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1. Operation: Santo Fe
3. Location: Rau Nghia Province, Duc Hoa District.
5. Reporting Officer: LtCol Alvin L. O’Neal.
6. Task Organization:
   A1/27 Inf (Capt Mayone)
   B1/27 Inf (Capt Garrett)

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7. Supporting Forces:
   a. Artillery Support: Btry A, 1st Brn, 8th Arty, DS to 1st Bn, 27th Inf.
   b. How and when Artillery employed: 1/8 Arty on 13 June established fire support base vic Bao Trai (XT527045). On 28 June, Btry A, 1st Brn, 8th Arty was attached and established a fire support base within the perimeter (XT570044). On 2 July, Btry A, 1st Brn, 13th Arty established fire support base vic Das Lap (XT553053). Throughout the operation, 1/8 Arty supported with pre-planned and on-call fires.
   c. Results of Artillery: Artillery support during the operation was greatly restricted due to close proximity of friendly and allied units and the many houses scattered throughout the AO.
   d. Army Aviation:
      (1) How and when aviation was used:
         (a) Command and control aircraft for ground opns.
         (b) Airlift of troops and equipment within the AO.
         (c) Resupply of rations, water, and equipment.
         (d) Evacuation of serious casualties.
      (2) Results of Army Aviation: Army air support was a decisive factor in the accomplishment of mission in the AO. The helicopter support provided TF1/27 Inf with a high degree of flexibility and mobility which could not be achieved by other means due to the restrictive effects of the weather. 1/27 Inf utilized organic personnel throughout the operation to set up and control helicopter landing zones. This method proved extremely effective and 1/27 Inf was able to develop and establish a workable airmobile SOP.
8. Intelligence

a. Enemy situation prior to operation: Operational area has been the scene of numerous VC initiated incidents, and has long been regarded as a VC safe area where the VC could seek refuge. 3 VC Platoons were estimated to be operating out of Ap Hau Hoi (3) (XT57-9035), Giang Son (XT62010), and Phan Hue (XT575019). The VC force which attacked C1/27 Inf ambush vic XT56406 on 3 May 1966, was composed of local guerrillas and an intelligence platoon from the 506th Local Force Bn. The C2 Co (Duc Hoa Co), strength 81, was normally located within the operational area. Co sized forces of the 506th Bn were also known to have operated in the southern portion of the AO. Recent VC activity include:

(1) 26 May - 2 VC companies reported at X5500952 (Eval F-3).
(2) 27 May - Unk number of VC directed harassing fire on RVN 3/50 at Duc Hoa.
(3) 29 May - 5 roadblocks discovered at XT62063.
(4) 1 Jun - 300 VC and 30 laborers at XT62063 (Eval F-4).
(5) 1 Jun - 3/4 ton truck hit mine vic XT545009.
(6) 2 Jun - 3 dirt roads discovered at XT628003.
(7) 2 Jun - 200 VC rptd vic XT525065 (Eval F-3).
(8) 5 Jun - 80 VC rptd vic XT531005 (Eval F-3).

b. Enemy situation during the operation: Throughout the operation, the VC employed numerous grenade booby traps and mines. They also utilized snipers to harass and confuse US forces. A major contact was made on 282300 June by ambush Purple (Co A, 1/27 Inf) at XT551034. In this engagement, a recon element of C3 Company, 506th Local Force Bn with a nine (9) man militia and attached, attacked the ambush patrol. The entire VC force consisted of 40-50 men. Information of unit involved and unit strength was obtained from a VC V.I.A. captured on 29 June 1966, documents captured from VC KIA on 3 July 1966, and National Police and Sector agent reports. In a heliborne operation in Bao Canh Ka, the VC evidently had prior knowledge of our intention to operate in the area. The VC advised the villagers via their Psywar loudspeakers system to remain in their houses as they intended to booby trap the area. A number of villagers, VCC, VCS, and d.tainees, gave information that the VC used the following route to transport food, weapons, ammo, and VC V.I.A. Giang Loc (XT58010), to Bao Canh Na (XT562011), to Ap Thoi Moi (2) (XT544017), to Ap Bao Gua (XT52011), to canals vic XT5100 where sampans were waiting. The most active areas appeared to be: (1) Ap Giang Loc (XT5101), (2) Ham Giang Sen (XT5801), (3) Giang Loc (XT5801), and (4) Lam Giang Sen (XT5903).

c. Terrain and Weather: The terrain was flat with rice fields. The houses and hamlets were situated on high ground where dense vegetation was prevalent. The weather during the first 3 weeks made the terrain ideal for APC and Infantry operations. However, after this initial period, the terrain was rendered untrafficable and APC's experienced difficulty in supporting infantry elements.
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Civic Action/Fraywar Evaluation of the Population: An aggressive and intensive Medcap II program utilizing the 1/27 Inf Bn Surg and the 2 doctors of the ARVN "Go Team", was conducted throughout the operational area. This program paid great dividends in the following ways:

1. The villagers were treated for their illnesses and diseases.
2. The attitude of the people changed from that of passiveness which was almost hostile, to that of friendliness. This friendliness increased in each successive visit by the Bn Surgeon. Villagers in the area where Medcap II was conducted, willingly began giving information pertaining to the VC. In Ap Hau Hoa (3) (XT5703), long a VC sanctuary, the villagers indicated booby trapped areas, pointed out the house of the VC chief, and volunteered information on VC movement through the hamlet. In Duc Lap (XT5505), and Ap Chanh (XT560050), the children pointed out booby traps, 60mm rounds, and grenade duds to the 1/27 Inf Recon Plt.
3. Distribution of "Helping Hand" clothing, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, USAID clothing, candy, ice, burgum, tablets, pencils, and handbags, greatly aided in changing the attitude of the villagers throughout the AO.

9. Mission: 1/27 (-) conducts tactical motor march to AO 130900 June 1966; conducts S&D ops, combat patrols, and ambushes in AO to locate and destroy VC forces and supplies; conducts combined ops with local ARVN forces; establish liaison with Hau Nghia Advisory Team (XT5204); provide wire, pickets, and technical advice on installations to RF and PF units in AO; conducts road improvement operations in AO from XT585088 to XT526043 and from XT526043 to XT525048; and conducts Road Runner ops in AO.

