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27 June: The 1st Recondo Bde continued Opn Toan Thang in Long An Province with 4 Inf Bn's (2-3, 2-39, 2-60, 6-31), 2 Mech Bn's (2-47, 5-60) and 1 Air Cav Trp (A/3-17). Subordinate units continued local security and patrolling, convoy escort, night AP opns and preparation for future opns. The 2-3 continued daylight and night AP opns in the Saigon C1/C2 rocket belt areas. Co C conducted RIF opns, vic XS849781 commencing at 271400H and will RON vic of this special intelligence target. Co B and elements of HHC/6-31 Inf were placed OPCON to 2-3 Inf at 271200H to assist in rocket belt security. The 2-39 conducted local security patrols, road sweeps and dried out in preparation for future opns at their Rach Kien Base Camp. At 270915H, vic XS798728 a road sweep party made contact with an estimated 5 VC. SA and AW fires were exchanged and contact broke immediately. Neg US casualties. VC losses unk. One plat from Co E was airlifted from An Nhut Tan to Rach Kien, closing at 271246H. Co A was inserted AML into a Bushmaster AO (XS6470 - 6670 - 6672 - 6472) with the Long An Prov CRIP closing at 271309H, with a CP at XS643705. At 271443H, vic XS653443 Co A located a large bunker complex and a small amount of medical supplies. The bunkers were constructed with wooden floors. The area will be kept under surveillance and an airstrike placed on it in the near future. The 2-47 continued DISCOM/Engr convoy security, local AP opns and prepared for future opns without incident. The 2-60 continued local security and drying out in preparation for future opns. Co C was inserted into a Bushmaster AO (XS5767 - 5967 - 5969 - 5769) by vehicle and on foot closing at 271700H. The 5-60 continued local security patrols, road sweeps and prepared for future opns in Binh Phuoc. Co B (-) was inserted by APC into a Bushmaster AO (XS5460 - 5660 - 5662 - 5462) closing at 271600H. One plat of Co B was inserted AML at 271710H vic XS645612 to investigate a special intel tgt. They will RON at that location. The 6-31 conducted local patrolling and AML opns. Co C was inserted AML at 270757H vic XS601685. Co D was inserted AML at 270834H vic XS611686. At 270815H, vic XS602690, Co C found and destroyed 4 bunkers. Co D continued RIF opns vic their LZ without further incident and were extracted AML back to their CP (Tan An Air Strip) closing at 271142. Co C was extracted AML back to the Air Strip also closing at 271210H. Co B was inserted vic XS805770 (AML) to RON vic a special intel tgt at 271615H. The Co will RON vic the LZ. At 271715H, vic XS803772, a Co B security patrol found 10 sand bags full of C4. The C4 was returned to the Co CP and will be extracted at first opportunity. A/3-17 Cav continued armed aerial recon throughout Long An Province. At 270920H vic XS863627 a scout team spotted 10-15 bunkers which appeared to be frequently used. Neg activity in the area.

28 June: The 1st Recondo Bde continued night AP, convoy escort and multi-bn RIF opns in Long An Prov with 4 Inf Bn's (2-3, 2-39, 2-60, 6-31), 2 Mech Bn's (2-47, 5-60) and 1 Air Cav Trp (A/3-17). The 2-3 conducted footmobile and AML RIF opn in the rocket belt. Co C was inserted AML vic XS835823 at 281706H. They were extracted at 281828H and reinserted vic XS806823 without incident. The 2-39 continued local opns around Rach Kien and participated in a multi-bn RIF opn south of the Ben Luc bridge with Co's B and E. Co A and the Long An Prov CRIP continued Bushmaster opns with CP at XS658710. At 281458H, vic XS650707 the Co found a Co size bunker complex containing several M-16 mags and grenades. At 281802H vic XS-650707 the Co A Bushmaster made contact with a small force resulting in 3 VC BC, 1 AK-47, 1 US aid kit and 1 US WHA (dusted off). Co E was inserted AML at 280943H vic XS605740 and began sweeping the tree/stream line from east to west. Co B was inserted on the same LZ at 281021 and swept west on the north flank of Co E. Co's B and E RON vic XS603711. To equalize the 2-39 base camp security requirements, Co C/2-39 was lifted AML from Rach Kien to An Nhut Tan closing at 281907H. The 2-47 continued convoy security, local opns vic Tan An and participated in a multi-bn RIF opn south of the Ben Luc bridge with Co A and Co A/4-47. Co B continued Bushmaster opns with CP at XS574737 without incident. Co A/2-47 moved from Tan An by APC and began sweeping the treeline going west to east at 280930H vic XS602740. Co A/4-47 moved by truck to the same grid and swept east crossing the river at 281200H. From the east side of the stream, the Co swept south. At 281330H vic XS608734 Co A/4-47 made contact with an unk size VC force (5-7 men) resulting in 1

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US KHA. This contact continued sporadically throughout the day until 281910H. Co A and Co A/4-47 RON vic XS604727. The 2-60 continued local security around Tan Tru, Bushmaster opns and participated in a multi-bn RIF opn south of Ben Luc bridge. (Delayed entry: At 272310H, vic XS583672 a Co C AP rec fire from 7-8 AW and several B-40's resulting in 2 US WHA (dusted off). VC losses unk.) Co A was inserted AML at 281155H vic XS633698 and swept to the north in response to people sniffer readings. At 281527H, Co A was inserted vic XS612728 and swept west to link up with the 2-47 on the north and 2-39 on the south. At 281900H, Co A was placed OPCON to 2-39 and RON vic XS603725. The 5-60 continued local opns vic Binh Phuoc with OPCON of Co E/4-47 and participated in a multi-bn RIF opn south of the Ben Luc bridge. Co's A, B, C and the Recon Plat moved by APC from Binh Phuoc to LD's located at XS582714, XS593705 and XS599710 and swept east, north and west respectively from these locations commencing at 280930H. At 281210H vic XS594711 the Recon plat located a small complex of 2 man bunkers, estimated to be 2 weeks old. The bunkers were destroyed. At 281715H, vic XS596715 Co B/5-60 made contact with a small VC force resulting in 5 VC (BC). Co's A, B and C RON vic XS596714. The Recon plat RON vic XS599717. The 6-31, with CP at Tan An airstrip continued local security opns, night AP's and participated in a multi-bn RIF south of Ben Lun bridge. Co B continued opns in its Bushmaster with CP at XS498658. Co's A and C moved by truck from Tan An north on Hwy 4 and dismounted at 280939H vic XS-592728 to sweep the treeline southeast from that point. At 281130H vic XS595718 Co A and C made contact with an unk size VC force. This contact continued sporadically throughout the day until 281900H. The Co C contact initially resulted in 15 VC (BC), 2 AK-47's, 1 9mm pistol and assorted documents at 281452H vic XS595716. At 281515H, vic the same coord the Co found 1 BAR, 4 carbines, 5 M1 rifles, 2 unk type rockets, 1 case of dynamite, assorted blocks of C4 and blasting caps and 2000 lbs of rice. US losses were 2 US KHA and 3 US WHA. A/3-17 Cav continued armed aerial recon throughout Long An Province in support of 1st Bde opns. The Trp screened the east and west flanks of today's RIF opns with center of mass at XS-605730. At 280955H, vic XS595713 the ARP was inserted and apprehended 5 detainees (evac to Tan An IPW). The ARP was extracted at 281005H. The ARP was again inserted at 281030H vic XS576758 and extracted at 281118H with negative results. At 281142H vic XS579766 the trp destroyed 3 camouflaged sampans. At 281845H vic XS-575744 the trp spotted 4 VC w/packs hiding in a sampan. The VC were engaged resulting in 4 VC (BC) and 1 sampan destroyed. The 3/50 ARVN moved by truck from Ben Luc bridge south to vic XS588728 and block to the east stretching 500 meters north and south from that grid. The Bn established the block at 281000H and held the blocks until 281700H without incident. The Bn was released from 1st Bde OPCON at 281700H and returned to home station by convoy.

29 June: The 1st Recondo Bde continued night AP, convoy escort and multi-bn RIF opns in Long An Prov with 4 Inf Bn's (2-3, 2-39, 2-60, 6-31), 2 Mech Bn's (2-47, 5-60) and 1 Air Cav Trp (A/3-17). At 290600H tho' 2-3 was released from OPCON to the 1st Bde and reverted to OPCON of the 199th LIB, departing Nha Be at 290950H. Co's B and E/2-39 remained in their RON positions vic XS603722 during the early morning hours. At 290830H, while on a road sweep, Recon element found a partially removed roadblock vic XS758722. Roadblock was removed. Co A and Long An Prov CRIP terminated their Bushmaster opn vic XS647702 and was extracted by airmobile means and returned to Rach Kien at 291213H. Co E was extracted from its RON position and returned to Rach Kien at 291239H. Co B was extracted and returned to An Nhut Tan at 291246H. Co C was relieved of its security mission at An Nhut Tan on the arrival of Co B and was lifted back to Rach Kien at 291535H. (2-47 delayed entry: During its contact from 281330H - 281910H vic XS608734, Co A/4-47 apprehended 1 detainee.) At 290700H vic XS607731 sweeping from its RON position, Co A/4-47 OPCON to 2-47 found 1 VC KIA (BC), 2 AK-47's, and unk number of unidentified grenades, and assorted web gear and clothing. At 290715H vic XS-607731 Co A/4-47 found 2 more VC KIA (BC), 1 AK-47 and 3 bags of equipment. Co A/4-47 was extracted to Tan An at 290900H and lifted to its home station at Dong Tam at 291030H. Co A returned from its RON position to Tan An at approx 291000H. Co B terminated its Bushmaster opn vic XS574737 and returned to Tan An at 291202H.

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B36 escorted a convoy to Dong Tam and back, closing at Tan An at 291745H. Co A/2-60 was released from OPCON to 2-39 vic XS603725 and closed at Tan Tru at 291125H. Co C terminated its Bushmaster opn vic XS580680 and returned to Tan Tru at 291157H. At 290915H Co's A and C/5-60 and Recon closed at Binh Phuoc from their RON positions vic XS596714 and XS599717, respectively. Co B closed at Binh Phuoc at 290942H from its RON position vic XS596714. At 291400H vic XS670620 Co E/4-47 was inserted to conduct RIF opn. Co B and C were alert as RRF for E/4-47. At 291425H vic XS705569 5-60 element found and destroyed 8 2-man bunkers. At 291515H Co E was extracted and reinserted at 291520H vic XS696611. At 291605H vic XS695615 E/4-47 found 8 55-gallon drums of CS. Co E did not have the means to destroy the drums. Co E, 4-47 was extracted at 291610H and returned to Binh Phuoc at 291622H. At 291722H Co's A and B/5-60 began displacing to Binh Chanh to serve as RRF to a 6-31 RIF on intelligence targets southeast of Binh Chanh. At 291855H Co B was reported to be closing at Binh Chanh with Co A following close behind. At 291305H vic XS-472746 A/3-17 air scouts observed and destroyed 4 well camouflaged bunkers. At 291335H vic XS469737 A/3-17 air scouts located and destroyed 1 large structure camouflaged in nipa palm. At 291705H vic XS802705H vic XS802797 2 partially hidden sampans and several bunkers. Two E-158 CS Cannisters were dropped on the area with negative results. At 291800H vic XS794748 a LFT from B/9th Avn Bn engaged and KIA (BC) 7 VC. Also picked up 1 detainee (later classified POW; a member of a VC arty unit).

