

The first opportunity for action involving "Swatter" occurred when the Viet Cong made a daring daylight attack on a village 15 miles East of Sec Trang. Captain William Thompson and his crew responded to the appeal of the villagers. The 50 Cal. machine gun, manned by Sgt. Normand Vandal, destroyed one machine gun and killed 14 Viet Cong.

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At 0100 hours, 18 December, 81MM mortar rounds again hit within the perimeter of the airfield. No damage was received as the rounds fell short of the cantonment area in an open field.

Christmas was uneventful for all concerned with normal operation being conducted. A watchful eye and a state of readiness prevailed.