

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

Extracted from photocopies of original Daily Staff Journals of the 1/50(M) Infantry Battalion by R. Sarlin.

1 Dec 1969. At 0819 hours, Blackhawk while flying VR spotted a bunker complex at AN743178. 2d plat C Co checked out area. At 0825 hours, C/1-50th Inf found fresh footprints leading into woodline at AN758170. LOH checked out neg footprints leading out area was fired up and swept with neg results. At 0935 hours, C/1-50th Inf found 10 bunkers 5'x3' with 2' OHC & fresh Ho Chi tracks at AN766168. Bunkers were destroyed.

At 1115 hours, C/1-50th Inf found 2 bunkers 6'x3'x15' with 1 ' OHC 2-3 days old at AN767167. Bunkers were destroyed.

At 1205 hours, Scouts/1-50th Inf found a bunker 3'x4' with 2' OHC constructed in area an hill. At AN940250 bunker had been used recently for storage of rice. Bunker was destroyed.

At 1210 hours, C/1-50th Inf found 10 bunkers 7'x3'x5' with 1 ' OHC at AN766168. Had not been used recently. Was destroyed.

There were no CA's conducted. There were no confirmed enemy contacts Blackhawk fired into area suspected. There were 11 patrols conducted both mounted and dismounted. There were 4 ambushes conducted with neg results.

2 Dec 1969. At 0900 hours, (S3) Boron putting in air strike at BN0333 reports a secondary explosion. At 1320 hours, C/1-50th had a track hit a WP mine at AN784163 neg damage to track. Personnel jumped off of track and detonated a 82mm mortar rd boobytrapped results 5 US WIA later 1 US died. Dustoff called 1323 hrs complete 1332 hrs.

At 1423 hours, S3 at AN778159 was fired up with arty prior to airstrike results 3 secondary explosions. At 1600 hours, (S3) Boron put in airstrike at AN778159.

At 2015 hours, C/1-50th Inf received 10-12 sniper fire in 5-10 minutes period vic AN807156 neg casualties. No fire returned sniper located between LZ Sherry & friendly elements.

At 2313 hours, C/1-50th Inf reported lights moving at AN925230 to AN926228 area was fired up with arty with unknown results.

There were no CA's conducted. There were 2 enemy contacts 1 enemy initiated and 1 friendly initiated contact plus mine & boobytrap. There were 6 patrols mounted and dismounted conducted. There were ??? ambushes conducted with neg results.

3 Dec 1969. At 0112 hours, C/1-50th received sniper fire from AN931232 neg casualties SA & mortar fire returned with unknown results.

At 0112 hours, (S3) Whiskey Mt reports contact at AN915233 MacV personnel state VC have taken over 1 bunker in the VN compound.

At 0121 hours, (S3) LZ Sherry received five rounds mortar fire neg casualties. At 0137 hours, (S) MacV reports that half of the bunkers at AN915233 by the VC. Arty & spooky was fired in support results enemy unknown friendly 1 KHA, 2 WHA were dusted off.

At 0238 hours, (S3) LZ Nora received 3 rounds mortar fire neg casualties. At 0245 hours, Forward TOC at Thien Giao received sniper fire. Neg casualties.

At 0256 hours, Forward TOC, village to east of Thein Giao received 2 rds mortar fire and SA fire. Results unknown fire returned.

At 0301 hours, Forward TOC at Thien Giao received 2 rounds mortar results unknown.

At 0331 hours, Forward TOC, LZ Nora received 2 burst AK fire from the east neg casualties fire returned with unknown results.

At 0545 hours, (S3) LZ Sherry reports a 107mm rocket went over sherry about 10'-15' over head also had a flame 2'-3' coming out of it. At 0800 hours, Forward TOC reports a result of contact last night.

At 1005 hours, Scouts/1-50th detained 3 males 2-14 yrs old and 1-16 yrs old had neg ID were walking out of village when Scout element started the sweep thru area detainees were turned over to RF patrol.

At 1410 hours, C/1-50th found a sleeping area for 1 squad VC also found fresh footprints at AN795170. At 1755 hours, B/1-50th, 2/C/2-1st Cav tank hit a mine at AN945225 also received one rounds mortar fire. Fire was returned results enemy unknown tank had a track blown off and the tank was damaged to include transmission also one man shaken up pretty bad and another possible 1 man had a chipped bone in his arm both were dusted off.

There were no CA's conducted. There were 9 enemy initiated contacts. There were 11 patrols mounted and dismounted conducted. There were 5 ambushes conducted with negative results.

4 Dec 1969. At 0145 hours, Scouts/1-50th ambush reported movement several hundred meters NE of location estimated squad to plat size element area was fired up with 20 rds 81mm mortar fire with unknown results.

At 0303 hours, Scouts/1-50th received approximately 10-15 rds 60mm mortar fire also received 2-57 rr round across the perimeter also receiving SA fire from around the FOB. Fire was returned .50 cal, M-60, m-16 and 81mm mortar with unknown results at AN918268. The light on whiskey also used neg friendly casualties.

At 0805 hours, Rat patrol found a mine at AN856165 on left side of highway 8B approximately 6lbs of VC TNT wrapped in plastic with electrical blasting cap and wires leading off road no batteries attached.

