

Operation Wilderness 1st Brigade

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1. (U) NAME OF OPERATION: Operation Wilderness
2. (U) DATES OF OPERATION: 01 March 1968 - 082400 April 1968
3. (U) LOCATION: TAY NINH and BINH DUONG Provinces, RVN
4. (U) COMMAND HEADQUARTERS: Headquarters, 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division
5. (O) REPORTING OFFICER: Colonel Fremont B. Hodson Jr.

6. (O) TASK ORGANIZATION:

- a. 4 - 9 Infantry: 11 March - 30 March 1968
- b. 4 - 9 Infantry: ((-) C Co): 31 March - 8 April 1968
- c. 2 - 12 Infantry: 22 March - 30 March 1968
- d. 3 - 17 Cavalry (- A&B Troops): 20 March - 24 March 1968
- e. 3 - 17 Cavalry (- A&B Troops): 25 March - 8 April 1968
- f. 2 - 22 Infantry: (M): 11 March - 8 April 1968
- g. C - 2 - 22 Infantry (M): 31 March - 8 April 1968
- h. 3 - 22 Infantry: 30 March - 4 April 1968
- i. 3 - 22 Infantry: ((-) D Co) 5 April - 8 April 1968
- j. B - 56 CIDG (27 March - 29 March 1968)
- k. 7 - 11 Artillery DS (11 March - 8 April 1968)
- l. 1 - 27 Artillery GSR (11 March - 8 April 1968)
- m. 2 - 32 Artillery GSR (11 March - 8 April 1968)
- n. 5 - 2 Artillery (G5) (-) (11 March - 8 April 1968)

7. (C) SUPPORTING FIRES:

a. Artillery: Artillery support was characterized by frequent movement of the firing batteries to support the airmobile activities.

Fire support bases used were:

- (1) FSB Wainwright (XT 282509)
- (2) FSB Washington (XT 123526)
- (3) FSB Wainwright (XT 287507)

- (4) FSB Rawlins II (XT 302507)
- (5) FSB Washington (XT 146568)
- (6) FSB Hooker (XT 570850)
- (7) FSB Rawlings I (XT 308500)
- (8) FSB Wayne (XT 283428)

A total of 8,948 HE, 203 WP at 187 illuminations rounds were expended. Artillery fire accounted for 35 enemy KIA (9BC) and 6 enemy KIA (POSS). GS units were used for firing TOTS, preparation of landing zones, large tactic -1 targets and the RDI program.

b. Tactical Air: Tactical Air Support was provided by 7th USAF. The missions were controlled by 1st Brigade TACP. The following summarizes USAF Tactical Air Support for Operation WILDERNESS.

- (1) FAC Missions Flown: 121
- (2) Fighter Sorties: 247
- a. Preplanned: 23
- b. Preplanned (Diverted) 63
- c. Diverted: 153
- d. Immediate: 8

(3) Bomb Damage Assessment:

Bunkers destroyed	313	Trench destroyed	114 meters
Bunker damaged	1	Trench uncovered	225 meters
Bunkers uncovered	36	Tunnel entrances exposed	9
Military structures destroyed	33	Bridges destroyed	7
Military structures damaged	14	Boxes ammo destroyed	150
Secondary explosions	24	Crates ammo destroyed	150
Secondary fires	8	----- of road cut	35
Trucks destroyed	2	Truck damaged	1
Fighting positions destroyed	2	Supply caches destroyed	10
Bicycles damaged	4	Stove destroyed	1
Bags of rice destroyed	10	Explosive crates destroyed	20
Water buffalo KBA	20	Enemy KBA (BC)	40
Enemy KBA (POSS)	41		

c. Army Aviation: Army aviation statistics for Operation WILDERNESS are as follows: (p15)

- (1) Sorties (UH-ID, UH-ID Aircraft): 121
 - (a) Combat Assaults (Gun-ships) 66
 - (b) Tactical Troop Lifts: 60
 - (c) Re-supply: 45
 - (d) Air Evac, C&C Recon, & Miscellaneous: 50
- (2) Sorties CH-47 Aircraft: 93
 - (a) Re-supply 8
 - (b) Evacuation: 65
 - (c) Other: 20
- (3) Sorties CH-54 Aircraft 0

(4) Sorties CH-23E Aircraft	216
(a) Tactical	162
(b) Administrative	54

8. (C) Intelligence: Experience from past operations and intelligence gathered prior to the start of Operation WILDERNESS indicated that enemy activity was concentrated on the fringes of the Brigade AO and consisted mainly of support and re-supply of enemy units to the South.

a. Strength: The 1st Brigade was opposed by elements of COSVN Hq's 1st Guard Battalion, 680th Training Regiment, 82nd Rear Services Group, D-14 Local Force Companies. Total enemy strength was 2500 - 3000 men, of which approximately 1200 were combat soldiers.

b. Disposition: During the operation, support and guard units remained in their base camps. 680th Regiment occupied an area along the CAMBODIAN border northwest of TAY NINH: The 1st Guard Battalion secured base camps, caches and re-supply routes in War Zone C. Elements of COSVN remained in traditional areas north of KATUM along the CAMBODIAN Border. Local force units were dispersed in base areas east of TAY NINH. Toward the end of March, D-14 moved south of the AO to support operations near TRANG BANG. Other local force units were dispersed throughout TAY NINH Province.

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c. Summary of Enemy Activity: During Operation WILDERNESS the majority of enemy forces were committed to defending base camps, caches and re-supply routes. Local force elements launched round attacks against Regional Force and Popular Force out-posts in TAY NINH Province, harassed DAU TIENG Base Camps with mortars, rockets, and ground probes, and harassed TAY NINH - DAU TIENG convoys with anti-tank mines. Through VR, SLAR and Red Haze Missions, 1st Bde was able to identify several well used communications routes. The main LOC ran South from the FISHHOOK vicinity XT4385, along Rte 233 and the Michelin Plantation to the East. VR's spotted tire tracks on road and trails, and several huge base camps consisting of more than 100 bunkers. Air strikes in response to these VR's uncovered and damaged 2 -3 /4 ton trucks and destroyed large ammo caches. The only ground action conducted against this LOC met with immediate heavy resistance, and rather than commit a large force to the operations, the unit was withdrawn.

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d. Weather: During Operation WILDERNESS, the weather had little effect on operations. On several occasions, morning haze delayed air-mobile operations, but there were no air missions aborted due to inclement weather. The weather in no way hindered operations or convoys.

e. Terrain: The terrain was generally flat and provided no obstacle to movement. Vegetation varied from triple canopy jungle to large open fields and rice paddies. The ground was firm enough to support mechanized operations.

f. Intelligence: Agent reports and information received during Operation WILDERNESS were evaluated at C-3 (fairly reliable, possibly true). Operations accompanied by agents or recent Chieu Hoi's were very successful. The most comprehensive and reliable intelligence was received from VR sightings by the 3-17 Cavalry.

g. Security: Operational security during Operation WILDERNESS was good. Elements at all levels showed a greater awareness of reasons for good security.

