

DAILY SUMMARIES FROM 1-50th DAILY STAFF JOURNAL (DA Form 1594)

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1 Nov 1969. At 0505 hours, C/1-50th Inf heard movement to their north about 50 meters from their FOB. They spotted 4-5 VC. They fired up the area, checked the area and found 1 NVA WIA with 4 chicom grenades, 1 satchel charge & approximately 10 days supply of rice. PW stated there were 30 VC/NVA with him at the time. Armed with grenades and satchel charges. PW also carried an SKS stated he arrived in the area in 1968 and belonged to 481st Bn or 186th MF Bn. Area was engaged with 81mm shadow, guns and flare ship were called dustoff called. Vic BN033332. At 0810 hours, S-3 C&C spotted 1 man vic BN0333. LOH's overhead while ground troops checked area with negative results. At 0918 hours, A/1-50th Inf found 5 bunkers at BN003242. 2 were caved in 3 had 1" OHC with a capacity of 2-3 personnel also found letter written by VC telling of captured RF letter extracted and bunkers destroyed. At 0950 hours, A/1-50th Inf found a well used trail had fresh Ho Chi Minh tracks. Checked with negative results at AN955242. At 1035 hours, A/1-50th Inf found several camp fires and fresh trail estimated used by 50 personnel at BN003242 checked with negative results. At 1125 hours, C/1-50th Inf found 50 lbs of rice, 1 lbs of sale, 3 VC grenades, assorted cooking utensils, a camp fire still hot, 300-380 rounds AK ammo, assorted clothing, VC rucksack, US helmet, 10-12 bunkers 8x3x3 with 2½' OHC, 1 dud 105 mm round, 1 dud 175mm round at BN045322. Bunkers and rounds destroyed. Equipment was extracted. At 1145 hours, A/1-50th Inf, D/2-1st Cav spotted 10 VC/NVA wearing khakies and blue PJ's. Gunships fired up the area. The area was swept with negative results vic BN012224. They found approximately 50 bunkers, 6x3x4 all were destroyed. At 1445 hours, A/1-50th Inf spotted 1 man wearing black PJ's. Pursued but lost him and found several camp sites used last night by approximately 75 personnel at BN017224. At 1510 hours, C/1-50th Inf found and destroyed approximately 20 bunkers at BN045322. At 1610 hours, A/1-50th Inf found a rucksack, small amount of rice, bunker complex 4'x3'x6' with 1' OHC, a pair of 7x50 binoculars and some documents at BN010225. The bunkers were destroyed and the equipment extracted. There were 12 patrols conducted with results as indicted in the log. There was 1 CA conducted at BN035205 by the Scouts/1-50th Inf. There were 5 ambushes conducted with negative results.

2 Nov 1969. At 0095 hours, A/1-50th Inf found 5 bunkers 4'x6'x3' with 1½' OHC had not been used recently AN987244. Destroyed. At 1000 hours, A/1-50th Inf found 11 bunkers 4'x2'x3' with 1' OHC. Were used recently also 1 105mm round with time fuse at An987244. All were destroyed. At 1204 hours, D/2-1st Cav spotted 1 bunker 10'x10', 1 bunker unknown size, fresh footprints, pith helmet, blanket and assorted other things at BN035205. At 1230 hours, S-3, Blackhawk spotted fresh trails where weapons had been dragged, rice being cooked and one man running into a bunker at BN035205. Scouts to be inserted. At 1330 hours, Scouts/1-50th Inf were CA at BN035206. At 1340, S-3 Blackhawk found one life size dummy. Was believed to be used by VC for training. Also found a chest of drawers & an old bed at BN034205. At 1400 hours, Scouts/1-50th Inf found in bunker complex one non-descriptive booby trap with unknown detonator device at BN035205. At 1403 hours, Scouts/1-50th Inf found a 2'-3' earthen jar, bottles, wood shavings a plastic sheet. Area believed to be rest area or base camp At BN035205. At 1410 hours, Scouts/1-50th Inf found ½ bandoleer of M-16 ammo. Some cartridges empty with powder extracted. Also 2 booby traps without charges and bunker complex 6 months old, at BN035205. ??? Scouts/150th Inf found 2 bunkers 12'x3' with OHC camouflaged with green leaves were used last night also 2 C" ration cans rigged as booby traps at BN035204. At 1425 hours, D/2-1st Cav found 5 bunkers 4'x4' no OHC and a tunnel with a frag in it at BN035204. At 1433 hours, Scouts/1-50th Inf found 1 bunker 10'x3'x2' with OHC also 1 dud 8" round 1 bunker 8'x3'x2' with OHC at BN035204 all were destroyed. At 1435 hours, D/2-1st Cav found 6 pair Ho Chi Minh sandals at BN035204. At 1525 hours, Scouts/1-50th Inf found 2 bunkers 6'x4'x2' with OHC 2 pails of water with lozzard traps around them at BN032205. At 1630 hours, Scouts/1-50th Inf were extracted from BN035201 returned to Blackhawk pad. At 1740 hours, B/1-50th Inf received 4-5 rds sniper fire at AN838198 returned fire with unknown results. There was 1 combat assault conducted Scouts from LZ Betty to BN035206. There was 1 enemy initiated contact no friendly initiated. There were 10 foot & motorized patrols conducted with results indicated in the log. There was 1 ambush conducted with negative results.

