

COMBAT OPERATIONS

The following narrative was put together to show/highlight the combat operations of the unit during its operational time from the inception of the unit to the last mission before the colors were folded and returned to the United States. Information has been collected from a number of sources some of which are not, or could not be verified. Unless specifically noted it can be assumed that the information has not been verified. I would welcome addition information to add or expand the operational missions of the unit. Please forward any information to caabnranger@yahoo.com. The attempt to document the missions is not an attempt to provide space for war recollections. I hope that others will put together a unit history through the eyes of the unit Rangers.

Ranger Team One and Ranger Team two where formed in late 1966 with their first missions being conducted in early January and February 1967. Ranger Team One consisted of **SSG Ron Christopher Team Leader, Doug Fletcher Assistant Team Leader, SGT John Simones Scout, Art Guerrero Scout and Geoff Koper as Medic**. Ranger Team Two consisted of **SSG Pat "OB" O'Brien Team Leader, Jim Ross RTO, Gary Biddle Assistant Team Leader, Richard Lopez Scout, Bob Block Scout and John Suggs as Medic**.

On 7 January 1970 Ranger Team 35, while operating in the 2nd BDE AO, observed 3 enemy wearing green uniforms, chest web gear, and armed with AK-47's. Ranger Team requested a Pink Team from C 1/9th. Pink Team engaged enemy resulting in 3 enemies KIA at YU 272023. The Team was extracted after finding numerous bridges, docks and 1 sampan at YU 272026.

On 11 January 1970 Ranger Team 41 was inserted at XT 912677 by C 1/9th Cav. After moving N with negative sightings, the patrol observed 1 individual moving S on the river bank. The Team adjusted ARA onto the enemy position and observed 1 secondary explosion. At 0930 hours the following day the Team adjusted ARA on suspected enemy position 100 meters east of the Teams location and observed 1 secondary explosion. At 1055 hours the Team engaged 1 enemy with organic weapons fire resulting in 1 enemy KIA. The Team continued adjusting ARA on suspected enemy locations and was extracted at 1205 hours.

On 28 January 1970 Ranger Team 3 engaged an unknown size enemy force with claymores and organic weapons fire resulting in 1 enemy KIA and 2 enemies WIA.

During the period 31 January 1970 to 30 April 1970 Company H (Ranger) employed 95 Long Range Patrols, of which 47 made sightings of enemy personnel, resulting in 20 engagements and 6 VC/NVA KIA. The Dong Tien program under which selected members of ARVN Airborne Recon Units were trained in methods and techniques of US LRRP's was terminated on 22 April 1970. This was determined to be a highly successful endeavor.

On 7 February 1970 Ranger Team 43 was operating in the 2nd BDE AO. The area showed heavy resent use. The Team set up in an ambush position at YU 555185 at 1745 hours. By 1940 hours a total of 20 armed individuals wearing green uniforms moved past the ambush position. At 1944 hours approximately 30 individuals with bicycles stopped on the trail in front of the Team's location. The Team detonated the ambush and engaged with small arms and hand grenades, receiving small arms fire from the fleeing enemy. At 2005 hours when the requested ARA and Nighthawk aircraft arrived on station, the team adjusted the supporting fire on suspected enemy locations and observed one secondary explosion. A check of the contact area revealed 5 enemy KIA, 6 bicycles, 12, 220-pound bags of rice, 1 SKS and a significant amount of enemy equipment captured. At 2055 hours the Team was extracted by C1/9th after which an air strike was placed on the contact area.

On 17 February 1970 Ranger Team 45 while in an overnight halt position in the 2nd BDE AO, vicinity YU220282, observed 30 individuals move past its location. 20 of the individuals were armed with AK-47's, 10 were unarmed women carrying large rucksacks. At 1035 hours 2nd BDE scouts arrived on station and engaged the individuals approximately 2 kilometers from the team's location. 2nd BDE Scouts continued to engage the enemy as a total of 83 individuals had passed by the Team's location. 2nd BDE Scouts, ARA, and Nighthawk continued monitoring the surrounding area and responding to ground to air fire accounting for 45 enemy KIA. The Ranger Team did not engage the enemy.

On 9 March 1970 Ranger Team 52 was performing recon and surveillance of its assigned area in the 3rd BDE AO. The Team established an overnight halt position at XU 986164. At 1800 hours the Assistant Team Leader went into convulsions and a medical evacuation was requested. At 1825 hours the aircraft arrived on station. At the pilots request the team marked its position with smoke thereby compromising the Team's location. After the ATL was extracted by jungle penetrator, a lift ship from C1/9th arrived on station to extract the remaining Team members. Although a sit-down PZ was only 200 meters away the aircraft commander informed the Team that he was low on fuel and would have to extract them via the jungle penetrator. At 1930 hours

as the last 2 members of the Team were raised to the aircraft 1 member of the team fell approximately 125 feet to his death. The extraction aircraft had to leave to refuel. The Ranger was recovered the following morning.

On 11 March 1970 Ranger Team 71 operating in the 3rd BDE AO established an overnight halt to monitor a trail and several bunkers in the vicinity of YT037988. At 1830 hours the Team observed 1 individual staggering down the trail in front of their location. The Team engaged the individual with small arms resulting in 1 enemy KIA. A search of the area revealed 1 SKS, 1 AK-47 and a significant amount of enemy equipment.

On 30 March 1970 Ranger Team 72 operating in the 2nd BDE AO vicinity YU493473 was monitoring a trail. The Team observed 6 individuals move past their location and the Team engaged them with claymore mines and small arms fire, receiving heavy small arms fire in return. The Team adjusted ARA onto the contact area. A check of the contact area produced 3 NVA KIA, 3 AK-47's, 2 rucksacks and a sizeable amount of personnel equipment. As the extraction aircraft arrived on station the LOH of the Pink Team reported movement closing in on the PZ from all sides. The extraction aircraft from C1/9th hovered down through the trees where the Team and captured equipment was loaded on board. Due to the excessive gross weight of the aircraft the aircraft commander ordered the captured equipment to be jettisoned. This sufficiently reduced the aircraft weight allowing the ship to safely complete the extraction. The enemy gear was later recovered by an aircraft from C1/9th.

On 1 April 1970 Ranger Team 55 at XU950122 while monitoring a NW/SE trail observed 12 individuals moving to the NW. The individuals were wearing green uniforms, wore chest web gear and carried AK-47's. 6 of the individuals were carrying small packs. All the individuals had fresh haircuts and new uniforms. At 1555 hours, while monitoring the trail, the Team observed 1 individual moving to the SE carrying an AK-47 and wearing chest web gear and a green uniform. The Team engaged the suspected enemy location with artillery. On 02 April 1970, at 0700 hours, the Team observed 4 individuals moving to the SE on the trail with 1 individual carrying an M-16, US type web-gear and fragmentation grenades. The remaining individuals were carrying AK-47's, wore chest web gear and carried moderate size packs. At 1640 hours the Team leader, Medic and Rear Scout while moving out to re-camouflage claymore mines received 1 fragmentation grenade which came from bushes on the opposite side of the trail. The grenade did not detonate. The Team leader immediately picked up the grenade and threw it back towards the point from which it came. Shortly thereafter the grenade exploded. The Team Leader engaged the area with small arms fire and received small arms fire in return. The Team continued to suppress the contact area with small arms fire until 1645 hours, when B1/9th Air Cav and 2/20 ARA arrived on station. The 2/20 ARA aircraft suppressed the contact area until 1703 hours, at which time B 1/9th Air Cav requested that the Team move to the PZ without checking the contact area due to a low fuel supply on the extraction aircraft. The Team moved E and was extracted by B1/9th Air Cav at 1715 hours.

On 25 April 1970 Ranger Team 71 at YU361351, while monitoring an N-S trail heard 2 signal shots at 1550 hours approximately 200 meters to their E. At 1605 hours a Light Fire Team arrived on station and engaged 1 individual 500 meters NE of the Teams location. The Light Fire Team then spotted and engaged 2 individuals 100 meters SE of the Team. At 1615 hours the Team began moving NW when the Rear Scout spotted and engaged 1 individual 30 meters to the SW. The enemy evaded to the SW leaving a heavy blood trail. The Light Fire Team spotted and engaged the same individual in a fighting position 40 meters to the SW. At 1645 hours the Light Fire Team spotted and engaged 1 individual 50 meters to the NW who was laying prone on the trail. At 1700 hours the Team moved NE 200 meters to YU 363353 where they were extracted by a 227th Assault Helicopter Battalion Command and Control helicopter.

During the period 1 May 1970 thru 31 July 1970 Company H (Ranger) continued to provide Long Range Reconnaissance and Surveillance for the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile). Ranger Teams continued to be deployed according to current enemy activity with emphasis being placed on the recovery of documents and positive identification of enemy routes of movement. During this reporting period, Company H (Ranger) employed 77 teams, of which 35 made sightings of enemy personnel, resulting in 19 engagements and 13 VC/NVA KIA and 1 POW.

On 16 May 1970 Ranger Team 75, while moving NW on a recon patrol, at XU460254 spotted 6 enemy carrying AK-47's and SKS rifles, wearing green fatigues and carrying small packs. The Team engaged the individuals with small arms fire and received small arms fire in return. Results of the contact were 1 NVA KIA. The team captured 1 pack full of rice and 1 NVA pistol belt. The Team was supported by A1/9 Cav gunships and B 2/20 ARA. The Team was extracted by A1/9th Cav at 1525 hours at XU460254.

On 19 May 1970 Ranger Team 71 was monitoring an E-W trail with heavy recent use at YU253557. At 1230 the Team spotted 4 individuals moving E on the trail. The Team engaged the individuals with small arms fire and received small arms fire in return. Contact resulted in 1 NVA KIA. The other individuals evaded to the W on the trail. The individuals wore green fatigues and

carried AK-47 rifles. At 1400 hours the Team moved W on the trail following drag marks and a heavy blood trail for 75 meters with negative results. The Team continued moving W on the trail for 300 meters to YU258558 where a security halt was set up at 1445 to monitor the trail. At 1515 hours the Team spotted 5 individuals and engaged with small arms and received small arms fire and .30 caliber machinegun fire in return. Contact resulted in 2 enemies KIA, 1 AK-47 and a quantity of documents captured. The Team was supported by TAC AIR, B 2/20 ARA and gunships from C 1/9th Cav. At 1750 hours the Team moved SE 100 meters to YU251557 and were extracted at 1750 hours by C 1/9th CAV.

