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(IT383327). The ambush resulted in ~~the~~ enemy killed and the capture of one AK-47 rifle.

In the 2nd Brigade area, one man from A Company, 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry was wounded by a booby trapped hand grenade at 1705 hours as his unit conducted a sweep operation through an area eight kilometers north of DOC HOA (IT616024). B Company, 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry located a cache of 4,500 pounds of rice at a point eight kilometers north of TRANG BANG (IT508274) at 1220 hours. The company also apprehended seven detainees in the area of the rice cache and turned them over to local authorities for interrogation.

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B Company, 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 5th Infantry sweeping one kilometer north of BAU DIEU (IT560180) at 1355 hours made contact with the enemy, and the situation quickly developed into a major engagement which continued until 2130 hours. C Company of the mechanized battalion, B and D Companies of the 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry, and A Troop, 3rd Squadron, 4th Cavalry were moved into the area during the afternoon to reinforce the contact. In addition, artillery, helicopter gunships and Air Force fighter-bombers provided supporting fire. After the battle ended, a sweep of the area located 30 enemy dead, 15 AK-47 rifles, two RPG-2 rocket launchers and two RPG-7 rocket launchers. Friendly casualties were one killed and 14 wounded. The size of the enemy unit in contact was estimated to be a reinforced company.

In the 3rd Brigade area, A Company, 2nd Battalion (Mechanized), 22nd Infantry came into contact with an unknown size enemy force at 1140 hours at a point along route 14 six kilometers south of DAU TIENG (IT520414). The company engaged the enemy with organic weapons and accounted for four enemy dead, four AK-47 rifles, three RPG-2 rocket launchers, one RPG-7 rocket launcher, two pounds of medical supplies, one pound of documents, two RPG-7 rounds, six RPG-2 rounds, six hand grenades and 300 small arms rounds.

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At 1440 hours the artillery liaison office of the 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry flying reconnaissance over the MICHELIN Rubber Plantation spotted a large number of enemy moving at a point five kilometers east of DAU TIENG (IT544461). Artillery from DAU TIENG was called in to engage this target, and later in the afternoon a search of the area revealed 15 enemy bodies.

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At 1405 hours a member of the 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry CRIP was wounded in a brief fire fight between the platoon and an estimated three enemy. The fight occurred in the MICHELIN three kilometers east of DAU TIENG (IT518506). Enemy losses could not be determined.

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The only significant action to occur within the 1st Brigade area took place at 2133 hours when the TAY NINH Base Camp came under an attack by fire

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and received a total of 23 mixed 60mm and 82mm rounds of mortar fire. Three personnel were wounded in the artillery with unknown results.

In the 2nd Brigade area two personnel from C Company, 65th Engineer Battalion were killed at 1026 hours by a booby trapped hand grenade. The incident took place at a point six kilometers north of TRANG BANG (XT50-1251).

A significant action took place during the afternoon as B and C Companies, 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry moved into an area of the northern BO BO Woods 11 kilometers north of the CU CHI Base Camp (XT6628-XT6527) to conduct a search and destroy operation. At 1235 hours helicopter gunships supporting the operation engaged and killed one enemy soldier trying to escape the area. The two companies engaged four enemy troops at 1415 hours accounting for two kills in a brief fire fight. Before the day was over, the search operation resulted in the discovery of two M-1 carbines, one SKS rifle, one machine gun, one M-16 rifle, 350 small arms rounds, five pounds of medical supplies, eight hand grenades, one 122mm rocket round, one 60mm mortar round and numerous enemy documents. 2-14B C

One member of B Company, 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry was wounded by a booby trapped hand grenade at 1120 hours as his unit conducted a sweep six kilometers southeast of TRANG BANG (XT447144). At 1015 hours elements of D Company, 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry captured three POWs two AK-47 rifles and one pistol as the unit swept an area four kilometers east of TRANG BANG (XT534196).

C Company, 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 5th Infantry sustained one man wounded to a booby trapped grenade at 1005 hours as the company operated two kilometers west of BAV DIEU (XT585173). B Company of the battalion sweeping a short distance from where this incident occurred began to discover enemy supplies and equipment. Searching the general area for the remainder of the day (XT5618-XT5917), the two companies captured one BAR, four AK-47 rifles, 31 anti-personnel mines, two anti-tank mines, 30 pounds of explosives and eight pounds of enemy documents.

Action was very light during the day in the 3rd Brigade area of operations with only one incident reported. At 1855 hours the DAU TIENG Base Camp received five 82mm mortar rounds. The enemy mortar position was detected by an air craft flying over the area at the time, and the position was struck by the base camp's artillery. A later check of this position revealed three enemy dead, one destroyed 82mm mortar tube and three 82mm mortar rounds. No friendly casualties were sustained in the action. D-T

22 December

A major combat action developed at 0010 hours when an estimated enemy regiment conducted an all out attack on Patrol Base MOLE located 14 kilometers Mole

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south of TAY NINH (XT249309). The patrol base had just been constructed by the 1st Brigade as a base of operations for brigade activities in the surrounding vicinity. Companies B and C, 4th Battalion, 9th Infantry manned the base at the time of the attack. The action began with a heavy mortar barrage followed by human wave assaults against the patrol base perimeter. The base defenders met the enemy with organic weapons and were supported by artillery, helicopter gunships, fighter-bomber strikes and AC-47 "Spooky" gunships. The battle continued until 0630 hours before the enemy broke contact and withdrew. On several occasions during the attack the enemy was able to penetrate the base's bunker line, but in each case was driven out by the defending infantrymen. A search of the battlefield the following morning revealed the enemy had abandoned 103 dead, one POW, 23 AK-47 rifles, nine machine guns, two RPG-2 rocket launchers, two RPG-7 rocket launchers, three pistols, two field radios, two pounds of documents, 165 hand grenades, 78 RPG-2 rounds, 26 RPG-2 boosters, 38 RPG-7 rounds, 31 RPG boosters and 19,000 rounds of small arms ammunition. Drag marks and blood trails leading out of the area indicated numerous other enemy casualties that were carried off (possible additional body count of 120). Losses sustained by the two companies in the heavy fighting were 17 killed and 34 wounded.

