

COASTAL DIVISION ELEVEN

COMMAND HISTORY

1 January 1969 to 31 December 1969

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CHRONOLOGY OF HIGHLIGHTS

JANUARY 1969

- 1 PCFs 6, 21, 71 and 88 provided support for EOD team in Rach Duong Keo resulting in destruction of 15 bunkers and 3 mines. Hostile small arms and automatic weapons fire was received, wounding 2 USN.
- 2 PCFs 71 and 21 conducted a raid into Cua Lon River destroying 7 sampans, 2 structures, 200 pounds of fish, 100 pounds of salt, 3 bunkers, and captured 1 sampan. Hostile recoilless rifle and automatic weapons fire damaged PCF 21.
- 4 PCFs 50, 21, 71 and 93 conducted a probe up the Song Ong Doc River to Ca Mau; thence down the Song Bay Hap. Results: 6 sampans destroyed, 1 VC KIA, and 3 VC KIA(P). Hostile recoilless rifle, automatic weapons and B-40 fire was received on 3 occasions during transit.
- 5 PCFs 21, 71 and 93 probed Song Ong Doc. Hostile fire resulted in 1 USN KIA, 2 USN WIA. Enemy losses were 4 sampans and 4 structures destroyed, 3 VC KIA, 5 VC WIA.
- 8 PCFs 50, 71 and 88 captured 2 suspected VC while probing Song Cua Lon.
- 9 PCFs 10, 50, 71 and 88 conducted a raid into Song Dong and Song Bay Hap taking targets of opportunity under fire. Units received fire on exit resulting in 2 USN WIA.
- 10 PCFs 50 and 71 raided the Song Dong Cung destroying 7 sampans and 6 structures. Units received automatic weapons and small arms fire.
- 11 PCFs 93, 72 and 66 fired at a known VC concentration point. VGFS was spotted by NILO at Ha Tien who reported 5 sustained fires. PCFs 50, 71, 3, 44, 6 and 38 conducted a raid into Rach Hang Ho. Units encountered a barricade of fish poles, small arms fire, and were forced to turn back. 2 USN WIA, PCF 6 suffered light damage.
- 13 PCFs 50, 88 and 44 conducted operations in the Song Ong Doc. Units were sent up river and air strikes were called in to hit known VC ambush sites. Results of PCF fire: 2 VC KIA (BC).

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- 18 PCFs 3, 9, 31, 38, 66 and 71, together with UDT units, conducted operations in the Song Cua Lon. GDA: 15 bunkers, 2 sampans, 2 structures and numerous fish nets and food supplies destroyed.
- 20 PCFs 21, 31, 44 and 66 provided MUFs in support of RF Company 372 conducting 2 ground sweeps north of Song Ong Doc. GDA: 1 VC KIA (BC).

PCFs 66 and 31 transitted the entire length of the Song Bo De - Song Cua Lon, destroying 10 sampans enroute.

- 21 PCFs 21 and 44 encountered an evading sampan in the early morning hours while probing the Song Cua Lon. Units took sampan under fire resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC) and 2 others captured. Sampan contained about 5,000 pounds of food and medical supplies. Units attempted to tow the sampan to sea, however, it sank in tow.
- 23 PCFs 6, 50, 71 and 93 conducted MEDCAP/PSYOPS mission at Cai Huoc on the Song Bay Hap. Units took targets of opportunity under fire enroute. GDA: 5 junks, 18 sampans, 14 structures, and damage to several others.
- 24 During the early morning hours, PCFs 6, 50 and 71 encountered evading sampans in the Cua Lon. Units captured the 10 occupants and destroyed the sampans, along with 600 pounds of food.
- PCFs 6, 31, 50 and 71 conducted cordon and search operations from Song Ong Doc to Ca Mau, then exited through the Song Canh Hau, a total run of about 62 miles. PCF GDA for the operation: 9 structures, 17 sampans destroyed and 10 sampans damaged. PCFs received light sniper fire.
- 25 PCFs 6, 21, 50, 71 and 93 conducted a cordon and search mission in the Song Bo De - Song Dam Doi - Rach Bo Gui River complex. Units attempted to destroy barricade but low tide caused abortion of the attempt. The entire mission GDA: 91 sampans, 63 structures, 1 bunker, 5 motors, 2 bridges destroyed; 7 sampans, 57 structures and 5 bunkers damaged. PCF 21 suffered light damage from rocket and small arms fire.

