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YELLOWSTONE)

TO: Commanding General
25th Infantry Division
ATTN: G3
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1. Name: Operation YELLOWSTONE
2. Dates: 080600 Dec 67 to 242400 Feb 68
3. Location: War Zone "C"
4. Control Headquarters: 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division
5. (C) Reporting Officers:
 - 1st Brigade: COL Edwin Marks (8 Dec 67 to 18 Dec 67)
 - LTC Fremont B. Hodson Jr. (19 Dec 67 to 24 Feb 68)
 - 4-9 Inf: LTC John M. Henschman
 - 2-14 Inf: LTC Alfred M. Bracy
 - TF 2-34 Armor: LTC Hal B. Rhyne (8 Dec 67 to 14 Feb 68)
 - LTC John H. Tipton (15 Feb 68 to 24 Feb 68)
 - TF 1-5 Inf (M): MAJ Ralph A. Hook (20 Dec 67 to 1 Jan 68)
 - LTC Henry B. Murphy Jr. (2 Jan 68 to 24 Feb 68)
 - 2-12 Inf: LTC Ralph D. Tice (28 Dec 67 to 16 Jan 68)
6. (C) Task Organization
 - a. 8 Dec 67: HHC, 1st Brigade

4-9 Inf Bn
2-14 Inf Bn
1-49 ARVN Inf
TF 2-34 Armor
 B Co, 1-5 Mech
 A Co, 1-5 Mech
 C Co, 2-34 Armor (-)

1-27 Arty (-) (Reinf 7-11 Arty)
 C Battery, 23-32 Arty (8")
7-11 Arty Bn (DS)
B Co, 65th Engr Bn (DS)
Signal Support Element (DS)
1st Plat, 25th MP Co
B Co, 725th Maint (SPT)
D Co, 25th Med Co
DISCOM Fwd Spt Element (SPT)
Sec, QM GRREG Plat (SPT)
Fwd Spt Sec, 25th S&T (SPT)

b. Changes:

- Brigade.
- (1) 171200 Dec 67: 1-49 ARVN Inf Bn released OPCON 1st
 - (2) 201400 Dec 67: TF 1-5 Inf (M) OPCON 1st Brigade.
 - (3) 271000 Dec 67: 2-22 Inf OPCON 1st Brigade.
 - (4) 281138 Dec 67: 2-12 Inf OPCON 1st Brigade.
 - (5) 281632 Dec 67: 2-22 Inf (M) OPCON 3rd Brigade.
281632 Dec 67: 2-14 Inf Bn OPCON 3rd Brigade.
 - (6) 300800 Dec 67: 2-14 Inf OPCON 1st Brigade
 - (7) 010700 Jan 68: TF 1-5 Inf (M) released OPCON 1st
- Brigade.
- (8) 021115 Jan 68: 4-9 OPCON 3rd Brigade.
 - (9) 021631 Jan 68: 3-22 Inf (-) OPCON 1st Brigade.
 - (10) 050930 Jan 68: 3-22 Inf (-) OPCON 3rd Brigade.
 - (11) 160615 Jan 68: 4-9 Inf OPCON 1st Brigade.
 - (12) 160615 Jan 68: 2-12 Inf (-) OPCON 3rd Brigade.
 - (13) 230615 Jan 68: 1-5 Inf (M) (-) OPCON 1st Brigade.
 - (14) 270500 Jan 68: 1-5 Inf (M) (-) released OPCON 1st
- Brigade.

- (15) 310600 Jan 68: 1-5 Inf (M) (-) OPCON 1st Brigade.
- (16) 020700 Feb 68: TF 2-34 Armor released B Co, 1-5 Inf (M) to TF 1-5 Inf (M) and received OPCON C Co, 2-14 Inf.
- (17) 100600 Feb 68: TF 1-5 Inf (M) OPCON 3rd Brigade
- (18) 131800 Feb 68: A co, 2-22 Inf (M) OPCON 1st Brigade attached to TF 2-34.
- (19) 171800 Feb 68: 2-27 Inf OPCON 1st Brigade.
- (20) 180800 Feb 68: 2-27 Inf OPCON 3rd Brigade.

7. (C) Supporting Forces:

a. Artillery:

(1) The 7th Bn, 11th Artillery was airlifted to FSB CUSTER (XT 333896) on D-Day to provide close fire support for the 1st Brigade. During the operation, the following fire support bases were utilized.

- (a) FSB KNOX XT 280 778
- (b) FSB SCOTT XT 265 930
- (c) FSB BEAUREGARD XT 380 855
- (d) FSB HILL XT 278 680
- (e) FSB WAINWRIGHT XT 282 528
- (f) FSB WAINWRIGHT II XT 288 509
- (g) FSB BAILEY XT 338 852

(2) Ammunition expended included 49,363 rounds HD, 775 rounds WP, 16 rounds smoke, and 191 rounds illumination. Artillery fires accounted for 102 enemy KIA (BC) and 99 KIA (POSS). GSR and reinforcing units were used extensively for firing TOTs, preparation of landing zones, large tactical targets, and the H&I program. The operation was characterized by almost total use of air movement for repositioning and resupply of the artillery units. Extensive and effective use was made of direct fire techniques utilizing fuze time for perimeter defense. Artillery support throughout the operation was excellent.

b. Tactical Air: Tactical air support was provided by the 7th USAF. The missions were controlled by the 1st Brigade TASP.

- (1) Missions flown: 292
- (2) Fighter sorties: 546

- (a) Preplanned: 236
- (b) Immediate: 194
- (c) Diverts: 38
- (d) Preplanned Diverts: 78

(3) Results: Bunkers destroyed - 589; bunkers damaged - 37; trenches destroyed - 2075 meters; trenches uncovered - 1550 meters; fighting positions (spider holes) - 45; structures destroyed - 91; structures damaged - 19; sampans destroyed - 5; VC KBA (BC) - 49; VC KBA (POSS) - 135; gun or mortar positions destroyed - 13; tunnel entrances uncovered - 22; secondary fires - 11; secondary explosions - 17; supply caches uncovered and destroyed - 2.

c. Army Aviation:

- (1) Sorties UH1 aircraft. (Total 1,947)
 - (a) Gunships: 300
 - (b) Tactical troop lifts: 142
 - (c) Resupply: 855
 - (d) Air evac, C&C, Recon and Misc: 650
- (2) Sorties CH-47 aircraft. (Total 650)
 - (a) Resupply: 645
 - (b) Evacuation: 5
- (3) Sorties CH-54 aircraft for resupply: 0
- (4) Sorties CH23G aircraft. (Total 2,250)
- (5) Ammunition expended. N/A

8. (C) Intelligence:

a. Intelligence collection and studies, prior to the start of Operation YELLOWSTONE, indicated that War Zone "C" had long been a major VC/NVA base area for elements of COSVN HQ and subordinate units consisting of: 69th Artillery Regt, 1st Guard Bn, 680th Training Regt, 7th NVA Div, 82nd Rear Services Group and possible elements of the 9th NVA Div. The total strength of these units was estimated between 10,000 and 14,000; however, in late November 1967, the 9th VC Div moved into Northwestern Binh Long Province and other units were dispersed down to battalion-size units throughout War Zone "C". Initially, their pattern of activity was to defend supply areas and to fight delay actions, allowing COSVN Hq to move north across the Cambodian Border. Once this

was accomplished, enemy forces conducted counter sweep operations and attacks on friendly base camps.

b. War Zone "C" is characterized by extremely heavy jungle vegetation and occasional open areas. The hydrography of the area is restricted to two small streams which had little effect on friendly or enemy movement. The terrain was heavily dotted with trenches and fortifications. The largest concentrations appeared to be in headquarters and cache areas just south of the Cambodian Border.

c. In the first week of the Operation, friendly units met with little enemy resistance. Most of the contact was limited to indirect fire harassment and probing actions. Intelligence indicated that COSVN HQ and its security guard units were located due north of KATUM, probably moving across the border. Other unit dispositions and locations were unknown; however, it was suspected that elements of the NVA 7th Div were dispersed to the south and east of KATUM. There were no signs of a mass exodus of War Zone "C" upon the arrival of US troops.

d. Significant contacts during the operation were generally with company or smaller sized units defending base camps. There were a few instances of enemy units attacking ARVN or FWF during sweeps, but the majority of activity involved contact with VC/NVA units in heavily fortified base camps or forward defensive positions. Enemy tactics were to make the operation as costly as possible while committing a minimum of troops. He made extensive use of indirect fire, employing 60mm, 82mm, and 120mm mortars and 122mm rockets. These attacks were generally used for harassing purposes, attempting to inflict casualties and destroy supplies rather than to support ground attacks. However, the enemy did on two occasions demonstrate a capability to conduct a multi-battalion attack on friendly FSBs.

e. The enemy employed AT mines on Route 4, but AP mines and booby traps were conspicuous by their absence.

f. Significant enemy losses:

(1) 08 and 09 Dec 67: 4-9 Inf Bn vic XT 299 938 located three caches containing 350 tons of unpolished rice. The rice was later evacuated.

(2) 200140-200500 Dec 67. The 4-9 Inf Bn FSB BEAUREGUARD (XT380 855) was attacked by estimated 1-2 NVA battalions from the 141st NVA Regt. Results: 6 US KIA, 12 US WIA; 40 VC KIA (BC), 33 KIA (POSS), 18 small arms, 9 crew-served weapons, and 1 PRC-10 radio captured.

(3) 041030 Jan 68. B Co 2-14 Inf located and destroyed 40 tons of polished rice vic XT 358 858.

(4) 171428-171700 Jan 68. 2-14 Inf engaged an estimated 2 VC companies vic XT 348 908. Results: 2 US KIA, 13 US WIA; 13 VC KIA (BC), 1 small arm and 5 heavy weapons captured.

(5) 251415-251620 Jan 68. 2-14 Inf engaged an estimated VC company vic XT 248 952. Results: 1 US KIA, 16 US WIA; 20 VC KIA (BC).

(6) 031513 Feb 68. A Co 4-9 Inf ambushed a VC squad vic XT 362 870 resulting in 7 VC KIA (BC), 2 pounds of documents and 1 machine gun.

(7) 070015 Feb 68. 1st Brigade CRIP ambushed an estimated VC company, vic XT 186 504. Results: 1 US WIA, 2 PF WIA; 26 VC KIA (BC).

(8) 161245-170900 Feb 68. 2-14 Inf engaged one VC battalion vic XT 242 483 entrenched in Tay Ninh City. Results: 4 US KIA, 25 US WIA; 81 VC KIA (BC).

(9) 19 Feb. 2-14 engaged an estimated VC company with all organic weapons and supporting fires vic XT 0754. Results: 3 US WIA; 66 VC KIA (BC), 2 VC POW, 81 rounds 107mm rockets, and 114 rounds 82mm mortar.

g. The heavy jungle in War Zone "C" made movement slow and tiring. Streams were for the most part an insignificant factor in effecting movement. The ground was hard, but the jungle restricted movement of tracked vehicles to the road.

h. Observation and fields of fire were extremely limited by the dense vegetation. The VC overcame this by making extensive use of observers in trees. In this manner, the VC were able to accurately adjust mortar fires on the FSBs.

i. The overall evaluation of the intelligence information gained from local and attached sources was considered to be C-3 (sometimes reliable, possibly true). In War Zone "C" there was a lack of local agents. Most intelligence was from the combat troops and aerial detection devices. Operational security of Operation YELLOWSTONE was considered fair.

E N E M Y L O S S E S

DATE: 8 Dec 67 - 24 Feb 68

Names of		TOTAL				
Other Units	LOSSSES	1-9	2-14	2-34	Others	In
KIA (BC)	100	287	19	84		Air
Force	490					
2-12 Inf						
KIA (POSS)	123	159	10	45		2-22 Inf
(M)	337					

1-5 Inf (M)						
Detainees		3	20	35		3-17
Cav	58					
1-49 ARVN						
PW's		4				
7-11 Bn Arty		4				
1-27 Bn Arty						
Civil						
Def		4	7			2-32 Bn
Arty	11					
3-13 Bn Arty						
Inn CIV		16	27			2-77
Battery	43					
SA						
Wpns	29	14		7	20	
	70					
Heavy						
Wpns	9	17	2		6	
	34					
SA						
Ammo	23,593	7,100	452	120		31,2
65						
HE						
Ammo	262	937	80	272		
1,551						
Mines &						
BT's	30	37	145	24		
236						
Rice						
(ton)	11.5	39.5			475	
	526					
Structures		81	92	19		11
	203					
Bunkers		500	616	67		129
	1,312					
Documents						
(LB)	17	47.5	1	5		
70.5						

Tunnels (M)	421	186	10		
	617				
Sampans		4	3	7	
		14			
Foxholes	248	167	12	38	
	465				
Trench			1,810		
Radios		1	1	3	5
		10			

Miscellaneous Items Captured/Destroyed

Commo Wire - 60 lb	Protective Masks - 4
Scissors - 1 Pr	Telephones - 1
Diesel Engine - 1	Knives - 3
Foot Bridges - 5	Canteens - 13
Fish - 2-1/2 Tons	
Stoves - 8	
Bayonets - 1	
Sugar - 15 lb	
Beans - 150 lb	
Garden Plots - 3	
Medical Supplies - 12 lb	
Fish Traps - 6	
Cows - 5	
Miscellaneous Foods - 15 lb	
Salt - 3 Tons	
Fertilizer - 400 lb	
Sandals - 10 pr	
Aiming Stakes - 2	
Sewing Kits - 1	
Water Buffalo - 2	
Miscellaneous Items - 5 lbs	
Loudspeakers - 1 set	
Hammocks - 1	
Tables - 6	
Bamboo Ladder - 3	
Livestock Corral - 3	
Lard - 50 lbs	
Cabbage - 50 heads	
Sleds - 2	
Propaganda Leaflets - 12 lbs	
Bicycles - 35	
Cooking Areas - 6	
Web Gear - 17	
Weapon Magazines - 26	
Ponchos - 18	
Clothing - 80 lbs	

Wells - 16
Cooking Equipment - 50 lbs
Tools - 59 lbs
Typewriter - 1
Pigs - 5
Chickens - 50

9. (C) Mission: The 1st Brigade received the mission to locate and destroy VC/NVA forces and installations in War Zone "C" and to complete the following engineer projects:

a. Construct USSF/CIDG camp and Type II C-123 airfield at Thien Ngan (vic (XT 0881)).

b. Construct USSF/CIDG camp and rehabilitate airfield to Type II C-130 at KATUM (vic XT 3390).

c. Clear, improve and maintain the following roads for military convoy traffic:

- (1) Route 4 (XT284 618 to XT 333 903)
- (2) Route 243 (XT 284 618 to XT 335 575)
- (3) Route 247 (XT 101 758 to XT 272 772)

10. (C) Concept of the operation: The 1st Brigade conducted combat operations with the 4-9 Inf, 2-14 Inf, and the TF 2-34 Armor constituting the major force. Combat Operations were designed to support the engineer effort at KATUM and PREK KLOK, THEIN NGON, and secure logistical convoys to KATUM, and to search out and destroy VC/NVA forces and bases. This operation was conducted in three phases.

a. Phase I. (D-Day to D+10) The 4-9 Inf, 2-14 Inf, 7-11 Artillery and the 588th Engineer battalion were airlifted into the CIDG secured LZ at KATUM, and conducted combat assault vic KATUM with the 4-9 Inf and 2-14 Inf. TF 2-34 Armor secured movement of the heavy engineer equipment to KATUM, artillery to PREK KLOK, and logistical convoys on Route 4 from MUI BA DAN to KATUM, and began improving the KATUM airstrip to receive C-130 aircraft.

b. Phase II. (D+10 to D+60) The 1st Brigade conducted methodical search and destroy operations within the TAOR, opened Route 4 for overland resupply to PREK KLOK and KATUM.

c. Phase III. (After D+60) YELLOWSTONE forces began phasing down. 2-14 Inf and HHC 1st Brigade returned to TAY NINH BASE CAMP 8 Feb 68 with the remaining elements closing TAY NINH 23 Feb 68.

