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OPS-3 10 Dec 67

Feedback for missions flown during period 04 through 09 Dec 67

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The following extracts from reports received by this unit are forwarded as very fragmentary evidence of our success in accomplishing the Air Force MLRF effort.

1. Since late October, the U.S. 9th Division has been conducting operations against the VC 274th Regiment along the area between areas 30 and 31 (YS3080). Each time a fix falls within the normal operating area of the 274th, a long range reconnaissance patrol (LRRP) was sent into the area to investigate. On 04 Nov (the Army just got around to telling us about it) one such LRRP investigating a fix, reported sighting approximately 30 VC located with a transmitter. Upon their return, intensive artillery fire was called in on the location. On 06 Nov, an airstrike was called in on the 274th's base camp with 100% of ordinance on target and 100% coverage. Two large bunkers were known to be totally destroyed. Going back a month or so, the following crews made contributions in this immediate area:

Date	Msn	Fixes	Crew
25 Oct	531	1	Trangallie, Clowry, Frecler, Pine, Stroud
26 Oct	531	3	Taylor, Sharer, K. Smith and Cantrell
27 Oct	531	1	Quintanna, Martin, McCamey and Francis
30Oct	530	1	Von Buskirk, Arthur, Terrell and Stroud
01 Nov	531	2	Felock, Tapp, K. Smith, Cantrell and Frank
02 Nov	531	1	Griffin, Warren, Lewandowski and Pine
03 Nov	531	2	Lerner, Koeber, Beecher and Terrell

2. On the 6th of December, the crew of Quintanna, Johnson, Warren, Neal, Harris flying in area 27 obtained a fix on one of the enemy units which may have been involved in the attack on 199th Light Infantry Brigade forces north of Bien Hoa. This fix was used for targeting an unknown number of high explosive artillery rounds. In addition, long range reconnaissance patrols were deployed to the area. They spotted a suspected VC and what appeared to be the outer edge of a large bunker complex. Later in the day, the team was extracted from the area. Upon extraction, the team received heavy automatic weapons fire, wounding the helicopter pilot.

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OPS-3 25 Dec 67

Feedback for missions flown during period 17 through 24 Dec 67

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The following extracts from reports received by this unit are forwarded as very fragmentary evidence of our success in accomplishing the Air Force ARDF effort:

1. In conjuction with Operation Hunter Killer, several TSN Compass Dart fixes were used for immediate reaction targetting. Basically this Operation used ARDF was initial targetting followed by People Sniffer missions to determine large concentrations of personnel. "Hotspots" were immediately interdicted by Light Fire Teams, airstrikes and artillery. This operation was conducted by elements of the 25th Division in the area north and northwest of their base camp at Cu Chi. On 4 Nov, the crew of Harris, Brychel, Lightfoot and Jordan obtained an unidentified fix at XT599349 inarea 26 that was hit with artillery, an airstrike and Light Fire Team (gun ship) strike. Bomb damage assessment was not possible due to heavy jungle. On 07 Dec, the crews of Harris, Brychel, Dodson and Poindexter (526) and Green, Parotino, Copeland and Mosier (528) each obtained two fixes in the area around XT6333. This area was saturated with artillery and rockets. BDA revealed one military structure damaged.

2. On 13 December, the crew of Fry, Sullivan, Jones and Frankenstein flying mission 527A obtained a fix at XT945350. The next day, ARVN marines investigating the area made contact with an unknown size VC force resulting in 3 VC KIA, 3500 pounds of rice, 3 RPG-2 rocket launchers, 1 AK-47, 10 anti personnel mines and 1 gas mask captured.

3. The crew of Felock, Brychel, Partin, Beecher and Nolotsky flying mission 527B on 15 December came up with an unidentified fix at XT961398. Checking out the area, elements of the 2nd Battalion, 39th Inf uncovered 20,000 pounds of rice. This fix with several others in the same area (which the Army calls AO Yale) have revealed an enemy concentration around Song Be. This area was hit with 30 rounds of artillery on 17 Dec and a B-52 strike on the morning of the 18th.