9. (C) Mission:

a. Conduct offensive operations in vicinity of TAY NINH to DAU TIENG; Destroy enemy forces.

- b. Open MSR to BAU CO from TAY NINH, TAY NINH to DAU TIENG, and secure engineer efforts and convoys operating on these routes.
- c. React to enemy initiatives and intelligence throughout TAOI.
- d. Defend BAU CO, TAY NINH Base Camp, and DAU TIENG Base Camp.
- e. Conduct recon of and interdiction of enemy LOC leading into 1st Bde's TAOI from CAMBODIA. Armed aerial recon. Emphasis to be placed on the Crescent area, and the Ben Cui and Michelin Plantations.
- f. Be prepared to react to convoy incidents.
- g. Provide light fire team support for counter mortars at DAU TIENG during hours of darkness.
- h. Provide light fire team support to Division units on order.
- i. Conduct Battalion refresher training.
- j. Sweep and secure MSR from TAY NINH to GO DAU HA (effective 20 Mar. 68)

10. Concept of the Operation (C): Brigade would employ one Mech. Infantry Platoon to secure BAU CO and sweep, secure and escort convoys along the TAY NINH - DAU TIENG MSR. D troop 3/17 Cav. would sweep, and out-post MSR between TAY NINH and GO DAU HA. Air troop 3 - 17 Cav would conduct recon and interdiction of enemy LOC within the Brigade TAOR and provide light fire teams. Infantry battalions would conduct refresher training and react to intelligences to destroy enemy forces and installations. At least one Company of Infantry would be RRF for TAY NINH to DAU TIENG base camp during hours of darkness. Infantry battalion would provide engineer security along MSR.

11 March 1968

11. Execution (C):

4 - 9 Inf: Completed move from HOC MON, XT752038 to TAY NINH at 1516. Companies stood down for maintenance for remainder of the day. Recon platoons secured rock crusher at NUI BA DEN.

2 - 22 Inf (M): Battalion conducted RIF with Co C from XT500490 to XT530490 to XT530520 to XT517514. B Co conducted RIF from XT517514. B Co conducted RIF from XT5175 to XT519350 to XT519350 to XT530550 to XT530520. Recon platoon RIF from XT530490 to XT498490 to XT512520 to XT532530. The operation resulted in negative US casualties, and 1 VC KIA (BC) vicinity XT520549 with 7.62 pistol.

S - 5 Activities: 2/14 Inf delivered material to HIEP LONG, XT233480 and supervised bunker construction.

12 March 1968

4 - 9 Inf: Stood down at TAY NINH for refitting in preparation for future operations. C Co conducted training in vic center of mass XT1448. At XT140496 C Co apprehended two detainees and returned to TAY NINH, negative contact. Recon secured rock crusher at NUI BA DEN.

2 - 22 Inf (M) (-): C Co swept and out-posted MSR from XT41544 to XT338458. B Co swept and out-posted MSR from XT471468 to XT415493 and conducted RIF in Area of Operation bounded by grids XT473413, XT453413, XT430437 and XT460437. Recon platoon secured convoy from DAU TIENG to

TAY NINH and back. B Co found 5,230 pounds of unpolished rice at XT463425, extracted 1,450 pounds, destroyed the rest.

A 2 - 22 : Conducted road sweep and cleared MSR from TAY NINH to XT371424. One platoon cleared road from BAU CO to TAY NINH and escorted convoy back to BAU CO, securing BAU CO at night.

S - 5 Activities: S - 5 personnel dropped 46,000 leaflets vicinity XT3853 and 21,000 leaflets vicinity XT3946.

13 March 1968

4 - 9 Inf: Continued to stand down in preparation for future operations with C Co conducting training vic center of mass XT1447, negative contact. Prepared to send two companies to support 2 - 22 contact. Recon platoon secured rock crusher at NUI BA DEN.

2 - 22 Inf (M) (-): C Co swept and out-posted MSR from XT415443 to XT338458. B Co swept and out-posted MSR from XT471468 to XT415493. Recon secured convoy from DAU TIENG to TAY NINH to DAU TIENG. C Co conducted RIF from XT415443 to XT356455 to XT354475 to XT367473. At 1435 C Co at XT373476 received small arms fire from an estimated 50 VC. B Co established a blocking position from XT380475 to XT381483 and support with mortars. A light fire team supported. At 1555 B & C linked up at XT374476, C remained in position and B swept area. By 1720, A Co and the GRIP had maneuvered to position at XT376472. Sporadic contact continued throughout the night for all elements of 2 - 22. Action resulted in 4 US KIA, 9 US WIA, VC losses unknown. (p18)

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A 2 - 22 Inf (M): Swept MSR from TAY NINH to XT371424 and participated with 2 - 22 as described above. One platoon swept and out-posted MSR between TAY NINH and BAU CO, securing BAU CO at night.

GRIP: Participated in RIF with 2 - 22.

S - 5 Activities: D-5 Med conducted MEDCAP at DAU TIENG, treating 85 patients; 7 - 11 Artillery held MEDCAP at LONG BIEN, XT240435, treating 60 patients; 2 - 14 Infantry supervised construction of a dispensary at HIEP LONG, XT233480; 588th Engineers delivered 500 boxes of cereal to GAO DAI Orphanage, XT237497. PA & E sprayed TAY NINH with DDT for insect and plague control; 4 - 9 Infantry delivered 100 cans of food stuffs to BEN SOI XT0847.

14 March 1968

4 - 9 Inf: Continued to support 2 - 22 Inf (M) in contact. B Co provided security for FSB WAINWRIGHT, XT282509. D Co moved to DAU TIENG to act as RRF at night. A, B, & D Companies conducted as assault into LZ at XT365497 and RIF to vic XT352421. During RIF, B Co discovered and destroyed a small enemy base camp vic XT353493, conducted sweep to XT100440 and returned, receiving light sniper fire at 1115, vic XT103533 and returned fire with organic weapons and artillery; negative casualties, negative results. One platoon of C Co secured rock crusher at NUI BA DEN.

2 - 22 Inf: (M) (-): Battalion conducted RIF from its laager position at XT373476 into area of previous day's contact at 0830, after an air strike and artillery preparation. Continued RIF and discovered and destroyed two medium sized base camps at XT374475 and XT376478; all elements closed DAU TIENG for night. Platoon size AP's were established vic DAU TIENG Base Camp.

A - 2 - 22: Participated in RIF of Battalion as described above. One platoon conducted sweep and clear of Rte 4 between TAY NINH and BAU CO, and secured BAU Co, and secured BAU Co at night.

