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c. Operation DAN SAM 81 was initiated on 8 December by 1st Squadron in conjunction with the 43rd and 52nd Regiments of the 10th (ARVN) Infantry Division, to provide security for the harvest and evacuation of rice from the VO DAT rice bowl area. 1st Squadron elements conducted search and destroy operations north of the LA NHA River and ROAD RUNNER and route clearing operations along Route 335 from GIA RAY to VO DAT, Route 335 from VO KU to TANH LINH, and Route 336 from TANH LINH to the junction of National Highway 1. The operation is continuing. Results of the operation are 8 US WIA, 1 M57BI and 1 ACAV damaged; enemy losses are 7 VC KIA (BC), 1 PW, 141.37 tons of rice, 2 Mouser rifles, 1 Thompson SMG, 2 grenades, and 2 bicycles captured. 17 structures, 6 bunkers, and 2 base camps were destroyed.

d. During December, 159 air sorties (+30%) were flown by the Air Force in support of the Regiment, with PAC controlling 75 combat strikes. A total of 402 hours were flown. Army Aviation elements flew 257 combat sorties (+21%) and 2,646 combat support sorties (+19%). Aircraft carried 59 tons of cargo (+891%) as well as 3,419 passengers (+23%). Total Army Aviation hours flown were 2,903 (+109%). Figures in parenthesis indicate increases over the previous month.

### 3. ~~(S)~~ VC Activities.

a. Contact with VC by units of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment in the XUAN LOC/LONG GIAC/VO DAT area consisted of sniping incidents, mining incidents, harassing automatic weapons and small arms fire, and an ambush on an 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment convoy on National Highway 1. There were a total of 15 cases of small arms fire, 5 cases of automatic weapons fire, 7 mining incidents, 2 grenade incidents, and 14 instances of aircraft receiving ground fire.

b. An 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment resupply convoy, escorted by a platoon composed of 3 ACAVs and 2 M-48A3 tanks, was ambushed by an estimated VC main force battalion at 1640H on 2 December vicinity YR 627071 on National Highway 1. The convoy was returning from GIA RAY (YR 6312) when it was fired upon by 75mm and 57mm recoilless rifles, 60mm mortars, small arms and automatic weapons. Three light fire teams were immediately dispatched to the ambush site and 7 air strikes were called in along with supporting artillery fires. An Armored Cavalry Troop re-inforced with tanks was deployed from GIA RAY and a tank company (-) and two additional cavalry troops were deployed shortly thereafter. Contact was broken by the VC at 021750H. Through information gained from VC PW's and from captured documents it was confirmed that 1st Battalion 275th Regiment took part in the ambush, and it is probable that the entire 275th Regiment participated, as elements of Group 89 (Div Arty) were found to have been participants. Results: 13 US WIA, 1 US KIA, 1 M-48A3 and 1 ACAV damaged; VC losses: 3 VC PW's, 99 VC KIA (BC), 4 Chicom 7.62mm light machineguns (type 56), 1 Chicom light machinegun (type 58), 2 AK 47 assault rifles with 200 rounds of ammunition, 1 60mm mortar with 25 rounds of ammunition, 1 Chicom carbine with folding bayonet (type 56), 45 grenades (all types), 1 Chicom 7.62mm sub-machinegun (type 50), 1 75mm recoilless rifle, 8 entrenching tools, 1 Chicom AT launcher (type 56)(B-40), 2 RKG AT grenades, 700 rounds of belted 7.62mm ammunition, 630 rounds of loose long and short 7.62mm ammunition, and several rounds of 12.7mm API ammunition were captured.

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c. During the month of December the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment requested a total of 21 Red Haze missions and 3 SLAR missions. 20 Red Haze missions were fulfilled and all SLAR missions were fulfilled. 1 Red Haze mission is still pending.

4. (U) Revolutionary Development. No revolutionary development projects were undertaken during December due to the pending publication of the Province Revolutionary Development Plan.

5. (S) Psychological Operations/Civic Action.

a. Psy Ops.

(1) During December, 21 Psychological operations were conducted. These operations consisted of 20 hours of loudspeaker broadcasting, the dropping of 1,302,600 leaflets, and the handing out of 5,000 posters, 1000 news letters and 200 calendars.

(2) Two special leaflets were produced during the month. One exploited the victory at the 2 December ambush site and the other supported the Rice Bowl Operation.