4. On 18 Dec, the crew of Greenwood, Koency, Keneally, Cummins, Verdow, Beecher, Terrell and Chenault obtained a fix on an unidentified transmitter at XT926388 which was hit with an "unknown amount of artillery" which is Army terminology for they really blasted it because they are not too sure of their accuracy and wanted to make sure they got the target.

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5. Again on the 18th, the crew of Tenosa, Nichols, States, Jarrell, Cantrell, Curtis, Valdez, Baker and Roberts obtained three fixes that were used for targetting artillery during their mission in area 23. One at [illegible] was hit with 18 rounds of 155 mm; others at XT350319 and XT37[illegible] were hit with 6 rounds of 155 mm each.

6. The crew of Van Buskirk, Neilson, Wilson, Snodgrass, Montague and Stuessi flying the late mission in area 23 on that day also got a fix (XT378892) which was saturated with 6 rounds of 155 mm artillery. Their fix on an unidentified transmitter at XT439868 is the kind that is going to put us out of business. ARVN troops investigating the area around the fix made a small contact and captured a Chicom M633 radio (serial number 251A for trivia collectors).

7. On the 19th, mission 527A crewed by Griffin, Massey, Cummins, Gage, Curtis and McLaughlin obtained three fixes in the operating area of the Military Affairs Section of the Central Office Of South Vietnam which were used for targetting an unknown amount of artillery.

8. Also on the 19th, the crew of Massey, Griffin, Cummins, Gage, Curtis and McLaughlin obtained an unidentified fix at XT061296. On 22 Dec, the 51st Long Range Reconnaisance Patrol (LRRP) team 3 operating in the area of this fix heard a number of VC shoting hand flares and using dogs for search. Light Fire Teams covering their extraction received small arms fire. Other LRRP's operating in this area have reported a high level of activity during the past week.

9. On 23 Dec the crews of Warren, Hawkins, Moore, Glasgow, and Morehead (527) and Bourne, Wheeler, Parotino, Padgett, Frankenstein and Jones (528) each obtained an unidentified fix that was hit with an unknown amount of artillery.

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TPO-3 31 Dec 67

Feedback for missions flown during period 25 through 30 Dec 67

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The following extracts from reports received by this unit are presented as very fragmentary evidence of our success in accomplishing the Air Force ALDF effort:

1. Following message (DTG 271431Z Dec 67) was received from the Commanding General III Marine Amphibious Force:

> "1. Have noted with pleasure results of Compass Dart "Dulcy" aircraft since its resumption of flights in MACV Area Seven.
> 2. Todays effort cited as example of a superb performance wherein Dot fixed six targets of vital concern to me. Well done. LGen Cushman sends."

2. The crew of Anderson, Green, Leaner, Milden, Jordan and Valdez gave Charlie a special Christmas present when they were flying mission 537A on 25 December. One of their unidentified fixes was used for targetting ten rounds of 105 mm artillery into the area around XT6054C2.

3. Area 27 has been of particular interest to the Army of late because of threats on the Bien Hoa/Long Binh complex and they are concentrating alot of their fire power in this area. For example, on the 29th of December, the crew of Wilcox, St. John, Hodapp, McGeorge, Byrd and Lehmiller got two fixes in the area of XT930330 and XT044334 which were used for targetting artillery. Results were unobserved due to smoke and foliage. In the late mission on the same day and in the same area, the crew of McBain, Michels, Harnack, Gage, Datson and Curtis obtained an unidentified fix falling at YT170442. An airstrike was called in on this fix, destroying four bunkers, damaging one structure and uncovering 30 meters of fighting trench.

4. On 29 December, while flying mission 530, the crew of Geneva, Garner, Asinger, Martin, McChesney and Montague fixed an unidentified transmitter at XS675062. In response to this fix, the 2/60th Infantry deployed to the area and killed 3 VC.