10. Concept of Operations
a. 1/27 Inf (-) (Wolfhounds) conducts S&D operations vic Ap Hau Hoa (XT575703 ) for approximately three (3) weeks beginning 130900 June 1966. Operations will be conducted in four (4) phases:
   (1) Phase I: 1/27 Inf (-) (Wolfhounds) security plus quartering party escorted by 1/5 Mech element. conducts motor march from base camp to fwd def base, (XT570044). Element will sweep bn base site and secure for arrival of main body.
   (2) Phase II: 1/27 Inf (-) (Wolfhounds) main body plus attachments conducts motor march from base camp to Ap Hao Hoa (3). Co A will occupy southern half of the base defense perimeter. Co C will occupy northern half. Bn truckmaster will muster empty trucks for return to Cu Chi. AT Plt will begin security checks of civilians residing west of perimeter.

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(3) Phase III: 1/27 Inf conducts S&D operations in AO to include day and night patrols, ambushes, village searches, destruction of VC forces and supplies, and a vigorous CA program.

(4) Phase IV: 1/27 Inf returns to Cu Chi.

11. Execution: The 1st Bn 27th Inf (Wolfhounds) was tasked by CO, 2d Brigade, 25th Inf Div, to conduct search and destroy operations in Duc Hoa District, Hau Nghia Province, for approximately three (3) weeks commencing 13 June 1966. (2d Brigade OPORD 27-66, dated 10 June 1966). CO, 1st Bn, 27th Inf planned a concept of operation and issued Bn OPORD 6-66 (Operation Santa Fe) at 120730 Jun 1966. The plan envisioned Bn TF (2 Companies plus attachments) moving by motor convoy to establish a fwd base North of Hau Hoa (3) (XT570044). Upon establishment of Bn base, TF1/27 Inf was to conduct search and destroy ops throughout AO Santa Fe for a period of approximately three weeks. When practical, combined ops with ARVN forces would be conducted. Road Runner, CA, road, and installation construction projects would be incorporated into the general plan.

a. 1st Bn 27th Inf (Wolfhounds) conducted motor march to vic Hau Hoa beginning 130808 hrs to initiate its participation in operation Santa Fe. The security elements and quartering party departed base camp (Cu Chi) at 130808 hrs and arrived at bn fwd defense base at 130935 hrs. At 0847 hrs, the main body crossed the SP and at 1050 hrs the battalion task force closed battalion operational area. Bn CP was established at XT570044. B1/27 Inf remained in base camp Cu Chi and assumed responsibility for defense of 1/27 Inf base camp perimeter.

b. 131800 - 141800 June 1966: 1/27 Inf established eight (8) night ambushes in AO Santa Fe. At 132235 hrs, ambush Sardine (XT560042), received ineffective fire from an automatic weapon and carbine. The firing appeared to originate from vic XT559047. The ambush did not return fire, but 6 rounds of 81mm mortar fire were called in with undetermined results. Ambush Sardine moved approximately 50 meters and no further contact was made during the night. All other ambushes had negative contact.

At 140630 hrs, the Recon platoon with attached Engineer mine detector team, moved out to secure Route Blue from base camp to road intersection at XT550053 — clearing the area 500 meters on either side of the road. The unit returned to bn fwd defense base at 141135 hrs. Negative contact was made and no tunnels or VC supplies were found. At 141415 hrs, attached RRU unit reported homing in on a suspected VC transmitter located at XT567039. 3/1/27 Inf was dispatched to the suspected site. After a thorough search, the element reported that it was unable to locate the transmitter and returned at 141545 hrs.
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15000 - 151800 Jun 66: 1/27 Inf established six night ambushes in AO Sante Fe. All ambushes reported negative contact. 142155 hrs on Fwd defense base received small arms fire (carbine), automatic weapons fire, rifle grenades, and 60mm mortar fire from vic XT568040. 1/27 Inf forces replied with small arms, and 40 mm from 81mm mortar platoon. Results were unknown. There were no friendly casualties. At 150700, the recon platoon with attached mine detector team, moved out to secure route blue from Fwd defense base to road intersection at XT555053. The road was secured by 150830, and the attached engineer element moved out to help construct the ARVN outpost at Duc Lap airstrip. At 150701, one ARVN team, Co, the 1/10, and a rifle company from the ARVN 4/49 Bn moved out of Ap Bao Trai to a blocking posn S of Hau Hoa (3). (XT575030), at 150900, TF 1/27 Inf commenced sweep south towards the objective area (Ap Hau Hoa). Numerous mines and booby traps were discovered and destroyed, but no contact was made with VC elements. A thorough search of the area and an extensive interrogation of the population by the ARVN "Go Team" yielded negative results. The ARVN blocking force to the south effectively sealed off the area, and no one was allowed to pass through the force without proper credentials. TF1/27 Inf returned to Fwd defense base at 151440, and the ARVN blocking force was released for their return to Bao Trai at 151445. The engineer element completed the earth work portion of their construction project at Duc Lap airstrip, XT543049, and returned to the Fwd defense base camp at 151515. 1/27 Inf elements continued to search for a VC transmitter reported earlier to be in close proximity to base camp. The transmitter was not located.

151800 - 161800 Jun 66: TF1/27 Inf established six night ambushes in AO Sante Fe. All ambushes reported negative contact except Ambush Hawk (XT541033). At 152155, Ambush Hawk saw 5-6 VC moving in line formation from S to ambush site. Mortar concentrations were fired. Results unknown. At 160300, Ambush Hawk received small arms fire, automatic weapons fire, possible AG fire and 5-7 rifle grenades from the South, Southwest, and southeaster. Mortars were fired with undetermined results. There were no friendly casualties. At 150700, the recon platoon moved out to secure route blue from base camp to road intersection at XT555053. The road was secured at 160800 and the attached engineer element moved out to assist in the construction of the ARVN outpost at Duc Lap airstrip. At 160830, TF1/27 Inf began a sweep south towards Ap Hau Hoa XT579035, the Fwd defense base at 151440, and the ARVN blocking force was released for their return to Bao Trai at 151445. The engineer element completed the earth work portion of their construction project at Duc Lap airstrip, XT543049, and returned to the Fwd defense base camp at 151515. 1/27 Inf elements continued to search for a VC transmitter reported earlier to be in close proximity to base camp. The transmitter was not located.