3 Nov 1969. At 0722 hours, B/1-50th Inf were picked up at Binh Lam and CA to ZT206448. At 0847 hours, C/2-1st Cav found a mine, pressure detonated with four flashlight batteries and 30 lbs TNT in a cheese box at AN830261 blown in place left crater 2½' deep & 5' diameter. At 1000 hours, C/1-50th Inf found a bunker that had a bed in it and a fresh well worn trail around it at BN063303. At 1020

hours, found a bunker complex with fires still hot and fresh trails in the area at BN063303 also found 3 wicker baskets, M60 ammo, documents, 1 frag case, a smoke pipe. Bunkers were 4'x10'x10'. The bunkers were destroyed. Documents extracted. At 1200 hours, C/1-50th Inf found a trench line with portions of it covered with OHC at BN063303 was destroyed. At 1725 hours, B/1-50th Inf was extracted from ZT206448 and returned to LZ Betty. There was 1 combat assault made at IX Currahie ZT206448. There were no contacts made. There were 2 patrols conducted with results as listed in log. There were 2 ambushes.

4 Nov 1969. At 0200 hours, TOC received undetermined number of mortar rounds at LZ Betty, west side from unknown location. At 0220 hours, TOC, LZ Betty assumed Red alert status. At 0242 hours, Forward TOC received undetermined rounds of SA fire from the north also 7-82mm mortars round fell in the perimeter negative casualties. At 0302 hours, Forward TOC received 2 82mm mortar rounds in perimeter. negative casualties. At 0323 hours, Forward TOC receive 1 82mm mortar rounds in perimeter. negative casualties. At 1415 hours, C/2-1st Cav found 5 chicom, 60mm rounds without charges, 25-30 AK rounds 1 US pineapple grenade AN934152 in a bunker all ammo blown in place. At 1450 house, S-3 C&C on final approach to LZ Sandy received two bursts of automatic weapons fire AN810220 landed at Sandy to check damage negative. The enemy activity increased considerably during the night LZ Sandy was mortared 3 times the results 2 WIA. LZ Sherry was mortared 2 times neg casualties. LZ Betty was mortared 1 time neg casualties. Song Lou villages was mortared once. There were no CA's conducted today. There were 2 enemy initiated mortar contacts involving this unit. There were 9 patrols both motorized and foot conducted with results as outlined in the log. There were 4 ambushes conducted.

5 Nov 1969. 0900 hrs, C/2-1st Cav found a trench 5½'x3'x2' that they feel was used by a platoon of VC last night AN929261. t 1004 hours, Blackhawk spotted 10-15 personnel AN842228, AN838225, AN843220. At 1215 hours, C/1-50th Inf found 2 bunkers 4'x4' with 2' OHC were destroyed. At 1420 hours, B/1-50th Inf found 1 bunker 4'x4' with 1' OHC at AN839213 was destroyed. There was 1 airstrike conducted t AN8321 & AN8319. There were no CA's conducted. There were 8 patrols both mechanised & foot conducted. There were 3 ambushes conducted.

6 Nov 1969. At 0755 hours, C/1-50th Inf found a trench line running west & east 400-500 meters long hasn't been used in 5-6 months at BN010225. At 1905 hours, LZ Sandy received 5 rounds of mortar VT fire. At 1915 hours, LZ Sandy received 5 rounds 82mm mortar fire, with 1 US WIA. At 1945 hours, LZ Sherry received 5 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. At 1910 hours, C/1-50 spotted 3 camp fires at AN937234 they engaged with 4.2 with unknown results. There were no CA's conducted during this period. There were no enemy contacts made by this unit this period. There were 8 patrols both mechanized & foot conducted. There was 1 ambush.

7 Nov 1969. At 0845 hours, C/2050th Inf found 4 bunkers 15'x4'x3' with 3' OHC and 2 warm campfires at AN968233. Bunkers were destroyed. At 0835 hours, C&C aircraft, Airstrike at AN8122 created 4-5 secondary explosions. At 0855 hours, B/1-50th Inf found a command detonated mine with batteries as detonator, it was a f gallon can full of explosives. The powder was removed from the mine and burned at AN864196. A 27 year old male was also detained in the area and was released by MacV, Maj Kelly. At 0930 hours, D/2-1st Cav spotted numerous caves as a results of the airstrike at AN8122, area to be checked by ground element 8 Nov. At 1012 hours, C/1-50th Inf hit a mine on a trail that had been made 15 min prior by another track through heavy under brush at AN967237. Results were 4 WIA and track damaged to the extent it was not salvagable. Track to be destroyed by EOD 8 Nov. The mine blew a hole 2'x2' in the bottom left front side. 5 road wheels blown off. At 1130 hours, B/1-50th Inf found 1 bunker 4'x8' with 3' OHC. 2 weeks old had an 8" round inside appeared as though the VC were trying to remove the insides at AN839213. Bunker and round destroyed. At 1213 hours, C/1-50th Inf found a bunker 5'x5' with 1½' OHC at AN985225. The bunker was destroyed. At 1226 hours, C/1-50th Inf spotted 1 VC heating chow at AN955225 LOH was requested, area swept with neg results. At 1245 c/1-50th Inf found 2 bunkers 4'x4' with 1' OHC had food and Chicom grenade in them at AN955225. They were destroyed. At 1335 hours, C/1-50th Inf found 4 bunkers with assorted cooking utensils, 2 home made grenades, beans, carrying sticks, 1 vase 35 gallon, 1 pair sandals, 1 shovel, GI Pots, broken stool, 3 buckets, animal snare, small amount of hand tools, 1 oil lamp, 1 bonnie hat and some clothes also some documents and also some clothes, at AN967237, bunkers destroyed documents extracted. At 1445 hours, Scouts/1-50th Inf found fresh tracks and trails through the brush indicating they had left the area in a hurry. Also Found 3 bunkers large enough to accommodate 8-10 personnel. There were some old tires in the bunkers that the VC