At 0829 hours, Rat patrol found sticks on the road forming arrow pointing to the mine previously found. It was 500 meters N of mine site.

At 0837 hours, Scouts/1-50th found 1 VC/NVA Lt wounded with .50 cal in the leg from contact earlier. Had a 9mm pistol. Patrol killed him. At AN915275. The VC/NVA was pulled away from area he was hot with a rope and had a M-26 grenade with pin pulled on him. Grenade did not go off. Also found 4 60mm mortar rds 2 chicom grenades 1x57rr round unexpended 6x57rr rds casing some documents from VC/NVA Lt identifying him as XO of the C-2 company 186th MF Bn also detained 2 males 1-61 yrs, 1-53 yrs one was attempting to flee area of contact. 2 personnel were classified as CD's and stated 4-5 VC still in area of contact 1 squad guerrillas operating in village near area of contact.

At 0917 hours, Forward TOC reports RF's at LZ Nora in contact with estimated 2 platoons VC AN960280.

At 0918 hours, C/1-50th had a man trip a 105 boobytrap in entry to a bunker at AN771107. Results 1 US KHA and 2 US WHA dustoff called 0920 hrs completed 0933 hours.

At 0950 hours, B/1-50th found 2xM-26 without fuse, 1 US claymore and 1 Mx60 can full of M-1 ammo at AN931220. Was destroyed.

At 1130 hours, B/1-50th found a solid rock cave 6'x4'x3' also hut and documents in black plastic container vic AN934228 documents to be extracted.

At 1355 hours, S-3, Airstrike at AN7717. Had 1 secondary explosion.

At 1920 hours, while moving into ambush site vic AN931220 heard voices moved closer and received 2 frags from unknown size element area was fired up and swept with neg results neg casualties.

At 1600 hours, S-3 CS drop vic AN7718.

There were no CA's conducted. There were 2 enemy initiated and 2 friendly initiated contacts. There were 8 patrols mounted and dismounted patrols. There were 5 ambushes conducted with neg results.

5 Dec 1969. At 0845 hours, B/1-50th found a chicom grenade at AN932224 in contact area of last night.

At 0846 hours, B/1-50th found a bunker 4'x4'x4' with 1' OHC at AN932224. Bunker was destroyed.

At 0920 hours, (S-3) marked airstrike at AN772173 disclosed 3 bunkers and 1 boobytrap.

At 0930 hours, B/1-50th found a 105 mm mine pressure detonated at AN941221. Mine was blown in place.

At 1145 hours, Scouts/1-50th found fresh footprints around FOB at AN912309 also 3 old bunkers. Bunkers were destroyed.

At 1147 hours, B/1-50th found 1 55 gal drum of CS & 1/2 drum with CS at AN929225.

At 1812 hours, Forward TOC reported 8 VC/NVA ambushed a US vehicle at AN865205 with SA's AK47 results 2 US WHA from MacV. VC/NVA did not flee from scene.

There were no CA's conducted. There were ??? enemy initiated contact. There were 7 patrols mortorized and foot conducted. There were 5 ambushes conducted with neg results.

6 Dec 1969. At 0906 hours, Scouts/1-50th found 5 trails with fresh footprints of plat size element going east to west at AN908???

At 0940 hours, (S-3) airstrike at AN772173.

At 1150 hours, Scouts/1-50th returning to FOB at AN921322 found fresh foot prints, barefoot, Ho Chi and boot prints of approximately 8 personnel travelling north & south made last night or early this morning.

At 1230 hours, Scouts/1-50th OP spotted 4 personnel at AN901298 burning a hut. Reaction force deployed. 3 individuals fled to wood line 2 with cowherds. AT 1405 hours, (S3) C/S drop at AN7617.

At 1420 hours, B/1-50th initiated contact with 2 VC 1 carrying M-16 at BN025293 area swept VR team and guns deployed swept area. At 1456 hours, Scouts/1-50th detained 2 males 1-45 yrs, 1-50 yrs Kit Carson thinks they were suspicious detainees were extracted. At AN900312. Later classified CD's.

At 1539 hours, Scouts/1-50th found 2 bunkers at AN886315, 4'x'5'x4' with 8' OHC located in stream bed, had been used last 2-3 weeks.

There were no CA's conducted. There was 1 friendly initiated contact. There were 10 patrols conducted. There were 5 ambushes conducted with neg results.

7 Dec 1969. At 0033 hours, S-3 LZ Sherry received 5 incoming mortars rds neg casualties counter mortar fire fired.

At 0920 hours, A/1-50 found 12 foxholes 4'x2' no OHC built in last week at AN999218. Fresh trail leading out of area.

At 1015 hours, A/1-50 found 2 fresh bunkers 6'x10'x2' & 6'x'8'x2' with warm fire, poncho rigged to catch water and some fresh peppers at AN???. Bunkers destroyed.

At 1018 hours, (S3) airstrike at AN757122.

At 1130 hours, Rat patrol, 5 ton vehicle enroute to Sandy on access Road at AN855240 hit a pressure electrically detonated mine. Mine destroyed truck, 5 personnel (arty) WHA. mine left crater 2' diameter x 1' deep.

At 1240 hours, A/1-50 found a bunker 3'x10'x4' with 1' OHC about a month old. Had been used recently at BN018225. Destroyed.