S - 5 Activities: 7 -11 Artillery conducted MEDCAP at LONG KHUONG, XT245435 treating 50 patients; 4 - 9 Inf held MEDCAP at NINH BOA, XT2352 treating 93 patients; B-25 Med conducted MEDCAP at DAU TIENG, treating 50 patients; leaflets drop was conducted vic XT3860, dropping 46,000 leaflets and broadcasting PSYOP's tapes for two hours.

15 March 1968

4 - 9 Inf: A,B, &C Companies conducted air-mobile assaults vic XT067543 and RIF to PZ vic XT074566, with negative contact. C Co secured FSB Washington II vic XT123526 and conducted Eagle sweeps to XT126542 and XT114534. All units closed TAY NNH Base Camp at 1745. Recon platoon secured rock crusher at Nui Ba Den.
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2 - 22 Inf; (M) (-): Battalion conducted normal sweep and clear mission along TAY NINH - DAU TIENG NSR. Co B conducted RIF northeast of DAU TIENG base camp, establishing AP's at XT546487 and XT522468, and a blocking force at XT540480, negative contact. Battalion established 4 platoon sized AP8's vic DAU TIENG at night.

A 2-22 Inf (M): Secured GAO XAI laterite pit and swept and out-posted Route 4 from Tay Ninh to Bau Co. One platoon secured Bau Co at night. At 1615 vic XT284618, an APC of Co A hit a pressure plate type anti-tank mine resulting in 4 WIA, and total warping of the hull of the APC.

S-5 Activities: Conducted leaflet drop vic XT4975, dropping 23,000 leaflets.

16 March 1968

4 - 9 Inf: A, B, C, & D Companies conducted airmobile assaults vic XT329539, XT382527 and XT304513, conducting company sized RIF to PZ vic XT365528, XT365582, XT291511, and XT379543. A Co discovered and destroyed several bunker complexes vic XT378538, XT374530 and XT375531. B Co located 150 meters of trench vic XT370527. C Co apprehended one female detainee vic XT297511. She had no ID papers and was carrying 6,000 piasters. At XT377549 D Co located 8 - 82mm Chicom mortar rounds and freshly dug mortar positions. All companies PZ to Tay Ninh except D Co which PZ to FSB WAINWRIGHT II, XT287507 and convoyed to Tay Ninh. Recon platoon secured the rock crusher at NUI BA DEN.

2 - 22 Inf (M) (-): B Co departed DAU TIENG base camp established temporary laager position at XT453433 and had 1 platoon conduct RIF to West, and one platoon RIF to the East. At 1348 vic XT45418 an APC hit a mine resulting in heavy damage to the APC and 3 WIA. Co C and Recon platoon swept and secured MSR between TAY NINH and DAU TIENG, escorting 2 convoys along route.

A 2 -22 Inf (M): Escorted artillery convoy from TAY NINH to FSB WAINWRIGHT II and conducted RIF along axis XT335537, XT332535 and returned to TAY NINH. One platoon of A Co swept and out-posted Rt 4 between TAY NINH and BAU CO, and securing BAU CO at night.

CRIP: Conducted air mobile recon. Mission vic XT205590; negative contact.

17 March 1968

4 - 9 Inf: Four companies departed TAY NINH by convoy closing FSB HULL, vic XT260380. From FSB, company sized airmobile assaults were conducted to LZ's vic XT293393, XT298398, and XT303477. Co C secured the FSB. Companies conducting RIF to PZ's at XT300412, XT319380, and XT295395. At XT304409. A Co found 750 pounds of polished rice, and at XT302408, A Co discovered and destroyed a

small base camp. At XT298398, B Co found 150 meters of tunnel. All Company's PZ to FSB HULL, and convoyed to TAY NINH. Recon platoon secured rock crusher at NUI BA DEN.

2 - 22 Inf.(M) (-): B Co with A Co swept and out-posted MSR between TAY NINH and DAU TIENG and escorted convoy. C Co(-) sealed village at XT501485 and conducted cordon and search with CRIP. Remainder of C Co conducted RIF from DAU TIENG along axis XT515488 to XT525497 to XT517518 and return to DAU TIENG. Four platoon sized -P's were established at night vic DAU TIENG Base Camp.

CRIP: Conducted cordon and search of village vic XT501485 with C 2-22 Inf. (p20)

S - 5 Activities: 7 -11 Inf conducted MEDCAP at GAM GIANG, XT259380, treating 163 patients. 4 - 9 Inf conducted MEDCAP at TAM HAP, XT135505, treating 130 patients. 2 - 77 Artillery held MEDCAP at NINH THANH, XT501471, treating 74 patients.

18 March 1968

4 - 9 Inf: Co C(-) convoyed from TAY NINH with artillery, and secured FSB RAWLINGS II, XT302518. One platoon of C Co secured CAO XA laterite pit. A, B, & D Companies conducted airmobile assaults to LZ vic XT378552, conducting RIP to XT373561 and XT373559 for extraction. A Co was extracted to FSB RAWLINGS II night ambush positions vic of the FSB

2 - 22 Inf (M)(-): At 0645 DAU TIENG Base Camp received 40 rounds of 80mm mortar fire; was returned with artillery and light fire team. Result of engagement, 9US KIA, 4 VC KIA (by Artillery & LFT). B&C Co conducted RIF from DAU TIENG to vic 565515. At XT567507 at 1325 hours, B Co engaged two VC with small arms fire and automatic weapons, resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC) and no US casualties. Recon and CRIP participated in RIF with B & C companies.

A 2 - 22 Inf (M): Swept and out-posted Rt 44 between TAY NINH and BAU CO. Secured BAU CO with one platoon at night.

CRIP: Participated in RIF with 2 - 22 Inf (M).

S - 5 Activities: 7 - 11 Artillery held MEDCAP at LONG KIM, XT243460, treating 100 patients.

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4 - 9 Inf: Stood down at TAY NINH, established 6 platoon sized night ambush patrols vic TAY NINH Base Camp. Recon platoon secured rock crusher at NUI BA DEN.

2 - 22 Inf.(M): Swept and out-posted MSR between TAY NINH and DAU TIENG. B Co and recon element conducted RIF Northwest of DAU TIENG along axis XT468475 to XT445483 and return to DAU TIENG; negative contact. All elements closed DAU TIENG. At 1705, DAU TIENG received 7 rocket rounds, destroying one building, damaging another. At 1231, 10 rounds of 82mm mortar were received, negative damage. 2 - 22 established 2 night platoon sized AP's vic DAU TIENG Base Camp.

A 2-22 Inf. (M): Conducted cordon and search of village vic XT340548 with National Police and CRIP. One platoon secured Rte 4 between TAY NINH and BAU CO, securing BAU CO at night.

CRIP: Participated in cordon and search of village vic XT340548 with National Police and A 2 - 22.

S - 5 Activities: 2 - 22 Inf conducted MEDCAP at LONG YEN, vic XT225435, treating 105 patients. 4 - 9 conducted MEDCAP at LONG YEN, treating 68 patients. S-5 personnel conducted a leaflet drop vic XT7808, dropping 40,000 leaflets and broadcasted a PSYOP trans for 30 minutes.

