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SUBJECT: Combat After Action Report

Commanding Officer  
11th Infantry Brigade  
ATTN: AVDF-BAOP  
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1. (U) OPERATION: Iron Mountain.
2. (U) DATES OF OPERATION: 030001 May 1970 - 282400 February 1971.
3. (C) LOCATION: Highlands located in southeastern sector of Quang Ngai Province, except 9 October - 7 November 1970, 4-3 Inf OPCON to 198th Bde, and 29 January - 28 February 1971, 4-3 Inf OPCON to 1-5 (M) Inf Bde.
4. (C) COMMAND HEADQUARTERS: 11th Infantry Brigade, 23d Infantry Division.
5. (C) REPORTING OFFICER: LTC ALBERT F. COAST.
6. (C) TASK ORGANIZATION:

Co A 4-3 Inf  
Co B 4-3 Inf  
Co C 4-3 Inf  
except 20 June - 6 July, OPCON 3-1 Inf  
Co D 4-3 Inf  
Co E 4-3 Inf

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7. (C) SUPPORTING FORCES:

a. Artillery. Artillery units used were:

(1) 6-11 Arty (DS) (105 light towed) primary support for combat operations in 4-3 Inf FCA was provided by B Btry/6-11 Arty.

(2) B and C Btry's/1-82 Arty (155 towed) GSR.

(3) D Btry/1-82 Arty (1 plat) (8" SP) GSR.

(4) G Btry (HG)/55 Arty (1 sect) OPCON to 6-11 Arty.

All of the above units were consistently timely and accurate with their fires. Artillery fire was used for landing zone preparation, defensive fires, fires on known and suspected enemy locations, direct fire on suspected enemy positions and support for troops in contact.

b. Naval Gunfire: Not used.

c. Tactical Air Support: This unit used a variety of FAC support to include preplanned and immediate air strikes controlled by FAC's. This support was constantly outstanding. USMC A-6 aircraft were employed throughout the reporting period using the battalion's beacon capability. These strikes were particularly effective, especially during the monsoon season since they could be carried out without visible ground contact. Other support included AC-119 Shadow aircraft and O-10 FAC aircraft for close support. The FAC pilots did an outstanding job in their secondary role of aerial reconnaissance and were of great value to this unit.

d. Army Aviation. Primary helicopter support for this battalion was furnished by the 174th Aviation Company (Combat Assault), 132d Aviation Company (Assault Support) and Company B/123d Combat Aviation Battalion (Combat).

(1) The 174th Avn Co was the source of the battalion's lift helicopters for CA's. They also supported with armed helicopters. The support received by this unit was outstanding. The battalion conducted numerous CA's during this period usually involving one rifle company using multiple squad size LZ's.

(2) The 132d Avn Co did an outstanding job bringing supplies to the battalion FSB and moving troops administratively. Their heavy lift capability was essential in keeping this battalion resupplied. During the height of the monsoon, however, due to unflyable weather the FSB could not be resupplied regularly. During periods of poor visibility and low ceiling conditions (monsoon) suggest that having heavy lift birds based as close to the supported base as possible. Often there was flyable weather at Duc Pho and the heavy lift birds were weathered in at Chu Lai.

(3) Co B, 123d Avn Bn was effectively used throughout the AO to find enemy forces and assist the rifle companies in destroying them. The Warlords worked particularly well when employed separately in the air cavalry role. They also provided excellent support when operating in support of troops in contact.

8. (C) INTELLIGENCE:

a. Weather and Terrain:

(1) Weather: The Northeast Monsoon dominated with rain, fog and cloud cover during the period October through December. Late afternoon or evening thunderstorms with heavy and sudden rainfall, but of short duration, increased in frequency. These storms were localized and usually fringed with considerable air turbulence. Air movement of troops and supplies were hampered by these storms. Rain swollen streams at times became temporary obstacles. Often operations had to be planned around the current weather conditions.

(2) Terrain: Steep mountains with dense jungle and many streams are the main terrain features throughout the Battalion AO. Troop movement is difficult and slow through jungle and mountain areas. Heavy rainfall frequently made the streams impassable or difficult to ford. Less than 3% of the area is under cultivation.

b. Enemy Situation and Capabilities:

(1) The 21st NVA Regt, the 403d Sapper Bn, the 40th Sapper Bn and the 38th LF Battalion. Battalions were the main units operating in and around the AO. The mountains along the western boundary of the AO are believed to be used as base camps and supply areas by the enemy. The enemy generally seeks to avoid contact, preferring to infiltrate to the population centers outside the AO along the eastern coast.

(2) Enemy Capabilities:

- (a) Conduct defense from fortified positions.
- (b) Conduct delaying actions.
- (c) Withdraw.
- (d) Conduct footmobile attacks and counterattacks.
- (e) Attack friendly installations by fire and/or sapper techniques.
- (f) Employ mines and booby traps.

c. Enemy Disposition: Enemy units remained widely dispersed and moved continually, occupying specific locations for very short periods of time. Generally the 38th LF Bn stayed to the northeast of the AO, the 21st Regt to the north, the 403d sapper and the 40th sapper Bns to the southeast.

d. Conclusions:

(1) Operations Iron Mountain, Phase III was conducted in an area containing enemy staging and infiltration routes.

(2) This battalion destroyed VC/NVA base camps and successfully interdicted supply and infiltration routes used by the enemy.

(3) The operation had no significant adverse effect upon morale.

c. Enemy Losses:

(1) Personnel:

|             |   |     |
|-------------|---|-----|
| VC/NVA KIA  | - | 179 |
| VC/NVA CIA  | - | 0   |
| VC suspects | - | 0   |
| Detainees   | - | 39  |
| Chieu Hoi   | - | 0   |

(2) Equipment:

(a) Captured:

Weapons:

|               |   |     |
|---------------|---|-----|
| Individual    | - | 65  |
| Crow served   | - | 7   |
| US 81mm tubes | - | 3   |
| Crossbows     | - | 20  |
| Punji stakes  | - | 160 |

Commo equipment:

|         |   |   |
|---------|---|---|
| PMC 105 | - | 2 |
| Handset | - | 1 |

Miscellaneous:

|                      |   |    |                 |   |     |
|----------------------|---|----|-----------------|---|-----|
| NVA packs            | - | 16 | US machete      | - | 2   |
| NVA pistol belts     | - | 3  | US bayonet      | - | 1   |
| NVA protective masks | - | 2  | NVA uniforms    | - | 7   |
| NVA helmets          | - | 5  | NVA shirts      | - | 4   |
| NVA ponchos          | - | 5  | Shorts          | - | 4   |
| NVA knives           | - | 2  | Socks           | - | 3   |
| US packs             | - | 1  | VC pajamas      | - | 29  |
| US pistol belts      | - | 2  | Sewing machines | - | 1   |
| US entrenching tools | - | 3  | Brooms          | - | 250 |
| NVA hammocks         | - | 3  |                 |   |     |

(b) Destroyed:

Ammo:

|              |   |    |                  |   |    |
|--------------|---|----|------------------|---|----|
| M-79 rds     | - | 11 | 81mm mortars     | - | 19 |
| B-40 rockets | - | 36 | Dud 250 lb bombs | - | 6  |
| 82mm mortars | - | 16 | Dud 500 lb bombs | - | 4  |
| 57 NR rds    | - | 21 | 105mm rds        | - | 5  |

|                 |       |                 |           |
|-----------------|-------|-----------------|-----------|
| 60mm mortars    | - 1   | 155mm rds       | - 1       |
| RPG rds         | - 36  | 175mm rds       | - 1       |
| Small rds       | -2880 | US shape charge | - 1       |
| .51 cal rds     | -1000 | Homemade bombs  | - 1       |
| Chicom grenades | - 19  | Petna           | - 300 lbs |
| US grenades     | - 5   |                 |           |

## Food:

|               |           |             |             |
|---------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|
| Rice          | -6265 lbs | Candy       | - 2 lbs     |
| Corn          | -1032 "   | Sugar       | - 3 "       |
| Tea           | - 4 "     | Corn meal   | - 39 "      |
| Chickens      | - 8       | Canned milk | - 10        |
| Water buffalo | - 12      | Wine        | - 3 bottles |
| Canned fish   | - 14      | Coffee      | - 1 lb      |

## Quarters:

|      |       |         |       |
|------|-------|---------|-------|
| Huts | - 218 | Bunkers | - 196 |
|------|-------|---------|-------|

f. Civil Affairs: There are no populated areas within the AO. Civil affairs operations were conducted in cooperation with the MACV teams in the Gia Vuoc, Ba To and Minh Long Districts. 10,000 people were treated, 6265 lbs of rice, 4010 lbs of salt, 125 lbs of soap, 5 lbs of candy and numerous sets of clothes were distributed during these medcaps.

g. Psychological Operations: 50,000 leaflets were air-dropped over the AO during this period. "Chieu Hoi" was the predominant theme. 13 aerial broadcast missions were flown.

## 9. (C) MISSION:

a. Conduct search and clear operations within assigned AO to destroy VC/NVA forces.

b. Interdict routes from highlands to populated coastal area.

c. Maintain liaison with Ba To, Minh Long and Gia Vuoc Ranger Camps.

10. (C) CONCEPT OF OPERATION: The battalion normally operated with one rifle company securing the FSB and three companies conducting independent search and clear operations. Maneuver was conducted by combat air assault and foot movement, during the monsoon season foot movement was often the predominant means. On occasion coordinated operations were conducted employing two or more companies on combined operations with elements of Ba To, Minh Long and Gia Vuoc Ranger Camps. Fires were generally kept in GS until a unit made contact and then all available fire power was employed usually under the control of the company commander in contact. The Reconnaissance Platoon was used both as a maneuver unit on limited operations and as a reconnaissance unit. In the latter role it was broken down into short range reconnaissance patrols normally consisting of 6-10 men each.



11. (C) RECONSTRUCTION:

3 May:

At 0525 radar picked up an unknown target which moved 430 meters from radar location and broke contact with sensor. The target was too close to the bunker line to engage. Company CP was notified and asked to watch and H&I with a grenadier. At 0920 while moving on an old trail near BS780320, an element from D Co detonated an 81mm mortar round rigged with a trip wire. The round was placed at ground level. The results were 4 US KIA. Dustoff requested at 0923 and completed at 0958. At 1940 at BS692418 Recon reported movement 15-20 meters to the west believed to be VC/NVA moving north to get water. At 2150 TIF string alert of 7 personnel moving SW to NE confirmed by heat. Negative clearance was obtained because of proximity to Recon team who was alerted. At 2245 C Co CP reported that lights had been spotted from bunker #3 which appeared to be heading into a draw 700 meters out and coming towards San Juan. The lights appeared to be 150 meters apart and were engaged with 81mm mortars with negative results.