On 3 June 1970 Ranger Team 51 while in a NDP at YU116364 observed 17 individuals moving NW on a well used trail. Sixteen of the individuals wore green fatigues, wore chest web gear, and carried small packs and AK-47's. 1 individual wore a white pith helmet and did not carry a weapon and appeared to be some sort of VIP. On the 04th at 1945 the Team observed a total of 55 individuals moving NW, all having the same equipment as the previous group. The Team engaged the individuals with TAC AIR, ARA and Pink Teams. On the 5th at 1130 hours the Team observed another 40 individuals moving SE on the trail wearing green fatigues, chest web gear, very large packs and carrying AK-47's. The team engaged the area with ARA and Pink Teams resulting in 15 KIA's by the helicopters. At 1330 hours the Team was extracted by C1/9th CAV. vicinity of YU116336.

On 17 June 1970 Ranger Team 52, at 1730 hours, while moving into a wood line at YU386618 came under enemy small arms and automatic weapons fire from bunkers and trees. The Team returned fire until contact was broken at 1745 hours. The contact resulted in 1 enemy KIA, 2 Ranger KIA, 2 Ranger WIA. One of the Team members evaded to FSB David to bring assistance since the Teams radios were destroyed by enemy fire. A search of the contact area on the 18th resulted in the recovery of the 2 wounded Rangers and no trace of the 2 KIA Rangers. Further searches of the area were conducted until 30th June, to which there was negative findings.

On 26 July 1970 Ranger Team 72 while in an overnight halt position at XT688689 at 2105 hours heard a motor propelled sampan moving N on the Dong Nai River approximately 200 meters S of their position. At this time the Team heard voices indicating activity on the bank of the river by several individuals. On the 27th at 0430 the Team heard sampans moving S past their position. At 1930 hours at XT688694 the Team while in their overnight halt position heard another sampan moving N past their position. On the 28th while the Team was moving NE at XT691694 they found 1 structure 10x15x3 supported by 3-foot poles covered with a poncho roof. Search of the structure found 4 .51 Caliber machine guns, 2 .51 Caliber barrels, 13 SKS's, 12 bolt action Mauser type sniper rifles with scopes, 10 boxes of .51 Caliber links, 12 Korean sub-machine guns, 8 Chi Com machine guns with drum magazines plus a large amount of cleaning equipment. At 1400 hours C1/9th Blues were inserted to assist the Team in exploiting the area. At 1505 hours the Team moved SE 75 meters and found another structure containing 4 60mm mortars complete with sites and base plates, 20 AK-47's, 140 type 53 carbines, 2 122MM rockets, 70 sets of chest web gear, 10 boxes of dry cell batteries, 1 roll of det cord, 6 107 rockets and 3 dozen tubes of weapons oil. On the 29th the Team was extracted by C1/9th at YT619694.

On 1 August 1970 Ranger Team 51 engaged 2 VC/NVA with organic weapons resulting in 1 VC KIA.

On 11 August 1970 Ranger Team 73 came under intense enemy small arms and automatic weapons fire from an unknown size enemy force. The Team engaged the enemy force resulting in 2 NVA KIA.

On 13 August 1970 Ranger Team 73 in a brief fire fight killed 1 NVA.

On 9 September 1970 Ranger Team 54 engaged 2 VC/NVA with claymore mines and organic weapons resulting in 1 NVA KIA and 1 NVA WIA.

On 16 September 1970 Ranger Team 72 ambushed 6 NVA on a major trail resulting in 6 NVA KIA, 6 packs, 2 AK-47's, 1 K54 pistol, and a large quantity of documents captured.

On 30 September 1970 Ranger Team 71 engaged 3 VC/NVA with grenades and small arms fire resulting in 1 VC/NVA KIA.

During the period 1 October 1970 thru 31 December 1970, Co H (Ranger) employed 70 patrols with visual enemy sightings on 48 of these patrols, resulting in 20 engagements. These engagements yielded 11 VC/NVA KIA, 13 enemy suspects detained, and the capture of 17 individual weapons and 30 pounds of documents. 1 Ranger was KIA and 2 WIA.

During the month of January 1971 29 Long Range Patrols were conducted.

On 1 January 1971 Ranger Team 61 was engaged by 3 VC/NVA. The Team returned fire resulting in 1 NVA KIA and 1 SKS captured. **TL was William L. Weaver.**

On 4 January 1971 Ranger Team 69 killed 4 NVA and captured 1 AK-47. **TL was Terry A. Cordle.**

On 4 January 1971 Ranger Team 22 discovered a large hospital bunker complex containing almost 50 pounds of medical supplies and equipment and a large quantity of enemy records and documents. **TL was SSG Timothy V. Harper and the ATL was SP-4 James M. Doyle.**

On 7 January 1970 Ranger Team 71 observed 5 NVA moving west on a major trail. The Team initiated contact resulting in 5 NVA KIA, 2 AK-47's, 3 B-40 rocket launchers with rockets, 1 AK-50, 4 rucksacks of food stuffs and supplies and 5 packets of documents captured. **TL was David J. Klimek.**

On 7 January 1971 Ranger Team 62 engaged 1 NVA resulting in 1 NVA KIA and 1 SKS captured.

On 9 January 1971 Ranger Team 51 destroyed an enemy bridge with explosive demolitions at XT847531. **TL was Terry A. Wanish and the ATL was Jerry D. Wood.**

On 16 January 1971 Ranger Team 22 killed 1 NVA and captured 1 US M-2 Carbine and miscellaneous documents. **TL was SSG Timothy V. Harper.**

On 19 January Ranger Team 42 engaged an unknown size enemy force resulting in 2 Rangers WIA.

During February 1970 Company H (Ranger) conducted 30 Long Range Patrols

During the period 3-6 February 1971 Ranger Team 22 conducted a patrol in the Ap Doan Van area. The Team detained 9 VC suspects that were evacuated as IPW's. The Team discovered a food cache containing 500-600 pounds of rice. An engagement with an unknown size force resulted in 1 NVA KIA, 1 PRS sub-machine gun, 130 rounds 7.62 ammunition, 2 rucksacks containing food stuffs and a number of enemy documents.

On 7 February 1971 Ranger Teams 32 Rear Scout engaged 2 NVA/VC with organic fire resulting in 1 NVA KIA. **Rear Scout was SSG D. Butler.**

On 9 February 1971 Ranger Team 61 engaged 2 NVA with claymore mines resulting in 2 NVA KIA, 2 AK-47's, 1 ounce of documents, and 6 ounces of Marijuana captured. **TL was SGT Robert Hughes and the ATL was SP-4 Jerry T. Donahue.**

On 11 February 1971 Ranger Team 42 while conducting a patrol in the Tan Uyen area killed 1 NVA. **TL was Roger D. Simmons.**

On 12 February 1971 Ranger Team 22 engaged 4 NVA with claymores resulting in 2 NVA KIA and 2 NVA WIA, 2 AK-47's, 1 AK-50, 1 9mm pistol, 3 rucksacks and 60 ounces of documents captured. **TL was SSG Timothy V. Harper and the ATL was SP-4 James M. Doyle.**

On 16 February 1971 Ranger Team 42 engaged 6 NVA with organic weapons fire and ARA resulting in 2 NVA KIA. **TL was Andrew C. Allen.**

On 17 February 1971 Ranger Team 61 engaged 5-7 VC/NVA with claymores and organic weapons resulting in 2 NVA KIA and 2 AK-47's captured.

On 17 February 1971 Ranger Team 22 became engaged with an unknown size enemy force resulting in 1 Ranger WIA, unknown enemy losses and the capture of 1 AK-47 and 3 rucksacks filled with enemy supplies.

During the month of March 1971 Company H (Ranger) deployed 21 Long Range Patrols.

On 2 March 1971 Ranger Team 51 killed 2 NVA and captured 2 individual weapons and a quantity of enemy equipment and supplies. **TL was SP-4 James E. Young.**

On 12 March 1971 Ranger Team 22 observed 1 NVA moving towards their location. The Team engaged the individual with small arms fire resulting in 1 NVA KIA and 3 Rangers WIA. **TL was SGT George C. Gentry.**

On 17 March 1971 Ranger Team 22 observed and engaged with claymore mines 4 VC/NVA moving on a major trail. The contact resulted in 4 NVA KIA and 3 AK-47's and 4 rucksacks captured. **TL was SP-4 James M. Doyle.**

On 18 March 1971 Ranger Teams 32 and 62 conducted a raid on a small enemy base camp/bunker complex resulting in 1 NVA KIA. The Team captured 1 .45 caliber pistol, 12 pounds of documents, rucksacks, food, cooking and eating utensils and miscellaneous military equipment. **TL was SP-4 Roger D. Simmons.**

During the month of April 1971 Company H (Ranger) conducted 21 Long Range Patrols.

On 9 April 1972 Ranger Team 71 engaged 1 VC/NVA dressed in a green shirt, black trousers and jungle boots. The contact resulted in 1 NVA KIA and 1 M-16 Rifle (SN1007822). **TL was SGT George C. Gentry and the ATL was Paul L. Middleton.**

On 14 April 1971 Ranger Teams 31 and 41 were inserted into the Ka Gia My area. On 15 April at 0830 hours the Teams observed 3 NVA moving NE along a trail. The patrols-initiated contact with claymore mines and organic weapons resulting in 3 NVA KIA, 3 AK-47's, 400 rounds of ammunition, 2 rucksacks and miscellaneous web gear captured. **TL's were SGT Dennis G. Raine and SGT Ronald E. Hammon.**

On 16 April 1971 Ranger Team 32 while operating in the Song Dinh area engaged an unknown size enemy force resulting in 3 NVA KIA and 3 AK-47's captured. **TL was Barry J Dykeman.**

On 18 April 1971 Ranger Team 71 engaged with claymores and organic weapons a large enemy force moving east along a trail. Reinforced with a Pink Team, ARA and B 1/9th Blues the Team accounted for 11 NVA KIA, 5 individual weapons, 9 rucksacks filled with supplies and equipment, 2 ½ pounds of documents captured. The documents contained troop unit rosters, operation orders, assignments, promotions, decoration orders, action reports, personal letters, casualty reports and financial receipts. **TL was SGT John W. O'Neal.**

On 19 April Ranger Team 42 while operating in the Phouc Vinh area engaged and killed 1 NVA and captured 1 AK-47. **TL was SGT Terry A. Wanish.**

During May 1971 Company H (Ranger) deployed 25 Long Range Patrols.