11. (C) Execution: 1st Brigade received the 25th Infantry Division OPLAN 18-67 (Operation YELLOWSTONE) dated 281900H Nov 67. The 1st Brigade prepared and implemented OPORD 12-67 (Operation YELLOWSTONE) dated 031200H Dec 67. In executing D-Day of Operation YELLOWSTONE each battalion of the Brigade Task Force prepared their OPORD. The 2-14 Inf

and the 4-9 Inf conducted a combat assault into LZ's in the vicinity of KATUM, securing objectives designed to provide security to the Task Force elements to be quartered at KATUM. The 588th Engr Bn from D-20 to D-1 cleared and opened roads required to support Operation YELLOWSTONE, and on D-Day convoyed to KATUM. On D-Day, the 7-11 Artillery Bn was airlifted from TAY NINH to KATUM (FSB CUSTER). TF 2-34 Armor from D-2 to D-1 occupied FSB BLISS (XT 287 642) and FSB HILL (XT 278680) while on D-Day the TF 2-34 Armor attacked north to establish a FSB at PREK KLOK (XT 288 815).

b. Significant contact:

(1) 11 Dec 67: 4-9 Inf in an ambush patrol vic XT 275 960 engaged 2 VC with small arms at 0135H. At 0218H, this AP received 50 rounds of 60mm mortar resulting in 1 KIA and 8 WIA. The mortar fire lasted 21 minutes. The AP requested a LFT, counter-mortar ship, and a Spooky. Artillery fire was provided from FSB CUSTER (XT 333 903). At 0313H, mortar fire began again with 10 rounds of 60mm from vic XT 268 975. At 0316H, 14 rounds of 60mm and 1 RPG were received from vic XT 265 966. Losses: 2 KIA and 22 WIA. VC losses unknown. NOTE: By engaging the 2 VC with unknown results, the 4-9 compromised their position but did not relocate.

(2) 120845 Dec 67: While the 1-49 ARVN Inf was combat assaulting to an LZ vic XT 378 858, one of the UH1Hs carrying troops was shot down vic XT 334 915. The LZ was initially cold at 0836H but as the third lift to 1-49 Inf landed on the LZ at 0901H, they received 60mm mortar fire, indicating the LZ was hot. The mortar was spotted at XT 390 857 and was engaged with a gunship and artillery. Mortar contact was broken at 0937H. The LZ remained cold after 0937H.

(3) 121130 Dec. The CO HHC, 1st Brigade C&C ship received small arms fire from vic XT 343 913. Artillery was fired into the area. At 1130H also a CH-47 extracting an UH-1D from XT 342 913 from XT 342 913. At 1304H, FAC received fire from XT 342 913 resulting in no hits. At 1425H, B Company 2-14 Inf received small arms fire from XT 342 913, returning fire with artillery and organic weapons. At 1508H, B Company 2-14 Inf received additional fire from XT 342 913, again returning fire with artillery. At 1514H, FAC received BAR fire from XT 342 913 and again artillery fire was delivered into the area. Losses: no friendly; enemy unknown. NOTE: Artillery does not negate the necessity for the infantry to move through an area to clear the area of VC.

(4) 140827 Dec 67: A Company 2-14 Inf received SA and AW fire from vic XT 343 912 from an estimated 2 VC. Contact was broken at 0829H with no casualties. Contact was reestablished at 0844H, resulting in 1 KIA and 1 WIA. Contact was broken at 0910H and reestablished at 1035H with A Co receiving SA and AW fire and rifle grenades resulting in 2 WIA. Contact broken at 1038H and reestablished at 1056H from a bunker vic XT 343 913 with A Co receiving AW fire and RPG from an estimated 20 VC; 90mm fire was delivered point blank on the bunker and an airstrike delivered at XT 343 912. The airstrike resulted in 2 US WIA from A Co and one WIA from C Co who had maneuvered into the

area to assist A Company. At 1540H, A Company continued to sweep to XT 338 909 while C Company swept to XT 342914 without contact. Friendly losses: 2 KIA, 15 WIA; enemy losses: 2 VC (BC).

(5) 140940 Dec: C Company 4-9 Inf received SA fire and claymore from vic XT 245 941 with sporadic fire continuing until 0950H. B Company moved in to block the trails vic XT 241 937. Contact was maintained until about 1100H. An airstrike was delivered at 1105H to XT 250 940. B Company moved to the north flank as the contact was reestablished at 1115H. Contact at 1120H was vic XT 245 944 with this contact broken at 1147H. Friendly losses: 6 KIA, 18 WIA; enemy losses: 7 KIA (BC), 10 KIA (POSS), and 3 RPG-2 rounds.

(6) 150640 Dec. KATUM Base Camp received 35-40 60mm mortar rounds. At first light when C Company 2-14 Inf examined the perimeter they found that one claymore mine had had the wires cut and one claymore had been turned around.

(7) 161024 Dec: B Company 4-9 Inf received AW fire from an estimated VC platoon vic XT 245 942. The VC platoon had 7 AW firing. D Company began moving from XT 241 944 at 1035H to assist B Company. VC contact with D Company was broken at 1049H and reestablished at 1103H as 3 AW began firing from XT 245 942, resulting in 1 US WIA. CSRCA was placed on the VC position at 1118H. Contact was broken at 1145H with B Company moving to XT 245 939. D Company established contact vic XT 246 944 at 1214H and breaking off at 1230H without casualties.

(8) 200140 Dec: The 4-9 Inf at FSB BEAUREGARD (XT 380 855) received 95 rounds 82mm and 60mm mortar. At 0230H, infiltrators were reported inside the perimeter. The infiltrator set fire to the artillery ammunition, resulting in 620 rounds 105mm burning. At 0346H, the FSB was surrounded by an estimated 1-2 NVA battalions. At 0405H, the land line communications with the FSB were cut. The mortar attack ceased at 0550H then began again at 0705H. Contact was broken at 0735H. Friendly losses: 6 KIA, 12 WIA; enemy losses: 40 KIA (BC), 33 KIA (POSS).

(9) 171428 Jan 68. C Company 2-14 Inf established contact vic XT 348 908 with an estimated 2 VC companies. The contact began with C Company receiving SA and AW from an estimated 3-10 VC. Fire was returned with SA, AW, artillery, and gunships. From this contact, C Company sustained 1 WIA. Contact remained until at 1515H A Company, who was maneuvering into the area, received fire at vic XT 5546 906, resulting in 1 WIA. Contact remained as C Company reported 2 KIA and 10 WIA at 1535H. At 1705H, the VC force was estimated to have a reinforced platoon in the woods, with 2 platoons in bunkers. Contact was broken at 1730H with sporadic fire remaining until about 1830H. Friendly losses: 2 KIA, 13 WIA; enemy losses: 13 KIA (BC), 14 KIA (POSS).

(10) 251402 Jan 68. B Company 2-14 Inf received SA fire at XT 248 952 from an estimated reinforced VC squad. The gunships on station supported B Company with fire. At 1430H, the FAC ship on station received 2 hits with negligible damage. At 1430H, A Company

received SA fire at XT 248 953 which resulted in the CO of A Company being wounded. At 1443H, A and C Companies consolidated under the command of CO C Company. B Company moved into the area and at 1535H B Company was at XT 248 952 and A and C Companies at XT 248 954 with the VC force between the 2-14 Inf elements. Contact remained until 1715H. Friendly losses: 1 KIA, 16 WIA; enemy losses: 20 KIA (BC).

(11) 06 Feb 68. NVA/VC forces employed CS RCA AT PREK KLOK. The CS was in burlap bags, tied with rope and wire, and had an explosive charge attached to the outside of the bag. About 6 bags were placed adjacent to the perimeter. Three bags did not detonate. These bags were evacuated to Division. The bags which did detonate were placed downwind from PREK KLOK and were not effective against the camp.

(12) 11 Feb 68. KATUM Base Camp received 31 rounds of 82mm mortar. Some of the rounds contained "gas" which incapacitated 10 individuals. The casualties were reported to be nauseous and have headaches at 1002H. By 1330H, all of these casualties had been returned to duty.

(13) 150825 Feb 68: A Company 588th Engr Bn and 1 platoon of A Company 2-22 Inf (M) en route to THIEN NGON were ambushed by an estimated VC company at XT 089 790. The VC fired AW and RPG, resulting in 10 KIA and 2 APC destroyed. The contact was broken at 0850H with unknown VC losses.

(14) 160115 Feb 68. PHU KOUNG, XT 234 746, began receiving mortar and 122mm rocket fire and ground attack. MACV requested and got ½ APC ARVN troop and 2 ARVN Inf companies to support MACV. Action broke at 0245H as it began at BIEN KEO, XT 231 435. At 0510H, the mortar fire began again at PHU KOUNG and BIEN KEO, but the ground attack had ceased. At 0345H, as both contacts continued, PHU KOUNG reported VC had entered the MACV compound. One VC POW, captured by MACV, stated that his unit was from NUI BA DEN and that the unit would continue the attack until after sunrise, then would return to NUI BA DEN. Contact was broken at PHU KOUNG at 0530H but continued at BIEN KEO. At 0545H, the VC CP was suspected to be located vic XT 245 485; and the TAY NINH Province Chief requested US forces to sweep the area XT 250 493 to XYT 250 495 to XT 270 493 to XT 270 470, giving clearance to fire any type ordnance the US forces required. By 1200H, 2-14 Inf was sweeping the area vic XT 27 49 and XT 28 50. The combined force at this time was 4 US companies and ARVN companies. Contact was established at 1245H and continued Vic XT 241 485 at 1905H and B and C Companies 2-14 Inf moved to support A Company 2-22 Inf (M). At 1959H, three airstrikes were delivered at St 244 486. Sporadic contact and mortar fire continued to 170425 Feb. At 170806 Feb, it was reported that the VC unit had withdrawn at 170300 Feb. Contact was not reestablished. Friendly losses: 4 KIA, 25 WIA; enemy losses: 81 KIA (BC). The VC force was estimated at 1 battalion.

(16) 190800 Feb 68. 2-14 Inf established contact with an estimated VC company firing all organic weapons and supporting fires vic XT 075 534. Sporadic contact was maintained all day. Friendly losses: 3 WIA; enemy losses: 66 KIA (BC), and 2 POW.

