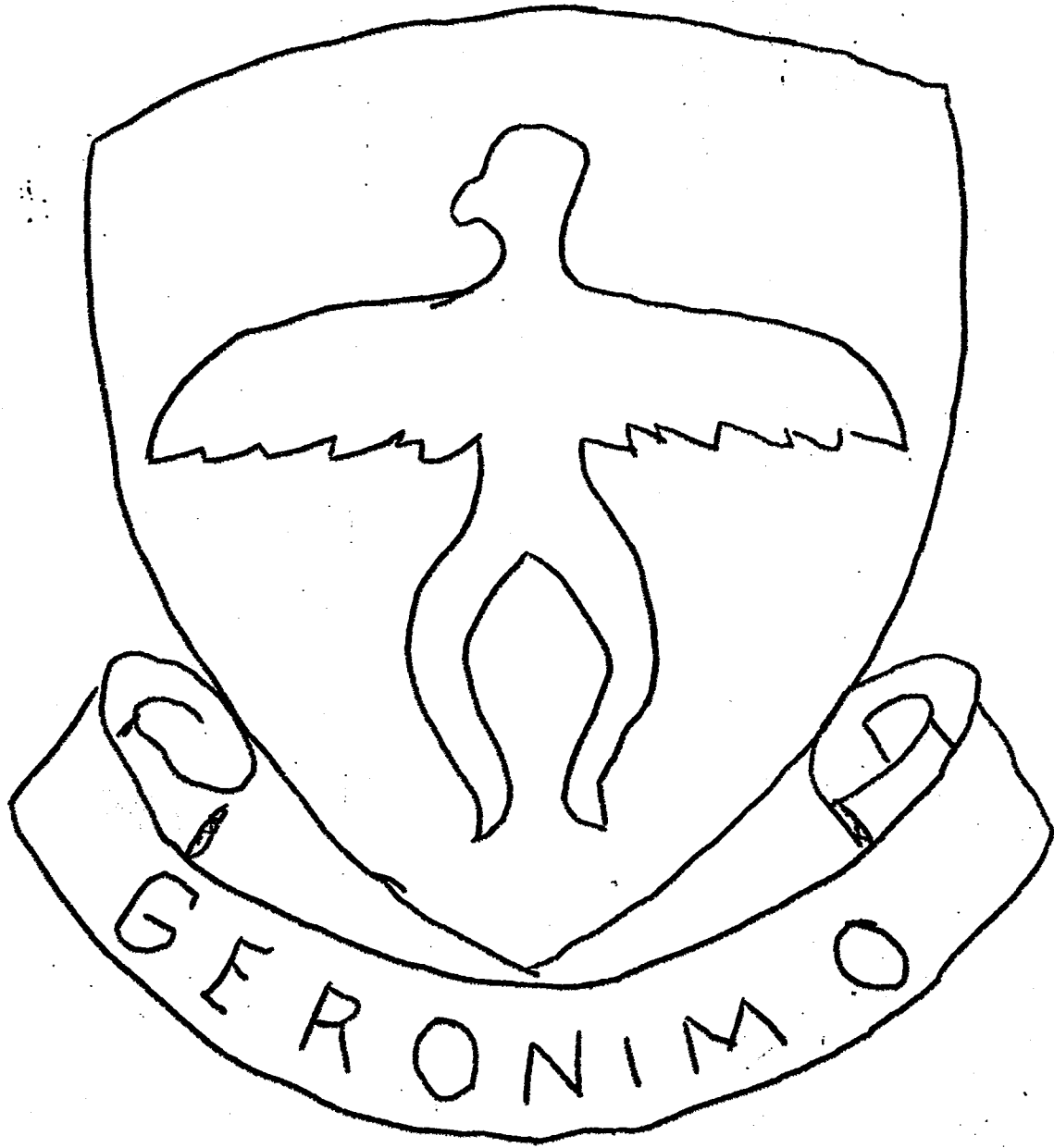


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ANNUAL SUPPLEMENT TO THE HISTORY
OF THE
1ST BATTALION (AIRMOBILE) 501ST AIRBORNE INFANTRY

1 JANUARY 1971 - 31 DECEMBER 1971

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-DEDICATION-

This chapter of the history of 1st Battalion (Airmobile) 501st Infantry is dedicated to our brothers-in-arms who have given their lives in this struggle to retain the freedom of Viet Nam; further to the Stars and Stripes, still the grandest symbol of man's struggle for freedom and the respect of each man's dignity.

1. MISSION, CAPABILITIES AND ORGANIZATION:

a. MISSION: To close with the enemy by means of fire and maneuver in order to destroy or capture him or to repel his assault by fire, close combat and counterattack.

b. CAPABILITIES: At full strength, this unit has the following capabilities:

- (1) Close with the enemy by means of fire and maneuver in order to destroy or capture him.
- (2) Repel enemy assault by fire, close combat and counter attack.
- (3) Provide a base of fire and maneuver elements.
- (4) Seize and hold terrain
- (5) Furnish limited anti-tank protection.
- (6) Provide indirect fire support for organic and attached units.
- (7) Conduct long-range patrolling when appropriately equipped.
- (8) Maneuver in all types of terrain and climatic conditions.
- (9) Conduct frequent combat assaults utilizing assault helicopters with minimum marshalling and planning procedures.

2. PERSONNEL:

a. All individuals of this battalion, except medical personnel, are trained and equipped as infantry men as necessary.

b. This unit is dependent on the administrative company for personnel services.

c. The esprit-de-corps, morale and professionalism of every man assigned to this battalion was at all times highly evident. This, in large measure, can be attributed to expertise of the leaders in the battalion.

3. NARRATIVE:

a. The beginning of 1971 saw the battalion still in Jefferson Glenn. The battalion was conducting refresher training until 6 Jan 71, at which time it moved to FB Rakkasan. On FB Rakkasan the battalion defended and improving the firebase and its AO. The battalion secured FB Rakkasan until 23 Jan 71 when it moved to FB Arsenal and conducted search and attack operations in the Arsenal AO.

SUBJECT: After Action Report, Covering Period 1 Oct to 31 Oct (71)

1. General Activities: During the reporting period, the battalion conducted detailed search, ambush, reconnaissance patrols and night ambushes in its assigned AO, and occupied FB Tomahawk. In addition the battalion was responsible for securing ASP 107 in Da Nang. The battalion also conducted refresher training for A, C, and D Co. Mortars of E Co provided fire support for the battalion from FB Tomahawk.

2. Significant Activities:

10 Oct: 1B found four trails ZC096956. Estimated last activity one week. All trails intersected E-W stream which had recent-2 day- activity.

13 Oct: 3D found 2 BBT one pressure device one trip wire with suspected markers. Engineers contacted and destroyed BBT.

15 Oct: Recon ZC116984 found 4 NVA/VC green plastic rain capes and 2 NVA/VC rain jackets on open area near 2' wide trail. last activity two days.

20 Oct: Initiated combined operation with RF

23 Oct: Typhoon Hester curtailed all tactical operations and inflicted minor damage to FB Tomahawk

27 Oct: Rain and extensive flooding of lowlands hindered all tactical operations.

30 Oct: Recon ZC125996 found cut trees with elephant grass forming a tunnel cave, recent activities 1-2 days.

On 4 Feb 71 the Geronimo Battalion again moved, this time for FB Tomahawk and FB Los Banos. The battalion CP was located on FB Tomahawk and elements of one rifle company secured both firebases. The battalion conducted joint operations with the 155th ARVN Co in its AO.

14 Feb 71 the battalion moved to field locations YD934078 just south of Anzio. C Co moved to PBCB to provide security there. Again the battalion moved on 15 Feb 71 to FB Thunderbird where it stayed until 18 Feb 71 when the battalion returned to PBCB for refresher training.

The Geronimo troopers moved on 25 Feb 71 to A-1, B-1 and A-2, where search and attack operations were conducted until 4 Mar 71. The battalion then participated in Operation Lam Son 719.

During Operation Lam Son 719, 4 Mar to 9 Apr 71, the battalion moved to FB Vandergrift with D Co being OPCON to 2/502 from 4-11 Mar 71. On 21 Mar 71 the battalion moved, this time FB T-Bird III was secured by the 1/501 Inf. While participating in Lam Son 719, the battalion had the mission of screening QL-9. This was done in an outstanding manner. The enemy was completely unable to effect any significant restriction of the friendly use of QL-9. 23 NVA were killed during this operation, with eleven individual weapons and three crew served weapons being captured.

On 9 Apr 71, the battalion ended its participation in Lam Son 719 and again returned to PBCB (Phu Bai Combat Base) for a three day stand down. FB Tomahawk was secured by the battalion on 11 Apr 71 with search and attack operations being conducted in the AO. Co D and 4/C moved to Da Nang on 13 Apr to secure a reserve ammo dump there. The battalion(-) remained on FB Tomahawk until 14 May when it returned to PBCB.

20 May 1/501 moved to FB Brick and its AO to operate there until 5 June. The battalion then moved to Camp Brooks, Da Nang, to secure ASP 107. During the time the ASP was being secured, a combined platoon 2d Bn, 51st ARVN worked with the battalion. From 22 Jun to 24 Jun, B Co had one squad working with the 523 RF Co for combined ambush operations.

The battalion moved to FB Rifle again on 4 Jul. Companies B and D 1/502 Inf were OPCON to the battalion until 11 Jul. FB Boise was secured 23 to 31 Jul by 1A and 1C. Heavy use of flame drops, TAC air, heavy artillery and daisy cutters was employed in the AO, resulting in the major NVA KIA's that were reported by 2/501 Inf when they assumed responsibility for the Rifle AO on 30 Aug.

