 1739 hrs, BS 482728; Reported their element received fire two different times. Approx 10 rds ea, Arty was called.

081755 Mar 4-3 TOC, A/1-20, 1740 hrs, BS 482719; Resupply ship received small arms fire when landing and taking off approx 200 ft altitude. Checked area w/neg results.

081810 Mar 4-3 TOC, A/1-20, 1721 hrs, BS 482719; Received sniper fire; results; 1 US WIA. Hit in left leg. Dust off completed at 1720 hrs.

081820 Mar 4-3 TOC, PCN/4-3, 1734 hrs, BS 474738; Detained 3 VCS 16 years old, they said there were a lot of VC (90 to 150) at this location two days ago, but they left when US troops moved in. Also there were a lot of VC at BS 473710.

081825 Mar 4-3 TOC, PCN/4-3, 1821 hrs, BS 454773; Found 1 Chi Com hand grenade, 2 bags of comp B, approx 1 lb w/fuse. Was found while setting up trip flares.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>INCIDENTS</u>
081840 Mar	4-3 TOC, Unit locations; A/4-3, no change, B/4-3 RS 440742, w/amb at RS 437740.
081845 Mar	4-3 TOC, A/4-3, 1838 hrs, RS 452774; 1 US troop cutting w/an ax res, 1 US troop hit in head by ax, was dusted off.
082000 Mar	4-3 TOC: Situation Report Negative.
082130 Mar	Ref Entry 081820 Mar, 3 VC's were not picked up by RCN/4-3 but by Wasp 6, an aerial observer who dropped down & picked them up at 1550 hrs.
082200 Mar	4-3 TOC: Situation Report Negative.
082230 Mar	4-3 TOC: Man injured by ax was French, Richard, 4/26 Engr.
082235 Mar	11th Bde TOC: Called Bde AVN and cancelled People Sniffer Mission for 9 Mar upon request from S3, 11th Bde.
082400 Mar	4-3 TOC: Situation Report Negative.
090125 Mar	6-11 Arty; RS 563758; 2400 hrs: Took Sampan under fire who returned fire from south side of river, 2400 hrs. Broke contact 0030 hrs. 1 ARVN KIA, 3 VC possible KIA 0125 hrs, no body count, will await day-break.
090204 Mar	4-3 TOC: E/1 Cav RS 453773: Had a trip flare set off. Fired 8-10 rounds M-79 w/negative results.
090400 Mar	4-3 TOC: Situation Report Negative.
090610 Mar	G2 AIR: Photo mission 4-33-03-68, 6 Mar 68 revealed a possible staging area on ridge line, RS496682 - 500683. Abandoned ARVN Type Outpost at RS378617.
090800 Mar	4-3 TOC, A/1-20, 0742 hrs, RS482725; Obs 2 men in black P.I's. When seeing US troops stepped into bunker, fired 1 M-79 rd, neg res.
090853 Mar	11th Bde IO: In order for S3 to get Aero scouts he will have to contact 14th Avn Bn directly. 123d Aero scouts work for 14th Bn and have been told to support 4-3 ele.
090940 Mar	4-3 TOC, BGN/4-3, 0925 hrs, RS454771; Found sketches or drawings of CH-47 and UH1D's in dirt. Detained 1 VC's trying to evade; Approx 40 yrs old.
091005 Mar	11th Bde IO: ARVN Unit A/3-A Inf RS560725, A/4-4, B/4-4 and C/4-4 moving from their positions.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>INCIDENTS</u>
091020 Mar	4-3 TCC, 0957 hrs, RS423743; D/4-3 called Dust Off for 2 US KIA and 1 US KIA by booby trap, FM had no flack jackets and were grouped up. Dust Off completed 1016.
091020 Mar	11th Bde LO: ARVN ele 3-4 Inf has moved an ele to RS570690. Ele is engaged with approx 15 VC.
091050 Mar	4-3 TCC, A/1-20, 1041 hrs, RS481731; Found 2 small tunnels appear to be sleeping quarters. Have destroyed.
091050 Mar	4-3 TCC; Unit locations, 1035 hrs. A/4-3 RS453773, B/4-3 RS440742, C/4-3 RS457731, D/4-3 1Z SW, BCU/4-3 RS453773, A/1-20 RS478729.
091120 Mar	4-3 TCC, C/4-3, 1050 hrs, RS448733; Found several rounds 7.62mm ammo in a bamboo canteen, also detained 3 VC women of middle age, 1 no ID. At RS455723, a plat obs 3 VCS moving South, out of range.
091139 Mar	11th Inf Bde LO: Results of contact reported earlier 1 VC CIA, by ARVN unit A/3-4 Inf.
091155 Mar	11th Bde LO: A/4-4 located at RS535735, B/4-4 RS550725, C/4-4 RS523732, A/3-4 M/C, B/3-4 RS580700. Air strike for C/4-4 is objective at RS515745.
091225 Mar	4-3 TCC, 26th Engrs, 1157 hrs, RS454777; Found booby trap in hooch, rigged under floor made from 4.2 aluminum cannister. Destroyed.
091225 Mar	4-3 TCC, Aero Scout Gunship obs 1 VC with web gear at RS460710. Called in Arty, neg res.
091225 Mar	4-3 TCC, C/4-3, 1215 hrs, RS458732; Engaged 5 VC carrying packs and gear, results, 1 VC KIA, 1 VC CIA and other 3 fled N & NE. Pursuit continuing.
091230 Mar	4-3 TCC, Unit locations: A/4-3 no change, B/4-3 no change, C/4-3(-) RS456728, A/1-20(-) RS482732.
091234 Mar	4-3 TCC, C/4-3, 1225 hrs, RS463731; Observed 5 VC with web gear, surrounded area, search continues.
091315 Mar	4-3 TCC, B/4-3, 1233 hrs, RS432764; Observed 10 personnel moving in 3 lines vic of stream. VC broke up into 2 man groups when entering into hedgerow. Still under surveillance.
091330 Mar	11th Bde LO: ARVN Unit A/4-4 RS535742, B/4-4 RS550740, C/4-4 RS520700; A/3-4 RS562732, B/3-4 RS568701. At 1600 hrs, A/2-4 will move back to base camp. 4-4 will move forward to RS510735 to act as a blocking force.

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091355 Mar	4-3 TOC, C/4-3, 1340 hrs, BS462731; Detained 1 VCS male and 2 children who were hiding in bushes. No ID. Also found 1 poncho and 8 straw hats.
091315 Mar	LATE ENTRY: 4-3 TOC, C/4-3, 1254 hrs, BS458737; 2/C/4-3 found 15 water buffalo hidden in heavy brush and tied so they wouldn't move. Request what to do with them.
091516 Mar	11th Pde TOC: Msg to 4-3 from Div CG: Try to turn them over to friendlies. If not possible, try to evac; if not, destroy.
091545 Mar	4-3 TOC, Unit locations; C/4-3(-) BS455737, A/1-20(-) BS477742, all others no change.
091550 Mar	4-3 TOC, Arty Observer spotted 10 VC, R/Btry fired on this force 1450-1535, 3 VC KIA BS465784. A/4-3 sending a sqd to check area.
091645 Mar	4-3 TOC, C/4-3, 1547 hrs, BS456724; 4-3 patrol found 300 lbs rice and complete medical kit. A/1-20 BS475735 found concealed huts, searching area.
091645 Mar	4-3 TOC, Unit locations; C/4-3 BS455737, A/1-20(-) BS474747. All others no change.
091805 Mar	Ref Item 091550. Ed 1 more VC KIA result of Arty fire.
092000 Mar	4-3 TOC: Situation Report Negative.
092140 Mar	SON TINH ADVISOR: VC have constructed an underground dispensary outside of village at BS440763.
092200 Mar	4-3 TOC: Situation Report Negative.
092219 Mar	R/4-3 TOC; BS432748: 1 VC walked into amb. Claymore detonated - results 1 VC KIA.
092400 Mar	Situation Report Negative.
100200 Mar	4-3 TOC: Situation Report Negative.
100400 Mar	4-3 TOC: Situation Report Negative.
100600 Mar	4-3 TOC: Situation Report Negative.
100850 Mar	4-3 TOC, R/4-3, 0845 hrs BS441761; Observed 4 VC evading, results, 1 VC KIA, 1 cal 30 rd CIA.
100950 Mar	4-3 TOC, C/4-3, 0945 hrs, BS449748; Hit a booby trap, results; 1 US KHA, 1 US WHA, command & control helicopter is dusting off WHA.

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101015 Mar	4-3 TCC, A/1-20, 1010 hrs, BS476767; Found 2 men in a hole. They wouldn't come out so hand grenade was thrown in. Results, 2 VC KIA.
101030 Mar	4-3 TCC Unit locations: A/4-3 BS475766 and C/4-3 BS445745.
101102 Mar	4-3 TCC: 1043 hrs, BS476767, A/1-20 detained 5 VCS, 2 male and 3 female. One states he is VC and is leading VC Troops to loc of other VC.
101108 Mar	4-3 TCC, A/1-20, Ref Item 101102. The VC states 20 NVA in green and tan uniforms equipped w/1 MC, numerous carbines and AK-47's moved across the river at 0430 hrs, vic BS472775.
101120 Mar	Ref Items 101102 and 101108; VC POW led A/1-20 to holes with 16 males and 3 females, 3 AK-47's, SMs J9280, 14678 and 51330, and 1 SKS w/folding stock SM 1869463, also 1 military radio all found inside hole.
101150 Mar	4-3 TCC, A/1-20, 1130 hrs, BS476767; Found 2 VC in hole, would not come out, results 2 VC KIA & 5 VC CIA.
101150 Mar	4-3 TCC, D/4-3, 1143 hrs, BS460841; 1 VC evading w/wpn and back, results, 1 VC KIA, 1 M-1 rifle CIA SN 267569.
101155 Mar	4-3 TCC, D/4-3, 1154 hrs, BS460841; Engaged 3 VC w/wpons, 1 appeared to have an M-16 rifle. Neg res, continuing to search.
101230 Mar	4-3 TCC Unit locations: A/4-3 BS453773, B/4-3 BS446743, C/4-3 BS449750, D/4-3 LZ SITE, A/1-20 BS475766.
101309 Mar	4-3 TCC, C/4-3, 1234 hrs, BS452753; Found hole, threw in hand grenade, result, 1 VC KIA and 2 female VC KIA, Dust Off completed at 1240 hrs.
101330 Mar	4-3 TCC, B/4-3, 1316 hrs, BS444763; Found 5 ea 2.75 rockets, 2 ea 105 rds and 1 ea 250 lb bomb. Destroyed.
101330 Mar	4-3 TCC, B/4-3, 1316 hrs, BS446764; Found tunnel complex which was possibly the hospital. Hadn't been used for quite some time.
101400 Mar	4-3 TCC, Ref Item 101150, Found 7 rds 7.62 ammo, 1 Carb mag, 2 pistol belts, 2 rubber tire sandals, 2 hats and 1 can of oil.
101520 Mar	Ref Item 100950; C/4-3 KIA was SGT E-5 WARREN G LANT, US54962851. KIA was PFC PAUL L REDDYMAN, RA14920874.
101535 Mar	11th Bde IC: The ARVN element 2nd Inf will not participate in his plans due to a prior commitment.
101400 Mar	LATE ENTRY: 4-3 TCC, A/1-20, 1400 hrs, vic BS473774; Found in tunnel, some med supplies, toilet articles, 1 flashlight, 1 pair

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101400 Mar CONT'D	rubber tire sandals; 3 radios (2 Toni and 1 Standard), 3 pens, 5 wallets, 1 canteen w/cover, 40 7.62 short, 10 M-1 ammo, 1 map for Garbina, 2 cans of milk, 35 lbs rice, misc clothing, 1 hammock and a number of misc blankets.
101605 Mar	4-3 TCC, C/4-3, 1534 hrs, BS447753; Detained 2 VC, military age males, who had worked for VC building a tunnel.
101620 Mar	4-3 TCC, Unit locations; A/4-3 BS453773, B/4-3 BS439743, C/4-3 BS454765, D/4-3 LZ SWB, PCN/4-3 BS453773, A/1-20 BS474773.
101750 Mar	4-3 TCC, C/4-3, 1650 hrs, BS449760: One US WHA, injured in head by water buffalo. Dust Off completed at 1714 hrs.
101755 Mar	4-3 TCC, A/1-20, Ref Item 101120: 12 VCS were released as innocent civilians.
102020 Mar	4-3 Unit locations; No change.
102030 Mar	4-3 Unit locations B/4-3(-) BS440732, C/4-3 BS437763.
102055 Mar	4-3 TCC, 2052 hrs, BS439725; B/4-3 observed 2 VC, took under fire, res, 2 VC KIA.
110800 Mar	4-3 Unit locations: A/4-3 BS453773, B/4-3 BS428748, C/4-3 BS445741, D/4-3 LZ SWB, A/1-20 BS474773.
110950 Mar	4-3 TCC, command & control ship 4-3, 0930 hrs, BS477877, Observed 2 Vietnamese Nationals in open. Neg action taken.
110950 Mar	4-3 TCC, A/1-20, 0943 hrs, BS458788; Found 1 M-1 rifle and 48 rds ammo SN 5673438; Also found pistol belt, poncho and hammock.
111000 Mar	4-3 TCC, Unit locations; A/4-3 BS453773, B/4-3 BS411752, C/4-3 BS415761, D/4-3 LZ SWB, PCN/4-3 BS453773, A/1-20 BS467788.
111010 Mar	4-3 TCC, PCN/4-3, 0955 hrs, BS454772; Found cache of medical supplies. Also 1 VC type sundry pack contained cigarettes, tooth paste, razor blades, pens with refills, soap, mirrors, combs, cards, etc.
111055 Mar	4-3 TCC, Unit locations; A/4-3 BS453773, B/4-3 BS4404762, C/4-3 BS421767, D/4-3 LZ SWB, A/1-20 BS464793.
111120 Mar	4-3 TCC, PCN/4-3, 1045 hrs, BS456774; Found 1000 lbs of rice in hedgerow. Will evacuate.
111200 Mar	4-3 TCC, Americal Secut. Plat, 1153 hrs, BS428828; Destroyed 2 bunkers, and reported 2 VC KIA. Had wons but they weren't recovered;