30 June: The First Recondo Bde continued night AP, convoy escort and multi-bn RIF ops in Long An and southern Gia Ding Provinces with 3 Inf Bn's (2-39, 2-60, 6-31), 2 Mech bn's (2-47, 5-60), and 1 Air Cav Trp (A/3-17). (2-39 delayed entry: At 292207H vic XS662677 Co C spotted 5-7 lights northwest of their position. 82mm mortars were fired on the area and the lights went out. Neg results were found on sweeping the area.) At 300825H vic XS767722 a Co E element J-50 on a road sweep mission found 3 road blocks. One made of bamboo leaves vic XS767722 covering about 10 feet across the road, another made of bamboo leaves same vic covering about 3 feet across the road, and a third made of bamboo trees vic XS769723 all the way across the road. During the remainder of the day the bn conducted local security patrols, maintenance, and prepared for future ops. At 301850H Co B departed its CP enroute to its Bushmaster opn vic XS7364. One plat of B/2-47 was made OPCON to the 5-60 for security of the Binh Dien bridge during the morning of 30 June. The bn conducted road sweep and local security missions and stood down for the day, preparing for future ops. The 2-60 conducted local security patrols, maintenance, and stood down for the day, preparing for future ops. Two platoons of A/5-60 were dispatched to the Binh Dien bridge to provide additional security there, arriving at 300750H. A26 assumed OPCON of the 1 platoon from B/2-47 already at the bridge site, placing one platoon of Co A on the north, the second platoon on the south side of the bridge, and the platoon from B/2-47 on the east side of the bridge. The 5-60 conducted road sweeps vic Binh Phuoc with Co's C and Recon, closing back at Binh Phuoc at 300700H. 5-60 provided escort for two convoys from CP39 to the Binh Luc bridge. At 301307H vic XS792791 E/4-47 (OPCON to 5-60) conducted an AML assault and began an RIF to vic XS795794. At 301330H vic XS795794 E/4-47 found 1 destroyed APC with an unservicable .50 cal MG still on it. No legible markings were on the APC and its inside was burned out. At 301404H Co A conducted a RIF opn vic XS743795 with negative results. At 301405H E/4-47 was extracted from vic XS795794 and reinserted vic XS763792, continuing its Jitterbug of the area. At 301510H Co B conducted an AML RIF opn vic XS783817 w/neg results. Co E/4-47 was extracted from vic XS763792 at 301515H and lifted to Binh Chanh at 301535H. Co B was extracted from its RIF vic XS783817 and lifted to Binh Chanh at 301605H. Co A closed at Binh Chanh from its RIF vic XS743795 at 301620H. (6-31 delayed entry: At 292215H vic XS780780 Co D reported it had found negative results at its intelligence targets location. At 292215H vic XS825796 Co B found and destroyed 18 bunkers. Co's B and D RON vic XS833798 and XS780780, respectively.) Co's B and D conducted RIF around their RON positions during the early morning

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hours. At 301000H vic XS835797, a patrol from Co B hit a booby trap (several unk type grenades w/trip wire). Results: 4 US WHA (2 litter, 2 ambulatory). Dust off complete at 30110H. At 301106H vic XS782802 Co D found and destroyed 7 bunkers, 2 punji pits (1 old, 1 new), 3 camouflaged sampans, and 1 chicom grenade. Co D also found in the same vic 1 sack of square blocks, 200 feet of WD-1 wire, and a small box of .30 ammo. At 301656H Co B was extracted from vic XS835797 and re-inserted at 301726H vic XS830809 where it will establish an RON position. Co D was lifted from vic XS782802 at 301740H and returned to Nha Be at 301832H. A/3-17 conducted armed aerial recon and people sniffer missions along the rocket belt south of Saigon. At 301100H vic XS824806 CS was dropped on a suspected VC location w/neg results. A/3-17 continued their aerial recon and sniffer mission from the 72 grid line east to the 85 grid line w/neg sighting or significant sniffer readings. (Delayed entry: At 292240H vic XS538635 LRRP (OPCON to 1st Bde) made contact w/an unk size VC force. The LRRP received 3 B-40 rds, SA and AW fire. Fire was returned and supported by a LET team from Tan An airfield. Contact broke at 292340H w/neg US casualties. (VC casualties were unk.) At 300730H the LRRP swept the area of contact w/neg results. At approx 300055H Long An sector reported one span of the Ben Luc bridge vic XS618758 was blown up by VC. The piers of the bridge were reported still standing. Engr who inspected the damage reported the charge had been placed under the bridge. At 301500H one raft was working at the bridge site with a second raft planned to be in operation by evening. A folding bridge is planned for completion on 1 July.

1 July: The 1st Recondo Bde conducted opns with 3 Inf Bn's (2-39, 2-60, 6-31), 2 Mech Bn's (2-47, 5-60) and 1 Air Cav Trp (1) (A/3-17). The 2-39, with base camp at Rach Kien, conducted AML RIF opns vic XS665575, Bushmaster opns and local security opns. Co B continued Bushmaster opns vic XS7263, 7465, 7265 w/out incident. The Co CP loc at XS734645. Co A was inserted AML vic XS667587 at 011427H to investigate suspected VC locations. The Co swept clockwise around the western "Mouse Ear" and will RON vic XS667580 in multiple ambushes. At 011600H vic XS722651 the Co apprehended 5 detainees who were evacuated to Tan An IPW. Co C was inserted vic XS680604 at 011503H and swept a reported VC medical facility vic of the LZ w/neg results. The Co was extracted back to Rach Kien closing at 011559H. Co's C and E continued local security opns vic An Nhut Tan and Rach Kien respectively without incident. The 2-47 cont Hwy 4/bridge security, local security opns around Tan An and APC mounted RIF opns to recover 3 destroyed APC's from a previous contact vic XS614715. Co's A and B swept the area vic XS614715 commencing at 011000H. The Co's remained in that area during the extraction of 3 APC's by CH-54; extractions completed at 011430H. Elements of Co A and B will RON on Hwy 4 between the Tan An and the Ben Luc bridges. Co C and the Recon plat remain OPCON to 3d Bde. The 2-60 continued night AP and local security vic Bn CP Tan Tru, and conducted AML RIF opns south of the Ben Luc bridge along the Song Van Co Dong. Co B was inserted vic XS630730 at 010954H to sweep a suspected VC troop concentration. An F-100 was reportedly hit by either ground fire or bomb fragments from that loc at approximately 010700H and moderate people sniffer readings were recorded at 010900H. Following additional sniffer readings and CS drops, Co B was extracted and reinserted vic XS635718 at 011204H. The Co found a suspected way station possible occupied in the last 3 days at 011222H vic XS633715. Co B was again extracted and reinserted vic XS685635 at 011330H to sweep a reported VC concentration. The 3 insertions of Co B produced neg results and the Co closed the Bn CP at 011652H. Co's A, C and the Recon plat continued dry out and local security opns vic Tan Tru without incident. The 5-60 (M) cont RIF opns vic Binh Chanh with their Fwd CP and Co's A and B, and vic Binh Phuoc with Co C and the Recon plat. Co's A and B conducted APC mounted RIF opns to the east of Binh Chanh vic XS754787 commencing at 010803H and conducted at 011340H w/neg results. Co A will RON vic Binh Dinh bridge. Co B will RON vic Binh Chanh and secure the Bn CP. Co C and the Recon plat continued security opns vic Binh Phuoc without incident. E/4-47 was released from OPCON to 5-60 and returned to Dong Tam by CH-47, closing at 011145H. The 6-31 continued DARMA, AML RIF opns in the Saigon rocket belt areas. At 010817H

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Co C was inserted AML vic XS824794, to investigate a reported VC concentration. The Co found 20 heavily fortified "L" shaped bunkers vic XS824794 at 011815H. The bunkers were blown in place. Co B was inserted AML vic XS825795 and XS793796 at 011700H to investigate reported VC concentrations. At 011726H Co B found 1 US gas mask, 2 booby traps in bunkers, and 9 previously destroyed bunkers at XS825795. The booby-traps were blown in place. Co C was extracted at 011812H and reinserted vic XS837827 to investigate a reported VC concentration. Co B was extracted AML back to Binh Chanh closing at 011956H. Co C will RON vic their last LZ. Co's A, B and the Bn CP remained at Binh Chanh. Co D remained at Nha Be. A/3-17 (-) stood down today, but 1st Bde opns were supported by a LFT and 2 slicks for people sniffer and CS drops. No incidents or sightings were reported by the trp. A LRP was inserted AML vic XS541640 at 011825H. The patrol will RON vic that location.

2 July: The 1st Recondo Bde conducted opns with 3 Inf Bn's (2-39, 2-60, 6-31), 2 Mech Bn's (2-47, 5-60) and 1 Air Cav Trp (A/3-17). The 2-39 continued AML RIF opns, Bushmasters and local security opns vic Bn CP. Co A cont Bushmaster opns in western "Mouse Ear" w/CP at XS667580. At 021605H Co A was extracted from its Bushmaster and inserted AML vic XS696533 to assist in a 2-60 contact. Co A became opcon to 2-60 at 021900H and will RON in that area. Co B was extracted from its Bushmaster by foot and vehicle commencing at 021600H and closed Rach Kien at 021801H. Co's C and E cont local security opns vic Bn CP. The 2-47 cont track mounted RIF opns southeast of Tan An and night security of Hwy 4 and Tan An complexes. Commencing at 021010H, Co A and B conducted APC mounted RIF opns southeast of Tan An. At 021010H vic XS567621 Co A found and destroyed in place 3 grenades booby traps. At 021100H vic XS573638 Co B found and destroyed 17 bunkers estimated to be 3 months old. The Co's concluded opns at 021800H and rtn to Tan An and Hwy 4 security missions. At 020915H vic XS574586 a 2-47 wrecker hit a command detonated mine resulting in the destruction of the truck and 2 US KHA. Recon plat was dispatched to the scene, but no contact was made. The 2-60 conducted AML RIF opns south of the Mouse Ears and continued AP and local security opns vic Bn CP. In response to people sniffer readings, Co C was inserted AML vic XS675547 and XS-662535 and conducted RIF vic the LZ. Co C was extracted and reinserted vic XS695-535 at 021250H. On the east side of the LZ the Co made contact w/an estimated VC squad at 021305H. The contact continued sporadically until 021530H. The initial contact resulted in 2 AK-47's, 3 VC (BC) and 2 POW (1 WHA) by Co C. A/2-39 was extracted AML from its Bushmaster in the western "Mouse Ear" and inserted at 021605 vic XS696533 to reinforce C/2-60. The LRP's, OPCON to 2-60, and further attached to Co C for opns engaged a small VC force vic XS697540 at 021505H resulting in 3 VC (BC). Co A/2-60 was inserted AML to further assist in the contact at 021750H vic XS685570. Co C was extracted back to Tan Tru from the contact area at 021820H. Co's A (2-60 & 2-39) will RON vic the contact w/Co A/2-39 OPCON to 2-60 at 021900H. At 021800H vic XS696533 Co A/2-39 engaged 1 VC running resulting in 1 VC (BC). The 5-60 continued local security opns vic Binh Chanh and displaced south to secure the Ben Luc bridge and adjacent work sites. Co B closed the Ben Luc bridge at 021130H and will secure the bridge and disabled tank truck at XS624766. The Bn CP (Fwd), Co A and the 4.2 mtr section closed the Ben Luc bridge at 021230H. A barge/pontoon crossing was made and the lead elements closed Tan An at 021945H enroute to Binh Phuoc. All elements, - Co B, closed Binh Phuoc at 022053H. Co C and the Recon plat cont local security opns vic Binh Phuoc. The 6-31 continued foot/AML RIF opns in the rocket belt south of Saigon and local security vic Binh Chanh and Nha Be. At 020917H vic XS836833 Co C found and destroyed 9 bunkers and 1 RPG rd. At 021100H vic XS713803 Co A found empty boxes which appeared to have contained weapons, possibly AK-47's. At 021140H vic XS712807 Co A found a small base area, a small amount of fresh food and numerous booby traps. Arty was called into the area to trip the booby traps. The area was swept and at 021300H vic XS-712807 the Co engaged 1 VC who fled. A sweep of the area revealed 500 rds AK-47 ammo, 4 AK-47 mags, 1 med kit, 5 RPG w/3 boosters, 15 punji pits, 2 cooking stones,

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3 gas cans and 7 chicom grenades. Co D conducted footmobile RIF opns vic XS-864816 - XS872820 from 020950H until 021600H without significant finds. Co C was inserted AML vic XS837797 at 021921H and will RON vic the LZ. A/3-17 Cav supported 1st Bde opns throughout Long An Prov with priority of effort to 2-60. At 021425 vic XS695537 a LFT engaged 2 VC resulting in 2 VC (BC). The trp again engaged an unk size VC force at 021530H vic XS689535 resulting in 1 VC (BC), 1 AK-47, assorted med supplies, 3 AK-47 mags and assorted clothing and web equip.