At 1331 hours, A/1-50th found 2 bodies wrapped in poncho buried at AN010229 both males approximately 1 month old also 6 sets of Ho Chi sandals prints on 2 paths near bunkers.

At 1406 hours, A/1-50th received 4 rds sniper fire from the east vic BN010229. Returned fire received about 30-40 more rds guns & VR team called area swept with neg results.

At 2021 hours, Forward TOC reported LZ Nora received 6-60mm mortar rds at 1950 hrs neg casualties.

At 2346 B1-00 FOB received 6-8 rds ??? from 120 degrees az north.

There were no CA's conducted. There were ??? enemy initiated contacts neg casualties. There were 10 patrols mounted and dismounted conducted. There were 5 ambushes conducted with neg results.

8 Dec 1969. At 0755 hours B-1-50 check area from which they had received fire the night before and found 10 expended AK47 rds & 1B-41 rd not fired at AN995335.

At 0930 hours, (S3) airstrike at AN778192, one secondary explosion.

At 0955 hours, (S3) airstrike at AN781195. At 1055 hours, A/1-50th spotted 3 VC at BN028248. VC rant from 3 fresh foxholes area swept with neg results.

At 1132 hours, A/1-50th found 4 water jugs, 1 quart size at BN028248. Jugs were blown in place left a hole 4' deep 4' wide was boobytrapped.

At 1252 hours, A/1-50th found a water urn in the ground 3' deep 3" high full of water at BN028248 destroyed in place.

At 2335 hours, Forward TOC received AK47 fire from the east neg casualties.

There were no CA's conducted. There was 1 enemy initiated contact. There were 8 patrols mounted and dismounted conducted. There were 6 ambushes conducted with neg results.

9 Dec 1969. At 0905 hours, B/1-50th reported a claymore wire had been cut during contact last night.

At 1105 hours, Scouts/1-50th hook while departing FOB received 1 rd sniper fire from the east. Vic AN827217, area swept found burning hut AN827217.

At 1435 hours, Scouts/1-50 found 2 bunkers 4'x5'x3' OHC vic AN832309 had been building within the last week and used the last 2 days one had assorted trash other had 105 illum casing full of cooked rice, bottles, sand bags, and cloth. Between the 2 bunkers was a hollow tree containing 2 pair black PJ's and 2 lbs of cooked rice. All was destroyed.

At 1445 hours, A/1-50th found 1 Z shaped bunker with 2 exits and entrances had a warm fire, clothing, bag of beans, fresh footprints vic BN041227. At 1450 hours, C/1-50th found a garden freshly cultivated with fresh Ho Chi tracks around it. Garden was 75'x50' was destroyed at AN760077.

At 1505 hours, C/1-50th found 75-80 lbs of beans and rice at BN041251. Found was scattered on ground and burned.

At 1510 hours, C/1-50th found 2 more gardens at AN760077, one 300'x500' and one 150'x75' had fences around them hid in heavy brush fresh cultivated many fresh tracks in and out of area. They were destroyed.

At 1600 hours, B/1-50 Ranger team spotted 47 NVA carrying AK47, AK50 and 2 machine guns vic AN971375 on trail running N to S NVA stopped to rest, 35 meters from team Gunships alerted and on station. B Co was alerted and deployed on line to area of contact. Guns expended and B Co made contact resulting in 27 NVA KIA and 1 WIA CIA. 1 9mm Pistol CIA. also documents and some equipment CIA. Neg friendly casualties. Contact lasted until approximately 1930 hours. VR teams

and gunship worked out periodically during contact. Aere rifle platoon inserted as blocking force on west.

At 1940 hours, A/1-50th found 130 lbs of beans, 65 lbs of corn in bag from Houston Texas 12 lbs of rice, 1 lbs of smoking tobacco, several sets of clothing all sizes men, women & children, one US poncho, 5 wicker baskets and 4 bunkers 7'x2'x3' with 2" OHC were destroyed at BN041227.

At 2140 hours, B/1-50 had movement and flash lights outside perimeter vic AN968362 area was fired up with .50 caliber, M60, M16 & 81mm with unknown results.

There were no CA's conducted. There was 1 enemy initiated and 1 friendly initiated contact. There ??? patrol conducted. There were 5 ambushes conducted, with neg results.

10 Dec 1969.. At 0708 hours, B/1-50 found a NVA WIA from previous day of contact at AN975368 was dusted off and returned to LZ Betty. At 0719 hours, B/1-50 Blackhawk found fresh footprints of approximately 30 personnel and blood trails leading north from vic AN9736.

At 1022 hours, Scouts/1-50th while checking out a fresh bunker at AN840210 set off a pressure detonated boobytrap left a crater 1'x1' one man hit in the legs dusted off complete 1037 hrs.

At 1155 hours, B/1-50 found a well used fresh trail vic AN978375. it appeared as though something heavy had been drug along the trail.

At 1215 hours, B/1-50th found another NVA KIA vic AN978375 from last night contact. At 1509 hours, A/1-50th found 5 bunkers freshly made 4'x5'x2' deep with poncho forming a water trap vic AN976373 all destroyed.

At 1622 hours, A/1-50th found 2 bunkers 6'x3'x3' with 1' OHC vic BN017234 also a double bed with signs of recent use. Fresh footprints including childrens around it. All destroyed.