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111435 Mar	C/4-3 TOC; RS405793: Observed 4 VC (MVA) with weapons wearing khaki uniforms. Called in Arty.
111535 Mar	A/1-20; 4-3 TOC; RS460789: Found tunnel containing 1 blanket, 1 mess kit, 3 hammocks, 3 ponchos, 1 khaki uniform and 2 black P's.
111645 Mar	S-3 Rde: Requested DTCO for an AO extension from 120600-121800 hrs Mar 68. Coord RS380800, RS380840, RS460840 and RS490800.
111650 Mar	S-3, 4-3; RS405772: Helicopter #203 from 174th went down, 1 per casualties, reason unknown at this time.
111930 Mar	A/1-20; 1530 hrs, RS461792: Det. 1 VCS evading.
111955 Mar	S-3, 4-3; W. TROOP; RS453767: Observed 5 VC on South side of river, entered water trying to swim to North side. Engaged, results, 2 VC KIA, other 3 evaded back to South.
112000 Mar	4-3 TOC: Situation Report Negative.
112020 Mar	4-3 TOC: Observed from RS633447, light went out as aircraft went over RS618401-622490.
112020 Mar	4-3 TOC: Unit Locations; A/1-20 RS454796, B & C/4-3 RS408772.
112120 Mar	Ref Item 111645; DTCO: AO Extension approved RS380800-380840-460840-490800.
112200 Mar	4-3 TOC: Situation Report Negative.
112400 Mar	4-3 TOC: Situation Report Negative.
120200 Mar	4-3 TOC: Situation Report Negative.
120400 Mar	4-3 TOC: Situation Report Negative.
120600 Mar	4-3 TOC: Situation Report Negative.
120830 Mar	4-3 TOC, B/4-3, 0748 hrs, RS402773: Found booby trapped 60mm mortar rd covered with plastic. Rigged to go off when plastic was removed. Was destroyed in place.
121125 Mar	ARTY QUARTER MCAI, Aero Scout Gunship was hit by 50 cal causing power failure, 1 VC MVA with leg wound. Request we have 174th Avn send maintenance ship up to rig gunship for extraction.
121300 Mar	4-3 TOC Unit Locations; A/4-3 RS453773, B/4-3 RS410790, C/4-3 RS410780, D/4-3 LZ SITE, RCN/4-3 RS453773, A/1-20 RS464796.

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121630 Mar	4-3 TCC, A/1-20, 1615 hrs, BS478811; VC prisoner thinks VC base camp to be vic BS478811. Will check out that area.
121630 Mar	4-3 TCC, A/1-20, 1618 hrs, BS461803; Made contact with 3 VC with weapons. Relieve they wounded one. Are checking it out.
121633 Mar	4-3 TCC, A/1-20, 1549 hrs, BS448802; Observed 2 VC in green uniforms, moving into that area.
121900 Mar	4-3 TCC, Overnight locations: A/1-20 BS455795, A/4-3 BS453773, B/4-3 BS455795, C/4-3 BS455796, D/4-3 12 SHF.
121950 Mar	4-3 TCC, BCR 4-3, 1930 hrs, BS465763; Observed 40 VC with weapons moving toward BS465763. VC taken under Arty fire. Have obs at least 9 VC KIA.
122030 Mar	4-3 TCC, Unit locations: A/4-3 No change, B/4-3 BS458795, C/4-3 BS456798, A/1-20 BS454792.
122200 Mar	4-3 TCC, Situation Report Negative.
122255 Mar	4-3 TCC, BS464773; Forward TCC area receiving mortar fire or rocket fire from BS465764, 15 rds, 2245 hrs.
122325 Mar	4-3 TCC, A/4-3, BS461261; Observed 15 VC in open, fired Arty, results unknown.
122345 Mar	4-3 TCC, BS465764 rec'd 1 rds 82mm. 1 US MIA(M), slight concussion, dusted off 0050 hrs.
122400 Mar	4-3 TCC, Situation Report Negative.
130200 Mar	4-3 TCC: Situation Report Negative.
130400 Mar	4-3 TCC: Situation Report Negative.
130600 Mar	4-3 TCC: Situation Report Negative.
130800 Mar	11th Pde FAC; 0740 hrs, BS501505; Rec'd approx 15 rds AAA fire. Also spotted cooking smoke at BS501473 and BS503469.
130810 Mar	11th Pde FAC; 0800 hrs, BS460767; Rec'd 1 rd sniper fire.
130900 Mar	4-3 TCC, 4-3 CC, BS455744 flew over where Arty was fired. Neg bodies sighted; however 10 fresh graves were spotted. BCR 4-3 is moving toward this location.
130945 Mar	4-3 TCC, BCR 4-3, 0932 hrs, BS452758; Detained 3 VCS found in a hut. 2 in late thirtys and 1 50 to 55 yrs old. No IDs.

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131015 Mar	4-3 TCC, Unit locations; A/4-3 BS453773, D/4-3 BS461806, C/4-3 BS455797, D/4-3 LZ SITE and A/1-20 BS446770.
131030 Mar	4-3 TCC, AMERICAN SCOUT, 1000 hrs, BS526869: 1 VC CIA, was evading, spotted 5 others evading. Found freshly dug bunkers and spider holes.
131045 Mar	4-3 TCC, RCN/4-3, 1042 hrs, BS458750: Found 5 freshly dug graves. 1 body of VC in one grave. Apparently killed by UP. Also found 3 tunnels, will dig up rest of graves.
131150 Mar	4-3 TCC, Unit locations; A/4-3 BS453773, D/4-3 BS472808, C/4-3 BS457793, D/4-3 LZ SITE, RCN/4-3 BS453773, A/1-20 BS465797.
131430 Mar	4-3 TCC, RCN/4-3, 1230 hrs, BS468764: Found imprint of mortar base plate.
131535 Mar	4-3 TCC, D/4-3, 1501 hrs, BS485014: Found 1 60 mm mortar rd, 1 105mm rd and a tunnel, all destroyed.
131945 Mar	4-3, S3: Unit locations: Co A BS453773, Co B BS485814, Co C BS486795, Co D LZ SITE, RCN BS453773, Co A/1-20 BS485806.
132000 Mar	4-3 TCC: Situation Report Negative.
132200 Mar	4-3 TCC: Situation Report Negative.
132400 Mar	4-3 TCC: Situation Report Negative.
140200 Mar	4-3 TCC: Situation Report Negative.
140212 Mar	11th Bde LO: 2nd ABVN Div: Load clearance granted to use 18th BR from 0730-1600 hrs 14 Mar. Using unit is required to provide own mine sweep. Friendly units will be operating to the east, no radio contact. Using units can return any fire received.
140400 Mar	4-3 TCC: Situation Report Negative.
140600 Mar	4-3 TCC: Situation Report Negative.
141015 Mar	4-3 TCC, 1000 hrs, BS453773: When hooks come into forward base they are receiving a few rds of mortar fire. Aerial scouts have been called and RCN plat is checking out the area. Neg casualties and neg damage.
141104 Mar	A/1-20, lift to Quang Ngai Airfield. 1st lift PU 0725, LZ time 0940. 2nd lift PU time 0947, LZ time 0955. 3rd lift PU time 1006, LZ time 1012. 4th lift PU time 1039, LZ time 1047. 5th lift PU time 1054, LZ time 1100. Lift complete.

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141105 Mar	4-3 TCC, B/4-3 move to LZ HPTIGHT: 1st lift PU time 0725, LZ time 0739; 2nd lift PU time 0750, LZ time 0803. 3rd lift PU time 0816, LZ time 0830. 4th lift PU time 0808, LZ time 0925. Lift complete.
141205 Mar	4-3 TCC, 1205 hrs, BS441768; 1 UH1D went down, mechanical failure. No one hurt, ship in good shape. Element Co A will secure.
141215 Mar	4-3 TCC, BGN/4-3, closed OP GEOPCE at 1147 hrs.
141600 Mar	4-3 TCC, Move of A/4-3 to LZ DOTTIE and LZ HPTIGHT, (1 Plat): 1st lift PZ time 1404, TD time 1418. 2nd lift PZ time 1432, TD time 1445. 3rd lift PZ time 1500, TD time 1519. 4th lift PZ time 1530, TD time 1535. 5th lift PZ time 1545, TD time 1555. A/6-11 Arty complete at 1605 hrs.

c. Structures:

Base Camps Destroyed

Regt Size	2
Bn Size	31
Co Size	48
	81

Surgical Hospitals	3
POW Camps	2
Foxholes	278
Huts	1359
Bunkers	257
Trenchline	1040 Meters

Uniforms

Black Pajamas	592
Green	123
Khaki	137
Gray	61
Nurses	50
Rain Suit	1
	<u>964</u>

(2) Destroyed:Food:

Rice	121 Tons
Salt	1 Ton
Sugar	1 Pound

Commo Equipment:

Commo Wire	5.5 Miles
Radio Tubes	10
PRC-25 Batteries	12
RA-30 Batteries	47

Military Equipment:

Packs	170
Helmets	17
Pistol Belts	49
Ammunition Pouches	16
Ammunition Belts	12
Ammunition Magazines	67

Canteens	17
Canteen Cups	13
Canteen Covers	12
Mess Kits	22
Entrenching Tools	23
Gas Masks	6
Ponchos	15

Miscellaneous:

Grenades	83
82MM Bore Brush	1
M-14 Bolt	1
Mines	2
Bear Traps	1
Explosives	510 Pounds
Trip Wire	75 Feet
Wire for Claymore	100 Feet
Plows	1
Shovel Blades	44
Engineer Stakes	250
Leg Chains	1 Set
Stoves	6
Gas	50 Gallons
Charcoal	300 Pounds

Cooking Pots	32
Water Cans	3
Sampans	109
Canoes	3
Fishing Poles	5
Blankets	10
Concertina Wire	1 Roll
Hammocks	34
Hats, Bush	22
Smoking Jackets	2
Barber Clippers	1
Cigarette Lighters	2
Cotton	1 Box
Feed Bags	11

Documents 4000 pounds

Small Arms Rounds

AK-47	10,507
30 Cal	4,580
K-44	4,060
7.62 (link)	3,000
5.56	1,118
51 Cal	400
	<u>23,665</u>

Medical Supplies

Medicine	578 Assorted Containers
First Aid Dressings	254
Plasma	28 Bottles
Surgical Masks	8
Medical Gauze	75 pounds
Instruments	

Commo Equipment

Transistor Radios	4
Panasonic AM Radios	2
Amplifier	1
Antenna Base for PRC-25	1
TA 312 Telephones	3
Radio Power Packs	2

Material

Gray Cloth	550 Yards
Cheese Cloth	400 Yards
Black Cotton	140 Yards
Black Linen	75 Yards
Green Plastic	75 Yards
	<u>1240 Yards</u>

Sewing Machines

Singer	3
Mitsubishi	<u>4</u>
	7

Miscellaneous

Binoculars (Czech)	2
Periscope (German)	1
Flashlights	5
Typewriters	2
60MM Mortar Bipod	1
Spears	11
Long Bows	1
M-16 Cleaning Kits	3
Holsters	2
Vises	2
Air Pumps	2
Grease	35 Gallons
Oil	5 Gallons
Towels	13 Bundles
Shirts	43
NVA Flags	7
VC Flags	2
Russian Flags	1
NVA Banners	2

RESULTS OF OPERATION VERNON LAKE II

2 November 1968 - 28 February 1969

1. Enemy Losses

a. Personnel

NVA/VC KIA	143/313
NVA/VC PW	4/7
NVA/VC HOI CHANH	3/0
CD	18

b. Equipment

Weapons

Individual: 139

AK-47	36	Pistol	4
K-44	28	CHICOM MG, Type 56	3
SRS	21	Crossbow	3
Sub Machinegun	16	12 Gauge Shotgun	2
US Carbine	9	M-16 Rifle	2
MAS 36	6	German Rifle	1
M-1 Rifle	6	LAW	1
		BAR	1

Crew Served: 3

B-41 Rocket Launcher	2	RPD	1
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Ammunition

Recoilless Rifle Rounds

75MM	17
57MM	115
3.5 inch	3
	<u>135</u>

Rocket Rounds

B-41	43
B-40	197
	<u>240</u>

Mortar Rounds

82MM	824
81MM	19
60MM	410
	<u>1253</u>

Bicycles and Parts

Bicycles	76
Bicycle Frames	15
Tires	230
Inner Tubes	530
Handlebars	100
Sprockets and Pedals	2 Bags
Reflectors	2

ANNEX B (Execution)

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observed garden spot and possible hootch at BS422595. The 4.2 was called in. They made assessment of quad 50 fire on BS636648 and confirmed 5 KIA with packs visible. They confirmed 2 NVA KIA at BS422595 as a result of 4.2 fire. A-4-21 Secured LZ AMY.

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3-1 Inf: A Co OPCON to 4-21. B & C Co OPCON to 1-20 Inf. D Co on LZ CORK. Negative enemy activity was reported. RCN is on RADAR HILL, and they reported no enemy activity. The C-C Ship confirmed 5 KIA at BS393602 and 3 KIA at BS498-595 all of which had no weapons or packs. It was reported that there are 3 Bns of VC at Grids BS561630, BS594639, and BS58552. A-4-21 Inf Secured LZ AMY.

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3-1 Inf: Request to Division for termination of Operation VERNON LAKE II.

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ANNEX B (Description)

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3-1 Inf: A Co moved to BS461517. They reported 1 KIA at BS465511 and 2 KIAs at BS469509. No weapons or packs were recovered. B and C Co OFCON to 1-20 Inf. D Co is on LZ CORK. RCN from RADAR HILL reported a ground attack and S/A fire. About 10 VC penetrated the perimeter throwing Chicom grenades. The attack consisted of about 20-30 VC all around the perimeter. There were 5 NHA's as a result. RCN reported 2 VC in a bunker that were throwing grenades. The bunker was destroyed. A blood trail was reported leading from a bunker down to the wire. At 0027 in the morning incoming mortar rounds were reported (about 16) which resulted in 6 more NHA's. A starlight scope was destroyed, 1 M-60 machine gun destroyed, 1 M-79 missing there was damage to the G/M Radar, 60mm mortar attack and 82mm mortar attacks. SA THANH received 10 rounds of mortars. The C-C Ship reported AX-67 fire at BS489-604 killing about 5 hits resulting in 3 NHA's. A-4-21 Secured LZ AMY.

