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SUBJECT: Ground Force Commander's Situation Report (SITREP)
 220001H to 222400H April (U).

Commanding General
 II Field Force
 ATTN: AVFBC
 APO 96266

1. (C) OPERATION SUMMARY:

a. General

(1) 9th Inf Div: The OLD RELIABLES continued Operation PEOPLE'S ROAD (DUONG CUA DAN), TRUONG CONG DINH, HOPTAC I and TOAN THANG.

(a) 9th Inf Div: Continued Operation TOAN THANG with 3rd Bde, RTAVR and TF Forsyth.

1 TF Forsyth: Continued Operation TOAN THANG DENVER/AKRON with two maneuver battalions.

a The 2-47 Inf (M) continued Binh Son and Bearcat security. Co A remained in RON position via YS 116979 throughout the night without contact. Co A remained at Bearcat today and was the bn RRF. Co A RON position for tonight via YS 129934 has had no contact. Co B remained in RON position via YT 202008 throughout the night without contact. Co B continued the Binh Son security mission. The 3d Platoon remained on Gia Ray mountain via YT 605010. Co B RON position for tonight via YS 208934 has had no contact. Co C remained in RON position via YT 130037 throughout the night without contact. Co C remained at Bearcat and provided RRF. Co C RON position for tonight via YS 198840 has had no contact. The Scout Platoon conducted mounted patrols along Hwy 15 between Long Thanh and YT 083037 without contact.

b The 6-31 Inf: Co A was the bn RRF and conducted 4 daylight patrols without contact. Co B remained in RON position via YS 257975 without contact. Co B completed airmobile extraction back to Bearcat at 1625H. Co C conducted night patrols in the Bearcat area without contact. Co D remained in RON position

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vio YS 238968 without contact. Co D completed airmobile extraction back to Bearcat at 1258H. Co E conducted four night patrols without contact.

o Other Activity: At 1425H vio YT 166021 sector D personnel on the Bearcat berm found 3 chicom grenades in front of bunker 92.

d TF TOWER: At 1800H TF Tower assumed OPCON of 2-47 Inf (M) and 6-31 Inf.

e Pd cas US none; VC 3 grenades optr.

2 RTAVR: Continued Operation TOAN THANG/NHON TRACH.

a The Regt conducted security mission for Engr work parties, FSPB YAK, Binh Son, Long Thanh and roadrunner operations. The 1st Co continued security of the FSPB at Phuoc Thein vic YS 125893. The 2d Co assumed the Binh Son security mission. The 3d Co remained at Bearcat and conducted refresher training and ambush patrolling. The 4th Co remained at Bearcat and conducted refresher training. The Recon Trp conducted roadrunner opns and provided RRF vio YS 134922. The RTAVR CP remained at Bearcat.

b Pd cas RTAVR none; VC none.

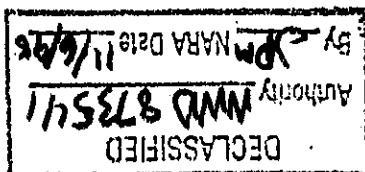
3 3d Bde: Continued Operation TOAN THANG CMD/LONG AN with 4 maneuver battalions.

a The 3-39 Inf conducted local combat patrols and planned for future opns. At 0300H vio XS 742699 the bn's base camp at Rach Kien recieved 18 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. The bn reacted with counter mortar and arty fire. A LFT supported. The attack ceased at 0302H and resulted in 3 US WHA (not evac). At 0715H vio XS 740669 2d Platoon/Co C departed Rach Kien and conducted Recon in Force opns west to vic XS 725707 searching for enemy positions from last nights mortar attack. At 0745H vio XS 730702 2d Platoon sustained 1 WHA from a hand grenade booby trap (not evac). At 1053H vio XS 724704 2d Platoon destroyed 1 chicom grneade booby trap found in a oan. 2d Platoon^{closed}/Rach Kien at 1330H. At 0805H vio XS 751765 a bn roadrunner team destroyed 1 roadblock made of mud.