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After securing Ap Hau Hoa, extensive local and helping hand activities were conducted and smallpox inoculations were administered to indigenous personnel throughout the area. A platoon supported by National Police continued to screen and check all civilian personnel passing 1/27 Inf checkpoint at 035700Z. A total of 90 Vietnamese civilians were checked, all had proper identification cards.

2. 161800 - 171800 June 66: 2/1/27 Inf established six night ambushes in Ap Hau Hoa. All ambushes reported negative contact. At 162156 hrs, 2/1/27 Inf elements on bn Ind base perimeter noted 1 VC in vic 32352040. Three 79 rounds were fired, a thorough search of the area at 170700 failed to reveal any signs of VC. At 170700 hrs, the recon platoon moved out to secure Route Blue from base camp to road intersection at 32355053. The road was secured at 170800 hrs, and the atttch engineer platoon moved out to assist in the construction of the AMV outpost at the base line intersection and to continue road improvement operations between Duc Lap and the bn Ind defense base, in vic Duc Lap intersection (32355054), the engineer platoon destroyed 3 grenades and 1 AT mine. The grenades and the AT mine appeared to have been laid the night before. Of interest is the fact that the location of the grenades and mines were pointed out to the U.S. forces by children who were playing in the area. It appears that the intensive local activities which had been conducted throughout at Santa Fe by 1/27 Inf forces has made a marked impression on the indigenous population, and had served to strengthen U.S. and Ind. influence throughout the area. At 170830 hrs, to a site C. U. moved out on a sweep to the SE and NW respectively. Numerous booby traps and rifle grenades were located and destroyed by both companies. At 171114 hrs, 01/27 Inf encountered sniper fire from two snipers vic 32581022. 01/27 Inf returned with small arms and artillery. 01/27 Inf reported finding fresh blood on the trail at 32581022, indicating at least 1 VC KI. (poss). To further contact was reported by either company and both units closed on Ind defense base by 1445 hrs. Extensive local activities were conducted in Ap Hau Hoa. A total of 112 personnel were treated. All appeared to be appreciative and extremely happy to see the U.S. surgeon. The mutual trust which has developed between U.S. forces, Ind. elements, and the indigenous population was readily apparent. The VC layers openly offered information to U.S. forces on VC movements and activities.

At 171300 hrs, a Vietnamese Intelligence Agent accompanying the recon team, reported that a dwelling in Ap Hau Hoa at 32577034, belonged to a VC hamlet Chief, and had been visited by both the hamlet Chief and the VC chief between 162400 and 170415 hrs. An ambush was established near the site that night in anticipation of a return visit, but the VC failed to return. The recon platoon conducted no further operations between Duc Lap and base line B, 32357075. At platoon supported by Natl Police continued to screen and check all civilian personnel passing 1/27 Inf checkpoint at 32357044. A total of 106 Vietnamese civilians were checked, all had proper identification cards.
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F. 1171800-20 Jun 1966: 1/27 Inf established five (5) night ambushes in AO Scente Fe. At 1900 hrs, ambush point (T570544) reported that it had been hit by automatic fire and that there was I US WIA. Two APC's from attached 5th Mech platoon were dispatched to evacuate patrol. The wounded individual died on route to FWD defense base. At 190715 hrs, recon platoon moved out to secure Route Blue from FWD defense base to road intersection via T55053. The road was secured at 190806 hrs. At 190800 hrs, companies A and C were airlifted from defense base to Bao Caih via LOC via T5 1007. Airlift consisted of thirty-three Uh-IL lifts, and was conducted in a highly orderly and expeditious fashion. At Le Red, south of Bao Caih, TF1/27 Inf (-) exited the checkpoin and quickly deployed into the woodland on the southern edge of the objective. At 190830 hrs, TF1/27Inf (-) commenced its sweep from 9 to 1 with attached 1/5 Mech platoon positioned north of the hamlet as an blocking force. The initial civilian reaction appeared to be one of surprise. However, upon questioning the villagers, it was learned that the VC with loudspeakers had been through the obj area on the night of 17 June, and had warned the villagers that US troops would be entering the area on 18 June. Villagers were also informed that they were to remain incoor. because the area would be booby trapped. Information received also reported there were 20-30 VC in Bao Caih on 16 June 1966. Only one booby trap was found in Bao Caih. It was destroyed in place. Four VC were captured via T556015, and a total of 8 WOS were detained. At 191149 hrs, 1/27 Inf encountered automatic sniper fire from an estimated 3 VC via T57018. 1/27 Inf engaged the snipers and made a thorough search of the area, but was not able to locate VC. At 1140 hrs, 1 APC from 5th Mech platoon hit an A-line at T56202. No damage was done to vehicle or personnel. 1/27 Inf and A1/27 Inf closed FWD of base at 151226 hrs and 151350 hrs respectively. No contact was made between base camp and Buc: Haiph B; by the Recon Plt. It plt supported by National Police continued to screen and check all civilians personnel passing; 1/27 Inf checked out at T56 043. A total of 80 personnel were checked. All personnel checked out satisfactorily.

2. 161800 - 191800 Jun 1966: TF1/27 Inf established 4 night ambushes in AO Scente Fe. All ambushes reported negative contact. At 190715 hrs, Recon Plt moved out to secure Route Blue from FWD of base to road intersection: at T55053. The road was secured at 190800 hrs, and the Medcap element secured by 1st Plt, A1/27 Inf; proceeded to Buc: Haiph A and B to carry out Medcap activities, a total of 176 patients were treated. Elements returned to FWD base camp at 191200 hrs. At 1900 hrs, 1/27 Inf moved from FWD base camp to Obj Kitty, via T603045 to conduct Medcap operations against a suspected VC force. At 1900 hrs, 1/27 Inf located that villagers reported 4 VC running across field via X597036. Helicopter recon failed to locate VC. At 190948 hrs, 1/27 Inf received sniper fire from vic T602030. Sniper fire was placed on suspected VC locations. Results undetermined. From 191002 to 191300 hrs sniper fire was received from Obj Kitty, a thorough search of the area, however, produced negative results. 1/27 Inf did locate a building complex on Obj Kitty which might have at one time housed a VC hospital with a 30-40 patient capacity. Indications were that it had not been used recently.
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C1/27 Inf returned to Bn fwd defense base at 1615. B1/27 Inf conducted sweep between Duc Hanh A and Bn fwd defense base commencing 191134.

