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"FLYING DRAGONS"

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SUBJECT: Detailed Chronological Sequence of Significant Events 1 November
thru 31 January 1968

1. (U) General: This detailed summary of significant events is extracted from the Daily Journal (J), Daily Intelligence Summary (I), Daily OPREP-5 (W), Daily Allocation Report File (A), JSAFIDR (Shot At Reports) (H), After Action Report File (R), and covers the period 1 November - 31 January 1968.

2. (C) Supported Unit Activities: Units and activities supported by the 52d Combat Aviation Battalion utilized aircraft in support of the type operation indicated. (See inclosure for diagram of operational area):

a. 4th Infantry Division (4th Inf Div)

(1) Operation Mac Arthur (2nd Bde, 4th Inf Div) Middleton AO - Search and Destroy.

(2) Operation Mac Arthur (1st Bde, 4th Inf Div) Spaatz AO - Search and Destroy.

(3) Operation Mac Arthur (2nd Bde, 4th Inf Div) Middleton AO - Search and Destroy.

(4) Operation Mac Arthur (TASK FORCE 22, 4th Inf Div) Mainwright and Corrigidor AO - Search and Destroy.

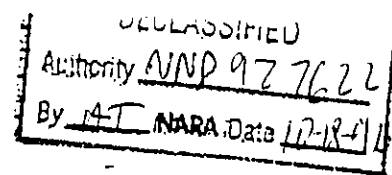
(5) Operation Mac Arthur (173d Abn Bde, OPCON 4th Inf Div) Bataan - Leyte - Luzon AO - Search and Destroy.

b. ARVN - includes all II Corps ARVN units; primarily in Kontum, Darlac, and Pleiku Provinces.

(1) Road clearing operations

(2) Search and Destroy

(3) Cordon and Search



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c. DSA IX Corps

- (1) Support of HQ, IX Corps, Pleiku
- (2) Support of Senior Advisors, primarily at Kontum and Ban Me Thuot.
- (3) VIP Flights

d. Company "B", 20th Infantry - a First Field Force Vietnam (IFFV) long range reconnaissance organization. Details of operation are classified.

- (1) Infiltration and exfiltration of reconnaissance teams.
- (2) Reconnaissance
- (3) Search and Destroy

e. Operation Prairie Fire - An operation conducting clandestine ground reconnaissance. Details of operation are classified.

f. Operation Daniel Boone - An operation conducting clandestine ground reconnaissance. Details of operation are classified.

g. 52d Artillery Group - Command and Control for Group Headquarters and emergency resupply of fire bases.

h. Aviation Command and Control - Aircraft utilized by 17th CAG for Command and Control of aviation operations.

i. 5th Special Forces Group - Support of Company "B", 5th SFG, Pleiku; Special Forces camps and Special Forces operations not included in other allocations.

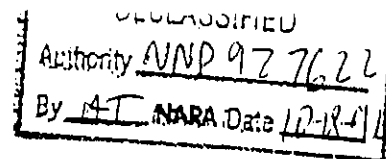
j. Press Camp - Support of authorized representatives of civilian news agencies.

3. (C) Sequence of Events:

Period 1 Nov 67 - 2 Nov 67

a. Weather (I):

Sky conditions averaged 3,500 scattered to 8,000 broken, high thin overcast with rain showers during the early part of the afternoon lasting approximately one hour. Visibility varied on both days from one mile during the rain to thirteen miles after the weather cleared. Morning temperatures averaged 64°, afternoon temperatures ranged from 75° to 83°. Wind was from the NE at an average speed of 10 knots during daylight hours. Minimum density was during the hours of 0400 - 0600 at 3,500'. Maximum DA was during 1300 - 1500 hours at 4,600'.



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b. Aircraft Allocation (Average per day) (A):

	<u>UH-1H</u>	<u>UH-1C</u>	<u>CH-47A</u>
4th Inf Div -	24	8	8
ARVN -	11	4	0
17th CAG -	4	1	0
52d Arty Gp -	1	0	0
DSA II Corps -	8	0	0
Press Camp -	*	0	0
Avn C&C -	4	0	0
5th SFG -	2	0	0
Prairie Fire -	3	4	0

* Supported for less than majority of period and average is less than on aircraft.

c. Significant Events (I) (D) (J) (H) (R):

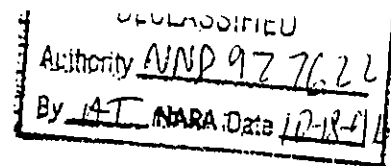
(1) 02 Nov - 179th conducted a Fire Base Move for 3/8 Inf, 4th Inf Div, in Mac Arthur AO. They moved 179 pax and 116 cargo tons in 74 sorties. The mission was conducted with no incidents and negative contact.

(2) 02 Nov - 170th UH-1H model aircraft received heavy enemy small arms and automatic weapons fire, vicinity YB8812. Aircraft took seven (7) rounds, 1 WIA and returned to Dak To Airfield.

d. Operational Statistics (W) (J) (H):

<u>CBT</u>	<u>OTHER</u>	<u>UH-1H</u>	<u>UH-1C</u>	<u>CH-47A</u>
<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
1394	719	375	156	68
<u>TOTAL</u>		<u>CARGO</u>	<u>A/C</u>	<u>A/C**</u>
<u>HOURS</u>	<u>PAX</u>	<u>TONS</u>	<u>HIT</u>	<u>DAM/DEST</u>
599	2,950	328	1/0	1/0
<u>CREW MEM</u>	<u>ENEMY</u>	<u>STRUCT</u>	<u>MED</u>	<u>SORTIES DELAY</u>
<u>INJ/K**</u>	<u>KRA</u>	<u>DEST</u>	<u>EVACS</u>	<u>OR CXL FOR WX</u>
1/0	0	0	6	0

** Includes results of hostile fire and accidents.



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Period 3 Nov 67 - 9 Nov 67

a. Weather:

Generally sky conditions digressed as total sky cover averaged 9/10. Light to moderate rain showers of one hour duration occurred the 4th and 7th of November during the early morning hours (0500 - 0700). Ceilings in the area of operation averaged 1000' scattered, 5,000' broken and 7,000' overcast from 0900 - 1500 daily. Best sky conditions occurred during early morning or late afternoon hours. Heavy ground fog was encountered and reduced visibility to 1/2 mile. Winds were calm during fog and rain conditions but increased to average speeds of 5 - 9 knots ENE during clear conditions. Daily temperatures varied from 60 - 83 degrees. Generally temperatures averaged 75° during the best flying conditions and in the low 60's during the poorer flying conditions. Density altitudes up to 4,660' were encountered 1300 - 1500 daily.

b. Aircraft Allocation:

	<u>UH-1H</u>	<u>UH-1C</u>	<u>CH-47A</u>
4th Inf Div -	25	8	7
ARVN -	11	4	0
17th CAG -	1	1	0
52d Arty Gp -	1	0	0
DSA II Corps -	8	0	0
Avn C&C -	2	0	0
Press Camp -	1	0	0
5th SFG -	2	0	0
Prairie Fire -	4	5	0

c. Significant Events:

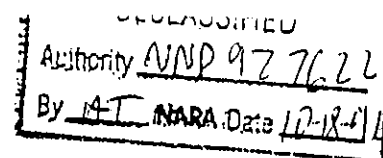
(1) 03 Nov - 155th conducted a CA for 22nd ARVN Div, vicinity Kontum. 338 pax in 184 sorties. Mission was conducted with no incidents and negative contact.

(2) 03 Nov - 170th conducted a CA for the 3/8 Inf and 3/12 Inf, 4th Inf Div, in Mac Arthur AO. Two assaults of 513 pax in 216 sorties. The mission was conducted with no incidents and negative contact.

(3) 03 Nov - 119th conducted a CA for the 1/12, 4th Inf Div, in Mac Arthur AO. 211 pax in 103 sorties. The mission was conducted with no incidents and negative contact.

(4) 06 Nov - 155th conducted a CA and Final Extraction for 22nd ARVN Div, vicinity of Ban Me Thuot. 252 pax in 118 sorties. Mission was conducted with no incidents and negative contact.

(5) 06 Nov - 170th conducted a CA for the 2/504 Abn, 173d



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Abn Bde, vicinity of Dak To. 120 pax in 65 sorties. Heavy enemy fire was encountered in the landing zone. One (1) UH-1H received 5 hits, wounding one (1) crew member.

(6) 07 Nov - 155th and Ban Me Thuot City Airfield came under enemy attack at 2345 hours. The enemy attacked with 81mm mortars and the rounds fell for approximately ten minutes. Two (2) UH-1C gunships destroyed and others received heavy damage, but were repairable. Five (5) UH-1H model aircraft were damaged, but were repairable. One (1) transient UH-1H model from 4th Avn Bn was also damaged. Negative friendly or enemy KIA-WIA were reported.

(7) 08 Nov - 179th sent 2 CH-47 aircraft to Dak To, in response to a Tactical Emergency for 1st Avn Bde, 4th Inf Div. Aircraft departed Helloway Army Airfield at 0220 hours, hauling Class V and med evacs throughout the night.

(8) 08 Nov - 189th UH-1C model aircraft shot down in classified area. The ship was on initial (hot) run and encountered intense enemy automatic weapons fire. Aircraft suffered loss of power and settled into trees. Heavy enemy activity hampered rescue efforts. One (1) KIA and three (3) WIA. Aircraft was total loss and was destroyed on site by Air Force tac-air. The 189th had a total of two (2) UH-1C aircraft shot-up on this mission.