Starting 31 Aug, 1/501 Inf had the dual missions of securing ASP 107 at Da Nang and the Tomahawk AO. A rotation of the companies was established to allow the units a break. Every two weeks, the company at Da Nang was rotated. This system was augmented with the company of the firebase receiving refresher training. This system was maintained until 15 Nov, the turn over date of the firebase. On 15 Nov, the Ao and FB Tomahawk was turned over to Vietnamese reaction forces. The commitment for securing the ASP 107 at Da Nang remained on the battalion until 29 Nov 71.

On 27 Nov, 1/501 assumed responsibility for FB Arsenal and its AO. For the remainder of the year, 1/501 remained on the FB and secured the main approaches to the low lands while the 1st Bde 101st Airborne Division was standing down at Camp Eagle.

b. SUMMARY:

The year 1971 saw the Geronimo battalion conducting mainly search and attack operations in different AOs. Further, while participating in Lam 3 Son 719, it acted as a screening force for QL-9. In addition, it had the mission of securing ASP 107 at Da Nang.

On 15 Nov, FB Tomahawk was turned over to the Vietnamese by the 1/501 Infantry. The battalion later moved to FB Arsenal, one of the two remaining firebases in the 101st Abn Div AO that was being secured by American troops. This firebase was secured by the 1/501 until the last of the American troops at Camp Eagle had stood down.

In general, as 1971 ended, the Vietnamization program was becoming more evident and the role of the American units in Viet Nam was less. This is evidenced by the role of the 1/501. At the end of 1971, sister battalions in the 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile) have been standing down and the Geronimo battalion is preparing to write the final chapter of the battalion's participation in the war.

LINEAGE

Constituted 24 January 1942 in the Army of the United States as 501st Parachute Infantry. (501st Parachute Battalion, constituted 16 September 1940. Activated 1 October 1940 at Fort Benning, Georgia, and inactivated 2 November 1946 in Austria; consolidated with and redesignated 1st Battalion, 501st Parachute Infantry effective with activation of regiment).

Activated 15 November 1942 at Camp Tocca, Georgia.

Disbanded 20 August 1945 in European Theater.

Headquarters, Headquarters Company, Companies A, B, C, and D, and Medical Detachment, Reconstituted and redesignated 1 August 1946 as 501st Parachute Infantry Battalion, and concurrently activated at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Inactivated 23 November 1948 at Fort Benning, Georgia.

501st Parachute Infantry Battalion redesignated 21 April 1951 as 501st Airborne Infantry less 2nd and 3rd Battalion; remainder of 501st Parachute Infantry of World War II reconstituted and redesignated as same elements of 501st Airborne Infantry (Companies K, L, M, and Support Company constituted).

Alloted to Regular Army, attached to 101st Airborne Division, and activated 10 May 1951 at Camp Breckenridge, Kentucky.

Inactivated 1 December 1953 at Camp Breckenridge, Kentucky.

Assigned 27 April 1954 as organic element of 101st Airborne Division and activated 15 May 1954 at Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

Regiment (less A Company) relieved from assignment to 101st Airborne Division 25 April 1957; concurrently Headquarters and Headquarters and Service Company (less personnel and equipment) assigned to Department of the Army Control; remainder of regiment inactivated at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Concurrently Company A reorganized and redesignated Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Airborne Battalion Group, 501st Infantry, as an element of 101st Airborne Division, (501st Airborne Infantry to be recognized as a parent regiment at a later date) upon activation of 101st Airborne 21 September 1956, Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Reorganization from ROTAD to ROAD on 3 February 1964 brought the designation of 1st

LINEAGE
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Battalion (Airmobile), 501st Infantry with Headquarters, A, B, and C companies. As a result of the Vietnam conflict reorganization effected the 501st Infantry again and D and E companies were added effective 19 October 1967. Only on 1 July 1968 redesignated to 101st Air Cavalry Division however, on 26 August this was redesignated 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), Thus 1st Battalion (Airmobile) 501st Airborne Infantry.

BATTLE

HONORS

CAMPAIGN STREAMERS:

World War II

Normandy (with Arrowhead)

Rhineland (with Arrowhead)

Ardennes-alsace

Central Europe

DECORATIONS:

World War II:

Distinguished Presidential Unit Citation
embroidered BASTOGNE

Distinguished Presidential Unit Citation
embroidered NORMANDY

Streamer, French, Croix do Guerre with Palm
World War II, embroidered NORMANDY

Cited in the Order of the Day of the Belgian Army
for action in BASTOGNE

Cited in the Order of the Day of the Belgian Army
for action in FRANCE BELGIUM

Belgian Fouragore (1940)

Netherlands Orange Lanyard

Viet Nam:

Cross of Gallantry

Cross of Gallantry

Civic Action Award

ROSTER OF KEY PERSONNEL

COMMANDERS AND STAFF (1 January 1971 - 31 December 1971)

BATTALION COMMANDERS

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|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. LTC Arthur C. Dister | 1 Jan 71 - 13 Mar 71 |
| 2. LTC Wade Hampton | 14 Mar 71 - 31 Dec 71 |

BATTALION XO

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|------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. MAJ Carl H. Simms | 1 Jan 71 - 2 Oct 71 |
| 2. MAJ James R. Parish | 3 Oct 71 - 31 Dec 71 |

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|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. CPT James V. Hargis | 1 Jan 71 - 12 Feb 71 |
| 2. CPT Ray E. Warren | 13 Feb 71 - 31 May 71 |
| 3. CPT Robert W. Molter | 1 Jun 71 - 28 Jul 71 |
| 4. CPT Aloysius Greenhouse | 29 Jul 71 - 31 Dec 71 |

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|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. CPT Ray E. Warren III | 1 Jan 71 - 13 Feb 71 |
| 2. 1LT John R. Ulricson | 14 Feb 71 - 23 Mar 71 |
| 3. CPT Robert A. Stroud | 24 Mar 71 - 1 May 71 |
| 4. CPT Aloysius Greenhouse | 2 May 71 - 28 Jul 71 |
| 5. 1LT William E. Currilin | 29 Jul 71 - 27 Oct 71 |
| 6. CPT Michael D. Gilbert | 28 Oct 71 - 5 Nov 71 |
| 7. CPT Robert C. Deale | 6 Nov 71 - 31 Dec 71 |

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|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. CPT Jerry R. Barnhill | 1 Jan 71 - 14 Mar 71 |
| 2. MAJ Gordon Dahlquist | 15 Mar 71 - 3 May 71 |
| 3. MAJ James R. Parish | 4 May 71 - 21 Sep 71 |
| 4. CPT Peter O'Sullivan | 22 Sep 71 - 31 Dec 71 |

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|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. CPT Paul T. Richardson | 1 Jan 71 - 20 Jul 71 |
| 2. CW2 Royal Thacker | 21 Jul 71 - 9 Sep 71 |
| 3. CPT Royal A. Brown III | 10 Sep 71 - 14 Dec 71 |
| 4. CPT Robert S. Hartfeld | 15 Dec 71 - 31 Dec 71 |

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|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. 1LT William E. Currilin | 1 Jan 71 - 12 OCT 71 |
| 2. 1LT Edward J. Kelly | 13 Oct 71 - 31 Dec 71 |

Company A

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|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. CPT Robert A. Stroud | 1 Jan 71 - 25 Mar 71 |
| 2. CPT Jerry R. Barnhill | 26 Mar 71 - 28 Oct 71 |
| 3. CPT James S. Gribshaw | 29 Oct 71 - 31 Dec 71 |

Company B

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|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. CPT Henry S. Langedorf | 1 Jan 71 - 24 May 71 |
| 2. CPT Micheal Stratton | 25 May 71 - 28 Oct 71 |
| 3. CPT Robert H. Behncke | 29 Oct 71 - 31 Dec 71 |

Company C

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|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. CPT Warren Todd | 1 Jan 71 - 1 Aug 71 |
| 2. 1LT Peter Valane | 2 Aug 71 - 24 Aug 71 |
| 3. CPT Robert S. Hartfeld | 25 Aug 71 - 14 Dec 71 |
| 4. CPT Charles R. Viale | 15 Dec 71 - 31 Dec 71 |

Company D

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|--------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. CPT Gregory E. Mantle | 1 Jan 71 - 23 Feb 71 |
| 2. CPT Norman E. Thomas | 24 Feb 71 - 5 Jul 71 |
| 3. CPT Carl W. Woelfer | 6 Jul 71 - 2 Sep 71 |
| 4. CPT Lee DeVault | 3 Sep 71 - 31 Dec 71 |

Company E

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|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. CPT James D. Stowers | 1 Jan 71 - 4 Apr 71 |
| 2. CPT Harry H. Winning III | 5 Apr 71 - 8 May 71 |
| 3. CPT Micheal J. Giguere | 9 May 71 - 30 Jul 71 |
| 4. 1LT James J. Charles | 31 Jul 71 - 7 Sep 71 |
| 5. CPT Robert J. Pfrimmer | 8 Sep 71 - 31 Dec 71 |