PCFs 66 and 94 proceeded up Song Ong Doc in support of ground forces.



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29 PCFs 72, 5, 93 and 94, together with units of COSDIV 13, conducted operations in the Cua Lon River. PCFs 94 and 72 came under fire while probing a side canal resulting in 3 USN WIA and light damage to PCF 94.

30 PCFs 5, 50 and 72 conducted a MEDCAP at Cai Nuoc, treating 216 people. Units took targets of opportunity under fire when entering and exiting the Bay Hap River, destroying 3 junks and 2 structures.

PCFs 21 and 93 conducted a night operation in the Cua Lon River. GMA: 3 junks, 2 sampans, 3 tons of rice and 1 ton of various other food supplies destroyed.

31 PCFs 5 and 50 again conducted a night operation in the Cua Lon. GMA: Two 30 foot sampans and 7 tons of rice destroyed and 2 VC KIA (EC).

PCFs 50, 72, 93 and 21 conducted operations in the Bay Hap River and Cai Nhap Canal. GMA: 15 bunkers, 3 structures, 2 barricades, 5 sampans, and quantities of rice and food supplies destroyed.

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2 PCFs 5, 38, 43 and 50 conducted operations in the Cua Lon River. Units took an evading sampan under fire at the mouth of the river resulting in 1 VC KIA. PCF 38 received what appeared to be a B-40 rocket hit halfway through the transit resulting in 1 USN WIA and light damage to PCF 38. GMA for the operation: 8 sampans destroyed.

3 PCFs 5, 43 and 50 conducted a night operation in the Bay Hap River. GMA: 1 VC KIA (P), 5 sampans, 3 structures and 1200 pounds of food destroyed. PCF 43 received 2 rockets close aboard and small arms fire when exiting the river, resulting in light damage to PCF 43 and 1 USN WIA.

4 PCFs 5, 9, 38, 43 and 50 conducted operations with ground units in the Cua Lon River destroying 3 structures and 7 cisterns.

6 PCFs 23, 31, 38, 43, 44 and 50 conducted operations in the Cua Lon River again with ground units. Units met light resistance during operations resulting in minor damage to PCFs 21 and 43. GMA: 21 bunkers, 27 etc

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- 7 PCFs 23, 31, 43 and 44 conducted operations with ground forces in the Rach Ong Quyen and Rach Ba Thanh, canals branching off the Cua Lon where PCF 94 had been hit the previous week. GDA: captured 16 fragmentation grenades, 1 water mine, 1 U.S. rifle grenade, 1 round 82 MM WP mortar, 3 Claymore mines, and 3 sampans. Units destroyed 5 bunkers and 9 structures and captured 1 VC and his family of 5.
- 8 PCFs 23, 31, 43 and 44 supported ground operations in the Song Cua Lon. Together with BOD and N.F. troops they destroyed 8 bunkers and 13 structures.
- 9 PCFs 10, 23, 31, 43 and 44 again with ground troops and off-shore units swept a canal near the mouth of the Rach Duong Keo. Results: 1 village, 16 bunkers, 31 structures, 13 sampans, 2 junks and 2 foot bridges destroyed. 43 suspected VC or VC supporters captured; and quantities of food and medicine destroyed or captured.
- 10 PCFs 10, 31, 43, 44 and 71, with ground forces attached, swept the Rach Nang Do. Units destroyed 77 structures, 41 sampans, 4 bunkers and 2,000 pounds of rice.
- 12 PCFs 3, 10, 31, 43, 44 and 71 entered the Rach Duong Keo in an attempt to flush out the VC who had escaped during the operation on the 9th. Extensive PsyOps were conducted in the canal at the mouth of the river with negative results. Ground forces assigned swept the banks of the Duong Keo destroying bunkers and mines. PCFs extracted troops and began sweep of the Rach Nang, preceded by air strikes. PCF 71 received rocket hit shortly after entering and contact was made by ground forces. PCF 10 received several small arms hits resulting in 3 USN KIA. Ground forces killed 2 VC and had 1 U.S. KIA. Results of the operation: 27 bunkers, 20 Claymore mines, and 8 fragmentation grenades destroyed. PCF 71 began taking on water upon exiting river. Despite vigorous attempts by the OINC and crew to control the flooding, PCF 71 sank in 10 feet of water. Units stood-by PCF 71 and began salvage operations the following morning. Most of the electronic gear and the majority of weapons, including the 81 MM mortar, were salvaged by the OINC and crew.



