

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

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1 Jul 1969. On 1 July 69, at 1600 hrs 3d plat B/1-503 engaged 3 VC at BR963774 resulting 1 VC KIA (female). At 1705 1st plat B/1-503 detained 2 17 year old males at BR938813. 1st plat B/1-50 received 25-30 rounds of small arms fire from 300 m to the north at BR950862. At 1840 hrs the area where the fire came from was swept with neg results. At 1850 hrs a man from 3d plat B/1-50 tripped an M-26 type booby trap at BR960861 resulting in 1 US WHA and 1 RF WHA. First 2d, 3d plats of B/1-50 received 40-50 rounds of automatic weapons fire from BR965865 at 1925 hrs. They returned fire with neg results there were 4 Hawks at BR956812, BR993796, BR975783 and BR976836.

2 Jul 1969. At 0755 hrs B/1-50 1st plat at grid BR962871 was hit with M-79 & automatic weapons fire from north east, results 1 US UIA dust off called 0755 hrs complete 0812 hrs. At 0950 Hawk eye spotted 1 VC with weapon BR965880. At 0915 hrs (late Entry) B/1-503 2d plat. Scout dog & handler tripped a booby trap M-26 grenade. Results both handler and dog KIA. BR 998793. At 1215 hrs B/1-50 2d plat engaged 2 VC with weapons M-16 type. Think they wounded one VC BR960825. At 1700 hrs B/1-503 3 d plat made contact with 4 VC males ages 20-22. Results 2 VC KIA. They also captured 1 US 45 Cal pistol & M-1 grant 3 rucksacks contains medical supplies 1 claymore 2 M-26 grenades, 2 pistol belts. BR958778. Also while sweeping area they found 3 kids, 2 boys ages 10 KIA, 1 girl 5 or 6 WIA Dust Off called 1720 hrs complete 1750 hrs. At 1805 hrs B/1-503 3d plat had contact with 1 VC female. Results 1 VC KIA CIA was BR958788 ruck sack with medical supplies canteen & cup. At 1850 hrs B/1-50 BR963865 1st plat received sniper fire. Neg results. At 1900 hrs B/1-503 4th plat detained 1 male 40 yrs old at BR985830 also at 1920 hrs B/1-503 detained another male age 40-50 BR984805. Both had neg ID. At 1940 hrs Recon element of 41st ARVN engaged unknown size VE force. Results 1 VC possible KIA BR994723. At 2205 hrs A/1-50 Ichibon reports seeing a lot of little lights BR915781. At 2335 hrs Scouts reports UPLift received 5-8 mortar rounds, one man slightly wounded.

3 Jul 1969. At 0730 hrs a patrol from B/1-503 found a male, 17-18 attempting to hide at CR000784. They had moved about 50 meters when the detainee, on point, yelled and started running. The patrol immediately received small arms fire from 4VC at distance of 100M. Fire was returned and the enemy fled northeast. Results detainee was KIA. B/1-503 detained 1 female, 25 years old at BR958778. At 1030 hrs B/1-503 made contact with 2 VC at BR971761, resulting in 2 VC KIA & 1xM1 carbine CIA. During a search of a village at CR007792, B/1-503 found 1 set of fatigues, a sweatshirt, a letter and 2 receipts for food. At 1600 hrs the Hawks Nest spotted 3 people walking on a trail and go into a village at BR976868. 1 had a weapon and a rucksack. At 1953 hrs B/1-50 received 2xM79 rounds and 3-4 burst automatic weapons fire into their CP, BR963863, from approximately 200M to southeast. They returned fire with unknown results. 2nd plat B/1-503 received 5 rounds small arms fire from the south at CR002799. They returned fire with unknown results. At 2210 hrs BridgeII received 7-8 mortar rounds and small arms fire from the east. Fire was returned with unknown results. At 2250 hrs several bunkers at LZ Uplift reported sighting of VC moving towards the perimeter, engaged them with organic weapons and arty fire. There were 7 Hawks at: BR938446, BR966834, BR954849, BR951819, CR003793, & BR876784. All with neg results.

