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SUBJECT: Operational Report of 3d Battalion (Ambl), 506th Infantry for
Period Ending 31 January 1970, RCS GSFOR-65 (R2)

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1. Operations: Significant Activities.

A. Significant Activities: November 1969

(1) On 1 November, 1/D/3-506, vicinity ZTL60425, picked up a Chu Hoi with information that in a village north of their present locale was a weapons cache and six more Chu Hoi's. He also stated that he knew of a VC Battalion, one days travel to the north. The Chu Hoi was extracted to LZ Betty. At vicinity ZT221444, CP and 2/D/3-506 engaged two VC wearing green uniforms moving east to west with no weapons. A sweep of the area had negative results. At vicinity ZTL53454, 1/D/3-506 found an ammo cache containing thirty-eight rounds of B-40 rockets and twenty 60mm mortar rounds. All rounds were extracted to LZ Betty.

(2) On 2 November, CP/D/3-506, at vicinity ZTL64435, engaged two VC wearing gray clothing, no weapons, and moving east to west an estimated one hundred meters away. A sweep of the area was conducted with negative results. At vicinity ZT224436, 1/A/3-506 requested a dustoff for one pack who sustained a punji stake wound.

(3) On 13 November, at vicinity BQ263099, CP/D/3-506 captured one VC wearing a khaki uniform and a boonie hat. He was 32 years old and had an aged bullet wound in his leg.

(4) On 16 November, at vicinity BQ374158, 3/A/3-506 received four RPG rounds and small arms fire from an unknown size enemy force. Friendlies employed 81mm mortars and small arms with negative results. There were negative friendly casualties.

B. Significant Activities: December 1969

(1) On 1 December, 1/3/D/3-506, at vicinity BQ263086, moved into an old bunker complex. Five montagnards (two children, two women, and one man) walked into their position. The man was captured but the other four escaped. The POW was extracted to FSB Chu Kuk. At vicinity BQ263086, 3/D/3-506 reported thirty bunkers 8'x3'x4' with 2' overhead cover, one hootch 7'x5'x12', and a pile of benches. All items were destroyed. The C&C helicopter from the 3/506 at vicinity BQ262104, located two VC hiding under bushes. They were fired at by the 60mm gunners with unknown results.

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(2) On 4 December, a six man recon team from 1/D/3-506, vicinity BQ 163223, initiated contact at fifty meters with two VC moving from south to north along a trail. The VC fled to the north with one blood trail heading north. Friendly artillery was employed for 25 minutes with unknown results.

(3) On 5 December, 1/D/3-506, vicinity BQ303043, received 30-40 rounds of automatic weapons fire and one unknown HE round. Friendly artillery was employed in the area of fire with unknown results. A sweep of the area was made and two bunkers 3'x3'x3' with 2' overhead cover estimated at 1 1/2 months old were found with signs of recent use. There were negative friendly casualties.

(4) On 6 December, Recon Team 41, vicinity BQ227004, observed three VC moving northeast to southwest. Team 41 initiated contact at 50 meters and received return fire. Gunships were called and one tracker team and one scout dog team were inserted. The results were one VC KIA. There were negative friendly casualties.

(5) On 10 December, FSB Chu Kuk received four rounds of B-40 rocket fire from an estimated location of BQ209170. At vicinity BQ231170, 1/B/3-506 received one round of B-40 fire. Eighty-one millimeter mortar and artillery were employed with unknown results.

(6) On 16 December, FSB Chu Kuk, received three rounds of unknown type mortar fire from vicinity BQ223179. All rounds landed outside of the perimeter. Artillery and mortar fire were employed with unknown results.

(7) On 17 December, at vicinity BQ152127, Headquarters 4, a 1/2 ton jeep, received five to ten sniper rounds, of which three hit the vehicle while returning from Ban Ma Thuot along Highway 21. There were negative friendly casualties.

C. Significant Activities: January 1970

(1) On 1 January, vicinity BR6184, during resupply of D/3-506, a logistic aircraft received ground fire from an unknown size enemy force. The mortar section attached to D/3-506 fired in support with negative results.

(2) On 2 January, vicinity BR603845, 2/D/3-506 made light contact when four enemy walked into their night defensive position. Results were one VC/NVA KIA; two captured bolt action rifles, and a blood trail with negative results. There were negative friendly casualties. At vicinity BR627854, 1/D/3-506 discovered and destroyed a 1,000 pound wheat cache. 3/C/3-506 received approximately ten rounds of AK-47 fire. There were no friendly casualties.

(3) On 3 January, vicinity BR632837, 2/D/3-506 received sporadic automatic weapons fire from the south. Friendlies employed artillery and M-79 fire with negative results. There were no friendly casualties. 3/3/A/3-506, vicinity BR631179, found twenty bunkers 4'x4'x4' with 2' overhead cover, 1 letter, medicine, 500 rolls of twine, fish net, North Vietnamese coins, 1 sweat shirt, one pair of

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shorts, two empty TNT boxes, beads, pills, bandages, needles, bananas, jugs, basket, one SES rifle and two rounds of ammo, seven spider holes, 2,400 lbs of rice, and three pigs. The SES rifle, letter, medicine, and TNT boxes were extracted while all other findings were destroyed. At vicinity BR629858, 1/D/3-506 found 12 fresh hootches, six bunkers 4'x4'x8' with 18" overhead cover, thirty AK-47 rounds, one m-16 round, 25-30 pigs, three documents, one transmitter radio (brand name NEVICO), one booby-trap (unknown type), three bundles of punji stakes, one 7mm round (NAGINT), 300 rounds of RPD machine gun ammo, and thirty RPG rounds.

(4) On 4 January, vicinity BR690821, a logistics helicopter detected a suspected radar site. An airstrike was employed on the suspected site with unknown results.

(5) On 5 January, vicinity BR617844, 3/D/3-506 found three hootches 2'x25'x6', one rucksack (NVA), three bunkers 5'x6'x2' with 2' overhead cover, two tunnels 10'x5'x2', five khaki uniforms, assorted LBE, documents, knives, one bag of heroin; also, one freshly worked garden plot 200'x300'. The documents, rucksack, khaki uniforms, knives and bag of heroin were extracted and all other findings were destroyed.

(6) On 6 January, Recon Team 1, vicinity BR586848, spotted eight to ten VC/NVA wearing green and grey uniforms. Friendly artillery was employed with unknown results.

(7) On 7 January, vicinity BR566872, 3/D/3-506 found one hootch and one ton of wheat. The findings were destroyed.

(8) On 8 January, vicinity BR612837, 3/C/3-506 found one aid station 7'x7' on 3' stilts approximately one week old, one 1,000cc IV empty, several pairs of scissors, plastic bag with blood on it, cotton swabs, marijuana, streptomycin, penicillin, and a trail running north to the river. The streptomycin and penicillin was extracted for read out, all other findings were destroyed.

(9) On 9 January, vicinity BR618850, D/3-506 received one unknown type rocket round inside of their perimeter. The rocket was a dud and was destroyed by a demolition team. At vicinity BR663752, B/3-506 initiated contact with one VC/NVA resulting in one VC/NVA KIA, one AK-47 with bayonet CIA, typewritten pass, wallet with documents, two packages of marijuana, two spoons, chopsticks, GI pon, GI underwear, green pants and shirt, hammock, two homemade grenades, insect repellent, toothbrush and paste, sleeping bag and French soap. Documents identify the VC/NVA as a member of the 507th Unit. The AK-47, wallet and documents were extracted for readout. There was one US WIA in the contact.

(10) On 10 January, vicinity BR663752, B/3-506 searched one VC/NVA that was killed at their location the previous night. The VC/NVA was wounded by enemy mine and killed by 40mm fire and fragmentation grenades. The results were one VC/NVA KIA; 1 AK-47 (28) magazine, documents, sleeping gear (poncho,

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hammock, sleeping bag), and two home made grenades CIA. He was wearing GI underwear, green pants and shirt. At vicinity BR616788, 2/2/A-3-506, found eleven hootches, 7'x12'x9'; seven bunkers of which four were 3'x3'x2' and three 5'x5'x2'; ten pigs, twenty chickens, one M-16 magazine, forty rounds of M-16 ammo, a jar of rice, twenty bags of cotton, rice, meat, tobacco, fish line and net, three pairs of NVA gray uniforms, assorted knives, one medical kit, assorted bowls, one unknown type bolt from an unknown type of weapon, one rubber rain jacket (US Army with ABN patch), two ammo pouches, one washing machine, 800 pounds of grain. The gray uniforms, M-16 magazine with ammo, medical kit were extracted and all other items were destroyed.

(11) On 11 January, vicinity BR605785, A/3-506 engaged five to six VC/NVA and two more VC/NVA at vicinity BR599790 with small arms. Friendly artillery was employed with negative results. The VC/NVA were wearing black pajamas.

(12) On 12 January, vicinity BR603843, 1/D/3-506 found and destroyed one hootch 6'x5'x5' and seven baskets of wheat, approximately 1,000 pounds. At vicinity BR628789, 3/A/3-506 engaged three VC/NVA. The results were one VC/NVA KIA, and one AK-47 CIA; Friendly - one WIA. At vicinity BR608831, 3/C/3-506 found one hootch, a cache of medical papers, marijuana and some rice. One French sub-machine pistol and one 98 mauser were also found. The French sub-machine pistol, 98 mauser and medical papers were extracted.

(13) On 13 January, vicinity BR606786, 2/A/3-506 engaged three to four VC/NVA with small arms. There were negative results. At vicinity BR609789, 1/2/A/3-506 found two hootches made of bamboo 6'x5'x7' on 3' stilts with logs covering the roof, two bushels of corn, one stalk of bananas, four bushels of wheat and grain, four balls of twine, and sewing equipment. One hundred meters to the northeast, two more hootches were found containing four tons of grain. All findings were destroyed. At vicinity BR598843, 1/D/3-506 found three hootches, one bunker with 1,800 pounds of rice, and also spotted one VC/NVA. The rice was destroyed.

(14) On 14 January, vicinity BR608829, the logistic aircraft received small arms fire. 3/C/3-506 conducted a RIF of the area with negative results. At vicinity BR604853, 2/D/3-506 found seven hootches, one mortar tube (later turned out to be a 105mm shell casing), with one VC/NVA KIA by small arms.

(15) On 18 January, vicinity BS809112, 3/A/3-506 engaged five VC/NVA with small arms and automatic weapons. Gunships from the Mini Cav were requested and came up on station. The results were one NVA KIA wearing a Khaki uniform, two pith helmets, one US canteen, one US pistol belt, and one US poncho. All items were destroyed. At vicinity BS840152, D/3-506 found twelve caves: one of which contained one pair of gray pajamas. Ho Chi Minh sandal tracks approximately two days old were found on a trail running north and south. The gray pajamas were destroyed.

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(16) On 19 January, 3/A/3-506, vic BS822108, found one NVA grave approximately three weeks old containing one dead man wearing an OD green shirt and who had been killed by small arms fire. At vicinity BS835100, 3/A/3-506 was engaged by an estimated enemy squad from a distance of 25 meters with AK and small arms fire and chicom grenades. The friendlies returned small arms and automatic weapons fire causing the NVA to flee the area. A sweep of the area resulted in one AK-47 magazine and 70 AK rounds CIA. The results were: Friendly - one KIA, two WIA; Enemy - unknown. Gunships were requested and came up on station. At vicinity BS878100, B/3-506 received sniper fire after the departure of the last helicopter of their combat assault. B/3-506 received sporadic automatic weapons and small arms fire from a ridge line at vicinity BS818100. Gunships were requested and arrived in support; and, the enemy fire ceased. B/3-506 made a sweep of the area finding fresh footprints, numerous trails, and foxholes with camouflage which were apparently of a permanent nature and still under construction. The findings were destroyed. At vicinity BS812-50, D/3-506 reported receiving RPG rounds. A sweep of the area was conducted with negative findings.

(17) On 20 January, at vicinity BS821110, 1/E/3-506 observed a well used trail which had been used by a south-bound company size element within the last 24 hours. Gunships were employed with negative results. At vicinity BS823101, A/3-506 was engaged by an unknown enemy size force when they tried to recover the body of the A/3-506 KIA inflicted during the sporadic contact started on the 19th of January. A/3-506 had an individual WIA in the attempted retrieval of the KIA. At vicinity BS822107, 3/A/3-506 was engaged by NVA/VC with small arms, frags and one claymore mine. Gunships were employed which resulted in one VC/NVA KIA by gunships. Also A/3-506 had two individuals WIA by the gunships due to the close proximity of the ordinance. At vicinity BS 822107, 3/A/3-506 sighted and engaged two NVA wearing khaki uniforms, pith helmets and Ho Chi Minh sandals. The results were two VC/NVA KIA, two chicom AK-50 rifles and two chicom grenades CIA. The commanding officer of A/3-506 was a WIA but only slightly injured.

(18) On 22 January, at vicinity BS809102, 1/D/3-506 received AK-47 fire. A sweep of the area was conducted with negative results.

(19) On 23 January, at vicinity BS806118, the logistic helicopter received sniper fire. A sweep of the area was conducted by 3/C/3-506 with negative results. At vicinity BS820110, D/3-506 found a VC/NVA grave with a corpse estimated to be 3-5 days old. The man had been killed by artillery. At vicinity BS820110, 2/3/D/3-506 found some caves which contained NVA/VC clothing and signs of recent activity. At vicinity BS829109, Recon Team 2 sighted a raft in the river near their locale. Artillery was employed with unknown results. At vicinity BS802118, 2/E/3-506 sighted a campfire or flare approximately 900 meters to the west. Friendly and enemy was employed with unknown results. At vicinity BS805107, Recon Team 2 heard movement outside of their night locale. The enemy engaged friendlies from a distance of 50 meters with frag grenades.

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Friendly artillery and 4.2" mortars were employed with unknown results. Recon Team 2 was hit by one B-40 rocket and 60mm mortar. Once again artillery and 4.2" mortars were employed with unknown results. At vicinity BS756087, Recon Team 2 received small arms fire (AK-47). The results were friendly - negative casualties; enemy - unknown.

(20) On 24 January, at vicinity BS756087, Recon Team 2 while making a search of the area that gunships worked out in the night before found numerous trails many of which had blood signs. Dodies appeared to have been dragged off during the night. The team leader estimated that out of the platoon size VC/NVA force there had been two KIA and eight WIA during the night. At vicinity BS756086 Recon Team 2 engaged two NVA at 25 meters with negative results. The majority of the enemy seemed to have good cover in the rocks and over-hangs in the area. One VC/NVA wearing a blue uniform was seen firing at the gunships which were drawing heavy automatic weapons fire. At vicinity BS756086, Recon Team 2 reported that they were surrounded and had two WIA. 3/C/3-506 was airlifted from PD Tape and combat assaulted to the contact area, vicinity BS757080. A link up with Recon Team 2 was effected vicinity BS756086. Recon Team 2 was extracted and taken to LZ North English. 3/C/3-506 remained in the contact area.

(21) On 25 January, at vicinity BS833096, 1/D/3-506 was engaged by an unknown size enemy force. An enemy hand grenade thrown from a distance of 25 meters northwest of the patrol initiated the contact resulting in one US WIA. Gunships were scrambled from LZ English. The Battalion Commander attempted a dustoff in the Command-Control helicopter, but heavy ground-fire forced the helicopter from affecting the dustoff. The C&C helicopter received an undetermined number of hits causing it to return to LZ English for repairs. At vicinity BS833096, USAF FAC plane was on station to direct airstrikes in the contact area. There were three airstrikes on Hill 474. C(-)/3-506 was informed to prepare to move to the contact area of vicinity BS833096. At vicinity BS832106, 3/D/3-506 began receiving a heavy volume of fire from an unknown size enemy force. At vicinity BS833096, Air Cav from the 173rd Airborne Brigade were requested to support C and D/3-506. At vicinity BS833096, 1/D/3-506 had four US KIA and two WIA (neither serious). At vicinity BS833096, C/3-506 engaged one NVA with small arms fire with unknown results. At vicinity BS833096, C/3-506 reported one confirmed NVA KIA and possibly another NVA KIA or seriously wounded with both casualties in a cave. At vicinity BS833096, while attempting a dustoff to evacuate two US WIA from 1/D/3-506, the dustoff pilot was wounded in the face (gunshot in the mouth). At vicinity BS833096, C/3-506 requested a dustoff with a hoist for a US WIA with a sucking chest wound. At vicinity BS833096, the WIA from C/3-506 died as a result of wounds. At vicinity BS825120, a combat skypot was flown.