No VC contact was made, but 5 VCS were detained vic XT530058. B1/27 Inf found approximately 20 bamboo stakes with attached propaganda leaflets along the road vic X578049. The stakes appeared freshly planted.

AT platoon supported by Nat'l Police continued to screen and check all civilian personnel passing 1/27 Inf checkpoint at XT567044. A total of 110 personnel were checked. All personnel checked out satisfactorily.

Road runner operations were conducted between base and Duc Hanh B by Recon Platoon.

h. 191800 - 201800 Jun 66: TF1/27 Inf established 7 night ambushes in AO Santa Fe. All ambushes reported negative contact.

at 200930, TF1/27 Inf (-) moved out on S&D mission to Obj Cat vic XT609001. At 200930 attack mech platoon departed Bn fwd defense base to act as a blocking force vic Obj Cat. At 0655, B1/27 Inf contacted artillery fire from XT59022. Friendly casualties: 1 NIA, 1 WIA.

TF1/27 Inf returned fire with unknown results. At 070715, the decision was made to expand the area to include the hamlet complex to the SE of Obj Cat. At 07555 several booby trap signs and a VC trench network were uncovered vic XT69022. At 0802 hrs, 8 VCS were detained vic XT609022 - two of which later proved to be VC. One VC stated that he had hidden a weapon under his bed. A thorough search of his room produced negative results. At 100930, TF1/27 Inf wheeled north and swept the operational area again. Successive sweeps from S to N and E to W produced negative results. At 200930, TF1/27 Inf encountered additional VC trenches and booby trap signs. At 1115, after the objective had been thoroughly searched, TF1/27 Inf with attached mech platoon moved north to Obj Cat, where B1/27 Inf suffered 1 slightly NIA by a booby trap.

TF1/27 Inf commenced return march to Bn fwd defense base at 1315. Enroute to base camp, B1/27 Inf located a fully armed CHICOM claymore. It was set up and ready to fire. The claymore was brought back to Bn fwd defense base. TF1/27 Inf closed at 1520. At 200610 hours vic XT570045, a CHICOM claymore was found and detonated approx 50 meters in front of the perimeter, slightly wounding 1 US soldier. A thorough search of the area was conducted with a CHICOM battery and 300 meters of detonating wire were found. A search was conducted at Ap Chanh (3) vic XT559043. Approximately 79 patients were treated, of whom 46 were treated. At 210715, a Cocon Platoon reported that 5 small children at Duc Lap intersection were reporting the location of 64 US hand grenades and 60mm mortar rounds.

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Between the hours of 1815 and 0950, a total of 22 hand grenades, one grenade booby trap, 16 60mm duds, and two 155mm duds were found and destroyed. At 210800 hrs, B1/27 Inf moved by motor convoy to destruct point located XT526842. Upon reaching destination, B1/27 Inf dismounted and began a two pronged sweep East utilizing one plat to the North and one plat to the South. At 210937 hrs, vic XT551-030, B1/27 Inf encountered booby trapped signs. One booby trap was destroyed. Two US WIA occurred as a result of tripping grenade booby traps. Two VCS were detained and brought back to base. One VCS proved to be a VC, and when questioned gave much intelligence information to MID. This information included names, orgns, and opns of VC in area. Attached Medcap Team treated 6 villagers enroute to base camp. The people encountered during the sweep appeared very friendly to US personnel. B1/27 Inf closed base camp at 211145 hrs. At 210945 hrs, 15 RRU reported picking up signs from a VC transmitter at XT570080. 3B1/5 Mech was dispatched to investigate but was unable to locate the transmitter. Recon plat conducted at roadside. Roadrunner opn from Duc Hanh B to base camp. At pl supported by National Police. Continued to screen and check all civilian personnel passing 1/27 Inf checkpoint at XT567044. A total of 50 persons checked out satisfactorily.

211800 - 221800 Juno 1966: TF1/27 Inf established 4 night ambushes in A0. At 212010 hrs, Ambush Tiger, XT589-OJ3, noted 7 VC walking along the trail towards their ambush site. When the VC were approx 30 meters from the ambush site, US Forces opened up with M-16 and hand grenades, resulting in 2 VC dead (poss.). The VC did not return the fire although the ambush patrol did receive fire from huts located vic XT588042 and XT595038. The VC ran towards the East and the US patrol called in 81mm mortar fire. The ambush patrol relocated to XT590044. A thorough search conducted in the area during the morning produced negative results. At 21013 hrs, Ambush Sheep vic XT590051, received a short burst from an automatic weapon vic XT560053. Fire was not returned. At 21023 hrs, the ARVN outpost at XT577047, received Sa fire north of outpost. At 211943 hrs, the bn perimeter received 4 incoming rds from vic XT57-2010. Fire was returned with M-79. Results unknown. At 220815 hrs, 3B1/5 Mech plat departed base camp to set up blocking pans SE of Ap Tran Loc vic XT636044. At 220905 hrs, a two (2) company airlift commenced, and by 220945 all elements had arrived at LZ. Movement thru the obj was slow, and the entire area was thoroughly searched. At approx 221030 hrs sniper fire was received vic XT620033. Fire was returned. Results unknown. At 221440 hrs, C1/27 Inf touched off two booby traps (XT620033) and sustained one WIA. Dustoff evacuated WIA at 1520 hrs. At XT620033, 221410 hrs, C1/27 Inf again received Sa fire. 3B1/25 Mech deployed but could not locate VC. A total of two VCS were picked up in the A0. TF1/27 Inf was extracted at 221530 hrs, vic XT619033. 3B1/5 Mech, which was being used as a blocking force, located a cache of approx 1500 lbs of rice, vic XT620033. The rice was brought back to base. At pl supported by National Police continued to screen and check all personnel passing 1/27 Inf checkpoint at XT567044. A total of 50 persons were checked. All checked out satisfactorily.
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221800 0 231800 Jun 1966: TF1/27 Inf established 5 night ambushes in AO Sante Fe. All ambushes reported negative contact except Ambush Yankee. At 230730 hrs, Ambush Yankee (Recon platoon), reported seeing 30 civilians gathering at XT609031. As the Recon platoon maneuvered towards vic XT609031, in order to better observe what was taking place, it received 4 rds of sniper fire from vic XT609032. Additional fire was received from XT618020, resulting in one US WIA. BN CO ordered 5th Mech platoon to proceed to Recon location to aid engaged element. 5th Mech and Recon platoon cleared area from where sniper fire originated with the help of two gunships which arrived at 230943. A thorough search of the area was made with negative results. However, 2 VC women were detained and returned to base camp for interrogation. Mech and Recon platoons reached base camp at 231148. At 230536, B1/27 Inf moved to village vic XT554033. The village was sealed off, and a thorough search of the area was conducted. The entire opn was so well executed that the villagers were caught completely by surprise. Not a single villager managed to escape the cordon which was placed around the village. The search netted a total of 10 VC detainees and 5 VCS. VCS and VVC detainees were transported to base camp for interrogation. B1/27 Inf returned to base camp at 231045 hrs. C1/27 Inf was airlifted to Base Camp No, XT562008 at 230822 hrs. No VC contact was made, and the company proceeded with its pacification and Medcap ops. A total of 47 patients were treated. 2 VC were detained at XT562017 and XT562010. C1/27 Inf returned to base camp at 1500 hrs. AT platoon supported by Nat'l Police continued to check and screen all civilians passing 1/27 Inf checkpoint at XT567044. A total of 60 personnel checked out satisfactorily.