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Elsewhere in the 1st Brigade area of operations during the day TAY NINH Base Camp was struck by five rounds of 75mm recoilless rifle fire at 1815 hours. One 3/4 ton truck and one 1/4 ton truck were damaged by this fire.

In the 2nd Brigade area, the brigade command and control helicopter had two contacts with enemy during the day. At 1245 hours the aircraft engaged two enemy at a point eight kilometers northeast of TRANG BANG (XT542245). One enemy kill was confirmed in this action. At 1345 hours the C and C ship engaged three more enemy. This contact was at a location 3.5 kilometers southwest of TRANG BANG (XT465159) and resulted in two enemy soldiers killed.

At 1030 hours three personnel of A Company, 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry were wounded by a booby trapped 82mm mortar round. The incident occurred as the company conducted a sweep through an area seven kilometers northeast of TRANG BANG (XT543243). At the same time one infantryman from the battalion's B Company was wounded when he detonated a booby trapped hand grenade at a point six kilometers north of TRANG BANG (XT504257). D Company captured six POWs and one pistol at 1130 hours when it swept into a small enemy base five kilometers northeast of TRANG BANG (XT20231). A Company sustained five more personnel wounded to a cluster of four booby trapped hand grenades that were detonated in the same location where a similar incident occurred earlier in the day. This later incident took place at 1130 hours.

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C Company, 1st Battalion, 5th Infantry (Mechanized) conducted a sweep operation through an area three kilometers northeast of BAU DIEU (XT577188) during the day. In its sweep the company located and destroyed one cluster

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booby unit, one anti-personnel mine, six 60mm mortar rounds, 30 pounds of explosive, three RPG-7 rounds, two RPG-2 rounds and two M-72 LAHs.

In the 3rd Brigade area of operation, A Company, 2nd Battalion, 22nd Infantry (Mechanized) lost an armored personnel carrier to an anti-tank mine as the unit swept route 239 four kilometers southwest of DAU TIENG (XT49448) at 1245 hours. C Company of the battalion operated in the BOI LOI Woods during the day, and at 1255 hours discovered 1,000 pounds of rice at a point six kilometers northwest of TRUONG MIT (XT49420). At 1350 hours the company came under fire at XT453418. This enemy fire was returned with the unit's organic weapons, and a later sweep of the contact area located two dead enemy and three AK-47 rifles. Company D, 65th Engineer Battalion working in support of the brigade lost a five ton truck to an anti-tank mine on route 239 three kilometers southwest of DAU TIENG. The explosion took place at 1700 hours.

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23 December

In the 1st Brigade area of operations during the day, Companies B and C, 3rd Battalion, 22nd Infantry engaged an estimated enemy platoon during a sweep operation in an area 15 kilometers northwest of TAY NINH. The contact began at 1441 hours and continued until 1730 hours. Artillery helicopter gunships and fighter-bomber strikes were called in on the enemy position. A later search of the contact site located four enemy killed. Two infantrymen were wounded in the fight.

Early in the morning at 0100 hours, B Company, 4th Battalion, 9th Infantry engaged two enemy soldiers with 81mm mortars. The incident occurred 14 kilometers northwest of GO DAU HA (XT250295) and resulted in the location of one enemy dead and one AK-47 rifle.

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TAY NINH Base Camp was struck by two attacks by fire during the day. At 1332 hours a helicopter gunship parked in the base's air strip received light damage when four mortar rounds hit near by. At 2202 hours, four 75mm recoilless rifle rounds were fired into the base wounding two personnel.

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In the 2nd Brigade area, a Rome plow was damaged and its operation injured when the vehicle detonated an anti-tank mine during land clearing operations two kilometers northeast of DAU DIEU (XT578173). The explosion took place at 0945 hours. The operator and plow were from C Company, 65th Engineer Battalion.

At 1415 hours helicopters supporting operations of the 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry around TRANG BANG engaged and killed one enemy soldier. In its sweep around TRANG BANG, the battalion sustained one man wounded to a booby-trapped grenade at 0925 hours. The trap exploded at a point 6.5 kilometers north of the city (XT505259). During the day the battalion discovered and destroyed one 60mm mortar round, three RPG-7 rounds and three RPG-2 rounds.

The 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry conducted a sweep north of DUC BOA (XT6002-XT6205) during the day and discovered the following: four AK-47

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rifles, one RPG-2 rocket launcher, 10 RPG-2 rounds, four gas masks, 11 RPG-2 boosters, three hand grenades, one anti-personnel mine and 1,500 rounds of small arms ammunition. Battalion units also captured one POW and two Viet Cong Infrastructure members during the day.

In the 3rd Brigade area of operation, no significant actions took place.