(9) 09 Nov - 170th conducted a CA in support of the 3/8 Inf, 4th Inf Div, in Mac Arthur AO. They lifted 283 pax in 121 sorties. Aircraft received light small arms fire approaching LZ. As aircraft departed LZ, heavy mortar fire was encountered. UH-1H was shot down and destroyed, resulting in one (1) crew member WIA.

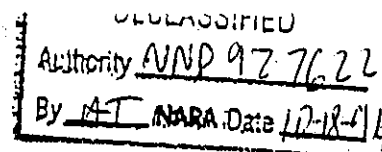
(10) 09 Nov - 119th conducted a CA for B/24th CIDG, in vicinity of Dak To. They lifted 130 pax in 51 sorties. Mission was conducted with no incidents and negative contact.

(11) 09 Nov - 179th conducted a Fire Base Move in support of 173d Abn Bde, vicinity of Dak To. They moved 56 pax and 180 cargo tons in 54 sorties. The mission was conducted with no incidents and negative contact.

(12) 09 Nov - 179th CH-47A received two (2) hits from enemy heavy automatic weapons, in vicinity of YB850175. Negative injuries and the aircraft continued to fly.

d. Operational Statistics:

<u>CBT</u> <u>SORTIES</u>	<u>OTHER</u> <u>SORTIES</u>	<u>UH-1H</u> <u>HOURS</u>	<u>UH-1C</u> <u>HOURS</u>	<u>CH-47A</u> <u>HOURS</u>
4,926	1,783	1,589	373	258



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<u>TOTAL HOURS</u>	<u>PAX</u>	<u>CARGO TONS</u>	<u>A/C HIT</u>	<u>A/C** DAM/DEST</u>
2,220	9,575	1,250	6	7/4
<u>CREW MEM INJ/K**</u>	<u>ENEMY KBA</u>	<u>STRUCT DEST</u>	<u>MED EVACS</u>	<u>SORTIES DELAY OR CXL FOR WX</u>
5/0	2	10	179	26

Period 10 Nov 67 - 16 Nov 67

a. Weather:

Generally flying conditions improved over the previous reporting period. 10 Nov 67 is the only exception with light rain showers throughout the area of operation from 0600 - 1600. Total cloud cover averaged 3/10 at 3,500' scattered, 8,000' broken and improved throughout each day to clear skies. Morning temperatures averaged 67° increasing to daily highs of 78°. Winds were predominately out of the NE (050° - 070°) at 5 - 8 knots increasing in late afternoons 10 - 17 knots. In mountainous terrain winds were steady at 20 - 35 knots with light to moderate turbulence. Density altitude reached highs of 4,500' and dissipated later in the day to 1,000' - 1600'. Visibility remained constant throughout each day at 12 - 15 miles.

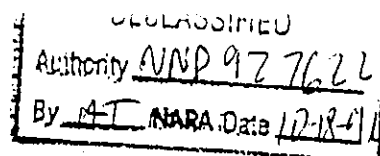
b. Aircraft Allocation:

	<u>UH-1H</u>	<u>UH-1C</u>	<u>CH-47A</u>
4th Inf Div -	22	6	7
ARVN -	11	4	0
52d Arty Gp -	1	0	0
DSA II Corps -	8	0	0
Avn C&C -	3	0	0
Press Camp -	1	0	0
5th SFG -	2	0	0
Prairie Fire -	7	8	0
17th CAG -	*	0	0

c. Significant Events:

(1) 10 Nov - 119th conducted a CA in support of 1st Inf Bde, 4th Inf Div, in Spaatz AO. They lifted 60 pax in 23 sorties. One (1) UH-1C was hit with heavy enemy anti-aircraft fire while on firing run. The aircraft fuel cell was hit and exploded at approximately 300' altitude. Three (3) members were WIA and one (1) KIA: Aircraft was a total loss.

(2) 10 Nov - 119th UH-1H model aircraft was hit by enemy air



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burst, vicinity of YB893146. Air-burst was believed to be 37mm anti-aircraft fire, but was not confirmed. Aircraft sustained one (1) schapnel hole and continued to fly. Negative injuries to crew members.

(3) 11 Nov - 119th conducted a CA in support of the 3/12 Inf, 4th Inf Div, in Spaatz AO. They lifted 120 pax in 57 sorties. The mission was conducted with no incidents and negative contact.

(4) 12 Nov - 119th conducted a CA in support of the 1/8 Inf, 4th Inf Div, in Spaatz AO. They lifted 180 pax in 78 sorties. Enemy small arms fire was received in the vicinity of the landing zone. One (1) UH-1H model, assisting in the lift, sustained two (2) hits. Negative injuries and aircraft continued to fly.

(5) 12 Nov - 179th conducted a Fire Base Move in support of the 1/12 Inf, 4th Inf Div, in Spaatz AO. They lifted 175 pax and 93 cargo tons in 69 sorties. The mission was conducted with no incidents and negative contact.

(6) 12 Nov - 179th conducted a Battery Move for 1/8 Inf, 4th Inf Div, in Spaatz AO. They lifted 293 pax and 199 cargo tons in 145 sorties. Mission was conducted with no incidents and negative contact.

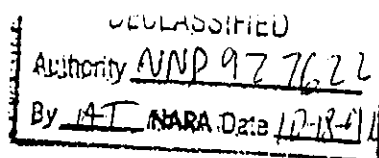
(7) 13 Nov - 52d CAB conducted a battalion size CA and Fire Base Move in support of 1/8 Inf, 4th Inf Div, in Spaatz AO. 24 UH-1H, 4 UH-1C, and 9 CH-47A's were used to move over 550 pax and 143 cargo tons in 437 sorties. Fog and enemy automatic weapons fire delayed lift for over an hour. One (1) UH-1H model aircraft was hit with a enemy rocket (B-40) and was destroyed. The crew members were all WIA.

(8) 13 Nov - 155th conducted a CA in support of the 11th ARVN RANGER Bn, vicinity of Bao Loc. They lifted 729 pax in 226 sorties. The mission was conducted with no incidents and negative contact.

(9) 13 Nov - 179th conducted a Fire Base Move for 173d Abn Bde, in Spaatz AO. They lifted 36 pax and 179 cargo tons in 106 sorties. Mission was conducted with no incidents and negative contact.

(10) 14 Nov - 119th conducted multiple CA's in support of 3/8 Inf, 4th Inf Div, in Spaatz AO. They lifted 450 pax in 212 sorties. Enemy sniper fire was received in all quadrants around the LZ. No hits were sustained and negative injuries.

(11) 14 Nov - 155th conducted a CA in support of 23d ARVN Div, vicinity of Phu Heip. They lifted 555 pax in 193 sorties. Two (2) UH-1C model aircraft were shot down by heavy automatic weapons fire. Both aircraft received over 20 hits and were major combat losses. Two (2) crew members were WIA.



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(12) 15 Nov - 170th conducted multiple CM's in support of ARVN Abn, in Spaatz AO. They lifted 690 pax in 164 sorties. Intense enemy small arms fire was received in the vicinity of the LZ. One (1) UH-1H model sustained one (1) hit, wounding a crew member.

d. Operational Statistics:

<u>CBT</u>	<u>OTHER</u>	<u>UH-1H</u>	<u>UH-1C</u>	<u>CH-47A</u>
<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
6,556	2,259	2,198	523	348
<u>TOTAL</u>		<u>CARGO</u>	<u>A/C</u>	<u>A/C**</u>
<u>HOURS</u>	<u>PAX</u>	<u>TONS</u>	<u>HIT</u>	<u>D/M/DEST</u>
3,069	16,016	1,693	3	3/2
<u>CREW MEM</u>	<u>ENEMY</u>	<u>STRUCT</u>	<u>MED</u>	<u>SORTIES DELAY</u>
<u>INJ/K**</u>	<u>KBA</u>	<u>DEST</u>	<u>EVACS</u>	<u>OR CXL FOR WX</u>
8/1	10	10	380	10

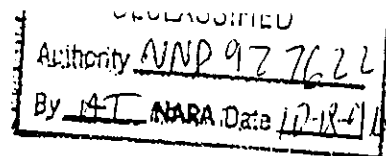
Period 17 Nov 67 - 23 Nov 67

a. Weather:

There was a noticeable improvement in sky conditions. Ceilings usually were 4,500' scattered, high thin broken throughout each day. Total cloud cover averaged 2/10. Temperatures increased to average 79° each day and dissipated later in the afternoon (0900 - 1630). Wind direction shifted more easterly and average speed remained 8 - 11 knots during the reporting period, visibility was 12 - 15 miles. Daily high density altitude averaged 4,300'.

b. Aircraft Allocation:

	<u>UH-1H</u>	<u>UH-1C</u>	<u>CH-47A</u>
4th Inf Div -	20	10	3
ARVN -	11	4	0
52d Arty Gp -	1	0	0
DSA II Corps -	8	0	0
Avn C&C -	4	0	0
Press Camp -	1	0	0
5th SFG -	2	0	0
17th CAG -	*	0	0
Prairie Fire -	9	8	0
Co "E", 20th Inf -	1	0	0



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c. Significant Events:

(1) 19 Nov - 119th UH-1H model aircraft received heavy enemy automatic weapons fire in the vicinity of YB876078. One (1) UH-1C model gunship also received fire from the same area later in the day. Both aircraft sustained one (1) hit, and continued to fly with negative injuries.