4 Jul 1969. At 0030 hrs 41st ARVN 212 PF plat was engaged by unk size VC force BR889588. Results 1 friendly WIA. Medivac called 0145 will complete at first light. At 0725 B/1-50 had one male detainee 25-30 yrs old. He ran when approached. At 0810 hrs B/1-50 called dustoff for girl shot in the cheek last night by unk source. Dustoff complete 0840. At 0845 B/1-503 called dustoff for a child 5-6 yrs old who tripped a M26 booby trap BR986796. Dustoff complete 0855. At 1045 2/B/1-50 detained one male BR969853. He was hiding in a hooch. At 1955 B/1-50 3d plat picked up 3 males trying to escape and another hiding inside a hooch. They found expended AK47, 51 cal brass around the hooch. At 1930 hrs B/1-503 2d plat rec'd 4-5 sniper rds from 200 meters south of their position. Neg results. At 2050 Icbian observed SA fire BR924797 from the village.

5 Jul 1969. At 0530 3/B/1-503 engaged 4 VC at BR996783. Results: 4 VC KIA, 2 AK47's, 1 SKS, 1 Chicom grenade, and 1 claymore mine CIA. Then at 0750 at the same location the same element fired at some palm leaves moving on the ground. Results 1 VC KIA, CIA 1 Ak47. At 1945, 2/B/1-503 at CR002799 rec'd 5-6 sniper rds from 200 meters to their SW. A patrol was sent to check out the area.

Neg res. The 272d RF plat camp at BR945755 rec'd 2 60mm mortars (rds) at 2100. Arty was fired on the suspected mortar location with unk results. At 2130 an element from the 447th RF Co made contact with an estimated 10 VC at BR933787. Neg friendly casualties, enemy casualties unknown. At 2205 an element from the 41st ARVN Regt ambushed an unknown size enemy force at BR872646. Results one enemy KIA, 2 M26 grenades CIA. During this period there were three combined patrols and three combined hawks.

6 Jul 1969. At 0747 hrs Scouts conducted CA PZ time 0747 hrs LZ time 0803 hrs LZ's were CR039787, CR038791, CR043794. This was also a combined opn with 7 NPFF. At 1120 hrs 41st ARVN 060830 hrs 291 RF Co BR962792, had contact with VC force. Results 1 VC KIA, CIA 1 SKS, 1 BAR, documents and 3 females detained. At 1130 hrs 41st ARVN CR024696, 1 RF was ambushed on way to see his family. Dust off called 1156 hrs complete 1227 hrs. Dust off received sniper rds from PZ. At 0755 hrs (LATE ENTRY) 2d plat B/1-50 combined operation. At 1617 hrs to all nets from TOC change in SOI to take effect 1800 hrs. today. At 1647 hrs the 2 & 3d Plat had combined operations with RF. At 1716 hrs B/1-50 will have two hawks that will be combined operations. At 1747 hrs S-3 Air PZ time for CA and scouts 1730 hrs. LZ time 1745 hrs. LZ Loc CR038791. At 2000 hrs B/1-503 in registering the 81mm had 3 short rds one was real had it tumbled end over end out of the tube landed in a rice paddy about a click short of target. Lot NK6-3. B/1-503 CO would like this lot checked. Neg Casualties. At 2110 hrs Scouts on bridge 1 reports lights about 300-350 meters to east. Also the village where mortars came out of last night is all lit up. At 2225 hrs Scouts on bridge 2 spotted lights about 150 meters east said it looked like someone smoking. Shot hand flare with neg sightings. There were a total of 7 Hawks: 2 of which were combined with RF's B/1-50 BR939841, BR973856, combined BR962865, combined Srap BR965825, B/1-503 BR956815, CR003807, BR975787. The total of combined operations today was 6, Scouts had 1 on CA B/1-50 had 2 on ambush and 3 during their daylight patrols.