b The 5-60 Inf (-) conducted local combat patrols and provided security for 2 convoys between Tan An and Saigon. At 2115H vio XS 6155 the 5-60 Inf FSPB at Binh Phuoc received 10 rds of 82mm mortar fire. The bn reacted by having a LFT placed on station, by firing counter mortar and arty into suspected positions vio XS 618557. The first rounds resulted in 6 US WHA (not evac). Co

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departed the FSPB and conducted Recon in Force ops vic XS 618557. Co B received small arm fire in the vic of the suspected enemy position which was returned using mortars and organic weapons. The area was searched without results. At 2215H vic XS 586585 Co A called arty in on 2 sampans with unk results. At 1700H Co B departed Binh Phuoc by APC and moved to vic XS 600500 at 1810H establishing contact with the enemy at that time. Contact continues as of 2400H.

c The 2-3 Inf conducted Co size foot mobile Recon in Force operations. At 222000H vic XS 700814 Co B ambush patrol sank 1 sampan and killed 2 VC. At 2045H vic XS 810755 Co C ambush patrol observed 15-20 VC 400 meters from their position. The enemy was engaged using arty with unk results. At 0807H vic XS 789771 Co A departed FSPB SMOKE and conducted a Co size Recon in Force opn north to XS 800780, then west to vic XS 788782, southwest to XS 782773 and returned to FSPB SMOKE. At 1000H vic XS 802779 Co A destroyed 3 15 ft sampans. At 1305H vic XS 787780 Co A destroyed 11 bunkers. At 1440H Co A closed FSPB SMOKE. Co D conducted platoon size combat patrols north and south of PB DAGGER. At 0940H vic XS 796840 1st Platoon Co D departed PB DAGGER on foot and moved north to vic XS 797847 then east returning to FSPB SMOKE. At 1405H vic XS 746845 1st Platoon destroyed 7 bunkers.

d The 4-39 Inf conducted Co size foot mobile and waterborne assaults and Recon in Force ops. At 1235H vic XS 848855 Co B departed Nha Be by vehicle to DP vic XS 862849. From the DP Co B conducted Recon in Force north to vic XS 852857 then south to vic XS 856835 and established night ambush positions. At 1230H vic XS 956895 Co C departed Cat Lai by air boat and conducted a waterborne assault and Recon in Force ops. At 1310H vic XS 943846 Co C landed and swept west to vic XS 926843 where the Co reboarded boats and closed Cat Lai at 1800H. At 1805H vic XS 848855 the Recon Platoon departed Nha Be by vehicle, dismounted vic XS 914804, and conducted Recon in Force operations west to vic XS 903809 where the platoon established a night position.

e Trp D/3-5 Cav (OPCON to 3rd Bde for today's ops), conducted aerial Recon and airmobile assaults and Recon in Force ops. Trp D ARP was inserted at the following locations west of Rach Kien; vic XS 640728, XS 658710, and XS 607705.

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At 1138H vic XS 659709 the ARP engaged 1 VC resulting in 1 VC KIA. At 1145H vic XS 658705 the ARP found 3 VC bodies wrapped in ponchoes. They had been killed by small arms. At 1255H vic XS 656710 the ARP found 1 Ak-47 and 300 ft of commo wire. At 1625H vic XS 604704 the ARP established contact with an estimated 3 VC squads. The platoon began receiving a heavy volume of small arms and automatic weapons fire. Fire was returned using organic weapons and a LFT was placed on station at 1634H. While flying at 1200 ft(70 knots) the LFT received 12.7 machine gun fire resulting in 1 US WHA. The ARP platoon thus far has sustained 1 KHA and 2 WHA (evao). Enemy losses thus far are 1 KIA dressed in a blue uniform with steel helmet and pack. At 1830H the enemy force was estimated to be a reinforced bn (probably NVA). At 1828H airstrikes were placed on the target. They received heavy ground fire and 1 fighter was hit. Extent of damage is not known. Gunships supporting the contact received fire from both sides of the Vam Co Dong River. Contact continues and is being reinforced with elements from the 5-60 Inf and 2-3 Inf as of 2400H.

f Pd oas US 1 KHA, 13 WHA (3 evao); VC 7 KIA, 1 SA, 300 ft commo wire optr; 1 booby trap, 1 roadblock, 4 sampans, 18 bunkers dest.