231800 - 241800 June 1966: TF1/27 Inf established 4 night ambushes in AO Sante Fe. All ambushes reported negative contact. At 231950 hrs, fwd defense base received 6 probing rounds from BAR and rifle grenades from vic XT574043. Fire was returned with M-79 and 81mm mortars. Results unknown. At 240540 hrs ambush Eagle, (Co B - XT558017) reported that it had 1 WIA from a booby trap which it had encountered on return to fwd defense base. WIA was evacuated to Cu Chi. At 240800, B1/27 Inf was airlifted from base camp fwd to LZ Bravo, XT612034. The entire air movement was well coordinated and executed. No VC contact was made during B1/27 Inf opn. Very few indigenous people were seen during the sweep. B1/27 Inf returned to fwd defense base at 1410 hrs. C1/27 Inf commenced move south to Obj X, XT581024, at 0830 and reached the Obj area at 0915. Several freshly planted grenade booby traps were encountered at XT580025. Two US WIA's by booby traps were reported at 241015. WIA's were evacuated to Cu Chi. A total of 5 booby traps were destroyed within Obj X, and two VCS were detainees were taken from XT581024 at 241030. C1/27 Inf returned to base camp at 241515 hrs. The attached 5th Mech platoon was released from TF1/27 Inf control effective 241200 hrs. 1A3/4 Cav platoon replaced the 5th Mech platoon.
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At 240820 hrs, Recon Plat reported that children in the vic of XT55-6053 were again pointing out hand grenades and mortar duds. The children pointed out a total of 1 CBU bomb, 7 hand grenades, and 2 60mm duds. All were destroyed in place. Medcap Team was dispatched to Ap Chanh (3) vic XT5600Q7 at 240900 hrs, to treat the indigenous personnel. A total of 18 patients were treated. All appeared extremely appreciative of the help rendered them by the US personnel. At platoon supported by Nat'l Police, continued to screen and check all civilians passing 1/27 Inf checkpoint at XT567044. A total of 55 personnel checked out satisfactorily.

m. 241800 - 251800 June 1966: TFl/27 Inf established 4 night ambushes in AO Sante Fe. All ambushes reported negative contact. At 241942 hours, B1/27 Inf received 3 probing Rads from vic XT573042. B1/27 Inf returned with M-79, Sa, and 81mm mortars. Results unknown. At 0853 hours, the Medcap Tm commenced opns at C03 B, Xom My Tau, XT568059, after it had been secured by B1/27 Inf. A total of 58 patients were treated. When Medcap had been completed, B1/27 Inf continued with its sweep to the NE thru Xom Luc Vien (2), vic XT580063, and returned to bn forward defense base. No VC contact was made nor were any mines or booby traps encountered. The people appeared friendly throughout the sweep. C1/27 Inf commenced pacification of Ap Hau Hoa (3) at 250815 hrs. The people in the village stated that at 241930 hrs, a platoon of VC had entered the village to check on the possibility of constructing a roadblock on the main road, and that 3 VC decided to fire 3 rounds at the 1/27 Inf perimeter. When 1/27 Inf returned fire, the VC changed the plans and moved out of the village. This would coincide with the firing which 1/27 Inf experienced at 241942 hrs. While pacification operations were being conducted, a number of ARVN and US advisory personnel visited Ap Hau Hoa, and observed the Medcap Tm administer aid to some of the 44 patients treated in the hamlet that day. At 2511100 hrs, 1 APC from 1A3/4 C.V, which had been given the mission of screening the road from bn forward defense base, south to XT580022, fell into a tank trap vic XT572040. Dimensions were 16' X 14' X 6'. The vehicle was pulled out of the trap undamaged. 1 MIA resulted (broken jaw and ribs), and was evacuated to Cu Chi. 3 booby traps were found at XT572035 at 1425 hrs, resulting in 1 US KIA. 8 "I" shaped trenches were also destroyed at same location. At 1330 hrs, vic XT578035, C1/27 Inf destroyed 2 small bunkers and 1 VC house. By 1520 hrs, C1/27 Inf had completed the pacification of Ap Hau Hoa and returned to base camp. Throughout the opn, Recon platoon continued to secure the road from case camp to Due Lap. At 1030 hrs, Recon platoon found a small child on the road approx 200 meters north of the perimeter, vic XT557046. The child was dead and was turned over to his parents who evacuated him to Bao Trai.
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25100 - 261800 June 1966: TF/27 Inf established
4 night ambushes in AO Sante Fe. At 251814 hrs, one of the APC's that was carrying ambush Wolf to its ambush site hit an AT mine, vic XT553038. APC was badly damaged and 8 WIA's were sustained. A VTR was called in to help extract the damaged APC. An evacuation chopper was also called in to remove the wounded. The APC could not be extracted. One reinforced rifle squad from Bl/27 Inf was dispatched at 0950 hrs to help provide security for the 3/4 Cav plat. Vehicle was extracted the next morning and the security element returned to Bl/27 Inf. At 260530 hrs, Bl/27 Inf moved out to secure the village of Ap Bao Sen (2) vic XT556025. Bl/27 Inf made a thorough search of the area and detained a total of 25 VCS for questioning (17 detainees, 8 VCS). Once secured, pacification and Medcap ops were undertaken by the ARVN "Go Team" and US medical pers. The people were most responsive to the pacification ops and welcomed the Medcap pers. A total of 94 patients were treated. At 260920 hrs Bl/27 Inf moved N to Ap Bao Sen (1) vic XT554032. Pacification ops were again conducted with the same general response. A total of 114 personnel were treated by Medcap pers. Go sustained one KIA (slightly) from booby trap vic XT57036. Bl/27 Inf closed base camp at 261300 hrs. At 260700 hrs, Cl/27 Inf was airlifted to LZ at XT620565. Aircraft reported automatic weapons fire from vic LZ. However, Cl/27 Inf reported negative contact upon landing. Numerous sampans, 54 ammunition and mines were destroyed in Cl/27 Inf sweep to the Mi. 3 grenade booby traps were destroyed. Kotor convoy departed base camp at 1500 hrs and picked up Cl/27 Inf at theObjective area, XT576077. Cl/27 Inf closed base camp at 261555 hrs. Inf continued with road improvement ops from bn fwd def base to Duc Lap commencing 261300 hrs. At platoon supported by National Police continued to check and screen all civilians passing 1/27 Inf checkpoint at XT567044. A total of 37 personnel were checked. All checked out satisfactorily.