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3-1 Inf: A Co remained at BS461517. A Co reported 1 KIA at BS464517, 2 KIAs at BS461518 and 2 KIAs at BS469519. No weapons or packs were recovered. B, C Cos OFCON to 1-20 Inf. D Co remained on LZ CORK. RCN is on RADAR HILL. The C-C Ship reported a NVA flag flying at BS467776. 2 KIA were seen at BS461606. They reported an incoming rocket at QUANG ANH when they stopped to refuel. NGHIA HANH reported 1 round BPG or recoilless resulting in 1 US KIA. A-4-21 Secured LZ AMY.

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A Co moved to BS487604. They reported 3 Male KIA at BS473523. They moved on LZ AMY receiving sniper fire. They CA'd to BS487605. B Co & C Co remain OFCON to 1-20 Inf. D Co is on LZ CORK. They reported no enemy activity. RCN remained on RADAR HILL. The C-C Ship received A/H fire at BS5562 and was hit 6 times and went down at LZ Snoopy. A-4-21 Secured LZ AMY.

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3-1 Inf: A Co stayed at their MIP at BS487604 having no enemy contact. B & C Co remain OFCON to 1-20 Inf. D Co remained on LZ CORK reporting no enemy activity. RCN reported spotting 2 or 3 VC running down the west side of hill and called a direct fire mission. They also spotted 3 VC on the SW side of the hill. They reported 4 VC 1 tripped a flare and then received 4-5 grenades 3 or 4 single rounds S/A 2 REG rounds and 2 NHA. The C-C Ship reported 2 KIA at BS46652. NGHIA HANH reported 24 rounds of 82mm with negative casualties. A-4-21 Secured LZ AMY.

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3-1 Inf: A Co OFCON to 4-21. B & C Co OFCON to 1-20 Inf. D Co remained on LZ CORK. They sent patrols off the hill with no enemy contact. The C-C Ship

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G-C ship brought in 1 VC from BS466021. An explosion went off in front of bunker #9 on LZ CORK. It was not a friendly explosion. They observed what looked like an ammo box in the air. A-4-21 Secured LZ AMX.

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3-1 Inf: A Co remained at BS462933. They sent out patrols which observed a 6 man carrying party at BS457540 which they engaged killing two. At BS463530 A Co found 2 radios, 1 AK 40, 1 French Carbine. The hut is thought to be an old rice cache. B Co remained on LZ CORK. C Co ORCON to 1-20 Inf. D Co moved to LZ CORK. The LRRP's spotted 10 VC in the open with packs, weapons, and wearing black pjs at BS437648. They were moving North. The LRRP's spotted 4 NVA along a trail at BS435648 and 4 along a trail moving South at BS436657. At BS434652 they reported seeing 4 VC with heavy packs. Artillery was called in resulting in 2 KIA's. The LRRP's also spotted 2 VC with weapons at BS434652. The G-C ship reported 2 KIA's by A-4 at BS355660. A-4-21 Secured LZ AMX.

20 FEB 69

3-1 Inf: A Co moved to BS454574 reporting 1 KIA in black pjs. B Co moved to BS446633. B Co reported no enemy contact. C Co ORCON to 1-20 Inf. D Co remains on LZ CORK. RON on BAKER HILL reported no enemy activity. A-4-21 Secured LZ AMX.

21 FEB 69

3-1 Inf: A Co moved to BS462523. A Co reported negative enemy activity. B Co moved to BS467674 with no enemy contact. C Co ORCON to 1-20 Inf. D Co on LZ CORK. and RON on BAKER HILL. RON found a pile of Bo Chi Minh sandals in a crater near their perimeter. The LRRP's made heavy contact at BS461563 and called for immediate extraction. The LRRP's reported 3 KIA's in a group of 40 NVA. Helio reports being fired at BS461563 knocking out instruments and forcing them to land at BA TDAH. They observed 2 KIA's from the previous day's action. A-4-21 Secured LZ AMX.

22 FEB 69

3-1 Inf: A Co moved to BS455520. A Co reported 1 KIA at BS449520, 2 NVA's at BS461512, and 1 KIA crawling at BS455523. No weapons or documents were recovered. They observed 3 VC wearing black pjs crawling south at BS45520 in which they engaged resulting in 1 VC KIA. B Co moved to BS467617. They reported no enemy activity during the day. C Co ORCON to 1-20 Inf. D Co remains on LZ CORK. One of their patrols picked up 2 men wearing black pjs. at BS432616. RON remained on LZ CORK. They reported no enemy activity. D Co CA to DNB LRP ORCON to 1-20 Inf. A-4-21 Secured LZ AMX.

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3-1 Inf: A Co moved to BS465541. They reported negative contact. F Co is on LZ CORN. C Co is at LZ BRONCO OFCON to 1-20 Inf. D Co moved to BS467643. They located a base camp and huts at BS469641. They had negative enemy contact. RCN is on RADAR HILL. They sent elements out during the day. They observed 3 VC evading at BS455597 with negative results. They obtained 2 VC at BS464606 and received 5-6 rounds from a carbine. The Aztec Scouts received heavy A/W fire at BS339555 with negative results. Helix reported destroying 3 huts at BS339555 with negative results. Helix reported destroying 3 huts at BS339555.

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3-1 Inf: A Co moved to BS464562. They reported 3 KIA at BS431549 and 1 KIA at BS450559. B Co is on LZ CORN. C Co OFCON to 1-20 Inf. D Co moved to BS467645. They reported no enemy contact. RCN remained on RADAR HILL sending out elements during the day. They also had no enemy contact. The C-C Ship reported seeing 3 VC bodies. LZ CORN reported a small copper element trying to get through the wire. A-4-21 Secured LZ AMY and LZ CEDER MOUNTAIN.

16 FEB 69

3-1 Inf: A Co remained at BS464562. They sent patrols out during the day. They located 6 hootches unoccupied at BS457564 which were 20-30 days old. They spotted 1 VC evading at BS457564 which resulted in 1 VC KIA. B Co remained on LZ CORN. C Co is at LZ BRONCO OFCON to 1-20 Inf. D Co moved to BS466639. They observed 1 NVA evading at BS463640 resulting in 1 VC KIA. The C-C Ship reported 3 KIA at BS338505. A-4-21 Secured LZ AMY and LZ CEDER MOUNTAIN. RCN Plt shifted from LZ CEDER MOUNTAIN to LZ BRONCO.

17 FEB 69

3-1 Inf: A Co moved to BS473553. They engaged 2 VC at BS468366 resulting in 2 VC KIA. They recovered 1 M-1 Carbine, extra clothes, documents, food \$100.00 NVA, pistol belt, poncho, and canteen. B Co is on LZ CORN. They sent out 17 men defensive patrol finding a fresh fire where 20-30 people had just moved out at BS466582. They found 1 fresh grave 14 hrs old containing 1 male killed by fire and 2 fish traps at BS458598. They found a base camp with 2 huts which haven't been used for about 2-3 months. It had been bombed. They also spotted 2 VC at BS462600. They reported negative contact with the enemy. RCN remains on RADAR HILL with no enemy activity to report. The C-C Ship reported capturing 1 NVA at BS48365. He was digging a grave but ran when the ship appeared. He was taken to DUC PCO. A-4-21 Secured LZ AMY.

18 FEB 69

3-1 Inf: A Co moved to BS462533. A Co reported 2 VC KIA's at BS466337. They were shorts and dark shirts. B Co remained on LZ CORN sending out a patrol with no results. C Co OFCON to 1-20 Inf. D Co moved to BS465627 with a trigger at BS455626. B Co found an old hut containing 15 rounds of 7.62 mm rounds, 2 full cases containing 6 rounds each (Chicago Type) at BS455628. They reported no enemy contact. RCN remained on RADAR HILL. RCN reported 1 VC Bu and 1 VC Snapper Co at BS455625. The C-C Ship reported 5 KIA at BS339555. The

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D Co moved to BS467697. They engaged the enemy at BS457708 resulting in 2 KIA and 2 HEA's-US. RCN remained on RADAR HILL. D-4-21 Secured LZ AMY.

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3-1 Inf: A Co had no enemy contact moving to BS462534. B Co is on LZ CORX and C Co is OPCCN to 1-20 Inf. D Co moved to BS467697. They reported negative contact with the enemy. RCN remained on RADAR HILL reporting no enemy contact. D-4-21 Secured LZ AMY.

11 FEB 69

4-21 Inf: Conducted air move from BA THARN to VERNON LAKE II AO. A Co secured LZ AMY. D Co air moved to LZ CEDAR MOUNTAIN and conducted a RCN in force to the West. C Co conducted a RCN in force to the South of LZ CEDAR MOUNTAIN. B Co secured LZ CEDAR MOUNTAIN.

3-1 Inf: A Co moved from their position at BS462534 to their MLP at BS466546. They had negative contact with the enemy. B Co remains on LZ CORX while C Co is at LZ BRONCO. D Co moved to BS463696. They engaged 1 VC resulting in 1 KIA at BS463697. They recovered 1 M-1 Carbine, one pistol, belt, documents and letters. RCN is on RADAR HILL. The C-C Ship received S/A fire at BS495506. The Aero Scouts destroyed 14 sampans at BS49749 and reported 3 VCS evading at BS509749.

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4-21 Inf: No significant activities no contact. Conduct observation patrols.

3-1 Inf: A Co moved to BS462533. They reported no contact with the enemy. B Co is on LZ CORX while C Co is at LZ BRONCO OPCCN to 1-20 Inf. D Co moved to BS468546. D Co found two huts, 120mm casing, 1 M-1 shell and engaged an unknown force resulting in 2 HEA's. At BS472647 they found documents and burned 2 huts and exploded a booby trap. RCN remained on RADAR HILL.

13 FEB 69

4-21 Inf: At 1015 hrs C Co discovered 1 VC killed by Artillery. B continued saturation patrols and Recon in force.

3-2 Inf: A Co remained at BS462533 and sent patrols out during the day. They had no enemy contact. B Co remains on LZ CORX, and C Co is at LZ BRONCO OPCCN to 1-20 Inf. D Co at their MLP had no contact during the day. RCN remained on RADAR HILL.

14 FEB 69

4-21 Inf: B, C & D Co's airlifted from VERNON LAKE II AO to DUC PHU AO. A Co OPCCN to 3-1 Inf and continued security of LZ AMY. RCN secured LZ CEDAR MOUNTAIN.

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hrs; completed at 1635 hrs. The 4-21 Inf operated outside the VERNON LAKE II AO. Control of VERNON LAKE II (South) was turned over to 3-1 Inf and the company remaining on LZ AMY was OFCON to 3-1 Inf.

3-1 Inf: A Co at LZ CORK. B Co moved from BS576625 to their NLP BS572627. They had no contact. C Co moved from BS573633 to their NLP BS574632. They reported 1 NVA KIA at BS572630. D Co moved from BS575645 to NLP BS568641. They found 100 rds M-16 wrapped in banana leaves at BS570635. RCN remained on LZ CORK. LZ CORK reported incoming mortars (20-30 rds). There were grenade explosions and satchel charges. Three grenades were thrown at the door of TOC. Artillery and mortar fire. Attack resulted in 3 US KIA and 15 US WIA. Approx 7-10 Saigona made the penetration.

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3-1 Inf: A Co on LZ CORK. B Co remained at BS572627 with no enemy contact. C Co moved to BS573632. They picked up 1 Man no ID Card and turned him into NSHIA SAMH MACV District Hq for questioning by National Police. They had no enemy contact except picking this man up at BS582626. D Co moved to BS567643 having no enemy contact. RCN remained on LZ CORK. TOC reported four sporadic incoming fire from direction South and East. D-4-21 Secured LZ AMY.

20 JAN 69

3-1 Inf: A Co is on LZ CORK. B Co moved to BS567605. They had no enemy contact. C Co moved to BS554606 finding 1 60mm rd with no fuze, Chinese type, 1 ruck sack and empty fish cans at BS571628. They had no contact with the enemy. D Co moved to BS532641 having no enemy contact. RCN is on LZ CORK. The Aero Scouts reported fresh fighting positions at BS525-626 and BS511623. TOC reported and incoming round type unk. 3 WIA and 1 KIA was the results. B-4-21 Secured LZ AMY.

21 JAN 69

3-1 Inf: A Co on LZ CORK. B Co was placed OFCON to 4-21 Inf. No enemy contact was reported. C Co was placed OFCON to 4-21 no enemy contact was reported. D Co moved to LZ CORK. RCN remained on LZ CORK. C-C ship reported 6 VC KIA for the day. D-4-21 Secured LZ AMY.

22 JAN 69

3-1 Inf: A Co remains on LZ CORK while B and C Co are OFCON to 4-21 Inf. B Co left LZ CORK and moved to BS451598 spotting 2 VC at BS450608. A helmet was found at BS450606. RCN left LZ CORK and moved to BS443624 having no enemy contact. C-C Ship reported 2 KIA's for the day. The Aero Scouts found bunkers at BS423623. D-4-21 Secured LZ AMY.

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3-1 Inf: A Co on LZ CORK while B and C Co are OPCON to 4-21 Inf. D Co moved to BS47597. They found a base camp on size at BS435592. D Co found four living quarters at BS435590. BGN did not leave their NLP but spotted 2 VCS at BS435595. C-C Ship received S/A fire at BS454742 resulting in 3 KIA's. C-C Ship then reported 5 KIA's later that day. The shore reported 1 VC KIA. At BS462306 B-4-21 found 2 NVA sock socks, 50 rds AK 47, 2 RPC. B Co also found 1 AK 47 part of 60mm mortar, an OP manual for a machine gun, Chicago 60mm and entrenching tool. B Co also found 1 KIA NVA with belt and 3 BRAX at BS465802. B-4-21 Secured LZ AMY.

24 JAN 69

3-1 Inf: A Co on LZ CORK. B & C Co OPCON to 4-21. D Co moved to BS480591. D Co reported 5 VC moving at BS436625 resulting in 1 NVA KIA. A belt pack papers and a helmet were recovered. 2 VCS were spotted at BS436652. BGN did not leave from their NLP at BS463624. BGN spotted 50 VCS believed to be a moving party at BS462637. The C-C Ship reported 3 KIA's for the day. C Co 4-21 reported 1 KIA at BS469800 and B 4-21 reported 2 KIA's at BS464700 and BS469799. B-4-21 Secured LZ AMY.

