

Brigade Summaries May 68 to July 1970

5 May 68

In light action Sunday, the 199th Redcatchers found two NVA bodies, destroyed two enemy sampans and seven bunkers and captured two automatic weapons.

"C" company, 2d battalion, 3d Infantry, found two NVA bodies killed by Redcatcher counter-mortar fire Saturday night following an enemy mortar attack. They also discovered and destroyed two enemy sampans and captured two AK47's, along with web gear and one .38 caliber pistol.

"B" Company of the "Old Guard," destroyed seven bunkers, two punji pits and one Chicom grenade late Saturday. "A" Company found one US .45 caliber submachine gun with four magazines and destroyed one 105mm booby trap.

Early Sunday morning, a battalion base camp of the 199th was mortared and rocketed with 10 - 15 rounds of 82mm mortar and 10 rounds of 122mm rockets, about 20 miles northeast of Saigon, resulting in three US troops slightly wounded. No dustoff was required.

6 May 68

Reconnaissance elements of the 199th killed 44 NVA soldiers in a series of sharp clashes west of Saigon on Monday. The US units suffered light casualties.

Other elements of the Redcatcher brigade discovered new enemy fortifications and equipment during reconnaissance-in-force operations south and southwest of Saigon, in areas of previous contacts.

"D" Company, 4th Battalion, 12th Infantry "Warriors," commanded by CPT James F. Dabney of Juneau, Alaska, encountered two NVA soldiers in flat terrain near their base camp just west of Saigon shortly after daybreak quickly killing one and detaining the other, capturing his AK-47 rifle.

Moments later, the Delta Warriors working with "C" Company, commanded by CPT Robert Tonsetic, Pittsburg Pa., fought an unknown size enemy force which attacked the US base camp. A total 12 enemy soldiers were killed, and four detained. "D" Company troops pursued four NVA soldiers, pinned them down, and killed them in the ensuing action. Later another enemy soldier was killed and one detained.

The Warrior battalion units received sporadic fire after the early morning contacts were broken, by noon; they had killed 25 enemy and detained six, while sustaining one US soldier killed and seven wounded.

Contact continued that afternoon until 1330, with a total of US troops killed and 16 wounded.

During the day, the 4th battalion, 12th Infantry, killed 44 enemy and detained seven. They captured 17 AK-47's, two RPG-7 rocket launchers, and 17 RPG-7 rounds, four RPG-2 rocket launchers, and 20 RPG-2 rounds with boosters, 10 B-40 rocket rounds, 3,000 AK-47 rifle rounds, seven 57mm recoilless rifle rounds, two 60mm mortar tubes with sights, 35 60mm rounds, 41 Chicom grenades, a light machine-gun, 59 AK-47 magazines, 13 sets of web gear and a .38 caliber pistol.

Northeast of Saigon, the 199th's 5th Battalion, 12th Infantry, swept the areas of a May 5 contact. They found two pounds of documents 12 electric blasting caps, three Chicom grenades, a Chicom claymores, 350 rounds of Chicom 7.62 ammo, 25 pounds of polished rice, and a sandbag of anti-American propaganda.

Bravo Company of the "Cottonbaler" battalion, found and destroyed six enemy bunkers, booby traps made from M-26 grenade and a hand grenade, clothes and cooking utensils.

Delta Company "Cottonbalers" fought a short five minute clash with an unknown-size force after 5 p.m. Monday with unknown results.

7 May 68

A North Vietnamese Army Battalion's march to Saigon ended 2.5 miles short of the South Vietnamese capital before dawn on May 7 when they were hit by elements of the 199th Light Infantry Brigade, supported by artillery and air strikes.

Reports initially listed 92 enemy soldiers killed. US losses were two killed and 18 wounded, with half the wounded requiring dustoff. Captured enemy equipment from the initial fighting included large numbers of AK-47 automatic weapons, RPG rocket launchers and ammunition, enemy packs, documents and other equipment.

Meanwhile, infantrymen of the "Cottonbalers" battalion, slammed into an enemy occupied village along with supporting APC's from "D" Troop 17th Cav about two miles west of Saigon Tuesday afternoon.

NVA troops and machine-guns were dug into the village which had been deserted by the civilian population. Enemy troops with automatic weapons were hidden underground in haystack The infantry troops, supported by helicopter gunships of the 1st Aviation Brigade and APC's of "D" Troop, poured gunfire into enemy positions.

USAF F-100 jets did a "beautiful job" according to CPT Steve Proctor, St. Petersburg, Fla., who flew a 199th Command and Control helicopter over the battle area.

"Those pilots knew the enemy was firing on them," said CPT Proctor, "but they brought their stuff right onto target, within 150 meters of our positions."

"B" Battery, 2nd Battalion, 40th Artillery, placed direct fire onto the enemy positions from 199th base camp north of the battle.

LTC Kenneth Hall, CO, 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry, directly controlled the unit's action from a helicopter.

The pre-dawn battle with the NVA battalion began when a small lead element of the Saigon-bound enemy battalion was hit by a "D" Company outpost of the 4th Battalion 12th Infantry, shortly before midnight 6 May. An hour later, other approaching NVA lead elements of platoon and company size were hit by ambush patrols of the "Warrior" battalion, commanded by LTC William Mastoris of Farrell, Pa. Army Helicopters and USAF tactical air strikes supported the action.

When the main body of the NVA battalion march through the area at 3:15 a.m., The bulk of enemy troops ran into one of the Redcatcher companies. Stopped by the US unit's firepower, the enemy rebounded back and apparently tried to flank the company. Instead, they ran into the perimeter of the "Warrior" base camp, and

made an all-out assault on the Redcatcher positions. Repulsed by the hail of automatic weapons fire and artillery fired point blank by batteries of the 2nd Battalion, 40th Artillery, and 2nd Battalion, 35 Artillery, they reeled back again, into their own units which had been repulsed by another US company.

At that point, USAF air strikes were directed into the enemy concentration. A total 12 secondary explosions resulted from the air strikes.

Initial sweeps just outside the US unit's positions at dawn revealed 92 enemy bodies. Sporadic fighting continued that day.

8 May 68

Redcatchers of the 199th continued heavy action Wednesday, killing 44 enemy, destroying 54 enemy occupied military structures and three bunkers, 90 meters of trench, and damaging 27 additional structures during the fifth day of fighting just west of Saigon's outskirts.

"B" Company, 4th Battalion, 12th Infantry, teamed with "D" Company 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry, to meet substantial enemy opposition three miles west of Saigon Wednesday morning. Supported by eight USAF air strikes, the Redcatchers continued their assault against an estimated NVA battalion in heavily fortified village positions. Early reports listed the enemy losses at 44 killed, while US casualties were two killed and 12 wounded.

"C" Company, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Infantry destroyed three bunkers in reconnaissance actions south of Saigon on Wednesday.

9 May 68

Redcatcher elements mauled a 180-man body of enemy troops who stumbled into the 199th's company positions about three miles west of Saigon just after midnight.

Sweeps of the battle area Thursday revealed 135 enemy killed in the blazing night battle. A total of 18 suspects were detained following the action, including a group of 11 who surrendered at one time.

US losses in the battle were one wounded.

The battle began when infantrymen of "D" Company, 4th Battalion, 12th Infantry, found themselves surrounded on four sides by 180 enemy troops who were unknowingly moving through the Redcatchers area. The infantrymen set off claymore mines, and surprised enemy with automatic weapons fire.

The enemy troops, NVA and VC, rebounded south directly into "C" Company at the 4th Battalion base camp, and were thrown back by heavy perimeter fire.

Army helicopter light fire teams and Air Force AC-47 "Spooky" dragonships poured heavy mini-gun and rocket fire on the enemy troops as they were repelled from the Redcatcher elements.

The remaining troops, their forces totally broken, fled to the southwest.

Four companies of the 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry, and "B" Company, 4th Battalion, 12th Infantry, swept through a previously enemy-occupied village Thursday.

The fighting which had raged there for two days were finally broken, with the US troops receiving only sporadic rifle fire, in sharp contrast to the previous heavy automatic weapons and rocket fire from heavily entrenched enemy troops in the village.

A total 18 air strikes supported numerous assaults, breaking the enemy resistance.

The initial sweep of the village revealed 36 enemy bodies. Captured equipment included 15 AK-47's, three light machine-guns, two night seeing devices for rocket propelled grenade launchers, 22 AK-47 magazines, 18 Chicom grenades, 13 RPG rounds, two 75mm recoilless rifle rounds, five RPG-7 rocket launchers, two B-40 rocket launchers, one Chicom pistol and one Browning Automatic Rifle.

The 199th's 5th Battalion, 12th Infantry, deployed northeast of Saigon, sustained four wounded during reconnaissance actions.

10 May 68

The 199th and supporting elements accounted for 42 enemy killed in action, captured five AK-47's and found 2,600 pounds of rice during action Friday on the western outskirts of Saigon.

"D" Company, 4th Battalion, 12th Infantry, fought an estimated Viet Cong battalion late Thursday night and early Friday. The Redcatchers and air support killed 24 Viet Cong and destroyed one RPG round in their sixth day of fighting west of Saigon. One US soldier was wounded in action.

Before noon Friday, "C" Company, 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry, fired on 50 enemy supported by artillery they killed 11 Viet Cong.

Helicopter gunships and an Air Force "Spooky" dragonship, were called in when "B" Company, of the "Cottonbalers" battalion sighted 50 Viet Cong in the open plain west of Saigon. The action resulted in seven enemy killed, one AK-47 captured, and several B-40 rocket rounds destroyed. In a sweep following the contact, a 2,600 pound of enemy rice cache was found.

South of Saigon, two bunkers were destroyed by the 199th's Charlie Company of the "Old Guard" in Binh Chanh District of GIA Dinh Province.

11 May 68

Elements of the 199th Light Infantry Brigade and supporting units killed 12 VC and captured several AK-47's, a light machine-gun, a rocket launcher and ammo, and destroyed 12 bunkers in action May 11, on the southwestern outskirts of Saigon.

Early Saturday, a recon element of "A" Company, 4th Battalion, 12th Infantry, fought an unknown-size enemy unit, killing 5 VC. The Redcatcher troops captured six AK-47's, one light machine-gun, -a rocket cache, and detained three suspects. "B" Company troops captured a B-40 rocket launcher and rocket near Saigon.

Elements of the 199th's 2d Battalion, 3d Infantry, killed five Viet Cong in an action with 30 to 35 enemy on the south edge of Saigon. Artillery bombarded enemy elements which had moved into a factory building. Eleven US personnel were wounded. Other battalion elements destroyed 12 bunkers in earlier reconnaissance operations.

An ambush patrol from "B" Company, 2d Battalion, 7th Infantry, engaged and killed two enemy and captured a rocket propelled grenade. "C" Company found a Viet Cong killed in a previous 199th Brigade action near the edge of Saigon.

12 May 68

Elements of the Redcatcher, Brigade found 16 enemy bodies killed in previous actions on Sunday, and found numerous enemy arms and equipment south and west of Saigon as contact with the enemy lightened. The Redcatchers also detained one suspect and captured 70 60mm Mortar rounds, four AK-47's, 51 RPG rocket rounds, 6,950 small arms rounds and two RPD machine-guns on Sunday.

Elements of the 2d Battalion, 3d Infantry "Old Guard" called artillery, light fire teams and "Spooky" dragonships fire on approximately 70 enemy observed moving through their area. Initial sweeps of the area revealed two VC bodies left behind.

During sweeps Sunday, "A" Company of the "Old Guard" battalion found nine RPG-2 rounds, nine RPG-2 warheads, five RPG-2 charges, one RPG-7 round, 100 pounds of rice and documents. Charlie Company found two VC KIA, detained one suspect, captured an AK-47 and destroyed eight bunkers. They also found a cache contains 68 60mm Mortar rounds, 12 cans 60mm fuses, one Chicom grenade, 3,000 rounds of 7.62 ammo, 2,150 AK-47 rounds, one AK-47, one RPG-7 rocket launcher, two RPD machine-guns, 32 RPG rounds, one RPG-7 round, 21 RPG charges and 1,500 7.62 machinegun rounds.

Delta Company of the "Old Guard" battalion found 11 VC KIA during the day's action. They also found one RPG launcher with seven rounds, two RPG-7 rounds and charges, two 60mm mortar rounds, 300 AK-47 rounds, 30 AK-47 magazines, 10 hammocks and documents.

Early Sunday morning; "Warriors" of the 4th Battalion, 12th Infantry, spotted a group of VC attempting to avoid contact. Artillery and helicopter light fire teams and "Spooky" dragonships fired on the enemy. Initial sweeps of the area netted the Redcatchers one VC KIA, one AK-47, one new RPG rocket, clothing and a rucksack. Three Redcatchers were wounded and dusted off during the day's action.

13 May 68

Redcatchers contacted an estimated reinforced VC company late Sunday night and the contact continued throughout Monday five miles southwest of Saigon. The Redcatchers killed 15 Viet Cong and detained four suspects during the day's action.

A recon platoon from "E" Company, 2d Battalion, 3d Infantry, took two VC under fire late Sunday, night. Moments later they took under fire a large group of VC who quickly broke into groups of 13 to 10 and dispersed. Contact was broken for an hour until the platoon saw approximately 50 VC and called artillery from 2d Battalion, 40th Artillery on them. Later in the morning the platoon came into heavy contact with an unknown-sized enemy force. "A" Company, 5th Battalion, 12th Infantry, commanded by CPT Robert E. Ward, Junction City, Kan., reinforced the platoon and quickly began receiving automatic weapons fire. The contact

continued and "D" Company, 2d Battalion, 3d Infantry, and APC's of "D" Troops reinforced the other two Redcatcher units. Sporadic firefights continued throughout the day.

Alpha Company, 5th Battalion, 12th Infantry, killed 13 VC, detained three suspects and captured one machinegun on wheels during the action Monday.

"D" Company, 2d Battalion, 3d Infantry, killed two VC and found and destroyed 35 bunkers constructed by the enemy Sunday night.

"C" Company, 4th Battalion, 12th Infantry, detained a suspect and destroyed eight enemy fighting positions in action Monday.

During the day's action three US soldiers were killed and six were wounded.

14 May 68

199th Brigade Infantrymen continued sharp clashes with enemy forces south of Saigon Monday night and Tuesday morning, finding 86 enemy bodies and an assortment of Communist weapons and equipment in the aftermath of fighting.

The latest toll of enemy killed in the clashes four miles south of Saigon was in addition to 15 enemy killed on Monday, the second day of the three-day series of engagements. Three suspects, two of them wounded were detained in the Tuesday morning fighting.

US losses in the Tuesday battles were six killed and 29 wounded.

Fighting resumed late Monday afternoon, following a short lull in the battle. Three company-size outposts of the 199th's "Old Guard" 2d Battalion, 3d Infantry, and a company outpost of the 199th's 5th Battalion, 12th Infantry, came under simultaneous heavy attack from several enemy units trying to overrun Redcatcher units during a heavy rainstorm that night.

Fighting raged all Monday night, with no enemy unit overrunning any of the company defenses. The enemy broke contact Tuesday morning, leaving behind 86 killed in the previous night's action, along with weapons, ammunition, and equipment. At one company position, enemy troops hit one bunker at the corner of the unit's perimeter. When four enemy troops ran into the bunker about to enter the perimeter, PSG Fernandos Quintos, of Seaside, Calif., fired an 81mm mortar at the enemy occupied bunker from 30 meters away kill all four enemy.

At "D" company, 2d Battalion, 3d Infantry, the enemy troops probed the perimeter at 11 p.m. Monday, then attacked four hours later during a heavy rainstorm with RPG and automatic weapons fire and mortars.

Unit commander, First Lieutenant William Danforth, Adel, Ga., said, "they crawled up behind the dikes of rice paddies around us. With the heavy rain, we didn't see them until they were 20 meters from the perimeter and they started firing." "We knew they were all around us. The men let go with all we had and held them. They were so close that they were throwing grenades at us. They were dropping all around us. We could see them dragging bodies away. After 90 minutes of that, we started conserving ammo some, and called in artillery, 360 degrees around us." The 2d Battalion, 40th Artillery did an outstanding job for us" he continued.

First Sergeant Jack R. Boney, Warsaw, N.C., described how one enemy RPG rocket came into the half-flooded company command post during the battle: "The CO, me, and the Forward Observer were in there firing. The CP was built into a sunken basin 15 meters wide, flooded from rain. All of a sudden, the RPG came sailing in and buried itself in mud before it blew." The sergeant was thrown back against a wall, but was not injured. All three occupants continued firing until the enemy fled.

Weapons and equipment captured by the "Old Guard" battalion companies and "A" Company, 5th Battalion, 12th Infantry, included 10 AK-47 rifles, 12 AK-47 magazines, two RPG-7 rocket launchers, one RPG-2 rocket launcher, 25 RPG rockets, three RPD machine-guns, 26 grenades, two belt-action rifles, a K-54 pistol, equipment from a 60mm mortar and ammunition, documents, a Chicom claymore mine, small arms ammo, web gear and a rucksack, and an enemy gas mask.

Intelligence sources indicated that part of the enemy troops involved in the Tuesday morning battles were the 3d Battalion, 273d Viet Cong Regiment, reported to be comprised of 80 percent NVA soldiers.

Since the 199th Light Infantry Brigade began operations immediately west and south of Saigon on 6 May, the Redcatcher Brigade has killed over 500 NVA and Viet Cong troops threatening the capitol city. The 199th has clashed with at least seven different enemy battalions during the round of battles.

15 May 68

Action was light Wednesday as elements Of the 199th continued reconnaissance-in-force operations. Infantrymen of the 5th Battalion, 12th Infantry "B" Company, found 200 pounds of salt and a platform built three feet off the ground containing seven sleeping mats and six burlap bags.

Later in the day, elements of "A" Company, 2d Battalion, 3d Infantry, found and destroyed 20 bunkers and detained one suspect southwest of Saigon.

16 May 68

199th Light Infantry Brigade Redcatchers found the bodies of 12 enemy soldiers killed previously by airstrikes, artillery and gunships.

Tactical airstrikes in support of the brigade operations southwest of Saigon killed four VC and destroyed five military structures.

Three US soldiers were wounded during reconnaissance-in-force actions on Thursday.

17 May 68

Redcatchers of the 199th killed 10 enemy troops in pre-dawn darkness Friday in an action that began when an enemy unit fired on a 199th reconnaissance patrol from "C" Company, 2d Battalion, 3d Infantry late Thursday afternoon, 5.5 miles southwest Saigon. Three other VC were killed on Friday during the action west of Saigon. "C" Company, 3d Battalion, 7th Infantry, occupied vacant Viet Cong bunkers during early morning darkness, and later killed six enemy soldiers from the VC's own positions. Tactical airstrikes killed four VC during the contact. Redcatchers detained six suspects and captured one rocket launcher, six RPG Pounds, one AK-47, two pistols, three AK-47 magazines, one US carbine, four Chicom grenades, five pounds of VC propaganda, a

Japanese tape recorder, two rolls of concertina wire, and 20 pounds of web gear. They destroyed three sampans, 55 bunkers and fighting positions, and two antitank grenades.

Three US soldiers were killed during reconnaissance-in-force actions Friday.

In a delayed report, five 199th soldiers were killed and 9 wounded in actions that killed seven VC on Thursday.

19 May 68

Elements of the 199th found and destroyed large amounts of enemy fortifications and weapons during reconnaissance-in-force actions south and west of Saigon, Sunday.

Charlie Company, 2d Battalion, 3d Infantry, found and destroyed 264 RPG-2 rocket rounds, 128 bunkers, seven RPG-2 charges, 100 82mm mortar rounds, 12 satchel charges, 12 60mm mortar rounds, one RPG-2 rocket launcher, and 2,000 AX-47 rounds during recon-in-force actions Sunday, and also found four tons of enemy rice.

B" Company, 4th Battalion, 12th Infantry, found and destroyed eight shell casings.

During recon actions southwest of Saigon, "D" Company, 3d Battalion, 7th Infantry destroyed 15 two-man bunkers.

20 May 68

Recon-in-force elements of the 199th Redcatchers found one enemy body, destroyed 57 bunkers, 24 fighting positions and some highly "enriched" VC rice, southwest of Saigon on Monday.

Early Monday morning, "C" Company, 5th Battalion, 12th Infantry, found one enemy killed in the recent fighting around Saigon by 199th artillery soon after they began reconning actions. The Charlie Company "Warriors" also found three bags of VC rice which contained one quarter pound of plastic explosive for each pound of rice.

Elements of three "Old Guard" companies from the 2d Battalion, 3d Infantry, destroyed 57 bunkers, 24 fighting positions, a punji pit and 480 rounds of 7.62 and 700 rounds of .30 caliber ammo in magazines.

Bravo Company, 5th Battalion, 12th Infantry found 30 shipping containers for 122mm rockets.

23 May 68

Redcatchers of "B" Company, 5th Battalion, 12th Infantry found enemy mortar aiming equipment during recon-in-force operations east of the Long Binh military complex today.

The 5th Battalion, 12th Infantry "Warriors" found enemy ponchos, gas mask parts, mortar aiming stakes complete with illumination devices and an aiming quadrant for a 60 mm mortar, they also destroyed a 14-bunker, 38-position basecamp at about noon today during a recon-in-force six miles east of Long Binh. The infantrymen met no enemy resistance.

24 May 68

Action was light Friday as the 199th infantrymen continued reconnaissance-in-force operations.

In scattered actions throughout the day elements of the 199th's "Old Guard" destroyed 14 bunkers, three B-40 rocket casings. One 250 pound bomb, and one 155mm artillery round.

Supporting aero-rifle teams from "A" Troop, 3d Squadron, 17th Air Cavalry destroyed seven bunkers in action northeast of Saigon Friday,

25 May 68

Redcatchers of the 199th destroyed enemy bunkers during reconnaissance operations 15 miles northeast of Saigon today.

"C" Company, 2d Battalion, 3d Infantry, destroyed a 155mm round and an enemy bunker during a recon-in-force operation northeast of Saigon Saturday. In the same vicinity, "B" Company of the "Old Guard" destroyed a bunker and a 750 pound bomb. No enemy resistance was met in either action.

26 May 68

The Redcatchers and supporting units killed two VC, destroyed two bunkers and 20 meters of enemy trench during isolated actions 15 miles northeast of Saigon on Sunday.

A light fire team from "A" Troop, 3d Squadron, 17th Air Cav, aided a team of the 51st Infantry (LRP) in an action with an unknown-sized enemy unit late today. Two VC were killed in the contact.

Two other teams were extracted early Sunday evening following action with unknown sized enemy elements. Enemy losses were not known.

Charlie Company, 2d Battalions, 3d Infantry, destroyed an old French mine, and a 155mm artillery round while on recon-in-force operations.

Supporting airstrikes destroyed two bunkers, 20 meters of trench, and damaged two more enemy bunkers.

27 May 68

Monday found combat units of the 199th in sporadic contacts with scattered enemy forces about 2.5 miles west of Saigon and 24 miles northeast of Saigon.

Three dead enemy were found following the action. There were no US losses.

Shortly before first light Monday, the fire support basecamp of the 4th Battalion, 12th Infantry, came under a ground attack by an unknown-sized enemy force. In the three hour contact, a planned enemy offensive hit the basecamp in two separate company positions simultaneously. As the battalion basecamp received small arms, automatic weapons, and rocket fire, a "D" Company position received coordinated mortar from two directions.

Meanwhile, a platoon of 15 enemy fired on "B" Company elements near a bridge site northeast of the battalion basecamp.

"B" Company and a mechanized infantry unit from the 25th Infantry Division counterattacked the enemy force, resulting in two enemy killed and one suspect detained. They captured one AK-47 and several RPG rocket rounds in the action.

Later in the morning the battalion basecamp received more sporadic small arms fire from approximately 100 enemy located north of their position. Light fire teams and artillery support was called in. Later sweeps of the area produced negative results.

Later Monday a team from the 51st Infantry (LRP), while operating in rice paddy, regions northeast of Saigon came into contact with five VC, killing one and capturing one AK-47. The enemy soldier was dressed in khakis and carrying several documents.

Supporting airstrikes for the brigade Monday destroyed a bunker and damaged four others.

A delayed report of action Sunday night announced a contact between two VC and a team from the 51st LRP, resulting in one VC KIA. The action took place during operations northeast of Saigon.

28 May 68

Infantrymen of the 199th Light Infantry Brigade continued recon-in-force operations with light action reported.

In actions northeast of Saigon, gunships from "A" Troop, 3d Squadron, 17th Air Cav, destroyed two sampan and killed two VC.

Infantrymen from the 3d Battalion, 7th Infantry found one bunker complex and a VC body in company-size operations northeast of Saigon.

"A" Company found an enemy bunker complex consisting of 20 two bunkers and a command bunker. They destroyed six-bunkers during the day in the densely wooded area. "C" Company found a dead VC in a grave and destroyed 28 bunkers.

Elements of "D" Company, 4th Battalion, 12th Infantry, killed two Viet Cong and destroyed one sampan in an action in rice paddy region southwest of Saigon.

Supporting airstrikes destroyed two bunkers and damaged two bunkers and 15 meters of trench in actions Tuesday.

29 May 68

Redcatchers of the 199th continued reconnaissance operations Wednesday with action reported as light.

Activities during the day produced seven VC KIA and an ammunition cache.

A recon patrol from "B" Company, 4th Battalion, 12th Infantry, took one sampan with four VC under fire in a pineapple grove southwest of Saigon. The action resulted in four VC killed in action and one sampan destroyed.

Early Wednesday morning elements of the 51st Infantry (LRP) came in contact with two VC, who retreated and brought back an additional six VC. The results of the contact were two VC KIA in marshes northeast of Saigon. There were no US casualties.

Later in the day, another team from the 51st LRP contacted an estimated enemy squad shortly before dark. One VC was killed in the action in a densely wooded area northeast of Saigon.

"Old Guard" troops from "D" Company, found 200 rounds of mortar rounds, and 25 57mm recoilless rifle rounds in a sweep of river regions northeast of Saigon on Wednesday.

30 May 68

Elements of the 199th's 4th Battalion, 12th Infantry, under the operational control of the 25th Infantry, killed four VC in a four-hour firefight five miles west of Saigon. Prior to the engagement, the infantrymen killed a VC sniper in the same area.

Helicopter gunship crews of the 3d Squadron, 17th Air Cav reported two enemy soldiers 11 miles west-northwest of Saigon. while flying armed aerial reconnaissance missions. They also reported killing one VC 26 miles northwest of Saigon.

199th infantrymen discovered an enemy cache containing four 122mm rockets and one 107mm rockets. The cache was located 10 miles northeast of Tan Uyen.

31 May 68

Action was light Friday for the 199th an one unit of the brigade continued a sporadic firefight that began 30 May.

On Thursday, the 4th Battalion, 12th Infantry contacted an unknown-sized enemy force southwest of Saigon resulting in six VC KIA.

As the action continued Friday, the Redcatcher unit acted as a blocking force for the 3d Battalion, 22d Infantry, 25th Infantry Division, killing five additional VC and detaining two suspects. Two AK-47s and two heavy machineguns were capture in the action. In the two days of action there were three US killed and 13 wounded.

In the only other action in the brigade, a team from the 51st LRP came in contact with an unknown number of enemy resulting in two US wounded. VC losses are unknown.

2 June 68

Redcatchers of the 199th met sporadic contact during recon operations around the capitol city of Saigon Sunday.

As the week drew to a close, elements of the 199th killed 36 enemy and found and destroyed enemy fortifications on Sunday.

As infantrymen from "B" Company, 5th Battalion, 12th Infantry swept through regions northeast of Saigon, they contacted an enemy force entrenched in a bunker complex, The Redcatchers ferreted out the enemy soldiers, killing 14. Three US troops were killed and six wounded in the action.

During the day, "B" Company elements also uncovered trench fortifications and found 200 pounds of CS gas in an enemy cache.

Troops from the 199th's 5th Battalion, 12th Infantry found and destroyed 74 bunkers, 18 hand grenades, 10 fighting positions, and five military structures.

Shortly after noon, a company reconnaissance patrol from 4th Battalion, 12th Infantry, engaged an enemy company-sized unit in a firefight five miles southwest of Saigon. As the action continued, the enemy fired small arms and automatic weapons. US elements killed 15 enemy. One US soldier was killed and six wounded in the action.

Another Redcatcher company supporting their sister element killed an additional six VC. Two US were killed and one wounded in the action.

Sunday, a team from the 51st LRP contacted an unknown-size enemy force shortly before dark. When the contact was broken, one VC was killed. Captured equipment included one SKS rifle, one rucksack, and one claymore mine.

Supporting airstrikes by "A" Troop, 3d Squadron, 17th Air Cavalry destroyed one bunker and one military structure northeast of Saigon.

3 June 68

Redcatchers of the 199th killed four Viet Cong, detained one suspect, captured nine weapons and destroyed several battalion-sized base camp during recon-in-force operations on Monday.

Infantrymen of "B" Company, 5th Battalion, 12th Infantry, commanded by CPT Kent F. Miller of Madera, Calif., discovered 47 well-fortified enemy bunkers 33 miles northeast of Saigon. Supporting B-52 airstrikes destroyed 16 multi-squad size bunkers, 35 bunkers were heavily damaged and 25 fighting positions were also destroyed. While searching the basecamps. Bravo company captured one Chicom machinegun, three AK-47 rifles, 777 AK-47 rounds, seven AK-47 magazines, one 82mm mortar sight, one box of spare machinegun parts, three RPG rounds, one 82mm round, seven B-40 rocket boosters, two fragmentation grenades, eight rocket fuses, two B-40 rounds, one concussion grenade, six 75mm recoilless rifle rounds, and numerous medical, clothing and cooking supplies.

"C" Company, 5th Battalion, 12th Infantry, commanded by CPT Ronald K. Wishart of Union N.J., found two Viet Cong bodies and also detained one suspect who was also suffering from malaria.

Recon choppers of "A" Troop, 17th Air Cav, spotted and engaged three Viet Cong approximately 41 miles northeast of Saigon. One VC was KIA and one sampan destroyed in that action.

A patrol of the 51st Infantry fought five VC in a five minute battle 38 miles northeast of Saigon resulting in one VC KIA. There were no US casualties.

4 June 68

Men of the 199th Light Infantry Brigade continued reconnaissance-in-force operations Tuesday, discovered 19 additional Viet Cong bodies killed in previous contact. killing one VC, and capturing various weapons and ammunitions.

Bravo Company, 5th Battalion, 12th Infantry found 16 Viet Cong bodies 15 miles north of Camp Frenzell-Jones during a sweep of the area. The VC are believed to have been killed during contact with "B" Company on 2 June.

A LRP team from 51st Infantry engaged six VC Tuesday morning 35 miles northeast of Saigon, after discovering an abandoned enemy tunnel. The Redcatcher patrol killed one VC before be extracted by gunships.

The battalion basecamp of 3d Battalion, 7th Infantry in Phuoc Vinh City, came under enemy mortar attack Tuesday afternoon, but the enemy rounds landed outside then camp perimeter. The Redcatchers countered with mortars, with unknown results. There were no US casualties or damage.

"D" Troop, 17th Cav, found 17 105mm rounds five miles north of Camp Frenzell-Jones and evacuated the ammunition to their basecamp.