261600 - 271800 June 1966: TF/27 Inf established 4 night ambushes in AO Sante Fe. At 270700 hrs, 1 platoon of Cl/27 Inf moved to Xay My Tau, vic XT568049, and Go Cao, vic XT543042, with the mission of securing the area. Platoon at My Tau reported negative contact and returned to base camp at 0940 hrs. The platoon searching Go Cao detained 1 VCS vic XT544042. Another VCS was detained at XT544046. No VC contact was made and the element returned to base camp at 271230 hrs. At 270630 hrs, Bl/27 Inf moved with the ARVN "Go Team" to search and secure the village of Giong Loi vic XT583015. At 0910 hrs, while enroute to obj area, Bl/27 Inf received sniper fire vic XT575049 from an estimated 3-5 VC. VC were engaged but results unknown. At 1210 hrs, Bl/27 Inf apprehended 4 VCS at XT575020 and at 1030 an additional 6 VCS plus the wife and 3 children of a confirmed VC were apprehended. At 1100 hrs, blood and expended carbine rounds were found vic XT570020. Villagers stated that 2 VC had been seen dragging away a badly wounded comrade (1 VC KIA, poss). VC fire was again received at 1105 hrs from vic XT575012. Bl/27 Inf engaged and pursued snipers but were unable to track down VC. When Bl/27 Inf finally arrived at Giong Loi, it made a thorough search of the area with negative results.
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5 night ambushes in 40 Santo Fo. at 282210, ambush Purple located at 551034, was contact with a large VC force estimated to have consisted of seventy (70) VC. When the engagement began, firing could be heard at the battalion defense base. Radio contact was lost between patrol and parent company immediately. A/1/27 Inf fired 60mm mortars around ambush locations with unknown results.

At 282315 hrs, the battalion action force, A/1/27 Inf was ordered to go and assist the patrol. A/1/27 Inf departed wire at battalion defense base at 282345 hrs, and reached the ambush location at 200113 hrs. A/1/27 Inf made no contact with both VC element and the US ambush. A/1/27 Inf continued to search for the ambush until 290345 hours, at which time it returned to the battalion defense base due to dense darkness. A/1/27 Inf encountered a soldier who claimed to be a survivor of the ambush group being sous hgt, but could not provide any information as to what happened. At 290822 hours, the Bn S-3 sighted the lost ambush from the air vic 551034. He notified CO A/1/27 Inf, who was on the ground approximately 200 meters away. All 12 patrol members were dead. They had made contact with a superior sized VC force and had been overwhelmed in position. A/1/27Inf called for bustoff to remove the dead. A/1/27 Inf commenced a search of all houses and growth in the area for signs of VC. Much blood was found in the vic of the ambush site indicating that VC troops killed many VC. A/1/27 Inf continued to search area within 1500 meters of the ambush site, approaching three VC's at 291015 hrs vic 542026. A/1/27 Inf returned to bn fwd defense base at 291115 hrs. at 0100 hrs, B/1/27 Inf received the mission of assisting in search of VC who had hit ambush Purple. B/1/27 Inf moved to vic 5414009, Bao Canh he, conducted a search of the villagers, swept E to vic 5483015, and headed W to base camp. At 291050 hrs, B/1/27 Inf approached 3 VC's vic 5416045 at 1245 hrs, and commenced a search 1000 meters either side of Route 9 up to Bao Trei (526044). B/1/27 Inf apprehended 8 VC's at 1410 hrs and closed bn forward defense base all 53 hrs. 4/49 RVN swept area N of 40 Santo Fo. 34th RVN Rct.师 swept S of 40 Santo Fo bounded by coord 5500, 5597, 5897, 5807. None of the units participating in the search for the VC who attacked ambush Purple were able to locate anything of significant value.

q. 291800 - 301000 June 1966: TF1/27 Inf established 4 night ambushes in 40 Santo Fo. at 300340 hrs, ambush Tig-r (5558040) spotted 15-30 approximately 500 meters NW of ambush site. At 0430 hrs, the same ambush noted what they believed to be a squad sized unit moving toward a nearby woodline... 8mm mortar fire was called in, and the area was kept under surveillance.