7 Jul 1969. At 0630 hrs B/1-50 2d plat & 3d plat moving out on combined opns. At 0810 hrs B/1-50 2d plat had 1 detainee male. Said he never heard of a VC BR939846. At 0850 hrs B/1-503 2nd plat had combined opns. At 0915 hrs 41st ARVN CR025747 3d Bn on search & clear mission was fired upon by unknown size VC force. Results friendly neg. Enemy 1 female CIA. 5 detainees. At 0925 hrs 41st ARVN BR995725 on search & clear mission was fired upon by unknown size force VC. Results friendly Neg. Enemy 1 VC KIA, 1 VC WIA. At 1345 hrs B/1-503 3 d plat conducted combined opns. At 1515 hrs B/10503 2 d plat CR001802. Patrol was first fraged then 4-6 small arms rds hit. Results 1 US KIA, 2 USWIA. WIA were hit in the head and chest. Dustoff called 1515 hrs complete 1522 hrs Enemy Neg. At 1545 hrs B/1-50, 2d & 3d plat will conduct combined hawks. At 1705 hrs B/1-503 2d plat BR995803 caught one male. He broke away and ran they fired warning shots, would not stop. So they shot him in the leg. He had no ID. Dustoff called 1705 hrs complete 1715 hrs. At 1720 hrs B/1-50 1st, 2d and 3d plat conducting combined opns patrol. At 1835 hrs B/1-50, 3d plat had contact with 4 VC BR975869. They though they hit two, but could not find any bodies. VC were carrying 1 M16, 1 AK47, 1 Carbine. At 2010 Scouts bridge 1 sees lights, 150 meters southeast of B fired a few rds. Neg results. At 2020 hrs MacV says VN people carrying a sick man to the rds east of bridge 1. 2040 hrs MacV says VN people will not bring sick man to road. At 2100 hrs SRAP's ambush set off a trip flare giving their position away. As a result ambush was cancelled. However LP's were put out. At 2230 hrs S-3 Rear change in SOI. Bn Admin log will change to designator V-66 effective midnight. There were a total of 6 Hawks. 2 of which were combined opns. B/1-50 1st plat BR955854, 2d Plat BR961861, Combined 3d plat BR970877 Combined B/1-503, 1st plat BR956808, 2d plat CR001804, 3d BR975787. All neg results. There were a total of 9 combined opns. Break down as follows: B/1-50 had 7 combined including the 2 combined hawks. B/1-503 had 2 combined opns.

8 Jul 1969. At 0800 BR932838 four VN children tripped a mine resulting in 3 killed and 1 wounded. At 0730 2 d plat B/1-503 heard an explosion at CR005813. A patrol sent out to investigate the explosion made contact with about 6 VC who fled to a hamlet at CR005819. The patrol pursued them and when they reached the hamlet they spotted 5-6 more VC who ran to the east. The patrol went after them and were engaged by 20 VC at long range with AW. LOHs were called in to look over the area and picked up 1 male detainee at CR020820. They turned the detainee over to the patrol and while the patrol was returning to their night location, the detainee fled and tried to hide. The point man of the patrol killed him. 6 VC are estimated to have been wounded in the contacts. At 2110 an element of the 41st ARVN Regt ambushed a VC squad at BR949621 resulting in 1 VC KIA and two M26 grenades CIA. During this period there were two combined patrols and no combined Hawks.

9 Jul 1969. At 0242 hrs bridge 1 received small arms rounds from the NE. Neg casualty. At 1028 hrs Bridge 1 collected 6 claymores, 2 grenades, 1 M-79 rd under the VIP program. At 2210 hrs Phu My Toc received message of a sensor reading BR931766. Bridge 1 was alerted and illumination fired. Neg results.

10 Jul 1969. At 0330 hrs an element of the 134 PF platoon made contact with an estimated VC company at BR946769, resulting in 1 friendly WIA and unknown enemy casualties. At 0735 hrs, at BR966812, 1st plat B/1-503 detained 1 male dressed like a buddist priest whom the national police, upon checking his I.D. card, claimed it was fixed and he should be taken in for questioning. At 1500 hrs at BR942809, 1st plat B/1-503 found an 81MM mortar round booby trap which they blew in place. At 1530 hrs at BR955755, the scouts 1-50 spotted 3 VC. They fired warning shots but the VC didn't respond so the Scouts engaged them. One went down, and the other two picked him up and fled, At BR962758, the scouts found a tunnel complex and many trails. At BR966756, the scouts found a cave which they blew with C-4. During this period there were 3 combined patrols and 3 combined hawks.

11 Jul 1969. At 0100 hrs Bridge #3 received small arms fire from approx grid BR935813. Fire was returned from the bridge. Neg casualty or damage. At 0930 hrs B/1-503 initiated contact with 2 VC at CR023787. The VC appeared to be about 19-20 yrs old. Contact was initiated from 150 meters resulting in 2 Enemy KIA. 1 SKS and 1 MI carbine captured. Friendly casualty. At 1330 hrs B/1-503 detained 1 male in his hut at BR998822. The individual had a carbine and documents which appeared to be VC. 1623 hrs B/1-503 made contact with 4 VC at CR019801. Dust Off was called for a RF soldier who was point man. He was severely wounded when he walked into a U shaped ambush consisting of 3 claymores. He later died.