(22) On 26 January, vicinity BS825105, C/3-506 reported that from the action of 25 January 1970 two VC/NVA KIA; also, one US M-16 was captured by the VC from C/3-506 KIA. The Battalion Commander evacuated the body of the C/3-506 KIA. At vicinity BS825105, 2/A/3-506 a dustoff was completed for two US KIA. At vicinity BS795105, 1/A/3-506 reported receiving sniper fire and movement in the surrounding wood. At vicinity BS796105, 2/A/3-506 swept an area where they had reported sniper fire. The area resulted in 3/A/3-506 con-

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gaging two VC/NVA with unknown results. At vicinity BS016100, C/3-506 received AK-47 fire from the southeast. At vicinity BS835103, 3/D/3-506 received AK fire. At vicinity BS025103, 2/D/3-506 received small arms fire. At vicinity BS027097, 1/D/3-506 engaged one NVA wearing khakis. The 173rd Abn Dde notified the TF 3-506 that it was engaging a one or two Battalion size force. At vicinity BS8110, C/3-506 reported one US WIA. At vicinity BS825103, D/3-506 was combat assaulted from LZ North English. At vicinity BS825103, 3/D/3-506 received small arms fire on a LZ. At vicinity BS835102, 3/D/3-506 reported one US WIA from contact in that area. At vicinity BS8309, D/3-506 directed USAF Flare and gunship in support of the contact in that area. At vicinity BS728167/730194/730185, FB Tape observed lights. Artillery was employed with unknown results.

(23) On 27 January, at vicinity BS838087, D/3-506 found two NVA KIA from previous contact on 26 January 70. At vicinity BS830095, C/3-506 observed two NVA on a ridge line moving into a rock cave. At vicinity BS834103, a LOH from the 173rd Air Cav was shot down by NVA fire, resulting in two US WIA (ambulatory). At vicinity BS834102, 1/C/3-506 found a cave complex and observed an NVA soldier in the distance. A hand grenade was thrown resulting in one possible NVA KIA. At vicinity BS834092, 2/D/3-506 received AK-47 fire.

(24) On 28 January, at vicinity BS833105, 1/B/3-506 engaged three NVA walking around a fire in the rocks of the area resulting in three possible NVA KIA. At vicinity BS828096, C/3-506 observed and heard an NVA moving below their position. The NVA were engaged with small arms with unknown results. The NVA were wearing shorts and did not have on shirts or carrying weapons. At vicinity BS833105, 3/B/3-506 observed and engaged one NVA in the open with unknown results. At vicinity BS832103, 3/B/3-506 engaged an unknown size NVA force. The results were: three US KIA, one US WIA; two M-16 rifles, approximately twenty M-16 magazines (loaded), one M-79 grenade launcher and 70 M-79 HS rounds were captured by the NVA. At vicinity BS832103, an officer from the 3/D/3-506 was KIA. At vicinity BS826096, C/3-506 engaged an unknown size NVA force with unknown results. At vicinity BS820115, the last slick to leave the PZ of 4/3-506 combat assault was engaged by NVA with small arms fire. Gunships engaged NVA with unknown results.

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2. Lessons Learned: Commanders Observations, Evaluations, and Recommendations.

A. Inclosures:

- (1) Personnel
- (2) Intelligence
- (3) Operations
- (4) Organization
- (5) Training
- (6) Logistics
- (7) Communications
- (8) Materiel
- (9) Other

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Inclosure 1 (Personnel) to ORLL

1. General.

a. 94820

b. E-3-49, E-4-114, E-5-44, E-6-12, E-7-10, E-8-2

c.	<u>E-2</u>	<u>E-3</u>	<u>E-4</u>	<u>E-5</u>	<u>E-6</u>	<u>E-7</u>
November	1	5	99	35	4	0
December	1	14	89	38	7	0
January	0	7	118	31	8	1

2. PERSONNEL.

a.	<u>OFF</u>	<u>WO</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>AGC</u>
Auth	50	2	950	1,002
Asg	49	1	880	930
EDY	47	1	783	831

b. (1)	<u>OFF</u>	<u>WO</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>AGC</u>
KIA	1	0	9	10
WIA	2	0	24	26
MIA	0	0	0	0
DEROS & ETS	16	1	211	228
Transfers	4	0	102	106

(2)	<u>OFF</u>	<u>WO</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>AGC</u>
Reassignment gains	14	0	324	338
Hospital losses	1	0	43	44

c. (1) Losses: Bn CO, Bn XO, Bn S-3, Bn S-2, CSM

(2) Gains: Bn CO, Bn XO, Bn S-3, Bn S-5, CSM

d. Awards and Decorations:

(1) 0	(9) 12
(2) 0	(10) 0
(3) 1	(11) 3
(4) 1	(12) 2
(5) 0	(13) 22
(6) 3	(14) 151
(7) 2	(15) 15
(8) 0	(16) 0

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Inclosure 2 (Intelligence) to ORIL

1. GENERAL.

a. Organization: 2d VC MF Regt

HQ and Support Units

93d Bn

95th Bn

97th Bn

18th NVA Regt

HQ and Support Units

7th Bn

8th Bn

9th Bn

22nd NVA Regt

HQ and Support Units

7th Bn

8th Bn

9th Bn

200th Anti-Aircraft Bn

300th Artillery Bn

b. Estimated Strength:

2d VC MF Regt - 980

HQ and Support Units - 175

93d Bn - 255

95th Bn - 270

97th Bn - 280

18th NVA Regt - 1310

HQ and Support Units - 120

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7th Bn - 300

8th Bn - 300

9th Bn - 300

22d NVA Regt - 975

HQ and Support Units - 175

7th Bn - 300

8th Bn - 300

9th Bn - 300

200th Anti-Aircraft Bn - 250

300th Artillery Bn - 245

c. Probable Locations:

2d VC NF Bn - C Dinh Dinh (P)

18th NVA Regt

HQ and Support Units - BR 7363

7th Bn - BR 7574

8th Bn - BR 5950

9th Bn - BR 5952

22d NVA Regt

HQ and Support Units - BS 780135

7th Bn - BS 790215

8th Bn - BS 805115

9th Bn - BS 790085

200th Anti-Aircraft Bn - BS 8104

300th Artillery Bn - BS 8109

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2. DISPOSITION OF PRIMARY ENEMY UNITS

a. Significant Contacts:

- (1) On 251400H, vicinity BS 833096, 1/D/3-506 was engaged by an unknown size enemy force. 1 US was WIA. The C&C attempted to dust-off the WIA and received small arms fire. Gunships were employed and USAF fighters employed napalm on suspected enemy location. At 1543H, 1/D/3-506 was still receiving heavy AW and SA fire and the 1st and 2d platoons of C/3-506 were inserted into the contact area. At 1550H, a dustoff attempted to pick up 2 US KIA and 4 US WIA and received heavy SA fire. Dustoff was not completed. At 1710H, the 1/A/3-506 was inserted into the contact area. At 1815H, the 1/C/3-506 engaged 2 NVA wearing blue uniforms resulting in 1 US KIA, 1 M-16 MIA, 1 NVA KIA and 1 NVA KIA (Poss). From 26 Jan until 3 Feb all elements of the 3/506 and 3/3-503 stayed in a defensive position around Hill 474 while T&C Air, Gunships and US artillery were employed.

b. Enemy Capabilities:

- (1) Conduct platoon and company size ground attacks.
- (2) Conduct harrassing attacks by fire, ambushes and booby trap incidents against targets of opportunity.
- (3) Conduct standoff attacks against allied installations utilizing 62mm mortars.
- (4) Interdict OL-1.
- (5) Conduct Terrorist activity.

3. TERRAIN. No Change

4. WEATHER. Rainy season will continue until mid March 1970.

5. DECISIONS AND PLANS ADOPTED WITH REASONS BASED ON ENEMY SITUATION.

- a. Enemy Activity, intelligence reports and Operations in the vicinity of BS 825100 confirm the presence of an enemy battalion (Poss HQ/22d NVA).

6. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT LOSSES FOR 21 DEC 69 THRU 31 JAN 70.

12 VC/NVA KIA

10 SA CIA

USE OF RECON PLATOON.

- a. Recon 3/506 is being used in 6 recon teams and deployed in areas where enemy activity is suspected.

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Inclsure 3 (Operations) to ORIN

1. GENERAL. During the reporting period this unit conducted operations in support of the pacification effort in Northern Binh Dinh Province. At the beginning of the reporting RIF operations in Binh Thuan Province were conducted.

2. MAJOR OPERATION LISTED BY CODE NAME:

- a. Start and termination date thru 4 November 1969 continued OPCON to TF South in Operation Sheridan.
- b. Initiated OPCON to the 23d ARVN Division in Road Clearing Operation (Unnamed) 5-11 November 1969.
- c. Initiated OPCON to the First Brigade, 4th Division; Road Clearing Operations (Unnamed) 11 November 1969 thru 20 December 1969.
- d. Operation Washington Green, 21 December 1969 to present.

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Inclosure 4 (Organization) to ORLL

1. TASK ORGANIZATION.

a. The Task Organization of Task Force 3-506th Infantry at the beginning of the reporting period was as shown below:

- (1) A-3-506th Infantry
- (2) B-3-506th Infantry
- (3) C-3-506th Infantry
- (4) D-3-506th Infantry
- (5) E-3-506th Infantry
 - (a) Recon Platoon
 - (b) 4.2" Mortar Platoon
 - (c) 81mm Mortar Platoon
- (6) 1 Platoon, 326th Engineers (attached)
- (7) D-2-320 Artillery (DS)

b. 01-31 January 1970

- (1) A(-)/3-506 Infantry
1st platoon Company "A" 3-506 OPCON to E/17 Cav.
- (2) B/3-506 Infantry (OPCON to 3-503 from 9-18 January 1970).
- (3) C(-)/3-506 Infantry (264/1/C/3-506 OPCON to FSB Challenge in support of the 1st platoon "C" Btry, 3/319 Arty from 2-18 January 1970).
- (4) D/3-506 Infantry
- (5) E/3-506 Infantry
Recon Platoon, 4.2" Mortar Platoon, 81mm Mortar Platoon.
- (6) 1 Platoon, 326th Engineers (Attached)
- (7) D/2-320 Artillery (DS)
- (8) B/3-503 Airborne Infantry OPCON to 3/506 from 29 January 1970 to present.

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Inclosure 5 (Training) to OREL

1. TRAINING.

a. Training of the Reconnaissance Teams:

- (1) Observation: Invaluable information and techniques can be learned by talking and working with other members of an organization having relatively the same mission.
- (2) Evaluation: Recon Teams of the E/3-506, have been receiving training from Company "N", 75th Rangers. The method of instructions have been through a process of integrating members of the recon teams with in the ranger teams under field conditions (OJT). The Team Leader, 2Lt James A. Stone has been recommended for the ARCOM with V for action while under going training with Company "N", 75th Rangers, which is an example of the Currahee attitude of the Recon Teams.
- (3) Recommendations: An integrated school of instruction as the recon teams have been receiving has proved beneficial in reviewing and introducing the latest techniques of small unit reconnaissance.

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Inclosure 6 (Logistics) to ORLE.

I. GENERAL: S-4 Support

a. Class I

- (1) Class A 15,366
- (2) Class C 10,486
- (3) Class D Sundry Pack 737

b. Class II 151 Sets Fatigues DX or Cleaned.

c. Class III

- (1) Mogas 4,466 Gallons
- (2) Diesel 1,208 Gallons
- (3) Oil 38 Gallons

d. Class IV

- (1) 4.2" Mortar 1,334
- (2) 81mm Mortar 2,018
- (3) M1, 50 Cal 3,800
- (4) 7.62mm Rifle 32,600
- (5) 5.56mm Rifle 134,540

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Inclosure 7 (Communications) to ORLL

1. GENERAL: Signal operations continued with no major problems. Frequency over-ride occurred, but caused only minor interference.
2. MAINTENANCE SUPPORT FOR TACTICAL OPERATIONS. With the battalion moving rapidly and not staying in one position for more than 60 days, maintenance of communications equipment became a dominating problem. To counter this a forward repair shop was established utilizing a standard US Air Force Conex Container. The forward repair shop, which was usually located in the vicinity of the forward TOC, enabled the letter companies to rapidly receive much needed organizational maintenance. Additionally, mobile repair/maintenance teams were sent out to the various companies to perform spot maintenance and give classes in operators maintenance to the RTO's. During these maintenance classes plastic bags were given out for moisture protection of handsets. It was found that if a small bag of desiccant was placed in the plastic bag it would completely eliminate this moisture problem with handsets.
Moisture in the older AN/PRC-25's was eliminated by placing a small bag of desiccant inside the case of the radio. Previously 25% of our radios failed to function due to condensation inside the receiver/transmitter. We found this was caused by loose connections and defective rubber gaskets as a result of the tactical environment. During the months of November, December and January the 3rd Battalion (Airmobile), 506th Infantry has not had an AN/PRC-25 radio down for moisture problems even though it has rained continuously in the AO.

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Inlosure 8 (Material) to ORLL

1. GENERAL. During the reporting period civil affairs operations were performed exclusively in the Ban Me Thuot area in the surrounding villages of FSB Chu Kuk.
PSYOPS during the reporting period has been aimed at obtaining Kit Carson Scouts for the battalion.

2. CIVIC ACTIONS.

- a. November: While the battalion was conducting operations in the Ban Me Thuot area from FSB Chu Kuk the 3/506 medics conducted a series of medcap operations in the surrounding villages of FSB Chu Kuk. Approximately 264 patients were treated and 120 pounds of food and assorted candy were distributed to the participating villagers. Also during the month of November, English classes were given at the village school of Chu Kuk by a officer of the 3/506. The hours of instruction amounted to a total of ten.
- b. December: The 3/506 medics continued performing medcap operations in the vicinity of FSB Chu Kuk. Approximately 584 patients were treated and 36 pounds of assorted candy was distributed. Also 297 local villagers were inoculated with Polio, Tetanus and small pox vaccines.
- c. January: Due to the Military situation during the reporting period this Battalion has conducted negative Health Assistance and Community Relations Operations.

3. PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE.

During the reporting period all leaflet and loudspeaker missions were conducted by the 173rd Airborne Brigade.

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Inclosure 9 (Other) to ORLL

1. GENERAL.

a. Base Camp Support: The 3/506 Inf Aid Station provides unit level medical treatment to the men of the Battalion. Medical treatment is provided within the capabilities of the Battalion Surgeon. The Battalion Surgeon also advises commanders concerning preventive medicine and health problems within the Battalion. Those personnel needing medical consultation with a specialist are sent to 67th Evac Hospital Qui Nhon, RVN. When the Battalion was in Ban Me Thuot the patients were sent to the 8th Field Hospital or the 71st Evac Hospital.

b. Support on Tactical Operations: It is the policy of the Medical Platoon to provide medical aidmen to the Rifle Companies on a basis of one per platoon plus a senior medical aidman for the company CP. These personnel provide emergency medical care in tactical situations and also minor medical care while in the field. With the current tactical operation we have been maintaining three Aid Stations. We have maintained the permanent Aid Station in Phan Thiet and also an Aid Station with the forward Rear, formerly at LZ UPLIFT and now at LZ NORTH ENGLISH. We have also supplied a Aid Station at Firebase Abby, and presently at Firebase Tape. The reason for this is so that we can provide the maximum of medical coverage for the Battalion.

2. PREVENTIVE MEDICINE AND HEALTH OF THE COMMAND. The health of the Battalion remains good; the number of patient visits to the Aid Station has remained the same. For the month of January there is a slight increase due to the tactical operation.