4 May:

At 0900 at BS714403 the 3d platoon of A Co reported tracks of 4 VC/NVA moving west believed to be carrying heavy loads. Platoon is pursuing to west. At 0940 at BS 644378 Recon team found 8 burned huts containing a box of empty c-ration cans and a sleeping position. At 1000 at BS795315 the 3d platoon of D Co spotted 3 persons in the open at approximately 1500 meters. Artillery fired from Bronco engaged with unknown results. At 1925 at BS780319 the 4th platoon of D Co observed 1 VC/NVA at BS797317 with pack and weapon. Artillery engaged with unknown results. At 2045 at BS765324 the 3d platoon of D Co found 2 .51 cal positions which were approximately 2 months old and a maze of well used trails, but there was no present activity.

5 May:

At 1020 Recon team engaged 1 VC/NVA at BS672411 at 25 meters. VC/NVA evaded to NW. Team followed and found a bloody shirt, 1 US machete and US tobacco on the trail. At 1100 near BS712402 an element of A Co engaged 2 VC/NVA who evaded to the west leaving behind 1 US canteen and 1 pack made from sand bags. The element conducted a sweep of the area with negative results. At 1000 near BS672412 Recon team found 1 7' x 10' hut with grass roof and bamboo, fresh rice on a fire (stove) and numerous mackerel cans. It is suspected 4-5 persons fled the hut as the team approached. The team also found a 7' x 7' at BS674414. At 2345 off of bunker #16 artillery personnel spotted 2 VC/NVA about 500 meters out. They were engaged with 81mm mortars and 105 HE with unknown results. At 2345 near BS797314 an element of D Co spotted 3 VC/NVA carrying weapons and engaged with artillery (20 rounds of HE) with unknown results.

6 May:

At 1015 at BS709425 one of A Co's mech ambushes detonated with negative results. At 1745 at BS 799314 the 1st platoon of D Co spotted 12-15 VC/NVA moving on a trail to the south. D Co engaged with sniper fire at 800-1000 meters and called in Arty; results were unknown.

7 May:

At 2205 radar reported a target in front of bunker #11 approximately 120 meters out. The target was engaged with M-79 with unknown results.

8 May:

At 0415 B Co reported that a trip flare went off in the vicinity of bunkers #16 and #17. Area was covered with small arms fire but there were negative results. At 0835 at BS655418 A Co reported finding 3 animal snares which appeared to be several days old. At 0920 at BS657418 the 2d platoon of A Co engaged 1 VC/NVA at 30 meters. VC/NVA evaded to the south. At 1030 near BS659421 the 4th platoon of A Co found the following items: 4 huts and 2 bunkers a few days old, 7 pairs of pants, 10 shirts, 4 shorts, 3 pairs of socks, 1 hammock, 1 US bayonet, 1 poncho, 4 lb of tea,  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb of TNT, 1 BA-30 battery, 1 RPG ammo can, 3 AK ammo cans, 2 entrenching tools, 10 cans of milk, 10 cans of mackerel, 1 bottle of soy sauce,  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb of salt, 1 chicken, 3 bottles of wine, 5 lbs of tobacco, 1 lb of coffee, 2 lbs of candy, 3 lbs of sugar, 39 lbs of corn meal, 2 cans of Coca-Cola, medical supplies, 20 glucoses, 10 streptomycin, 1 US field dress, 2 bottles of mouthwash, 1 bottle of mosquito repellent and 9 bottles of penicillin. At 1440 A Co had a dud M-26 thrown at them while on patrol.

9 May:

At 1530 resupply bird observed a tree house with dirt and leaves on platform near BS660400 and engaged with M-60 fire with unknown results.

10 May:

At 1025 at BS658406 an element of A Co found 1 VC/NVA corpse who had been dead for approximately 1 week and was killed by SAP. Corpse was wearing green shorts. Due to decomposition age was unable to be determined. At 1215 OF, 1st and 2d platoons of A Co found an old base camp near BS658421. There were bandages and traces of blood approximately 1 day old but there was no recent activity. At 1410 at BS675420 element of A Co found 4 8' x 10' huts. One of the huts had a tunnel that was approximately 6' x 8'. They also found 1 bunker with overhead cover. Nothing was destroyed. At 1440 at BS656396 the 4th platoon of A Co reported that a mech had been tripped but a search of the area revealed negative findings.

11 May:

At 0835 at BS656432 Co A found 10' x 18' bunker, 2 10' x 10' bunkers and 4 12' x 12' bunkers with excellent overhead cover, 1 I-shaped foxhole 12' long, 1 US pack, 2 3' x 5' latrines recently used, 1 NVA gas mask, 1 SKS (35390) with 4 rounds of ammo. At 1015 at BS789321 Co B engaged 4 VC/NVA fishing in river. All had weapons. 2 VC/NVA KIA. Enemy evaded and pursuit was prevented due to a grass fire which had been started during engagement. At 1825 near BS618397 Recon spotted 1 male in black pajamas with a hoe walk out of the tree line, look around and go back into tree line. About 4 minutes later 1 female in black pajamas with a water bucket walked out of the tree line, looked around, and went back into tree line. At 1840 Recon observed 1 VC/NVA in a rice paddy checking out the crop at a distance of 2 kilometers.

12 May:

At 0827 at BS782344 D Co set off a booby trap with 8 US KIA and 8 US WIA. At 1430 at BS617399 a recon team observed 2 females and 1 male in a rice paddy at BS616407. At 2045 C Co reported a noise in front of bunker #3. A flare was sent up and it is believed that a shadow jumped behind a rock. H&I with an M-16 followed but there were negative results.

13 May:

At 1245 Recon element observed 2 females with children (2) move into tree line at BS615397. At 1430 Recon attempted to capture 1 male and 1 female VN. KCS told them to stop but both attempted to evade to the southeast. Results were 1 male WIA and 1 female KIA. Dustoff requested at 1435 and completed at 1523.

14 May:

At 1805 at BS603614 C Co captured 1 female POW about 30-35 years old wearing black shirt and pants. She was in a 6' x 10' x 8' hooch. 10 lbs of rice and a bunker were under the hooch. At 2150 at BS633392 radar sighted 3 persons moving north and engaged with 25 rounds of 4.2 HE with negative results. At 2000 at BS603416 a moch ambush consisting of three claymores detonated resulting in 1 VC/NVA KIA and one Vietnamese document CIA.

15 May:

C Co, OPCON to 1-20 received unknown amount of 60mm rds. Results were 7 US WIA. Dustoff completed at 1921. Only 1 WIA was from C/4-3.

16 May:

At 2117 at BS606401 sensor activation revealed 3-5 persons stationary, engaged with 10 rounds of 4.2 mortars with unknown results.

17 May:

At 0946 at BS732341 D Co found 8-10 punji sticks approximately 12" to 18". They were old and unstable, pointing from north to south. At 1415 near BS735539 the 4th platoon of D Co found a well used trail and 1 sleeping position for 2 people that was about three days old.

18 May:

At 1703 at BS635445 FOD team landed and destroyed dud ordnance round.

19 May:

At 0955 at BS744337 D Co found 1 105mm dud arty round. Ordnance was blown in place. At 2155 C Co had a moch detonate and reported that they would check it out in the morning.



20 May:

C Co checked out mech at 0705 near BS647419 and found 1 male approximately 13 years old wearing black pajamas and GI shorts with document. He was moving north along 515 highway wearing shower shoes. There were Ho Chi Minh tracks nearby. At 1616 near BS659409 the 4th platoon of C Co reported seeing 2 persons without packs or weapons who evaded to the east. Element pursued but with negative results. At 1825 D Co reported that a mech ambush had gone off at BS753342 and they will check it out in the morning.

21 May:

At 0558 C Co CP reported a trip flare went off at BS653412 and blew a claymore to cover the area. Negative results were reported at 0620. Report from D Co concerning mech ambush at BS753342 was received at 1115. Results were 1 VC/NVA KIA and approximately 35-40 years old wearing green uniform. At 1215 at BS701311 sharks sighted 1 male moving along finger. A Co pursued but with negative results.

22 May:

At 0824 near BS768318 D Co observed 2 VC/NVA 50-100 meters to the southeast and heard voices and a generator. At 1220 near BS768316 the 2d platoon of D Co found 5 huts made of bamboo with floors, 1 basket of food, 1 pair of black pajamas, 1 green shirt, 1 can of bug juice and a bomb shelter in each hut. At 1255 at BS703302 A Co engaged 2-3 VC/NVA resulting in 1 VC/NVA KIA. Mechanical ambush at the same location resulted in 2 more VC/NVA KIA. At 1420 at BS699308 the 3d platoon of C Co found a booby trap with a baseball grenade and a vine for a trip wire and blew it in place. At 1550 at BS768317 the 3d platoon of D Co engaged 6 VC/NVA resulting in a pack containing a flammable liquid. At 1715 near BS768308 the 2d platoon of D Co engaged 2 VC/NVA resulting in 1 NVA KIA and 1 AK-47 CIA.

23 May:

At 1230 near BS690313 the 3d platoon of A Co found rice paddies with 4 8' x 10' huts. They may set up there so nothing was destroyed. At 1335 near BS683312 the 2d platoon of A Co found 1 10' x 12' bunker last used about 2-3 days ago. At 1430 the 3d platoon of A Co found fresh rice paddies with dams and fences at BS713313. They destroyed the dams and fences and flooded the paddies. At 2338 A Co CP reported that a mech detonated at BS697310 and will check the area in the morning.

24 May:

At 0620 A Co reported that the mech that detonated at BS697310 had negative results. At 0855 at BS698310 A Co CP reported hearing 7-8 small arms shots. At 2140 bunkers #6 and #7 reported seeing 2 stationary lights at 1000 meters. After observation is believed lights were reflections from bunker line light shades.

25 May:

At 0915 the 1st platoon of A Co found 2 6' x 6' huts at BS679300. They left the bunkers intact hoping VC/NVA would return. At 474457 LRRP team reports seeing 4 VC in black near a fire. At 1450 near BS679355 B Co reported finding 2 bunkers 6' x 8' x 8' bunkers approximately 2-3 years old and 1 old trail east-west but no signs of recent activity. At 2020 bunkers #1 and #2 reported seeing flashing lights.

26 May:

At 1250 at BS613422 Recon captured 2 VC/NVA, 1 wearing black uniform, 1 wearing green uniform. A third VC/NVA evaded to the northeast. At 1330 the 2d platoon of A Co observed 1 person in a tree 50 meters south of BS675305 and engaged with S&F. VC fell from the tree but evaded to west.

27 May:

At 0945 at BS676305 the 2d platoon of A Co found 1 basket pack, 5 sand bags, 2 towels 1 canteen cup, 2 cans of insecticide, 2 banana knives, 1 bar of soap, 3 aspirins, 1 belt, 2 dishes, 9 coins and assorted clothes. At 1440 at BS714350 B Co captured 1 7 year old male. At 1530 at BS777313 the 1st platoon of D Co engaged 2 VC/NVA who evaded to the south. At 1821 at BS714349, 707346, 706341 and 714349 B Co found a total of 3 500 lb bombs and 5 250 lb bombs.

