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Notes from a conversation with MAJOR GRIAL L. BROOKSHIRE, ARMOR, 070133, concerning CT-5, the 5th Viet Cong Division, which took place on 6 November 1967.

THE DONG NAI BATTALION

There are two Dong Nai Battalions. The original unit was used to expand the 274 Regiment in the summer of 1965, and became part of the 274 Regiment. At this time the 274 Regiment became known as the DONG NAI REGIMENT. Soon after the original separate DONG NAI BATTALION (aka D 800) was integrated into the 274, a new separate battalion was formed with the title DONG NAI BATTALION (aka D 800). In order to keep the two units easily identifiable, Major Brookshire suggested calling the more recently formed DONG NAI BATTALION (aka D 800) the DONG NAI BATTALION (Separate).

VC UNIT IDENTIFICATION CODE

"A" ----- squad

"B" ----- platoon

"C" ----- company

"D" ----- battalion

"E" ----- regiment

("Q" and "E" apparently are interchangeable.)

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THE VC 275 REGIMENT

The 275 Regiment never has been as lucky as the 274. The 275 (also called the 5th Regiment) took heavy casualties in the summer of 1966 in their

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fight with the Australian Task Force. Their next major offensive action was against the 11th Armored Cavalry on 2 December 1966 where one of their battalions was also hurt severely. The Regiment is organized with numbered battalions; the 1st, 2nd and 3rd, and an Anti-Aircraft Company.

THE 5th VC DIVISION (CT-5)

The 5th VC Division has an artillery unit; probably a regiment. It was a detachment of this unit which attacked the Blackhorse Base Camp on 16 November 1966 with 82 MM Mortar and Recoilless Rifles. In addition to the mortars and recoilless rifles, the unit has heavy machine guns. The 5th Division was subordinate to MRI in all probability. The division is commanded by a Colonel, and has the 274, 275 and Artillery Regiment as its maneuver forces.

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