Numerous spider holes, a wooden-frame bunker, and fighting positions were discovered by "A" Troop, 17th Air Cav Tuesday morning 10 miles northwest of the 199th's main base camp at Long Binh, The positions were old and had not-been used for some time.

5 June 68

Patrols of the 199th Light Infantry Brigade conducted reconnaissance-in-force operations Wednesday and killed four Viet Cong, detained one suspect and captured various weapons and equipment in scattered firefights.

Thirty minutes after a recon patrol of the 51st infantry spotted a lone Viet Cong 21 miles north of Long Binh Post, the patrol made contact with three enemy, The US patrol killed two and detained one suspect. Three rucksacks and a AK-47 rifle were captured during the firefight. An air rifle team was flown in to link up with the Redcatcher patrol, but now further contact was made. Another reconnaissance patrol, approximately 30 miles northeast of Saigon in heavy jungle growth, made contact with three more Viet Cong. They killed two of the enemy before losing contact. The only US casualty was one slightly wounded.

Wednesday evening, a guard tower at Camp Frenzell-Jones reported that a brigade jeep received three bursts of automatic weapons fire 900 meters from the perimeter. the jeep increased its speed and continued down the road. The area was later checked with negative results.

Another Redcatcher recon patrol made heavy contact with an estimated enemy squad 39 miles northeast of Saigon. When airmobile infantrymen of "A" Troop, 17th Cav joined the patrol, the enemy broke contact. There were no US casualties and enemy losses are unknown.

The one suspect detained has been tentatively identified as a member of the 141st North Vietnamese Army Regiment.

6 June 68

Elements of the Redcatcher Brigade conducted reconnaissance-in-force operations northeast of Saigon Thursday, killing two Viet Cong, capturing weapons and equipment and destroying a large enemy basecamp.

A reconnaissance patrol of the 71st Infantry made heavy contact Thursday evening with an unknown-sized enemy force 12 miles northwest of the Redcatcher main base. The patrol killed two Viet Cong and captured an SKS rifle, a rucksack and web gear before losing the enemy in dense underbrush. US casualties were one slightly wounded.

Meanwhile, a long range patrol of the 51st Infantry, while being extracted, spotted four enemy who fired at the patrol. There were no US casualties.

"A" Troop, 3d Squadron, 17th Cav, located a large enemy basecamp 37 miles northwest of Saigon. It included numerous huts, bunkers and trench lines. The Redcatchers called in an airstrike which destroyed the camp.

At least one hundred persons were spotted 11 miles from Camp Frenzell-Jones Thursday morning in a flooded field. The group said they were fishing the newly flooded area. Fifteen male suspects were taken to advisory headquarters for questioning.

An unidentified Vietnamese body, lying face down near a riverbank, was found by "A" Troop, 17th Air Cav 35 miles northeast of Saigon. The body had been riddled by bullets. The Redcatchers searched the area with no results.

8 June 68

Troops of the 199th destroyed an extensively booby-trapped underground enemy complex Saturday as the Redcatcher brigade continued recon-in-force operations north of Saigon.

Bravo Company, 2d Battalion 3d Infantry, commanded by CPT James Wiser, of Fisherville, Ky., found and destroyed a well camouflaged enemy bunker-tunnel complex 30 miles northeast of Saigon.

A search of the complex by "tunnel rat" SP4 Robert Kummell, Enid, Okla., revealed documents, food, and eating utensils. Also found was a booby-trapped mess hall with tables set with plates, utensils and food as well as six mortar rounds and four grenades designed to explode when the mess hall was tampered with. All of the booby traps were discovered and disarmed.

The complex, which included five 10' by 15' bunkers and one 10' by 20' bunker with three feet of overhead cover was destroyed by airstrikes; artillery and gunships supporting the Redcatchers.

There were no US casualties during the operation.

In other action, a recon-patrol of the 51st Infantry discovered and destroyed 10 meters of trenches 32 miles northeast of Saigon.

9 June 68

Redcatchers of the 199th killed one NVA, captured weapons and destroyed an enemy basecamp during recon operations Sunday.

A patrol of the 51st Infantry made contact with at least four NVA 36 miles northeast of Saigon early Sunday afternoon. The khaki-uniformed soldiers carried two carbines and two AK-47's. The LRP's lost contact with the enemy force after 75 minutes of intense fighting and found one NVA body left behind, along with an AK-47, webgear, one helmet, and NVA documents. There were no US casualties.

Elsewhere, airstrikes in support of the 199th destroyed five bunkers and damaged another in wiping out an enemy base camp 16 miles north of the Long Binh complex.

12 June 68

Small reconnaissance patrols of the 199th killed four VC in two short actions Wednesday while company size Redcatcher elements netted 200 Chicom grenades and destroyed enemy fortifications in operations northeast of Saigon.

A patrol of "F" Company, 51st Infantry (LRP) concealed near a heavily-used enemy trail in jungle northeast of Long Binh Complex opened up on seven VC killing three. Five new AK-47 rifles were captured along with two rucksacks. One 199th soldier was slightly wounded in the action.

"Bravo" Company of the "Cottonbaler" battalion, found 200 Chicom grenades, two 60mm mortar rounds, 90 unknown type fuses, and 78 mortar boosters near a sampan docking area which was destroyed. Captured items were evacuated.

"D" Company of the same battalion found and destroyed a basecamp containing six bunkers.

Armed helicopter scout teams of Alpha Troop, 17th Cav fired on and damaged one military structure northeast of Saigon on Wednesday.

15 June 68

Redcatchers found three very recently-vacated enemy basecamps Saturday in jungles northeast of Long Binh military complex near the Dong Nai river on Saturday. The infantrymen found evidence that enemy forces had been in the camp only a few hours before, leaving behind a varied assortment of equipment.

"B," "C," and "D" Company, 3d Battalion, 7th Infantry, found two enemy basecamps during the day. Along with numerous bunkers and military structures, the "Cottonbaler" battalion found a mimeograph machine used to print anti-American Propaganda, six bolt action rifles, fresh food, medical supplies, several hand flares, rice, a homemade banjos, a guitar, a five-gallon can full of documents, eating utensil, a sewing machine, VC flag, a US golf club, an NVA flag, and a bunker used as a mess hall capable of serving a platoon and half of enemy soldiers at one time. Documents indicated that the basecamps had belonged to enemy artillery units.

Bravo Company 5th Battalion, 12th Infantry, found another recently-occupied basecamp. they found 4 RPG rockets, 1000 rounds of linked machinegun ammo, 25 pounds of tear gas chemical crystals, one gas mask and mess equipment. "C" Company engaged three VC with small arms and artillery Saturday with unknown results. Later in the day the company found 11 plastic-protected entrenching tool heads.

"A" and "B" Company, 2d Battalion, 3d Infantry each found and destroyed one bunker.

16 June 68

199th Infantrymen continued to deny the enemy hiding places in the Long Binh area Sunday. Bravo Company, 5th Battalion, 12th Infantry, led by CPT Kent Miller, finished destroying the last of 27 fortified bunkers in an extensive enemy basecamp discovered Saturday night.

14 Oct 68

Bravo Co., 3rd Bn., 7th Inf. killed one VC in a brief firefight with four VC

10 miles southwest of Saigon in the 'pineapple' region. Nearby Vietnamese PF's captured a VC squad leader as he fled from the firefight.

The VC admitted two more VC had been killed in the firefight. In the same area, PF troops captured five more confirmed VC (and their weapons) as they hid in a wooded area.

Elsewhere throughout the area, Brigade elements destroyed 17 bunkers, 3 fighting positions, and a 50-man sleeping area complete with 60-pounds of cooked rice.

15 Oct 68

A combined cordon operation by elements of the Brigade, ARVN Rangers, and National Police, 3 miles northeast of Ben Luc Tuesday resulted in 10 suspects detained, four of whom were later confirmed as VC. In addition, the combined forces destroyed 13 bunkers and five fortifications in the same area.

In other action, helicopter gunship crews destroyed an additional five bunkers and three fortifications while operating around Duc Hoa.

16 Oct 68

Action was extremely light as the Brigade conducted reconnaissance-in-force operations in the Saigon vicinity. 'Redcatcher' soldiers destroyed a total of five bunkers, four booby traps, one mine, and one punji pit during the day.

17 Oct 68

In the southern 'pineapple' region 9-miles north of Tan An, two companies from the 9th Infantry Division's 4th Bn., 39th Inf. under the operational control of the Brigade, discovered 7 AK-47 rifles, 20 Chicom rifles, and 38 bandoleers of ammunition. Several fresh trails led south from the cache site to the Vam Co Dong River.

Binh Chanh District PF troops working with Bravo Co., 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf. found a munitions cache hidden in wooden crates in a canal 10 miles southwest of Saigon near the village of Tan Nhut. Buried in the mud, 3 feet under water, the cache contained 107 RPG rounds, 400 rounds of AK-47 ammunition, 70-pounds of plastic explosives, 69 AK-47 magazines, and 15 AK-47 ammunition pouches. The combined force also destroyed 200

gallons of gasoline in 55-gallon drums found at the scene. It was estimated that the cache had been in place approximately a month.

In other action, U.S. infantrymen detained seven suspects seven miles south of Saigon and continued to destroy bunkers and booby traps throughout the area of operations.

21 Oct 68

Redcatchers and supporting gunship crews killed one enemy soldier and found the body of another during light action south and west of Saigon.

A light fire team from the 7th Sqdn, 1st Air Cav observed an enemy force 10 miles south southwest of Saigon. The chopper crews began receiving automatic weapons fire from the ground and took the enemy soldiers under fire, reportedly killing one.

Elsewhere, elements of the 3rd Bn, 7th Inf. found the body of one enemy while conducting a reconnaissance operation 5 1/2 miles south of Saigon. The soldier had apparently been killed by artillery fire.

22 Oct 68

Redcatchers found the bodies of 4 enemy soldiers, seized 5 individual weapons, and destroyed 20 bunkers in action in the southern 'pineapple' region.

Air Force tactical airstrikes were directed onto a position 15 miles west of Saigon. Following the airstrikes, elements of the 2nd Bn., 3rd Inf. were inserted. They found the bodies of four enemy in heavy brush along with five individual weapons. The infantrymen also destroyed 16 bunkers in the same area.

About 100 meters east of this position, elements of the same battalion destroyed another four bunkers, while soldiers from the 4th Bn., 12th Inf. destroyed a large punji pit.

Redcatchers killed one VC and wounded another in action 8 miles south of Saigon.

Alpha Company, 3rd Bn., 7th Inf. engaged two VC during a reconnaissance-in-force operation south of Saigon. One VC was killed, the other was wounded and detained.

In other action, 'Redcatcher' units continued to destroy enemy bunkers, fighting positions, booby traps, and punji pits throughout the area.

26 Oct 68

An element of the 3rd Bn, 7th Inf. sighted and engaged two VC during a cordon-and-search of a village 7 miles southwest of Saigon today. Fire was returned by approximately five VC before the contact was lost. A short time later, four suspects were apprehended in the area. One had fragmentation wounds on his head and was evacuated. In other action, Brigade elements found and destroyed 80-rounds of Chicom 7.62mm ammunition and one 81-mm mortar round.

27 Oct 68

Supported by gunships, Redcatchers continued recon-in-force operations. Elements from the 5th Bn, 12th Inf. destroyed spider holes and two bunkers and seized a small rice cache during an operation 2 1/2 miles southwest of Duc Hoa. Three more bunkers were destroyed by a light fire team from Trp. B, 7th Sqdn., 1st Air Cav.

30 Oct 68

During recon-in-force operations south and west of Saigon yesterday, Redcatchers killed two enemy and detained five suspects. An element from 4th Bn., 12th Inf. killed two enemy and detained 3 suspects during a sweep 8 miles south of Saigon. The other two suspects were detained by 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf while securing the Binh Dinh Bridge on Route 4.

31 Oct 68

Brigade soldiers destroyed 22 bunkers and detained one suspect in the 'pineapple' region today. A bunker complex 8 miles south of Duc Hoa was destroyed by men of the 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf.

04 Nov 68

Helicopter gunship crews from the 7th Sqdn, 1st Air Cav, flying in support of Brigade elements, engaged the occupants of six sampans. Two VC were killed and two sampans sunk. Other action saw elements from the 3rd Bn, 7th Inf. destroy 26 bunkers in the same area.

05 Nov 68

Binh Chanh PF's working with Bravo Co. 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf. engaged six VC, holding one wounded detainee and capturing his pistol.

The Brigade's 5th Bn, 12th Inf. destroyed eight bunkers, two punji pits, and captured one 82mm mortar base plate and an enemy poncho in the 'pineapple' region 3 miles southwest of Duc Hoa.

Redcatchers from the 3rd Bn, 7th Inf. destroyed 23 enemy bunkers 7 miles south of Saigon. Supporting Air Force bomb strikes destroyed 2 enemy bunkers and one structure.

06 Nov 68

An element from the 5th Bn, 12th Inf. destroyed 40 bunkers and detained five suspects (*this part not legible*) miles south of Duc Hoa.

07 Nov 68

Troops from 5th Bn, 12th Inf. found two 250-pound bombs set up as booby traps. The bombs were destroyed as were three sampans the soldiers found later in the day. Four pounds of C-4 explosive were also uncovered.

09 Nov 68

Delta Company 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf. apprehended three detainees 21 miles south of Saigon, destroyed eight bunkers and captured one bag of medical supplies, four Chicom grenades, one M-79 grenade and fuse wire 11 miles south of Saigon. Bravo Company apprehended one suspect at the Binh Dinh bridge.

Alpha Company, 5th Bn., 12th Inf. destroyed one bunker and three sampans and captured one VC claymore and various other VC equipment on a sweep 7 miles southeast of Saigon today.

Alpha Co., 3rd Bn, 7th Inf. destroyed three bunkers while patrolling 4 miles southwest of Saigon.

Four miles further south, Bravo Company, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf. destroyed 24 enemy bunkers. The battalion's Delta Company also destroyed 2 bunkers and captured numerous iron reinforcing bars in the same area.

11 Nov 68

Gunship crews supporting the Brigade reported killing six enemy in two contacts today.

Crewmen from the 7th Sqdn. 1st Air Cav killed five VC in the action 5 miles southwest of Saigon. Four AK-47 automatic rifles were also captured. One more enemy was killed by another cavalry gunship 9 miles southwest of Saigon.

13 Nov 68

Infantrymen from Alpha Company 3rd Bn, 7th Inf. discovered one VC considered killed earlier by a light firing team 12 miles west of Saigon.

They also destroyed 7 bunkers, 15 fighting positions and detained one suspect and captured (2) 9mm pistols and enemy supplies and documents.

While on a recon-in-force mission 9 miles south of Saigon, elements from Delta Company 3rd Bn, 7th Inf. discovered one AK-47 and two magazines sealed in plastic, buried in the ground.

14 Nov 68

Alpha Company 5th Bn, 12th Inf. found a cache consisting of two B-40 rocket rounds, medical supplies, and a bundle of documents in a bunker 3 miles southeast of Duc Hoa.

15 Nov 68

Soldiers from 3rd Bn, 7th Inf. engaged and killed two Viet Cong during a brief contact eight miles southwest of Saigon today. The riflemen also detained three suspects in the area.

16 Nov 68

Redcatchers from the 5th Bn., 12th Inf. destroyed 27 bunkers, one sampan and 21 booby traps while operating in the extreme western portion of the 'pineapple' region southwest of Saigon.

On Route 4 south of Saigon, Redcatchers from 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf., detained one suspect. Other battalion elements destroyed one enemy bunker in the 'pineapple' region.

21 Nov 68

While operating 17 miles southeast of Xuan Loc today, elements from the 4th Bn, 12th Inf moved quickly to surround suspected enemy cache sites. Fifteen bunkers were also destroyed by the Redcatchers during their search.

22 Nov 68

Redcatchers of the 4th Bn, 12th Inf discovered another significant weapons cache containing 28 automatic rifles, 19 bolt action rifles, and 14 sub-machine guns. Discovery of today's cache raised the total number of weapons captured by the Redcatchers since Nov 22 to 20 crew-served and more than 130 individual weapons.

In other action, elements from 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf. operating in the 'pineapple' region southwest of Saigon, uncovered a small arms cache containing 3,000 rounds of AK-47 ammunition, 117 Chicom grenades, 46 RPG-7 rounds and 6 Chicom claymore mines.

Further south other Brigade troops destroyed bunkers and fighting positions throughout the day.

24 Nov 68

Soldiers from 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf. destroyed 56 enemy bunkers and several booby traps 3 miles south of Duc Hoa in the southern 'pineapple' region.

They also sank one sampan and captured an 82mm mortar tube with bipod.

25 Nov 68

In light action today, Redcatchers detained four suspects, found a small cache and destroyed several booby traps.

Operating six miles southwest of Saigon, soldiers from 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf found a cache containing (90) half-pound blocks of Chicom explosive. They also detained three suspects.

Other Brigade elements operated in the southern 'pineapple' region and destroyed several booby traps, while detaining one suspect.

26 Nov 68

Infantrymen from 3rd Bn, 7th Inf killed eight Viet Cong during recon-in-force operations centered 10-miles southwest of Saigon. The eight dead were results of several brief contacts.

Operating in an area eight miles southwest of Saigon, elements from 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf detained four enemy suspects, destroyed three bunkers and found several booby traps.

29 Nov 68

Redcatchers continued recon-in-force operations south and west of Saigon today.

Twelve miles southwest of Saigon, infantrymen from 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf destroyed four Chicom grenades and detained four suspects for questioning.

Elements from 3rd Bn, 7th Inf detained one suspect and destroyed 15 fighting positions, three bunkers, and one sampan 11 miles south of Saigon.

01 Dec 68

Redcatchers destroyed 87 bunkers, 16 Chicom grenades booby traps, and several fighting positions during recon-in-force operations in the 'pineapple' region west of Saigon.

Elements of 5th Bn, 12th Inf destroyed what was thought to be a concrete VC bridge spanning a river 6 miles west of Saigon.

The 2nd Bn, 40th Arty was credited with one VC KIA (BC) when infantrymen discovered the body after an artillery barrage on a suspected enemy hideout.

02 Dec 68

The 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf in action 5 miles south of Duc Hoa, found three separate caches totaling: 125 B-40 rocket rounds, 70 B-40 charges, 28 B-41 rounds, and 30 B-41 charges. Also, 5 AK-47 automatic rifles, 25 AK-47 magazines, 4 boxes of AK-47 ammunition, 8 Chicom grenades, 1 box of fuses, and 1 box of charges.

They also destroyed 32 enemy bunkers, while other elements of the Brigade took six detainees.

03 Dec 68

Nine miles south of Saigon, Bravo Company, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf detained two persons, destroyed six fighting positions and three bunkers. Alpha Company detained one other suspect.

Echo Company, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf destroyed three bunkers and four fighting positions while Bravo Co. detained one additional person.

04 Dec 68

The 3rd Bn, 7th Inf destroyed three Viet Cong sampans and found numerous VC booby traps, two sticks of C-4 explosive, stocks of medical supplies, food, enemy clothing and cooking utensils 3 miles southwest of Duc Hoa.

Alpha Co., 5th Bn, 12th Inf destroyed six enemy bunkers 10 miles west of Saigon.

05 Dec 68

'Cottonbalers' of 3rd Bn, 7th Inf destroyed 37 enemy bunkers and detained one suspect in light action 9 miles south of Saigon.

06 Dec 68

Redcatchers destroyed 16 enemy bunkers and several booby traps while operating 10 miles southwest of Saigon. Elsewhere, 'Warriors' from 4th Bn, 12th Inf destroyed 69 bunkers and found 24 Chicom grenades, 300 rounds of small arms ammunition and some cooking and field equipment during operations 50 miles east of Saigon.

07 Dec 68

Alpha Co., 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf killed one NVA soldier 14 miles west of Saigon and found 7 Chicom grenades, 4 RPG-2 rounds and 50 AK-47 rounds. Charlie Co. engaged and killed one VC running along a rice paddy dike.

Ten miles south of Saigon, Charlie Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf detained one suspect.

08 Dec 68

'Warriors' from Alpha Co., 4th Bn, 12th Inf destroyed 25 bunkers, captured one SKS rifle, 10 pounds of enemy documents, a can of enemy propaganda leaflets, and food supplies that included 420 pounds of rice. The action took place during recon-in-force operations 25 miles east of Saigon.

09 Dec 68

Two VC were killed during an ambush two miles southwest of Duc Hoa. Alpha Company, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf. spotted four enemy in the 'pineapple' region and engaged them resulting in two dead VC (BC) and a captured AK-47 rifle.

13 Dec 68

Alpha Co., 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf killed one Viet Cong and wounded another in light action north of Binh Chanh.

In other operations, Redcatchers destroyed 31 bunkers.

14 Dec 68

In continued action in the 'pineapple' region, Brigade elements killed one VC (BC) and destroyed five bunkers, five booby traps and two sampans.

16 Dec 68

Redcatchers today found 11 AK-47 rifles and a small amount of ammunitions, equipment and supplies during reconnaissance operation 10 miles south of Duc Hoa.

Elements of 3rd Bn, 7th Inf discovered the rifles in a well camouflaged barrel and also destroyed eight bunkers in the "Pineapple" region southwest of Saigon.

The Brigade's 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf. uncovered small catches of ammunition equipment and supplies while destroying five bunkers 9 miles south of Duc Hoa.

18 Dec 68

During continued reconnaissance-in-force operations, Brigade elements held two detainees, destroyed eight bunkers and captured a small amount of enemy propaganda material, including two typewriters, while operating in and around the "pineapple" region south of Duc Hoa.

19 Dec 68

Troops from Delta and Bravo Co's, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf. detained three persons and destroyed nine bunkers 12 miles west Saigon.

In the same area, infantrymen from Bravo and Delta Companies, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf. destroyed 13 bunkers and four sleeping positions.

20 Dec 68

Elements of 3rd Bn, 7th Inf. destroyed 12 bunkers, 1 hootch and 1 sampan in the "pineapple" region south of Duc Hoa.

Other elements in the same area also destroyed six bunkers, one tunnel, and two booby traps.

During a night ambush, infantrymen from Bravo Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf, killed three VC (BC) and captured one Chicom grenade and two AK-47 rifles, 1 mile south of My Yen village.

21 Dec 68

Elements of 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf. in action 9 miles west of Saigon, found a cache including 31 RPG-7 rounds, 42 RPG-7 charges, 11 AK-47 rifles, eleven 120mm mortar rounds, 32 Chicom grenades and 11 demolition charges. Later, in an area nearby, one 30-pound Chicom Claymore mine, three 82mm mortar rounds, one 82mm mortar bipod and a fifty-five gallon drum of oil were discovered.

One VC (BC) was killed by other Brigade elements in brief contact 6 miles southwest of Duc Hoa.

22 Dec 68

Infantrymen from 3rd Bn, 7th Inf destroyed 50 enemy bunkers and one hootch 3 1/2 miles southwest of Duc Hoa.

Five miles southwest of Duc Hoa, artillerymen from 2nd Bn, 40th Arty, destroyed five bunkers.

An air strike in the same area destroyed eight more bunkers while members of 5th Bn, 12th Inf added seven more bunkers to the day's total.

Elements of 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf destroyed one 30-lb. Chicom Claymore, one 81mm mortar round booby trap, and held one detainee for questioning.

A dental medcap (DENTCAP) conducted by the Brigade Civic Affairs Section (S-5) in Ho Nai village, resulted in the treatment of 230 Vietnamese civilians.

23 Dec 68

Brigade elements today uncovered several significant enemy ammunition caches southwest of Saigon.

Operating 17 miles southwest of Saigon, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf Redcatchers found a cache-complex which included: 130 mixed RPG rounds, one hundred-fifty 50mm mortar rounds, one hundred-eighty 60mm mortar detonators, two hundred 60mm mortar powder charges and fuses, twelve 75mm recoilless rifle rounds, 1000 Chicom grenade detonator fuses and 25 lbs. TNT.

Elements of 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf uncovered another enemy munitions cache 13 miles southwest of Saigon containing: sixty 60mm mortar rounds, four AK-47 automatic rifles with one empty magazine, five cans of 60mm mortar charges, two cans of 60mm mortar fuses, eight Chicom grenades, and thirty six 82mm mortar rounds.

24 Dec 68

Redcatchers found another enemy cache during recon-in-force operations near the village of Tan Buu today.

Infantrymen from Alpha Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf, found a cache containing: more than two hundred-twenty five 234 Chicom grenades, 6,000 loose AK-47 rounds, one 55-gallon drum of gasoline, 40 B-40 rounds, more than 110 rifle grenades, 150 blasting caps, and two 75mm recoilless rifle rounds.

In the same area, three bunkers and 50 pounds of enemy TNT were destroyed.

Other operations resulted in six enemy bunkers and eight booby traps destroyed.

25 Dec 68

Brigade elements operating 6 miles southeast of Duc Hoa, while in a defensive position, reported receiving one grenade from an unknown size enemy force. The enemy withdrew immediately. One Redcatcher was wounded.

26 Dec 68

"Old Guard" infantrymen from 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf located another cache buried in a metal container 8 miles southwest of Saigon today.

The enemy cache included: eight 12mm mortar rounds, six 122mm warheads, six 12mm rockets fuses, 100 lbs. of Chicom TNT and a small amount of web gear. The cache appeared to have been in a place two months.

Five bunkers were also destroyed, along with a small amount of miscellaneous supplies.

In others Brigade action, one VC was killed and three sampans destroyed in two separate encounters west of Saigon.

27 Dec 68

During reconnaissance-in-force operations south and west of Saigon, Redcatchers continued to uncover enemy munitions and supply caches, and to destroy enemy bunkers, fighting positions and booby traps.

Delta Co. 3rd Bn, 7th Inf. discovered a cache 8 miles west of Saigon containing forty two 82mm mortar rounds, three hundred 82mm charges and four Chicom Claymore mines.

Alpha Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf. killed one VC (BC) and destroyed 42 bunkers, found 5 lbs. TNT, 7 AK-47 magazines, 45 rounds AK-47 ammunition, 50 rounds M-14 ammunition and 100 lbs. rice.

In the same area Echo Co. 3rd BN, 7th Inf. destroyed three bunkers, eight fighting positions, two sampans and detained one person.

01 Jan 69

Redcatchers of Bravo Co, 5th Bn. 12th Inf. discovered an enemy munitions cache 19 miles southwest of Saigon during scattered actions today.

The cache consisted of 17 AK-47 rifles, 44 AK-47 magazines, 69 RPG-2 rounds' 2000 rounds of AK-47 ammunition, and 300 pounds of TNT.

The infantrymen also destroyed 11 Chinese Communist grenade booby traps in the same area. Seventeen miles west of Saigon, Delta Co. 5th Bn. 12th Inf engaged and killed one Viet Cong and destroyed 11 bunkers and one booby trap.

Elements of Delta Co. 3rd Bn. 7th Inf destroyed four bunkers and one booby trap 6 miles west of Saigon.

02 Jan 69

Brigade elements destroyed 16 bunkers, 1 sampan, 6 Chicom grenades, 2 booby traps and a mine during reconnaissance-in-force operations southwest of Saigon.

Elsewhere troops from Bravo Co. 5th Bn. 12 Inf found small amounts of medical equipment, supplies, documents, and 10 pairs of VC black pajama uniforms 4 miles northwest of Ben Luc.

03 Jan 69

Infantrymen of the "Old Guard" battalion uncovered a munitions cache 12 miles southwest of Tan An today.

Elements of the 2nd Bn. 3rd Inf found the cache buried in two 55-gallon drums. The find included 47 parachute anti-tank grenades, one hundred eighteen 82mm mortar rounds, 108 charges, 87 primers, and 78 fuses. All of the ordnance was in good condition and has been in place approximately two weeks. Six enemy bunkers were also destroyed.

In other action, two bunkers and one sampan were destroyed by elements of 3rd Bn. 3rd Inf, miles west of Ben Luc.

04 Jan 69

Infantrymen from 2nd Bn. 3rd Inf, operating 7 miles southwest of Saigon, engaged a small Viet Cong force, resulting in one VC killed (BC)

Elements of 5th Bn. 12th Inf found a sampan containing six Chicom grenade booby traps, one grenade launcher with eight rounds, a bandoleer of small arms ammunition, and a small amount of personal gear, 11 miles southwest of Duc Hoa.

Also uncovered in the same area were 15 fish traps, 2 canteens, fishing poles and lines, shovels, hammers, a 2-pound block of C-4 explosive, and a land mine which was destroyed.

05 Jan 69

Brigade units continued reconnaissance-in-force operations west of Saigon, killing one Viet Cong (BC) and apprehending three detainees.

"Warriors" of Alpha Co. 5th Bn. 12th Inf engaged and killed a fleeing Viet Cong in the northern "pineapple" region 3 miles southwest of Duc Hoa. They recovered the enemy's AK-47 rifle, four loaded magazines and documents revealing him as an assistant platoon leader.

Elsewhere, elements of Alpha Co. 2nd Bn. 3rd Inf found and destroyed a booby trap. Three punji pits and detained three persons 10 miles southwest of Saigon.

06 Jan 69

Three Viet Cong were killed in scattered action today as Brigade elements continued sweeping the "pineapple" region west of Saigon.

Infantrymen of Delta Co. 5th Bn. 12th Inf killed two VC after spotting three enemy in a nipa-palm 4 miles south of Duc Hoa

Other battalion soldiers observed and engaged one VC 2-1/2 miles south of Duc Hoa. The enemy was killed and his AK-47 rifle was captured.

07 Jan 69

During reconnaissance-in-force operations 2 miles south of Duc Hoa today, an element of 5th Bn. 12th Inf discovered two enemy bodies. The enemy had been killed in action yesterday.

Two AK-47 rifles, eight magazines and three grenades were also found near the bodies.

Elsewhere, infantrymen from Alpha Co. 3rd Bn. 7th Inf found one wounded Viet Cong soldier and his AK-47 rifle while sweeping an area of earlier contact 7 miles west of Ben Luc.

09 Jan 69

Helicopter gunship crews supporting elements of 3rd Bn. 7th Inf killed three VC (BC) and captured two AK-47 rifles in action 9 miles west of Duc Hoa.

In other action infantrymen from 5th Bn 12th Inf found and destroyed three Chicom booby traps during a sweep northwest of Duc Hoa.

10 Jan 69

Operating west of Saigon, elements of the 5th Bn. 12th Inf engaged and killed one Viet Cong (BC), recovered his AK-47 rifle, web gear, and some documents.

Seven bunkers, a sampan, and a booby trap were also destroyed in the area 3 miles south of Duc Hoa.

11 Jan 69

An element of Alpha Co. 4th Bn. 12th Inf engaged three Viet Cong 3 miles south of Duc Hoa resulting in three enemy killed (BC) and one AK-47 rifle, one B-40 rocket launcher and four B-40 rocket rounds captured.

12 Jan 69

In light action today Brigade elements destroyed 1 enemy hootch, 10 bunkers, 1 sampan, 2 punji pits.

14 Jan 69

Elements of 4th Bn. 12th Inf, during a cordon and search operation 10 miles southwest of Saigon, today found one complete 122mm rocket with four additional warheads and three fuses. The rocket was discovered in a cylindrical container buried 6 inches in a dike.

Also found and destroyed were 5 booby traps, 18 bunkers, and 19 "L"-shaped fighting positions.