(2) 21 Nov - Intelligence reports indicated a high probability of an attack on the Kontum military complex: All Army aircraft not of an immediate operational need or not in revetments were evacuated to Heliway Army Airfield. The possibility of an attack was verified by the discovery of rocket launching sites within 10 KMS of the Kontum Airfield.

(3) 21 Nov - 155th conducted a CA in support of the 144th Inf (ARVN), in the vicinity of Bao Loc. They lifted 361 pax in 47 sorties. Mission was conducted with no incidents and negative contact.

(4) 21 Nov - 155th conducted a Final Extraction in support of the 24th Mike Force Company, vicinity of Di Linh. The extracted 126 pax in 24 sorties. Mission was conducted with no incidents and negative contact.

(5) 22 Nov - 119th conducted a CA in support of the 173d Abn Bde, in Spantz AO. They lifted 120 pax in 19 sorties. Two (2) UH-1H model aircraft received hits from enemy small arms fire in the vicinity of the LZ. Three (3) passengers were WIA, but only minor damage to the aircraft.

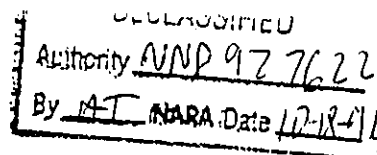
(6) 22 Nov - 119th responded to TAC "E" with a night resupply of Class V to Dak To. They lifted 18,000 lbs of Class V in 3 sorties. The mission was conducted with no incidents and negative contact.

(7) 22 Nov - 189th UH-1C gunship received four (4) hits from heavy enemy automatic fire in classified area. One (1) crew member WIA and aircraft continued to fly.

(8) 22 Nov - 170th UH-1H crashed in the vicinity of Dak To. Complete engine failure, and the autorotation was made into the trees. One (1) crew member sustained minor lacerations and a broken nose.

(9) 23 Nov - 119th conducted multiple CA's and Final Extraction in support of the 3/8 Inf, 4th Inf Div, in Spantz AO. They lifted 360 pax in 117 sorties. Enemy small arms fire was received from the vicinity of the LZ (5 reported hits). Negative injuries and aircraft continued to fly.

(10) 23 Nov - 119th UH-1H model aircraft received heavy enemy automatic weapons fire vicinity of Dak To. Aircraft sustained 8 - 13 hits and continued to fly. One (1) crew member WIA.



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d. Operational Statistics:

<u>GBT</u>	<u>OTHER</u>	<u>UH-1H</u>	<u>UH-1C</u>	<u>CH-47A</u>
<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
5,416	3,937	2,321	603	191
<u>TOTAL</u>		<u>CARGO</u>	<u>A/C</u>	<u>A/C**</u>
<u>HOURS</u>	<u>PAX</u>	<u>TONS</u>	<u>HIT</u>	<u>DAM/DEST</u>
3,115	11,677	923	11	10/1
<u>CREW MEM</u>	<u>ENEMY</u>	<u>STRUCT</u>	<u>MED</u>	<u>SORTIES DELAY</u>
<u>INJ/K**</u>	<u>KBA</u>	<u>DEST</u>	<u>EVACS</u>	<u>OR CXL FOR WX</u>
7/1	11	0	353	11

Period 24 Nov 67 - 30 Nov 67

a. Weather:

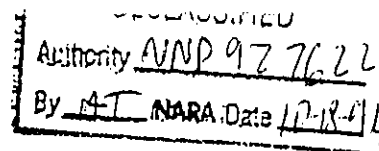
Lower temperatures made a noticeable change in density altitude during this reporting period. Average highs were 74° of short duration (1100 - 1300). Morning and evening averaged 60 to 65 degrees. Density altitudes were lower throughout the day (4,250'). Ceiling conditions were lower, averaging 3,500' scattered, 8,000' broken. Total cloud cover average 5/10 covered throughout each day. There was no change in visibility (12 - 15 miles). Wind direction shifted slightly ENE (0700 - 0900) at 5 - 10 knots.

b. Aircraft Allocation:

	<u>UH-1H</u>	<u>UH-1C</u>	<u>CH-47A</u>
4th Inf Div -	22	10	5
ARVN -	11	5	0
52d Arty Gp -	7	0	0
Avn C&C -	5	0	0
Press Camp -	1	0	0
5th SFG -	2	0	0
Prairie Fire -	11	8	0
Co "E", 20th Inf -	2	0	0
DSA II Corps -	8	0	0

c. Significant Events:

(1) 24 Nov - 119th conducted a CA in support of the 1/12 Inf, 4th Inf Div, along with the 170th, in the vicinity of HILL 875. 120 pax were assaulted onto the LZ in 23 sorties. Intense enemy anti-aircraft fire was received from all quadrants of the LZ. Two (2) aircraft were hit;



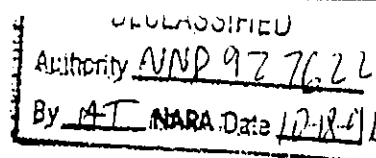
Inclosure 3: Equipment Losses

1. The following aircraft were damaged as a result of the mortar attack on Camp Holloway on 30 January 1968.

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>TYPE A/C</u>	<u>A/C NR</u>	<u>DAMAGE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
134th	C	632	Minor	Sheetmetal & blades
134th	C	148	Minor	Sheetmetal & windshield
170th	C	546	Minor	Vert fin
170th	C	140	Major	Fuselage, tail boom, tail rotor & engine deck
119th	C	685	Minor	Tail boom
189th	C	691	Minor	Sheetmetal & tail boom
189th	C	696	Minor	Sheetmetal
189th	C	690	Minor	Main Rotor Blade
170th	H	537	Major	Fuel cell & tail boom
170th	H	218	Minor	Vert fin
170th	H	358	Major	Fuselage, tail boom, tail rotor & engine deck
170th	H	323	Major	Sheetmetal & tail boom
170th	H	220	Minor	Sheetmetal
170th	H	170	Minor	Sheetmetal
189th	H	066	Minor	Engine cowl & exhaust cowl
189th	H	385	Minor	Chin bubble & windshield
170th	H	538	Major	Sheetmetal & main rotor blade

2. The following major items of equipment were damaged as indicated.

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>TYPE EQUIP</u>	<u>DAMAGE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
179th	2½T Trk	Destroyed	
179th	2½T Trk	Major	
179th	2½T Trk	Major	
344th AOD	3/4T Trk	Major	Cabin, Windshield, Hood, Engine & Skin
344th AOD	½T Trk	Moderate	Radiator, Windshield, & Skin



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one by 8 rounds, the other by 10 rounds. One (1) crew member WIA.

(2) 24 Nov - 119th conducted a Final Extraction in support of 2/503d Abn Bn, 173d Abn Bde, from HILL 875. The extraction of 150 pax was made in 31 sorties. A heavy volume of enemy small arms, and automatic weapons fire was received from the area surrounding the PZ.

(3) 25 Nov - 119th conducted multiple CA's and Extractions in support of 1/8 Inf, 3/8 Inf, and 3/12 Inf, 4th Inf Div. The operation took place in the vicinity of Dak To, moving over 610 pax in 226 sorties. Sporadic enemy resistance was encountered during the lift. Negative aircraft hits or injuries were reported.

(4) 25 Nov - 170th conducted a CA in support of the 3/12 Inf, 4th Inf Div, vicinity of Dak To. They lifted over 300 pax in 100 sorties. Mission was conducted with no incidents and negative contact.

(5) 25 Nov - 155th UH-1H model aircraft crashed in the vicinity of ZA220890. Aircraft experienced a short shaft failure and entered autorotation. The ship landed in a field, hit a stump and rolled over. The crew and passengers experienced minor lacerations. Aircraft was recovered by the 179th ASHC.

(6) 26 Nov - 189th conducted three (3) night emergency medical evacuations in support of FOB-II. The evacuation took place in a classified area under intense enemy automatic weapons fire. One (1) UH-1H received several hits, wounding both the aircraft commander and pilot. The pilot maintained control of the aircraft and returned to Dak To.

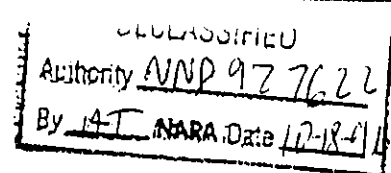
(7) 28 Nov - 170th and 189th conducted multiple CA's and Final Extractions in support of 1/8 Inf, 1/12 Inf, 4th Inf Div, vicinity of Dak To. They lifted 846 pax in 429 sorties. One (1) UH-1H crashed in the bomb crater used for the LZ. There were negative injuries sustained by the crew and passengers. Enemy fire was received from all quadrants. Negative hits were reported.

(8) 28 Nov - 155th UH-1C received one (1) hit from enemy small arms fire, vicinity CRO55352. Negative injuries and aircraft continued to fly.

(9) 28 Nov - 179th conducted a Fire Base Move in support of the 3/12 Inf, 4th Inf Div, vicinity of Dak To. They lifted 439 pax and 151 cargo tons in 100 sorties. Mission was conducted with no incidents and negative contact.

(10) 29 Nov - 189th conducted a Final Extraction in support of 1st Bde, 4th Inf Div, vicinity of Dak To. They extracted 252 pax in 87 sorties. Mission was conducted with no incidents and negative contact.