24 December

Action was light in the 1st Brigade area of operations. D Company, 3rd Battalion, 22nd Infantry reported the discovery of one enemy body as the unit swept an area six kilometers northwest of TAY NINH (XT102-533). C Company, 4th Battalion, 9th Infantry located two enemy bodies as it swept the area surrounding Patrol Base MOLE (IT248310) during the day.

The 2nd Brigade area was extremely quiet with only one unit coming into contact with the enemy at 0830 hours. Company A, 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry came under fire as it swept 2.5 kilometers north of TRANG BANG (IT492218). The enemy was engaged with the unit's organic weapons and with supporting artillery and helicopter gunships. One infantryman was wounded in the fight, and enemy losses could not be determined.

In the 3rd Brigade area, C Company, 2nd Battalion, 22nd Infantry lost an APC at 0920 hours when the vehicle detonated two anti-tank mines as it swept down route 26 as the road passes through the CAU KHOI Rubber Plantation eight kilometers east of TAY NINH (IT346448). C2-22

Elements of the 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry moved into the MICHELIN Rubber Plantation for sweep operations during the day. At 0915 hours A Company received five 82mm mortar rounds at a position in the rubber four kilometers northeast of DAU TIENG (IT521496). One man was wounded by this attack which was answered by artillery fired on the suspected mortar sites. Throughout the day, A and D Companies continued to search the plantation and as well as an area north of THANH AN located the following: two carbines, one 120mm mortar round, six pounds of documents, 250 pounds of explosives, two anti-tank mines, 16 RPG-2 rounds and two RPG-2 boosters.

A long range patrol from F Company, 50th Infantry in an ambush position along the SAIGON River eight kilometers north of CU CHI Base Camp (IT667243) engaged an enemy sampan at 1940 hours. Ten enemy dead were later located in the area.

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No significant actions took place during the day as all divisional units observed the Christmas Day Cease Fire Truce.

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Action in the 1st Brigade area of operations was limited to Companies B and C, 4th Battalion, 9th Infantry. Company B located two enemy dead during a sweep around Patrol Base MOLE (XT248290). The company also located and destroyed nine 82mm mortar rounds while on this sweep.

In the 2nd Brigade area, Companies A and B, 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry conducted search operations along the banks of the SAIGON River in the MUSHROOM. This operation was in response to reports of the enemy moving large rice supplies into that area on Christmas Day. At 1110 hours, A Company located 9,000 pounds of rice at XT595317. At 1325 hours, B Company uncovered 6,000 pounds of rice along with one enemy body and a claymore mine.

In the 3rd Brigade area of operations, the 2nd Battalion, 22nd Infantry lost two APCs during the day. At 1000 hours a C Company vehicle detonated an anti-tank mine as the unit swept through the BEN CUI Rubber Plantation five kilometers southwest of DAU TIENG (XT437447). Three infantrymen were wounded in this blast. The second track was destroyed at 1535 hours when it detonated a booby trapped 105mm round as Company B swept through the MICHELIN Rubber Plantation. The explosion took place at a point three kilometers northeast of DAU TIENG (XT514482). C2-22
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At 0629 hours two infantrymen from B Company, 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry were wounded when the unit's night location 4.5 kilometers north of DAU TIENG (XT520496) received eight 82mm mortar rounds and seven RPG rounds. The enemy fire was returned with with 81mm mortars with unknown results. At 0820 hours, the battalion CRIP sweeping one kilometer north of THANH AN (XT543386) discovered one RPG-7 round, two RPG-7 boosters and one claymore mine. C Company sustained one man wounded to a booby trapped hand grenade as the company searched an area one kilometer northeast of THANH AN (XT543386) at 1320 hours. B1-27

A long range reconnaissance team from F Company, 50th Infantry (LRP) came under fire at 1540 hours as it operated in the FILHOL Rubber Plantation three kilometers north of the CU CHI Base Camp. The team was reinforced by C troop, 3rd Squadron, 4th Cavalry moving out of the base camp. Four "Lerps" were wounded in the fight which lasted until 1620 hours. Enemy losses could not be determined.

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No significant action were reported during the day in the 1st Brigade area of operations.

In the 2nd Brigade area, D Company, 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry continuing the search for rice caches along the banks of the MUSHROOM in the SAIGON River captured 17,000 pounds of rice at XT584317. At 1235 hours an APC from B troop, 3rd Squadron, 4th Cavalry working in support D2-12
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of 3rd Brigade operations in the BEN CUI Rubber Plantation detonated an anti-tank mine at a point two kilometers west of DAU TIENG (IT462469). Three cavalrymen were wounded in the blast and the vehicle was destroyed.

Elsewhere in the 3rd Brigade area, Fire Support Base MAHON, the field command post of the 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry (IT539378) received 20 rounds of RPG fire resulting in four men wounded. Fire was returned with small arms, automatic weapons and artillery with unknown results. At 0800 hours the fire base was again struck as 10 rounds of 82mm mortar fire fell within the perimeter. Three men were wounded by this attack. Fire was again returned by mortars and artillery with unknown results.

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A long range reconnaissance team from F Company, 50th Infantry was credited with three enemy kills in an engagement which took place at 1615 hours as the team operated in an area six kilometers west of the CU CHI Base Camp (IT639228). The team was supported by helicopter gunships in this fight.

28 December

Action in the 1st Brigade area of operation was limited to an incident at 1330 hours in which a truck from A Company, 65th Engineer Battalion detonated an anti-tank mine at a point nine kilometers west of GO DAU HA (IT298258). The truck was heavily damaged by the explosion.

