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II. 25th Infantry Division Monsoon Campaign 67 (01 Jun to 07 Dec 67).

A. 1st Brigade, 25th Division, in operation Carving Sands, conducted search and destroy operations to destroy VC/NVA forces and installations in the central portion of the Divisions TA I. Priority of effort was in the Co Dau Ha-Trang Bang area, and the Ca Chi-Phu Hoa Dong-Deute SA area.

B. The 2nd Brigade, 25th Division, in operation Kalalois, conducted search and destroy operations to destroy VC/NVA forces and installations in the southern portion of the Divisions TA I. Priority of effort was in the Duc Hoa, Bao Trai, Hiep Hoa, Loc Giang area.

C. The 3rd Brigade, 25th Division, in operation Diamond Road, conducted search and destroy operations in the vicinity of Tay Ninh City, Nui Sa Den, Soui Da and Dau Tieng. The 3rd Brigade also had the mission of providing a reaction force in case of an attack on Prek Klok Special Forces camp, Trai Bi Special Forces Camp and Soui Da.

D. AFDL Results:

1. 06 July 67: One CIDG company was deployed to the southwestern slope of Nui Sa Den. Contact was made with an estimated two squads of VC resulting in 3 CIDG MIA and unknown VC losses. The company was deployed in response to an AFDL fix.

2. 11 July 67: A mechanized company was deployed to investigate an AFDL fix. Result was 2 detainees.

3. 12 July 67: 25th Inf Div deployed one battalion in defensive position due to AFDL fix in close proximity to Dau Tieng.

4. 20 July 67: Visual reconnaissance directed against AFDL fix disclosed base camp and well used trails.

5. 23 July 67: People Sniffer mission was directed against an AFDL fix.

6. 16 Aug 67: Based on AFDL fixes for three consecutive days in the Hobe woods, a People Sniffer mission was flown in that area. Results were positive and a gunship escorting the People Sniffer observed 3 VC and received small arms and automatic weapons fire. Gunship returned fire and 48 rounds of medium arty were fired when the aircraft had cleared the area.

7. 18 August 67: A People Sniffer mission was flown in response to AFDL fixes. 7 hotspots were discovered and artillery was fired on all resulting in 10 VC KIA (poss) and one secondary explosion.

8. The 3rd brigade was deployed in reaction to AFDL fixes on the 25 and 26th of Nov.

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D. Miscellaneous action taken on MDP films:

Artillery Rounds	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
105mm	-	319	70	34	155	314	-
155mm	657	193	230	-	13	319	-
8 inch	255	18	53	-	-	12	-
175mm	-	70	83	60	-	-	-
Unk size	-	-	-	-	-	-	60
Air strikes	1	1	1	-	3	3	-
Patrols	1	2	1	-	-	1	1
B-52 Strike	1	1	-	-	-	-	-

//Editor note: This post action report did not include specific locations or other identifying remarks that could link specific films to given crews.//

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III. Operation Santa Fe (03 November through 03 December 1967)

A. Operation Santa Fe was a coordinated multi-unit attack on VC elements with the May Tac Secret Zone. Primary targets were elements of the Fifth Viet Cong Light Infantry Division and elements of the 21st Fear Services Group. The mission of the 1st Brigade, 9th Inf Div was to destroy VC/NVA forces and installations in the May Tac Secret Zone. The 18th Infantry Division (ARVN) blocked the area east of Highway 1 and north and south of Highway 2. The 1st Australian Task Force began search and destroy operations southwest of Thua Tich (NS6141). The mission of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment was to provide a road blocking force along Highway 1 and upgrade Highway 1 from Mia Ray (NS6909) to the II/III Corps Tactical Zone Boundary (ZT1701). The 18th Infantry Division (ARVN) remained under the operational control of the 1st Brigade, 9th Inf Div.

B. The following is a direct quote from the after action report: "Airborne Radio Direction Finding (ARDF) continued to be the single most important intelligence product provided to the tactical commander. Although there was no action taken directly against ARDF fixes, it kept the commander up to date on enemy locations in his tactical area of responsibility and interest."

