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 HEADQUARTERS, 2D BRIGADE
 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION (AIRMOBILE)
 APO 96490

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3 August 1970

SUBJECT: Operational Report of 2d Brigade, 1st Cav Div (AM) for Period Ending
 31 July 1970 (U)

Commanding General
 1st Cavalry Division (AM)
 ATTN: AVDAGT-DT
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1. (C) SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES: During this period the 2d Brigade, 2d ARVN Airborne Brigade and 7th ARVN Infantry Regiment conducted ground operations, air reconnaissance and pacification operations aimed at fixing and destroying the enemy, interdicting enemy supply lines, locating enemy caches, and pacifying Phuoc Long Province. The 2d Brigade continued operations in Phuoc Long Province and concurrently assaulted into Cambodia first to locate and neutralize COSVN Headquarters and then to neutralize Base Area 351. The 2d ARVN Airborne Brigade continued ground operations targeted against the 275th NVA Regiment elements operating in the proximity of the Serges Trail until moving from Phuoc Long Province into a separate AO in Tay Ninh Province on 15 May. The 7th ARVN Inf Regt entered the 2d Bde AO on 12 July and took on the task of ground reconnaissance and security in the vicinity of the Song Be area and clearing and security of QL 14.

2. (C) SIGNIFICANT OPERATIONS:

a. During the reporting period the "Raring To Go" Brigade conducted three major operations. In early May the Brigade drove into Cambodia with the mission of locating and neutralizing COSVN Headquarters. The second mission was to assault and neutralize Base Area 351. After the unprecedented cache exploitations made in Base Area 351, the 2d Bde conducted a successful withdrawal from Cambodia and realigned along the border. The 2d Brigade then took on the mission of exploiting cache sites in RVN, interdicting the northern and central portions of the Adams and Jolley Trails and establishing contact with the enemy. Concurrently throughout this period, the 2d Brigade continued its mission of pacifying Phuoc Long Province. The 7th ARVN Regt, upon their arrival, took up the mission of security of the Song Be area and QL 14.

b. The only significant personnel change during the reporting period was the change of Brigade Commanders on 1 July 70. There was no significant impact on combat operations as a result of loss or shortage of key command personnel.

3. (C) OPERATIONS CONDUCTED IN MAY:

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a. Task Organization:

1-6 May

1/12 Cav (rel OPCON 1st Bde 5 May)
 5/12 Inf (Assumed OPCON 5 May)
 1/5 Cav (OPCON 3 May, Rel OPCON
 1st Bde 5 May)
 1/8 Cav
 2/12 Cav
 5/7 Cav (Assumed OPCON 4 May)
 3/4 Cav(-) (Rel OPCON 6 May)
 1/77 Arty (DS)
 C 6/27 Arty (DS) (OPCON 3 May,
 Rel OPCON 5 May)
 B 8th Engr (DS)
 C 1/9 Cav (GS)
 D 3/17 Cav (Assumed OPCON 6 May)
 C 227 AHB (1-3 May)
 B 227 AHB (4-6 May)
 Det C 191st MI (DS)
 Det A 13th Sig (DS)

7-31 May

1/8 Cav
 2/12 Cav (Rel OPCON to 1st Bde 13 May)
 5/7 Cav
 5/12 Inf
 1/77 Arty (DS)
 B 8th Engr (DS)
 D 3/17 Cav
 I 3/11 ACR (12 May)
 A 227 AHB (9,10,11-13,21-31 May)
 B 227 AHB (7-8 May)
 C 227 AHB (10,14-20 May)
 C 1/9 Cav (GS)
 Det C 191st MI (DS)
 Det A 13th Sig (DS)

b. Major Actions: During the month of May this headquarters continued its operations in Phuoc Long Province and concurrently conducted two major operations into Cambodia. On 2 May the 2d Brigade was given the mission of conducting a two battalion thrust into the Fishhook region of Cambodia in order to locate and neutralize COSVN Headquarters. This move was coordinated with similar thrusts conducted by US Armored Cavalry units and ARVN elements. After the successful initiation of the first operation, the 2d Brigade was given the mission on 5 May to assault into and neutralize Base Area 351. To aid in the accomplishment of this mission, the 5/7Cav and 5/12 Inf were placed under OPCON of the 2d Brigade on 4 and 5 May respectively. The road security mission for resupply convoys on Highway QL14 and Route 311 was shifted from the 15th ARVN Cav Regt to two different US Cav units during the month. These units were the 3/4 Cav (-) and D Trp 3/17 Cav. The 2d ARVN ABN Bde moved from Phuoc Long Province on 15 May into a separate AO in Tay Ninh Province in an effort to complement allied operations in Cambodia. In support of these operations the 2d Brigade constructed seven fire support bases and reestablished an eighth one.

(1) The first operation was targeted against the Fishhook Region of Cambodia which contained COSVN Headquarters and large enemy weapons and munitions caches. Reacting on short notice, the 2d Brigade moved a TAC CP and the 1/12 Cav to Loc Ninh Special Forces Camp. On 3 May the 1/5 Cav was placed under OPCON to the 2d Brigade and air assaulted into Cambodia to establish FSB North. On 4 May the 1/12 Cav was air assaulted into Cambodia and established FSB Evans. This rapid deployment of forces caused the enemy to flee his major base areas and resulted in the capture of an extensive enemy complex dubbed "The City", and a large weapons and munitions cache. The 1/5 Cav oriented on "The City" and the 1/12 Cav seized the large weapons and ammunition cache.