In the northern "pineapple" region 3 miles southeast of Duc Hoa, Bravo Co. 5th Bn. 12th Inf was credited with two VC killed when they discovered the bodies buried in VC ponchos.

Other battalion troops held one detainee 8 miles west of Saigon.

15 Jan 69

Elements of the 5th Bn. 12th Inf, operating 3 miles south of Duc Hoa, killed one VC (BC) and recovered one AK-47 rifle. They also destroyed one bunker, four booby traps and recovered small quantities of documents and medical supplies.

16 Jan 69

Redcatchers uncovered an enemy medical supply cache and killed one Viet Cong during patrols in the "pineapple" region west of Saigon.

While on patrol 4 miles southwest of Duc Hoa, infantrymen from Bravo Co. 3rd Bn, 7th Inf. were fired upon by two Viet Cong. Return fire resulted in one enemy killed and one individual weapon captured.

Elements of Echo Co. 5th Bn. 12th Inf. uncovered an enemy medical supplies cache in a 55-gallon drum. The drum was buried in the bank of a canal and was exposed at low tide. The cache included 21 pounds of gauze, bottles of surgical alcohol, white gas, and 21 small bottles of sugar syrup.

In other Brigade action, Redcatchers destroyed 10 explosive type booby traps and captured three RPG-2 rocket rounds.

20 Jan 69

Brigade units, operating with the U.S. Navy 593rd River Patrol Div. uncovered a large cache of small arms weapons 4 1/2 miles northwest of Ben Luc late this afternoon.

Found by Charlie Co. 5th Bn. 12th Inf. the cache consisted of 56 AK-47 rifles and 22 SKS carbines. The weapons were found along the east bank of the Vam Co. Dong River during low tide, wrapped in clear plastic and had apparently been buried under 3 inches of dirt and brush for about one month.

Six miles further north, Bravo Co. of the same battalion found two additional AK-47 rifles, an M-1 rifle and five RPG rounds in heavy underbrush along the bank of a smaller canal. Also found were a first aid pack, 100 bottles of penicillin, 100 sterile files, plus additional supplies.

A Navy river patrol boat working with the "Warrior" battalion found a sampan containing three sets of NVA web gear, eight loaded AK-47 magazines, loose ammunition and miscellaneous clothing.

22 Jan 69

Early today a company of 4th Bn. 12th Inf. conducting a sweep 3 miles northwest of Binh Chanh, uncovered a cache containing 52 rounds of 60mm mortar ammunition, one 60mm mortar sight, one can with 25 blasting caps, a can of assorted charges and fuses, and 12 cans of Chicom hand grenade handles. All of the items were in good condition.

Elsewhere, Redcatchers killed five Viet Cong, captured two AK-47 rifles, and sank two sampans in separate encounters.

Early this morning, infantrymen of Bravo Co. 3rd Bn, 7th Inf. killed three Viet Cong soldiers, captured one AK-47 rifle and sank the two sampans in which the enemy were riding 4 miles southwest of Duc Hoa.

Later in the day, another element of Bravo Co. killed one Viet Cong 2 miles southwest of Duc Hoa.

In the same area Bravo Co. 5th Bn. 12 Inf. killed one of two enemy soldiers they engaged, capturing his AK-47 rifle.

23 Jan 69

Elements of 5th Bn. 12th Inf. destroyed two Chicom grenade booby traps, one bunker, and one Claymore mine found in an ammo can. A loaded AK-47 magazine and one Viet Cong ammo pouch were also found.

Members of 3rd Bn. 7th Inf operating 4 miles southwest of Duc Hoa, destroyed one sampan and one bunker and uncovered a punji pit with steel spikes.

24 Jan 69

Redcatchers killed 14 enemy in operations west of Saigon early today.

Artillerymen from 2nd Bn. 40th Arty were credited with 12 enemy kills while firing in support of the 50th ARVN Regt. 2 1/2 miles west-northwest of Ben Luc.

In other action, Bravo Co. 4th Bn. 12 Inf. killed one Viet Cong along the Ben Luc River a mile north of Ben Luc.

An ambush patrol from the battalion's Alpha Co. engaged three VC 8 miles west of Saigon, killing one enemy. The enemy's AK-47 rifle and a K-54 pistol and magazine were recovered.

Two Viet Cong suspects and four draft dodgers were detained during a cordon and search operation 6 miles west of Saigon.

25 Jan 69

Elements of 5th Bn. 12th Inf. found the body of one Viet Cong killed earlier by artillery fire from Delta Btry, 2nd Bn. 40th Arty. The infantrymen also destroyed two sampans and located a small enemy medical cache in an area 3 miles northwest of Ben Luc.

Units of 4th Bn. 12th Inf operating 3 miles west of Can Giuoc, killed one Viet Cong and recovered two individual weapons.

Two bunkers were also destroyed by elements of 3rd Bn. 7th Inf. operating 5 miles west of Ben Luc.

27 Jan 69

In scattered actions today, Redcatchers and supporting forces killed eight enemy and discovered two tons of rice in operations southwest of Saigon.

Infantrymen from Charlie Co. 4th Bn. 12th Inf. killed three VC on a sampan early yesterday morning 2 miles northwest of Binh Chanh. Later the infantrymen found two tons of rice and a small amount of enemy medical supplies in a hut in the same general area.

Another company from 5th Bn. 12th Inf. engaged three VC, killing two, and captured one crew served and two individual weapons during actions 5 miles south of Duc Hoa.

In other action 4 miles northwest of Ben Luc, gunship crews from Bravo Trp, 3rd Sqdn, 17th Air Cav, reported killing two more VC in support of Brigade elements.

28 Jan 69

Brigade elements with help from the 9th Inf Div tightened the cordon established yesterday around an unknown-size enemy force 9 miles north of Tan An.

Bravo Co. 3rd Bn. 7th Inf. killed six Viet Cong trying to escape the cordon in scattered contacts. Captured by the unit were two AK-47 rifles, one Chicom machine gun with 600 rounds, a 60 mm mortar round and assorted enemy web gear and equipment.

Elements of 4th Bn. 12th Inf operating 8 1/2 miles southwest of Saigon detained three suspects, found 136 bags of rice weighing 175 pounds each and 14 bags of ammonia nitrate in 100-pound bags, and destroyed two hootches, four "L" shaped fighting positions, two bunkers and a booby trap. The hootches were hidden under haystacks and could each accommodate six persons.

In other action, troops from Delta Co. 5th Bn. 12th Inf destroyed 13 bunkers 7 miles northwest of Ben Luc.

29 Jan 69

In a three-day cordon operation concluded today, soldiers of the Brigade and 9th Infantry Division killed 42 enemy and captured numerous weapons and munitions 9 miles north of Tan An.

The action began Jan. 27 when an element of the 3rd Bn. 7th Inf operating in a bend of the Vam Co Dong River, detained a khaki-clad suspect. A light fire team was alerted and later engaged three enemy, killing two in the area of the battalion then swept the area and killed one enemy carrying a radio. Battalion soldiers inserted nearby encountered small arms and automatic weapons fire from fortified enemy positions.

Six more companies, including two from the 9th Inf. Div. were inserted to complete the cordon on the west side of the river. Artillery and airstrikes pounded the area through the following morning when a sweep revealed six more enemy bodies. Infantrymen and helicopter gunners accounted for 36 additional enemy killed in several actions during the three-day operation.

The soldiers captured nine Ak-47 rifles, two Chicom light machine guns, one Chicom radio, and twenty 60mm-mortar rounds and assorted other munitions.

01 Feb 69

Redcatchers today killed five Viet Cong 10 miles southwest of Saigon, while set up in night defensive positions near My Yen village.

An ambush patrol of Alpha Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf engaged an estimated eight to ten Viet Cong with small arms, automatic weapons and M-79 grenade fire. Two enemy were killed and an AK-47 rifle, map and documents recovered.

The enemy then split into two smaller groups, but ran into three more U.S. ambush elements. Three additional Viet Cong were killed and a second AK-47 rifle recovered.

02 Feb 69

Elements of 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf, under operational control of the 25th Inf Div, teamed with supporting elements to kill 18 enemy while conducting offensive operations 22 miles northeast of Saigon. Elsewhere, Redcatchers killed seven more enemy in scattered actions west of Saigon.

At approximately 8:45 a.m., a company from 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf engaged an estimated enemy squad while working with units from the 25th Inf Div northeast of Saigon. Small arms fire was exchanged as helicopter gun ships and air strikes supported the infantrymen from overhead. Contact continued throughout the day, as the "Old Guard" troops were supported by other Brigade elements and by an armored unit from the 25th Div.'s 2nd Brigade. Contact with the enemy was lost at dusk when the enemy force evaded and withdrew. The bodies of 18 enemy soldiers were found during a sweep of the area.

Operating in the "pineapple" region west of Saigon, night ambush patrols from 4th Bn, 12th Inf came in contact with four separate forces of Viet Cong. The patrols engaged all four groups, accumulating a body count of five enemy and capturing two AK-47 rifles. An early morning sweep of the area revealed one more enemy body and uncovered a 9mm Chicom pistol. Further sweeps of the area during the day accounted for the destruction of two grenade booby traps and eight bunkers.

An element of 5th Bn, 12th Inf sweeping an area 12 miles south of Duc Hoa, sighted an armed Viet Cong soldier. In the ensuing action, the enemy was killed and his AK-47 rifle with five loaded magazines was recovered. Other battalion elements discovered 10 punji pits with 2 to 4 inches of water 3 miles southeast of Duc Hoa.

05 Feb 69

One of the largest cordons ever undertaken in the Saigon area got underway at first light this morning in an area 8 miles south of Saigon when the Brigade joined forces with the 5th ARVN Rangers, Regional Forces and National Police Force Units. In addition, Vietnamese river line assault boats provided a floating blocking force along the Rach Can Giouc River.

06 Feb 69

The massive cordon operation taking place in Hung Long village processed more than 200 of the approximately 4,500 villagers in the Cordon's second day and resulted in six suspects detained for questioning.

In other action, "Cottonbalers" of Bravo Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf engaged and killed one Viet Cong tonight 12 miles west of Saigon while on a recon-in-force operation.

07 Feb 69

More than 700 Vietnamese civilians passed through the combined holding and interrogation center (CHIC) during the third day of the combined U.S.-ARVN cordon.

Sixteen suspects were detained for further questioning.

08 Feb 69

The brigade's cordon ended its fourth day of operation by processing 294 villagers. Four detainees were held for questioning.

Elsewhere, infantrymen from the 71st Det were searching a bunker complex 9 miles south of Due Hoa when they heard voices approaching. Concealing themselves, they waited for the enemy to come within range. Two Viet Cong appeared in front of them and the Redcatchers opened fire, killing one, and the other escaped into the nipa palm. The enemy soldiers were carrying AK-47 rifle but no weapons were recovered.

10 Feb 69

The combined cordon went into its sixth day today with 304 people processing through the combined holding and interrogation center. Thirteen detainees were held as a result of today's questioning.

In other action, elements of 5th Bn, 12th Inf destroyed nine bunkers 6 miles southeast of Due Hoa while members of 4th Bn, 12th Inf destroyed four more 8 miles southwest of Saigon.

11 Feb 69

Brigade elements continued search and reconnaissance operations west of Saigon, killing four Viet Cong and destroying 90 enemy fortifications.

In early evening, a team from the brigade's 71st Inf Det observed six Viet Cong in a sampan 5 miles southwest of Due Hoa, along the Vam Co Dong River. When team members verbally challenged the enemy soldiers, they received fire. Returning the fire, the Redcatchers killed three Viet Cong, while "Razorback" gunship helicopters killed another and caused secondary explosions. Earlier the team discovered two tunnels, which troops from Charlie Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf later destroyed.

Elsewhere, "Warriors" of Bravo Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf found and destroyed most of the bunkers 3 miles north of Ben Luc, just east of the "parrot's beak," scene of bitter fighting in late January. A total of 74 bunkers and 6 fighting positions was found and destroyed by Bravo Co in the area, while Charlie and Delta Co.'s 8 miles southwest of Saigon, destroyed 8 bunkers and 1 booby trap.

12 Feb 69

The cordon in Hung Long village ended today with more than 3,800 villagers processed during the eight-day operation. A total of 58 detainees were held during the operation.

In other action, infantrymen from Alpha Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf found one Viet Cong body during an early morning sweep near the Bien Dinh Bridge.

Earlier, the bridge received about 45 rounds of mixed enemy 60mm mortar and rocket-grenade fire. The indirect fire attack was followed by a ground attack against the bridge and nearby fire support base "Sue" by an unknown number of enemy employing automatic weapons fire.

The Redcatchers and Vietnamese Regional Force troops returned fire supported by artillery. Action continued for about 20 minutes when contact was lost as the enemy withdrew. Damage to the bridge was reported light.

13 Feb 69

The facilities used for the Hung Long cordon were disassembled today and moved 10 miles southwest of Saigon into the Tan Nhut Triangle. The combined holding and interrogation center was positioned just outside the cordoned area near Binh Chanh.

Unlike the first, the outer ring of the new cordon was manned exclusively by elements of the Brigade's four infantry battalions. Regional forces established interior cordon positions. Processing began in late afternoon and "Warriors" of 4th Bn, 12th Inf held three suspects apprehended within the cordoned area.

Other members of 4th Bn, 12th Inf found over 500 punji stakes in a complex of 32 bunkers in the "pineapple" area 5 miles southeast of Duc Hoa. Six miles southwest of Due Hoa, members of 3rd Bn, 12th Inf held two detainees while Redcatchers of 5th Bn, 12th Inf destroyed one bunker and found 200 rounds of AK-47 and 100 rounds of carbine ammunition in an M-60 ammo can 9 miles south of Due Hoa.

14 Feb 69

Almost 800 of 2200 civilians affected by the Tan Nhut Triangle cordon were processed today. Flanked on two sides of the triangle by the Kinh Sang and Ben Luc Rivers, the new cordon, like the last, attempted to break up Viet Cong activities in an area marked by recent enemy activities.

A Psyops team as well as Medcap and Dentcap units also operated within the collection points, capable of handling about 1,000 civilians at one time.

15 Feb 69

Brigade elements killed three Viet Cong and captured two AK-47 rifles during light action west of Saigon.

In the early morning while on a recon-in-force operation 5 miles southeast of Duc Hoa, elements from Alpha Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf engaged and killed one Viet Cong and captured his AK-47 rifle.

In other action, five Viet Cong were engaged by Charlie Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf, 8 miles west of Saigon. Two enemy were killed and an AK-47 rifle and a small amount of web gear and documents was captured.

16 Feb 69

The Brigade closed its two largest cordon and search operations in as many weeks today after processing more than 2,500 civilians through the combined holding and interrogation center near Binh Chanh. There were 32 detainees for the three-day cordon which involved more than (this part is illegible) Redcatchers.

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17 Feb 69

Brigade elements today killed two enemy and detained four suspects in scattered action west of Saigon.

Infantrymen from Delta Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf spotted one Viet Cong early this morning 3 miles southeast of Due Hoa. The enemy was killed when he attempted to flee, and his K-54 pistol and equipment were recovered. The Redcatchers also apprehended two suspicious looking individuals dressed in Khaki shorts and black shirts. Three grenades and 15 bunkers were also found and destroyed.

"Warriors" of Alpha co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf received a burst of small arms fire this afternoon at 300 meters from five Viet Cong 7 miles southwest of Saigon. The company returned fire and the enemy fled southeast. As the troops pursued, a "Razorback" light fire team received small arms fire from the nipa palm 100 meters south of the original contact. The team returned fire as Alpha Co. closed in. A sweep netted one Viet Cong killed in action and two Viet Cong suspects held along with two AK-47 rifles and one carbine captured.

18 Feb 69

Redcatchers of 5th Bn, 12th Inf engaged two Viet Cong 3 miles southeast of Due Hoa. An AK-47 rifle and four magazines were recovered and a blood trail was found. A comprehensive search of the area failed to turn up any bodies but three bunkers were found and destroyed during the search.

In other action, 4th Bn, 12th Inf "Warriors" destroyed a 20 bunker complex during recon-in-force operations 10 miles southeast of Due Hoa.

19 Feb 69

"Old Guards" of 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf located (paragraph illegible).

21 Feb 69

A Brigade recon patrol engaged four to six Viet Cong 3 miles southwest of Due Hoa. A company from 5th Bn, 12th Inf was inserted into the area and killed one of the enemy. One RPG round was also captured.

22 Feb 69

A light fire team supporting "Warriors" of 5th Bn, 12th Inf spotted a small number of NVA soldiers while on a recon operation 6 miles west of Ben Luc. As the enemy moved through high grass, they began firing on the helicopters. The team returned fire resulting in five enemy soldiers killed.

23 Feb 69

Redcatchers this morning killed 24 enemy soldiers within 2 miles of Camp Frenzell-Jones.

While searching a hill with elements of the 720th M.P. Bn, Charlie Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf began receiving small arms fire from another nearby hill. The ensuing battle lasted for several hours, with the Redcatchers credited with 24 Viet Cong killed and two suspects detained, one of whom was wounded. Also recovered were two AK-47 rifles and one NVA radio complete with accessories.

Elements of the Brigade's 71st Inf Det (LRP) supporting units of 5th Bn, 12th Inf, made contact with an estimated force of three Viet Cong while operating in the "Pineapple" area 5 miles southeast of Due Hoa. The LRP's engaged the enemy with small arms fire and grenades killing two and recovering two AK-47 rifles with full ammo belts and other assorted web gear. Members of the battalion also destroyed eight bunkers.

Nearby, infantrymen of 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf found a small cache containing eight 60mm mortar rounds and 50 lbs. Of TNT with (the next two paragraphs are illegible).

In other action 8 miles east of Due Hoa, members of 4th Bn, 12th Inf destroyed 3 bunkers and held six detainees for questioning.

24 Feb 69

During light action, elements of the Brigade's 71st Det. (LRP) engaged a team of three or four Viet Cong soldiers in the "Pineapple" region 14 miles west of Saigon. A morning search revealed one Viet Cong killed and an AK-47 rifle and four loaded magazines recovered.

25 Feb 69

While supporting Redcatcher elements this morning, a light fire team destroyed five sampans 3 ½ miles southeast of Due Hoa. Another three were destroyed later in the day.

A cache of more than 300 rounds of small arms ammunition was found in a recently used enemy base camp by members of Alpha Co, 2nd Bn, 12th Inf 7 ½ miles southeast of Saigon.

Elsewhere, one suspect was detained by infantrymen from Alpha Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf.

26 Feb 69

One Viet Cong soldier was killed and six sampans destroyed 5 miles southwest of Due Hoa by a light fire team supporting a Brigade people-sniffer mission.

Elsewhere, elements of 4th Bn, 12th Inf held 2 detainees and destroyed four bunkers and one Chicom Claymore mine 8 miles southwest of Saigon.

27 Feb 69

Elements from Bravo Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf spotted three Viet Cong 300 meters from their position 10 miles southwest of Saigon and opened fire. The enemy troops returned fire briefly before fleeing. A sweep of the area produced one enemy killed, and his AK-47 rifle and ammunition captured.

Elements of 4th Bn, 12th Inf discovered the body of a Viet Cong that had been killed in previous fighting involving the battalion 9 miles southwest of Saigon.

28 Feb 69

Redcatchers from Charlie Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf uncovered a bunker complex possibly used as an aid station and supply area less than a mile west of Binh Chanh district headquarters 7 miles southwest of Saigon.

The infantrymen found sacks of rice and medical supplies, including blood plasma, stethoscopes, as well as two gas stoves and six Chicom grenades. Also found in the area were two sampans and a booby trapped grenade with trip wire.

In the "Pineapple" region, Delta Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf found two 81mm mortar rounds and seven Chicom grenades 14 miles west of Saigon.

01 Mar 69

A night ambush patrol from Delta Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf spotted several VC moving near their area 7 miles southwest of Saigon. They engaged the enemy shortly before midnight and killed one VC. Two other VC and Delta Co engaged and killed one. A short time later they found a third body floating in a nearby canal.

02 Mar 69

A 4800 lb. rice cache and other enemy supplies were uncovered by Delta Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf. 3 miles west of Long Thanh during part of a three company operation aimed at destroying remnants of a Viet Cong force involved in heavy fighting the past week.

Elsewhere one VC was killed and two AK-47 rifles captured by Delta Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf, ending a night-long sporadic contact with an unknown size VC force and bringing the total to four VC killed in that encounter 9 miles southwest of Saigon.

Alpha Co of the same battalion uncovered the second cache buried in three feet of mud 6 miles southwest of Saigon. The "Old Guard" unit counted 24 Chicom mines, 2250 rounds of AK-47 ammunition and 400 blasting caps in the munitions cache.

03 Mar 69

"Cottonbalers" of Bravo Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf. killed two VC after receiving fire 5 miles southwest of Saigon. The unit was in search of the enemy after locating a small bunker complex with hot food inside.

While moving to cut off two VC spotted on the west bank of Rach Hung Nhoa canal, the element came under fire from an estimated five or six enemy. Two VC were killed attempting to escape into the canal.

The unit also found and destroyed 10 booby traps, two of which were 60mm mortar rounds, as well as 6 bunkers, rice, a kerosene stove and a 14 foot sampan.

Elements of Delta Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf. found 7,000 pounds of rice 2 miles northeast of Long Tan. The rice was covered with VC ponchos and buried 25 meters into a nipa palm area. Also found were 55 gallons of gasoline and 3 burners.

Elsewhere, Redcatchers detained three civilians during a cordon and search operation near the Tan Hut Triangle 7 miles southwest of Saigon. They also found an AK-47 rifle, five Chicom grenades, including three setup as booby traps, and a concrete bunker two weeks old, which was destroyed.

In other action, a light fire team supporting Bravo Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf. killed one NVA-clad soldier less than one mile west of Binh Chanh.

Finally, Delta Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf "Warriors" found one VC killed earlier 5 miles southeast of Duc Hoa.

04 Mar 69

Operating along a river near the village of My Yen, a company from 4th Bn, 12th Inf. "Warriors" encountered four Vietnamese in a motorized sampan. The Vietnamese ignored the repeated call to halt until several rounds were fired into the air. They are being held for further questioning.

In the same area, other battalions found 2,000 ft. of insulated rubber cable and destroyed two booby traps.

Several miles to the east, elements of 3rd Bn, 7th Inf "Cottonbalers" found one Chicom pistol with three magazines and a bandoleer with three AK-47 magazines.

08 Mar 69

Infantrymen from Bravo Co. 3rd Bn, 7th Inf. found three AK-47 rifles after chasing three individuals carrying weapons. The weapons were found in nipa palm.

Nearby, "Warriors" from Alpha Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf destroyed four VC Claymore mines and four bunkers.

09 Mar 69

A munitions cache was found by Charlie Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf in a heavy booby trapped area along the Ben Luc River. The cache contained fifty-four 82mm mortar rounds, sixty 60mm mortar rounds, fourteen B-40 rockets with RPG launcher, 15 RPG charges, forty-two 81mm fuses, 1500 rounds of small arms ammo, one AK-47 rifle, 10 Chicom grenades, one 13-inch marine mine and four land mines.

Alpha Company of the same battalion working along the Ben Luc River in the same locale found four additional RPG rounds at low tide.

Most of the cache was estimated to have been in place for about six months near the new Charlie Co basecamp a few meters away.

Assorted web gear and AK-47 magazines were found between a stack of tiles in the area where the first cache was found.

10 Mar 69

A Viet Cong officer plus five other enemy soldiers were killed by Redcatchers today 6 miles southwest of Saigon. An intensive search of the area also led to the discovery of two rocket caches.

The "Warriors" of 4th Bn, 12th Inf were also busy uncovering numerous cache 12 miles southwest of Saigon. Infantrymen from Delta Co discovered at low tide two 55-gallon drums buried in a canal bank, and containing twenty-eight 60mm mortar rounds, seventy-one 82mm mortar rounds, and 7 booster charges for RPG rocket rounds. The troopers also destroyed a 75mm booby trap, two concussion booby traps, one butterfly booby trap, four Chicom grenade booby traps and held one detainee.

Charlie Co infantrymen discovered a cache of medical supplies, a pair of binoculars and destroyed one booby trap, while Echo "recon" captured a Viet Cong flag.

11 Mar 69

Positive identification was made this morning of the body of the Chief of Staff of a Viet Cong Military District west and south of the Saigon area. The officer was killed March 10 by "Warriors" of Charlie Co. 5th Bn, 12th Inf when they engaged and killed a group of six Viet Cong.

Infantrymen of Bravo Co. 4th Bn, 12th Inf. found a cache of one hundred thirty-eight 82mm mortar rounds. The rounds were found in small holes about 3 ft. deep along the edge of a dike. They were in excellent condition and had been in place no more than a week. The cache was located 6 miles southwest of Duc Hoa. The Bravo Co. "Warriors" also destroyed 117 bunkers.

Charlie Co. 5th Bn, 12th Inf Redcatchers found 30 new Viet Cong ponchos hidden in sampans that were sunk and well concealed in a canal 9 miles southwest of Saigon. Other battalion members found and destroyed three bunkers and two booby traps.

Elements of Charlie Co. 4th Bn. 12th Inf held two detainees 8 miles southwest of Saigon. They found a cache containing two Chicom pistols with holsters in plastic bags and also assorted medical supplies and personal items.

12 Mar 69

Air strikes supporting the Redcatchers accounted for one VC killed, while other Redcatchers deprived the enemy of a large cache of grenades and booby traps during light action southwest of Saigon.

Alpha Co. 5th Bn, 12th Inf "Warriors" found the VC body and destroyed four bunkers 3 miles south of Duc Hoa after calling in air strikes on suspected enemy base camps.

Other "Warriors" from Bravo Co uncovered eight large ammo boxes 8 miles southwest of Saigon, containing 48 prepared Chicom grenade booby traps ready to be used.

14 Mar 69

Action was light and scattered today throughout the Brigade's area of operations. The body of one VC found late yesterday and another found today brought to eight the total number of VC killed by 5th Bn, 12th Inf "Warriors" during the contact of March 10, six miles southwest of Saigon.

19 Mar 69

"Warriors" from Delta Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf apprehended three VC suspects during operations 8 miles southwest of Saigon, while other battalion infantrymen recovered two large bundles of NVA propaganda pamphlets hidden in a nipa palm thicket.

Three miles southeast of Due Hoa, elements of the 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf "Old Guard" found one AK-47 rifle with three empty magazines.

In other light scattered action, members of 5th Bn, 12th Inf found one B-40 mortar round, one 82mm mortar round, and five empty fuse cans.

20 Mar 69

More than 3,800 rounds of small arms ammunition, along with 20 RPG rocket rounds were discovered southeast of Due Hoa by elements of the "Old Guard," 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf, while artillerymen from the Brigade's 2nd Bn, 40th Arty were credited with one Viet Cong killed yesterday during light action.

The ammunition cache was buried in 35-gallon drums along a canal bank 2 ½ miles southeast of Due Hoa. The Redcatcher infantrymen also destroyed 20 bunkers, including an enemy command bunker.

In Tan Tao village 6 miles southwest of Saigon, "Cottonbalers" of 3rd Bn, 7th Inf discovered six camouflaged bicycles during a cordon and search of the village. Ten detainees were held for further questioning during the cordon, which included Medcap and the distribution of food and clothing to the villagers.

The Viet Cong killed by the artillerymen were discovered 7 miles south of Due Hoa by a patrol of ARVN soldiers.

21 Mar 69

Redcatchers continued search operations west of Saigon today, destroying 18 bunkers and 4 booby traps 3 miles southwest of Due Hoa. One of the booby traps was a Claymore mine set between two pieces of bamboo.

"Warriors" from 4th Bn, 12th Inf found two 82mm mortar rounds and one 82mm white phosphorous round 10 miles southwest of Saigon. A unit of Bravo Co also found an isolated fence stacked with dry leaves in the area running east to west for 250 meters. A gate made from two concrete pillars 12 feet high and 12 inches in diameter was also discovered.

A sign on the gate read: "We kill all ARVN soldiers and build a new village at My Lgon." Many danger signs were in the area and six Chicom booby traps with pressure release detonations were found and destroyed along with the mysterious gate.

22 Mar 69

Helicopter gunships supporting Brigade elements killed ten Viet Cong today.

A forward air controller working with the Brigade received small arms fire and spotted the Viet Cong in an open field. He called for a light fire team, which engaged and killed the enemy.

Elsewhere, "Warriors" from Alpha Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf working in an area 11 miles southwest of Saigon, discovered 2 AK-47 rifles with magazines, one bag of mortar mix, and 30 charges. The infantrymen also sank one sampan.

Elements of Delta Co of the same battalion found a Chicom grenade booby trap and one RPG round.

23 Mar 69

While conducting sweeps in the Binh Chanh area 7 miles southwest of Saigon today, "Warriors" from Alpha Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf found a small cache hidden in several haystacks. It contained five RPG boosters, two maps and one small packet of documents.

Two Viet Cong roadblocks were also discovered in the same area. They were constructed from mounds of dirt surrounded by concertina wire. Viet Cong propaganda signs and pamphlets were found in the area around the roadblock and destroyed along with the roadblock.

24 Mar 69

The Brigade Civil Affairs Section (S5) continued to help the people of Ho Nai village rebuild their homes, many of which were destroyed during the post-Tet fighting last month.

To date, the villagers have received over 20 truckloads of lumber, 300 bags of cement, and 800 sheets of tin roofing from the S-5 office. The villagers perform the actual construction work.

Captain Melvin R. Chatman of Detroit, Brigade Civil Affairs Officer said, 'We expect to have over 8 homes rebuilt in about 5 months.'

25 Mar 69

In activities west of Saigon today, two brigade operations netted small weapons caches and resulted in one Viet Cong killed by artillery.

Popular Forces working with "Warriors" of 5th Bn, 12th Inf uncovered a 55-gallon drum containing 25 new AK-47 rifles and 15 loaded magazines while on a cordon and search operation 5 miles southwest of Saigon. The cache, found in a hamlet of Tan Kien village, had been in place about one month.

Operating in the 'pineapple' region west of Saigon, "Old Guard" infantrymen from Bravo Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf found another 55-gallon drum buried in a dike 6 miles southwest of Due Hoa. Thirteen B-40 rocket rounds were found inside the drum.

Towards dusk, the Brigade's forward air controller (FAC) spotted one Viet Cong in the northern pineapple region 3 miles south of Due Hoa. Captain Charles F. Thomas of Denver, Co, said, "I was flying in support of a bunker-destruction mission when I spotted at least one pajama-clad Viet Cong near a canal infested with bunkers and fighting positions." Thomas called in and adjusted two 2nd Bn, 40th Arty batteries resulting in one Viet Cong killed and 11 bunkers destroyed.

26 Mar 69

"Warriors" from Alpha Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf discovered 60 homemade grenades in a hootch today. One bunker was also destroyed.

27 Mar 69

"Warriors" of 5th Bn, 12th Inf this morning continued a reconnaissance-in-force operation begun yesterday 8 miles southwest of Due Hoa.

A bunker complex containing at least 20 bunkers was discovered and destroyed by Alpha Co, with 10 additional bunkers being destroyed by other battalion elements. Over 20 bunkers were discovered and destroyed by Alpha Co, with 10 additional bunkers being destroyed by other battalion elements. Over 20 spider holes were found in the same area as the bunker complex and were also destroyed.

The "Warriors" also found and destroyed 10 Viet Cong sampans found submerged in a nearby canal.