were cutting up for sandals all was used in the past 24 hours. All was destroyed at AN8321. There were no CA's conducted. There were no enemy contacts other than the mine by C Co. There were 6 patrols conducted with results as indicated in the log. There were 7 ambushes conducted with negative results.

8 Nov 1969. At 0755 hours, C/1-50th Inf weapons plat departed to exchange places with A Co weapons plat at Whiskey Mt. A Co weapon plat returned to LZ Betty. At 0915 hours, B/1-50th Inf found 2 bunkers 4'x4'x5'. Both were recently used at AN820195. They were destroyed. At 1030 hours, C&C aircraft, airstrike put in at AN8323. At 1108 hours, C/1-50th Inf the APC damaged by mine was completely blown up. At 1120 hours, B/1-50 Inf detained 1 male 27 yrs old, no ID was found in woodline acting suspicious at AN834183. He was extracted and later stated he has been working with VC since 1965. At 1315 hours, C&C directed a CS drop at AN8025. At 2100 hours, Scouts spotted 3 VC moving into position approximately 75 meters to the north of Ambush. At 2120 hours, Scouts/1-50th Inf sniper shot at LZ Sandy ambush was initiated ambush squad had VC/NVA all around them. Reaction element moved out and upon reaching contact area received small arms fire. Returned fire with unknown results. The area was swept toward Sandy. Reached an area about 300 meters from Sandy and was received fire from the perimeter. Decided to return to FOB. Area will be swept thoroughly tomorrow at the present results of contacts are unknown. At 2240 hours, Scouts/1-50th Inf received approximately 15-20 rds of B-40 fire from the north of their FOB about 300 meters. An M 79, .50 cal & M60 fire returned with unknown results. Area will be swept at first light. There were no C/A's conducted. There were 2 enemy contacts 1 enemy initiated 1 friendly. There were 10 patrols conducted with results as outlined in the log. There were 4 ambushes.

9 Nov 1969. At 1000 hours, C/1-50th Inf arrived at LZ Betty from the field. At 1035 hours, Scouts/1-50th Inf found 3 bunkers 10'x4' with 2½' OHC 3 meters apart at AN819228. Also found cooking utensils used in the last 24 hours, bunkers were destroyed. At 1044 hours, C&C aircraft put an airstrike at AN835238. At 1127 hours, C&C ARP D/2-1 while OPCON to 1/50 were inserted at AN835238. At 1132 hours, ARP found boobytraps at AN835238. AT 1158 hours, ARP found a bunker 6'x8' with 2' OHC no sign of recent use at AN835238. It was destroyed. AT 1205 hours, ARP found a 37mm (Soviet Anti Aircraft) near a bunker at AN835238 with primer and powder removed. At 1208 hours, C&C reported at AN812234 appeared to be boobytrapped. At 1235 hours, Scouts, found 4 bunkers 5'x3' one to two months old. At AN812234. They were destroyed. At 1715 hours, S-3 Air reported while flying with Seahorse received A/W fire from AN8723354 and was hit. Was forced down at Thien Giao no casualties. Aircraft was hit 8 times. A/C remains at Thien Giao Pilot and S-3 Air were extracted. There was one CA at AN835238 conducted by ARP, D/2-1st Cav while OPCON to 1-50. There was one enemy initiated contact on Seahorse. There were 2 Airstrikes conducted. There were 5 patrols conducted with results as indicated in log. There was 1 ambush.

10 Nov 1969. At 0941 hours, C&C a CS drop of 40 barrels at AN9725. At 1200 hours Scouts found 4 bunkers constructed with railroad ties were used last night at AN821207 found also fresh fish and some torn up documents. Bunkers were destroyed with cratering charges. At 1540, B/1-50 spotted 2 personnel one possibly carrying a weapon initiated firing and swept area with neg results at AN812196. At 1550 hours, B/1-50 found and destroyed 2 bunkers. There were no CA's conducted. There was one contact friendly initiated. There were 6 patrols conducted. There were 4 ambushes.