(2) The second major operation was initiated when the 2d Brigade was given the mission to realign its forces and neutralize Base Area 351 located sixty kilometers east of the Fishhook, in Cambodia. The Brigade TAC CP returned to

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FSB Buttons in Phuoc Long and released OPCON of the 1/5 Cav and 1/12 Cav to the 1st Bde on 5 May. In order to provide additional combat power the 5/7 Cav was placed under OPCON to the 2d Bde on 4 May. On 5 May the 5/12 Inf, 199 Light Infantry Brigade was also placed under OPCON of the 2d Brigade. On 6 May the 2d Brigade air assaulted the 5/7 Cav and the 2/12 Cav in Cambodia, establishing FSB Brown and Myron respectively. Again due to the rapid deployment of Air Cav forces, the enemy evacuated his sanctuaries leaving behind extensive ammunition, weapons and rice caches. On 7 May while moving into a suspected enemy cache site, D Co 2/12 Cav made contact with a reinforced NVA unit. In a series of sharp contacts throughout the day 33 NVA were KIA, three trucks and numerous documents were captured, and the cache site later named "Rock Island East", was discovered. This cache was so extensive that CIDG, RF and stevedore companies were utilized to retrograde the materials found. To provide a nearby logistical resupply and cache retrograde point FSB Snuffy was reopened on 9 May by the 5/12 Inf. Concurrently the 1st AGD Engineer Battalion upgraded the Bu Gia Map airstrip to accommodate C-130 aircraft. In order to block enemy routes of egress toward O'Rang, Cambodia, and provide more extensive coverage of Base Area 351, the 1/8 Cav closed FSB Nguyen Trai (YU 362262) 10 May and established FSB MO (YU 255430) on 11 May. Simultaneously in an effort to jump ahead of the enemy and interdict his lines of communication further to the northeast, the 5/7 Cav closed FSB Brown and established FSB Neil (YU122523). As a reinforcing measure the 5/12 Inf (-) moved from FSB Snuffy and reestablished FSB Brown on 12 May. On 13 May at 0315 hours, FSB Brown came under a heavy ground attack by an estimated NVA force of two companies. This attack was beaten off by B Co, and C Co, 5/12 Inf who were defending FSB Brown. This action resulted in 51 NVA KIA and 38 weapons captured. In a series of sharp contacts Co B 5/7 Cav, captured Hill 423, later named "Shakey's Hill". This cache site was so extensive in size that CIDG, RF and Stevedore elements were again utilized to retrograde the munitions, weapons and rice. On 23 May the 2/12 Cav was released to the 1st Brigade and established FSB Spear (YU 261619) in an attempt to interdict enemy routes of egress out of Base Area 351. In order to provide additional supporting fires, the 5/12 Inf moved its CP to FSB Myron and closed out FSB Brown on 24 May. This operation oriented on Base Area 351 continued thru the month.

c. Combined Operations and Training:

- (1) One hundred and seven combined operations were conducted during the month, including retrograde of enemy cache sites, convoy operations, fire base security and ground security.
- (2) Fifty seven training sessions were held ranging from one to four hours in length. Principal subjects taught were ambush techniques, fire base defense, artillery adjustment (both tube and ARA) and airmobile operations.

d. Fire Support: Medium and heavy artillery was effectively utilized during May, to include the retrograde of two 8" howitzers from FSB Dong Da to FSB Buttons. These howitzers moved by road along Highway 1A to FSB Buttons, with security being provided by US/RF troops.

e. Significant Contacts:

- (1) On 1 May at 1750 hrs, vic YU315285, C 1/9 engaged 5 individuals resulting in 5 NVA/KBH.
- (2) On 2 May at 2555 hrs, vic YU325381, C 1/8 made contact with an unknown

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size enemy force resulting in 7 NVA/KIA.

(3) On 6 May at 1200 hrs, vic YU127524, C 1/9 received ground-to-air fire and engaged the area with organics. The action resulted in 9 NVA/KBH and 4 secondary explosions.

(4) On 6 May at 2300 hrs, vic YU057369, C 5/7 had automatic ambush activate resulting in 4 NVA/KIA and 6 CHICOM grenades, 2 AK-50's, 2 B-40 rocket launchers and 2 B-40 rockets captured.

(5) On 7 May at 0800 hrs, vic YU027430, C 1/9 engaged a convoy of 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ton trucks resulting in 20 NVA/KBH and six 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ton trucks destroyed.

(6) On 7 May at 1210 hrs, vic YU023434, D 2/12 made sporadic contacts with small enemy units throughout the day as they attempted to move into a large enemy cache site. The largest contact occurred at 1700 hrs and was with an estimated company size enemy force. The results of the actions were 33 NVA/KIA and 3 trucks, a series of caches, and documents captured.

(7) On 8 May at 0835 hrs, vic YU125535 received heavy ground-to-air fire and engaged the area with organics, ARA, air strikes and CS. The action continued throughout the day resulting in 29 NVA/KBH, 14 NVA/KB air strike, and 1 NVA/KB AFA. Air strikes also destroyed 14 military structures, 5 bunkers, and caused 1 secondary explosion.