12. (C) Results:

a. Personnel:

(1)	FRIENDLY	KIA	WIA	NBC	MIA	TOTAL
	4/9		20	154	1	
175	2/14		13	194	18	
225	2/34)					
	1/5)		15	02	15	
122	2/12		4		1	1
	6					
	HHC		2	10	5	
17	OTHERS		5	7		
12						
				59	458	40
	557					
	(2) ENEMY		4/9	2/14	1/5	2/12
HHC	OTHERS					
2/34						
	KIA					
(BC)	100	287	19	7	77	
	KIA					
(POSS)	123	159	10	13	32	
	(3) KILL RATIO		FRIENDLY/ENEMY			
	4/9				1 - 5	
	2/14				1 - 11.9	
	2/34)					
	1/5)				1 -	
1.2						
				TOTAL	1 - 6	

b. Equipment:

DESCRIPTION	QTY		
ACCESSORY OUTFIT, field	1	ea	
ALARM SET, AN/GSS9	4	ea	
ARMORER VEST, protective	80	ea	
BAG, waterproof	105	ea	
BAYONET KNIFE, w/scabbard	108	ea	
BARBER KIT	2	ea	

BELT, pistol	107	ea		
BINOCULAR 6X30 MIL RET	1	ea		
BLANKET, WOOL, bed olive green	61	ea		
BOOT, tropical	105	ea		
CANTEEN, plastic water 2 qt.	267	ea		
CANTEEN, plastic	6	ea		
COMPASS, magnetic lensatic	6	ea		
CARRIER, personnel, M1 13A1	1	ea		
COVER, canteen aluminum	111	ea		
DRAWERS, men cotton OG109	40	ea		
FORK, field mess	70	ea		
GENERATOR SET, 3KW	1	ea		
GLASSES, sun protection	10	ea		
GLOVES, leather, work type	50	ea		
HAMMOCK, jungle	105	ea		
HANDKERCHIEF, cotton	60	ea		
HEADNET, mosquito	70	ea		
HELMET, steel	95	ea		
KNIFE, field mess	105	ea		
LAUNCHER, grenade	3	ea		
LINER, helmet, soldiers	95	ea		
LINER, poncho, nylon	122	ea		
MACHINE GUN, 7.62mm M-60	11	ea		
MACHETE, w/o sheath	8	ea		
MASK, protective, field M-17	264	ea		
MATTRESS, pneumatic	105	ea		
PACK, combat field	105	ea		
PAN, mess kit CRS	105	ea		
PISTOL, .45 Cal	14	ea		
PONCHO, nylon	119	ea		
POUCH, ammunition	281	ea		
PLOTTING BOARD, M-16	1	ea		
RADIO SET AN/PRR 9	14	ea		
RADIO SET AN/PRC 25	3	ea		
RADIO SET AN/GRC 106	1	ea		
RADIO, TRANSMITTING SET AN/PRT-4	9	ea		
RECEIVER, TRANSMITTER RADIO RT524	1	ea		
RIFLE, 5.6mm M-16E1	44	EA		
RIFLE, RECOILLESS 90mm M6F	3	ea		
RUCKSACK, nylon w/frame	107	ea		
SIGHT UNIT 60mm	2	ea		
SOCK, nylon w/olive green	109	200	ea	
SHOVEL, entrenching tool	105	ea		
SPOON, field mess CRS	70	ea		
SUB-MACHINE GUN CAR 15 5.556mm	2	ea		
SUSPENDERS, field pack	105	ea		
TANK, combat M48A3	4	ea		
TABLEWARE, OUTFIT field	1	ea		
TENT, shelter half	105	ea		
TOWEL, bath, olive green	200	ea		
TROUSERS, men's tropical	727	ea		
TRUCK, cargo ¾ ton	1	ea		
TRUCK, utility ¼ ton	1	ea		
TYPEWRITER, non-port, non-elect	1	ea		

UNDERSHIRT, cotton, olive green 109 250 ea

13. (C) Administrative Matters:

a. PX facilities were not available to the troops in the field on this operation. A mobile PX was considered but deemed not acceptable in that this would automatically result in the discontinuance of sundry packs. Any desired items not included in these packs could be purchased by designated unit individuals at Tay Ninh and sent out on resupply. This is preferable to the certain inequities that would occur if a mobile PX was available at the forward base camp.

b. There was considerable difficulty in the rapid distribution of mail in the early and intermediate stages of the operation. This was largely due to the irregular air service. A regularly scheduled cargo plane eliminated this problem.

c. Difficulties were also experienced in getting replacements, returning R&R personnel, etc. from Cu Chi to Tay Ninh and Katum. Again, this was largely due not only to irregular aerial service but also insufficient flights. Getting soldiers back to their units was always slow. The problem would have been at incalculable proportions if it were not for the frequent ground convoys.

d. Supply: All classes of supply were drawn from Tay Ninh LSA who operated a forward support area at Katum. Supply convoys were operated daily and controlled by DISCOM Forward. Water points were operated at Katum, Prek Kloc, and Bau CO by the 588th Engineers Bn. At Fire Support Base Knox all potable water was supplied by a water point operated by the 65th Engineers. Showers points at Katum were operated by Tay Ninh LSA and at Bau CO by 588th Engineers Bn. The greatest problem area of supply was ice, which seemed to be in limited supply at all forward camps.

(1) Class I:

"A" RATIONS	251,439	meals
"C" RATIONS	183,375	meals
LRRP RATIONS	680	meals
SUNDRY PACKS	1,079	ea

(2) Class II and IV: A total of 345 tons was used in support of the operation.

(3) Class III:

Mogas	46,490	gal
Diesel	73,800	gal
Lub oil OE-30	2,370	gal
Lub oil OE-10	1,159	gal
Lub oil OE-50	1,450	gal
Lub oil OE-90	325	gal
Grease AA	85	lb
Solvent	55	gal

Hydraulic fluid (brake)	84	gal
Hydraulic fluid (ramp)	87	gal
Aviation Gas	13,232	gal
JP-4	18,000	gal

(4) Class V:

Ctg, 5.56mm	41.3	tons
Ctg, 7.62mm	82.0	tons
Ctg, Cal .45	2.8	tons
Ctg, Cal .50	139.2	tons
Ctg, 40mm	16.9	tons
Ctg, 81mm	347.0	tons
Ctg, 90mm	808.4	tons
Ctg, 106mm	3.6	tons
Ctg, 60mm	210.0	tons
Ctg, 4.2" Mortar	279.5	tons
Hand Grenades	14.5	tons
Smoke Grenades	15.5	tons
Mine, claymore	5.7	tons
Miscel, (flares, demo, sig)	13.3	tons

e. Maintenance: Maintenance teams from the battalions were with their respective units. They were able to perform all 2nd echelon vehicular maintenance. The 725th Maintenance Battalion provided some maintenance facilities. No 3rd echelon maintenance was provided in the field. Problem areas for the 2/34 Armor were:

- (1) Procurement of tank engines
- (2) Availability of repair parts for M73 machine gun
- (3) Support maintenance for fire control instruments, artillery and small arms.

f. Treatment of casualties, evacuation, and hospitalization: Dust Off support was provided by Cu Chi and Tay Ninh MEDEVAC units. Battalion aid stations treated patients for minor ailments and "D" Co, 25th Medical Clearing Station located at Katum handled all cases beyond the capabilities of the battalion stations.

g. Transportation: Transportation was provided by organic vehicles, CH-47, C-130, C-123, UHID.

h. Communications: Communications were provided by brigade and battalion sections; this consisted of FM and RTT. UHF was provided by 125th Signal Battalion.

i. Medical Evaluation: Personal health was general good throughout the operation. One significant problem area was that of rat control. Control measures included:

- (1) Proper police of area, especially the mess area.

(2) Use of anti-coagulant poison.

(3) Use of traps and snares.

(4) Dapafane Malaria Prophylaxis was used in addition to the Chloroquins-Primacuïn tablets. No malaria was reported during the operation. Common complaints included colds, minor cuts and scratches and, at first, sunburn. Skin irritations were a persistent problem with most resulting from the heat. These were minimized by the daily use of showering facilities.

14. (C) Special Equipment and Techniques. None reported.

15. (C) Commander's Analysis:

a. All engineer projects assigned to the 1st Brigade were completed (USSF/CIDG camps at KATUM and THEIN NGON and improving the airstrip at KATUM to receive C-130 aircraft and constructing an airstrip at THEIN NGON to receive C-123 aircraft).

b. The roads were secured, cleared, and improved to support the Brigade operations within War Zone "C" and the Brigade located and destroyed many VC/NVA bases and forces. At about D+30, there was a substantial decrease in VC contact as the VC moved into the Saigon area for their TET offensive.

c. From 18 Jan 68 to 15 Feb 68, all contact with the VC was with very small units or scattered individuals. During this time, minor mortar attacks were the only VC offensive actions. Major contact was established on 15, 16, and 17 Feb 68 which suggested that some of the units which had moved to the Saigon area had returned. On 19 Feb 68, the 2-14 Inf located a VC company area which was suspected to have conducted the mortar attacks on the TAY NINH Base Camp.

d. Action continued throughout Operation YELLOWSTONE with sporadic contact almost daily.

e. The use of airmobile assets enabled the Brigade to assault a large portion of its TAOR. Without airmobile assets the Brigade was restricted to the immediate vicinity of its base camps. When restricted to assault entirely by ground movement, the effectiveness was minimal since the VC units began to move around the US installations and effective ground range.

f. Eagle flights were conducted infrequently because of the requirement to support US forces with artillery and the difficulty in moving and securing arty at temporary FSB's based on the dense jungles and lack of CH-47's to accomplish timely movements.

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SUBJECT: Combat Operations After Action Report

COMMANDING GENERAL
25TH INFANTRY DIVISION
ATTN: ACOFS G3
APO 96225

1. Name of Operation: Operation YELLOWSTONE
2. Dates of Operation: 8 Dec 67-18 Dec 67, 27 Dec 67-24 Feb 68.
3. Location: Northern War Zone "C".
4. Command Headquarters: 3rd Bde 25th Inf Div.
5. Commanders:

3rd Bde 25th Inf Div	COL Leonard Daems
2nd Bn, 12th Inf	LTC Raphael Tice (to 21 Feb 68)
2nd Bn, 22nd Inf (M)	LTC Awbrey G. Norris (to 21 Feb 68) LTC King J. Coffman (22 Feb to Pres)
3rd Bn, 22nd Inf	LTC Thomas U. Harrold (to 2 Feb 68) LTC Roy K. Flint (2 Feb 68 to present)
4th Bn, 9th Inf	LTC John M Henchan
TF 1-5 Inf (M)	LTC Henry B. Murphy Jr.
2-14th Inf	LTC Allen Bracy
3-11th Cav	LTC Neal Creighton
2-77th Arty	LTC William L. Albright (to 5 Feb 68) LTC Fred J. Merritt (5 Feb to present)

6. Task Organization:

2/12 Inf (-1 Co & Rcn Plt)	Bde Control
3 Tms 44th IPSD	1 Co 2/12 Inf (OPCON)

1 Plt D/65th Engr (DS)	Rcn Platoon 2/12 (OPCON)
	2/77TH Arty (DS)
2/12 Inf (M)	D/65th Engr (DS)
3 Tms 44th IPSD	A-C-D 3/13th Arty (GSR)
1 Plt D/65th Engr (DS)	Sig Spt Elm (SPT)
	3D Plt 25th MP Co
3/22 Inf (-1 Co)	DISCOM Fwd Commo Elm (SPT)
3 Tms 44th 1PDS	Fwd Spt Sec, S&T (SPT)
1 Plt D/65th (DS)	B/25th Med Bn (SPT)
	D/725th Maint Bn (SPT)
	Sec QM GRRFG Plt (SPT)

7. Supporting Forces

A. Artillery

1. During the period of Operation YELLOWSTONE, the 2/77 Arty was in direct support of the 3rd Bde and attached maneuver battalions. From 10 Dec 1967 until 15 Dec 67, A/6/77 Arty was attached to 2/77 Arty and in DS role to 3rd Bde elements. From 29 Dec 67 until 31 Jan 68, A/3/13 was attached and in a GSB role to 2/77 Arty.

2. Normal use of preplanned and on call fires were used extensively during the operation. During Search and Destroy missions by maneuver battalions, effective use was made of blocking fires along routes of march. One highly effective technique, particularly during the occupation of FSB BURT, was the employment of close-in H&I's. These were fired in great volume at BURT and were believed instrumental in the suppression of VC mortar attacks.

3. During the battle of SUOI CUT (1-2 Jan 68), artillery played a highly significant role. Direct fire was employed upon attacking VC forces in large volume. During the battle, approximately 60 rounds of beehive ammunition were fired and were believed instrumental in stopping the VC human wave assaults. During the attack, interdiction fires were fired on withdrawing enemy forces from FSB BEAUREGARD (vic XT381856).

4. Positions occupied:

	BTRY	COORD	DATES OCCUPIED	MEANS OCC
	A/2/77	XT 370 630	8-9 Dec 67	Convoy
	A/2/77	XT 395 700	9-15 Dec 67	CH-47
	A/2/77	XT 280 779	27-29 Dec 67	CH-47
	A/2/77	XT 499 806	29 Dec - 27 Jan	CH-47
	A/2/77	XT 492 475	27 Jan - 24 Feb	CH-47
	B/2/77	XT 370 630	8-9 Dec 67	Convoy
	B/2/77	XT 395 700	9-15 Dec 67	CH-
47	B/2/77	XT 280 778	27-28 Dec 67	Convoy
	B/2/77	XT 333 903	28 Dec - 11 Jan	Convoy
	B/2/77	XT 499 806	11-28 Jan 68	CH-47
	B/2/77	XT 492 475	31 Jan - 10 Feb	Convoy
	B/2/77	FSB SIBRON	28-31 Jan 68	Convoy
	C/2/77	XT 370 630	8-9 Dec 67	Convoy
	C/2/77	XT 280 778	27-29 Dec 67	Convoy

C/2/77	XT 499 806	29 Dec - 25 Jan	Convoy
A/3/13	XT 490 806	30 Dec - 28 Jan	Convoy
A/3/13	FSB BURT	28-31 Jan 68	Convoy
A/6/77	XT 395 700	10-15 Dec 67	CH-47

5. Statistical Data:

A. Total Rounds Expended:

2/77	A/3/13	A/6/77
35,622	9,504	1,190

B. Missions by Types:

(1)	H&I	15,324	3,152	421
(2)	SPT	721	160	7

6. USAF

(1) Extensive use was made of tactical air to include preplanned immediate and combat proof missions with normal air request channels being used for all missions flown.

(2) Statistical Data:

A. Missions

1	Preplanned missions requested	140
2	Preplanned missions flown	133
3	Preplanned sorties	315
4	Immediate missions requested	100
5	Immediate missions flown	100
6	Immediate sorties	205

B. Results of tactical air.

1	VC killed by air (body count)	14
2	VC killed by air (poss)	64
3	Military structures destroyed	18
4	Military structures damaged	6
5	Bunkers destroyed	75
6	Bunkers damaged	34
7	Bunkers uncovered	192
8	Trenches destroyed (in meters)	245
9	Trenches uncovered (in meters)	1200
10	Tunnel entrances exposed	5
11	Tunnels collapsed (in meters)	30
12	Foxholes destroyed	4
13	Secondary explosions	
	A. White smoke	7
	B. Black smoke	1
	C. Gray smoke	4

C. Army Aviation:

(1) The brigade conducted numerous airmobile operations during Operation YELLOWSTONE by the 269th combat aviation battalion. Working with the same helicopter companies is highly desirable as coordination is greatly simplified. In addition, quick reaction insertions and extractions can be accomplished with minimum loss of time.