12 Jul 1969. At 0915 hrs at BR939820, 1st plat, B/1-503 spotted 1 male, who appeared to have a weapon and he ran resulting in one VC's WIA when they approached. When they got him, they saw he had no weapon, the individual was dusted off. At BR991799 at 1125 hrs 2d plat, B/1-503 detained a 51 yrs old male whom the national police believed should be taken in for questioning. He was extracted to LZ Uplift. At 2000 hrs at BR986833 the SRAP element, after checking out a light, received a few rounds of small arms fire when beginning to move back to their night location Via airboat. The 35th PF plat. made contact with an estimated VC plat at BR934695, at 2030 hrs, resulting in 1 VC KIA (with 5-7 more possible WIA or KIA). During this period there were no combined patrols and 2 combined hawks.

13 Jul 1969. At 0730 hrs B/1-50 1st plat patrol BR933850 2d plat BR967866 2d plat at that location found M-26 type booby trap, blew it in place. At 1011 hrs B/1-50 2d plat received 2 M-79 rds from the NNW, pursued 1 VC, 1000 meters with neg results. At BR968876 blew 1 spider hold have 1 national police and 1 US WIA dust off called t 0910 hrs complete 0920 hrs. At 1845 hrs B/1-503 LOH's spotted 2 males going into a hooch at CR015815, 2 d plat patrol went to hooch and got the males. They were 25-27 yrs old no I.D. wearing civilian clothes. National police say they are VC.

14 Jul 1969. At 0845 hrs, an element from the 41st ARVN tripped a booby trap (105MM Round) at BR893736, resulting in 1 ARNV KIA and 1 ARVN WIA. At 0930 hrs at CR053746, an unknown size enemy force threw an M26 grenade into a 731st RF Co location resulting in 2 RD WIA's. An element of the 41st ARVN tripped a booby trap (155MM round) at BR875728 at 0940 hrs resulting in 2 ARVN KIA. At 0945 hrs at BR861721, an element of the 41st ARVN engaged an estimated VC platoon resulting in 2 ARNV WIA, 2 VC KIA and 1xAK47 CIA. Another element from the 41st ARVN engaged a VC squad at 1405 hrs at BR872728 resulting in 2 VC KIA and 1 M-1 carbine CIA. At 1525 hrs, at BR898766, 2 hawk teams from B/1-503d initiated contact with 5 VC resulting in 1 VC KIA and 1 M26 grenade CIA. At 1645 hrs 3d plat, B/1-503 made contact with 3 VC at BR964772, resulting in 1 VC KIA and 1 M-16 CIA. During this period there was 1 combined patrol and no combined ambushes.

15 Jul 1969. At 0329 hrs, bridge #2 received 10 rounds of small arms fire from the south, possibly stray rounds from a contact the RF's had to their south. From 1300 hrs – 1900 hrs the 320th RF Co. set up and conducted a raid at BR908806, where they engaged 1 platoon of VC. Results: 3 VC KIA, 5 possible VC – CIA, 1 RF KIA. At 1600 hrs at BR938843, the 675th RF Co. captured the VC Hamlet chief of Van Thiet (H). At 2025 hrs, the 1st plat of A/1-503 and the 1st plat of B/1-50, occupying the same night logger site at BR948842 received a grenade from the south of their location. After returning fire, a patrol from 1st plat A Co. 1-503 went out to check out the area and received more

frags, and small arms fire also, resulting in 1 US KIA and 3 US WIA. The KIA and 1 WIA were dusted off. At 2135 hrs, bridge #3 received small arms fire from 200 meters SE of the bridge. They returned fire with unknown results. At 2355 hrs. Bridge #7 received 8-10 rounds of sniper fire from the west. Fire was returned with unknown results. During this period, there was 1 combined patrol and no combined ambushes.

16 Jul 1969. At 1030 hrs at BR943793, 3d plat, B/1-503 detained 1 male approx. 25 yrs old, who had marks on his back that looked like he had been wearing a rucksack. He was extracted to LZ Uplift for questioning. At 1325 hrs, the 736th RF Co. detained 1 male at BR889804. He was taken in for questioning. At 1430 hrs – 1540 hrs. 2d plat, A/1-503 came across 38 females at BR957864, none of whom had ID cards. An IPW team was sent out to screen them. None were detained. At 1645 hrs, 1st plat, B/1-50 had a patrol trip a booby trap (believed to be a home made grenade) at BR979901. They were neg casualties. At 1610 hrs, bridge #7 received about 20 rds of automatic weapons fire from the west at 200 meters. It was believed the enemy was shooting at a passing 2 ton truck. There were neg casualties. A patrol was sent out to check out the area with neg results. During this period there was 1 combined CA, 2 combined patrols and no combined ambushes.