3 July: The 1st Recondo Bde conducted opns with 3 Inf Bn's (2-39, 2-60, 6-31), 2 Mech Bn's (2-47, 5-60) and 1 Air Cav Trp (A/3-17). The 2-39 conducted local security patrolling vic the Bn CP. Co A remained OPCON to 2-60 during the morning, closing back at Rach Kien by airmobile means at 031415H. The 2-47 conducted an airmobile operation with Co B being inserted vic XS624722 at 030953H and Co A being inserted vic XS623715 at 031032H. At 031130H vic XS625715 Co's A and B made contact with an estimated VC platoon. (VC had been initially observed by A/3-17 Cav). VC wore blue uniforms. The contact continued sporadically until 031400H. Results: 2 US WHA, 7 VC KIA (BC), 3 detainees, 5 AK-47's and 1 AK-50 captured, 1,800 lbs of rice, and 1 sampan sunk. Contact was re-established at 031600H. At 031615H vic XS621713 the CO/2-47 reported his command and control ship was receiving ground fire. This was the last report received from him. A Trp/3-17 Cav reported its helicopters saw the 2-47 C & C ship go down in the river vic XS621713. There were 8 people reported to be on board, 3 of which were rescued. The other 5 are still missing as of the time of this report. Co's A and B will RON vic XS626715 securing both sides of the river during the night. The 2-60 conducted local security patrolling vic the Bn CP. A/2-39 OPCON to 2-60 reported at 031710H vic XS698533 in its Bushmaster location it had stopped 18 sampans, sunk 5 sampans, and apprehended 7 detainees. Sampans were loaded with women and children; no males. A/2-39 was released from OPCON of the 2-60 at 031345H, closing by airmobile means at Rach Kien at 031415H. Co A was lifted to Tan Tru from its RON position vic XS685570, closing at 031440H. The 5-60 conducted local security patrolling and convoy escort opns without incident. E26/4-47 element was released from OPCON 5-60 at 031250H being lifted to its parent CP by CH-47. Co's A and C conducted Mech RIF during the afternoon vic XS656553 and XS655546, respectively, w/neg results and closed back at their Bn CP. The 6-31 continued RIF and security opns in the rocket belt south of Saigon. Co C conducted a footmobile RIF vic XS828798 where it had RON during the last night. At 031512H vic XS831797 Co C found and destroyed 12 bunkers. Co A conducted an airmobile RIF opn vic XS-851833 inserting at 031643H. Co C was lifted from its field location to Nha Be closing at 031717H. Co A will RON vic XS851833. The Trp supported 1st Bde opns throughout Long An Province, flying sniffer missions and armed aerial recon with priority of effort to the 2-47 contact. Supporting that contact between 031130H to 031700H vic XS624716 to vic XS625705, Trp A had 15 VC KIA (BC) and captured 1 AK-47. At 030930H vic XS623714 Trp A Air Scouts observed a sampan w/unk number of persons. Two Air Scout elements were inserted at 030945H w/neg results. Air Scouts were extracted at 031118H from vic XS625719.

4 July: The 1st Recondo Bde conducted opns with 3 Inf Bn's (2-39, 2-60, 6-31), 2 Mech Bn's (2-47, 5-60) and 1 Air Cav Trp (A/3-17). (Delayed entry: At 031915H E/2-39 established a Bushmaster opn vic XS772717). At 040730H vic XS-741768 Recon element on a road sweep found a dirt and wood (left by Engr) road block. Roadblock was cleared. 1400 meters north of vic XS741768, while continuing their road sweep Recon element found and cleared 14 roadblocks made of dirt and palm trees. Roadblocks covered 50% of the road and were staggered to make the road impassable. At 040936H Co C was inserted vic XS624715 to help sweep area of downed helicopter and to provide additional security. Co B was also inserted vic XS646697 at 040955H. At 041100H Recon ele found 25 punji boards made of cement and nails, placed along the side of the road vic XS714768 to XS714773. At 041117H vic XS626715 Co C found 50 100 lb bags of rice. Rice was evacuated.

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At 041109H Co E was extracted from its Bushmaster vic XS710705 and inserted at 041119H vic XS633707. Co's B, C and E will RON vic XS637112, XS626719, and XS-632710, respectively. (Delayed entry for 2-47: At 031933H vic XS621713 boats dragging the river for the downed helicopter found 2 VC KIA (BC). Divers arrived at the scene of the crash at 031934H, but had to cease their search at 031945H. Illumination was used over the area during the search for the missing helicopter and its passengers. The illumination ship was released at 032139H. The 2-47 contact at vic XS625715 which had been re-established at 031600H broke at 032000H.) At first light on 4 July Co's A and B (-) swept both sides of the river via their RON positions. Divers were again at the scene of the crash at 040735H. At 040900 vic XS631706 an Arctic King Cooler, 1st aid kit, a pilots helmet, and a pictorial map were found. At 041010H vic XS628734 during sweep of the area 3 VC KIA (BC) were found. At approx the same time vic XS628736 1 VC KIA (BC) was found. At 041437H vic XS621717 (where helicopter crashed) a second aircraft helmet was found. In the river during search opns, 2 teams of divers (7-8 men) and 6 assorted boats participated in the search. On the banks of the river (& 2-2½ km on either side of river) 5 companies participated in the search. The divers were hampered by murky and treacherous water. At 041600H vic XS627713 the helicopter was located 200 meters south of where it had gone down. A diver secured a buoy to it at that time. One body was observed in the helicopter. At 041950H the helicopter was lifted to the surface of the river. At approx 042050H the body inside the helicopter was identified as the CO, 2-47. Co A and 1 plat from Co B will RON vic XS626719 and continue the search for the remaining 6 (a later report showed 10 rather than 8 personnel on board) persons still missing. The 2-60 conducted local security patrolling and road sweeps today. At approx 041130H vic XS654624 a 2½ ton truck (belonging to 4-39) hit a command detonated mine 450 meters from 2-60 CP. 8 US personnel were WHA. Dust off completed at 041216H. At 041405H vic XS620650 Recon ele found another mine. When mine was blown in place it created a hole 6' in diameter and 6' deep. At 041600H vic XS645625 Recon ele found the following items in a hooch: 4 PRC 25 batteries, 1 broken claymore detonator, 3 hyperdermics w/needles, 1 BA 30, 3 C-ration cans with cement in them 125 yards of wire, 3 radio relays, 1 flexible chrome pipe (10" long), 1 used hand flare, 1 TM9-23-20-218-20, 1 TM38-230-1, 1 US GVT-VN telephone directory (Jan 68), 1 TM for 1 ton trailer and 1 VN school book. At 040940H Co A conducted a Mech RIF vic XS563585, XS565587, and XS566579 w/neg results, returning to its CP at 041300H. The remaining 5-60 elements conducted local security patrolling and stood down. Co B and Recon ele were dispatched to the Ben Luc bridge for security tonight. Co A was dispatched to Tan An to secure bridges at that location. Co C remained at the Bn CP. At 040105H vic XS856834 in its RON position, Co A engaged and sank 1 sampan with 4-6 VC. The VC swam to the other bank and flew. Co A pursued w/neg results. At 041135H vic XS713803 Co B found 4 bunkers, 15 foot size punji pit, 2 man size punji pits, and 1 dud M-79 rd. Bunkers were destroyed. At approx 041200H vic XS711807 Co B found 1 8-10 man bunker w/overhead cover, 3 RPG rds, 1 105mm rd, and 5 grenade booby traps. Bunker and booby traps were destroyed. At 041238H A66 ele was lifted to vic XS830800. At 041244H A76 ele was lifted to vic XS831829. Both elements conducted RIF w/neg results, and were lifted to vic XS845804. Co's C and D remain at Nha Be. Co B remains at Binh Chanh. A/3-17 Cav supported 1st Bde opns throughout Long An Province with priority of effort to the search in area of helicopter crash.

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cated 40 bunkers, 200 rds of AK-47 ammo and 3 RPG rocket rds. All were destroyed. In the same loc Co D found 2 pair of black pajamas, 2 chicom grenades, some web gear and pots and pans. The 2 grenades were destroyed. At 061710H vic XS832797 Co D was lifted to an LZ vic XS845802 and conducted a RIF to an RON position vic XS844806. At 061545H vic XS629706 A/3-17 found 4 paper sacks containing rice and salt. Items were destroyed. A/3-17 continued to support opns of 2-60 and conduct reconnaissance of intelligence targets.