KILLED IN ACTION

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>UNIT</u> | <u>RANK</u> | <u>DATE</u> |
|------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Elam, John | C | | 15 Mar 71 |
| Espinosa, Juan | C | | 15 Mar 71 |
| Mullinex, James | C | | 15 Mar 71 |
| Ward, James | C | | 13 Mar 71 |
| Crowder, Neal | C | | 13 Mar 71 |
| King, Harry | B | | 17 Mar 71 |
| Testorf, Thomas | B | | 17 Mar 71 |
| Olsen, Thomas | C | | 27 Mar 71 |
| Bradley, Robert | C | | 27 Mar 71 |
| Yell, Glen | C | | 27 Mar 71 |
| Chaudoin, Robert | C | 1 LT | 27 Mar 71 |
| Serven, Paul | C | | 27 Mar 71 |
| Pritchett, Carl W. | A | | 28 Mar 71 |
| Kimber, Terrel | A | | 29 Mar 71 |
| Mims, Kenneth E. | B | | 11 Sep 71 |
| Zepeda, Armando | C | SP4 | 22 May 71 |
| Blair, Thomas | A | 1LT | 29 May 71 |
| Summerville, Frederick | A | SP4 | 4 Jul 71 |
| Roberson, Arthur | D | SP4 | 19 Jun 71 |
| Murrell, Jimmy | D | SP4 | 3 Jul 71 |
| Lange, Richard | D | PFC | 19 Nov 71 |

WOUNDED IN ACTION*SHRAPNEL WOUNDS:

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>UNIT</u> | <u>RANK</u> | <u>DATE</u> |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Carlson, Robert | A | | 26 Feb 71 |
| Schultz, Dennis | A | | 26 Feb 71 |
| BusLamante, Comcepia | A | | 2 Mar 71 |
| Hawkins, Gerald | D | | 2 Mar 71 |
| Rosenthal, Thomas A | A | | 2 Mar 71 |
| Manbual, Charles | A | | 27 Feb 71 |
| Reynolds, James O | A | | 27 Feb 71 |
| Polozzi, Ronald | A | | 26 Feb 71 |
| Kraszewski, Loon | A | | 2 Mar 71 |
| Orr, Harry B | HHC | | 3 Mar 71 |
| Galko, David L | E | | 3 Mar 71 |
| James, David | A | | 28 Feb 71 |
| Krupp, Robert | D | | 9 Mar 71 |
| Ohrt, Paul E | D | | 8 Mar 71 |
| Konigsburg, Aadio | D | | 8 Mar 71 |
| Rell, Gordin | D | | 8 Mar 71 |
| Schnieder, Jan D | C | | 15 Mar 71 |
| Cameron, Willie | C | | 15 Mar 71 |
| Martiney, Jose | C | | 15 Mar 71 |
| Robbins, Rommie | C | | 15 Mar 71 |
| Harrington, John | A | | 15 Mar 71 |
| Hinson, Michael | A | | 1 Mar 71 |
| Harrington, Hohn | A | | 1 Mar 71 |
| Riggs, James A | HHC | | 1 Mar 71 |
| Jennings, John | D | | 18 Mar 71 |
| Meier, Thomas | B | | 19 Mar 71 |
| Messier, Garry | B | | 19 Mar 71 |
| Dantine, Robert J | B | | 19 Mar 71 |
| Winfeild, Albert | HHC | | 19 Mar 71 |
| Takeda, Kenji | C | | 23 Mar 71 |
| Mongillo, Vincent | C | | 27 Mar 71 |
| Paolina, Frank | C | | 27 Mar 71 |

WOUNDED IN ACTION-SHRAPNEL WOUNDS:

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>UNIT</u> | <u>RANK</u> | <u>DATE</u> |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Wood, Charles | C | | 27 Mar 71 |
| Metcalf, William | C | | 27 Mar 71 |
| Venedam, Charles | C | | 27 Mar 71 |
| Krizan, Andrew | A | | 28 Mar 71 |
| Holguin, Jose | A | | 28 Mar 71 |
| Hudson, Horace | A | | 28 Mar 71 |
| Boxtic, Melvin | A | | 28 Mar 71 |
| McDaniel, Walter | A | | 28 Mar 71 |
| Brochu, Gerald | C | | 28 Mar 71 |
| Haney, Samuel | A | | 28 Mar 71 |
| Billingsley, Monroe | A | | 28 Mar 71 |
| Leslie, Robert | A | | 29 Mar 71 |
| McCabe, John | A | | 29 Mar 71 |
| Dobranich, Edward | A | | 29 Mar 71 |
| Roberts, William | HHC | | 29 Mar 71 |
| Thomas, John | A | | 29 Mar 71 |
| Bailey, Larry | C | SP4 | 22 May 71 |
| Coleiasure, Charles | C | PFC | 22 May 71 |
| Sather, Neil S | C | PFC | 23 May 71 |
| Weatherly, Charles L | D | SGT | 3 Jul 71 |
| Brono, Lewis | D | SSG | 3 Jul 71 |
| Chestnut, Ernest | D | SP4 | 3 Jul 71 |
| Grammont, Charles | D | SGT | 3 Jul 71 |
| Garcia, Ignacio | C | SP4 | 20 Aug 71 |
| Turner, Donald | C | SP4 | 20 Aug 71 |
| Newman, Williams | C | SP4 | 20 Aug 71 |
| Brochv, Gerald | C | SP4 | 20 Aug 71 |
| Greeson, Gary | C | SP4 | 20 Aug 71 |

WOUNDED IN ACTION-GUNSHOT WOUNDS:

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>UNIT</u> | <u>RANK</u> | <u>DATE</u> |
|--------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Dister, Arthur | AD Co | LTC | 13 Mar 71 |
| MacKay, Harry | AD Co | MAJ | 13 Mar 71 |
| Girior, Michael | B | | 13 Mar 71 |
| Provost, Victor | E | | 16 Mar 71 |
| Schimek, Thomas | C | | 27 Mar 71 |
| Pribbernow, Ernest | C | | 28 Mar 71 |
| Mathews, Ernest A | A | | 28 Mar 71 |
| Noyes, Kinber | A | | 28 Mar 71 |
| Moore, Jimmy L. | C | SP4 | 19 Apr 71 |
| Lopez, Johnny | A | PV2 | 21 May 71 |
| Gourley, Dow W | E | PFC | 30 May 71 |
| Garside, Ronald | A | SGT | 10 Jul 71 |
| Hopkins, Landen | A | SP4 | 11 Aug 71 |
| Willis, Donald | B | PFC | 10 Sept 71 |

WOUNDED IN ACTION-BOOBY TRAP WOUNDS:

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>UNIT</u> | <u>RANK</u> | <u>DATE</u> |
|----------------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Wilson, Travis E | B | SSG | 16 Feb 71 |
| Barresed, Rubin E | B | SP4 | 16 Feb 71 |
| Bumgarner, Billy M | 47th Schut Dog | | 16 Feb 71 |
| Rhodes, Carl D | E | PFC | 17 Feb 71 |
| Lynch, James | E | PFC | 17 Feb 71 |
| Sample, David | E | SSG | 17 Feb 71 |
| Schnieder, Jan D | C | SP4 | 15 Mar 71 |
| Cameron, Willie | C | PFC | 15 Mar 71 |
| Martinez, Jose | C | PFC | 15 Mar 71 |
| Robbins, Ronnie | C | PFC | 15 Mar 71 |
| Durney, Peter | A | 1LT | 3 Mar 71 |
| Ntiller, Larry | A | SP4 | 3 Mar 71 |
| Garsons, Ronald | A | SP4 | 3 Mar 71 |
| Breslin, Mark | B | SGT | 11 Apr 71 |
| Cameup, Thomas | B | SP4 | 11 Apr 71 |
| Edwards, Carl L | B | SP4 | 12 Apr 71 |
| Huhn, Cornelius | A | SSG | 18 Apr 71 |
| Mickelson, Mark | B | SSG | 25 Apr 71 |
| Swafford, James L | B | SGT | 4 May 71 |
| Zimberlin, Darryl A. | D | SGT | 29 Jun 71 |
| Neely, Gary | B | SP4 | 4 Jul 71 |
| Zilmer, Dennis | B | PFC | 9 Jul 71 |
| Goldsberry, Donald | E | SP4 | 4 Aug 71 |
| Mitchell, William | E | SGT | 4 Aug 71 |
| LaBlanc, Ronald | A | SP4 | 11 Aug 71 |
| Berger, Sanford | A | SP4 | 11 Aug 71 |
| Howard, Jerry A | A | SP4 | 11 Aug 71 |
| Jones, William P. | C | SP4 | 20 Aug 71 |
| Cansler, Dennis F | HHC | SP4 | 24 Oct 71 |
| Ayars, Charles J. | B | SGT | 7 Nov 71 |

AWARDS & DECORATIONS EARNED DURING 1971

1. SILVER STAR:

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|--------------------|-----|----|-----------|--------|
| BAILEY, Larry | SP4 | C | 14 Jul 71 | |
| BELL, Alden | SSG | A | 4 Feb 71 | |
| BLAIR, Thomas | 1LT | A | 24 Jun 71 | |
| DAWSON, Michael | SP4 | H | 13 Jun 71 | |
| DISTER, Arthur | LTC | HQ | 10 May 71 | |
| HENDERSON, Richard | SSG | C | 14 Jul 71 | |
| KIMBER, Terrell | SSG | A | 1 Jul 71 | (Post) |
| PRICHETT, Carl | PFC | A | 29 May 71 | (Post) |
| LESLIE, Robert | 1LT | A | 14 May 71 | |
| TESSIMEN, Robert | SP4 | A | 19 Apr 71 | |
| WILHOTM, Harold | SP4 | A | 14 May 71 | |