(8) On 9 May at 1835 hrs, vic XU975445, C 1/9 engaged 7 individuals in a bunker complex resulting in 7 NVA/KBH and several secondary explosions.

(9) On 10 May at 0650 hrs, vic YU124523, A 5/7 made contact with an unknown size enemy force resulting in 6 NVA/KIA, 3 AK-47's and 15 packs with medical equipment, miscellaneous equipment captured.

(10) On 11 May at 0915 hrs, vic XU905173, 2-2 Company made contact with an estimated squad size enemy force, resulting in 5 NVA/KIA.

(11) On 11 May at 1120 hrs, vic YU365640, C 1/9 received ground-to-air fire from a complex of military structures and engaged the area with organics resulting in 10 NVA/KBH.

(12) On 11 May at 1735 hrs, vic YU188547, C 1/9 engaged an unknown size enemy force resulting in 37 NVA/KBH.

(13) On 12 May at 1550 hrs, vic YU028490, C 1/5 received ground-to-air fire and engaged the area with organics resulting in 19 NVA/KBH.

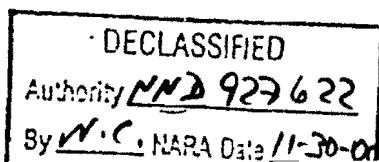
(14) On 12 May at 1730 hrs, vic YU186442, B 5/7 made contact with an estimated enemy platoon resulting in 6 NVA/KIA, 2 AK-47's and documents captured.

(15) On 13 May at 0315 hrs, LZ Brown received a ground attack from an unknown size enemy force. The enemy were engaged with organics, AFA, Shadow, Night Hawk and air strikes, with Blind Bat and flareships on station. The result of this action were 50 NVA/KIA, and B40 rocket launchers, 11 SKS's, 17 AK-47's, 1 60mm mortar, 3 RFD LMG's, 2 K-54 pistols and documents captured.

(16) On 13 May at 1400 hrs, vic YU135496, C 1/9 engaged 7 individuals resulting in 7 NVA/KBH.

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(17) On 13 May at 1455 hrs, vic YU120340, C 1/9 engaged 30 individuals resulting in 10 NVA/KBH.

(18) On 14 May at 0910 hrs, vic YU134443, C 1/9 received ground-to-air fire and engaged the area with organics resulting in 7 NVA/KBH.

(19) On 14 May at 1540 hrs, vic YU125433, C 1/9 engaged 5 individuals carrying a .51 cal machine gun. The results of this action were 5 NVA/KBH.

(20) On 15 May at 0715 hrs, vic YU085399, C 1/9 received ground-to-air fire from 10 individuals and engaged them with organics, resulting in 5 NVA/KBH.

(21) On 16 May at 1726 hrs, vic YU264640, C 1/9 and ARA in support of Ranger Team 73 engaged an unknown size enemy force resulting in 3 NVA/KBH and 2 NVA/KB AFA.

(22) On 17 May at 1100 hrs, vic YU 346632, C 1/9 received ground-to-air fire and engaged the area with organics and an air strike resulting in 5 NVA/KBH and 7 NVA/KB A/S.

(23) On 20 May at 1225 hrs, vic YU225436, C 5/12 made contact with an unknown size enemy force and continued sporadic contact until 1930 hrs. The results of the action were 8 NVA/KIA.

(24) On 22 May at 1225 hrs, vic YU225436, C 1/9 engaged 6 individuals resulting in 6 NVA/KBH.

(25) On 25 May at 1040 hrs, vic YU148463, A 5/7 had an automatic ambush activate, resulting in 5 NVA/KIA and documents captured.

(26) On 25 May at 1645, vic YU134435, C 1/9 engaged a number of vehicles in a motor pool and called in an air strike. The results of the action were 13 jeeps destroyed, 2 2¹/₂ ton trucks destroyed, 4 jeeps damaged, 5 bunkers destroyed, 15 55 gallon drums destroyed, 2 NVA/KBH and 3 NVA/KB A/S.

(27) On 31 May at 1055 hrs, vic YU134650, the Brigade Sniffer Bird received ground-to-air fire and engaged the area with organics, and the high bird expended. The results of the action were 4 NVA/KB Sniffer Bird (A227) and 10 NVA/KB Cobra (D227).

f. Stand off attacks on fire support bases: During the month of May there were 9 mortar, 3 rocket, and 3 recoilless rifle attacks against fire support bases in the 2d Bde area of operations.

(1) On 2 May at 1031 hrs, FSB Duttons received 7 rounds of 75mm RR fire.

(2) On 3 May at 1721 hrs, Bu Dop Special Forces received 6 rounds of 120mm mortar fire.

(3) On 3 May at 1755 hrs, FSB Duttons received 2 rounds of unknown type incoming.

(4) On 4 May at 1055 hrs, FSB Duttons received 2 122mm rockets from the NW at an azimuth of 5900 mils.

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(5) On 4 May at 1900 hrs, Bu Duc District HQ's received 2 rounds of 82mm mortar fire.

(6) On 8 May at 0450 hrs, 317th RF Group HQ's received 12 rounds of 60mm mortar fire from the SE.

(7) On 8 May at 1739 hrs, FSB Buttons received 4 122mm rockets.

(8) On 9 May at 1502 hrs, FSB Buttons received 3 122mm rockets from the N.

(9) On 12 May at 2100 hrs, Bu Doc Special Forces received 3 rounds of 60mm mortar fire from the NW.