(11) 29 Nov - 155th conducted a CA in support of 22d ARVN



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Div, vicinity of Chco Reo. They assaulted 130 pax in 28 sorties. The mission was conducted with no incidents and negative contact.

(12) 30 Nov - 189th conducted a CA in support of 3/12 Inf, 4th Inf Div, vicinity of Dak To. They lifted 585 pax in 182 sorties. The Battalion Commander of the 3/12 Inf received a minor facial wound when his C&C aircraft came under enemy anti-aircraft fire: Negative injuries to crew and the aircraft continued to fly.

d. Operational Statistics:

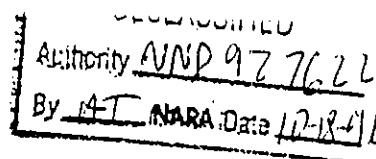
<u>CBT</u>	<u>OTHER</u>	<u>UH-1H</u>	<u>UH-1C</u>	<u>CH-47A</u>
<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
6,994	3,784	2,797	701	254
<u>TOTAL</u>		<u>CARGO</u>	<u>A/C</u>	<u>A/C**</u>
<u>HOURS</u>	<u>PAX</u>	<u>TONS</u>	<u>HIT</u>	<u>DAM/DEST</u>
3,752	13,501	1,547	4	5/0
<u>CREW MEM</u>	<u>ENEMY</u>	<u>STRUCT</u>	<u>MED</u>	<u>SORTIES DELAY</u>
<u>INJ/K**</u>	<u>KBA</u>	<u>DEST</u>	<u>EVACS</u>	<u>OR CXL FOR WX</u>
2/0	20	10	85	2

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<u>CBT</u>	<u>OTHER</u>	<u>UH-1H</u>	<u>UH-1C</u>	<u>CH-47A</u>
<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>HOURS*</u>	<u>HOURS*</u>	<u>HOURS*</u>
25,286	12,482	9,862	2,471	1,118
<u>TOTAL</u>		<u>CARGO</u>	<u>A/C</u>	<u>A/C**</u>
<u>HOURS*</u>	<u>PAX</u>	<u>TONS</u>	<u>HIT</u>	<u>DAM/DEST</u>
13,451	53,719	5,741	25	26/7
<u>CREW MEM</u>	<u>ENEMY</u>	<u>STRUCT</u>	<u>MED</u>	<u>SORTIES DELAY</u>
<u>INJ/K**</u>	<u>KBA</u>	<u>DEST</u>	<u>EVACS</u>	<u>OR CXL FOR WX</u>
23/2	43	30	1,003	49

* Adjusted DA Form 1352 time.

** Results of hostile fire and accidents.



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Period 1 Dec 67 - 7 Dec 67

a. Weather:

On the 1st and 2nd very light showers were reported throughout the area of operations (1300 - 1500). Ground fog was reported in low valleys on the morning (0500) 5 Dec 67 that reduced visibility to 1/2 mile but dissipated by 0700. Total cloud cover was 6/10 with ceilings at 3,500 scattered, 6,000 - 8000' broken. Winds remained ENE 060° - 090° degrees at 5 - 10 knots. High density altitude averaged 4,400' each day from 1400 - 1500 hours.

b. Aircraft Allocation:

	<u>UH-1H</u>	<u>UH-1C</u>	<u>CH-47A</u>
4th Inf Div -	22	10	5
ARVN -	11	5	0
52d Arty Gp -	7	0	0
DSA II Corps -	8	0	0
Avn C&C -	5	0	0
Press Camp -	1	0	0
5th SFG -	2	0	0
Prairie Fire -	11	8	0
Co "E", 20th Inf -	2	0	0
Avn Tng -	2	0	0

c. Significant Events:

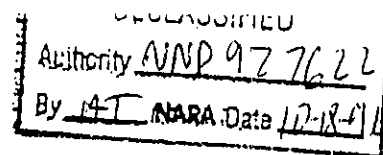
(1) 01 Dec - 119th UH-1C received one (1) hit from enemy small arms fire in classified area. Negative injuries and aircraft continued to fly.

(2) 02 Dec - 179th conducted a night resupply mission in support of 1st Bde, 4th Inf Div, in Spaatz AO. They responded to the TAC-E with 17 sorties of Class V. Mission was conducted with no incidents and negative contact.

(3) 02 Dec - 170th conducted a CA in support of the 1/12 Inf, 4th Inf Div, in Spaatz AO. The assaulted 270 pax in 125 sorties. The flight received enemy small arms fire from the SE quadrant, but sustained no hits.

(4) 03 Dec - 155th conducted a CA in support of the 23d ARVN Div, vicinity of Bao Loc. They assaulted 80 pax in 45 sorties. The mission was conducted with no incidents and negative contact.

(5) 04 Dec - 155th conducted a CA in support of the 23d ARVN Div, vicinity of Phan Rang. They assaulted 58 pax in 35 sorties. The mission was conducted with no incidents and negative contact.



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(6) 04 Dec - 170th conducted a CA in support of the 3/8 Inf, 4th Inf Div, in Spaatz AO. They lifted 160 pax in 30 sorties. Mission was conducted with no incidents and negative contact.

(7) 05 Dec - 119th UH-1C received one (1) hit from enemy small arms fire in classified area. Negative injuries and the aircraft continued to fly.

(8) 06 Dec - 189th conducted a CA in support of the 1/8 Inf, 4th Inf Div, in Spaatz AO. They lifted over 255 pax in 45 sorties. The mission was conducted with no incidents and negative contact.

(9) 06 Dec - 170th UH-1H model aircraft crashed in vicinity of ZR133315. Aircraft lost RPM on termination of an approach, turned 360°, and settled onto slope. Main rotor blade hit a tree and separated from the aircraft, the aircraft then rolled inverted. One (1) ARVN KIA and two (2) other WIA. Negative injuries to crew

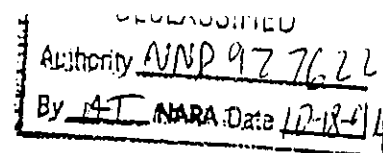
d. Operational Statistics:

<u>CBT</u>	<u>OTHER</u>	<u>UH-1H</u>	<u>UH-1C</u>	<u>CH-47A</u>
<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
6,249	3,818	2,201	775	253
<u>TOTAL</u>		<u>CARGO</u>	<u>A/C</u>	<u>A/C**</u>
<u>HOURS</u>	<u>PAX</u>	<u>TONS</u>	<u>HIT</u>	<u>DAM/DEST</u>
3,229	14,929	1,630	12	2/0
<u>CREW MEM</u>	<u>ENEMY</u>	<u>STRUCT</u>	<u>MED</u>	<u>-SORTIES DELAY</u>
<u>INJ/K**</u>	<u>KBA</u>	<u>DEST</u>	<u>EVACS</u>	<u>OR CXL FOR WX</u>
0/0	14	5	73	7 . .

Period 8 Dec 67 - 14 Dec 67

a. Weather:

Weather summary for this reporting period indicated a slight increase in total sky cover, 8/10 covered at 2,500' scattered to broken with a high partial obscuration on 9, 11, 12, and 14 December. Visibility averaged 10 miles with HK as the only obstruction to vision. Light rain was encountered on the mornings of 8, 11, and 12 December with 30 minutes duration throughout the area of operations. Wind remained out of the ENE (070° - 090°) but increased in velocity to 10 - 15 knots gusting to 25 knots. Temperatures remained cool during nights and early mornings (58° - 65°) increasing throughout each day to average 73° - 75°. Density altitude decreased to average a daily high of 3,800'.



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b. Aircraft Allocation:

	<u>UH-1H</u>	<u>UH-1C</u>	<u>CH-47A</u>
4th Inf Div -	26	9	7
ARVN -	10	4	0
52d Arty Gp -	1	0	0
DSA II Corps -	10	0	0
Avn C&C -	5	0	0
Press Camp -	*	0	0
5th SFG -	3	0	0
Prairie Fire -	11	8	0
Co "E", 20th Inf -	4	2	0

c. Significant Events:

(1) 08 Dec - 119th UH-1C model aircraft received one (1) hit from enemy small arms fire, in a classified area. Negative injuries and the aircraft continued to fly.

(2) 09 Dec - 170th conducted a CA in support of the 1/12 Inf, 4th Inf Div, in Spaatz AO. They lifted 240 pax in 49 sorties. The mission was conducted with no incidents and negative contact.

(3) 10 Dec - 155th UH-1H model aircraft had a forced landing in the vicinity of AQ839115. The engine failed and the aircraft autorotation was made into an open field. Negative injuries and only minor damage to aircraft.

(4) 10 Dec - 170th conducted a CA in support of the 1/8 Inf, 4th Inf Div, in Spaatz AO. They lifted 121 pax in 35 sorties. The mission was conducted with no incidents and negative contact.

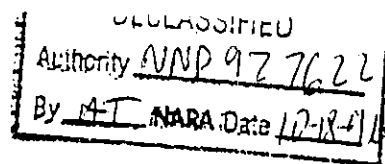
(5) 10 Dec - 155th UH-1H model aircraft received two (2) hits from enemy automatic weapons fire, vicinity VB170270. Negative injuries and the aircraft continued to fly.