Operations: Significant Activities.

During the reporting period (1 May 1971 – 30 Oct 1971), Company H (RANGER) continued to provide long range reconnaissance and surveillance for the 3d BDE (SEP) 1st ACD. Ranger patrols continued to be deployed according to current enemy activity with the emphasis being placed on the recovery of documents and positive identification of enemy routes of movement. During this reporting period Co H (RANGER) employed 110 patrols of which 70 made enemy sightings of enemy personnel resulting in 60 engagements. These engagements yielded 94 VC/NVA KIA, 13 detainees, 101 individual weapons, approximately 150 pounds of documents. For the period there were not any Ranger KIA's or WIA's. **(Note #1)**

On 6 May 1971 at 1340 hours at YT598225 Ranger Team 42 was moving along a NE-SW trail when the Team heard voices 50 meters to their NE. The Team moved NE 35 meters and observed 9 individuals; 4 sitting at a table and 5 standing. They wore black PJ's and 1 AK-47 was observed leaning against the table. At 1350 hours 1 individual carrying a AK-47 began to move towards the Teams location. The Team engaged the individual with small arms fire resulting in 1 enemy KIA. The Team then engaged the remaining individuals with small arms fire and received heavy return small arms fire. The Team requested a Pink Team from B1/9th, B1/9th Blues and a section of ARA from C2/20th Cav. The Team then observed 2 individuals SW 40 meters, 1 carrying a B-40 and the other an AK-47. The Team engaged the individuals with small arms and received negative return fire with the individuals evading to the SW. Contact broke at 1355 hours with negative friendly casualties. At 1430 hours the Blues were inserted and moved towards the Teams location. At 1445 with the Blues and the Team linked up a sweep of the contact was

made finding 1 enemy KIA, 1 AK-47, 1 .45 caliber pistol, 1 SKS, 1 German Sten gun, 4 B-40 rockets, numerous cans of food, 7 NVA poncho's, 1 pair sandals, 1 set of NVA Khakis, 2 pounds of pills, assorted toothbrushes, razors and soap and 3 pounds of documents. At 1600 hours the Team and Blues moved SSW 600 meters to YT597220 were extracted by B1/9th Cav. **(Note #1)**

On 8 May 1971 at 1400 hours at YT582238 Ranger Team 41, while monitoring a E-W trail the Team observed 6 individuals moving west on the trail. The individuals were wearing green fatigues; carrying AK-47's, packs and web gear. When the individuals were in front of the Teams location the Team then attempted to have the individuals surrender. The enemy immediately raised their weapons and started to evade. The Team engaged the individuals with claymore mines and small arms fire taking heavy return fire in return. (Approx-180 rds) The Team requested a Pink Team from B1/9th Cav, B1/9th Blues and a section of ARA from C2/20th Cav. Contact broke at 1410 hours with negative friendly casualties. At 1425 hours the Blues were inserted into the contact area and linked up with the Team. A sweep of the contact area was then made finding 8 enemy KIA, 7 AK-47's, 1 heavy blood trail leading west, 9 packs containing 225 pounds of rice, 2 poncho's and assorted personal equipment. Also 1 ½ pounds of documents were found. The Blues then followed the blood trail west while the Team was extracted by McGuire Rig at 1650 hours. **(Note #1) TL was Leonard D. Declue and the ATL was SP-4 Robert T Oakes.**

On 14 May 1971 at 0845 hours Ranger Team 75 while observing an NE-SW trail observed 3 individuals moving SW on the trail. The Team observed that the individuals were carrying AK-47's. At 0846 hours the Team engaged the individuals with claymore mines and small arms, receiving about 30 rounds of return fire. The Team requested a Pink Team from B1/9th Cav, B1/9th Blues and a section of ARA from C2/20th Cav. The Team then moved into the contact area and engaged the area further with fragmentation grenades. The Team then observed 1 individual that appeared wounded hiding behind a tree. The Team was then engaged with 3 B-40 rounds. They returned fire with small arms. Contact broke at 0905 hours with negative friendly casualties. The Team then moved into the contact area and found 1 enemy KIA, 1 AK-47, 3 magazines with 90 rounds, 1 US flashlight, 1 pistol belt, 1 quart canteen, 1 set of Bata boots, 1 NVA poncho and 1 hammock captured. They also observed 2 blood trails leading west. At 0940 hours the Blues were inserted and at 1045 hours linked up with the Team. At 1100 hours the Team and Blues followed the blood trails west 25 meters and found 3 AK-47 magazines with 90 rounds and 1 set of chest web gear. The Team then observed 1 individual west 10 meters. The Team captured the individual and found him to be wounded. First aid was administered and a Medivac was requested. After the individual was given first aid the Kit Carson Scout with the Team was told by the POW that a bunker complex consisting of 3 bunkers was located in the vicinity of YT316233 and that 29 individuals were there armed with 26 AK-47's and 2 B-40's. At 1200 hours the Team, Blues and POW moved NE 300 meters to YT309219 were at 1225 hours the POW was evacuated. At the same location a Tracker Team was inserted. The Team, Blues and Trackers moved SW 2700 meters to YT279204 where at 1450 hours they were extracted with negative further findings. **(Note #1) TL was SP-4 Terry A. Wanish and the ATL was SGT Daniel J Tarver.**

On 16 May 1971 at 1630 hours at YT306221 Ranger Team 71 while setting up an ambush on a NE-SW trail a security element to the Team SW observed 1 individual SW 10 meters armed with a carbine. The security element engaged the individual with small arms fire and received negative return fire. The Team requested a Pink Team from B1/9th Cav and a section of ARA from C2/20th Cav. The Team then moved into the contact area and found 1 enemy KIA, 1 SKS carbine, 1 magazine with 11 rounds, 1 green shirt, 1 pair green shorts, 1 set of Ho Chi Min sandals and 1 lighter. At 1730 hours the Team moved WSW 1700 meters to YT295215 and at 1800 hours were extracted by B1/9th Cav. **(Note #1) TL was SP-4 Thetis R. Johnson and the ATL was SP-4 Denis J Broussard.**

On 21 May 1971 at 1000 hours, at YT650002, Ranger Team 76 while monitoring an E-W trail observed 4 individuals moving to the east on the trail. They all wore black pants and green shirts, carrying undetermined types of weapons. The Team engaged the individuals with claymore mines and small arms fire taking negative return fire. The Team requested a Pink Team from B1/9th Cav and a section of ARA from C2/20th Cav. The Team moved into the contact area and found 4 enemy KIA's, 2 Russian Sub machine guns, 1 SKS and 2 sewing machines. At 1000 hours the Team was extracted by B1/9th Cav. **(Note #1) TL was SP-4 Trevor C. England and the ATL was Wayne Hutchison.**

On 22 May 1971 at 1015 hours, at YS864952, Ranger Team 76 while monitoring an E-W trail observed 2 individuals moving to the west on the trail. The Team observed the individuals armed with AK-47's. At 1016 hours the Team engaged the individuals with claymore mines and small arms fire taking negative return fire. The Team requested a Pink Team from B1/9th Cav and a section of ARA from C2/20th Cav. The Team moved into the contact area and found 3 enemy KIA's, 3 AK-47's, 7 magazines with 200 rounds, 3 packs, and 2 pounds of documents captured. At 1130 hours the Team was extracted by B1/9th Cav. **(Note #1) TL was SP-4 Roger D. Simmons and the ATL was Sp-4 Gary T Lorenz.**

On 31 May 1971 Ranger Team 75 engaged and killed 1 NVA and captured 1 AK-47.
TL was SP-4 Terry A. Wanish and the ATL was SP-4 Daniel J Tarver.

During the month of June Company H (Ranger) conducted 25 Long Range Patrols.

On 4 June 1971 at 1140 hours, at YT518242, Ranger Team 74 while monitoring a N-S trail observed 4 individuals armed with AK-47's moving south on the trail. At 1141 hours the Team engaged the individuals with claymore mines and small arms fire receiving approximately 5 rounds of return fire. The Team requested a Pink Team from B1/9th Cav, B1/9th Blues and a section of ARA from C2/20th Cav. At 1230 hours the Blues were inserted and at 1240 hours linked up with the Team to make a sweep of the contact area. They found 4 enemy KIA's, 3 AK-47's, 1 M-16, 8 AK-47 magazines with 200 rounds, 9 M-16 magazines with 150 rounds, 1 set chest web gear and a small amount of documents. 3 of the KIA's wore green fatigues the other black PJ's. At 1330 hours the Team and Blues moved WNW 300 meters to YT516243 and at 1400 hours were extracted by B1/9th Cav. **(Note #1)**

On 4 June 1971 at 1400 hours, at YT588033, Ranger Team 76 while checking a trail junction of a NW-SE and NE-SW trail observed 1 individual moving on the NW-SE trail to the SE. The individual was observed carrying an AK-47. At 1401 hours the Team engaged the individual with small arms fire and received negative return fire. The Team requested a Pink Team from B1/9th Cav and a section of ARA from C2/20th Cav. The Team moved into the contact area and found 1 enemy KIA, 1 AK-47, 3 magazines with 90 rounds, 1 pack containing pills, vitamin vials and miscellaneous personal equipment and a small amount of documents. The KIA was wearing black pants and a green shirt with Ho chi Minh sandals. At 1750 hours the Team was extracted by McGuire Rig by B1/9th Cav. **(Note #1) TL was Daniel J. Tarver and the ATL was Barry J. Dykeman.**

On 14 June 1971 AT 1200 hours, at YT865951, Ranger Team 76 while monitoring a N-S road and a E-W trail junction observed 5 individuals carrying AK-47's moving south on the logging road. At 1201 hours the Team engaged the individuals with claymore mines and small arms fire taking negative return fire. The Team requested a Pink Team from B1/9th Cav, B1/9th Blues and a section of ARA from C2/20th Cav. At 1300 hours the Blues were inserted and linked up with the Team. A check of the contact area found 4 enemy KIA's, and 3 AK-47s, 9 AK-47 magazines with 270 rounds, 1 M-16, 9 M-16 magazines with 180 rounds and 2 ounces of documents. 3 of the KIA's were wearing green shirts and black pants with the 4th wearing black PJ's and a set of NVA chest web gear. At 1405 hours the Team and the Blues were extracted at YT865951 by B1/9th Cav.
(Note #1) TL was SGT Roger D. Simmons and the ATL was SGT Mark H. Holden.

