



*Paratroopers guard Viet Cong suspects captured during SEWARD.*

Pearson's techniques clearly showed that seeking out pitched battles was not the only way to fight in Vietnam.<sup>9</sup>

Pearson hoped for better results from his next campaign, Operation SEWARD, using the same maneuver battalions that had carried out JOHN PAUL JONES. This time he placed Wasco's 2d of the 327th Infantry north of Tuy An and a company of Collins' 1st of the 327th Infantry in the Hieu Xuong Valley southwest of Tuy Hoa. Morley's 1st of the 22d Infantry would secure the area between Vung Ro Bay and Tuy Hoa. Dietrich's 2d of the 502d Infantry would serve as a rapid-reaction force. Morley's and Dietrich's units would function as reserve forces, but they would also carry out operations west and northwest of Tuy Hoa.<sup>10</sup>

SEWARD began early on the morning of 5 September. The Americans knew the terrain from previous operations—dry flatlands, dotted with

<sup>9</sup> Annual Hist Sum, 1966, 2d Bn, 327th Inf, n.d., p. 21, Historians files, CMH; AAR, Opn JOHN PAUL JONES, 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div, p. 4.

<sup>10</sup> Op Sum, Opn SEWARD, MACV, Oct 66, p. 1, and AAR, Opn SEWARD, 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div, 6 Nov 66, p. 2 and incl. 2, tabs A, B, C, Historians files, CMH; ORLL, 1 Aug–31 Oct 66, I FFV, p. 11; MFR, MACV MACJ00, 3 Oct 66, sub: MACV Commanders' Conference, 28 August 1966, p. 31, Westmoreland History files, CMH.