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Feedback for Missions Flown from 12 Jan through 17 Jan

0400h H.M.

The following extracts from reports received by this command provide the primary evidence of our success in accomplishing the 12 Jan 68 mission. Again, we regret that this remains in fragmentary form due to the loss of our sources at Dien Bien and Long Binh here be a few paragraphs too.

1. Operation Airer V was conducted by elements of the 1st Cavalry Regiment and 9th Infantry Division from 11 to 18 Jan 68. The purpose of this operation in the southeastern portion of Binh Hoa Province was to find and destroy remnants of the 271st North Vietnamese Regiment. Results of the operation were: 1 VC killed, 1 VC wounded, 2 captives. Destroyed were: 14 small arms, 1 mortar, 100 lbs of miscellaneous ammunition, 600 pounds of rice, 200 pounds of medical supplies, 17 1/2 pounds of petroleum and 100 pounds of other supplies. In addition, 206 bunkers, 14 tunnels, 3 structures and 1100 pounds of rice were destroyed. During the operation 92 VC were passed to the supported command. Of these 45 were of immediate interest to the support command being flown in or near the area of operations. The 360th/394th contributed the following list in the form of a contribution:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>AREA</u>	<u>NR OF MISSIONS</u>	<u>NAME</u>
11 Jan	27	2	Thomas, Robertson, Thayer, Harris, White
12 Jan	28	5	Linker, Lord, Farrell, Campbell, Lyman, Boyd
13 Jan	27	2	Winkler, Marsaglia, Brown, Terrill, Priddy
15 Jan	27	2	Marsaglia, Roney, Brown, Davidson, K. Smith, Hightfoot
17 Jan	27	2	Faxon, Mayberry, Hornwood, Harris, White
18 Jan	28	1	Durban, Davis, Sullivan, Glasgow, McLaughlin, Valdez

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19 Jan	27	3	Palmer,
19 Jan	27	1	Hallam,
21 Jan	27	1
23 Jan	27	2

It should be noted that we got 21 fixes in support of this operation despite the fact that it was centered in the northwest corner of area 31 an area we were not assigned to cover.

2. Operation Quicksilver was a short search and destroy operation while clearing the road from Ben Gut to Phung Vinh for ARVN and USV convoys. Results of the operation were: Friendly: 4 KIA, 47 WIA, 6 MIA and 1 tank destroyed. Enemy: 3 KIA, 30 MIA, 20 WIA, 20 tons of weapons and ammunition and 2000 pounds of rice destroyed. "Airborne Radio Direction Finding (ARDF) continued to be the single most valuable intelligence product provided to the tactical commander. Although there was no action taken directly against ARDF fixes, it kept the supported commander up to date on enemy locations in the tactical area of responsibility and interest."

3. Still rearranging the landscape, the Army fired 90 rounds (30-105mm, 30-155mm, 30-8 inch howitzer) into the area around X573057 pointed out by two fixes obtained by the crew of Garner, Gorman, Hanes, Hays, Honey, Ortiz, Roberts and Sherr during their mission in area 30 on 07 Feb 68.

4. Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol team 23 of the 9th Inf Div investigating a fix obtained by the crew of Garner, Gorman, Hanes, Hays, Davis, Parker and Lyman at X573056, attempted to capture 3 VC. The VC ran. Results of the action: 2 VC KIA (10), one M-16 and one M-2 carbine captured.

5. While on a search and destroy mission checking on ARDF fix at X5630697 (obtained by Quatana, Garner, Hays, Suzuki, Farrell, ... and Glendon 30/12 Feb) an element of the 2/60th unit one large enemy.

6. As a result of two fixes falling within the operating area of the 1st The Local Force Battalion obtained by the crew of Wheeler, ... Parker, Pharr, Lyman, Huddleston and Lambert in area 30 on the 15th, the 3/60th battalion of the 9th Inf Div was assigned to conduct assault and search operations. The 5th Battalion of the same unit was assigned to sweep into the area north of National Route 4. Results of the heavy contact made were: 2 US KIA, 19 US MIA. Enemy losses were: 64 VC KIA (20) and 4 captives. 13 US carbines, six M16 cal Thompson sub machine guns,

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one M-16, 8 M-16's, one M-1, 30 caliber carbines, 10
one unknown type automatic weapon, one M-16 rocket
60mm mortar rounds, one 82mm mortar round, 12 75mm mortar
44 B-10 rounds, 30 B.A.R. magazines, 200 M-17 magazines, 1
propellants, one rocket, 1 can aerosolized ammo, 3 boxes
supplies and a number of detonator caps and mines were captured. No
bankers were destroyed.

7. A fix at X1961041 obtained by the crew of Fantasy, Lt. Col. Lohmuller, Lingo, Brown, Duck and Belmont in area BT north of
searched by an unspecified unit revealing a large trench complex
meters in diameter. Included were 30-10 82mm mortar, a 160mm mortar,
possible mortar positions, empty shell casings and a 100 M-17 mortar.
This placed the camp just north of Bien Hoa.

8. Fix pattern analysis has generated several air strikes in
the past week. A grouping just south of Thieu Binh has been hit with
continental artillery and at least seven sorties of B-52's. A
similar bunching north of Bien Hoa has been hit with nine B-52
strikes.

9. A fix falling in the operating area of the 1st Air Cavalry
Division obtained by the crew of Fantasy, Lohmuller, Lingo, Brown,
O'Neill, McCullough, Jordan, Walden and Barcellino in area BT
was targetted with a B-52 strike on the 26th. A FIC conducted on 27th
found all bombs on target. 7 tunnels were uncovered along with two
large trench complexes and numerous fighting positions.

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