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At 0615 hrs, ambush tiger found 1 VC KI, (BC), 1 VC KI, and 2 VCs women. Blood was found in the immediate vicinity of the site indicating that more VC were KI. Ambush tiger returned to base camp at 0800 hrs. Ambush tiger results: 8 VC KI, (poss), 1 VC KI, (BC), and 3 VCs apprehended (1 VCC and 2 VCS). B1/27 Inf departed base perimeter at 0730 hrs for S&D ops in Bao Canh Ha (XT562009). At 0745 hrs, B1/27 Inf destroyed 1 freshly planted booby trapped grenade vic XT569035. B1/27 Inf reported that woman stated that VC in area had warned people to stay out of rice paddies because they were mined and booby trapped. A thorough search of Bao Canh Ha produced negative results. B1/27 Inf departed M74 def base at 0752 hrs by motor convoy to psn Yankee (XT5759079), and canvassed 2 S&D ops in NE sector of AO. B1/27 Inf apprehended a total of 10 VCs during the opn. B1/27 Inf closed M74 def base at 1410 hrs. C1/27 Inf departed base camp at 0815 hrs and swept along grid line 04 to coord 5404. At grid line 5404, the company turned N and swept to road where they were picked up by motor convoy and returned to M74 def base at 1155 hrs. Along assigned route, C1/27 Inf destroyed 1 booby trapped hand grenade vic XT558042. A thorough search of assigned sector produced negative results. C1/27 Inf departed M74 def base at 1530 hrs for base camp Cu Chi, and closed base camp Cu Chi at 1630 hrs. 143/4 Cav, with attached line sweeper team from Eng unit, cleared road between base camp and rice mill vic XT582023. 143/4 Cav provided flak security for return sweep of C1/27 Inf. Eng plat conducted road improvement operations from base perimeter (XT570044) to Due Lap (XT555053). At plat supported by National Police continued to check and screen all civilians passing 1/27 Inf checkpoint at XT570044. A total of 30 personnel were checked. All checked out satisfactorily. At 0930 hrs the medevac Tm escorted by Recon plat moved to Due Hanh to conduct medevac operations. A total of 90 patients were treated. The medevac team closed the M74 def base at 1230 hrs. At 1435 hrs, Recon reported that it had destroyed 1 60mm dud and 3 hand grenades at XT556052. Children in area had again pointed out the duds and grenades to the Recon Plat.

r. 301800 Jun - 011800 Jul 1966: TF1/27 Inf established 4 night ambushes in AO Santo Fe, at 0005 hrs, ambush mercedes, XT563053, observed 4 VC by starlight setting up a mortar 600 meters away vic XT569050. Indirect fire was called and the VC dispersed. Results unknown. At 010112 hrs, ambush mercedes observed 12-20 VC vic XT569050. 4.2 mortar fire was called. At 010225, ambush mercedes again observed, through the starlight, 7-9 VC crawling in a rice paddy approximately 500 meters East of their location. Artillery fire was called and the VC ran toward a nearby treeline. At 010300 hrs, ambush mercedes saw 6-8 VC in the woodline vic XT569058. 81mm mortar fire was called. VC dispersed, results unknown. At 010458 hrs, 1 plat, 3/4 Cav and 1/27 Inf departed for ambush mercedes location to make a thorough check of the area.
A total of 14 VCS were found in vic XT562030. The VCS were returned to base camp. At 010856 hrs, 1A3/4 Cav and A1/27 Inf reported that they could find nothing further and returned to base camp. Recon plat secured Route Blue and found one hand grenade vic XT556053, at 1130 hrs. Two 60mm duds and one hand grenade were found at XT555063 at 1430 hrs. All were destroyed in place. At 1140 hrs, a small boy was brought to Bn Aid Station for treatment of a badly infected hand. A small boy who was found in the vicinity of XT564045, reported to the Recon Plat that a VC was in a house located at XT559047. A thorough search of the hut resulted in one VCS. At platoon continued to check Vietnamese passing 1/27 Inf checkpoint. A total of 50 personnel were checked. All checked out satisfactorily.

011800 - 021800 July 1966: TF1/27 Inf established 2 night ambushes in AO Sante Fe. All ambushes reported negative contact. On 2 July 66, the Bn TF effort was devoted entirely to the conduct of a County Fair in Ap Hau Hoa, vic XT576036, at 0526 hrs, Co A moved out and sealed off the southern boundary of the village to insure that no one escaped, while 1A3/4 Cav secured the route from bn fwd def base to the southern edge of Ap Hau Hoa. At 0645 hrs, Co B swept through the village, policed up the inhabitants, and moved them to a centralized screening area. GVN National Police, with the assistance of the AT plat, screened the civilians to determine their true status, and a complete census of the population was conducted. After Ap Hau Hoa had been secured, and the screening process begun, the County Fair activities commenced. TF1/27 Inf scheduled Headquarters and Helping Hand, movies, volleyball games, Vietnamese and American entertainment, and visits by ARVN and GVN officials. The County Fair activities were well received by the village inhabitants, although they seemed to be rather bewildered at the vast array of entertainment. At 1415 hrs, the County Fair was completed, and TF1/27 Inf closed bn fwd def base at 1605 hrs. 1A3/4 Cav plat was released from TF1/27 Inf control at 1515 hrs and returned to Cu Chi. 3B1/5 Mech was attached to TF1/27 Inf effective 1515 hrs.

021800 - 031800 July 1966: TF1/27 Inf established 3 night ambushes in AO Sante Fe. All ambushes had negative contact. The Operation for 3 July 66, envisioned a sweep by B1/27 Inf from NE portion of AO to bn fwd def base. A1/27 Inf was to be utilized as a blocking force a few hundred meters NE of bn fwd def base, while 3B1/5 Mech would be tied in on the left flank of A1/27 Inf and would be utilized to block traffic moving west of Route Blue. 4/49 ARVN from Bao Trai, established an additional blocking posn along the Duc Lap - Cu Chi highway. By 0835 hrs, A1/27 Inf, 3B1/5 Mech, and 4/49 ARVN elements were in their assigned blocking positions, and B1/27 Inf was ready to commence its sweep from psn Yankee (XT585087) to bn fwd def base. B1/27 Inf had negative contact throughout the sweep.
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A1/27 Inf, however spotted two (2) men running approximately 300 meters from its blocking position. A1/27 Inf challenged the individuals with voice commands and warning shots, but personnel continued to run and were subsequently cut down by US SA fire. Only 1 body could be found, but it contained documents which indicated that individuals was VC. A search of the immediate vicinity produced blood around area where the other VC had been observed. A thorough search was undertaken but the other VC could not be located. All elements closed on FWD defense base by 1405 hrs. A plot assisted by National Police continued to check Vietnamese passing 1/27 Inf checkpoint. A total of 35 personnel were checked. All personnel checked out satisfactorily. At 1445 hrs, a suspected enemy transmitter was traced to vic XT569045. A thorough search of the area was made with negative results.