17 Jul 1969. At 0100 hrs, an ambush element from the 134th PF plat engaged an unknown size enemy element at BR935767 resulting in 1 VC KIA. At 0730 hrs, 2d plat. b/1-50 tripped a booby trap at BR976894. Neg Casualties. At 0840 hrs. an element from the 41st ARVN tripped a booby trapped 105 MM rd. at BR930594 resulting in 3 ARVN KIA and 2 ARVN WIA. At 1000 hrs. PF plat #31 tripped a booby trapped M26 grenade at BR872689, resulting in 1 PF WIA. At 1100 hrs. 2d plat. B/1-503 found one booby trapped claymore at CRO06799. At 1350 hrs, 1st plat B/1-503 engaged 3 VC at BR963767 resulting in 1 VC KIA and 1 VC CIA. At 1510 hrs. 2d plat. A/1-503 found 5 booby traps in a 50 meter stretch at BR971866. The 736th RF Co made contact with 1 VC plat at 1800 hrs. at BR911799, resulting in 1 RF WIA; enemy casualties unknown. 1st plat. B/1-50 received 1 M79 rd and a few AK 47 rds from the west at 1935 hrs at BR976897. Neg casualties. At 2115 hrs, 2d plat. B/1-503, while enroute to their ambush site, tripped an M26 booby trap t CR006801. Neg casualties. The ambush returned to the night logger site. During this period there were 2 combined patrols and no combined ambushes.

18 Jul 1969. At 0600 hrs Co A(-), 1-50th conducted a CA at BR977845 and CR001832. Co B, 1-503d, Co A, 1-503, Co B/1-50, and the SRAP 1-50th all provided blocking positions for CA. A number of suspects were detained as a result of the operation. At 0625 hrs, the Inferno Lead (mini-Cav) element detained 2 males, about 15 yrs old at BR979855. At 0630 hrs, an element from the 41st ARVN tripped an M-26 type booby trap at CR034740, resulting in 1 ARVN KIA. At 0650, B/1-503 detained 2 people who were trying to evade them at BR979855. At 0732 hrs, Rice Twixs (swift Boat) detained 2 males at CR010846. At 0734 hrs. 1st plat A/1-50 detained 1 male at BR975844. At 0840 hrs, A/1-503 detained 9 males at BR967854. At 0935 hrs, 3d plat B/1-503 detained 1 female who tried to evade them at BR977848. At 1050 hrs, 3d plat, B/1-50 detained 1 male at BR978847. He told them he was on the way to a propaganda meeting to the south of where he was detained. He was extracted immediately for questioning. At 1342 hrs, B/1-50 detained 2 males who were hiding in a fish boat, with nets covering them, at CR020820. At 1505 hrs, 2d plat, A/1-50 was engaged by the enemy with 30 rds of AK fire, grenades, and a satchel charge from a bunker at BR978842. The bunker was destroyed, resulting in 2 VC KIA, and 1 M26 hand grenade CIA. There were 2 US WIA in the action. One male was also detained in the area; he had no ID card. At 1800 hrs a secondary explosion was observed during a trail runner fire mission by the artillery at BR988770-BR995767. Hawkeye checked out the area with neg results. During this period there were no combined patrols and 3 combined ambushes.

19 Jul 1969. At 0755 hrs, 2d plat B/1-50 found a booby trap (155 MM RD), which they blew in place, at CR000832. At 0800 hrs. an element from the 41st ARVN regiment tripped a booby trap (M*26 grenade) at CR033736 resulting in 1 ARVN WIA and 1 civilian wounded. At 0812 hrs, 1st plat, B/1-50 detained 2 males, with no ID cards at CR021827. At 0949 hrs. 2d plat. B/1-503 found a booby trap (M-26) at CR005790. An RF, who shot at it with an M-79 and blew it, received a shrapnel wound from the explosion. At 1050 hrs, 2d plat. A/1-503 detained one male, who was running away and stopped when a warning shot was fired, at BR959866. At 1457 hrs, 2d plat, B/1-503 found a claymore mine booby trap at CR003804. They also detained 1 female who fled the area when the patrol approached the booby trap. At 1530 hrs, B/1-50 detained 8 males at CR026817, who had fled into the sea in Sampans and were driven back to shore by a navy swift boat. At 1645 hrs, an element of the 41st ARVN regiment, engaged an unknown size enemy force at BR937593 resulting in 1 VC KIA, 2 VC

CIA, and 2 M-26 grenade CIA. During this period there was 1 combined patrol and 3 combined ambushes.