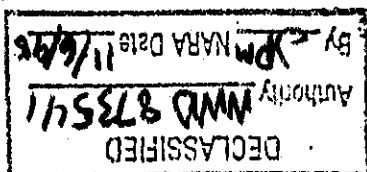
4 Op TOAN THANG Pd oas US 1 KHA, 13 WHA (3 evao); VC 7 KIA, 1 SA, 300 ft commo wire, 3 grenades optr; 1 booby trap, 1 roadblock, 4 sampans, 18 bunkers dest.

(b) 1st Bde: Continued Operation PEOPLE'S ROAD (DUONG CUA DAN) with 2 maneuver battalions.

1 The 2-39 Inf continued operations in the western portion of AO CRACKERJACK. Co C continued the 36 hour ambush patrol in same RON position vic XS 313533, working in the area from vic XS 288512 - XS 317512 - XS 317540 - XS 285523. At 0921H vic XS 254333 Co B engaged 1 VC resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC). At 0941H vic XS 253555 Co B apprehended 5 detainees trying to run away to the east. At 1015H vic XS 253553 Co B apprehended 1 more detainee along with 10 lbs of documents. At 1215H Co C/5-60 Inf provided security for 15 Engr vic XS 320502 to fill a 6-7 foot hole in the road. At 1355H vic XS 312538 Co B apprehended 1 more detainee. At 1512H vic XS 281479 Co A apprehended 6 detainees. At 1545H vic XS 316489 Co B apprehended 1 detainee. At 1550H vic XS 316489 Co

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found a sachel with 3 ID cards and 18 lbs of documents. At 1600H vic XS 293477 Co A apprehended 6 more detainees. At 1845H vic XS 320502 Co C/5-60 Inf (M) APC was hit by a command detonated mine and SA fire. Contact was broken at 1900H. Results 1 US KHA (B/2-39) and 8 WHA (evac). Roadway 20% damaged with 8 foot crater in middle of road. APC went off the road and turned over. All 2-39 Inf elements closed into their CP's. During the night the bn conducted 8 squad size ambush patrols. (Of the 20 detainees captured 5 were reclassified PW's).

2 The 2-60 Inf continued operations in the eastern portion of A0 CRACKERJACK. Road sweeps and local security patrols were conducted without incident or significant finds. Co B/2-60 Inf started a 36 hour Bushmaster opn vic XS 325458. During the night the bn conducted 6 squad size, 1 platoon size and 1 company size ambush patrol.

3 Pd cas US 1 KHA, 8 WHA (evac); VC 1 KIA, 5 PW, 15 detainees, 28 lbs of docu, 3 ID cards optr.

(o) 2d Bde: Continued Operation TRUONG CONG DINH with 2 maneuver battalions and in close coop and coord with 1 VNMC bn.

1 The 3-47 Inf assumed Div RRF posture.

2 The 2d bn VNMC also assumed a RRF posture.

3 The 4-47 Inf utilized 2 platoons of Co E, completed a Bushmaster opn by extracting from vic XS 036391 at 0620H and closed the MRB at 0745H. Because of deep mud at the original insertion point 2 platoons of Co B inserted vic XS 003373 at 0920H with no contact. Patrols were conducted without contact and all elements were extracted at 1218H. Methods used to deceive the enemy were: (1) Radio silence and (2) false insertions, (3) establishing positions then relocating under cover of darkness. At 1404H vic XS 020360 Co B releived Co E as MRB defense. MRB defensive night locations are: vic XS 015359 and vic XS 019351. Co E closed the MRB at 1415H.

4 The 3-34 Arty remained in DS of the MRF from FSPB CAMERON vic XS 047338.

5 TF 117 provided transportation for the Bushmaster opn. TF 117 also conducted 6 waterborne patrols in defense of the MRB.

6 Pd cas US none, VC none.

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(d) TF Funston: Continued Operation HOPTAC I with one maneuver battalion.