In the 2nd Brigade area, the 1st Battalion, 5th Infantry lost two APCs to anti-tank mines during operations 1.5 kilometers northeast of BAU DIEU (IT577177). The first track was destroyed at 1425 hours, and the second 25 minutes later. At 1430 hours, D Company, 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry discovered 1,000 pounds of rice while searching an area 4.5 kilometers north of TRANG BANG (IT483239).

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In the 3rd Brigade area of operations, C Company, 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry operating in the MICHELIN Rubber Plantation nine kilometers north-east of DAU TIENG (IT570502), experienced two contacts with the enemy. At 1420 hours the company came under heavy fire as it was making a heliborne landing in the area. The enemy fire was returned by the unit's organic weapons and supporting helicopter gunships. Two infantrymen were killed and six wounded in the fight that ensued. In addition, one helicopter was shot down and two damaged. A later sweep of the area located three enemy dead and two-wounded POWs. Remaining in the area, the company again came under fire which wounded seven personnel. The enemy's fire was returned with unknown results.

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The DAU TIENG Base Camp received an attack by fire at 1840 hours when seven 60mm mortars, 10 120mm mortars and five 107mm rockets slammed into the complex. Three men were killed and five wounded in this attack.

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At 1900 hours a long range reconnaissance team from F Company, 50th Infantry (IRP) ambushed three enemy from a position located two kilometers south of the MUSHROOM (XT574296). One enemy dead was located after the attack along with a pistol, one pound of documents, one radio and one AK-47 rifle. One team member was wounded by the enemy's return fire.

29 December

Two significant actions were reported by the 1st Brigade. At 0825 hours the CRIP of the 4th Battalion, 9th Infantry Division engaged an unknown number of enemy at a point five kilometers north of GO DAU HA (XT394303). After the firing ceased, the platoon located one enemy dead, one M-16 rifle and two SKS carbines in the contact area. At 0944 hours, a truck from A Company, 65th Engineer Battalion was destroyed when it detonated an anti-tank mine at a point nine kilometers west of GO DAU HA (XT295263).

In the 2nd Brigade area, units encountered continued difficulty with mines and booby traps. At 1430 hours, a member of Company A, 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry was wounded by an anti-personnel mine as his unit swept an area two kilometers southeast of TRANG BANG (XT507173).

The 1st Battalion, 5th Infantry (Mechanized) experienced three similar incidents during the day. At 0900 hours one member of the Scout Platoon was wounded by a booby trapped hand grenade while working in an area one kilometer northeast of BAU DIEU (XT571171). At 1015 hours seven members of B Company were killed when an APC detonated a booby trapped 155mm round. Ten infantrymen were also wounded by the blast, and the vehicle was destroyed. Three members of C Company were wounded by a booby trapped hand grenade as that unit searched an area 3.5 kilometers south of the MUSHROOM (XT573275). At 1300 hours, A Company searching 5.5 kilometers east of TRANG BANG (XT546197) uncovered a mass grave holding 32 enemy bodies. The enemy had been dead approximately three days.

In the 3rd Brigade area, a trailer from Company D, 65th Engineer Battalion was destroyed and its operator was wounded when the vehicle struck an anti-tank mine at a point one kilometer north of DAU TIENG (XT471465). The explosion occurred at 1250 hours. An ambush patrol from D Company, 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry killed five enemy at 1945 hours when a sampan sailed into the ambush kill zone set up on the SAIG-N River 3.5 kilometers northwest of THANH AN (XT512403). In addition to destroying the boat, the patrol recovered two M-1 carbines and four hand grenades. The same ambush patrol relocated after the first attack, and at 2139 hours engaged a second sampan at XT514414. This attack resulted in one enemy killed and one sampan destroyed.

30 December

Action in the 1st Brigade area continued light. At 1255 hours the Scout Platoon, 4th Battalion, 23rd Infantry (Mechanized) discovered two dead enemy and destroyed one 60mm mortar round while sweeping through an area 12 kilometers north of TAY NINH (XT367550). At 1410 hours Fire Support Base BRAGG

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(XT338581) was struck by 50 rounds of 82mm mortar fire which killed two men and wounded two. The enemy fire was returned by artillery with unknown results. Fire Support Base RAWLINS (XT297488) received five rounds of 75mm recoilless rifle fire at 1855 hours with no casualties sustained.

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B Company, 4th Battalion, 9th Infantry located and destroyed a cache of 30 rounds of 60mm mortar ammunition and 30 rounds of 82mm mortar ammunition. The cache was located at 1230 hours as the company searched an area ten kilometers northwest of GO DAU HA (XT293281).

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In the 2nd Brigade area of operations, B Company, 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry captured a POW and one AK-47 rifle as the unit swept an area 8.5 kilometers northeast of JUC HOA (XT634036). This action took place at 1155 hours. In the meantime, Company B, 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry was sweeping an area 3.5 kilometers southeast of TRANG BANG (XT505165) where at 1110 hours it located and destroyed five booby trapped hand grenades. However, a short time later one member of the company was wounded when he detonated a booby trapped grenade. Helicopter gunships supporting the 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry during the day engaged three enemy at a point 3.5 kilometers west of BAO DIEU (XT534174). This attack took place at 1300 hours and resulted in one kill.

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At 0910 hours personnel from Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor discovered five 122mm rockets during a sweep of an area three kilometers east of the CU CHI Base Camp (XT693147).

Action in the 3rd Brigade area during the day was limited to a 0925 hours attack by fire on the DAU TIENG Base Camp. Two 107mm rockets struck the camp resulting in one man being wounded.