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FEBRUARY 1969

- 16 PCFs 50, 66, 72 and 93 conducted operations in the Qua Lon River destroying 15 sampans and damaging 7 structure and 8 bunkers.
- 18 PCFs 50, 66, 72 and 94 conducted operations in the Bay Hap River. PCFs 50 and 66 entered first to proceed to Cai Mao and conduct a MEDCAP. An underwater mine exploded in front of PCF 66, erupting and both units received small arms fire. Units returned fire and continued to Cai Mao for MEDCAP. PCFs 72 and 94 entered river about 4 hours later despite intelligence reports that more mines existed. Two more mines exploded as 72 and 94 proceeded up the river, several rockets were also fired at the 2 units resulting in 2 U.S. KIA. PCFs accounted for 1 VC KIA (probable).
- 19 PCFs 50, 66, 72 and 94 entered the Bay Hap River with troops embarked to sweep ambush sites along the banks. Units received light small arms fire during the operation. Ground forces captured various VC munitions and 1 VC suspect.
- 20 PCFs 37, 44, 50, 72, 93 and 94 probed the Dam Doi River to the outpost of Dam Doi. Units were well received by the villagers. On the return transit units received rocket and small arms fire resulting in 2 USN KIA. GDA was 40 sampans, 10 structures and 3 bunkers destroyed.
- 21 PCFs 5, 31, 50 and 93 proceeded up the Ong Doc River towards Ca Mau to conduct operations near Thoi Binh. Units were forced to abort when they received heavy rocket fire 10 minutes after entering the river. PCF 93 was seriously damaged and PCF 31 lightly damaged by the enemy rockets.
- 23 PCFs 31, 44, 50 and 51, with UUT and RF/PF units, destroyed a barricade across the Dong Cung River. Units also destroyed 12 structures and 5 bunkers.
- 25 PCFs 23, 31, 44 and 94 conducted operations in the Qua Lon River resulting in 47 sampans, 10 bunkers and 47 structures destroyed along with 1 VC KIA(BC).

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- 28 PCFs 23, 43 and 94 returned to the Bay Hap and landed Cai Nuoc RF/FF troops at ambush sites along the banks. Sweep uncovered numerous spent small arms ammo and spider holes. Troops embarked again and proceeded to the Dong Cung Canal where PCFs encountered enemy initiated firefight. OTC directed PCFs into beach where VC attempted to escape. Troops disembarked in pursuit of VC. Results were 10 VC KIA(BC), 1 VC WIA(escaped), 3 VC CIA, 1 B-40 launcher with rockets CIA, 6 CHICOM rifles CIA, 30 sampans, 15 structures, 7 bunkers and 12 tons of rice destroyed. PCFs received light damage during operation.

MARCH 1969

- 1 PCFs 23, 43, 51 and 94 conducted Operation "U-HAUL" which involved towing fuel bladders up the Bay Hap River to Cai Nuoc. Units received light fire during the operation.
- 4 PCFs 38, 50 and 51 conducted night probe of the Bo De and Dam Doi Rivers destroying 12 sampans and 2 junks and accounting for 2 VC KIA (probable).
- 5 PCFs 9, 38, 50 and 51 conducted operations in the Dong Cung River destroying 30 structures and 20 sampans.
- 6 PCFs 5, 9, 38 and 72, together with Cai Nuoc RF/FF troops, conducted a sweep of areas along the Cua Lon and Bay Hap Rivers destroying 2 bunkers.
- 7 PCFs 5, 9 and 38, along with MSF troops, again swept areas along the Bay Hap and Cua Lon Rivers capturing various VC papers and destroying 15 structures, 8 bunkers and 16 sampans. A mine was detonated near the PCFs in the Cai Nhap Canal wounding 1 USN.
- 8 PCFs 5, 9 and 38 again entered the Cua Lon River with MSF troops to sweep certain areas. Units encountered an enemy initiated firefight above Nam Can village resulting in 7 USN and 4 MSF WIA. All units received moderate damage, mostly from 50 cal. rounds. Units were forced to