3. STATISTICAL BREAKDOWN OF PATIENTS.

November 1969

a. Total number of patient visits to Aid Station:	351
b. Number of casualties (WIA, NBC):	0
c. Number of admissions to 8th Field Hospital	36
d. Number of returned to duty from 8th Field	30
e. Number deceased	0

December 1969

a. Total number of patient visits to the Aid Station	320
b. Number of casualties (WIA, NBC):	0
c. Number of admissions to 8th Field, 67th Evac:	31
d. Number of returned to duty:	30
e. Number deceased:	0

January 1970

a. Total number of patient visits to the Aid Station:	340
b. Number of casualties (WIA, NBC):	33
c. Number of admissions to 67th Evac:	58
d. Number of returned to duty:	41
e. Number deceased:	10

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4. ENVIRONMENT SANITATION. The Sanitation of the Rear area is very satisfactory, no major problems have been encountered in this area, either at LZ UPLIFT or LZ NORTH ENGLISH.
- a. Supply: S4 provides all needed materials for insect and rodent control.
 - b. Quality of Water: The water use by the 3/506 Inf is provided by the 173rd Engineers. The 926th Preventive Medicine Detachment tests the water daily to insure that it meets USARV requirements.
 - c. Insect and Rodent control remains adequate. Command emphasis on drug prophylaxis for malaria is stressed. A weekly urine test is taken every Tuesday and recorded.
5. OTHER MEDICAL SERVICES.
- a. Dental treatment is provided at Company "B" Medical.
 - b. UPLIFT DUSTOFF AND ENGLISH DUSTOFF is covering the Battalion for all medical emergencies.

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DA, Headquarters, I Field Force Vietnam, APO S.F. 96350 13 MAR 1970


TO: Commanding General, United States Army Vietnam, ATTN: AVHGC-DST, APO S. F. 96375

1. This headquarters has reviewed and evaluated subject Operational Report-Lessons Learned and concurs, except as indicated below.

2. Reference probable locations, Inclosure 2 paragraph 1c. The location of the 9th Battalion, 18th Regiment should be "BR 5929" not "BR 5952".

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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Abn Infantry for ~~Readout~~ Period 30 April 1970, RCS CSFOR-65 (R2)

TO: SEE DISTRIBUTION

1. Operations: Significant Activities.

A. Significant Activities: February 1970

(1) On 2 February at vicinity BS789119, Recon Team 2 3-506 was engaged by an unknown size enemy force. Gunships were requested and reported on station in support of the recon team. Results of the contact were 1 US KIA; enemy unknown.

(2) On 3 February at vicinity BS788115, Recon Team 2 3-506 reported being in heavy contact and was receiving RPD and AK fire from an unknown size enemy force. Results were 1 US KIA from an exploding M-16 cartridge; enemy unknown. At vicinity BS8210, 2/D/3-506 found two rucksacks with typed documents, medical supplies, 2 RPG rounds, 150 AK-47 rounds, and an undetermined number of B-40 detonators.

(3) On 4 February, vicinity BS788115, 1/A/3-506 engaged 2 VC/NVA with unknown results. At vicinity BS829101, 2/D/3-506 found twenty B-40 rounds, 8 shirts, 9 pair of pants, 2 hammocks, 50 feet of det cord, 100 feet of electrical wire, 6 shovels, 2 first aid kits, 11 chicom grenades, 6 anti-tank grenades RPG-37, 1 US M-25 grenade, 1 bag of explosives, 4000 rounds of AK-47 ammo, ten 100 pound bags of rice with documents hidden in the rice bags, five B-40 fuses, and 3 B-40 rocket launchers. At vicinity BS827106, C/3-506 made contact with an unknown size enemy force; gunships and a Hunter-Killer team were used in support. The gunships took small arms fire while on station. Results were 1 US KIA caused by friendly fragmentation grenade; enemy unknown.

(4) On 5 February, vicinity BS829101, 1/D/3-506 found a cache containing 325 pounds of rice, 2 canteens, 1 NVA rucksack, one 40 pound chicom shape charge, assorted documents, 2 underground streams in a tunnel and one NVA KIA by gunships approximately 5 days ago. The NVA was wearing black pajamas. At vicinity BS8310, 2/D/3-506 found 1 AK-47, 200 rounds of AK ammo, 8 VC rucksacks, 5 VC canteens, 1 VC entrenching tool, 400 lbs of rice, 1 pair of binoculars, an unknown amount of Laotian money, 2 NVA bodies, 9 lbs of C-4, 1 chicom grenade, 1 set of VC LBE, assorted documents and medical supplies. All items were extracted for readout.

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(5) On 6 February, vicinity BS833105, 1/D/3-506 engaged and captured a wounded NVA. The POW was evacuated to LZ English but died a short time later. At vicinity BS8310, D/3-506 found 1 AK-47 magazine with ammo, 18 NVA entrenching tools, 1160 lbs of rice, three first aid boxes, two NVA canteens, 100 rounds of AK-47 ammo, ten food containers, five pith helmets, one NVA pistol belt, 3 VC rice bags with eating utensils, 25 B-40 detonators, assorted documents and medical supplies. The AK-47, documents and medical supplies were extracted while all other findings were destroyed.

(6) On 7 February, vicinity BS818091, 1/A/3-506 engaged and killed one NVA wearing khaki shirt, black pajama pants, Bo Chi Minh sandals, and NVA belt with 2 AK-47 rounds. Documents were found on the NVA body and were extracted for read out.

(7) On 8 February, vicinity BS822088, 3/E/3-506 engaged one NVA resulting in one NVA possible KIA. The NVA was not pursued due to terrain disadvantage. At vicinity BS825103 (MPL 474), a logistical helicopter working under Task Force 3-506 spotted one NVA waving his hands to inform the helicopter that he wanted to rally as a Chieu Hoi. The log ship landed and extracted the Hoi Chanh to LZ English.

(8) On 9 February, vicinity BS821104, 3/C/3-506 engaged one NVA resulting in one NVA KIA with one AK-47 KIA. The NVA was digging in a sump at an old VC resupply position when 3/C/3-506 engaged him at a distance of 25 meters. The NVA was wearing green shirt and pants (not fatigues), 1 white T-shirt, a large belt with a 12 inch long bayonet attached, one green poncho, 30 rounds of AK ammo in a magazine and carrying one document. The AK-47 and document were extracted. At vicinity BS836104, 1/A/3-506 received AK fire from an unknown size NVA force. 2/D/3-506 received AK fire from vicinity BS825094. An enemy element was believed to have been situated between the two friendly elements. Another squad from 3/3-506 also received AK fire as did 3/3/A/3-506. Gunships supporting the elements also received ground fire. There were negative friendly casualties and unknown enemy results.

(9) On 10 February, vicinity BS827097, 3/3-506 received AK-47 fire from three NVA at 50 meters distance. Friendly element employed M-60 and M-79 fire with unknown results. There were negative friendly casualties. At vicinity BS8310, D/3-506 found two packages full of documents which appeared similar to 201 personal files. Documents were extracted for read out. At vicinity BS827097, 2/D/3-506 engaged one NVA resulting in one NVA KIA.

(10) On 11 February, vicinity BS829105, 1/A/3-506 engaged three VC/NVA resulting in one NVA KIA, one possible KIA, one AK-47 KIA, one machete, 3 magazines and two documents were also found. The documents and AK-47 were extracted.

(11) On 13 February, vicinity BS837107, 3/C/3-506 was engaged by an unknown size enemy force. Dustoff and gunships were requested and on station in

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the contact area. As the dustoff was attempted small arms fire downed the helicopter. The dustoff was completed by a gunship. The 3/C/3-506 WIA died. 3/C/3-506 reported two NVA/VC KIA with one credited to the gunships.

(12) On 14 February, vicinity BS846124, Recon Team 2 made a sweep of their ambush site from the previous night and found three NVA KIA. At vicinity BS834097, D/3-506 found in the C/3-506 contact area of 13 February, 3 VC/NVA KIA, three AK-47 rifles, five B-40 rounds, one B-40 rocket launcher, one chicom grenade, one RPD round, and assorted documents. The documents and weapons were extracted for read out.

(13) On 17 February, vicinity BS828083, 2/B/3-506 engaged one VC/NVA resulting in 1 NVA KIA. Shortly afterwards, 2/B/3-506 reported one more NVA KIA at the same location. At vicinity BS825088, 2/B/3-506 came upon 3 NVA going through their rucksacks and engaged them with 2 NVA KIA and one NVA WIA who managed to escape. The US element sustained 1 WIA and 1 KIA. frags were thrown into the area in which the NVA was believed to be hiding but results remained unknown. At vicinity BS828093, 2/D/3-506 trapped one VC/NVA in a cave resulting in one NVA KIA and one AK-47 CIA. At vicinity BS828093, 2/C/3-506 made contact with three NVA with negative results. Fougasse drops at vicinity BS828093 resulted in an estimated two NVA KIA.

(14) On 18 February, vicinity BS838090, 3/D/3-506 found three AK-47 and one RPD light machine gun. 3/B/3-506 found 1 NVA KIA with an AK-47 and rucksack; KIA was from their ambush on 17 February. At vicinity BS821080, B/3-506 found one VC KIA, who they had engaged on an ambush on 17 February. At vicinity BS832090, D/3-506 found three AK-47. At vicinity BS831093, 2/D/3-506 reported two US WIA by AK fire. A dustoff was completed but one of the wounded US died.

(15) On 19 February, vicinity BS826109, one Chieu Hoi rallied to C/3-506 GP. The Chieu Hoi was wearing grey uniform and did not have a weapon. At vicinity BS832095, C/3-506 received AK fire. At vicinity BS837097, 2/L/A/3-506 engaged an unknown size NVA force at a distance of 300 meters with unknown results. At vicinity BS838092, 2/L/A/3-506 had one anti flare activated and engaged an unknown size NVA force with (light) mines and small arms fire with unknown results. At vicinity BS839091, 3/B/3-506 engaged one NVA with small arms fire and frags at 10 meters. Movement was to the southeast and northeast. These were unknown results from the engagement. At vicinity BS839091, 3/B/3-506 engaged one NVA with small arms and frags at 150 meters south of their NDP (ambush). Results were unknown. At vicinity BS825080, 2/2/B/3-506 engaged two NVA with rucksack moving to the south with small arms fire and frags with unknown results.

(16) At vicinity BS835090, 3/L/D/3-506 found 1 NVA KIA while following a blood trail. No weapon was found. At vicinity BS825089, 3/B & GP/B/3-506 found one NVA rucksack, baskets, documents and maps. At vicinity BS832092,

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1/1/D/3-506 received a Chieu Hoi without a weapon. The Bn CO extracted the Hoi Chanh to LZ English for medical treatment and interrogation.

(17) On 21 February, at vicinity BS823085, 1/B/3-506 engaged one NVA in a cave by "tunnel rat" with a .45 caliber pistol resulting in one NVA KIA wearing green fatigues without a weapon. At vicinity BS826107, D/3-506 blew nine 55 gallon drums of persistent CS particles in caves. At vicinity BS832095, D/3-506 engaged five NVA in caves with small arms fire. Results: Negative friendly casualties; two NVA KIA, and 3 other NVA trapped in the caves. B/3-506 pumped 500 lbs of JP-4 fuel into caves where the three NVA were trapped. The JP-4 was ignited with unknown results. At vicinity BS826105, A/3-506 found three NVA entrenching tools, three B-40 rounds, thirty AK-47 rounds, three VC canteens, 15 pith helmets, one M-16 bandoleer with seven magazines, one opt sighting device, one US IV bottle, one NVA rucksack, one bottle of penicillin, and two containers of sulphate pills. At vicinity BS834090, 3/1/B/3-506 was engaged by an unknown size NVA force with hand grenades. Friendlies returned small arms fire resulting in one NVA KIA and one Possible NVA KIA. One US WIA was sustained.

(18) On 22 February, at vicinity BS834090, 1/D/3-506 found two bodies of NVA KIA from 212320 February 1970 ambush. One appeared to be an officer with documents and the other was a medic with medical supplies. At vicinity BS830093, 2/D/3-506 engaged one NVA in a cave with hand grenades. One NVA, severely injured by a fougasse trap on 13 February 1970 rallied as a Chieu Hoi. The Hoi Chanh was extracted to LZ North English for interrogation and initial medical treatment. Later the Hoi Chanh was extracted to Qui Nhon to the 67th Evac Hospital.

(19) On 23 February, at vicinity BS832092, 3/D/3-506 found two graves with two NVA KIA. Both bodies were badly burned by fougasse.

(20) On 24 February, at vicinity BS819203, 2/B/3-506 found a tunnel complex containing thirty one 82mm mortar rounds, one rucksack, eighteen fuses, seventy-five .52 caliber rounds in leather boxes, six cans of charges, and assorted documents. At vicinity BS822085, 2/B/3-506 employed hand fragmentation grenades in a cave where an unknown number of NVA were hiding. At vicinity BS822085, 2/B/3-506 engaged two VC/NVA with unknown results and negative friendly casualties.

(21) On 25 February, at vicinity BS850081, 2/B/3-506 found natural caves containing thirty 60mm mortar rounds, fifty AK rounds, one M-16 cleaning kit, one canteen type basket, one canteen, one VC entrenching tool, one VC spoon, and one belt with a red star buckle. At vicinity BS822083, 1/B/3-506 found thirty 60mm mortar rounds. At vicinity BS831089, 1/D/3-506 found one NVA KIA and one AK-47; presumably, the KIA was from an ambush of 3/1/D/3-506 at vicinity BS 834090 on 212320 February 1970. At vicinity BS817085, 1/A/3-506 found in the same caves as yesterday's findings: twelve 60mm mortar rounds, five 82mm mor-

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tar rounds, two B-40 rounds, one AK-47, one AK-47 magazine, approximately 5000 AK rounds, six NVA ammo pouches, one bed made of straw covered with a VC poncho, a small fence made of wood and tied by straw around the bed; from a Fougasse drop in the area on 24 February 1970 a carbon film deposit was left in the cave and footprints and scuff marks of approximately six NVA were observed on the carbon film.

(22) On 26 February, at vicinity BS821084, 1/L/B/3-506 engaged two NVA moving west to east approximately 75 meters from ambush positions with claymore mines and organic weapons. A sweep of the kill zone revealed one NVA KIA, one AK-47, two NVA rucksacks, and one blood trail. 2/B/3-506 followed the blood trail and engaged one NVA WIA with small arms fire resulting in one NVA KIA at vicinity BS824084. At vicinity BS821084, 1/B/3-506 found twenty-three 57mm recoilless rifle rounds. At vicinity BS835091, 1/D/3-506 spotted one NVA in the open and employed M-60 fire with unknown results. At vicinity BS821127, Recon Team 3 engaged one NVA with negative results.

(23) On 27 February, Recon Team 3 engaged nine NVA wearing black and green uniforms moving northwest (weapons could not be determined) at vicinity BS823127. Results were 4 Possible NVA KIA. Artillery was employed with unknown results. At vicinity BS820128, Recon Team 3 engaged an unknown size NVA force resulting in one US WIA and one NVA confirmed to be in a cave. Recon Team 3 received ineffective automatic weapons fire and returned fire with small arms. At vicinity BS823064, Recon Team 1 initiated an ambush on three NVA resulting in one NVA KIA. Recon Team 1 moved 100 meters to the south and at their old ambush site received an unknown number of frags. At vicinity BS826075, 2/C/3-506 engaged one NVA with small arms fire with unknown results.