(6) 12 Dec - 119th conducted a CA in support of FOB-II into a classified area. Intense enemy anti-aircraft fire was encountered with the following results:

- 3 UH-1H models damaged
- 1 UH-1C model damaged
- 1 UH-1H model destroyed
- 1 UH-1C model destroyed

Heavy enemy contact hampered rescue efforts. One (1) crew member was KIA.

(7) 13 Dec - 170th conducted a CA in support of the 5th SFG, CIDG Force, vicinity of YA669551. They lifted 121 pax in 77 sorties. The



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mission was conducted with no incidents and negative contact.

(8) 13 Dec - 119th UH-1H model aircraft received two (2) hits from heavy enemy automatic weapons fire, in a classified area. Negative injuries and the aircraft continued to fly. In addition, one (1) UH-1C model took one (1) 50 cal. round. Negative injuries and the aircraft continued to fly.

(9) 14 Dec - 119th and 170th had three (3) UH-1C model aircraft shot-up by heavy enemy automatic weapons fire, in a classified area. One (1) crew member was WIA and all aircraft continued to fly.

(10) 14 Dec - 189th UH-1H model aircraft was hit by enemy automatic weapons fire. Negative injuries and the aircraft continued to fly.

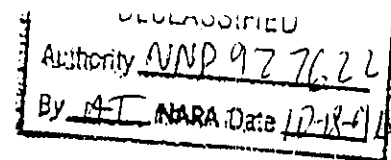
c. Operational Statistics:

<u>CBT</u>	<u>OTHER</u>	<u>UH-1H</u>	<u>UH-1C</u>	<u>CH-47A</u>
<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
7,779	4,374	2,352	637	362
<u>TOTAL</u>		<u>CARGO</u>	<u>A/C</u>	<u>A/C**</u>
<u>HOURS</u>	<u>PAX</u>	<u>TONS</u>	<u>HIT</u>	<u>DAM/DEST</u>
3,351	15,312	2,068	14	12/2
<u>CREW MEM</u>	<u>ENEMY</u>	<u>STRUCT</u>	<u>MED</u>	<u>SORTIES DELAY</u>
<u>INJ/K**</u>	<u>KBA</u>	<u>DEST</u>	<u>EVACS</u>	<u>OR CXL FOR WX</u>
2/0	11	21	39	4

Period 15 Dec 67 - 21 Dec 67

a. Weather:

Sky conditions improved during this period, especially night conditions. Total cloud cover averaged 4/10 covered at 3,500' scattered high broken. At night clear sky prevailed. Visibility increased 12 - 15 miles. 20 Dec proved to be the only exception with 1/2 mile visibility from 0200 - 0600 throughout the area of operations because of ground fog. Definite wind change was observed with a marked decrease in speed, 0100 - 0300 at 3 - 7 knots. There were no changes in daily temperatures and duration (averages, early mornings 53° - 60°, mid-afternoon 73° - 78°). Density altitude increased to highs of 4,100'.



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b. Aircraft Allocation:

	<u>UH-1H</u>	<u>UH-1C</u>	<u>CH-47A</u>
4th Inf Div -	25	6	7
ARVN -	9	7	0
52d Arty Gp -	1	0	0
DSA II Corps -	10	0	0
Avn C&C -	3	0	0
Press Camp -	1	0	0
5th SFG -	2	0	0
Prairie Fire -	11	8	0
Co "E", 20th Inf -	4	2	0

c. Significant Events:

(1) 16 Dec - 170th UH-1H model aircraft crashed in vicinity of YB935186. Aircraft took off to the North and failed to clear barriers. The ship crashed into an area with 200' trees; killing three (3) and wounding three (3) crew members. Aircraft was a total loss.

(2) 16 Dec - 119th two (2) UH-1H model aircraft received five (5) hits from enemy automatic weapons fire, in a classified area. Negative injuries to crew and the aircraft continued to fly.

(3) 17 Dec - 170th conducted a CA in support of the 1/503d Abn, 173d Abn Bde, vicinity of Dak To. They lifted 120 pax in 96 sorties. The mission was conducted with no incidents and negative contact.

(4) 20 Dec - 189th UH-1H model aircraft crashed and burned, vicinity of Dak To. Two (2) crew members were KIA and the other two (2) were WIA. Aircraft burned and was a total loss.

(5) 21 Dec - 119th had three (3) UH-1H model aircraft shot-up in a classified area. Each ship took one (1) round. One (1) crew member was WIA.

(6) 21 Dec - 189th UH-1C model aircraft crashed at Polie Kling AAF. Negative injuries and the aircraft was a total loss. One (1) U.S. was KIA by flying schapnel from the crash.

d. Operational Statistics:

<u>CBT</u>	<u>OTHER</u>	<u>UH-1H</u>	<u>UH-1C</u>	<u>CH-47A</u>
<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
7,383	3,638	2,280	535	289

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<u>TOTAL</u> <u>HOURS</u>	<u>PAX</u>	<u>CARGO</u> <u>TONS</u>	<u>A/C</u> <u>HIT</u>	<u>A/C**</u> <u>DAM/DEST</u>
3,104	14,260	2,153	5	5/3
<u>CREW MEM</u> <u>INJ/K**</u>	<u>ENEMY</u> <u>KBA</u>	<u>STRUCT</u> <u>DEST</u>	<u>MED</u> <u>EVACS</u>	<u>SORTIES DELAY</u> <u>OR CXL FOR WX</u>
7/3	10	9	34	5

Period 22 Dec 67 - 28 Dec 67

a. Weather:

Cloud cover averaged 2/10, 4,000' scattered. Visibility remained at 12 - 15 miles. Winds increased in velocity 10 - 14 knots out of the ENE 080° - 110°. Higher temperatures caused a smaller temperature - dew point separation (79° temp - 65° dew point), and resulted in a high daily average density altitude of 4,300'.

b. Aircraft Allocation:

	<u>UH-1H</u>	<u>UH-1C</u>	<u>CH-47A</u>
4th Inf Div -	22	9	7
ARVN -	10	4	0
52d Arty Gp -	2	0	0
DSA II Corps -	10	0	0
Avn C&C -	3	0	0
Press Camp -	1	0	0
5th SFG -	2	0	0
Prairie Fire -	11	8	0
Co "E", 20th Inf -	2	0	0

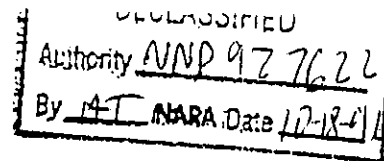
c. Significant Events:

(1) 24 Dec - Notified of arrival of 73 cargo tons for the 355th ASHC (CH-54A). The equipment arrived by the USNS Kenyon Victory at Qui Nhon, RVN.

(2) 25 Dec - 170th UH-1H model aircraft received several hits from an enemy B-40 rocket, vicinity YR799110. Negative injuries and aircraft continued to fly.

(3) 26 Dec - 170th conducted a CA in support of 1/22 Inf, 4th Inf Div, in Spantz AO. They lifted 118 pax in 30 sorties. The mission was conducted with no incidents and negative contact.

(4) 27 Dec - 189th conducted a CA in support of the 2/503d Abn, 173d Abn Bde, vicinity of Kontum. They lifted 252 pax in 42 sorties.



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The mission was conducted with no incidents and negative contact.

(5) 28 Dec - 189th conducted a CA in support of the 1/503d Abn, 173d Abn Bde, vicinity of Kontum. They lifted 120 pax in 20 sorties. The mission was conducted with no incidents and negative contact.

(6) 28 Dec - 170th conducted a CA in support of the 3/8 Inf, 4th Inf Div, in Spaatz AO. They lifted 209 pax in 198 sorties. The mission was conducted with no incidents and negative contact.

d. Operational Statistics:

<u>CBT</u>	<u>OTHER</u>	<u>UH-1H</u>	<u>UH-1C</u>	<u>CH-47A</u>
<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
7,013	4,053	2,181	584	283
<u>TOTAL</u>		<u>CARGO</u>	<u>A/C</u>	<u>A/C**</u>
<u>REMOVED</u>	<u>PAX</u>	<u>TONS</u>	<u>HIT</u>	<u>DEM/DEST</u>
3,048	15,159	1,857	1	1/0
<u>CREW MEM</u>	<u>ENEMY</u>	<u>STRUCT</u>	<u>MED</u>	<u>SORTIES DELAY</u>
<u>INJ/K**</u>	<u>KRA</u>	<u>DEST</u>	<u>EVACS</u>	<u>OR CXL FOR WX</u>
0/0	18	20	45	0

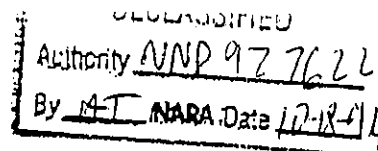
Period 29 Dec 67 - 31 Dec 67

a. Weather:

Cloud cover average 5/10 cover during this reporting period, 3,500' scattered, high thin broken. Night flying weather continued clear. Visibility averaged 12 - 15 miles daily with the following exception; 0400 - 0800 hours ground fog throughout the area of operations. Winds continued out of the NE (040° - 090°) at 5-10 knots. Temperatures increased to an average high of 77°. Density altitude averaged a high of 3,850'.

b. Aircraft Allocation:

	<u>UH-1H</u>	<u>UH-1C</u>	<u>CH-47A</u>
4th Inf Div -	21	10	6
ARVN -	10	5	0
52d Arty Gp -	3	0	0
DSA II Corps -	10	0	0
Avn C&C -	3	0	0
Press Camp -	1	0	0
5th SFG -	2	0	0
Prairie Fire -	11	8	0
Co "E", 20th Inf -	2	0	0



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c. Significant Events:

(1) 29 Dec - 189th conducted a CA in support of the 3/12 Inf, 4th Inf Div, in Spaatz AO. They lifted 120 pax in 24 sorties. Enemy small arms fire was received from the SW quadrant of LZ. One (1) UH-1C gunship sustained one (1) hit, with negative injuries to crew.

