

Vietnam

In [Vietnam](#), the regiment fought in the [Mekong Delta](#), where it conducted [riverine warfare](#). Along with other units assigned to the 9th Infantry Division, the regiment was based out of ; however, the regiment's 3d Battalion was based in [Kiến Hòa province](#). In addition to riverine operations, the regiment also conducted [air mobile operations](#).

During the conflict three of the regiment's battalions served; the 2d Battalion was deployed from January 1967 until October 1970, the 3d Battalion was deployed from January 1967 until July 1969, and the 4th Battalion was deployed January 1967 until July 1969. For the most part the regiment's battalions were assigned to the 9th Infantry Division's 2d Brigade, except for the 2d Battalion, which was temporarily assigned at various times in 1968 to the division's other two brigades. During its time in Vietnam, the regiment conducted [joint operations](#) with the [United States Navy](#), during which its soldiers deployed from, and billeted aboard, naval vessels.



Soldiers of Company B, 3d Battalion, 47th Infantry, 9th Infantry Division at My Tho in April 1968

In 1966, upon learning of the regiment's upcoming riverine mission, the regiment's leadership worked with the Navy's Amphibious Training School, in [Coronado](#), to gain the skills needed for the expected deployment. In January 1967, the regiment deployed from [Fort Riley](#), by way of San Francisco, disembarking at [Vũng Tàu](#). From mid-February to late-March 1967, the regiment's 3d Battalion conducted combat training, with the [USS Whitfield County \(LST-1169\)](#) and the [9th River Assault Squadron](#), in the [Rung Sat Special Zone](#). In April and May 1967, the regiment's 4th Battalion conducted operations in the Rung Sat Special Zone.

Beginning in April 1967, the regiment's 3d Battalion deployed to the Mekong Delta proper. By May of that same year it began to conduct combat operations near Ap Bac; that same month, the regiment's 4th Battalion completed operations in Rung Sat and began operations in the Mekong Delta. On 19 May 1967, the 2d Brigade's headquarters came under attack on the banks of the [Mỹ Tho River](#), and the regiment's 3d Battalion was heavily engaged in thwarting the attack. In June 1967, the regiment took part in [Operation Concordia](#), with the [USS Colleton \(APB-36\)](#) providing medical support. In early July 1967, operations were conducted in the [Gò Công Province](#); at the end of that month, the regiment moved to [Can Giuoc](#). In August, and early September, the regiment operated in the [Long An Province](#), supporting units from the [Republic of Vietnam Marine Division](#). From October 1967 until January 1968, the regiment was involved in [Operations Coronado V & IX](#), which ended when the regiment embarked on the [USS Benewah \(APB-35\)](#).

During the [Tet Offensive](#), in early February, the regiment fought heavily in and around [Mỹ Tho](#) in [Operation Coronado X](#). From mid-February and into early March, the regiment took part in [Operation Coronado XI](#).

Following that operation, the regiment took part in [Operation Truong Cong Dinh](#) until April. Several helicopters were lost due to enemy fire, and two artillery barges sunk; the Benewah was struck by enemy fire, and one LCM was sunk. In July, the regiment's 4th Battalion conducted operations with the [South Vietnamese Army's 9th Division](#). In October, two of the regiment's battalions conducted pacification operations in Kiến Hòa province.