

OPERATION SUMMERALL

Headquarters, I Field Force, next directed the 1st Brigade to move from Phan Rang to Khanh Duong further north along the coast in Khanh Hoa Province and to prepare for Operation SUMMERALL in Khanh Hoa, Phu Yen, and Darlac Provinces. The move, beginning on 29 March, involved the brigade in its seventh and eighth ambush-free convoys of the year. It consisted of a battalion sized convoy from Tuy Hoa, a multi-battalion convoy from Phan Rang, and an airlift from Phan Rang. The convoy from Tuy Hoa more than doubled in size as additional units joined it enroute. The total number of vehicles reached 166. The larger convoy from Phan Rang totaled 248 vehicles, travelled 110 miles, and took a day and a half to reach the forward area base camp. To retain secrecy, the main convoy rendezvoused at Duc My with a 1st Logistical Command convoy from Cam Ranh Bay, and the men and supplies arrived at Khanh Duong together. The airlift from Phan Rang involved forty-two sorties by C-130 aircraft.

On 30 March, the 2-327th, began Operation SUMMERALL with an airmobile assault northeast of Khanh Duong as a diversion, covering the brigade's primary intent to move upon the Buon Mi Ga area. Three days later, the 1-327th and 2-502d launched operations in the latter area. Operation SUMMERALL was much like Operation FARRAGUT: continual patrolling producing little contact with the enemy. On 29 April, the operation was concluded.