(2) 29 Dec - 189th conducted a CA in support of the 6th ARVN Abn Bn, vicinity of Dak To. They lifted 352 pax in 44 sorties. The mission was conducted with no incidents and negative contact.

(3) 30 Dec - 170th conducted a CA in support of the 6th ARVN Abn Bn, vicinity of Dak To. They lifted 126 pax in 48 sorties. The mission was conducted with no incidents and negative contact.

(4) 30 Dec - 170th conducted a CA in support of the 3/12 Inf, 4th Inf Div, in Spaatz AO. They lifted 310 pax in 175 sorties. The mission was conducted with no incidents and negative contact.

(5) 31 Dec - 189th conducted a CA in support of 3/12 Inf, 4th Inf Div, in Spaatz AO. They lifted 150 pax in 50 sorties. The mission was conducted with no incidents and negative contact.

(6) 31 Dec - 119th had two (2) UH-1C models and one (1) UH-1H model receive three (3) hits from enemy small arms fire in a classified area. Two (2) crew members were WIA.

d. Operational Statistics:

<u>CBT</u>	<u>OTHER</u>	<u>UH-1H</u>	<u>UH-1C</u>	<u>CH-47A..</u>
<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
3,127	1,386	917	206	98
<u>TOTAL</u>		<u>CARGO</u>	<u>A/C</u>	<u>A/C**</u>
<u>HOURS</u>	<u>PAX</u>	<u>TONS</u>	<u>HIT</u>	<u>D/M/DEST</u>
1,221	6,532	601	4	4/0
<u>CREW MEM</u>	<u>ENEMY</u>	<u>STRUCT</u>	<u>MED</u>	<u>SORTIES DELAY</u>
<u>INJ/K**</u>	<u>KBA</u>	<u>DEST</u>	<u>EV'CS</u>	<u>OR CXL FOR WX</u>
2/0	0	0	24	0

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<u>CBT</u>	<u>OTHER</u>	<u>UH-1H</u>	<u>UH-1C</u>	<u>CH-47A</u>
<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>HOURS*</u>	<u>HOURS*</u>	<u>HOURS*</u>
31,551	17,269	10,528	2,653	1,305
<u>TOTAL</u>		<u>CARGO</u>	<u>A/C</u>	<u>A/C**</u>
<u>HOURS*</u>	<u>PAX</u>	<u>TONS</u>	<u>HIT</u>	<u>DAM/DEST</u>
44,486	66,192	8,309	26	25/5
<u>CREW MEM</u>	<u>ENEMY</u>	<u>STRUCT</u>	<u>MED</u>	<u>SORTIES DELAY</u>
<u>UNJ/K**</u>	<u>KBA</u>	<u>DEST</u>	<u>EVACS</u>	<u>OR CXL FOR WX</u>
13/3	53	55	215	9

Period 1 Jan 68 - 4 Jan 68

a. Weather:

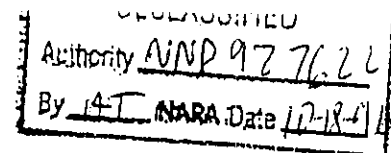
Cloud cover averaged 4/10 cover during this reporting period; 3,500' scattered, high thin broken. Night flying weather continued clear. Excellent visibility (12 - 15 miles) throughout the period. Winds were NNE at 5 - 10 knots, occasional gusts to 20 knots. Temperatures increased to an average high of 77°. Density altitude averaged 3,850'.

b. Aircraft Allocation:

	<u>UH-1H</u>	<u>UH-1C</u>	<u>CH-47A</u>
4th Inf Div -	20	9	7
ARVN -	8	5	0
52d Arty Gp -	1	0	0
DSA II Corps -	10	1	0
Avn C&G -	2	0	0
Press Camp -	1	0	0
5th SFG -	2	0	0
Prairie Fire -	11	8	0
Co "E", 20th Inf -	2	0	0

c. Significant Events:

(1) 03 Jan - 170th conducted multiple CM's in support of the 1/8 & 3/8 Inf, 4th Inf Div, in Spaatz AO. They lifted over 408 pax in 115 sorties. The mission was conducted with no incidents and negative contact.



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(2) 04 Jan - At approximately 0230 hours the Ban Me Thuot Airfield Complex came under an attack by a company size VC unit. The attack lasted approximately 30 minutes. The enemy utilized 82mm mortars, B-40 rockets, sapper element and a unknown number of small arms. Approximately 25 - 30 rounds of mortar fire was received with negative US casualties. Ten (10) UH-1H models were damaged and two (2) were completely destroyed. One (1) fire truck was damaged and another destroyed.

d. Operational Statistics:

<u>CBT</u>	<u>OTHER</u>	<u>UH-1H</u>	<u>UH-1C</u>	<u>CH-47A</u>
<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
3,075	2,173	1,046	202	172
<u>TOTAL</u>		<u>CARGO</u>	<u>A/C</u>	<u>A/C**</u>
<u>HOURS</u>	<u>PAX</u>	<u>TONS</u>	<u>HIT</u>	<u>DAM/DEST</u>
1,420	8,007	1,117	0	10/2
<u>CREW MEM</u>	<u>ENEMY</u>	<u>STRUCT</u>	<u>MED</u>	<u>SORTIES DELAY</u>
<u>INJ/K**</u>	<u>KBA</u>	<u>DEST</u>	<u>EVACS</u>	<u>OR CXL FOR WX</u>
0/0	4	2	10	0

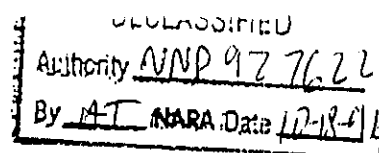
Period 5 Jan 68 - 11 Jan 68

a. Weather:

Slightly lower cloud layer prevailed throughout this reporting period at 5/10 covered, 3000' scattered variable broken. Visibility averaged 12 - 15 miles, except during fog conditions on 6 & 8 Jan at 1/2 mile during the hours 0500 - 0800. There was no significant wind change which remained 040° - 090° at 8 - 10 knots. Temperatures remained at an average of 78° - 82° and dissipated later each day. High Density altitude was lower and of short duration (3,750).

b. Aircraft Allocation:

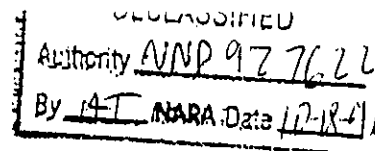
	<u>UH-1H</u>	<u>UH-1C</u>	<u>CH-47A</u>
4th Inf Div -	20	9	7
ARVN -	8	5	0
52d Arty Gp -	1	0	0
DSA II Corps -	10	1	0
Avn C&C -	2	0	0
Press Camp -	*	0	0
5th SFG -	2	0	0
Prairie Fire -	11	8	0
Co "E", 20th Inf -	2	0	0



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c. Significant Events:

- (1) 05 Jan - 170th conducted a Final Extraction in support of the 5th SFG. They extracted 31 pax in 12 sorties. The mission was conducted with no incidents and negative contact.
- (2) 05 Jan - 57th UH-1C model aircraft received one (1) hit from heavy enemy automatic weapons fire. Negative injuries to crew and aircraft continued to fly. Aircraft was on a classified mission.
- (3) 06 Jan - 119th UH-1C model aircraft received one (1) hit from heavy automatic weapons fire. The ship was on a armed escort mission in a classified area when hit. Negative injuries to crew and the aircraft continued to fly.
- (4) 06 Jan - 179th OH-47A model aircraft crashed in the vicinity of ZB53468. The aircraft was on final approach to a fire base, lost power and settled to the ground. Major damage to the aircraft with negative injuries to the crew or passengers.
- (5) 08 Jan - 189th UH-1H model aircraft while running in a fire base (ZB206522) received extensive main rotor damage. An Infantry detail working at the fire base cut a tree down and it fell into the turning blades. The aircraft was recovered and no injuries to the crew.
- (6) 09 Jan - 170th conducted a CA in support of the Capital Republic of Korea Division in the vicinity of BR804367. They assaulted with 224 pax in 40 sorties. The mission was conducted with no incidents and negative contact.
- (7) 10 Jan - 57th AHC and Kontum Airfield came under heavy enemy attack at approximately 0200 hours. The NVA used mortars, B-40 rockets, stachel charges and heavy small arms fire. The contact lasted approximately 7 - 8 minutes, resulting in; six (6) US KIA, 20 MIA, 2 UH-1H destroyed, 2 UH-1C destroyed, 2 UH-1H major damage, 7 UH-1H and 2 UH-1C moderate damage. Member of the 57th AHC close with, and killed a North Vietnamese. An additional five (5) NVA were killed by B Troop, 2/1 CAV.
- (8) 10 Jan - 189th conducted a CA and Final Extraction in support of the 1/12 Inf, 4th Inf Div, vicinity of ZA885788. They lifted 254 pax in 42 sorties. The mission was conducted with no incidents and negative contact.
- (9) 10 Jan - 189th UH-1H model aircraft crashed in the vicinity of AR884796. Major damage to the aircraft with negative injuries to crew.
- (10) 10 Jan - 189th conducted a CA and Final Extraction in support of 2/503 Abn, 173d Abn Bde, in the vicinity of Kontum. They lifted 252 pax in 40 sorties. The mission was conducted with no incidents and negative contact.