11 Nov 1969. At 0030 hours, Scouts/1-50th Inf while in ambush position, the rear security had movement in a treeline to the rear. Ambush was initiated. 2 Tracks were dispatched to ambush location area was swept with neg results. Ambush returned to FOB at AN830228. At 0955 hours, Scouts/1-50th Inf found 2 bunkers 8'x4' with 2' OHC reinforced with steel railroad ties. Will require cratering charges to destroy at AN835225. Bunkers were destroyed. AT 1320 hours, A/1-50th Inf found a 105mm mine with "C" ration box & loose dirt over it on QL1 Vic AN932265. The detonator could not be found. Mine was blown in place leaving a crater 2'x3' also same location found a sandbag with a frag under it. Was destroyed in place. There were no CA's conducted. There were no enemy contacts. There were 6 patrols motorized & foot conducted. There were 4 ambushes conducted.

12 Nov 1969. At 0817 hours, A/1-50th while clearing QL1 found 3 road blocks consisting of culverts ends 3' dirt mounds and logs. Area reconed by fire and searched for mines and boobytraps neg findings AN976327. Road blocks removed. At 0845 hours, B/1-50 found signs indicating a booby trap area at AN792186. neg findings. At 0906 hours, Scouts/1-50 found 2 bunkers 4'x6' with OHC 1 new the other recently built at AN815225. Also found 2 more bunkers with thick OHC. The bunkers

were destroyed. At 1012 hours, found 4 bunkers 4'x6' with 1½ OHC at AN829196. The bunkers were destroyed. At 1028 hours, Scouts/1-50th found 4 bunkers also fresh tracks in same area. Bunkers destroyed at AN815225. At 1040 hours, Scouts/1-50th found an L shape bunker 8'x3' with 2½' OHC and wooden floor. There were fresh leaves and hand written papers on top of it. Cooking fires, big enough for squad or plat size element indicating used within the past 48 hours, there were at AN815225. At 1108 hours, Scouts/1-50 Scouts found a fresh well used trail with sandal prints on it leading north and south at AN818225, also a 105mm round dud. Scouts/1-50 at 1200 hours, found 4 bunkers 5'x2' with 1' OHC with fresh tracks around them. They were used within last 24 hours at AN817231. The bunkers were destroyed. At 1231 hours, one man hit a boobytrap believed to be an M-26 at AN843186. Urgent dustoff requested. The boobytrap was in open field next to bomb craters, pressure detonated. At 1324 hours, B/1-50 found 3 ammo cans suspected boobytraps was blown in place. Results 1 can empty, 1 can held ammo and 1 can had clothes in it at AN843186. At 1335 hours, A/1-50 detained 1 male age 27-35 no ID at AN967318 also 1 male age 20 no ID had in his possession 1 50 round expended .50 cal bras also 1 male age 25 and 1 female age 25. Detainees extracted and turned over to MP. There were no CA's conducted. There were no enemy contacts except for boobytraps. There were 10 patrols both foot & motorized conducted. There were 6 ambushes.

13 Nov 1969. At 0930hours, B/1-50th Inf found a squad size base camp consisting of 1 bunker 10'x3' with 2½' OHC. 1 chicom grenade a sand bag full of rice and a camp fire still warm at AN838205. It was destroyed. At 0940 hours, Blackhawk while OPCON to this Bn flying VR found many footprints and bunkers along steam bed vic AN8129. Airstrike was put into area. Bunker destroyed 8 bunkers partially destroyed 1 hut. At 1030 hours, B/1-50th spotted 3 personnel at AN823175 that appeared to be setting a mine or boobytrap when spotted fled to the south. Blackhawk with LOH were called. Area swept personnel detained and detracted. Detainees female 30-40 yrs old. At 1215 hours, B/1-50th found 3 bunkers 5'x6' with OHC at AN844212. Bunkers were old, they were destroyed. At 1245 hours, Scouts found tracks of approximately 10-20 personnel crossing stream heading north. Estimate tracks were 12 hours old at AN796210. At 1330 hours, Scouts found well used water hole at AN771216. The water hole was contaminated with CS and smoke grenade. At 1350 hours Scouts found a camping area utilized last night with warm camp fires & pieces of paper which stated they (VC) had left Phan Thiet last night heading north estimated used by 10 VC at AN771216. There were no CA's conducted. There were ??? enemy contact. There were 10 patrols conducted with results as indicated in log. There were 2 ambushes conducted with neg results. There was one Thunder Run conducted by 3/A/1-50.

14 Nov 1969. At 0126 hours, Sandy & Sherry received 5& 8 rounds of mortar fire, respectively, results 1 RF WIA at Sherry. At 0745 hours, Blackhawk will be OPCON to 1-50 flying VR spotted fresh cut trees. Tracks indicating 1-20 personnel had used the area, a possible machine gun and square holes indicating a tunnel complex at AN817291. At 0804 hours, Blackhawk spotted 400 lbs of rice in 3 ponchos. Area showed recent signs of use at AN849298. At 0952 hours, A/1-50th found 2-175 rds with the powder removed vic AN952148. At 1214 hours, Scouts 1-50th Inf found 2 bunkers 3'x6' with 1½' OHC vic AN836225. Bunkers destroyed also found a storage hole lined with wood large enough for 1 man vic AN832218 was destroyed. At 1340 hours, A/1-50th turned over to the RF element at LZ Nora, 9 detainees, 1 male 45-50 years, 8 females ages 17-50 as a result of operations. There were no CA's conducted. There were 2 enemy initiated contact. There were 13 patrols conducted. There were 7 ambushes conducted.