25 JAN 69

3-1 Inf: A Co on LZ CORK. B & C Co OPCON to 4-21 Inf. D Co moved to BS436640. D Co reported incoming rounds of 82mm or 105mm hitting 200-300 meters from their position. BGN stayed at their NLP. BGN spotted 2 VCS taking a back-sitting up a trail and 3 more carrying a cube at BS436647. The C-C Ship reported 1 VC KIA for the day. B-4-21 Secured LZ AMY.

26 JAN 69

3-1 Inf: A Co remains on LZ CORK. B & C Co remain OPCON to 4-21 Inf. D Co moved from NLP to LZ CORK. D Co reported 2 VC carrying rice at BS436640. They were engaged resulting in 1 VC KIA. At BS436643 D Co engaged and killed 4 of 6 NVA. They had packs weapons uniforms and documents. The C-C Ship reported 1 KIA and uncovered 2 anti-aircraft weapons and fighting positions at BS462602. A 4-21 reported 2 VC KIA and 1 NVA at BS463766. B 4-21 reported 3 KIA and 1 KIA at BS469800. C-3-1 reported 1 VC KIA at BS466776. BGN remained at BS463726 seeing 3 VCS at BS437635. B-4-21 Secured LZ AMY.

27 JAN 69

3-1 Inf: A Co on LZ CORK. B & C Co OPCON to 4-21 Inf. B Co moved to BS431631. A duffelbag clothes and a camera were found at BS437633 by D Co. BGN remained at their NLP sending out patrols during the day. At BS465451 BGN spotted 10-15 VCS and 10 VCS at BS462645. The C-C Ship reported 0 KIA's during the day. C-3-1 reported 2 KIA's. B-4-21 Secured LZ AMY.

28 JAN 69

3-1 Inf: A Co on LZ CORK. B & C Co OPCON to 4-21 Inf. D Co moved to BS435647 engaging 2 NVA at BS433640 resulting in 1 NVA KIA. 1 AK 47 documents 1 Chicago grenade 1 AK 47 bayonet, 1 NVA belt and a pouch of salt were found. BGN did no change their NLP at BS443624 and reported negative enemy contact.

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The C-C Ship reported 4 KIA's for the day. D-4-21 Secured LZ AMT.

29 JAN 69

3-1 Inf: A Co remains on LZ CORK. B & C Co remain OFCOM to 4-21 Inf. D Co moved to BS409628. They engaged 1 VC with weapons at BS416620 with negative results. RCN from their HLP spotted 6 VCS moving North East at BS413667. The LRRP's were moved into BS393697 and sighted 10 VC in the open moving in a North East direction. The LRRP's moved to BS413667. The Aero Scouts picked up 1 MAN at BS303652 and brought him to LZ CORK. D-4-21 Secured LZ AMT.

30 JAN 69

3-1 Inf: A Co on LZ CORK. B & C Co OFCOM to 4-21 Inf. D Co moved to BS412644. They had no contact with the enemy. RCN moved from BS403624 to LZ CORK with no contact. D-4-21 Secured LZ AMT.

31 JAN 69

3-1 Inf: A Co remains on LZ CORK. B & C Co remain OFCOM to 4-21 Inf. D Co moved to BS390650 having negative contact with the enemy. RCN left LZ CORK and moved to BS455615 for their HLP. They had negative contact with the enemy. D-4-21 Secured LZ AMT.

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3-1 Inf: A Co on LZ CORK. B & C Co remain OFCOM to 4-21 Inf. D Co moved to BS391605 and received S/A fire at BS394611. RCN moving to BS449626 reported no enemy contact. The C-C Ship at BS432724 reported gunships on old piling up a rice cache. They were unable to follow through. C-C Ship reported 5 KIA's for the day. D-4-21 Inf Secured LZ AMT.

2 FEB 69

3-1 Inf: D Co betrayed HLP at BS394605 and NS375549 with a Xology at BS374-580 captured one VCS with wife children and a doctor etc. D Co at BS373592 received sniper fire. With help from the C-C ship the enemy was engaged resulting in 5 KIA's. The C-C Ship engaged a carrying party of 4 at BS419-670 and reported 2 VC KIA. D-4-21 Secured LZ AMT.

3 FEB 69

3-1 Inf: A Co moved from LZ CORK to BS453602 with negative enemy contact. B Co returned to LZ CORK from 4-21 while C Co remained OFCOM to 4-21. D Co moved to BS436647 setting up their HLP. They have a Xology at BS413666. They had no enemy contact. RCN moved to BS413654 reporting 1 KIA with no corpse or pack but having rice and cooking black rice. This was at BS413640. D-4-21 Secured LZ AMT.

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3-1 Inf: A Co moved to BS457597. A Co reported 2 VC KIA at BS453598. B Co remains on LZ CORK while C Co is OPCOM to 4-21 Inf. D Co left their MLP and moved to BS440691. 2 VC KIA's were reported at BS438670 and 4 KIA's at BS447667 by D Co. D Co also reported 2 VC KIA's at BS460692. They were negative weapons or documents recovered. RCN moved from BS425654 to a MLP at BS436330. 1 VC KIA was reported at BS429656 and 2 VC KIA's at BS459398 by ECR. RCN also reported 1 VC KIA at BS440642. D-4-21 Inf Secured LZ AMT.

5 FEB 69

3-1 Inf: A Co moved to BS473603 having negative contact with the enemy. B Co remained on LZ CORK and C Co remained OPCOM to 4-21 Inf. D Co left their position and set up a MLP at BS464675. D Co reported having contact with 2 VC at BS453686 with negative results. D Co reported 2 VC KIA's at BS454-683 and also found a base camp at BS459678. RCN moved to BS427658. RCN reported 2 VC KIA's at BS436648. The C-C Ship reported 4 VC KIA's for the day. D-4-21 Inf Secured LZ AMT.

6 FEB 69

3-1 Inf: A Co moved to BS475606. They reported no enemy contact. B Co is on LZ CORK and C Co is OPCOM to 4-21. D Co moved to BS484684. D Co has a EWAGNY at BS472605. D Co engaged 3 VC at BS472605 resulting in 2 KIA's. D Co found a base camp at BS471687 and reported 12-12 VC at BS480715. RCN moved to BS425672 having no enemy contact during the day. The C-C Ship reported 1 VC KIA for the day. D-4-21 Inf Secured LZ AMT.

7 FEB 69

3-1 Inf: A Co moved to BS478615. No contact was made by A Co. B Co is on LZ CORK and C Co is OPCOM to 1-20 Inf. D Co moved to BS494684. D Co reported 1 VC KIA at BS478690. RCN moved to BAYAR HILL observing no enemy contact during the day. D-4-21 Secured LZ AMT.

8 FEB 69

3-1 Inf: A Co moved to BS497618. Negative contact was reported. B Co remained on LZ CORK. And C Co remained OPCOM to 1-20 Inf. D Co moved to BS477689 and had no contact with the enemy. RCN is on BAYAR HILL. The C-C Ship reported 2 KIA's for the day. D-4-21 Secured LZ AMT.

9 FEB 69

3-1 Inf: A Co moved to BS494664. They had no enemy contact, but set off a baby trap which resulted in 2 KIA's. B Co is on LZ CORK. C Co is OPCOM to 1-20 Inf.

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from BS572627 resulting in 1 KIA. They had heavy contact at BS572627 and requested gunships. They suffered 4 KIA and 3 WBA-US. C Co moved from BS 547639 to BS540659 capturing one NVA at BS543630 and getting one KIA at BS 572627. D Co moved from BS567641 to BS567642 reporting 2 KIA, and 3 WBA. RCN is on LZ CORK.

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4-21 Inf: D Co continued security missions. Units in field worked in same areas of operation. A Co at BS438477 engaged one NVA with weapon resulting in one NVA KIA and 1 AK47 CIA. B Co reported negative findings. C Co at BS617520 destroyed one hootch and at BS429524 they engaged and killed one VC. RCN at BS403493 engaged one VC with weapon resulting in one VC KIA and one AK47 CIA. For VOCO 11th L.I.B. B and C Co 4/21 Inf OPCON to 3-1 Inf effective 161500 Jan 69. B Co CA from BS429429 to BS613640. C Co CA from BS424523 and BS421303 to via BS613640. Period of OPCON to 3-1 Inf two days.

3-1 Inf: A Co on LZ CORK. B Co moved from BS579616 to BS576625 and reported 1 KIA at BS572632. They found 1 each; 9mm Russian pistol. AK-47; Chicom Grounds, a barrel from M-16 at BS572625. C Co moved from BS540659 to BS573633 and set up a NLP. D Co moved from BS567642 to BS567641 capturing 1 NVA wounded at BS571628. They found a body at same location with a pistol belt and map of QUANG NGAI and documents. An M16 barrel was found in a hootch with one KIA at BS571628. An AK47 was found with 3 KIA at BS572625. RCN is at LZ CORK. Aero Scouts reported 1 KIA avoding at BS472757.

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4-21 Inf: D Co continued security missions of LZ AMY and LZ CORK OP. A Co had negative action for the day. RCN at BS423503 engaged three VC with weapons resulting in one VC KIA and 1 AK47 CIA. 4-21 Inf given warning order to be prepared for movement to LZ BUFP, via BS540825 to assume OPCON of AO. D Co will be left to provide security for LZ AMY and LZ CORK OP.

3-1 Inf: A Co on LZ CORK. B Co moved from BS576625 around their NLP with no enemy contact. C Co stayed at their NLP and had a flare tripped but had no contact. D Co also stayed at their NLP BS567641 and had no enemy contact. RCN remained on LZ CORK. The Aero Scouts captured 1 VC M42 at BS483710 and destroyed huts at BS480710 found 1 VC at BS481710 and received heavy A/W fire at BS453724.

18 JAN 69

4-21 Inf: Released OPCON of B & C Co and 4-21 Inf assumed OPCON at 0900 hrs. RCN at BS423503 engaged three VC with weapons resulting in one VC KIA and one AK 47 CIA. A Co conducted CA from BS429468 to BS521824 at 1350 hrs; Completed at 1505 hrs. RCN conducted administrative move from BS631511 to LZ BUFP at 1550

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4-21 Inf: All units continued present missions. A Co at BS453468 found five hootches, documents and one Chinese map. B2m2 mortar round; BS449468 found base camp with twenty-two hootches, three rifles hidden in false bottom of hootch. 300lbs of polished rice, twenty-five lbs of documents, fourteen belts of blue uniforms each each twenty-three yards long, one VC KIA wounded previously and miscellaneous military equipment. B Co had negative findings. C Co at BS429506 found and destroyed three newly built and recently used hootches. RCN at BS402502 found a base camp with sixteen hootches, documents and assorted small arms ammo.

3-1 Inf: A Co on LZ CORK. B Co remained at BS565607 with no contact. C Co moved from BS541650 to BS547639. They received fire at BS568655. At BS575-668 they found a portion of 122 mm rocket. D Co moved from BS549631 to NLP BS567641, reported movement at BS559633 and received fire from M-16. At BS568634 they collected one body in black pjs with ruck sack, 3 NVA uniforms, a pistol belt with 2 chicom grenades and a wallet. B Co captured the lower receiver group of an M16A1 at BS371631. RCN moved from BS432630 to BS439631 with no contact.

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4-21 Inf: D Co continued security missions at LZ AMY and LZ CORK OP. Units in the field worked in AO's. A and B Co had negative sightings for the day. C Co at BS427506 destroyed three hootches; BS426504 destroyed two hootches. BS429503 destroyed two hootches and found fresh footprints in area. BS433-512 detained a Vietnamese male who was a prisoner of the VC. RCN at BS402-502 found and destroyed three hootches and 1,000 lbs of rice.

3-1 Inf: A Co LZ CORK. B Co moved from BS565607 to BS566608 with no contact. C Co moved from BS575638 to BS547639 and they also had no contact with the enemy. D Co moved from BS574634 to BS567641 with no contact with the enemy. RCN moved from BS439631 to LZ CORK. They spotted 6 VC going. N.E. at BS427-678. Called in 4.2 mortar results unk.

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4-21 Inf: Elements work the same areas as 14 Jan 69. A Co destroyed two hootches and fifty lbs of rice and engaged two NVA with weapons resulting in one NVA KIA and 1 ARVN CRA. BS437474 discovered three NVA KIA's in shallow graves; BS438477 found an extensive base camp with twelve well built hootches spread about 100 meters apart; BS438477, a VC walked into a hootch occupied by US troops during the night resulting in one VC KIA. B Co and RCN had negative contacts or discoveries for the day. C Co at BS427502 found and destroyed fifteen hootches, 200 lbs of rice, and seventy-feet of unmanufactured wire.

3-1 Inf: A Co on LZ CORK. B Co at BS565607 to BS379616. They received A/W

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620. RCN moved from BS531657 to BS545649. B Co moved from BS490598 to BS560607. C Co moved from BS496683 to BS596696. D Co remained on LZ CORN. No enemy contact for any element for the day.

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4-21 Inf: D Co assumed security missions of LZ AMY and LZ CORN OP, at 1200 hrs. A Co moved from security missions at 1200 hrs. A Co conducted administrative move by CH-47 to replace D Co via BS494643. On order A Co moved north searching all trails and areas for enemy personnel and installations, destroying all structures and rice in the area. B Co at BS433662 had one man hit a booby trap placed under the roof of a hut B Co burned the day before; B Co evacuated to NUC F20. RCN at BS489305 found and destroyed three haystacks; BS434515 found and destroyed two haystacks.

3-1 Inf: A Co remained at BS546620 with no enemy contact. B Co moved from BS568697 to BS563607. They reported 1 VCS attempt to go through block. No other contact was made. C Co moved from BS496698 to BS520710. Shurka working for C Co killed one VC at BS520710. D Co remained on LZ CORN. RCN moved from BS545649 to BS538646 firing on one VC in the open with pack and weapon. Results unk. ZEPES were inserted at BS4674/4670/5074/5070.

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4-21 Inf: D Co continued security missions at LZ AMY and LZ CORN OP. A Co at BS463473 discovered one NVA KIA by small arms fire. B Co patrolling via BS499469, engaged three VC with weapons resulting in three VC KIA's and one: Chicom Corbino. Frog granader and miscellaneous military equipment CRA; BS499-473 engaged and killed one VC in spider hole. C Co found a trail marker, two trees tied together, and wires running along the trail at BS454628. B Co had negative contacts or discoveries.