On 22 June 1971 at 1040 hours, at YS859971, Ranger Team 76 while monitoring a NS logging road observed 3 individuals carrying AK-47's moving to the N on the road. At 1041 hours the Team engaged the individuals with claymore mines and small arms fire taking negative return fire. The Team requested a Pink Team from B 1/9th, B 1/9th Blues and a section of ARA from C 2/20th Cav. At 1100 hours the Team checked out the contact area and found 3 enemy KIA, 1 AK-47, 1 AK-50, 1 K54 pistol, 3 packs containing miscellaneous equipment, clothing and food and 6 pounds of documents. All 3 were wearing mixed black and green shirts, 1 with Ho Chi Minh sandals, and 1 with bata boots and the other with GI boots. At 1140 hours the Blues were inserted and at 1150 hours the Blues and the Team linked up. At 1200 hours the Blues and Team moved East 400 meters to YS865971 and at 1425 hours were extracted by B 1/9th Cav.
(Note #1) TL was Richard J. Wall and the ATL was SGT Mark H. Holden.

On 23 June 1971 at 0830 hours, at YS840958, Ranger Team 71 while monitoring an EW trail observed 2 individuals, one carrying an AK-47 moving to the west on the trail. At 0831 hours the Team engaged the individuals with claymore mines and small arms taking negative return fire. The Team requested a Pink Team from B1/9th Cav, B1/9th Blues and a section of ARA from C 2/20th Cav. At 0910 the Blue were inserted and at 0930 hours linked up with the Team to conduct a sweep of the contact area finding 2 enemy KIA, 1 AK-47, 3 AK-47 magazines with 90 rounds, 1 K54 pistol, 1 magazine with 5 rounds, 1 set chest web gear, 1 pistol belt US, 1 pack containing miscellaneous clothing and food. Also, ½ pound of documents was found. At 1010 hours the Team and the Blues moved west 50 meters and at 1015 hours were extracted by B 1/9th Cav.
(Note #1) TL was SP-4 Alvino Y. Deimes and the ATL was SGT Mark H. Holden.

On 24 June 1971 at 1505 hours at YT58229, Ranger Team 75 while monitoring an EW trail observed 3 individuals wearing green fatigues and carrying AK-47's and packs moving to the west on the trail. At 1507 hours the Team observed 3 more individuals carrying AK-47's moving to the W. At 1508 hours the Team engaged the individuals with claymore mines and small arms fire taking negative return fire. The Team requested a Pink Team from B 1/9th Cav, B 1/9th Blues and a section of ARA from C 2/20th Cav. At 1515 hours the Team checked the contact area and found 3 enemy KIA, 7 AK-47 magazines, with 200 rounds, 3 packs containing miscellaneous food, personal equipment and ½ pound of documents. All 3 were wearing green fatigues and Ho Chi

Minh sandals. At 1540 hours the Blues were inserted and linked up with the Team. At 1640 hours the Team and the Blues moved SE 100 meters to YT583228 and at 1750 hours were extracted by B 1/9th Cav.

(Note #1) TL was SGT Terry A. Wanish and the ATL was SGT Daniel J. Tarver.

On 7 July 1971 at 1010 hours, at YS794013, Ranger Team 73 while monitoring a NE-SE road observed an estimated 10 individuals, some carrying AK-47's moving SE on the road. At 1011 hours the Team engaged the individuals with claymore mines and small arms fire taking negative return fire. The Team requested a Pink Team from B 1/9th Cav, B 1/9th Blues, and a section of ARA from C 2/20th Cav. At 1035 hours the Blues were inserted and linked up with the team. At 1040 hours the Team and Blues checked out the contact area and found 7 enemy KIA, 6 AK-47's, 8 AK-47 magazines with 200 rounds, 5 packs containing miscellaneous clothing, personal equipment, food, and ½ pound of documents. The individuals were wearing a mixture of green shirts, black pants and civilian clothing. At 1130 hours the Team and Blues moved NE 100 meters to YS795014 and at 1245 hours were extracted by D 229th Cav.

(Note #1) TL was SGT Terry W. Hutcherson and the ATL was SGT Frank Olivas.

On 22 July 1971 at 0735 hours, at YT736189, Ranger Team 77 while monitoring an N-S road observed 2 individuals carrying unknown types of weapons moving to the south on the road. At 0736 hours the Team engaged the individuals with claymore mines and small arms taking negative return fire. The Team requested a Pink team from H1/16th Cav. At 0755 hours the Team checked the contact area and found 2 enemy KIA's, 1 enemy WIA, 1 Russian submachine gun, 3 magazines with 50 rounds, 1 AK-47 and 3 magazines with 90 rounds, 1 set NVA chest web gear, 1 M-16, 5 M-16 magazines with 100 rounds, 240 rounds, ½ pound of documents, 2 US pistol belts and 2 canteens with covers (US). The Team administered first aid on the enemy WIA. At 0850 hours the POW was extracted by a Medivac bird. At 0900 hours the Team moved SE 300 meters to YT735183 and at 0930 hours were extracted by H1/16th Cav. **(Note #1) TL was SGT Daniel Sedillo and the ATL was SGT Thetis R Johnson.**

On 26 July 1971 at 1105 hours, at YT817995, Ranger Team 74 while monitoring a NW-SE trail observed 2 individuals carrying AK-47's moving NW on the trail. At 1106 hours the Team engaged the individuals with claymores and small arms fire taking negative return fire. The Team requested a Pink Team from H1/16 Cav. At 1135 hours the Team checked the contact area and found 2 enemy KIA's, 2 AK-47's, 6 magazines with 100 rounds, 2 poncho's (US), 2 pistol belts (US), 1 pack containing miscellaneous personal equipment, food and 3 ounces of documents. 1 Individual was wearing black pants, green shirt and Ho Chi Minh sandals while the other had green pants, grey shirt and ping pong sandals. At 1250 hours the Team moved SE 300 meters to YT818994 and at 1320 hours were extracted by H1/16th Cav. **(3rd BDE (SEPARATE) INTSUM No 108 TL was SGT Robert E Crenshaw and the ATL was SGT James R Fisher.**

On 28 July 1971 at 0830 hours, at YT541239, Ranger Team 76 while monitoring a NE-SW road observed 1 individual moving SW on the road. The individual was carrying a M-1 carbine. The Team engaged the individual with claymore mines. The Team requested a Pink Team from H1/16th Cav. At 0835 the Team observed 1 individual moving into the contact area carrying an M-1 carbine. The Team engaged the individual with small arms and received negative return fire. At 0840 hours the Team checked the contact area and found 1 enemy KIA, 1 M-1 carbine, 1 pack with 25 pounds of rice inside, 1 M-1 magazine with 10 rounds and 1 blood trail leading NE. The KIA wore black pants, green shirt, green hat and ping pong sandals. At 0845 hours the Team followed the blood trail NE 75 meters and found 1 M-1 carbine, 1 magazine with 10 rounds, 1 pack containing 2 flashlights (US), 2 hammocks, 2 poncho's (US), 2 ounces of documents and female clothing. At 0905 hours the Team moved NNE 200 meters to YT541241 where at 1000 hours they were extracted by H1/16th Cav.

(Note #1) TL was SP-4 Curtis R Lovell and the ATL was SGT Danny R. Dick.

On 29 July 1971, at 1100 hours, at YT570170, Ranger Team 73 monitoring an E-W trail observed 1 individual carrying an AK-47 moving to the E on the trail. At 1101 hours the Team engaged the individual with claymore mines and small arms fire and received negative return fire. The Team requested a Pink Team from H1/16th Cav. At 1135 hours the Team checked the contact area and found 2 enemy KIA's, 1 AK-47, 3 magazines with 90 rounds, 1 Czech weapon, 1 magazine with 30 rounds, 2 pistol belts (US), 2 canteens (US), 1 pack containing personal equipment, food and approximately 1 pound of documents. At 1215 hours the Team moved NW 300 meters to YT578171 and at 1300 hours were extracted by H1/16th Cav.

(Note #1) TL was SP-4 Frank Olivas and the ATL was SGT Clifford E. Easley.

On 29 July 1971 at 1600 hours, at YS856945, Ranger Team 72 while on a ground recon observed 25 individuals W 20 meters of their location. They were wearing mixed color clothing, 10 carried weapons, 15 carried packs and several with pith helmets. The Team moved N 20 meters and set up to establish comms and request assistance. The Team established comms with Rash 08 and while passing the information to Rash observed 3 individuals 20 meters north of their location. The Team requested 2 sections of ARA from F/79th Cav. At 1640 hours the Team engaged the individuals with small arms. At 1655 hours the Team checked the

contact area and found 1 enemy KIA, wearing black pants, grey shirt and Ho Chi Minh sandals, 1 AK-47, 1 set of NVA chest web gear, 3 Ak-47 magazines with 90 rounds, 6 packs filled with 150 pounds of flour. At 1720 hours the Team moved NE 300 meters to YS859948 and at 1828 hours were extracted by D 229th Cav. **(Note #1) TL was SP-4 Alvino Y. Deimes.**

On 31 July 1971 at 1650 hours, at YT800017, Ranger Team 77 while monitoring a N-S trail heard movement and observed 2 individuals N 15 meters of their location. Both individuals carried AK-47's. The Team engaged the individuals with claymore mines and small arms receiving sporadic small arms fire in return. The Team requested a Pink Team from H1/16 Cav and a section of ARA from F/79th Cav. At 1730 hours while checking the contact area the Team came under fire from small arms. The Team returned fire with contact breaking immediately and resulted in 1 enemy KIA, 2 US WIA (very slight). The Team moved deeper into the contact area and found another enemy KIA, 3 blood trails, 2 AK-47's, 2 AK-47 magazines (empty) and one empty pack. At 1800 hours the Team moved W 300 meters to YT797017 where at 1820 hours they were extracted by H1/16th Cav. **(Note #1) TL was SGT Daniel Sedillo and the ATL was SGT Thetis R. Johnson.**

