

After three grueling months of Operation WHEELER, the men of the 1st Brigade welcomed the brief rest at Phan Rang before embarking upon a new operation. Intelligence sources indicated that a VC regional headquarters, reinforced by the 482d VC Battalion and local VC forces, was operating in Tam Dong and Bien Thuan provinces south of Phan Rang. Operation KLAMATH FALLS, beginning on 2 December, was designed to find and engage this enemy force. The battalions of the 1st Brigade found many evidences of the enemy presence in their assigned sectors, but actual contact with the enemy was light. A truce allowed the men of the brigade to celebrate Christmas in the field. The operation was terminated on 7 January 1968. After one month of operations, the enemy suffered only 156 killed in action.

52 major operations in the four Vietnam tactical zones, 6,000 enemy killed, enough weapons captured to equip eight enemy battalions, 5,000 tons of rice captured, 25,000 Vietnamese given medical treatment, 12,000 refugees relocated, and 4,000 miles of road cleared of enemy control. The men of the brigade had given of their dedication and of their substance. In the annals of war, there was a significant chapter of destruction and skill.