7 July: The 1st Recondo Bde conducted opns with 3 Inf Bn's (2-39, 2-60, 6-31), 2 Mech Bn's (2-47, 5-60) and 1 Air Cav Trp (A/3-17). The 2-47 conducted road sweeps and convoy escort missions with no incidents and stood down, preparing for future opns. The 2-47 elements will provide bridge security at Tan An tonight. The 2-60 conducted road sweeps, local security patrolling, maintenance, preparing for future opns. At 070950H Co B closed at Tan Tru from its Bushmaster opns. At 070950H vic XS687627, while on a local security patrol, C16 ele received some intermittent sniper fire. A sweep of the area of fire produced neg results. At 071700H vic XS594663 a 3/4 ton truck belonging to Recon ele hit a command detonated mine. Vehicle was blown off the road. Two US personnel were WHA (dust off completed at 071816H). A VN civilian in the area was also injured by the explosion of the mine. The 3/4 truck was removed to Tan Tru. Co B/5-60 continued its Bushmaster opn initiated on 6 July vic XS674545 with no significant finds or incidents. At 071430H Co C conducted a Mech RIF on an intel target vic XS610586. At 071535H vic XS602596 Co C found and destroyed 10 reinforced bunkers. Co C closed at the Bn CP at 071644H. During the night the 5-60 reinforced the bridge security at Ben Luc with Co A. 070814H during a search of a village vic XS733822 Co A apprehended 5 detainees, found a stack of blank I.D. cards, and a pile of Cambodian cigarettes. At 071224H Co D conducted a combat assault and RIF on an intel target vic XS786777. A sweep of the area revealed no finds and no signs of recent occupancy. At 071450H vic XS858805 an ele of Co B and an ele of Co A/2-47 (OPCON to 6-31) conducted a RIF on an intel tgt w/neg results. No bunkers or signs of recent activity were seen in the area. At 071500H vic XS771777 an ele of Co B found 100 rds of AK-47 ammo, several B430 type batteries, and several large plastic bags (type used to store rockets in). All of these items were destroyed. The Co B ele also apprehended 1 detainee in the same area. All Co B elements and the platoon from A/2-47 closed at their CP at 071715H. Co D was enroute to its CP by truck at the close of this report. The 2-39 conducted a Bn airmobile RIF with Co A being inserted at 070930H vic XS725560, Co B being inserted at 071012H vic XS702553 and Co C being inserted at 071035H vic XS677567. At 071030H vic XS698558 Co B found and destroyed 30 bunkers. At 071123H vic XS721563 Co A found and destroyed 3 fighting-type bunkers. At 071415H Co C was extracted and reinserted at 071426H vic XS689598. At 071430H vic XS688608 Co C made contact with an unknown size VC force w/automatic weapons. Fire was returned and contact broke at 071445H. Results: 1 VC KIA (BC). Negative US casualties. At 071526H Co A was extracted and reinserted at 071545H vic XS661534 w/neg results upon sweeping the new area. At 071605H vic XS705560 Co B received some SA sniper fire. Firing ceased at 071610H. At 071649H Co A began extracting, lifting the last element to Rach Kien at 071725H. At 071823H vic XS705560 Co B received more sporadic fire from bunkers in the area. Co B had 1 US WHA from this fire. 6 E-158 CS Cannister clusters were dropped in the area to help suppress the fire. At 071836H Co C was inserted to the east of Co B's contact vic XS712563. At 071840H Co E was lifted to An Nhut Tan to secure that FSB. At the close of this report Co A was alerted for insertion with Co's B and C, and sporadic firing was continuing in the area. The 2-39 elements will RON in the area of contact tonight. A Trp continued armed aerial recon in support of the 1st Bde with priority of effort to the 2-39 Bn RIF. At 071215H A Trp flew "sniffer" missions and visual reconnaissance over intelligence targets vic XS713646 to XS710635 and XS723604 to XS730610 w/neg sightings or significant "sniffer" readings. At 1445H A Trp conducted "sniffer" and visual reconnaissance on intelligence targets vic XS668538 to XS654525 and had no visual sightings but got a high sniffer reading vic XS662592 which Co A/2-39 checked out w/neg finds.

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on a local patrol Co A found and destroyed in place one grenade-type booby trap. Co C continued RIF opns in the rocket belt vic XS852802 during the morning hours. At 081000H vic XS724811 Co A found 1 spider hole and 3 camouflaged bunkers. At the same time vic XS719812 Co A found 2 punji pits. Bunkers and pits were destroyed. At 081045H vic XS721810 Co A found 5 bunkers, 2 AK-47's and 2 RPG rounds. Bunkers were destroyed and the rest evacuated. At 081115H vic XS721806 Co A apprehended 1 detainee and found a cache containing 10 82mm mortar rds, 5 chicom grenades, several blasting caps, 1 hand made map of Hwy 4, 5 claymore mines (4 US, 1 chicom), 3 AK-47 stocks, 1 AK-47 rifle, 1 machete, 1 box of TNT (TNT was destroyed), 2 MWA packs, 2 bandileers of AK-47 ammo, 1 command detonated 105mm booby trap (destroyed in place), and 1 I.D. card with a Binh Chanh address.

At 081803H vic XS839797 Co C was reinserted to conduct in this part of the rocket belt. Co C will RON same vicinity. A Trp/3-17 Cav continued armed aerial recon in support of the 1st Bde with priority of effort to the 2-60. At 081230H vic XS722553 A Trp scout team located and engaged 1 VC. Results: 1 VC KIA (BC). At 081720H vic XS896692 A Trp located and destroyed 1 sampan with motor.

9 July: The 2-39 received AHC at 090825H at Rach Kien. At 090910H Co B was inserted vic XS703655. At 090926H Co A was inserted vic XS705630. At 090957H Co C was inserted vic XS705645. At 091032H vic XS713647 Co C found some fresh bunkers. Cav scouts drew fire from bunker location. At 091140H vic XS713647 a CS drop and airstrike were placed on the bunkers. At 1245H vic XS711646 Co C found 6 VC (BC), 2 AK-50's, 2 SKS's and assorted web gear. At 091305H in same vicinity Co C killed 6 more VC (BC) and found 1 SKS. At 091305H vic XS710635 Co A killed 1 VC (BC) and found AK-50. At 091340H the contact broke. At 091350H vic XS719646 Co C found 2 VC (BC) and 1 AK-50. At 091530H vic XS719646 Co C again made contact and killed 2 VC, took 1 VC WIA captive, and sustained 1 US KHA. Contact broke at 091545H. At 091600H Co B was lifted to vic XS703656, neg contact. At 091630H vic XS719646 Co C made contact, resulting in 2 VC (BC) and 2 AK-50's. At 091745H Co A was extracted to Rach Kien. At 091807H Co B was extracted to Rach Kien. At 091840H Co C was extracted to Rach Kien. AHC was released at 091849H. The 2-47 stood down for preparation of unit move to Bearcat. At 091700H 2-47 less the Recon platoon was released of OPCON to 1st Bde. At 091055H Co A/2-60 terminated its Bushmaster operation and was extracted from vic XS725564 and returned to Tan Tru. The 2-60 conducted local security opns and stood down in preparation for future operations. The 5-60 continued road convoy and bridge security missions and stood down in preparation for future operations. The 6-31 (Delayed entry: At 082240H Co A, located on the Binh Dinh bridge, received 8 rounds of mortar fire. Results were 15 US WHA and 2 ARVN WHA. 8 US and 2 ARVN were dusted off. There was negative damage to the bridge.) From 090200H to 090430H ambush patrols from Co A around the bridge site had sporadic contact with 2 to 6 man groups of VC. Result was 8 VC KIA and negative friendly casualties. At 090207H Co B located at Nha Be, received 4 rounds of 75mm rocket fire (later determined to be 107mm). Results were 2 diesel storage tanks and 2 warehouses caught fire. Fires were brought under control and there were no friendly casualties. At 090230H 6-31 CP at Binh Chanh received 11 rounds of mortar fire. Results were 3 US WHA. No dust off was needed. 6-31 fired counter mortar fire and a LFT was dispatched to the area. At 090600H Co A began a sweep of the area around the Binh Dinh bridge with negative results. At 091430H Navy diver inspected the supports of the Binh Dinh bridge and found a hole in the west support, cause was unknown. At 090720H Co C began a RIF of the area vic XS843794 with negative results. At 091720H Co C moved into a RON position vic XS842795. At 091730H Co A moved into security positions around the Binh Dinh bridge. A Trp 3-17 Cav continued armed aerial recon in support of 1st Bde operations. At 090730H A Trp was OPCON to 2-39 and supported their operation. At 090955H vic XS715634 the Cav located several bunkers and obtained high sniffer readings. At 091140H a CS drop was made on the area. This was the initial contact area of 2-39. Cav was released at 091700H.

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10 July: The 1st Recondo Bde conducted opns with 3 Inf Bn's (2-39, 2-60, 6-31), 2 Mech Bn's (2-47, 5-60) and 1 Air Cav Trp (A/3-17). At 100845H 2-39 reported the road to Rach Kien cleared. 2-39 conducted local security missions and stood down in preparation for future opns. R/2-47 was released from OPCON of 1st Bde at 101700H. At 100015H vic XS698652 R/2-60 made contact with 4 VC and opened fire. Contact broke at 100020H. Result was 2 VC (BC), 1 VC WIA (evac to, Long Binh) and 1 detainee (evac to Tan An). At 100945H AHC reported in to 2-60 at Tan Tru. At 100958H C/2-60 was lifted from Tan Tru and inserted at 101005H vic XS473732. At 101101H vic XS565725 Co C found 4 old bunkers in the area destroyed by bomb drop. At 101114H vic XS473732 Co C was extracted and inserted at 101133H vic XS887768. At 101230H vic XS888769 Co C found 5 75mm cannisters which were very old. At 101235H vic XS885773 Co C found 2 expended US M72 LAW's. At 101353H Co C was lifted to LZ vic XS793786, XS788774, and XS792790. At 101350H 1 plat of Co C was lifted from vic XS792790 to vic XS791783. At 101648H Co C was extracted from vic XS791783 and returned to Tan Tru. At 101700H the AHC was released to 6-31. At 082345H vic XS614747 Co A/5-60 made contact with an unk size VC force firing SA and M-79's. Co A returned fire with 50 cal and arty. Contact broke at 090002H with negative friendly casualties. VC casualties unk. At 100544 R/5-60 departed Tan An w/convoy enroute to CP39. At 100800H Co B completed road sweep from Binh Phuoc to Tan An and reported road clear. At 100926H Dong Tam convoy arrived at Tan An and continued on to CP39. At 101830H the convoy from CP39 arrived at Ben Luc bridge and will RON at that loc. At 101947H Co A departed Dong Tam with convoy enroute to Tan An. At 100824H vic XS757823 Co A set up blocking position in conjunction with 199th Bde opn to their east. At 100940H Co C conducted a sweep opn vic XS842775 - 841792 - 848753 - 847755 - 841759. At 101258H Co C concluded sweep and prepared to move to PZ vic XS845795. At 101750H Co D was lifted from Nha Be to a LZ vic XS845807. At 101812H Co C was extracted from vic XS845795 and lifted to Nha Be. At 101840H Co A and 1 plat of Co B moved to security positions around the Binh Dien bridge. At 101845H the AHC was released. A/3-17 Cav Trp conducted armed aerial recon and sniffer missions in support of 2-39 opns from 100900H to 101615H.

11 July: The 1st Recondo Bde conducted opns with 3 Inf Bn's (2-39, 2-60, 6-31), 1 Mech Bn (5-60) and 1 Air Cav Trp (A/3-17). The 2-60 conducted local security patrolling, maintenance, training, and stood down, preparing for future opns. At 111145H vic XS625685, while on a visual reconnaissance in an OH-23, the 2-60 S2 destroyed 1 loaded sampan and partially destroyed one bunker. The 5-60 conducted local security patrolling, road sweeps, bridge security, and convoy escort opns without significant finds or incidents. At 110920H A26 closed at Dong Tam with a convoy from Tan An, and closed at Tan An at 111525H with a second convoy. At 110830H vic XS744825, while on a local security patrol Co A apprehended 2 detainees without I.D. cards. At 110837H Co B was in a blocking position vic XS778828 to XS760825. Co B was blocking for an ARVN unit which was sweeping from vic XS782866, XS780820, and XS785827. At 111040H Co B reported that the ARVN unit in the combined opn had found a cache vic XS734815 containing 9 AK-47's, 4 B-40 launchers, 2 typewriters, 1 sub MG, 6 US ponchos, 40 yds of white cloth, 1 PRC-10 antenna, 9 B-40 rds, and an unk amount of AK-47 ammo. At 111117H vic XS-843807, while on a RIF opn vic their RON position 1 person from Co D fell off the bank of the Rach Ba Lao and drowned (his body was found at 111445H by a Navy diver from Nha Be in the same vic of fall). Co B continued its block w/neg results until 111550H and closed back to its CP at 111700H. Co D continues its RIF opn in the mortar/rocket belt and will RON vic XS844805. At 110950H vic XS467740 Co C was inserted to conduct an RIF and make a bomb damage assessment (BDA) of a B-52 strike. At 111048H Co C was lifted to vic XS407743 and XS407744. Co C completed its sweep of the area and was lifted to vic XS473744 at 111101H. At 111225H vic XS715695 the CRIP (OPCON to 2-39) made contact with approximately 20-25 VC. 4/2 inch mortars were fired in support. Contact broke at 111240H. Results: 10 VC KIA (BC), 4 AK-47's, 1 US carbine, and a bag of documents. No US casualties. VC were wearing a mixture of NVN gear and equipment. At 111225H Co C was extracted

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from bomb assessment area (report of BDA has been sent under separate cover) and reinserted vic XS852671 at 111259H. At 111321H Co E was inserted vic XS706697 to exploit the contact made by the CRIP, and began a sweep to the east. At 111405H vic XS706697 Co E found and destroyed several punji pits. At 111415H vic XS868669 Co B was inserted to conduct an RIF opn. At 111514H vic XS890662 Co A was inserted to conduct an RIF opn. At 1630H vic XS713666 Co E had linked up with the CRIP. Co E's J platoon will conduct a Bushmaster opn in this area. At 111653 Co C was extracted to An Nhut Tan with negative results on its RIF. At 111729H Co B was extracted to Rach Kien with negative results. At 111850H vic XS717695 the J plat had 1 VC KIA (BC). The CRIP closed at Rach Kien at 111922H. A/3-17 Cav conducted armed aerial recon and sniffer missions in support of 2-39 opns.