At 1838 hours, B/1-50, Team 24 C/75th Rangers heard voices at BN015370. 4.2 were fired with unknown results.

At 2036 hours, A/1-50, Team C/75th Ranger had movement to their front at BN0722. Blew claymore moved to LZ and were extracted.

There were no CA's conducted. There were no enemy contact except for boobytrap. There were 9 patrols mounted and dismounted conducted. There were 9 ambushes conducted with neg results.

11 Dec 1969. At 0805 hours, Scouts/1-50th hit a mine vic AN827217 no casualties. The mine left a crater 7'x4' deep track damaged beyond repair.

At 0906 hours Scouts/1/50th found a fresh bunker with trail leading to it also 2 sets of fresh Ho Chi tracks going north at AN811200.

At 0915 hours, B/1-50 found resting place for a plat size element at AN977392.

At 1010 hours, Scouts/1-50th found 7-105mm empty casing with primer at AN812191 also found a rest area for 2 men with fresh fire.

At 1055 hours, B/1-50 found 2 fresh bunkers with a pistol belt ammo and 2 cut down trees at AN967401.

At 1155 hours, B/1-50 found a bunker complex 5 bunkers 8'x3'x5' with 1' OHC with 30 spider holes around them. Vic An9640 VR team requested.

At 1217 hours, Scouts/1-50th hit a bouncing Betty type mine 4 personnel injured t AN860180. Also found another in same area.

At 1235 hours, B/1-50th found a fresh grave with 1 body died of gunshot wounds today, wearing a set of green fatigues wrapped in white sheets at AN963403. Also found a hospital bunker 20x20x8' with 2 OHC had a raised mound in centre for operating table.

At 1733 hours, B/1-50th found in an open area 6 hut each with well constructed bunker 1 hut had 300 lbs of rice and a letter in a bunker telling the VC occupants had to leave because of american operations huts were burned with rice.

There were no CA's conducted. There were no enemy contacts except for mine and boobytrap. There were ??? patrols conducted mounted and dismounted. There were 6 ambushes conducted with neg results.

12 Dec 1969. At 0917 hours, Scouts/1-50 found 2 fresh graves vic AN840214 were dug up could not determine cause of death were wrapped in a poncho.

At 1040 hours, A/1-50th found a grave at BN036194 was dug up body was in black PJ's could not determine cause of death.

At 1147 hours, B/1-50 engaged 3 NVA at AN957395. results 3NVA KIA, 2 AK 47 CIA, friendly KIA 1, 1 friendly WIA. dustoff called 1202 hrs complete 1220 hours. NVA were from 186 MF Bn.

At 1243 hours, A/1-50 received several rds of AK fire vic BN037211 returned fire also fired up area with 81mm area swept neg results.

At 1321 hours, B/1-50 airstrike vic AN945403.

At 1600 hours, B/1-50 airstrike vic AN945403.

At 2150 hours, B/150 had a light moving across stream bed 750 meters to 800 meters to west of FOB. Engaged with unknown results. At 2350 hours, Scouts/1-50 received incoming B-40 rds and S/A fire from south between FOB and ambush also received 6-60mm mortar. SA also ambush received fire one man hit in the back dustoff called and completed. Fire was returned with unknown results.

There were no CA's conducted. There were 3 enemy contacts 1 friendly initiated 1 enemy initiated.

There were 10 patrols mounted and dismounted conducted. There were 7 ambushes conducted with neg results.

13 Dec 1969. At 0800 hours, B/1-50th checked area where they saw lights last nigh vic AN962358.

There had been 75-100 personnel resting there.

At 0900, S-3 airstrike vic AN956420. At 0945, S-3 airstrike at AN929402.

At 1130 hours, S-3 airstrike vic AN920415.

At 1128 hours, Scouts/1-50th found 3 bunkers 5'x3'x2' with 2'-3' OHC at AN818225, also found fresh Ho Chi tracks. Bunkers were destroyed.

At 1235 hours, Scouts found 6 more bunkers same area and same size were destroyed with explosive & flame track.

There were no CA's conducted. There were no enemy contacts. There were 9 patrols mounted and dismounted conducted. There were 6 ambushes conducted with neg results.

14 Dec 1969. At 1137 hrs, Scouts in contact at AN872289 Gunships & VR team requested. C&C on station. Made contact with 43 VC (Infor from POW) VC were set up in ambush site 1400 meters long paralleling highway 8B 2,000 meters north of Thien Giao after opns. Results of scouts contact 6 VC KIA, 6 VC CIA, 2 women from the 483 a woman platoon. 5 AK47's, 2-60mm mortars, 1 PRC-25, 1 9mm pistol and 18 rds 60mm mortar also medical supplies. POW's and equipment was taken to LZ Betty.

At 1555 hours, A/1-50th initiated contact with a group of VC. Gunships were employed. Results of contact 14 VC KIA, 1 M-79, 1 M-16, 6AK 47's, 3-9mm pistols, 1PRC 25, 1 PRC 10, assorted web gear, approximately 600 rds AK ammo, 1 50 rds M16 ammo and documents. Also medical supplies equipment and documents extracted.

At 1910 hours, A/1-50 spotted 6 personnel carrying rice to mountains vic AN856308 did not initiate contact in a no fire zone. At 1920 hours, A/1-50 spotted 2 personnel carrying weapons at AN859305, were engaged with 81mm mortars with unknown results.