1 The 3-60 Inf conducted security of the Dong Tam berm, road surveillance and operations in the AO. Co A continued security of the north and south sectors of the berm and established 2 ambushes in the northern AO via XS 405475 and XS 404465. Co A assumed the mission of road surveillance on Hwy 25 and Hwy 22. Co B continued Dong Tam RRF and assumed the mission of security of the berm. Co B initiated patrolling in the northern AO. Co B apprehended a total of six detainees, 3 at 1530H via XS 404478, 3 at 1400H via XS 400475. Co C continued road surveillance on Hwy 25 and Hwy 22. At 0725H via XS 435442 Co C hit a command detonated claymore, resulting in 1 US WHA (evac). At 1200H Co C departed Dong Tam for the western AO, accompanied by elements of the Recon Platoon/5-60 Inf. From 1300H to 1455H Co C, Co E, and Recon Platoon/5-60 Inf searched the area via XS 359468. Co E continued operations in the western AO during the night of 21-22 April. At 212047H all Co E elements were in their final night positions at the following locations: XS 373445, XS 368453, XS 370452. From 1300H to 1455H Co E participated in the opn via XS 359468. During the opn Co C apprehended 36 detainees, Co E apprehended 22 detainees. The Recon Platoon/5-60 Inf continued convoy security between Dong Tam, Tan An and My Thuan.

2 Pd cas 1 US WHA (evac); VC 64 detainees.

b. Plans Summary: Passed separately.

c. Small unit actions:

C1 Totals

<u>FORCE NATL</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>WITH CONTACT DAY/NIGHT</u>
C1A US	1	0/0

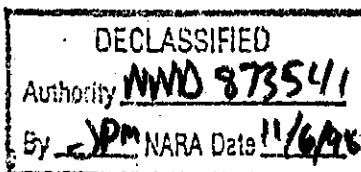
C2 Enemy Losses: None

C3 Friendly Losses: None

C4 Small unit actions by Size Force:

<u>FORCE NATL</u>	<u>SIZE UNIT</u>	<u>NUMBER W/CONTACT</u>	<u>NUMBER W/O CONTACT</u>
C4A US	Fire Team (LRP)	0	1
C4B	Squad	0	0
C4C	Platoon	0	0
C4D	Company	0	0

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5 Small Unit Contact: None

d. Cumulative results of Major Unit Operations.

(1) Op TOAN THANG, 3d Bde (2-3 Inf, 3-39 Inf, 4-39 Inf, 5-60 Inf (M) (-)), RTAVR, TF Forsyth (2-47 Inf (M)) cont. US LOSSES: 6 KHA, 45 WHA (31 evac), 1 MIA; RTAVR 1 WHA (evac), 1 APC dam, 1 APC dest; ENEMY LOSSES: 90 KIA, 114 detainees, 2 PW, 19 SA, 2 C/S wpns, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs doou, 308 gren, 1 booby trap, 16 lbs med sup, 816 rds SA ammo, 22 RPG ch, 300 ft combo wire, 15 lbs clothing, 1 pistol belt, 225 RPG rds, 2 gren adap, 1 RR rd, 19 mtr rds, 8 wpm mags, 1 gas mask, 1 ton rice optr; 2 mines, 27 arty/mtr rds, 671 bunkers, 21 booby traps, 11 gren, 1 shape ch, 20 rds 20mm ammo, 2 roadblocks, 4 trip flares, 17 structures, 1 LAW, 45 sampans, 2 tunnels, 60 blasting caps, 50 rds SA ammo, 1 stove, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ tons rice dest.

(2) Op HOPTAC I, TF Funston (3-60 Inf) cont. US LOSSES: 49 KHA, 391 WHA (378 evac); 2 APC, 2 HOW dam, 3 bldg, 4 SA, 1 radio, 1 Wabtoo, 14 APC dest; ENEMY LOSSES: 343 KIA, 238 detainees, 9 PW, 18 RPG rds, 6 bang torp, 3 C/S wpns rds, 3650 lbs rice, 13 oases C rations, 11 shovels, 16 lbs doou, 3 lbs med sup, 40 SA, 9 C/S wpns, 15 gren, 30 mtr fuses, 2 radios, 225 rds SA ammo, 30 mtr ch, 1 mine, 1 gas mask optr; 510 bunkers, 54 structures, 6 gren, 11 mines, 91 arty/mtr rds, 6 roadblocks, 15 sampans, 28 booby traps, 6 SA, 1 RR, 27 RR rds dest.