28 May:

At 0740 at BS654356 sensor activation revealed unknown number of persons and engaged with mortars and artillery with unknown results. At 2050 bunker #2 reported hearing noise to the front. Request for illumination was denied.

29 May:

At 1115 at BS660341 the 3d platoon of A Co received sniper fire. At 1117 the 3d platoon of A Co found 1 VC/NVA with 2 fractured legs at BS660341. At 1700 near BS 620515 D Co found a small tunnel with hot food, 1 gas mask, 1 entrenching tool, 6 RPG rounds and 7 RPG charges.

30 May:

At 2015 at BS619552 D Co received 4 60mm mortar rounds with negative casualties. The fire is believed to have come from the ville at BS607508 and the mortar rounds landed approximately 500 meters west of D Co's position.

31 May:

At 1149 at BS634397 Recon platoon point element engaged the platoon rear element resulting in 2 US KIA. At 1400 D Co found a very old booby trapped 60mm mortar round with trip wire near BS691522 and blew it in place. At 1715 the 3d platoon of A Co found 1 mini-gun with feed tray at the site of downed LOH at BS623523.

1 June:

At 1530 at BS725365 the 2d platoon of B Co engaged movement in brush resulting in 1 VN female KIA carrying a poncho liner, tube of LRA and a bunch of bananas. At 1530 at BS505449 IRRP team observed 3 VC/NVA, 1 with weapon and 2 with packs. At 1717 at BS505449 IRRP team observed 13 VC/NVA carrying weapons and demolitions moving northeast into woodline.

2 June:

At 1035 at BS621342 the 1st platoon of C Co had a mech detonate resulting in 3 VC KIA, 1 M-1 carbine CIA with 20 rounds. At 1115 at BS626342 the same element engaged 2 VC/NVA coming towards them but with negative results.

3 June:

At 0855 at BS624341 C Co observed and engaged 2 VC/NVA. Enemy evaded but the element pursued resulting in 2 VC/NVA KIA. At 1900 at BS717373 B Co had a mech detonate believed to be set off by stormy weather.

4 June:

At 0835 at BS743322 Recon engaged 2 VC/NVA resulting in 2 VC/NVA KIA, 1 SKS and assorted personal items CIA. At 1515 near BS739913 Recon found a base camp with tunnels, 6 hooches and miscellaneous equipment including 50 lbs of rice and several baskets. At 1915 at BS778557 C Co element OPCON to 1-20 had 2 personnel KIA from a mortar attack.

5 June:

At 1506 at BS709379 reported mech ambush detonated by a rat. At 2300 bunker #3 reported movement and engaged with spotlight but there were negative sightings.

6 June:

At 1115 at BS764319 Recon had a mech detonate resulting in 1 VC/NVA KIA, 1 US pistol belt, 1 grenade and miscellaneous equipment and document CIA. At 1446 at BS627461 an aerial observer spotted 1 sampan submerged in river which was destroyed with arty from San Juan.

7 June:

At 0100 at BS748233 Recon spotted lights which moved when they engaged with arty. During adjustment lights went out. At 0425 B Co had a trip flare ignite at BS740398 and engaged with hand frags resulting in 1 VC/NVA KIA with new 9mm pistol and miscellaneous equipment and document CIA. At 0615 at BS618365 a sniper team engaged 1 VC/NVA at 700 meters with negative results. At 0730 at BS736318 Recon reported 2 VC/NVA KIA resulting from a mech ambush. At 1930 at BS738363 B Co found a mackerel can buried in the ground connected to a 6" wire leading to a RA-30 battery and blow in place.

8 June:

At 2242 C Co had a mech detonate at BS667315 with negative results.

9 June:

At 1300 at BS682375 D Co reported finding 2 4' x 4' x 6' bunkers 6-8' from the trail and at BS677376 found 4 of the same kind of bunkers, 4 facing trail running to the southeast. 1 bunker had overhead cover but the others were caved in. They were believed to be from 6-12 months old.

10 June:

At 1000 at BS695369 D Co found a trail of blood and tracks which were about 3 days old. At 1500 at BS704368 D Co found 25 bunkers in good condition and appeared to be recently used. At 1925 at BS703394 D Co had a mech detonate with results to be determined in the morning.

11 June:

At 0740 D Co reported negative findings in the area of BS703394 where a mech ambush had detonated. At 1440 at BS743307 gunships reported 1 secondary explosion and fire resulting from an air strike.

12 June:

At 1459 at BS718385 D Co found 1 105mm dud arty round and blow it in place. At 1650 at BS696392 D Co found blood and pieces of a body where a mech had detonated.

13 June:

At 1036 C Co found the beginning of a base camp at BS669334. There were 2 areas about 20m x 15m but there were no bunkers or hooches and there were frames for huts and dead fall all around. It was believed the area had not been occupied for about 2 months.

14 June:

At 0620 D Co had a mech detonate at BS718408 and a search of the area revealed 1 dead rabbit.

15 June:

At 0700 C Co at BS665337 and BS665339 had 2 mechs stolen. There was 1 large set of barefoot prints running between the 2 locations. At 0955 at BS672402 a resupply bird received an undetermined amount of S.F but there were negative hits. At 1045 at BS 703343 A Co engaged 1 VC/NVA at 50 meters resulting in 1 VC/NVA KIA. At 1700 at BS 733393 D Co found a pile of salt that was about 4' high and approximately 10' x 6' wide. It is believed that it had been there for a very long time.

16 June:

At 1200 at BS697427 B Co had a mech detonate with negative results. At 1730 at BS 558413 B/6-11 Arty observed 5 persons moving in a undetermined direction and engaged with 18 rounds with unknown results. At 1845 at BS704349 the 3d platoon of D Co had a mech ambush detonate resulting in 1 VC/NVA KIA. At 2010 at BS708410 D Co had a mech ambush detonate resulting in 1 tiger KIA.

17 June:

At 1015 at BS724408 D Co found a dud 175mm round and blew it in place. At 1453 at BS 726316 the 2d platoon of A Co point element ran into 1 VC/NVA wearing camouflaged fatigues. Due to the thick foliage the element was in the enemy evaded. At 1757 B/6-11 Arty spotted sampans in a river at BS605408 and engaged with 105mm with unknown results.

18 June:

At 1330 near BS695425 B Co found a dud 105mm round and blew it in place. At 1635 at BS736300 the 3d platoon of A Co found boot prints, blood spots, an observation tower in a tree and carved markings in the area. At 1800 the same element found a trail 5' wide, 50 fighting positions and 1 reinforced bunker with logs and sandbags at BS743297. At 1900 at BS733317 A Co had a mech detonate resulting in 1 wild pig KIA. At 2050 at BS743296 the 3d platoon of A Co observed 4 flashlights 900 meters to the south and engaged with arty from IZ Debbie. The rounds were about 100 meters from the target resulting in 2 lights being extinguished and 1 light moving down draw and then extinguishing.

19 June:

At 0800 at BS737298 A Co had a mech detonate resulting in 2 NVA KIA, 1 AK-47 CIA, documents and military equipment CIA. At 1345 A Co 4th platoon point man engaged 1 VC/NVA on a trail at BS729310 resulting in 1 VC/NVA KIA. At 1425 at BS742295 A Co had a mech ambush detonate resulting in 2 NVA KIA, 1 AK-47 and miscellaneous equipment CIA. At 1510 at BS737317 A Co had a mech ambush detonate resulting in 1 VC KIA. At 1550 at BS590410 arty personnel observed and engaged 1 hooch resulting in a very large secondary explosion. At 1715 at BS746296 A Co had a mech detonate resulting in 1 NVA KIA.

20 June:

At 0030 at BS503762 C Co engaged 3 VC resulting in 1 VC KIA and 1 AK-47 and miscellaneous equipment CIA. At 0905 at BS728304 A Co observed 6-10 VC and engaged with arty fire with unknown results. At 1735 at BS748300 the 3d platoon of A Co detonated a claymore resulting in 2 NVA KIA, 2 AK-47's and equipment CIA.

21 June:

At 1845 at BS727310 A Co had a mech detonate resulting in 1 NVA KIA, 1 AK-44 and miscellaneous equipment CIA. At 2115 at BS494751 C Co had 2 detainees with 1 chicom grenade and 10,000 piastres.



22 June:

At 0905 at BS685313 Recon platoon found a 2 week old VC/NVA NDP in high elephant grass. At 0915 at BS729301 the 3d platoon of A Co had a mech ambush detonate believed to have been set off by a falling tree limb. At 1930 bunker #13 reported a trip flare igniting but negative movement was sighted.

23 June:

At 1545 at BS727310 A Co detonated a mech ambush accounting for 1 NVA KIA. At 1100 at BS673296 Recon platoon had a mech ambush detonate with unknown results. At 2200 at San Juan 1 incoming mortar round landed in the vicinity of the command bunker with negative results.

24 June:

At 0920 at BS672297 Recon had a mech ambush detonate resulting in 1 KIA from the mech and 1 KIA from SAF fired at the ambush site. At 1130 at BS613474 an FO from B/6-11 Arty spotted and destroyed with artillery 2 sampans on a river bank.

25 June:

At 1416 at BS658376 sensors detonated revealing 3 persons moving west, engaged with 10 rounds of 4.2 fire with negative results. At 1730 at BS724311 Co D engaged 1 VC/NVA resulting in 1 VC/NVA KIA.

26 June:

At 1017 at BS726327 D Co had a mech ambush detonate resulting in 1 VC/NVA KIA. At 1450 at BS722312 D Co found several rice paddies, banana trees, 3 old bunkers and 2 old hooches.

27 June:

At 0758 D Co found 3 hooches, several protective holes, baskets and recently cultivated rice paddies at BS719315. At 0953 a Beacon air strike resulted in 1 secondary fire. At 1145 at BS796308 D Co found 6 huts, 8 bunkers and many recent signs indicating that the area is being used extensively. At 1330 at BS659407 D Co found a large cave and a tunnel 40' x 10' x 25'.

28 June:

At 1145 at BS505780 C Co OPCON to 3-1 Inf received 30 rounds of sniper fire and 2 M-79 rounds from 150 meters with negative casualties. Return fire and movement resulted in 1 AK-47 CIA, 1 VC KIA, 3 AK-47 magazines, 86 AK-47 rounds and 2 hand frags CIA. At 1250 near BS716314 D Co had a mech ambush detonate with negative results. While checking the area the element received 2 rounds of small arms fire with negative casualties.

29 June:

At 1250 at BS706311 D Co found a small base camp which appeared to have been built within the last 24 hours with 5 6' x 8' x 7' huts, 6 6' x 4' bunkers and a trail running north-southeast.

30 June:

At 1358 the 1st platoon of D Co engaged 1 VC/NVA at BS493407 with unknown results. At 1900 near BS494427 the 3d platoon of A Co had a mech ambush detonate resulting in 2 VC/NVA KIA wearing black shirt and green shorts and carrying 1 rocket.

1 July:

At 1725 at BS495423 the 3d platoon of A Co had a mechanical ambush detonate resulting in 2 VC KIA along with several items of personal equipment CIA.