u. 031800-041800 July 1966: TF1/27 Inf established 2 night embushes in AO Sante Fe. At 032245 hrs, Ambush Red, XT55:047, reported observing 10 VC vic XT559038. Ambush Red engaged VC with 81mm mortar fire and estimated that three VC were KIA (poss). VC dispersed in a NE direction. A thorough search of the area was made by Ambush Red, the following morning, producing negative results. A "Lighting Bug" mission was flown over TF1/27 Inf AO during the night. SM fire was received from vic XT614015 and SA fire was received from vic XT611015. The "Lighting Bug" retaliated with suppressive fires; results unknown. Additional fire was received from vic XT559012. TF1/27 Inf departed FWD def base by motor convoy to base camp Cu Chi in two march serials. Serial #1 departed FWD base at 0544 hrs and closed Cu Chi at 1025 hrs. The second serial departed at 1247 hrs and closed base camp at 1340 hrs. No enemy activity was encountered by either serial along the return route to Cu Chi. The entire operation was conducted in an orderly fashion. A CIC UH-ID controlled the movement and a UH-ID fire team was on immediate stand-by alert. The closing at base camp Cu Chi marked the termination of Opn Sante Fe 12.

Results:

a. VC losses: 4VC KIA (80), 16 VC KIA (poss), 21 VCC, 65 VCS, 82 VCS detainees.

b. Captured and destroyed enemy equipment and material:

(1) Two (2) Chicom claymores.
(2) Thirty-six (36) booby traps.
(3) Sixty-three (63) hand grenades.
(4) Three (3) AP mines.
(5) Eleven (11) AT mines.
(6) Two (2) 7.62 Chicom carbines.
(7) One (1) VC tunnel.
(8) Forty (40) 60mm duds.
(9) Ten (10) 105mm duds.
(10) Two (2) 155mm duds.
(11) Sixty-eight (68) "L" shaped trenches.
(12) One (1) CBU bomb.
(13) Four (4) VC huts.

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(15) Twenty-five (25) sampans.
(16) Assorted medical supplies.
(17) One hundred sixty (160) rds of cal 30 amm.
(18) Two (2) pistol belts.

(c) Friendly losses: 14 KIA, 30 WIA.

(d) Friendly equipment destroyed or damaged:
(1) Five (5) M-16 rifles
(2) Three (3) Cal 45 pistols
(3) One (1) M-14 rifle
(4) Two (2) M-14E2 rifles
(5) Two (2) M-79 grenade launchers.
(6) One (1) M-60 machine gun
(7) One (1) starlight scope
(8) Two (2) PFC 25 radio sets.

13. Administrative matters:

(a) Supply: Resupply was accomplished by motor convoy. A scheduled convoy was dispatched from Cu Chi once each day and adequately met the requirements of TF1/27 Inf. Supplies required on an emergency basis were flown in by helicopter.

(b) Maintenance: Normal maintenance of weapons and equipment was performed prior to, during, and after the operation.

(c) Treatment of casualties and evacuation: The Bn Aid Station accompanied the Bn CP group. Casualties were treated by the aidmen attached to the rifle companies, then moved to the aid station by litter or helicopter for further treatment. C&C and resupply helicopters were utilized to transport wounded requiring evacuation. Emergency cases were evacuated utilizing both Dustoff aircraft and assigned MH-1Ds.

(d) Communications: TF1/27 Inf utilized numerous means of communications during Opn Sante Fe. FM and AM-RTT/CH/Voice were established by 1/27 Inf communications platoon.Elem 125th signal provided TF1/27 Inf with VHF Sole User, Common User, and Land Line teletype capability. No communications difficulties were encountered during the operation.

14. Commanders Analysis:

(a) TF1/27 Inf accomplished its mission. TF1/27 Inf entered a long established VC stronghold, and through a balanced combination of tactical ops and civic action programs, was able to dominate the terrain and population. The effects of TF1/27 Inf extensive Medcap and civic action program will most likely make a more lasting impression upon the indigenous population than the display of US tactical power.
The use of the ARVN "Go Team" materially aided 1/27 Inf in accomplishing its mission. Members of the team were familiar with the customs and many knew the local village inhabitants. They were thus better qualified to determine which segment of the local populace was sympathetic to the Viet Cong. This assistance helped unit commanders to apprehend many VCS who later proved to be VCC.

c. Airmobile operations greatly enhanced the combat capability of TF1/27 Inf. As the operation progressed, it became increasingly apparent that the rising water level was causing personnel to experience fatigue. APC's also became increasingly dependent upon the road, and their cross-country mobility was cut to a minimum. The use of the helicopters enabled TF1/27 Inf to operate unfatigued in a designated operational area; and eliminated the need for extensive APC support during movements to and from bn fwd defense base. Greater results could be attained if a DJ airmobile Co were available to the battalion commander:

15. Recommendations:

a. GVN and ARVN personnel be immediately prepared to actively assume responsibilities for areas cleared by US Forces. Although TF1/27 Inf controlled AO Sante Fe from 13 June to 4 July '66, future GVN influence will be minimal if appropriate measures are not taken to actively continue the pacification effort.

b. That every effort be made to provide TF1/27 Inf with the same aviation company throughout the duration of any operation.

c. That a helicopter fire team be on standby status to insure a quick reaction capability. Use of the fire team is invaluable in sealing off an objective, and preventing the escape of VC.

d. That a C&C helicopter be assigned to 1/27 Inf for the entire day. On numerous occasions it became necessary to release the helicopters due to higher priority commitments. This often occurred during the critical stage in the operation, and resulted in the ground elements being left without essential air surveillance and protection.

Annexes:
A-Operations Overlay
SUBJECT: Combat Operations After Action Report (Opn SAMTE FE) (U)

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TO: Commander, U.S. Military Assistance Command, Vietnam, ATTN: J343 APO 96243

1. Operation SAMTE FE is one of four operations conducted to date with primary emphasis on pacification. This operation successfully extended GVN and US influence throughout the assigned area of operations.

2. Operations of this type should be followed closely by a determined effort by ARVN and Province forces to keep the area pacified. Without such effort, the advantages obtained are quickly dissipated and the initiative again given to the VC.

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