(2) The brigade aviation section flew a total of 825 hours and 1734 sorties in support of the operation. A total of 1626 passengers were transported during this period.

(3) The largest single event during Operation YELLOWSTONE in which Army Aviation was involved was the battle of SOUI CUT on 1-2 January, 1968. The Spartans from the 145th Combat Aviation Battalion arrived at 0330 hours with Class IV emergency resupply. They were joined by the Little Bears of the 188th AHC. Some of ammunition had been exhausted and others were critically low. While the battle raged around them and while drawing intense hostile fire, on each approach, the slicks continued to bring in ammunition, without which Fire Support Base BURT could not have been successfully defended.

(4) Fire Support Base BURT was located in the northeastern portion of War Zone C (XT500805). The ground was dry and had been ground into a fine powder, Due to the number of units occupying the area, air traffic was heavy and dust caused by the down wash of the rotors was a continuous problem. This problem was partially alleviated by the establishment of two helipads, one for CH47 resupply aircraft and the other for command and control of OH23's and UH1's. One pad would not suffice due to congestion and CH47 rotor wash. These pads were covered with Peneprene using a 600 gallon spreader daily. Air traffic control was achieved by utilizing pathfinders from the 25th Aviation Battalion. A direct line link was established between the pathfinder and the artillery FDC to coordinate check fires for arriving and departing aircraft. To avoid constant check fires, an air corridor was established through which all aircraft arrived and departed. Depending on the tactical situation, this corridor was often changed to meet requirements.

(5) Gunship support for the battle of SOUI CUT was provided by C Troop 3/17 Cavalry, 187th and 188th AHC's and Company B, 25th Aviation Battalion. These aircraft were effectively employed to assist in blunting the two regiment attack.

8. (C) Intelligence:

A. Intelligence concerning the Brigade AO was obtained from 25th Inf Div S-2, and through Liaison with advisory teams.

B. The AO extended from War Zone "C" to the vicinity of Saigon. Terrain varied from dense double canopy jungle to rice paddies and swampy lowland areas.

C. The following enemy initiated actions occurred:

(1)	Sniper fire	41
(2)	Mortar fire	57
(3)	Mines	27
(4)	Booby traps	10
(5)	Engagements	60
(6)	Fire against aircraft	14

D. The following major incidents occurred:

(1) 131445H December 67: B/3/22 Inf destroyed 6000 potato masher grenades and 9000 baseball grenades at XT429737. These grenades were protected by Cosmoline and stored in 55 gallon drums, which were buried in the ground.

(2) 012300H January 68: FSB BURT (XT500805) received a ground attack from an estimated VC regiment. The attack lasted from approximately 2300 to 0400, during which time the 3rd Brigade killed 355 VC, apprehended 500 PW's, and captured 75 AK-47's, 16 RPG-27's, 12 RPG-7's, 11 LMG's and 1 pistol. US losses were 19 killed and 111 wounded.

(3) 050902H January 68: B/4/9 Inf encountered heavy resistance on a landing zone at XT5 3093. In the ensuing engagement, 3rd Bde killed 65 VC (BC) and 200 VC (POSS), while losing 7 killed and 16 wounded.

(4) 0914301H January 68: B/3/22 discovered an arms cache at XT482792. They evacuated and destroyed a total of 11,650 rds of 7.62mm ammunition, 14,000 blasting caps and 66 cases of demolition.

(5) 300630H January 68: The 3rd Brigade base camp at Camp Ranier (XT495473) received 8X107mm rockets; 107 (illegible) rockets were received again on 31 January. This marked one of the first appearances of this Chinese Communist weapon in Vietnam.

E. Major VC personnel and equipment losses are listed in Para 12.

9. Mission: 3rd Bde 25th Infantry Division moves to northern War Zone "C" and conducts offensive operations to destroy VC/NVA forces and installations, opens land lines of communications for friendly forces, and interdicts VC/NVA lines of communications.

10. Concept of Operation:

A. Maneuver: See OPORD 40-67 Para 3.

B. Fires: Maximum use was made of tac air and artillery throughout the operation.

C. References:

- (1) OPORD 37-67 HQ 3rd Bde 25th Inf Div dtd 3 Dec 67 w/ch 1.
- (2) FRAGO 1 to OPORD 37-67 dtd 11 Dec 67.
- (3) FRAGO 2 to OPORD 37-67 dtd 11 Dec 67.
- (4) OPORD 40-67 HQ 33rd Bde 25th Inf Div dtd 26 Dec 67 with changes 1 & 2.
- (5) FRAGO 1-67 to OPORD 40-67 dtd 27 Dec 67.
- (6) FRAGO 2-67 to OPORD 40-67 dtd 13 Jan 68.
- (7) FRAGO 3-67 to OPORD 40-67 dtd 19 Jan 68.

11. Execution:

A. Chronological Summary:

- (1) 8 DEC 67:

3rd Bde: Concluded Operation DIAMONDHEAD. Initiated Operation YELLOWSTONE. At 072221 hrs, DAU TIENG base camp received one rd S/A harassing fire. Fire was not returned as source of fire was undetermined. Results included no US casualties.

(B) 2-12 Inf: Remained DAU TIENG as Bde RRF. Prepared for future operations.

(C) TF 2-22: Conducted S&D operations to vic XT424664. At 1055 hrs, an APC hit a mine at XT416633 resulting in neg US casualties and moderate damage to the APC.

(D) 3-22 Inf: Co A conducted S&D operations in the Michelin to vic XT509497 and established a company size ambush. Bn (-) remained DAU TIENG as division reserve.

(E) TF Romeo: Detached from TF 2-22 effective 080700 hrs. Secured bridge site vic XT390628. Continued security of FSBPB GRANT vic XT382625.

(F) 3-49 ARVN: Arrived DAU TIENG. Prepared for future operations.

- (2) 9 DEC 67:

(A) 2-12 Inf: Conducted CA and secured southern portion of FSPB HOOD vic XT389702. Co C(-) remained DAU TIENG as Bde RRF.

(B) TF 2-22 Inf: Conducted S&D operations in AO OTTER. Co A & C/2-34 Armor conducted operations to vic XT419707. Co. B, C, & CP conducted operations to vic XT410717.

(C) 2-22 Inf: Co A conducted S&D operation in the Michelin, closing DAU TIENG at 1300 hrs. Bn (-) remained in DAU TIENG and prepared for future operations.

(D) TF Romeo: Continued security of FSPB GRANT (XT382625). OPCON to 3-13 Arty.

(E) 3-49 ARVN: Conducted CA and secured northern portion of FSPB HOOD (XT3489702).

(3) 10 DEC 67:

(a) 2-12 Inf: At 091835 hrs, Co C was airlifted from DAU TIENG to FSPB GRANT (XT382625) for security; was returned to DAU TIENG at 100930 hrs by CH-47. Co C conducted sweep operations vic XT502465 to verify a report of 10 armed VC in the area. 1 Plt Co C remains OPCON TF Romeo. Co C (-) remained as Bde RRF. BN (-) conducted CA at 1300 hrs vic XT442686.

(B) TF 2-22: Conducted S&D operations to FSPB HOOD (XT389702). Relieved 2-12 Inf and 3-49 ARVN of security missions.

(C) 3-22 Inf: Conducted CA at 1000 hrs vic XT442686. Conducted S&D operations vic XT376718.

(D) TF Romeo: Continued security of FSPB GRANT (XT382685). Remained OPCON 3-13 Arty.

(E) 3-49 ARVN: At 091928 hrs engaged unk number of VC with S/A vic XT389702. VC did not return fire.

(4) 11 DEC 68:

(A) 2-12 Inf: At 102150 hrs, DAU TIENG ambush patrol vic XT509465 was sprung in reaction to movement around location with negative US casualties and unknown VC results. 1 Platoon Co C remained OPCON TF Romeo. Co C (-) remained at DAU TIENG as Bde reaction force. Bn (-) conducted S&D operations to vic XT461696.

(B) TF 2-22: Continued security of FSPB HOOD (XT389702). Conducted S&D operations vic FSPB HOOD.

(C) 3-22 Inf: Conducted S&D operations to vic XT415720.

(D) TF Romeo: Continued security of FSPB GRANT (XT382625). Remained OPCON 3-13 Arty.

(E) 3-49 ARVN: Conducted S&D operations to vic XT438688.

(5) 12 DEC 67:

(A) 2-12 Inf: Bn (-) conducted S&D operations from XT462696 to XT457679, XT470684, and XT476693 then return. Negative contact. Co C (-) remained DAU TIENG as Bde RRF.

(B) TF 2-22: TF (-) continued to secure FSB HOOD and conduct local S&D operations. Co B conducted S&D operations to XT3987533 and return. C/2-34 Armor moved to SOUI DA and became IOCIB 1st Bde, 25th Inf Div. At 1230 hrs, the lead tank of C/2-34 Armor detonated a booby trap, causing 4 WIA among D/6t Engr troops with them.

(C) 3-22 Inf: Bn (-) conducted S&D operations to XT434729. Negative contact. Co C continued OPCON 1-5 Inf (M).

(D) TF Romeo: Continued security of FSPB GRANT and the bridge site to the NE.

(E) 3-49 Inf (ARVN): Conducted S&D operations from St440683, XT436671, XT449671, and XT446690 and return. Negative contact.

(6) 13 DEC 67:

(A) 2-12 Inf: Bn (-) conducted local S&D operations vic XT463696 and conducted Eagle flights to XT333775, XT376757, XT375769, and XT377795. Co C (-) remained DAU TIENG as Bde RRF. At 121944 hrs Dec 67, the D Co Ambush Patrol vic XT467702 observed 3 VC digging in north of their ambush site. Artillery fire was called in and resulted in 3 VC KIA (POSS). A sweep of the area in the morning resulted in two bicycles, which were destroyed. At 1640 hrs, Recon Plt received two bursts of AK-47 fire vic XT374789 w/o casualties. Gunships and artillery were employed w/unknown results.

(B) 2-22 Inf (M): Bn (-) continued to secure FSPB HOOD. Companies B and C conducted S&D operations to XT383732 and XT400715 respectively then returned to FSB HOOD. Recon Plt continued as TF Romeo.

(C) 3-22 Inf: Bn (-) conducted S&D operations to XT4818749. Co C remained OPCON 2-5 Inf (M). At 1400 hrs, both B and D companies received ineffective sniper fire vic XT432727 and XT428734 respectively. Artillery and SA fires were employed with unknown results. At 1445H, 6 55 gal drums were located vic XT425737. The drums were found to contain 15,000 hand grenades of various types which were destroyed (except for type samples which were evacuated).

(D) TF Romeo: Continued to secure FSB GRANT.

(E) 3-49 Inf (ARVN): Conducted S&D operations to vic XT418679. Negative contact.

(7) 14 DEC 67:

(A) 2-12 Inf: Co A conducted a combat assault into an LZ vic Xt359798 at 0945 hrs without contact. At 1008 hrs, the Bn (-) was ordered to move to DAU TIENG. Negative contact except for the first lift of returning troops to DAU TIENG received SA fire from XT470465 w/o loss or damage.

(B) 2-22 Inf (M): Conducted S&D operations to XT384724 (neg contact). Continued to secure FSPB HOOD. Recon Plt continued as TF Romeo.

(C) 3-22 Inf: Bn (-) conducted S&D operations to XT436735 and returned to XT418749. At 1405 hrs, A Co had a claymore mine detonated against them vic XT420736 causing 2 KHA and 8 WHA. Co C continued OPCON 1-5 Inf (M).

(D) TF Romeo: Continued to secure FSB GRANT.

(E) 3-49 Inf (ARVN): Conducted S&D operations to XT385675. From 1340 to 1345 hrs, the Bn engaged an undetermined sized VC delaying force vic XT390674. The Bn maneuvered against the enemy and artillery was called and employed with unk results. At 1410 hrs and continuing until close of the period, the Bn moved in an area (XT3867) with a high rate of booby traps and a small population of snipers. Results included 1 KHA and 7 WHA (all ARVN). At the close of the period, the Bn was located at XT385675 and moving to a laager vic XT383672.

(8) 15 DEC 67:

(A) 2-12 Inf: Remained DAU TIENG as 25th Div RRF> conducted S&D operations with C&D companies in the Michelin Plantation (XT5148 to XT5149). Recon Plt conducted mounted S&D opns throughout Ben Cui Plantation (XT4544). At 1425 hrs, Co C detonated a booby trap vic XT5(illegible)488 causing 23 US WHA. Negative contact.

(B) 2-22 Inf (M): Continued to secure FSPB HOOD until relieved by 3-49 Inf (ARVN) at 1315 hrs. Began movement from the FSPB to DAI TIENG at that time. The Bn laagered at 1730 hrs vic XT442655. At approximately 120 hrs, a hand grenade explosion at the FSPB caused 2 DOW and 5 WHA. An investigation continues to determine the cause of the incident.

(C) 3-22 Inf: Bn (-) conducted a combat assault into a cold LZ vic XT532702 at 0825 hrs and conducted S&D operations to XT532702 at 0825 hrs and conducted S&D operations to XT370679. Co C continued OPCON 1-5 Inf (M).

(D) TF Romeo: Continued to secure FSPB GRANT. Neg contact.

(E) 3-49 Inf (ARVN): Conducted an airmobile move to FSPB HOOD from XT385675, closing at 1315 hrs and assuming security of the FSPB at that time.

(9) 16 DEC 67:

(A) 2-12 Inf: Remained DAU TIENG as Division RRF. Co A conducted a combat assault into a cold LZ vic XT455534 at 1400 hrs and moved to XT465525 by the close of the period.

(B) 2-22 Inf (M): Bn (-) moved from XT442655 to DAU TIENG, closing at 1532 hrs. Co's A & C closed TAY NINH at 1605 hrs. Recon Plt closed DAU TIENG at the close of the period.

(C) 3-22 Inf: Bn (-) conducted an airmobile move from XT532702 to DAU TIENG, closing at 1130 hrs. Co C remained OPCON 1-5 Inf (M). Negative contact.