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MARCH 1969

- 13 PCFs 3, 51, 43, 93 and 94 with NSF EF/PF troops conducted SEA LORDS operations in the Bay Hap River and Dong Cong Canal. A mine detonated under PCF 3 and units were taken under small arms fire several times during the operation. Friendly casualties were 8 USN WIA, 1 NSF KIA. Units destroyed 30 sampans and 5 structures, and captured 16 booby trap grenades. Later intelligence reports indicated 1 VC KIA and 5 VC WIA.
- 18 PCFs 5, 9, 44, 72 and 94 conducted operations on the Qua Lon River destroying 41 sampans and 5 structures.
- 19 The same 5 PCFs swept the Bo Do and Das Chien Rivers destroying 43 bunkers, 67 structures, 49 sampans, and several motors.
- 20 PCFs 9, 31, 44, 72, 93 and 94 swept the Rach Hang destroying 43 bunkers and 10 structures.
- 23 PCFs 5, 9, 37, 93 and 94, working with UDT and NSF, destroyed the remaining fish trap barricades in the Bay Hap River along with 7 bunkers and 12 structures.
- 26 PCFs 21, 22, 44, 50 and 66 with NSF raided enemy positions in the Rach Cai Chon destroying 33 bunkers, 59 structures, 9 sampans, and killing an estimated 4 VC. Hostile fire was encountered twice during the operation. PCFs 21, 22, 66 and 94 returned to the Qua Lon that night and destroyed 4 sampans.
- 28 PCFs 21, 22, 44 and 66, with UDT and NSF, raided enemy positions in the Rach Duong Keo destroying 20 bunkers.

APRIL 1969

- 3 PCFs 5, 31, and 38 rescue 8 people from a downed Army helo near Ha Tien. The 3 PCFs had everyone out of the water within 5 minutes after the crash.
- 12 PCF 43 was destroyed in a multi-boat operation in the Rach Duong Keo.
- 21 After a night ambush on the Qua Lon River PCFs with NSF troops raided the



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APRIL 1969

- 22 PCFs with MSF troops raided enemy positions in the Bach Bang. Two USN were wounded during the operation when a Claymore mine was detonated across the canal. The PCFs and MSF troops destroyed a number of bunkers and booby traps.
- 24 PCFs and MSF troops detained 35 persons in a sweep of the Bach La Canal off the Qua Lon River, and also destroyed several junks, sampans, stores, and punji stakes.
- 26 PCFs 22 and 46 fired in support of a Song Ong Doc RF/PF sweep. The combined operation netted 6 VC KIA (BC) and 1 VC MIA.
- 28 PCFs with MSF troops embarked, fired at evaders on the Qua Lon. MSF troops discovered a VC propaganda output 100 meters inland and destroyed 2 structures, 1 sampan, and 60 pounds of rice.

MAY 1969

- 1 PCFs 9, 22 and 94 on 2 night patrols of the Qua Lon fired on an evading sampan. GDA: 2 VC KIA (P), 1 M-1 rifle and ammunition captured and 1 sampan destroyed.
- 3 During night patrol of Qua Lon, PCFs 9, 22 and 93 destroyed 1 sampan and captured 6 others, plus enemy documents.
- 5 Seven PCFs encountered heavy enemy fire while operating in the Bach Dong Keo. MSF troops countered with a sweep, killing 10 of the enemy attackers. One USN KIA and several wounded. PCF 22 suffered heavy damage when it was hit by 3 rockets and sank up to the gunwales.
- 7 Units swept an area of the Bay Hap River. Several bunkers and structures were destroyed and RF/PF troops captured 10 CHICKEN grenades. Later unconfirmed intelligence reported 5 VC KIA during the sweep.
- 9 6 PCFs conducted a run up the Dong Keo and swept the adjacent Bach Trun Gong. MSF troops destroyed several bunkers and structures during the sweep.