2. BSM "V"

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|---------------------|-----|---|-----------|---------|
| ADAMS, John | SP4 | B | 31 May 71 | |
| ALBERTS, Sheldon | PFC | A | 26 May 71 | |
| ASTOR, Miguel | PFC | C | 24 Jun 71 | |
| BARNHILL, Jerry | CPT | A | 13 Jul 71 | |
| BELL, Alden | SSG | A | 17 Feb 71 | |
| BIELINGSLEY, Morroe | PFC | A | 14 Sep 71 | |
| BIS, Terry | PFC | C | 19 Jun 71 | |
| BLAIR, Thomas | 1LT | A | 17 Feb 71 | |
| CASE, Ray | SP4 | A | 16 Jul 71 | |
| CHAUDOIN, Robert | 1LT | C | 4 Aug 71 | |
| CHIGUINA, Juan | PFC | A | 1 Jun 71 | |
| CHRISTIE, Brian | SP4 | H | 27 Dec 71 | |
| DONALDSON, John | 1LT | C | 7 Jun 71 | |
| DOUGLAS, Perry | PFC | A | 1 Jun 71 | |
| DURNEY, Peter | 1LT | A | 17 May 71 | |
| EMERSON, Paul | PFC | C | 24 Jun 71 | |
| FOX, Kenneth | SGT | A | 8 May 71 | |
| FOX, Kenneth | SGT | A | 22 May 71 | (1 OLC) |
| GABRIEL, Alfredo | 1LT | A | 21 Jul 71 | |
| GAERKE, William | PFC | A | 1 Jun 71 | |
| GARLAND, Thomas | PFC | C | 19 Jun 71 | |
| GRIGSBY, Theodess | SP4 | A | 26 May 71 | |
| GARZA, Manual | PFC | A | 22 Mar 71 | |
| HAYES, James | PFC | C | 24 Jun 71 | |
| HINSON, Micharl | SGT | A | 26 May 71 | |
| HOLBROOD, Landon | SP4 | A | 16 May 71 | |
| HUDSON, Horace | SGT | A | 1 Jun 71 | |
| HUFF, Michael | SGT | A | 17 Feb 71 | |
| HUFF, Michael | SGT | A | 22 May 71 | (1 OLC) |

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| ISBELL, Ervin | PFC | A | 24 Jun 71 | |
| JAMES, Daniel | SFC | A | 26 May 71 | |
| JOSEPH, Clyde | SGT | C | 26 May 71 | |
| JOYCE, Garlan | PFC | A | 10 Jul 71 | |
| JACKSON, Wille | SGT | A | 27 Dec 71 | |
| KING, Henry | SSG | A | 1 Jul 71 | |
| LABELLE, Arthur | 1LT | C | 14 Jul 71 | |
| LAND, Bruce | SGT | C | 9 Jun 71 | |
| MACK, Anthony | SGT | C | 19 Jun 71 | |
| MARKS | PFC | A | 27 Dec 71 | |
| MARLEY, Mack | PFC | C | 19 Jun 71 | |
| MAXWELL, Marvin | SFC | C | 4 Jun 71 | |
| McCALL, Richard | SP4 | C | 16 Jul 71 | |
| McCUPRY, Darrell | PFC | C | 19 Jun 71 | |
| McNEESE, Jesse | PFC | C | 25 Jul 71 | |
| MILAM, Galvin | SP4 | A | 27 Jan 71 | (Post) |
| MILLER, James | SGT | C | 25 Jun 71 | |
| MINKE, Lonnie | SP4 | C | 25 Jun 71 | |
| MULLINAX, James | SGT | C | Jul 71 | (Post) |
| MUNIZ, Jorge | PFC | C | 24 Jul 71 | |
| NOFTZ, Harold | SGT | C | 25 Jun 71 | |
| NORMAN, Micharl | PFC | A | 21 Jul 71 | |
| OVERWEG, Roger | PFC | A | 8 Mar 71 | |
| PRYOR, Paul | PFC | A | 8 Mar 71 | |
| QUEEN, Roger | SGT | A | 22 Mar 71 | |
| OVERWEG, Roger | PFC | A | 22 Mar 71 | (1 OLC) |
| RICHEY, Darrich | SSG | A | 22 Mar 71 | (1 OLC) |
| RICHEY, Darrich | SSG | A | 25 Jun 71 | (2 OLC) |
| ROBBINS, William | PFC | A | 16 Mar 71 | |
| SCHAUB, John | SP4 | B | 31 May 71 | |
| SERVEN, Paul | SP4 | C | 4 Aug 71 | |
| STROUD, Robert | CPT | A | 13 May 71 | |
| SWETS, Orville | SGT | D | 17 Jul 71 | |
| THOMAS, Norman | CPT | D | 26 May 71 | |
| TIPTON, Horace | PFC | C | 19 Jun 71 | |
| TODD, Warren | CPT | C | 31 May 71 | |
| VAN MAELE, Robert | PFC | A | 17 Feb 71 | |
| WARD, James | SSG | C | 1 Jul 71 | |
| WEATHERLY, Charles | SGT | D | 6 Aug 71 | |
| WHITAKER, William | PFC | A | 1 Jun 71 | |
| WILLIAMS, Robert | PFC | A | 27 Dec 71 | |
| WILSON, Steven | SP4 | A | 14 Sep 71 | |
| WILSON, Travis | SSG | B | 16 Mar 71 | |
| ZEPEDA, Armando | SP4 | C | 9 Jun 71 | |
| ZIMBELMAN, Kenneth | SP4 | A | 3 Jul 71 | |
| ZIMBERLIN, Darryl | SGT | D | 11 Aug 71 | |

3. ARCOM "V"

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| ABBOTT, Andron | PFC | A | 12 Jul 71 |
| BAKER, Edward | SGT | C | 12 Jul 71 |
| BILLINGSLEY, Monrow | PVT-2 | A | 30 Jul 71 |
| BONIN, Arthur | SGT | B | 2 Apr 71 |
| CARR, Charles | SGT | B | 16 Jun 71 |
| EVANS, Robert | PFC | D | 8 Mar 71 |
| GIROVARD, Raymond | SP4 | A | 12 Jul 71 |
| GROGONICA, Barry | PFC | A | 8 Mar 71 |
| GRUNWALD, Bruce | PFC | A | 12 Jul 71 |
| HITE, Michael | SGT | B | 19 Aug 71 |
| HOLGUIN', Jose | PFC | A | 8 Mar 71 |
| HOLGUIN, Jose | PFC | A | 22 Mar 71 |
| INGULD, John | SGT | B | 25 Mar 71 |
| KIMBER, Terroll | SSG | A | 16 Mar 71 |
| LOPEZ, Johnny | PVT-2 | A | 21 Jul 71 |
| LOPEZ, Noel | SGT | C | 30 Aug 71 |
| McCABE, John | PFC | A | 12 Jul 71 |
| McCONNELL, D6Hald | SP4 | A | 12 Jul 71 |
| McGIVEN, William | SP4 | A | 30 Jul 71 |
| McDANIEL, Walter | 1LT | A | 22 Mar 71 |
| MRTCALF, William | SGT | C | 26 May 71 |
| MILLER, James | SGT | C | 17 Jul 71 |
| MIRANDA, Edward | PFC | H | 12 Jul 71 |
| NUNLEY, Terry | SP4 | A | 8 Mar 71 |
| OAKES, Roger | CPT | H | 16 Mar 71 |
| OTTER, David | SGT | D | 11 Aug 71 |
| POSEDEL, William | PFC | A | 12 Jul 71 |
| PRYOR, Paul | PFC | A | 22 Mar 71 |
| ROBBINS, William | PFC | A | 12 Jul 71 |
| ROBERTSON, Loney | PFC | A | 8 Mar 71 |
| SAIN, Phillip | PFC | A | 12 Jul 71 |
| SAMPSON, Robert | PFC | A | 8 Mar 71 |
| SCHWORCK, Mard | PFC | A | 16 Mar 71 |
| SISK, Orville | SGT | D | 4 Apr 71 |
| THOMAS, John | SP4 | A | 12 Jul 71 |
| TITLA, Davison | PFC | B | 25 Mar 71 |
| TURNER, Donald | PFC | C | 17 Jul 71 |
| WILLSON, John | PFC | B | 1 Jun 71 |
| WISMAN, Francis | SP4 | B | 1 Jun 71 |
| YOUNG, Daryl | PFC | A | 22 Mar 71 |

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AUTHORIZED STRENGTH

| <u>UNIT</u> | <u>O</u> | <u>WO</u> | <u>EM</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|-------------|----------|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| HHC | 15 | 2 | 147 | 164 |
| Co A | 6 | | 158 | 164 |
| Co B | 6 | | 158 | 164 |
| Co C | 6 | | 158 | 164 |
| Co D | 6 | | 158 | 164 |
| Co E | 4 | | 96 | 100 |
| MTOE | 43 | 2 | 875 | 920 |

ASSIGNED STRENGTHS 1971

| | <u>JANUARY</u> | <u>FEBRUARY</u> | <u>MARCH</u> | <u>APRIL</u> | <u>MAY</u> | <u>JUNE</u> | <u>JULY</u> | <u>AUGUST</u> |
|-------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| <u>Unit</u> | <u>Agg.</u> | <u>Agg.</u> | <u>Agg.</u> | <u>Agg.</u> | <u>Agg.</u> | <u>Agg.</u> | <u>Agg.</u> | <u>Agg.</u> |
| HHC | 225 | 223 | 239 | 191 | 198 | 192 | 185 | 185 |
| Co A | 139 | 142 | 138 | 155 | 153 | 150 | 130 | 109 |
| Co B | 140 | 148 | 155 | 156 | 151 | 143 | 124 | 107 |
| Co C | 147 | 145 | 126 | 152 | 143 | 135 | 127 | 111 |
| Co D | 139 | 141 | 143 | 147 | 158 | 129 | 108 | 96 |
| Co E | 92 | 89 | 72 | 86 | 81 | 76 | 80 | 81 |
| | <u>SEPTEMBER</u> | <u>OCTOBER</u> | <u>NOVEMBER</u> | <u>DECEMBER</u> | | | | |
| <u>Unit</u> | <u>Agg.</u> | <u>Agg.</u> | <u>Agg.</u> | <u>Agg.</u> | | | | |
| HHC | 208 | 187 | 160 | 164 | | | | |
| Co A | 113 | 150 | 149 | 130 | | | | |
| Co B | 122 | 122 | 173 | 138 | | | | |
| Co C | 119 | 161 | 147 | 119 | | | | |
| Co D | 123 | 144 | 138 | 137 | | | | |
| Co E | 73 | 82 | 83 | 85 | | | | |