A bag of Viet Cong medical supplies was also discovered hidden under a poncho and one Viet Cong Claymore mine, one 82mm mortar round, and one 55-gallon drum of fuel were found and destroyed.

Elements of 4th Bn, 12th Inf held one detainee and found and destroyed five booby traps and three bunkers while operating 9 miles southwest of Saigon. One of these bunkers had concrete walls covered with Viet Cong slogans.

In light action 5 miles southwest of Saigon, members of the 3rd Bn, 7th Inf "Cottonbalers" found and destroyed four B-40 rocket rounds, four bunkers and one booby trap. A 50 lb. bag of rice was also found.

28 Mar 69

Brigade elements today killed six Viet Cong and captured two suspects in afternoon action 6 miles southwest of Saigon.

A Binh Chanh Regional Forces company working with Alpha and Bravo Co.'s of the 4th Bn, 12th Inf "Warriors" received initial contact from a Viet Cong force 1 mile south of the strategic Binh Dien Bridge. The RG's returned fire with unknown results as air support arrived within five minutes.

An air strike in support of Alpha Co, killed five Viet Cong with 20mm cannon fire, while Bravo Co killed an additional enemy soldier and wounded another. The wounded soldier and one suspect were detained in the action.

29 Mar 69

Redcatchers engaged the enemy southwest of Saigon today, resulting in three VC killed and two detainees held.

Infantrymen from Bravo Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf killed two VC and detained one suspect 8 miles southwest of Saigon, while 14 miles southwest of the capital, Bravo Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf "Warriors" killed one VC and detained one suspect.

Seven miles south of Saigon, infantrymen from alpha Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf chased and captured one wounded suspect. Three bunkers, containing 60 rounds of AK-47 ammunition and 2 B-40 rounds, were discovered where the suspect was hiding.

Elsewhere, members of Delta Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf detained one person who was later identified as a Viet Cong. While on the sweep, the "Warriors" found a 55-gallon drum containing 80 B-41 rocket rounds, three B-40 charges, two AK-47 rifles, and two cases of small arms ammunition. Minutes later, another 55-gallon drum of gasoline was discovered buried three feet underground. Later in the day, Delta Co infantrymen also uncovered a complete 82mm mortar, 149 B-40 boosters, one hundred twenty-three 60mm mortar rounds and 51 cases of fuses.

30 Mar 69

Redcatchers today killed six VC in action 8 miles southwest of Saigon.

ARVN soldiers operating with alpha Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf contacted an estimated five Viet Cong while sweeping an area south of Bin Chanh. Alpha Co quickly moved to support the ARVN's and killed all five VC.

01 Apr 69

A large munitions cache containing over 6,500 rounds of AK-47 rifle ammunition was discovered by Charlie Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf. 2 miles northwest of Binh Chanh. The freshly-hidden ammunition had been concealed in the bank of a canal under mud and water and was found by the "Old Guard" infantrymen while probing the canal banks with long poles.

"Cottonbalers" of Bravo Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf uncovered the first of two Viet Cong base camps 5 miles northwest of Binh Chanh. The camp consisted of 24 well-fortified bunkers, many with built-in clay ovens. Small amounts of enemy gear were also found.

The Bravo Co. infantrymen found the second base camp later in the day 5 1/2 miles north of Ben Luc. The platoon-size site consisted of 10 bunkers and numerous fighting positions.

02 Apr 69

Alpha Btry, 2nd Bn, 40th Arty was credited with three Viet Cong killed this afternoon after a reconnaissance by elements of 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf had uncovered the bodies 5 1/2 miles south of Duc Hoa. The VC were dressed in green uniforms and had been hidden in the nipa palm bordering canal.

In other action, Charlie Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf uncovered and destroyed 26 enemy bunkers and a small number of grenade booby traps 3 1/2 miles north of Ben Luc.

03 Apr 69

During a firefight 8 miles southwest of Saigon today, "Warriors" of Delta Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf. killed three Viet Cong.

White on a routine recon-in-force mission a few miles from the Brigade's forward headquarters, an element of Delta Co. surprised and estimated five VC hiding thick nipa palm. Engaging the enemy soldiers with small arms and M-79 grenade fire, the Redcatchers killed three of the enemy. Several hours later, they discovered and held one suspect with leg wounds.

An AK-47 magazine, a .45 caliber pistol with two full clips and several booby traps were recovered from the area of contact, along with some personal gear and documents.

05 Apr 69

"Old Guard" infantrymen from 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf detained two persons for questioning 8 miles south of Saigon today.

Elsewhere, "Warriors" from Delta Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf destroyed 15 bunkers while patrolling 15 miles west of the capital city.

07 Apr 69

A Viet Cong suspect was captured tonight by members of Charlie Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf. The "Old Guard" infantrymen found the suspect hiding in a canal 1 mile east of Binh village. He was carrying a grenade and an individual weapon was found nearby. Minutes before the capture, the Redcatcher had found an AK-47 rifle.

09 Apr 69

"Warriors" of Delta Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf. uncovered a cache containing thirty-six 60mm mortar rounds with fuses and 18 boxes of 7.62 mm machine gun ammunition during a sweep west of Saigon. The cache was discovered by probing the ground with long poles.

10 Apr 69

A platoon of "Cottonbalers" from Alpha Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf was checking out its perimeter and found one Viet Cong flag on a stake, along with seven banners, two of which were in English, the rest in Vietnamese. The banners advised Vietnamese to support the Viet Cong cause.

Elsewhere, "Old Guard" infantrymen from Charlie Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf. found three booby traps while members of Delta Trp, 17th Cav uncovered one Chicom grenade and one RPG round.

11 Apr 69

Rangers from Co M, 75th Inf engaged two Viet Cong hiding in the nipa palm 2 1/2 miles southeast of Duc Hoa. The former LRPs directed small arms fire at the enemy, killing them both.

Elsewhere, "Old Guard" infantrymen from Bravo Co. 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf, while searching a village 7 miles southwest of Saigon, found one Viet Cong killed by small arms fire hidden under a hay stack.

12 Apr 69

Redcatchers from Delta Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf. discovered the body of a Viet Cong killed five days earlier during contact with the Delta Co. infantrymen. The body was found 6 miles southwest of Saigon.

A munitions cache consisting of AK-47 ammunition, was uncovered in a well-constructed bunker by Rangers from Co M, 75th Inf. during a reconnaissance mission 1 1/2 miles south of Duc Hoa.

In other action, at least 23 enemy bunkers were destroyed through the Brigade's area of operations. Piloting one of the Brigade's FAC OV-10 "Bronco" spotter planes, Air Force Major Thomas Farga from Houston consistently called in accurate air strikes on the hidden bunkers.

13 Apr 69

Elements of the 4th Bn, 12th Inf "Warriors" destroyed 40 enemy bunkers during sweep operations 5 miles southeast of Duc Hoa.

Eight miles west of Saigon, ACAVs from Delta Trp, 17th Cav engaged in nipa palm clearing operations along Highway 10. The operation was aimed at discovery of enemy booby traps and the destruction of cover and concealment behind which potential enemy rocket and mortar attacks could be launched.

In Ho Nai village near BMB, members of the Brigade Civil Affairs Section (S-5) were honored at a luncheon given by villagers to show their appreciation for the construction Redcatchers have completed in the village since the Tet Offensive of 1968.

16 Apr 69

Two Viet Cong were killed by "Warriors" of Alpha Co. 5th Bn, 12th Inf. during a late night-early morning skirmish with a 20 man enemy force in the western "pineapple" region 22 miles west of Saigon.

The Redcatchers were in the process of setting up night ambushes in terrain marked by tall grass, bushes and trees when the Viet Cong force suddenly came upon one of their positions. The Company Kit Carson Scout, realizing the ambush was not yet prepared, stepped forward and convinced the enemy he was part of a friendly ambush. The Viet Cong force continued on but ran into a second "Warrior" ambush position. Alerted by the first ambushers, the second group of ambushers opened fire on the enemy who fled to the southwest. A dawn sweep of the area revealed two enemy bodies.

Several hours later, a supporting gunship fire-fly, directed by ground radar, killed two more enemy 2 miles southwest of the original contact. Two AK-47 rifles with small arms ammunition, assorted medical supplies, web gear, and other personal items were recovered after the two contacts.

In other action 12 miles west-southwest of Saigon near Tan Buu Village, two aerial observers and their LOH pilot spotted a suspicious-looking sampan motoring up the Rach Cay Trom canal. They forced the sampan to the bank as a Viet Cong

suspect fled. Recovered from the craft were 15 B-40 rocket rounds with boosters, 3 K-54 pistols, 3 boxes of small arms ammunition, 1 FM radio and assorted clothing and field equipment.

17 Apr 69

In light action today, a light fire team searching an area 7 miles southwest of Duc Hoa found the bodies of two Viet Cong killed earlier by 2nd Bn, 40th Arty during artillery bombardment. The artillery mission had been fired in support of sightings made by Delta Co. 4th Bn, 12th Inf. and the light fire team confirmed the two Viet Cong killed by artillery.

Operating 9 miles southwest of Saigon, "Old Guard" infantrymen of 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf held three detainees.

19 Apr 69

"Warriors" of Charlie Co 5th Bn, 12th Inf found a Viet Cong base camp 9 miles southwest of Saigon. The camp consisted of 12 bunkers and 7 spider holes. Several fish traps, assorted clothing, food and a 155mm artillery round were also found.

One detainee was held by "Cottonbalers" of 3rd Bn, 7th Inf 5 1/2 miles west of Saigon.

20 Apr 69

In light action today, "Cottonbalers" of Alpha Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf. detained three suspects 12 miles west southwest of Saigon. The suspects were spotted from the air running near the Ben Luc River.

21 Apr 69

In the late afternoon action, Redcatchers killed 10 Viet Cong and detained four suspects.

While flying over an area of heavy nipa palm 8 miles southwest of Saigon, elements of Bravo Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf. spotted four Viet Cong taking evasive action. The "Cottonbalers" landed and opened fire and during the resulting firefight, killed seven Viet Cong and held four suspects.

Several thousand meters to the north of Bravo Co, an "Old Guard" ambush patrol from Charlie Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf. saw three Viet Cong enter a structure. While observing the structure, the VC opened up on them with small arms fire. The "Old Guard" infantrymen returned fire, resulting in two Viet Cong killed.

An ambush patrol from 5th Bn, 12th Inf. sighted two Viet Cong and killed one during ensuing action in the Binh Chanh area 8 miles southwest of Saigon.

26 Apr 69

Redcatchers today accounted for six Viet Cong killed and a suspect detained in scattered actions south and west of Saigon.

While in ambush positions last night 2 miles southwest of Binh Chanh, elements of Alpha Co. 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf killed one of two Viet Cong spotted 150 meters away.

In action 14 miles south of Saigon, "Warriors" of Alpha Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf. killed two Viet Cong and recovered an AK-47 rifle while elements of Charlie Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf. engaged a five man Viet Cong force in the Tan Nhut Triangle 8 miles southwest of Saigon, killing three and detaining one armed suspect. A "Silver Spur" hunter-killer team, directed by the ground elements accounted for two of the enemy killed.

27 Apr 69

In action today "Warriors" of 5th Bn, 12th Inf. killed one enemy soldier by 90mm recoilless rifle fire 8 1/2 miles southwest of Saigon. Two more Viet Cong were killed by gunship in the same area.

Alpha Co. of the same battalion, operating 7 miles southwest of Saigon, found a cache containing 6 B-41 rocket rounds, 22 Chicom grenade booby traps and destroyed one bunker. About one mile away, Alpha Co also found 75 pound of TNT submerged in canal mud. Elsewhere, "Old Guard" infantrymen of 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf held one detainee 10 miles southwest of Saigon.

28 Apr 69

In scattered action today, 2nd Bn, 40th Arty was credited with two Viet Cong killed when they fire into an area 20 miles west of Saigon.

The pilot of a "Chinook" helicopter working in support of the 199th reported observing several rockets and makeshift launchers 19 miles west of Saigon. "Warriors" of 4th Bn, 12th Inf were inserted into the area and found four 107mm rockets and eight launchers.

30 Apr 69

In action today, Regional Forces working with the Brigade detained one suspect 11 miles west of Saigon.

Elsewhere, Echo Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf. found five RPG rounds and two Chicom grenades wrapped in an NVA poncho 7 miles southwest of Saigon.

01 May 69

Nine enemy soldiers were killed in a firefight late last night and early this morning by 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf. "Old Guard" and supporting Army gunships. A sweep of the area produced one 107mm rocket, two RPG launchers with 11 B-40 rounds and eight boosters, two AK-47 rifles, 22 quarter-pound blocks of TNT, 12 Chicom grenades, 11 rifle grenades, 41 blasting caps, five pounds of plastic explosives, one Russian anti-tank grenade plus food, clothing and medical supplies.

Later in the day, "Cottonbalers" of 3rd Bn, 7th Inf killed one VC hiding in nipa palm. Another was killed during the night by Alpha Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf. as he tried to escape through the perimeter.

Elsewhere, elements of the 3rd Bn, 7th Inf detained two persons who were later identified as Viet Cong Infrastructure.

02 May 69

Bravo Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf. killed one VC within the cordon and detained another man a short time later. The detainee had an AK-47, two Chicom grenades and two B-40 rounds.

03 May 69

Nine miles southwest of Saigon, Vietnam Regional Force units sweeping with Bravo Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf. spotted and engaged three enemy. Two of the enemy were killed while attempting to brake through the cordon perimeter and a third was captured.

04 May 69

One Viet Cong was killed during action 14 miles southwest of Saigon. In addition, six Viet Cong Infrastructure and three VC were detained.

05 May 69

"Redcatchers" and Government of Vietnam forces brought to a close a six-day cordon and search operation 13 to 15 miles southwest of Saigon.

A total of 4,200 Vietnamese civilians were processed by the Brigade, which resulted in 55 infrastructure personnel, nine Hoi Chanhs and nine VC suspects detained. This was the third large cordon and search operation of this nature conducted.

06 May 69

A moonlight stroll through the nipa palm trees southwest of Saigon ended abruptly for two VC when members of the 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf killed them.

Artillery and mortar fire from fire support base "Elvira" were called into the area nine miles southwest of Saigon and the bodies of two VC were sighted in a canal by Brigade "firefly" (gunships equipped with spotlights) helicopters.

A VC cache was uncovered in the afternoon as an element of the 3rd Bn, 7th Inf. swept an area 4 1/2 miles west of Saigon. The cache contained: one 122mm mortar, one AK-47, 260 AK rounds, one B-41 round, one B-41 propeller, 16 60mm mortar rockets, 17 charges believed to be for 82mm mortars, three pounds of plastic explosive, and assorted items of clothing and equipment.

07 May 69

The 3rd Bn, 7th Inf, along with GVN forces threw a cordon around the village of Tan Tao 7 miles southwest of Saigon. Of the 350 people processed, two detainees were held.

Elements of the 4th Bn, 12th Inf destroyed 22 bunkers and one booby trap in an area 2 1/2 miles south of Duc Hoa.

08 May 69

Action was scattered throughout the Brigade's area of operation. Bravo Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf. destroyed nine bunkers 21 miles southwest of Saigon.

09 May 69

Working in the "pineapple" region 14 miles west of Saigon with Army and Air Force air support, Redcatchers destroyed an enemy bunker complex. A total of 29 bunkers, concealed under the thick jungle vegetation, were located and destroyed.

Elements of the Echo Recon platoon and Bravo Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf. were inserted into the area in the morning after airstrikes by the 604th Special Operations Squadron had worked the area over. In the sweep, Redcatchers destroyed 22 bunkers.

A 3rd Sqdn, 17th Cav "firefly" mission spotted and engaged a bunker complex, destroying six on the bunkers. They also observed a possible 107mm rocket on a bipod and fired on it, causing a large secondary explosion.

Late in that night an ambush patrol from the 5th Bn, 12th Inf. spotted movement outside its night defensive position six miles southwest of Saigon. The VC were taken under fire and an immediate search of the area revealed two dead.

09 May 69

While searching nipa palm lined canals 2 1/2 miles southwest of Duc Hoa, elements of the 4th Bn, 12th Inf and 3rd Bn, 7th Inf. came into a large burned off area. A through search revealed 30 fighting positions, three individual weapons, one mortar aiming stake, and one 82mm mortar fuse. Three B-40 rounds were discovered hidden in the thick palm along a nearby canal.

12 May 69

Redcatchers began the fourth combined cordon in recent months with ARVN Rangers and Popular Forces cordoning an area 11 miles south of Saigon. Eight infrastructure members and six draft dodgers were detained from a total of 560 civilians processed during the interrogation.

13 May 69

Two Redcatchers from Brigade's 7th Spt Bn, while helping whom they thought was a sick ARVN soldier, discovered they had captured a Viet Cong.

15 May 69

During the combined RVN 199th cordon operation, a "lottery" was held nightly which was designed to both entertain and aid Vietnamese civilians being processed at the CHIC.

16 May 69

The huge 199th-GVN six-day cordon 11 to 13 miles south of Saigon ended today with 18 enemy killed. Detained at the Combined Holding and Interrogation Center (CHIC) were 10 VCI (Infrastructure), 3 VC military and 7 draft dodgers, while almost 800 villagers were processed and released as innocent civilians.

GVN units involved in the cordon were the 46th Regt, 25th ARVN Div. which killed 10 enemy soldiers May 14, and elements of the 5th ARVN Rangers, which killed six. A total of 8 AK-47 rifles, an RPG-7 launcher, 17 B-40 rocket rounds, six 82mm mortar boosters, and a Chicom radio were recovered from the area.

Brigade Intelligence Officer, Major Dennis F. Hightower, said that although less VCI were detained than in previous cordons, "this operation was aimed more at piercing the military structure, which was considerably dented."

17 May 69

A brief firefight this morning led to the death of a Viet Cong and discovery of a cache of mines and rockets by "Warriors" of the 5th Bn, 12th Inf.

Seven 107mm rockets, 3 antitank mines, 4 explosive charges, and 14 firing devices were recovered from a sampan. The sampan was discovered sunk in the Khai Canal 11 miles southwest of Saigon by reconnaissance elements of the "Warrior" battalion's Echo Co.

The firefight occurred as a "Boston Whaler" boat was enroute to pick up an ambush patrol. Two VC fired on the boat with small arms and the whaler's occupants returned fire. One on the VC Dropped and fell into the water. The other, dragging the dead VC's body, disappeared into the nipa palm.

The boat then picked up the patrol and returned to the scene of the firefight. A search turned up a blood trail leading into the nipa palm, along with one AK-47 rifle and the cache in the sunken sampan. The sampan was in excellent condition. Cannisters from the 107mm rockets and mines showed no rust. "I would say that the sampan was sunk moments before the firefight began," commented Captain Bernard P. Thomas from Claridge, Pa., the battalion

intelligence officer. "The VC who had just deposited the material were probably startled by the whaler and engaged it with AK-47 fire."

The Redcatchers were unable to follow the blood trail very far into the nipa palm. Brigade units have frequently found enemy supplies and equipment hidden in the area where this cache was found.

20 May 69

Twenty-nine members of the Viet Cong Infrastructure, or "shadow government", were detained in the first day of another combined 199th-GVN cordon near Ben Luc.

Working with elements of the 50th Regt, 25th ARVN Div, the Brigade processed a total of 1,072 civilians through the cordon's combined holding and interrogation center (CHIC). This is the fifth large cordon in which the Brigade has participated since February.

In other action, "Old Guard" infantrymen from 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf killed one Viet Cong with a Claymore mine last night in an ambush 13 miles west of Saigon. In the ambush, which occurred in the "pineapple" region, members of the Echo Recon platoon also captured one AK-47 rifle and two magazines after engaging in a small fire fight with an estimated enemy squad.

21 May 69

Redcatchers today killed four Viet Cong and detained one while on patrol southwest of Saigon.

"Old Guard" infantrymen from Charlie Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf. received fire from 8-12 Viet Cong 10 miles south of Duc Hoa while riding as passengers on a Navy river patrol boat (PBR).

Responding to the ambush, the Redcatchers opened up with small arms and automatic weapons fire. A sweep of the area yielded three VC bodies.

In another action, "Warriors" from Delta Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf opened fire on one VC while moving into their night defensive position 10 miles southwest of Saigon. After calling for illumination, the VC was killed by small arms and M-79 grenade fire.

23 May 69

The fifth in a series of large 199th-GVN cordon and search operations ended today. The operation pulled up stakes after concentrating for five days on the town of Ben Luc 16 miles southwest of Saigon.

Fifty-eight VIO, one VC military and two draft dodgers were held during the cordon. In addition of five Viet Cong were killed along the cordon's perimeter, three by Navy gunboats patrolling the Vam Co Dong River, two by a night ambush patrol of "Cottonbalers" from Alpha Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf.

More than 1,500 civilians were processed through the CHIC during the cordon. The people were fed and sheltered by Brigade Civil Affairs (S-5) Section under the command of Captain James B McGinns from Stanford, N.C. Entertainment was provided by cultural drama team from Long An Province.

Second Lieutenant Andrew Duskie from Concord, N.C., 199th Psyops officer, was presented an award by Lieutenant Nguyen Van Moi, Long An Province Psyops officer, in an informal ceremony during the last day of the cordon.

Elsewhere, an ambush patrol of "Warriors" from 5th Bn, 12th Inf. spotted and killed one Viet Cong 10 miles southwest of Saigon.

24 May 69

A "Silver Spur" gunship from the 3rd Sqdn, 17th Air Cav, flying in support of 199th operations, spotted, engaged and killed a single NVA soldier 2 miles south of Duc Hoa late this morning.

The enemy soldier was wearing a khaki uniform and helmet when engaged in the northern "pineapple" region. His pistol and propaganda leaflets were recovered. The incident occurred 15 miles west of Saigon.

27 May 69

One VC body was discovered today after helicopter gunship crews supporting Brigade elements strafed an area in the southern "pineapple" region 15 miles west of Saigon.

Sweeping the area after the gunship run, members of the "Old Guard" 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf. also found blood trails, and an enemy fighting position which showed evidence of recent occupancy.

In other action, "Warriors" from 5th Bn, 12th Inf detained six Viet Cong suspects after a helicopter light fire team observed two persons in a sampan on a canal 8 miles southwest of Saigon. The crewmen observed a 50-gallon drum in the sampan, and when they went in for a closer look, they were fired on by the sampan's occupants.

02 Jun 69

Reacting to information furnished by two Hoi Chanh, an element of Delta Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf killed two Viet Cong and detained four suspects.

While working with the Gia Dinh Provincial Reconnaissance Unit 10 miles southwest of Saigon, the infantrymen entered a small hamlet where VC were suspected to be hiding.

"As the men came into the village, the VC ran into some bunkers," said 1LT Julian F. Depree, Assistant Brigade Intelligence Officer from Louisville, Ky. "In the exchange of fire, the two VC were killed." A Brigade light observation helicopter (LOH), working with the ground elements under the direction of Major Milton H. Mathis, from Washington, D.C., was responsible for the kills. The detainees were released to the Provincial Reconnaissance Unit.

03 Jun 69

"Warriors" from 5th Bn, 12th Inf uncovered an ammunition cache buried in six metal containers 9 miles southwest of Saigon today. The infantrymen were led to the cache by a former VC captain who recently rallied to the GVC under the Chieu Hoi program. The cache contained 2,500 rounds of AK-47 ammunition.

"He pointed to the exact spot where he wanted the men to dig and the metal cases were right there, about four feet under the ground," said battalion intelligence officer CPT Bernard P. Thomas from Claridge, PA.

05 Jun 69

A sizable rocket cache was found this afternoon by "Old Guard" infantrymen from Echo Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf while on patrol in the "pineapple" region 2 miles west of Saigon. The cache, containing 21 B-41 rocket rounds and 22 boosters, was found in a 55-gallon drum partly buried in a dike. Seven inches of the drum was protruding above the ground and was plainly visible.

"Many of the rockets and boosters, as well as the drum itself, were quite rusted," said assistant Brigade intelligence officer 1LT Julian F. Depree.

06 Jun 69

Redcatchers combined civic action with military efforts today when they conducted a Medcap while cordoning the village of Tan Nhut One, 10 miles southwest of Saigon.

Under the supervision of 1LT Sidney K. Godwin from Virginia Beach, VA, the Medcap team from 5th Bn, 12th Inf offered medical assistance to the villagers.

The military end of the operation turned up two well-fortified but abandoned Viet Cong bunkers, two observation posts overlooking a nearby Brigade fire support base, and four Chicom grenade booby traps.

"Old Guard" infantrymen from 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf uncovered 10,000 rounds of 7.62mm ammunition 12 miles west of Saigon, along with a 40-pound Chicom Claymore mine.

In other action, "Cottonbalers" from 3rd Bn, 7th Inf, working with elements of the 9th Inf Div in the McKong Delta, discovered the bodies of three Viet Cong killed in recent action.

07 Jun 69

In light action today, three Viet Cong soldiers died in a heavy artillery barrage laid down by gunners from the Brigade's 2nd Bn, 40th Arty 13 miles southwest of Saigon.

In other action, "Old Guard" infantrymen from 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf destroyed 48 bunkers south of Due Hon while air strikes smashed five more. The Redcatchers found 31 of the bunkers 5 miles southeast of Due Hoa and the remainder 3 miles southwest of the city. They also discovered three VC sampans.

"Warriors" from Charlie Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf found five more bunkers and four booby traps 8 miles southwest of Saigon.

10 Jun 69

Two Viet Cong died and one self-confessed VC and seven suspects were detained today by Redcatchers as light action proved to be the order of the day for Brigade units.

The day's only killings took place 10 miles southwest of Saigon when "Warriors" from Charlie Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf engaged the two VC while sweeping the area with an ARVN unit. The sweep also uncovered nine bunkers containing three Chicom grenades, one booby trap kit, and a medical supply bag.

One VC apparently decided he would rather switch than fight and gave up to the advancing Redcatchers. Seven more suspects were detained on the operation.

12 Jun 69

While probing the muddy banks of a canal 8 ½ miles southwest of Saigon today, Redcatchers unearthed a munitions cache containing almost 11,000 rounds of AK-47 ammunition.

"Warriors" from Alpha Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf, discovered 10,900 rounds packed in 15 wooden boxes as they made one of their periodic searches of the canal banks. It was estimated that the ammunition had been buried in the mud from two to three weeks.

"This is the second largest munitions cache we've found in the same area within the last two weeks," remarked Brigade intelligence Officer CPT Bernard P. Thomas of Claridge, PA.

14 Jun 69

A Viet Cong failed to halt when he heard the Vietnamese cry of that equivalent today and died because of it.

The action took place 12 ½ mile southwest of Saigon when "Old Guard" infantrymen from Alpha Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf were conducting a sweep with Regional Forces soldiers. Two VC were spotted and were commanded to halt. They broke and fired. Only one escaped into a nearby line of nipa palm.

Regional Forces soldiers engaged a lone VC protected in a fortified bunker near the scene of the first shooting. When they finally overran the bunker, they found the VC dead and discovered seven Chicom hand grenades.

Elsewhere, "Warriors" of 5th Bn, 12th Inf fell on three more Viet Cong 10 ½ miles southwest of Saigon, seriously wounding one man, who later died at 3rd Field Hospital, and detaining the other two.

16 Jun 69

A tip from a Hoi Chanh paid off for "Cottonbalers" of Delta Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf today. While working with 9th Inf Div elements near FSB "Madeleine," Delta Co and supporting gunships killed 14 enemy soldiers in separate incidents, and detained six suspects.

The Hoi Chanh, a former VC Medic, had rallied the previous night. Armed with information on enemy personnel and equipment concentrations supplied by the former medic, the Delta Co infantrymen had killed 14 Viet Cong at day's end.

17 Jun 69

The bodies of two NVA soldiers killed earlier by 9th Inf Div gunships were found today by elements of Charlie Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf while operating in an area 15 miles southwest of Saigon.

20 Jun 69

"Warriors" of Charlie Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf discovered what was believed to be an old enemy bivouac area. Found in the area were four cooking huts, drying racks, and picnic tables. The infantrymen destroyed 12 bunkers, many with firing ports, in the same area.

22 Jun 69

Two miles west of FSB "Madeleine," "Cottonbalers" from Alpha Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf killed one Viet Cong and captured one AK-47 rifle with three loaded magazines during night ambush operations.

24 Jun 69

Six Viet Cong were killed today by infantrymen from Alpha Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf during airmobile operations 21 miles southwest of Saigon. During the operation, an additional Viet Cong rallied to the GVN under the "Chieu Hoi" Program. Two AK-47 rifles were also recovered.

Elsewhere, in an area 12 miles northeast of Xuan Loc, a supporting hunter-killer team from "Charliehorse," 3rd Sqdn, 17th Air Cav, while doing an aerial visual reconnaissance, spotted one NVA body covered with brush. The enemy was later credited as having been "killed by air." Later in the day, another "Charliehorse" light fire team sighted and engaged seven enemy, killing two.

In other action, "Old Guard" infantrymen from Delta Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf destroyed four enemy bunkers, found six 60 mm mortar rounds, and quantities of ammunition and equipment.

25 Jun 69

The Brigade's Delta Trp, 17th Cav located a sizable cache containing thirty-nine 82 mm mortar fuses, 24 charges, and a can of primers. The cache was hidden in hollowed tree stumps and covered with enemy ponchos.

Elsewhere, an air strike directed by a 199th Forward Air Controller resulted in two enemy killed and 10 bunkers destroyed.

In other action, "Warriors" of 4th Bn, 12th Inf found a cache of three 100 lb. bags of rice. Later they found a possible enemy hospital site consisting of about 25 bunkers.

26 Jun 69

During recon-in-force operations southwest of Saigon, "Cottonbalers" from Delta Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf killed one Viet Cong and destroyed four enemy bunkers.

That night, during ambush operations, the company also discovered two old, rusty 7.92 mm German-made weapons.

In an area approximately 6 miles southeast of Xuan Loc, Alpha Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf located an enemy base camp containing 18 bunkers of various sizes. A little to the west they found another 30 or 40 more bunkers and four enemy bodies.

27 Jun 69

"Old Guard" infantrymen of Charlie Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf killed two enemy and captured an AK-47 rifle when they received ground fire from four enemy soldiers. The infantrymen were investigating an area from which they had heard suspicious voices.

Elsewhere, Bravo Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf found a Soviet 7.62 mm light machine gun, three potato masher grenades, and one B-41 rocket.

28 Jun 69

Three Viet Cong were killed by elements of Charlie and Echo Co's, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf during airmobile operations 15 miles southwest of Saigon. Sixteen bunkers and 53 booby traps were destroyed and one AK-47 rifle was captured.

Working in the same area as the previous day's contact, Charlie Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf located a small base camp containing seven enemy bunkers. The bodies of three enemy soldiers killed the previous day and three AK-47 rifles were also found.

In other action, Alpha Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf found the largest cache discovered in the area to date. They inspected a hut and captured forty-nine 100 lb. bags of rice, thirty 10 lb. bags of salt and twenty-three 100 lb. bags of flour.

29 Jun 69

"Old Guard" infantrymen from Charlie Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf today discovered an NVA printing device, 55 lbs. of rice, and 100 lbs. of clothing when they located an enemy bunker and two cooking huts in an area 7 miles northwest of FSB "Blackhorse" during recon-in-force operation.

30 Jun 69

Artillery men from Charlie Btry, 2nd Bn, 40th Arty were credited with one Viet Cong killed when elements of Delta Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf found the enemy body during a patrol in an area which had recently been fired into by the battery.