(3) Op TRUONG CONG DINH: No change from 9th Inf Div Sitrep of 21 Apr 68.

(4) Op PEOPLE'S ROAD (DUONG CUA DAN), 1st Bde (2-39 Inf, 2-60 Inf) cont. US LOSSES: 10 KHA, 102 WHA (65 evac), CIDG: 10 WHA, 1 helo dam; VC LOSSES: 160 KIA, 34 POW, 254 detainees, 37 SA, 1 C/S wpm, 15073 rds SA ammo, 20 shape ch, 19 mtr rds, 43 RPG rds, 28 booster ch, 18 ohioom claymores, 1 mtr sight, 1 oase C rations, 350,000 P, 67 RR rds, 5 tons rice, 27 cratering ch, 33 lbs doou, 720 lbs expl, 56 gren, 3 ID cards, 72 mines, 3 wpns mag, 3 ammo pouches, 50 bang torp optr; 364 bunkers, 5 structures, 11 booby traps, 6 arty/mtr rds, 3 roadblocks, 1 mine fuse, 34 cratering ch, 1 oase blasting caps dest.

2. (C) Remarks:

b. 9th Inf Div RRF was provided by 2d Bde.

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1 VC KIA			
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 TO: (ACTION) **G 3 Rear (CPT Sw. H)**
 TO: (INFORMATION) **LTC Haysard**

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TO: (ACTION) G-3 Rec (CPT Scott)		Galdin	
TO: (INFORMATION)		11FFV	
<p>B/5-60 sent in to relieve pressure on D/3-5. moved thru area of contact from W to E beginning at 1801. 1806 rec'd hvy AW, RPG, + SA fire accurately delivered. Enemy at least 20, prob. 30. Enemy is in bunkers. ARP still on ground on E. side and in contact. Have suffered 2 KHA.</p> <p>B/5-60 on W $\frac{1}{2}$ K and in hvy contact.</p> <p>604704 - loc of contact. En in blue uniforms w/ steel pots, + rocks. T.E. delayed because can't extract ARP.</p>			
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FROM: 3rd Bde Sgt Martinez TO: (ACTION) M-3 Sp Martin TO: (INFORMATION) M-2		COORDINATION	
Ref: 3rd Bde contact vic XS 60 70 2228 H. 1st lift B/2-3 down LZ vic XS 579 706. 2243 H. 2nd lift B/2-3 down LZ 2308 H. 1st lift C/2-3 off FSPB SMOKE. ETA LZ approx 15 min. 1 plt B/5-60 was pulled out of area of contact to secure LZ vic XS 579 706. LZ was cold when 2-3 went in. H-3 Inf. sweeping E toward area of contact. 2 plts. B/5-60 are still in contact and also D/3-5 Cav is still in contact @ 2300 H. SPOOKY and a. Firefly are on station. At 2304 H. Spooky is placing effective fire on both sides of river in grid XS 62 72 along tree line.			
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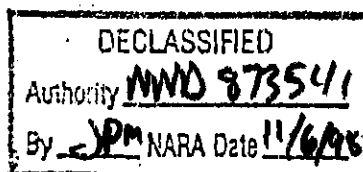
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TO: (ACTION) G-3 SP MARTIN	
TO: (INFORMATION)	
Ref: Sp Green calling for replacement for Spooky for 3rd Bde contact.	
Will send Moonshine 75; expected to be airborne approx 2400 H.	
2358H Moonshine 75 has mechanical problems - Will be delayed approx. 1 hr.	
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TO: (ACTION) G3 (MAJ CAMP - OPS)			
TO: (INFORMATION) G2			
<p>Ref contact area XS 6070. There is at least a VC Bn (A) or possibly 2 bns in heavy bunker area. The VC let the ARP get within 30 km of bunkers. The VC position runs from above coord - 1 km to the south to the wooded stream line, then 3 km east and west. The VC have at least 6.50 cal 2 2 cr / 2-3 of which will go in LZ to the rear of B/S-60 and attack east to the flank of the VC position. After 2-3 elements are in, element of 4-39 inf will be inserted to the south of the VC position. B/S-60 then will screen the north edge - only area open will be east. The VR ship will watch this area. At 1500 LT will put all available forces into the area.</p>			
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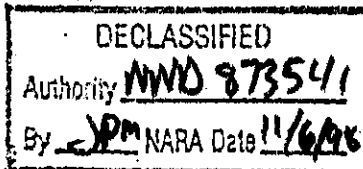
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planned for future operations. At 0800H vic XS 609550 Co B departed Binh Phuoc and conducted mounted Recon in Force operations to vic XS 622582.