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4 - 9 Inf: All units stood down for maintenance and preparation for future operations. 1 platoon secured the CAO XA laterite pit. Recon platoon secured rock crusher at NUI BA DEN. D Co departed TAY NINH by CH-47 for DAU TIENG to be OPCON to 2 - 22(-) for base camp defense.

2 - 22 Inf (M)(-): Continued to secure DAU TIENG base camp. B Co and Recon opened DAU TIENG - TAY NINH MSR. C Co conducted RIF to XT430482. Battalion established 3 night platoon sized AP's outside DAU TIENG Base Camp.

A 2-22 Inf (M): One platoon opened and secured Rte 4 between TAY NINH and BAU CO, and secured BAU CO at night. A Co(-) departed TAY NINH at 1830 to go OPCON to 2-22 at DAU TIENG at 2000.

3 - 17 Cav(-): D Troop opened and secured Rte 22 South of TAY NINH to GO DAU HA. B troop conducted recon and interdiction of enemy LOC in the Northeast portion of the Brigade TAOR.

S - 5 Activities: 7 - 11 Arty held MEDCAP at LONG YEN, XT225435, treating 105 patients. 4 - 9 Inf conducted a MEDCAP at LONG VAN, XT233480, treating 68 patients; S-5 personnel conducted a leaflet drop vic XT7808, dropping 40,000 leaflets and broadcasting a 30 minute PSYOP tape.

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4 - 9 Inf: D Co returned to TAY NINH by CH-47 from DAU TIENG at 0900. One platoon of D Co secured artillery and 4.2 mortar section at FSB WASHINGTON II, XT123527. A, B, C, & D (-) conducted combat assault from TAY NIHH to LZ at XT049545. A Co RIF to XT055562; B Co RIF to XT063556; C Co RIF to XT059547, and D Co RIF to XT059547. Companies returned to LZ and PZ to TAY NINH. Elements at FSB WASHINGTON II returned to TAY NINH Base Camp by convoy. Recon platoon secured rock crusher at NUI BA DEN. A Co flew to DAU TIENG at night to assist 2 - 22 in Base Camp defense.

2 - 22 Inf: A Co(-) returned OPCON to Battalion, leaving one platoon at BAU CO to secure at night and to sweep and secure MSR between BAU CO and TAY NINH. Recon and Co B opened and secured TAY NINH - DAU TIENG, MSR. Co C stood down for maintenance. Battalion established 2 night AP's vic DAU TIENG, with 4.2 mortar squad at District HQ.

3 - 17 Cav(-): Opened and secured Rte 22 South to GO DAU HA with D troop. B troop conducted recon and interdiction of enemy LOX in Northern portion of TAOR. Reacted to intelligence by insertion of Aero-Rifles at 1520 at XT163462, negative contact. Aero-Rifles were extracted at 1655 from XT153462, returned TAY NINH.

S - 5 Activities: 588th Engineer conducted MEDCAP at BIEN PHUONG, treating 37 patients; 4 - 9 Inf conducted a MEDCAP at NINH THUAN, XT2550 treating 98 patients; RB-25 Med conducted MEDCAP at DAU TIENG, treating 170 patients. S - 5 personnel conducted a leaflet drop vic XT3063 dropping 23,000 leaflets and broadcasting a 30 minute PSYOP tape. 4 - 9 Inf delivered 100 lbs of clothing to the CAO XA Orphanage, XT116503.

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4 - 9 Inf: Battalion conducted combat assault with four companies to LZ vic XT088618 and RIF to XT096618, XT083612, XT083616, companies returned to LZ to PZ to TAY NINH. Recon platoon secured rock crusher at NUI BA DEN.

2 - 22 Inf (M)(-): Battalion and secured DAU TIENG - TAY NINH MSR. Battalion (-) conducted RIF with B Co RIF to XT587510, C Co RIF to XT595688, Recon Platoon followed and supported B Co. APC of B Co hit a 50lb pressure detonated anti-tank mine at XT546488, resulting in 1 US KIA, 1 US WIA, heavy damage to APC.

A 2-22: One platoon swept and secured TAY NINH - BAU CO MSR and secured BAU CO at night. A Co(-) escorted 4.2 mortars and a battery of artillery to FSB WASHINGTON II, XT146568, then RIF to XT098606, returned to FSB and escorted FSB element back to TAY NINH.

2 - 12 Inf: Closed DAU TIENG 1345, became OPCON 1st Bde, that time. Battalion stood down for maintenance.

3 - 17 Cav(-): Conducted road security mission with D troop, opening Rte 22 from TAY NINH to GO DAU HA. B Troop inserted Aero-Rifles LZ XT573502 at 1317, took under fire 3 persons in assorted khaki uniforms, negative results. Extracted from LZ at 1532. B Troop conducted recon and interdiction operation in Bde TAOR

S - 5 Activities: 7 -11 Arty conducted MEDCAP at LONG BINH, XT225500 treated 127 patients; 2 - 14 Inf held a MEDCAP at HIEP LE, XT2350, treating 225 patients. 2 -22 Inf conducted a MEDCAP at AP 13, XT564496, treating 150 patients.

23 March 1968

4 - 9 Inf: Battalion conducted cordon and search of village vic XT188492. Battalion motor marched to dismount point at XT170490 and then proceeded to release point at XT182193, surrounding the village with four companies. Companies were in place at 0406. Search team of 1st Bde CRIP and 50 National Police were in position at 0730. 7 Vietnamese were detained and turned over to Vietnamese custody. Battalion closed TAY NINH at 1217, and stood down for maintenance. 1 platoon of HHC secured the CAO XAS laterite pit. Recon secured rock crusher at NUI BA DEN.

2 - 22 Inf(M)(-): Continued defense of DAU TIENG with two platoon sized night AP's at XT509493 and XT529460, 1 rifle squad at DAU TIENG Bridge, and 1 mortar squad from C Co supporting DAU TIENG District Headquarters. D Co and Recon swept and out-posted TAY NINH - DAU TIENG MSR. C Co stood down for maintenance. Occupied laager position with B Co Recon platoon and C Co(-) vic XT52052.

A 2 - 22(M): Opened and secured Rt 22 South to GO DAU HA, one platoon opened and secured Route 4 between BAU CO and TAY NINH.

3 - 17 Cav(-): B Troop conducted recon and interdiction of enemy Loc in Bde TAOR with B Troop. D Troop stood down for maintenance.

2 - 14 Inf: Stepped down for maintenance and preparation for future operations. Established Bushmaster location vic XT508488. (p23)

----- patients; B 25 had conduct MEDCAP at DAU TIENG, treating 25 patients.

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4 -9 Inf: Conducted refresher training, vicinity TAY NINH Base Camp. Recon secured Rock Crusher at NUI BA DEN.