12 July: The 1st Recondo Bde conducted opns with 3 Inf Bn's (2-39, 2-60, 6-31), 1 Mech Bn (5-60) and 1 Air Cav Trp (A/3-17). At 120835H vic XS728700, while conducting a local security patrol J platoon had 1 US WHA from a punji pit. (Dust off completed at 120845H). J platoon closed at Rach Kien from vic XS728700 at 121131H w/neg results on their sweep. At 121219H and 121236H Co A was inserted to conduct a RIF opn vic XS625717. Co A completed its RIF w/neg results and was extracted to Rach Kien at 121750H. (Delayed entry: At 111940H C2 AP loc vic XS-695636 received AW fire from vic XS691638. Fire was returned and contact broke at 111947H. Neg US casualties. VC casualties unknown. At 111959H vic XS693642 2-60 C2 AP received more AW fire. Fire was returned and arty was fired on the area. Contact broke at 112000H. Neg US casualties. VC casualties unknown.) At 120925H a helicopter from AML Co supporting 2-60 had mechanical troubles and was forced to land vic XS718570. B16 ele secured the ship on the ground while remainder of Co B conducted eagle flights over the area. At 120954H vic XS705579 Co B was inserted to conduct a RIF opn. At 121042H and 121105H vic XS704572 and XS-703574, respectively, Co C was inserted to conduct an RIF of that area. At 121115H the downed helicopter was extracted. At 121125H vic XS705566 B16 was inserted to join its parent Co on RIF opn in the area. At 121200H vic XS704570 Co C found a hospital complex of 3 huts with 10 camouflaged bunkers around the huts. Co C also found in the area, 20 bottles of medicine, 10 water ampules, 100 bandages, and 2 bottles of iodine. At 121210H vic XS702577 Co C found 1 pistol belt, 50 locks with keys and 1 concrete bunker. Bunker was destroyed. At 121220H vic XS705576 Co B apprehended 2 detainees. One had an I.D. card. At 121340H vic XS-703577 and XS704570 C16 and C36 elements destroyed 15 and 12 bunkers, respectively. At 121440H vic XS620650 two gun vehicles found and destroyed in place 1 105mm command detonated rd. Neg damage to road. The wires ran into the trees vic XS-625655 and 3 105mm rds were found on sweeping the area. Co's B and C completed their RIF with neg further finds and at 121355H and 121418H were reinserted vic XS-698580 and XS696568. At 121445H vic XS698561 Co C found and destroyed 7 bunkers. Co C was extracted to Tan Tru at 121618H. Co B was extracted to Tan Tru at 121645H. The 5-60 conducted local security patrolling, road sweeps, bridge security, and convoy escort opns without significant finds or incidents. At 120630H C26 closed at CP39 with a convoy from the Ben Luc Bridge. At 121220H Co B relieved Co A in place and took over security of the Ben Luc Bridge. At 120129H vic XS731824 A53 element sank 1 sampan with a LAW. At 120215H vic XS734825 A51 sank another sampan with 90mm fire. There was a secondary explosion on this second sampan. At 120222H vic XS729825 A51 sank another sampan with M-79 fire. Co D was reinserted at 121847 vic XS835796 Co D will RON in that area tonight. At 120905H vic XS710568 to XS-709575 while on a people sniffer mission, a high reading was received. One E-158 CS Cannister Cluster was dropped on the area with neg results. At 121030H vic XS-697547 A Trp destroyed 1 sampan. At 121137H vic XS669540 A Trp's rifle platoon was inserted and found and destroyed 3 sampans, 2 bunkers, 3 lean-to shelters, and 1 concealed foot bridge. At 121245H vic XS667545 the rifle platoon destroyed 5 sampans and was then extracted. At 121317H vic XS625523 A Trp apprehended 1 detainee with 1 AK-47 rd in his pocket. The rifle platoon was inserted vic XS665-525. At 121515H vic XS662525 A Trp destroyed 4 sampans and 4 grass buildings (over bunkers). At 121530H vic XS657525 and XS658528 A Trp destroyed 2 sampans. The rifle platoon was extracted at 121505H.

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13 July: The 1st Recondo Bde conducted opns with 3 Inf Bn's (2-39, 2-60, 6-31), 1 Mech Bn (5-60) and 1 Air Cav Trp (A/3-17). At 130645H E/2-39 departed base camp at Rach Kien on a local sweep opn. At 130830H AHC reported in to 2-39. At 130930H Co A was lifted from Rach Kien and inserted in an LZ vic XS927745. At 131015H Co C was lifted from An Nhu Tan and inserted at 130950H vic XS927745. At 131115H Co A (-) was extracted from vic XS802662 and inserted vic XS799657. At 131205H the remainder of Co A was lifted from XS926745 and inserted vic XS799652. At 131218H Co E was extracted from vic XS693709 and returned to Rach Kien. At 131245H vic XS799657 Co A made contact with an estimated squad size VC force. The contact broke at 131255H. The results were 2 VC (BC), 5 POW's, 4 detainees, 2 AK-47's, 1 M-2 carbine, 1 pistol and assorted web gear captured. At 131250H vic XS799657 a Cav recon ship took several hits in rotor, no casualties, but helicopter returned to home base. At 131340H vic XS798654 Co A found 14 bunkers which they searched and destroyed. At 131408H Co C was lifted from vic XS885729 and inserted vic XS793653. At 131505H Co B was lifted from Rach Kien and inserted vic XS677723 on a Bushmaster opn. At 130700H the road sweep from Tan An to Binh Phuoc was completed at 130850H, no reported activity. At 131710H 1 plat of Co A picked up a convoy at CP39 and will escort it to Tan An. Co B at the Ben Luc bridge and Co C at the Tan An bridge have no incidents and are continuing their security missions. The 2-60 conducted local security operations and stood down for maintenance and refresher training. At 131745H Co C and an attached LRRP team initiated a Bushmaster opn vic XS641686. At 130710H Co B departed Binh Chanh by trucks for security missions vic XS794795. At 131050H vic XS826794 Co D found 5 2-man bunkers estimated to be 3 days old. The bunkers were destroyed. At 131100H Co D found 25 old bunkers and 3 chicom grenades in the same vicinity and destroyed them. At 131320H Co B reached the APC and secured the area for extraction. At 131322H the LOH hit by fire in the 2-39 contact made a forced landing near the APC hulk. Co B secured the downed LOH. At 131420H vic XS758808 Co A picked up a detainee with no I.D. card. At 131445H vic XS792793 a LOH which came to assist the one downed by fire, made a hard landing and was damaged. Both LOH's were extracted, the first at 131505H and the second at 131535H. At 131845H Co D was extracted from vic XS-826792 and lifted to Nha Be. At 131806H Co C was lifted from Nha Be, and inserted vic XS837796. At 131910H Co B was extracted from vic XS794795 and returned to Binh Chanh. At 130730H vic XS432782 A Trp conducted a BDA on the previous nights B52 strike. At 131040H A Trp concluded the BDA and supported 2-39 airmobile opns. At 131322H vic XS789751 1 LOH was hit by ground fire, ship attempted to return to Long Binh but made a forced landing in 6-31 area. At 131505 the damaged LOH was extracted from vic XS792793 to Long Binh.

14 July: The 1st Recondo Bde conducted opns with 3 Inf Bn's (2-39, 2-60, 6-31) 1 Mech Bn (5-60) and 1 Air Cav Trp (A/3-17). At 140020H vic XS682640 1st plat of B/2-60 spotted 12-14 VC moving north. Arty was fired with unk results. Plat will sweep area at first light. At 140610H 1st plat of Co B swept the area of arty impact w/neg findings. At 140752H A Trp 3-17 Cav reported in at Tan Tru to support airmobile opns. At 140900H AHC reported to 2-60. At 140900H vic XS754573 Cav unit picked up 3 detainees. At 140905H vic XS738583 the Cav picked up 5 more detainees running from gunships. All were military age. At 140910H Co A was lifted from Tan Tru and inserted vic XS739583 and began a sweep to the south. At 140920H vic XS620650 Co E conducting a road sweep from Tan An to Tan Tru found a 105mm command detonated mine. At 141010H vic XS620650 Co E found a second mine of some type as the first. Both mines were destroyed. At 141045H vic XS739581 Co A found some fresh bunkers and picked up 5 detainees. Bunkers were destroyed and the detainees were evacuated. At 141108H vic XS738593 Co A was extracted and inserted vic XS-771577 at 141119H. At 141115H vic XS771577 A Trp 3-17 spotted 4 VC with weapons in an open paddie. VC were taken under fire resulting in 2 VC (BC), 1 AK-47 and 1 chicom carbine. Co A was inserted in the area found the 2 weapons and an additional VC KHA wearing an ammo vest. Two of the dead VC were wearing green uniforms, the other black and white pajamas. At 141223H vic XS771577 Co A was extracted and

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and inserted on a LZ located vic XS773575 and began a sweep to the NW. At 141450H vic XS774567 Co A was extracted and lifted into an LZ vic XS621721 where the Cav had high sniffer readings. At 141528H vic XS774574 Co A (-) was extracted and lifted back to Tan Tru. At 141615H the remainder of Co A was extracted from vic XS621721 and returned to Tan Tru. AHC was released to 6-31 at 141615H. (Delayed entry: At 131925H vic XS680729 1 man from Co B hit a booby trap and was wounded by fragment. Dust off completed at 131951H. At 132030H vic XS797652 Co A ambushed 5 VC in a sampan. Result was 5 VC (BC) and the sampan was sunk.) At 140013H vic XS679729 Co B spotted 2 VC moving south and engaged with organic weapons (sweep conducted at first light confirmed 2 VC (BC)). At 140815H vic XS745767 J ele, on road sweep, found a road block and removed it. At 141142H Co B completed its sweep from RON position to Rach Kien. At 141306H vic XS799655 was extracted from ambush position and returned to Rach Kien. At 141317H the CRIP ele was lifted from Rach Kien and inserted vic XS658712 with mission of setting up an ambush in the vic XS655708. At 141540H Co C completed a move from Rach Kien to An Nhut Tan. At 140450H 1 plat of Co C departed Tan An with a convoy in route to CP39. At 140545H vic XS665756 convoy commander reported 3 small road blocks with VC propaganda. Roadblocks were removed and convoy continued. Propaganda material will be turned in to G2. At 140830H Co A departed Binh Phuoc on a road sweep and security mission for an arty displacement. At 141630H B16 ele departed CP39 with a convoy which will RON at Ben Luc. At 141730H B16 ele and convoy reached RON position at Ben Luc. At 140850H Co C/6-31 began a RIF of area around their RON position in the rocket belt vic XS827795. At 141100H Co A and Co B switched positions, Co B moved to the Binh Dinh bridge and Co A moved to Binh Chanh. At 141440H Co C closed into the RON position vic XS844804. A Trp/3-17 Cav supported 2-60 airmobile operations with air cav, sniffer missions and gunships. At 141003H vic XS768553 the air cav was inserted on a sweep. At 141110H vic XS771577 the gunships killed 2 VC with 1 AK-47 and chicom carbine.