2 July:

At 0800 at BS498412 D Co found 4 hooches in excellent condition used during the past 3 days, 1 M-79 dud CS round, 1 spear, 1 crossbow and 1 small basket of rice and oats.

3 July:

At 0700 at BS490431 A Co spotted a total of 8 VC/NVA moving south along river with heavy packs. Engagement with arty fire produced unknown results. At 2050 near BS493-414 D Co heard 2 persons talking and engaged with small arms and hand frags resulting in 1 VC/NVA KIA when the area was checked in the morning. At 2305 Recon platoon saw 2 VC/NVA approximately 10 meters from bunker #7 at LZ Cadet and engaged with small arms fire with unknown results.

4 July:

At 1145 at BS505427 the 2d platoon of D Co found 1 hooch 8' x 8' x 5' and 1 bunker 4' x 5' believed to be last used 3-4 days ago. At 1305 at BS502429 D Co found 2 hooches 4' x 6' and 2 tunnels. Area was used within the last 48 hours. At 1505 at BS506433 D Co received approximately 15 rounds of automatic weapon fire. At 2250 inner perimeter guard between bunkers #6 and #7 at LZ Cadet challenged an unknown person who did not respond to challenge and evaded out of the perimeter.

5 July:

At 0640 B Co had a mech ambush detonate at BS493419 resulting in 1 VC/NVA KIA. At 1445 D Co found 3 6' x 6' hooches in elephant grass near BS489424 last used within 4-5 days ago. At 1630 at BS511422 A Co received approximately 40 rounds of light automatic weapons fire and engaged with arty with unknown results.

6 July:

At 1530 at BS718313 the 1st platoon of D Co saw 5 VC in open and engaged with arty. All 5 VC evaded to the northeast.

7 July:

At 1345 at BS725311 the 3d platoon of D Co came upon 1 person about 30 years and determined KML. At 2230 bunker #3 suspected movement and requested illumination. Request was denied by CPT Schwobach.

8 July:

At 1002 a gunship reported 2 male VC/NVA at BS425395. At 1855 at BS699301 the 3d platoon of A Co had a mechanical ambush detonate resulting in 1 VC/NVA KML carrying miscellaneous equipment and various personal items.

9 July:

At 0235 A Co had a mech ambush detonate at BS679299. When the area was checked in the morning 2 leopard KML's were found.

10 July:

At 0330 A Co had a mechanical ambush detonate at BS699321 which resulted in 1 25-30 lb grey and white striped cat KML. At 0910 at BS666295 the 2d platoon of A Co heard 8-10 rounds of semi-automatic fire followed by an explosion. At 1520 the 2d platoon of D Co found 1 6' x 8' hooch and 5 bunkers 25 meters south of the hooch. It is believed the area was last used 3-4 days ago.

11 July:

At 0850 Recon CP found 1 105mm HE round. Believe it was dropped from a bird going toward west. The direction of impact is 250°. It is believed to have been approximately 1-2 weeks at BS615420. At 1345 at BS736299 C Co CP found 1 AK-47 ammo clip on a trail runnign west-east.

12 July:

At 1000 near BS749300 C Co engaged 1 VC/NVA who evaded to the west. At 1105 C Co found miscellaneous items of equipment at BS794300. At 1140 at BS700308 B Co engaged 2 VC at 15 meters resulting in 2 VC WIA. A dustoff was called but VC were DOW. Recon element at 1510 at BS620423 found 2 huts and various items of equipment.

13 July:

At 0258 at BS706314 had a mech ambush detonate which resulted in 2 VC female KML when the area was swept in the morning. It is believed that there were others who evaded. At 1800 at BS624554 A Co found 20 hooches with 2½ tons of rice mostly in 55 gallon drums. The rice was unpolished and in good condition.

14 July:

At 0930 at BS620559 C Co found 1 hooch, 1 fighting position, trails and a pistol belt. At 1030 at BS613556 A Co found a 45 gallon drum with rice, irrigation ditch, sampan several fires and a recently used fighting position. At 1040 near BS627558 A Co found 2 huts 6' x 6' and 2 sleeping positions which were recently used.

15 July:

At 1000 at BS598553 C Co engaged and KIA 1 VC in black pajamas at 50 meters. At 1345 A Co found upper half of M-16 rifle on trail at BS643541. At 1425 at BS641534 the 2d platoon of A Co found 1 M-1 carbine and 1 dud rocket.

16 July:

At 1640 at BS616535 B Co reported having 1 detainee approximately 40 years old with out identification. The detainee was acting blind but was not. B Co will have him evacuated. At 1650 at BS637537 B Co found fresh cut hair in a bushy area by a stream bed. There was also a 20' x 15' trail running north-south. They also found pieces of cloth and plastic.

17 July:

At 0100 A Co had a mech ambush detonate at BS625538 resulting in 1 small brown monkey KIA. At 1440 at BS614528 1 female VC 40 years old walked up to B Co with a pack. She had numerous papers in her hand and was afraid because no US had been in the area for a long time. She said VC came from the hills about once a week. But she knew of no rice caches in the area.

18 July:

At 1140 at BS621510 D Co found a hut and while securing hut engaged 1 NVA at 10 meters resulting in 1 NVA KIA and 1 AK-47 CIA. At 1415 at BS621511 D Co had a mech ambush detonate resulting in 3 VC/NVA KIA and 2 M-16's and 1 AK-47 CIA. At 1818 C Co had a mechanical ambush detonate at BS760320 resulting in 1 VC/NVA KIA and 1 SKS CIA. At 1835 at BS614510 B Co found a sewing machine.

19 July:

At 0740 C Co found 1 NVA KIA at BS765319. At 1140 at BS607503 they found 1 old man with an ID card that expired in 1962, his granddaughter and her baby who both appear to have malaria with a temperature of 104.4. Bn Commander instructed B Co to leave them at their location.

20 July:

At 0930 at BS604696 B Co had contact with the enemy resulting in 4 US WIA. A dustoff was requested at 0935 and was completed at 1005.

21 July:

At 0735 B Co had 2 US WIA resulting from an enemy booby trap at BS616487. Dustoff was requested at 0740 and was completed at 0800. At 0955 at BS616487 the 3d platoon of B Co found approximately 100 sandbags filled with some rocks and an unidentified powder in a dried up stream bed. At 1330 near BS764323 the 3d platoon of C Co ambushed 4 VC at approximately 100 meters. VC returned fire and evaded to northeast leaving 1 M-16 CIA.

22 July:

At 1800 the 2d platoon of D Co spotted 2 persons at BS628496 and engaged with SMF with negative results. At 1810 near BS622496 the 1st platoon of A Co found 5 8' x 10' dug out positions with overhead cover. There were 6 trails in the area going in all directions.

23 July:

At 1910 near BS623494 B Co found 1 ton of rice. At 0945 at BS624495 D Co found the remains of a small base camp and a trail running east-west. At 1100 near BS623494 B Co found 30 RPG rounds. At 1600 at BS623494 B Co CP found 1 buffer group, 1 carrying handle and 1 sight bracket and mount for .51 cal.

24 July:

At 1415 at BS625486 B Co found 1 hooch 30' x 20' and 125 rounds of AK-47 ammo and various documents and various amounts of corn and rice. They also found a trail running north-south and estimated area was last used approximately 4 days ago.

25 July:

At 0610 B Co had a mechanical ambush detonate at BS622490 resulting in 1 VC KIA, approximately 35 years old with the following equipment: 1 pack, 1 lb of rice, 1 cup of salt and 1 set of black pajamas.

26 July:

At 1725 at BS774316 C Co found 4 8' x 15' huts approximately 9-10 months old. There were also numerous documents and various military items. They believe someone was in the area and evaded when he heard them coming.

27 July:

At 1605 near BS728313 A Co CP found 10 M-79 HE rounds off the side of the trail, several old MDP's and a 10 meter patch of punji sticks. The ammo was blown in place and the punji pit destroyed.

28 July:

At 1005 at BS716316 A Co CP found 10 M-79 HE rounds in a hooch 7' x 10', 1 bundle of 50 8' punji stakes and 5 fish traps. They believe the hooch was used in the early morning. They destroyed it before moving on.

29 July:

At 0655 the 1st platoon of D Co had a mechanical ambush detonate at BS687315 resulting in 1 VC KIA. At 0940 D Co found 1 old and 1 new hut at BS690304. At 1205 A Co found and destroyed 1 hut at BS722309 and found and destroyed banana trees, pineapple plants and 9 30' x 40' rice paddies at BS618313.



30 July:

At 0945 at BS693307 D Co found 20 crossbows strung to go off in succession and destroyed them. At 1600 A Co found 1 bunker and 2 lean-to's at BS714319. At 1635 D Co found 3 old fighting positions, 1 SES and 3 .30 cal rounds at BS689314.

31 July:

At 1530 at BS743314 B Co CP spotted and engaged 4 NVA resulting in 3 NVA KIA and 2 AK-47's CL. The other NVA evaded to the west. There were 2 US slightly WIA who remained in the field.

1 August:

At 1130 at BS709309 A Co found 1 2' x 4' storage bin with roof and negative signs of recent activity in the area.

2 August:

At 0745 A Co reported having destroyed  $3\frac{1}{2}$  acres of potatoes and  $3\frac{1}{2}$  acres of rice by spraying them with gasoline between BS712308 and BS710309.

3 August:

At 1300 at BS722307 A Co found 2 3' x 5' storage bins approximately 6 months old and 2 bundles of documents, 1 believed to be a diary. There were also several trail junctions in the area.

4 August:

At 1600 A Co CP at BS716312 reported observing 1 VC/NVA at 25 meters and engaged with EAF resulting in 1 VC/NVA KIA. At 1950 B Co had 2 US WIA as a result of a booby trap explosion at BS775323. Dustoff was requested at 2005 and completed at 2030.

5 August:

At 0928 Recon platoon had a tech ambush detonate resulting in 1 VC/NVA KIA at BS648-416. At 1600 A Co reported finding 1 bunker and 3 hooches at BS700303. At 1645 B Co found 1 OP platform at BS771310.

6 August:

There were negative significant events for 6 August.

7 August:

At 2030 radar reported to have interference by some unidentified radio transmission at BS758327.

8 August:

At 1045 at BS787325 B Co reported finding and destroying 1 250 lb bomb. At 1835 at BS731261 A Co spotted approximately 140 NVN in the open and engaged with arty fire with unknown results.

9 August:

At 1230 at BS704299 C Co found 8 4' x 6' huts which were approximately 6 months old and well cultivated paddies 15 meters by 20 meters. They also found evidence of recent activity. At 1620 B Co spotted 1 VC/NVN at BS733326 and engaged with small arms fire as VC/NVN evaded to the north. At 1740 at BS673273 D Co reported finding 6' x 12' sleeping position and various military items.

10 August:

At 1720 at BS721253 the 3d platoon of D Co found an enemy base camp and 1 SKS rifle.