2 - 22 Inf (M): Recon and B Co swept and out-posted DAU TIENG - TAY NINH MSR and escorting convoy from TAY NINH to DAU TIENG. C Co conducted RIF to laager position XT4945-6, from DAU TIENG, remained in position overnight, and established two AP's. One platoon of C Co convoyed to BAU CO.

A 2-22 Inf (M): Swept and secured BAU CO - TAY NINH MSR with one platoon and secured at night, assisted sweep and out-posting TAY NINH- GO DAU HA MSR.

2 - 12 Inf: Conducted refresher training vic DAU TIENG Base Camp.

3 - 17 Cav(-): D troop stood down. B troop conducted recon and interdiction of enemy loc in Western portion of TAOR.

S - 5 Activities: 7-11 Artillery conducted MEDCAP at CAN GIANG, XT2837, treating 60 patients; 2-77 Artillery conducted MEDCAP at TRI TAM, XT501471 treating 63 patients.

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4 - 9 Inf: Conducted refresher training vicinity TAY NINH Base Camp. Recon secured rock crusher at NUI BA DEN.

2 - 22 Inf(M)(-): B Co Recon platoon and C Co(-) conducted RIF from night laager vic XT520520 to XT522538. APC from recon unit hit anti-tank mine at XT525518, at 0926 resulting in 1 US KIA and 1 APC destroyed. Recon platoon closed DAU TIENG.

A -2-22 Inf: Opened and secured Rte 4 between TAY NINH and BAU CO.

2 - 12 Inf: Conducted refresher training and local patrolling vic DAU TIENG Base Camp.

3 - 17 Cav(-): Troop opened and secured Rt22 South from TAY NINH to GO DAU HA. Made contact with unknown size VC force at XT288360 at 1006, sporadic sniper fire, contact broken by VC 1015, negative casualties, negative results. B Troop inserted Aero-Rifles vic XT520520 in support of 2-22 RIF. Extracted 1000 negative contact.

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4 - 9 Inf: Conducted refresher training vic TAY NINH Base Camp. One platoon provided engineer security at the CAO XA laterite pit. Recon platoon secured rock crusher at NUI BA DEN.

2 -22 In (M): A Co conducted a RIF from MSR at XT435450 north to a laager position vic XT434505, establishing platoon sized and night laager position. C Co(-) closed TAY NINH and BAU CO. Recon platoon swept and out-posted Rte 239 from DAU TIENG to XT372424. Established 2 platoon sized AP's vic DAU TIENG. DAU TIENG Base Camp received 12 rounds of 82mm mortar, resulting in 2 KIA, 3 WIA, and damage to two 5 ton trucks, 1-1/4 ton truck, 1-1/4 ton trailer, APC to B/22 at XT422454, spotted 13 VC, resulting in 1 US KIA (POSS).

A 2-22 Inf (M): Swept and out-posted MSR between TAY NINH and XT372404. Secured BAU CO at night with one platoon.

2 - 12 Inf: Conducted local patrolling and refresher training vic DAU TIENG. A 2 -12 established a night laager vic XT512448.

3 - 17 Cav(-): Conducted recon and interdiction of enemy LOC in Western portion of Bde TAOR with C Troop. Swept MSR from TAY NINH south to GO DAU HA with D Troops.

S -5 Activities: 7 -11 Arty held MEDCAP at LONG KHOONG, XT245435, treating 45 patients; 2-14 Inf held a MEDCAP at HIEP NGHIA, XT235500, 297 patients were treated; 4 -9 Inf held a MEDCAP at TRUONG PHUOC, XT264465, treating 103 patients.

27 March 1968

4 - 9 Inf: Conducted refresher training during morning hours. In afternoon, battalion(-) conducted combat assault to LZ XT570850 to secure FSB HOOKER, and to be prepared to go to support of CIDG, B-56 element in heavy contact at XT532902. C Co remained at TAY NINH as RRF. Recon secured rock crusher at NUI BA DEN.

2 - 22 Inf (M): B Co conducted sweep and out-posting of TAY NINH, DAU TIENG MSR, assisted by elements of C Co. One platoon of A Co escorted the convoy between TAY NINH and DAU TIENG. One platoon of C Co out-posted and swept Rte 4 between TAY NINH and BAU CO. A Co conducted RIF from DAU TIENG to XT468424 and established night laager.

2 - 12 Inf: B Co conducted RIF from DAU TIENG to XT508446 where it joined A Co which had moved from its night laager position at XT512448; RIF continued to XT510450 where night laager was established. C Co secured DAU TIENG Base Camp.

B-56 CIDG: In heavy contact with 1 -2 companies, vic XT532902 at 0830. Bad weather prevented reinforcing with additional troops during morning. Aerial resupply was also hampered by weather. Portion of perimeter had been breached, and VC had re-enforced. Became OPCON to 1st Bde at 1325. Aerial resupply was affected at 1500. Another CIDG element RAPID FIRE was airlifted to vic of contact, but ambushed as it approached B-56 at 1812. RAPID FIRE withdrew to FSB HOOKER, XT 570850. B-56 contact continued throughout day and into the night.

28 March 1968

4 - 9 Inf(-): Battalion (-) conducted local sweeps of FSB HOOKER. C Co was air-lifted to FSB HOOKER from TAY NINH, closed 1805. Battalion established 5 night platoon-sized AP's vic FSB HOOKER, and continued to improve defensive positions. Recon secured rock crusher at NUI BA DEN. (p25)

2 - 22 Inf (M): One platoon of C Co swept and out-posted Rte 4 between TAY NINH and BAU DO. C Co(-) and A Co swept and out-posted TAY NINH - DAU TIENG MSR. Recon platoon escorted convoys along TAY NINH - DAU TIENG MSR. B Co departed DAU TIENG and conducted RIF to laager position vic XT519524. Night laager position received 4 rounds of 60mm mortar outside perimeter with negative results.

2 - 12 Inf: One platoon C Co air-lifted from DAU TIENG to secure downed helicopter, XT242335, returned to DAU TIENG after helicopter secured. A & B companies returned to DAU TIENG from night laager, and stood down for maintenance. D Co conducted refresher training vic DAU TIENG Base Camp.

Special Forces: B-56 vic XT532902 received a heavy ground attack at 1200 hours, perimeter was broken, but US and CIDG were able to establish another perimeter and repulse VC attack with support of LFT's, artillery and air strikes provided by units OPCON to 1st Bde. 1st Brigade conducted aerial resupply and MEDEVAC of US and CIDG elements. Results of Action: 120 VC KIA (BC), 17 CIDG KIA, 50 CIDG WIA, 4 US WIA, CIDG M Team was air-lifted to FSB HOOKER, from TON LO CHON, closing at 1643. Departed FFL at 1700 and proceeded toward point of B-56 contact.