(D) 3-49 Inf (ARVN): Secured FSPB HOOD until it closed at 1320 hrs. The Bn then conducted an airmobile movement to DAU TIENG, closing at 1538 hrs. Negative contact.

(10) 17 DEC 67

(A) 2-12 Inf: Continued as Division RRF in DAU TIENG. Co A conducted S&D operations from XT465525 to XT465500 where the company was extracted and returned to DAU TIENG, closing at 1504 hrs. At 0725 hrs, A Co engaged 2 VC vic XT463525. VC fled immediately and contact was not regained. At 1350 hrs, Companies B and C were Eagle flighted into an LZ vic XT519517 and conducted S&D operations w/o contact until 1627 hrs when extracted to DAU TIENG.

(B) 2-22 Inf (M): Bn (-) remained DAU TIENG and prepared for future operations. Companies A and C conducted convoy and route security operations in the TAY NINH-FRENCH FORT-SOUI DA complex and closed DAU TIENG at 1758 hrs. Scout platoon became attached 2-77 Arty for security of FSPB ALLEN. Negative contact.

(C) 3-22 Inf: Bn (-) remained DAU TIENG and prepared for future operations. Co C remained attached to 1-5 Inf (M). Co D and Recon Plt secured movement of 2-77 Arty to FSPB ALLEN, returning to DAU TIENG at 1560 hrs.

(D) 3-49 Inf (ARVN): Departed DAU TIENG for BAO DON at 0800 hrs, reverting to parent unit control.

(11) 18 DEC 67

(A) 2-12 Inf: Bn (-) conducted a combat assault into a cold LZ vic XT585419 at 0721 hrs. Co A (-) continued as DAU TIENG RRF. One platoon Co A continued OPCON 2-77 Arty for security of FSPB ALLEN. A Bn base camp was established vic XT570415 and interdiction operations initiated in assigned areas.

(B) 2-22 Inf (M): Conduct road movement from DAU TIENG to XT546393, departing at 0405 hrs and closing at 1108 hrs. At 0828 hrs vic XT527423, a command detonated 8" artillery round was fired causing 2 KHA and 3 WHA to the Bn sweeping team. At 1035 hrs, B Co observed 10-15 VC vic XT552396. Artillery was employed and B Co pursued w/o gaining contact. Negative US and unknown VC losses. At 1147 hrs, Co C engaged 2 VC vic XT546393. VC broke contact and fled SE. Unk VC results. Company patrol bases were established by Co A (XT527400), Co B (XT562389), and Co C (XT546393). The Bn CP located with Co B. From 1517 hrs to 1525 hrs, Co C engaged 3 VC vic XT548399 with S/A, A/W, and M79 fire. VC returned

fire with rifle grenades and AK-47's. Results included 1 VC KIA (BC) and 1 AK-47. There were no US losses.

(C) 3-22 Inf: Bn (-) conducted a combat assault into a cold LZ vic XT585419 at 0907 hrs. A Bn base camp was established XT587417 and interditory operations initiated.

(D) 3rd Bde terminated Operation YELLOWSTONE and initiated Operation CAMDEN at 180300 hrs Dec. 67.

(12) 3rd Bde terminated Operation CAMDEN and re-entered Operation YELLOWSTONE 270600 HRS Dec 67.

(A) 2-12 Inf: Remained DAU TIENG base camp and prepared for future operations.

(B) 2-22 Inf (M): Moved by motor march from vic THANH AN to DAU TIENG, closing 270048 Dec 67. Co A was reconning by fire vic XT519416 and fired into Co A 2-12 Inf 9OPCON 2-22 Inf), resulting in 8 US NBI. At 270830 Dec 67, departed DAU TIENG by motor march en route to XT285619. At 271200 Dec 67, Bn came under OPCON 1st Bde, 25th Inf Div.

(C) 3-22 Inf: Remained DAU TIENG base camp and prepared for future operations.

(13) 28 DEC 67

(A) 2-12 Inf: (Bn (-) moved by fixed wing to KATUM. Came under OPCON 1st Bde, 25th Inf Div 271200 Dec 67.

(B) 2-22 Inf (M): Returned from OPCON 1st Bde, 25th Inf Div 271634 Dec. 67.

(C) 3-22 Inf: Remained DAU TIENG base camp and prepared for future operations.

(D) 2-14 Inf: Became OPCON 3rd Bde 271634 Dec 67.

(14) 29 DEC 67

(A) 2-22 Inf (M): At 2160 hrs, Co B detected unknown number of VC vic XT580858. Engaged them with S/A and claymore, resulting in 2 VC KIA (BC) and one AK-47 CIA. No US losses.

(B) 3-22 Inf: Airmobile combat assault to vic FSPB BURT (XT500807). Neg contact.

(C) 2-14 Inf: (OPCON) continued to secure BO TUC.

(15) 30 DEC 67

(A) 2-22 Inf (M): Continue security of FSPB BURT & Bde fwd op vic XT500807 & secured bridge site vic XT462819 until extraction of bridge. At 1845 hrs, Co A received RPG fire vic XT499819 resulting in

(illegible) US WIA. At 1222 hrs, Co B received 1 RPG round vic XT478821 resulting in 1 US WIA.

(B) 3-22 Inf: Conducted sweeps & outposting operations along road from FSPB BURT (XT500807) to bridge site (XT462819). At 1953 hrs, Co A engaged 2 VC w/SA & M79 vic XT501798 resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC). At 0620 hrs, CP received 10 incoming 60mm rds vic XT500803. Neg casualties. At 0950H, Co A engaged 2 VC vic XT501798 resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC). At 1310H, Co A rec'd AK-47 fire vic XT478820 resulting in 1 US KIA & 2 US WIA. At 1515H, patrol from DAU TIENG base camp swept area of contact. At 1953H resulted in 1 VC KIA (POSS).

(C) 2-12 Inf: Bn (-) continued OPCON to 1st Bde. Co B continued as Bde RRF.

(D) 2-14 Inf: Released OPCON 1915H and reverted to 1st Bde.

(16) 31 DEC 67:

(A) 2-12 Inf: Bn (-) OPCON to 1st Bde. Co B continued as Bde RRF.

(B) 2-22 Inf (M): Continued security of FSPB BURT & Bde fwd CP. Co B secured bridge site vic XT462819 until 1018H when bridge was extracted. En route to FSPB BURT, Co B received 1 RPG round from vic XT478821 resulting in moderate damage to 1 APC & 1 US WIA.

(C) 3-22 Inf: Continued sweeps & outposting operations along road from FSPB BURT (XT500807) to bridge (XT462819). At 0600H, received approximately 10 rounds of 60mm mortar from the south. Rounds landed 75 meters short. Neg casualties. At 1305H, Co C received 3 RPG rounds & AW fire vic XT484820, resulting in (illegible) US KIA & 2 US WIA. Returned fire with SA. VC losses unknown.

(17) 1 JAN 68

(A) 3-22 Inf: Bn (-) continued to secure FSPB BURT & conducted security patrolling.

(B) 2-22 Inf: Bn (-) continued OPCON 1st Bde. Co B continued as Bde RRF.

(C) 2-22 Inf (M): Continued to secure FSPB BURT & conducted security patrolling. Delayed entry: 310344 Dec 67, Co C engaged 1 VC vic XT496806 resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC) & captured 1 AK-47. Delayed Entry: 311035 Dec 67, Co A found 1 22 cal pistol vic XT 500790. Delayed entry: 311518 Dec 67, Co A found 1 bike & 1 VC KIA (BC) vic XT502793.

(D) 1-5 Inf (M): Conducted security patrolling vic XT520522 & maintained defensive posture. 311820H, 1 ½ ton trailer hit mine resulting in moderate damage to trailer. Neg casualties.

(18) 2 JAN 68

(A) 2-12 Inf: Bn (-) continued OPCON 1st Bde. Co B remained Bde RRF.

(B) 2-22 Inf (M): Continued security of FSPB BURT & conducted security patrolling. At 2235 hrs, Co A LP engaged 1 VC between LP position and perimeter. Bn came under intense ground attack from est VC Regt, attack continued until 0515H 2 Jan 68. Sustained 5 US KHA and 41 US WHA.

(C) 3-22 Inf: Continued security of FSPB BURT & conducted security patrolling. At 1844 hrs, AP vic XT503807 engaged 1 VC squad resulting in 2 US KHA & 1 US WHA. At 2235H, Bn came under intense ground attack from est VC regt. Attack continued until 0515 2 Jan 68, sustaining 17 US KHA and 93 US WHA. OPCON 1st Bde 021745H.

(D) 1-5 Inf (M): Conducted security patrolling vic XT520522 & maintained defensive posture. Released OPCON 3rd Bde 020700 Jan 68.

(E) 4-9 Inf: OPCON 3rd Bde 020700 Jan 68.

(19) 3 JAN 68:

(A) 2-12 Inf: Bn (-) continued OPCON 1st Bde. Co B remained Bde RRF.

(B) 2-22 Inf (M): Continued security of FSPB BURT & conducted local security patrolling.

(C) 3-22 Inf: Continued OPCON 1st Bde.

(D) 4-9 Inf: Continued security of FSPB BURT & conducted local security patrolling.

(20) 4 JAN 68

(A) 2-12 Inf: Bn (-) continued OPCON 1st Bde. Co B remained Bde RRF.

(B) 2-22 Inf (M): Continued security of FSPB BURT & conducted local S&D operations.

(C) 3-22 Inf: Bn (-) continued OPCON 1st Bde. Co D remained attached 1-5 Inf (M).

(D) 4-9 Inf: Continued security of FSB BURT & conducted S&D operations.

(21) 5 JAN 68

(A) 2-12 Inf: Bn (-) continued OPCON 1st Bde. Co B relieved of Bde RRF and moved by fixed wing to join parent unit.

(B) 2-22 Inf (M): Continued security of FSB BURT (XT500807). Conducted local S&D operations. Neg contact.

(C) 3-22 Inf: Relieved from OPCON 1st Bde and returned to DAU TIENG base camp (XT492473) to act as Bde RRF.

(D) 4-9 Inf: At 0902 hrs, Co B conducted combat air assault into hot LZ. 2 helicopters were shot down. Results 1 US KHA. At approximately 1610 hrs, 1st Plt Co B was surrounded by unk number of VC vic XT533902. Air strikes have been called in in an attempt to extract the platoon. Re-enforcement not feasible due to limited space in LZ. Contact still in progress at end of reporting period.

(22) 6 JAN 68

(A) 2-12 Inf: OPCON 1st Bde.

(B) 2-22 Inf (M): Continued to secure FSB BURT (XT500807) and conducted local S&D operations.

(C) 3-22 Inf: Bn (-) continued as Bde RRF. Conducted local S&D operations. A&B Co conducted S&D operations in Michelin Plantation. Co C acted as Bde RRF and prepared for future operations. Co D continued OPCON 1-5 Inf (M).

(D) 4-9 Inf: Bn (-) continued security of FSB BURT. Recon Plt secured NUI BA DEN rocket crusher. At 0729H, Co D found 1 dead VC (BC), coordinates unk. At 0845H vic XT503800, Co D found 1 dead VC (BC). At 1320H, Co D received 2 RPG 11 rounds vic XT501790. Neg casualties.

(23) 7 JAN 68

(A) 2-12 Inf: Remained OPCON 1st Bde.

(B) 2-22 Inf (M): At 0428H vic XT498809, Recon Plt rec 1 grenade. Fire returned with M79's. Neg US cas. Unk VC results. At 0428H vic XT498809, Co B detected movement in trees. Engaged with M16's. VC casualties unk. At 0930H vic XT530820, Co B found 3 partially completed bunkers with overhead cover and 1 table. All destroyed in place. At 1620 H vic XT546853, Co B found platoon size base camp.

(C) 3-22 Inf: At 0720H, Co A&B moved by CH-47 to FSB BURT (XT500807). Co C remained at DAU TIENG as Bde RRF. Co D continued OPCON 1-5 Inf (M).

(D) 4-9 Inf: Bn (-) Recon Platoon continued to secure NUI BA DEN and rock crusher. At 0155H vic XT502804, Co D received 3 grenades. Returned fire with grenades. Neg US casualties. VC casualties unknown. At 0150H, Co D received unk number hand grenades. Returned fire with grenades. Sweep revealed 1 shirt with blood on it. At 1006H, coordinates unk, Co C found 1 VC KIA (BC). At 1430H, Co C vic XT5903791 found 2 bicycles and destroyed them.

(24) 8 JAN 68

(A) 2-12 Inf: Bn (-) continued OPCON 1st Bde. Recon Plt continued as Bde RRF.

(B) 2-22 Inf (M): Conducted S&D operations vic XT5485 & XT5289. At 0915H vic XT549865, Co B found several butterfly bombs and destroyed them in place. At 1410H, Co B received SA fire. Returned fire with LFT with unk results. At 0220H, CP received approx 50 rds 82mm mortar fire. Fire returned with 81mm mortars and Arty resulting in unk VC losses and 3 US WIA. At 1345H vic XT535483, Co C received SA & AW fire. Fire returned with SA & AW with unk results. At 1410H vic XT534483, Co C found 1000 lbs polished rice and 250 lbs unpolished rice.

(C) 3-22 Inf: Bn (-) conducted S&D operations vic FSB BURT (XT500807). Co C remained Bde RRF. Co D continued OPCON 1-5 Inf (M). At 0215H vic XT498803, received 1 mortar round. Neg Cas.

(D) 4-9 Inf: Bn (-) conducted local S&D operations vic FSB BURT. At 2321H vic XT501803, Co D detected movement to the front. Engaged movement with grenades, with unk res. At 2312H vic XT502802, Co D received 1 grenade. Neg cas. At 1008H vic XT514821, Co D received SA fire. Fire not returned. Neg cas. Recon Plt continued to secure NUI BA DEN rock crusher.

(E) 1-5 Inf (M): Became OPCON 3rd Bde 1100H.

(25) 9 JAN 68

(A) 2-12 Inf: Bn (-) OPCON 1st Inf Bde. Recon Plt continued as Bde RRF.