On 4 August 1971 Ranger Team 75 at 1935 hours at YT640615 observed 8 individuals 20 meters to their west at a sampan docking site. At 1950 hours the Team observed 20 more individuals arrive at the docking site. All the individuals carried AK-47's, rucksacks, chest web gear and were dressed in black or green uniforms and wearing Ho Chi Minh sandals. Three of the individuals were females. At 2015 hours the Team observed 3 sampans arrive at the docking site carrying 2 individuals in each sampan. The Kit Carson Scout with the Team over heard the individuals talking and translated that 30 people would leave in each sampan along with 10 NVA and that they would be going NE on the Song Ding Sai River. The last sampans left the Teams location at 2230 hours. On 5 August 1971 the Team heard voices and movement of approximately 8 individuals coming from the NE and stopping at the docking site. The individuals remained at this location until 0530 hours then left moving S. At 1830 hours the Team observed 1 sampan moving NE with 1 individual in it. The sampan circled the docking area then headed back the way it came. At 1945 hours the Team observed 8-12 individuals coming from the S into the docking area. The majority of the individuals carried packs and AK-47's. At 2015 hours the Team heard talking and observed 12 cigarettes being smoked within their ambush site. At 2030 hours the Team requested a flare ship and 2 sections of ARA from F/79th Cav. With the aircraft on station at 2045 hours the team engaged the enemy with claymore mines and hand grenades. At 2150 hours the team was extracted by McGuire rig by D 229th Cav. On 6 August 1971 the Team and Cav Blues were inserted into the contact area finding 4 enemy KIA, 3 AK-47's, 1 Czech assault weapon, 2 packs, 2 sets of chest web gear, 9 AK-47 magazines with 270 rounds, 1 Czech magazine with 30 rounds, 2 pounds of documents and a 5 gallon can containing gas and oil. The Team and Blues also found numerous drag marks which indicated that some of the KIA's had been dragged off. From the Teams findings they estimated there to be 20-30 individuals in the contact. **(Note #1) TL was Terry A Wanish and the ATL was SGT Daniel J. Demara Jr.**

On 5 August 1971 Ranger Team 71 at 1300 hours at YT646620 while monitoring a NS trail observed 3 individuals carrying AK-47's moving north. At 1301 the Team engaged the individuals with claymore mines and small arms fire. The Team requested a Pink Team from E 1/16th Cav and a section of ARA from F 79th Cav. Contact broke at 1305 hours. At 1430 hours the Blues were inserted and linked up with the Team to sweep the contact area. The results were 4 NVA KIA, 2 AK-47's, 2 AK-47 magazines with 60 rounds, and 4 packs captured and 2 blood trails found. A small amount of documents were captured. At 1530 hours the Team moved E 200 meters to YT569228 where at 1600 hours they were extracted by H1/16th Cav. **(Note #1) TL was Jerry T. Donahue and the ATL was SP-4 James S. Faulkner.**

On 8 August 1971 at 1830 hours, at YT646620, Ranger Team 76 while monitoring a NS trail observed 1 individual carrying an AK-47 moving to the S. At 1831 hours the Team engaged the individual with claymore mines. The Team requested a Pink Team from D 229th Cav. At 1915 hours the Team checked the contact area and found 1 enemy KIA, 1 AK-47, 3 AK-47 magazines with 90 rounds, 1 set of chest web gear and 2 ounces of documents. The individual wore black PJ's and Ho Chi Minh sandals. At 1920 hours the Team moved W 100 meters to YT644620 and at 1930 hours were extracted by D229th Cav. **(Note#1) TL was SP-4 Curtis R. Lovell and the ATL was SGT Danny R. Dick.**

On 11 August 1971 at 0750 hours, at YT721673, Ranger Team 73 monitoring an EW trail observed 2 individuals with AK-47's moving W on the trail. At 0751 the Team engaged the individuals with claymore mines. The Team requested a Pink Team from D 229th Cav. The Team then observed 1 individual move into the contact area. The Team engaged the individual with small arms fire with negative return fire. At 0830 hours the Team moved into the contact area and found 2 enemy KIA, 1 enemy WIA, 2 AK-47's, 2 AK-47 magazines with 60 rounds, 3 packs containing food, clothing, personal equipment and 4 pounds of documents. The Team treated the WIA and requested a Medivac. At 0930 the Medivac evacuated the wounded enemy soldier. At 1000 hours the Team moved SSE 100 meters to YT726635 and at 1030 hours the Team was extracted by D229th Cav. **(Note #1) TL was SGT Clifford E. Easley and the ATL was SGT William O. Rausch.**

On 15 August 1971 at 1100 hours, at YT717672, Ranger Team 76 while monitoring a E-W trail observed 1 individual with an AK-47 moving east on the trail. At 1101 hours the Team engaged the individual with claymore mines. The Team requested a Pink Team from D229th Cav. At 1130 hours the Team checked out the contact area and found; 1 enemy KIA, 1 AK-47 with magazine and 30 rounds, 1 pack containing 20 pounds of flour, and 2 pounds of documents and personal clothing. At 1145 hours the Team moved W 300 meters to YT741672 and at 1250 hours were extracted by D229th Cav. **(Note #1)**

On 18 August 1971 at 1125 hours, at YT702601, Ranger Team 74 while monitoring an NE-SW trail observed 1 individual carrying a AK-47 moving NE on the trail. At 1126 hours the Team engaged the individual with claymore mines. The Team requested a Pink Team from D229th Cav. At 1128 hours the Team heard movement SW 20 meters and engaged the area with small arms fire receiving light return fire. Contact broke at 1130 hours with negative friendly casualties. The Pink Team on station observed a bunker complex SW300 meters from the Team. At 1230 hours the Team checked the contact area and found 3 enemy KIA's, 2 AK-50's, 1 AK-47, 9 AK magazines with 150 rounds and 3 sets of NVA chest web gear. At 1245 hours the Team moved NE 1000 meters to YT715613, then SE 1000 meters to YT719605 were at 1410 hours the Team was extracted by D229th Cav. **(Note #1) TL was SGT Robert E. Crenshaw and the ATL was SP-4 Kurtis W. Koch.**

On 20 August 1971 at 1200 hours, at YT111329, Ranger Team 77 while monitoring a NE-SW trail observed 2 individuals 10 meters SW of the Teams location. Both individuals were wearing green shirts and black pants. 1 had a green hat, AK-47, pistol belt, canteen, poncho and first aid packet. The other individual wore a tan hat and carrying only a bayonet. The individual with the bayonet was following the Teams claymore wires. The Team engaged the individuals with claymores and small arms fire receiving approximately 30-40 rounds in return. The Team requested a Pink Team from H1/16th Cav. At 1300 hours the Team checked the contact area and found 2 enemy KIA's, 1 AK-47 1 bayonet, 2 magazines with 10 rounds, and 3 ounces of documents. AT 1320 hours the Team moved SW 200 meters to YT110328 and at 1333 hours were extracted by H1/16th Cav. **(Note #1) TL was SGT Clifford E. Easley and the ATL was SGT William O. Rausch.**

On 27 August 1971 at 1200 hours, at YT111329, Ranger Team 73 while on a ground recon heard voices to their N 35 meters. The Team then observed 1 individual moving NNW to SSE. The individual was wearing black PJ's and carrying a pack. The Team remained at this location to further monitor the voices and movement. The Team was able to detect the smell of food cooking and heard female voices. At 1030 hours a Pink Team from H1/16 Cav arrived on station and the Team moved towards the voices. The Team moved E 20 meters and engaged the enemy with small arms. The Team then moved back to their original location while the Pink Team engaged the area. At 1230 hours the H1/16th Blues were inserted into the area and linked up to the Team. A sweep of the contact area found 2 enemy KIA's, 1 SKS rifle, 75 pounds of food stuffs, 75 pounds of clothing, 1 pound of documents and 10 pounds of medical equipment. The 2 KIA's were wearing black pants and brown shirts with Ho Chi Minh sandals. At 1445 hours the Team and Blues moved SSE 400 meters to YS819939 and at 1530 hours were extracted by H1/16th Cav. **(Note #1) TL was Sgt Clifford E. Easley and the ATL was SGT William O. Rausch.**

On 27 August 1971 at 1045 hours, at YT407647, Ranger Team 74 while monitoring FSB Charles, (closed), observed 2 individuals 150 meters SW of the Team. At 1100 hours when the individuals were 15 meters from the Team location, the Team engaged them with claymore mines and small arms fire. The Team observed 2 other individuals evade SE. The team requested a Pink Team from D229th Cav. At 1130 hours the Team checked out the contact area and found; 2 enemy KIA's, 1 SKS, 1 grenade (US), 9 rounds of SKS ammo and 1 sandbag full of food stuffs that had been policed up from the FSB. 1 KIA wore black pants, t-shirt and Ho Chi Minh sandals. The other individual wore black pants, jungle fatigue shirt and Ho Chi Minh sandals. At 1150 hours the Team was extracted from FSB Charles. **(Note #1) TL was SGT Robert E. Crenshaw and the ATL was SP-4 Kurtis W. Koch.**

During the months of September and October 1971 14 engagements with enemy forces resulted in 22 enemy KIA, 24 individual weapons and over 3000 pounds of enemy supplies, equipment and documents captured.