At 2008 hours, S-3 LZ Betty received 5 rds 107mm rocket from AN7916. Neg damage neg casualties.

At 2012 hours, A/1-50th had rocks thrown at the ambush at AN859305 ambush initiated contact with frags with unknown results and ambush returned to FOB.

There were no CA's conducted. There were 4 friendly and 1 enemy initiated contact with results as outlined in the log. There were ??? patrols mounted and dismounted conducted. There were 5 ambushes conducted with neg results.

15 Dec 1969. At 0200 hours, B/1-50th spotted lights 200 meters north of FOB engaged with 81mm and 4.2 with unknown results.

At 0900 hours, B/1-50th found 500 lbs of rice in an ant hill vic AN948347, was bagged up and extracted to Thien Giao. At 0930 hours, (S-3) airstrike vic AN942382. At 1050 hours, A/1-50th received heavy SA fire vic AN845311 received fire from the N, E, & W. Fire returned also 81mm and gunships expended. Seahorse firing arty neg casualties area swept 1 VC KIA found no weapon. Found 2 bunkers 12'x3'x3' vic AN847306 with 7,000 lbs rice. Rice bagged up and extracted to Thien Giao.

At 1930 hours, A/1-50th had light vic AN849307 moving outside of perimeter 100 meters due west of FOB was engaged with 81mm mortar fire with unknown results.

At 1955 hours, Scouts/1-50th Ambush spotted 4 VC 130 meters west of site moving east into their location also spotted more VC coming from the east appears to be linking up. Now approximately 1 squad VC.

At 2215 hours, Scouts/1-50th initiated contact with VC. APC's sent as reaction force received SA fire area swept with neg results.

There were no CA's conducted. There were 3 friendly and 1 enemy initiated contacts. There were 11 patrols mounted and dismounted conducted. There were 6 ambushes conducted.

16 Dec 1969. At 0940 hours, B/1-50 found cultivated field vic AN910358. Destroyed.

At 0943 hours, B/1-50th found 1-8" round and 1 105 rd buried in the ground with trip wire vic AN941348. Blown in place.

At 1107 hours, A/1-50 found a bunker 8'x10'5" with 3' OHC full of rice approximately 1 ton vic AN841305. Rice extracted to Thien Giao bunker destroyed also found 4 fresh graves in same area. 3 bodies 2 KBA, 1 KBA S/A.

At 1112 hours, Scouts found a bunker 15'x8' with 2' OHC vic AN866317 also 1 NVA helmet and a warm fire. Bunker destroyed.

At 1132 Scouts/A1-50 found bunker 8'x3'x4' with 2' OHC Kit Carson said they were NVA bunkers or VC with NVA cadre vic AN841305 all bunkers destroyed.

At 1218 hours, Scouts/1-50th found 1 bunker 8'x4' with 2' OHC. vic AN865320 inside bunker was 250 lbs of rice and a book of names. Bunker destroyed. Rice extracted to Thien Giao. Book extracted to LZ Betty. At 1338 hours, A/1-50th APC hit a pressure detonated mine vic AN847230 left a crater 5'x2' deep neg casualties mine detonated centre front of track destroying the hull, engine, and transfer blew off 1 road wheel track recovered to LZ Betty.

At 1503 hours, A/1-50th received heavy SA fire from the north vic AN821282. C&C overhead gunships called and expended LOH's used and spotted fresh Ho Chi tracks leading north up stream bed area swept neg results. neg friendly casualties.

At 2132 hours, A/1-50th received SA fire vic AN824287 also received 21 60mm mortars fire was returned also indirect fire and shadow expended with unknown results. Contact was broken approximately 2200 hrs 1 man was slightly wounded.

There were no CA's conducted. There were 2 enemy initiated contacts. There were 11 patrols mounted and dismounted conducted. There were 2 ambushes conducted with neg results.

17 Dec 1969. At 1210 hours, B/1-50th found VC propaganda written in english and directed against US personnel vic BN???. Was extracted to LZ Betty.

There were no CA's conducted. There were no enemy contacts. There were 12 patrols mounted and dismounted conducted. There were 6 ambushes conducted with neg results.

18 Dec 1969. At 0815 hours, S3 Whiskey Mt personnel inserted 2 tubes extracted (C Co).

At 0950 hours, B/1-50th found fresh trails leading east vic BN033300 followed out with neg result.

At 1045 hours, Scouts/1-50th found 4 bunkers 5'x5' with 2' OHC vic AN856325 were a week old with a small quantity of rice (20 lbs) bunkers were destroyed.

At 1140 hours, A/1-50th found 2 bunkers vic AN824295. Had been used recently were destroyed.

At 1215 hours, Scouts/1-50th found a very old base plate for 60mm vic AN855315.

At 1250 hours, A/1-50th found a base camp area with signs of recent use also a large bunker for 8-10 personnel vic AN833301. Bunker destroyed.

There were no CA's conducted. There were no enemy contacts. There were 8 patrols conducted mounted and dismounted. There were 4 ambushes conducted with neg results.

19 Dec 1969. At 0950 hours, Scouts/1-50th found 4 bunkers 5'x4' with 3' OHC vic AN850303 also found 100 lbs of rice bunker destroyed, rice extracted.