SUBJECT: Feeder After Action Report Covering the Period 1 Jan to 31 Jan (71)

1. **General Activities:** During the reporting period, the battalion conducted refresher training at POCB from 28 Dec 70 to 6 Jan 71. Training was orientated towards company training, marksmanship, maintenance, contact teams and commanders time. On 6 Jan the battalion moved to FB Rakkasan to occupy, defend and improve the FB, and carry out search and attack missions in its respective area of operation. Co D provided security for the FB and also utilized human and mechanical ambushes nightly. On 13 Jan Co D was inserted into its area of operation and Co C assumed the responsibility of defending the FB. Co B replaced Co C on 23 Jan and moved with the battalion to FB Aresnal on 27 Jan leaving one platoon in Phu Bai to conduct nightly ambushes to aid in the defense of POCB. During the reporting period a light mortar platoon was organized on Co B. This element consisted of one 81mm mortar tube and 15 to 20 men. Its purpose was to provide the company commander with fire support under his direct control.

2. **Significant Activities:**

6 Jan: 1-501 assumed command of FB Rakkasan and its Area of Operation.

7 Jan: 3/A at YD 485237 discovered one enemy B B T. It was not detonated.

8 Jan: Practice allert conducted.

10 Jan: 3/D vic YD495204 found one 60mm mortar round and two fuses. Negative recent activities.

11 Jan: Co A vic YD494237 found one PRC handset, one copy resupply list, 2 feet det cord, 2 steel pots, one bandalere of ammo, three cases of C-Rations, one hand illum, one M-17 protective mask. 3/B vic YD453149 found one NVA Medical Kit on a high speed trail which showed recent use.

12 Jan: Recon vic YD483117 found bunker complex and old trail network.

14 Jan: At YD444121 Recon detonated a BBT. Grenade and trip wire device. Results one US WIA. AT YD452119 found Tu Yet carved into tree. 1/D vic YD472112 found cooking utensils and one bunker located at trail orientated N-S. There were signs of activity within last 24 hours. Co D vic YD457122 found fifteen pounds of C-4.

16 Jan: Co A found bunker complex YD520234. Co D vic YD460117 found six bunkers.

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2. (C) Significant Activities:

17 Jan: 3/A at vic YD502214 recieved 2-3 AK-47 rounds, also found a network of trails covered with footprints. ARA employed with negative results. 1/CP/D found ten booby traps on FB Kathlyn. Res destroyed.

18 Jan: 3/A vic YD504220 sighted one enemy and employed small arms fire. Results: one blood trail.

19 Jan: 2/A vic YD501221 found a large network of trails orientated along the ridgeline. Co A vic YD508231 found one RPG round. 3/A vic YD504216 found one set of footprints orientated southeast. There were three punji pits on the trail. Co vic YD508213 detonated one booby trap. Results one US WIA.

21 Jan: Recon vic YD439245 found one trail orientated west to east. Estimated usage 12 days. Co A vic YD517209 discovered a bunker complex.

22 Jan: 3/D recieved small arms fire from two enemy vic YD473137. Negative results.

23 Jan: 2/A vic YD506216 found one individual weapon Chicom Pistol. Last activity 2-3 days. Co D vic YD466236 discovered a wire believed to be an antenna and eight fighting positions. Co D vic YD470133 discovered a trail orientated north to south. Last activity 12 hours.

24 Jan: 2/A vic YD507215 found a weapons cache site. Results 65 SK's, 15 AK-47's. 1/A vic YD513205 recieved small arms fire from 2-3 enemy 100-150 meters north east of their position. Results 2 enemy KIA, one AK-50.

25 Jan: 3/A recieved small arms fire while sweeping a bunker complex vic YD508214. Platoon came under small arms fire and RPG fire. Results seven US WIA.

27 Jan: One routine medivac. Man had a cut on his face.

28 Jan: Bn moved to FB Arsenal but due to bad weather only one half the move was completed. Co A OPCON 1/502.

29 Jan: The move to FB Arsenal was completed. Co C vic YD775035 discovered one spider hole. Negative recent enemy activity.

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1. (C) General Activities: During the reporting period the battalion conducted Search And Attack Operations in it's assigned area of operation. The battalion occupied FB Arsenal from 1 Feb to 4 Feb conducting operations in the area. Co B provided securith for the FB and also conducted nightly ambushes. On 4 Feb the battalion moved to FB Tomahawk and FB Los Banos and continued operations with the battalion CP located on FB Tomahawk, and elements from Co A securing both of the Fire Bases. During this operation the battalion joined forces with the 155th ARVN Co to search out and attack enemy forces in the area. Co A 1/502 was OPCON to 1/501 from 4 Feb to 9 Feb. The battalion moved to a field location YD934078 just to the south of Anzio 14 Feb with Co A providing security. On 14 Feb elements from Co C were taken to Phu Bai Combat Base to conduct nightly ambushes to aid in the defense of the installation. The battalion moved to FB Thunderbird on 15 Feb with Co C manning the perimeter. On 18 Feb the battalion terminated operations in the area and returned to Phu Bai Combat Base by truck for refresher training. Trainigg was orientated towards marksmanship, maintenance contact teams, and commanders time. The battalion was air ligned to Dong Ha Combat Base on 24 Feb and recieved a warning order to move on 25 Feb to A-1, B-1, and A-2. The move was completed and operations were resumed in that area. During the reporting period a light motar platoon was organized in Co B and Co C respectively. These elements consisted of one 81mm motar tube and fifteen to twenty men. The platoon remained in the Co's area of operation and conducted daily patrols. It's purpose was to provide the Co Commanders with fire support under his direct control.

2. (C) Significant Activities:

17 Feb: Co A vic YD930986 discovered one 60mm motar round booby trap. Recon Team 1 detonated three booby traps vic YD994990. Results 3 US WIA. Co B vic YC922989 found an enemy sleeping position for 9-10 men. There were no signs of any recent enemy activity. Co A vic YC923987 found one bunker and four 82mm motar rounds. Co C engaged 5-6 enemy 200 to 300 meters to the northwest of their position vic YD888028. ARA and Pink Team were employed with negative findings. Bunker 14 on OP Tunderbird sited 4-5 enemy crossing road into bushes vic YD902023. Motar fire and automatic weapons fire was employed with negative results. Medivac requested for one US wounded from the backblast from a claymore mine.

18 Feb: The battalion returned to Phu Bai Combat Base for refresher training today. The battalion assumes Division Reaction Force during it's stay in Phu Bai.

24 Feb: The battalion moved to Dong Ha Combat Base today.

25 Feb: 1/501 has assumed command of A-2. Co B found a booby trap vic YD281758, Co B vic YD281785 sited six enemy and engaged them with motar fire. Results negative.

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2. (C) Significant Activities:

26 Feb: Co A vic 178734 observed a bird take small arms fire. SEL was engaged by 20 82mm motars. Results unknown. Co A taking small arms fire and B-40 rocket fire, vic 178734. Returned 82mm motar and 105 fire. Co B recieved 14 rounds of 60mm impacting 400 meters north of their position, vic 282275. A-1 recieved two rounds of an unknown type. They impacted 300 meters northwest of the FB.

27 Feb: Co D vic 221736 found one anti-personel mine. Co A vic 182754 recieved small arms fire. M-79 fire was returned with negative results. Vic 179745 Co A recieved RPG fire. Results, 2 US WIA. Co B vic 284765 found 2 60 mm motar rounds on a trail orientated north to south. Co A vic 851745 found one booby trap constructed of a 155 round. Results destroyed.

28 Feb: A-2 recieved 10 to 12 60mm motar rounds impacting 50 meters outside the wire. There were negative casualties. Co B recieved 6 82mm motar rounds, XD265745. An SEL vic YD254769 was employed with ten rounds of 155. Results unknown. B-1 requested illumination. HE was fired instead. Results one US KIA five US WIA.

SUBJECT: Feeder After Action Report, Covering the period 1 Mar to 31 Mar (71).

1. (C) General Activities: During the reporting period the battalion conducted Search and Attack Operations in its assigned area of operations. The battalion occupied FB A-2 YD215743 from 1 Mar to 4 Mar conducting operations in the area. Co D provided security for the FB and also conducted nightly ambushes. On 4 Mar the battalion moved to Dong Ha by air and ground. On 5 Mar the battalion moved to FB Vandergrift and HHC provided security. Co D was OPCON to 2/502 FB Anne from 4 Mar to 11 Mar. On 21 Mar the battalion moved to FB T-Bird III XD 970539 conducting search and clear missions in their assigned areas of operations. During the reporting period a light motor platoon was organized in Co A, Co B, and Co C respectively. These elements consisted of one 81mm mortar tube and fifteen to twenty men. The platoon remained in the Co's area of operation. Its purpose was to provide the Co Commanders with fire support under his direct control.