On 1 September 1971 at 1725 hours, at YS637966, Ranger Team 78 while on a ground reconnaissance found a bunker complex consisting of 16 bunkers. 8 were 6x8x4 while the other 8 were 8x10x4. All had 3 to 4 feet of overhead cover. While checking the complex out the Team found 400 pounds of flour, 100 pounds of polished rice, 50 pounds of various clothing, 3 pairs of Bata boots, 5 pairs of shower shoes, 1 medic kit, 1 dairy, 30 pounds of warm bread and numerous cooking utensils. The complex ran W-E 100 meters to a small stream. The entire area showed heavy recent use in the last 5 hours by 10-20 individuals. At 1810 hours, while moving through the complex, the Team observed 2 individuals, to their N 20 meters, moving to the east. At 1815 hours the Team engaged the individuals with 1 evading south. The Team requested a Pink Team from H1/16th Cav. At 1830 hours the Team checked the contact area and found 1 enemy KIA, 3 ounces of documents, 1 B-40 launcher with rocket. The individual

was wearing a green uniform and Ho Chi Minh sandals. At 1835 hours the Team moved NW 300 meters to YS635967 and at 1850 hours were extracted by H1/16 Cav. **(Note #1)**

On 4 September 1971, at 1230 hours, at YT591242, Ranger Team 71 while on a ground recon encountered a small stream. On the other side the Team heard voices and cutting by an undetermined number of individuals. The Team moved back 30 meters and set up to monitor the area. The Team at 1405 hours observed 8-10 individuals in what appeared to be the entrance to a bunker complex. The individuals were wearing black PJ's and chest web gear but no weapons were viable. The Team requested a Pink Team from H1/16th Cav and a section of ARA from F/79th Cav. At 1415 hours with the aircraft on station the Team engaged the contact area with small arms and M-79 fire. At the same time the aircraft on station engaged the area with their organic weapons. The team reported heavy movement and heavy return fire as the aircraft continued to expend its load on target. At 1500 hours the Team moved into the contact area and observed 1 individual with a AK-47 in a bunker. The Team engaged the individual with small arms resulting in 1 enemy KIA and 1 AK-47 captured. The individual was wearing black pants, green shirt and Ho Chi Minh sandals with a pistol belt, poncho, canteen, home knife and 1 magazine with 30 rounds. The Team continued to check the complex and found 40-50 packs. At this time the Team requested D229th Blues. Continuing to check the area the Team found 20-30 pistol belts, (US, NVA and homemade), 1 K-54 pistol with holster, 80-90 mortar rounds for 61mm and 82mm (WP & HE), 25-30 B-40 rounds with detonators and boosters, 30-40 pounds of documents, 1 Sony radio, 1 set NVA chest web gear, 3 AK-47 magazines, 600 rounds of AK-47 ammo, 75 pounds of various clothing, 5-10 pounds of documents and numerous toilet article kits. The Team also found 250-300 pounds of flour, 300-400 pounds of polished rice, 6 bags of indigenous rice, 70 pounds of salt, 70 pounds of made dough, 50 pounds of cooked bread, 6 large cooking pots, numerous smaller pots, 20 bottles of LSA (US), 6 flashlights, (US), 14 rice bowls, 5 entrenching tools (US), 2 picks, 30-40 plastic poncho's and 5-10 canteen cups (US & NVA). The bunker complex consisted of 15-20 bunkers, 8x10 intact, 8-10 being rebuilt 10x8x4 with 2 feet of overhead cover. At 1830 hours D229th Blues linked up with the Team and as much as possible the captured equipment was carried out. Due to darkness it was necessary to leave some behind. At 1900 hours the Team and the Blues moved NE 300 meters to YT593243 and at 2000 hours were extracted by D229th Cav. On 5 September the Team Leader and Assistant Team Leader were inserted back into the area to link up with a line company and all articles captured were evacuated at this time. **TL was SP-4 James S Faulkner and the ATL was John H. Sellens, RTO Sp-4 Danny R. Svobada, Medic SP-4 James E. Dickman and the Front Scout was KCS Thach Dane. (Extracted from Frag Order Co H (RANGER) 75th INF) (1st Cav INTSUM 148 & 149)**

On 7 September 1971 at 1555 hours, at YT616227, Ranger Team 73 while monitoring a NW-SE road observed 2 individuals, 1 carrying a AK-47 moving NW. At 1556 hours the Team engaged the individual with claymore mines. The Team requested a Pink Team from D229th Cav. At 1630 hours the Team checked the contact area and found 2 enemy KIA's, 1 AK-47, 1 M-1 carbine, 1 K-54 pistol and approximately 4 ounces of documents. Both individuals wore black pants, green shirts and ping pong sandals. At 1750 hours the Team moved N 25 meters and were extracted by D229th Cav by McGuire Rig. **(Note #1)**

On 7 September 1971 at 1330 hours, at YT568144, Ranger Team 72 while monitoring a NW-SE trail observed 2 individuals carrying AK-47's moving to the NW. At 1331 hours the Team engaged the individuals with claymore mines. The Team requested a Pink team from D229th Cav. At 1335 hours the Team checked the contact area and found 2 enemy KIA's, 2 AK-47's, 2 AK-47 magazines and 60 rounds, 2 packs containing 11/2 pounds of documents and 2 pounds of clothing. At 1420 hours the Team moved SE 400 meters to YT571141 where at 1445 hours they were extracted by D229th Cav. **(Note #1)**

On 15 September 1971 at 1300 hours, at YT604300, Ranger Team 72 while monitoring a NNE-SSW trail observed 2 individuals, 1 carrying a AK-47, moving to the SSW. At 1301 hours the Team engaged the individual with claymore mines. The Team requested a Pink Team from D229th Cav. At 1315 hours the Team checked the contact area and found 2 enemy KIA, 1 AK-47, 1 K-54 pistol, 2 AK-47 magazines with 60 rounds, 2 K-54 magazines with 10 rounds, 1 Chicom grenade, 2 packs containing 30 pounds of food stuffs, 8 pounds of clothing, 1 pistol belt and approximately 1 pound of documents. Both individuals wore black PJ's and Ho Chi Ming sandals. At 1340 hours the Team moved SW 200 meters to YT604298 and where at 1400 hours were extracted by D229th Cav. **(Note #1)**

On 16 September 1971 at 1245 hours, at YS729948, Ranger Team 71 monitoring a E-W road saw 4 individuals carrying AK-47's moving to the E. At 1246 hours the team engaged the individuals with claymore mines. The Team requested a Pink Team from H1/16th Cav. At 1305 hours the Team checked the contact area finding 1 enemy KIA, 1 AK-47, 3 AK-47 magazines with 90 rounds, 1 pistol belt and 1 pack containing 40 loose AK-47 rounds, 10 pounds of food stuffs, personal clothing and 3-4 pounds of documents. At 1400 hours the Team moved W 50 meters where at 1440 hours they were extracted by B1/16th Cav. **(Note #1)**

On 18 September 1971 at 1000 hours, at YT586291, Ranger Team 72 monitoring a NW-SE road observed 4 individuals with weapons moving to the SE. At 1001 hours the Team engaged the individuals with claymore mines. The Team requested a Pink

Team from D229th Cav, At 1030 hours the Team checked the contact area and found 4 enemy KIA's, 1 M-2 carbine, 1 AK-47, 1 K-54 pistol, 1 Browning 9mm pistol (Canadian), 3 M-2 magazines with 15 rounds, 3 AK-47 magazines with 90 rounds, 2 AK-54 magazines with 17 rounds, 2 Browning 9mm magazines with 10 rounds, 3 packs containing 4 pounds of personal clothing, 40 pounds of food stuffs, 1 civilian radio, 6 blasting caps with short fuses, 2 Chicom grenades, 20 rounds of K-54 ammo, 4 ounces of documents, 4 canteens (US), 1 cup (US), 1 cooking pot and several eating utensils. All had black pants with mixed color shirts. At 1000 hours the Team moved NW 100 meters to YT584293 where they were extracted at 1130 hours by D229th Cav. **(Note #1)**

On 25 September 1971 at 1225 hours, at YT654037, Ranger Team 78 monitoring a E-W road observed 2 individuals with AK-47's moving to the W. At 1226 hours the Team engaged the individuals with claymore mines and small arms fire. The Team requested a Pink Team from H1/16th Cav. At 1245 hours the Team checked the contact area and found 1 enemy KIA, 2 AK-47's, 2 AK-47 magazines with 60 rounds, 1 hand grenade (US), 1 wallet with 3 ounces of documents and a blood trail leading west. At 1400 hours the Team moved east 200 meters to YT661038 where they were extracted at 1500 hours by H1/16th Cav. **(Note #1)**

On 3 October 1971 at 1330 hours, at YT551230, Ranger Team 76 while setting up an ambush on a NE-SW trail junction the security element to the south 10 meters observed 5 individuals with weapons moving towards the Teams location. The security element engaged the individuals with small arms with the individuals evading east and west. The Team requested a Pink Team from D229th Cav. At 1330 hours the Team checked the contact area and found 1 enemy KIA, 1 Ak-47, 2 packs containing 100 yards of double strand electrical wire with blasting caps, military and civilian clothing, 2 pounds of documents along with 2 flashlights. Also 2 heavy blood trails and 1 light blood trail evading west, south and east. At 1400 hours the Team moved S 100 meters to YT551229 and were extracted by D229th Cav. **(Note #1)**

On 10 October 1971 at 0915 hours, at YS855953, Ranger Team 74 while monitoring a NW-SE road observed 2 individuals, 1 carrying an AK-47, moving to the SE. At 0915 hours the Team engaged the individuals with claymore mines and small arms fire with negative return fire. The Team requested a Pink Team from H1/16 Cav. At 0945 hours the Team moved into the contact area and found 1 enemy KIA, 1 AK-47, 3 magazines with 90 rounds, 1 pistol belt (US), 1 flashlight (US), 1 hammock, 1 poncho, 1 ammo pouch and 1 pack containing 10 pounds of clothing, 1 pair of HCM sandals, 8 ounces of documents, 1 9mm Browning pistol (Canadian), 1 ground cloth, 4 ounces of food stuffs, 1 drinking cup, 1 bill fold, toilet articles, photo album and several miscellaneous items. At 1030 hours they were extracted by H1/16 Cav. **(Note #1)**

On 13 October 1971 at 1150 hours, at YT813922, Ranger Team 77 while on a ground reconnaissance found an N-S trail with heavy recent use. The Team then observed 1 rucksack on the trail. At 1200 hours the Team observed 1 individual moving to the south on the trail. As they engaged this individual, they spotted another individual NE 15 meters. The Team engaged with small arms and received heavy return fire from the N, SE and NW. The Team requested a Pink Team from H1/16th Cav, H1/16th Blues and a section of ARA from F/79th Cav. The Team observed 5 individuals evading NW. At 1300 hours the Blues were inserted and linked up with the Team. A sweep of the contact area found 1 drag mark, 1 bloody poncho, 6 packs containing 33 pounds of rice, 7 cans of soybean oil, 5 pounds of sweet potatoes and 4 bags of a unknown food stuff. At 1410 hours the Team moved SE 100 meters to YT814921 and were extracted at 1430 hours by H1/16th Cav. **(Note #1)**

On 17 October 1971 at 1325 hours, at YT577178, Ranger Team 76 while in a ambush position observed 3 individuals in green shirts, black pants and carrying AK-47's 20 meters SSW. Engaged with organics and received return small arms fire. Negative friendly and unknown number of enemy losses. **(3rd BDE (SEPARATE) INTSUM No 191)**