15 Nov 1969. At 0815 hours, A/1-50th Inf spotted a group of personnel at AN832187, 3d plat A Co moved to the location and detained 5 females ages 25-30 years old. They were extracted to LZ Betty turned over to the MP. At 0932 hours, B/1-50th Inf found 1 bunker 3'x5' with 1½' OHC at AN835266. The bunkers were destroyed. At 0950 hours, B/1-50th Inf spotted 1 VC fleeing north engaged with small arms and two 81mm rds C&C overhead fired t the VC at AN825275 area was swept by ground troops with neg results. VC believed to be wounded. At 1025 hours, C&C marked target for airstrike with unknown results. At 1140 hours, B/1-50th Inf while sweeping area of contact at AN836275 found 2 huts bag of rice and some cooking utensils. Huts, rice & utensils destroyed. AT 1207 hours, B/1-50th found 1 bunker 5'x5' with 1½' OHC vic AN833272, bunker contained cooking utensils, small amount of rice, morphine and camp fire still hot. All were destroyed. AT 1220 ??? patrol one man hit in the head by tree limbs and had a stroke urgent dustoff requested vic AN869252. At 1332 hours, B/1-50th Inf found 1 bunker 4'x5' with 2' OHC with 2 5 rds clips of carbine chicom 53 type in it. Vic AN833270. Bunkers destroyed ammo extracted. At 1528 hours, A/1-50th Inf spotted 3 males dressed in black PJ's that ran when spotted while in pursuit found 1 bunker 10'x12' with 2½'

OHC. Consisted of dirt and 4"x6" timbers. The bunker was being utilized to make home made blasting caps. There were several rolls of sheet metal and 20 small cylinder shaped objects at AN828345. Bunker destroyed material extracted. At 1640, A/1-50th Inf Ranger team was inserted in their AO NE of Nora. There were no CA's conducted. There was one friendly initiated enemy contact. There were 10 patrols motorized and foot conducted. There were 6 ambushes conducted with neg results.

16 Nov 1969. At 0935 hours, B/1-50th Inf found an arrow scratched in the ground pointing south east vic AN812246. At 1909 hours Scouts/1-50th Inf while moving to ambush location spotted 2 personnel and took them under fire vic AN821217. The area was swept. A trail was found where a man had crawled off continued to sweep spotted a man running into the tree line fired up the area and continued to sweep with negative results. Ambush returned to FOB. There were no CA's conducted by this unit. There was one friendly initiated enemy contact with negative results. There were 6 ambushes conducted with neg results.

17 Nov 1969. At 0731 hours, B/1-50th Inf found an area indicating rice was being grown at AN840253. At 0851 hours, A/1-50th Inf found a dud B-40 round at AN955175. It was blown in place. At 0912 hours, A/1-50th Inf found 5 bunkers 6'x10' with 8" OHC and 10 foxholes around the area forming an outer perimeter around the bunkers at AN957175. The bunkers were destroyed. At 0932 hours, A/1-50th Inf found an anti-tank mine with a 5" diameter pressure detonator cap. Mine was VN type mine at AN957175. When blown left a crater 5'x4'x3'. At 1016 hours, A/1-50th Inf reported VN in contact with estimated 1 VC squad armed with 60mm. A Co fired 4.2 in support at AN954276. At 1105 hours, A/1-50th Inf found a bunker complex. 18 in all. 4'x8' have been destroyed earlier at AN955160. At 117 hours, A/1-50th Inf found a camp fire one day old. Vic AN952160. At 1750 hours, A/1-50th Inf found one large bunker 10'x12'x4' with 3'-5' OHC and had 2 large entrances. Also found food cans & two US steel pots at AN994335. Appeared to have been used within the past 24 hours. it was destroyed. At 1808 hours, A/1-50th Inf found hanging in a tree a block of wood 4"x12"x1" with a figure of a human made out of straw nailed on it with pieces of paper in the background. Also another block of wood 1"x9"x10" hanging with it. At AN994335. KCS states it is net VN will be extracted for further examination. At 2236 hours, Scouts/1-50th Inf ambush initiated contact with 2 VC in the kill zone, neg return fire reconning wood line by fire AN815221. Area swept with neg results. At 2317 hours, C/1-50th Inf received 10 rounds of AK-47 fire t AN931235. They returned fire with 60 & 81mm mortars with unknown results. There were no CA's conducted. There were 10 patrols both motorized and foot conducted. There were 4 ambushes conducted. There were 2 Thunder runs 1 prior to 2400 hours 1 after.

18 Nov 1969. At 0852 hours, Scouts/1-50th while sweeping the area of contact last night found guaze & line with dried blood stains at AN815221. At 0854 hours, Scouts/1-50th found 6 bunkers in groups of 2, 3'x3'x6' with 2' OHC vic AN818219. The bunkers were destroyed. At 1221 detained 1 male 33 years old on a honda. Had 6 envelopes on his person. He was dressed in a long white gown with a turban. The interpreter states he is not VN, possibility, Indian was extracted vic AN965316. At 1530 hours, A/1-50th Inf reported a ¾ ton truck from engineers ran over a mine vic AN907216. The truck was completely destroyed. Neg casualties. There were no CA's conducted. There were no enemy contacts made. There were 10 patrols conducted both motor and foot. There were 3 ambushes conducted with negative results.