2. (C) Significant Activities:

1 Mar: 1/501 assumed command of FB A-2 and its Area of Operation. Co D assumed responsibility of the FB.

1 Mar: A-2 received 6-8 rounds of unknown type. Results one US WIA.

1 Mar: 11/B found three Rckt set up on AZ of 160' at YD282768 with two wires running from the rear of the Rckts. Three enemy with AK-47s fled north, believed to have set Rckts. MA's were set and Rckts were boundary.

1 Mar: Sniper team 1 spotted a Co size element with night devices moving toward Co A's location YD189758. The SEL was on the other side of DMZ boundary.

2 Mar: 1/A received two 60mm Rds at YD195739 with negative casualties.

2 Mar: 1/A received ten 82mm Rds at YD195749. Results two US WIA.

2 Mar: 1/D detonated BBT at YD201751 of unknown type. Results one US WIA.

2 Mar: Co A/GP received 12 82mm Rds at YD184745. Results one US WIA.

3 Mar: 1/A detonated BBT at YD195748. Believed to be 82mm from A-1.

3 Mar: 1/A detonated BBT at YD195759. Results one US WIA.

3 Mar: 1/B received 15 82mm Rds at YD281769. Employed 81mm from A-1.

4 Mar: 1/501 moved from A-2 to Panama Pad (Dong Ha) preparing for deployment to FB Vandergrift. Co C OPCON to 2/502 LZ Anne. 11th Bde 23d Inf Div assumed responsibility of FB A-2.

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2. (C) Significant Activities:

5 Mar: 1/501 moved to FB Vanderfrift. Co C remains OPCON to 2/502 at LZ Anne.

6 Mar: 1/501 assumed the responsibilities of FB Vanderfrigt and its area of operation.

7 Mar: 2/A found one bunker at XD953519. A trail oriented north to south 2/A found 50-60 51 Cal Rds.

7 Mar: 3/D at XD179549 found 13 bunkers. They recieved sniper fire with no casulities. They found a rucksack, E-Tool, rice (20-30) Lbs, 3 Lbs of salt and various cooking utensels. The bunkers were 1-2 mo old and 75m from water.

8 Mar: Co B at XD924458 had MA detonated. Resulting in two NVA KIA and one AK-47 captured.

8 Mar: Rcn Tm 2 at XD880554 found a banana leaf on trail with the following message written in Vietnamese: We will stay in this area and fight from our bunkers and will not leave.

9 Mar: 2/A at XD955520 found one hootch. Recent activity within last 24 hours. Also found 7 B-40 Rckts, 10 60mm Rds and 1 82mm Rd.

9 Mar: 2/A at XD957522 found ten bunkers. 7 60mm Rd with fuses. A trail oriented north to south.

10 Mar: 3/D spotted three enemy at XD832567. Employed small arms fire. Resulting in one enemy KIA.

11 Mar: Co B had a MA detonated at XD921547. Found blood trail. Followed with Neg results.

11 Mar: Co B found one bunker. Last activity 2-3 weeks. A trail oriented north to south lead from the bunker.

11 Mar: Co B had a MA detonated at XD899545. Resulting in one enemy KIA.

12 Mar: 1/D at XD956603 spotted one NVA with AK47. Employed with small arms fire. Resulting in one NVA KIA and one AK-47.

13 Mar: 3/C at XD956603 moving along a trail north to south recieved small arms wire from unknown size EIt. Resulting in one NVA KIA and one AK47 captured. Also one US WIA.

13 Mar: 3/C at XD964603 was engaged by unknown enemy size EIt. Resulting in one NVA KIA and two AK-47's. Also one US WIA.

13 Mar: 4/C/GP at XD955599 C&G approached 4/C location and received unnumbered rds of 51 Gal. Resulting in one (1) US WIA. 4/C received 6-8 rds 60mm and small arms fire. Resulting one (1) US WIA.

13 Mar: 4/C received heavy volume of mortar fire both 60 and 82mm impacting 35-60 m outside perimeter. 4/C received 40 rds due north and west of their position XD955599.

13 Mar: 4/C received 7-10 rds of unknown type. SEL XD962626. ARA believed to destroyed 1 or 2 mortar positions.

14 Mar: Co C XD934603 initiated contact with unknown size enemy force 50m from their location and no return fire by the enemy. Results and three (3) NVA KIA.

14 Mar: Co C set MA at XD947605. Co C spotted three (3) enemy trying to dismantle the MA. MA was detonated. Results three (3) NVA KIA and four AK47's captured. Co C had another MA detonated same Vic and the results were two (2) NVA KIA.

14 Mar: Co B at XD934538 found 19 bunkers. They were facing a trail oriented north to south. In the bunkers Co B found one (1) NVA rucksack four (4) bags 15 lbs each of rice and a 10 Gal can of rice.

14 Mar: Co C at XD949604 had MA detonated 75m south of their location. Results one (1) NVA KIA, one AK47 and one (1) rucksack.

15 Mar: 3/C detonated claymore, chi-com at XD948603. Results four (4) US WIA, three (3) US KIA and one (1) KCS WIA.

16 Mar: Co C XD945606 received small arms fire and frags. Engaged 20m from their location. Results one (1) US WIA, two (2) NVA KIA, one (1) RPG lancer w/2 rds, one (1) AK47, 1 RPD MG with 100rd belt.

16 Mar: 3/C XD948603 found 6 152 rds complete with powder charges, projectiles and fuses on trail oriented north to south. Also 25 chi-com grenades.

17 Mar: 1/B received 20 rds of 82mm, 1 bunker hit direct resulting in one (1) US WIA and two " (2) US KIA.

19 Mar: Co B received small arms fire at XD927523. Results three (3) US WIA. Co B returned fire with neg results.

20 Mar: 4/A spotted 5-8 enemy at XD963485; wearing green uniforms and steel pots. Engaged with 81mm as a blocking force and swept area with neg results.

22 Mar: 2/A XD958526 found 16 bunkers with 10 82mm rds. Recent activity 1 month.

23 Mar: FB Vanderfrift received one (1) round unknown type and resulted in one (1) US WIA.

27 Mar: L/C received fire from a platoon force with a machine gun. Results three (3) US WIA.

27 Mar: Co C XD940590 received unnumbered 82mm rds Rockets and small arms fire. Resulting in six (6) WIA.

27 Mar: Co C received 5 more 82mm rds. Resulting in three (3) US WIA.

27 Mar: Co C received unknown number of 82mm rounds XD943552. Results two (2) US KIA, (1) US WIA.

28 Mar: Co A XD965457 received small arms fire while landing at LZ, also received 82mm or Rkts. Resulting three (3) US WIA.

31 Mar: Recon XD913546 found a gunny sack with 20 60mm rds, 4 charges, 1 chi-com claymore. These items were found on trail oriented north and south.

31 Mar: L/A XD987444 was moving south west when the element tripped MA which was placed by another US unit. Results: three US WIA.

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1. General Activities: During the reporting period, the battalion conducted search and clear operations in its assigned area of operation. The battalion occupied FB T-Bird III XD910539 operations were under the 3rd Bde as we were OPCON to them until 9 Apr 71. Co A 2/502 was OPCON to our operation and conducted a security mission along QL 9 until 4 Apr 71. The battalion moved to Mai Loc 8 Apr by air and then to Phu Bai for a threeday standdown for refitting, organization and resupply for the next mission. Memorial Services were conducted 10 Apr 71 in the battalion area. On 11 Apr the battalion moved by truck to FB Tomahawk and Co A occupied and secured the firebase. The companies departed along QL 1 and walked into their assigned AO's. On 13 Apr Co D and 4/C moved to Da Nang by air to secure reserve ammo dump. The remainder of the reporting period the battalion conducted search and clear operations around FB Tomahawk.

2. Significant Activities:

1 Apr: 2/D found a high speed trail from the top of Razor back to the valley floor.

2 Apr: 2/3/D found trail with a 500lbs bomb at XD963575

2 Apr: D Co found a cave 6x3x10. Found one claymore with 4 M79 rds to act as booster. Command detonated. Recent activity one week.

4 Apr 71: B Co found 15-20 bunkers, XD943558, 2' overhead cover. There were two 7" Chi com claymores, 100 rds for AK-47, 2 E-tools.

8 Apr: 1/501 moved to PBCB for refitting

11 Apr: 1/501 Inf moved to FB Tomahawk and assumed responsibility for AO.

11 Apr: 1/B, ZC155976, detonated one BBT. Results: one US WIA. Was DOA at 85th Evac.

13 Apr: D Co and 4/C moved to Da Nang to secure reserve ASP.

15 Apr: 1/C, ZC095970, found eight bunkers 4x6'. Two trails running E-W. No recent activity.

18 Apr: A Co detonated one pressure-type BBT. Results: one US WIA

22 Apr: Ambush, YD091109, had movement. Engaged w/ sm arms and claymores. Enemy returned fire and fled. Firefly used and observed tunnel at YD883115. FLC had negative results.