(B) 2-22 Inf (M): Continued S&D operations vic XT505895. At 2108H vic XT525803, Co A LP detected 1 VC with RPG launcher. Engaged with M-16 and 81mm mortar with unk results. At 0720H vic XT525892, Co A received 10 mortar rounds, taking no casualties. Co B swept the area with neg results. At 1049H vic XT504901, Co A found 1 RPG-2 launcher, 1 bag rice, bunker and assorted clothing. At 1103H vic XT504901, Co A found 75 60mm mortar rounds, 1 AK-47. At 1342H vic XT515907, Co A rec heavy SA & AW fire. Engaged with LFT, 4 US WIA dusted off. At 1355 H vic XT511906, Co A received SA and AW and RPG fire from est 30 VC. Engaged with SA & Arty, resulting in 10 VC KIA (BC).

(C) 3-22 Inf: Bn (-) continued to secure FSB BURT (XT500805) & conduct local S&D operations. Co C & D OPCON 1-5 Inf (M). At 1430H vic XT482792, Co B found 3 82mm mortar rounds, 136 60mm mortar rds, 38 cases of demolitions, 22 cases C-4, 4 cases of 7.62mm rounds and 7 cases of AK-47 rds.

(D) 4-9 Inf: Bn (-) continued to secure FSB BURT (XT500805) & conduct S& D operations. Recon continued to secure MUI BA DEN rock crusher. At 0839H vic XT503783, Co C found 14 bunkers with overhead cover. At 0830H vic XT498790, Co D found one ½ ton trailer. At 1015H vic XT498790, Co C called in air strike on VC base camp. At 1455H, Co A found VC base camp with 3 bunkers, 3 anti-aircraft positions and spider holes.

(E) 3-11 Cav: Became OPCON 1210H for S & D operations. At 1218H vic XT523924, Trp M rec SA fire resulting in 3 US WIA. At 1540H vic XT522920 Trp M destroyed 15 VC bicycles.

(26) 10 JAN 68

(A) 2-12 Inf: BN (-) remained OPCON to 1st Bde. Recon Plt continued as Bde RRF.

(B) 2-22 Inf (M): Conducted S & D operations vic XT525893. At 0825H vic XT513903, Co A APC ran over mines. After passing, mine exploded resulting in 7 US WIA. At 0937H, Co A found small bunker & trench systems. At 1046H, Co A found 1 dead VC & documents (evac).

(C) 3-22 Inf: Continued to secure FSB BURT & conduct S & D operations. Co C&D continued OPCON to 1-5M. At 1653H vic XT500807, Co A suffered 3 US & 2 ARVN casualties resulting from fire caused by explosion.

(D) 4-9 Inf: Continued to secure FSB BURT & conduct S&D operations. Recon Plt continued to secure NUI PA DEN rock crusher. At 1922H, coordinates unk, Co A&D destroyed 2 bunkers. At 1250H, CP rec 16 60mm mortar rds. Neg cas.

(E) 3-11 Cav: Continued to conduct S&D operations vic XT490910. At 1630H vic XT513900, Trp L dest 2 military structures and cattle pen. At 1605H vic XT513900, Trp L rec 4-5 RPG rds. Returned fire with Aw with unk result.

(F) 1-5 Inf (M): conducted cordon & search operations vic XT520497. At 1145H XT510420, Co C sustained 3 WIA from booby trapped grenade. At 1444H vic XT520497, Co C searched hospital & store with neg results.

(27) 11 JAN 68

(A) 2-12 Inf (M): Continued S&D operations vic XT5391. At 1118H, Co B found 2300 lbs polished rice, 2 rifles (German) & 11 bikes. Vic XT531915. This believed to be a resupply depot. At 1220H, Co A found 9 hand grenades, 2 US protective masks, 2 60mm rds and 15 military structures. Vic XT531015. At 1302H, Co B vic XT535910 dest'd 5 bunks 6'X8' w/ohc and 14 bnks 12'X14' w/ohc & 3 RPG rds, 30 sticks dynamite, 3700 lbs pol rice, 2 cases 7.62 ammo, 6 gas masks. At 1400H, Co B had 1 NBI from falling tree vic XT530910. At 1400H, Co A had vic XT53590 found 9 fresh graves w/9 VC KIA (BC) & 2 bikes. At 1659H, Co A found vic XT535910, 9 bikes, 4000 lbs bagged rice, 1 case 7.62 ammo, 1 case TNT, 3 cases rifle grenades & 3 RPG rds.

(B) 2-12 Inf: (Bn (-) continued OPCON 1st Bde. Recon Plt remained as Bde CRIP.

(C) 3-22 Inf: Continued S&D operations vic XT500805 at FSB BURT & conducted limited S&D to vic XT4875. Co D&C remained OPCON to TF 1-5 (M).

(D) 4-9 Inf: Continued security of FSB BURT (XT500805) & conducted limited S&D to vic XT4982, At 2150H, Co C sprung ambush vic XT503795 in reaction to movement with unk results.

(E) 3-11 Cav: Continued screening operations to the west along Cambodian Border from vic XT5490 to vic XT5192. At 0951H, Trp M found gravel mines vic XT515925. At 112H, Trp M engaged 2 VC vic XT476915 with unk results. At 1120H, Trp M engaged 2 VC vic XT472918 with unk results. At 1200, Trp M rec'd unk no RPG rds from vic XT472916 resulting in 2 US WIA & 1 US KIA.

(F) 1-5 Inf (M): Continued daylight patrol operations in Michelen Plantation. At 0932H, Co D 3/22 destroyed 1 82mm rd vic XT512493. At 1043H, Co D 3/22 engaged 1 VC with unknown results vic XT534475. A sweep found 1 shortwave radio, 2 clips AK47 ammo, 1 map with posns plotted, 1 bike, and misc documents.

(28) 12 JAN 68

(A) 2-12 Inf: Bn (-) continued OPCON 1st Bde. Recon Plt remained Bde rear reaction force. At 1550H, vic XT503447, CRIP rec SA & AW fire. Returned fire with SA. Neg US cas. VC cas unk. At 1755H vic XT500477, 1 EM of CRIP was (illegible) & during rescue attempt was shot in the thigh (friendly).

(B) 2-22 Inf (M): Continued to S&D to vic XT5287. At 0300H, Co C received 5 RPG rds vic XT519891 resulting in 3 US WIA. At 0735H, Co C swept area from which received RPG rds from vic XT519891 resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 RPG-2, 2 RPG rds. At 1147H, Co A found base camp vic XT481798 containing 10-20 bunkers, 4 cooking hooches, and 100M trench system. At 1515H, Co A found base camp vic XT544874 containing 40 bunkers & 5000 lbs of polished rice.

(C) 3-22 Inf: Conducted S&D operations to vic XT4779 & XT4780. At 1145H, Co A found base camp vic XT476810 containing 190 bunkers, and misc blood soaked black pajamas. At 1320H, Co B found base camp vic XT481798 containing 10 bunkers, 10 military structures, assorted cooking utensils, misc medical supplies, 2 bicycles & misc documents. At 1350H, Co B made contact with est 2 VC snipers vic XT478798. Contact broken 1300H. Neg US cas, VC cas unk.

(D) 4-9 Inf: Conducted S&D oper vic XT5179 & XT5177. At 0920H, Co B found 7 shallow graves vic XT504780. Results 7 VC KIA (BC). At 1254H, Co A made contact with VC platoon vic XT508776 resulting in 3 VC KIA (BC) and 4 US WHA. Recon Plt cont'd to secure NUI BA DEN rock crusher.

(E) 3-11 ACR: Continued to sweep to the east to vic 5292. At 0915H, Trp M received 2 RPG rds vic XT520923 resulting in 2 US KHA & 4 US WHA. At 1445H, Trp M found base camp with bikes parts & misc Chinese

medicine vic XT521923. At 1552H, Trp 1 detonated mine vic XT524901 res in neg cas and heavy damage to vehicle. At 1707H, Trp L received 1 CHOI HANH vic XT545902.

(F) 1-5 Inf (M): Continued on Co size oper in the Michelin Plantation vic XT518518. Co C and # 3-22 Inf remained OPCON. At 0755H vic XT436448, Co A received 5 RPG-2 rds, AW and SA fire. Returned fire with SA, AW, 90mm and M-79 resulting in 1 US WHA, 1 tank and 2 APC's minor damage & unk VC casualties. At 1320H, Co C 1-5 and Co D 3-22 cordoned and searched AP 6 CHANH XT518518 with neg findings. At 1528H vic XT522518, Co C rec'd 5-6 rds 60mm mortar fire. Ret'd fire with mortars & LFT resulting in 1 US WHA & unk VC casualties. At 1759H vic XT512484, Co C dest 1 tilt road mine.

(29) 13 JAN 68

(A) 2-12 Inf: Continued OPCON 1ST Bde, Recon Plt cont as BDE CRIP.

(B) 2-22 Inf (M): Continued S&D operations vic XT5480 with neg contact.

(C) 3-22 Inf: continued S&D operations vic XT4778 with neg contact. Co C&D continued OPCON to 1-5 Inf (M).

(D) 3-11 Cav: Continued to screen Cambodian Border vic XT5889. At 1220H, Trp L APC detonated mine vic XT445855 res in 1 US WHA and moderate damage to vehicle.

(E) 1-5 Inf (M): Continued S&D oper in Michelin Plantation vic XT563446 & XT510485 with neg contact.

(F) 4-9 Inf: Continued S&D oper vic XT5177 with neg contact.

(30) 14 JAN 68

(A) 2-22 Inf: Continued S&D operations vic XT4676. At 2228H vic XT543808, Co C LD detected movement and engaged with claymores with unk results. At 2254H, Co C observed 3-5 VC with surveillance scopes 75 mtrs from perimeter & engaged with AW with unk results. At 1114H, Co B found 4 bicycles (evac).

(B) 2-12 Inf: continued OPCON 1st Bde. Recon Plt cont'd as Bde CRIP.

(C) 3-22 Inf: Continued S&D oper vic XT4680 with neg res. Co D & C remained OPCON to 1-5 (M).

(D) 4-9 Inf: Continued S&D oper vic XT5380 with neg contact. Recon Plt continued to secure NUI BA DEN rock crusher.

(E) 1-5 Inf (M): At 1406H vic XT545487, Co C received sporadic AW fire. Ret fire w/Arty w/unk results.

(F) 3-11 Cav: Released OPCON 1825H.

(31) 15 JAN 68

(A) 2-12 Inf: Continued OPCON 1st Bde. Recon Plt cont'd as Bde CRIP.

(B) 2-22 Inf (M): Continued S&D operations vic XT5374. At 1409H vic XT523773, Co A captured 1 VC with RPG-2 and 1 RPG rd. Earlier at 1150H, Co C found 1 dead VC with AK47. At 1424H vic XT528772, Co A found 4 VC KIA & captured 1 VC, 1 med bag, 3 AK47's & 1 bag of documents. At 1725H vic XT528772, Co A found 20 60mm mortar rds.

(C) 3-22 Inf: continued S&D operations vic XT4977. At 1210H, Co B engaged 1 sniper with SA with unk res. At 1240H vic XT488787, Co B received fire from claymore. Ret fire with SA with unk res. At 1329H vic XT488787, Co B rec fire from VC force of unk size. Ret fire with SA AW Arty, LFT & air strike res in 4 US KHA & 24 US WHA & unk VC casualties. At 1535 H, Co B detonated booby trp res in 6 US WHA. Co C&D cont'd OPCON to 1-5 (M).

(D) 4-9 Inf: Continued S&D oper vic XT5378. Recon Plt cont'd to secure NUI BA DEN rock crusher. At 0846H vic XT508794, Co C found 52 1-man bunkers with commo wire. At 0850H vic XT519795, Co C found 3 .50 cal gun positions & 4 1-man firing positions.

(E) 1-5 Inf (M): Continued S&D operations vic XT5554, XT5649, & XT5550. With Co C&D, 3-22 Inf OPCON. At 0840H vic XT554537, Co C received 4 60mm mortar rds and AW fire. Fire ret with Arty res in 1 US KHA & unk VC cas. At 1040H vic XT519529 L FT rec'd fire from AW. Neg cas. At 1150H vic XT557537, LFT received AW fire, returned fire with Arty, resulting in 1 US WHA. VC ca sunk. At 1248H vic XT557551, C&C ship engaged 2 VC with Arty with unk results.

(31) 16 JAN 68

(A) 2-12 Inf: Returned OPCON 3rd Bde 1608H on Jan 68. Repositioned & improved fortifications within FSB BURT.

(B) 2-22 Inf (M): Conducted S&D operations vic XT498755, XT525774, XT498755 & XT517757. At 1148, Co A found vic XT530776 25 bikes with spare parts & tires, 4 RPG-7 rds, 11 RPG-2 rds, 150 60mm rds. At 1205H, Co C found vic XT523773 70 82mm rds, 150 60mm rds, 4000 cal 30 rds, 2000 cal 32 rds, 50 M79 rds, 7 BOX-T telephones, 1 TA-1 & 1 TA-3-12 telephones, 2 (illegible)-10 radios, 1 US M1 carbine, 3 cases pull cords for grenades, 16 electric blasting caps, 162 RPG-2 rds.

(C) 1-5 Inf (M): Conducted S&D ops along axis from XT524537 to XT521546, returning to base camp on axis from XT524537 to XT503490.

(D) 3-22 Inf: Conducted daylight ambush patrols vic XT491798, XT506796, XT510810 & XT499817.

(E) 4-9 Inf: Released OPCON 3rd Bde eff 160934H Jan 68.

(32) 17 JAN 68

(A) 2-12 Inf: Conducted Plt size sweep to vic XT5079. At 0915H, Co C vic XT506798 found 1 dead VC (BC). Also dest'd 3 mortar positions, 20 bunks, 50 82mm fuses.