15 July: The 1st Recondo Bde conducted opns with 3 Inf Bn's (2-39, 2-60, 6-31), 1 Mech Bn (5-60) and 1 Air Cav Trp (A/3-17). (5-60 delayed entry: At 141845H, while at the Ben Luc bridge 1 EM from Co B slipped off the pontoon bridge and disappeared in the river. Rescue efforts failed to turn up his body. At 142120H the Ben Luc bridge received 8 82mm mortar rds. Mortars ceased at 142125H with negative casualties or damage. Counter mortar arty was fired on suspected mortar site vic XS601759 and a LFT was dispatched with unknown results.) During the day the 5-60 conducted bridge and convoy security opns. C26 closed at Dong Tam at 150630H with one convoy from Tan An. At 151050H Co A and Recon ele conducted Mech RIF opns vic XS574574 and XS563585 Co A found and destroyed 5 bunkers. At 151218H vic XS574574 Recon ele found and blew in place, 2 M-26 grenade booby traps. Recon ele completed its RIF and closed at Binh Phuoc at 151353H. Co A closed at Binh Phuoc at 151355H. At 151630H 2 APC's from Co C departed Tan An to secure a helicopter down with mechanical troubles vic XS5874. Chopper was lifted out by CH-47 at approximately 151730H before Co C APC's had reached the area. At 151900H Co A departed Binh Phuoc as RRF for contact developed by 2-39 and was to be inserted in blocking position north of 2-39 contact. Co B remained at Ben Luc bridge, and Recon element secured 2 small bridges between Tan and Ben Luc. (Delayed entry for 6-31: At 142047H vic XS719798 A56 ele fired SA and M79 on movement near their position and received 15-20 rds AK-47 in return. Contact broke at 142105H with negative casualties. VC casualties unk.) At 150625H vic XS749821 Co B found a mud, stick and straw road block. Road block was removed. During the day Co C conducted a footmobile RIF opn around its position (RON) vic XS845804. D Trp/3-5 Cav became OPCON to 6-31 at 151235H and checked out intelligence targets in the rocket belt, with negative finds. D/3-5 was released from OPCON of 6-31 at approx 151600H. Co C was to move to a new RON at the time of this report. Co A CP remained at Binh Chanh, Co B CP at the Binh Dien bridge, and Co D at Nha Be. (Delayed entry for 2-39: At 141854H vic XS710683 Co E had contact with 2 light AW's. Contact broke at 141856H with negative casualties. VC casual-

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ties. VC casualties unk.) At 150855H vic XS706698 Co E received sniper fire from estimated 4 snipers. Results: 5 US WHA. Contact continued until 151017H and at that time Co E had sustained 1 additional US WHA and 2 US KHA. At 151039H Co C was inserted vic XS698668 to help develop Co E's contact which had started again 151020H. Co C was immediately in contact after its combat assault. Two LOH's supporting Co C's insertion were hit by ground fire and forced to land at Tan An. At 151103H Co C had 1 US WHA and 3 VC KIA (BC) from its continuing contact vic XS-698668. At 151126H Co B was inserted into the area of contact vic XS703680. At 151143H vic XS703679 Co B had made contact, while at the same time vic XS707683 Co E was still receiving sporadic fire, and vic XS697668 the 1st of 7 airstrikes was going in on the VC force. At 151219H vic XS698668 Co C had 1 more US WHA. At 151226H Co A was inserted into the area of contact vic XS705667. At 151403H, vic XS701670 Co C had 13 VC KIA (BC), 1 pair of binoculars, 1 AK-47 and 4 60mm mortar tubes. At the same time vic XS707683 Co E had 5 VC KIA (BC). At 151430H vic XS701-670 Co C had 3 more VC KIA (BC) and 1 SKS rifle, and from its contact vic XS703679 Co B had 3 US WHA. At 151507H vic XS701670 Co C had 8 more VC KIA (BC) and 1 more SKS. All US casualties had been dusted off by 151634H. At the close of this report from its contact vic XS707683 Co E had a total of 2 US KHA, 6 US WHA, and 5 VC KIA (BC). Co C vic XS701670 had a total of 1 US KHA, 4 US WHA, 24 VC KIA (BC), 1 AK-47, 2 SKS's and 4 60mm mortar tubes. Co B vic XS703679 had 3 US KHA and 8 US WHA. Contact continued at the close of this report and Co's A, B, C, and E will RON in the area. (Delayed entry for 2-60: At 142010H vic XS634695 C36 ele received fire from 1-2 AW. Fire was returned and arty was called in with a resultant 9 small secondary explosions from the area. At 142140H vic XS642630 B1 AP was sprung on 4 VC. Contact broke at 142150H and area was swept with negative results.) Co C terminated its Bushmaster opn vic XS625793 and was extracted by AML means to Tan Tru at 150920H. At 151450H Co B was inserted east of Rach Ba Xieu vic XS720670 to help seal off the 2-39 area of contact. Co A was inserted vic XS721682 at 151543H. Co C was inserted vic XS717672 at 151630H to complete the 2-60 force reinforcing the 2-39 contact. At 151630H vic XS720625 Co B found 1 khaki uniform, 1 pair of black shorts, and 1 pistol belt. At 151705H Co's A, B, and C had linked up vic XS720680, XS719677, and XS714669. The 3 Co's will RON in this vic tonight. At 151715H vic XS714668 Co C found and blew in place two chicom anti-personnel mines. A Trp/3-17 Cav conducted armed aerial reconnaissance in support of 2-39 contact and checked out 2 intel targets in the rocket/mortar belt. At 150930H vic XS705677 2 LOH's were hit by ground fire and forced to return and land at Tan An. At 151730H A Trp inserted its rifle element vic XS795777. The rifle platoon had neg results and were extracted at 151800H. A Trp destroyed 3 sampans vic XS782749 1 sampan vic XS791745 and captured some VC documents vic XS-795771. At 151805H vic XS772956 spotted 3 new bunkers, some old bunkers, and some new grass hooches. Hooches and 1 sampan in the same vic were destroyed. Seven air strikes and 19 E-158 CS Cannister Clusters were used in support of the 2-39 contact today. At the close of this report the 4-39 had been alerted and was to become under OPCON of 1st Bde.

16 July: The 1st Recondo Bde conducted opns with 4 Inf Bn's (2-39, 4-39, 2-60, 6-31), 1 Mech Bn (5-60) and 1 Air Cav Trp (A/3-17). (6-31 delayed entry: At 151750H vic XS745780 Co A apprehended 6 detainees. While checking out an intel target in the area.) Co C conducted RIF opns around its RON vic XS843802 w/neg results. Co A conducted platoon size RIF from its night AP locations vic XS725794, XS727800, XS743792 and XS750784 to Binh Chanh w/neg results. At 161713H Co D was inserted into the rocket belt vic XS836796. At 161758H Co C was extracted from the rocket belt to Nha Be. Co's A & E CP remained at Binh Chanh and Co B CP at the Binh Dien bridge. (5-60 delayed entry: At approx 152000H Co A became OP-CON to 2-39. At 152132H 5-60 CP-1 loc vic XS606555 received 4 rds of sniper fire from northwest of their position. Neg casualties. At 152245H Recon ele reported 4 unk type mortar rds landed 1000 meters outside perimeter at Tan An airstrip. Neg casualties or damage.) The 5-60 conducted convoy security and bridge security during the day without significant incident. At 160905H the body of the MIS

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EM from Co B was recovered vic the Ben Luc bridge. Co A was released from OPCON of 2-39 and returned to Binh Phuoc at 161307H. Co C remained at Tan An bridge, Co B remained at Ben Luc bridge and Recon ele secured 2 bridges between Tan An and Ben Luc. (Delayed entry for 2-39: At 151745H contact had ceased for Co B vic XS705677 which was still in contact. At 151820H vic XS703670 Co C started receiving fire from the northwest. At 151840H in a separate area from large contact the CRIP (OPCON to 2-39) had a brief contact with 25 VC vic XS655710, neg casualties. At 151850H vic XS708683 Co A 5-60, which had become OPCON to 2-39 at approx 152000H and inserted vic XS707683, made contact and sustained 1 US KHA and 2 US WHA. At 151855H vic XS703670 Co C had 3 VC KIA (BC). Co C also found 1 MG in the area. At 151900H vic XS703670 Co C had 2 VC KIA (BC) w/1 AK-50. At 151905H A/5-60 Co B and Co C were still receiving sporadic sniper fire. At 151920H vic XS666710 the CRIP was ambushed. Contact broke immediately with neg US casualties. VC casualties unk. At 151940H vic XS667710 the CRIP had another brief contact with unk VC casualties. Neg US casualties. At 152340H vic XS6670 the CRIP received 6 rds of 60mm mortar fire. Mortars ceased immediately with negative casualties. Contact broke except for sporadic sniper fire in the 2-39 area at approx 152015H.) At 160655H vic XS700667 Co A found 1 VC KIA (BC) with 1 AK-47. At 160713H vic XS703670 Co C had 1 Hoi Chanh with 1 AK-50. At 160757H vic XS705677 Co B found 5 VC KIA (BC) and 1 AK-50. At 160830H vic XS703670 Co B found 4 VC KIA (BC) and an assortment of web gear. At 160955H vic XS706677 Co B found 4 VC KIA (BC). At 160731H vic XS715680 Co A/5-60 found 1 VC KIA (BC) and 1 chicom rifle in a bunker. At 160734H vic XS705674 Co A/5-60 found 5 VC KIA (BC). At 161011H vic XS713682 Co E found 9 VC KIA (BC). At 161040H vic XS704674 Co A/5-60 found 1 VC KIA (BC). At 161055H vic XS661705 the CRIP found 3 VC KIA (BC) and 2 AK-47's as a result of its contact the night before. At 161101H vic XS713682 Co E found 1 VC KIA (BC). The 2-39 elements closed back to their CP's with the CRIP closing at 161035H, Co C at 161134H, Co B at 161158H, Co A at 161235H, Co E at 161250H, and Co A/5-60 at 161307H. Co A/5-60 was released from OPCON of 2-39 upon being lifted to Binh Phuoc at 161307H. (Delayed entry for 4-39: The 4-39 was placed under OPCON of 1st Bde, and displaced its elements to Rach Kien at 151645H. Co C remained at Rach Kien and Co B, A and Recon element were inserted into 2-39 area of contact. At 151913H Co B was inserted vic XS712674. At 151925H Co A was inserted vic XS714677. At approx 151936H Recon ele was inserted vic XS712675. At 152134H vic XS712675 Recon ele engaged 7 VC. Results: 3 VC KIA (BC). Neg US casualties. At 152227H vic XS709675 Co B was attacked by a VC platoon with SA and AW as the VC tried to break out of the 1st Bde elements cordon. Arty was fired in support, and the contact broke at 152230H. Neg US casualties. VC casualties unk.) At 160206H vic XS714677 Co A was still receiving sporadic sniper and probing fire. This fire ceased at 160435H. At 160707H vic XS710675 Co B found 5 VC KIA (BC) dressed in green NVA uniforms. One of the 5 VC KIA was believed to have been a medic. Co B found a medical bag on his body. At 160708H vic XS710675 Co B found and destroyed 3 bunkers w/over head cover. At 160719H vic XS710676 Co B found 1 unk type MG. Co's B, C, and Recon ele were all extracted, closing at Rach Kien at 161345H. The 4-39 was released from OPCON of 1st Bde and departed Rach Kien at 161600H for the Pink Palace. (Delayed entry for 2-60: At 151748H vic XS592666 a Co C element road runner picked up 3 male detainees in an area where there had been a command detonated mine earlier. At 152240H vic XS709676 Co B had 1 US wounded by friendly arty. Dust off completed at 152305H.) At 160240H vic XS709676 Co B had a second US wounded by friendly arty. Dust off completed at 160307H. From 160345H to 160445H the 2-60 used loudspeaker for PSYOPS effect with negative results. Arty was again placed in the area. At 160448H vic XS708676 Co B had 1 US killed by friendly arty. At 160947H vic XS707681 Co A apprehended 6 male detainees. At 161430H vic XS705668 Co C found 1 VC KIA (BC). At 161445H vic XS705668 Co C started receiving sniper fire. Arty was called in on the area. Fire ceased at 161455H. Area was swept and only blood trails leading from the area were found. The 2-60 elements completed their sweep of the area and were extracted to Tan Tru, with Co B closing at 161459H and Co C closing at 161514H. At 161530H while lifting its last elements, 2 VC carrying another VC were spotted by