On 21 October 1971 at 1210 hours, at YS775923, Ranger Team 74 while monitoring an E-W road observed 3 individuals moving to the E. At 1210 hours the Team engaged the individuals with claymore mines. The Team received approximately 10 rounds of return fire from 1 individual W 50 meters. The Team engaged the individual with small arms fire. The individuals dropped his weapon and evaded W. The Team requested a Pink Team from H1/16th Cav. AT 1235 hours a check of the contact area found 3 enemy KIA's, 1 AK-47, 1 AK-47 magazine with 18 rounds, 3 packs containing 25 pounds of rice, 20 pounds of solid fuel and 1 canteen. 2 of the KIA's were female wearing black pants, blue shirts and tennis shoes. The other individual (male) wore US fatigues with HCM sandals. At 1245 hours the Team moved E 200 meters to YS777923 where at 1255 hours were extracted by H1/16TH Cav. **(Note #1)**

On 30 October 1971 at 0927 hours, at YT595303, Ranger Team 77 monitoring a N-S trail observed 10 individuals moving S on the trail. At 0930 hours the Team engaged the individuals with claymore mines and small arms fire. The enemy evaded NE. A Pink Team from D229th Cav was requested and arrived on at 0935 hours and engaged the contact area with organic weapons. At 1030 hours the Team moved into the contact area and found 2 enemy KIA's, 2 packs and 2 AK-47'S. At 1045 hours the Team came under heavy small arms fire from the NE approximately 20 meters away. At 1050 hours the Team evaded S 75 meters and

set up in a defensive posture while the Pink Team engaged the enemy locations with organic weapons. At 1120 hours the Team moved back into the contact area and found 1 enemy KIA, 1 pack containing extra clothing, food stuffs, M-16 magazines (new), 1 flashlight (US), 1 compass (US) and 1 ½ pounds of documents. They also found drag marks and a heavy blood trail leading NE. At 1400 hours the Team moved SE 300 meters to YT596302 where at 1230 hours they were extracted by D229th Cav. **(Note#1)**

During the months of November and December 8 engagements with enemy forces resulted in 24 enemy KIA's and 15 individual weapons captured.

6 November 1971. Lessons Learned.

1. It has been found while using command detonated ambushes, after engaging the enemy with claymore mines, small arms fire should not be utilized at the same time. With the number of automatic ambushes used in the A/O, it has been found that the enemy will enter the Kill Zone after the claymores go off if friendly troops are not thought to be close by. When the enemy enters the Kill Zone to retrieve their dead or wounded, small arms fire should be placed on them immediately by the friendly troops.
2. When operating in lightly vegetated areas it has been noticed that the smaller the unit, the more likely of success. In some extremely light areas of vegetation, a 2-3-man command detonated ambushes during the daylight hours are very successful.
3. It has been found that the emplacement of claymore mines within a one foot of the trail or road enhances the chances of a larger and more successful Kill Zone.
4. It is more feasible to run four-day duration missions rather than the normal five-day mission during the rainy season. That is due to the extensive exposure of patrol members and commo equipment to the rain.
5. F. M. communications seems to be the major drawback to expand the Ranger operations. We feel by employing the AN/PRC 74 and the AN/ GRT 106 rather than the 77 and the 524 it would be possible to increase many folds the present A/O and also maintain operations in areas currently considered no commo areas.
6. During a McGuire Rig extraction, it should be mandatory for at least one member of the Ranger Company to accompany each aircraft. We believe that this is necessary as ranger personnel have been trained in rigging the aircraft, and the use of the McGuire rigs, whereas the Aviation personnel have not. The Ranger on each aircraft should have a radio and flight helmet so he can maintain constant communications with both the pilot and the Team. We feel that it should be emphasized that a McGuire Rig extraction is extremely dangerous to both the aircraft and the Team. It should be preformed only at a last resort and with the utmost of care. **(Note #1)**

On 4 January 1972 Ranger Team 73 engaged 2 VC/NVA with small arms fire resulting in 2 NVA KIA and 2 grenades captures. **TL was SGT Harry Wedington Jr. and the ATL was SP-4 James G. Smith.**

On 9 January 1972 Ranger team 71 killed 3 NVA and captured 3 AK-47's, 3 packs and 2 pounds of documents. **TL was SGT David T. Owens and the ATL was SGT Robert S. Hall.**

On 16 January 1972 Ranger Team 71 engaged a squad size enemy force resulting in 4 NVA KIA, 1 AK-47, 2 K-54 pistols, 6 grenades, 4 packs and 2 ounces of documents captured. **TL was SGT David T. Owens and the ATL was SGT Robert S. Hall.**

On 21 January 1972 Ranger Team 75 killed 1 NVA and captured 1 AK-47. **TL was SGT Tom O'Doherty and the ATL was SP-4 David Patterson.**

On 22 January 1972 Ranger Team ?? conducted an ambush along a major trail resulting in 6 NVA KIA, 4 AK-47's, 1 B-40, 6 packs and ½ ounce of documents captured. **TL was SGT Crenshaw, the ATL was SGT Jimmy L. Broyles. Other Team members were SGT Wiley E. Nobles, SGT Steven E. Beltran, SGT Robert A. Roy and SP-4 Roland Garza.**

On 5 February 1972 Ranger Team 72 killed 2 NVA and captured 2 AK-47's, 1 rucksack and ½ ounce of documents. **TL was SGT William O. Rausch and the ATL was SP-4 Kenneth W. Gallagher. Other team members were SGT G. M. Knibbs, SGT David W. Clark and SP-4 William F. Hornbuckle.**

On 8 February 1972 Ranger Team 74 engaged 3 NVA with claymores and small arms fire resulting in 2 NVA KIA and the capture of 1 AK-47, 1 rucksack, 10 (remaining part of document unreadable.) **TL was SP-4 Thomas E. Smith and the ATL was SP-4 Alfredo Perucho. Other Team members were SGT Elvis W. Osborne, SP-4 Myron A. Prchal, SP-4 Oscar Martinez and PFC Timothy E. Dailey.**

On 9 February 1972 Ranger Team ?? killed 1 NVA and captured 1 K-54 pistol.

TL was SGT Patterson and the ATL was SGT Melvin Mullus. Other Team members were SGT Kenneth Anderson, SGT Lynn M. Morrison, PFC Jaime Pacheco and SGT Arthur W. Pryor.

On 12 February 1972 Ranger Teams 71 and 72 in separate ambushes killed 4 NVA and captured 4 individual weapons and a large amount of supplies and documents.

On 14 February 1972 Ranger Team 78 was set up at YT010-61 in ambush position on an EW trail. At 1810 hours the Team observed 1 individual moving on the trail. The Team was spotted and engaged with claymores and small arms. At 1830 the team checked the contact area and found 1 NVA KIA, 1 AK-47, 1 AK-47 magazine, 20 pounds of rice and 1 rucksack. At 1845 hours the Team was extracted.

TL was SGT Tom O'Doherty and the ATL was SGT Edmund A. Kalaola Jr. Other Team members were SGT Anthony C. Forte, SGT William P. Lovelace JR, SGT Ruben Longoria, SGT David W. Jackson and SGT Patterson.

On 19 February 1972 Ranger Team 77 was monitoring an E-W and NW-SE trail at XT926349. At 1715 hours the Team observed 2 individuals moving NW on the trail and engaged with claymore mines. At 1745 hours the Team moved into the contact area and found 2 NVA KIA, 2 AK-47's, 2 AK-47 magazines and 1 pound of documents. At 1800 hours the Team was extracted.

TL was SSG Richard B. Zilka and the ATL was SGT John D. Floyd. Other Team members were SGT Michael G. Doran, SGT Oliver, SGT James F. Leavey and SP-4 Mark R. Cooper.

On 20 February 1972 Ranger Team 74 was in a daily halt position at XT929328. At 1109 hours the Team sent a 3-man recon element eastward to monitor a trail. At 1115 hours 3 NVA were observed moving along the trail. The element engaged the enemy with small arms fire and the enemy returned fire with 5 fragmentation grenades resulting in 1 Ranger KIA (TL SGT Thomas E. Smith) and 2 Rangers WIA (SP-4 Myron A. Prchal and SP-4 Oscar Martinez). At 1120 hours an OH-6A helicopter landed and evacuated the two wounded Rangers. A second helicopter landed and took the KIA Ranger to FSB Fiddler's Green. At 1200 hours the Blues were inserted and the combined unit checked the contact area and found 1 NVA KIA, 1 AK-47 and 1 rucksack. At 1300 hours the combined unit was extracted. **TL was SGT Thomas E. Smith and the ATL was SGT Alfredo Perucho, with SP-4 Myron A. Prchal, SP-4 Oscar Martinez, SGT Elvis W. Osborne and PFC Timothy E. Dailey.**

On 28 February 1972 Ranger Team 77 engaged an unknown size enemy force with claymores resulting in 3 NVA KIA, 1 AK-47, 1 M-16, 1 AK-54, 20 pounds of rice, and 2 pounds of salt and 5 pounds of documents captured. At 1730 hours the Team was extracted. **TL was SSG Richard B. Zilka, ATL was SGT John D. Floyd, RTO was SGT James F. Leavey, Medic was SGT Robert D. Oliver and the RS was SGT Michael G. Doran.**

On 4 March 1972 Ranger Team 73 set up a day halt position at XT914347 to monitor an intersection of an E-W trail and a SW-NE trail. At 1500 hours the Team observed 2 individuals moving SW on the trail. The Team engaged with small arms resulting in 2 NVA KIA, 2 AK-47's and 2 rucksacks captured. At 1615 hours the Team was extracted. **TL was James G. Smith, ATL was SGT Robert C. Kazmierczak and SGT Fred Alber, SGT Steve Arntz, PFC Stanley D. Freeborn and SP-4 Mark L. Howerton.**

On 17 March 1972 at 0205 hours, at YT077248, NW of FSB Bunker Hill, Ranger Team 71 while in a NDP heard explosion 500 meters E; possible hand grenade. At YT080258 at 0950 hours while on ground recon observed 4 individuals wearing green uniforms, 2 carrying AK-47's 75 meters SE. The Team Leader then observed 1 individual 15 meters to the right of the 4 individuals aiming a B-40 at the Team. Team Leader and 2 Team members engaged the enemy with small arms fire with unknown enemy response. Concurrent with this contact the Rear Scout observed 1 individual 75 meters to the SE and engaged with small arms with negative results. Contact broke at 0955 hours with the enemy evading in unknown direction. Pink Team, AFA, Arty and Blues in support. Blues were not inserted. Negative friendly casualties and unknown enemy losses.