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(11) 11 Jan - 57th two (2) UH-1C model aircraft were fired upon in the vicinity of ZA105913. One (1) ship took one (1) hit and continued to fly. Negative injuries to crew.

d. Operational Statistics:

<u>CBT</u>	<u>OTHER</u>	<u>UH-1H</u>	<u>UH-1C</u>	<u>CH-47A</u>
<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
6,230	3,731	2,325	860	265
<u>TOTAL</u>		<u>CARGO</u>	<u>A/C</u>	<u>A/C**</u>
<u>HOURS</u>	<u>PAX</u>	<u>TONS</u>	<u>HIT</u>	<u>DAM/DEST</u>
3,450	12,948	1,886	3	17/4
<u>CREW MEM</u>	<u>ENEMY</u>	<u>STRUCT</u>	<u>MED</u>	<u>SORTIES DELAY</u>
<u>INT/R**</u>	<u>KBA</u>	<u>DEST</u>	<u>EVACS</u>	<u>OR CXL FOR WX</u>
0/0	11	23	65	4

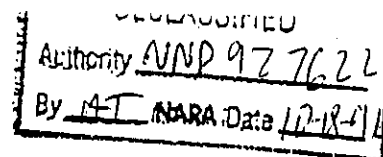
Period 12 Jan 68 - 18 Jan 68

a. Weather:

Cloud cover remained 3/10 covered at 3,500 scattered, variable thin broken. 10 - 15 miles visibility prevailed daily except 13 Jan, with dense ground fog through the area of operation; especially in the valleys of the mountainous terrain. Winds remained calm during early morning hours with low temperatures dissipating later each morning. Winds increased in late afternoon to remain steady at 10 - 15 knots with frequent gust to 20 - 25 knots. Daily high temperature occurred later each day to average 73° - 77°. Density altitude remained 3,750'.

b. Aircraft Allocation:

	<u>UH-1H</u>	<u>UH-1C</u>	<u>CH-47A</u>
4th Inf Div -	18	7	5
ARVN -	16	5	0
52d Arty Gp -	1	0	0
DSA II Corps -	10	0	0
Avn C&C -	3	0	0
Press Camp -	0	0	0
5th SFG -	1	0	0
Prairie Fire -	11	8	0
Co "F", 20th Inf -	1	0	0
CRID -	1	0	0



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c. Significant Events:

(1) 12 Jan - 189th conducted a series of Combat Assaults and Extractions in support of the 3/8 and 1/8 Inf, 4th Inf Div, in Spaatz AO. They lifted 777 pax in 139 sorties. The Flight received moderate enemy automatic weapons fire in the vicinity of YB910120. 170th UH-1H model aircraft, assisting in the lift, sustained one (1) hit with negative injuries to crew. The aircraft continued to fly.

(2) 13 Jan - 170th conducted multiple CA's and Final Extractions in support of 3/12 Inf, 4th Inf Div, in Spaatz AO. They lifted over 420 pax in 228 sorties. The mission was conducted with no incidents and negative contact.

(3) 14 Jan - 189th conducted multiple CA's and Extractions in support of the 1/8 and 3/12 Inf, 4th Inf Div, in Spaatz AO. They lifted 256 pax in 43 sorties. The mission was conducted with no incidents and negative contact.

(4) 14 Jan - 170th conducted multiple CA's and Extractions in support of the 1/503 Abn, 173d Abn Bde, in the vicinity of Kontum. They lifted over 380 pax in 216 sorties. The mission was conducted with no incidents and negative contact.

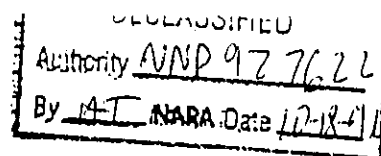
(5) 15 Jan - 170th conducted a CA and Final Extraction in support of the 3/8 Inf, 4th Inf Div, in Spaatz AO. They lifted over 240 pax in 40 sorties. Three (3) UH-1C model aircraft escorting the mission sustained several hits from intense enemy automatic weapons fire. Negative injuries to crew and the aircraft continued to fly.

(6) 15 Jan - 170th UH-1H model aircraft crashed and burned in the vicinity of ZB185110. The aircraft landed with toes of skids on an upslope, when the tail rotor disintegrated. Heavy enemy contact was reported in the vicinity of the LZ. Aircraft rolled onto ammunition stores and exploded. One (1) crew member KIA, no other injuries were reported.

(7) 16 Jan - 179th conducted multiple Fire Base Moves in support of 1st Bde, 4th Inf Div, in Spaatz AO. They lifted 144 pax and 85 cargo tons in 60 sorties. The mission was conducted with negative incidents and no contact.

(8) 17 Jan - 170th conducted a CA and Final Extraction in support of 1/8 Inf, 4th Inf Div, in Spaatz AO. They lifted 330 pax in 165 sorties. The mission was conducted with no incidents and negative contact.

(c) 17 Jan - 179th conducted a Fire Base Move in support of 1/12 Inf, 4th Inf Div, in the vicinity of ZA036625. They lifted 14 pax and 43 cargo tons in 29 sorties. The mission was conducted with no incidents and negative contact.



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(10) 17 Jan - 155th and Ban Me Thuot Airfield came under attack at approximately 0125 hours. The enemy used 82mm mortars. U.S. losses: Five (5) UH-1H damaged, and no U.S. WIA or KIA. Enemy Losses: Unknown.

(11) 18 Jan - 189th conducted a CA and Final Extraction in support of the 1/503 Abn, 173d Abn Bde, in the vicinity of Kontum. They lifted 478 pax in 158 sorties. The mission was conducted with no incidents and negative contact.

(12) 18 Jan - 170th conducted a Final Extraction in support of the 1/8 Inf, 4th Inf Div, in Spaatz AO. They extracted 330 pax in 168 sorties. They conducted the mission with no incidents and negative contact.

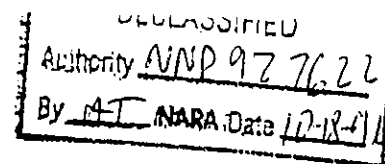
a. Operational Statistics:

<u>CBT</u>	<u>OTHER</u>	<u>UH-1H</u>	<u>UH-1C</u>	<u>CH-47A</u>
<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
7,345	2,660	1,958	548	287
<u>TOTAL</u>		<u>CARGO</u>	<u>A/C</u>	<u>A/C**</u>
<u>HOURS</u>	<u>PAX</u>	<u>TONS</u>	<u>HIT</u>	<u>DAM/DEST</u>
2,793	14,403	1,696	4	9/1
<u>CREW MEM</u>	<u>ENEMY</u>	<u>STRUCT</u>	<u>MED</u>	<u>SORTIES DELAY</u>
<u>INJ/K**</u>	<u>KBA</u>	<u>DEST</u>	<u>EVACS</u>	<u>OF CXL FOR WX</u>
0/1	9	0	11	0

Period 19 Jan 68 - 25 Jan 68

a. Weather:

Total sky cover averaged 5/10 cover. 3000' - 3500' scattered variable thin broken. Clear nights with calm wind conditions, caused fog to prevail 0400 - 0800 on 19, 20, 21, and 24 Jan. Light rain showers were encountered throughout the area of operation on 1700 - 1900, 18 Jan. Visibility remained constant each day 10 - 15 miles, except during fog conditions (1/4 - 2 miles). Winds shifted NNE 020° - 080° and increased in velocity 10 - 15 later each afternoon. Temperatures - dew point conducive to fog existed later each day (0400 - 0800). Daily high temperatures averaged 70° - 73°. Density altitude increased to 4,175'.



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b. Aircraft Allocation:

	<u>UH-1H</u>	<u>UH-1C</u>	<u>CH-47A</u>
4th Inf Div -	20	3	4
ARVN -	8	3	0
52d Arty Gp -	1	0	0
DSA II Corps -	10	0	0
Avn C&C -	2	0	0
Press Camp -	1	0	0
5th SFG -	2	0	0
Prairie Fire -	11	8	0
Co "E", 20th Inf -	1	0	0
GRID -	1	0	0

c. Significant Events:

(1) 19 Jan - 170th conducted a CA in support of the 2/503 Abn, 173d Abn Bde, in the vicinity of ZA029625. They lifted 272 pax in 92 sorties. One (1) UH-1H model aircraft received one (1) hit from enemy small arms fire. Negative injuries and the aircraft continued to fly.

(2) 20 Jan - 179th conducted a Fire Base Move in support of the 173d Abn Bde, in the vicinity of ZA0768. They moved 384 pax and 68 cargo tons in 65 sorties. The mission was conducted with no incidents and negative contact.

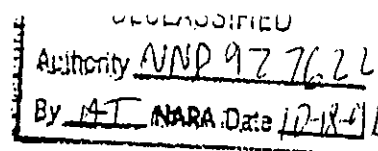
(3) 20 Jan - 189th conducted a CA and Extraction in support of the 2/503d Abn, 173d Abn Bde, vicinity of ZA108680. They lifted 369 pax in 62 sorties. The mission was conducted with no incidents and negative contact.

