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Feedback for [illegible] flown during period [illegible]

360th [illegible]

The following extracts from reports received by this [illegible] as very disparaging evidence of [illegible] Tuan [illegible] mission. The first three [illegible] operation reports which conclusively prove the value of [illegible]

I. [illegible]

1. [illegible] initially established as a good [illegible] Khe Sanh to Binh Tanh, Channel 21 [illegible] offensive operation against the 27th [illegible] Regiment in the [illegible] Song near the Binh Duong-Binh Long Provincial border. [illegible] 21 dropped in rear was to be attacked by the [illegible] District headquarters and the Special Forces/[illegible] up up (2100) hours at Loc Ninh on the night of 20/21 [illegible].

2. a. Phase I: The 27th VC Regiment had been [illegible] in the vicinity of XT240603 through [illegible] of 19 [illegible] morning of 21 Sept, the regiment had moved into [illegible] Province, a [illegible] of 22 km in 19 days. [illegible] 1/[illegible] reconnaissance [illegible] fire of this area with [illegible] [illegible] by the Regiment [illegible]

Between the period 21 to 25 Sep, the data [illegible] launched, the 1st Inf Div targeted the 27th [illegible] airstrikes on several occasions. [illegible] was the primary [illegible] these airstrikes.

On 25 Sep, 1/28th Inf and 1/2 Inf, 1st Div, [illegible] and deployed operations and established night [illegible] in the vicinity of XT725602 and XT7452, respectively. The 1/[illegible] and 2/28 Inf, 3rd Brigade, also [illegible] Inf returned to their Lai Khe base camp at night. [illegible] was 14 Oct and resulted in 2 VC KIA (BP). The first [illegible] was on 24 Oct, when the reconnaissance platoon and [illegible] heavy small arms and automatic weapons fire in the vicinity of [illegible]. The fire was returned resulting in 43 VC KIA (BP), 3 VC KIA (POW), 3 US [illegible] and 27 US WIA.

On 06 Oct, at 1075H, an ambush patrol [illegible] of the 1/18th Inf [illegible] engaged an unknown number of VC in the vicinity of XT[illegible]. The VC returned the fire with heavy machine guns, small arms and [illegible]. The ambush patrol withdrew to their [illegible] under heavy fire. Later, in 1972, the 1/18th Inf [illegible] received approximately 150 rounds of [illegible]

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At 1952H, the 1/18th perimeter received heavy automatic weapons fire. The fire stopped at 2000H. Again at 2114H, the perimeter received [illegible] weapons and small arms fire. The fire stopped at 2145H. At [illegible] under heavy mortar attack; approximately 60 to 70 rounds of [illegible] mortars, plus automatic weapons fire, machine gun fire, and hand grenades [illegible] by the VC. All firing stopped at 2234H. Results of this battle were [illegible] KIA (BC), 9 US WIA and one US MIA.

The 1/18th Inf had another significant encounter with the enemy on 11 October. On that date, the 1/18th made contact with an estimated [illegible] VC in the vicinity of XT700552. The VC fired small arms and automatic weapons. Fire was returned with small arms, automatic weapons and M79 grenade launchers. Artillery, Light Fire Teams (LFT) and airstrikes supported. Contact was broken at 1045H. Results of this contact were 21 VC KIA (BC), 1 VC KIA poss, 1 US KIA and 4 US WIA.

Contact was light during the period 12-15 October. On 16 October B and D companies 2/28th Infantry received claymore and small arms fire as they entered a base camp. Small arms and automatic weapons fire was returned and the task group withdrew to allow artillery and airstrikes to hit the area. Results of this contact were 17 VC KIA (BC), 4 VC KIA poss, 1 US KIA and 9 US WIA.