11 August:

At 1745 at BS716248 D Co was ambushed by a reinforced squad or platoon of VC/NVN with claymores and S&F but suffered no casualties. The enemy evaded to the south.

12 August:

At 1028 at BS700263 B Co had a rock ambush detonate resulting in 1 NVN KIA and 1 AK-47 and 2 chicom grenades CIL. At 1610 at BS719252 C Co was ambushed by an estimated 4-5 persons resulting in 4 slightly wounded US. Enemy evaded to the southeast. At 2120 at BS717250 the 2d platoon of C Co spotted 1 VC/NVN and engaged with hand frags with negative results.

13 August:

At 0930 at BS712250 C Co engaged an unknown size enemy force resulting in small arms fire being exchanged, 1 US WIA and no enemy casualties. At 1220 C Co found several hooches and sleeping positions at BS703304.

14 August:

At 1450 at BS708251 D Co received approximately 18 rounds of AK-47 fire from 3 VC/NVN 100 meters away across a dry creek bed. Enemy evaded to the south.

15 August:

At 1550 at BS649406 Recon platoon spotted 1 VC/NVN at 75 meters and engaged with small arms fire with unknown results. At 1610 B Co at BS723253 found ten dug out positions.

16 August:

At 1300 at BS657407 A Co had a mech ambush detonate resulting in 1 VC/NVA KIA and 1 M-1 carbine CLM. At 1420 B Co found punji stakes along a 100 meter stretch of trail at BS752243. At 2100 at BS717245 C Co had 2 US KIA and 3 US WIA as a result of friendly mortar fire.

17 August:

At 1140 at BS742243 C Co engaged 3 VC/NVA at 75 meters. Results were 1 US WIA. Dustoff requested at 1150 and completed at 1215. At 1520 Recon platoon spotted 2 VC/NVA at BS721252 who evaded to the south.

18 August:

At 0500 at BS739327 radar revealed an undetermined number of persons in the area. Engaged with arty from San Juan Hill with unknown results.

19 August:

At 1820 at BS693250 C Co had 2 US KIA and 1 US WIA as a result of an enemy booby trap. A dustoff was requested at 1825 and was completed at 1900.

20 August:

At 0905 A Co engaged 2 VC at BS680242 resulting in 1 VC KIA and 1 VC WIA POW. At 1520 the 2d platoon of D Co walked into a friendly mech ambush resulting in 2 US WIA at BS707244.

21 August:

At 0915 at BS695257 D Co found a cave by a stream bed. At 1205 D Co found 12 8' x 10' bunkers in good condition and 1 10' x 15' hut on a trail running north-south and destroyed all structures.

22 August:

At 1005 D Co found 7 collapsed bunkers and 5 hooches at BS708421; they also found a 3 day old blood trail. At 1137 D Co found 1 classroom with benches at BS706244 and 10 8' x 12' bunkers and a mess area and trails going in all directions.

23 August:

At 2220 B Co had a mech detonate at BS664292 and checked out the area in the morning with negative results.

24 August:

At 0700 at BS836259 C Co had a mech detonate resulting in 3 rabbits KIA when the area was checked out in the morning.

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25 August:

At 1400 an air strike was called in on BS670328 and 8 500 lb bombs were dropped on the area with unknown results. There was also a secondary explosion which occurred shortly after the bombs were dropped.

26 August:

At 1605 at BS451697 the 2d platoon of D Co reported finding 1 new 81mm round with safety pin still in it and blew it in place. At 1900 at BS488696 C Co spotted 3 VC/NVA with packs and weapons. Arty was requested but was refused because of the proximity of friendlies.

27 August:

At 1040 D Co reported finding 1 3' x 12' x 4' bunker in good condition and destroyed it at BS471703. D Co reported 10 children walked into their ambush at 1700 at BS450600. 2 of the children were captured and will be sent in on a bird tomorrow.

28 August:

At 1700 D Co spotted 1 VC/NVA in a valley 700 meters away from BS480720 and engaged with sniper fire with negative results. Enemy evaded to the north.

29 August:

At 0615 the 1st platoon of C Co had a mech ambush detonate at BS290615 resulting in 1 VC KIA. At 0845 the 4th platoon of C Co engaged 1 VC/NVA at BS690715 resulting in 1 VC/NVA KIA. The 1st platoon of C Co engaged 2 VC/NVA at 1620 at BS484708 resulting in 1 VC/NVA KIA. The other VC/NVA evaded to the south. At 2000 the 1st platoon of C Co had a mech detonate at BS634296 resulting in 1 female VC KIA.

30 August:

At 1140 at BS780735 C Co detained 5 persons while 1 male evaded to the east. None of the detainees had identification. At 1820 D Co tripped a booby trap at BS463727 resulting in 1 US WIA. Booby trap was a homemade chicom with wire attached. Dustoff requested at 1825 and completed at 1840.

31 August:

At 0955 at BS463745 D Co reported tripping a booby trap made of 1 chicom grenade and trip wire resulting in 1 US WIA. Dustoff was requested at 0955 and completed at 1011.

1 September:

At 1140 at BS716336 A Co had a mech ambush detonate resulting in 1 VC/NVA KIA and 1 AK-47 CIA. At 1455 D Co had a mech ambush detonate at BS675304 resulting in 1 VC/NVA KIA. At 1745 A Co reported 4 NVA KIA and 3 AK-47 CIA resulting from a mech ambush and small arms fire at BS723330.

2 September:

At 0940 at BS640435 a gunship found 6 new bunkers and destroyed them. At 1000 the gunship spotted 2 sampans at BS610477 and engaged and destroyed. At 1010 at BS612-475 the gunship found a bunker and destroyed it.

3 September:

At 1100 A Co requested dustoff for man WIA by friendly fire. Dustoff completed at 1135. At 1815 at BS689307 D Co had a mech ambush detonate resulting in 1 VC/NVA KIA and 1 AK-47 CL.

4 September:

At 0830 at BS617405 Recon platoon found 2 8' x 8' hooches in good condition. The hooches were left intact and Recon will return to destroy them later.

5 September:

At 1310 near BS688308 the 3d platoon of D Co had a mech ambush detonate resulting in 3 VC/NVA KIA. All KIA's were males between 20 and 26 years old wearing black pajamas.

6 September:

At 1427 D Co had a mech ambush detonate at BS688299 resulting in 2 VC female KIA wearing black pajama bottoms and grey tops. At 1645 the 1st platoon of D Co had a mech ambush detonate at BS676238 resulting in 2 VC KIA.

7 September:

At 1505 the 3d platoon of D Co engaged 1 female VC, age 17, at 100 meters resulting in 1 VC KIA. At 1930 A Co had a mech ambush detonate at BS637419 resulting in 1 female VC KIA and believe there are at least 1 woman and 3 very small children to the east.

8 September:

At 0810 at BS659448 A Co hit a booby trap resulting in 2 US WIA. A dustoff was requested at 0813 and completed at 0829. The booby trap was a hand frag with a trip wire.

9 September:

At 1800 at BS641354 the 1st platoon of D Co found an old base camp with 9 foxholes. It is believed the area was used recently. Element destroyed the base camp. At 1750 at BS643327 the 3d platoon of D Co found 2 graves. One contained the body of a middle age female, the other was that of a 4 year old child.



10 September:

At 1050 at BS595409 C Co found 1 old cave and 1 new fishing trap. At 1300 at BS 644327 B Co discovered 14 hooches, 7 of which had bunkers attached. Also found what looked like a broom factory consisting of 2 hooches loaded with brooms.

11 September:

At 1015 C Co CP reported finding a tunnel complex at BS597399 with 5 3' x 5' fighting positions and an old trail running from north to south along the river. All positions were destroyed.

12 September:

At 0950 C Co found a 15' long sampan at BS605408 with several tracks in the area which appeared to have been made by 1 middle age man and 1 small boy. At 1845 the 3d platoon of C Co discovered a small tunnel complex at BS596406.

13 September:

At 1020 at BS749326 D Co spotted 1 VC/NVA wearing a dark green uniform and engaged with S&F at 300 meters with negative results. At 1355 at BS633313 D Co reported 1 VC/NVA KIA as a result of S&F.

14 September:

At 0610 the 1st platoon of D Co at BS722339 had a neck ambush detonate. When the area was swept for results there were negative findings.

15 September:

At 1235 at BS748328 the 3d platoon of D Co spotted 1 VC on a trail approximately 75 meters away. The enemy was engaged with small arms fire resulting in 1 VC KIA about 25 years old with a lighter with "403" engraved on it.

17 September:

At 1130 the 2d platoon of C Co set off a booby trap at BS698387 resulting in 2 US WIA. A dustoff was requested at 1135 and completed at 1208. At 1750 at BS659354 the 2d platoon of A Co found 12 82mm mortar rounds under a loose rock. The element plans to destroy the ordnance tomorrow.

18 September:

At 1017 at BS683379 the 1st platoon of C Co reported finding the barrel and receiver group of 1 M-60 machinegun. At 1700 at BS688366 C Co CP found a bunker 6' x 6' x 5' with 2 5' x 7' x 3' tunnels and destroyed them.

19 September:

There were negative significant events for 19 September.

20 September:

At 1440 at BS665472 D Co reported finding a small base camp. Element plans to search immediate area thoroughly tomorrow.

21 September:

At 1445 at BS662468 D Co found a tunnel approximately 150' long with 5 side entrances. It was estimated that the tunnel was last used 1 year ago.

22 September:

At 1600 the 2d platoon of B Co reported finding several hooches, some just under construction at BS645465. The area the hooches covered was 100 meters by 200 meters. At 1610 A Co reported finding 4 6' x 10' bunkers with overhead cover and a trail running north-south at BS671481. There were no signs of recent activity.

23 September:

At 1700 at BS645478 B Co found 1 81mm mortar round in an old NDP where there were no signs of recent activity. Ordnance was blown in place. At 1715 the 2d platoon of D Co found an enemy camp at BS646464 which included 27 hooches, bunkers and miscellaneous equipment.

24 September:

At 1600 at BS664475 A Co reported having a mechanical ambush detonate. The area was searched but there were negative results.

25 September:

At 1500 the 3d platoon of D Co reported finding 30 bunkers with overhead cover at BS645462. It is believed to be a former NVN base camp last used over 1 year ago.

26 September:

At 1030 the 3d platoon of B Co found 22 bunkers and signs of recent activity in the area at BS679471. At 1700 D Co set off a booby trap at an old NDP resulting in 2 US WIA at BS638448. A dustoff was requested at 1705 and was completed at 1735. At 2345 B Co reported having a mech ambush detonate at BS644445 and BS641449. The elements will search the area in the morning.

27 September:

At 0723 B Co reported on the mechs from last night. One was detonated by a falling tree, the other by a rat. At 1000 the 1st platoon of B Co had a mech detonate at BS644464 with negative results. At 1615 C Co found 1 VC pack with fresh greens estimated to be 30-45 minutes old at the side of a well used trail at BS575451. At 1630 at BS577454 C Co reported finding 2 NVN KIA 3-4 days old, probably killed by a large bomb.