At 1130 hours, Scouts/1-50th found 7 bunkers 8'x4'x3' with 2' OHC vic AN849312 also found some huts. A total of 1000 lbs of rice in the area. Bunkers and huts destroyed. Rice extracted to Thien Giao.

At 1425 hours, A/1-50th found 10 bunkers 4'x3'x6' with 1' OHC vic AN827285 also boobytrapped 105 rd with pressure detonating device. Bunkers destroyed. 105 rd blown in place.

At 1510 hours, A/1-50th found 2 bunkers 4'x4'x4' with ant hills as OHC vic AN823275. Bunkers destroyed.

At 1520 hours, (Forward TOC) MacV jeep hit a pressure detonated mine vic AN858175 on highway 8B. Results 4 US WIA, 1 VN Jeep total loss, trailer 50% loss.

At 1620 hours, 3/B/22/1st Cav found a 500 lb bomb vic AN924180 had been carried there by the VC EOD inserted. Bomb blown in place.

At 1720 hours, B/1-50th found 2-100 lbs of rice vic AN989339 appeared to be VC tax. Left on the highway. Rice extracted to LZ Betty.

At 1920 hours, Rat Patrol found several small bunkers with places to store SA's or mortar tube. Also what appeared to be tunnel entrances to dark will check out in morning. vic AN805075. Received 2 rds SA fire from the NW no casualties no fire returned.

There were no CA's conducted. There was one enemy initiated contact. There were 9 patrols mounted and dismounted conducted. There were 4 ambushes conducted with neg results.

20 Dec 1969. At 0740 hours, Rat Patrol/1-50th found 5 pairs of black PJ's and 1 US 2 quart canteen in grave yard NW of LZ Betty while on patrol

At 0905 hours, Rat Patrol/1-50th found a hut vic AN802073 made with tin roof & parachute sides, Destroyed.

At 1150 hours, Souths/1-50th found 15-20 old bunkers with recent signs of use. Vic AN842302 also found 3 fresh graves. From last night early morning. Dug up bodies appeared to be killed by mortar attack.

At 1705 hours, B/1-50th found one bunker 5'x4'x4' with 5' OHC vic AN907320 no signs of recent use. Destroyed.

There were no CA's conducted. There was one friendly initiated mortar contact results 3 KIA. There were ??? patrols mounted and dismounted conducted. There were 7 ambushes conducted with neg results.

21 Dec 1969. At 0505 hours, Scouts/1-50 had movement in front of ambush vic jAN846323 blew claymores and returned to FOB Sweep of area at first light with neg results.

At 0900 hours, (S-3) CS drop 40 barrels vic AN8835 SW to NE.

At 0925 hours, B/1-50th found fresh Ho Chi tracks of squad size element vic AN908310. Area checked out with neg results.

At 0930 hours (S-3) Blackhawk 31 while flying VR spotted elephant tracks approximately 3 days old vic AN794299. Also vic AN765292 spotted 3 large ant hills with Ho Chi tracks around them.

At 1215 hours, A/1-50th found a demolished helicopter tail #14178 vic AN841281. Checked three channels chopper went down 1967 it was completely destroyed from crash.

At 1415 hours, A/1-50th found 4 bunkers 3 were 10'4'x2' with 1' OHC the 4th bunker had tin roof built over an ant hill with a 175 rd boobytrap under it. Vic AN838278 all were destroyed.

1435 hours, S-3 Blackhawk while flying VR spotted 3 tables with food on them vic AN758308. Area shot up with unknown results.

At 1440 hours, found 1 bunker 8'x4'x2' vic AN838278. Bunker contained 6,000 lbs of rice. Rice confiscated and extracted to Thien Giao.

At 1445 hours, A/1-50th detained 1 male approximately 30 yrs old dressed in black PJ's no ID card has old frag wounds vic AN838278. Extracted to LZ Betty.

At 1510 hours, S-3 1-50 Blackhawk spotted 5 bunkers 5'x8' with 2' OHC vic AN783338 no signs of recent use. Shot up the area.

At 1925 hours, A/1-50th Ambush spotted 3 VC vic AN835273 moving east. Engaged with red lge with unknown results.

There were no CA's conducted. There were one friendly initiated enemy contact. There were 7 patrols conducted. There were 7 ambushes conducted with neg results.

22 Dec 1969. At 0845 hours, Scouts/1-50th found 5 bunkers large enough for 5 personnel with 2' OHC and a warm camp fire vic AN834273. destroyed.

At 1130 hours, A/1-50th found a sleeping position vic AN834273 4'x2' with light OHC for shade was destroyed also found a bunker 4'x6' with 2' OHC. Was destroyed.

At 1215 hours, A/1-50th found 2 bunkers 6'x2'x4' with 1' OHC vic AN840269 area appeared to be used to thrash rice. No rice in the area. Also in same area was a tin hut with sleeping position & cooking utensils also an intermittent stream running through the middle of the area. All was destroyed.

At 1430 hours, B/1-50th found 2 bunkers 9'x4'x2' with 2' OHC vic ??? had 2 entrances. There were 2 chickens inside the bunkers and recent signs of use. Bunkers destroyed.