24 Apr: Co B, ZCO58981, found two bunkers 15x8' along a stream. Estimated 6 months old. No recent activity.

25 Apr: 1/B ZCO53938 detonated one BBT. Was 81mm or 82mm rnd. Results: one US WIA, one KCS WIA.

29 Apr: 3/B ZCO41984 found one BBT. Was M13 antipersonnel mine with trip wire firing device. Results: one BBT destroyed.

SUBJECT: Feeder After Action Report, Covering the Period 1 May to 31 May (71)

1. General Activities: During the reporting period, the battalion conducted Search and Attack Operations in its assigned area of operation. The battalion (-) occupied FB Tomahawk, conducting search and attack operations in the AO until 14 May. During this same time, D Co and 4/C were securing the Reserve Ammo Dump at Da Nang. On the 14th of May the battalion returned to PBCB for a seven day stand down for refitting, organization and refresher training. In addition to the refresher training, D Co participated in two division ceremonies at Camp Eagle. On 20 May, the battalion CP and two platoons of D Co moved by air to FB Brick; while the companies moved to their assigned AO's. By 1100 20 May 71, the battalion assumed control of the Brick AO. The remainder of the reporting period the battalion conducted search and attack operations in its assigned AO.
2. Significant Activity:
 - 4 May: 2/3 detonated BBE at ZD064979. Results: one US WIA.
 - 5 May: ZCL27908, pink team found three bunkers 10x20' w/o overhead cover.
 - 7 May: Recon found four bunkers ZCL20984, 3x6x4' w/o overhead cover. Results: four bunkers destroyed.
 - 9 May: Pink teams spotted 6-10 bunkers ZCL29933. Artillery employed.
 - 10 May: Recon found six bunkers ZCL38926, 3x5' w/4" overhead cover. Estimated 4-12 months old.
 - 13 May: D Co relieved from security mission at Da Nang. Returned to PBCB.
 - 14 May: 1/502 assumed responsibility for FB Tomahawk and AO. 1/501 returned to PBCB for seven day stand down.
 - 20 May: The battalion moved from PBCB to FB Brick and its AO.
 - 21 May: 3/A spotted one enemy YD888941 and initiated fire. Results: one POW and one AK-47 captured.
 - 21 May: 3/A found cache of 21 B-40 rockets, YD884944. Results: destroyed.
 - 21 May: YD885941 3/A received sm arms fire. Results: one US WIA.
 - 22 May: C Co securing FB Rifle was hit by ground attack of 30 NVA sappers. Also received 30-40 mm mortar rds. Results: 7 enemy KIA, one US KIA, 7 US slightly WIA, with 2 Engrs WIA. In addition the following equipment was captured: 6 rucksacks, three AK47, two pistols, one RPG launcher, 30-40 satchel charges and numerous RPG rounds.

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22 May: 2/A had a MA detonate YC882946. Results: one enemy KIA, one AK47 captured.

24 May: Woodcutter truck hit by MA, YD902028. Results: 3 civilian KIA and 5 civilian WIA.

24 May: 2/A made contact with 3-4 enemy, YC880949. The contact was made after finding hootch 12x7x7' with bunker underneath. Results: one NVA KIA and one US KIA

24 May: 2/4/CP C Co received 8-10 rds sm arms fire. Employed 21 rds 81mm and 18 rds 105. Neg results.

25 May: 1/C found a fresh blood trail at YC900995. Results, one (1) NVA WIA and one (1) AK47.

25 May: At YC881946 3/A found five (5) bunkers, recent activity 24-36 hrs. The bunkers werw 2x9x8' with a trail oriented E-W.

26 May: 2/A at YC887950 found one (1) hootch with bunker. Both were 14x18x9' and had 6-8" overhead cover. Contained medical supplies.

28 May: 2/C at YC872979 recieved five (5) rds small arms fire and one (1) RPG rd. Employed 81mm and artillery. Results one (1) truck sightly damaged.

30 May: 1/C spotted one (1) enemy at YC858015, initiated contact with small arms fire. Results, one (1) NVA KIA.

30 May: 2/Recon at YD841038 spotted one (1) enemy and initiated contact, the enemy returned fire and fled. Results, one (1) US WIA.

30 May: 1/C recieved small arms fire from estimated squad of NVA vic YC860015. 1/C returned fire, and enemy fled. Results negative.

SUBJECT: After Action Report, Covering the Period 1 Jun to 30 Jun (71)

1. (C) General Activities: During the reporting period the battalion conducted search and attack operations in its assigned area of operation. The battalion occupied FB Brick YC935885. Co A had responsibilities of securing FB Brick from 1 Jun to 6 Jun. Co C secured the FB 6 Jun to 11 Jun 71. The battalion moved by air and truck to Da Nang to secure Camp Books, ASP 107 and conduct combined ambush operations with RF's from 9 Jun to 30 Jun 71. We provided a combined roving patrol with the 504th MP's that conducted patrols of the bunker line, ASP 107 and Camp Books area by day and night. Co D 1/501 Inf OPCON 1/502 9 Jun 71 to 30 Jun 71 conducting operations in FB Rifle area of operation. Companies A, B, and C light mortar platoons supported our combined ambushes and area of operation. The battalion conducted training at Camp Books consisting of Rules of Engagement, Drug Abuse, Character Guidance, Safety/Contraband, Maint. of Indiv Wpns and Physical Training.

2. (C) Significant Activities:

1 Jun: Recon team 2 found a trail $1\frac{1}{2}$ ' wide oriented north to south at YD839028. Recent activity 1-3 days by one (1) individual moving North.

4 Jun: L/B Vic YD788058 found a trail two (2) feet wide. Recent activity two (2) weeks by two (2) individuals moving south.

23 Jun: 1/B/RF Co 523 was engaged by unknown size enemy force at YD 935822. Resulting in 3 RF's WIA, 1 RF KIA, 1 AK47 and 1 chi-com grenade CLA. When contact was terminated a sweep was made under illum. Numerous blood trails were found. The enemy fled southeast. A FLC was conducted with negative results.

SUBJECT: After Action Report, Covering the Period 1 Jul to 31 Jul (71)

1. (C) General Activities: During the reporting period the battalion conducted search and attack operations in its assigned area of operation. During the period 1-4 Jul the battalion secured Camp Books and ASP 107 in Danang. On 4 Jul the battalion (-) occupied FB Rifle 863987 on 4 Jul and assumed responsibilities for the Rifle A.O. Co's B & D 1/502 Inf OPCON 1/501 Inf 4-11 Jul. 1/A & 1/C provided security for FB Boise 23-31 Jul. 2/B secured FB Brick for 326th Engr element 28-31 Jul. E Co mortars provided 81mm support for the battalion from FB Rifle.

2. (C) Significant Activities:

1 Jul: Sniper fire reported at bunker 43 Camp Books, hit 15 yds in front of their position. Checked-negative results.

5 Jul: 1/D found trail vic YC895985, 2-3' wide, cannot be seen from air, going N/S with sandle prints going S approx 2-4 days old.

5 Jul: 3/D initiated contact with 10 VC who were in the open, at vic YD894004. VC returned fire, 5 fled N, and 5 fled S. Neg friendly casualties. Enemy casualties unknown.

7 Jul: 1/D checked area in contact at vic 894000 revealed 1 NVA KIA. Appeared to be an officer, carrying pistol & various papers.

8 Jul: 3/A found shallow grave with two bodies burned beyond recognition approx 100 m from downed cobras vic 872000. 1/A at downed aircraft found 2 bodies both decapitated, one badly mangled.

9 Jul: 1/D vic 893980 found 2 NVA KIA's partially buried on W of Hwy 545, bodies 4-5 days old. Fish and rice on road near by where D 1/502 Inf MA detonated.

9 Jul: 3/B vic YD920007 detonated a BBT unknown type and unknown firing device. Results 2 US WIA.

10 Jul: 1/A vic 888973 took small arms fire from S of NDP, results 1 US WIA.

11 Jul: C Co vic YD867029 found NE/SW high speed trail along with sleeping bunkers. Negative activity for two months.

14 Jul: 1/B vic YD930005 found one bunker 2½ x 3 x 5' with 9" O/H cover. No recent activity result bunker destroyed.

15 Jul: 1/B at vic YD931006 found a hootch w/bunker underneath bunker was 6x15x5½'. Search of surrounding area revealed 1 AK47 with 27 rds in a clip approxiately 15' NW of the bunker on a 3' wide trail which ran NW/SE.

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15 Jul: 1/B found 1 NVA body at a bunker vic. TD929006. Also found 1 AK47, with full magazine and one NVA rucksack.

16 Jul: 2/B at vic YC932998 found one bunker 12x25x12' and four fighting positions 3x2x2'. Results all destroyed.

18 Jul: 3/D vic 921935 found bunker in high brush and elephant grass 10x10x6' no trails, no overhead cover. Cannot be seen from air because of brush.

20 Jul: 2/B vic 999989 2/B plt ldr killed 1 VC, initiated SA fire, negative return fire or US casualties.

21 Jul: 2/A vic 897954 found tracks of 8-10 pax (he chi minh) in stream bed 3-4' wide.

22 Jul: 2/A vic 900959 saw one enemy pax getting, initiated SA fire. Enemy fled in SE direction, negative returned fire. 81mm employed negative results.

22 Jul: 1/D vic YC895935 spotted 3 pax getting water. Engaged them with SA fire, negative return fire or casualties. 81mm & 105 employed, negative results.

31 Jul: Vic YC892961 3/C found a shallow graves with NVA skull in it, & NVA poncho, approx 4 months old.

SUBJECT: After Action Report, Covering the Period 1 Aug to 31 Aug (71)

1. (C) General Activities: During the reporting period the battalion conducted search and attack operations in its assigned area of operation. During the period 1-30 Aug the battalion (-) occupied FB Rifle vic YD863987 with responsibility for the Rifle A.O. During the period 8-26 Aug, the battalion employed extensive flame drops, TAC AIR, Heavy Arty, and Daisy cutters on the A.O., resulting in major NVA KIA's found and reported by the 2/501st Inf in the area. On 23-25 Aug the Battalion made persistent CS drops on the Rifle Area. On 28 Aug Co's B, D, A, & E (-) MBA from FB Rifle field locations to FB Tomahawk field locations. On 30 Aug C Co MBA to Da Nang to assume responsibility for securing ASP 107. On 31 Aug the battalion assumed responsibility for FB Tomahawk and the Tomahawk Area. E Co mortars provided 81mm support for the battalion from FB Rifle and FB Tomahawk.