28 September:

At 1405 at BS601453 D Co had contact with the enemy in which S.M.F. was exchanged resulting in 1 US KIA and unknown enemy casualties. At 1917 at BS621461 the 3d platoon of B Co spotted a patrol of NVN in the 516 valley.

29 September:

At 1300 at BS598463 the 2d platoon of A Co came into contact with 4-5 VC/NVA with negative US or enemy casualties. At 1845 D Co CP had a mech ambush detonate at BS 614462 resulting in 1 VC KIA and 1 pack with hammock CIA.

30 September:

At 1635 at BS601468 had contact with the enemy resulting in 1 VC/NVA KIA and 1 KOS WIA. Dustoff requested at 1640 and completed at 1705. At 1645 at BS600468 the 1st platoon of A Co spotted 1 NVN 25 meters in front of point man and engaged him with small arms fire as he evaded to the west on a trail.

1 October:

At 0945 at BS605437 the 3d platoon of A Co had a mech detonate resulting in 1 NVN KIA and 1 AK-47 with 2 full magazines and 2 chicom grenades CIA. At 1245 the same element of A Co had another mech detonate at BS605437 resulting in 1 NVN KIA.

2 October:

At 1635 the 1st platoon of A Co reported spotting 1 NVN in green uniform at a distance of 50 meters from their position at BS603467. The element engaged the enemy with SAF as he evaded to the east along a trail.

3 October:

At 0850 at BS600446 Recon engaged 3 VC moving to their location from the southeast at a distance of 30 meters resulting in 1 VC KIA.

4 October:

At 1525 the 1st platoon of C Co spotted movement at BS572460 and engaged resulting in 2 VC KIA and 1 VC, age 4, CIA. At 1950 the 2d platoon of A Co reported 3-4 persons probing their position at BS647547 and engaged the enemy with small arms fire as the enemy evaded.

5 October:

At 0615 C Co had a mech detonate at BS567465 resulting in 1 150 lb black bear KIA. At 1100 Recon engaged 6-8 VC women and children at LZ Pilgrim resulting in 1 VC KIA as the rest evaded to the southeast.

6 October:

At 1606 D Co at BS675304 found a booby trap made out of a chicom grenade and blew it in place. At 1700 at BS644430 B Co tripped a booby trap consisting of a base-ball grenade inside a mackerel can with a trip wire. Booby trap failed to detonate and was blown in place by element.

7 October:

At 1050 at BS676297 D Co had a mechanical ambush detonate and searched the area to find negative results.

8 October:

At 1510 at BS606506 a gunship reported sighting hooches and signs of recent use and recent activity in the area.

9 October:

At 1130 at BS677398 an air strike called in on a bunker resulted in two secondary explosions.

10 October:

At 0625 a gunship engaged 1 NVA at BS482435 with unknown results. 4-3 Inf OPCON to the 198th Dde effective 101000 October 70.

11 October - 7 November:

4-3 Inf was OPCON to the 198th Dde. During this period the following significant events took place on San Juan Hill:

28 October:

At 1305 two persons in khakis were spotted from bunker #16 at San Juan. The enemy was engaged with mortars with unknown results.

29 October:

At 2045 San Juan Hill received incoming mortar fire in the vicinity of bunkers #16 and #17, engaged with arty and mortars with unknown results. There was 1 US KIA as a result of friendly fire.

31 October:

At 1535 3 persons with packs were spotted from bunker #18 at San Juan in the vicinity of BS628371. The area was engaged with arty fire and a reaction force was sent out to search the area with negative results.

7 November:

4-3 Inf returns from being OPCOM to the 190th Bde.

8 November:

At 1645 B Co found a fresh fire near hooches at BS656490. It is believed that there were 4-5 persons in the area earlier this morning. At 1930 D Co received 8 rounds of AK fire and 3 RPG's resulting in 2 US KIA.

9 November:

At 1215 the 1st platoon of A Co spotted 2 VC with packs and weapons 800 meters west of BS640521 and maneuvered to within 200 meters to exchange small arms fire resulting in 1 US KIA. At 1830 D Co received small arms fire near BS630529.

10 November:

At 1500 D Co CP found a pen with 1 .51 cal in fair condition at BS552527. At 1750 at BS618495 B Co CP hit a booby trap resulting in 1 US KIA and 3 US KIA. At 1830 the 1st platoon of D Co moved into a base camp at BS626525 and after checking out the area moved out and called in arty destroying the camp.

11 November:

At 1100 B Co searched BS620496 where they hit a booby trap the night before and found a small hooch and 1 VC KIA who seemed to have been killed by a claymore. At 1820 at BS650505 A Co requested a dustoff for 1 US KIA by the accidental detonation of a claymore. The dustoff was completed at 1855. At 1914 at BS618495 B Co CP received 4 rounds of mortar fire from the north. There were negative casualties.

12 November:

At 2013 B Co CP received small arms fire at BS627496 resulting in 1 US KIA. Dustoff was requested and was completed at 2030.

13 November:

At 1800 the 2d platoon of B Co received small arms fire and spotted 3 persons evading to the east of their position at BS619483 with M-16's. At 1810 the 3d platoon of B Co found 1 hooch and 2 bunkers at BS624467 and plans to destroy the buildings tomorrow.

14 November:

At 1345 the 2d platoon of B Co engaged 2 VC/NVA at BS612475 as the enemy evaded to the south. At 1500 at BS585466 the 4th platoon of A Co found 1 hooch and 3 bunkers with overhead cover and destroyed all the buildings.



15 November:

At 1107 at BS601467 the 1st platoon of A Co received small arms fire from an unknown size enemy force resulting in 1 US WIA and 1 KCS KIA. At 1440 at BS613424 they found the grave of 1 NVA KIA. 100 meters to the west element found 1 bunker with overhead cover. At 1850 Recon had movement to the west of their position at BS610-475 and initiated contact resulting in 1 VC KIA.

16 November:

At 1440 A Co spotted 1 VC/NVA on a trail at BS605469 and engaged with small arms fire and hand frags. Enemy returned fire and then evaded to the east.

17 November:

At 1225 A Co CP had a mech detonate at BS581463 resulting in 1 VC/NVA WIA who evaded to the south and 1 SKS rifle CL. At 1421 at BS613485 the 1st platoon of B Co received 3 M-79 rounds and engaged the enemy with arty with unknown results.

18 November:

At 1700 at BS582494 the 2d platoon of C Co found 1 8' x 10' hooch approximately 6 months old with signs of recent activity in the area. Element plans to destroy the hooch tomorrow.

19 November:

At 1047 the 1st platoon of B Co received 2 M-79 rounds from enemy estimated at BS612-487 firing on platoon's position at BS615487. There were negative US casualties.

20 November:

At 1405 at BS585489 the 3d platoon of C Co found 3 sleeping positions and 1 letter torn into pieces. Element plans to set mechanical ambushes around the area tonight.

21 November:

There were negative significant events for 21 November.

22 November:

At 0845 C Co engaged 3 VC/NVA with mech ambushes at BS594471 resulting in 3 VC/NVA KIA and 1 US WIA. At 0910 the 3d platoon of C Co had a mechanical ambush detonate resulting in 2 VC KIA.

23 November:

At 1000 the 2d platoon of A Co had a mechanical ambush detonate resulting in 1 VC KIA and 1 VC WIA who evaded to the south leaving a heavy trail of blood.

24 November:

At 0200 A Co had a mechanical ambush detonate at BS741345. The area was searched in the morning and revealed negative findings. At 1130 the 4th platoon of A Co hit a booby trap at BS747359 resulting in 1 US KIA and 1 US WIA. A dustoff was requested at 1130 and completed at 1200. At 1230 C Co engaged 3 VC/NVA at BS599470 resulting in 3 VC/NVA KIA.

25 November:

At 1440 A Co reported finding a booby trap made of an old US trip flare at BS747357 and blew it in place.

26 November:

At 0825 at BS593457 C Co CP observed an unknown number of VC/NVA and engaged with arty with unknown results. At 1605 at BS588455 D Co received 1 hand frag and 2 rounds of small arms fire resulting in 2 US WIA. A dustoff was requested at 1610 and completed at 1640.

27 November:

At 1455 the 3d platoon of D Co found 1 Vietnamese letter at BS625461. Element will backhaul the letter. At 1515 at BS622457 the 3d platoon of D Co found 1 16' canoe which they destroyed. At 1545 at BS573453 D Co CP found 1 4' x 6' hooch near a rice paddy. It was estimated that the hooch was last used approximately 6 months ago. The hooch was destroyed.

28 November:

At 1215 the 3d platoon of D Co observed 2 VC/NVA at a distance of 50 meters from their position at BS695379 and engaged with small arms fire as the 2 VC/NVA evaded to the south.

29 November:

At 1530 C Co CP found the graves of 3 VC KIA at BS598467. At 1615 C Co CP found a base camp at BS597464. The element plans to put mechanical ambushes around the base camp and search it further tomorrow.

30 November:

At 0930 D Co found 1 155mm round at BS593467 and blew it in place. At 1600 C Co found 4 hooches, 4 pigs and 1 chicken at BS616462. The hooches and 1 pig and the chicken were destroyed as the other 3 pigs evaded to the south.

1 December:

At 0720 D Co CP spotted 3 VC in the open at BS551403 and engaged with arty fire with unknown results.

## 2 December:

At 0905 the 3d platoon of C Co at BS613464 had a mechanical ambush detonate resulting in 1 VC KIA and miscellaneous military equipment CIA.

## 3 December:

At 1115 at BS703427 the 3d platoon of D Co found papers with pictures of VC/NVA weapons on them. At 1500 at BS602458 the 1st platoon of C Co spotted 1 VC/NVA and engaged with small arms fire as the enemy evaded to the west.

## 4 December:

At 0940 at BS602468 C Co CP spotted 1 VC/NVA on a trail and engaged with small arms fire resulting in 1 NVA KIA. At 1820 at BS690440 the 2d platoon of D Co spotted 5 VC/NVA and engaged with arty with negative results. At 1925 at BS686434 D Co observed 3 VC/NVA in a tree and engaged with small arms fire as the enemy evaded to the north.

## 5 December:

At 1150 at BS614467 the 1st platoon of C Co engaged 1 VC/NVA with small arms fire resulting in 1 VC/NVA KIA and miscellaneous military and personal items CIA. At 1820 at BS591453 the 2d platoon of D Co made contact with the enemy resulting in 1 US KIA.

## 6 December:

At 1500 at BS675431 the 1st platoon of D Co found 3 hooches located next to a stream bed on a trail running east-west. The hooches were destroyed and mechs were set out on the trail. At 1525 at BS557421 Recon engaged 1 VC/NVA resulting in 1 VC/NVA KIA and 1 AK-47 CIA.

## 7 December:

At 1130 at BS552426 Recon found 6 hooches, 8 1-man fighting positions and 3 bunkers, 5 pigs and 2 water buffalo. Both the buildings and the animals were destroyed. At 1257 at BS665428 D Co engaged 1 VC/NVA on a trail with small arms fire resulting in 1 VC/NVA KIA.