At 1510 hours, A/1-50th found a tunnel 2' in diameter 3' long vic AN838268. Near the tunnel found 1 pair Ho Chi sandals & axe handle.

At 1536 hours, A/1-50th found a bunker 5'x5'x5' with 6" cement and 1' OHC vic AN835270. No signs of recent use. Bunker destroyed.

At 1615 hours, A/1-50th found a bunker 6'x4'x2' with 1' OHC vic AN844266. Threw a concussion grenade in it and got a secondary explosion estimated to be a frag boobytrap.

At 1742 hours, B/1-50th found a 81mm boobytrap vic AN9548313. Rigged with a trip wire was blown in place.

There were no CA's conducted. There were no enemy contacts. There were 8 patrols mounted and dismounted conducted. There were 4 ambushes conducted with neg results.

23 Dec 1969. At 0956 hours, B/1-50 found 1 bunker 3'x4'x4' with 1' OHC vic AN966333 bunkers was destroyed.

At 1010 hours, B/1-50 found 4 bunkers 4'x5' vic AN967342. They were dug into an hills no signs of recent use, were destroyed.

At 1050 hours, B/1-50th found a bunker in an ant hill vic AN964350. Also a VN poncho no signs of recent use. Was destroyed. Also found 1 large jug 3' high 2' in diameter. Was destroyed. Found 2 bunkers 8'x3'x3' with 2' OHC vic AN969325 they had been used recently. Found 1 bunker dug into ant hill large enough for 2 personnel vic AN964355.

At 1322 hours, B/1-50th found 2 bunkers 3'x3'x3' with 1' OHC vic AN968367 no signs of recent use. bunkers destroyed.

At 1420 hours, B/1-50th found 1 bunker 3'x5'x3' with 4' OHC vic AN968369, no signs of recent use bunker destroyed.

At 1420 hours, B/1-50th found 1 bunker 12'x4'x5' with 2' OHC vic AN970369, no signs of recent use. Bunker destroyed.

There were no CA's conducted. There were no enemy contacts. There were ??? patrols mounted and dismounted conducted. There were 3 ambushes conducted with neg results.

24 Dec 1969. At 0830 hours, S-3 Airstrike vic AN810321.

At 0808 hours A/1-50th received one mortar rd in FOB vic AN844266 after they departed for LZ Sandy resulting in 1 civ WHA dustoff also received 4-5 rds SA fire no fire returned neg casualties.

At 0813 hours, Scouts/1-50th found approximately 1,000 lbs of rice vic AN844314. Rice extracted to Thien Giao.

At 0847 hours, Scouts/1-50th hit a pressure detonated mine vic AN845316. Mine left a crater 1' deep and 3' in diameter. 1 man slightly injured dustoff not required. ??? blew road wheels off and blew a hole in the bottom of the track up into the engine compartment. Trck pulled to Thien Giao for further evacuation to LZ Betty.

At 0910 hours, A/1-50 found a 105 rd boobytrap with trip wire vic AN845244. Was blown in place. (LATE ENTRY) no boobytrap was illum rd.

At 0915 hours, S-3 Airstrike vic AN795291.

At 1137 hours, Rat patrol while sweeping 8B to Thien Giao found a pile of rocks shaped like a diamond with a rick in the middle pointing north vic AN858174 road checked neg findings.

At 1530 hours, S-3 Airstrike vic AN8124.

There were no CA's conducted. There was one enemy initiated contact. There were 9 patrols mounted and dismounted patrols conducted. There were 2 ambushes conducted with neg results.

25 Dec 1969 There were no items of significance during this period. There were no enemy contacts. there were no patrols conducted. There were no CA's conducted. There were ??? ambushes conducted with neg results.

26 Dec 1969. At 0930 hours, S3 airstrike vic AN7618 results 2 secondary explosions one very large possibly a 500 lbs bomb.

At 1120 hours, Rat Patrol found rocks formed as an arrow pointing north vic AN868243 while sweeping highway 8B.

At 1240 hours, A/1-50 8 man ambush spotted 4-5 VC one armed vic AN819245 were engaged with arty and 81mm with unknown results.

There were no CA's conducted. There was one friendly initiated contact with unknown results. There were 6 patrols mounted and dismounted conducted. There were 4 ambushes conducted with neg results.

27 Dec 1969. At 0815 hours, S-3 airstrike vic AN765178. At 0930 hours, S-3 airstrike vic AN752282. There were no CA's conducted. There were no enemy contacts. There were 9 patrols mounted and unmounted conducted. There were ??? ambushes conducted with neg results.

28 Dec 1969 At ??? hours S-3 airstrike CBU vic AN7717.

At 0900 hours, S-3 Airstrike vic AN752282.

At 1350 hours, A/1-50 found a religious temple vic AN753279.

At 1435 hours, A/1-50th found 4 bunkers 4'x3'x6' with 1' OHC along with several batteries, medical supplies, 1 magazine for machine gun, 1 60mm mortar swab vic AN753284 all destroyed. Found vic AN753285 2 bunkers 8'x2'x3' with 1' OHC C Shaped was destroyed. Found a grave dug it up contained 1 body male 20 days old died of bullet wounds chest & head found at 1525 hrs. Another grave and another bunker 4'x2'x3' with 1' OHC. Grave was old bunker had no signs of recent use. Destroyed.

