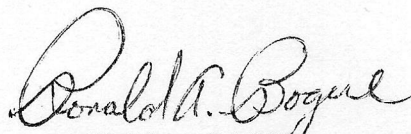

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SUBJECT: Quarterly Historical Report

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The following quarterly historical report is submitted in compliance with
Brigade Regulation 87D-6.


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UNIT HISTORY

April - June

On 1 April the company was in convoy to Quin Nhon, it returned at 1845 hours.

On 2 April the 2nd platoon was sent to Tuy Hoa North Airfield on an alert basis for Tuy Hoa North. The rest of the company remained on ready alert prepared to move to Tuy Hoa.

On 3 April a convoy was escorted by the 1st platoon to Quin Nhon. 2nd platoon remained on a stand by basis.

On 4 April the 3rd platoon was prepared to convoy the MP's to Vung Ro Bay. The convoy was cancelled until 1300 hours. At 1300 hours the convoy moved out.

On the 5th and 6th of April the company had reasonably quite days.

On 7 April the 3rd platoon received 1 sniper round. The sniper was not seen and no one was hit.

On the 8th - 12th of April all elements were pulling preventative maintenance for the move to Bong Son.

On the 13th of April elements moved to Bong Son without any difficulty.

On 14 April 1st Platoon departed for Phu Heip for LZ English. 1st platoon was stopped in Quin Nhon by obstruction in the road. (relayed to Brigade)

On 15 and 16 April all was quite. All sit reps were negative.

On 17 April at 1530 elements ran into a roadside ambush, estimated size of two platoons. 3rd platoon elements were heading east on 7B when they hit the ambush. This was at BQ 9045. Air strikes were called at 1545 hours and 11 500 lb bombs were dropped. 34 track hit a light mine at approximately 1600 hours. Disabling the vehicle. Negative personnel injuries.

17 April cont - One US personnel received a head graze during the action. He returned to duty but was extracted at the SF Camp by one of their choppers.

On 18 April the 2nd and 3rd platoons departed at 0830 hours to search the ambush site for possible KIA's and also a 500lb bomb dud that was reported to us by air cover. Upon seeing 200 - 300 people in the ROK AO we were denied permission to persue. At 1245 the 2 platoons returned and headed west clearing the road. They returned to my location and logged.

On 19 April 2nd and 3rd platoon elements completed clearing the road to Phu Tuc and logged there for the night.

On 20 April our higher wanted elements to set up fire mission. No set target just to see how long it would take. Fire mission took 10 minutes. Elements moved to SF Camp and waited for further orders.

On 21 April the 2nd and 3rd platoon elements returned to the SF Camp from Phu Tuc arriving at 1200 hours. Maintenance was pulled and troops rested.

On 22 April the company moved west from Cung Son SF Camp clearing the road and sweeping the sides of the road. There were no incidents reported.

On 23 April the company had the mission to clear the road from Cung Son to Phu Sen and run a search and destroy mission once they reached the Phu Sen area.

On the way they ran into an ambush and one track hit a mine and they received small arms fire from both sides of the road. The EOD team found another mine about 200 meters from the 1st one. Our elements gave chase to a bunch of civilians.

On 24 April the company continues their sw ep east from their logger site of the night before moving into Phu Sen. The spotted approximatly 25 persons and

the nationalist police with the company held two for questioning. The company closed into Phu Sen longer iste at 1710 hours with no significant happenings.

On 25 April the two platoons departed their logger site at 0835 hours for Vic 945420. At this time they made a sweep of the area. At 1400 hours the CO flew back to Phu Heip to plan future operations. He returned at 1015 hours. At 2235 hours we received a change in mission for tomorrow.

On 26 April the 2nd and 3rd platoons conducted a detailed search of the Phu Sen Area finding little. After logging for the night at 998370 at 2105 hours the CO spotted a candle light in a hooch 800 meters to his front. After receiving clearance at 2145 hours the artillery and 50 cal. machineguns were fired at the target. The light went out, we are awaiting morning for results.

On 27 April we searched the area of sighted activity of last night. Results were footprints leading south to north, 1 pair of Ho Chi Minh sandals and some cured tobacco. 3rd platoon left for Vic 010389 and 2nd platoon elements departed for location 020377 traveling west.

On 28 April elements recieved one mortar round and several automatic small arms rounds. We returned fire and all firing ceased. All elements moved to Tuy Hoa North Field.

On 29 April the CO was informed that he was to move to Phu Heip. Once we closed on Phu Heip we again moved to Tuy Hoa North Field.

On 30 April C-3 sighted 4 battalions 95th Regiment Vic BQ 988640, 29 March intended to move north or east attacking MayDay.

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1 May - Elements on move from 3Y to LZ at 043395. Closed into LZ by 1750.