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Co C vic XS707650. Co C inserted into that vic at 161540H but had negative results and extracted at 161544H. Gunships worked the area over. A/3-17 Cav conducted armed aerial reconnaissance in support of 1st Bde elements vic XS7067. A Trp also flew people sniffer and CS missions for the 1st Bde. At 160800H vic XS-704675 2 E-158 CS Cannister Clusters were dropped based on a sniffer reading with neg results. At 161415H vic XS712658 A Trp spotted 2 males hiding. One E-158 CS Cannister Cluster was dropped on the area and the 2 detainees were policed up.

18 July: The 1st Recondo Bde conducted opns with 3 Inf Bn's (2-39, 2-60, 6-31), 1 Mech Bn (5-60) and 1 Air Cav Trp (A/3-17). (Delayed entry: At 171950H vic XS746685 B26 ele found 10 1-man bunkers (2-39). B26 did not destroy the bunkers and continued its A.F.) At 180157H vic XS679704 Recon ele found a part of one body while sweeping the area of their earlier contact. At 180850H vic XS659-131 during a checkerboard opn the CRIP found 6 3-man size and 10 1-man size bunkers along with an assortment of VC clothing inside the bunkers. At 180928H Co A conducted a combat assault and initiated an RIF opn vic XS839681. The CRIP terminated its checkerboard opn and was extracted by airmobile means to Rach Kien at 181024H. Recon element was extracted to Rach Kien from its checkerboard opn at 181036H. At 181105H vic XS836682 Co A found 3 sampans, 6 chicom grenades, 3 blud uniforms, some block pajamas, 400 rds of AK-47 ammo, and some empty AK-47 boxes. At 181110H vic XS601664, while on a road runner opn, Co E found some new propaganda leaflets. Co A will RON vic XS838666. (Delayed entry for 2-60: At 171852H, 171904H, and 171922H Co A made night airmobile insertions into LZ's vic XS658643, XS653639, and XS652647, respectively. At 172115H vic XS679704 Co A engaged an unk size VC force in a brief contact. Results: 1 VC KLa (BC). Neg US casualties. One detainee was apprehended upon sweeping the area. At 172230H Co C was inserted vic XS651679 in an attempt to locate and destroy VC ele which had mortared An Nhut Tan at 171945H and 172105H.) At 180035H Co B made a night AML insertion vic XS820649. Co B received sniper fire going into the LZ. At 180050H vic XS820649 Co B apprehended 2 detainees in the area the sniper fire came from. Co B continued its RIF in the area w/neg further results and was extracted to Tan Tru at 180212H. At 180808H vic XS652679 Co C completed its over-night RIF and was extracted by AML means to Tan Tru at 180813H. Co A closed at Tan Tru at 180940H. During the remainder of the day the 2-60 stood down. (5-60 correction of 17 July SITREP: At 171043H Co A replaced Co C as the Tan An bridge security.) The 5-60 continued road security, bridge security, and convoy escort missions. Co C and Recon ele conducted a combined opn with RF/PF vic XS-645567 and XS647657, respectively, starting at 180935H with neg results. The 5-60 escorted 2 convoys from Dong Tam to CP39 and 1 convoy from CP39 to Dong Tam without incident. Co C, Recon ele and RF/PF terminated their combined opn at 181615H. Co B remains at the Ben Luc bridge and Co A remains at the Tan An bridge. The 6-31 continued DARMA opns in the rocket belt. Co C conducted an RIF opn vic XS892765 and XS887772 w/neg results. Co B conducted an RIF opn vic XS707783 to XS700812 while Co A established a blocking position vic XS703798. At 181000H vic XS703788 Co A found 3 bunkers. Co's A and B completed their RIF opn w/neg further finds. A Co D ele conducted a RIF opn vic XS828773. At 181510H vic XS845779 Co D found an old rocket sight with aiming stakes & burned ground and foliage in the area. Co D will RON vic XS837795 and XS834778. Co E remained at Binh Chanh. (Delayed entry: A Trp/3-17 - At 171935H vic XS548624 1 LOH was shot down by ground fire. Negative US casualties. The chopper was extracted at 171950H by one of A Trp's UH-1D helicopters. At 172115H vic XS679704 A Trp's gunships had 1 VC KLa (BC).) At 181016H 2 rifle squads were inserted vic XS544-628. At 181040H vic XS543628 the rifle squads destroyed 10 bunkers. At 181045H vic XS544627 the rifle squads destroyed 1 sampan and 2 bunkers. At 181114H vic XS543629 1 detainee was apprehended. At 181120H vic XS543620 1 detainee was apprehended. At 181150H vic XS544628 1 detainee was apprehended. At 181224H vic XS-546611 2 detainees were apprehended. The rifle squads were extracted at 181410H.

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19 July: Co A/2-39 terminated its overnight opn vic XS838662 and was extracted to Rach Kien at 191325H. Co's B and C conducted AML RIF opn's vic XS679717 and XS653711 with Co B being inserted at 191355H, and Co C being inserted at 191415H. Co's B and C concluded their RIF opn's with negative results and were extracted to Rach Kien at 191659H and 191646H, respectively. Co's B and C left stay behind elements in the areas of their RIF opn's. Bl6 element will RON vic XS683723 and C26 element will RON vic XS686711. Recon element conducted Road Sweep opn's and local partrolling with negative results today. The 2-60 (Delayed entry: At 182145H vic XS663649, Recon 1 AP received AW fire from 4-5 VC. Fire was returned and Arty was fired on the area. Contact broke at 182200H. Neg US casualties. At 182400H vic XS664646 while sweeping the area of contact, Recon 1 AP found 2 VC KIA (BC), killed by arty that was fired on the area.) At 192130H vic XS616655 a Recon element gun jeep had a command detonated mine blown against it as it moved down road. Neg US casualties or damages. A wire leading from the site was traced with negative results. The 2-60 stood down during the day, preparing for night AML opn's in response to radar sightings and intelligence targets. The 5-60 (Delayed entry: During its combined opn with RF/PF from 180935H to 181615H vic XS633571 to XS385571 Co C found and destroyed 28 2-4 man bunkers. At 182200H the Ben Luc bridge secured by Co B received 12 rds of 82mm mortar fire. No friendly casualties or damage to the bridge or equipment. Counter mortar was placed on suspected mortar site with neg results.). The 5-60 conducted bridge and road security and convoy escort opn's without significant incidents or finds. The 6-31 (Delayed entry: At 182245H vic XS745783 A61 AP was in contact, receiving heavy AW and SA fire. Contact broke at 182250H. Negative US casualties. Two (2) detainees were captured in the area. At 182315H Nha Be received 4 rds of 122mm or 107mm rocket fire. Neg casualties or damage. Co D saw rocket flashes from its RON position coming from vic XS839792 and had 4.2 in. and 81mm mortar fire placed on the area.) At 191015H vic XS884771 Co C conducted a RIF opn checking out intelligence targets with neg results. A Trp/3-17 Cav continued armed aerial recon in support of 1st Bde opn's. At 191410H vic XS650711 A Trp had 2 VC KIA (BC) and captured 1 AK-47. At 191540H vic XS641714 A Trp destroyed 18 large bunkers. At 191650H vic XS469726 A Trp destroyed 4 sampans. At 191700H vic XS471709 A Trp destroyed 3 sampans. At 191722H vic XS476707 A Trp destroyed 3 bunkers and 3 hooches.

20 July: The 2-39 at 200230H at Rach Kien received 5 rds of 107mm rocket. All rounds landed outside the berm, there were negative casualties or damage. At 200850H a road sweep team for 2-60 found a road block vic XS768723. Road block was cleared. At 200730H C26 element began a sweep in area of suspected rocket site vic XS656714. At 201233H C26 spotted two VC and called for artillery fire and swept the area with negative results. At 201535H vic XS768603 2 ARVN's were wounded by a booby trap. ARVN also reported seeing small VC force in area. The CRIP element OPCON to 2-39 began a sweep to contact reported VC force. At 202010H vic XS897709 a PRU element working with the CRIP element made contact with an estimated VC company. At 202100H Co A was inserted vic XS688715 to aid the PRU element. At 202130H the contact broke, result was 2 PRU WIA and Co A had negative contact. The 2-60 at 200017H, Co A was extracted from vic XS879668 and lifted to Tan Tru. At 200650H Co C had 1 WIA from a pressure type booby trap. Dust off completed at 200720H. At 200827H vic XS660640 Co C sustained 1 WIA from a sniper. Dust off completed at 200841. At 200905H Co C received sniper fire from vic XS648630, artillery was fired and sweep conducted with negative results. At 201900H vic XS685616 an element of Co A received sniper fire. Artillery was fired and the area will be swept at first light.