(3 BDE (SEPARATE) INTSUM No 77. TL was James S. Faulkner, ATL was SP-4 Terry M. Parks, RTO SGT James R. Reynolds, Medic CPL John E. Roessler, Front Scout 1LT William T. Anton, and the Rear Scout was Willie Graves JR. (Extracted from Frag Order Co H (RANGER) 75th INF)

On 17 March 1972 Ranger Team 76 was in an ambush position at XT964354. At 1210 hours the team observed 2 NVA/VC moving SE on the NW-SE trail. At 1211 hours the Team engaged the individuals with claymore mines and small arms fire. At 1222 hours a three-man recon element checked the contact area and found 1 NVA KIA and a blood trail leading to the NW. The

Team was extracted at 1305 hours. **TL was SGT Arthur Maloney and the ATL was SGT Ruben Longoria., 1LT John A. Fenili, SP-4 Mark Eckhardt and SP-4 David W. Jackson.**

On 19 March 1972 Ranger Team 71 was in an ambush position at YT156355. At 1715 hours the Team observed 10-15 individuals moving on the trail. The Team engaged with small arms fire. The enemy returned fire and were joined by an unknown size enemy force on the Teams SW. At 1718 hours the Team had heavy small arms fire 360 degrees around their position. At this time the Team requested a Pink Team. At 1815 hours, with the Pink Team on station, the Team checked the contact area and found 1 NVA KIA, 2 drag trails and 7 blood trails. **TL was SP-4 James S. Faulkner and the ATL was SP-4 Terrence M. Park, RTO SGT James R. Reynolds, Medic 1LT Lynn D. Moore, Front Scout SGT Robert M. Sablan and Rear Scout was CPL John E. Roessler. (Extracted from Frag Order 095-72 Co H (RANGER) 75th INF)**

On 24 March 1972 Ranger Team 76 observed 3 individuals moving from the NW and engaged with small arms fire with negative return fire. At 1235 hours a Pink Team spotted a bunker complex about 50 meters NW of the Team. At 1250 hours the Team observed a brush fire and asked that the FA hold fire until the contact area could be checked. At 1252 hours the contact area was checked to find 1 NVA KIA, 1 NVA WIA, 1 AK-47, 1 AK-50, 10 magazines and 2 packs. At 1330 hours the Team was extracted by D229th AHB at XT994280. **TL was SGT Arthur Maloney and the ATL was SGT Ruben Longoria. Other Team members were PFC Rory B. Solterman, SP-4 Jaime Pacheco, SSG Clifford L. Price and SGT Steven G. Beltran.**

On 1 April 1972 Ranger Team 73 was monitoring a NS trail at YT191362. At 0940 hours the Team observed 3 individuals moving south on the trail. The Team engaged with small arms and requested a Pink Team. At 0955 hours a Pink Team and section of ARA arrived on station. At 1100 hours the contact area was checked with 1 enemy KIA, 1 blood trail, 1 AK-47, 1 AK-47 magazine, 1 pack containing 2-3 ounces of documents, 5 pounds of clothing and a medical kit. At 1145 hours the Team was extracted by F 9th Cav at YT191369.

TL was SP-4 James G. Smith and the ATL was SP-4 Stephan R. Arntz. Other Team members were SGT James E. Rogers, SGT Fred Alber, 1LT Botond G. Batizy and SP-4 Stanley D. Freeborn.

On 25 April 1972 at 1311 hours, at XT933313, Ranger Team 73 while monitoring a N-S trail observed 2 individual moving S on the trail. At 1313 hours the Team engaged the individual with small arms fire and received small arms fire in return. At 1315 hours the Team requested a Pink Team and it arrived at 1320 hours. At 1321 hours the Team checked the contact area and found 1 enemy KIA, 1 AK-47, 4 magazines with 120 rounds, at 1331 hours the Team observed 1 individual 100 meters N of the Team in a bunker complex. The Team engaged the individual with small arms fire. At 1340 hours the Team sent a 3-man recon unit N to the bunkers. They found a wallet possibly belonging to the individual. At 1355 hours the Team moved S 50 meters and was extracted by E1/9th Cav. **TL was Sp-4 James S. Faulkner and the ATL was SGT John H. Sellens, RTO PFC Daniel L. Lund SR, Medic SP-4 John E. Roessler and the Front Scout was SGT Robert Mike Sablan. (Extracted from Frag Order 116-72-116 Co H (RANGER) 75th INF.)**

On 10 May 1972 Ranger Team 73 engaged 12-16 individuals in the Tanh Lonh area resulting in 2 NVA KIA.

TL was SP-4 James G. Smith and the ATL was SP-4 Stephan R. Arntz. Other Team members were SP-4 Timothy E. Daily, SP-4 Richard Abell, SP-4 David E. Hanson and SP-4 Stanley D. Freeborn.

On 16 May 1972 Ranger Team 76 had 3 enemy sightings and 1 engagement that resulted in unknown enemy losses.

TL was SGT Elvis W. Osborne and the ATL was SP-4 Jaime Pacheco. Other Team members were SP-4 Alfredo Perucho, Sp-4 Rory B. Solterman, SGT John H. McSwain and SGT Angel Morales.

On 18 May 1972 Ranger Team 73 while on a reconnaissance mission were able to determine and verify enemy use of a NS trail and the presence of trail watchers in the vicinity of YT944336 and YT941338. The Team discovered 6 bunkers 6'X4'x4' with 12 to 18 inches of overhead cover that appeared to be not more than 2-3 weeks old and engaged 1 individual prior to being extracted that same day.

TL was SP-4 Steve Arntz and the ATL was SP-4 Stanley D. Freeman. Other Team members were 1LT Botond G. Batizy, SP-4 David E. Hanson, SGT Richard Abell and SP-4 Timothy E. Daily.

On 21 May 1972 Ranger Team 76 employed claymore mines and artillery fire against an unknown size enemy force before E and E to the south. Results could not be determined.

TL was SSG Richard B. Zilka and the ATL was SGT Elvis W. Osborne. Other Team members were SSG Robert M. Conway, SP-4 Jaime Pacheco, SGT Angel Morales and SGT Robert A. Roy.

On 25 May 1972 Ranger Team 76 conducted a Long-Range Reconnaissance Patrol into Tan Uyen province. At 1400 hours a 4 man point recon element of the Team walked into an enemy bunker complex and came under enemy fire. As the Team withdrew from the bunker complex Ranger Pacheco remained in his position to cover the withdrawal of the other Rangers. As Ranger Pacheco attempted to rejoin the Team he was fatally wounded by an enemy AK-47 round. **TL was SSG Richard B. Zilka and the ATL was SGT Elvis W. Osborne, SSG Robert M. Conway, SGT Angel Morales, SGT Robert A. Roy and SP-4 Jaime Pacheco.**

On 25 May 1972 Ranger Team 72 was working the Tan Uyen area discovered bunkers, indications of enemy movement, animal traps, rest areas and some cooking utensils.

TL was SGT Ruben Longoria and the ATL was SGT Steven G. Beltran. Other Team members were SP-4 Mike Spratt, SGT Sling Patterson, 1LT John A. Fenili, SP-4 Daniel Klingbeil and SSG Henry V. Avilla.

On 5 June 1972 Ranger Team 78 engaged 3-4 NVA with claymores and small arms fire in the Xz Xuan loc area resulting in 1 NVA KIA, 1 heavy blood trail leading SE away from the contact area. 1 US M-16 rifle and several items of military equipment were captured.

TL was SGT Arthur Maloney and the ATL was SGT Gilbert T. Ramirez JR. Other Team members were SSG William W. Johnson, SGT James R. Reynolds, SSG David J. Lindsay and SGT Alfredo Perucho.

On 9 June 1972 Ranger Team 76 was inserted into the Tan Uyen area and discovered an enemy bunker complex which it engaged with helicopter gunships. As the gunships departed Rangers Osborne, Maurer and Schellinger moved forward into the complex and immediately came under heavy enemy fire. The enemy initiated an explosive device killing Rangers Osborne and Maurer and severely wounding Ranger Schellinger. A reaction force was inserted into the area and linked up with the Rangers. The combined force moved into the bunker complex that day and recovered the 2 Rangers.

TL was SGT Elvis Osborne and the ATL was SGT Robert A. Roy. Other Rangers were SGT Thomas Heiney, SP-4 Mike Spratt, SP-4 Jeffery A. Maurer and SGT Donald E. Schellinger.

During 6-10 June 1972 Ranger Team 72 conducted a mission in the Tan Uyen area and had a number of enemy sightings which were engaged with artillery fire. The Team also discovered indications of heavy recent enemy use of trails in the area and discovered several dismantled 17-pound rockets.

TL was SGT John LeBrun and the ATL was SGT Steven G. Beltran. Other Team members were CPT Robert J. Hoffman, SGT Daniel L. Lund SR. and SP-4 Rory B. Solterman.

On 21 June 1972 Ranger Team 71 engaged 4 NVA with small arms fire in the Xa Gian Kiem area resulting in 1 NVA KIA and the recovery of 1 AK-47, 1 pack, a quantity of ammunition and 5 ounces of documents.

TL was SSG Clifford Price and the ATL was SP-4 David E. Hanson. Other Team members were SP-4 Rory B. Solterman, Sgt Robert M. Sablan, Sgt Fred Griffis and CPT Robert J. Hoffman

Company H (Ranger) 75th Infantry, the last remaining unit of its kind, closed out its operational history with Ranger Team 72 last reconnaissance and surveillance patrol in the Tan Uyen area in support of Task Force "Garry Owen" on 16 July 1972.

TL was CPL John E. Roessler and the ATL was SGT Robert M. Sablan. Other Team members were SP-4 Timothy E. Daily, SGT James E. Rogers and CPT Robert J. Hoffman.

NOTE #1. These reports were taken from Operational Report- Lessons Learned, Co H (RANGER) 75th Inf (ABN), Period starting 1 May 1971, Period ending 30 October 1971, RCS CSFOR (G2). Signed 6 Nov 1971 Peter A. Dencker, CPT INF Commanding Officer.