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9th Infantry Division, APC San Francisco 96371

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31 March 1969

SUBJECT: Significant Activities for Calender Year of 1968

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1. Reporting period: 1 January 1968 - 31 December 1968
2. Operation SANTA FE: Companies A,B,C and ALPHA 2d Bn 39th Inf participated in a three week long operation in Bien Hoa province. At the completion of the operation there was a confirmed body count of 300 VC/NVA. A 100 pounds of salt, 11 pounds of documents, 3 RPG-2, 200 rounds of AK 47 ammo, one 82mm mortar and eight 105mm mortar rounds of ammo were discovered. During the operation Sp4 Ronald H. Fohr received a Silver Star with "V" for his courageous action in delivering accurate fire on a hostile force until he had to be evacuated.
3. Operation AKRON V: Companies A,B,C participated in a 2 week operation in Bien Hoa province. At the completion of the operation the companies destroyed 55 bunkers complex, captured 1,000 pounds of rice, 100 rounds of 5.56 ammo, four 82mm rounds, three chicom claymore, 82 82mm mortar rounds, nine 82mm rounds, 6 VC/NVA KIA. Sp4 Lee E. Wilson received a Silver Star with "V" for destroying an enemy rocket position with an M-79.
4. Operation LIBERAL: Companies A, B, C, HHC and B, 43rd ABVN completed a week long operation in Bien Hoa province. Upon completion of the operation the companies had a confirmed body count of 40 VC/NVA. A 1,100 pounds of rice cache was discovered. Also 1 AK 47, 2 US Carbines, 1 chicom pistol, 3 B-40 rockets, 5 RPG rounds, 200 rounds of AK47 ammo, 3 chicom grenades, 2 claymore mines, 7 pounds of documents identifying the 1st company, 1st Bn, 274th VC Regt were captured during this operation.

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4. Operation LIBERAL: (contd) During this operation Sp4 Larry D. Bishop was awarded the Silver Star with "V" for extraordinary heroism in close combat against a Viet Cong force.

5. Operation II FFV/RRF: Companies A, B, C, HHC completed a week long operation in Long Binh and Binh Hoa provinces. At the completion of the operation there was a confirmed body count of 213 VC/NVA. A weapons cache was discovered 26 AK47, 16 LMG, 1 RPK-2 LMG, 4 US Carbines 15 RPG's 2s, 12 RPG 12s, 2 Cal. 51 MG, 3 chicom 9mm pistols, 1 US M-72 66mm LAW, 1 82mm mortar, 2 60mm mortar rounds, 2 60mm bipods, 97 60mm mortar rounds, 42 RPG 2s, 13 RPG 7 rounds, 57 chicom grenades, 2000 rounds of 7.62 ammo, 62 anti-Tank grenades, 3 Bangalore torpedos, 3 tripods 82mm mortar, 1 bipod 60mm mortar, 3 PRC-10 radios, 2 transistor radios, 3 field phones, 2 surgical kits, 40 pounds of medical supplies, 2 82mm mortar aiming stakes, 18,000 piasters. During the operation Platoon Sergeant E-7 William N. Butler received a Silver Star "V" for extraordinary heroism in close combat against a Viet Cong Force.

6. Operation RILEY III: Companies A, B, C, HHC participated in a 2 month operation in Long Binh and Binh Hoa provinces. At the completion of the operation there was a confirmed body count of 33 VC/NVA. A weapons cache was also discovered containing 3 AK-47, 1 M60 MG, 3 M-79, 3 45 cal. SMG's, 2 bolt action rifles, 1 60mm mortar tube, 1 M-1 rifle, 217 chicom grenades, 12 chicom claymore mines, 700 rounds of 30 cal. ammo, 300 rounds of 45 cal. ammo, 100 rounds of 7.62 ammo, 300 rounds of U/I pistol ammo, 2 20 pound mines, 3 60mm mortar rounds, 20 pounds of C-4, 8 RPG rounds, 3 57RR rounds, 3 B-40 rounds, 300 round of assorated AA ammo, 3 82mm mortar rounds, 9 120mm mortar rounds, 4 pounds of TNT, 50 M-79, 500 pounds of documents and destroyed 33 bunkers, one of which was estimated to be a 60 room hospital. Sp4 Edward L. Hernandez was awarded the Silver Star "V" for extraordinary heroism in close combat against a numerically superior VC/NVA force.

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7. Operation TOAN THANG: Companies A, B, and C, 2d Bn 39th, 2d Bn 60th participated in 2 week operation in Long An province. After completion of this operation the battalions were credited for for a weapons cache consisting of 4 RPGs, 1 RPG 2, 1 RPG 7, 10 AK 47, 1 38 cal pistol, 1 82 mm mortar, 1 chicom rifle, 1 M60 MG, 1 M-1 rifle and 150 rounds cal 50, 51 B40, 1,000 rounds of SA ammo, 6 82mm mortar rounds, 7 120mm mortar rounds, 1,000 pounds of rice, 3 pounds of documents, 200 maps, and a confirmed body count of 313 VC/NVA. CPT Louis E. Daugherty was awarded the Silver Star "V" for extraordinary heroism in close combat against a Viet Cong force.

8. Operation RILEY III: Companies A, B, C, and HHC participated in a month long operation in Bienh Hoa province, during the period of 21 May 68 through 16 Jun 68. At the completion of the operation, there was a confirmed body count 20 VC/NVA. Weapons captured during this operation were 30 VC mines, 2 anti personnel mines, 1 chicom rifle, 1 chicom claymore mine, 5 booby trap flares, 4 sticks of TNT, 10 pounds of documents, 10 blocks of C-4, 10 105 rounds, and there were 36 bunkers destroyed. SSG Melvin R. Ferguson was awarded the Silver Star "V" for providing a shield with his APC for the wounded, and exposing himself to heavy fire while evacuating the wounded.