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31 December

The only action reported during the day occurred within the area of operations of the 4th Battalion, 23rd Infantry (Mechanized). At 0835 hours an APC from A Company detonated an anti-tank mine as the unit swept 11 kilometers northeast of TAY NINH (XT351537). One man was wounded in this incident. Company B of the battalion searched an area 10 kilometers northwest of GO DAU HA (XT294280) where at 1050 hours a cache of 41 rounds of 81mm mortar ammunition was located.

In the 2nd Brigade area, an ambush patrol from A Company, 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry located at a position nine kilometers east of BAO TRAI (XT605-069) came under fire at 0230 hours. The enemy fire was returned with unknown results. The patrol sustained no casualties. An ambush patrol from B Company, 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry engaged one enemy at 1825 hours from a position three kilometers south of the MUSHROOM (XT587274). The enemy was killed by the blast of a claymore mine. After this action, the patrol relocated to a position at XT589269 where at 2130 hours it ambushed six enemy soldiers killing three and capturing three AK-47 rifles.

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Earlier in the day, B Company, 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry searching an area five kilometers north of TRUNG LAP (XT582261) discovered a rice cache of 10,000 pounds. B Company, 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry working under the operational control of the 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry searched an area one kilometer north of where this large rice find was made (XT5725), and between 1000 hours and 1100 hours located 6,700 pounds of rice, two booby trapped 155mm rounds, one booby trapped 500 pound bomb, one booby trapped hand grenade, one roll of film and four pounds of medical supplies. Remaining in this area for the remainder of the day, the company uncovered an additional 2,600 pounds of rice and the graves of 14 enemy soldiers.

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No significant actions were reported in the 3rd Brigade area of operations during the day.

1 January

No significant actions took place in the 1st Brigade area of operation during the day. In the 2nd Brigade area of operations, C Company, 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry searched an area five kilometers south of TRANG BANG (XT477139) during the day and located and destroyed 13 booby trapped hand grenades. However, at 1950 hours, as the company was completing the day's operations, one man from the unit was wounded when he tripped a booby trapped grenade.

Helicopter gunships flying in support of the operations of the 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry in a area northwest of TRUNG LAP engaged four enemy at a point 4.5 kilometers northeast of the village (XT577248). The attack took place at 1335 hours and resulted in two enemy kills by booby count.

The 3rd Brigade was also very quiet during the day as only one incident was reported. At 1900 hours, Company D, 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry came under enemy fire as it completed a sweep operation two kilometers east of THANH AN (XT544261). Two infantrymen were wounded by this attack. The enemy fire was returned with unknown results.

2 January

Action continued to be extremely light throughout the 25th Infantry Division tactical area of operational interest. In the 1st Brigade, A Company, 4th Battalion, 23rd Infantry (Mechanized) located one enemy dead at 1400 hours as the company swept an area 10 kilometers northeast of TAY NINH. The only other action in the brigade took place when at 1110 hours D Company, 3rd Battalion, 22nd Infantry located and destroyed 750 rounds of small arms ammunition at 1110 hours as the company searched an area eight kilometers west of TAY NINH (XT153451).

In the 2nd Brigade area of operations, significant action was limited to C and B Companies, 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry. Searching an area five kilometers south of TRANG BANG (XT472137) during the day, the unit sustained one man wounded by a booby trapped hand grenade at 0840 hours. Later in the

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morning, the company located and destroyed five similarly booby trapped grenades. At 1900 hours C Company came under enemy fire as it operated in the area. Two infantrymen were wounded by this brief out burst which the company returned with unknown results. In the meantime, B Company of the battalion was sweeping 8.5 kilometers southeast of TRANG BANG (IT465110) where at 1110 hours it captured a cache of 30,000 pounds of rice. 2-27

The 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry was the only organization within the 3rd Brigade area to experience significant actions during the day. At 0920 hours D Company engaged two enemy during a sweep operation 2.5 kilometers northwest of THANH AN. One of the two enemy was captured in this brief skirmish. C Company of the battalion moved into the CRESCENT area 16 kilometers northeast of TAY NINH (IT413538) for a search and destroy operation. At 1015 hours the unit discovered a small enemy base location which had been abandoned but in which the enemy had left behind 53 pounds of explosive, six claymore mines, four M-1 rifles, two carbines and one carbine barrel. 1-27

The final action of the day took place at 1640 hours when the 1st Battalion 27th Infantry CP at Fire Support Base MAHONE in the THANH AN village complex (IT5337) was attacked with 14 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Six personnel were wounded by this fire which was returned with artillery with unknown results. Mahone
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3 January

Action continued relatively light throughout the division area. In the 1st Brigade area of operations, no significant actions took place. In the 2nd Brigade, B Company, 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry was sweeping an area 5.5 kilometers southeast of BAO TRAI (IT568005) when it came under heavy enemy fire at 1325 hours. The company met the enemy with organic weapons and called in artillery and helicopter gunships for support. After the firing ceased, the infantrymen located four enemy dead, two wounded enemy who were taken prisoner and one pistol.

Earlier in the day at 0533 hours, the CRIP of the 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry came under fire as it swept an area six kilometers west of BAO TRAI (IT472076). The platoon counter attacked quickly to kill one enemy and take one POW. One member of B Company of the battalion was wounded by a booby trapped hand grenade at 1135 hours as B, C and D Companies searched the AN-PHU village complex four kilometers southeast of TRANG BANG (IT5116). At 1425 hours, two infantrymen from D Company were wounded when they detonated an anti-personnel mine in the same area. Throughout the day, the three company operation captured one M-16 rifle, 1200 pounds of rice and 750 pounds of tobacco and destroyed one booby trapped 105mm round and one booby trapped hand grenade.