3-1 Inf: A Co remained at their ULB. with no enemy contact. B Co moved from BS565697 to BS564697 capturing 1 VCS. C Co moved from BS542648 to NUP BS548-648 having no enemy contact. D Co remained on LZ CORN. Bravo Scouts picked up 2 VCS at BS526737. The G-C ship received small arms fire and was rescued land at BS475515, later picked up by CH-47.

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4-21 Inf: D Co continued security missions. A, B and C Co's had negative contacts or findings for the day. RCN at BS412516 found and destroyed two haystacks; BS416509 called artillery on eight VC with unknown results. B Co at BS437436 had one man killed by friendly fire when he wandered outside of night ambush perimeter.

3-1 Inf: A Co moved from BS546622 to BS545622 and administrative move to LZ CORN. B Co moved from BS564697 to BS565697 with no enemy contact. C Co left BS546648 and moved to BS546654. At BS546654 they found rice, radio (preset freq). 2 AK-47, 1 AK-47 & M-1 Corbino. B Co is on LZ CORN. RCN moved to BS416639 No contact.

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4-21 Inf: A Co continued security missions at LZ AMY and LZ CORK OP. All elements in the field continued present missions in following AO's. B Co BS433498; C Co BS472678; D Co 491443; RCN BS614508; all AO's radius of 1,500 meters. C Co at BS472683 found and destroyed base camp with seven haystacks and 120 lbs of rice. RCN at BS411499 discovered one NVA KIA. B & D Co's had negative finding for the day.

3-1 Inf: A Co moved from BS535665 to BS533657 with negative enemy contact. B Co moved from BS486691 to BS482701 with negative enemy contact. C Co moved from BS518690 to BS499683 with negative contact. D Co is on LZ CORK. RCN moved from BS524652 to NLF BS529652 with no enemy contact. LRRP Nevada inserted at BS500714 spotted two packs at BS500711.

7 JAN 69

4-21 Inf: A Co continued security missions. Elements in the field continued saturation patrolling in assigned AO's. There were negative reports of contact or discoveries for the day.

3-1 Inf: There was no enemy activity. A Co moved to BS533657. B Co moved to BS481696 with a plt ambush at BS486693. C Co is at BS504670. D Co on LZ CORK. RCN remained at BS529652.

8 JAN 69

4-21 Inf: Because of hazardous weather conditions all units were advised to restrict movement. A Co continued security missions. B Co at BS493 engaged thirty-five VC/NVA with artillery and small arms fire. A Sweep of the area found two NVA's enemy packs and blood trails leading to the South; at BS422462 found one NVA KIA. C Co at BS463473 engaged three NVA with weapons resulting in one NVA KIA. RCN at BS421503 found bridges being re-built and heard much activity in the area.

3-1 Inf: A Co moved from BS533657 to BS536656 with no enemy contact. B Co at BS481696 received A/W fire and frag or possible 60mm mortar. Results were 10 US WFA. Amount of fire; 3-4 quick bursts of A/W and 3 explosions. moved to BS480690. C Co moved from BS504670 to BS498685 with no contact. D Co remained on LZ CORK. RCN moved from BS529652 to BS533657 with no enemy contact.

9 JAN 69

4-21 Inf: A Co continued security missions. All units in the field continued combat search and sweep operations. B & C Co's and RCN plt had negative contact or findings. B Co at BS491445 sighted five VC in large area and called in artillery resulting in one VC KIA. At BS373536 Holin received three secondary explosions and fires from airstrikes.

3-1 Inf: Administrative move of A, B and RCN. A moved from BS536656 to BS546-

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1042 hrs. B Co at BS440446 found one Chicom Machinegun in a base camp area, and 200 lbs of mine stench of which a sample was taken and rest destroyed. C-C helicopter sighted two hatches at BS475423. C & D Co's and RCV Plt had negative sightings for the day. Aero Service at BS549432 engaged for 24 fifteen NVA unknown results.

3-1 Inf: A Co remained at MLP BS331657. B Co while moving from BS529648 to MLP BS502677 encountered and tripped a booby trap; results 3 US WMA, 2 minor and 1 litter. BS507673, Administrative move of C and D Co's. D Co from BS525668 to LZ CORK and C Co from LZ CORK to BS523668. RCV reported at BS525668 finding one Chicom radio, found in bunker hatch; also one satellite charge 4"X 4" approx 2 pounds. At BS526645 reported 1 VC KIA and 1 M1 rifle KIA. RCV MLP at BS523661.

4 JAN 69

4-21 Inf: All units continued present operations in same AO. Fourth platoon of C Co conducted CA from BS470505 to BS473477; C Co (-) and fourth platoon moved via different routes into base camp located at BS473487 where they found and destroyed thirteen newly built hatches. D Co engaged three VC with negative results and found and destroyed one hatch. B Co and RCV WTA had negative sighting for the day.

3-1 Inf: A Co moved from BS531657 to BS536659 with no enemy contact. B Co moved from BS502677 to BS496501 with no enemy contact. C Co while moving from BS525668 to BS521676 found an old base camp at BS523668. It was a company size probably built 5 to 9 months old, 8 hatches and two bunkers. D Co remained at LZ CORK. RCV moved from BS529641 to BS526652 with no enemy contact.

5 JAN 69

4-21 Inf: A Co continued security missions at LZ AMY and LZ CORK OP. B & C and D Co's continued present operations in assigned AO's. RCV conducted a CA into new AO via BS414508 (center of mass for 1 000 meters). Subsequent to CA, moved to enemy location via BS412506 and conducted patrol/ambush operations. via BS412506 RCV heard a rifle shot and found a trail with signs of heavy traffic. D Co at BS504655 downed one rifle VC dressed in black pajamas. B & C Co's had negative findings. Units 31 at BS523663 destroyed four structures and caused one large secondary explosion and fire; at BS536652 destroyed four structures and two bunkers damaged four structures and had one large secondary explosion.

3-1 Inf: A Co reported seeing 15-25 VC in woodland at BS539661 artillery was called in. While moving from BS536659 to BS533663 A Co reported negative enemy contact. B Co moved from BS494601 to BS494600. Reported negative enemy contact. C Co moved from BS522676 to BS520675. Reported 2 VC engaged via BS530600, 1 with M3 carbine, results 1 VC WMA. At BS515673 C Co discovered a cache; 1 Thompson SM, 1 M16 36 600 rds of M60, 500 rds of M167, 1000 rds of M16, 2 brass made grenades. D Co is on LZ CORK. RCV while moving from BS526652 reported booby trap at BS527652; TNT reflecting cap, pull type blown in position. At BS526652 RCV found base camp, with 3 huts and two wire booby traps of same type.

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4-21 Inf: A Co continued security missions of LZ AMH and LZ CORK OP. Units conducted saturation platoon size patrolling and night ambushes in the following AO's, which extend 1,500 to 2,000 meters around the coord. B Co BS434450; C Co BS465400; D Co BS490050; RGN BS490510. E Co at BS433-470 found a large hootch area being re-built and engaged two VC resulting in one VC KIA and at BS426451 found three hootches and one EVA KIA in a shallow grave. C Co and RGN had negative findings for the day. D Co at BS495437 found and destroyed three hootches and 600 lbs of rice.

3-1 Inf: A Co moved from NLP BS525649 to NLP BS522653 with negative contact. B Co remained at BS509650 with negative contact. C Co is at LZ CORK. D Co move to their NLP At BS522662. RGN reported that at BS527648 they found 25 hootches, trail leading East had bunker complex to defend trail. At BS526650 they found 25 hootches and bunkers, containing classrooms, messhall, chow cooked and left, about 2-3 days old.

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4-21 Inf: A Co continued security missions. B Co at BS440445 found a large base camp with twenty-two hootches, waps, overlays, assorted small areas, and eight individual weapons. The base camp was hastily deserted only minutes before B Co arrived. C Co sighted at least five hootches from the high ground at BS473485. D Co at BS483438 found and destroyed one hootch and 800 lbs of rice; BS482433 destroyed one hootch; BS501450 found six caves used as sleeping quarters; BS501465 found military equipment, clothing, 200 lbs of polished rice, and two camouflaged hootches. RGN had negative sightings. LERP Idaho was inserted at BS415512 at 1220 hrs, and throughout the day sighted four VCs in hootch at BS424494. LERP Montana was inserted at BS399503 at 1125 hrs, and had negative sightings.

3-1 Inf: A Co at BS527657 found a large base camp containing 1 large classroom, seats and desks for approx. 150 people, 1 large latrine, trench surrounding classroom 8-10 huts that would sleep 10-12 people, bunkers under huts that would sleep 10-12 people, medical supplies, 104 rocket hootch, 4 BAR mag, 4-60mm canisters, 200 pounds of rice, many documents, one of which appeared to be a chain of command, unable to burn huts, bunkers built into rock. Reported 1 NVA KIA at same location, bleeding in a hole, three hand frag, no win or doc. In green uniform A Co had 1 US WIA. B Co moving from BS505660 to BS504665 reported finding small base camp at BS508662. Total of 4 huts destroyed; also found 3-82mm rounds 1 shovel 1 4A high 1 fuse for 60 mortar, 5 doc. one of which was "GI GO HOME" type, 11 gas masks, and 10 Russian canisters. C Co remained at LZ CORK. D Co moved from BS525661 to BS524666. RGN moved from BS525649 to BS52 652 they had negative contact with the enemy.

3 JAN 69

4-21 Inf: All units continued present operations. LERP Idaho at BS413509 heard much activity in the area and while investigating ran into a VC OP at which time request extraction; extraction completed from BS413509 at

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thirteen hootches, 10,000 lbs of rice and miscellaneous military equipment; BS472462 found and destroyed eighteen hootches. C-C ship at BS432456 received AF fire and was hit ten times; Results 1 US WBA.

3-1 Inf: A Co moving from MLP BS521621 to BS521630 located a garden of tobacco and sweet potatoes surrounded by punji sticks at BS521619. B Co moving from MLP BS503650 to BS503659 reported no enemy activity. C Co remained on LZ CORK. D Co moving from MLP BS514655 to BS516663 reported no enemy activity. RCN remained at BS526615.

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4-21 Inf: A Co continued security missions. RCN plt conducted a CA from BS492456 to BS492506 at 1110 to 1160 hrs, to ambush along the valley North of the LZ. B Co at BS423845 found and destroyed nine hootches; at BS429439 found and destroyed two hootches on stilts and 600 lbs of rice. C Co moved East to BS474477 where they found and destroyed two hootches. D Co at BS486456 destroyed five hootches, one 57mm warhead, 100 lbs of rice found in camouflaged back packs.

3-1 Inf: A Co moving from MLP BS521630 to BS528641 reported negative activity. B Co moving from MLP BS503659 to BS499663 reported negative activity. C Co remained on LZ CORK. D Co moving from MLP to BS516663 reported receiving S/A fire at BS517662 resulting in 2 US WBA. D Co received S/A fire again at BS519657 resulting in two more US WBA. RCN is at BS486615.

31 DEC 68

4-21 Inf: All units continued present missions. B Co at BS474477 found one hootch and one VC KIA in grave outside hootch; BS430438 destroyed one hootch and 300 lbs of rice; BS438460 made contact with NVA resulting in two US WBA and one AK 47 rifle CIA. C Co at BS462438 found one US L.A.H. apparently carried by the enemy. D Co at BS491465 detained one female VCS and CIA assorted military gear; BS491466 found and destroyed hilltop covered with punji stakes, 100 lbs of rice and military equipment; BS485462 engaged and killed two VC. RCN plt had negative sightings.

3-1 Inf: A Co in their MLP BS526662 report 1 US WBA resulting from grenade thrown into perimeter. A Co reported negative activity during the day while they were moving from their MLP to BS528641. B Co moving from their MLP BS503659 to BS508638 reported negative activity. C Co is on LZ CORK. D Co moved from MLP BS517658 to BS518657 located, on hill 992, engaged 1 NVA at BS517658. Results were 1 NVA KIA and one AK 47 captured. Documents were found in area used for ordering medical supplies. RCN moving from LZ CORK to BS528643 reported negative activity.

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BS473458 found and destroyed sixteen newly built hootches and 3,000 lbs of rice; Received a large secondary explosion when burning one hootch. Helix at BS475675 received one large secondary explosion from airstrike.

3-1 Inf: A and B Co's radio and administrative move from LZ CORK to BS520615 and BS496603. D Co conducted a CA to BS489604. They reported 1 NVA KIA carrying a AK-47, 9 60mm mortar rds, one circular shaped magazine and miscellaneous documents. Moving from BS489604 to BS498619 and BS501617 A Co reported negative contact. C Co and RCN remained on LZ CORK.

27 DEC 68

4-21 Inf: All elements conducted assigned missions in AO's. A Co continued security missions at LZ AME and LZ CORK OP. B Co at BS423647 found eight NVA uniforms and grave of baby in hootch. C Co had negative findings. D Co at BS479449 discovered one KIA and destroyed sixteen hootches; At BS485454 found and destroyed one hootch and two tons of rice. RCN at BS463432 found and destroyed two hootches.

3-1 Inf: C-C located a base camp, observed 6 NVA and requested Helix and sharks. Results were negative. A Co moving from NLP BS498619 and BS501617 to BS508613 and BS506613 reported negative enemy activity. B Co moving from NLP BS496603 to BS515610 BS514610 and BS513609 reported negative enemy activity. C Co is on LZ CORK. D Co remained in ambush at BS520609 from previous NLP. RCN moved from LZ CORK to BS486615 and reported negative enemy contact.

28 DEC 68

4-21 Inf: All elements continued present missions as per VOCC. C Co at BS452468 found and destroyed five hootches. D Co moving North at BS478460, found and destroyed four hootches; BS472467 destroyed fourteen hootches. B Co and RCN plt had negative sightings for the day.

3-1 Inf: B and D Co's CA to BS506654 and BS514654 and captured one male at BS509650 (age 50-60) KIA. D Co reported finding a prison camp via BS515655. Results 1 British Sten Gun and 2 US Shotgun captured. Also moving from NLP BS498623 to BS514655 reported finding 2 VC KIA. A Co moving from NLP BS498615 to BS509133 and BS505613 reported engaging and one KIA with no weapons or documents. B Co reported negative activity moving from NLP BS515610 to BS508650. C Co is on LZ CORK. RCN is at BS486615 and reports negative enemy activity.