(10) On 13 May at 1800 hrs, Bu Doc Special Forces received 10 rounds of 82mm mortar fire from the east.

(11) On 17 May at 1840 hrs, FSB Brown received 20 rounds of 82mm mortar fire from the west.

(12) On 22 May at 1835 hrs, FSB Brown received 9 rounds of unknown type incoming.

(13) On 29 May at 0705 hrs, FSB Snuffy received 6 rounds of 60mm mortar fire from the east.

(14) On 29 May at 0930 hrs, FSB Snuffy received 3 rounds of 57mm recoilless rifle fire from the NE.

(15) On 30 May at 0520 hrs, LZ Bach Ma received 4 rounds of 82mm mortar fire from the N.

G. Enemy units identified. During the month of May, there were 113 enemy units identified.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>GRID</u>	<u>METHOD OF ID</u>
2 May	Trans Bn of 86th RSG Rear Service Staff Department, HQ, SVNLA Rear Service Staff, HQ, SVNLA Trans Bn of SVNLA (Believed to be working with 86th RSG)	YU355194	Fd in Bkrs
3 May	Rear Service Staff of COSVN Military Postal Office of the Mil Staff Dept, COSVN Political Training School of COSVN Training School of the MI Directorate of COSVN K4 Bn, 209th Regt of 7th NVA Div 141st Regt of 7th NVA Div 2d Co of the K21 Recon Bn of 1st NVA Div K15 Eng Bn of 1st NVA Div	XU544241	Auto Amb Site

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>GRID</u>	<u>METHOD OF ID</u>
4 May	7th NVA Div Sapper Recon Bn of 7th NVA Div	XU545242	Off KIA's
7 May	209th Regt of 7th NVA Div Political Staff Dept HQ, SVNLA; MR10; 86th RSG; H2 Trans Bn of 86th RSG; H6 Bn of the 86th RSG; Unk element of 86th RSG; a distribution company of 81st RSG; 2d, 3d, and 4th Trans Groups of 86th RSG; H6 Trans Bn	YU022433	In Cache Area
10 May	Duc Lap District Unit of the Quang Dno Province, MR 10; Unk elements of MR10: V14 Subdistrict of K25 Local Force District Unit; MR6; MR7	YU022433	In Cache Area
7 May	Unk elements of MR10; 86th RSG; Q1 Section of RSG; unk element of MR10; unk element of MR6	YU076361	In Cache Area
9 May	C95 Sapper Recon Bn of the 275th Regt	YU066388	In Cache Area
10 May	86th RSG; 25C Drug Unit of 86th RSG	YU386311	In Cache Area
12 May	Rear Service Staff of COSVN; 86th RSG; H6 Trans Bn of 86th RSG; K66 Dispensary of 86th RSG; H2 Trans Bn	YU186542	After contact
13 May	50th RSG; Postal Service Office of COSVN; an Engr Bn of COSVN; a training unit of 5th VC Div; Recon Co of 5th VC Div; 2d Co of 3rd Bn, 174th Regt; 56th ZA Bn of 69th Arty Cnd	FSB Brown	50 KIA
14 May	50th RSG; 81st RSG, Trng Div in NVN; 86th RSG; H2 & H6 Trans Bns of 86th RSG	YU135495	Docs in Hut
15 May	H2 Bn	YU063357	POW
17 May	H2 Supply Trans Bn of 86 RSG; H6 Trans Bn of 86 RSG; H4 Trans Bn of 86 RSG; H4 Trans Bn of 86 RSG; unk unit of 86th RSG; a dispensary of 86 RSG	YU189531	Docs on KIA
13 May	MR10; MR5; Rear Service School of COSVN; a Hospital of 70th RSG; 86th RSG, a dispensary of 86th RSG, Song Bo Bn; MR2; 96th Arty Regt; Political Staff of 1st NVA Div	YU213422	Fd in Bkr
19 May	K28 Local Force District Unit	FSB Smuffy	Chieu Hoi
19 May	K-79B Hosp & K66 Hosp, 86 RSG; K61B & K67B Hospitals of 86 RSG; 50th RSG; 86th RSG	YU189523	Docs in Bkr
20 May	86th RSG	YU204517	Fd after contact
21 May	86th RSG; 81st RSG	YU140435	In Cache Area
20 May	Sapper Recon Co of 174th Regt; 954 Regt; 81st RSG; 275th Regt of 5th VC Div; 174th Regt of 5th VC Div; Replacement and Training Section of COSVN; 2015 Infiltration Group; 2090 Infiltra- tion Group; 9th Div; 96th Arty Command; 2082 Infiltration Group; 271st Regt.	YU137444	Fd in Bkr
24 May	86th RSG	YU094383	Docs on KIA
23 May	272d Regt, 556 Trans Regt of F330 Trng Div (NVN); K79 Hosp of 86th RSG	YU159451	Docs on KIA

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24 May	86th RSG; 90th RSG	YU153463	In Cache Site
25 May	H6 Trans Bn, 86th RSG	YU148463	In Contact Area
26 May	H2 Trans Bn of 86th RSG	YU139440	In Cache Site
26 May	86th RSG	YU225459	In Contact Area
29 May	7th Squad, 6th Plt, 2d Co, 54th Bn, 2d Regt	YU345612	POW
31 May	5th VC Div, 22d Arty Bn of the 5th VC Div; 174th VC Regt; 81st; 84th RSG; 330th Training Div	YU230430	Docs from KLA

h. Summary of enemy losses for May 1970:

	2D BDE AO	2D ABN BDE AO
KIA (NVA)	202*	508 **
KIA (VC)	3	2
PW	3	4
HC	139	140
REFUGEES	1	1
IND WPNS	1750	1757
C/S WPNS	264	264
S/A AMMO	944,212	944,312
LC AMMO	7,228,042	7,228,042
GRENADES	12,460	12,460
RICE	715.43	715.43
SALT	16123	16123

* Bde total

** Bde and other total.

4. OPERATIONS CONDUCTED IN JUNE:

a. Task Organization:

- 1/8 Cav
- 2/7 Cav(-) (OPCON 5 Jun, Rel OPCON 30 Jun)
- 5/7 Cav
- 1/12 Cav (OPCON 30 Jun)
- 5/12 Inf (Rel OPCON 25 Jun)
- 5/60 Inf (OPCON 1 Jun, Rel OPCON 26 Jun)
- 1/77 Arty (DS)
- B 1/30 Arty (DS)
- B 8th Engr (DS)
- D 3/17 Cav
- C 2/11 ACR (Rel OPCON 21 Jun)

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A 227 AHB (15-28 Jun)
 B 227 AHB (1-14 Jun)
 C 227 AHB (29,30 Jun)
 Det C 191st MI (DS)
 Det A 13th Sig (DS)

B. Major Actions: During the month of June this HQ concluded its operations of neutralizing Base Area 351 in Cambodia and continued its operations in Phuoc Long Province. To add in the accomplishment of these missions, the 5/60 Inf and 2/7 Cav(-) were placed under OPCON of the 2d Brigade. The road security mission for resupply convoys on Highway QL14 and Route 311 remained with D Trp 3/17 Cav. In support of those operations the 2d Brigade established two additional fire support bases.

(1) The major operation, oriented on Base Area 351 continued until 29 June and continually revealed new caches of enemy war material. In order to provide additional combat power the 5/60 Inf was placed under OPCON of the 2d Brigade on 1 June and established FSB Shakey (YU210577). The 5/60 Inf then took responsibility from 5/7 Cav for evacuating the weapons and ammunition from "Shakey's Hill" which was completed 10 June, and resulted in one of the largest caches of the war. On 5 June the 2/7(-) was also placed under OPCON of the 2d Brigade and colocated its CP at FSB Mo with 1/8 Cav. Ground Units encountered only light enemy resistance from small forces employing harassment tactics. With lines of communications effectively cut, the enemy appeared to have withdrawn from Base Area 351 leaving his extensive caches of weapons, ammunition, rice and medical supplies to be discovered, evacuated and/or destroyed. A detailed and systematic search throughout Base Area 351 was employed by ground units and aerial reconnaissance, resulting in the discovery of 18 significant cache sites.

(2) On 18 June the 2d Brigade began its withdrawal from Base Area 351 to realign its forces along the border areas of Phuoc Long Province. The 5/7 Cav combat assaulted one company back into South Vietnam to establish FSB Barry at (YU170331) and search out the area of the Dah Hayt River Corridor, closing out FSB Neal on 20 June. Elements of 5/12 Inf conducted ground reconnaissance back to FSB Myron and FSB Shakey, closing out these FSBs on 26 June respectively, at which time the 2d Brigade released OPCON of these units. All other ground units conducted a thorough sweep back across the border concluding combat operations in Cambodia on 28 June, and began a search for caches which may have been evacuated by the enemy from Base Area 351 while the 2d Brigade conducted its operations there. On 30 June the 2d Brigade released OPCON of 2/7 Cav(-) to Division Artillery. In addition to this, the 2d Brigade released OPCON of 5/7 Cav, and assumed OPCON of 1/12 Cav, which took over FSB Barry. Operations by 1/12 Cav oriented against the Dah Hayt River Corridor and to 2/7 Cav oriented against the Dah Hayt River Corridor and to 1/12 Cav oriented against the Dah Hayt River Corridor.

C. Significant enemy contact during the month of June.

(1) On 4 June at 1308 hrs, a pink team from C 1/9 and APL from 2/20 Arty in response to enemy Tr 54's positions, engaged groups of individuals throughout the PM. The action resulted in 10 NVA KBH and 3 NVA KB APL.

(2) On 9 June at 1535 hrs, via YU595179, C 1/9 engaged 4 individuals resulting in 4 NVA KBH.

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(5) On 11 June at 1120 hrs, FSB Buttons received two 122mm rockets from the NNW.

(6) On 26 June at 1831 hrs, FSB Buttons received nine 122mm rockets from the NNW.