In other action, "Charliehorse" pilots struck again as a hunter-killer team of the 3rd Sqdn, 17th Air Cav spotted three enemy in Khaki uniforms attempting to evade them. Two of the enemy were killed and five bunkers were discovered in the immediate area.

01 Jul 69

During night ambush operations 11 miles south of Saigon, "Cottonbalers" of Alpha Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf killed five Viet Cong. An AK-47 rifle, two magazines, one K-54 pistol, and several documents were also captured.

02 Jul 69

Ten Viet Cong were killed by forces from Delta and Echo Co's, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf. The action occurred 10 miles south of Saigon.

The "Cottonbalers" also held 17 detainees for questioning. One Viet Cong also rallied to the GVN under the "Chieu Hoi" Program. Equipment captured included two rifles and one RPG-2 round.

03 Jul 69

Another enemy base camp was discovered today as Charlie Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf conducted a recon-in-force operation. Believed to be a training center, the small camp consisted of three bunkers made of logs and mud. One bunker, much larger than the others, contained a speaker's podium, seven benches, and a large table.

04 Jul 69

Two Viet Cong were killed today by Echo Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf troops in the Delta region south of Saigon. The infantrymen were sweeping an area from 9th Inf Div air cushioned vehicles.

Operating along parallel route in an area approximately 12 miles southwest of Xuan Loc, elements of Charlie and Delta Co's, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf found a bunker complex consisting of 25 bunkers. Many of the bunkers had false floors beneath which were found anti-US leaflets and medicines. Also found were 25 RPG rounds, one 122 mm rocket, small arms ammunition and a small quantity of food.

05 Jul 69

"Warriors" from Charlie Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf today found a base camp large enough to hold an enemy battalion. The camp consisted of 35 bunkers and one command bunker. Found in the area were one 60 mm mortar round, AK-47 rifle ammunition, and an old rucksack.

In another area, ARVN elements of the 18th ARVN Div found three enemy bodies which had been killed earlier by artillery fire. Credited with good shooting was Alpha Btry, 2nd Bn, 40th Arty.

Elsewhere, Charlie Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf found a cache consisting of many assorted items, including one 107 mm rocket with an oversize warhead, 1000 rounds of AK-47 ammunition, one 82 mm mortar tube with baseplate and two complete sights, 50 rifle grenades, 50 hand grenades, and 400 lbs. of demolitions.

06 Jul 69

Three NVA soldiers were killed by a combined forces of Alpha and Bravo Co's, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf during airmobile operations south of Saigon.

Cannoneers from 2nd Bn, 40th Arty were credited with killing three Viet Cong when recon elements from 4th Bn, 12th Inf found a base camp consisting of 41 bunkers and three enemy graves. The battery had previously fired into the area.

07 Jul 69

While clearing a helicopter landing zone with elements of the 87th Engr Co and men from Charlie Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf discovered a cache which contained 12 RPG rounds, 30 boosters, fifteen 60 mm mortar rounds, and one complete 82 mm mortar. The mortar was lying on the ground and was covered with brush.

9 Jul 69

"Warriors" from Charlie Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf found a cache covered with a black poncho 15 meters off the trail they were following in the jungle northwest of Xuan Loc.

The cache consisted of eight 60mm mortar rounds, nine 82mm mortar rounds, 13 fuses with charges and instructions for building a radio. All the munitions were destroyed.

10 Jul 69

A base camp consisting of two bunkers, five fighting positions and a thatched hootch were found by elements of Delta Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf during sweep operation northwest of Xuan Loc.

Found in the camp were two homemade grenades, 50 lbs. of rice, a small number of small arms rounds, a re supply list and other documents.

"Warriors" from Echo Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf uncovered a small enemy base camp and recovered the following equipment: Seven 60mm mortar rounds, one .45 caliber grease gun magazine, four NVA ponchos, two NVA canteens and other assorted equipment. A hot stove was also found in the base camp.

The Echo infantrymen later held for questioning two detainees found near a small cache containing two rifle grenades and two Chicom Claymore mines.

In other action, Delta Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf destroyed two 60 mm mortar rounds while elsewhere, Charlie Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf destroyed 15 enemy bunkers.

11 Jul 69

While working with infantrymen from Bravo Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf, the Cavmen also found a cache containing seven small arms, one Chicom Claymore mine, four magazines and assorted documents.

12 Jul 69

While operating in the jungles near fire support base "Blackhorse," "Old Guard" infantrymen from Bravo Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf engaged two enemy spotted hiding in some trees 20 meters away. When the two enemy fired at the Redcatchers, the Bravo infantrymen returned fire. The enemy soldiers fell from a height of 25 feet. Results were two enemy killed in action. A sweep of the area also revealed five pounds of documents.

13 Jul 69

"Warriors" from Delta Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf were fired upon while sweeping a landing zone by enemy in concealed positions. Helicopter gunships fired on the position and spotted one enemy soldier killed by air.

Elsewhere, infantrymen from Bravo Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf found a body estimated to have been dead for three weeks. The "Warriors" also found and destroyed 11 enemy bunkers, 16 rounds of AK-47 ammunition and assorted personal items.

Four Viet Cong suspects were detained by "Cottonbalers" of Alpha Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf during airmobile operations 13 miles southeast of Saigon along the Nha Be River.

15 Jul 69

"Warriors" from Delta Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf located and destroyed a small enemy base camp consisting of 1 completed hootch, 12 incomplete hootches and 9 bunkers.

Elsewhere, Bravo Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf found 20 lbs. of clothing hidden in a tree trunk.

17 Jul 69

A patrol of "Warriors" from Bravo Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf operating 1 mile south of Xuan Loc, came under enemy sniper fire. The Redcatchers returned a heavy volume of small arms fire and silenced the snipers.

A quick search located one NVA body and an AK-47 rifle. A few yards away, the troopers found a carbine and 20 bottles of quinine. The search continued. Two soldiers spotted another NVA body and when they got within 10 meters of it, the body exploded. The trap wounded both soldiers only lightly. The NVA had placed a mine or explosives under the corpse.

Another "Warrior" patrol from Charlie Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf located a sizable enemy food cache 15 ½ miles northeast of Xuan Loc. Hidden in bunkers covered with ponchos were about 8,000 lbs. of beans, 6,600 lbs. of sugar and about 14,000 lbs. of salt. Nearby the soldiers located a Communist bicycle repair shop, complete with spare tires.

18 Jul 69

A recon element from Echo Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf, operating 18 miles northwest of Xuan Loc, engaged between 15 and 20 well entrenched enemy soldiers, killing five NVA soldiers during an ensuing firefight.

A sweep of the area revealed a company size base camp containing 17 hootches and 14 bunkers. Three AK-47 rifles, one carbine, four Chicom hand grenades and several hundred rounds of AK-47 ammunition were also recovered.

Two Viet Cong were killed by "Cottonbalers" from Alpha Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf during night ambush patrols 9 miles southeast of Saigon. The Redcatchers had been working with 9th Inf Div Ragboats.

Continuing to operate in an area about 15 miles north of Xuan Loc, "Warriors" from Charlie Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf wound up their third day of sweeping operations, finding sixty 250-pound sacks and three 100-lb. bags of soybeans, twenty 150-lb. bags of sugar, 5,000 lbs. of peanuts and six 55-gallon drums of gasoline.

19 Jul 69

"Warrior" infantrymen from Bravo Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf engaged an unknown number of enemy with small arms and 81 mm mortar fire resulting in two enemy soldiers killed in action. In addition, two AK-47 rifles, two B-40 rocket rounds, and three Claymore mines were recovered.

Infantrymen from Charlie Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf stumbled upon another sizable food cache during their fourth day of operating in an area about 15 miles northeast of Xuan Loc. Today, the "Warriors" found 4 ½ tons of beans in the thick jungle area, bringing to over 30 tons the amount of food supplies found by the company in the last four days.

22 Jul 69

One Viet Cong was killed by helicopter gunships supporting "Cottonbalers" from Bravo Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf in a heavy nipa palm area 8 miles southeast of Saigon. The kill was made as the enemy soldier tried to escape the advancing Redcatchers.

24 Jul 69

"Old Guard" infantrymen from Charlie Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf engaged five enemy soldiers during sweep operations 6 miles east of FSB "Blackhorse." A search of the area revealed two enemy killed by small arms fire.

23 Jul 69

"Cottonbalers" of Bravo Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf killed one enemy in light action 15 miles south of Saigon. The kill was made as the VC tried to evade the GI's in a small nipa palm line.

That night Bravo again killed one VC during a night ambush 13 miles south of Saigon. The action took place about 10 p.m. when the men noticed an enemy soldier walking along a dike toward them.

24 Jul 69

In operation 9 miles northeast of Xuan Loc, "Cottonbalers" of Charlie Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf spotted and engaged three enemy with small arms. After a brief firefight, the men pursued the VC and engaged another five enemy, resulting in two more enemy killed.

Elsewhere, an ambush patrol from Bravo Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf engaged one enemy soldier carrying a carbine moving down a trail 10 miles north of Xuan Loc. The point element engaged and killed the enemy. The carbine was also recovered.

In other action, an element of Alpha Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf was credited with one enemy killed when members of a night ambush spotted and engaged a VC running towards a canal.

25 Jul 69

While on a mission 21 miles northeast of Xuan Loc, members of Co M (Ranger), 75th Inf engaged an estimated NVA platoons, killing six enemy.

Immediately after being inserted by helicopter, the Rangers engaged several enemy soldiers moving down a trail. After an initial contact, the Rangers re-grouped. A subsequent attack by the NVA on what they thought to be a small force resulted in chaos among the surprised enemy and led to the six killed.

Impact Bronze Star Medals for Valor were awarded to three Rangers.

27 Jul 69

While searching an area 7 miles northeast of Xuan Loc, a hunter-killer team from 3/7 Air Cav, flying in support of Redcatcher troops, spotted and engaged seven enemy soldiers. The aircraft received small arms fire while killing five enemy.

28 Jul 69

Eight miles southeast of Saigon, one enemy was killed by members of Bravo Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf during a night ambush along a nipa palm line.

29 Jul 69

Three enemy were killed as a result of tactical air strikes called in by "Cottonbalers" of 3rd Bn, 7th Inf. The action occurred 10 miles south of Saigon.

30 Jul 69

Eight enemy were killed and one suspect detained during an airmobile operation 10 miles south of Saigon. The action involved Bravo Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf and supporting gunships.

01 Aug 69

A night ambush by elements of Alpha Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf resulted in two Viet Cong killed 11 miles south of Saigon. The action was initiated when several enemy soldiers were spotted moving along a dike near the ambush site.

02 Aug 69

Rangers from Co M, 75th Inf engaged three enemy with small arms and automatic weapons fire 9 miles northeast of Xuan Loc resulting in two enemy killed. Two AK-47 rifles were recovered and numerous blood trails observed after the contact.

04 Aug 69

Six enemy were killed by Echo Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf and supporting gunships during an operation with Air Cushioned Vehicles belonging to the 9th Inf Div. The action occurred 8 miles south of Saigon.

05 Aug 69

In action 6 miles southwest of Xuan Loc, a hunter-killed team from 3/17 Air Cav, flying in support of Bravo Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf, was credited with one enemy killed.

Elsewhere, members of Echo Co, 3rd Bn, 7th killed one enemy 8 miles southeast of Saigon along the Nha Be River while working with armored cavalry assault vehicles.

06 Aug 69

Artillery and mortar fire called in by a recon element of Echo Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf killed six enemy soldiers 10 miles southeast of Saigon. The Brigade's Bravo Btry, 2nd Bn, 40th Arty was credited with four of the kills while a fifth was credited to Echo Co mortar crews. One body was credited to 54th Gp artillery.

The action occurred early in the morning as members of the company discovered blood trails leading to a bunker complex.

07 Aug 69

Seven enemy were killed, eight suspects detained, and three small caches found as a result of operations by Alpha, Charlie and Echo Co's, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf 13 miles southeast of Saigon.

Echo Co infantrymen killed three Viet Cong and detained seven suspects during sweep operations in the area. Items found during the sweep included eight 60 mm mortar rounds, two Chicom grenades, three stoves and a small amount of rice.

Not far away, an element of "Cottonbalers" from Charlie Co, with the help of supporting gunships, killed four enemy soldiers hiding in a nipa palm line. An aK-47 rifle and one B-40 rocket round were also found.

Two miles to the north, Alpha Co detained one suspect and discovered some medical supplies and a small amount of enemy equipment.

Elsewhere, "Old Guard" infantrymen from Charlie Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf heard voices to their front while on patrol 6 miles southwest of Xuan Loc. Artillery was called in and the Redcatchers moved into the area, encountering small arms, automatic weapons, and rocket propelled grenade fire. After contact was broken, a sweep yielded three Viet Cong bodies.

An "Old Guard" recon element from Echo Co engaged an estimated 15 enemy 7 miles southwest of Xuan Loc. Five enemy bodies were left behind by the fleeing enemy.

"Warriors" from Bravo Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf were engaged by a well entrenched company size enemy force 9 miles northeast of Xuan Loc. After a five-hour firefight, Bravo infantrymen swept the area, finding 20 enemy bodies. (See story front page.)

08 Aug 69

"Warriors" from Delta Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf engaged an enemy force in a base camp 8 miles northwest of Xuan Loc, resulting in one enemy killed. Over 2500 rounds of AK-47 rifle ammunition, 150 lbs. of rice and 200 ears of corn were recovered from the area.

10 Aug 69

Redcatchers combined with hunter-killer teams from 3/17 Air Cav to kill 18 Viet Cong in scattered action.

A hunter-killer team received B-40 rocket and automatic weapons fire 14 miles northeast of Xuan Loc while engaging an estimated company of VC. A total of 10 bodies were spotted after the contact.

Another gunship team located a base camp 17 miles northwest of Xuan Loc containing 30 bunkers. The team received ground fire from the bunker complex and engaged the enemy resulting in four enemy killed.

Other light contacts accounted for four other enemy killed during the night.

11 Aug 69

While investigating the damage done to an enemy bunker complex by 15 tons of artillery fire 15 miles northeast of Xuan Loc, gunships from 3/17 Air Cav, supporting "Warriors" from Alpha Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf, spotted 10 enemy bodies.

Flying low to check out the area, members of the hunter-killed team spotted and engaged a few scattered enemy, resulting in two additional kills.

09 Aug 69

"Cottonbalers" of Alpha Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf, on a night ambush patrol 8 miles southeast of Saigon, killed one enemy soldier. The VC was in a sampan when taken under fire.

11 Aug 69

"Warriors" of the 5th Bn, 12th Inf engaged enemy forces in two widely separated battles, killing four. An element of Charlie Co engaged an unknown size enemy force in a five-bunker complex 11 miles north of Xuan Loc. One enemy was

killed immediately and two more were killed by supporting air strikes. Members of Alpha Co, operating 9 miles southwest of Xuan Loc, sighted one enemy soldier following them. They engaged him with small arms fire, killing the enemy.

11 Aug 69

"Cottonbalers" from Delta Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf held three detainees while supporting gunships accounted for one enemy killed during night ambush operations 9 miles southeast of Saigon.

"Cottonbalers" of Echo Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf, while working with Air Cushioned Vehicles belonging to the 9th Inf Div 13 miles southeast of Saigon, killed one enemy soldier in thick nipa palm while capturing one AK-47.

"Warriors" of Charlie Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf, while operating 9 miles north of Xuan Loc engaged an unknown size enemy force killing one.

13 Aug 69

An element of Alpha Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf sighted three enemy near an LZ 15 miles northeast of Xuan Loc. The "Warriors" took the enemy under small arms and automatic weapons fire killing one. Several hours later, Alpha Co located and destroyed an enemy mess hall complex.

Members of Charlie Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf engaged four to six enemy with small arms fire 9 miles north of Xuan Loc, killing one.

13 Aug 69

"Cottonbalers" of Delta Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf killed two enemy and detained one suspect 9 miles southeast of Saigon. The enemy were engaged by a canal, and an AK-47 rifle and 300 rounds of ammunition were recovered from the area following the contact.

14 Aug 69

"Warriors" of Delta Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf operating 18 miles northeast of Xuan Loc, sighted and engaged six to seven enemy with small arms and automatic weapons fire, killing two. The "Warriors" followed the retreating enemy into a base camp and destroyed a total of 7 bunkers there.

14 Aug 69

Two enemy were killed and four suspects were detained by an element of Echo Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf while it was working with Air Cushioned Vehicles 12 miles southeast of Saigon. One Chicom pistol was also recovered during the mission.

15 Aug 69

"Warriors" of Alpha Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf, while operating northeast of Xuan Loc, located 7 bunkers and made contact with an unknown size enemy force, killing two.

16 Aug 69

"Warriors" of Delta Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf, on an operation 18 miles northeast of Xuan Loc, sighted an estimated 30 enemy soldiers and called in artillery fire on their suspected position. "105's" fired by Delta Btry, 2d Bn, 40th Arty killed one enemy soldier as a result.

18 Aug 69

Members of the reconnaissance element of the 5th Bn, 12th Inf engaged five to six enemy with small arms and automatic weapons fire 1 mile northwest of Xuan Loc, killing one.

19 Aug 69

Members of the reconnaissance element of the 4th Bn, 12th Inf engaged an estimated squad of enemy soldiers with small arms and automatic weapons fire 18 miles northeast of Xuan Loc, killing one.

"Warriors" of "Commanche" Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf made contact with an estimated squad of enemy soldiers northeast of Xuan Loc, killing three in a short firefight.

A total of five enemy soldiers were killed by 9th Inf Div supporting gunships during an airmobile operation conducted by "Cottonbalers" of the 3rd Bn, 7th Inf 17 miles south Saigon. Three AK-47 rifles were recovered by the "Cottonbalers."

20 Aug 69

A total of 34 enemy soldiers were killed by air strikes, artillery fire, and Huey gunships 17 miles south of Saigon after elements of Bravo and Charlie Co's of the 3rd Bn, 7th Inf surrounded a huge enemy bunker and tunnel complex.

Members of the reconnaissance unit of the 4th Bn, 12th Inf sighted four enemy soldiers 19 miles northeast of Xuan Loc and engaged them, killing two. An element of "Commanche" Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf engaged an estimated squad of enemy soldiers in a bunker 16 miles northeast of Xuan Loc, killing two.

An element of "Commanche" Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf engaged an estimated squad of enemy soldiers in a bunker 16 miles northeast of Xuan Loc, killing two.

21 Aug 69

"Warriors" of Charlie Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf engaged an unknown size enemy force with small arms and automatic weapons fire 18 miles northeast of Xuan Loc. One enemy soldier was killed and another rallied under the Chieu Hoi Program.

21 Aug 69

Members of the reconnaissance element of the 4th Bn, 12th Inf engaged seven to ten enemy soldiers 20 miles northeast of Xuan Loc, killing two.

An element of "Commanche" Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf killed one enemy soldier with small arms fire 18 miles northeast of Xuan Loc.

22 Aug 69

"Warriors" of Delta Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf discovered an enemy base camp 20 miles northeast of Xuan Loc containing 21 bunkers. Three enemy soldiers were killed in a brief contact.

Members of the reconnaissance element of the 4th Bn, 12th Inf detained one enemy suspect while operating 20 miles northeast of Xuan Loc.

"Warriors" of Delta Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf sighted and engaged 15 enemy soldiers 12 miles northwest of Xuan Loc. Five enemy were killed in the contact.

An element of Alpha Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf engaged two to three enemy soldiers 11 miles northwest of Xuan Loc, killing one.

23 Aug 69

While operating 12 miles northeast of Xuan Loc, members of the reconnaissance element of the 5th Bn, 12th Inf discovered a cache containing 5,000 AK-47 rifle rounds, 48 B-40 rocket rounds, 40 B-40 rocket booster charges, 98 60 mm mortar rounds, 36 half pound packages of explosives, 72 boxes of 82 mm mortar fuses and primers, 13 Chicom grenades and one 20 pound Claymore mines.

In another action, a hunter-killer team from the Brigade's air support unit, Charlie Trp, 3rd Sqd, 17th Air Cav, engaged and killed one Viet Cong while he was trying to hide in an area 25 miles north of Xuan Loc.

Also, "Warriors" of Delta Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf chased one NVA soldier 19 miles northwest of Xuan Loc, finally detaining him. The enemy soldier was in full web gear and carried medical supplies and an SKS rifle.

24 Aug 69

Adding to the cache they uncovered on Aug 23, members of the 5th Bn, 12th Inf reconnaissance element recovered 131 82 mm mortar rounds, 80 60 mm mortar rounds and 19 individual weapons in an area 12 miles northeast of Xuan Loc.

"Warriors" of Delta Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf made contact with 30 enemy soldiers 18 miles northeast of Xuan Loc, killing four and recovering one AK-47 rifle and one K-54 pistol.

23 Aug 69

"Warriors" from a 5th Bn, 12th Inf recon unit operating 10 miles west of Xuan Loc found an enemy base camp consisting of 12 bunkers and uncovered a cache containing 48 B-40 rounds, 56 1/4-pound blocks of explosives, 106 82 mm rounds, 1 20 pound Claymore, 40 B-40 boosters, 34 cans of 82 mm canisters filled with primers, 5,000 AK-47 rounds, 13 grenades, 3 122mm rockets and 1 typewriter.

In the same area, Delta Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf found another small base camp of 15 bunkers, three SKS rifles, six 82mm mortar rounds, one rifle grenade launcher and three mess areas.

Soldiers from Delta Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf, 23 miles northeast of Xuan Loc, held one detainee after a brief contact and recovered one SKS rifle.

Charlie Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf, on a mission 9 miles south of Saigon, found one AK-47 as they searched a nipa palm line.

Three enemy were killed by gunships in support of Bravo Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf 8 miles south of Saigon.

24 Aug 69

Further search by "Warriors" of the 5th Bn, 12th Inf turned up 1 SKS rifle, 4 AK-47 rifles, 19 RPG rounds, 1 107 mm rocket, 2 land mines, 25 82mm mortar rounds, three 20-pound Claymores and 400 rounds of AK-47 ammunition.

Delta Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf, while operating 23 miles northeast of Xuan Loc, killed 5 enemy soldiers in two encounter and recovered three AK-47 rifles and one 9mm pistol.

One Viet Cong was killed as a result of an ambush by Bravo Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf 9 miles south of Saigon.

25 Aug 69

The 5th Bn, 12th Inf, searching further in and around the cache site, uncovered an additional 52 82mm mortar rounds and 30 60mm rounds.

While Delta Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf was operating 23 miles northeast of Xuan Loc, one enemy rallied to the government of the Republic of Vietnam under the Chieu Hoi Program.

26 Aug 69

Further search of the large bunker complex by Bravo Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf uncovered 2 SKS rifles, 300 SKS rounds, 3 122mm rocket, 2 RPG rounds, and 100 pounds of AK-47 ammunition.

While operating 23 miles northeast of Xuan Loc, Delta Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf engaged an enemy patrol with small arms and automatic weapons fire resulting in four enemy killed and three AK-47 rifles, and one RPG launcher and round recovered.

27 Aug 69

A recon element of the 5th Bn, 12th Inf added 150 pounds of explosives and 50 pounds of powder to the cache total of the last 5 days.

Bravo Co spotted 2 enemy soldiers who passed within 50 meters of their position. The "Warriors" engaged with small arms fire killing both of the enemy and recovered on AK-47. They also found 5 enemy graves and 1,000 rounds of AK-47 ammunition.

A patrol from Company M Rangers, 75th Inf operating near the Dong Nai River 18 miles north of Xuan Loc spotted two enemy soldiers. Engaging with small arms fire, the Rangers received return fire from an unknown size enemy force but accounted for two enemy killed and recovered two AK-47 rifles.

Three Viet Cong were killed by supporting gunships on an airmobile operation by Bravo Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf 11 miles south of Saigon.

28 Aug 69

One enemy was killed and one AK-47 was captured by a Delta Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf ambush 9 miles south of Saigon.

Two patrols from Company M Rangers, 75th Inf working 17 miles north of Xuan Loc killed three enemy soldiers in two separate contacts. A "Hunter-Killer" team flying in support of the Rangers engaged and killed two more enemy soldiers. A 5th Bn, 12th Inf recon unit operating 9 miles northwest of Xuan Loc engaged an estimated 15 enemy, killing one. Bravo Co, in the same area, engaged and killed one enemy soldier carrying two RPG rounds.

Bravo Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf held one detainee 20 miles northeast of Xuan Loc.

Charlie Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf, while operating 11 miles southwest of Xuan Loc sighted and killed one enemy soldier and recovered one AK-47.

"Warriors" from a 4th Bn, 12th Inf recon unit spotted two enemy moving down a trail 17 miles northeast of Xuan Loc. They engaged with small arms fire killing one and recovering one AK-47.

02 Sep 69

"Warriors from the 4th Bn, 12th Inf working 24 miles northeast of Xuan Loc killed four enemy soldiers. The recon element sighted an estimated 30 enemy soldiers and engaged with artillery and a "Hunter-Killer" team in support, killing one. A Bravo Co ambush patrol engaged five enemy with small arms and automatic weapons fire killing three and recovering one AK-47.

Men from Bravo Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf, operating 12 miles northwest of Xuan Loc, found a small cache containing 14 82mm rounds and 100 4-1/2 volt batteries. In this same area, Delta Co, while checking out a small camp, engaged and killed one enemy soldier and recovered one 9mm pistol.

An ambush patrol from Alpha Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf set up 5 miles west of Xuan Loc engaged four enemy soldiers, killing one.

03 Sep 69

"Warriors" from Bravo Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf engaged an estimated five enemy at short range while operating 10 miles northwest of Xuan Loc, killing three. Bravo Co later engaged one more enemy soldier who dropped his AK-47 and fled.

A night ambush patrol by Charlie Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf, 18 miles northeast of Xuan Loc, traded fire with two enemy soldiers killing one and recovering one AK-47.

04 Sep 69

A combat team from Company M Rangers, 75th Inf called artillery and gunships into an area 30 miles northeast of Xuan Loc where an estimated 30 enemy were cutting trees. The team entered the area after the bombardment, killed three enemy soldiers and recovered three KA-47 rifles.

05 Sep 69

"Old Guardsmen" from Bravo Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf while moving through a jungle and rubber plantations 13 miles west of Xuan Loc were attacked by an estimated company size enemy unit. The enemy engaged the "Old Guardsman" with Claymores and snipers. The contact lasted for more than five hours with the enemy force securely dug in. Delta Co and the Recon platoon reinforced Bravo Co as the enemy tried to turn the flank with small arms, automatic weapons, and RPG fire. The attempt failed and one more enemy soldier was killed by Bravo Co.

"Warriors" from the 5th Bn, 12th Inf operating 10 miles north of Xuan Loc, found two 15-pound Chicom claymores hidden in threes surrounding an estimated company size base camp. There were 36 bunkers in 6 complexes estimated to have housed 150 to 200 personnel.

Delta Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf operating 16 miles northeast of Xuan Loc engaged four enemy at 25 meters, killing two.

Twelve miles north of Xuan Loc, Bravo Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf killed one enemy soldier at 25 meters with claymore and small arms fire.

06 Sep 69

Company M Rangers, 75th Inf made contact with an unknown size enemy force 20 miles northeast of Xuan Loc, killing one.

"Warriors" from Bravo Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf engaged an estimated enemy company in a base camp 23 miles northeast of Xuan Loc, killing one enemy.

In the same area a recon element of 4th Bn, 12th Inf engaged and killed one enemy soldier coming down a trail and recovered one AK-47.

07 Sep 69

Delta Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf working 16 miles northeast of Xuan Loc, received heavy enemy fire from an unknown size enemy force in a bunker complex. The "Warriors" called for artillery and air strikes. Four secondary explosions resulted from within the complex.

08 Sep 69

Delta Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf destroyed 30 more bunkers in the area 13 miles west of Xuan Loc.

09 Sep 69

While flying a visual reconnaissance mission 10 miles southwest of Xuan Loc, aircraft from Charlie Trp, 3rd Sdn, 17th Air Cav received small arms fire from two enemy soldiers engaged and killed both enemy.

Alpha Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf, operating 12 miles northeast of Xuan Loc received small arms fire from two enemy soldiers at a range of 20 meters. Alpha Co returned the fire killing one and recovering an AK-47 rifle.

An element of Alpha Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf was maneuvering into night defensive positions 15 miles northeast of Xuan Loc when it received fire from three enemy in a hootch. Contact ended immediately, but a search of the area uncovered four Vietnamese who were subsequently detained and held for questioning.

09 Sep 69

Charlie Trp, 3rd Sdn, 17th Air Cav sighted and engaged one bunker and killed one enemy soldier 12 miles southwest of Xuan Loc.

"Cottonbalers" of Delta Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf destroyed one tunnel and four bunkers on an operation 22 miles northeast of Xuan Loc. Two bunkers were 10 feet by 20 feet and the other two were 12 feet by 30 feet.

13 Sep 69

Seven enemy soldiers were killed by gunships of Charlie Trp, 3rd Sdn, 17th Air Cav in support of the 3rd Bn, 7th Inf 20 miles east of Xuan Loc. The "Cottonbalers" element had engaged an unknown size enemy force in a dense area.

14 Sep 69

Three enemy soldiers were killed and one suspect detained as Charlie Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf and an element of the 18th ARVN Div teamed up in an operation 2 miles north of Xuan Loc. The ARVNs swept towards the 5th Bn, 12th Inf "Warriors" killing two enemy soldiers; and the "Warriors" acting as a blocking force, killed one and detained one as the enemy tried to escape the sweeping ARVN's. Charlie Co also recovered two AK-47 rifles in the operation.

Delta Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf located and destroyed 25 bunkers on an airmobile operation 20 miles northeast of Xuan Loc.

Not far away, Charlie Co of the "Cottonbalers" battalion destroyed 20 newly constructed fighting positions. The action took place as the company was sweeping an area 17 miles northeast of Xuan Loc.

Bravo Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf engaged an estimated two enemy squads 11 miles northeast of Xuan Loc. The enemy broke contact immediately but when Bravo Co attempted to maneuver, the enemy attacked, losing one of their men to a "Warrior" machine gunner.

Members of Alpha Btry, 2nd Bn, 40th Arty in a base camp south of Xuan Loc were surprised to see one enemy soldier cross highway 2 near their perimeter. When the enemy soldier noticed where he was, he dropped his AK-47 rifle and ran into the brush.

15 Sep 69

Charlie Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf killed seven enemy soldiers 17 miles east of Xuan Loc in a firefight with an unknown size enemy force entrenched in bunkers. The contact began when the "Cottonbalers" received sniper fire and RPG rounds from enemy hiding in nearby trees.

Following the contact Charlie Co found and destroyed 20 enemy bunkers on a thorough search of the area. The bunkers contained fishnets, ponchos, canteens, stove and food.

16 Sep 69

"Cottonbalers" of Charlie Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf, continuing to search the area of the previous day's contact, located 8 AK-47 rifles, 300 rounds of AK-47 ammunition and 12 Chicom grenades while destroying 14 bunkers.

Alpha Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf, located a large base camp 11 miles northwest of Xuan Loc. While moving into the bunker area, the "Warriors" encountered two enemy soldiers, engaging them with small arms and automatic weapons fire. One of the enemy was killed and the other wounded. A search of the area revealed 18 bunkers and one 20 pound Chicom claymore mine, all of which were destroyed.

Tracks of Delta Trp, 17th Cav located what appeared to be a sapper training area 25 miles northeast of Xuan Loc. 40 meters of tanglefoot and concertina wire were found and three bunkers and one three quarter ton truck were destroyed.