(24) On February 28, at vicinity BS823064, Recon Team 1 engaged two NVA WIA from an ambush on 27 February 1970 with fragmentation grenades at vicinity BS823064 with unknown results. Recon Team 2 was airlifted from LZ North English and inserted at vicinity BS 823064 to assist Recon Team 1 with the search of the ambush area. The Recon Teams found one NVA officer KIA, one .45 caliber pistol (US), assorted documents, compass, one AK-47 and a rucksack. At vicinity BS827073, 2/C/3-506 found five caves with miscellaneous NVA equipment such as a pistol belt, VN ponchos, five gallon can of rice, fifty AK rounds, one VN sweater, two steel pots (US), one flashlight & case, two Ho Chi Minh sandals, and a note. All findings were destroyed except the note which was extracted for readout. At vicinity BS822059, 3/C/3-506 found new NVA clothing in M-16 ammo cans, a small amount of vegetables & tobacco, trails leading to caves which were well used, animal cages without animals, and one clip of M-16 ammo. At vicinity BS828065, found 1 NVA KIA who had been killed by airstrikes. 1/2/A/3-506 was airlifted from FB Tape to recover two VC/NVA KIA and two weapons as a result of 3de 8-2's action (173rd Abn Bde).

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B. Significant Activities - March 1970

(1) On 1 March, at vicinity BS819087, 3/1/3-506 initiated an ambush on an unknown size NVA force resulting in 1 NVA KIA, 1 AK-47, 230 AK-47 rounds, 2 AK-47 magazines, 1 AK-47 ammo pouch CIA; KIA was wearing a khaki uniform, Ho Chi Minh sandals, 2 rucksacks, 1 billfold with ID and documents, 20 lbs of rice, various articles of clothing. At vicinity BS823057, 2/D/3-506 found 1 NVA KIA from an ambush on 282020 February 1970 wearing a pistol belt and khakis. At vicinity BS825065, 1/C/3-506 found: a cave complex moving in 13-14 directions, 2 NVA KIA (2-3 days old killed by TAC Air), 250 rounds of AK-47 ammo, 200 lbs of rice, four 60mm mortar rounds, 2 REG light machine gun drum magazines with ammo, 3 AK-47 magazines, 1 rucksack, 2 chicom grenades, 17 NVA LBS, 2 pith helmets, documents (interpreter says it is a company roster and indicates rank), and two of the 60mm mortar rounds appeared to be booby-trapped.

(2) On 2 March, at vicinity BS818093, 3/B/3-506 engaged 1 NVA with M-16 rifle fire with negative results; the NVA moved to the west. At vicinity BS 825065, 1/C/3-506 found 1 NVA KIA badly burned by TAC Air (KIA by TAC Air). At vicinity BS821090, 1/B/3-506 found many natural caves: man sized to truck-sized containing "C" ration cans with some being open, clothing, 2 bandages with dried blood stains, documents, fresh human wastes, and 1 cave had cigarettes still burning. One cave had 2 openings and an element went through and observed movement but did not engage because of close proximity of friendlies. Moments later, movement was engaged at 300 meters north with negative results. At vicinity BS819088, D/3-506 found one 155mm round booby trapped with battery operated pressure-pull firing device.

(3) On 3 March, at vicinity BS837072, 2/C/3-506 was engaged by 3-5 NVA with the NVA moving to the west after breaking contact which resulted in 1 US WIA. At vicinity BS819104, 2/A/3-506 found 5 wooden platforms 5'x5' mounted on rocks, 20 to 30 bottles of medicine, ten 5 gallon water cans, 12 VC ponchos, chlorine ampules for water purification, assorted clothing and assorted materials. At vicinity BS820088, 1/B/3-506 engaged an unknown size enemy force who was situated under cover of rocks with fragmentation grenades with unknown results. A sweep of the area resulted in finding a cave with a large living area with vine ladders, campfires with extra wood, 6 blue uniforms (NVA), 8 ponchos, 2 NVA rucksacks, 1 SKS bayonet, documents and various cooking and eating utensils. At vicinity BS826064, C/3-506 found 1 NVA KIA in a shallow grave. No equipment was found. At vicinity BS813068, Recon Team 2 observed movement to the north-east approximately 150 meters and moved up to 50 meters. The team was engaged by an unknown size enemy force with small arms and automatic weapons fire and chicom grenades resulting in 2 US KIA (by frags). As the contact came to a halt, the team felt as though the NVA had moved up on 3 sides, gunships were on station after FB Kelly observed 2 NVA heading south toward the contact area. Two US WIA's were evacuated to Qui Khon 67th Evac Hospital. Recon Team 3 was inserted in support of Recon Team 2 without enemy fire at vicinity BS813068. 3/3/3-506 was airlifted from vicinity BS837097 and combat assaulted to vicinity BS 813068 closing at 1910H: becoming OPCOM to Recon Teams 2 & 3. At vicinity BS 838074, 2/C/3-506 engaged 1 NVA with small arms fire and confirmed 1 NVA KIA with no weapon and wearing black PJ's.

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(4) On 4 March, at vicinity BS834090, 3/1/D/3-506 had initiated an ambush on 3 March 1970 and upon making a sweep of the contact area at first light on 4 March 1970 found 2 NVA KIA and 1 NVA WIA who was followed and engaged again resulting in 1 NVA KIA. Two AK-47 and 1 NVA knife were CIA. At vicinity BS819089, 1/B/3-506 engaged 3 NVA (in a cave) resulting in 1 NVA Possible KIA, but did find a cache which included the following significant items: two 57mm recoilless rifles fully equipped, one 82mm mortar tube fully equipped, 1 NVA radio, one 7.62mm heavy machine gun, 1 AK-47 with clip, eleven 57mm recoilless rifle rounds, 2500 7.62mm rounds, 1 document, 12 sleeping positions, 2 M-16 rifles (US) with 10 magazines (full) were recovered. The cave was large enough to hold a company size element.

(5) On 5 March, at vicinity BS837116, 2/D/3-506 found 4 NVA KIA badly burned. At vicinity BS844107, 3/D/3-506 found 2 graves with 2 NVA KIA. At vicinity BS819089, 2/B/3-506 found 75 lbs of rice in an old rucksack. 1/B/3-506 engaged 1 NVA with a .45 caliber pistol resulting in 1 NVA KIA. Also found the following significant items: one 82mm mortar fully equipped, clothing, pistol belt, and 1 rucksack. The element moved into the cave further and engaged another NVA resulting in 1 NVA WIA. At vicinity BS819107, 2/A/3-506 found the following items: one 1000cc bottle of plasma partially used, 4 NVA khaki uniforms, 1 NVA rucksack, 1 NVA gas mask, 4 NVA canteens, 1 NVA pith helmet, 3 NVA entrenching tools, food and recovered the following US equipment: 14 M-16 magazines, one 5 gallon can, 3 waterproof bags, 36 M-16 rds, 2 machetes, 1 ammo pouch and 1 canteen cover.

(6) On 6 March, at vicinity BS819089, 1/B/3-506 found a cave with 2 entrances; outside of one entrance were booby traps (frag grenades). 1/B observed some movement in the rocks and engaged some with CS, WP, Frag, & concussion grenades with unknown results. Inside of the cave 1/B/3-506 found 3 yellow shirts, 2 pairs of blue pants, 50 AK rounds, and 1 NVA canteen.

(7) On 7 March, at vicinity BS819089, 1/B/3-506 engaged 1 NVA in a cave with a .45 caliber pistol. The NVA dropped his rock, 1/B found: NVA uniforms and miscellaneous equipment. 1/B/3-506 continued into the cave further and could hear moaning; again the NVA was engaged with .45 caliber pistol with unknown results. At vicinity BS820083, 3/B/3-506 found 2 fresh hootches 4'x8'x6' high, four 60mm mortar rounds, clothing and miscellaneous NVA equipment; signs indicated an estimated 8-10 NVA had been in the area.

(8) On 8 March, at vicinity BS819089, 1/B/3-506 engaged 1 NVA in a cave with frags and .45 caliber pistol resulting in 1 NVA KIA. The NVA KIA was wearing 2 shirts (1 khaki and 1 OD), Ho Chi Minh sandals, 2 US morphine bottles (full) were a few feet away from the body.

(9) On 9 March, at vicinity BS819089, 1/B/3-506 engaged 1 NVA wearing a khaki uniform at a distance of 50-60 meters with organic weapons with negative results. While sweeping the contact area, 1/B/3-506 found 3 NVA uniforms,

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3 canteens, documents (1 was an ID) and five 7.62mm rounds in a cave at vicinity BS819089.

(10) On 10 March, at vicinity BS819089, 1/B/3-506 engaged 1 NVA at 25 meters north of their position with M-16 fire causing the NVA with weapon to fall over a cliff. Results were 1 NVA KIA and negative friendly casualties.

(11) On 11 March, at vicinity BS819088/819089, 1/B/3-506 found the body of 1 NVA KIA from 10 March 1970. The body was clothed in a green shirt and blue pants. In the area there were many caves with beam supports; also found, documents, and NVA equipment: several syringes, 1 first aid kit, 1 metal sterilizing bowl, 1 helmet, 5 ponchos, 1 canteen, 3 metal washing pans, one 2-man bucksew, and some vomit estimated to be 10 hours old.

(12) On 12 March, at vicinity BS819088, 1/B/3-506 in a cave found documents (diary) which was extracted for readout, 1 rucksack with clothes and a machete. At vicinity BS817087, 1/B/3-506 found that the body of the NVA that they had killed on 10 March 1970 had been moved and was partially buried. 1/B/3-506 engaged an unknown number of NVA in a cave with hand fragmentation grenades; sweep of the cave resulted in finding 1 rucksack, 1 wallet with ID and pictures, 1 diary, 1 machete, 5 NVA uniforms, 1 NVA canteen, 3 NVA ponchos, 200 AK-47 rounds, cooking pot, soap, 1 entrenching tool, 2 NVA pith helmets, assorted "G" rations, and 1 pair of Ho Chi Minh sandals.

(13) On 13 March, at vicinity BS817087, 1/B/3-506 found 2 rucksacks containing documents, 200 AK rounds, assorted tools, cooking equipment and gear. At vicinity BS803114, 1/B/3-506, a stay behind ambush, engaged 5 NVA resulting in 1 NVA KIA with 1 rucksack CIA. Two sets of gunships were on station and both sets received small arms fire while on station. At vicinity BS837106, D/3-506 moved out from a position just after dark into a new ambush position. After departing their area they received approximately 15-17 hand grenades in the area that they had previously occupied. It appeared that the VC/NVA operating in the area anticipated the element remaining in initial position and planned to ambush them with frag grenades; the attack was faulted because of the movement.

(14) On 14 March, at vicinity BS817087, 2/B/3-506 engaged 2 NVA in two separate caves. The first NVA was KIA by a 2/B pack with a .45 caliber pistol at 8-10 feet while the second NVA was KIA by a 2/B pack with M-16 at 8-10 feet. Each NVA was wearing gray fatigues and the following items were found: 1 AK-47 with full magazine, 1 claymore bag with 2 sets of NVA uniforms (1 khaki and 1 fatigue) and documents. At vicinity BS817087, 1/B/3-506 engaged 1 NVA in a cave with frags and a flamethrower resulting in 1 NVA KIA, also CIA were documents, 2 pots, 1 pan, 1 NVA helmet, strips of plastic, and a NVA poncho liner. At vicinity BS816006, 2/A/3-506 found 1 NVA KIA.

(15) On 16 March, at vicinity BS816003, 2/A/3-506 engaged 3 NVA with small arms fire resulting in 1 NVA KIA and 3 AK-47 with 43 AK-47 rounds CIA.

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Also CIA by 2/A/3-506 were miscellaneous NVA equipment and personal equipment with 17 lbs of rice in a bag; in addition to materials found on the NVA KIA: one picture of an officer (NVA) in a white uniform believed to be the NVA KIA. Gunships were on station and employed in support of the contact. At vicinity BS814004, 2/A/3-506 found 1 NVA KIA partially buried wearing green fatigues and Ho Chi Minh sandals approximately 1 month old.

(16) On 19 March, at vicinity BS815087, 2/1/B/3-506 engaged 1 NVA in a cave resulting in 1 NVA KIA without a weapon wearing green fatigues. CIA were 1 poncho and 1 NVA gas mask. At vicinity BS824086, 3/B/3-506 while searching a cave found seven 82mm mortar rounds, 5 lbs of cooked rice, 1 entrenching tool 20 feet of commo wire, and empty "C" ration cans which appeared to have been punctured by GI's previous to NVA possession.

(17) On 20 March, at vicinity BS817088, 1/B/3-506 while searching a cave found 1 NVA poncho, 1 NVA hand held 26mm flare pistol (chicom) with serial number - 101432. At vicinity BS815087, B/3-506 used CS in caves to deny enemy access. At vicinity ER927952, CP/C and 1/C/3-506 had 3 US WIA from a unknown type booby trap. A dustoff was required and completed.

(18) On 21 March, at vicinity ER928965, Recon Team 2 engaged 1 VC/NVA resulting in 1 VC/NVA KIA wearing blue pants and shirt. One M-26 grenade was recovered; CIA were writing paper and 1 1/2 lbs of documents which were included a count of VC in the area, ARVN's in the area, list and count of personnel and equipment at Lo Dieu OP. Also found were diaries, personal letters, 30 lbs of rice, and propaganda materials. At vicinity ER894932, Recon Team 1 engaged 6 VC/NVA (VC/NVA returned AK-47 fire). Two gunships were employed resulting in 1 VC/NVA KIA inside of a hootch 6'x15'x8' and 1 secondary explosion was observed. Another hootch 6'x6'x6' was also found in the same vicinity in the draw.

(19) On 22 March, vicinity ER892932, 1/D/3-506 swept through the Recon Team 1 contact area of 21 March 1970 finding 1 VC KIA (female) with ID card and papers, wearing black pajamas. Two hootches were found containing medical supplies, canned food, tobacco, shaving gear, hammock, VN poncho, sewing kit, mosquito net with blood stains, marijuana, and estimated to have been occupied by approximately 7 people.

(20) On 24 March, at 232345 March 1970, ADSID #16 at vicinity BS834092 was activated by 2 personnel heading in an unknown direction. Artillery was employed resulting in 2 secondary explosions, approximately 1000 small arms rounds cooked off, 1 large fuel fire, and an unknown number of VC/NVA were observed by 3/C/3-506 at 250003 March 1970. A total of 264 HE rounds of 105mm were expended.

(21) On 26 March, at vicinity BS820087, 1/E/3-506 found 1 grave containing 1 NVA KIA (killed several days before by ambush) which had been dug during the night or early morning.

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(22) On 28 March, at vicinity BR797921, 2/A/3-506 found 1 charred body (1 NVA KIA) with NVA belt. In immediate area the following items were found: 1 flashlight, many documents (partially destroyed), 1 solid dark green camouflage cover, 3 cooking spoons, 2 small plastic pouches, 2 NVA ponchos, one 2"x 2" bag of black powder. At vicinity BR794923, 1(-)/A/3-506 found a trail, direction north and south, with 3 sets of Ho Chi Minh sandal tracks; in the area was found one lb of crystallized salt, parts of NVA ponchos and camouflage, 1 M-57 firing device, 4 empty beer bottles, 4 sleeping tunnels, 200' of barbed wire cut into 3' lengths, and 1 letter from woman to VC captain asking for money, food, and clothing.