20 Jul 1969. At 0400 hrs the 2d Co. 3d Bn, 41st ARVN regt rec'd 1 grenade in their CP at CR053746, resulting in 1 ARVN WIA and 2 civilians WIA. At 0718 a clearing patrol from the CP at A/1-503 BR956859 found and detained one male hiding in the bushes near the CP. The 2d plat A/1-503 was engaged by 3-4 VC 200 meters to the north with AK47, M16 and M79 at 0855 at BR68881. They returned fire and searched the area with negative findings. One US WIA as a result of the contact. At 1148 2/B/1-50 detained 12 males and 4 females who fled when they spotted US troops in the area at CR004852. An IPW team went out to check them out and detained 3 males and one female out of the group. At 1218 1A/1-50 found one Sphygmomanometer marked "made in china", 1 bottle of liquid used in preparing penicillin, some vitamin capsules, an empty tetracycline tablet bottle, and one thermometer, all hidden in haystacks, hedgerows, and hooches at BR978841. At 1545, A/1-50 found 5 lbs of gun powder and two lighters with "4-31st" inscribed on them at BR974841. They also detained two females at this location. At 1850 a ton vehicle from the Prov Tank Co attached to 1-50 hit and killed a 2 yr old male child who ran in front of the vehicle at BR914842. At 2115 B/1-503 at their CP location BR973797 spotted 4 VC two with weapons at BR983797. 81mm mortar illum was fired and the VC hit the ground. A patrol was sent out and when they got within 400 meters at the enemy location the VC got up and ran. The patrol opened up and believe they hit one with an M60. However, as soon as they opened up on the VC, RFs in the area opened up on them, so they returned to their CP with results of the contact unknown. During this period there were no combined opns.

21 Jul 1969. At 0905 B/1-50th in a combined cordon and search operation with the 43rd RF Group detained four females at CR043790 who were extracted for questioning. At 1030 1st Co. 3d Bn, 41st ARVN REGT tripped a booby trapped M26 grenade at CR002735 resulting in 1 ARVN WIA. At 1305 A/1-50 detained one male at BR998834 who was crawling around the perimeter of their CP. At 1600, 2/A/1-503 detained 1 male at BR997855. At 1730 2/A/1-503 detained 1 female at BR982842 who ran when she saw them approaching. At 2035 Bridge 7 took 12-15 rds of sniper fire. Arty was fired on BR88054 with unk results. There was one combined cordon and search opn and 2 combined ambushes.

22 Jul 1969. At 0524 2/A/1-50 made contact with 2-3 VC at BR984834. Neg results. At 0730 the 45th PF plat made contact with an estimated plat of VC at BR868704 resulting in 2 PF WIA. AT 0006 2/B/1-503 tripped an M26 booby trap at BR996799 resulting in 2 US WIA. At 1025 2/A/1-50 found a 155 booby trap at BR990844. At 1035 2/B/1-503 detained 2 males at BR996799, the area where they hit the booby trap. At 1100 2/1/1-50 found a crock buried in the ground containing documents (7lbs) uniforms, and medical supplies, at BR990844. B/1/50th detained one male at CR008844 at 1340. At 1345, 2/A/1-50 detained one male and two females at BR990844 the area where they found the documents. At 1500 1/A/1-50 found 10 arty charges at BR995838. During this period there were no combined patrols and 4 combined ambushes.

23 Jul 1969 At 0806 2/B/1-503 detained one male at BR982788. At 1100 2 male VC entered the CP of B/1-50 CR015816 with safe conduct passes and Chieu Hoi'd. they told of a friend in a nearby village who also want to Chieu Hoi but was afraid. Then at 1245 another male VC Chieu Hoi'd to B/1-50 at CR006816. At 1250 2/A/1-503 detained 1 male at BR968859. The 3d sub of W4, 41st ARVN captured one female VC a nurse at CR035694 at 1500. At 1645 2/A/1-503 found a small enemy base camp large enough for approx 10 VC at BR948870-BR947871. The camp consisted of 7 bunkers, 2 Ops, and 2 escape routes with fresh trails indicating hurried departure. The camp was destroyed by the 2d plat. During this period there were no combined patrols and 1 combined ambush.