(B) 2-22 Inf (M): Conducted S&D ops vic XT5274 & 5374. At 1015H, gunships supporting Bn engaged 5 VC vic XT528740 res in 1 VC KIA (BC). 1319H, Co A vic XT520742 found 20 bunks. At 1435H, Co C vic XT518734 rec'd AW fire, 1 RPG rd resulting in 6 US WHA. 1435H, Co B vic XT523742 rec'd 1 RPG rd res in 1 US WHA

(C) 3-22 Inf: Conducted daylight ambush patrols to vic XT4980, XT5081, XT5079, XT5080. Co C&D continued OPCON 1-5 Inf (M).

(D) 1-5 Inf (M): Co C est block vic XT5347. Co C&D 3-22 conducted airmobile combat assault vic XT559495, XT564493, XT564496. At 0829H, troops securing downed aircraft rec'd AW fire from vic XT573500. This occurred after, at 0820H a lift ship was downed by AW fire from vic XT569503 causing 1 US WHA. Airstrike called with unk results. At 1029H, Co C made contact with 3 VC res in 3 VC KIA (BC), 1 RPG-2 & 1 AK47, sustaining 11 US WHA. 1248H, 3-22 Inf Co D vic XT567495 apprehended 1 VC (suspect) wounded.

(33) 18 JAN 68

(A) 2-12 Inf: Cond S&D oper to vic XT525810. At 0945H, Co A dest 3 foxholes w/ohc vic XT515820. At 1320H, Co A suffered 1 NBI from leg cramps vic XT517820 (dusted off). At 1720H, Co A found 1 VC KIA (BC) in grave vic XT500810.

(B) 2-22 Inf (M): Conducted S&D oper to vic XT542743. XT525730, 0719H A swept the area of contact revealed 1 VC KIA (BC) 1AK47. At 0905H, Co B located and dest 30 bnks, 100 mtrs trench vic XT518741. At 1025H, Co A found 3 VC in graves (BC) vic XT524737. At 1025H, Co B rec'd AW fire from unk no VC vic XT513736. At 1053H, Co C dest'd 6 AA positions, 6 bunks, 20 1-man foxholes w/ohc vic XT538739. At 1105H, Co C dest'd 4 ox cards vic XT539737.

(C) (omitted)

(D) 3-22 Inf: Bn (-) cond S&D oper to vic XT475755. Co C cont'd OPCON 1-5 Inf (M). Co D airlifted to FSB BURT & ret to parent unit OPCON. Co C airlifted to DAU TIENG became OPCON 1-5 Inf (M). At 1238H, Co A dest'd 12 bnks & 2100 mtrs of trench vic XT467682. At 1300H, Co A engaged 1 VC vic XT478792 w/unk res. At 1335H, Co A, in area of airstrike, vic XT476703 sustained 4 US WHA from butterfly bombs (3 dusted off) & 1 60mm rd was dest'd.

(E) 1-5 Inf (M): Conducted airmobile CA to vic XT5348, XT5440, & XT5650.

(34) 19 JAN 68

(A) 2-12 Inf: conducted S&D ops to vic XT5181 & XT5182.

(B) 2-22 Inf (M): Conducted S&D ops to vic XT4973 & XT4974. At 1053H vic XT485755, Co C dest'd 4 bnks, 1 MG position, & 1 mortar position. At 1053H vic XT485755 Co C dest'd (illegible) AA posns.

(C) 3-22 Inf: Bn (-) conducted S&D ops to vic XT4973, XT4982. Co's B & C continued OPCON 1-5 inf (M). At 1343H vic XT486826, Co A came into contact with 1 VC res in 1 VC KIA (poss). At 1524H vic XT491824, Co C dest'd 10 bnks.

(D) 1-5 Inf (M): Conducted S&D operations to vic XT5148 & XT5045. At 1723H, element escorting convoy hit mine vic XT463458. Damaged tire on 105mm, also found 2 30lb mines.

(35) 20 JAN 68

(A) 2-12 Inf: Continued S&D ops to vic XT5178.

(B) 2-22 Inf (M): cont'd to S&D vic XT5071, XT4873, & XT5073. At 1445H vic XT487725, Co B came into contact with unk size VC force. Contact was broken at 1518H. Res in 1 US KHA, 5 US WHA & 2 APC's damaged. All organic weapons employed against VC & Arty and Tac Air. VC Results 2 VC KIA (BC).

(C) 3-22 Inf: Bn (-) cont'd to S&D in vic XT4782. Co's B & C remained OPCON to 105 Inf (M).

(D) 1-5 Inf (M): Conducted S&D ops to vic XT518486 & XT504453. At 0733H, 3-22 Inf Co C AP 46 returning to base camp, sighted 1 VC with 100 lb bag of rice, VC dropped rice and fled. Res in 1 100 lb bag of rice captured. At 1515H, Co C apprehended 1 21 yr old male detainee vic XT472463.

(36) 21 JAN 68

(A) 2-22 Inf: Bn (-) conducted S&D ops vic XT4669. Co C continued OPCON 3-22 Inf. At 1241H vic XT484727, Co C detonated mine resulting in 5 US WIA (no D/O) and moderate damage to APC's. At 0925H vic XT477709, Co B dest'd 1 ox cart & 2 L-shaped positions. At 1014H vic XT484735, Co C dest'd 5 bnks, 1 mil structure & evac 1000 lbs of rice. At 1241H vic XT497808, Co A detected movement & engaged with grenade with unk res. At 0815H vic XT488809, Co C 2-12 dest'd 8 bunkers & 1 foxhole.

(B) 2-12: Bn (-) conducted S&D operations vic XT5 380. Co C continued OPCON to 3-22 Inf. Recon Plt remained Bde CRIP. At 0925H vic XT524801, Co B dest'd 3 bnks. At 1517, Co A vic XT515804 found 17 bnks & 2 entrenching tools.

(C) 3-22 Inf: Conducted S&D ops vic XT4781 with Co C 2-12. Co B&C cont'd OPCON TF 1-5 Inf (M). At 2113H, Co A LP vic 497808 engaged 4-5 VC with claymore with unk res. At 2132H vic XT497808, Co A

engaged movement with grenade with unk res. At 0915H vic XT488809. Cp C 2-12 dest'd 8 bnks & 1 foxhole.

(D) TF 1-5 Inf (M): Conducted S&D ops vic XT5348, XT5446 & XT5245.

(37) 22 JAN 68

(A) 2-12 Inf: Bn (-) conducted S&D ops vic XT5079 & XT5081. Co C cont'd OPCON 3-22 Inf. Recon Plt cont'd as Bde CRIP. At 0814H vic XT508805, Co D destroyed 15 foxholes. At 0845H vic XT507804 Co D found 4 bnks. At 1310H vic XT502709, Co D found 1 VC KIA (BC) & 2 RPG rds.

(B) 2-22 Inf (M): Conducted S&D ops vic XT5377 & XT5275. At 030H vic XT495734, Co A LD heard explosions outside perimeter & engaged with counter mortar fire with unk results. At 1330H vic XT524776, Co B found 1 VC KIA (BC). At 1355H vic XT5277 Co C found 2 VC KIA (BC). At 1410H vic XT537776, Co A found 3 VC KIA (BC) & 6 rolls of commo wire, 3 Chicom telephones, 200 rds AK47 ammo, 7 bnks, 3 sets web gear, and 14 120mm rds. At 1316H vic XT(illegible) Co B APC detonated mine res in 3 US WHA (evac) and 1 APC damaged.

(C) 3-22 Inf: Bn (-) conducted platoon sized ambushes vic XT4881, XT4880 & XT4878 with Co C 2-12 Inf OPCON. Co B&C continued OPCON 1-5 Inf (M). At 0843H vic XT498798, Co D destroyed 4.2 mortar rounds (2). At 1010H vic XT493798, Co D dest'd 1 60mm mortar rd. At 1330H vic XT493793, Co D dest'd 15mm rd.

(D) TF 1-5 (M): Conducted cordon & search operations vic XT46449 & XT450450 with Co C & B 3-22 Inf OPCON. At 0525H vic XT450450, Co C apprehended 2 males and 1 female with 2 packs, 1 carbine & bicycles. At 0922H vic XT450455, Co C destroyed 1 tunnel. At 0950 vic XT464449, Co C 3-22 Inf apprehended 4 detainees.

(38) 23 JAN 68 (missing)

(39) 24 JAN 68 (missing)

(40) 25 JAN 68 (missing)

(41) 26 JAN 68 (missing)

(42) 27 JAN 68

(A) 2-12 Inf: Bn (-) conducted recon in force to vic XT5057, XT5150. Recon cont'd as Bde CRIP. Recon 3-22 (OPCON) cont'd as security for DAU TIENG-TAY NINH convoy.

(B) 2-22 Inf (M): conducted recon in force to vic XT515796, XT437820, XT502787. At 0907 hrs vic XT504800, Co B engaged 1 VC with SA & grenades with unk results. At 0945 hrs vic XT515796, co A rec'd SA fire. Ret fire with SA res in 1 VC KIA (BC) & 1 AK47 captured. At 1255H vic XT503802, Co B APC received AW fire & RPG rds from unk number of

VC. Ret fire with Aw with unk res. At 1357h vic XT495820, Co A received AW & RPG fire from unk number VC. Ret fire with AW & SA res in 1 US WIA (evac) & 1 VC KIA (BC) and 1 AK47 captured.

(C) 3-22 Inf: Bn (-) conducted operations under OPCON 2nd Bde. Recon cont'd OPCON 2-12 Inf for security of DAU TIENG-TAY NINH convoy.

(43) 28 JAN 68

(A) 2-12 Inf: Bn (-) conducted RIF to vic XT5346. Recon Plt cont'd as Bde CRIP. Recon Plt 3-22 Inf (OPCON) cont'd as sec for DAU TIENG - TAY NINH convoy. At 0810H vic XT519477, Co D dest'd 10 1-man foxholes. At 0915H, VBN C&C ship vic XT537484 rec'd hit from ground fire sustaining minor damage. Engaged with Arty with unk res.

(B) 2-22 Inf (M): Closed down FSB BURT at 1320H and conducted RIF to vic XT497734. At 1340 vic XT505795 Co C rec'd 1 60mm mortar rd res in neg casualties.

(C) 3-22 Inf: Bn (-) OPCON 2nd Bde. Recon OPCON 2-12 Inf.

(44) 29 JAN 68

(A) 2-22 Inf (M): Bn (-) (DAU TIENG) conducted RIF from vic XT495736 to vic XT482702. At 0240H vic XT495736, Co A detected movement & engaged with M-79 w/unk results.

(B) 2-12 Inf: Bn (-) (DAU TIENG) conducted airmobile assault to vic XT499577 LZ cold & RIF to vic XT519556. Recon cont'd as Bde CRIP. Recon 3-22 Inf (OPCON) cont'd to secure DAU TIENG - TAY NINH convoy. At 0929H vic XT460464, gunship supporting Bn sank 1 sampan.

(C) 3-22 Inf: Bn (-) OPCON 2nd Bde.

(D) (omitted)

(E) TF 1-5 Inf (M): (XT385626) became OPCON 0500H. Secure FSB VIC XT384626 & prepared to link up with 2-22 Inf (M). At 0925H vic XT364600, Co C apprehended 2 detainees.

(45) 30 JAN 68

(A) 2-12 Inf: Bn (-) conducted defensive patrolling vic XT515454 & XT502503. Recon cont'd as Bde CRIP. Recon 3-22 Inf cont'd as security for DAU TIENG - TAY NINH convoy.

(B) 2-22 Inf (M): (XT460496) provided security for engr work party at bridge site vic XT468702 & conducted defensive patrols (illegible) XT473713 & XT482702. At 0845H vic ST485709, Co B dest'd 4 bnks & 10 feet of trench. At 1130H vic XT498698, Co B found 30-40 bunkers & captured 21 RPG rds, 1 map & unk amount of documents. At 1430H vic XT460696 Btry A 3-13 Arty gun carrier detonated mine res in 6 US WIA

(evac) At 1536H vic XT460696, Co B APC detonated mine res in 3 US WIA (evac) and heavy damage to APC.

(C) 33-22 Inf: Bn (-) OPCON 2ND Bde. Recon Plt OPCON 2-12 Inf.

(D) TF 1-5 (M): (XT371630) provided logistical convoy security between TAY NINH & LOC NINH & conducted defensive patrolling vic XT391618, XT390628, & XT385635. At 0005H vic XT373610, Co D engaged unk number of VC with M79 with unk results. At 1015H vic (rest of line missing).

(47) 1 FEB 68

(A) 2-12 Inf: Bn (-) airlifted to CU CHI & became OPCON to 2nd Bde 1019H. Recon cont'd as Bde CRIP.

(B) 2-22 Inf (M): Closed DAU TIENG base camp 2220H and occupied positions to reinforce Bde perimeter.

(C) 3-22 Inf: Bn (-) OPCON 2nd Bde. Recon relieved OPCON 2-12 Inf and became OPCON 2-22 Inf (M).

(D) TF 1-5 (M): Released from OPCON 1925H.

(48) 2 FEB 68

(A) 2-12 Inf: Bn (-) OPCON 2nd Bde. Rec Plt continued as Bde CRIP.

(B) 2-22 Inf (M): Conducted RIF vic XT5148 & provided sec for DAU TIENG - TAY NINH convoy. At 0852H vic 415443, Recon Plt found culvert site blown. Used AVLB for crossing. At 1230 H vic XT494466, Sweep Team dest'd 1 81mm rd & 2 flares. At XT517496, Co A dest'd 6 spider holes. At 1600H vic XT501488, Co B detonated 1 mine res in 1 US KIA.

(C) 3-22 Inf: Bn (-) cont OPCON 2nd Bde. Recon cont OPCON 2-22 Inf (M).

(49) 3 FEB 68

(A) 2-12 Inf: Bn (-) OPCON 2nd Bde. Recon Plt cont CRIP Bde.

(B) 2-22 Inf (M): Conducted RIF vic XT5148 & XT5249. At 1131H vic XT533481, Co B had 1 NBI (evac) from accidental lodgement of EM's foot between APC and tree. At 1205H vic XT516416, Co B found mortar position & dest'd 1 82mm mortar rd. At 1248H, Co A destroyed 2 foxholes. At 1302H vic XT523476 & XT523478, Co A dest'd 1 bunker in each location. At 1513H vic XT566503, C&C ship supporting the Bn rec SA fire. Ret fire w/Arty resulting in 1 US WIA (not evac) and unk VC losses. At 1439H vic XT537485, Co A dest'd 1 75mm round.