(7) On 27 June at 0730 hrs, FSB Buttons received four 122mm rockets from the NNW.

g. Enemy units identified. During the month of June, there were 79 enemy units identified.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>GRID</u>	<u>METHOD OF ID</u>
2 Jun	86th Rear Service Gp, Chen Bn of COSVN, K25 Local Force District Units, 213 Bn,	YU259484	PW and Docs on KIA
	86th Rear Service Gp	YU157446	Docs in military structures
3 Jun	86th Rear Service Gp 81st Rear Service Gp Rear Service Gp of COSVN	Yu 1955081	Docs fd in bkr
4 Jun	86th Rear Service Gp 81st Rear Service Gp 86th Rear Service Gp K58 Motor Pool Sect of the 86th Rear Service Gp H2 Transport Bn of the 86th Rear Service Gp 275th Regiment	YU091423 YU110420	Docs fd on KIA Docs fd in bkr
5 Jun	86th Rear Service Gp	YU140434	Docs fd in Bkr
7 Jun	86th Rear Service Gp C100, C200, C300, C400, and C500 Staff Sect of the 86th Rear Service Gp K58 Motor Pool Sect of the 86th Rear Service Gp K66 and K79 Hospitals of the 86th Rear Service Gp 90th Rear Service Gp (Now the 90th Recovery and Replacement Regt) MR10; The Z28 & Z38 Drug Units of the 86th Rear Service Gp	YU078390	Docs fd in tng area
10 Jun	86th Rear Service Gp	YU153443	Docs in a cache

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 H2 Transport Gp.
 H2 Transport Gp of 86th Rear Service Gp, & Z38 Drug Unit of 86th Rear Service Gp; The Ord Sect of 86th Rear Service Gp
- 11 Jun 271st Engr Bn 70th Rear Service Gp YU104461 PW
- 12 Jun 86th Rear Service Gp YU108531 Docs fd in hospital complex
 Z28 & Z38 Drug Units of the Rear Service Gp,
 The Military Staff of COSVN,
 The 83d, 84th and 86th Rear Service Gps and K79 Hospital of the 86th Rear Service Gp
- 14 Jun MR10, 90th Recovery and Replacement Regt, 86th Rear Service Gp, Tng & Replacement Sect of COSVN YU210428 Docs fd in bkr
- 15 Jun 86th Rear Service Gp YU142444 Docs fd on KIA
 81st Rear Service Gp
 5th VC Div, C66 Dispensary of 86th Rear Service Gp,
 H2 & H6 Transport Bns of 86th Rear Service Gp
- 21 Jun 86th Rear Service Gp YU152433 Docs fd in Hospital complex
 K66 Dispensary of 86th Rear Service Gp, K79 Hospital of the 86th Rear Service Gp
- 23 Jun Engr Ofc of the Military Staff Dept of COSVN, 86th Rear Service Gp, 70th Rear Service Gp YU243515 Docs fd in Base Camp
- H2 Transport Bn of 86th Rear Service Gp YU160468 Docs fd in bkr
- H2 Transport Bn of 86th Rear Service Gp YU222541 Docs fd on KIA
- 25 Jun 86th Rear Service Gp YU160458 Docs fd in cache
 7th NVA Div, 70th Rear Service Div, 304th NVA Div,
 Engr School of COSVN

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(3) On 10 June at 0830 hrs, vic YU086975, 334th Provincial Recon Unit made contact with an estimated 35-40 individuals firing small arms. The action resulted in 5 VC KIA and 3 AK-47s captured.

(4) On 11 June at 0810 hrs, vic YU184464, D 5/60 had an automatic ambush activate and made contact with an unknown size enemy force firing small arms. The results of the action were 2 NVA KIA, 1 AK-47 captured, and numerous blood trails in the area. A tracker team was used to follow the blood trails and led the company to 1 NVA PW who was wounded.

(5) On 10 June at 1305 hrs, vic YU016394, C Trp, 2/11 ACR had two automatic ambushes activate, resulting in 4 NVA KIA.

(6) On 13 June at 1600 hrs, vic YU141449, B 5/7 made contact with an unk size enemy force resulting in 4 NVA KIA and 4 AK-47s, one magazine, 3 AK magazine belts and 6 Chicom grenades captured.

(7) On 19 June at 1202 hrs, vic YU095435, D 5/12 made contact with an unk size enemy force firing small arms. The results of the action were 5 NVA KIA.

(8) On 21 June at 1225 hrs, vic YU053363, G Trp 2/11 ACR had 3 separate automatic ambushes activate resulting in 7 NVA KIA and 1 AK-47 captured.

(9) On 22 June at 1537 hrs, vic YU086431, D 5/12 made contact with an unk size enemy force firing small arms, automatic weapons, and RPGs. The results of the action were 6 NVA KIA.

(10) On 22 June at 1645 hrs, vic YU243515, A 2/7 made contact with an estimated platoon size enemy force firing small arms and B-40s. The enemy were engaged with organics, ARA, air strike and arty. The results of the action were 6 NVA KIA, 2 AK-47s, 9 rucksacks, 8 sets of webgear, 1.1 ton of rice and documents captured.

(11) On 29 June at 1605 hrs, vic YU222541, C 5/60 made contact with an unk size enemy force firing small arms and RPGs. The action resulted in 3 NVA KIA, 1 SKS rifle, 1 RPG, 2 rocket launcher, 2 RPG rounds, 2 Chicom grenades and 10 220 lb bags of rice captured.

f. Standoff attacks of fire support bases: During the month of June, there were no mortar, 6 rocket, and 1 recoilless rifle attacks against fire support bases in the 2d Brigade AO.

(1) On 6 June at 2145 hrs, FSB Neal received 2 rounds of 57mm recoilless rifle fire and 2 rounds of 75mm recoilless rifle fire from the NNW.

(2) On 8 June at 1305 hrs, FSB Buttons received 2 rounds of unk type incoming which landed 200 meters outside the berm.