9. Operation Toan THANG : (Phase II Tan An) Companies A, B, B/2d Bn 39th, C/2d Bn 39th and 2d Bn 60th participated in a three week operation in Long An province during the period of 17 Jun through 9 Jul 68. At the completion of the operation there was a confirmed body count of 88 VC/NVA and 27 VC/NVA detainees. A weapons cache of 16 AK47, 2 RPG, 2 AK50, 8 chicom grenades, 1 pistol, 15,000 rounds of AK 7.62 ammo, 8 US grenades, 2 chicom MG's, 2 B40 charges, 25 pound claymore mine, 1 SKS, 1 M-1 rifle, 900,000 piasters, 5 pounds of documents, 15 pounds of rice, 2 60mm mortar rounds, 2 mud blocks. During the operation 2LT Frederick Casper was

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9. Operation TOAN THANG: (contd) awarded the Silver Star "V" for courageousley exposing himself to intense hostile fire in order to rally his men and aid in the evacuation of the wounded.

10. Operation TOAN THANG: Companies A, B, C, participated in a 2 month operation in Long An province during the period of 10 Jul through 9 Sep 68. At the completion of the operation there was a confirmed body count of 24 VC /NVA, with 13 VC/NVA detainees. A weapons cache consisted of 10 antipersonnel mines, 100 butterfly bombs, 1 AK 47, 40,000 pounds of rice, 21 bunkers destroyed, 2 grenades, webb gear, 3 mud roads blocks, 12 AK 47 magazines, 1 chieu Hoi. Sp4 Robert J. Hickox, SGT E-5 Jerome Bell were awarded the Silver Star "V" for extraordinary heroism in close combat aginst a Viet Cong force.

11. Operation TOAN THANG (PHASE II): Companies A, B, C, participated in a 4 month operation from 9 Sep 68 through 13 Dec 68 in Long An province. After completion of the operation the battalion was credited for 248 VC/NVA and 341 detainees, 28 WIA VC/NVA. During this operation the battalion destroyed 154 bunkers, and captured 23 82mm rounds, 3 anti personnel mines, 18 AK47, 3 81mm rounds, 113 105mm rounds, 19 Tu Dia signs, 29 road mud blocks, 9 claymore mines, 35 CS mines, 3 RPG rounds, 225 pounds of rice, destroyed numerous punji pits, 312 booby traps, 20 pounds of medical supplies, 40 pound claymore mine, 50 pounds of TNT, 2 105 rounds, 3 M-16 rifles, 10 M79, 15 pounds of documents, 9 sampans, 3 VC flags, 300 rounds of AK 47 amo, 3 VC webb gear, 2 AK 50, 10 magAK50, 3 VC ponchos, 1 AK cleaning Kit, 15 propaganda signs, 1 chinese pistol, 1 carbine.

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11. Operation TOAN THANG: (contd) During this operation 1LT Dennis  
A. Shellabarger, SP4 Clifford Pinkston,  
SGT Henry A. Blanding, 1LT Ray W. Valla,  
SP4 Frank Lettieri, SG. Curtis Buck, SP5  
James G. Sanders were all awarded the Silver  
Star "V" for extraordinary heroism in close  
combat against an armed hostile force.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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TABLE A

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

1 January 1968 to 31 December 1968

<u>MEDALS</u>	<u>NO AWARDED</u>	<u>NO PENDING</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
MCH	0	0	0
DSC	3	0	3
AM	22	0	22
SM	4	0	4
SS	65	0	65
BS "V"	190	0	190
ACM "V"	224	0	224
BS "S"	210	0	210
ACM "S" "A"	420	0	420
PH	346	0	346

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MAJOR OPERATIONS

<u>OPERATION</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>UNITS</u>
SANTA FE	3 Nov 67-6 Jan 68	Bien Hoa	A,B,C, A/2/39th
AKRON V	11 Jan -21 Jan 68	Bien Hoa	A,B,C,2/47th
	27 Jan-29 Jan 68	Bien Hoa	A,B,C, 2/47
LIBERAL	21 Jan-27 Jan 68	Bien Hoa	A,B,C,HHC, B, 43rd ARVN
II FFV/RRF/RIF/TET	30 Jan-7 Feb 68	Bien Hoa	A,B,C,HHC 2/47th
RILEY III	7 Feb- 23 Apr 68	Bien Hoa	A,B,C,HHC, 2/47th
TF TOWER	24 Apr-26 Apr 68	Bien Hoa	HHC/2/47th, D/6/31 C/6/31, A/6/31, B/6/31
SAVANNAH	26 Apr-9 May 68	Bien Hoa	A, C, HHC 2/47th
TOAN THANG	9 May-20 May 68	Bien Hoa	B, C, HHC 2/47th
RILEY III	21 May-16 Jun 68	Bien Hoa	A,B,C, HHC, 2/47th
TOAN THANG (PHASE II Tan An)	17 Jun-9 Jul 68	Long An	A,B, 2/47th, B/2/39th C,2/39th, 2/60th
TOAN THANG (PHASE II) (AKRON, SAVANNAH, DENVER, AO's)	10 Jul -9 Sep 68	Long An	A, B, 2/47th
TOAN THANG (PHASE II) (Binh Phouc, Ben Luc, Tan An, AO's)	9 Sep 68-13 Dec 68	Long An	A, B, C, 2/47th

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