(C) 3-22 Inf: Bn (-) OPCON 2nd Bde. Recon Plt cont as CRIP.

(50) 4 FEB 68

(A) 2-12 Inf: Bn (-) OPCON 2nd Bde.

(B) 2-22 Inf (M): Conducted RIF to vic XT5646, XT5747, & XT5650. At 1029H vic XT560496, Co B APC detonated a mine resulting in 2 US WIA (evac) and 1 APC destroyed. At 1120H vic XT562501, Co B dest'd 1 bnk. At 1130H vic XT568507, Co B rec AW fire. At XT522484, Co A dest'd AA position. At 1435H vic XT522484, Co A dest'd 1 bnk. At 1500H vic XT550475, Co A dest'd 1 bnk. At 1520H vic XT550475, Co A dest'd 1 bnk.

(C) 3-22 Inf: Bn (-) OPCON 2nd Bde.

(51) 5 FEB 68

(A) 2-12 Inf: Bn (-) cont'd OPCON 2ND Bde. Recon Plt cont'd as Bde CRIP.

(B) 2-22 Inf: Bn (-) conducted RIF in vic XT5448 & XT550, and cordon & searched AP 13 (illegible) vic XT5469. At 2105H vic ST546548, Co A LP engaged 3 VC with SA & AW. VC ret fire with SA res in 1 US WIA and unk VC cas. At 2230H vic XT546488, Co A rec'd SA fire and 1 RPC-2 rd. Ret fire with AW w/unk res and 1 US KIA & 8 US WIA (6 evac). At 0736H vic XT546492, Co A found 7 VC KIA (BC) and captured 2 RPG launchers, 2 RPG-11 rds, 1 grenade launcher, 2 wallets. At 1135H, Co's A & B FST cordon around AP 1 (illegible) (XT566485) & searched the village with neg res. At 1405H vic XT566584, Co B rec'd fire. Fire ret with SA, AW, & Arty with unk results.

(52) 6 FEB 57

(A) 2-22 Inf (M): Conducted RIF to vic XT5150, XT5040, XT5247, XT5447, & XT5248. At 1107H vic XT540504, Co A destroyed 1 81mm mortar round. At 1202H vic XT538488, Co B destroyed 1 bunker.

(53) 7 FEB 68

(A) 2-22 Inf (M): Bn conducted cordon & search vic XT462449 & RIF to vic XT4644. At 2345H vic XT504455, Recon Plt received SA fire. Fire returned with Arty & 81mm mortar with unk results. At 0105H vic XT483464, Co C APC received RPG fire resulting in 2 US WIA. At 1025H vic XT452450, Co B received command detonated mine resulting in 1 US WIA (evac) & APC lightly damaged. At 1330H vic XT462449, Co B apprehended 17 detainees. At 1513H vic XT471439, Co A destroyed 1 105mm round.

(54) 8 FEB 68

(A) 2-22 Inf (M): Conducted RIF to vic XT4742 & XT4746. Also secured DAU TIENG - TAY NINH convoy. At 0825H vic XT384428 an AVLB detonated a mine resulting in AVLB damaged. At 0958H vic XT496416, Co A captured 900 lbs rice. At 1033H vic XT497415, Co A captured 600 lbs salt. At 1106H vic XT497415, Co A captured 600 lbs rice. At 1336H vic XT485425, Co C destroyed 1 sampan. At 1125H vic XT488422, Co A found 1 VC KIA. At 1145H vic XT492424, Co C captured 1 5-gal can fish, 1 5-gal

can pickles & 200 lbs rice. At 1159H vic XT493410, Co A destroyed 8 bunkers, 1 foxhole & 1 well. At 1250H vic XT493406, Co a destroyed 20 foxholes. At same time vic XT495425, Co C destroyed 2 fishnets. At 1315H vic XT384428, Co B detonated fuze (mine did not detonate) resulting in 1 US WIA (not evac). At 1315H vic XT493407, Co A destroyed 50 foxholes, 1 kitchen & captured 200 lbs rice. At 1343 vic XT493407, Co A captured 7 RPG-2 rds, 7 AK47 magazines, & unk SA rds. At 1120H vic XT500418, Co C destroyed 5 bicycles, 1 bunker, 10 oxcarts.

(55) 9 FEB 68

(A) 2-22 Inf (M): Conducted RIF to vic Xt4346 & XT4548. At 0814H vic XT436449, OPCON Plt destroyed 1 pressure type mine. At 1605H vic XT437449, Co B APC detonated a mine resulting in 1 US WIA (evac) & 1 APC moderately damaged.

(56) 10 FEB 68

(A) 2-22 Inf (M): Conducted RIF to vic XT5145. At 0928H vic XT500452, Co C found numerous foxholes. At 1500H, Co A became OPCON 2-14 Inf, and Co A 2-14 Inf became OPCON 2-22 Inf (M).

(57) 11 FEB 68

(A) 2-22 Inf (M): Bn (-) conducted cordon & search vic XT5044. Co A 2-14 (OPCON) was Bde RRF. At 1114H vic XT507442, Co B engaged 3 VC with SA & 81mm mortar with unk results. At 2122H vic XT505443, an OH-23 in support of the Bn received AW fire taking 2 hits, resulting in OH-23 lightly damaged.

(58) 12 FEB 68

(A) 2-22 Inf (M): Bn (-) conducted cordon & search vic XT504472 with Co A 2-14 Inf OPCON. Co A continued OPCON 2-14 Inf. At 0702 vic XT524480, Bn laager site received approx 20 rds 82mm mortar fire. Fire returned with Arty resulting in 1 US WIA (evac) and unk VC losses. At 1528H vic XT524478, Co C engaged 3 VC with SA & 3 AP mines. At 0728 vic XT525478, Co C engaged 3 VC with SA & 81mm mortar fire with unk results. At 1551H vic XT514489, Co D destroyed 1 bunker. At 1621H vic XT510489, Co D detonated 1 booby trap resulting in 2 US WIA (evac). Also destroyed 3 booby traps and 1 105mm rd.

(59) 13 FEB 68

(A) 2-22 Inf (M): Bn (-) conducted RIF in AO Samson and Delilah with Co A 2-14 Inf OPCON. Co A 2-22 Inf remains OPCON 2-12 Inf. Recon continued to secure DAU TIENG-TAY NINH convoy. At 1850H vic XT515484 Bn laager received approx 20 rds 82mm mortar fire. Fire returned with Arty with unk results. At 0855H vic XT413332, Recon Plt received command detonated mine and SA & RPG fire. Returned with Arty with SA & AW also and Tac Air resulting in 9 US WIA (evac) & 2 APC's damaged, and 4 VC KIA (BC), & 1 RPG-2, 1 RPG-7, 1 rifle, 3 AK47's captured. At (illegible)H vic XT415445, Co C received 1 RPG round. Fire returned with AW & SA resulting in 1 US WIA (evac) & unk VC losses.

(60) 14 FEB 68

(A) 2-22 Inf (M): Conducted sweeps along DAU TIENG-TAY NINH MSR from base camp to vic XT4142 with Co A 2-14 Inf OPCON. Co A continued OPCON 2-14 Inf. At 1345H vic XT462449, Co C captured 100 lbs of SA ammo. At 1445H vic XT(illegible), Co C captured 150 rds of .50 cal ammo.

(61) 15 FEB 68

(A) 2-22 Inf (M): Conducted sweeps of DAU TIENG-TAY NINH MSR to vic XT415413 & XT338458 & RIF to vic XT4744 & XT4646 with Co A 2-14 Inf OPCON. Co A continued OPCON 2-14 Inf. At 1950H vic XT502459 Co C received sniper fire. Returned fire with SA with unk results. At 1355H vic XT4555, Co B apprehended 1 detainee.

(62) 16 FEB 68

(A) 2-22 (INF (M): Co B conducted cordon & search of village vic XT4545. Co C conducted RIF to vic XT3346. Co A continued OPCON 2-14 Inf. Co A 2-14 continued OPCON 2-22 Inf (M) and provide Bde RRF. At 0950H vic XT414443, Recon Plt received SA fire, no casualties. At 1035H vic XT450450, Co B apprehended 5 detainees, also captured 5 lbs medical supplies, 1 set of fatigues & received 1 returnee. At 1138H vic XT414443, Co C engaged 1 VC with SA & Arty with unk results. At 1155H vic XT404437, Recon Plt destroyed 1 mine and 1 pressure type mine. At 1215H vic XT3041, Recon Plt received SA fire. Fire returned with SA & AW with unk results. At 1215H vic XT399437, Engineer crane detonated mine resulting in 1 crane moderately damaged. At 1525H vic XT346449, Recon Plt destroyed 1 pressure type mine.

(63) 17 FEB 68

(A) 2-22 Inf (M): Conducted RIF to vic XT430449 to XT400439 and secured DAU TIENG-TAY NINH convoy, secured culvert at CP C, secured bridge over Saigon River on MSP and reinforced district. Co A 2-14 Inf released OPCON at 1400H and moved to TAY NINH. At 1145H vic XT3288468 Scout Plt destroyed 3 AT mines.

(64) 18 FEB 68

(A) 2-22 Inf (M): Conducted road convoy security and escort from TAY NINH to DAU TIENG.

(65) 19 FEB 68

(A) 2-22 Inf (M): Conducted RIF along the road from DAU TIENG to vic XT475484 and secured DAU TIENG-TAY NINH convoy. At 0935H vic XT370242 Scout Plt detonated a booby trap resulting in 3 US WIA. At 1135H vic XT374448 Bn dest 1 AT mine.

(66) 20 FEB 68

(A) 2-22 Inf (M): Conducted convoy security and escort from TAY NINH to DAU TIENG.

(67) 21 FEB 68

(A) 2-22 Inf (M): A Company OPCON 1ST Bde. B&C Co's conducted RIF missions in Michelin Plantation. B Co conducted RIF out to vic XT533463 to XT545495 then to base camp. Recon continued as Bde RRF, security of bridge & District.

(68) 22 FEB 68

(A) 2-22 Inf (M): Conducted road security and convoy escort between DAU TIENG and TAY NINH. At 0952H vic XT352442, a Scout Plt APC detonated an AT mine resulting in 3 US WIA (evac) and 1 APC destroyed.

(69) 23 FEB 68

(A) 2-22 Inf (M): Conducted RIF vic XT713931.

(70) 24 FEB 68

(A) 2-22 Inf (M): Conducted RIF and convoy security on MSR from TAY NINH to DAU TIENG.

(B) GENERAL: 3rd Bde terminated Operation YELLOWSTONE at 241800H.

12. Results:

(A) US Losses:

(1) Personnel: 37 KIA, 358 WIA, 4 DOW, 6 NBI

(B) Enemy Losses:

(1) Personnel: 1087 KIA (BC); 337 KIA (Poss); 21 PW, 2 CHIEU
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(2) Equipment Captured and Evacuated

WEAPONS		AMMUNITION	
47	AK	119	Small
arms	23830	rds	
	AK50		9
82mm Mortar	100	rds	
	M79		3
60mm Mortar	179	rds	
	M16		5
RPG-2 boosters	111		
	(illegible)		11
120mm Rocket	14	rds	

		Cal .50					
MG		2				57mm	
RR	13	rds					
		12.7mm MG	2				75mm
RR	38	rds					
		M60		3			
	RPG-2	30	rds				
		RPG-					
2		31				RPG-	
7	95	rds					
		RPG-					
7		16				RPG-7	
boosters		12	rds				
		57mm					
RR		1				12.7mm	
MG	75	rds					
		60mm Mortar	3				

COMMUNICATIONS

FOOD

Phones	8	Chicom Field		Rice	24	tons	
		Chicom AM Radio		1			
		Chicom Transmitter		1			
		Chicom SW Receiver	4	PRC-10	1		MISCELLANEOUS
		TR-					
25	1					Bicycles	2
3							
		TA-					
312	1					Documents	6
8							
		TA-1	1				

(3) Enemy Equipment Destroyed

WEAPONS

AM

MUNITION

		RPG-					
7	2					Small	
Arms		19,300	rds				
		AK-					
47	2					Grenades	
		15,500					
		RPG-					
2	1					Blasting	
caps		14,000					
		AK-					
50	2					.50	
Cal		8,800	rds				
		RPG-					
2						345	rds

FOOD

		60MM Mortar	355	rds			
		Soybeans		1200	lbs		57mm
RR	120	rds					

	Peanuts	300	lbs	82mm
Mortar	90	rds		
	Grain	500	lbs	M
ines	51			
	Rice	12	tons	B
ooby Traps	9			
	RPG-7	45	rds	
	MISCELLANEOUS			Demolition
66				
	Bicycles	123		
	6 H.P. Generator		1	

13. Administrative Matters

A. Personnel and Administration: During the operations the Brigade S-1 Section operated from DAU TIENG with reports being forwarded to and from the forward location.

B. Supply: Oper YELLOWSTONE was supported from DAU TIENG. All supplies were delivered by helicopter with no difficulties encountered.

C. Maintenance: Maintenance & Support services were adequate throughout the operation.

D. Status of each supply: All classes of supply were adequate throughout the operation.

E. Patient care and evacuation: Helicopters continued to be the primary means of evacuation of wounded personnel. Co B 25th Medical Battalion operated out of DAU TIENG.

14. Special Equipment and Techniques: None

15. Recommendations: None.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

/S/ Charles W. Clark
 CHARLES W. CLARK
 CAPTAIN, INFANTRY
 ADJUTANT

DISTRIBUTION:

5-CG; 25th Inf Div
 25-CO, 18th Mil Hist Det
 1-S1
 1-S2
 3-S3
 1-S4
 1-S5
 2-2/12 Inf
 2-2/22 Inf (M)
 2-3/22 Inf

2-2/77 Arty