19 Nov 1969. At 0845 hours, A/1-50th Inf detained 1 male vic AN907216 and was questioned by the interpreter and was determined this individual to be very suspicious & also knew quite a lot about the road mining in the area. The detainee was extracted. At 0855 hours, Blackhawk while flying VR spotted 4 sets of fresh foot prints going N.W. & a hole that appeared to be a bunker or tunnel at AN799290. At 1255 hours, C/1-50th found a bunker 5'x5'x4' with 4' OHC at the end of a tunnel about 30' long running from a dry stream bed there was also a 4' deep trench running into a bunker with fresh foot prints & signs of recent use at AN804186. At 1240 hours, A/1-50th received 10-12 rounds of SA fire at AN961315. The area was checked with neg results. At 1300hours, C&C spotted 6 VCS at AN9932 they fled in all directions. The area was checked by A Co and fired up with neg results. At 1450 hours, A/1-50 found 11 bunkers 6'x4' with 3-5 ??? were empty. Also small gardens of corn & peppers at AN9932. At 1538 hours, A/1-50th detained 2 males ages 50-60 years dressed in Black PJ's negative ID. 1 has ID with picture scratched off. Also had lighter with #555 on it at AN971319. The 4th plat of C0 was replaced by 4th plat B Co on Whiskey Mt at 0900 hrs with two Aircraft. There were

no CA's conducted. There was one enemy initiated contact. There were 11 patrols conducted. There were 6 ambushes conducted with neg results.

20 Nov 1969. At 0906 hours, A/1-50th found a bunker 8'x10'x4' with 4'-5' OHC in a clump of brush approximately 1 week old at AN995335. The bunker was destroyed. At 1035 hours, S-3 conducted an airstrike at BN0029 the results were unknown. At 1542 hours, Scouts/1-50th found 3 bunkers 3'x5'3' with 1' OHC shaped like a Z at AN795279, had not been used recently were destroyed. Also found 3 old bunkers that were already destroyed at AN795277. There were no CA's conducted. There were no enemy contacts. There were 8 patrols both motorized and foot conducted. There were 8 ambushes conducted with neg results.

21 Nov 1969. At 1000 hours, Whiskey Mt spotted 2 personnel 200 meters N of their location a patrol was dispatched with neg results. At 1135 hours, C/1-50 found 3 bunkers 8'x3'x2' with ??? at ??? bunkers were destroyed. At 1150 hours, A/1-50 detained 1 male at AN946232, between the age 35-40 yrs old with neg ID. He was running with 4 other personnel believed to be the personnel spotted north of 4/B/1-50 position on Whiskey Mt. Detainee was extracted and classified IC. At 1203 hours, A/1-50 found a fresh camp fire, some old bunkers and footprints at BN020335. Bunkers were destroyed. At 1222 hours, C/1-50 found a fresh trail leading north at AN775217. Trail had been used in the past 24 hours. At 1236 hours, A/1-50 received approximately 20 rounds SA from the east at AN932219. Returned fire and swept area with neg results. At 1800 hours, A/1-50 found a 60mm mortar round at BN013312 still in case. LOT #MA11-115. At 2130 hours, Forward TOC reported an unknown size enemy force hit the village 300 meters north of Thien Giao with AK-47 and 60mm mortar fire believed to be 4 civilians killed. There were no CA's conducted. There were 2 enemy initiated contacts. There were 8 patrols dispatched both motor and boot. There were 6 ambushes conducted with neg results.

22 Nov 1969. At 1330 hours, A/1-50th found a sleeping area for 2-3 personnel vic BN019309 also found 1 poncho, dud 175 rd and empty LRP packets. Also vic BN016307 found a look out post 1' high made of rock with a good vision of all low ground. At 1350 hours, Scouts/1-50th found the body of a VN civilian and a water buffalo which were blown up by a mine 1-2 days ago. The crater was 5' deep & 8' in diameter vic AN861242. At 1400 hours, C/1-50th found an old french land mine at AN764231 was blown in place size of crater unknown. At 1420 hours, A/1-50th found a dud 105 rd with shipping plug still in it vic BN011311. Does not appear to be booby trapped also found a trail 100 meters from rd that appears to have been used recently. At 1450 hours, A/1-50 found 45 1-2 man fighting positions formed ??? with a large position in the center. The area hadn't been used in about 2 weeks at BN010311. At 1735 hours, Scouts/1-50th found 700-1000 lbs of rice in a tree line hid under some rice stalks. There were 4-50 lbs bags the rest was on the ground piled up. Also found 1 poncho, straps & cords from flares. At AN839247, part of it picked up and returned to FOB. The remainder to be picked up in the AM. At 1900 hours, S-3/1-50th LZ Sandy received 2-82mm mortar rds neg casualties. LZ Sherry received 5-82mm mortar rds neg casualties. Counter mortar fire returned. At 2110 hours, S-3/1-50th LZ Nora received 2-5 60 mortar rds vic AN939294. Also heavy machine guns fire at AN950294. Seahorse fired Arty Us & ARVN in support. At 2035 hours, S-3/1-50th 164 RF Co while in ambush site at AN899177 received SA fire from VC Squad results 1 RF KIA. There were no CA's conducted. There were 3 enemy initiated contacts. There were 13 patrols both motorized and foot conducted. There were 5 ambushes conducted with neg results.