The CRIP of the 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor established an ambush along route 8A four kilometers east of the CU CHI Base Camp (IT701144) where at

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0100 hours it engaged and killed one enemy. The platoon personnel also captured the AK-47 rifle the man was carrying.

The 1st Battalion, 5th Infantry (Mechanized) saw scattered action in its operations northeast of TRANG BANG. At 0925 hours B Company came under fire as it pushed through an area one kilometer north of BAU DIEU (XT570175). The company returned the enemy fire and was supported by helicopter gunships. One infantryman was wounded in the exchange, but enemy losses could not be determined. The battalion's Scout Platoon lost an armor personnel carrier at 1125 hours when the vehicle struck an anti-tank mine during a sweep operation two kilometers north of BAU DIEU (XT575185). Company C escorted and secured Rome plow operations in an area 2.5 kilometers northeast of TRANG BANG (XT504216) where at 1555 hours a Rome plow was destroyed by an anti-tank mine.

In the 3rd Brigade area of operations, the CRIP of the 2nd Battalion, 22nd Infantry (Mechanized) was the only unit to see action. The unit operated for the day in an area 10 kilometers east of LAY NINH (XT3647). At 1245 hours the platoon engaged four enemy soldiers killing two and capturing the other two. An AK-47 rifle, two GAO rifle and a pistol which the four had in their possession were also captured. An hour later, the platoon in the same area came under fire. The unit returned the enemy fire and called in artillery for support. After the artillery fires were lifted, a platoon swept into the base area to capture 233 pounds of explosive, 50 pounds of salt, 250 sheets of tin, a bicycle and 2,500 pounds of rice.

4 January

The battlefield lull within the 25th Infantry Division tactical area of operations continued on 4 January. No significant actions took place within the 1st Brigade area. In the 2nd Brigade area, an ambush patrol from C Company, 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry engaged one enemy soldier from an ambush position five kilometers south of TRANG BANG (XT476137). In the attack which took place at 0725 hours, the patrol killed the enemy and captured his AK-47 rifle. At 2255 hours, an ambush patrol from D Company of the same battalion ambushed five enemy at a point in the THAI MY village complex six kilometers southeast of TRANG BANG (XT530151). This ambush resulted in three enemy killed and one AK-47 rifle captured.

C Company, 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry searched an area 7.3 kilometers northeast of TRANG BANG (XT549239) where at 1010 hours it captured 1,000 pounds of rice. At 0755 hours a Rome plow working in land clearing operations in an area three kilometers southeast of TRANG BANG (XT505220) was struck by three RPG rounds killing the operator and badly damaging the machine. Company C, 1st Battalion, 5th Infantry (Mechanized) securing the land clearing operation returned the enemy fire and called in artillery for support. Enemy losses, however, could not be determined.

In the 3rd Brigade area of operations, Company A, 2nd Battalion, 22nd Infantry (Mechanized) swept through an area two kilometers northeast of TRUONG MIT (XT415413) where at 1730 hours seven enemy bodies were located.

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Earlier in the day at 0915 hours, Company A, 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry conducted a sweep three kilometers south of THANH AN (XT533346) where it engaged an unknown number of enemy. Supported by artillery, the infantrymen assaulted the enemy positions to locate five enemy dead and capture one machine gun, two AK-47 rifles, one RPG-7 rocket launcher, ten hand grenades, one RPG-2 round, six RPG-7 rounds, and 1,000 rounds of small arms ammunition. Company D of the battalion moved into an area a short distance from where A Company was engaged (XT528347), and at 1414 hours came into contact with an unknown size enemy force. A short fire fight broke out in which the company was supported by artillery. Enemy losses in this contact could not be determined. One infantryman was wounded. 1-27

B troop, 3rd Squadron, 4th Cavalry moved into the BOI LOI Woods for operations during the day, and at 1315 hours engaged an unknown size enemy force at a location five kilometers west of the MUSHROOM (XT518331). Helicopter gunships, artillery and fighter-bomber strikes were called into hammer the enemy positions. After the supporting fires were lifted, the cavalrymen moved forward to discover five enemy dead. Five cavalrymen were wounded in the engagement. 3-4

Armed helicopters from D troop, 3rd Squadron, 4th Cavalry flying armed aerial reconnaissance over the southern position of the division area experienced two contacts with the enemy. At 1735 hours a helicopter detected three enemy at a location 8.5 kilometers north of TRANG BANG (XT483281). These enemy were engaged resulting in one enemy killed by body count. At 1900 hours, a troop helicopter detected and attacked six enemy at a point 1.5 kilometers southeast of CU CHI Base Camp (XT673135). This action resulted in one enemy killed by body count.

A long range reconnaissance patrol from F Company, 50th Infantry working in the HO BO Woods one kilometer south of the MUSHROOM (XT601316) engaged three enemy at 1400 hours. This action resulted in two enemy killed and the capture of two AK-47 rifles. 7-50

5 January

In the 1st Brigade area of operations during the day, one significant action was reported. At 1730 hours, an APC from B Company, 4th Battalion, 23rd Infantry (Mechanized) detonated an anti-tank mine as the unit conducted search operations in an area nine kilometers southeast of TAY NINH (XT303375). The vehicle was destroyed by the blast, and one man riding within the track was wounded. 4-23

In the 2nd Brigade area of operations, four enemy soldier were killed by a helicopter gunship attack 8.5 kilometers west of DUC HOA (XS507964) at 1100 hours. The gunship was supporting operations of the 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry in the area when it detected the four enemy moving along the bank of the ORIENTAL River and then made its attack. At 1200 hours, the battalion CRIP operating five kilometers northeast of BAO TRAI (XT46098).