29 DEC 68

4-21 Inf: A Co continued security missions at LZ AME and LZ CORK OP. Units in the field operated within a radius of 1,500 meters of the following locations; B Co BS417443; C Co BS434470; D Co at BS474467; RCN BS432433; continued search and sweep operations. B Co at BS424466 destroyed two hootches and 200 lbs of rice and twenty-four bolts of blue uniform cloth each twenty-three yards long. C Co had negative findings. D Co at BS465456 found and destroyed

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4-21 Inf: A Co prepared for extraction via CE 47 to LZ AMY to assume security mission from B Co on 24 Dec 68. B Co continued operations in AO via BS440465. RCN conducted clandestine operations in conjunction with LERP Montona via BS423668. LERP Montona inserted BS425460 at 0735 hrs. A and C Co had negative reports throughout the day. D Co at BS690431 engaged and killed one VC. RCN at BS425455 found and destroyed three newly built hootches; BS422454 found and destroyed three hootches; Engaged one VC resulting in one VC KIA.

3-1 Inf: RCN moving from MLP BS495590 to BS595590 engaged two VC at BS491508 resulting in one VC KIA and one Mauer KIA. Aero Scouts engaged a plc sine element at BS456739; They reported 8 NVA KIA. All weapons and packs, unable to retrieve due to enemy opposition. Between MLP BS498619 and BS529534 A Co reported negative contact. B Co on LZ CORX. C Co between MLP BS521597 and BS526597 reported negative enemy activity. D Co between MLP BS511595 and BS514500 reported negative enemy activity.

24 DEC 68

4-21 Inf: A Co assumed security missions at LZ AMY and LZ CORX OP at 0900 hrs. B Co released from security mission at 0900 hrs, and moved via CE 47 from LZ AMY to BS437450 where they conducted sweep operations to the South. D Co conducted sweep operations in AO with special emphasis on drums and trails via BS512440 and BS693619. RCN and LERP Montona continued clandestine operations. All elements conducted night ambushes along trails. C Co at BS449-450 found nine weapons, six Slim mortar rounds, and two trigger mechanisms. D Co at BS402447 found and destroyed two hootches and 1,000 lbs of rice.

3-1 Inf: RCN moving from MLP BS595590 to BS694594 located five hut base camp. Which was apparently not used in a long time. It was destroyed. A Co made an administrative move from MLP BS529534 to Christmas Hill (BS512571). B Co at on LZ CORX. D Co made an administrative move from MLP BS514500 to Christmas Hill (BS512571). C Co made an administrative move from MLP BS529597 to LZ CORX.

25 DEC 68

4-21 Inf: Negative Action Reported.

3-1 Inf: Negative Action Reported.

26 DEC 68

4-21 Inf: All units conducted operations as per orders of 24 Dec 68. B Co at BS442432 found and destroyed one large hootch and ten tons of rice; BS442434 found and destroyed one hootch and four tons of rice; At BS430431 destroyed one hootch with kitchen; BS442449 engaged one VC with negative results, destroyed one mine with pull release device and one M1 Garand and one 12 gauge shotgun; a tunnel complex was also found in the area. B Co at BS476456 found two NVA KIA's buried in position and destroyed eight hootches;

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3-1 Inf: Moving from NLP BS499593 to BS505596, D Co encountered one VC evading and gave chase and soon received sniper fire from the side of the trail resulting in one KHA-US and one NVA-US at BS500397. At BS501595 D Co engaged 1 enemy A/W position with negative results. At 1600 hrs at BS510597 D Co engaged enemy in a large base camp resulting in 3 KPA-US 7 NVA-US and 15 NVA KIA. A Co moving from NLP BS496567 to BS497577 reported negative enemy activity. B Co is at LZ CORK. C Co moving from NLP BS492513 to BS495563 and BS492581 reported negative activity. RCN is on LZ CORK.

21 DEC 68

4-21 Inf: All units in the field worked within radius of 1,000 to 1,300 meters from the following locations: A Co BS465654; C Co BS464654; D Co BS474423; RCN BS509439. A Co at BS452467 discovered one NVA KIA; BS461466 found a small base camp and eleven VC/NVA KIA's in shallow graves, and 100 lbs of rice; BS462469 destroyed one hootch. B Co continued security missions. C Co had negative sightings. D Co at BS474417 discovered one NVA KIA. RCN at BS507429 found and destroyed five hootches and 8,000 lbs of rice; in fifty-seven hootches from BS510417 to BS512426, RCN found forty tons of unpolished rice; all rice and hootches were destroyed. Gunships at BS 357485 engaged and killed two NVA; BS333458 they destroyed six hootches. LRRP Idaho extracted from BS510410 at 1530 hrs.

3-1 Inf: A Co obs. 2 NVA evading resulting in one KIA-NVA in khaki uniform with M-16 ammo at BS507575. A Co was moving from NLP BS497577 to BS510587 when encounter was made. RCN made an administrative move from LZ CORK to BS490594. B Co on LZ CORK. C Co moving between NLP BS492578 and BS495563 and BS492581 reported negative enemy activity. RCN on LZ CORK.

22 DEC 68

4-21 Inf: All elements in the field continued sweep missions in present AO's. B Co continued security missions at LZ AMY and LZ CORK OP. A Co at BS455479 found and destroyed two hootches and miscellaneous items; BS453487 engaged two VC/NVA with weapons resulting in two KIA's and two rifles with ammo CIA. C Co at BS446442 found sixty bunkers, one mortar bipod, a French Machinegun, one M16 parts of one mortar tripod, one machinegun two tons of rice and a blacksmith shop; BS437450 discovered one KIA. B Co at BS472413 found and destroyed fifteen hootches and 600 lbs of rice; At BS478419 found and destroyed thirty structures. Aero Scouts at BS490466 destroyed two hootches. LRRP Montana was inserted at BS421430 at 1015 hrs. LRRP Montana at BS424434 engaged seven VC with weapons setting up a campsite resulting in four VC KIA's one VC KIA (evaded) and three ARVN killed and escorted Aero CIA extraction from place of contact made at 1247 hrs.

3-1 Inf: D Co between NLP BS499593 and BS511596 located 25 NVA in graves killed by shrapnel and small arms fire. B Co located a hut with equipment and magazines indicating a hasty withdrawal. RCN moving from NLP BS498594 to BS498593 located a large base camp consisting 20 huts. Found two cook stoves and 40 rds of M16 ammo. A Co moving from NLP BS510567 to BS510585 reported negative activity. B Co on LZ CORK. Between NLP BS495586 and BS511597 C Co reported negative activity.

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checked for enemy personnel and installations. The sweeps were generally directed to the West and Northwest for approximately 4,000 meters from the LZ location (See Annex A XX). LRRP Idaho was inserted at 1300 hrs at BS 502413. A Co at BS490446 found and destroyed five hootches and 300 lbs of rice; at BS494436 found and destroyed two hootches; BS480456 engaged and killed one VC, CIA one MI carbine and one pair of binoculars; BS473449 found and destroyed one hootch and 500 lbs of rice; BS475449 found and destroyed four hootches, 500 lbs of rice and 1,000 lbs of salt. BS475445 engaged and killed one VC. C Co at BS407432 engaged two VC resulting in one VC KIA and one VC MIA CIA (evac to DUC PHO for interrogation), and CIA one AK47. At BS469438 found and destroyed twelve hootches and 100 lbs of rice. D Co at BS483427 engaged and killed one VC with rocket and found and destroyed six hootches; BS484430 found and destroyed fifteen hootches and found and destroyed one bunker. E Co at BS493454 found and destroyed seven hootches; BS496445 found and destroyed one hootch. Gunships at BS457439 received a large secondary explosion. Throughout the day LRRP Idaho saw a total of twenty-one VC/NVA heading NW along trail via BS16426.

3-1 Inf: D Co moving from NLF BS486606 to BS496598 tripped one one type boobytrap (M33 grenade) with negative results. D Co again tripped wire connected to M33 grenade at BS497594 with negative results. At BS499593 D Co made enemy contact resulting in 5 KIA-NVA, 1 MIA-US and CIA to 3 AK 47's and 2 Chicom grenades. A Co moving to BS499588 from their NLF of BS 495583 report finding two bunkers, cooking pots, and blood trails at BS496-587. They also found four surface bunkers (capable of holding two men each) and one large hut rotting down. Between HRP BS492502 and BS492578 C Co located a camp in rocks (capable of sleeping 60-80 people) containing pots and pans.

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4-21 Inf: All elements continued sweep missions with emphasis on trails and draws. LRRP Idaho called artillery on and destroyed five hootches at BS498614 via BS511425 they sighted a total of eleven VC with weapons throughout the day and called artillery with unknown results. Gunships at BS511435 engaged and killed two NVA with packs and destroyed two hootches. A Co at BS47741 engaged two VC resulting in two VC KIA's; At BS462462 received a large secondary explosion while firing in a defensive target. B Co continued security missions at LZ AMY and LZ CORK CP. C Co had negative findings. D Co at BS480427 engaged and killed one VC; BS477429 destroyed seven hootches and 1,000 lbs of rice; BS477428 engaged and killed one NVA and at the same location found twenty one-man positions and a bare brush for 30-man mortar. E Co at BS504434 discovered one VC NVA; BS504433 found and destroyed six hootches and 24 000 lbs of rice; BS507432 found and destroyed ten hootches. Ball at BS483997 destroyed two hootches and saw such military gear spread around the area.

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14 DEC 68

1-20 Inf: Light activities throughout the AO. At 1633 hrs, A Co air assaulted from LZ CORK to LZ SINDOPY to escort the artillery to MINH LONG. B-4-21 secured LZ AMX with 1 plt at an OP vic BS457609.

15 DEC 68

1-20 Inf: Activities continue much the same. At 1533 hrs, A Co air assaulted from BS639604 to vic NGHIA NAM to act as blocking force for convoy from LZ SINDOPY to MINH LONG. B-4-21 secured LZ AMX with 1 plt at an OP vic BS457609.

16 DEC 68

1-20 Inf: At 1400 hrs RCM was air assaulted from LZ VOLUNTEER to BS455614 to act as blocking force. TOC and D Co were air lifted from LZ V CLUSTER to LZ CORK with the security element being air lifted out last. B-4-21 secured LZ AMX with one plt at an OP vic BS457609.

17 DEC 68

1-20 Inf: The battalion was relieved and started air movement back to the MAC FPO and NO DUC AO at 0839 hrs. The movement was completed at 1717 hrs and the Battalion assumed responsibility of the DUC FPO and NO DUC AO. B-4-21 secured LZ AMX with one plt at an OP vic BS457609.

18 DEC 68

3-1 Inf: Made an administrative move to VERNON LAKE II AO from LZ NIT to LZ CORK. Assumed operational control at 1330 hrs. of the AO. TOC became operational at 1530 hrs. A & B Co's are located at LZ CORK. C Co moved from NLP BS654676 to BS484623 and reported negative enemy activity. D Co ambushed from NLP BS651781 to BS492604 reported SA fire & BS497590 resulting in negative casualties. B-4-21 secured LZ AMX with one plt at an OP vic BS457609.

19 DEC 68

3-1 Inf: A Co made an administrative move from LZ CORK to BS498591. B Co remains at LZ CORK. Moving from NLP BS484623 to BS491582, C Co at BS491582 reports capturing one AK 44, one M16, and one barrel and receiver group. D Co moving from NLP BS492604 to BS486606 encountered two VC and took under fire with negative results. RCM remains at LZ CORK.

19 DEC 68

4-21 Inf (-): Conducted Battalion CA. A, C and RCM plt FZ at BS635450. C Co FZ at BS630448. The LZ for all elements was BS486641. All elements conducted combat sweeps from this point with direct coordination among elements. Elements were instructed insure that all trails and ditches were

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on ambush via BS436442. A Co made contact with an unknown size force armed with twelve automatic weapons resulting in two US KIA's, CIA were two weapons twenty packs, documents, and miscellaneous military gear. C Co at BS433463 found and destroyed one hoatch and 1,000 lbs of rice. D Co at BS423483 found one female KIA, a campsite and 250 lbs of rice. 4-21 Inf received an alert to conduct a Battalion size CA Northeast of BA 10.

10 DEC 68

1-20 Inf: D Co received sniper fire at 1120 hrs, resulting in 2 US KIA. The enemy was spotted several times during the day but avoided before any contact could be made.

4-21 Inf: A Co prepared for extraction from BS395455 to NINE LONG at 0950 hrs and completed extraction at 1055 hrs. B Co continued security mission of LZ AMY and LZ CORR OP. C Co was extracted from BS482466 to NINE LONG at 1100 hrs and completed extraction at 1156 hours. D Co was extracted from BS482486 at 0930 hrs to NINE LONG and completed extraction at 1038 hrs. RON platoon extracted at 0945 hrs to LZ LIZ; GPCON to 3-1 Inf until 112400 Dec 68. Aero Scouts at BS346557 captured three VCS and took them to LZ AMY for interrogation. Helix 31 at BS353475 conducted an airstrike resulting in fourteen structures destroyed, ten fighting positions destroyed and one secondary explosion. Also at BS345476, Helix 31 conducted an airstrike resulting in sixteen structures destroyed.

11 DEC 68

1-20 Inf: E and C Co's received harassing sniper fire throughout the day with negative casualties.

4-21 Inf: B Co continued security missions of LZ AMY and LZ CORR OP. 4-21 (-) conducted operations in 11th Inf AOA AO West of LZ LIZ.

12 DEC 68

1-20 Inf: Activities continue very light throughout the day. C Co received sniper fire in the morning with negative casualties. In the afternoon, made contact with 4 VCS, one of which tried to evade, resulting in 1 VC KIA and 3 VCS CIA. B-4-21 Secured LZ AMY with 1 Plt at an OP via BS457409.

13 DEC 68

1-20 Inf: At 0924 hrs B Co made an air assault from BS311609 to via BS 454590 to act as a blocking force for the 2d ARVN. At 1010 hrs C Co air assaulted from BS3114590 to via BS449589 to act as a blocking force for the 2d ARVN. Later in the day C Co engaged 3 VC resulting in 3 VC KIA and 1 Weapon CIA. B-4-21 Secured LZ AMY with one plt at an OP via BS457409.