At 1539 hours, A/1-50th found eight bunkers 8'x3'x3' with 1' OHC had 2 entrances with M-26 frag wire attached to brush as when brush was moved frag detonated was blown in place. Bunker destroyed also found cooking utensils vic AN753284.

At 2312 hours, B/1-50 initiated ambush on believed to be 3-5 personnel vic AN986338. Reaction force swept area with neg results ambush returned to FOB.

There were no CA's conducted. There was one friendly initiated contact with neg results. There were 8 patrols conducted mounted and dismounted. There were 7 ambushes conducted.

29 Dec 1969. At 1010 hours, B/1-50th found 2 bunkers 4'x8'x4' with 1' OHC, 4 fighting positions, some "C" rations water and other vegetables vic AN995318. All was destroyed.

At 1050 hours, B/1-50th found a fresh trail running north and south with Ho Chi tracks heading north vic AN971305 also found 20 old fighting positions along with 1 old bunker caved in.

At 1200 hours, A/1-50 found 3 bunkers 8'x3'x3' with 2' OHC. Found a US pistol belt and the word depart in VN carved in a tree. Bunker destroyed.

At 1401 hours, B/1-50th found 6 bunkers 10'x6'x5' with 3' OHC vic AN985309. Bunkers were destroyed. At 1445 hours, Souths/1-50th found 1 bunker 2' OHC vic AN858311. Bunker destroyed.

At 1540 hours, Scouts/1-50th found 1 bunker 4'x4'x3' with 2' OHC vic AN858308. Bunker destroyed.

At 1547 hours, B/1-50 found a 81mm boobytrap with trip wire vic AN972307. Boobytrap destroyed in place.

At 1603 hours, B/1-50th found 1 bunker 8'x3'x4' with 2' OHC reinforced with RR ties vic AN970320. Bunker destroyed.

At 1735 hours, Scouts/1-50th found 5 bunkers 8'x3'x4' with 2' OHC vic AN858308 also in bunker approximately 40 lbs of rice. Bunkers destroyed. Bunkers had been used in the last 2 days.

At 2144 hours, Scouts/1-50th received 3-5 60mm rds and a couple burst of SA fires. Ambush spotted 1 VC fleeing east from area. Fired up the area. Reaction element employed and returned ambush to FOB. Scouts fired counter mortar fire. Shadow came on station at 2241 hours, fired up area expended 10,000 rds with unknown results.

There were no CA's conducted. There was one enemy initiated contact. There were 9 patrols mounted and dismounted conducted. There were 7 ambushes conducted with neg results.

30 Dec 1969. At 0228 hours, Scouts/1-50th due to Scouts previous contact Shadow expended vic AN855315 in reaction to contact. During expending believed to have gotten a secondary explosion vic AN855310. Shadow 46 expended 12,000 rds off station 0328 hrs.

At 0808 hours, 3/B/2-1st Cav hit electrically detonated mine with M-60 tank vic AN992341 leaving a crater 3' in diameter 1' deep. Mine blew 2 road wheels off left side. Neg casualties tank taken to Song Mau to ???.

At 0830 hours, S-3-1-50th: CBU drop vic AN7717 with unknown results.

At 0845 hours, Whiskey Mt received 5-6 rds sniper fire from NW side of Mt. Neg casualties no fire returned RF's working in area.

At 0850 hours, C&C/1-50th spotted 3 personnel running into wood line vic AN7926 fire up the area A Co engaged with 81mm mortar fire area swept with neg results.

At 1410 hours, Scouts/1-50th found 4 bunkers 3'x3'x2' with 1' OHC vic AN868318 also found a hole with medical supplies believed to be penicillin. All destroyed.

At 1625 hours, B/1-50 had VN boy bring an 81mm rd and M-26 grenade to element on strong point on QL1.

There were no CA/s conducted during this period. There were 2 friendly and 1 enemy initiated contacts also 1 mining incident. There were 10 patrols mounted and dismounted conducted. There were 3 ambushes conducted with neg result.

31 Dec 1969. At 0800 hours, C & B Co 10\50 had a change of personnel on Whiskey Mt. C/1-50 was extracted. At 0845 hours, A/1-50th found a VC rest camp at vic AN753267. Camp was used for approximately 4 days. Will accommodate 50 personnel.

At 0852 hours, A/1-50 found another VC rest camp and two bunkers vic AN753261 accommodations for 20-30 personnel. The bunkers were 3'x4'x5' with 1' OHC. All camps and bunkers were destroyed.

At 1031 hours, Scouts/1-50th found one bunker vic AN856302, 3'x2'x2' with 1' OHC. It contained 30 cal can with 10 SKS rounds, 9 carbine rds, C-4 explosive and blasting caps. It was destroyed.

At 1107 hours, Scouts/1-50th found one fresh grave vic AN8562??? containing one male body cause of death unknown.

At 1130 hours, Scouts/1-50th found one bunker vic AN855295 5'x7'x4' no OHC contents of bunker was 1 tons of rice. Rice was extracted.

At 1300 hours, S-3-1-50th: CS canisters CS 55 gallon drums and airstrike was put in vic AN8738. There were no CA's conducted during this period. There were no friendly or enemy contacts. There were 7 patrols mounted and dismounted conducted. There was one ambush conducted with neg results.