At 1145H vic XS 621579 Co B engaged 6 VC with unknown results. At 1200H vic XS 620582 Co B destroyed 45 2-man bunkers with overhead cover. At 1715H Co B closed Binh Phuoc.

2 The 2-3 Inf conducted Co size airmobile and mechanized assaults and Recon in Force operations. At 0821H vic XS 785763 Co A inserted and conducted Recon in Force operations from north to south. At 0845H vic XS 780758 Co A found 1 booby trap (M26 hand grenade) with the pin straightened but no trip wire attached. At 0905H vic XS 784763 Co A destroyed 1 155mm round. At 0950H Co A extracted and reinserted vic XS 787750 at 0955H. Co A conducted Recon in Force ops from southeast to northwest. At 1055H Co A extracted responding to contact made by Trp D/3-5 Cav, reinserted on LZ vic XS 772795 at 1105H. From the LZ Co A moved northwest. At 1120H vic XS 772797 Co A established contact with a Co size VC force and began receiving automatic weapons fire from 4 different locations. At 1155H Co A reported having sustained 5 WHA from fire coming from a 300 meter long bunker complex running NE-SW vic XS 767797. At 1200H the 1st of 3 airstrikes was requested. At 1300H Co A reported sustaining 3 additional WHA. At 1310H the 1st airstrike was delivered and the enemy broke contact. At 1337H vic XS 769797 Co A completed dust off for 2 US DOW and 6 US WHA. At 1632H vic XS 767797 Co A found 5 RPG-2 rounds, 5 lbs of medical supplies, 25 lbs of clothing and destroyed 12 bunkers. At 1709H vic XS 76793 Co A found 1 VC KBA. At 1826H vic XS 765796 Co A extracted closing FSPB SMOKE at 1830H. At 0900H vic XS 794829 Co B departed FSPB DAGGER to conduct waterborne assaults and Recon in Force operations. At 0930H vic XS 815775 Co B boarded RAG boats moved up river and landed vic XS 847782 at 1005H. From the landing point Co B conducted Recon in Force ops to vic XS 839783. At 1258H vic XS 839783 Co B lifted off a PZ responding to the Trp D contact and reinserted vic XS 767813 at 1315H. From the LZ Co B moved southeast to vic XS 768802 without contact. At 1747H vic PZ XS 777815 Co B extracted closing PB DAGGER at 1753H. At 1110H vic XS 789771 D/17 Cav and the Recon Platoon reacting to contact made by Trp D departed FSPB SMOKE by APC. The Recon Platoon dismounted vic XS 778803 and secured a gunship from Trp

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D that had been downed by ground fire. At 1605H the helicopter was extracted. At 1622H vic XS 772791 the Recon Platoon apprehended 1 detainee and destroyed 2 sampans. At 1630H the Recon Platoon departed the area of contact by APC closing FSPB SMOKE at 1700H. After relocating the Recon Platoon, Trp D/17 Cav continued northwest to vic XS 770804 and formed a screening position oriented to the southeast. The Cav and Recon Platoon rejoined closing FSPB SMOKE by APC at 1700H. Trp D/3-5 Cav in support of the 2-3 Inf for today's opns conducted aerial Recon and Platoon size airmobile assaults and Recon in Force operations. Operations began at 0800H and at 0854H vic XS 767797, a Recon ship observed 1 VC working on a bunker. He was engaged by gunships and killed. At 0935H vic XS 769797 the ARP was inserted to conduct a search of the area. At 1005H vic XS 769797 the ARP extracted and reinserted vic XS 770800. The ARP immediately made contact with an a VC Co and began receiving small arms and automatic weapons fire from a bunker complex approximately 300 meters long. At 1055H vic XS 778803 1 gunship from Trp D was downed as a result of ground fire and was extracted at 1605H. Crew members were not injured. At 1155H the ARP had sustained 6 WHA (evac) and 2 KHA. At 1310H the ARP was extracted from the area of contact. At 1800H Trp D was released to Division control.