Alpha Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf spotted and engaged one enemy soldier 22 miles northeast of Xuan Loc, killing the enemy while recovering one AK-47 rifle.

17 Sep 69

Two ambush patrol from Alpha Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf spotted 516 enemy soldiers carrying mortar tubes, RPG's and individual weapons 22 miles northeast of Xuan Loc.

Bravo Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf searching jungle areas 20 miles east of Xuan Loc located and destroyed a total of 24 bunkers making up an enemy base camp under construction when found.

18 Sep 69

Bravo Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf moved back to the bunker complex 16 miles east of Xuan Loc and received small arms and RPG fire from an unknown size enemy force. The "Cottonbalers" returned the fire, killing one of the enemy.

An element of Co M Rangers, 75th Inf set up on a trail 9 miles northwest of Xuan Loc that had been in use by 15 to 20 enemy. The Rangers sighted and killed two enemy soldiers in addition to recovering two AK-47 rifles and NVA web gear.

Alpha Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf located a fresh trail 9 miles south of Xuan Loc. The "Old Guardsmen" followed the trail and made contact with an unknown size force, killing one and recovering the dead enemy's AK-47 rifle.

Members of Alpha Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf engaged and killed one enemy soldier immediately after landing at an LZ 13 miles northwest of Xuan Loc. The enemy was 10 meters from the "Warriors" when he died. Later in the afternoon an element of Alpha Co moved into a well camouflaged enemy base camp and were engaged by an unknown size enemy force.

The "Warriors" searched the area and found two enemy bodies and 200 pounds of corn and flour.

Bravo Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf surprised 10 to 15 enemy soldiers in a rest camp 20 miles northeast of Xuan Loc, killing one and recovering one AK-47 rifle.

19 Sep 69

Alpha Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf uncovered a base camp 13 miles northwest of Xuan Loc and was engaged by an unknown size enemy force. Sporadic contact lasted for two hours with the "Warriors" accounting for two enemy killed.

Bravo Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf, crossing a stream 22 miles northeast of Xuan Loc, received small arms and automatic weapons fire from enemy bunkers. Contact was immediately broken but after Bravo Co detected movement to their front and rear, the unit called in air strikes on the enemy base camp. Two enemy bodies were found and the air strikes resulted in two secondary explosions and the destruction of 20 bunkers.

20 Sep 69

Alpha Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf, in search of the bunker complex involved in the previous day's contact, found one AK-47 rifle and one 9mm pistol along with numerous blood trails.

21 Sep 69

Alpha Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf detained one enemy suspect in the area they had been searching the two previous days.

Bravo Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf spotted five to seven enemy 20 miles northeast of Xuan Loc, killing two with small arms and automatic weapons fire.

Delta Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf located a platform 22 miles northeast of Xuan Loc and destroyed 20 one gallon metal cans of water, 71 one gallon cans of soy bean oil and 6 three gallon plastic jugs.

23 Sep 69

"Cottonbalers" of Charlie Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf found and destroyed 30 bunkers 8 miles northeast of Xuan Loc.

"Warriors" of the 4th Bn, 12th Inf uncovered a cache containing 122 gallons of fish oil and 50 pounds of rice.

27 Sep 69

D Troop, 17th Cav, while engaged in a combined recon patrol with elements of the 412th Regional Force encountered an unknown sized enemy unit approximately 12 miles southeast of Xuan Loc. Automatic weapons fire was exchanged and contact was broken immediately by the enemy resulting in one enemy killed in action.

In the same area, D Troop, 17th Cav discovered seven partially buried enemy bodies and was credited with seven enemy killed.

"Warriors" of Delta Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf, while on a recon patrol, engaged three enemy in a woodline. At 150 meters small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged with one enemy killed.

28 Sep 69

A possible enemy hospital was located and destroyed approximately 15 miles south of Xuan Loc by elements of D Troop, 17th Cav. Included in the complex were four fighting positions, seven bunkers, two canteens, medical bottles, three rifle grenades and two Chicom rifles.

In fighting southwest of Xuan Loc, Alpha Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf engaged four enemy. Using claymores and small arms fire they succeeded in killing two of the opposing force.

29 Sep 69

Charlie Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf located one hootch which contained six bags of salt, one bag of rice, bananas and one bicycle. The food was turned over to the Vietnamese, and bicycle was destroyed.

In the meantime Charlie Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf found three bunkers containing ten dozen flashlight batteries, one smoke grenade, cooking utensils, assorted empty medicine bottles, three bottles of wine, six canteens, and one 82mm mortar round. All the captured equipment was destroyed.

Four enemy were killed in a confrontation with Alpha Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf, 15 miles east of Xuan Loc. One AK-47 was captured in this action.

30 Sep 69

Delta Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf scored the only find of the day when they discovered four sampans and an assortment of items including 5 pair of OD pants, 600 shirts, 4 black pajama's, fishing gear, 3 pounds of rice, 1 ax, 1 machete, and 1 pair of wire cutters. An enemy hootch was also found on shore and burned.

01 Oct 69

Two platoons of Alpha Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf while en route to their observation post 18 miles due east of Xuan Loc, sighted and engaged two enemy at 200 meters. They received no return fire and later found one enemy body and one AK-47.

In the same area, units of Bravo Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf, found three graves with bodies, one old pineapple grenade and scattered civilian clothing. The three bodies, which were killed by small arms fire, were credited to the unit.

02 Oct 69

In action today, elements of Delta Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf made contact with an unknown sized enemy force. Small arms fire was exchanged and artillery was called in support, until contact was broken, with the enemy fleeing southwest. Fifteen minutes later contact was reestablished and the unit, once again backed by artillery, moved in and killed one enemy while artillery killed another.

04 Oct 69

In a sweep 8 miles north of Xuan Loc, elements of Delta Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf found clothing, medicine and documents. Also captured was a GVN black list for Cam My.

In the same area, Charlie Co, 2nd Bn, 7th Inf sighted and engaged two enemy soldiers, killing both of them. Two AK-47's were also captured.

Further south, men of Charlie Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf and Delta Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf made contact with an unknown size enemy force killing four and capturing three AK-47's.

06 Oct 69

Two enemy infantrymen were encountered by the "Warriors" of Delta Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf. The "Warriors" opened up with small arms and automatic weapons fire killing one of them. The action took place 15 miles due east of Xuan Loc.

Also in the immediate area, Delta Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf sighted five to six temporary hootches made of ponchos. There were two enemy guards and five other enemy soldiers eating when the forward elements engaged the camp with small arms and automatic weapons fire killing one of the enemy. Captured in the action were one AK-47, three AK magazines, ninety rounds of ammunition, three Chicom grenades, five NVA ponchos, assorted food and one personal diary.

07 Oct 69

One Vietnamese male with no ID card was picked up and detained by elements of Charlie Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf near Kiem Tan. While he was being questioned, men of the unit found a hootch containing an AK-47, three fully loaded AK magazines, twenty loose rounds of ammunition and assorted clothing. Confronted with this the detainee rallied to the Government of the Republic of Vietnam under the Chieu Hoi program. The man also had a Chieu Hoi pamphlet in his possession at the time of apprehension.

10 Oct 69

"Cottonbalers" of Bravo Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf located and destroyed a total of 30 bunkers 6 miles east of Xuan Loc.

One mile further east "Cottonbalers" of Charlie Co located and destroyed three large bunkers. Inside were found large tables, a cooling stove, hot food for an estimated ten persons, and one NVA uniform and helmet.

Later in the day, Bravo Co engaged 12 enemy in the same general area with small arms and automatic weapons at close range. With the help of supporting artillery fire the "Cottonbalers" killed six enemy soldiers.

"Warriors" of the 5th Bn, 12th Inf also located one grave 8 miles north of Xuan Loc with a body estimated to be two weeks old.

11 Oct 69

An element of Bravo Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf located one enemy soldier killed in action, two AK-47 rifles and one 9mm pistol.

An estimated squad-size base camp containing 40 AK-47 rifle rounds, 20 ounces of absorbic acid, 4 gallons of plastic, cooking pots and 10 bunkers were located and destroyed by "Old Guardsmen" of Delta Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf 4 miles south of Xuan Loc.

12 Oct 69

Sweeping an area 4 miles east of Xuan Loc, members of Bravo Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf uncovered two AK-47 rifles, one K-54 pistol, a pistol belt with holster and drag marks. A subsequent fire fight led to the deaths of six enemy soldiers. Later that night screams were heard in the jungle followed by one shot.

"Warriors" of Alpha Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf located and destroyed 21 bunkers making up a deserted enemy base camp.

"Warriors" of Bravo Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf sighted and engaged two enemy soldiers who retreated, leading the unit into a two bunker base camp. In the camp, the "Warriors" uncovered two 60 mm mortar rounds, two Chicom grenades, six

one-pound blocks of TNT, two-pounds of celery, one-half pound of salt and one pound of fresh meat. The action occurred 7 miles north of Xuan Loc.

13 Oct 69

"Warriors" of the 5th Bn, 12th Inf discovered a six bunker complex with overhead cover 8 miles north of Xuan Loc. Recovered in the area were: one Chicom grenade, 25 AK-47 rounds, six 82mm mortar fuses and one grave containing an enemy body wrapped in a poncho.

Later in the day the same unit located a battalion-size base camp with 20 bunkers. In the same general area of their previous find. Recovered in this camp were six 82mm shotgun charges, one enemy helmet, 100 AK-47 rounds, eight canteens, three shovels, three saws, one enemy poncho, cooling utensils, and one flashlight.

Members of Bravo Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf, sweeping the area of the previous night's contact located a total of seven enemy bodies adding one dead enemy to their preciously expected total.

14 Oct 69

One enemy grave with a body estimated to be three days old was found by members of Charlie Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf 8 miles north of Xuan Loc.

15 Oct 69

"Warriors" of Delta Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf found an destroyed 15 bunkers and one hootch estimated to be six months old. The action occurred 8 miles north of Xuan Loc.

17 Oct 69

During the day four, separate units saw action 8 miles north of Xuan Loc.

The special reconnaissance patrol spotted and killed two enemy soldiers. Two AK-47's and several personal letters were recovered. Members of Bravo Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf located and destroyed one hootch and three bunkers, recovering 15 45 cal rounds, assorted NVA clothing, and four enemy canteens in the process.

"Warriors" of Bravo Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf found a battalion size base camp containing 20 hootches. Each hootch had a bunker underneath it. The base camp also contained a training area with wooden mock-ups of US type fortifications.

Members of Delta Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf located two one-man graves. The dead enemy had been killed by small arms fire and were credited to the "Old Guard" battalion.

18 Oct 69

The following activities occurred in an area approximately 8 to 10 miles northeast of Xuan Loc:

Members of Bravo Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf located an destroyed a small base camp of 13 hootches with subterranean bunkers. Also found and destroyed were six ponchos and 11 bags of meat tenderizer.

"Warriors" of Alpha Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf detained a wounded suspect while capturing one AK-47 rifle.

Members of Charlie Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf located a cache consisting of five one-gallon cans of soybeans, 12 cans of mackerel, six cans of condensed milk, 300 pounds of corn and beans, two cans of pork, 25 flashlight batteries, one bundle of carbon paper, 22 notebooks and five bundles of typing paper. While destroying the above, the unit received

small arms fire. Returning the fire, the "Warriors" killed two enemy soldiers and captured two AK-47 rifles along with 31,000 plasters.

A large base camp consisting of six bunkers in a circle connected by underground tunnels and one hootch with a metal roof built on a seventh bunker was found by an element of Alpha Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf. Also found were 30 pounds of beans and 1 RPG round.

Members of Bravo Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf destroyed one bunker under construction and captured three individual enemy weapons.

19 Oct 69

"Cottonbalers" of Alpha Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf engaged an unknown size enemy force 7 miles east of Xuan Loc, killing one and capturing a mail sack. Later in the day the unit found 25 bunkers and a trench. While destroying the complex they sighted and engaged four to six enemy, killing two. An additional five enemy soldiers were killed by supporting artillery fire.

Members of Alpha Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf located one dead enemy, killed approximately three days ago. Credit for the enemy death was given to the 5th Bn, 12th Inf special reconnaissance patrol. The body was found 8 miles north of Xuan Loc near where the recon patrol had been in contact Oct 17. This find raised the unit's total enemy killed for the day to three.

Members of Bravo Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf located a cache 7 miles north of Xuan Loc consisting of six M-60 ammunition cans, one plastic pouch, and one sandbag containing the following; two books on radios, three books on circuitry, assorted spare radio parts, seven Sony radios and one National radio (four of which could monitor short wave), one can of rice, 200 AK-47 rounds and ten pounds of TNT.

20 Oct 69

"Cottonbalers" of Alpha Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf found and destroyed a bunker complex 7 miles east of Xuan Loc, containing 19 SKS rifles, 500 rounds of 30 cal linked ammunition, 500 loose rounds of 30 cal ammunition, 4 boxes of AK ammunition and 15 rolls of wire.

21 Oct 69

The recon elements of the 4th Bn, 12th Inf engaged two enemy soldiers 11 miles northeast of Xuan Loc, killing one and capturing an AK-47, two NVA rucksacks and 15 pounds of rice.

Seven miles northwest of Xuan Loc, "Warriors" of Bravo Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf found six sandbags of beans, one bag of meat tenderizer and three hootches.

22 Oct 69

"Old Guardsmen" of Delta Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf engaged an estimated 15 to 25 enemy soldiers 6 miles south of Xuan Loc, killing six immediately and sending the rest fleeing into the jungle.

26 Oct 69

Co M Rangers, 75th Inf located two hootches 10 ½ miles northeast of Xuan Loc and sighted eight to ten enemy. The Rangers engaged the enemy with small arms automatic weapons fire, killing two and capturing one AK-47, and ten pounds of medical equipment.

Charlie Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf located and destroyed machine gun and ammunition along with a bloody shirt in a destroyed bunker 8 miles east of Xuan Loc.

Charlie Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf located three graves, each one containing an enemy body, 11 ½ miles north-northeast of Xuan Loc.

Close-by, Delta Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf located and destroyed a platoon sized sleeping area 11 miles north-northeast of Xuan Loc. The area was judged to have been used one to three days before.

27 Oct 69

In continued operations, Charlie Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf sighted and engaged three enemy 9 miles east of Xuan Loc, and captured two rucksacks containing civilian clothing, two Chicom, .45 caliber magnums, and seventy rounds of .45 caliber ammunition.

In a continued sweep of the area, Charlie Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf found five more rucksacks containing 20 meters of claymore wire, and a quantity of documents.

In continued operations, Charlie Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf, led by Hoi Chanhs, found three poncho hootches that showed some signs of activity in the past 24 hours. 12 miles north-northwest of Xuan Loc.

28 Oct 69

Bravo Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf in a continued sweep, 10 miles north-northwest of Xuan Loc, located and destroyed a food cache consisting of 30 pounds of meat tenderizer, 150 pounds of beans, 100 pounds of rice, 5 bags of corn and a ½ sack of salt.

Later in the day, Bravo Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf uncovered and destroyed a cache hidden in cans underwater. The cache contained 21 82mm fuses, 15 82mm primers, and 1,125 82mm charges.

29 Oct 69

Alpha Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf, operating in an area 11 miles north-northwest of Xuan Loc, located and destroyed a small cache of 40 AK-47 rounds, 1 box of 9mm rounds, 8 sets of clothing, 1 Vietnamese gas mask, medical supplies and documents.

In continued operations 9 miles north-northwest of Xuan Loc, Delta Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf, found 15 bunkers destroyed by air strikes.

31 Oct 69

In continued operations 8 miles north-northwest of Xuan Loc, Bravo Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf located and destroyed six to seven bunkers, seven hootches, miscellaneous gear and clothing.

Also on continued operations, Delta Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf located three hootches and evacuated 20 pounds of beans in an area 14 miles north of Xuan Loc.

01 Nov 69

In an area 10 ½ miles northeast of Xuan Loc, Co M, 75th Rangers found one culvert and two bunkers with overhead cover that appeared to be used a way station; in the same area, the Rangers located a sampan landing sight.

In continued operations in an area 8 miles north-northeast of Xuan Loc, Bravo Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf engaged two enemy soldiers with a claymore mine and small arms and automatic weapons fire, killing one, and capturing a pistol.

Charlie Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf operating in an area 10 miles north-northeast of Xuan Loc, located a base camp containing 12 hootches, 5 bunkers, and 1 fighting position.

Later in the day, Charlie Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf located a base camp 10 miles north-northeast of Xuan Loc, containing two bunkers, six hootches, chickens, hogs, and five hundred pounds of rice. The bunkers were destroyed and the animals were freed.

03 Nov 69

Located in an area 10 miles east of Xuan Loc, the Recon platoon of the 3rd Bn, 7th Inf engaged an unknown sized enemy force, killing one enemy and capturing one AK-47 and 50 pounds of corn and beans.

In an operation 7 ½ miles north-northwest of Xuan Loc, Alpha Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf engaged five enemy personnel with small arms and automatic weapons fire, killing one and capturing one AK-47.

04 Nov 69

On further operations, the Recon Platoon, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf operating in an area 10 miles east of Xuan Loc, spotted and engaged two enemy moving north, dressed in blue uniforms and carrying rucksacks. Two enemy were killed and two packs were captured containing a small amount of foodstuff, a small pack of opium, two letters, pictures, flashlight, and twenty-nine North Vietnamese (this part is illegible).

Later in the morning the Recon Platoon, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf, engaged 12 enemy, killing 2, capturing 1 AK-47, 1 rucksack with 15 pounds of corn and 1 North Vietnamese pistol belt.

In continued operations 7 ½ miles north-northwest of Xuan Loc, Charlie Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf engaged and killed one enemy, and captured one Chicom bolt-action rifle, and one rifle grenade.

5 Nov 69

In continued operations 10 miles northwest of Xuan Loc, Delta Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf located a well camouflaged base camp containing five bunkers, two "L" shaped bunkers, a tunnel complex, a mess area and thirty sleeping positions.

08 Nov 69

Alpha Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf found a cache containing 1,000 pounds of beans and 300 pounds of tea 10 miles east of Xuan Loc.

Later Alpha Co engaged two enemy. With small arms fire and support from artillery and light fire teams, Alpha Co killed one enemy and captured one AK-47. Alpha Co also found and destroyed an eight-bunker complex with six inch overhead covering. Later in the day, Alpha Co again engaged four enemy. With small arms and automatic weapons, the "Cottonbalers" detained one enemy.

During a sweep of an area, Delta Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf located and destroyed two launching tubes and tripods for 122mm rockets.

09 Nov 69

Sweeping an area 10 miles east of Xuan Loc, Charlie Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf found three enemy bodies estimated to be two weeks old. Charlie Co also found one body killed by small arms fire approximately three days old.

Alpha Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf operating in an area 12 miles northeast of Xuan Loc found one body approximately a week old.

Bravo Co, 2nd Bn, 12th Inf engaged four enemy, killing one. In support was a light fire team which engaged the enemy. During a sweep of the area, two dead enemy were found.

Delta Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf found and destroyed a three bunker complex with two feet of overhead covering in an area 15 miles northwest of Xuan Loc. Later Delta Co found and destroyed 300 pounds of rice and a bunker.

10 Nov 69

Echo Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf made contact with an estimated enemy contact, 5 ½ miles east of Xuan Loc. Receiving RPG and mortar fire, artillery was called in. With small arms, the "Cottonbalers" killed four enemy and four enemy were killed by artillery.

While sweeping an area 5 ½ miles east of Xuan Loc, Charlie Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf found three bodies. One KIA was credited to the "Cottonbalers" and two KIA to the artillery from a Nov 8 contact.

The Recon element of the 5th Bn, 12th Inf located and destroyed a four bunker complex with overhead covering 10 miles northeast of Xuan Loc.

Operating in the same area, a recon element of the 4th Bn, 12th Inf engaged two enemy. With small arms and automatic weapons fire, one enemy was killed and one SKS rifle was captured.

Bravo Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf engaged three enemy 8 miles northwest of Xuan Loc. Using automatic weapons and an M-79, the "Warriors" killed two enemy and captured a rucksack and one 50-gallon drum.

11 Nov 69

In continued operations, Bravo Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf in a sweep of an area 8 miles east of Xuan Loc, located two enemy bodies killed a day earlier by Echo Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf.

Co M, 75th Rangers engaged an enemy five-man element with automatic weapons and claymores. Support was given by the Light Fire Teams, resulting in six enemy killed.

During a sweep of an area, Bravo Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf located and destroyed a three bunker complex.

12 Nov 69

Alpha Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf engaged three enemy, killed two and captured one AK-47, 7 ½ miles east of Xuan Loc.

13 Nov 69

On an operation 4 ½ miles southwest of Xuan Loc, Delta Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf engaged two enemy with small arms and automatic weapons fire. The "Cottonbalers" killed one enemy and captured one AK-47.

14 Nov 69

In continued operations 13 miles northwest of Xuan Loc, Bravo Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf engaged one enemy with small arms and automatic weapons fire, killing the enemy and capturing one AK-47 with four magazines.

15 Nov 69

Charlie Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf located and destroyed a four bunker complex with overhead covering while on an operation 4 ½ miles east of Xuan Loc.

While sweeping an area, Bravo Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf found one NVA believed to be dead for one day and killed during a "Warrior" contact.

Delta Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf, during a sweep 8 miles southwest of Xuan Loc, located and destroyed a small six bunker complex, two forty-pound Chicom claymores, one 80mm booby trap, and two 105mm booby traps. The "Old Guardsmen" also destroyed one RPG with seven rounds.

16 Nov 69

A recon element of 5th Bn, 12th Inf, operating in an area 10 miles north of Xuan Loc, engaged two enemy, killing one with small arms and automatic weapons fire. One K-51 and a medic bag containing medical supplies was captured.

During a sweep of an area Charlie Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf located and destroyed one bunker 12 ½ miles northwest of Xuan Loc, containing 45 pounds of foodstuffs.

During a sweep of an area, Bravo Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf located and destroyed a seven bunker complex and 300 pounds of rice.

17 Nov 69

In a continued sweep of an area 12 ½ miles northwest of Xuan Loc, Charlie Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf located and destroyed a four bunker complex and two fighting positions.

18 Nov 69

During a sweep of an area 12 miles northwest of Xuan Loc, Charlie Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf engaged and killed one enemy. Also found was one body killed by artillery.

Operating in the same area, Co M, 75th Rangers engaged and killed one enemy.

21 Nov 69

Alpha Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf, while sweeping an area 10 miles northwest of Xuan Loc, engaged an estimated 15 to 20 enemy with 90mm recoilless rifles and claymores. The enemy quickly withdrew leaving behind one dead and one wounded enemy and one enemy pistol.

Meanwhile, approximately 20 miles north of Xuan Loc, the 1st Platoon of Commanche Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf located and destroyed six enemy bunkers. Near the complex the "Warriors" also found four enemy bodies estimated to be four weeks old. The bodies were credited to the "Warriors" battalion from a previous contact.

22 Nov 69

"Warriors" of Delta Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf received small arms, automatic weapons, RPG and mortar fire on their position 3 miles north of Xuan Loc from an estimated enemy company. The "Warriors", with support from Charlie Horse gunships, "Shadow," and other aircraft returned fire with small arms, automatic weapons and 81mm mortars. The results of the

three-hour contact were 12 enemy killed, and one K-54 pistol, one RPG launcher, three AK-47's and assorted enemy equipment captured.

Shortly thereafter, Commanche Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf, while sweeping an area 30 miles north of Xuan Loc engaged an estimated four enemy soldiers with small arms fire. Artillery was called in for support resulting in one enemy killed by artillery.

Later that same day Alpha Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf engaged two enemy approximately 14 miles southeast of Xuan Loc. One enemy was killed.

23 Nov 69

Approximately 15 miles southeast of Xuan Loc, the First Platoon of Alpha Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf engaged six enemy with small arms. The enemy broke contact, withdrew immediately. While continuing to sweep the area, the "Cottonbalers" located and destroyed 20 enemy bunkers.

25 Nov 69

While conducting a ground reconnaissance 25 miles northeast of Xuan Loc, an element of Echo Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf engaged an estimated 15 enemy with small arms fire. One enemy was killed in the action, and one AK-47 was captured along with numerous enemy equipment.

26 Nov 69

Charlie Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf, operating approximately 4 miles north of Xuan Loc, found three enemy bodies. The bodies were believed to have been killed by the 5th Bn, 12th Inf in a previous contact.

Alpha Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf, searching an area of a previous contact, located a bunker complex consisting of 26 bunkers with a trench surrounding them. Included in the find was 75 pounds of beans, 15 pounds of slat and one mess hall for up to 18 persons. The complex was destroyed.

27 Nov 69

Alpha Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf, conducting a bomb damage assessment mission 30 miles south of Xuan Loc, located 10 enemy bunkers. Continuing their mission, the members of the "Old Guard" discovered two enemy bodies believed to have been killed by artillery.

28 Nov 69

Elements of Alpha Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf, operating 20 miles southwest of Xuan Loc, made contact with four enemy resulting in two enemy killed and two AK-47's captured.

Later in the day, Alpha Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf engaged five enemy with small arms, killing one.

First platoon of Bravo Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf engaged four enemy at 20 meters approximately 14 miles southwest of Xuan Loc. The result of the action was two enemy killed and two AK-47's captured.

Meanwhile Charlie Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf, conducting operations 8 miles southeast of Xuan Loc, received sniper fire from surrounding trees. An exchange of small arms fire followed. Three enemy were killed, two AK-47's, one SKS, and assorted field gear were captured.

A reconnaissance element from Echo Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf, conducting a ground recon 8 miles northeast of Xuan Loc engaged two or three enemy at 50 meters with small arms and automatic weapons. Artillery was called in for the action resulting in one enemy killed and one AK-47 captured.

01 Dec 69

Co M Rangers, 75th Inf engaged and killed one enemy 17 miles northeast of Xuan Loc.

02 Dec 69

Bravo Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf, operating 23 miles southwest of Xuan Loc located seven enemy bunkers along with 150 AK rounds, 1 mortar, medical supplies and 30 pounds of rice and wheat.

03 Dec 69

In continued operations Bravo Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf engaged an unknown number of enemy snipers 25 miles southwest of Xuan Loc. One enemy was killed in the action.

Meanwhile Delta Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf, sighted and engaged 14 enemy with small arms and automatic weapons fire killing two.

Approximately 17 miles southwest of Xuan Loc, a reconnaissance element of Echo Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf, killed one enemy and captured one AK-47 along with 13 pounds of rice.

That same day, 19 miles northwest of Xuan Loc, Delta Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf engaged an estimated 10 enemy. The enemy broke contact and fled leaving behind one body.

Charlie Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf found one Chicom bolt-action rifle with a grenade adapter wrapped in rags and hanging from a tree approximately 13 miles north of Xuan Loc.

05 Dec 69

In an operation 10 miles northeast of Xuan Loc, Charlie Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf engaged four enemy with small arms and automatic weapons, resulting in two enemy killed, and one AK-47 rifle and one SKS rifle captured.

Delta Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf, during a sweep of an area 8 miles northwest of Xuan Loc, located one enemy body believed to be killed by the 5th Bn, 12th Inf in a previous contact.

Engaging an unknown size enemy force 12 miles southwest of Xuan Loc, Alpha Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf killed three enemy using organic weapons with hunter-killer and artillery in support. The "Old Guardsmen" captured one AK-47 in the action.

06 Dec 69

Bravo Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf engaged an unknown size enemy force 8 miles northeast of Xuan Loc with artillery and a hunter-killer team in support. The Redcatchers killed one enemy in this action.

With a light fire team in support, Alpha Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf engaged an unknown size enemy force 11 miles southeast of Xuan Loc. The "Cottonbalers" killed one enemy and detained another.

An element of Delta Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf operating in an area 12 miles southwest of Xuan Loc, engaged an unknown size enemy force, with support from artillery and a hunter-killer team. The "Warrior" element killed one and captured one AK-47.

Later that day, Delta Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf discovered that a base camp was in the area. The "Warriors" called in artillery, hunter-killer teams and air strikes resulting in twenty-two bunkers destroyed and four enemy killed by artillery.

After the air and artillery attack was completed an element of the 5th Bn, 12th Inf swept the area engaging an unknown size enemy force. One enemy was killed and 400 pounds of peas were captured.

An element of Bravo Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf during a sweep of an area 19 miles northwest of Xuan Loc found one enemy body believed to have been dead about one month. The KIA was credited to the Recon element, 5th Bn, 12th Inf.

A platoon of Bravo Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf located and destroyed a 43-bunker complex 13 miles northwest of Xuan Loc. Also found was one body. The KIA was credited to the 4th Bn, 12th Inf.

7 Dec 69

In continued operations 9 miles northeast of Xuan Loc, Bravo Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf located and destroyed a base camp consisting of 7 bunkers.

An element of Delta Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf engaged one enemy 14 miles northwest of Xuan Loc, resulting in one enemy killed in action.

Another element of Delta Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf operating in an area 10 miles northwest of Xuan Loc located and destroyed a 10 bunker complex.

Alpha Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf located and destroyed a 6 bunker complex containing cooking utensils 11 miles northwest of Xuan Loc.

Alpha Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf found three enemy bodies. Two of the bodies were credited to artillery and one was credited to the 4th Bn, 12th Inf.

Two enemy were killed when Bravo Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf with support by artillery engaged an unknown size enemy force 11 miles southwest of Xuan Loc.

The Recon element of the 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf engaged an unknown size enemy force 11 miles southwest of Xuan Loc. With support from artillery and a hunter-killer team, the "Old Guard" element killed three enemy and captured two AK-47 rifles.

08 Dec 69

In action today, "Charliehorse," 3rd Sqdn, 17th Cav located four enemy bodies approximately 10 ½ miles north of Xuan Loc. Three of the KIA's were credited to the 2nd Bn, 40th Arty, while the fourth was the result of an earlier contact with Delta Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf.

Later in the day, elements of the 5th Bn, 12th Inf located a small cache consisting of ammo and weapons parts.

2nd Bn, 40th Arty fired on a reported active enemy base camp. Three bunkers were destroyed with four secondary explosions recorded.

The recon element of the 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf engaged 15-20 enemy with small arms and automatic weapons approximately 6 ½ miles southeast of Xuan Loc. Three enemy were killed in action, two AK-47 rifles were captured.

09 Dec 69

In action 12 ½ miles northeast of Xuan Loc, Delta Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf located and destroyed a four bunker base camp with overhead cover. A Chicom grenade, an RPG round and miscellaneous gear were also discovered.

Alpha Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf engaged two enemy with small arms and automatic weapons fire 7 miles east of Xuan Loc, killing one and capturing an AK-47 rifle.

A fifteen bunker base camp was discovered and destroyed 9 miles north of Xuan Loc, by elements of Delta Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf.

Later on the same day, element of the 5th Bn, 12th Inf with two teams of Co M Rangers, 75th Inf, uncovered a cache consisting of 34 cases of 82mm mortar rounds, 40 B-40 rounds and 12 RPG-7 RL rounds. All were destroyed. The cache was discovered 8 miles north of Xuan Loc.

Charlie Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf engaged and killed two enemy 13 miles northeast of Xuan Loc. Two AK-47 rifles and three Chicom grenades were captured.

In continued action, elements of the 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf, during a sweep of an area 7 miles northeast of Xuan Loc, located and destroyed six bunkers, two kitchens and two latrines. The sweep also uncovered six mortar charges, eight firing caps and a mortar position.

10 Dec 69

Delta Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf assisted by a visual recon team, located and destroyed a base camp with 29 bunkers and 15 fighting positions. The action took place 15 miles northeast of Xuan Loc.

Later in the same area, the "Warriors" located an additional cache containing a Chicom grenade and an NVA helmet. The cache was destroyed.

