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INCLOSURE 9

COMBAT OPERATIONS AFTER ACTION REPORTS

- a. Operation "TOLEDO"
- b. Operation "ATLANTIC CITY"
- c. Operation "SIOUX CITY"
- d. Operation "ROBIN"

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(e) One (1) UH-1D, while on a Dustoff mission, crashed at Position Granada, killing 2 and injuring 2. One (1) UH-1D helicopter had tail rotor failure and crashed into the jungle, killing 1 and injuring 2. One (1) UH-1D helicopter lost an engine and hydraulic system 3 miles south of Xuan Loc. The aircraft was successfully brought down with crew and passengers sustaining no injuries.

(4) Timeliness:

- (a) Dustoff was accomplished with a minimum of time lag.
- (b) Resupply was maintained with exceptional dispatch.
- (c) All heliborne assaults were executed with negligible delay thereby reducing exposure time in the LZ area.

d. Company D, 16th Armor:

(1) Size of Force:

- (a) Seventeen (17) M113 APC's
- (b) Five (5) M106 Armed Mortar Carriers

(2) How and When Employed:

(a) At 0800 hours, 10 August, one platoon joined TF 1/503d Inf. At 0700 hours, 11 August, an additional platoon joined TF 3/319th Arty. At 0830 hours, the remaining elements of D/16th Armor joined TF Support Battalion. At 1330 hours, all elements had arrived at Position Castile and the D/16th Command Post was established at YT 631109.

(b) Commencing at 2030 hours, the second platoon fired H&I with M-70's. The Third Platoon received two incoming grenades at 2208 hours, but there were no casualties. Fire with M-16's was returned with unknown results. At 2330 hours, the mortar platoon received two grenades, and five (5) VC were observed. The VC were armed with three (3) M-16's and one M-1 carbine. The platoon was unable to place destructive fire on the enemy and were last seen moving south. Clearing patrols in the morning reported negative contact.

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(c) At 0645 hours, 12 August, the third platoon departed to escort 3/319th Arty elements to Position Granada and returned without incident at 1815 hours.

(d) During the next two nights, H&I fire and patrols were employed to aid in maintaining perimeter security. At 0700 hours, 14 August, D/16th Armor departed with E/17th Cav and Engineers east on Highway 1 on a roadrunner mission. During the mission, two (2) VC were captured by E/17th Cav. E/17th Cav personnel were wounded by a claymore mine requiring a dustoff. The Engineers repaired one damaged bridge at YT 675033. No further contact was made and the company returned to Position Castile, arriving at 1715 hours.

(e) On 15, 17 and 18 August, D/16th Armor provided convoy and highway security between Position Castile and Granada keeping the route open and free of enemy activity through recon by fire, show of force activities, and airstrikes by Air Force elements.

(f) H&I fire and patrols were continually used by D/16th Armor during the nights to aid in maintenance of perimeter security. Suspected movement was heard on the nights of the 17th and 21st of August. Grenades were thrown but the results were unknown.

(g) At 0630 hours, 22 August, D/16th Armor and E/17th Cav retrieved the Artillery and Infantry elements situated at Position Granada. The company returned at 1830 hours without enemy contact.

(h) At 0630 hours, 23 August, D/16th Armor joined the convoy to Position Washington south of Xuan Loc arriving at 1245 hours. On 24 August, no missions were assigned to D/16th Armor. At 0845 hours, 25 August, D/16th Armor, E/17th Cav and attached Infantry elements executed a roadrunner mission south on Route 2 to Position Red in the proximity of the YS 80 grid line. At 1100 hours, a mortar APC was damaged beyond repair by a VC pressure mine at YS 463817. The company returned upon completion of the mission at 1710 hours.

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(i) On 26 August, another roadrunner/search and destroy mission was conducted. Particular attention was given to a suspected VC village at YS 4692 and the surrounding area. Automatic fire was received at YS 4585 and the area was reconned by fire and buildings burned. Numerous tunnels, foxholes and underground bunkers were found and searched. All were in excess of one month old and they revealed negative supplies. Another APC was damaged by a pressure mine at YS 456874. Vehicles from E/17th Cav and Engineers were also damaged by mines. No personnel from D/16th Armor sustained injuries.

(j) On 28 August, while participating in a roadrunner/search and destroy mission, the HQ APC was damaged beyond repair. This occurred on Route 2 in the vicinity of Ap Cu Be at 0925 hours. The driver suffered a minor injury and the APC was returned to base camp. The company returned to base camp at 1830 hours along with another damaged APC which was retrieved from Position Red where it was disabled on 25 August.

(k) On the 28th through the 31st of August, no missions were assigned and the days were used for maintenance of vehicles.

(l) On 1 September, the village of Cam My was enveloped by E/17th Cav and D/16th Armor, and attached infantry elements were dismounted and instructed to clear buildings of all personnel. The village inhabitants were gathered at the village center and given limited amount of clothing and medical supplies. Later the inhabitants were determined to be VC dependants and supporters and no further aid was given.

(m) On 2 September, D/16th Armor and E/17th Cav was dispatched to Position Ruby at YS 4817 to provide perimeter security for incoming infantry elements. No contact was met and the company returned to Position Washington at 1630 hours.

(n) At 0930 hours, 3 September, D/16th Armor closed down its area at Position Washington and joined TF Saber enroute to Position Ruby. At 1130 hours, the company arrived at Position Ruby, established a new base camp at YS 418878, and by 1630 hours land line communications were established.

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(o) On 4 September, D/16th Armor, E/17th Cav an ARVN armored unit, and attached Infantry were sent to investigate reported VC strongholds in the Don Dien d'Onk area. Many fresh foxholes and trails leading into the jungle were found, and a number of VC were later sighted heading north out of the area. The area was cleared of all inhabitants and evacuated to Xuan Loc by the ARVN.

(p) On 5 September, the first and third platoons departed base camp at 0810 hours to escort a supply convoy to Xuan Loc, returning at 1530 hours without incident.

(q) The 6th of September was allocated for maintenance of vehicles. At 1230 hours, 7 September, the base camp position was vacated. At 1630 hours, all elements arrived at Bien Hoa base camp, ending Operation "Toledo".

(3) Results: The mobility, fire power, and armor protection provided by the APC's and the armed mortars, was to a great advantage in conjunction with roadrunner operations and escort missions. They reduced injury by mines and served as a deterrent to VC action.

(4) Timeliness: The speed of the APC's in the Armor company enabled it to accomplish many missions on time and in good order.

e. Brigade Chemical Section:

(1) Size of Force:

(a) 51st Chemical Detachment

(b) One (1) UH-1B helicopter (furnished by Company A/82d Aviation Battalion)

(2) How and When Used:

(a) CS burning type grenade, M7A3, was tactically delivered by UH-1B armed helicopter, using the M3 armament system with Troop Landing Smoke Screen Modification Kit.

1. Intelligence reports indicated the suspected location of the 5th VC Division Headquarters, vicinity YS 686736. On 14 August, a decision was made to attack the suspected target with armed helicopters, preceded by aerial

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