2. (C) Significant Activities:

3 Aug: 2/B spotted two pax with AK47's vic YD 889013, enemy initiated fire and 2/B returned SA fire, pax fled NW. Neg casualties, 81mm and 105mm employed, negative results.

4 Aug: 2 Recon vic YC872996 detonated BBT, pressure type device, results 2 US WIA.

5 Aug: 3/A vic YD865027 observed 2 pax with AK47's and 9mm pistol. 3/A initiated SA fire, negative returned fire. Result 2 NVA/VC KIA.

7 Aug: 1/A vic YD865017 observed an ambush blown approx 20 m to their NE, one cmd det claymore and 2-3 automatic brushes from AK47. 1/A returned SA fire, neg friendly casualties. Pax fled East, 105mm employed, neg results.

7 Aug: 3/D vic YD873922 found three bamboo hootches, neg contents, hootches destroyed.

8 Aug: 2B YD857019 took SA fire from east and returned fire. Neg results

8 Aug: 2/1/ Cav Pink Team YC837974 observed two pax, one 4x8' bunker. Engaged with fire and pax returned AK47 fire. Bunker destroyed by flame drop.

8 Aug: Pk tm received fire YD870032. Observed three hootches. Hootches destroyed by flame drop.

8 Aug: LOH VR spotted 3-4 pax YC873994 received AK47 fire. Neg results.

9 Aug: 2/1/ Cav white team engaged enemy pax YC868992 with neg results.

9 Aug: 3A found OP type bunker YD854019 4" OH logs and 10" OH dirt cover. Bunker 4x6x4. Hootch with assorted food and medical supplies. Results: bunker and hootch destroyed.

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9 Aug: 2B YD854019 found hootch 19x12x15' with bunker underneath. Bunker of the same dimensions with 4' deep. Blood stains found in main hootch and 2 AK47 loaded magazines. Another hootch 20m from main hootch, 15x18x15 with TNT stick and clothing. Hootches destroyed.

10 Aug: 2/17 Cav LOH received 30 rds sm arms fire YC906847 and 100 rds YC910932. Gunships engaged with unk results.

10 Aug: 2/17 Cav observed 4 NVA YD906923 and engaged. Results: 3 NVA KIA

10 Aug: 3A YD851018 found fighting position 2x3x3 w/3" OH cover. Found inside 3 AK47s, 3 loaded magazines and 20m away a plastic bag with documents, notebook and one BlO rocket. Found hootch 8x9x8 with food and clothing supplies. Results: hootch and position destroyed.

10 Aug: 3A YD851018 found bunker 15x20x5 w/ hootch above made of 1 1/4" logs, various food and clothing supplies. Results: hootch and bunker destroyed.

12 Aug: 2A YD858021 found 2 bunkers one partly destroyed 10x12x8 w/ 4" logs and 12" dirt OH cover. Bunkers destroyed

13 Aug: Pk tm and FAC YC853021 engaged 4 bunkers and destroyed them. One confirmed enemy KIA by helicopters.

15 Aug: Pk tm YC877932 fired into small bunker complex and had secondary explosions. Another bunker complex YC876934 received sm arms fire. Neg results.

20 Aug: Ranger tm YD841026 received sm arms fire from W at unk dist. Fire was AK47. Rangers returned fire. Results: 1 US KIA

20 Aug: C Co YD843032 detonated BBT. Results: one US WIA

23 Aug: FAC and pk tm took fire and two hits YD866024. Spotted bunker complex and one NVA out of bunker. 175mm and flame drop employed. Results: bunkers burned out.

24 Aug: ARA A/C YD868010 took fire one rd in windshield; engaged w/ neg results.

31 Aug: Battalion relieved in FB Rifle AO by 2/501 and battalion assumed responsibility for FB Tomahawk.

SUBJECT: After Action Report, Covering Period 1 Sep to 30 Sep (71)

1. General Activities: During the reporting period, the battalion conducted search and attack operations in its assigned area of operation and occupied FB Tomahawk with responsibility for the AO. In addition the battalion was responsible for securing ASP 107 in Da Nang throughout the month of September. This was accomplished by rotating companies at two week intervals through refresher training, field operations and securing ASP 107. The battalion conducted refresher training during September for C Co, B Co, E Co and 1/D. E Co mortars provided support for the battalion from FB Tomahawk.

2. Significant Activity:

- 4 Sep: A Co (-) MBA to Arsenal AO, OPCON to 2/501
- 9 Sep: A Co (-) MBA to Da Nang for ASP 107 security
- 10 Sep: 2B ZC128964 had suspected enemy movement and received AH47 fire. 2B returned fire and 105 employed. Results: one US WIA
- 15 Sep: C Co and 225th RF Co conducted combined operation.
- 19 Sep: Combined operation terminated
- 21 Sep: Phu Loc received four mortar rds. Neg casualties.
- 23 Sep: Combined operation, 2/C and 191 PF plt
- 29 Sep: 3A ZC118996 spotted 3 VC going N, armament unknown, employed nighthawk w/ neg results.

SUBJECT: After Action Report, Covering the Period 1 Nov to 30 Nov (71)

1. (C) General Activities: During the reporting period, the battalion conducted search and attack operations in its assigned area of operations, and occupied FB Tomahawk vic ZC113011 with responsibility for the Tomahawk AO from 1 Nov to 15 Nov (71) when FB Tomahawk was turned over to Vietnamese Reactionary Forces. In addition, the battalion was responsible for securing ASP 107 in Da Nang throughout the reporting period. The battalion conducted refresher training during the period for A Co on FB Tomahawk and D Co at PBCB. The battalion assumed responsibility for FB Arsenal and the Arsenal AO on 27 Nov (71). E Co mortar provided 81mm support for the battalion from FB Tomahawk 1-15 Nov (71), for E sector, Phu Bai Base Defense from PBCB 16-26 Nov (71), and for FB Arsenal 27-30 Nov (71).

2. (C) Significant Activities:

13 Nov: 3/D received 5 rds from individual wearing ARVN fatigues w/M-16 rifle, ZC108998. CS employed, individual returned to the village, neg results.

15 Nov: FB Tomahawk and AO turned over to 5th RF Group at 0930 hrs.

20 Nov: C Co passed OPCON to 1/502 Inf.

28 Nov: 3/A vic YD794074 found footprints est 24 hrs old, and found make-shift hootch vic YD793075 consisting of foliage tied together.

SUBJECT: After Action Report, Covering the Period 1 Dec to 31 Dec (71)

1. (C) General Activities: During the reporting period the battalion conducted search and attack operations in its assigned area of operations, and occupied FB Arsenal vic YD811080 with the responsibility for the Arsenal AO from 1 Dec to 31 Dec (71). The battalion conducted refresher training during the period for B and C Co at Deng Da Training Area. E Co Mortars provided 81mm support for the battalion from FB Arsenal 1-31 Dec (71).

2. (C) Significant Activities:

10 Dec: 1/A had MA detonated resulting in 2 VC/NVA KIA, 1 VC/NVA WIA vic YD822085. The WIA-Charcoal colored, shorts and brown shirt. The KIA's wore black shorts, one had charcoal colored shirt the other a blue shirt. 1-Ak47 with folding stock was observed 3-4" away from bodies. All bodies were on trail, all lying close together, probably heading north. One KIA was lying perpendicular to other KIA. AK47 was destroyed by minigun. No blood trail were observed by Night Hawk. Bn CO saw 2 blood trails headed in NE direction when he picked up WIA POW.

11 Dec: 2/D at YD798063 found a tunnel with 3 entrances, too small to allow US pax to enter. Tunnel is in a valley, entrances are camouflaged by trees & bushes. Camp fire located outside one entrance. Last used within 24 hrs by 3 pax. Entrance supported by wood & bamboo. 2/D will enlarge entrances 12 Dec and investigate. Investigation of tunnel was delay due to resupply.

13 Dec: 3/A found a 12 inch wide trail vic YD840093. They followed the trail East and ran into N/S intermittent stream where the trail was lost.

25 Dec: 3/D found a bunker vic YD797084. Continued to check area.

BATTALION HISTORY FIRST QUARTER
FISCAL YEAR 1979

The Geronimo Battalion began Fiscal Year 79 with intensified SQT training. The training resulted in one of the highest overall Battalion scores in the second Brigade.

Weapons qualification was conducted in October. Everyone qualified from rifleman to Anti-Tank Gunners. There was also a quarterly mortar gunners exam and a redeye quarterly gunners exam. The redeye platoon scored second highest in Division while verifying all of their gunners. CPT Shimmick moved Co C to the Amphibious Warfare School at Little Creek, Virginia from 9-18 November. The high moral of C Co added to the valuable training which they received on Amphibious Operations.

The Gold Cycle was rigorous. Field training was utilized to train the Geronimo Soldiers on tactics and to give them an opportunity to sharpen their skills of living in the bush. The cold winter air of early December was a challenge to the imagination as new ways of keeping warm were tested.

The end of the Gold Cycle was marked by the departure of CPT Ley the Battalion S-3. CPT Kiter is the new S-3. He has just completed a three year tour of duty with the 509th Infantry in Italy. His calm maner of confidence and In depth knowledge of training will be invaluable.

The first quarter of Fiscal Year 79 has been productive and challenging for the Geronimo Battalion. as we look at the remainder of the year ahead it should prove to be equally rewarding.