(23) On 30 March, at vicinity BR798920, 2/A/3-506 found 8 NVA KIA, 1 RPD light machine gun and 1 AK-47 with a folding stock, one 82mm mortar round, 4 AK-47 magazines, 300 AK rounds, 2 chicom grenades, and assorted NVA personal equipment. At vicinity BR797923, 2/A/3-506 found 1 hootah 8'x8'x1 1/2', stone fireplace, documents dated 21 March 1970, 5 pots & pans, 2 home made spoons, 1 US mess kit, 1 plastic bowl for fish, 1 K-26 & 1 M-67 grenades, 1 M-79 HE round, one 60mm Russian mortar round, 1 chicom grenade, 1 bicycle, medical supplies, one 20' long tent (torn & rotten), one AK-47 magazine & pouch, 1 BAR magazine, 4 M-16 magazines (broken) and other assorted NVA personal gear. At vicinity BR796926, 1/A/3-506 found 8 NVA rucksacks, 3 NVA helmets, 4 pair Ho Chi Minh sandals, 3 NVA shovels, 2 NVA picks, NVA web gear, canteens, 6 rifle grenades complete with blanks, 1 pair of blue & green fatigues, 1 pair of black PJ's, other assorted NVA personal gear. Also found two B-40 bursting charges, 12 NVA ponchos, 3/4 lb of personal letters, 1 supply ledger, 7 plastic AK-47 protective cases, 15 AK-47 rounds, cooking utensils, one bicycle, bandages with fresh blood stains along with medical supplies. In the immediate: 6 L-shaped bunkers 4'x6'x8' deep with 10' tunnel with 5' OHC, one CP bunker 10'x15'x12' with 6' OHC, also 12 individual fighting positions with firing lodges, and 4 cooking areas with fireplaces. At vicinity BR796922, 2/A/3-506 found 1 NVA KIA (M-16 gunshot wound in the head), NVA uniform, Ho Chi Minh sandals, 1 NVA canteen and 53 AK-47 rounds. At vicinity BR796921, 2/A/3-506 found 500' of commo wire, 1 pound of spilled rice, 50 AK-47 rounds, one B-63 battery with others in series hook-up, 1 belt buckle with a star, 1 belt buckle with silver buckle, 100 punji stakes, 1 garden spade, 1 NVA helmet, 1 home made machete, 1 bottle of halizone tablets, 1 aluminum spoon, 2 NVA canteens, and 7 NVA ammo pouches. At vicinity BR766851, 1/B/3-506 engaged an unknown size VC/NVA force near a stream bed with hand frags with negative results. A sweep of the area revealed 1 bowl, 1 bar of soap, 1 wet towel and 1 bicycle frame. Continuing the sweep, 1/B/3-506 again engaged 1 VC/NVA wearing black pajamas at 100 meters with organic weapons with negative results. A natural cave complex was found in the area and was searched on 31 March 1970. At vicinity BR796298, 1/A/3-506 found 7 L-shaped fighting bunkers 6'x8'x10' with a tunnel at end 12' long with 8' OHC, one chicom grenade, 2 US 60mm mortar rounds, 200 AK-47 rounds, bandages with fresh blood stains, 5 blankets, 6 NVA ponchos, 1 NVA rucksack, insulin, 10' of claymore wire, between this complex and the one at vicinity BR796926 is one trail 4' wide and is well used; also, trails run from bunker to bunker.

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(24) On 31 March, at vicinity BR799918, 2/2/A/3-506 found one 3-man bunker 4'x4'x5' w/3' OHC, 1 burned hootch, 4 M-60 rounds, 5 small arms rounds, 2 BA-380 batteries and medical supplies.

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(1) On 1 April, at vicinity BR798921, 2/A/3-506 engaged 2 VC/NVA in the open with artillery with unknown results. At vicinity BR791923, 1/A/3-506 engaged an unknown size VC/NVA force near their NDP with frag grenades and claymore mines with unknown results.

(2) On 2 April, at vicinity BR804934, 3/3/A/3-506 engaged 3 VC/NVA with green clothes, rucksacks, and 2 with weapons. The VC/NVA moved to the north-east; results were 1 NVA KIA, 1 AK-47 CIA. At vic BR766848, 1/B/3-506 engaged 2 VC/NVA with negative results and also found 1 hootch 15'x8'x8' under the hootch was a bunker 3'x3'x2½' with 1½' OHC and the findings were destroyed. Also found were 1 pair of glasses, 1 bandage with blood stains believed to be 1 day old, 1 Kodak 104 Instamatic Camera, 1 wallet, 1 fortune telling board, 3 bottles of medicine, 1 bag of rat poison, one green fatigue shirt, 1 pair of black pants, 1 pair of grey pants, 1 M-16 ammo can, assorted documents (medical & payroll records), personal letters, notes, and numerous note books.

(3) On 3 April, at vicinity BR852885, 1/2/C/3-506 observed 8-10 VC/NVA with rucksacks moving north to south approximately 200 meters away, vicinity BR844889. Gunships and Nighthawk were on station and expended on the enemy force, with both aircraft receiving enemy ground fire receiving no hits. At vicinity BR852887, 3/C/3-506 engaged an unknown size enemy force and received AK return fire. Nighthawk spotted and engaged 3 NVA suspected to have been the NVA in contact with 3/C/3-506, results unknown. At vicinity BR852887, 3/C/3-506 engaged 1 VC/NVA near their NDP with small arms, frags, and claymore mines with unknown results.

(4) On 4 April, at vicinity BR751925, 2/D/3-506 found 1 bunker 5'x5'x6' with 2' OHC. Inside the bunker 1 NVA KIA was found in a shallow grave. The NVA KIA had been dead approximately 1½ months and apparently had died from a large hole in his head. At vicinity BR789922, 3/A/3-506 found 8 spider holes running 3' inward and 4' more tunneling to the right into the hillside, these holes were 3½' in diameter, and a trail was found (direction NW to SE) 4' wide. The following items were found in the same vicinity: 1 poncho, 1 hair comb, 1 Ho Chi Minh sandal, 1 spoon and 2 AK rounds. At vicinity BR804934, 3/A/3-506 after engaging and killing 1 NVA soldier (previously reported) found 1 AK-47, magazine, 1 GI pistol belt, 1 chicom grenade, 1 US canteen cup & cover, 1 field dressing covered with blood, 5 sandbags of trash from a friendly NDP supp, 20 piastres and a piece of paper with writing on it were found in the KIA's wallet. At vicinity BR803919, 2/A/3-506 found 1 full RPD ammo drum 14" in diameter and 4" deep containing approximately 200 rounds of 7.62mm ammo. The latter material was for action on 2 April but was not completely reported until 4 April. On 3 April, vicinity BR852887, 3/C/3-506 found 6 deep holes (25' deep) in the holes

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were tunnels leading to 9 bunkers 8'x6'x5' and 12'x6'x5'. Also found were 2 chicom grenades with markings of: X ¹²⁰ 4-69. On 4 April at vicinity BR779938, 3/1/D/3-506 ambushed 1 VC/ 90 NVA resulting in 1 NVA KIA with M-16 rifle, 1 chicom grenade, pistol bolt and rucksack with 25 lbs of rice CIA. At vicinity BR763044, 1/D/3-506 found a very old trail and detonated a booby trap (mortar-pressur type fire device) resulting in 1 US KIA and 2 US WIA. The WIA's were evacuated by the C&C to "B" Med and were further evacuated to the 67th Med Evac Hospital, Qui Nhon. The 1 US KIA was evacuated by the log bird to "B" Med at LZ English. Approximately 150 meters to the south, a fresh trail was found, the trail appearing to have been used daily, also found 15 punji stakes that had been left lying on the trail. Both trails found were north and south in direction. At vicinity BR852887, 3/C/3-506 found 2 NVA KIA presumed killed by 3/C/3-506 at 2214H 3 April 1970 ambush. Both bodies were found in fresh graves, had khakis on, one was KIA by small arms and the second was killed by a claymore. One had a wallet with a personal letter which was extracted for readout. At vicinity BR852887, 3/C/3-506 reported that the bunkers found in their present vicinity have cement sills.

(5) On 7 April, C/3-506 received an estimated 5-6 rounds of 60mm mortar with negative casualties. Suspected enemy tube location was at vicinity BR843894. At vicinity BR859750, 1/D/3-506 accidentally set off a booby trapped 105mm round. The round was a smoke round causing no explosion when detonated. The round was later destroyed. 1/A/3-506 received approximately 10-15 rounds of 60mm mortar from approximately vicinity of BR860730. Gunships and a C&C were on station. Blazer 19 (Gunship) while in support of B/3-506 reported taking small arms fire.

(6) On 8 April, at vicinity BR867738, 2/D/3-506 walked into a command detonated mine resulting in 6 US WIA and 1 US KIA; also, 1 scout dog KIA. A dustoff was completed. 2/D/3-506 also received small arms fire after the booby trap was detonated. At vicinity BR847725, 2/D/3-506 found 6 fresh bunkers 6'x6'x6' and 2 fresh graves. An airstrike at vicinity BR867738 was completed. At vicinity BR836895, 2/C/3-506 had one booby trap of unknown type explode injuring 1 Vietnamese child whom apparently had accidentally set it off. A dustoff was completed for the VN child. At vicinity BR867738, CP/D/3-506 received an unknown number of mortar rounds resulting in 3 US WIA and 1 US KIA. A dustoff was completed. At vicinity BR836896, CP/C/3-506 received 10-15 rds of mortar fire from approximate vicinity BR833892. There were negative KIA casualties. Nighthawk was on station in support of C/3-506.

(7) On 9 April, at vicinity BR861869, 3(-)/C/3-506 received 9 mortar rounds of enemy fire resulting in negative FWD casualties. At vicinity BR852729, CP & 1/D/3-506 set off a EM booby trap resulting in 3 US WIA requiring a dust-off. A Blazer gunship came on station and spotted 2 bunkers on a trail outside of a village at vicinity BR8673. At vicinity BR862738, a gunship was shot down resulting in 3 WIA and an element of 1/D/3-506 acted as a rescue and security force. At vicinity BR869751, a gunship had spotted numerous bunkers all along

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a trail. A/3-506 took small arms fire as did the gunship working in support. Sporadic contact was maintained with the enemy force while 2 airstrikes at vicinity RR866728 were completed. Two fougasse drops were completed in support of A/3-506. There were no FRD casualties resulting from the contact and unknown enemy casualties. At vicinity RR856728, 1/D/3-506 within a 200 meter square area found 17 bunkers and 6 foxholes which were ready for OHC. Ten of the bunkers were extremely fresh from use. The bunkers were 5'x5'x6' w/1 1/2' OHC containing NVA clothing and a torn up drawing of a base camp showing bunker positions, wire, and arrows possibly pointing to directions of attack.

(8) On 10 April, at vicinity RR867737, 1/B/3-506 found a large complex on a trail (north to south) with 2 positions as foxholes 3'x5'x5' deep. Twenty-five meters further down the trail was the main part of the complex consisting of 16 positions approximately 3'x5'x5' deep with 2 1/2' OHC. There were sleeping racks inside of the bunkers and in the middle of the complex there was a ladder going up a tree which was apparently used for an OP. The view of the nearby village was good and the surrounding valley including LZ Uplift were of good view. Another 25 meters down the trail was a half moon shaped complex of foxholes 3'x5'x5' deep and estimated last used 6-12 months ago. There were signs of a GI element passing through the area within the last 3 weeks. At vicinity RR8673, B/3-506 and the VN National Police captured some assorted documents while interrogating some villagers. The documents were extracted with the National Police. After the C&C departed B/3-506 locale it received some small arms fire approximately 300 meters to the south. There were negative FRD casualties. At vicinity RR852729, 2 mortar rounds fell between CP&L/D/3-506 and 2/B/3-506 locales. There were negative FRD casualties.

(9) On 11 April, at vicinity RR864870, 3/C/3-506 received EN mortar fire approximately 100 meters from their position. Casper 097 (slick) reported negative results of check of area of suspected EN locale at vicinity RR870876. E/17 Cav at vicinity RR842709 had 1 vehicle hit a land mine (believed to be command detonated) resulting in one M-113 ACAV becoming non-operational. At vicinity RR845705, E/17 Cav received small arms fire from the west and engaged movement with .50 cal and 152mm cannon with unknown results. The FRD element was situated in heavily wooded area and pulled out of the area using recon by fire. A Yellow Scarf LOH was shot down by enemy fire in grid square RR8066 resulting in 1 US KIA (crew member). At vicinity RR840696, 1/D/3-506 took small arms fire near a bomb crater resulting in 1 US WIA. A dustoff was required. At vicinity RR8673, A/3-506 detained 5 VN to be extracted for further readout. At vicinity RR8469, D/3-506 engaged 2 VC/NVA to their front resulting in 1 NVA KIA with 1 AK-47 CIA. Also found on the KIA were 4 ID's and a personal letter. At vicinity RR974737, a slick was shot down by an enemy RPG round which completely exploded resulting in 4 US WIA (lift ship was part of B/3-506 CA). At vicinity RR8165, CP/B/3-506 received an undetermined number of incoming mortar rounds with negative casualties. At vicinity RR859733, 1/L/B/3-506 found 1 NVA rucksack with 1 document and NVA clothing & equipment. At vicinity RR868727, CP&B/3-506 moved into a hamlet first sighted on 9 Apr 70. The element found the population

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had reduced considerably since it was vacant. The village was surrounded with both new and old fighting positions. At vicinity BR832704, 1(-)/E/17 Cav received 1 HE round or possibly 1 B-40 rd resulting in 2 minor US WIA.

(10) On 12 April, Shadow 48, USAF flare & gunship was on station to support element of TF 3-506. At vicinity BR770668, Shadow 48 while expending caused 5 small secondary explosions. While expending in support of 1/E/17 Cav at vicinity BR8471, Shadow 48 caused a large number of secondary explosions and also received anti-aircraft fire from vicinity BR827708; believed to be 12.7mm machine gun fire. Shadow 47 came on station and expended in support of 1/E/17 Cav at vicinity BR8371 and also caused a large number of secondary explosions and also received anti-aircraft fire from vicinity BR827708. 1/E/17 Cav at vicinity BR845705 swept through the contact area of 11 April 70 and found 1 NVA KIA, 2 AK-47 rifles, NVA clothing, B-40 round, first aid pouch, 3 M-79 rds, 4 AK-47 magazines, 1 NVA leather belt, 1 NVA gas mask, VN paper with names of people and towns. Air Cav, Yellow Scarf reported a series of caves in area of fougasse strike and can smell burning human flesh from the caves. The gunships received automatic weapons fire from the caves and reported the caves were full of NVA. At vicinity BR84656, 1/E/3-506 had 1 man hit a 82mm mortar booby trap resulting in 1 US WIA requiring a dustoff. At vicinity BR 850730, 1/A/3-506 observed 7 NVA dressed in black PJ's, rucksacks, pith helmets, with weapons moving from the NW down a ridge line to a stream. The ambush then engaged the NVA with organic weapons and employed artillery and gunships resulting in 1 NVA POW, 1 NVA KIA, 1 Poss NVA KIA, with the POW having a AK-47 and who was later identified to be a PFC C/2 300th Arty Battalion and further stated that he was about 7 kilometers from his Bn CP but could not say where the CP was located. At vicinity BR790660, 3/3/C/3-506 engaged 1 NVA resulting in 1 NVA WIA from the initial burst. The NVA WIA fled the area. 3/3/C/3-506 moved to an alternate ambush site. C/3-506 previous NDP at BR803653 was attacked by an unknown size NVA force employing hand grenades resulting in negative FRD casualties.

(11) On the 13th of April, the TF 3-506 log bird received NVA ground fire resulting in 1 US WIA (pilot). At vicinity BR805690, E/17 Cav received an unknown number of incoming 60mm mortar rounds resulting in 1 US WIA. E/17 Cav again received a 60mm or 82mm mortar attack resulting in 3 US WIA. At vicinity BR836708, 1/A/3-506 engaged an unknown size NVA force with organic weapons resulting in 2 NVA KIA, 1 US KIA and 1 US WIA. A dustoff was completed. The Bn CO's C&C was on the ground to dustoff a WIA pack; the C&C received small arms fire and several mortar rds which landed close by. CP/D/3-506 reported having 1 US WIA at vicinity BR8470. WIA resulted from enemy small arms fire and a dustoff was complete. 1/A/3-506 continued to be mortared resulting in an additional WIA requiring a dustoff. Hawkeye Air Observer received anti-aircraft fire from vicinity BR865745 resulting in 5 hits of the aircraft but negative FRD casualties. Hawkeye was working in support of TF 3-506 contacts. At vicinity BR802652, 3(-)/C/3-506 was surrounded and engaged by an estimated NVA company with B-40's, small arms, and automatic weapons fire resulting in

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1 US KIA and 2 US WIA. During the engagement two sorties of airstrikes were flown on the known enemy positions. 3(-)/C/3-506 became OPCON to E/17 Cav when the two elements linked up at vicinity BR802652.