Bravo Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf engaged three enemy soldiers 7 miles east of Xuan Loc. One enemy was killed and one was detained. An AK-47 rifle and a K-54 pistol were also taken.

Later in the day, Delta Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf engaged an estimated two enemy platoons. Small arms and automatic weapons fire were exchanged with a resulting four enemy killed. The action took place during a sweep 8 miles east of Xuan Loc.

Seven miles north of Xuan Loc, Alpha Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf located and destroyed five bunkers, 12 structures, a cache consisting of two RPG rounds, six rifle grenades, and an NVA gas mask. In the same area, the unit discovered two enemy bodies. The 5th Bn, 12th Inf was credited with the kills.

Bravo Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf in a sweep of an area 11 miles northeast of Xuan Loc, destroyed a base camp consisting of eight bunkers and 27 fighting positions. Delta Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf located and destroyed an 11 bunker base camp 5 miles southeast of Xuan Loc.

11 Dec 69

Delta Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf while on a sweep of an area 6 miles east of Xuan Loc, found a dead enemy soldier in a nine bunker base camp. The unit was credited with the kill. Also uncovered were cooking utensils, clothing, two AK-47 magazines, VC dog tags, a cooking hootch and a table.

Charlie Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf engaged eight enemy with small arms and automatic weapons fire 9 miles north of Xuan Loc, resulting in an enemy killed, an enemy detained, and an AK47 rifle, an SKS rifle, two backpacks, and 250 AK rounds captured.

13 Dec 69

Delta Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf engaged an estimated enemy squad with small arms weapons fire, killing three enemy soldiers 15 miles southeast of Xuan Loc.

A special recon team from the 5th Bn, 12th Inf engaged five enemy soldiers 25 miles northwest of Xuan Loc, killing four, and capturing three AK-47 rifles.

Other elements of the 5th Bn, 12th Inf in a sweep 30 miles northeast of Xuan Loc discovered the bodies of four enemy.

15 Dec 69

In action today Bravo Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf located and destroyed 15 bunkers and 25 fighting positions 12 miles northeast of Xuan Loc.

Later in the day, Delta Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf discovered a cache consisting of 100 empty burlap bags, three 50 pound bags of rice, 10-20 pound boxes of rice, 20 large ponchos and an assortment of miscellaneous tools.

An element of the 5th Bn, 12th Inf, while operating in an area 10 miles north of Xuan Loc, found a cache which included approximately 200 D-cell batteries, a Chicom grenade, 25 pounds of rice and three pounds of salt.

17 Dec 69

Bravo Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf engaged three to ten enemy approximately 10 miles east of Xuan Loc, with a resulting two enemy killed.

18 Dec 69

Charlie Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf engaged six enemy 5 ½ miles east of Xuan Loc, with resulting two enemy killed and two AK-47 rifles captured.

19 Dec 69

Three enemy soldiers were killed by Bravo Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf as a result of a contact made 8 miles southeast of Xuan Loc. Two SMG's were captured.

20 Dec 69

In a sweep of an area 15 miles northeast of Xuan Loc, elements of the 4th Bn, 12th Inf engaged and killed an enemy soldier and uncovered a cache consisting of 550 pounds of rice, 600 pounds of corn, 50 pounds of beans, 20 hammock frames, medical supplies, assorted clothing and equipment and a possible ammunition factory.

22 Dec 69

A recon element of the 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf, operating in an area 8 ½ miles southeast of Xuan Loc, engaged two enemy, killing one and capturing an AK-47 rifle and a backpack with clothing.

24 Dec 69

An element of Delta Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf engaged three enemy, killing one and capturing an AK-47 rifle. The action took place 11 miles north of Xuan Loc.

26 Dec 69

Bravo Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf engaged an estimated 15 enemy with small arms and automatic weapons and claymore, killing three enemy and capturing an AK-47 rifle, 115 pounds of food stuff and 100 AK rounds. The action took place approximately 11 ½ miles north of Xuan Loc.

30 Dec 69

the recon element of the 3rd Bn, 7th Inf engaged and killed one enemy approximately 11 miles east of Xuan Loc.

31 Dec 69

Bravo Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf located and destroyed three graves containing five bodies approximately 13 miles northeast of Xuan Loc. The five enemy KIA were credited to the 4th Bn, 12th Inf.

Alpha Co, 2nd Bn,, 3rd Inf located one dead enemy and 30 bunkers, six B-40 rounds, a Chicom grenade, an RPG round and miscellaneous clothing.

02 Jan 70

Co M Ranger, 75th Inf located three bunkers, one hootch with a fireplace, and one picnic table. Also in the area were two training areas with models of concertina barricades. All were destroyed in this action which took place 20 miles southeast of Xuan Loc.

A recon element of the 4th Bn, 12th Inf engaged and killed two enemy soldiers 8 ½ miles northeast of Xuan Loc. Two AK-47 rifles were captured.

03 Jan 70

Co M, 75th Rangers found 13 bunkers, five tables, three (this part is illegible) and wooden models of a Chicom grenade approximately 20 miles southeast of Xuan Loc. All were destroyed.

Alpha Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf located 250-300 pounds of peanuts and 400-500 pounds of beans 12 ½ miles northeast of Xuan Loc.

01 Feb 70

Members of Delta Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf, while sweeping an area of a previous contact on Jan 31, 11 miles south of Xuan Loc, found 30 pounds of beans, 20 pounds of flour, 20 pounds of split peas, 10 pounds of sugar cane and 20 AK-47 rifle rounds.

Members of Charlie Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf engaged 10-15 enemy with small arms and automatic weapons. One enemy was killed in action and an AK-47 rifle and a rucksack was captured. The action occurred 11 miles southeast of Xuan Loc and Charlie Co was supported by helicopters.

An element of Charlie Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf engaged five enemy 12 miles southeast of Xuan Loc. Small arms and automatic weapons fire were exchanged. An enemy was killed and a small amount of medical supplies were captured. The unit was supported by 2nd Bn, 40th Arty.

"Warriors" of Delta Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf found six bunkers with overhead cover, 26 miles northeast of Xuan Loc. Within the bunker complex, the "Warriors" found a hootch, cooking utensils, 100 pounds of fish, 75 pounds of rice, 50 pounds of corn, 10 pounds of salt, 15 cans of milk, miscellaneous clothing and gear.

Later in the day members of the same company engaged an estimated enemy squad with small arms and automatic weapons fire 25 miles northeast of Xuan Loc. There was no return fire and contact was broken immediately. Two enemy were killed and an SKS pistol and an AK-47 rifle were found. The "Warriors" were supported by artillery.

02 Feb 70

An element of Charlie Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf was engaged by three enemy with small arms, automatic weapons, RPG rounds and claymore mines. The "Warriors" returned fire with small arms, automatic weapons and M-79 grenade launchers. One enemy was killed in the action which occurred 13 miles northwest of Xuan Loc.

While operating 16 miles northeast of Xuan Loc, members of Delta Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf located and destroyed 12 bunkers, 4 hootches, and a Chicom grenade.

Members of the same company were also engaged by an estimated four enemy with small arms and automatic weapons a mile further to the north. The "Warriors" were supported by artillery.

An element of Alpha Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf located and destroyed 26 bunkers with overhead cover, 24 miles northeast of Xuan Loc. 150 AK-47 rifle rounds, 2 AK-47 magazines and 3 RPG rounds were recovered.

A mile to the south, the company engaged two enemy with small arms and automatic weapons. One enemy was killed in action and an AK-47 rifle was found.

Later, the same company found five dead enemy. The enemy killed were credited to Charlie Co. The bodies were found 23 miles northeast of Xuan Loc.

03 Feb 70

"Cottonbalers" of Bravo Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf and the 285th RF Co engaged five enemy with small arms and automatic weapons fire 8 miles southwest of Xuan Loc. The enemy returned fire with small arms. Four enemy were killed in action. One was credited to the RF's. An AK-47 rifle, a rucksack, and a small amount of foodstuffs were confiscated.

Members of Delta Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf located a dead enemy soldier. The dead enemy was credited to a previous Delta Co contact. The action occurred 10 miles southwest of Xuan Loc.

04 Feb 70

A recon element of the 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf, while sweeping an area 13 miles southwest of Xuan Loc found one dead enemy soldier with a weapon. The enemy killed was credited to the recon element. An AK-47 rifle, and 120 rounds of AK-47 ammunition were captured.

An element of Bravo Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf found 18 bunkers with overhead cover 8 miles southeast of Xuan Loc. Two bandoleers of rifle ammunition, 75 pounds of soybeans, a Chicom grenade and miscellaneous clothing were found.

Members of Bravo Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf engaged one enemy with small arms fire. An aerial observer from the 2nd Bn, 40th Arty, while adjusting fire into the area of contact, saw a dead enemy body on the ground. The action occurred 13 miles northwest of Xuan Loc.

An element of Bravo Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf engaged one enemy with small arms and automatic weapons fire. An enemy was killed in action and an AK-47 rifle was captured. The action occurred 13 miles northwest of Xuan Loc.

06 Feb 70

An element of Bravo Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf engaged two enemy with claymores, hand grenades, small arms and automatic weapons fire. An enemy was killed and a 30-caliber Soviet carbine rifle, ten pounds each of rice and peas were captured. The action took place 11 miles south of Xuan Loc.

07 Feb 70

Members of Co M Rangers 75th Inf, engaged three enemy with small arms fire 13 miles southwest of Xuan Loc. An enemy was killed in action and an AK-47 rifle was captured.

On an operation 11 miles south of Xuan Loc, an element of Bravo Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf found three burning campfires, warm rice, C-rations, and one blood trail.

08 Feb 70

D Trp, 17th Cav, while conducting operations 10 miles north of Xuan Loc found and destroyed one command detonated mine consisting of two RPG rounds and 3-5 pounds of explosives. The mine was found wrapped in an NVA poncho, located in the center of a road.

"Apache" Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf, during a sweep of an area 13 miles north of Xuan Loc located and destroyed four bunkers with overhead cover and several bunkers under construction.

09 Feb 70

Elements of Bravo Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf, sweeping an area 7 miles east of Xuan Loc found one grave containing the body of an enemy soldier killed by small arms fire. Bravo Co was credited with the kill.

"Apache" Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf continuing its operations 13 miles north of Xuan Loc destroyed an additional 13 bunkers with overhead cover.

"Charlie" Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf, engaged three enemy soldiers on a trail 14 miles northwest of Xuan Loc. Small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged, with one enemy soldier (female) killed. A K-54 pistol was captured along with two bags of documents.

Bravo Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf, while conducting a bomb damage assessment mission 18 miles north of Xuan Loc, discovered 12 bunkers that were destroyed, and captured a small amount of documents.

"Dakota" Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf, during operations 21 miles northeast of Xuan Loc, located and destroyed 25 pounds of rice.

10 Feb 70

Delta Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf was engaged by an estimated five enemy soldiers 13 miles east of Xuan Loc. Small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged and the enemy withdrew. A sweep by Delta Co following the contact uncovered one enemy killed in the contact and 13 bunkers which were destroyed by the "Old Guard."

Elements of Bravo Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf, found a cache 21 miles northeast of Xuan Loc consisting of a Chicom claymore mine, three SKS rifles, two cans of assorted ammunition, a rifle bolt, 500 sheets of blank paper and seven pounds of an unknown explosive.

"Charlie" Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf, engaged four enemy with small arms and automatic weapons fire killing two, and capturing two AK-47's, two packs and a small amount of documents. The action took place 8 miles southeast of Xuan Loc.

11 Feb 70

"Charlie Horse," 3rd Sqd, 17th Air Cav, engaged three enemy carrying packs and AK-47's. One enemy was killed in this action which occurred 13 miles northeast of Xuan Loc.

Elements of Bravo Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf located and destroyed three bunkers and three hootches. The "Cottonbalers" also discovered one enemy body killed by small arms fire. The discovery was made 20 miles northeast of Xuan Loc.

Alpha Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf engaged two enemy soldiers 8 miles southeast of Xuan Loc, with automatic weapons and claymore, killing both.

12 Feb 70

"Cottonbalers" from Alpha Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf, engaged an unknown size enemy force 23 miles northeast of Xuan Loc. Small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged, and a resulting sweep located the bodies of eight enemy soldiers killed in this action. In addition, five more enemy bodies from an earlier contact were also found in graves to bring the days total to 13.

In action 18 miles north on Xuan Loc, a "Warrior" Patrol from 5th Bn, 12th Inf, sighted two enemy soldiers carrying packs. The unit adjusted artillery fire on the two who immediately dropped their packs and fled. The "Warriors" recovered five packs and a miscellaneous amount of foodstuffs.

13 Feb 70

"Charlie Horse" 3rd Sqd, 17th Air Cav sighted and engaged four enemy soldiers with grenades and automatic weapons fire killing three. The action took place 24 miles northeast of Xuan Loc.

"Old Guardsmen" of Delta Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf engaged and killed an enemy soldier 8 miles southeast of Xuan Loc. One AK-47 was captured along with one rucksack containing 15 pounds of rice.

Working in the same area, a reconnaissance element of Echo Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf engaged and killed another lone enemy soldier.

Delta Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf, while sweeping an area 18 miles northwest of Xuan Loc, came into contact with an unknown size enemy force. In the ensuing battle, four enemy were killed, two AK-47's, a pistol and a rucksack with a small amounts of rice were captured.

"Cottonbalers" from 3rd Bn, 7th Inf, on continued operations 18 miles northwest of Xuan Loc exchanged small arms and automatic weapons fire with seven enemy soldiers. Two of the enemy were killed, two AK-47's and five Chicom grenades were captured.

14 Feb 70

A reconnaissance element of Echo Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf engaged ten enemy with small arms and automatic weapons fire. A resulting two enemy were killed in this action which occurred 8 miles southeast of Xuan Loc.

A "Fireball" aircraft on a visual recon mission engaged and killed one enemy soldier with automatic weapons fire.

15 Feb 70

While on a sweep of an area 10 miles east of Xuan Loc, elements of Bravo Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf engaged two enemy soldiers with claymores, small arms and automatic weapons fire. One enemy was killed and one AK-47 was captured.

In the same general area, Alpha Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf engaged three enemy soldiers with assorted small arms. All three were killed and two AK-47's, one SKS, and two rucksacks containing 39 pounds of rice and five pounds of salt was captured.

Thirteen miles northeast of Xuan Loc, "Cottonbalers" of Charlie Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf, found ten bunkers containing the following cache: assorted medical equipment including penicillin and streptomycin, 4 bolt action rifles, a 45 caliber sub-machine gun, and AK-47, an SKS, a 30 caliber French pistol, a B-40 rockets, 50 M-60 rounds, 2 machetes, 6 picks and miscellaneous tools and web gear.

"Apache" Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf, during a sweep of an area 10 miles north of Xuan Loc engaged three enemy soldiers with small arms fire killing one and capturing one AK-47 and two rucksacks. A resulting sweep also located two bunkers which were destroyed.

Continuing to sweep, the unit located and destroyed 58 bunkers with overhead cover, 75 AK rounds, one 82mm mortar rounds and a small amount of documents.

16 Feb 70

In continued operations 13 miles east of Xuan Loc, "Charlie" Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf, found an additional 16 French made bolt action rifles.

Delta Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf located an old base camp 8 miles east of Xuan Loc. The "Old Guardsmen" discovered eight bunkers with overhead cover, six old graves, and a blacksmith shop for tools and weapons repair.

"Apache" Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf, in continued operations approximately 10 miles north of Xuan Loc engaged five enemy soldiers, killing two and capturing one AK-47 and one Chicom pistol. The unit also located and destroyed four 60mm mortar rounds.

Elements of the 4th Bn, 12th Inf, while conducting operations north of Xuan Loc killed two enemy soldiers, captured one SKS and one rucksack. They also located and destroyed 12 bunkers, four trenches and five large tables.

17 Feb 70

Bravo Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf discovered an enemy motor pool cache consisting of one jeep radiator, two bolt-extractors, one tire and wheel, one jeep shed, five one gallon gas cans, six spark plugs, three drill bits and other miscellaneous equipment. This unusual cache was found 11 miles northeast of Xuan Loc.

"Warriors" from Bravo Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf, located a bunker complex 15 miles northwest of Xuan Loc containing 15 SKS rifles, a carbine, and AK-47, 40 rounds of 30 caliber ammo, 25 pounds of potatoes and 5 pounds of tobacco.

Delta Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf, located and destroyed eight bunkers 9 miles north of Xuan Loc. Later in the day, the unit engaged three enemy soldiers. Small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged and the three enemy soldiers were killed. Two AK-47's, 44 60mm mortar rounds and a box of 30 caliber ammunition was captured.

22 Feb 70

During an operation 21 miles northwest of Xuan Loc, elements of Delta Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf located and destroyed four bunkers containing six tables and two benches. The "Cottonbalers" also discovered two recently built hootches.

Members of "Dakota" Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf, on a sweep of an area 20 miles north of Xuan Loc, found a leather map case containing medical supplies.

An element of Co M, 75th Rangers, while on a mission 36 miles northeast of Xuan Loc, was engaged by 12 to 18 enemy in a bunker complex. Small arms and automatic weapons fire were exchanged and artillery was called in support. A sweep of the area following the contact located the bodies of two enemy soldiers. Ten bunkers with overhead cover were also found.

23 Feb 70

Continuing operations 20 miles north of Xuan Loc, "Warriors" of "Dakota" Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf located and destroyed six bunkers with overhead cover. The unit was also credited with two enemy soldiers killed in action at the site of the bunker complex.

24 Feb 70

Members of Charlie Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf, while sweeping an area 28 miles northeast of Xuan Loc, engaged two enemy soldiers, killing one and capturing an AK-47 rifle.

Later in the day, the "Warriors" found a horseshoe-shaped bunker complex containing 20 to 30 bunkers with overhead cover.

25 Feb 70

The 5th Bn, 12th Inf's reconnaissance unit engaged two enemy soldiers with small arms fire killing one and capturing an AK-47. The action took place 19 miles north of Xuan Loc.

While on an operation 15 miles north of Xuan Loc, elements of "Blackfoot" Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf located the bodies of four enemy soldiers killed by an air strike two weeks previously.

Later in the day, "Blackfoot" infantrymen were engaged by a lone enemy soldier. Small arms fire was exchanged resulting in the enemy soldier's death. An AK-47 was also recovered.

Members of Co D, 75th Rangers were engaged by two enemy soldiers with grenades while the Rangers were on a patrol 33 miles northeast of Xuan Loc. The men subsequently killed one of the enemy with small arms fire.

"Warriors" of Alpha Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf, operating 21 miles north of Xuan Loc, found two enemy bodies along a trail. The unit also captured an AK-47 rifle and a 9mm pistol.

Elements of Alpha Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf engaged four enemy soldiers 9 miles northeast of Xuan Loc. The "Cottonbalers" killed two enemy, and captured an SKS rifle, and AK-47, and three rucksacks containing miscellaneous foodstuffs.

26 Feb 70

The reconnaissance element of the 5th Bn, 12th Inf was engaged by five enemy soldiers who withdrew after an exchange of small arms and automatic weapons. A subsequent sweep revealed 100 rounds of small arms ammunition, an RPG round, 100 pounds of rice, 100 pounds of bananas, and five pounds of meat in a six-bunker complex. The camp was subsequently destroyed.

Members of "Blackfoot" Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf killed two enemy soldiers and captured or destroyed eight AK-47 magazines with ammunition, a sampan, and an Ak-47 cleaning kit in an area 25 miles northwest of Xuan Loc. "Apache" Co "Warriors," working in the same general area, killed two more enemy soldiers and captured two Ak-47 rifles.

27 Feb 70

"Cottonbalers" of Delta Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf engaged and killed an enemy soldier and captured an AK-47 rifle 24 miles northeast of Xuan Loc.

ACAV's of Delta Trp, 17th Cav were ambushed by a reinforced platoon of enemy soldiers firing RPG rounds and blowing Claymore mines. Members of Delta Trp returned fire with .50 caliber machine guns, and a forward air controller and a light fire team were called in support. A total of seven enemy were killed in the action and a K-54 and B-40 rocket were captured.

28 Feb 70

Elements of Bravo Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf discovered and destroyed 11 bunkers 9 miles southeast of Xuan Loc.

Members of "Apache" Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf engaged and killed two enemy in an ambush 18 miles north of Xuan Loc. The unit also captured two AK-47 rifles and two enemy packs.

The 5th Bn, 12th Inf reconnaissance unit, working in an area 30 miles northwest of Xuan Loc, discovered and destroyed a platoon sized base camp containing 10 bunkers and a 20 pound claymore.

01 Mar 70

Elements of Delta Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf, operating in an area 21 miles northeast of Xuan Loc, discovered a cache consisting of 1 60mm mortars with base plates, a 75mm recoilless rifle, 4 .30 caliber rifles, 11 Browning automatic rifles, 16 assorted Russian and Chicom rifles, 5 Thompson sub-machine guns, 4 US machine guns of unknown type, and 20 assorted old weapons.

"Warriors" of "Blackfoot" Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf engaged five to six enemy soldiers, killing one in an action 18 miles northwest of Xuan Loc.

Members of Delta Trp, 17th Cav discovered a small cache following a contact 21 miles northeast of Xuan Loc. The unit captured a pack, a shovel, assorted foodstuffs, and sleeping gear. The unit also destroyed a pressure type mine and three RPG rounds.

02 Mar 70

A rest area used by an enemy platoon 24 hours earlier was discovered by members of "Apache" Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf in operations 18 miles north of Xuan Loc.

"Warriors" of Bravo Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf discovered and destroyed eight bunkers 26 miles northwest of Xuan Loc containing 50 rounds of small arms ammunition, 8 ponchos, 200 pounds of salt, over 1000 pairs of sandals, and water jugs.

"Old Guardsmen" of Delta Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf engaged seven enemy soldiers 15 miles southeast of Xuan Loc, killing two and capturing two AK-47 rifles.

03 Mar 70

In continued operations 18 miles north of Xuan Loc, an element of "Apache" Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf engaged three enemy soldiers with small arms and automatic weapons fire. The contact broke immediately with the enemy soldiers fleeing south to a four bunker base camp, leaving heavy blood trails. "Apache" Co pursued the three, killing two and detaining a suspect. A K-54 pistol, and AK-50, and two packs were captured in the action.

04 Mar 70

A reconnaissance team of the 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf located the bodies of four dead enemy, killed in a previous contact. The bodies were eight miles south of Xuan Loc.

"Warriors" of Charlie Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf, while sweeping an area 21 mile northwest of Xuan Loc found two dead enemy soldiers killed by the 5th Bn, 12th Inf special recon team.

05 Mar 70

Co D, 75th Inf Det. engaged and killed three enemy soldiers 30 miles north of Xuan Loc. The Rangers also captured 2 AK-47 rifles, 3 packs, and 13 AK-47 magazines.

An enemy was killed by members of "Apache" Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf in action 16 miles north of Xuan Loc. An SKS rifle, a rifle grenade launcher, and six rifle grenades were recovered in the action.

06 Mar 70

In continued action 15 miles north of Xuan Loc, "Apache" Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf engaged and killed one enemy soldier and captured one pistol belt with holster.

The 5th Bn, 12th Inf "Warrior Patrol" engaged three enemy soldiers in a mechanized ambush, killing two and capturing an AK-47 rifle.

09 Mar 70

Co D, 75th Inf Rangers engaged three enemy soldiers 30 miles north of Xuan Loc, killing all three and capturing three packs, and an AK-47 rifle.

"Old Guard" of Delta Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf engaged two enemy, killing one in an action that took place 10 miles southeast of Xuan Loc.

Members of Alpha Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf were engaged by three enemy with small arms. The "Warriors" returned fire, killing one.

"Cottonbalers" of Delta Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf engaged four to five enemy soldiers with small arms and automatic weapons fire with a resulting three enemy killed, two AK-47's and a K-54 pistol captured. The action took place 18 miles northeast of Xuan Loc.

10 Mar 70

In continued operations 30 miles north of Xuan Loc, Co D, 75th Inf Rangers engaged six enemy soldiers, killing five and detaining a suspect. Three AK-47's were recovered in the action.

"Warriors" of Charlie Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf discovered and destroyed a 22 bunker base camp 18 miles north of Xuan Loc.

Elements of Bravo Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf engaged three enemy on a trail 26 miles northeast of Xuan Loc, killing one and capturing 2 Chicom fragmentation grenades, 50 AK-47 rounds, 5 pounds of foodstuffs and a variety of personal items.

11 Mar 70

An unusual cache find by Charlie Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf 35 miles north of Xuan Loc began this day's action. The unit uncovered one ton of peanuts of which 400 pounds were bagged. Elephant trails led into the area of the finds.

Elements of Bravo Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf, while sweeping an area 20 miles north of Xuan Loc engaged four enemy soldiers, killing all four and capturing a B-40 rocket round, a bag of Claymore mines, and one fragmentation grenade.

Bravo Co "Cottonbalers" of the 3rd Bn, ;7th Inf engaged three enemy soldiers 19 miles west of Xuan Loc, killing one and capturing an AK-47, an enemy pack, 200 AK-47 rounds, and 3 AK-47 magazines.

12 Mar 70

Charlie Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf, on continued operation 35 miles north of Xuan Loc, found a second one ton peanut cache only 100 meters north of the precious day's find.

Elements of Bravo Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf, while engaged in a sweep 18 miles southeast of Xuan Loc, found an RPG round, two automatic rifle magazines with ammunition, assorted small arms rounds, and one set of barber clippers.

"Cottonbalers" of Delta Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf discovered a cache including three to four pounds of dough, several sets of blue NVA fatigues, a Chicom grenade, an enemy canteen, two ponchos, and two cooking bowls. The cache was found 19 miles northeast of Xuan Loc and the bodies of two dead enemy were discovered nearby.

13 Mar 70

Elements of the "Warrior" Patrol of the 5th Bn, 12th Inf killed one enemy soldier 18 miles north of Xuan Loc.

"Charliehorse," 3rd Sqdn, 17th Air Cav choppers located and destroyed one enemy sampan, six bunkers, six huts, and a 155-gallon oil drum 18 miles northwest of Xuan Loc.

"Warriors" of Bravo Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf, while sweeping an area 10 miles northeast of Xuan Loc, discovered and destroyed an enemy base camp consisting of 17 sleeping positions and 4 fighting positions. Found in the camp were 100 AK-47 rounds, a Chicom grenade, and one dead enemy soldier.

15 Mar 70

"Cottonbalers" of Charlie Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf engaged 13 enemy soldiers 40 miles east of Xuan Loc with small arms, and automatic weapons fire, killing 12 and detaining one suspect. The unit also captured 7 AK-47's, 3 pistols, and 500 pounds of flour.

Earlier in the day, the unit had found a large hospital complex consisting of several large bunkers with an overhead hootch 19 beds and a variety of medical supplies.

16 Mar 70

"Charliehorse," 3rd Sqdn, 17th Air Cav helicopters sighted and destroyed four bunkers and fighting positions 35 miles northeast of Xuan Loc.

Later in the day, the unit uncovered a cache consisting of cooking pots, clothing, medical supplies, rucksacks, and one liter. Also found in the area were a US carbine, 200 rounds of 7.62mm ammunition, two AK-47 rounds, and one hootch.

Elements of Alpha Co, 3rd Bn, ;7th Inf, during a sweep of an area 28 miles northeast of Xuan Loc discovered six 55 gallon drums of rice, two 55 gallon drums of potatoes, and one garden plot..

In the same area, the unit also discovered one enemy killed in action as a result of contact on March 15.

18 Mar 70

Members of "Apache" Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf, while sweeping an area 18 miles north of Xuan Loc, uncovered 250 pounds of potatoes and 50 pounds of corn in a plastic bag placed in a tree.

Later in the day, the "Apaches" engaged and killed one enemy soldier and captured two rifle fragmentation grenades.

19 Mar 70

Members of "Apache" Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf engaged and killed an enemy soldier approximately 18 miles north of Xuan Loc. They also captured a DH-10 Claymore mine, an 82mm mortar round, and a 60mm mortar round.

En element of "Blackfoot" Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf was engaged by three to five enemy soldiers approximately 21 miles northeast of Xuan Loc. Small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged with a resulting two enemy killed.

"Cottonbaler" elements from Bravo Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf, in an operation 18 miles northeast of Xuan Loc, engaged nine enemy soldiers killing three.

Elements of "Blackfoot" Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf received sniper fire from three positions during operations today. "Fireball" air craft 333, flying in support of the company, subsequently sighted one VC in a hole. The door gunner dropped a hand grenade in the hole with a resulting one enemy killed in action.

20 Mar 70

Members of Charlie Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf engaged five enemy soldiers approximately 21 miles northeast of Xuan Loc, killing one and capturing one AK-47 and one bag of flour.

21 Mar 70

Members of "Apache" Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf found a company-sized base camp consisting of five bunkers, ten fighting positions, and three hootches, and containing 300 pounds of potatoes, 3 NVA canteens, and miscellaneous cooking pots.

In action 14 miles northeast of Xuan Loc, elements of Delta Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf engaged four enemy soldiers killing two of them.

23 Mar 70

In action today 18 miles northeast of Xuan Loc, elements of Alpha Co, 3rd Bn, ;7th Inf engaged four enemy with small arms and automatic weapons fire, killing one and capturing an SKS rifle and ten pounds of flour.

"Old Guard" of Alpha Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf were engaged by two enemy soldiers 8 miles south of Xuan Loc. Small arms and automatic weapons fire was exchanged with a resulting one enemy killed. A sweep of the area also uncovered four dead enemy soldiers killed by artillery fire in an earlier contact.

Elements of Bravo Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf, on a sweep of an area 21 miles north of Xuan Loc, found 3 bodies, 4 60mm mortar rounds, and RPG round, a Chicom Claymore, a Chicom fragmentary grenade, 360 rounds of 7.62 ammunition, and 30 printed leaflets. The three enemy KIA were credited to air strikes.

24 Mar 70

"Cottonbalers" of Alpha Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf, in continued operations approximately 18 miles northeast of Xuan Loc, engaged an unknown sized enemy forces at a distance of five feet. Small arms fire was exchanged with four enemy killed and four AK-47 rifles captured.

"Charliehorse," 3rd Sqdn, 17th Air Cav choppers discovered 3 bunkers, 2 hootch frames, 16 sampans (7 with tops), numerous pots and pans, and assorted articles of clothing 21 miles northwest of Xuan Loc. A total of 18 persons in the area were detained for questioning.

25 Mar 70

Elements of "Blackfoot" Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf, while on a sweep of an area 21 miles north of Xuan Loc, found seven sleeping positions with overhead cover, a VC rucksack, an NVA gas mask, assorted bloody rags, a Chicom fragmentation grenade, and an 82mm mortar round.

Members of Charlie Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf, working a few miles further north, discovered an enemy base camp consisting of a bunker, a mess hall and kitchen area, a sleeping area, and a trench line. Empty Coca-Cola cans and bloody bandages were found in the camp.

The 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf reconnaissance element found a 25-pound Chicom Claymore mine and 1,000 rounds of small arms ammunition hidden in a tree 12 miles southeast of Xuan Loc.

"Cottonbalers" of Charlie Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf engaged and killed two enemy soldiers 14 miles northeast of Xuan Loc.

Later in the day, the same element engaged four enemy soldiers at five meters, killing one.

27 Mar 70

Members of Charlie Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf, on a patrol approximately 14 miles northeast of Xuan Loc, discovered a hootch 10 feet by 10 feet containing 1,000 pounds of rice.