## 8 December:

At 1442 at BS554423 2 Recon snipers engaged 2 VC/NVA at 300 meters resulting in 1 VC/NVA KIA and 1 VC/NVA WIA.

## 9 December:

At 1110 at BS599463 C Co had a mechanical ambush detonate resulting in 1 VC/NVA KIA. At 1605 at BS603458 C Co engaged 5 VC/NVA with SAF resulting in 1 VC/NVA KIA as the other enemies evaded to the west. At 1615 the 3d platoon of C Co at BS613414 found 3 15' x 10' hooches and 1 AK-44 and 1 M-2 carbine CIA.

10 December:

There were no significant events for 10 December.

11 December:

At 1620 at BS618444 C Co found 2 10' x 10' x 20' hooches and 2 trails. It was estimated that the area was last used approximately 1 week ago. The hooches were torn down and burned. At 1630 C Co engaged 1 VC/NVA on a trail with small arms fire resulting in 1 VC/NVA KIA at BS619441.

12 December:

At 1435 at BS561399 B Co spotted 3 hooches and saw 2 VC/NVA evading to the north and engaged with SAFF with negative results. The hooches were then destroyed.

13 December:

At 0920 at BS557420 D Co reported 1 VC CIA about 16 years old. At 1545 at BS663429 D Co spotted 2 VC/NVA and engaged with small arms fire as the enemy evaded to the east. At 1600 at BS555424 D Co received sniper fire resulting in negative US casualties.

14 December:

At 0905 B Co had a mech detonate at BS547417 resulting in 1 VC/NVA KIA. At 1230 B Co spotted 1 VC and engaged with small arms fire as the enemy evaded to the south. Element pursued and regained sight of enemy and engaged resulting in 1 VC KIA. At 1632 the 1st platoon of B Co reported having 2 female detainees found in a hooch at BS546418.

15 December:

At 1053 at BS583456 D Co spotted 2 VC/NVA at a distance of 100 meters and engaged with small arms fire as the enemy evaded to the south leaving a trail of blood. Element pursued but contact was not regained.

16 December:

At 1350 at BS587409 A Co CP found a small hooch with a two room tunnel under it, and 1 trail running north-south. The hooch and tunnel were destroyed.

17 December:

At 0025 at BS604418 A Co requested a dustoff for 2 US KIA as a result of pulling in a mech ambush before they disconnected the battery. The dustoff was completed at 0043. At 1825 at BS589415 A Co spotted 2 VC and engaged with arty with negative results.

18 December:

At 1440 the 1st platoon of A Co found an underground sleeping position at BS607409. At 1510 at BS607406 A Co found 1 5' x 5' hooch approximately 10 days old and destroyed it.

19 December:

At 1240 at BS696387 Recon found an old VC/NVA NDP approximately 3-4 months old with overhead cover. At 1740 the 2d platoon of B Co spotted 1 VC/NVA at BS595499 and he evaded to the east before element could engage.

20 December:

At 0710 at BS598473 B Co had a mech detonate resulting in 1 VC/NVA KIA at BS598473 and 1 SKS rifle CL. At 1400 the 3d platoon of D Co found 5 shallow graves at BS598473 with markers bearing the date 21 Nov 70. At 1415 the 2d platoon of B Co found a grave with 1 VC KIA at BS611467. At 1413 at BS734360 C Co hit a booby trap resulting in 2 US WIA. A dustoff was requested at 1415 and completed at 1430.

21 December:

At 1130 at BS617437 D Co engaged 1 VC who evaded to the east. At 1215 at BS584430 the 3d platoon of D Co spotted 5 VC in a wood line. Arty fire was called in with unknown results.

22 December:

At 0930 B Co at BS612472 reported 1 AK-47 CIA in area where VC were spotted yesterday. At 1105 Co D found 1 hooch at BS619438 and received small arms fire from 1 VC/NVA who evaded to the south. There were negative US casualties.

23 December:

There were negative significant events for 23 December.

24 December:

At 0730 at BS597463 B Co requested a dustoff for 1 US WIA as a result of friendly fire. Dustoff was completed at 0810. At 1408 at BS599464 A Co received small arms fire from 1 VC who evaded to the north before element could engage. There were negative US casualties.

25 December:

There were negative significant events for 25 December.

26 December:

At 0600 D Co had a mech detonate at BS607424. When the area was swept there were negative results.



27 December:

At 0900 D Co found 1 rocket and blew it in place at BS606412. At 1155 C Co at BS750-342 found 1 hooch 12' x 7'. The hooch was torn down and burned. At 1315 at BS617418 D Co found 12 punji pits near a trail running east-west. The pits were destroyed. At 1437 the 1st platoon of C Co engaged 2 VC at BS747348 with negative results. The enemy evaded to the south.

28 December:

At 0630 at BS745361 had a mech detonate resulting in 1 VC/NVA KIA and 1 blood trail. At 1430 at BS750346 the 3d platoon of C Co engaged an unknown number of VC resulting in 1 VC KIA and 1 blood trail.

29 December:

At 0710 C Co had a mech detonate at BS738362. The ambush was set off by a rat resulting in 1 rat KIA.

30 December:

At 1240 at BS612465 the 1st platoon of A Co found 1 6' x 8' hooch containing 1 5' x 6' x 2' box of rice. At 1245 the 1st platoon of D Co engaged 2 VC resulting in 2 VC KIA and 2 AK-47's and 1 chicom grenade CIA.

31 December:

At 1125 at BS611413 D Co had a mech detonate resulting in 1 VC with pack and helmet KIA. At 1225 at BS614435 the 2d platoon of D Co spotted and engaged 3 VC at 600 meters with negative results. At 1445 at BS599463 the 4th platoon of A Co had 1 VC/NVA KIA as a result of the detonation of a mech ambush. The KIA had an ID which appeared to be NVA.

1 January:

There were negative significant events for 1 January.

2 January:

At 0600 at BS722337 B Co had a mech detonate with negative results.

3 January:

At 1535 at BS610435 D Co observed 2 VC on a hill top and fired arty with negative results.

4 January:

There were negative significant events for 4 January.

5 January:

There were no negative significant events for 5 January.

6 January:

At 1045 at BS541429 the 1st platoon of C Co found 2 hooches. At 0930 at BS614467 the 1st platoon of A Co found 1 82mm mortar boobytrap and blew it in place. At 1525 at BS547434 the 1st platoon of C Co found 6 hooches 6' x 8' x 8' with miscellaneous items. At 1715 at BS535427 the 1st platoon of C Co found a tunnel and tossed in a hand frag resulting in 1 VC KIA.

7 January:

At 1100 at BS546430 the 1st platoon of C Co had a mech detonate resulting in 1 VC KIA with 1 hammock and 1 chicom grenade KIA.

8 January:

At 1240 at BS574422 the 1st platoon of B Co engaged 2 VC/NVA resulting in 1 VC/NVA KIA. At 1350 at BS529437 the 1st platoon of C Co engaged 3 VC/NVA in a tunnel resulting in 3 VC/NVA female KIA. At 1445 at BS545416 the 2d platoon of C Co found 2 hooches and engaged 5 VC resulting in 2 VC KIA and 1 VC detainee. At 1715 at BS574423 the 1st platoon of B Co found and destroyed 2 hooches.

9 January:

At 0820 at BS573421 the 1st platoon of B Co had a mech detonate resulting in 1 VC/NVA KIA with wallet and ID card. At 0950 at BS545416 the 2d platoon of C Co engaged 1 VC/NVA resulting in 1 VC/NVA KIA. At 1225 at BS573426 the 1st platoon of B Co found one 3' x 3' x 4' tunnel and destroyed it.

10 January:

At 1740 at BS626465 the 2d platoon of D Co engaged 1 VC/NVA with negative results. At 1947 at BS536431 the 2d platoon of C Co engaged 2 VC resulting in 1 VC KIA. At 1947 at BS555401 C Co spotted 15-25 VC/NVA and called in arty with negative results.

11 January:

At 1153 at BS574423 the 3d platoon of B Co spotted smoke coming from a tunnel and threw in a hand frag resulting in 1 VC/NVA KIA. At 1255 at BS570425 the 3d platoon of B Co found 2 hooches with a tunnel. The hooches and the tunnel were destroyed. At 1530 at BS570422 the 3d platoon of B Co had a mech detonate resulting in 1 NVA KIA.

12 January:

At 1230 at BS635332 the 4th platoon of C Co found 5 graves which appear to be KIA. At 1815 at BS626474 the 2d platoon of D Co found 1 10' x 12' hooch containing about 1,000 lbs of corn. At 2250 at BS577423 the 1st platoon of B Co had a mech detonate resulting in 1 VC/NVA KIA.

13 January:

At 0830 at BS644440 the 3d platoon of D Co had a mech detonate resulting in 1 VC/NVA KIA and miscellaneous military and personal items CIA. At 1545 at BS622460 Recon found 4 tunnels 5' x 3' x 20' and destroyed it.

14 January:

At 1610 at BS620455 Recon engaged 1 VC/NVA with negative results. At 1720 at BS522-396 the 2d platoon of A Co found 3 10' x 10' x 20' hooches. They also found an ammo cache consisting of 2 Russian DMR's, 4 boxes of fuses, 1 box of charges, 9 chicons, 60mm mortars, 16 82mm mortars. The ammo was destroyed and the weapons evacuated. At 1905 at BS617472 Recon engaged 6 VC with negative results.

15 January:

At 1215 at BS617467 Recon found 1 8' x 10' x 6' hooch and destroyed it. At 1500 at BS510395 the 2d platoon of A Co found and destroyed 3 10' x 20' x 6' hooches with a bomb shelter underneath with signs of recent use. At 1600 at BS634469 the 1st platoon of D Co found 1 hooch containing 1 chicom grenade, 1 M-16, 3 SKS rifles and destroyed the hooch and extracted the weapons. At 1605 at BS646328 the 3d platoon of C Co found 7 8' x 12' x 5' hooches containing 3 M-16 magazines and 30 loose M-16 rounds, documents, VC flags. At 1820 at BS638322 the 3d platoon of C Co engaged an unknown number of VC/NVA resulting in 3 VC/NVA KIA and 2 children CIA.

16 January:

At 0905 at BS638323 the 3d platoon of C Co found 1 3' x 3' x 3' hooch with 151 lbs of rice, 2 lbs of corn, 5 lbs of salt and a 1917 Winchester rifle. At 0955 at BS634471 the 2d platoon of D Co engaged 3 VC with packs resulting in 2 female VC CIA and various medical equipment. At 1330 at BS526402 A Co hear movement and engaged with SAM resulting in 1 VC/NVA KIA. At 1630 at BS634470 the 1st platoon of D Co found 1 0' x 10' x 15' hooch with 150 lbs of rice and a document with names.

17 January:

There were negative significant events for 17 January.

18 January:

At 1930 at BS485461 the 2d platoon of B Co had a mech detonate resulting in 2 NVA KIA with green uniforms but no weapons.