23 Nov 1969. At 0816 hours, Scouts/1-50th returned to location of rice found yesterday and detained 3 women stating that the rice belongs to them. The remainder of the rice was picked up. The rice with the women was extracted to Thien Giao. At 0835 hours, A/1-50th found 15 fighting positions forming ??? position in the middle. Positions were constructed of rocks & logs at BN018305. Positions destroyed. At 0840 hours, A/1-50th found 3 fighting positions same as above at BN009309. Positions were destroyed. At 1411 hours, C/1-50th found a bomb crater with a tunnel at the bottom leading into a room 6'x5'x5'. The tunnel was 1' in diameter and 10' long. Was destroyed. Neg finds. There were no CA's conducted. There was no enemy contact. There were 10 patrols motorized & foot conducted. There were 4 ambushes conducted with neg results.

24 Nov 1969. At 0839 hours, A/1-50th reported RF's and 3d plat received SA fire from an unknown enemy force from an unknown location at AN938236. The area was swept with neg finding. At 0910 hours, Scouts/1-50 found a trench 10' deep and 12' long with 8 bunkers dug into the side. Estimated to be 1-2 days old. Also was used last night at AN810292 destroyed. At 1038 hours, Scouts/1-50 received approximately 6 rds SA fire at 500 meters from east at AN820292. Area was swept with neg

results. At 1101 hours, jC/1-50th found 9 bunker 2' deep with 2' OHC also found powder charge holders. No signs of recent use at AN785186. Bunkers were destroyed. At 1207 hours, C/1-50th found a pineapple grenade fuse wrapped ??? plastic tape at AN783184. Destroyed. At 1315 hours, A/1-50th detained 2 males riding a Honda t BN023365. They were in possession of ID but were carrying excessive medical supplies. Detainees were extracted, questioned by the MI and declared innocent civilians and released. At 2030 hours, Scouts/1-50th initiated ambush on 1 individual with a weapon area was swept after contact with neg results at AN810292 ambush. At 2040 hours, S-3-1-50th engineer at Whiskey Mt at AN919217 received 10-15 mortar rds results 8 US WIA. There were no CA's conducted. There were 4 enemy contacts, 3 enemy initiated and 1 friendly. There were 10 patrols conducted both motorized & foot. There were 6 ambushes conducted with neg results.

25 Nov 1969. At 0906 hours, S-3/1-50 Blackhawk while flying VR for scouts found rest area at AN788293. Scouts moved into area and found a way side rest area off a trail with some picnic benches, empty "C" ration boxes etc. Also 2 bunkers with OHC inside were some black PJ's & a sweater. Also found spider holes for 2-3 personnel all destroyed. At 1025 hours, A/1-50 found a bomb, possibly 500 lbs 7' long & 1' in diameter the front plate had been unscrewed & taken off and the tail fin was bent up. A Co blew in place. There were no explosive inside but appeared to have been boobytrapped. At 1249 hours, B/1-50th 2d & 3d plat was CA'd at ZT276436 as a reaction element to ranger contact. Area was swept and fresh footprints were found along with a fresh bunker. Rangers killed one VC/NVA and captured 1 SKS second LZ was 1310 hours. At 1530 hours, B/1-50 was extracted from same LZ and returned to LZ Betty. Extraction was complete 1625 hours. There was ??? at ZT275436 by B Co 2d & 3d Plat. There were no enemy contacts. There were 8 patrol motorized & foot conducted. There were 7 ambushes conducted with neg results.

26 Nov 1969. At 0105 hours, forward TOC reported the bypass at AN867238 was blown 30% destroyed by the VC. At 1007 hours, Toc, Scouts returned and closed LZ Betty for 2 days stand down. At 1125 hours, TOC, JP4 was dropped at AN833187. At 1200 hours, A/1-50 spotted 12 VC with weapons at BN???. Gunships were employed and expended. C&C was over head VC did shoot at gunships while 3/C/2-1st Cav was sent into the area. Area being swept VC fled east. At 1335 hours, A/1-50 received sniper fire area swept found a 2 layer bunker and a rucksack, empty, neg other sightings. At 1445 hours, C/1-50th one man tripped a booby trapped butterfly bomb at AN786168. Was pressure detonated dustoff called for man. Also found a bunker 9'x4'x3' with 2 man foxholes around it. Inside bunker was found 4 rds expended 105, approximately 2 lbs of documents (believed to be official), 1 web belt with 1AK-47 magazine full, 1 VN water can full of rice, 1 US water can half full of rice also 1 bottle of white medicine, assorted empty bottles, 1 pith helmet. Bunker destroyed other items were extracted. There were no CA's conducted. There were 3 enemy contacts, 1 friendly & 2 enemy initiated. There were 7 patrols conducted motorized and foot. There were ??? ambushes conducted with neg results.