S - 5 Activities: 7 - 11 Arty held MEDCAP at LONG BINH, XT240435, treating 102 patients; 4 - 9 Inf held a MEDCAP at TRUONG THIEN XT270455, treating 73 patients. 2 - 22 Inf conducted a MEDCAP at BEN

CUI, XT4746, treating 147 patients. S-5 personnel conducted a leaflet drop vic XT3750, dropping 23,000 leaflets and broadcasting a 30 minute tape.

29 March 1968

4 - 9 Inf: Continued to improve positions and conduct local patrolling vic FSB HOOKER, XT570850. One platoon secured CAO XA laterite pit. All elements departed FSB HOOKER, closed TAY NINH Base Camp, 1945 Recon secured rock crusher at NUI BA DEN.

2 - 12 Inf: Conducted refresher training vic DAU TIENG Base Camp. D Co assumed role as Ready Reaction Force for TAY NINH Base Camp. Battalion (-) heli-lifted back to TAY NINH.

C - 22 Inf (M)(-): A Co conducted RIF from DAU TIENG to XT535530. B Co swept and out-posted a portion of the TAY NINH - DAU TIENG MSR. Recon platoon escorted convoys between TAY NINH and DAU TIENG.

C 2 - 22 Inf: Swept and out-posted that portion of DAU TIENG - TAY NINH MSR not secured by B Co. One platoon swept and secured Rt 4 between TAY NINH and BAU CO, and secured BAU CO at night.

3 - 17 Cav(-): D Troop swept and out-posted MSR from TAY NINH south to CO DAU HA. C troop conducted Recon and Interdiction of enemy LOC in Western portion of Bde TAOI, and supported CIDG efforts in AO SMALLBROOK, east of KATUM.

Special Forces: 2nd CIDG element at 0804 linked up with B-56. All Special Forces and CIDG elements air-lifted from field location to TOM LO CHON.

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S-5 Activities: 2 - 14 Inf conducted MEDCAP at HIEP TRUONG, XT212475, treating 269 patients.

30 March 1968

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4 - 9 Inf: Battalion conducted stand-down until 1200, then conducted refresher training vic TAY NINH Base Camp. One platoon secured laterite pit at CAO XA. Recon platoon secured rock crusher at NUI BA DEN.

2 - 22 Inf(M)(-): Swept and out-posted portion of DAU TIENG - TAY NINH MSR with B Co. recon platoon escorted convoys between TAY NINH and DAU TIENG. A Co stood down for maintenance.

C 2 - 22 Inf(M): Swept and out-posted that portion of DAU TIENG - TAY NINH MSR not secured by B Co. One platoon of C Co swept and out-posted MSR between TAY NINH and BAU CO, and secured BAU CO at night.

2 - 12 Inf: Conducted air-mobile movement to FSB HAMITON, XT400245 from DAU TIENG, closed 1229 conducted local sweep in vic FSB, and secured FSB during hours of darkness.

3 - 22: Closed DAU TIENG at 1325, became OPCON 1st Bde conducted stand down for remainder of day.

3 - 17 Cav(-): Conducted recon and interdiction operation in Bde TAOR with C Troop. D Troop conducted route security mission from TAY NINH to GO DAU HA.

S - 5 Activities: 7 - 11 Arty conducted MEDCAP at LONG YEN, XT225435, treating 75 patients; 2 - 14 Inf conducted a MEDCAP at NIEP BINH, XT225500, treating 194 patients; 4 - 9 Inf held MEDCAP at NINH HUNG, XT 293500, treating 103 patients.

31 March 1968

4 - 9 Inf(-): C Co OPCON to 3rd Bde. Battalion (-) continued refresher training vic TAY NINH Base Camp. Recon platoon secured rock crusher at NUI BA DEN. One platoon secured Engineer effort at CAO XA laterite pit.

2 - 22 Inf(M): One platoon out-posted and swept Route 4 between TAY NINH and BAU CO, and secured BAU CO at night. C Co(-) swept and out-posted MSR from TAY NINH to Bde Eastern boundary and escorted convoys from DAU TIENG to TAY NINH.

2 - 12 Inf: OPCON 3rd Brigade.

3 - 22: Stood down at DAU TIENG for maintenance, and prepared for future operations.

3 - 17 Cav(-): D Troop swept and out-posted Rte 22 from TAY NINH to GO DAU HA. C Troop conducted Recon and interdiction of enemy LOC in Western area of Bde TAOR.

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S - 5 Activities: 4 - 9 Inf conducted MEDVAC at ----- XT83480, treating 15 patients.

1 April 1968

4 - 9 Inf(-): B Co OPCON 3rd Brigade. One platoon secured engineer effort at CAO XA laterite pit. Recon platoon secured rock crusher at NUI BA DEN. Remainder of battalion conducted refresher training vic TAY NINH Base Camp.

C - 2 - 22 Inf (M): One platoon out-posted and swept MSR between TAY NINH and BAU DO. C Co(-) swept and out-posted MSR between TAY NINH and Bde's Eastern boundary. C Co escorted convoy from TAY NINH to DAU TIENG.

3 - 22 Inf: A Co conducted RIF to village XT505445 with 3rd Bde CRIP. Two popular forces platoons occupied blocking position vic XT500445. A Co cordoned village, CRIP searched. B Co secured engineer effort on Rte 239 west of DAU TIENG. C & D Companies stood down at DAU TIENG.

3 - 17 Cav(-): D Troop swept and out-posted MSR from TAY NINH to GO DAU HA. C Troop conducted Recon and interdiction of enemy LOC vic central War Zone C and upper Michelin plantation.

S - 5 Activities: 2 - 14 Inf conducted MEDCAP at HIEP THANH, XT230510, treating 210 patients; 2 - 22 Inf conducted leaflet drop vic XT5459, dropping 46,000 leaflets, and broadcasting a PSYOP tape for 45 minutes.

2 April 1968

4 - 9 Inf(-): A & B Companies conducted refresher training vic TAY NINH Base Camp. One platoon of D Co secured engineer effort at CAO ZA laterite pit. Recon element secured rock crusher at NUI BA DEN.

C- 2- 22 Inf(M): One platoon swept and out-posted MSR between TAY NINH and BAU CO. C Co(-) swept and out-posted MSR between TAY NINH and DAU TIENG, and escorted convoy from DAU TIENG to TAY NINH.

3 - 22 Inf: Conducted refresher training vic DAU TIENG Base Camp. One company secured engineer effort on Rte 239 west of DAU TIENG.

3 - 17 Cav(-): D Troop swept and out-posted MSR between TAY NINH and GO DAU HA. C Troop continued mission of recon and interdiction of enemy LOC in Bde TAOR, in western portion of TAOR.

S - 5 Activities: 2 - 14 Inf conducted MEDCAP at HIEP HOA, XT215485, treating 189 patients; 4 - 9 Inf conducted MEDCAP at LONG VAN, XT238480, treating 59 patients.