(3) Two quick reaction missions were conducted during the month. The first was conducted on 2 December over the ambush site. The second was conducted on the night of 26 December at the request of the 173rd Airborne Brigade to warn the people of a village that mines had accidentally been dropped in their area.

b. Civic Action.

(1) During December, 9 MEDCAP II type operations were executed and 740 individuals were treated. Special emphasis was being put on the dependent children of Popular Force units. It is hoped that this will improve the morale of these forces.

(2) Two Christmas parties were held in the local area. The village of TAN PHONG had 100 children in attendance, and the village of CAM MY had over 400 children in attendance.

(3) On 17 December a platoon from the 2nd CA Company was attached to the Regiment. The platoon is made up of 2 officers and 4 EM.

(4) During the month some 450 gallons of oil, 175 bags of bulgar wheat and 520 boxes of powdered milk were distributed to local personnel.

(5) In summary the overall attitude of the people in the Xuan Loc area improved greatly in December. This was very much in evidence after the 2 December battle at GIA RAY. Three days after the battle, banners were placed over roads in the area thanking the 11th Armored Cavalry for their great victory.

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6. (U) Logistics. The Regiment was adequately supported by the 29th General Support Group and the 54th Transportation General Support Group at Saigon, the 44th Medical Brigade in Saigon, and the 1st Logistical Command FSA at Long Binh.

7. (U) Personnel. The personnel situation within the Regiment remains generally stable throughout the month of December. Contrary to the high hopes (1967) for the infusion program in November, December proved that any meaningful infusion of Regimental officers will be an extremely laborious and protracted process. During the month, the entire infusion program of the Regimental field grade officers was virtually completed by contract, less than 50% of the infusion goals for company grade officers for the month of December alone were met. No aviators were infused during this period. The infusion program for enlisted men is still in the planning stage, but should be implemented during the month of January. During the following months through liaison visits for transfer if necessary, every effort will be made to eliminate the major institutional issue which the Regiment now faces in July and August 1967.

8. (U) Training. A 48 hour training program for replacements was established in December in conformance with the standards required as outlined in USARV Reg 550-1 dated 28 July 65, and LI Form 7 Training Circular 1, dated 29 May 66. A firing range for small arms was built along the base camp southwest perimeter. Instruction on night vision devices was given as equipment became available. Familiarization training on the ACAV launched bridge was conducted in December.

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TAB A SUMMARY OF LOGISTICAL DATA

1. (U) Supply and Maintenance.

a. Class I - Problems in this area have been minimal. Class I support has improved significantly during the month of December.

b. Class II and IV (less repair parts). The Regiment is short mine launchers, M60 series, for the armored vehicle launched bridge. Other major shortages include one M132A1 flamethrower, one M55A2 2 1/2 ton truck, and two M30 107mm mortar tubes. Additionally, twelve M113 APCs and one M48A3 tank have been evacuated as combat losses and are due in.

c. Class III and IIIA. A total of 332,436 gallons of fuel were consumed by the Regiment during December. Included in this were 25,450 gallons of JP-4, 3,730 gallons of aviation gasoline, 157,275 gallons of diesel, and 145,983 gallons of MORGAS.

d. Maintenance (including repair parts).

(1) Combat Vehicles. Despite increased tactical operations and the addition of many miles on combat vehicles, the number of tracked vehicles deadlined decreased from forty-one on 31 November to twenty-one on 31 December 1966. One major reason for this decline is the excellent support received from the 188th Maintenance Battalion.

(2) Repair Parts.

(a) The status of tank - automotive PLL's is improving, however, there are still a number of high mortality items at zero balance within PLL's.

(b) The most critical single repair parts problem area is that of communications - electronics. Most communications - electronics PLL's are at between 60 and 70 percent fill. Shortages are generally the high mortality items causing a high radio deadline rate.

2. (U) Transportation. Response from the Saigon Transportation Office has improved significantly during the past several weeks.

3. (U) Services. On 6 December, a contract was negotiated by USASC with a commercial laundry to provide laundry service to the Regiment. The Regiment began using the service in accordance with a schedule furnished the laundry as required by its contract. The laundry has not met the schedule one time since the service began, and the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment is still in the position of not having suitable laundry facilities available.

4. (U) Construction. During December emphasis was put on construction of the perimeter; all bunker lumber was present, and bunker towers were constructed. In addition the Base Camp interior road system was extended and improved. Perimeter barbed wire continued to be installed during December.

