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south toward the east west runway where they encountered a K-9 team. Mortar attack commenced about this time. Both the handler and the dog were killed. This action occurred at 0100 hours, 4 Dec 66. They then proceeded across the runway towards the west parking ramp. Just south of the runway an air police M-60 machine gun position engaged the VC killing 13. At least one VC was to get through to the west parking ramp where he was killed.

Part II. (C) The Air Police Squadron was mobilized as well as the USARV quick reaction force (task forces) which consisted of approximately 125 personnel. Task Force 35 took up static blocking positions. A sweep of the western sector of the base was made by the air police and at 0235 hours an engagement took place close to the hole in the fence. Two air police were KIA and 3 VC were KIA. Part III. (C) At 2030 hours 4 Dec 66 a K-9 alerted in the western sector of the base. The Air Police Squadron was mobilized and swept the area killing 9 VC. At 0700 hours the area was swept again with contact. At 0900 hours one VC was captured by the ARVN in the ARVN airborne area on the southwest side of the base. At 1200 hours one VC was KIA by the air police 200 yards northwest of the intersection of the runways. Part IV. (C) Box score: air police - 3 KIA, 10 WIA, 3 dogs KIA, and 1 DOG WIA. VC - 28 KIA, 5 captured, 2 of which were wounded. Part V. (C) Damage was limited primarily to aircraft and vehicles. Most of the damage to aircraft resulted from the two hour mortar


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attack. Aircraft requiring over 50 man hours to repair follow: two helicopters, two Navy AC, two RB-57E, one RF-101C, one RF-4C, one RC-47. Aircraft with minor damage, i.e., less than 50 man hours to repair follow: two helicopters, three Navy AC, and four RC-47s. Five air police vehicles were destroyed. Part VI. (U) Detailed combat after action report will follow. GP. 4."