3 April 1968

4 - 9 Inf(-): A(-), B & D Companies convoyed from TAY NINH to FSB WAYNE, XT283428. FSB WAYNE secured by 1610 Regional Force Co, and 1 Troop of 3 - 10 Cav(ARVN). Battalion (-) conducted combat assault vic LZ's XT304388, XT350388 and XT350368. Companies conducted cloverleaf operation vic LZ, returned to LZ's PZ to FSB WAYNE, and return to TAY NINH. One platoon of A Co secured CAO XA laterite pit. Recon platoon secured rock crusher at NUI BA DEN. (p28)

C -2 -22 Inf (M): One platoon swept and secured Rt 4 between BAU CO and TAY NINH, and secured BAU CO at night. C Co (-) swept and secured MSR from TAY NINH to Brigade eastern boundary. Escorted convoy from TAY NINH to DAU TIENG.

3 - 17 Cav (-): C Troop conducted recon and interdiction of enemy loc VIC UPPER Michelin Plantation, Crescent, Ben Cui Plantation, Boi Loi Woods, KATUM and east of KATUM. D Troop swept and out-posted MSR from TAY NINH south of GO DAU HA.

S -5 Activities: 7 -11 Arty conducted MEDCAP at LONG BINH, XT240435, treating 75 patients: 2 - 14 Inf conducted MEDCAP at HIDP LE, XT2350 treating 185 patients; 4 - 9 Inf conducted MEDCAP at TRUON LOU, XT279436, treating 83 patients; S -5 conducted leaflet drop vic XT555575 dropping 46,000 leaflets and broadcasting a PSYOP tape for 45 minutes.

4 April 1968

4 -9 Inf (-): A(-), B, &D Companies departed TAY NINH by convoy, arrived FSB RAWLINGS I, XT3008500, conducted company RIF to XT350524, XT335514 and XT353520, negative contact. FSB was secured by 161st Regional Force Company, and 1 troop of 3 -10 Cav (ARVN), Battalion (-) returned to TAY NINH Base Camp. One platoon of A Co secured CAO XAI laterite pit. Recon platoon secured rock crusher at NUI BA DEN.

C-2-22 Inf.(M): One platoon swept and out-posted MSR between TAY NINH and BAU CO, and secured BAU CO at night. C Co swept and out-posted MSR between TAY NINH and Brigade Eastern boundary. Escorted convoy for TAY NINH to DAU TIENG.

3 - 22 Inf: Conducted refresher training vicinity DAU TIENG, D Co secured engineer effort of Rt.239 west of DAU TIENG.

3 - 17 Cav (-): D Troop swept and secured MSR south from TAY NINH to GO DAU HA. C troop conducted recon and interdiction of enemy LOC vic Upper Michelin, Crescent, Ben Cui, KATUM and east of KATUM.

Crip: Conducted night ambush XT190515.

S -5 Activities: 4 - 9 Inf conducted MEDCAP at NINH HUNG, XT239500, treating 63 patients; 2 - 14 Inf conducted MEDCAP at HIEP AN, XT225483, treating 104 patients.

5 April 1968

4 - 9 Inf(-): A, B(-), & D companies departed TAY NINH Base Camp at 1245 by convoy and proceeded to dismount points at XT149495, XT163506, and XT180415. Companies conducted RIF to temporary laager position at XT156475, XT163451 and XT180460. Companies dispatched night ambush patrols from later positions after darkness. Recon platoon secured rock crusher at NUI BA DEN. B Co secured CAO XAI laterite pit.
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C 2 - 22 Inf (M): One platoon swept and out-posted Rt. 4 between TAY NINH and BAO CO, and secured BAO CO at night. C Co(-) swept and out-posted NSR between TAY NINH and Brigade Eastern Boundary. Escorted convoy from TAY NINH to DUA TIENG.

3 - 22 Inf: A Co secured engineer effort on MSR west of DAU TIENG. B Co departed DAU TIENG Base Camp at 0430, and moved to clandestine assembly area vic XT500518. Co conducted security operations vic assembly area and moved after darkness to ambush positions vic village XT519515. D Co was air-lifted from DAU TIENG to go OPCON to the 199th Inf Brigade.

3 - 17 Cav(-): D troop opened and secured MSR south from TAY NINH to GO DAU HA. C troop conducted recon and interdiction of enemy LOC in Upper Michelin, CRESCENT, BEN CUI Plantation, KATUM and east of KATUM.

S - 5 Activities: 7 - 11 Arty conducted MEDCAP at LONG KIM, XT243460, treating 108 patients; 2 - 14 Inf held a MEDCAP at HIEP TRUONG, XT212475, treating 184 patients; 4 - 9 Inf conducted MEDCAP at CAO DAI Orphanage XT263501 treating 53 patients; 2 - 34 Armor conducted MEDCAP at GAO XA, XT116503 treating 125 patients.

6 April 1968

4 - 9 Inf (-): Companies returned to TAY NINH Base Camp from ambush position, closing at 1045. Battalion stood down remainder of the day. Recon platoon secured rock crusher at NUI BA DEN.

C 2 - 22 Inf (M): One platoon swept an out-posted MSR between TAY NINH and BAU CO. C Co (-) swept and out-posted MSR between TAY NINH, and Brigade's eastern boundary. Escorting convoy from TAY NINH to DAU TIENG.

3 - 22 Inf(-): A Co departed DAU TIENG Base Camp at 0500, moved to assembly area XT598502. Co conducted security operations in area, and established two night AR's in vicinity of assembly area. B Co returned from its night ambush position at first light and served DAU TIENG as RRF. C Co secured engineer effort on MSR west of DAU TIENG.

3 - 17 Cav (-): D troop swept and secured MSR from TAY NINH to GO DAU HA. C Troop continued mission of recon and interdiction of enemy, LOC vic Upper MICHELIN, CRESCENT, BEN CUI, KATUM and west of KATUM.

S - 5 Activities: 2 - 14 Inf conducted MEDCAP at HIEP BINH, XT2249 treating 235 patients; 4 - 9 Inf held MEDCAP at TRUONG CU, XT275435, treating 58 patients.

7 April 1968

4 - 9 Inf (-): B & D Companies departed TAY NINH Base Camp at 0607, closing FSB RAWLING II, XT301502 at 0700. A Co conducted air-mobile assault from TAY NINH to LZ vic XT374486. B & D made contact with snipers vic XT375479. At 1540 A Co had reinforced B Co. Enemy force was estimated as reinforced VC platoon. CS was used in an attempt to dislodge enemy from bunker positions. Artillery and air strikes were not used because two men were wounded close to enemy positions, and could not be withdrawn. A provisional company of the rear elements of A, B, D, and HQ's company secured FSB

RAWLINGS II after ARVN and RF/PF forces were withdrawn to secure TAY NINH during hours of darkness. A & B remained in position during hours of darkness with D Co in reserve, and continued effort to reach 2 wounded men. Recon platoon secured rock crusher at NUI BA DEN.