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5. (U) Medical Evacuation and Hospitalization:

- 38 - Hospitalized at 93rd Evac Hospital during month.
- 4 - Hospitalized at 3rd Field Hospital during month.
- 3 - Hospitalized at 3rd Ssg Hospital during month.

Breakdown in categories of personnel hospitalized:

- 1. Disease - 63\*
- 2. Injury - 16
- 3. NPMA - 19\*

MIA's during month - 5

Number of personnel died in hospital - 1 (Malawi's)

Transfers:

- 1. 16 Transferred to 36th Evac Hospital.
- 2. 4 Transferred to 6th Convalescence Hospital Cam Ranh Bay.
- 3. 12 Transferred to 21st USF HSN AFB (States or Japan).

\* There were 61 NPMA's during the month but only 19 required hospitalization.

\* Total Malawi's - 21

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TAB E - Personnel

1. <sup>u</sup> Strength: (as of 31 December 1966)

	<u>OFF</u>	<u>SG</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>AGG</u>
Authorized	194	31	3627	3852
Assigned	218	29	3613	3860
Present for duty	233	31	3667	4131

2. <sup>u</sup> Losses: (as of 31 December 1966)

	<u>OFF/SG</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>AGG</u>
KIA	0	5	5
MIA	7	54	61
DOW	0	0	0
Non-Battle dead	0	1	1
Non-Battle Injury	0	2	2

3. <sup>u</sup> Gains: (as of 31 December 1966)

	<u>OFF</u>	<u>SG</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>AGG</u>
	3	0	49	52

4. <sup>u</sup> Development and Maintenance of Morale:

a. The morale of the Regiment rose during the reporting period by virtue of the holiday season and the presentation of one variety show in the base camp area. Additionally, during the reporting period the Regiment completed its move from the Lang Binh staging area to the base camp at Lang Hinh. On 24 December 1966, the Regiment was visited by General Harold K. Johnson, Chief of Staff, U.S. Army, who addressed an assemblage of troops. Later in the day, the Binh Snek Show was presented at the airfield. Gifts were distributed to the troops by the Red Cross and a midnight service was conducted jointly by Catholic and Protestant Chaplains.

b. The awards and decorations activity experienced a significant increase during the reporting period, partially due to a large encounter with enemy forces on 2 December. During the month of December, 207 recommendations for awards and decorations were processed by this headquarters and 146 received approval. Included in this number was the first Distinguished Service Cross to be won by a member of the regiment since World War II. 1/Lt Neil L. Kellner, Troop G, 1st Squadron, was decorated by General Johnson on 24 December. Breakdown of individual awards and decorations is as follows:

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	PAID	Completed
Distinguished Service Cross	0	1
Distinguished Flying Cross	1	1
Silver Star	0	4
Legion of Merit	1	0
Selfless Medal	0	3
Bronze Star Medal	17	19
Air Medal	24	20
Army Commendation Medal	12	36
Purple Heart	0	62
	67	146

An increase in the number of Air Medals processed is attributed to the fact that in previous reporting periods, all aviators had not been in-country long enough to log the requisite number of hours.

c. RAR allocations remained relatively the same as in the previous month, with 207 out-of-country and 20 in-country allocations being assigned the regiment.

d. Total attendance at religious services for the period numbered 5,404 at 127 services. Catholic services were conducted on 19 occasions with a total attendance of 2,431. At 68 Protestant services, the attendance was 2,973. Religious attendance was up due to the holidays.

e. The PX operated under account 1953-43 and had total sales of \$35,694.77 for the period. This represents an increase in sales over the previous month.

f. There were 5 remains evacuated during the month through the 506th Quartermaster Company.

5. (U) Maintenance of Discipline Law and Order:

a. Serious incidents: There was one serious incident reported during December.

b. Courts-Martial: The number of courts-martial processed by type during the reporting period are as follows:

<u>SUMMARY</u>	<u>SPECIAL</u>	<u>GENERAL</u>
3	5	1

6. (U) Miscellaneous:

a. FIC: During December the following information activities took place:

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12) Christmas radio message - Tokyo  
3) Christmas tree reference  
6 hour division to news media  
5 Entertainers for ABC, NBC, NBC, CBS, Halliwell's Show, Washington Post,  
Paris Journal (French), and Pacific Stars and Stripes.

d. Safety: There was one military vehicle accident and one accident  
causing injury during December.

e. American Red Cross activities: A total of 273 Red Cross Actions  
were processed at this headquarters, representing an increase of 37 over the  
previous month.

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