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captured three prisoners-of-war and two pistols. Moving to a location 9.5 kilometers southeast of the CU CHI Base Camp (XT565097), the CRIP came under fire from an unknown size enemy force. Returning this fire, the platoon attacked to kill three enemy, take three POWs and capture two AK-47 rifles, three pistols, five pounds of documents and two radios.

B Company, 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry located and destroyed 10 booby trapped hand grenades during the day as it conducted a sweep operation southeast of TRANG BANG. However, at 1030 hours, one man from the company was wounded when he detonated a booby trapped hand grenade at a point 7.5 kilometers southeast of the town (XT446133).

Elements of A Company, 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor searched the area north of BAU DIEU, and at 1000 hours discovered a large cache three kilometers from the village (XT543177). The cache consisted of 240 RPG-2 rounds, 22 RPG-7 rounds, 234 ignitors, 100 feet of detonation cord, 211 pounds of C-4 explosive, 1,000 blasting caps, 74,750 rounds of small arms ammunition and 3,000 pounds of rice. *2-34 Cache*

B Company, 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry captured 225 pounds of rice as it conducted a search operation through an area nine kilometers west of TRANG BANG (XT487286). The find of rice was made at 0845 hours.

No significant operations were reported by the 3rd Brigade during the day.

Troops B and C, 3rd Squadron, 4th Cavalry continued that units operation in the BOI LOI Woods. At 1220 hours, C Troop discovered 1,000 pounds of rice at a point five kilometers west of the MUSHROOM (XT517324). The Troop continued its searching in this general area, and at 1425 hours it discovered one mine detector and four enemy helmets at XT516330. An hour later, five hand grenades were located and destroyed at XT516339.

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The 1st Brigade area of operations continued quiet as no significant actions were reported during the day.

In the 2nd Brigade area, A Battery, 3rd Battalion, 13th Artillery was credited with six enemy kills when the unit working out of Fire Support Base PATTON engaged an unknown size enemy force detected moving through an area three kilometers west of TRUNG LAP (XT560213) at 1235 hours. *FSD Patton*

At 1245 hours a truck from 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry was damaged when it struck an anti-tank mine at a point five kilometers north of DUC HOA (XT608017). Five personnel from A Company of the battalion were wounded at 1355 hours when a booby trapped hand grenade exploded as the company was sweeping an area north of DUC HOA (XT6001). In sweep operations during the day, battalion elements destroyed three booby trapped 105mm rounds, two booby trapped hand grenades and two anti-tank mines.

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A Company, 1st Battalion, 5th Infantry (Mechanized) discovered a cache at 1600 hours as the unit searched an area three kilometers northeast of TRANG BANG (XT526206). The cache consisted of six RPG-2 rounds, five claymore mines, 200 blasting caps and 1,440 rounds of small arms ammunition. A short distance from where the cache was located (XT517207), an A Company armed personnel carrier detonated an anti-tank mine at 1615 hours resulting in the vehicle receiving heavy damage. At 1830 hours, an A Company ambush patrol engaged an unknown number of enemy from a position approximately 500 meters northwest of the cache site. A check of the ambush area after the firing ceased revealed one enemy body and one AK-47 rifle. A1-5

One significant action was reported during the day in the 3rd Brigade area of operations. At 0710 hours, two enemy soldiers turned themselves in as Hoi Chanh to D Company, 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry. The company was located at a night position in the BOI LOI Woods three kilometers west of the MUSHROOM in the SAIGON River (XT533335) when the Hoi Chanh were received. D1-27

The 3rd Squadron, 4th Cavalry continued its sweep operations in the BOI LOI Woods. At 0930 hours B troop captured 400 pounds of rice at a location 7.5 kilometers east of BOA DON (XT516342). Ten minutes later, the troop uncovered 5,000 pounds of rice 500 meters from the first find (XT522345). At 1025 hours, B and C troops came under fire at XT522345 as they exploited the rice cache located there. The cavalymen returned the enemy's fire and called in artillery and helicopter gunships for support. A search of the enemy position after the firing ceased located six enemy bodies, one wounded enemy who was taken prisoner, two AK-47 rifles and one RPG-3 rockets launcher. One cavalryman was wounded in the engagement. Troop A lost an APC at 1225 hours when the vehicle detonated an anti-tank mine while moving along route 6A ten kilometers northeast of TRANG BANG (XT530283). One cavalryman riding in the vehicle was wounded by the blast. 3-4

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In the 1st Brigade area of operations, helicopter gunships and Air Force fighter-bombers engaged a rice storage area 25 kilometers northwest of TAY NINH (XT0669). A check of the area following the attacks revealed that 16,000 pounds of rice had been destroyed.