(12) On 14 April, at vicinity BR835695, 3/D/3-506 was engaged by an unknown size NVA force resulting in 1 WIA US. D/3-506 at vicinity BR844697 found 1 VC/NVA KIA by napalm. At vicinity BR826706, 2/A/3-506 found 1 entrenching tool, 1 100 round bolt of .50 caliber ammo, 4 bunkers 3'x4'x3' with 6" OHC, one .50 caliber tripod gun position 5'x4' with 2' peripit around it, 1 set of Ho Chi Minh sandal tracks leading to the west.

(13) On 15 April, PB Tapo reported 22 VC had rallied to US forces in accordance with the GVN Chieu Hoi Program. At vicinity BR845738, the 17th Air Cav engaged 2 NVA with AK-47's resulting in 2 NVA KIA (unconfirmed) and the Yellow Scarf birds could observe, from the air, 2 new AK-47 rifles and a note laying next to one of the bodies. One bunker was also sighted. A(-)/3-506 was extracted from vicinity BR829704/828707 and GA'd to vicinity BR845738. 2/A/3-506 at vicinity BR842705 received sporadic small arms fire resulting in one lift bird (SLGC) receiving 10-15 hits. A(-)/3-506 at vicinity BR845738 reported that both NVA KIA's bodies had been dragged away and would follow the blood trails. At vicinity BR845738, 2/A/3-506 was engaged by an unknown size NVA force with IAX fire resulting in 3 US WIA. At vicinity BR845738, 1/A/3-506 engaged 1 NVA resulting in 1 NVA KIA.

(14) On 16 April, at vicinity BR799665, 2/C/3-506 was engaged by an unknown size enemy force with frag grenades and small arms fire resulting in 1 US KIA and 1 US WIA. At vicinity BR801644, 3/C/3-506 was engaged by 10 NVA with small arms fire and rocket fire from a draw resulting 1 US WIA and 3 NVA KIA. At vicinity BR799667, 2/C/3-506 found the body of 1 NVA KIA (head wound), blue fatigues, and two chicom grenades CIA. This NVA was believed to be KIA from 2/C/3-506 contact at 0045R. At vicinity BR843737, 1/A/3-506 swept through the fougasse drop area and found 2 NVA KIA by fougasse, 1 NVA KIA by artillery, 1 AK-47, 3 US baseball grenades, 4 AK-47 magazines, 100 rds of AK ammo, 8 NVA rucksacks. The bunker complex itself had 1 well constructed latrine, was 150 meters x 250 meters containing 30 fighting positions which were 4'x3'x4', 20 bunkers 5'x4'x6' w/4'-5' OHC, one aid station 8'x10'x8' w/3' OHC. Also found were other medical supplies and some food; 100 lbs of salt, 3 lbs of documents, including a French map. At vicinity BR844697, 1/E/17 Cav was engaged by five NVA and resulting in 1 NVA KIA with 1 B-40 (RPG) launcher, 3 B-40 rds, 1 RPG -2, 3 chicom grenades, a small bundle of documents and the KIA was wearing dark green fatigues. At vicinity BR840736, CP/A/3-506 employed artillery on a bunker complex resulting in 1 aid station destroyed, 22 bunkers destroyed, and 1 NVA KIA. At vicinity BR801638, 3/C/3-506 initiated an ambush on an unknown size NVA force resulting in 2 NVA KIA, 1 AK-47 CIA, 2 NVA rucksacks CIA and several chicom grenades CIA.

(15) On 17 April, at vicinity BR801638, 3/C/3-506 engaged 2 VC/NVA attempting to recover bodies from an ambush initiated earlier. A sweep of the

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area first light resulted in 3 VC/NVA KIA, 4 AK-47's, 3 full AK-47 magazines, 2 empty AK-47 magazines, 5 Ho Chi Minh sandals, 1 NVA poncho and 3 chicom grenades CIA. Recon Team 1 tripped a booby trapped US baseball grenade resulting in 2 US WIA. Recon Team 1 was extracted from vicinity BR991935 and returned to LZ N English. At vicinity BR829719, Recon Team 2 tripped a plastic type trip wire on a booby trapped 82mm mortar round resulting in 1 US WIA.

(16) On 18 April, at vicinity BR841701, CP/D/3-506 & 1/D/3-506 engaged 1 VC/NVA with small arms fire resulting in 1 VC/NVA KIA. At vicinity BR838708, 1/D & 2/D/3-506 engaged 4 VC/NVA resulting in 1 VC/NVA and 1 AK-47 CIA. At vicinity BR842734, 3/2/A/3-506 engaged 1 VC/NVA wearing green shirt, black PJ's, Ho Chi Minh sandals and a boonoy hat resulting in 1 VC/NVA KIA and 1 AK-47 CIA. Two other VC/NVA were spotted in the same vicinity: one running to the south and one to the north. 1/B/3-503 engaged 3 VC/NVA at vicinity BR 822708 resulting in 2 VC/NVA KIA, 1 pistol, 1 sub-machine gun and some documents CIA. At the same location, 1/B/3-503 found an enemy .51 caliber machine gun position and some documents. At vicinity BR843734, 2/A/3-506 engaged 2 VC/NVA with unknown results and have also spotted 10 more. Gunships were on station and employed resulting in 1 VC/NVA KIA and 1 AK-47 CIA. At vicinity BR843733, 2/A/3-506 engaged another VC/NVA resulting in 1 VC/NVA KIA and 1 AK-47 CIA. At vicinity BR803648, 2/2/C/3-506 engaged 6 VC/NVA with small arms fire and claymores. Gunships and a flare ship were on station in support of 2/2/C/3-506. The gunships reported sighting 1 body in the contact area. Results were: 1 VC/NVA KIA by small arms fire wearing blue fatigues and Ho Chi Minh sandals; 1 AK-47 CIA; and, 1 Poss VC/NVA KIA spotted by gunships.

(17) On 19 April, at vicinity BR798639, CP/C/3-506 found 2 rucksacks, from previous nights contact. At vicinity BR884725, E/17 Cav reported finding some WD-1 wire across a trail connected to a 5-10 lb anti-personnel command detonated charge. 3/E/17 Cav also received small arms fire from unknown size EN force and returned fire with unknown results. At vicinity BR800640, CP/C/3-506 initiated an ambush with claymores resulting in 3 VC/NVA KIA and 2 AK-47 CIA.

(18) On 26 April, Ranger Team 36 C/75 engaged 1 VC/NVA at vicinity BR145320 wearing khakis; results were 1 VC/NVA KIA, 1 SKS CIA, 1 cycle. Ranger Tm 12 C/75 engaged 1 NVA at vicinity BR3218 resulting in 1 NVA KIA with weapon. At vicinity BR2229, 1/A/3-506 engaged an unknown size NVA force resulting in 2 US WIA and 1 US KIA. At vicinity BR2328, 2/A/3-506 engaged an unknown size enemy force resulting in 1 NVA KIA. Found on the KIA were 1 rucksack, 1 set of fresh clothes, poncho, 1 lb of rice, 2 pouches of tobacco, baton, dages, medical kit and supplies.

(19) On 27 April, at vicinity BR205203, Recon/3-506 found 15 bushels of rice & wheat in bags hanging in the trees. All was destroyed. At vicinity BR145217, 2/B/3-506 engaged an unknown size enemy force resulting in 1 VC/NVA KIA and 1 Poss VC/NVA WIA. At vicinity BR199190, G/7/17 Cav Blues uncovered some small cache's of rice totaling 1500 lbs.

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(20) On 28 April, FSB Mattie at vicinity BR229237 received 10-15 rounds of mortar fire resulting in 1 US KIA and 22 US WIA. The BN mortar fire was estimated to have come from a distance of 200-300 meters to the north. Artillery was employed with unknown results. At vicinity BR047220 Ranger Tm 22 engaged unknown size enemy force resulting in 2 VC/NVA KIA. At vicinity BR389251, Tm 42 C/75 Rangers engaged unknown size NVA force resulting in 2 NVA KIA wearing black & blue PJs, 1 chiem weapon and 2 rucksacks CIA. At vicinity BR215295, 2/A/3-506 found 250 lbs of rice and 10 lbs of cotton. Findings were destroyed except for a 5 lb bag of each item. At vicinity BR236299, 3/1/A/3-506 found 1 hootch 4'x4'x5' containing 400 lbs of rice, punji stakes and recent signs of habitation. All was burned except for 5 lbs of rice. At vicinity BR040225, Tm 22 C/75 Rangers found a booby trapped mortar round with a pressure type firing device.

(21) On 29 April, at vicinity BR1128, Tm 21 C/75 Rangers engaged 1 VC/NVA with 1 VC/NVA KIA and 1 pistol CIA. At vicinity BR115285, Tm 21 C/75 Rangers found 2-3 hootches with a tunnel behind one of the hootches containing 8 rucksacks, 1 transistor radio. At vicinity BR115284, Tm 23 C/75 Rangers engaged an unknown size NVA force resulting in 2 NVA KIA with 1 S&S and 1 carbine CIA. There was 1 US WIA. FSB Mattie at vicinity BR229237 received approximately 16 rounds of BN mortar fire resulting in 2 US WIA.

(22) On 30 April, at vicinity BR088157, Tm 24 C/75 Rangers engaged an unknown size enemy force resulting in 1 VC/NVA KIA. At vicinity BR122217, 1/2/3/3-506 found 20 shallow caves with sleeping racks for approximately 50 people, clothes, baskets, pots, straw mats, 1 knife, plastic spoons, grain masher, 1 rice cutter, sewing kit, 1 used M-79 round, rice, tobacco, corn cobs, 1 document, trail markers, and freshly cut bamboo.

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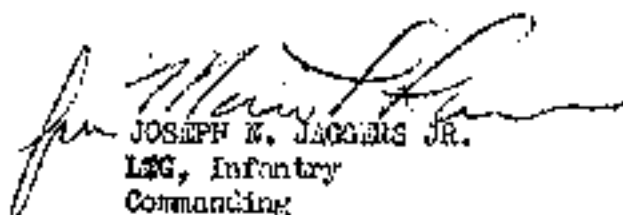
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2. Lessons Learned: Commanders Observations, Evaluations, and Recommendations.

A. Inclosures:

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Enclosure 1 (Personnel) to OLL (Period 1-23 February)

1. GENERAL: Breakdown of EM by grade.

a. 11340 (E6 and E7)

- b. E3 -- 42
- E4 -- 112
- E5 -- 19
- E6 -- 14
- E7 -- 11
- E8 -- 2

- c. E2 -- 0
- E3 -- 6
- E4 -- 89
- E5 -- 19
- E6 -- 9
- E7 -- 0

2. PERSONNEL:

a.	<u>OFF</u>	<u>WO</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>AGC</u>
Authorized	50	2	950	1002
Assigned	51	2	957	1010
Present/Duty	40	2	879	929

b. (1)	<u>OFF</u>	<u>WO</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>AGC</u>
KIA	1	0	3	4
WLA	1	0	17	18
MIA	0	0	0	0
DEMOS/ETS	4	0	216	220
TRANSFERS	0	0	101	101
(2)				
Reassignt Onr	6	1	394	401
Hospitl Losses	1	0	28	29

- c. (1) Losses: NONE
- (2) Gains: Sn Maint Officer

d. Awards and Decorations:

(1)	0	(7)	46	(13)	14
(2)	0	(8)	0	(14)	30
(3)	0	(9)	7	(15)	11
(4)	0	(10)	0	(16)	0
(5)	0	(11)	0		
(6)	3	(12)	2		

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Inclosure 1 (Personnel) to OMLL (Period 1-31 March).

1. GENERAL:

PERSONNEL:

(1)	<u>OFF</u>	<u>WO</u>	<u>EN</u>	<u>AGC</u>
AUTH	43	2	675	920
ASG	39	2	830	371
LDY	37	2	760	799

(2)

KIA	0	0	0	0
VIA	0	0	7	7

(3) AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

- a. Silver Stars 2
- b. Bronze Star "V" 12
- c. Bronze Star Achievement 104
- d. Air Medal Achievement 144
- e. Arcom "V" 7
- f. Arcom "AGH" 82
- g. Purple Heart 34
- h. Good Conduct Medal 9
- i. CID Award 161

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Inclosure 1 (Personnel) to GNL, (Period 1-30 April)

1. GREGGAL:
mandations:

Commander's Observation, Evaluations and Recom-

PERSONNEL:

(1)	<u>OFF</u>	<u>WO</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>AGC</u>
AUTH	50	2	950	1,002
ASG	45	2	930	977
PDY	42	2	868	912
(2)				
KIA	2	0	10	12
WIA	2	0	57	59
MIA	0	0	0	0
DEROS AND ETS	8	0	193	201
TRANSFERS	2	0	109	111
REASIGHT GAINS	18	0	281	299
HOSPITAL LOSSES	2	0	57	59
(3) LOSSES: HHG Co,			Commo Officer	
GAINS: HHG Co,			Commo Officer	
(4) AWARDS AND DECORATIONS				
(a) 0		(g) 3		(m) 21
(b) 0		(h) 0		(n) 106
(c) 1		(i) 14		(o) 18
(d) 1		(j) 1		(p) 0
(e) 0		(k) 6		
(f) 4		(l) 4		

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Inlosure 2 (Intelligence) to O&L (February)

1. GENERAL: Organizations, Strength and Probable Locations

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Strength</u>	<u>Probable Locations</u>
22d NVA Regiment	1000-1300	BS 7710
HQ and Support Units	175	BS 8113
7th Battalion	300	BS 7713
8th Battalion	300	BS 8210
9th Battalion	300	BS 7813
200th AA Battalion	300	BS 8104
300th Arty Battalion	250	BS 8109

2. DISPOSITION OF PRIMARY ENEMY UNITS:

A. Significant Contacts: During the reporting period all subordinate units of the 3d Battalion, 506th Infantry, 101st Airborne Division (AABD) and Company B, 4-503d Infantry, 173rd Airborne Brigade, AFBG on 26 Feb 70, have been in contact with 22d NVA Regt forward CP, Support Units, and the 8th Battalion, 22d Regt on Hill 474, vicinity BS 825101. From 26 Jan 70, to 3 Feb 70, all elements remained in a defensive position around Hill 474 while TAC Air, Gunships and US Artillery were employed. On 3 Feb 70, all elements of 3-506th commenced RIP and searching cave complexes. Findings are outlined in paragraph 6.

B. Enemy Capabilities: The enemy is capable of conducting platoon and company sized ground attacks. He can also employ chemical agents, using various delivery systems, during the attacks.

3. TERRAIN: Mountainous, rocky, numerous natural caves, heavy vegetation that conceals entrances to caves.

4. WEATHER: See Current 173rd AABD 1de INTSIC.

5. DECISIONS AND PLANS ADOPTED WITH REASONS BASED ON ENEMY SITUATION:

Enemy activity, intelligence reports, document residuals, POW's, Ho Chi Minh and operations in vicinity of Hill 474 (BS825101) confirm the presence of the following 22d Regt Headquarters Support Units: 41st Recon Company, 43d AA Company, 4th Mortar Company, 49th Sapper Company, the 8th Battalion and elements of the 500th Transportation Battalion. Due to numerous cave complexes found on Hill 474 and the protection of huge rock overhangs at cave entrances, plans were developed on 5 Feb 70, to use Fougaese in the area of operations. Fougaese drops continued at the close of the reporting period.

6. ENEMY PERSONNEL/EQUIPMENT LOSSES FOR 18 JAN-28 FEB 70:

A. Enemy KIA: 70 VC/NVA KIA
15 VC/NVA KIA (C-3 rating; from 3:0 8-2)

B. Equipment KIA:

24 AK-47	1 AK-44	11,000 lbs AK-47 ammo
3 RPG RIG	1 BM	100 rds .51 cal ammo
15 D-40 Rockets	23 57mm rls	63 82mm rls
22 60mm rls	31 Chinese grenades	7,000 lbs rice

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Inclosure 2 (Intelligence) to GILL (continued)

7. USE OF LAMON PLATOON: Recon/3-506th is being used in 6-man teams and deployed in area where enemy movement is suspected.