On 17 October, the 2/28th Infantry conducted search and destroy operations in the vicinity of XT684596, with A Company, the command group and D company in battalion column. B company secured the night defensive positions. At 0952H, in the vicinity of XT686576, A company had a meeting engagement with elements of the 271st VC Regiment. "A" Company undertook to disengage so that Tac air and artillery could be placed on the enemy. At approximately 1010H, the command group and D company received sniper fire from both flanks. Enemy fire increase to a heavy volume of small arms, automatic weapons, and claymores. Early friendly casaulties included the battalion commander, the battalion S2 the battalion Sergeant Major, both radio telephone operations assigned to the battalion commander and the commanders of A and D companies. At 1125H, contact was broken and the battalion began withdrawing to the NDP. At 1131H, fire was again received on both flanks fo the column and sniper fire was received in the vicinity of the NDP. At approximately 1200H the brigade commander assumed command of the 2/28th Inf. The Brigade S3 was KIA and the assistant Division commander assumed command of the 1st Brigade. At 1211H, D Company, 1/16th Inf was put on strip alert at Lai Khe. At 1326H C Company 2/28th Infantry, securing fire support base Caisson V (XT736548) was inserted into the 2/28th Bn NDP to reinforce. B Company 2/28th moved south from the NDP to secure the casualty evacuation point. Sporadic enemy fire continued through out the afternoon. At 1545H, D Company 1/16th Inf was moved from Lai Khe to the 2/28th NDP as an additional reinforcement. At 1815H, Dust Off aircraft, LFT and the 1st Avaition Bn CO's aircraft received ground fire causing 2 WIA including the Battalion CO. At approximately 1930H evacuation of the wounded was completed and all elements closed on the NDP at approximately 2000H. US casualties in the battle were 57 KIA and 75 WIA. VC losses were 106 KIA (BC) and 60 KIA Poss. Also 2 Chicom light machine guns and 1 RPG launcher with rockets were captured.

Ground Operations during the remainder of Shenandoah II (Phase I) were sparse. On 22 Sept, ARDF indicated that the 271st VC Regt was probably exfiltrating from the Long Nguyen Secret Zone and was located south of the Michelin Rubber Platation. Blocking forces from the 25th Inf Divsion were deployed however the 271st moved further southeast past Dau Tiong and then into Tay Ninh Province. The 1st Div continued search operations and encountered occasional resistance and uncovering large quantities of rice and munitions.

b. Phase II:

At 0123H, 29 October the US Special Forces Camp, CIDG Company, and ARVN District Headquarters at Loc Ninh (XU793897) began receiving mortar and 57mm RR fire. The attack continued through the early morning and developed into a ground attack at all three points. At 0330H, the District Headquarters was overrun. Popular Forces continued to hold the inner perimeter, but the VC held the outer perimeter. At 0700H, one CIDG company mounted an attack and succeeded in driving the VC out by 1200H. VC losses during these actions were 92 KIA (BC). 2 machine guns, 3 RPG-2 launchers and 8 AK-47 rifles were captured. Documents captured during the battle identified the attacking elements as the 1st and 2nd battalions, 272nd VC Regiment. Coincidental to the attack on Loc Ninh, the Special Forces Camp and 1st Inf Div fire support base at An Loc received a mortar attack at 0148H, 29 October. The mortar attack, which lasted approximately 40 minutes, was probably a diversionary measure. At 0634H, the 1/18th Inf moved from Lai Khe to Quan Loi and at 0950H conducted an air assault in the vicinity of XU696096. At 1208H, the battalion made contact with a VC Company. A fire fight ensurd until contact was broken at 1320H. US casualties were 1 KIA and 9 WIA. VC casualties were 12 KIA (BC) and 10 KIA (poss). Captured were 1 pound of documents, four 7.62 Chicom type 56 machine guns, 2 RPG-2 launchers, 2 AK-47's, 1 US BAR, and 3 US carbines. Other forces moved in reaction to the attack at Loc Ninh were B and C companies, 2/28th Infantry from Quan Loi.

Prior to the 29 October attack against Loc Ninh, ARDF had located a transmitter in the area thought to be that of the Hq 273rd VC Regiment on the morning of 27 October at XU638125. This fix placed the 273rd approximately 10 km northwest of Loc Ninh and represented a move of approximately 10 km northeast of its 20 October location. A B-52 strike was placed on the 273rd on the basis of this fix and the radio station serving this unit was not heard again.

At 1230H, 30 Oct, A and D companies 1/18th Inf and 1 CIDG company made contact with an estimated VC company in the vicinity of XU695084. The VC withdrew towards the 1/18th NDP. A and D companies and the CIDG company moved in line and swept the VC towards the NDP. Artillery bleeding fired on one flank and air strikes were put on the other flank. The contact lasted until 1555H. Results were 4 US KIA, 5 US KIA, 83 VC KIA (BC) and 72 VC KIA (poss). Captured equipment included 15 AK-47's, 5 Chicom type 56 LMG's, 3 BAR's, 1 Chicom type 56 carbine, 2 US carbines, 4 B41 grenade launchers, 12 RPG rounds, 780 rounds of 7.62mm ammo, 3 AP grenades, 36 hand grenades, 1 claymore, miscellaneous personal equipment, some dope and marijuana.