(3) On 9 June at 0740 hrs, FSB Buttons received 2 122mm rockets from the north.

(3) On 9 June at 1310 hrs, FSB Buttons received two 122mm rockets from the NNW.

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26 Jun ~~274th Engr Bn, MI Ofc of the~~ YU163470 Docs fd in cr che
 G28 Rear Service Staff; Tng
 & Replacement Unit of CCSVN;
 C4th Rear Service Gp & K79
 Hospital of 86th Rear Service
 Gp

27 Jun H2 Transport Bn of the 86th YU163477 Docs fd on KIA
 Rear Service Gp

h. Summary of Enemy Losses for June 1970:

KIA: NVA	72*	119**
VC	0	8
PW	1	2
HC	1	2
Refugees	49	49
Indv Wpns	60	61
C/S Wpns	37	37
S/A Ammo	528,134	528,134
Lg Cal Ammo	213,915	213,925
Grenades	7,582	7,632
Rice (tons)	449.2	449.2
Salt (tons)	16.54	16.54

* Brigade

** Brigade and others

5. OPERATIONS CONDUCTED IN JULY:

a. Task Organization:

- 1/6th Cav
- 5/7th Cav
- 1/12th Cav (Rel OPCON 26 Jul)
- 2/12th Cav (OPCON 9 Jul)
- 1/5th Cav (OPCON 9 Jul, rel OPCON 15 Jul)
- 1/77th Arty (DS)
- B 1/30th Arty (DS)
- 2/12th Arty (-)
- B 6/27th Arty (DS)
- B 2/20th Arty (ARA) (GS)
- B 8th Engr (DS)
- D 3/17 Cav (rel OPCON 2 Jul)
- 60th ICC (OPCON 13 Jul)
- E Trp 2/11th ACR (OPCON 13 Jul)
- Det C 191st MI (DS)
- Det A 13th Sig (DS)
- A 227 AHB (DS) (5-10, 12-15, 17, 18, 23, 24, 29-31 Jul)
- B 227 AHB (DS) (10, 13, 16, 20-28, 30, 31 Jul)
- C 227 AHB (DS) (1-4, 7, 9-11, 13, 16-19 Jul)

b. Major Actions: During the month of July, the 2d Brigade, having concluded its Cambodian operations, realigned its Battalions along the enemy's routes of supply and infiltration. During this period of time five fire support bases were opened and four closed. Four of the five OPCON Battalions rotated out.

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to a three-day stand-down at Bein Hoa, two of which returned to Brigade control. On 12 July, the 7th ARVN Regt(-) assumed a portion of the Brigade AO with the mission of fixing and destroying enemy units in the Song Be Area and securing Highway QL14. The 2d Brigade in conjunction with the 7th ARVN Regt(-) continued the pacification of Phuoc Long Province and supported Vietnamization.

(1) The month of July began with 1/8th Cav conducting operations from FSB MO, 1/12th Cav from FSB Barry and 5/7th Cav from FSB Smuffy. On 9 July, as a result of the relocation of the 1st Brigade, OPCON of the 1/5th Cav at FSB Exodus and 2/12th Cav at FSB 11-Bravo passed to the 2d Bde. On 12 July, 1/5th closed FSB Exodus and rotated to Bien Hoa for a three-day stand-down. On 15 July 1/5th OPCON was passed to 1st Brigade. On 16 July 2/12th Cav Rotated to Bien Hoa, closing out FSB 11-Bravo. On the same date, C 5/7 conducted an air assault into YU231234 to conduct ground reconnaissance in response to a LRRP team contact on 15 July. A(-)5/7 was inserted along with Arty into FSB Candy to provide support. On the 19th of July, 2/12th Cav returned from Bien Hoa to FSB MO to conduct operations targeted against the northern portion of the Jolley Trail complex. On the 20th of July the 1/8th Cav rotated out of FSB MO to Bien Hoa for stand-down. Having concluded operations via FSB Candy, A(-) and C 5/7 were extracted and air assaulted into YU245200 on 21 July. At that location, FSB Betty was established. On the 22d of July, 5/7 Cav assaulted B Co, D Co(-) and Recon Platoon into the Dong Nai River corridor in response to heavy ground-to-air fire and enemy sightings reported by 1/9th Cav. B Co, along with Arty, opened FSB Andrews while D Co(-) and RCN conducted ground reconnaissance in the contact area. On the 23rd of July, 1/8th Cav returned from stand-down and assumed control of FSB Betty, with the mission of interdicting enemy supplies and personnel moving south on the Adams Trail. A and B 5/7 returned to FSB Smuffy to continue the Battalions' mission of locating and destroying main force units reported in the Bu Gia Map Area. The 1/12th Cav, on 24 July, rotated from FSB Barry to Bien Hoa. OPCON of 1/12th was passed to 1st Brigade on 26 July. B Co, D Co(-) and RCN 5/7th Cav concluded operations in the Dong Nai River corridor on 26 July and returned to the Bu Gia Map Area, closing FSB Andrews. On 28 July, 2/12 Cav assumed the mission of interdicting supplies and destroying enemy personnel moving South in the central portion of the Jolley Trail complex. To support this mission, FSB Jeanne was established. The Battalions move from FSB MO to Jeanne was completed on 30 July, at which time MO was closed.