d The 4-39 Inf conducted local combat patrols and planned for future opns. At 1045H vic XS 669615 the Recon Platoon while conducting a local security patrol engaged 2 male VC when they took evasive action to avoid the patrol, both were wounded and apprehended. At 1550H vic XS 671615 the Recon Platoon began receiving automatic weapons fire from an unk size VC force. Fire was returned using organic weapons and an airstrike was requested. At 1632H a LFT was on station and contact continued. At 1645H vic XS 674607 the VC broke contact. At 1715H the airstrike was delivered on the enemy position. A search of the area was conducted without incident.

e At 0400H vic XS 638768 the US Arty compound at Ben Luc came under attack when it received 15 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. A LFT and Arty were fired in support on a suspected enemy mortar position vic XS 633787. At 0402H the attack ceased. There were no friendly casualties. Enemy losses are unk.

f Night VR mission: At 0500H vic XS 817758 the S-2 from the 2-3 Inf

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observed approximately 10 personnel and lights at 0505H the target was engaged by door gunners with unknown results.

g. Pd cas US 4 KHA, 12 WHA (evac), 1 helo dam; VC 2 KIA, 1 detainee, 2 POW, 5 RPG rds, 5 lb med sup, 25 lb clothing optr, 1 booby trap, 1 arty rd, 57 bunkers, 2 sampans dest.

4. Op TOAN THANG: Pd cas US 6 KHA, 18 WHA (evac), 1 helo dam; VC 2 KIA, 1 detainee, 2 POW, 6 RPG rds, 5 lbs med sup, 25 lbs clothing, 1 gren, 3 wpm mags, 2 SA, 2 lb docu, 2 mines, 7 firing devices optr, 13 booby trap, 1 arty rd, 72 bunkers, 2 sampans dest.

b. Plans Summary: Passed separately.

c. Small unit actions:

C1 Totals

<u>FORCE NATL</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>WITH CONTACT DAY/NIGHT</u>
C1A US	3	0/0

C2 Enemy Losses: None

C3 Friendly Losses: None

C4 Small unit actions by Size Force:

<u>FORCE NATL</u>	<u>SIZE UNIT</u>	<u>NUMBER W/CONTACT</u>	<u>NUMBER W/O CONTACT</u>
C4A US	Fire Team (LRP)	0	3
C4B	Squad	0	0
C4C	Platoon	0	0
C4D	Company	0	0

C5 Small Unit Contact: None

d. Cumulative results of Major Unit Operations.

(1) Op TOAN THANG, 3d Bde (2-3 Inf, 3-39 Inf, 4-39 Inf, 5-60 Inf (M) (-)), RTAVR, TF Forsyth (2-47 Inf (M)) cont. US LOSSES: 19 KHA, 66 WHA (34 evac), 1 MIA, RTAVR: 1 WHA (evac), 1 APC 1 helo dam, 1 APC dest; ENEMY LOSSES: 143 KIA, 115 detainees, 4 PW, 25 SA, 3 C/S wpns, 142 lbs docu, 309 gren, 1 booby trap, 21 lbs med sup, 266 rds SA ammo, 7 firing devices, 22 RPG ch, 5,300 P, 300 ft commo wire, 40 lbs clothing, 1 pistol belt, 231 RPG rds, 2 gren adap, 2 mines, 2 typewriters, 1 RR rd, 19 mtr rds, 11 wpm mags, 1 gas mask, 1 ton rice optr; 3 mines, 2 C/S wpns, 28 arty/mtr rds, 916 bunkers, 34 booby traps, 14 gren, 1 shape ch, 20 rds 20mm ammo, 2 roadblocks, 4 trip flares, 17 structures, 1 LAW,

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