"Warriors" of Alpha Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf were engaged by an unknown size enemy force using small arms, automatic weapons, and B-40 rocket launchers. The "Warriors" returned fire, and contact broke after 30 minutes. A total of five enemy were killed in the action.

28 Mar 70

Elements of "Blackfoot" Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf found a hootch six feet by nine feet with a tin roof. Inside were 1,400 pounds of loose rice, two 55-gallon drums, an iron, a supply of paper, an ammunition pouch, a pair of glasses, and a cross cut saw.

"Cottonbalers" of Delta Co, 3rd Bn, ;7th Inf engaged five enemy 13 miles northeast of Xuan Loc. Small and automatic weapons fire was directed against the enemy, and a sweep of the area following the contact uncovered the body of a soldier and four RPG rounds.

A team from Co M, 75th Rangers, while on patrol 21 miles northwest of Xuan Loc, engaged five enemy soldiers were discovered following the contact. An AK-47 rifle was also captured in this action.

A helicopter of "Charliehorse," 3rd Sqdn, 17th Air Cav engaged four enemy with an M-60 machine gun 20 miles northeast of Xuan Loc. All four were killed.

Members of Delta Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf, in continued operations 13 miles northeast of Xuan Loc discovered three hootches with cooking utensils, medical supplies and miscellaneous clothing.

Later, as the element was moving out of the camp area, they engaged three enemy with small arms and automatic weapons. Two enemy were killed and an AK-47 rifle was captured.

"Warriors" of Charlie Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf engaged and killed an enemy soldier and captured an SKS rifle 22 miles north of Xuan Loc.

29 Mar 70

Elements of Bravo Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf engaged four enemy soldiers 18 miles northwest of Xuan Loc, killing one and capturing an AK-47.

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Members of "Apache" Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf, while on operations 28 miles east of Xuan Loc, assaulted a base camp containing 26 eight by ten bunkers, 8 incomplete bunkers, 4 wells, and 5 cooking hootches. Seven enemy were killed in the action.

31 Mar 70

Elements of "Dakota" Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf found 30 pounds of rice 18 miles north of Xuan Loc.

01 Apr 70

Members of Delta Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf found three RPG rounds, a hammock, a pistol belt, and a poncho on a trail 7 miles southwest of Xuan Loc.

An element of Delta Trp, 17th Cav engaged an unknown size enemy force 26 miles southeast of Xuan Loc, killing seven. Among the US casualties taken in the action was Brigadier general William R. Bond.

02 Apr 70

While sweeping an area approximately 20 miles northwest of Xuan Loc, elements of Bravo Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf discovered a series of interconnecting base camps containing 16 bunkers. Found within them were 20 maps of Xuan Loc, miscellaneous bandages, 25 new transistor ear phones, 9 flashlight, 9 machetes, an AK-47 magazine, 2 diaries, 17 pictures of US tanks, a table, a desk, a map holder, a stone cooking stove, a pair of pants hanging on a line, and a picture of an 82nd Eng. building.

03 Apr 70

"Cottonbalers" of Bravo Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf engaged an unknown sized enemy force 13 miles northwest of Xuan Loc. An enemy was killed and an AK-47 and a rucksack captured.

04 Apr 70

"Cottonbalers" of Bravo Co, 3rd Bn, ;7th Inf engaged an unknown sized enemy force, killing three and capturing three AK-47's seven magazines, one rucksack, and Chicom grenade.

05 Apr 70

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06 Apr 70

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Members of Charlie Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf, working a few miles further north, discovered an enemy base camp consisting of a bunker, a mess hall and kitchen area, a sleeping area, and a trench line. Empty Coca-Cola cans and bloody bandages were found in the camp.

26 Mar 70

The 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf reconnaissance element found a 25-pound Chicom claymore mines and 1,000 rounds of small arms ammunition hidden in a tree 12 miles southeast of Xuan Loc.

"Cottonbalers" of Charlie Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf engaged and killed two enemy soldiers 14 miles northeast of Xuan Loc.

Later in the day, the same element engaged four enemy soldiers at five meters, killing one.

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"Cottonbalers" of Charlie Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf, while on a sweep of an area 23 miles northeast of Xuan Loc, uncovered three hootches containing 500 pounds of rice, 50 pounds of corn, fifty 30-caliber rounds, and miscellaneous cooking utensils.

30 Mar 70

"Warriors" of "Blackfoot" Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf engaged four enemy soldiers 14 miles north of Xuan Loc, killing two and capturing an AK-47, an SKS, and a carbine.

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03 Apr 70

"Cottonbalers" of Bravo Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf engaged an unknown sized enemy force 13 miles northwest of Xuan Loc. An enemy was killed and an AK-47 rifle and a rucksack captured.

04 Apr 70

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05 Apr 70

Members of Bravo Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf engaged three enemy at 20 meters 18 miles northeast of Xuan Loc. The enemy withdrew, leaving behind one enemy body.

06 Apr 70

An element of Delta Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf was engaged by seven snipers 10 miles southeast of Xuan Loc. Small arms and automatic weapons were returned and artillery was called in support. Three enemy was killed in the action

06 Apr 70

Elements of Alpha Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf, while sweeping 16 miles southeast of Xuan Loc, engaged an unknown size enemy force in a bunker complex, killing nine.

07 Apr 70

Members of Alpha Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf, on continued operation southeast of Xuan Loc, swept through an enemy base camp, locating three enemy dead. A careful search of the area revealed over 750 pounds of rice and 75 pounds of salt along with assorted military equipment.

10 Apr 70

Members of Bravo Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf, operating in the same general area as the "Old Guard" battalion's Alpha Co, found three dead enemy soldiers after driving an enemy force from a base camp.

12 Apr 70

Members of Bravo Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf, working in the same general area as Alpha Co, engaged five enemy with small arms fire, capturing one enemy soldier and a 9mm pistol.

13 Apr 70

"Warriors" of Charlie Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf discovered six bunkers containing two 82mm mortar rounds, one Chicom grenade, an enemy gas mask, an NVA canteen, an 82mm mortar fuse, and two enemy packs. The cache was found 15 miles northeast of Xuan Loc.

14 Apr 70

"Old Guardsmen" of Alpha Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf, on continued operations 14 miles southeast of Xuan Loc, engaged an enemy soldier.

Elements of Alpha Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf detained three enemy suspects, three AK-47 rifles, and three rucksacks in an action 22 miles northeast of Xuan Loc.

"Warriors" of Bravo Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf engaged and killed a lone enemy soldier 26 miles north of Xuan Loc.

15 Apr 70

In a continued sweep 22 miles north of Xuan Loc, Alpha Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf uncovered a hootch containing 1,300 pounds of rice.

16 Apr 70

Members of Alpha Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf located their second rice cache in two days. This one contained 15,000 pounds of unhusked rice and was found in a thatched hootch near the site of the first cache, 22 miles north of Xuan Loc.

17 Apr 70

Co M, 75th Rangers engaged and killed two enemy soldiers 28 miles northwest of Xuan Loc.

One additional body believed to be the result of an April 10 contact involving Bravo Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf, was found by that unit 17 miles southeast of Xuan Loc.

18 Apr 70

"Warriors" of Charlie Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf and artillerymen of Charlie Btry, 2nd Bn, 40th Arty repulsed a well coordinated enemy attack on fire support base "Den," 22 miles northeast of Xuan Loc. Sweeps over the next three days uncovered 23 enemy soldiers killed in the early morning contact. Two suspects were detained and a quantity of enemy ammunitions was also recovered following the attack.

21 Apr 70

"Cottonbalers" of Bravo Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf, operating 13 miles northeast of Xuan Loc captured a small cache of ammunitions and personal items after a brief clash with three enemy soldiers.

21 Apr 70

Elements of Delta Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf, while operating 21 miles northeast of Xuan Loc, engaged an unknown number of enemy with small arms fire. The enemy withdrew with unknown casualties.

Bravo Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf "Cottonbalers" working 3 miles north of the Delta Co contact, engaged two enemy soldiers with small arms and automatic weapons fire, killing one.

Later in the day, the element engaged an unknown sized enemy force with Claymore mines and automatic weapons, killing two.

During a sweep of an area 24 miles north of Xuan Loc, "Warriors" of Delta Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf discovered and destroyed eight bunkers. Seven L and U shaped trenches approximately four feet deep were also located.

22 Apr 70

"Cottonbalers" of Delta Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf on continued operations 21 miles northeast of Xuan Loc, located the bodies of three enemy soldiers killed in yesterday's contact.

24 Apr 70

"Cottonbalers" of Charlie Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf found 20 to 25 hootches partially destroyed in an area 18 miles northeast of Xuan Loc. The unit also found material in the area of the hootches for their repair.

25 Apr 70

While working in an area 25 miles northeast of Xuan Loc, elements of the reconnaissance unit of the 3rd Bn, 7th Inf engaged five enemy soldiers with small arms and automatic weapons fire. Three enemy soldiers were killed and an SKS rifle, an RPG launcher with one round, an M-1 carbine, and 300 pounds of flour were captured.

"Cottonbalers" of Charlie Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf found a well used trail leading to a bunker complex consisting of six bunkers and four hootches. The camp was destroyed.

26 Apr 70

Members of Charlie Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf exchanged small arms fire with an unknown sized enemy force 14 miles north of Xuan Loc, killing one enemy.

"Cottonbalers" of Delta Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf located a cache of 250 kilos of flour and 19 rolls of electrical wire 25 miles north of Xuan Loc.

27 Apr 70

Members of the Charlie Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf engaged ten enemy soldiers with small arms and automatic weapons, killing three.

29 Apr 70

An element of Delta Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf, in a position 9 miles southwest of Xuan Loc, sighted 18 enemy soldiers low crawling across a road wearing black clothing. A 199th "Fireball" helicopter engaged the enemy along with a light fire team. One enemy was killed.

Members of Charlie Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf, on an operation 4 miles north of Xuan Loc, located a triangular enemy base camp consisting of three mud and log bunkers. The camp, which was destroyed by the "Warriors," was estimated to have been approximately four months old.

An element of Co M, 75th Rangers engaged three enemy soldiers at a distance of 40 meters, killing one and capturing an AK-47 rifle. The action took place 27 miles east of Xuan Loc.

30 Apr 70

"Old Guardsmen" of Charlie Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf were engaged by an estimated enemy platoon in bunkers in an early morning contact 13 miles southeast of Xuan Loc. The Charlie Co element returned fire with small arms, automatic weapons, and M-79's. A light fire team called in support was subsequently credited with six enemy killed and air strikes were given credit for killing three more. One "Old Guardsman" was wounded in the action.

Later in the day, the same 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf element again made contact with the enemy. Following another exchange of small arms fire, more air strikes, helicopter gunships, and artillery were called in the area. Members of Charlie Co were this time credited with seven enemy killed and an AK-47 rifle captured. There were no US casualties.

After engaging three enemy soldiers with small arms and automatic weapons 32 miles east of Xuan Loc, "Cottonbalers" of Charlie Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf recovered an enemy rucksack, 50 pounds of flour, two shirts, two ponchos, and three plastic water bags. A heavy blood trail was also seen by the infantrymen.

In four contact during the day in an area 31 miles northeast of Xuan Loc, "Warriors" of Delta Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf killed one enemy and Delta Co was later given credit for killing three more.

01 May 70

An element of Charlie Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf was engaged by an estimated company size enemy force 13 miles southwest of Xuan Loc, and small and automatic weapons fire was exchanged. Following the contact the area was swept and four dead enemy were found. An AK-47 and two rucksacks were captured in the action. Also six enemy bunkers were found and subsequently destroyed.

02 May 70

An element of Bravo Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf engaged two enemy with Claymore mines, small arms, and automatic weapons fire 14 miles southwest of Xuan Loc. Following the action three enemy rucksacks were recovered.

03 May 70

An element of Alpha Btry, 2nd Bn, 40th Arty received less than 25 rounds of 82mm mortar fire impacting outside their perimeter at Bau Ca. There were no US casualties and no damage to material in the action.

Two miles from this find, members of the 4th Bn, 12th Inf reconnaissance unit located 10 enemy bunkers under construction.

In the same general area, members of the "Warrior" battalion's Delta Co found two more bunker complexes, one containing eight bunkers, and the other containing six bunkers.

"Cottonbalers" of Delta Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf engaged three enemy soldiers 36 miles southeast of Xuan Loc, killing all three. An AK-47 rifle and a K-54 pistol were captured in the action.

The Brigade's main base received less than five rounds of 122mm rocket fire. No casualties or damages were reported.

03 May 70

Elements of Delta Co,, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf located seven enemy bunkers with overhead cover approximately 18 miles southeast of Xuan Loc. 1400 rounds of small arms ammunition and parts of an SKS rifle were recovered in the incident.

Fire support base "Sun" received less than 10-82mm mortar rounds.

04 May 70

"Warriors" of Delta Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf engaged three enemy with small arms and automatic weapons fire, killing two and capturing an AK-47 rifle and three AK-47 magazines. The action took place 23 miles northeast of Xuan Loc.

"Cottonbalers" of Alpha Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf on an operation 25 miles northwest of Xuan Loc found 25 bunkers with overhead cover. All were destroyed.

05 May 70

The reconnaissance element of the 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf engaged and killed two enemy soldiers with small arms and automatic weapons fire 8 miles south of Xuan Loc.

A convoy of the 87th Eng. Co was engaged by an estimated squad of enemy employing small arms and automatic weapons 11 miles northeast of Xuan Loc on highway 1.

06 May 70

Helicopters of "Charlie Horse," 3rd Sqdn, 17th Air Cav located a base camp containing 11 hootches, 20 bunkers, a lean-to, blue clothing, pottery, miscellaneous food, and fresh cut logs approximately 28 miles north of Xuan Loc.

Perimeter bunkers of the 87th Eng. Co and the 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf at Camp Frenzell-Jones received small arms fire from Ho Nai village. Military police searched the area, detaining seven suspects for questionings.

07 May 70

Elements of Alpha Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf, on operations 29 miles northeast of Xuan Loc, discovered and destroyed one hootch 10 feet by 10 feet by 4 feet.

Bravo Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf "Cottonbalers" operating 35 miles southwest of Xuan Loc, found and destroyed 4 bunkers, a hootch with 2 stone stoves, a Chicom grenade, 810 fighting positions, and 3 storage tunnels.

08 May 70

Members of Alpha Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf engaged and killed two enemy soldiers 8 miles southeast of Xuan Loc. An AK-47 rifle was also captured.

09 May 70

A helicopter from the Brigade's "Fireball" aviation section sighted and engaged an enemy sampan which was eventually destroyed 10 miles north of Xuan Loc.

12 May 70

"Cottonbalers" of Charlie Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf located a small hootch containing 130 AK-47 rifle rounds and a new magazine.

Members of the reconnaissance element of the 4th Bn, 12th Inf engaged and killed an enemy soldier northeast of Xuan Loc. An AK-47 rifle and 10-81mm mortar rounds were captured.

13 May 70

"Warriors" of Bravo and Charlie Companies, 5th Bn, 12th Inf killed 50 NVA soldiers during a predawn attack on landing zone "Brown," 2 miles inside Cambodia. The "Warrior" battalion was under the operational control of the 2nd Bde, 1st Air Cav at the time of the attack.

"Warriors" of Alpha Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf engaged two enemy soldiers 27 miles north of Xuan Loc, killing one and capturing an AK-47, and RPG launcher, and enemy rucksack, and three AK-47 magazines.

14 May 70

An element of Charlie Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf found a bunker complex containing headsets and cables, 200 flashlight batteries, and 5 hammer and sickle flags. The complex was assumed to be a training site.

15 May 70

"Cottonbalers" of Charlie Co, 3rd Bn, ;7th Inf, on continued operations, discovered two bunkers containing mimeograph paper and one bundle of clothes.

17 May 70

Members of Charlie Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf engaged and killed an enemy soldier 28 miles northeast of Xuan Loc.

18 May 70

On continued operations 28 miles northeast of Xuan Loc, "Cottonbalers" of Charlie Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf engaged two enemy in the general location of yesterday's contact. One heavy blood trail was found in a sweep later in the day.

19 May 70

"Fireball" aircraft 113 engaged and killed three enemy approximately 20 miles south of Xuan Loc.

20 May 70

An element of Alpha Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf engaged two enemy at 30 meters with small arms fire. One enemy soldier was killed.

21 May 70

A "Fireball" aircraft operating 30 miles east of Xuan Loc sighted five enemy trucks and engaged two of the trucks, receiving ground fire. Two trucks were destroyed and two enemy were killed.

22 May 70

An element of "Charlie Horse" 3rd Sqdn, 17th Air Cav killed 20 enemy with organic weapons 35 miles east of Xuan Loc.

Aerial Recon Patrols were inserted to sweep the area. Helicopter and air strikes supported the operation. One LOH was lightly damaged. Three AK-47's, two SKS rifles, four grenades, 300 pounds of rice were captured.

While directing an air strike 40 meters east of Xuan Loc, a USAF forward air controller aircraft, received ground fire from an unknown size enemy force. Return fire was initiated and four enemy were reported killed.

23 May 70

Recon elements of Echo Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf found a cache 23 miles northeast of Xuan Loc consisting of six eight machine guns, 22 AK-47's, two .51 caliber machine guns mounted on wheels, 50 AK-47 magazines, 11 60mm mortar tubes, 20 ammo pouches, 25 pieces of enemy web gear, 30 AK-47 vests, two .51 caliber barrels, and 10 mortar sights. The cache was evacuated by the unit.

While operating 25 miles southeast of Xuan Loc, an element of Alpha Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf engaged an unknown size enemy force with a mechanical ambush, small arms, and automatic weapons fire. There was no return fire. The "Old Guardsmen" were supported by 2nd Bn, 40th Arty. Two enemy were killed, one AK-47, one SKS, and three AK-47 magazines were captured.

24 May 70

While operating 30 miles east of Xuan Loc, an element of Alpha Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf engaged three enemy with small arms killing three and capturing two AK-47 rifles.

A recon element of Echo Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf located a cache 23 miles northeast of Xuan Loc consisting of 17 bolt action French mauser rifles, 85 SKS rifles, a 7.62 modified anti-aircraft heavy machine gun, 75 cases of web gear, 17 rifle sights, six metal mortar boxes, a mortar cleaning kit, six sub-machine guns and six barrels for Chicom .51 caliber machine guns.

25 May 70

An element of Delta Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf operating 15 miles south of Xuan Loc engaged two enemy with small arms, automatic weapons and artillery fire resulting in one enemy killed in the contact. Two rucksacks and 20 pounds of rice were captured.

27 May 70

Operating 35 miles east of Xuan Loc, elements of Bravo Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf found a medical dispensary containing five hootches, eight bunkers, 10 beds, one oven, and two fighting positions. The structures were destroyed by the "Cottonbalers."

Elements of Alpha Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf operating 20 miles southwest of Xuan Loc, engaged an unknown number of enemy with small arms fire. There was no return of fire and four enemy were killed, 75 pounds of rice, medical supplies, drugs, assorted clothing, three flashlights, a diary, pistol belt, three shovels, and school books were captured.

Later elements of Alpha Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf engaged and killed one enemy soldier 23 miles southwest of Xuan Loc. One SKS, one rucksack, eight pounds of rice, and one pistol belt, were captured

29 May 70

Shortly after midnight at FSB Sun, radar revealed movement. Responding, artillery fired at the radar sighting when enemy elements initiated fire with 82mm and 60mm mortars, RPG's, small arms, and automatic weapons from the north and northwest. Fire was exchanged sporadically for several hours.

The re supply point at Tanh Linh received 82mm mortars, RPG's, machine gun, and small arms fire from the east and the fire support base received 82mm and machine gun fire.

At 4:50 a.m. a light fire team searching an area of FSB Sun received ground fire. "Fireball" aircraft, Shadow, Flareships, and gunship supported ground units throughout the night.

The clash resulted in 36 enemy killed, two suspects detained for questioning, and captured 9 AK-47's, five B-40 launchers, 12 B-40 rounds, three Chicom grenades, six 60mm mortar rounds, 400 rounds of machine gun ammo, seven B-40 primers, 23 AK-47 magazines, and assorted web gear.

An element of Bravo Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf engaged six enemy with organic weapons and Claymore 40 miles east of Xuan Loc killing three enemy soldiers. There were no friendly casualties and one AK-47 with two magazines were captured.

30 May 70

A mechanical ambush set up by Bravo Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf was sprung killing two enemy 35 miles east of Xuan Loc.

31 May 70

Elements of 3rd Bn, 7th Inf reconning the area rounds FSB Sun found the bodies of seven enemy soldiers killed during the attack on that base May 29th, raising the total enemy killed to 43.

01 Jun 70

An element of Delta Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf and 515 RF Co engaged two enemy soldiers 35 miles east of Xuan Loc with small arms and automatic weapons fire. One enemy was killed and one rucksack containing 25 pounds of rice was captured.

While sweeping an area approximately 20 miles southeast of Xuan Loc, elements of Alpha Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf found seven bunkers, three 105 rounds wired for command detonations, and 100 .51 caliber rounds. The "Old Guardsmen" destroyed the bunkers and ammo.

An element of Delta Trp, 17th Cav found 19 bunkers and three SKS rifles and 3 crude rocket launchers operation 25 miles southeast of Xuan Loc.

02 Jun 70

A recon element of the "Cottonbalers," 3rd Bn, 7th Inf engaged six enemy soldiers with Claymores, small arms and automatic weapons while on operations 35 miles from Xuan Loc. The enemy returned fire with small arms and automatic weapons fire. Three enemy were killed, one SKS rifle, three AK-47's, and four rucksacks were captured.

05 Jun 70

On an operation 25 miles southeast of Xuan Loc elements of Delta Trp, 17th Cav engaged two enemy with organic weapons. A sweep of the area found three 60mm mortar rounds, six Chicom grenades, four M-16 magazines, and eight bunkers. The equipment and bunkers were destroyed.

07 Jun 70

"Old Guardsmen" of Alpha Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf engaged three enemy at 15 meters with small arms and automatic weapons fire. There was no return fire.

One enemy soldier was killed in the action which occurred approximately 20 miles southeast of Xuan Loc. One AK-47, one pack, and one helmet were recovered.

While on an operation approximately 25 miles east of Xuan Loc, an element of Bravo Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf engaged two enemy. One US soldier was wounded and one enemy was killed in the action. One pack and one M-1 were captured.

08 Jun 70

On an operation 45 miles east of Xuan Loc, recon elements of 3rd Bn, 7th Inf found a medical cache.

09 Jun 70

Operating in an area 25 miles northeast of Xuan Loc, elements of M Co, 75th Rangers found less than 20 bunkers which were destroyed.

12 Jun 70

Elements of Charlie Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf, operating in an area 30 miles northwest of Xuan Loc, engaged three enemy. After an exchange of fire, the enemy soldiers withdrew.

Six enemy were observed by spotter aircraft. An air strike was brought in and the six enemy were reported killed.

14 Jun 70

"Cottonbalers" of Delta Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf operating 45 miles east of Xuan Loc engaged two enemy wearing black pajamas. Gun sections of 2nd Bn, 40th Arty supported the "Cottonbalers." One enemy was killed in the action.

Operating in an area 45 miles east of Xuan Loc, elements of Delta Trp, 17th Cav found nine enemy bunkers. Among few items recovered was a vile of perfume. Also found was a cooking hootch, and a well which was destroyed.

15 Jun 70

An element of Delta Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf engaged two enemy at 30 meters with small arms and automatic weapons fire 20 miles south of Xuan Loc. There was no return fire from the enemy soldiers and both were killed and one M-16 and one AK-47 captured.

Fireball aircraft 558, Nighthawk, engaged five trucks being guarded by a soldier while on patrol 25 miles east of Xuan Loc, killing the soldier and destroying the trucks.

Later that night, Fireball 558 engaged a sampan with four enemy, killing three.

17 Jun 70

On operations 30 miles east of Xuan Loc, elements of the 87th Engineer Co found six bunkers approximately six months old and destroyed them.

Elements of Charlie Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf, while searching an area 20 miles south of Xuan Loc, found one dead enemy soldier.

18 Jun 70

While operating in an area 20 miles south-southeast of Xuan Loc, elements of Alpha Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf engaged and killed two enemy with a mechanical ambush. The "Old Guardsmen" also captured one AK-47, one K-54 pistol and three rucksacks.

19 Jun 70

In continued operations 20 miles south-southeast of Xuan Loc, elements of Alpha Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf engaged an unknown number of enemy with a mechanical ambush killing one enemy and capturing one AK-47, five AK-47 magazines, one mortar sight and one diary.

Operating in an area 40 miles east of Xuan Loc, an element of Eagle and Bravo companies, 4th Bn, 12th Inf found and destroyed six bunkers with overhead cover.

20 Jun 70

Elements of Bravo Co, 4th Bn, 12th Inf, while on an operation 20 miles south-southeast of Xuan Loc, found three cooking hootches and 22 B-40 rockets, two 82mm mortar rounds and 15 rocket boosters.

21 Jun 70

A support element of the Brigade, "Charlie Horse," 17th Air Cav, sighted and engaged 10 enemy 45 miles east of Xuan Loc. LRP's were inserted into the area and found six bodies and recovered individual equipment.

22 Jun 70

operating 25 miles south-southeast of Xuan Loc, elements of Delta Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf were engaged by 12 to 15 enemy at 25 meters with B-40 rockets and small arms. The "Old Guardsmen" returned fire with small arms and called in artillery. Nighthawk, light fire teams and Dustoff. One infantryman was wounded and four enemy were killed; two B-40 launchers, two B-40 rockets and two AK-47 rifles were captured.

23 Jun 70

Elements of Charlie Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf engaged 10 enemy, killing one. Artillery, FAC and helicopter supported the ground elements during the contact.

24 Jun 70

Old Guard elements of Delta Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf, operating in an area 15 mile southeast of Xuan Loc, engaged two enemy with small arms fire, and Claymores killing one enemy.

"Warriors," 5th Bn, 12th Inf and 2nd Bn, 40th Arty began leaving FSB Myron in the "Fishhook" region of Cambodia to meet the June 30 pullout deadline.

25 Jun 70

The last elements of the "Warriors" 5th Bn, 12th Inf left FSB Myron (Cambodia) joining the rest of the "Warriors" and Delta Btry at BMB.

26 Jun 70

"Cottonbalers" of Delta Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf were engaged by four enemy while on operation 25 miles south-southeast of Xuan Loc. Artillery, light fire teams and helicopters supported the "Cottonbalers," killing one enemy.

28 Jun 70

Operating 28 miles south-southeast of Xuan Loc, elements of Delta Trp, 17th Cav engaged six enemy at 60 meters with small arms, automatic weapons fire and Sheridan canister fire. There was no return fire and one enemy was killed.

A recon element of 3rd Bn, 7th Inf engaged five enemy at 50 meters, 45 miles east of Xuan Loc with small arms and automatic weapons fire, killing one enemy soldier.

30 Jun 70

Elements of Echo Recon, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf engaged three enemy 18 miles northeast of Xuan Loc. The enemy were engaged with small arms, automatic weapons fire and withdrew.

01 Jul 70

Delta Trp, 17th Cav elements were engaged by an estimated two VC companies with eight to nine RPG rounds, automatic weapons and small arms fire 21 miles east of Xuan Loc. Organic weapons returned fire with unknown enemy casualties.

04 Jul 70

Delta Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf elements located at fire support base Ray received two mortar rounds impacting 250 meters from the berm. Artillery and 81mm mortar returned fire.

A track column of Delta Trp, 17th Cav repulsed enemy fire from their element as it was leaving fire support base Rita, killing six enemy soldiers. One AH-1 Cobra gunship was downed by enemy ground fire killing two crew members.

07 Jul 70

Bravo Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf elements operating 29 miles west of Xuan Loc discovered and destroyed a bunker base camp.

Continuing on operations the "Cottonbalers" discovered a small cache of 56 pounds of salt and small amounts of flour and rice.

Elements of Charlie Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf discovered and destroyed a base camp containing ten bunkers and two hootches.

Bravo Co, 5th Bn, 12th Inf engaged and killed one enemy soldier.

Charlie Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf on operations 20 miles northwest of Xuan Loc discovered and destroyed a hootch with one ton of rice.

08 Jul 70

Echo Recon, 4th Bn, 12th Inf engaged two enemy 18 miles north of Xuan Loc capturing one AK-47.

Elements of Delta Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf discovered a large base camp divided into three areas.

The first contained five hootches, one 82mm mortar destroyed by recent air strike, three mess halls and a trench line.

The second area contained ten hootches, an aid station, sleeping positions and a tunnel.

The third area had a large mess hall and a trench line.

09 Jul 70

"Old Guard" elements from Charlie Co engaged two enemy soldiers, killing one and capturing one M-1 carbine, 75 pounds of rice and 60 pounds of corn in action 14 miles northeast of Xuan Loc.

Three enemy were engaged and killed by Bravo Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf and one AK-47, one rucksack and two ponchos were captured.

11 Jul 70

Charlie Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf found a small cache consisting of two SKS rifles, one US Claymore, three M-16 magazines, one carton of blasting caps and four RPG rounds. The cache was hidden in a clump of bushes.

10 Jul 70

"Old Guard" elements of Charlie Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf operating eight miles southeast of FSB Mace discovered a small cache and destroyed its contents.

11 Jul 70

Charlie Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf conducting a sweep of an area 21 miles north-northeast of Mace, discovered a bunker complex consisting of 40 bunkers with three feet of overhead cover. Found in the complex were cache consisting of 500 pounds of rock salt and 50 to 100 meters of poncho material.

12 Jul 70

Dragon 34 helicopter gunship, opconed the Brigade, sighted and engaged one enemy soldier, killing him in an action that took place 12 miles east of Mace.

Night defensive perimeter (NDP) used by Charlie Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf received small arms fire. Artillery from 2nd Bn, 40th Arty was called in support. Later that evening, enemy were sighted on the perimeter and were engaged. Enemy returned with RPG fire and US gunships flew in support with unknown enemy casualties.

13 Jul 70

Alpha Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf engaged an unknown number of enemy, 11 miles east of Mace. One enemy was killed and a sweep of the area uncovered one AK-47, one Chicom grenade, four AK-47 magazines and one pistol.

"Cottonbalers" from Charlie Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf discovered and extracted 166 bags with American commercial packaging. The cache was discovered 18 miles north of Mace.

14 Jul 70

Elements of Delta Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf engaged four enemy soldiers, killing two in action 11 miles east of Mace.

Charlie Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf on continued operations found an additional 61, fifty kilo bags of wheat flour and 200 more fifty kilo bags nearby, bringing the total to 14.25 tons.

In an area five clicks north of Charlie's find, "Old Guardsmen" of Bravo Co found a small cache and took charge of the contents.

15 Jul 70

Delta Co, 2nd Bn, 3rd Inf found two caches consisting of food items and other miscellaneous goods.

16 Jul 70

A patrol of Bravo Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf engaged four enemy soldiers with automatic weapons fire 23 miles northeast of Mace killing two and capturing one RPG launcher, one Chicom pistol and four rucksacks.

18 Jul 70

While on operations 38 miles northeast of Mace, elements of Delta Co, 3rd Bn, 7th Inf discovered and extracted a food cache consisting of 58 fifty kilo bags of wheat flour.

20 Jul 70

"Warriors" of 5th Bn, 12th Inf on operations 18 miles northwest of Mace found several hootches and a well on a heavily traveled trail.

21 Jul 70

Elements of M Co, 75th Rangers while moving down a trail 31 miles north of Mace heard small arms fire. Upon investigation, they discovered a tunnel complex and small base camp. Continuing to sweep the area, the unit made contact with an unknown sized enemy force, killing one.