During the month of July, this HQ continued its mission of pacifying Phuoc Long Province and supporting Vietnamization. Security for Highways QL 14 and 311 was maintained by D trp 3/17 Cav in conjunction with 1/8th ARVN Inf until D trp's departure from the Brigade AO on 2 July. At that time the mission was assumed completely by 1/8th ARVN Inf. On 12 July the 7th ARVN Regt(-) began operations in the vicinity of Song Be. Operations included ground reconnaissance, local patrols, ambush operations and security of Highways QL14 and 311. The 60th Land Clearing Company passed OPCON to the 2d Brigade on 13 July, with the mission of conducting Rome Plow Operations along Highways 14, 1A and 301. Rome Plow security is provided by B Trp, 2/11th ACR.

c. Combined operations and training: During the period 1-5 July on the job training was provided to 16 graduates of the 5th ARVN Division Training Center NCO Academy.

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d. Fire Support: Medium and heavy artillery was effectively utilized during July to include the movement of two 8" Howitzers and two 175mm Howitzers from FSB Buttons to FSB Jeanne.

e. Significant enemy contacts during the month of July:

(1) On 5 July at 1555 hrs, vic YT355765, G 1/9 engaged 3 individuals with organics and received small arms fire in return. The results of the action were 3 NVA/KB Helicopter.

(2) On 11 July at 1320 hrs, vic YU248443, B 1/8 made contact with 10-15 individuals in a skirmish line followed by a second line of 30-35 individuals firing small arms and automatic weapons. The enemy was engaged with organics, ARA, mortars, C/S and air strikes. The results of the action were 5 HV./KB Air Strike, 1 NVA/KB ARA, and 1 NVA/KB Helicopter.

(3) On 12 July at 0855 hrs, vic YU217370, D 1/8 made contact with an estimated company size enemy force firing S/A, A/W, and B40's. D Co engaged the area with organics, artillery, ARA and an air strike. The results of the action were 7 NVA/KIA.

(4) On 12 July at 1640 hours, vic YU225368, B 1/12 while going into an LZ received ground to air fire. The area was engaged with ARA, air strikes and artillery. The action resulted in 3 NVA/KIA, 1 AK 47, 1 Russian carbine, and 1 US carbine captured.

(5) On 15 July at 1650 hours vic YU237225, A 1/9 on VR received a heavy volume of small arms fire. The area was engaged with organics and an air strike resulting in 4 NVA/KB air strike and 1 8'X10' military structure destroyed.

(6) On 16 July at 1615 hours, vic YU266434, A 1/9 on VR, received ground to air fire and engaged the area with organics resulting in 3 NVA/KBH.

(7) On 19 July the 2d Bde S2 received an agent report which indicated that an air strike employed on 13 July, vic YU234251 accounted for a total of 12 NVA/KB air strike.

(8) On 19 July at 1513 hours, vic YU565975, A 1/9 engaged an 8'X10' military structure with organics, resulting in 3 NVA/KBH, 8 pigs KBH, and the structure destroyed.

(9) On 19 July at 1800 hours vic YU542268, A 1/9 on VR received 51 caliber ground to air fire while extracting Ranger Tm 71. The area was engaged with organics and ARA resulting in 3 NVA/KBH, and 3 NVA/KB ARA.

(10) On 22 July at 1130 hours, vic YT506977, A 1/9 spotted an estimated 20 individuals in the open and engaged with organics, ARA and an air strike. The action resulted in 7 NVA/KB air strike, 4 NVA/KBH, and 1 NVA/KB ARA.

(11) On 23 July starting at 1400 hours, vic YU453389, A 1/9 on VR, received ground to air fire on 4 different occasions from small arms and RPG. The area was engaged with organics of A 1/9, ARA, artillery, and air strikes resulting in

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5 NVA/KBH, 3 NVA/KB RA, 1 NVA/KB arty and 1 NVA/KB strikes.

f. Stand off attacks on fire support bases: During the month of July there was one mortar, one rocket, and no recoilless rifle attacks against fire support bases in the 2d Bde AO.

(1) On 5 July at 1546 hours, FSB Buttons received five 122mm rockets from the NNW.

(2) On 21 July at 1530 hours, FSB Snuffy, received 3 rounds of 82mm mortar fire from the ENE.

g. Enemy units identified during the month of July: There were 13 enemy units identified.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>GRID</u>	<u>METHOD OF ID</u>
8 Jul	K28 Local Force Bn, Bin Thuan Province Unit, 86th Rear Sv Gp	YU248429	Docs in a cache site
13 Jul	K28 Local Force Unit	YU389339	Docs in a bunker
16 Jul	Village 6 Local Force of K28 Local Force	FSB Snuffy	Cheiu Hois
22 Jul	HQ of MR10, Phuoc Long Prov Committee, Command Staff Sect of MR10; Political Staff Sect of MR10, K28 Local Force	YU282466	Docs from KLA
26 Jul	C568 Local Force Co, K28 Local Force	YU372410	Docs from KLA

h. Summary of enemy losses for July:

KIA NVA	19*	126**
VC	1	4
PW	0	0
HC	7	7
VCI	0	0
Refugees	44	44
Indv Wpn	215	218
C/S Wpn	5	5
S/A Ammo	57,541	57,691
LC Ammo	21,269	21,272
Grenades	393	448
Explosives (ton)	.63	.63
Rice (ton)	2.6	4.4
Salt (lbs)	35	35

*Bde **Bde plus others

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