Inclosure 2 (Intelligence) to GILL (Period 1-31 March 70)

1. General:

Organization	Strength	Probable Locations
22nd NVA Regt	1000-1300	BS 8709
HQs and Support Company	175	BS 8713
7th Battalion	300	BS 7617
8th Battalion	300	BS 8211
9th Battalion	300	BS 8014
200th LA Bn	350	BS 7202
300th LA Bn	350	BS 6074

2. DISPOSITION OF PRIMARY ARMY UNITS:

A. Significant Contacts: There were no significant contacts during the reporting period. Elements of the 3-506th continued to RIF, search caves and ambush in vicinity of Hill 474 until 16 Mar 70, when elements moved to the Tiger Mountain AO. As of 27 Mar 70, there were no significant contacts in the Tiger Mountain AO. On 27 March 70, 3-506th moved into Cross Foot AO. As of 31 Mar 70, there were no significant contacts in the Cross Foot AO.

B. Enemy Capabilities: Enemy has capability to do the following things:

- (1) Conduct platoon and company sized ground attacks
- (2) Conduct harassing attacks by fire, ambush and set up booby traps.
- (3) Conduct standoff attacks against BVA, RP/PF and US installations, utilizing 120mm mortars.
- (4) Conduct terrorist activities.
- (5) To employ chemical agents using various delivery systems during any attack.

3. TERRAIN: Mountainous, rocky with numerous natural caves, heavy vegetation that concealed entrances to caves and VC/NVA communication routes.

4. WEATHER: See current DFTSUI. Haze reduced air-ground visibility during the latter part of the reporting period.

5. DECISIONS AND PLANS ADOPTED WITH REASONS BASED ON ENEMY SITUATION: Due to negative further enemy activity around Hill 474 (BS 825101) elements of the 3-506 were moved into the Tiger Mountain AO (BR9393) because of recent intelligence reports. On 28 Mar 70, further intel indicated that elements of the 7th and 9th NVA Bns of the 22nd NVA Regt were located near the Cross Foot AO (BR 766053) and friendly elements were moved to that AO.

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Inclosure 2 (Intelligence) to OCLL (Period 1-31 March continued)

6. ENEMY PERSONNEL/EQUIPMENT LOSSES:

(2) Enemy KIA: 41 VC/NVA KIA (30)

(2) Equipment CIA:

7 AK-47	11 60mm rds
1 MPD MG	3 82mm rds
2 82mm Mortars	11 ChiCom grenades
2 57mm Recoilless Rifles	535 lbs of rice
1610 rds of AK-47 ammo	1 NVA ChiCom Radio-type 63
1 Soviet made 7.62 MG	1 NVA Flare pistol
MISC: documents, LMG, plth helmets, assorted uniforms, medical supplies, tools, batteries and other equipment.	

7. USE OF LESSON: Lec at 3-506th is being utilized in 6 man teams and deployed in areas where enemy movement is suspected.

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Inclosure 2 (Intelligence) to ORLL (April)

1. GENERAL: Organizations, Strength and Probable Locations

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Strength</u>	<u>Probable Locations</u>
2nd VC MF Regiment	980	
HQ and Support Units	175	BR6883
93rd Battalion	255	BR8267
95th Battalion	270	BR7972
97th Battalion	280	BR8262
22nd NVA Regiment	975	
HQ and Support Units	175	BS8709
7th Battalion	300	BS7617
8th Battalion	Unknown	BS8309
9th Battalion	200	BS8014
200th AA Battalion		BS7203
300th Arty Battalion		BR8464
95B NVA Regiment/B3 Front	700	
HQ and Support Units	200	BR1730
4th (K1) Battalion 95B/Regiment	250	Flei Me Area
5th (K2) Battalion 95B/Regiment	250	BR1539
8th Battalion		Unknown Intelligence reports from 172nd MI, 173rd Abn Bde indicate 3/506 rendered the 8th Battalion 70% losses from Hill 474 (BS 825101). From 18 Jan to 30 April 1970. Intel reports also indicate that the 8th Bn had broken up into smaller groups and is currently working with LF and IF VC units, in Tam Quan District.

Probable locations taken from IFFV PERINTREP 17-70.

2. DISPOSITION OF PRIMARY ENEMY UNITS:

A. Significant Contacts: On 021640H Apr 70, BR804934, 3/A/3-506 fd after a sweep of the contact area 1 KIA. Res: Frd-Neg; En-1 VC/NVA, 1 AK-47 rifle CIA. 080939H, BR867738, 2/B/3-506 were ambushed w/command detonated mines. Res: Frd-1 US KIA, 7 US WIA, 1 Scout Dog KIA; En-Unknown. 081845H, BR868742, 1/B/3-506 received 15 rds of 82mm mortar incoming. Suspected mortar position via BR867738. Res: Frd-1 US KIA, 3 US WIA; En-Neg. 090837H, BR851724, CP-1/D/3-506 tripped a booby trap. Unk explosive set w/trip wire across a trail. Res: Frd-3 US WIA; En-Neg. 111310H, BR840696, D/3-506 eng 2 VC/NVA. Res: Frd-Neg; En-1 VC/NVA KIA, 1 AK-47 rifle CIA. 111600H, BR874738, 2/B/3-506 while being extracted rec incoming B-40 rds. Rds suspected to be from Trinh Van 2 village. Res: Frd-4 US WIA, 1 helicopter destroyed; En-Unk. 111935H, BR802649, 3/2/C/3-506 fired a claymore on 1 VC/NVA. Res: Frd-Neg; En-1 VC/NVA KIA. 112100H, BR845705, 1/E/17 Cav (OPCON to 3-506) rec B-40 rockets, mortar rds and SA fire. Res: Frd-5 US WIA; En-Unk. 121022H, BR845705, 1/E/17 Cav (OPCON to 3-506) sweep the area of yesterday's contact. Res: Frd-Neg; En-1 VC/NVA KIA, 1 B-40 rocket, 2 AK-47 rifles CIA.

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Inclosure 2 (Intelligence) to ORLL (cont)

121920H Apr 70, BR854724, 1/A/3-506 captured 1 NVA Soldier equipped w/web gear & AK-47 rifle. Res: Frd-Neg; En-1 NVA PW, 1 VC/NVA KIA. 121920H, BR798653, 3/C/3-506 eng 1 VC/NVA w/SA. They saw the enemy fall, apparently wounded. Res: Frd-Neg; En-Unk. 131615H, BR836706, 1/A/3-506 rec SA fire from the SE. Res: Frd-1 US KIA, 1 US WIA; En-Unk. 131630H, BR836708, CP-1/D/3-506 rec SA fire, direction unk. G/S expended on suspected enemy locations. Res: Frd-1 US WIA; En-Unk. 131645H, BR836706, 1/A/3-506 rec undetermined number of mortar rds from the NE. G/S expended on suspected on loc. Res: Frd - 1 US WIA; En-Unknown. 131800H, BR799641, 3/C/3-506 rec MG fire, SA and B-40 rockets. Believe surrounded by 1 NVA Co. G/S expended on suspected on loc. Res: 1 US KIA, 2 US WIA; En-Unk. 141107H, BR843697, 3/D/3-506 fd 1 NVA/VC killed by napalm. Res: Frd-Neg; En-1 VC/NVA KIA. 151437H, BR845738, 2/A/3-506 eng unk size on force in a bunker complex. They rec MG and SA fire. Gunships were on station. Res: Frd-4 US WIA; En-Unknown. 151903H, BR845738, 1/A/3-506 eng unk size on force. Res: Frd-Neg; En-1 VC/NVA KIA. 160045H, BR799665, 2/C/3-506 were eng by unk size on force w/SA and frags. Res: Frd-1 US WIA; En-Unk. 161540H, BR801644, CP/C/3-506 eng est 10 VC/NVA. 3 poss VC/NVA KIA. Res: Frd-1 US WIA; En-Unk. 160832H, BR799667, 2/C/3-506 fd 1 VC/NVA KIA as a result of last night's contact. He was dressed in blue fatigues. Res: Frd-Neg; En-1 VC/NVA KIA. 161130H, BR843737, 1/A/3-506 moved into a bunker after fougasse was dropped. They fd 3 VC/NVA KIA. Res: Frd-Neg; En-3 VC/NVA KIA, 1 AK-47 rifle CIA. 161900H, BR840736, CP/A/3-506 called in artillery on a bunker complex. Res: Frd-Neg; En-1 VC/NVA KIA. 161955H, BR845738, CP/A/3-506 rec incoming mortar rds. Res: Frd-Neg; En-Neg. 162015H, BR801638, 3/C/3-506 sprang an ambush on unk size on force. Res: Frd-Neg; En-2 VC/NVA KIA, 1 AK-47 rifle CIA. 170235H, BR801638, 3/C/3-506 eng 2 VC/NVA. Res: Frd-Neg; En-2 VC/NVA KIA. 170640H, BR801638, 3/C/3-506 fd after a sweep of the contact area 1 additional KIA and 4 AK-47 rifles. Res: Frd-Neg; En-1 VC/NVA KIA, 4 AK-47 rifles CIA. 170810H, BR890930, Recon Tm #1 tripped a boobytrap. Unk type. Res: Frd-2 US WIA; En-Neg. 171140H, BR829719, Recon Tm #2 an 82mm mortar booby trap. Res:

Inclosure 2 (Intelligence) to ORLL (cont)

B. Enemy Capabilities:

- (1) Conduct platoon and company size ground attacks;
- (2) Conduct harrassing attacks by fire, ambushes, and booby traps incidents against targets of opportunity.
- (3) Conduct stand-off attacks against allied installations utilizing 62mm mortars.
- (4) Interdict QL 1 and QL 19.
- (5) Conduct terrorists activity.
- (6) Conduct sapper attacks against US and GVN installations.

3. Terrain: During the reporting period of 3d Bn (Abn), 506th Infantry operated in three separate AO's. The terrain around Hill 474 (BS825101) is composed of steep rugged terrain with slopes 10 to 40 %. The steepest slopes are located on the East side (finger) and to the North from the Sool My River in Combat Alley South to the Crest of Hill 474. Vegetation consisted primarily of single canopied dense undergrowth forest with scattered areas of single canopy, light undergrowth forest found mostly in the lower elevations. Brushwood, vines, and dense undergrowth concealed the numerous caves located on Hill 474. Trees in the area ranged from 12-15 feet in height, (AO period: 18 Jan - 30 April 70). The terrain in the Tiger Mountain region (Central portion) is composed of rugged, steeply sloped mountains. Elevations vary from 200 meters in the foothills to a maximum of 619 meters at BR948933. Slopes vary from less than 10% to over 50% in the vicinity of BR955935. Elevations are highest in the Central Northeast and lowest in the Southwest. They average 450 meters and 300 meters respectively. Area consists primarily of multi-canopied dense undergrowth forest with scattered areas of single canopy, light undergrowth forest and brushwoods. The brushwoods and single canopy light undergrowth forest all found mostly in the lower elevations. AO period: 16 Mar - 30 Apr 70. Terrain in the Crows Foot area is identical to that in the Tiger Mountain area in that the area consists primarily of multi-canopied dense undergrowth with scattered areas of single canopy. The slopes are rugged, steep and rocky. In the scattered open areas the elephant grass stands approximately 3'-4' in height.

4. Weather: Generally the weather in the AO was very good. Ceilings were very low (below 1,000) in the early morning with visibility one mile and less increasing to approximately six miles by afternoon. Afternoon ceilings ranged from 3,000-5,000 feet. Haze in the early evening with occasional scattered and broken clouds in the late evening with ceilings decreasing to 1,000 feet and lower throughout the night. Winds varied from 5-16 knots with gusts to 25 knots in thunderstorms. Intermittent rains occurred during the reporting period.

5. (C) Decisions and Plans Adopted with Reasons Based on Enemy Situations:
 Due to negative further enemy activity in vicinity of Hill 474 (BS825101) elements of 3rd Bn 506th Infantry were deployed into the Tiger Mountain AO (BR9393) to find, fix, and destroy C-1 and C-2 District Force Companies (Tam Quan) whose mission was to disrupt the pacification effort in that area. Due to negative significant contacts, the 3rd Bn 506th Inf was deployed into the area East of the Crows Foot (BR7993) to find, fix, and destroy elements of the 7th and 9th Bn 22nd Regiment who was earlier reported (20 Mar 70) as being located in the vicinity. The 3rd Bn 506th Inf was deployed into the area South of the Crows Foot (BR867731) on 7 Apr 70 as a reaction force to aid the 41st ABN who had made contact on/or about 5 Apr 70 with elements of the 2nd VC MP Regiment. Significant activities are indicated in para 2 b above. On 22 April 70, the 3rd Bn 506th Inf was released from CUCU to the 173rd Abn Bde to be

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Inclosure 2 (Intelligence) to OUI (cont)

OPCON of the 4th Inf Division (25 Apr 70) located at Camp Rodeliff, An Khe, RVN. Mission at the close of reporting period is to find, fix, and destroy elements of the 95C Regiment, NT 3 Front reported operating in VC Valley & BRL325 with the mission of interdicting QL 19 from Base Area 202.

6. Enemy Personnel/Equipment Losses:

(a) KIA: 146; 15 KDA

(b) CIA: 48 - AK-47's; 4 - RPD's; 4 - B-40 Rocket Launchers; 3 - SKS's; 1 - Mauser 36; 1 - BAR; 1 - Carbine; 1 9mm Chicom Pistol; 1 - AK-44; 1 - Soviet make 7.62 H&G.; 2 - 82mm mortars; 2 - 57mm RR; 1 - NVA Chicom Type 63 Radio; 1 - NVA Flare Pistol; 12,732 rds - AK-47; 200 rds - .51 Cal; 72 rds - 82mm; 34 rds - 60mm; 42 rds - B-40; 23 rds - 57mm RR; 47 - Chicom Grenades; 9,405 lbs rice (destroyed) tactical situation presented extraction. MISC: Assorted documents, medical supplies, LBE, assorted clothing, picks, entrenching tool, NVA gas mask, ponchos, canteens, batteries; Chinese C-4, Cams wire, pitch helmets, wire cutters, binoculars; detonating cord, misc, cooking utensils and food items in mackerel, salt, etc. POW 3; Chieu Hoi 39.

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Inclosure 3 (Operations) to OLL

1. OPERATIONS: During the reporting period this unit conducted operations in support of the pacification effort in Northern Binh Dinh Province, An Lao Valley, Hill 474 (BS 0210) Tigers Mountains (339393), the North East section of the Crow's Foot (087605), and VC Valley, Base Area 202 with light contact.

2. MAJOR OPERATIONS LISTED BY CODE NAME:

- A. Operation Washington Green; 21 Dec 69 to 22 Apr 70
- B. Initiated OPCON to the First Brigade, 4th Inf Div; Operation Wayne Wind 25 Apr 70 to 3 May 70.
- C. Operations Washington Green and Wayne Wind were directed by Higher Headquarters.
- D. Type of operations and method of troop delivery; Combat--Combat assaults. TF 3-506 motor marched from Camp Badeliff NVN to Camp Holloway and Pleis Jerang, and were combat assaulted into AO.
- E. Cumulative Losses:

- (1) Friendly; 15 KIA, 33 MIA
- (2) Enemy; 140 KIA, 3 MIA, 60 SACIA, 3 Hoi Chanhs and 51 Detainees.
Other significant losses: 2 57mm recoilless rifles, 2 82mm mortars, 1 7.62mm heavy machine gun, 4 RPG IAC, 1 M67 grenades, 70 60mm mortar rounds, 30 82mm mortar rounds, 55 Chicom grenades, 6 rifle grenades, 60 B-40 rounds, 5 B-40 launchers, 8 RPG, 23 57mm rounds, 1 Mi and 7,393 pounds of rice.

3. ARTILLERY: During the reporting period, Fire Support Base Tape, OP #1, Fire Support Base Alamo and Fire Support Base Hattie fired 10,434 rounds in support of combat operations. Partial surveillance indicated possible 6 KIA VC/NVA KIA and destruction of several hatches. Results of other missions unknown.