5. Also on the 29th, the crew of Wilcox, Brown, Martin, Parker and McCaney flying in area 27 fixed seven unidentified transmitters. Five of these fixes were immediately used for targetting harassment and interdiction artillery fire. On the 30th, Brig. General Forbes, Commander of the 199th Light Infantry Brigade expressed particular interest in the area highlighted

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by these fires (XT955335). This area had been swept three days earlier by elements of the 1/12 Infantry and a large bunker was uncovered. [illegible] tends to indicate that the area has been reoccupied by VC elements. [illegible] Range Reconnaissance Patrols will be inserted within the next two days and the area further investigated to determine the size and disposition of enemy elements. Airmobile operations should commence in the area immediately after the reconnaissance is conducted. A FAC operating in the [illegible] of the area discovered a new road leading north toward Dong [illegible].

6. On 26 Dec, after the truce naturally, airstrikes were called in on the vicinity of coordinates XT957411, 500 meters from a fire established by the crew of Wilcox, Kensally, Lancy, Harris and White flying mission [illegible] on the 24th. Three secondary explosions were noticed after all ordnance detonated on target.

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TC-3 21 Jan 68

Feedback for missions flown from 15 through 20 Jan 68

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The following extracts from reports received by this unit are offered as very fragmentary evidence of our success in accomplishing the Air Force MBDF mission:

1. Going back to the 16th of Jan, the crew of Comm, Carney, McNally, Huffman, Parker and Lyman obtained a fix in the area that again reports reveal to be the operating area of the PAVN 66th Regiment. This fix placed this unit approximately 15 kilometers northwest of the [illegible] installation at Lai Khe. Early on the 14th, the 1st Division put in airstrikes and approximately 100 rounds of artillery in this [illegible].

2. A sizeable grouping of fixes near Phuoc Vinh obtained by the 3rd crew of the 16th, St. John, Lloyd, Osburn, Davidson, Hathaway and Lyman also proved quite valuable. Elements of the 1st Div assaulting the area the next day found and destroyed a large VC hospital and supply base area. Nearby a complex containing 100 enhanced bunkers, a tin roof hut and large cooking area were spotted by a FAC. He quote the Army "Artillery is constantly firing into the area everything they receive a fix in the area. No way of determining the number of rounds fired." Bloodhound missions further refined the area of interest and tactical airstrikes were called in on the 18th, and on the 19th a B-52 raid was called in on the area. No further results of these operations have been received yet.

3. In conjunction with Operation Tucson II, 100 rounds of artillery (155mm) were fired on a fix obtained by the crew of Fenton, Hayburn, Hernandez, Harris and White that fell within the operating area of the PAVN 165th Regiment.

4. More action has been taken on the fix obtained by the crew of Fry, Peavey, Keeber, Levin, Brown and O'Neill that fell within the operating area of the VC 273rd Regiment. Visual reconnaissance on the 18th revealed a base camp with heavy activity in "very close proximity" to their fix. Nine airstrikes were called in immediately and a B-52 strike was run in the area on the 19th.

5. Four unidentified fixes obtained by the crew of Shaw, Rotge, Wilson, Copeland, Frank and Cantrell in area 27 on the 17th were hit with an unknown amount of artillery. Two other fixes obtained by the crew of Wilson, Bauer, Hornbeck, Krueger, Copeland and Borsellino flying the same area on the next day were also hit with an unknown amount of artillery.

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6. The crew of St. John, [illegible], [illegible] unidentified flown at [illegible], [illegible] 231 mission on the 10th. Two rounds of 155 were dropped on the first and eighteen rounds each on the latter two, [illegible] results in each case.

17. An unidentified fix at [illegible] obtained by the [illegible] mission crew by Wilson, Durbin, Clark, Bauman, Cramer, [illegible], [illegible] and Chenault flying area 24 on the 14th resulted in results of 155 mm artillery fire.

8. 18 rounds of artillery, 155 mm type were dropped on an unidentified fix obtained by the crew of Greenwald, Lewis, Delgado, [illegible], [illegible], Hoeber, Murr, Lewandowski, Rufel and [illegible] flying the [illegible] mission in 23 on 19 Jan. 18 more rounds were dropped on another unidentified fix obtained by the late mission in the same area crewed by [illegible], Hardy, Hernandez, Bauman, Treadle and [illegible].

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