C. Results of Operation Santa Fe were:

Viet Cong: 18 KIA
09 Captives
30 Detainees

Material captured/destroyed:

3 grenades
1 Mark-82 500 lb bomb
5032 lbs of rice
42 pounds of beans
125 pounds of salt
891 bunkers (destroyed)
199 Military structures (destroyed)
6 tunnels (destroyed)
101 pounds of clothing
10 beds
11 articles miscellaneous tools
16 hand weapons
3 crossbows
939 rounds assorted ammunition
85 pounds of documents
25 pounds of medicine
2 radios
1 sewing machine
1 typewriter
4 flags
2 blasting caps

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IV. RECENT ACTION TAKEN ON FIXES

A. A fix at KU919053 obtained by the crew of Wendt, Williams, Clark, Carroll, McAllister, Parker, Crowell, Lohmuller and Miller flying area 2A on 22 Jan received three rounds of 175mm artillery.

B. The crew of Wendt, Williams, Clark, Gregory, Harris, Horion, Smith, Edwards and Galton flying 23 on the 21st got a fix that was within the operating area of the Military Intelligence Bureau of C.S.VN that received 6 rounds of 155mm artillery fire.

C. Two fixes at YF319659 and YFC31300 obtained by the crew of Frelock, Streigel, Rutledge, Profit and O'Neill each received an unknown number of artillery rounds.

D. Each of the missions in area 23 and 24 had immediate action taken on their fixes of 22 Jan. Four rounds of artillery were fired at a fix obtained by the crew of Wilson, Gregg, Line, Lewandowski, Fountain, Webb and Harris. A fix falling in the operating area of the Military Affairs Section of the Central Office for South Vietnam obtained by St. John, Lloyd, Green, Davidson, Terrell, Lyman, McAllister, Roberts and Kufel was also hit with four rounds of 155mm artillery. The late mission in 23 crewed by Arias, Kontrick, Hornbaker, Colesty, Blotsky, Davis and Brown got an unidentified fix at XT444864 that was hit with nine rounds of 105mm artillery.

E. Looking back to the 20th again, the crew of Wheeler, Thierman, Kelley, Cyr, Valdez and Jordan flying 523B obtained a fix falling in the operating area of the Military Intelligence Bureau of C.S.VN's detached element that was hit with 18 rounds of 155mm artillery. Another of their fixes at XT460375 was hit with 42 rounds of 105 and 155mm artillery. The "B" mission in the same area crewed by Fenton, Mayberry, Pate, Hernandez, Snodgrass, Harris, Jordan, Baxter, Profit and Valdez on the 21st obtained fixes at XT537858 and XT593739 which were hit with 30 rounds of 155mm artillery each. The late mission in 23 on the 21st manned by Frelock, Streigel, Sullivan, Cyr, Naumann and Escolino obtained an unidentified fix at XT420790 which was hit with 21 rounds of 105/155 mm artillery.

F. The crew of Reading, Brown, Giles, Kulpa, Ortiz and Beck flying the late mission in area 25 obtained a fix at YU265189 that generated a sweep by 101st Airborne troops into the area. At YU271184 they found a hospital complex consisting in part of 50 bunkers with overhead cover, 25 huts, a battalion size mess hall, 450 pounds of unpolished rice and an unknown number of 60mm mortar rounds.

G. On the 20th, the early mission in area 27 crewed by Griffin, Bates, Newlin, Claggett, Baker, White and Hunt and the late one crewed by Fry, Poovey, Gregg, Wade, Beecher and Profit each obtained three fixes that were hit with unspecified amounts of artillery.

H. Further on the 20th, the crew of Frelock, Streigel, Rutledge, Profit and O'Neill obtained three fixes that generated action. At fix near YFC51118 was investigated by a gun jeep but the VC had departed the area. Two other fell near YF2000. A People Sniffer revealed five hotspots and artillery was fired on them. Results unknown due to foliage.

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