24 Jul 1969. At 0200 an element of the 41st ARVN Regt while in their ambush position, rec'd M79 fire at CR021701, resulting in one ARVN WIA. At 1342 2/A/1-50 found 3 male VC hiding in a tunnel at BR993830. They also detained 3 females in the same area. At 1515 they found three M26 frags, documents, and photographs (including a picture of one of the detainees standing next to an NVA soldier) in the tunnel. They destroyed the tunnel along with another one they found about 50 metres from it. At 1815 B/1-50 engaged 3-4 VC at 300 meters distance at CR003803 with neg results. During this period there were two combined patrols and one combined ambush.

25 Jul 1969. At 0100 the 719 RF Co engaged 8 VC who came out of a tunnel at CR003804. Of the 8, 3 had wpns. The RFs managed to detain the 5 without wpns, the others got away. One RF was WIA.

At 0745 the 1st & 2d plat of A/1-50 detained one male at BR992829. At 1009 1/B/1-50 detained one male at BR981799. At 1015 2/A/1-503 rec'd approx 30 rds of sniper fire from 2-3 VC at BR973863. They returned fire and swept the area with neg results. At 1230 3d Co, 4th Bn, 41st ARVN regt engaged an estimated squad of VC at BR938593 resulting in one female VC KIA. At 1330 2/B/1-50th found and destroyed a tunnel at CR007799. At 1620 A/1-50 reported that an M26 booby trap was tripped by civilians at BR991828 resulting in one little girl KIA and 2 mama sans WIA. In checking out the area, A/1-50 found 6 new punji pits which were destroyed. At 1645 2/A/1-503 rec'd AW fire at BR970880. The enemy fled when gunships came on station Hawkeye relocated the enemy at BR966880. The 2d plat went to this area to check it out with neg results. At 1820 an element of the 41st ARVN regt rec'd sniper fire at CR023682 res in one RF WIA. At 1825 the 2/B/1-503 engaged 8 VC at CR004783 resulting in 2 VC KIA. They searched the contact area and found a blood trail leading south. At 1943 a VN civilian with a gunshot wound came to the CP of 1/1-50 and told them that 3VC came into his village and shot him and 2 girls. The RFs went to the village and claim they shot one of the VC but the VC had taken the body from the village. At 2230 A/1-50 CP BR987833 rec'd about 30 rds of SA fire from the north. Neg cas. There were 3 combined patrol and 2 combined ambush.

26 Jul 1969. At 0955 1/S/1-50 detained one male at BR993825. At 1210 1/B/1-503 found a man made cave big enough for 4 people at BR978780 which they destroyed, a hurried departure was indicted by the fact that various equipment was left behind. At 1540 1/A/1-50 rec'd SA fire from the west at BR987836. The patrol checked out the are with neg results. At 1700 1/a/1-50 found a claymore mine set up as a booby trap at BR983837. At 1805 2/B/1-50 found a sandbag with a claymore mine and 6 M16 rds in it at CR002804. At 1815 3/B/1-503 set off an M26 booby trap at BR990800 resulting in one US WIA. At 2015 1/A/1-50 engaged 2 VC at BR995825 with neg results. During this period there were two combined patrols and 2 combined ambushes.

27 Jul 1969 At 1055 1/A/1-50 found a tunnel (8' long) at BR998825 which they destroyed. At 1420 a wounded RF from 298 RF Co entered the CP of A/1-50 CR003818 and said he and four other RFs were engaged by an unknown size enemy force. At 1445 the Scouts reported that the 732 RF Co camping outside of LZ Uplift BR911741 rec'd 50 cal and AK fire and possibly 1 or 2 mtr rds, from 5-9 VC. The enemy fled in unknown direction. At 1715 1/A/1-50 found and destroyed 2 bunkers at BR998822. They extracted several documents from one of the bunkers. Also a boy who was near the bunker was detained by the 298 RF Co. At 1920 the ambush element of 3/B/1-503 spotted six people one with a rucksack at CR007779. Dusters and arty fired on them with unk results. At 1925 2/A/1-503 rec'd one M79 rd into their night loc BR956859 from the SE resulting in 3 US WIA. At 1950, 3d sub, W3, 41st ARVN captured a VC liaison man at CR038735. At 2106 1/B/1-503 rec'd 2 frags and SA fire from the south into their NL. neg casualties. At 2340 B/1-50 reported that the 156 RF Co near his location received four M79 rds and SA fire from the south. Two APCs were sent out from B/1-50 to check out the area CR041790 with neg results. During this period there were 3 combined patrols and 4 combined ambushes.

