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1ST BATTALION 12TH INFANTRY
"RED WARRIORS"
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SUBJECT: Combined Operations Report

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1. Reference: LTR HQ 2d Bde, 4th Inf Div, Subject: Change to LOI - Recurring Reports (4)" DTD 21 July 1969.

- (1) One platoon (18 EM and 1 officer) of Popular Forces from AN TUC District Village of THU THUY combined with Co B, 1st Bn, 12th Inf to conduct a search and destroy operation in the area bounded by ER5266, ER5066, ER5063 and ER5264.
 - (2) The search and destroy operation was conducted during the period 26, 27 June 1970.
 - (3) The Tactical Operations Center for the combined operation was located at FSB ARMAGEDDON, ER421646.
 - (4) Cross requests for fire support consisted of mutual agreement between US and PF forces for use of artillery, gunships and an air strike in the area of operation. This fire support was employed.
 - (5) No Liaison Officers were exchanged, however two interpreters attached to the 1st Bn, 12th Inf were utilized by elements of the search and destroy force to coordinate allied communications.
 - (6) The mission of the combined operation was to locate and destroy (within the area of operation) enemy elements which have become active in the vicinity of THU THUY Village. The tactics employed were two platoon size search and destroy elements, and one platoon size blocking position. Each of the platoon size search elements consisted of three US squads and one PF squad, with one interpreter. The mission of the search platoons was to locate and destroy enemy elements where they were located, or by forcing the enemy toward the blocking position. The PF platoon leader commanded one of the search platoons. The combined operation was successful in that it gave both the US and PF forces an opportunity to work together and exposed both forces to the military techniques utilized by each friendly force.
- b. N/A
 - c. N/A
 - d. None
 - e. Explained in Para 6 above.
 - f. None
 - g. None
 - h. On 28 June 1970, (election day in AN TUC District) this battalion provided the village of THU THUY with security forces. The security force consisted of one platoon of infantry from the 1st Bn, 12th Inf and two track vehicles from the 2nd Bn (mech), 8th Inf, who were attached.

to this battalion. The PF platoon of the THU THUY Village complimented this security force. The US force was employed in strong points not more than two and not less than one kilometer from the village boundaries.

i. None

2. Training Activities:

- a. None
- b. One
- c. None
- d. None
- e. None
- f. None

3. Staff Visits:

- a. Four
 - (1) MACV district adviser
 - (2) District Chief of AN TUC
 - (3) Village Chief of THU THUY
 - (4) Platoon leader of PF platoon of THU THUY Village

4. Commanders' Visits/ Comments

- a. Three
- b. Although the combined operation conducted during the period 26 and 27 June 1970 produced no significant results concerning enemy personnel or facilities, it was highly successful from a standpoint of mutual understanding of each forces objectives and provided a training vehicle which was mutually satisfying.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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