A Company, 4th Battalion, 23rd Infantry (Mechanized) conducted a search operation in an area eight kilometers east of TAY NINH (XT333503) where at 0935 hours 200 pounds of rice were captured. Companies C and D, 3rd Battalion, 22nd Infantry swept through an area 10 kilometers northwest of TAY NINH (XT10-7626) where at 1535 hours they came under heavy enemy fire. Artillery, helicopter gunships and air strikes were called in to support the infantrymen. Five personnel were killed in the fighting, one was declared missing-in-action and three were wounded. Six enemy bodies were located by a search of the contact site. 4-23
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In the 2nd Brigade area, one man from C Company, 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry was wounded by an anti-personnel mine at 0900 hours as his unit

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conducted a search operation five kilometers southwest of TRANG BANG (XT46-9134). Earlier in the morning at 0410 hours, an ambush patrol from C Company 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry in position seven kilometers northeast of TRANG BANG (XT556218) ambushed an estimated enemy platoon size force. After the firing ceased, the patrol moved forward to discover 13 enemy dead, two AK-47 rifles and one RPG rocket launcher. Later in the day, the company conducted a sweep operation in an area two kilometers west of TRUNG LAP (XT568232) where at 1210 hours it captured 2,000 pounds of rice. In addition, throughout the day the company captured and destroyed one booby trapped 155mm round and two anti-tank mines. C2-12

Rome plows engaged in land clearing operations in an area four kilometers east of TRANG BANG (XT5220) during the day. Two plows were damaged when they struck anti-tank mines during the cutting. One member of B Company, 1st Battalion, 5th Infantry (Mechanized) was wounded at 1025 hours when he detonated a booby trapped hand grenade. The company was operating 1.5 kilometers west of BAU DIEU (XT551177) at the time of the blast. A Company of the mechanized battalion captured an AK-47 rifle at 1445 hours as it searched an area four kilometers east of TRANG BANG (XT531200). At 2126 hours an ambush patrol from A Company engaged an unknown member of enemy at a location three kilometers northeast of TRANG BANG (XT510210). Artillery was called in to support this contact area and located one enemy dead and one AK-47 rifle. 1-5

In the 3rd Brigade area, an engineer was killed and another wounded at 0755 hours as an element of D Company, 65th Engineer Battalion joined in a road sweep of route 14 southeast of DAU TIENG. The men were struck by the blast of a command detonated claymore mine at a point two kilometers from the town (XT503442).

A Company, 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry searched an area four to five kilometers southeast of THANH AN (XT564-XT5735) during the day and captured 125 pounds of C-4 explosive, one 60mm mortar round, three bicycles, two sampans, one claymore mine, 110 pounds of rice, 106 RPG-2 rounds, one pistol, three pounds of documents and 17,390 rounds of small arms ammunition. D Company of the battalion conducted a search operation in the MICHELEN Rubber Plantation where at 1218 hours it came under fire at a point four kilometers northeast of DAU TIENG (XT520498). One infantryman was wounded by the enemy's fire which was returned with unknown results.

The 3rd Squadron, 4th Cavalry continued to produce results as it extended its sweep operations through the BOI LOI Woods. At 1020 hours C troop located two hand grenades and 200 pounds of rice at a point four kilometers west of the MUSHROOM (XT523342). During the day the troop continued its search in this general area and captured two anti-tank mines and 500 additional pounds of rice. B troop continued its search in an area 8.5 kilometers south east of BOA DON (XT518339). Here at 1030 hours it located an enemy cache which produced 15,700 pounds of rice, two bicycles, one M-1 carbine and one pound of medical supplies. 3-4

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8 January

No significant actions were reported in the 1st Brigade area of operation. Action was also light in the 2nd Brigade with only one significant event reported. At 1515 hours, A Company, 1st Battalion, 5th Infantry (Mechanized) sweeping an area three kilometers northeast of TRANG BANG (XT517202) located one Bangalore torpedo, three RPG-2 rounds, 200 small arms rounds and two pounds of documents.

In the 3rd Brigade area of operations, DAU TIENG Base Camp received nine rounds of 120mm mortar fire at 1910 hours resulting in one man being wounded. This enemy fire was returned by the base's artillery, and a later reconnaissance of the suspected mortar position revealed one 120mm mortar destroyed.

Company A, 2nd Battalion, 2nd Infantry (Mechanized) sweeping through the BOI LOI Woods at 1005 hours came under enemy fire at a point 4.5 kilometers northeast of TRUONG MIT (XT417449). The company returned the enemy fire and called for support from artillery and fighter-bomber strikes. Later, the infantrymen assaulted into the enemy positions and located two dead, two hand grenades, one RPG-2 round and one RPG-7 round. Three infantrymen were killed in the engagement and five were wounded. In addition, one APC was destroyed.

Company A, 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry searched an area 3.5 kilometers southeast of THANH AN during the day and captured a cache consisting of one SKS rifle, one machete, 400 rifle grenades and 7,430 small arms rounds.

The 3rd Squadron, 4th Cavalry found action as it continued its operations in the Lower BOI LOI Woods. At 0915 hours B and C Troops came under fire as they swept through an area 5.5 kilometers west of the MUSHROOM (XT510318). The cavalrymen returned the enemy's fire with organic weapons and called in supporting artillery, helicopter gunships and Air Force fighter-bombers to hammer the enemy position. Later, the cavalrymen over ran the enemy position to locate nine enemy dead, and capture one POW. In addition, the position contained a cache which consisted of 11 RPG-2 rounds, 1,200 pairs of sandals 11,000 pounds of salt, 39,000 pounds of rice, five bicycles, one AK-47 rifle and three pounds of documents. Five cavalrymen were wounded in the fire fight that took place.

Two cavalrymen from A Troop were wounded at 1015 hours when their unit came under fire as it searched along the banks of the SAIGON River at the MUSHROOM (XT575315). The enemy's fire was returned with the troop's organic weapons with unknown results.

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