(4) 21 Jan - 170th conducted multiple CA's in support of 1/12 Inf, 4th Inf Div, vicinity of YA964474. They lifted 244 pax in 132 sorties. The mission was conducted with no incidents and negative contact.

(5) 21 Jan - 179th conducted a Fire Base Move in support of 1/12 Inf, 4th Inf Div, vicinity of YA860540. They moved 171 pax and 40 cargo tons in 41 sorties. The mission was conducted with no incidents and negative contact.

(6) 21 Jan - 155th UH-1H model aircraft crashed in the vicinity of Gia Nghia airfield. The aircraft went IFR from dust off the end of the dirt strip; main rotor contacted ground on right side. The aircraft sustained major damage and negative injuries.

(7) 23 Jan - 189th conducted multiple CA's in support of the 173d Abn Bde, vicinity of ZA132570. They assaulted with 380 pax in 68 sorties. The mission was conducted with no incidents and negative contact.



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(8) 23 Jan - 179th conducted a Fire Base Move in support of the 173d Abn Bde. They moved 36 pax and 37 cargo tons in 24 sorties. The mission was conducted with no incidents and negative contact.

(9) 24 Jan - 170th conducted a CA in support of the 1/22 Inf, 4th Inf Div, vicinity of ZA222678. They lifted 366 pax in 90 sorties. The mission was conducted with no incidents and negative contact.

(10) 24 Jan - 189th conducted a CA and Final Extraction in support of the 1/503 Abn, 173d Abn Bde, vicinity of ZA143483. They lifted 117 pax in 20 sorties. The mission was conducted with no incidents and negative contact.

(11) 25 Jan - 170th conducted multiple CA's in support of the 3/8 and 3/12 Inf, 4th Inf Div, in Spaatz AO. They lifted 360 pax in 66 sorties. The mission was conducted with no incidents and negative contact.

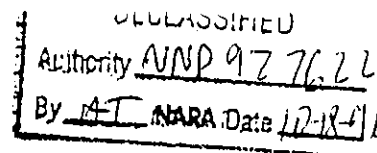
1. Operational Statistics:

<u>GET</u>	<u>OTHER</u>	<u>UH-1H</u>	<u>UH-1C</u>	<u>CH-47A</u>
<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
6,589	2,890	1,920	487	210
<u>TOTAL</u>		<u>CARGO</u>	<u>A/C</u>	<u>A/C**</u>
<u>HOURS</u>	<u>PAX</u>	<u>TONS</u>	<u>MT</u>	<u>DAM/DEST</u>
2,617	11,551	1,216	1	2/0
<u>CREW MEM</u>	<u>ENEMY</u>	<u>STRUCT</u>	<u>MTD</u>	<u>SORTIES DELAY</u>
<u>INJ/K**</u>	<u>KBA</u>	<u>DEST</u>	<u>EVACS</u>	<u>OR CXL FOR WX</u>
0/0	0	0	72	0

Period 26 Jan 68 - 31 Jan 68

a. Weather:

Total sky cover averaged 6/10. 3,500' - 4000' scattered variable thin broken. Morning ground fog prevailed, causing some delay in early take-offs. Late afternoon rain showers occurred over the entire area of operation. Winds were generally out of the ENE at 5 - 10 knots, gusting occasionally to 20 knots. Temperatures ranged from 72° - 76° and the density altitude increased to 4,350'.



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b. Aircraft Allocation:

	<u>UH-1H</u>	<u>UH-1C</u>	<u>CH-47E</u>
4th Inf Div -	19	4	5
ARVN -	9	4	0
52d Arty Gp -	1	0	0
USA II Corps -	9	0	0
Avn C&C -	2	0	0
Press Camp -	1	0	0
5th SFG -	1	0	0
Prairie Fire -	10	7	0
Co "E", 20th Inf -	0	0	0

c. Significant Events:

(1) 26 Jan - At approximately 0230 hours, Camp Holloway came under attack. The initial attack came when sappers penetrated the 88th S&S Bn perimeter, slipped by U.S. personnel on Guard, and planted satchel charges in and around the LSP area. Initial knowledge of enemy in the area came as the enemy were leaving the perimeter, when either a flare was fired by a VC, initiating the mortar attack (one M-26 chicom flare pistol was found approximately 10 feet behind one VC KIA within the perimeter) or a flare tripped by a VC retreating through the perimeter. The sappers left charges in the 88th S&S Bn Class I, II, and IV yards and one ammunition pad. The mortar attack was initiated at 0245 hours against the 52d Cbt Avn Bn and the 219th Avn Co. An estimated 110 - 120 82mm mortar rounds fell in the vicinity of the aircraft parking ramps. The attack was broken at approximately 0320 hours local. Results friendly: 40 U.S. MIA, 24 aircraft damaged, 3 major, 21 minor. VC losses: 1 KIA, 1 MIA captured by 52d Security Detachment.

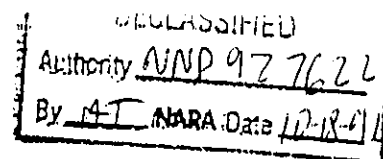
(2) 26 Jan - 170th conducted a CA in support of the 44th ARVN RNG Bn, vicinity of YB881312. They lifted 500 pax in 188 sorties. The mission was conducted with no incidents and negative contact.

(3) 26 Jan - 179th conducted a Fire Base Move in support of 1/12 Inf, 4th Inf Div, in Spaatz AO. They moved 40 pax and 34 cargo tons in 23 sorties. Mission was conducted with no incidents and negative contact.

(4) 26 Jan - 189th and 57th UH-1C model gunships (3) received 12 hits from intense enemy automatic weapons fire, in a classified area. Negative injuries to crew and aircraft continued to fly.

(5) 28 Jan - 189th conducted multiple CA's and Extraction in support of the 3/8 and 1/8 Inf, 4th Inf Div, in Spaatz AO. They lifted 610 pax in 200 sorties. Some enemy small arms and automatic weapons fire was received, but no hits were sustained.

(6) 29 Jan - 170th conducted a CA in support of the ARVN,



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vicinity of YB869306. They lifted 323 pax in 135 sorties. The mission was conducted with no incidents and negative contact.

(7) 30 Jan - At approximately 0305 hours all units and associated airfields of this battalion came under a heavy coordinated enemy attack. The attack on Holloway lasted 30 - 35 minutes. The attack on Ban Me Thuot and Kontum, RVN, continued through the night.

(8) 31 Jan - Attacks on Kontum and Ban Me Thuot continue. The enemy continues with heavy mortar and rocket attacks, followed by human wave assaults. Both the perimeters have held. Friendly and enemy losses undetermined at this time.

(A detailed report on these attacks will be inclosed to this report).

d. Operational Statistics:

<u>CBT</u>	<u>OTHER</u>	<u>UH-1H</u>	<u>UH-1C</u>	<u>CH-47A</u>
<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
5,243	2,023	1,355	432	203
<u>TOTAL</u>		<u>CARGO</u>	<u>A/C</u>	<u>A/C**</u>
<u>HOURS</u>	<u>PAX</u>	<u>TONS</u>	<u>HIT</u>	<u>DAM/DEST</u>
1,990	8,450	1,415	3	40/3
<u>CREW MEM</u>	<u>ENEMY</u>	<u>STRUCT</u>	<u>MED</u>	<u>SORTIES DELAY</u>
<u>INJ/K**</u>	<u>KBA</u>	<u>DEST</u>	<u>EVACS</u>	<u>OR CXL FOR WX</u>
3/0	97	55	130	0

Period 1 Jan 68 - 31 Jan 68 TOTALS

<u>CBT</u>	<u>OTHER</u>	<u>UH-1H</u>	<u>UH-1C</u>	<u>CH-47A</u>
<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>SORTIES</u>	<u>HOURS*</u>	<u>HOURS*</u>	<u>HOURS*</u>
28,482	13,477	9,001	2,403	1,174
<u>TOTAL</u>		<u>CARGO</u>	<u>A/C</u>	<u>A/C**</u>
<u>HOURS*</u>	<u>PAX</u>	<u>TONS</u>	<u>HIT</u>	<u>DAM/DEST</u>
12,578	55,359	7,330	11	78/10
<u>CREW MEM</u>	<u>ENEMY</u>	<u>STRUCT</u>	<u>MED</u>	<u>SORTIES DELAY</u>
<u>INJ/K**</u>	<u>KBA</u>	<u>DEST</u>	<u>EVACS</u>	<u>OR CXL FOR WX</u>
3/1	121	82	288	4

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SPAATZ - 1st Bde, 4th Inf Div
and 173rd Abn Bde (OPCON)
4th Inf Div.

POWERHOUSE - 173rd Abn Bde (OPCON)
4th Inf Div.

MAINWRIGHT - Taskforce 22 (OPCON) 4th
Inf Div.

CORRIDOR - 173rd Abn Bde (OPCON) 4th
Inf Div.

PLEIKU - 52d Cbt Avn Bn (-)

KONTUM - 57th Aslt Hel Co

BAN ME THOUT - 155th Aslt Hel Co

NHA TRANG - 17th Cbt Avn Bn
AO MACARTHUR