27 Nov 1969. At 0830 hours, forward TOC MacV reports the VC blew out a culvert at AN857172. 80% destroyed vehicles up to ton can pass. At 0920 hours, S-3, Airstrike at BN017298. At 1005 hours, to Forward TOC, the 300 RF plat killed 2 VC and captured 1 K54 pistol & 50,000 piasters 1 K's NW of Binh Lam. At 1100 hours, S-3, Airstrike at BN017298. At 1300 hrs C/1-50th request urgent dustoff for 2 personnel injured while firing 81mm mortars. Log bird initiated pick up individual placed hands over tube and was hit by out going rd. There were no CA's conducted. There were no enemy contacts. There were 5 patrols conducted. There were 10 ambushes conducted with neg results.

28 Nov 1969. At 0955 hours, C/1-50th found 8 bunkers 12'x16'x3'x4' with 2'-3' OHC constructed of RR ties, legs and dirt. At AN786168 also found a spider hole leading into underground room 5'x5'x5' with 3 M-16 magazines (1 full), batteries & VC bunk articles extracted bunkers destroyed. At 1050 hours, C/1-50th found 6 bunkers 8'x4'x3' with 2' OHC constructed of RR ties & tracks 12"x3" planks at AN786168. They had been used in the last 1-2 days also found 10 lbs of corn, a pot of beans, 2 105 rds brass casings, bunkers, ???. At 1100 hours, C/1-50th one man tripped a 60 mm or 82mm booby trapped rd buried in the ground with trip wire at AN775148 urgent dustoff requested completed 113 hours. At 1130 hours, C/1-50th found a spider hole leading to an underground room 6'x6'x4'. The room also had a trap door 2'x2'. Room had a bottle of pills in it & some methelatum Room destroyed. At 1135 hours, A/1-50th found a mine at AN927257. Mine was 40-50 lbs of TNT and electronically detonated was disarmed and returned to LZ Nora. At 1151 hours, C/1-50th found 2 graves dug them up and found 4 bodies appeared to be KBA: at AN775168. At 1245 hours, A/1-50th detained 1 male VN wearing civilian clothes with ARVN ID and a frag grenade strapped to his leg individual was extracted

from AN961314. At 1300 hours, C/1-50th detained 1 male VN attempting to sell marijuana to the troops individual was an ARVN was extracted at AN854185. At 1420 hours, A/1-50th detained 4 personnel 1 male pimp 30-33 yrs old and 3 prostitutes 1-50, 2-25 yrs old were sent in to LZ Betty with Rat Patrol. At 1435 hours, C/1-50th found 4 bunkers 12'x3'x4' with 2 ' OHC constructed of RR ties & tracks and planks with assorted miscellaneous items inside at AN780155. There were no CA's conducted. There were no enemy contacts other than a boobytrap. There were 8 patrols conducted. There were 4 ambushes conducted.

29 Nov 1969. At 0728 hours, A/1-50th found a mine at AN979331 made of TNT in sandbags with wire leading off road to unknown destination was unable to tell means of detonator. Blown in place left a crater 2" deep x 4 ' in diameter. At 1010 hours, A/1-50th found a mine at AN924252, made of TNT in sandbag with cement, electrically detonated with BA 30 and beer can reports VN also found some type mine at AN934269. At 1500 hours, Scouts/1-50th found 2 very old bunkers at AN925288. They had not been used in a long time. were destroyed. At 1800 hours, C/1-50th found the back plate of a claymore LOT #LOP 2-57. There were no CA's conducted. There were ??? contacts other than mines. There were 11 patrols conducted. There were 8 ambushes conducted with neg results.

30 Nov 1969. At 0829 hours, C/1-50th, Blackhawk while flying VR spotted fresh Ho Hi tracks heading west at AN902297. At 0912 hours, C/1-50th Blackhawk while on VR found about 30 fighting positions approximately 2 month old at ???. At 1100 hours C/1-50th found a water hole at AN797175 with fresh foot prints leading NW are following at this time. At 1107 hours, Scouts/1-50th found a fresh foot prints at AN911299 leading north. At 1115 hours, A/1-50th found 2 bunkers and a foxhole that had been destroyed by airstrike at BN033283. Also 2 fighting positions and a grave also found 2 bunkers 5'x3 'x2 ' with 1 ' OHC constructed last night were destroyed. At 1205 hours, C/1-50 while following fresh trail came into area of 3 bunkers with a fresh fire. Trail of 10-20 personnel wearing boots leading out of area. Blackhawk called. At 1445 hours, C/1-50th while following trail made contact with 3 VC at AN768183 received fire returned fire Blackhawk also expended neg results. Bunkers complex spotted also 1 VC area fired up with negative results. At 1515 hours, A/1-50th found 12 bunkers 2'x6'x3' with 1 ' OHC also 15 foxholes at BN001283, all destroyed. Had not been used recently. At 1715 hours, A/1-50th received 10-15 sniper rounds at AN932219 fire was returned area swept with neg results one US slightly WHA. At 2106 hours, Whiskey Mt, received 2-3 sniper rds at AN925229 with neg casualties fire was returned with unknown results. There were no CA's conducted. There were 4 enemy contacts 3 enemy initiated and 1 friendly initiated. There were 8 patrols conducted. There were 5 ambushes conducted.