2 May - 2nd platoon hit a mine at Vic 098418. 3 WIA's - 2 litter one walking. Tuy Hoa dust off called. The vehicle was a combat loss. The only seriously injured was Bloomfield, he was being evacuated.

3 May - The company received orders to move to Phu Sen on a road clearing mission with the 577th engineers. We linked up with 1 platoon of B Co 4th Bn and moved into night harbor site.

4 May - 3rd platoon found bunkers with 3 or 4 decomposed bodies in it. Also received a message from MACV - 2 battalions of 84th Reg at CQ 067516 and CQ 042446 moving BQ 968454. Mission secure.

5 May - 4th battalion released elements of the company to move to new harbor site at 091339.

6 May - Relayed to 4th Bn that SF Camp at Cong Son received 20 rounds of 82mm mortar and several small arms rounds. 1 82mm round hit the team house. Neg US calamities or casualties, 2 CIDG casualties. 3rd platoon found a small pressure mine at 035394. They blew it in place, it was a plastic type mine with 3 to 4 sticks of C4. At 1755 hours LZ English, Salenn and Uplift in heavy contact.

Two battalions of 503d Infantry in heavy contact, two companies of 4th battalion have been evacuated. Engineers are on alert and need all aircraft.

7 May - Elements are still at LZ English also just came off of a yellow alert at the airfield. The airfield was expected to be attacked at 1855 hours. Two battalions of V.C. were seen at Quang Ducy, CQ068592 and 2, 051582 Phu Ling, CQ108556 Phu Long 3, CQ106591 a watch group CQ116608 company TI, company T2 of the 85th Reg CQ052565 two battalions plan attack on Tuy Hoa between 7 and 19 May - mission to destroy DA RAM Bridge.

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8 May - Plans summary for today - move base camp to 947416, a dismounted patrol left present location 0800 hours. Thursday west on 7B. Fill in pot holes and grade road from 972378 to 947418. Construct all weather pass at 953415, run clearing patrols to new base camp. At 1525 hours elements arrived at new location.

9 May - Everything was quite quiet and also a 10 man team was sent out to check out flash seen about 400 meters to the north.

10 May - Area in which was fired on last night was patrolled. Negative contact was made.

11 May - Ambush sites were moved into and platoons will conduct combat artillery to BQ962522 secure 4.2mm mortar firing supporting base pick up time 0650 hours.

12 May - Tuy Hoa dust-off was called, one US personnel came down with a high fever. Dust-off was completed at 1030 hours.

13 May - A quiet day and a small resupply list was called in.

14 May - 1st platoon is to escort a convoy on the 16th and 17th, approximately 30 vehicles. Night ambush sites were set up.

15 May - Two people spotted going south at 873443. Sniper rounds were fired at 885444, air strike was called in.

16 May - One enemy found wounded in area that was hit by air strike last night.

17 May - Negative contact was made.

18 May - Area 689539 was checked out with negative results. Holy man visited troops.

19 May - Patrolling of different areas, negative contact.

- 20 May - A M 26 grenade was found rigged to blow when picked up. Blew in place
Vic 883444
- 21 May - Unit held in place, no contact was made.
- 22 May - One vehicle hit a mine. It was at 00005396. One casualty was dusted
off. Casualty was one of the vampire people.
- 23 May - Elements were escort for engineer while they worked on road.
- 24 May - Elements continued to be guards while engineers worked on bridge #10.
- 25 May - Engineers finished working on by pass and bridge closed into main
elements at 699499.
- 26 May - Elements moved into new loggar site negative contact with enemy.
- 27 May - Elements stayed in postion. Engineers working on by pass and bridges
#12 and 13.
- 28 May - Moved to new locations, will start work on bridge on red ball.
- 29 May - Elements finished bridge and moved to new location.
- 30 May - Company continued to run escort for engineers working on bridge on the
road 7B.
- 31 May - Elements had negative action and continued to be security for engineer
elements.

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1 June - Unit now working with engineers and E Co 4/503d Inf 2nd platoon acting as escort for the elements.

2 June - Unit moved from old logger site to new one 360252.

3 June - Element still working with the engineers, negative contact with enemy.

4 June - Element still working with the engineers, negative contact with enemy.

5 June - Element still working with the engineers, negative contact with enemy.

6 June - Elements and engineers moved out to work on bridge 38. Bridge was rechecked. Road was graded up to bridge 38.

7 June - Company continued to pull escort duty with the engineers.

8 to 11 of June - Element continued to pull escort for the engineers.

12 June - The company left Cung Son at 0800 hours. Had to report up to Phu Heip we closed Phu Heip at 1430 hours.

14th through the 31st of June - Company was escort for engineers while they cleared roads and bridges. No enemy contact was made.