19 January:

At 1410 at BS505305 the 3d platoon of A Co engaged 3 VC/NVA resulting in 2 VC/NVA KIA and 1 female WIA CIA. At 1725 at BS488459 the 2d platoon of B Co found 2 5' x 6' x 10' hooches and 150 lbs of rice, 30 coins and 2 crossbows.

20 January:

At 1030 at BS501385 and BS501387 B Co found a total of 15 hooches and destroyed them.

21 January:

At 0805 at BS497459 and BS498456 the 3d platoon of B Co had 2 mech ambushes detonate with negative results. At 0815 at BS653459 D Co had a mech detonate with negative results. At 0930 at BS497456 the 3d platoon of B Co had 1 NVA KIA from the first mech and 1 NVA KIA with 1 M-1 carbine from the second mech that went off earlier. At 1745 at BS645446 the 1st platoon of D Co had a mech detonate and went to check it out and were ambushed resulting in 1 NVA KIA and 1 US WIA.

22 January:

At 2130 at BS491464 D Co CP had a mech detonate with negative results. At 0820 at BS640454 the 1st platoon of D Co had a mech detonate with negative results. At 1220 B Co reported having 8 detainees at BS551339 whom they will evacuate to LZ Bronco. At 1550 at BS521384 the 3d platoon of A Co engaged 3 VC/NVA resulting in 2 VC/NVA KIA.

23 January:

At 1915 at BS500472 B Co CP had a mechanical ambush detonate with negative results.

24 January:

There were negative significant events for 24 January.

25 January:

There were negative significant events for 25 January.

26 January through 010600 March 71:

4-3 Inf Bn conducted air move to Quang Tri, RVN and became OPCON to the 1st Inf Bde of the 5th Inf Division (Mech) for combat operations in support of the ARVN invasion of Laos.

12. (C) RESULTS:

- a. Friendly: 15 KIA, 70 WIA.
- b. Enemy: 179 VC/NVA KIA.

13. (C) ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

- a. Administration:

CONFIDENTIAL

## (1) Personnel:

| <u>Co</u> | <u>Average Assigned<br/>Officer/EM</u> | <u>DEMOS<br/>Officer/EM</u> | <u>Replacements<br/>Officer/EM</u> |
|-----------|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| HHC       | 14.5/165.5                             | 20/138                      | 66/238                             |
| A         | 5.0/130.0                              | 16/258                      | 15/248                             |
| B         | 4.0/127.0                              | 12/210                      | 15/231                             |
| C         | 4.0/127.0                              | 6/250                       | 6/267                              |
| D         | 4.2/128.1                              | 11/230                      | 10/219                             |
| E         | <u>2.4/ 83.1</u>                       | <u>2/ 20</u>                | <u>1/ 17</u>                       |
| Dn        | 34.1/760.8                             | 67/1106                     | 123/1220                           |

## (2) Awards:

| <u>Type</u> | <u>Submitted</u> | <u>Approved</u> | <u>Pending</u> | <u>Other Action</u> |
|-------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------------|
| SS          | 13               | 7               | 2              | 4 DG                |
| IM          | 3                | 3               |                |                     |
| SM          | 2                | 2               |                |                     |
| BS-V        | 64               | 45              | 9              | 10 DG               |
| BS-A        | 253              | 234             | 19             |                     |
| BS-S        | 269              | 253             | 16             |                     |
| AM          | 163              | 135             | 28             |                     |
| ACM-V       | 19               | 19              |                |                     |
| ACM-A       | 328              | 305             | 23             |                     |
| ACM-S       | 504              | 473             | 31             |                     |
| EM          | 94               | 82              | 12             |                     |

## (3) Military Justice:

Court Martials 10



Company 15's 83  
 Battalion 15's 34  
 212's 3

(4) Promotions:

|     | May       | Jun       | Jul       | Aug       | Sep       | Oct       | Nov       | Dec       | Jan       | Totals     |
|-----|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| E-6 | 0         | 0         | 0         | 2         | 0         | 1         | 1         | 0         | 0         | 4          |
| E-5 | 19        | 8         | 5         | 38        | 17        | 12        | 8         | 10        | 22        | 139        |
| E-4 | <u>31</u> | <u>32</u> | <u>45</u> | <u>36</u> | <u>13</u> | <u>74</u> | <u>51</u> | <u>24</u> | <u>51</u> | <u>357</u> |
|     | 50        | 40        | 50        | 76        | 30        | 87        | 60        | 34        | 73        | 500        |

(5) Standowns:

- (a) 3 days per company in early May.
- (b) Early September.
- (c) Late November.
- (d) Late January.

(6) Problem areas: None.

(7) Casualties:

|     | <u>HHC</u> | <u>A</u> | <u>D</u> | <u>C</u> | <u>D</u> | <u>E</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|-----|------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|--------------|
| KIA | 2          | 2        | 10       | 1        | 0        | 0        | 15           |
| WIA | 4          | 19       | 22       | 13       | 18       | 2        | 78           |

B. Logistics:

(1) Resupply for San Juan Hill was effected by using an average of 4.6 CH-47 and 4.0 UH-1 sorties per day. Resupply of the field elements was effected by UH-1 helicopters with the average of two per element per resupply mission.

(2) The following is a tabulated usage of selected class IV and V items:

(a) Class IV:

- 1. Culvert material 96 each

2. Concertina wire 8 sleeves
3. Dunker kits 8 each
4. Sand bags 100,000 each

(b) Class V:

1. 5.56mm 848,280 rounds
2. 40mm 41,452 rounds
3. 7.62 linked 605,820 rounds
4. 4.2 HE 14,066 rounds
5. 4.2 Illumination 1,322 rounds
6. 81mm HE 15,980 rounds
7. 81mm Illumination 1,250 rounds
8. M-33 hand grenades 5,252 each

c. Communications:

(1) Communications Mission: To install, operate and maintain communications facilities in support of all activities of 4-3 Inf.

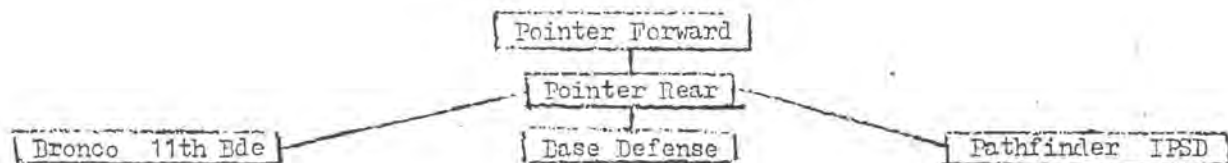
(2) Communications Means:

(a) Primary means of communications with both higher and subordinate commands was FM radio.

(b) Secondary means of communications with higher headquarters and battalion rear from the FSB was a multiplexed UHF system. This system carried two common user trunks and two sole user trunks to 11th Bde TOC and 6-11 Arty FOC respectively.

(c) The following diagrams illustrate the system and nets used by the battalion:

TELEPHONE TRAFFIC DIAGRAM



## UHF SYSTEM

X  
11 Montezuma Mt. 23 I-P, 303 ft

Hill 4-1 3-1      L2 Liz 1-20      San Juan Hill 4-3      Debbie 4-21

BDE SECURE NET (Tactical net)

11th Bde

Hill 3-1      Liz      San Juan Hill 4-3      Debbie 4-21

In CMD NET (Tactical net)

4-3 Fwd      4-3 rear  
A Co      B Co      C Co      D Co      E Co

SECURE NET (Tactical net)

4-3 Fwd      4-3 rear  
A Co      B Co      C Co      D Co

BDE RATT NET

11th Bde

Hill 3-1      Liz 1-20      San Juan Hill 4-3      Debbie 4-21

(3) Results communications for 4-3 Inf were highly satisfactory.

(a) Secure voice: this equipment is extremely necessary for operation of an Inf Bn. Equipment reliability is considered to be satisfactory. The Bn no longer has a cryptographic repairman attached, however the loss was not of great significance. The crypto repairman was ill-equipped for his job, due to lack of repair and test equipment, and a notable lack of excess to repair parts. Should a crypto repairman be assigned to an Inf Bn, he should be accompanied by necessary equipment so that he can be effective.

(b) Batteries: Magnesium batteries, BA-4386, for HRC 25/77 radios were considered to be less than satisfactory. Every battery had to be tested before use, this test often resulted in 20% of the given case of batteries being discarded. The batteries that test good seldom achieve their specified 40 hour life.

(c) Retransmission and Relay Operations: On several occasions during the reporting period the Bn operated outside our normal AO which necessitated a retrans capability to maintain communications with maneuver elements. By use of the HYL-3 which is used in conjunction with two HRC-77's provides an easily operated and highly efficient retrans system. Line-of-sight is necessary. A manual relay was established as a back-up means, but was not utilized.

(d) FM Radios: The current TO&E authorization for HRC-25/77 radios is not sufficient to meet the tactical needs of the Bn. Each company size maneuver element should have as a minimum one radio per squad, in addition to two radios for the CP to monitor the Bn CMD and company internal. Further considering maintenance floats and company rear (resupply), a minimum of 17 radios per company is necessary. Current authorizations for combat support company (20 radios) and for Headquarters and Headquarters Company (19 radios) is adequate. A total of 107 HRC-25/77 radios would be required by this Bn for complete effectiveness. The following is a breakdown of the recommended total of FM radios for a maneuver company:

Company CP - 2 (Bn CMD & Co Internal)

Each squad - 1 (9 squads per company on company internal)

Company rear - 2 (1 for resupply and 1 for company orderly room-XO)

Maintenance - 4 (to serve as a maintenance back-up to cover down time)

Total 17

(e) Teletype Operations: The Bn operated Radio Teletype in the 11th Bde RATT Net using AN/CRC-142 with COMSEC security equipment keyed to secret. The net operated four hours daily and was used primarily for passing of intelligence summaries. No major equipment problems arose, and the deadline rate was less than 10% since the opening of the Bde RATT Net. Greater utilization of RATT throughout the Bde would reduce FM Secure traffic, thus improving the Bde communications system.

#### (4) Recommendations:

(a) That additional FM radios (HRC-25/77) be added to the Bn TO&E.

(b) That a cryptographic repairman be added to the TO&E. The necessary repair and test equipment should be included to supplement the repairman.

(c) That quality control and manufacturer's specifications be improved to allow the satisfactory use of the BA-4386 battery.

(d) That the 11th Bde RATT Net be operated 24 hours a day to alleviate FM Secure traffic.

b. That an operation be planned in the eastern portion of the Brigade Reconnaissance Zone to fragment and destroy the 403d Sapper Battalion. This enemy unit has operated almost untouched, and out of artillery range, since October 1970.

c. That efforts be made to obtain and employ several strings of sensors and radio detonated claymores in the 515 valley.

d. That combined operations with the Ranger Battalions at Da To, Gia Vuc and Minh Long be conducted as frequently as possible. US helicopter support and ground participation by US troops with them increases their confidence and combat effectiveness.

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