28 Jul 1969. At 0700, A/1/503 picked up four detainees at BR968880. At 1035 Prov Tank Co reported VC sniper action BR905855 on two 2 ton trucks. Neg results. At 1430 B/1-50 rec'd four detainees from hamlet chief who said were VC sympathizers CR042790. At 1550 A/1-50th found a 105 mm mine BR983837. At 1800 A/1-503 patrol spotted VC with weapon (BR945858), while in pursuit they jumped one VC, resulting in KIA of one VC. Also one VN woman was WIA from a stray round, dustoff. At 1810 B/1-503 patrol engaged three VC BR983782 with negative results. At 2000 41st ARVN 1st sub of W4 ambushed 2 sqds of VC resulting in four VC KIAs, one M1 rifle CIA, various documents CIA BR921623. During this period there were 17 patrols of which three were combined opns. There were eight ambushes of which five were combined opns.

29 Jul 1969. At 0808 1/B/1-503 hit an M26 booby trap at BR975785 resulting in 3 US WIA. At 1045 2/A/1-503 rec'd one M79 rd from NE at BR95689. Neg cas or results. At 1150 2/A/1-50 found an ammo can buried in the floor of an old hooch at BR991842, which contained some paper and possibly a diary. The documents were extracted. At 1409 2/A/1-50 found a claymore set up in a hedgerow, with the detonator in a nearby hooch at BR995836. At 1550 1/A/1-50 found another ammo can with papers in it buried in the ground at BR998816. At 1820 2/B/1-503 engaged two VC one of whom saw them and handed some documents to a female with them at BR991799, resulting in one VC KIA. They detained the female and also a male who was in the area. The documents were with the girl when they detained her. At 1910 3/B/1-503 spotted 6-7 VC near their ambush location at BR992786, two of which had wpns and two of which had ruck sacks. A 2d plat patrol sent to the location to help and

made contact at about 150 meters. They reported that they hit one VC but he was carried off by the others. At 2010 3d Co, 4th Bn, 41ARVN ambushed an unk size enemy force at BR950625 resulting in one VC KIA, two M26 grenades CIA, and some documents CIA. During this period there were 4 combined patrols and 5 combined ambushes.

30 Jul 1969. At 0724 A/1-50 detained one male carrying handcuff BR993842. At 0820 B/1-503 engaged two VC with wpns and rucksacks with neg results CR005809. At 0840 B/1-50 investigated SA fire BR995803 found 5 RFs who had been ambushed resulting in one RF KIA and one VN civilian WIA, dusted off. At 0855 B/1-503 detonated M26 booby trap CR005805 resulting in 3 US WIAs, dustoff called. At 1015 A/1-503 detained 2 VN one of which was female carrying medical supplies BR963858-BR959860. At 1030 A/1-503 spotted one VN male who fled, fired warning shots, pursued, and finally caught him. In the pursuit two more VN males were seen and they ran but later returned for medical treatment. Dustoff called. At 1520 !/1-50 found claymore with wire leading into an abandoned hooch BR983837. At 1600 Prov Tank Co reported sniper fire on two VN trucks at BR903857, neg results. At 1620 B/1-503 engaged 4 VC with M16 BR986784. VC fled to booby trap area BR978788 detained 2 VN who knew area. At 2045 B/1-503 spotted 5 VC BR98878 engaged VC with SA fire with neg results. At 2200 41st ARVN 1 sub of W4 ambushed unk VC unit with SA fire resulting in one VC female KIA BR943634. During this period there were 14 patrols of which none were combined operations. There were 11 ambushes of which 7 were combined.

31 Jul 1969. At 0745 41st ARVN 1st Co 3d Bn rec'd SA fire resulting in 1 friendly WIA, dustoff called CR006728. At 0805 B/1-50 found claymore with detonator set up as a booby trap CR007813. At 0950 B/1-503 detained 1 male who said he was a VC worker BR956800. At 1022 A/1-50 rec'd SA fire from estimated squad VC force. Neg results BR982840. At 1205 A/1-50 found tunnel which they destroyed BR994838. At 1236 A/1-503 found 3 punji pits and detained 1 male BR942840. At 1600 A/1-50 detained 1 female who looked like a man and carried medical supplies BR996819. At 1900 B/1-50 detained 1 female and 1 male who VN said were VC workers CR007813. At 2100 B/1-50 reported SA fire and M79 rds CR042790 reaction force deployed with neg results. At 2155 A/1-50 ambush heard movement then rec'd two M79 rds, blew ambush, reaction force deployed with neg results BR996838. During this period there were 14 patrols of which one was combined operation. Also there were 11 ambushes of which 8 were combined operations.