4. AIR SUPPORT: There were 121 tactical sorties flown during the reporting period.

- A. VC/NVA KIA (EC): 23
- B. VC/NVA KIA (Poss): 0
- C. Structures destroyed: 0
- D. Bunkers destroyed: 10
- E. Secondary fires and explosions: 21
- F. Scams destroyed: 0
- G. Special Missions (Pougasse drops by CH-47): 102
 - (1) VC/NVA KIA: 5 (30)
 - (2) VC/NVA KIA: 5 (Poss)
 - (3) Secondary fire and explosion: 23
 - (4) Other special missions:
 - (a) Chemical drops: 1
 - (b) Hunter Killer Teams: 15
 - (c) Night Hawk: 9
 - (d) Red Haze Missions: 3

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Inclosure 3 (Operations) to RLL (continued)

4. LOGISTICAL SORTIES:

A. Flown by UH1D:

- (1) Number of sorties: 1054
- (2) Total tonnage: 4,773 tons

B. Flown by CH-47:

- (1) Number of sorties: 237
- (2) Total tonnage: 813 tons

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Inclosure 4 (Organization) to ORLL

1. PERIOD 1-29 FEBRUARY:

TASK ORGANIZATION

- A/3-506 Airborne Infantry
- B/3-506 Airborne Infantry
- C/3-506 Airborne Infantry
- D/3-506 Airborne Infantry
- E/3-506 Airborne Infantry
- D/2-320 Airborne Artillery(attached)
- 1 Section/326 Engineers (attached)

B/3-503 Airborne Infantry OPCON to TF 3-506 from 29 Jan 70 to 3 Feb 70.
 B/4-503 Airborne Infantry OPCON to TF 3-506 from 27 Feb 70 to 4 Mar 70.

2. PERIOD 1-31 MARCH:

TASK ORGANIZATION

- A/3-506 Airborne Infantry
- B/3-506 Airborne Infantry
- C/3-506 Airborne Infantry
- D/3-506 Airborne Infantry
- E/3-506 Airborne Infantry (-)
- D/2-320 Airborne Artillery (attached)
- 1 Section/326 Engineers (attached)

D/2-320 Artillery OPCON to 3-319 Artillery from 9 Mar 70 to 28 Apr 70.
 E (-)/3-506 Abn Inf OPCON 1 4.2" mortar and 2 81mm mortars to 1-503 Airborne Infantry, 173rd Airborne Bde from 23 Mar 70 to 22 Apr 70.

3. PERIOD 1 - 22 APRIL:

TASK ORGANIZATION

- A/3-506 Airborne Infantry
- B/3-506 Airborne Infantry
- C/3-506 Airborne Infantry
- D/3-506 Airborne Infantry
- E/3-506 Airborne Infantry (-)
- D/2-320 Airborne Artillery (attached)
- 1 Section/326 Engineers (attached)

E (-) 3-506 Abn Inf OPCON 1 4.2" mortar and 2 81mm mortar to 1-503 Inf from 29 March 70 to 22 Apr 70.
 E/17 Cav OPCON to TF 3-506 from 11 Apr 70 to 22 Apr 70.

4. PERIOD 25-30 APRIL:

TASK ORGANIZATION--TASK FORCE PURSUIT

- 3-506 Airborne Infantry
- C/75th Rangers
- D/2-320 Artillery (attached)
- 1 Section/326th Engineers(attached)
- 1/D/299 Engineers
- C/7-17 Air Cav

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Inclosure 5 (Training) to GILL

1. TRAINING: The battalion rear fired for Zero. Training being conducted in two groups. One group conducted zero firing while one group continued to meet the operational requirements, then groups rotate.

A. The battalion received 36 allocations to Combat Leaders Course (SLETS) and filled 30 during the reporting period.

B. The battalion received 9 allocations for the Division Sniper School (SERTS) and filled 5 during the reporting period.

C. Allocations received for the Division Sniper School for the month of February were received by message and received by this Headquarters two days after the reporting date. Allocations for April were received on time, however one person selected became sick at the last moment, and due to the tactical situation, a replacement was impossible to find.

2. OTHER: Refresher training in Vietnam and US relations, malaria control, drug abuse were also conducted during the reporting period.

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Inclosure 6 (Logistics) to OILL (Period 1-28 February)

1. GENERAL: During the period of 1-28 February, this unit has had no shortages of major and items which would effect mission accomplishment. The unit continues to draw class I, II, III, IV, V & VIII supplies from 173rd Support Battalion. Class VII, IX and repair parts of Class VIII are drawn on a fill or kill basis from the 173rd Support Battalion. Otherwise these three classes are drawn from Can Ranh Bay Depot or Division.

2. SUPPLY:

A. Class I

- (1) Class A -- 25,150
- (2) Class B -- None
- (3) Class C -- 42,624
- (4) L&P Rations -- 16,128

B. Class II and Class IV

(1) Items received: The following sub-classification of Class II and IV were received; T/A 50/901 clothing and equipment, Personal Clothing and equipment, Administrative and janitorial supplies, cleaning material, construction, and barrier material.

(2) This unit has received all Class II and IV items of critical nature.

C. Class III

- (1) Diesel -- 1,500 gallons
- (2) Mogas -- 3,000 gallons
- (3) JP-4 -- 7,500 gallons
- (4) Av Gas -- None
- (5) Others -- N/A

D. Class V

- (1) 105mm How -- N/A
- (2) 106 mm -- N/A
- (3) 4.2" Mortar - HE 2,060
- (4) 4.2" Mortar - ILL 1,179
- (5) 4.2" Mortar - WP 155
- (6) 81mm Mortar - HE 2,270
- (7) 81mm Mortar - ILL 1,200
- (8) 81mm Mortar - WP 35
- (9) MG, .50 cal - 2,000
- (10) 7.62mm Link - 20,200
- (11) 5.56mm -- 38,920

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Inclosure 6 (Logistics) to G&L (Period 1-31 March)

1. GENERAL: The battalion has the following end item shortages which effect the mission of this unit, during the period of 1-31 March 1970.

<u>Item</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Document No./Control No.</u>	
Mortar, 4.2"	1	0056-001	00614052
Truck, Platform $\frac{1}{2}$ ton	13	0041-014	00524032
M274A3 Gun, Machine M-60	10	0039-005	00524034
" " " "	1	0078-002	
Radar Set, PDS 5	1	0039-002	00524033

NOTE: 4.2" mortars are used as an lieu of issue for 4.2" mortars.

2. SUPPLY:

A. Class I

- (1) Class A -- 35,880
- (2) Class B -- None
- (3) Class C -- 16,640

B. Class II and Class IV

- (1) Class II received
 - (a) Coat, camouflage -- 30
 - (b) Trousers, camouflage -- 30
 - (c) Rucksacks -- 72
 - (d) Mattress, Pneumatic -- 60
 - (e) Liner, Helmet -- 30
 - (f) Gaiter, Plastic -- 60
 - (g) Gaiter, Cover -- 40
 - (h) Panel, Marker -- 12
 - (i) Jug, Vacuum -- 3
 - (j) Lantern, Gasoline -- 5
 - (k) Screen, wire rolls -- 5
- (2) Class IV received
 - (a) Sandbags -- 45,000
 - (b) Stakes, 6 foot -- 300
 - (c) Nails
 - 2D, pounds --- 100
 - 3D, " -- 100
 - 10D, " -- 50
 - 12D, " -- 50
 - (d) Cement, bags -- 80
 - (e) Lumber
 - Flywood $\frac{1}{2}$ " -- 116 sheets
 - 3X10X8 -- 5 pcs
 - 3X12X16 -- 94 pcs
 - 3X10X12 -- 67 pcs
 - 3X12X8 -- 1 pc
 - 4X12X16 -- 18 pcs
 - 4X12X20 -- 3,424 pcs
 - 4X12X10 -- 100 pcs
 - 4X12X12 -- 9 pcs
 - 4X10X16 -- 4 pcs

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Inclosure 6 (Logistics) to GILL (Period 1-31 March continued)

(3) Class V

(a) Ammunition	
M16 Tracer	-- 16,400
M17 Ball	-- 79,020
M30 MML	-- 20,000
Cal .45	-- 500
M79	-- 288
M79 CS	-- 216
M79 HS	-- 936
Grenade, Hand, frag.	-- 880
M72 LAW	-- 15
(2) Smoke	
Green	-- 240
Yellow	-- 1440
Red	-- 320
Violet	-- 240
(3) Explosive, Other	
Claymore, M/D	-- 90
Claymore, W/Q D	-- 36
MSP	-- 372
Trip Flare	-- 256
C-4, blocks	-- 300
CRF Chg 40 lbs	-- 25
Blast E/C	-- 300
Blast M/E	-- 900
Charge S/15 lbs	-- 15
Charge S/40 lbs	-- 40
Det Cord, feet	-- 43,000
Fuse, time, feet	-- 500

3. TRANSPORTATION CONDITIONS: Within the next 30 days this battalion will turn in all excess vehicles in order to meet MTO's authorization levels. At the completion of the turn-in TF 3/506th Inf will have no 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ton vehicles. This battalion will be completely dependent on support facilities for all vehicular transport of bulky supply items.

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Inclosure 6 (Logistics) to ORLL (Period 1-30 April)

1. GENERAL: The Battalion has the following and items short which effect the mission of this unit.

<u>Item</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Document No./Control No.</u>	
Mortar, 4.2"	1	0056-001	00614052
Truck, platform 1/2 ton M274A3	13	0014-014	00524032
Radar Set, PRS 5	1	0039-002	00524033

NOTE: 4.2" mortars are used as an lieu of issue for .81mm mortar.

2. SUPPLY:

A. Class I

- (1) Class A -- 37,000
- (2) Class B -- None
- (3) Class C -- 20,800

B. Class II and IV

- (1) Class II received:
 - (a) Cap, utility 7/6 24
 - (b) Waterproof Bags 3
 - (c) Boots, combat, pr 24
 - (d) Canteen, collaps. 200
 - (e) Trousers, fatigue 210
 - (f) Pad, shoulder, pack 40
 - (g) Belt, indiv, equip 100
 - (h) Madder, float, collapse. 500
 - (i) Liner, poncho 50
- (2) Class IV received
 - (a) Smalbars 40,000
 - (b) Stakes, Eng* G 600

C. Class V.

- (1) Ammunition
 - (a) 5.56mm M16 Ball -- 216,972
 - (b) 7.62mm M60 -- 60,000
 - (c) M79 Canister -- 720
 - (d) M79 HE -- 2,650
 - (e) Grenade, frag; Hand -- 1,224
- (2) Other
 - (a) Smoke, Green -- 36
 - (b) Smoke, Yellow -- 504
 - (c) Smoke, Violet -- 504
 - (d) Smoke, Red -- 36
 - (e) Claymore -- 400
 - (f) M5F -- 72
 - (g) Flare, trip -- 516
 - (h) Lt Fuse -- 665
 - (i) Mestlin' Cap -- 900

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Inclosure 7 (Communications) to ORLL

1. GENERAL: Signal operations continued with no major problems. Frequency over-ride occurred, but caused only minor interference during the reporting period.
2. PROBLEM AND DISCUSSION: Problems continue with the malfunctioning of battery BL 4366. In many instances 50% of all cases received are defective or lacking sufficient power to operate non-pack radios. This is especially critical when using the HYL-3 radio relay as 5-batteries are used to power this equipment. Trouble shooting for bad batteries became time consuming and results in excessive down-time.
3. SUGGESTED REMEDY: An effective measure to insure that the radio operates on fully powered batteries is the use of the battery tester TS 1301/PSM-13. The tester is small and lightweight and extremely accurate. At company level the communication chief can pre-test all batteries prior to resupply thus eliminating poor quality batteries.
4. OTHER: It has been noted that battery BL 4368, which have been opened and checked and then given new classification dates continue to be a problem.

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Inclosure 3 (Material) to GILL

1. GENERAL: The following is a list of projects undertaken by S-5, 3-506 during the month of February. PSYOPS during the reporting period was conducted by the 173rd Abn Bde.

A. Fifty pounds of candy was donated to the Notre Dame Catholic Orphanage for distribution to the children. A number of visits were made to meet the people and to determine the needs of the orphanage.

B. Two 3/4 ton truck loads of scrap lumber and ammunition boxes were delivered to the trade school. Visits were made to meet the director of the school and to discuss its operation. One 55 gallon drum of diesel fuel was delivered to the school for the generator, which was previously donated by 3-506.

C. A visit was made to the scoutmaster of the Boy Scout Troop at Phan Thiet, and the S-5 team was warmly received. He is very interested in having volunteers from TF 3-506 join in his efforts to make the Scout program more meaningful.

2. CIVIL AFFAIRS PROJECTS PLANNED:

A. There is a need for a well to provide fresh water to the people living at the poor house in Phan Thiet. Coordination has begun with the 18th Engineers for guidance in obtaining the necessary equipment and insuring proper installation.

B. The orphanage clearly needs bedding and clothing for the children. Several letters have been written to individuals in the US to inquire into possible donations of these items by benevolent organizations. No replies have yet been received.

C. The Trade School has a shortage of operating capital. A program is being planned to increase the market for its finished products, cabinets, tables furniture, etc, to enable the school to come closer to self-sufficiency.

D. Plans are being made to resume teaching English at Chim Tam High School in Phan Thiet. This will involve two volunteers from 3-506 two or more mornings a week. School officials are enthusiastic about the program.

3. COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Materials used during the month of February:

- A. Scrap lumber, ammo boxes and cans.
- B. One 55 gallon drum of diesel fuel (LSM)
- C. Fifty pounds of candy.
- D. Medical equipment, i.e. 1 bottle of surgical detergent; 1 box (10 pcs) disposable syringes and needles; 4 doses of snake bite anti-venom; 6 boxes of bandages; 3 tubes of tropical ointment; 10 bottles of ophthalmic solution.
- E. Six bottles of sterile water for IV.

5. PSYOPS: None is conducted by 3-506 in Phan Thiet. Refer to 173rd Abn Bde, S-5 for activity in AO.

6. HECOPS: None conducted by 3-506 this month.

7. OPERATIONS: City of Phan Thiet and the surrounding area is ripe for civil affairs program. The 3-506 is the most active unit operating in the area.

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Inclosure 8 (Material) to O&L (continued)

3. During the period of 1-31 March and 1-30 April all S-5 operations were conducted by O&SOM headquarters, 173 Abn Bde and 1st Bde, 4th Inf Div.

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Inclosure 9 (Other) to OMLL

1. General: The Battalion base camp is supported medically by the Battalion Aid Station. It is chiefly manned by one Doctor and two Clinical Specialists.
2. Personnel and Support Units:
 - a. TO&E slots are filled, except for the E-6 section sergeant slot.
 - b. Each line company has four medics assigned to it. One medic is assigned to each platoon and one senior medic is assigned to the Company CP.
3. Overall Health:
 - a. The overall health of the battalion is at a satisfactory level.
 - b. Dapsone and Chloroquine-Primaquine tablets are taken for malaria control.
4. Admissions & Dispositions:

	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>
a. Sick Days	411	663	567
b. Diseases	114	586	530
c. Non-battle Injury	14	67	27
d. Battle Injury	23	10	10
5. Environmental Sanitation
 - a. The Medical Platoon is responsible for sanitary inspections of the Mess Hall, latrines, and refuge points.
 - b. The supplies for latrines are readily available. A detail is assigned each day for the purpose of cleaning the latrines and spreading lime on the urinals.
 - c. The quality of the potable is satisfactory and is inspected for chlorine content.
 - d. The Medical Platoon is responsible for the spraying of the Base Camp with Malathion, and inspects the rodent boxes daily.
6. Other Medical Services:
 - a. A dental clinic has been readily available throughout the reporting period with all patients being screened first by the Battalion Clinical Specialists.
 - b. While the battalion was OPCON to the 173rd Abn Aie a veterinarian was available at the 329th Dog Detachment at LZ English.
 - c. The battalion's present medical chain: 4th Medical Battalion; 17th Field Hospital, and the 67th Evacuation Hospital; in that order.

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