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receiving sniper fire in the morning resulting in 1 US WFA. In the afternoon they found a small hut complex with a rice and ammunition cache. Later in the day they uncovered another ammunition cache in a cavern. The heaviest engagement of the day occurred when B Co engaged approximately 6 VC whom they set off a trip mine while probing the NRP with negative assessments.

4-21 Inf: All units continued operations in same areas. C Co continued security missions of LZ AMY and LZ CORK OP. B Co at BS399494 found one hootch with bicycle parts and one 12 gauge shotgun; BS398490 found and destroyed fifteen bicycles. B Co moving West at BS448510 found and destroyed two bunkers and three hootches recently occupied, and at BS434509 found and destroyed one hootch with approximately 800 lbs of unpolished rice and 200 lbs of polished rice. Gunships at BS445477 engaged and killed one NVA; BS439468 destroyed four hootches and received one medium secondary explosion.

4 DEC 68:

1-20 Inf: Search and clear operations continue with B Co receiving sniper fire resulting in 1 US WFA.

4-21 Inf: All elements continued present missions. B Co at BS395467 discovered one NVA KIA by small arms. Aero Scouts at BS351436 and BS354439 received heavy AW fire and SA fire resulting in one ship and one pilot hit. LERP Montrose was inserted at 0829 hrs vic BS433505.

5 DEC 68:

1-20 Inf: Light activities throughout the day with B Co finding a small bare camp in the morning and a hut and bunker complex in the afternoon, all of which they destroyed. C Co found a rice cache at 1700 hrs and destroyed.

4-21 Inf: A Co conducted a CA from vic BS492480 to BS429479 to sweep ME. B Co conducted CA from vic BS436464 to BS436465 to sweep East. C Co and B Co continued present missions. At 0730 hrs, LZ AMY received approximately eight incoming 82mm mortar rounds; there was negative damage. A Co at BS429479 found and destroyed eight hootches and obtained one VC with leg wound. Later A Co at the previous coordinates discovered an extensive base camp with at least sixteen hootches. B Co at BS431466 engaged and killed one VC/NVA; BS429470 found and destroyed 140 bolts of blue uniform cloth each twenty-three yards long. LERP Montrose at BS437505 found a trenchline and one ton of rice.

6 DEC 68

1-20 Inf: Between 0045 and 0100 hrs B and C Co's received 8 rounds each of RPG and 82mm mortar fire at their NRP locations resulting in 1 US WFA. During the day, B Co continuing their search and clear mission found two rice caches which they destroyed and also found some documents. At 1700 hrs they found an ammunition cache, which they destroyed. C Co activities consisted of flushing 2 VC out of a hut complex, the VC avoided leaving their weapons behind.

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sniper fire with negative casualties.

4-21 Inf: A & B Co's conducted detailed search in immediate areas via BS413489 and BS422490 using direct coordination between the two units. B Co at BS404498 found storage boxes, machinegun belts and clothes; at BS425496 they found three French sub-machineguns in serviceable condition with magazines. C Co continued security mission of LZ AMY and LZ CORK OP. D Co and RCN Platoon continued search and sweep missions in assigned AO's. C-C ship at BS457532 sighted six hootches and destroyed three and damaged one.

1- DEC 68

1-20 Inf: Due to weather conditions, activities were curtailed during the day. A Company was air lifted from BS481617 to LZ CORK. All units resting and preparing for air assault in the Song Re Valley tomorrow.

4-21 Inf: A & B Co continued sweeps to the south. B Co and RCN continued searching assigned AO's. C Co continued security missions of LZ AMY and LZ CORK OP. A Co at BS412478 found a small base camp, 400 rounds of AR44 and 30 cal ammo, one AR44, one French MAS 300 lbs of rice, medical supplies five new NVA flags, documents, four ID Cards one US personnel's dog tags and clothes. B Co at BS417503 found a large bicycle repair shop with 500 intertubes, 200 tires and many frames, sprockets, pedals etc. D Co at BS458535 found and destroyed ten hootches. RCN at BS460500 found and destroyed fifteen hootches.

2 DEC 68

1-20 Inf: D Co conducted a CA from BS407614 to LZ VOLUNTEER (BS347595), secured area until the Artillery, 4.2 mortar platoon, and RCN arrived. RCN air assaulted from BS498583 to LZ VOLUNTEER and assumed the security of the FSB with one platoon from D Co. D Co then swept RT to search and clear the area. C Co air assaulted from BS498617 to LZ DRAFTER (BS329596), secured LZ until after B Co air assaulted from LZ CORK into the area. Both Co then swept South along the western side of the Song Re Valley to search and clear the area. At 1430 hrs, C Co engaged 1 VC evening, resulting in 1 VC KIA.

4-21 Inf: A Co continued searching in area of small base camp via BS406-483 (later found to be RCN camp). B Co at BS417503 extracted bicycle parts and searched the general area. C Co continued security mission of LZ AMY and LZ CORK OP. RCN continued patrol/ambush operations to the South, via BS543-503. A Co at BS496621 found and destroyed a hootch with 200 lbs of rice and a field of potatoes nearby. D Co at BS455332 found and destroyed five hootches and 1,000 lbs of unpolished rice.

3 DEC 68

1-20 Inf: Activities were quite very light in the Song Re Valley, with B Co

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ARTICLE II (Continued)

the day A Co found a hut and found complex with a small cache of ammunition and a document.

6-21 Inf: All units continue search and sweep operations in assigned AO's. A Co BG362459; B Co BG29390; D Co BG46300; RCH BG464229. C Co provided security for LZ AMH and LZ GURK OF. B Co at BG422322 found eight hatches and hatches with one French rifle, 150 lbs of rice (contaminated) and documents which were destroyed. BG413222 and destroyed one cache of rice; BG411222 received sniper fire resulting in one US KIA. BG416422, received SN fire from three locations while moving in a westerly direction resulting in one US KIA. BG416422 found a large gun and French rifle buried in the ground area to LZ AMH; BG422422 found and destroyed two caches with numerous weapons/divers; BG416422 found and destroyed a large camp with thirty hatches (all hatches were freshly built and would not burn, had to be torn apart) at BG422422 the personnel hit a mine, which was freshly emplaced only hours before, resulting in two US KIA. RCH at BG452527 found and destroyed one hatch occupied within the last two weeks.

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1-23 Inf: A tivity was very light with D Co finding a hut complex with a cache of rice and documents.

4-21 Inf: No incidents or discoveries were reported for the day. A Co prepared for CA on the morning of 29 MAY 68. B Co moved into blocking position near BG416500. C Co continued security missions of LZ AMH and LZ GURK OF. D Co and RCH continued search and sweep operations in the area AO's.

23 MAY 68

1-26 Inf: Search and sweep operations continued with very light activity. C Co received sniper fire with negative casualties and in the afternoon D Co found a base camp with documents.

4-21 Inf: A Co moved out of LZ from BG362459 to BG413222 to area 10. B Co. First SN fire 0815 hrs and last SN fire 1935 hrs. B Co is blocking positions from grid BG411427 to BG417424. A Co at BG412491 found and destroyed two hatches recently used and 200 lbs of rice; BG413427 found and destroyed two hatches and found weapons freshly dug; BG413427 they also found RTA gun pouches and destroyed a 65 year old female who was near to RTA at PMH KIA. BG416422 found gun, rifle, RTA clothing medical and bartering supplies. B Co at BG417427 found 700 rounds of assorted small arms ammo. BG413427 engaged an VC/RTA in bunker resulting in one KIA. BG423501 found and destroyed two hatches fifty gallons of gas, 100 lbs of rice 200 lbs of rice and enough clothing for a company size unit. C Co continued security mission of LZ AMH and LZ GURK OF.

30 MAY 68

1-26 Inf: Operations continue with no significant contact. D Co received

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night hatchets and 600 lbs of rice; BG449316 found and engaged one VC avoiding resulting in one VC KIA; VC KIA had documents which were secured. B Co and ECH Plt continued security mission. ARVN Recon Co patrolled around LZ CAM for four kilometers with negative findings. An extension approved effective 260600 to 222400 Nov 68 BG4654 North to BG4645.

25 NOV 68

1-25 Inf: Contact was light during the day, mostly with trail watchers, who avoided. At 1030 hrs, C Co captured 1 ARV. ECH engaged 6 men avoiding resulting in 1 NVA KIA and 1 VC KIA at 1230 hrs. While searching the area, they found a suitcase full of black pajamas. At 1425 hrs B Co found a bare camp containing a rice and salt cache which they destroyed.

4-21 Inf: A Co had negative sighting. B Co BG420317 received sniper fire and saw one VC with weapon avoid. West: BG420305 found one large hatch with bicycle parts (destroyed); BG427505 found one hatch and livestock (destroyed) C Co at BG425322 found and destroyed six hatches. B Co and ECH Plt prepared for administrative move from present locations, to be replaced by C Co at 201400 Nov 68. ARVN Recon Co prepared for extraction from LZ CAM at 260800 to be lifted TO QUANG NGAI airstrip.

26 NOV 68

1-26 Inf: Activity was light during the day with D Co finding a cache of rice at 0005 hrs while C Co found an ARV at 1000 hrs. A Co found a tunnel complex and captured 1 NVA soldier who was sleeping. At 1515 hrs found another but complex. During the afternoon, A Co found 3 graves with NVA bodies that died of gunshot wounds. D Co received sporadic sniper fire and automatic weapons fire with negative results.

4-21 Inf: A Co continued present mission and at BG375422 found and destroyed twelve hatches and 200 lbs of rice and miscellaneous military equipment. B Co continued present mission and at BG425306 found and destroyed twelve hatches and 200 lbs of rice; BG425506 found and destroyed one hatch; BG425501 found area with two mortar positions, one Chinese made 60mm mortar round area looked like training area; BG425501 found and destroyed five hatches; BG427567 found and destroyed seven hatches and found several heavily travelled trails; BG423505 engaged one VC with a weapon resulting in one weapon C/A dropped by the avoiding VC. G Co extracted from BG446526 at 0240 hrs and taken to LZ ANZ for security mission, except for one platoon taken to LZ CCHK OP. for security mission. ARVN Recon Co extracted from LZ CAM and taken to QUANG NGAI Airstrip; 4-21 Inf released BG600 of ARVN Recon Co at 260914 Nov 68. ECH Platoon moved via CCHK to LZ ANZ. The 740 at BG427633 reported heavy ground fire. B Co captured 12 ARV heading for AO via BG460760.

27 NOV 68

1-27 Inf: A Co engaged unknown enemy force with negative results. Letter in

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REQ for questioning. The forward air controller at BS333655, received small arms fire and destroyed one structure.

22 NOV 68

1-20 Inf: B Co found a small base camp which they destroyed and also a grave with a body in it at 1210 hrs. At 1425 hrs Recon found a base camp with a tunnel and bunker complex.

4-21 Inf: A Co at BS408515 found and destroyed four hootches and three bunkers newly constructed and fifty punji pits; BS402514 found and destroyed ten hootches B Co in the vic of BS439513 received sniper fire resulting in one WIA. C Co in the vic of BS439513 engaged seven VC with weapons resulting in one VC KIA CIA. ALVIN Recon Co had negative findings in sweeps around LZ CAM. D and RECON continued security missions of LZ AMX and LZ CORX OP.

23 NOV 68

1-20 Inf: Search and clear operations continue with RECON finding 12 camouflaged huts which they destroyed at 1335 hrs.

4-21 Inf: A Co moving West at BS410514 found and destroyed 500 lbs of rice and sixty punji stakes, and at BS403508 found and destroyed 1,000 lbs of rice buried at two locations. B Co patrolling from NDP at BS443508, captured one POW at BS438508, and at BS437505, they engaged and killed one VC. C Co vic BS453537 found and destroyed two hootches and engaged three VC with weapons resulting in one VC KIA evening, CIA two packs, two A344's and documents; at BS463528, found and destroyed 1,000 lbs of rice, fifty papers, two flimsy WIA, and smoking jachans. ALVIN Recon Co conducting local patrols from LZ CAM, found one KIA at BS387406 and at BS395489 they engaged a small arms element resulting in five WIA KIA's and CIA one GR47. D Co and RECON Platoon continue security missions of LZ AMX and LZ CORX OP.

24 NOV 68

1-20 Inf: Contact throughout the day consisted mostly of sniper fire that resulted in 1 US KIA at 1200 hrs from RECON. B Co found a small base camp containing rice and medical supplies at 1310 hrs and at 1920 hrs found 4 aid stations with medical supplies and documents.

4-21 Inf: A Co conducted search and destroy mission from BS405503 to BS 302699 with negative results. B Co at BS453537 found 1,000 lbs of rice (destroyed) and documents and surgical packs (none); BS452535 found one hootch and grave with mutilated body; BS467537 found and destroyed three hootches; BS466526 found and destroyed one hootch and 100 lbs of rice; BS450430 found and destroyed two large hootches and 400 lbs of rice; BS467533 found and destroyed one large hootch; BS469521 found and destroyed

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arms ammo, and documents dated 1963. At BG411538 found eight newly built hootches and platoon size mess area. ARVN Recon Co at BG407512 sighted two VC companies moving North and called Artillery with unknown results. At BG333087 ARVN Recon Co patrolling West of its base (BG7 3502) engaged an activated VC Platoon resulting in three VC KIA's and assorted documents CVA.

19 MAY 68

1-20 Inf: Throughout the day B Co found and searched a hospital complex and found surgical and medical supplies. At 1300 hrs B Co found a hut containing surgical equipment and surgical gowns. That evening B Co received one mortar round on their perimeter with negative casualties (BG446984).

4-21 Inf: A Co moved South from BG413547 toward BG427526 with negative results. B Co continued patrolling around the area of the small base camp at BG423539 with negative results. C Co began destroying the base camp area via BG423533. Recon 2d ARVN Div assumed security missions of LZ CMH (BG372638) and 2d Artillery was alerted to these locations. At 1200 hrs via BG423535 to BG413540 the C-2 aircraft received heavy AAA fire resulting in 2 KIA. B Co and 2d Platoon continued security of LZ CMH and LZ CMH SF.