The VC initiated another large scale attack against the Special Forces camp and the ARVN District Hq at Loc Ninh during the early morning hours of 31 October. Teh attack commenced with a mortar preparation against 2/28th Inf at 0050H. At 0115H, the Special Forces Camp began receiving mortar and small arms fire. Teh fire ranged from light to heavy and lasted until 210H. At 0341H, the Special Forces Camp received small arms fire again. At 0407H, the VC were attacking across the runway towards the District Hq, A 6/15th artillery fired direct fire (cannister) down the runway. At 0420H, C 2/28th began receiving small arms fire again from the southeast.

At 0519H, C 2/28th begain receiving light fire again from the east, south and west. At 0515H, the VC were attempting to go over the walls into the District headquarters but were driven back. All small arms fire died out around 0700H. At 0935H, 1, 2/28 Inf stated receiving machine gun fire which quickly died out. Throughout the action, airstrikes, LFT's, artillery and flareships supported continuously. 1st Inf Div casualties were 6 WIA. VC casualties were 110 KIA (BC) (66-US, 44 by RVN)

Contact was light on 02 November. On 03 November, 436 VC were killed in two separate actions. The first began with a mortar attack against 1/18th Inf at 0300H. Approximately 100 rounds of 82 mm mortar and small arms fire was received from the east. At 0125H, the 1/18th began receiving sporadic small arms fire. At 0205Hm 50 caliber machine gun fire was received from south of the NDP. Fire was heavy. Between 0305-0328H, RPG and small arms fire was received from the north, northeast and northwest. At 0412H, all fires ceased. At one point during the attack, 1 VC was killed inside the perimeter. Also, 1 VC assaulted the perimeter with a flamethrower, but was repulsed. Artillery, air, and flareships supported throughout the attack. Results were: 1 US KIA, 8 US WIA, 198 VC KIA (BC). Captured were 2 flamethrowers, 3 RPG-2's, 4 Chicom LMG, 10 AK-47's, 2 Chicom 56 carbines, 27 RPG-7 rounds, 13 RPG-2 rounds, some spare parts for the RPG, 1 set of earphones some hand grenades and some claymore wire.

The second attack, against the Loc Ninh Sector Hq and 2/9th ARVN began with an 82mm and 120 mm mortar attack followed by small arms and automatic weapons fire from the west, east and north. The VC attempted to mass for an attack, but were kept from doing so by air, artillery and LFT's. Results for this attack were 5 CIDG KIA, 5 WIA and 238 VC KIA (BC).

At 1310H, 07 Nov, 1/26th Inf in the vicinity of XU835215 made contact with an estimated VC battalion. The VC fired small arms, automatic weapons and RPG from the south and southwest. RPG was directed mainly at the battalion command group. Artillery air and LFT's supported the contact. Contact was broken at 1420H and resulted in 17 US KIA, 21 US WIA and 66 VC KIA (BC); captured were 1 AK-47 and 1 RPG-2. Enemy forces were most likely from the 272nd Regiment. No other major contacts were made in the Loc Ninh area and the 1st Inf Div began withdrawing major elements on 10 Nov. The last major elements were withdrawn by 19th of Nov and Operation Shenandoah II terminated on that date.

[illegible]:

[illegible]: 273 KIA (Confirmed) [illegible] KIA (Possible) 2 [illegible]

Equipment

	Confirmed	Unconfirmed	Total
AK-47	7	0	7
Chicom carbine	2	0	2
Chicom rifle	1	0	1
Bolt action rifle, type unk	1	0	1
Homemade rifle	1	0	1
M-14	1	0	1
M-1	1	0	1
Chicom Light Machine gun	3	0	3
RPG-2 Rocket Launcher	2	0	2
Starlight Scope (US)	1	0	1
[illegible] rounds	0	17	17
60mm rounds	0	59	59
81mm rounds	0	21	21
4.2 mortar rounds	0	1	1
4.2 mortar (81mm) rounds	0	1	1
120mm mortar rounds	24	0	24
82mm mortar rounds	0	4	4
106mm recoilless shells	0	4	4
75mm recoilless shells	0	2	2
40mm rocket rounds	0	2	2
unk type rocket rounds	0	2	2
122 rocket warheads	5	0	5
122 rocket warheads	2	0	2
[illegible]	0	23	23
Claymore mines	10	0	10
Anti tank mines	1	0	1
Anti personnel mines	0	10	10
Hand grenades	15	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tiger (Tons)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bull (Tons)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

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OPERATION SHENANDOAH II

Cumulative VC losses (Phase I and II)

Personnel: 1331 KIA (confirmed) 957 by US, 374 by ARVN
385 KIA (possible)
15 PW

Equipment:

	Captured	Destroyed	Total
AK-47	42	0	42
AK-50	1	0	1
Chicom Assault Rifle	5	0	5
Chicom carbine (type 56)	5	0	5
Bolt action rifle (type unk)	1	0	1
Homemade rifle	1	0	1
BAR	4	0	4
M-14	1	0	1
M-1	5	0	5
US carbines	5	0	5
9mm pistol	1	0	1
Chicom light machine gun	13	0	13
RPG-2 rocket launcher	7	0	7
RPG-7 rocket launcher	4	0	4
Flamethrower	3	0	3
B-41	4	0	4
RPG rounds	49	112	161
60mm mortar rounds	53	51	104
81mm mortar rounds	21	0	21
82mm mortar rounds	15	10	25
4.2 mortar rounds	0	1	1
4.2 mortar rounds (illum)	0	1	1
120mm mortar rounds	24	0	24
75 RR rounds	0	20	20
Grenades	13	242	[illegible]
Claymore mines	16	12	[illegible]
Rice (tons)	65.2	161.7	[illegible]
Salt (tons)	2	27	[illegible]
Sugar (lbs)	0	1200	[illegible]
S/A ammunition rounds	1200	5110	[illegible]
Medical supplies (lbs)	1050	0	[illegible]

" Using AFDF results, 9 B-52 airstrikes were flown during Phase I of Shenandoah II. Literally hundreds of tactical air strikes were flown principally on the basis of AFDF. Also, the marauder battalions conducted ground operations of the basis of AFDF. The following bomb damage assessments were obtained following the B-52 strikes flown during Phase I.

Date	Target Location	Results
14 Oct	XT712563	80% of ordanance on target. 27 bunkers, 1 small basecamp, 2 military structures, 1 underground storage area destroyed. 5 tunnels collapsed.
18 Oct	XT686555	85% of ordanance on target. Platoon sized basecamp, 15 bunkers, 1 tunnel and unk nr of fighting positions destroyed.
19 Oct	XT697553	50% of ordanance on target. Basecamp with 5 structures and numbers us spider holes destroyed. 7 new bunkers destroyed.
20 Oct	XT644530	85% of ordanance on target. Company sized basecamp 80% destroyed, 5 large bunkers destroyed, 1 military structure destroyed, 3 tunnel entrances uncovered 6 secondary explosions.
21 Oct	XT669541	90% or rdance on target. Battalion sized basecamp with 20-25 bunkers destroyed, 2 military structures partially destroyed, 1 tunnel entrance uncoverdd.
22 Oct	XT690575	100 meters of tunnel destroyed, 3 fighting positions, 1 foxhole, 3 bunkers destroyed, 1 tunnel entrance uncovered, small base camp destroyed.
23 Oct	XT670563	60% of ordanance on target. 20 meters of trenchline, 17 bunkers and 8 foxholes destroyed.
26 Oct	XT692516	90% of ordanance on target. 200-300 meters of trench destroyed, battalion sized or larger basecamp with estimated 100 or more bunkers 50% destroyed.
30 Oct	XT702513	65% of ordance on target. 8 bunkers destroyed, 2 partially destroyed, 1 tunnel partially destroyed.

The following 360th/6994th crews obtained fixes which were directly involved in the successful elimination of Operations Chemical II as reported in the After Action Report.

DATE	NUMBER OF FIXES	CREW
22 Sep	1	Fry, Jones, Fletcher, Brown,
25 Sep	1	Harris, Sandlin, Burney, Brown
26 Sep	1	Evans, Huth, Parker, Lehmiller
26 Sep	1	Tave, Rice, Shuman, Buckingham
29 Sep	1	Massey, Mantsch, Shuman, Buckingham
03 Oct	1	McMary, McDougal, Ortiz, [illegible]
05 Oct	1	Reeser, Mantsch, Prosler, McLaughlin
06 Oct	1	Chipman, Martin, Ortiz, Timberlake, Burney
07 Oct	1	Albers, Elrod, McMurry, McAllister
09 Oct	1	Van Buskirk, Mantsch, Ortiz, Timberlake
10 Oct	2	Frelock, Gregg, Burney, Brown
13 Oct	1	Winkler, Hodapp, Burney, Brown
14 Oct	1	Hedback, Sharer, Hodson, Poindexter
15 Oct	1	Julin, Martin, Timberlake, Ortiz
17 Oct	3	Leaner, Wilson, Curtis, Timberlake
18 Oct	1	Quinitana, Rice, Lyman, Clifton
19 Oct	1	Barnard, McDowell, Smith, Copeland
19 Oct	1	Lawrence, Martin, Beecher, Terrell
20 Oct	1	Cervantes, Brychel, Curtis, Timberlake
22 Oct	3	Lerner, Mutrie, Smith, Brown
23 Oct	1	Massey, Curtis, Timberlake

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