

330 VC Killed In 27 Days Of Coronado V Operations

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LONG THANH - The 9th Division's Operation CORONADO V, originating in the Cam Son Secret Zone of Dinh Tuong Province, moving into Kien Hoa Province and shifting to the Ban Long Secret Zone near Cam Son accounted for 330 enemy killed.

The operation ended Oct. 8, following 27 days of combat and patrol missions in the watery lowlands of the Mekong Delta.

Soldiers of the Division's 2d Brigade, two battalions from the 3d Brigade, and units of the 7th Division, Army of the Republic of Vietnam (ARVN) saw the sharpest fighting of the operation when they searched the marshy Cam Son area during mid-September.

Infantry units, elements of U.S. Navy's Task Force 117, supporting artillery, helicopter gunships, and Air Force fighter bombers killed 213 enemy soldiers during a six-day period ending Sept. 16.

Major battles erupted as the 3rd Battalion, 47th Infantry; 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry; 5th Mechanized Battalion, 60th Infantry; and the 2nd Battalion, 60th Infantry clashed with the 263rd Viet Cong Battalion along the Ba Rai River 50 miles southwest of Saigon.

Action flared up again on Oct. 6 and 7 when a total of 94 enemy were killed during search and destroy missions in Dinh Tuong Province near the site of the mid-September battles.

Totals for the operations, which began Sept. 12, show 11 individual weapons captured, one crew-served weapon seized, and 11,200 round of small arms ammunition taken from enemy supply caches.

Demolitions teams destroyed 1,143 bunkers, 41 rounds of enemy mortar ammunition, 13 mines, and 11 punji pits during the operation.

Five enemy rifles and two crew served weapons were destroyed by artillery fire and air strikes that pounded enemy fortifications in support of Allied ground forces.

Thirty-five Americans, including six men serving with Naval Task Force 117, were killed during Operation CORONADO V.

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