20 MAY 68

1-20 Inf: B Co found a small hut complex with assorted equipment and two mortars at 0645 hrs. A Co found a tunnel complex and a grave containing a body, resulting in 1 KIA discovered.

4-21 Inf: A Co continued detailed search of area approximately 2,136 meters with center of mass via BG423539 with negative results. B Co began moving South from BCP at BG423539, with negative results. C Co began moving North from its position in the base camp area, and at BG333537 found and destroyed six hootches and five bunkers at BG423548 found one C2 bunker and several fighting bunkers running SS with mutual support and 600 feet of B-1 wire on insulators running to each bunker. The bunkers appeared to have been occupied in the last 24 hrs. D Co and B Co continued previous missions of security of LZ CMH and LZ CMH SF. 4-21 Inf received an extension of the 10 along RV grid line S6 to RV grid line S6 effective until 130000 Rev 55.

21 MAY 68

1-20 Inf: At 1332 hrs B Co found a small hut complex with assorted equipment and a rice cache. They destroyed everything in place. At 1420 hrs A Co air assaulted from BG423531 to via BG423537 and report 21 with negative results. At 1425 hrs B Co air assaulted from BG444533 to via BG423537 to act as blocking force for A Co.

4-21 Inf: A Co worked toward the South via BG423532 with negative findings. B Co patrolling via BG423537 found and destroyed four hootches with fresh signs of occupancy. C Co patrolling via BG423537 found and destroyed seven rolls of cellophane wire four radio tubes and a holster for 45 cal pistol. D Co and B Co continued security missions. Recon 2d ARVN Div captured one NVA with documents, and later in the day at the same location, captured three VC's. Aero Scouts at BG373486 captured two who were en route to BUC.

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11 APR 62 (Execution)

4-21 1000: A Co conducted OA from BINH LONG to BS435513; B Co conducted OA to BS435513; C Co conducted OA to BS409527. All UZs held and blocking positions were established.

12 APR 62

1-22 1000: Continued combat sweep in AO. C Co found and destroyed a small base camp.

4-23 0600: Released from GECOM 17 Cookery and sixfolded to South FVC 170 AO. Airlift complete at 1250 hrs.

4-21 1000: Continued combat sweep in AO. At 1245 hrs A Co engaged 2 VC and killed 2 VC. At 1315 hrs B Co found 3 VC's KIA. At 1740 hrs Aero Scouts engaged 12 NVA killed 6 NVA. 12000 Montana increased at BS465675 at 1335 hrs.

14 APR 62

1-22 1000: At 1115 hrs C Co was air lifted from BS462512 to VC CORP. At 1600 hrs, B Co found a base camp with weapons, medical supplies, uniforms, and documents. They also found graves with 4 bodies, resulting in 4 NVA discovered. Operations continued throughout the day with no significant contacts.

4-21 1000: All companies continued Northward movement searching the heavily vegetated ridges and dunes. 11000 Montana was increased at 1510 hrs because of movement heard coming in their direction. A and B Co conducted operations North and established NRP's.

15 APR 62

1-22 1000: At 0730 hrs, B Co engaged 2 NVA, resulting in 1 NVA KIA 1-AR-47 1-NF Carbine and assorted documents CIA. B Co conducted OA from VC CORP to via BS407581 to search and clear in area at 1015 hrs.

4-21 1000: All units conducted clearance operation 1,500 meters from NRP's. A Co at BS427550 engaged one NVA hiding in a tunnel resulting in one NVA KIA and at BS418556 they found two bunkers and four bunkers besides other miscellaneous military equipment. Bunkers and bunkers were destroyed; established new NRP at BS435513. B Co conducted partial establishing new NRP at BS443543. C Co found four bunkers which could accommodate twenty personnel each via BS426527 and at BS431533 discovered a NVA Regimental size base camp with twenty-five buildings, training area, propaganda materials, map boards, documents, small arms arms and notes of a UH1E helicopter. C Co was fired in base camp via BS422523. B Co and B Co continued mission of security of 12 NRP and VC CORP OP.

16 APR 62

1-22 1000: B Co engaged 2 VC evening, resulting in 1 VC KIA at 0845 hrs engaged 1 VC who evaded but left behind 1-AR-47, 1 SER and his rucksack.

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8 NOV 68

1-46 Inf: Continued combat sweep with light sniper fire but no significant contact.

4-3 Inf: Continued combat sweep of AO. At 0825 Aero Scouts engaged 10 NVA, killing 3 NVA. D Co conducted CA to LZ Vic BS443578, OPCON to 1-46 Inf effective 1015 Hrs.

1-46 Inf: Continued Combat sweep of AO with negative contact. Assumed OPCON of D Co 4-3 Inf.

10 NOV 68

1-20 Inf: Continued Combat Sweeps of AO.

4-3 Inf: Continued Combat sweeps of AO. B & D Cos released from OPCON of 1-46 Inf. D Co conducted CA to BS397535 at 1735 hrs and continued combat sweep of AO. A & C Cos received small arms fire resulting in 5 NVA at 1010G. A Co received Land Grenade resulting in 2 NVA at 1110 hrs.

1-46 Inf: Released from OPCON to TF Cowboy and air lifted to QUANG NGAI air field effective 1620 hrs.

4-21 Inf: Released from OPCON to TF Cowboy effective 1615 hrs. D Co air lifted from QUANG NGAI airfield to LZ AMY. RON air lifted from QUANG NGAI airfield to BS58669. A, B & C Cos remained at QUANG NGAI airfield.

11 NOV 68

1-20 Inf: Due to weather conditions, all operations were at a standstill.

4-21 Inf: CO's A B and C conducted air movement from QUANG NGAI and landed at airstrip at NEM LONG Special Forces Camp 111200 Nov 68 to remain overnight.

4-3 Inf: No Operations were limited due to weather conditions. At 1940 C Co had 1 NVA due to Punji Stakes.

12 NOV 68

1-20 Inf: Continued combat sweeps of AO. At 1520 C Co engaged and killed 1 VC. 1 US WDA in this action.

4-3 Inf: Continued Combat sweep of AO. At 1030 hrs gunships from 174th engaged and killed 9 NVA. B Co OPCON to 4-21 Inf effective 1220 hrs. At 2730 hrs A Co found and destroyed company size base camp. B Co released OPCON from 4-21 Inf effective 1800 hrs.

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4-3 Inf: At 0915 C Co found and evacuated several items of NVA equipment, documents and medical supplies. At 1525 C Co received sniper fire resulting in 1 WIA. The Battalion continued the sweep mission finding and destroying 1 base camp.

1-46 Inf: Received OPCON to TF Cooksey at 1930 H, closed QUANG NGAI Airfield.

6 NOV 68

1-20 Inf: At 0850 A Co conducted CA to B3463578, conducted sweep southwest. At 0920 B Co conducted CA to B3467577 and conducted a sweep to the south.

4-3 Inf: Continued search and sweep operation. At 0855 C Co found and destroyed a large base camp at B3401596. At 1500 hrs the C-C helicopter found 1 NVA killed by an air strike. Aoro Scouts working with the An engaged and killed 1 VC.

1-46 Inf: Continued operation VERNON LAKE II with CA from QUANG NGAI airfield to B3455588. The CA started at 1232 and was complete at 1655. All 12 Cold and 1-46 conducted a combat sweep northwest.

7 NOV 68

1-20 Inf: B Co found several huts, one containing a rice cache, all of which they destroyed. At 1328 hrs A Co engaged an estimated platoon size element, resulting in 3 NVA KIA and 1 US WIA.

4-3 Inf: Bn continued search and sweep operations. At 1300 hrs B Co conducted a CA to Vic B3360599, and set blocking positions. B Co 1-26 Inf received 4-3 Inf effective 1533 hrs. At 1600 hrs B Co 1-46 Inf engaged unknown size enemy force and killed 1 VC, 1 US WIA in this action.

1-46 Inf: Bn continued search and sweep operation. B Co OPCON to 4-3 Inf RCH conducted CA from QUANG NGAI airfield to B3450608 LZ Cold, conducted search of area.

8 NOV 68

1-20 Inf: At 1029 hrs A Co engaged unknown size enemy force; result 1 KIA and 4 WIA. Received sporadic sniper fire throughout the AO. Bn continued combat sweeps.

4-3 Inf: Bn continued combat sweeps. At 0915 2 US WIA from punji stakes. At 1043 hrs 1 US WIA from punji stakes. At 1205 hrs 1 US WIA from punji stakes. B Co 1-46 Inf found and evacuated miscellaneous equipment and documents. Also destroyed 10 bunkers. Aoro Scouts engaged and killed 1 NVA at 1420 hrs. At 1430 B Co 1-46 Inf found the VC killed by Aoro Scouts. At 1515 B Co found 1 VC killed by Aoro Scouts. B Co OPCON to 1-46 Inf effective 1623 hrs.

1-46 Inf: Continued combat sweep in AO. At 1435 hrs B Co engaged and killed 2 NVA. Assumed OPCON of B Co 4-3 Inf.

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ANNEX 2 (Description) To Combat Operation After Action Report VERNON LAKE II.

2 NOV 68

1-20 Inf: On 020800 Nov 68 D Co conducted a CA to LZ CORK & secured FSN LZ CORK. At 1005 S Co conducted a CA from LZ PEPPER to LZ PATCH to secure the LZ. C Co conducted CA from LZ THUNDERA to LZ PATCH. A Co remained on LZ PATCH. Upon completion of the mission, sweep and check operations were initiated. At 1600 C Co engaged an estimated NVA position killing two and capturing miscellaneous equipment and documents. C Co suffered two NVA in this action. B Co engaged an unknown area enemy force resulting in 2 NVA and also found a small ammunition cache. At 1900 LZ CORK received 22mm mortar rounds resulting in 2 NVA (K) 2 NVA (H). At 1730 Area Searcher observed smoke on top of NVA and killed 9.

4-3 Inf: Terminated operation VERNON LAKE I 020500 Nov 68 and commenced operation VERNON LAKE II 020500 Nov 68. At 1221 A Co conducted CA from LZ PEPPER to LZ CORK. At 1254 B Co conducted CA from LZ PEPPER to LZ CORK. At 1335 B Co lifted from LZ PEPPER to LZ CORK. At 1428 C Co conducted CA from LZ PEPPER to LZ CORK. B Co remained at LZ PEPPER all day long.

0-11 Army: At 1400 B Battery air lifted to LZ CORK from LZ PEPPER. At 1730 B Battery air lifted from LZ PEPPER to LZ CORK.

3 NOV 68

1-20 Inf: At 0955 B Co at B343627 received 8 rounds of mortar fire and at 0955 received 5 rounds of mortar fire with negative casualties. At 1000 B Co conducted CA to B343625 for exploitation and BPA of Artillery. At 2018 B Co received one round of mortar fire via B343625 with negative casualties.

4-3 Inf: A, B, & C Co continued combat sweep from NVA to an easterly direction with negative contact. At 1502 D Co conducted a CA from LZ CORK to B343625 and swept in an easterly direction with negative contact.

4 NOV 68

1-20 Inf: At 0650 LZ CORK received mortar attack results: 3 NVA (K) 10 NVA (H). Continued search operation, found and destroyed many bunkers and small base camps. C Co engaged & killed 1 NVA.

4-3 Inf: At 1200 B Co was ORCON to 1-20 Inf until 1530. Continued search operation.

5 NOV 68

1-20 Inf: At 0720 C Co conducted a CA to B343612 and conducted a search in the south-southwest finding and destroying several base camps and bunkers.

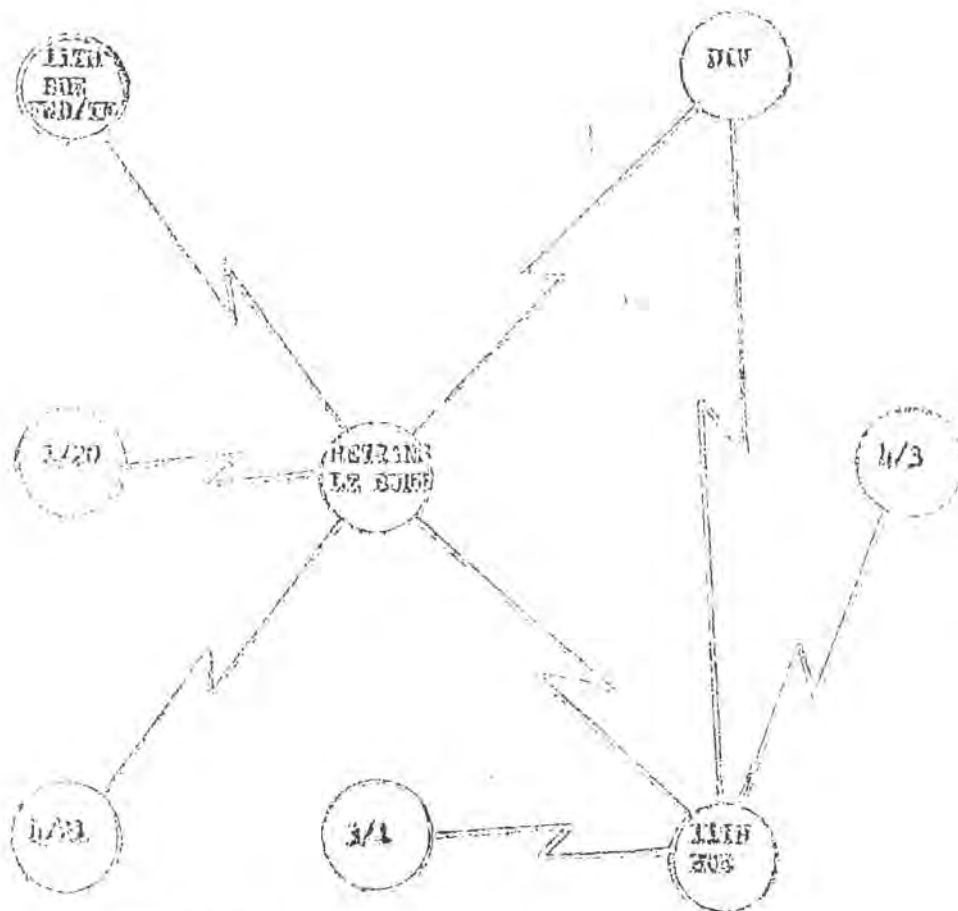
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