C 2 - 22 Inf (M): One platoon swept and out-posted Rt 5 between TAY NINH and BAU CO, and secured BAU CO. C Co(-) swept and out-posted MSR between TAY NINH and Brigade's eastern boundary. Escorted convoy from TAY NINH to DAU TIENG.

3 - 22 Inf(-): A Co conducted RIF from ambush position at 0830 closing DAU TIENG at 0925. C Co(-) served as DAU TIENG RRF, one squad secured DAU TIENG laterite pit. Remainder of Battalion (-) conducted refresher training vic DAU TIENG Base Camp.

3 - 17 Cav(-): Opened and secured Rt 22 from TAY NINH to GO DAU HA. C Troop conducted recon and interdiction of enemy LOC vic Upper MICHELIN, CRESCENT, BEN CUI, KATUM, and west of KATUM.

S -5 Activities: 7-11 Artillery held MEDCAP at LONG YEN, XT225435 treating 83 patients.

8 April 68

4 - 9 Inf (-): Received 2 missing personnel at 0045, and employed artillery and tactical air against suspected enemy position A & D advanced through objective area at 1025 with B Co held in reserve. Over 25 command bunkers and 50 smaller bunkers were found, and destruction was begun. Elements were extracted from PZ vic XT369483, beginning at 1509, and closed TAY NINH. Provisional company at FSB RAWLINGS closed TAY NINH. Results of Action: 3 US KIA, 21 US, WIA, 4 VC KIA (BC), 15 VC KIA (POSS). Recon platoon secured rock crusher at NUI BA DEN.

C 2 - 22 Inf (M): One platoon out-posted and swept MSR between TAY NINH and BAU CO, securing BAU CO at night. C Co(-) swept and out-posted MSR between TAY NINH and Brigade's eastern boundary. Escorted convoy from DAU TIENG to TAY NINH.

3 - 22 Inf (M): One company secured engineer effort west of DAU TIENG on MSR. Battalion conducted refresher training vicinity DAU TIENG. Battalion dispatches 2 platoon sized night ambush patrols from DAU TIENG to vic XT503513 and XT476480 at 1930H.

S -5 Activities: 2 -14 Inf conducted MEDCAP at NIEP TRUONG, XT212447, treating 183 patients.

3 - 17 Cav (-): D Troop swept and out-posted MSR from TAY NINH to GO DAU HA. C Troop conducted recon and interdiction of enemy LOC in western portion of TAOR.

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12. (C) Results (C):

a PERSONNEL:

(1) CS	KIA	WIA	NBC	TOTAL
4 - 9 Infantry	3	24	4	31
2 - 22 Infantry (MECH)	3	15		18
2 - 12 Infantry	1	13		14
3 - 17 Cavalry				

3 - 22 Infantry				
	7	36	4	67
(2) CIDG	KIA	WIA	NBC	TOTAL
	17	50	0	67
(3) VC / NVA	198 (BC)	131 (POSS)	Detainees 56	PW's 3

b. Equipment Losses:

(1) Friendly:

M-13 Binoculars	20	.45 Caliber Pistol	30
6x30 Binoculars	2	5.56 mm Rifle	60
Bayonet W/S M-7	40	Grenade Launcher, M-79	17
Shotgun	2	Armored vest	36
Radio set AM/PRC	25	Recoilless Rifle 90mm	2
Machine gun, M-60	2		

(2) Enemy:

Heavy Weapons	1	Sampans	27
Small Arms Ammo	1,300 rounds	Foxholes	107
Heavy Ammo	95 rounds	Fortifications	859
Mine & Booby Traps	38	Trench	315 Meters
Rice	4.25 tons	Bicycles	10
Structures	11	Clothing	50 lb.
Bunkers	725	3 / 4 ton Truck	2
Documents	1 lb	Workbenches	3
Tunnel	3,825 meters	Ammo Cache	1
Crates of Ammo	150	Entrenching Tool	6
Crates of Explosive	120	Tables	3
Fishing Spears	54	Chairs	3
Water Buffalo	20	Log Bridge	1
Motor Bike	1	Under-water Bridge	1
Ox Cart	8	Foot Bridge	1
Ponchos	16	Supply Boxes	10
Crates	2	Stoves	3
Wells	2	Sugar	5 lbs.
Machete	1	Web Gear	1
Cray Boxes	20		

(3) Bomb Damage Assessment: BDA for most air-strikes were conducted by aerial observer

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13. (C) Administrative Matters (C)

a. Since operations were conducted from the TAY NINH and DAU TIENG Base Camps, adequate PX facilities were available to all personnel, and it was not necessary to operate mobile PX's.

b. No difficulty was encountered in rapid distribution of mail.

c. Replacement of non-commissioned officer in the grades E-6 through E-9 was extremely difficult. There are very few experienced personnel in these grades being assigned to the Brigade.

d. Unexpected arrival of units at base camps required an immense and unnecessary amount of attention by the Brigade S-1. This loss of valuable time could be prevented if at least 24 hours prior

notice were given. Minimum information provided should be the size of the unit, messing facilities required, and special considerations, (i.e. aviation units need billeting near the air field.)

e. Supply:

(1) Class I: Three "A" rations per day were fed in all units. On a few occasions "C" rations were consumed after drawing "A" rations due to operational requirements.

(2) Class II & IV: A large quantity of barbed wire, concertina, pickets, lumber and sandbags were used. Sandbags could not always be produced in the quantities desired.

(3) Class III: A total of 8,5000 gallons of MO-GAS, 10,200 gallons of diesel, 30 quarts of hydraulic fluid, 220 gallons of OE-30, 110 gallons of OE-10. and 20 cans pf 6AA-90 grease were used.

f. Maintenance; Maintenance teams from battalions were with their respective units. They were able to perform all 2nd echelon vehicular maintenance. The 725th Maintenance Battalion provided all directed support maintenance.

g. Treatment of casualties and evacuation, "DUSTOFF" support for evacuation of casualties was provided by MEDEVAC units of CU CHI, DAU TIENG, and TAY NINH Base Camps.

h. Transportation: Transportation was provided by use of organic vehicles, UH1D, H23, C-130 and CH-47 aircraft.

i. Communications: Communications was provided by organic FM and RP. VHF for telephone service was provided by the 125th Signal Battalion.

j. Medical Evaluation: Personnel health was good throughout the operation.

14. Special Equipment and Techniques: (C): NONE

15. Commander's Analysis (U)

a. The MSR's in the Brigade TAOR were kept open and secure for daily convoys.

b. BAU CO, TAY NINH, and DAU TIENG were defended against significant enemy initiatives.

c. Infantry battalions conducted necessary refresher training to provide replacements with the know-how required to make the effective members of the fighting team.

d. By timely and effective reaction to intelligence, infantry battalions and the air troop of the 3 - 17 Cav were able to effectively interdict enemy LOC, and prevent any significant attacks on defended portions of the brigade TAOR.

16. Recommendations: (U) None

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