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At 200721H Co B picked up a convoy at CP39 in route to Dong Tam. At 201200H Co C and R element began a combined opn with ARVN vic XS644526 and XS624517. At 201215H ARVN made contact with an estimated 2 squads of VC. Arty was fired and Co C and R ele began a sweep of area. Contact broke at 201320H. At 201345H vic XS635525 R ele found 6 bunkers with OHC. Bunkers were destroyed. At 201435H vic XS635522 R ele found 8 old bunkers which they destroyed. At 201530H Co C and R ele returned to Binh Phuoc. At 201845H vic XS594594 A Trp, 3-17 Cav killed 1 VC w/AK-47. At 201903H Co C conducted sweep of the area found the AK-47 and in addition destroyed 30 fresh bunkers. At 201945H Co C returned to Binh Phuoc. At 200445H vic XS750788 A/6-31 picked up 1 male and 1 female detainees which were evacuated. At 201052H Co C was landed by boat vic XS841807. At 201302H Co A was inserted vic XS826769. At 201322H Co B was inserted vic XS829766. At 201408 Co D was returned to Nha Be by boat. At 201630H Co A was lifted from vic XS830764 to Binh Chanh. At 201630H Co B was extracted from vic XS830767 and lifted to Binh Chanh. At 201940H vic XS720801 an ambush patrol from Co A made contact with an estimated VC platoon. Contact broke at 201945H with neg friendly or enemy casualties. A/3-17 destroyed, at 201238H, 6 bunkers and 1 sampan. At 201740H vic XS601597 A Trp killed 1 VC w/wpn. At 201750H the aerial rifle platoon was inserted vic XS601597 with negative results.

21 July: The 1st Recondo Bde conducted opns with 3 Inf Bn's (2-39, 2-60, 6-31), 1 Mech Bn (5-60) and 1 Air Cav Trp (A/3-17). (Delayed entry for 2-39: At 202316H Co A was extracted from area of PRU contact and closed at Rach Kien at 202333H. At 202350H 2-39 received 5 rds of mortar fire outside of berm. Negative damage or casualties. The PRU unit was extracted with Co A.) Co C completed its night RIF opn vic XS700760 with neg results and was extracted to Rach Kien at 210020H. At 210705H vic XS742723 Recon ele found and removed a road block made of banana trees and leaves. Twenty five meters from the road block was another road block made of wires stretched across the road and staked down on each side of the road. Recon ele also found some propaganda leaflets in the area. From 210945H to 211230H the CRIP conducted a footmobile RIF opn vic XS707713 w/neg results. The 2-60 conducted local security patrolling and road sweeps during the morning hours. At 211402H vic XS467723 Co C made a combat assault and initiated an RIF opn in the area and was extracted at 211500H and reinserted vic XS453682 and XS449681 at 211505H and 211525H, respectively. Co C had neg results again and was extracted at 211545H and reinserted vic XS-444678 and XS449670 at 211605H and 211643H, respectively. Co C completed its opns w/neg results and was extracted to Tan Tru at 211820H. The 5-60 continued its bridge and road security and convoy escort opns without incident. One Co A ele escorted a convoy from Dong Tam to CP39, closing at CP39 at 21145H. At 211120H Recon ele established a blocking position vic XS615598 to XS615593 as Co C conducted a RIF opn into this block from vic XS610594. At 211345H vic XS612-591 Co C found and destroyed 15 2-man bunkers. Co C and Recon ele completed their opn and closed at Binh Phuoc at 211440H. (Delayed entry: At 202400H Co D at Nha Be reported 3 rds of incoming mortar fire.) At 210050H Co D reported the rounds landed close to Esso Tank Farm and that some tanks were burning. Fighting equipment was at the scene of the fire. At 210130H counter mortar fire was fired in grids XS889765 and XS883773. At 210600H Co D located three shell craters vic XS911310 and XS914310, back azimuth were 3400 mils and 3450 mils. At 210848H Co D started a sweep opn vic XS880775 in search of rocket firing positions. At 211010H vic XS835796 Co C reported 1 US and 1 VN WIA as a result of a mine. Dust off completed at 211035H. At 211107H Co D found a possible rocket firing site at XS886769. Area was approx 30 meters in diameter and well burned. At 211150H Co's A and B began an RIF opn vic XS767717. At 211150H Co C began a RIF opn vic XS880773 using boat assets. At 211150H vic XS769801 Co B killed 1 VC and captured 1 AK-47. Also found a VC body in same area estimated to be about 1 month old, and 24 US rockets. At 211500H Co's A and B returned to Binh Chanh and Co C returned to Nha Be. At 211935H Co D (-) was lifted from Nha Be and inserted vic XS873731. At 211407H A/3-17 picked up 5 military age detainees at 211500H vic XS467689 A Trp picked up 3 detainees. All detainees were evacuated to Tan An. At 211524H vic XS467689 A Trp destroyed 1 bunker and at XS-465695 destroyed 3 camouflaged sampans. At 211635H vic XS438769 A Trp located a freshly started foot bridge and inserted aerial rifle platoon to check it out.

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At 211730H vic XS380774 to XS376773 A Trp destroyed 37 sampans, 27 bunkers and 3 grass hooches. A Trp reported that the bunkers were very fresh and that there were many signs of recent activity in the area. At 211815H vic XS371779 A Trp killed 1 VC and destroyed 10 sampans, 6 hooches and 3 bunkers.

22 July: The 1st Bde conducted opns with 3 Inf Bn's (2-39, 2-60, 6-31), 1 Mech Bn (5-60) and 1 Air Cav Trp (A/3-17). (2-39 delayed entry: At 212305H Co B made a night combat assault and initiated an RIF vic XS725664.) Co B completed its night RIF with negative results and was extracted to Rach Kien at 220003H. During the day the 2-39 elements conducted local security patrols, road sweeps, and stood down preparing for future opns. (2-60 delayed entry: At 212225H vic XS596668 A21 AP apprehended one detainee who walked by their AP location.) At 220125H vic XS614661 A11 AP pursued and engaged 2 VC on the road. The VC returned fire with RPG's. Arty was called in on the area. All ele swept the area with negative results. No US casualties were suffered in the brief contact. At 220920H while on a road sweep, Recon J ele received fire from vic XS627654. Mortars were fired on the area. At 220928H J ele swept the area w/neg finds. The 2-60 elements stood down during the remainder of the day, preparing for night airmobile opns tonight. (5-60 delayed entry: At 212200H Co B engaged 6 VC on the west side of the Ben Luc bridge after receiving SA fire from the VC. Contact broke almost immediately with no US casualties and unk VC casualties.) The 5-60 conducted road and bridge security, and convoy escort opns without significant incidents or finds. At 221045H Co B conducted a sweep of the area of contact and found only blood trails vic XS602780. A36 ele escorted a convoy from Dong Tam to CP39, reaching CP39 at 221600H. At 221150H vic XS873738 D/6-31 found and destroyed 10 bunkers during an RIF in the area. At 221225H vic XS874737 Co D found and destroyed 8 4-man bunkers. At 221341H Co C made a combat assault and initiated an RIF opn vic XS854770. At 221347H Co D was extracted from its RIF vic XS874737 and reinserted vic XS902738 at 221354H. At 221615H vic XS886745 a partly burned UH-1B helicopter was sighted on the ground. Co D was inserted to secure it, and conducted a sweep around the area of the helicopter. At the close of this report Co's C and D were continuing their RIF opns. A/3-17 continued armed aerial reconnaissance in support of 1st Bde opns, working with 6-31 elements vic Co's C and D RIF opns. At 221707H vic XS485698 A Trp sank one sampan.

23 July: The 1st Bde conducted opns with 3 Inf Bn's (2-39, 2-60, 6-31), 1 Mech Bn (5-60) and 1 Air Cav Trp (A/3-17). At 231355H A/2-39 made a combat assault and initiated an RIF opn vic XS733647. At 231428H vic XS734634 Co B made a combat assault to join Co A in the 2-39 RIF. At 231515H vic XS733643 Co A picked up 3 detainees w/o I.D. cards, 1 US carbine, some documents, and some AK-47 ammo. At 231545H vic XS735645 while enroute to a downed A/3-17 helicopter, Co A made contact with an unknown size VC force. At 231605H Co C was inserted vic XS743647 to exploit Co A's contact. At 231645H vic XS743645 Co C had 1 US MHA. At the close of this report Co's A and C were still in contact with Co B closing into the area of contact. (2-60 delayed entry: At 222110H vic XS696589 Co B made a night combat assault and initiated a RIF opn in the area. Co B completed its RIF opn with neg results, and was extracted to Tan Tru at 222345H.) The 2-60 conducted local security patrolling, road sweeps and stood down during the day. At 231600H the 2-60 was alerted to be committed in the 2-39 area of contact. At the close of this report 2 co's of 2-60 were getting into PZ's to be inserted into the 2-39 area of contact. The 5-60 continued road and bridge security and convoy escort opns without incident. At 230928H, while on a local patrol, Recon ele found a VC flag. At 231415H Co C replaced Co B as the security unit at the Ben Luc bridge. Co B closed at Binh Phuoc at 231555H. At the close of this report Co B had been alerted to get into a PZ and was to be committed in the 2-39 area of contact. (6-31 delayed entry: At 221818H vic XS838796 Co C was inserted to conduct a night RIF opn. At 221845H Co D was inserted vic XS-858765 to conduct a night RIF opn in that area. Co's C and D RON vic XS858797 & XS901748, respectively.) The 6-31 continued DARTIA, RIF and local security opns without incident. At the close of this report Co's C and D were to RON in the Saigon and Nha Be rocket belts, respectively. (A/3-17 delayed entry: At 222307H vic XS712568 A Trp destroyed 1 sampan and had 1 VC KIA (BC).) A Trp continued armed aerial reconnaissance in support of 1st Bde opns with priority to the 2-39. One of A Trp's UH-1H helicopters which went in to secure the downed LOH took

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leave the area and landed at Tan An airstrip. A cobra gunship which was trying to suppress the fire on the downed helicopter, also took several hits which damaged its hydraulic system and was forced to leave the Tan An airstrip. The 2-39 elements were sent in to secure the downed helicopter and destroy the VC force in the area. At the close of this report the downed helicopter and its crew had not been evacuated from the area and the LOH's crew and two persons from the UH-1H which went in to secure the LOH were thought to be WHA or KHA.

24 July: The 1st Bde conducted opns with 3 Inf Bn's (2-39, 2-60, 6-31), 1 Mech Bn (5-60) and 1 Air Cav Trp (A/3-17). (2-39 delayed entry: At 232125H Co E was lifted from Rach Kien and inserted vic XS740645. At 232215H Co B/5-60 (OPCON to 2-39) was inserted vic XS725645. At 232215H vic XS737646 Co C killed 2 VC (BC) and captured 1 POW and 1 US carbine. At 232240H vic XS738588 Co B found 2 VC (BC) and 2 AK-50's. At 232350H 2-39 reported that Co C had sustained 2 US KHA and that Co B sustained 1 US WHA. At 232355H Co A reported 5 US WHA, 19 VC (BC) and 2 AK-47's vic XS733643.) At 240310H vic XS743645 Co C made contact with several VC trying to escape to the east. Contact broke at 240310H with neg results. At 240720H vic XS734648 Co's E, C and B, 5-60 started sweeps of the contact area. At 240830H vic XS733649 Co A found 1 US BAR and 1 AK-47. At 240945H vic XS736649 Co A found 2 VC (BC). At 241130H Co B was extracted from vic XS734647 and inserted in rocket belt. At 241445H Co A was extracted from vic XS736648 and returned to Rach Kien. At 241505H Co C was extracted from vic XS739648 and returned to Rach Kien. At 241528H Co E was extracted from vic XS736563 and returned to Rach Kien. (2-60 delayed entry: At 231845H Co C was lifted from Tan Tru and inserted vic XS-750655. At 231944H Co A was inserted vic XS740655 and at 232000H Co B was inserted vic XS737655. At 232140H vic XS730656 Co C killed 2 VC (BC) and found 1 AK-50.) At 240726H Co B was extracted from XS738654 and inserted vic XS728635 Co A found 4 VC (BC) and 1 AK-47. At 240935H vic XS733631 Co B received AW and B40 fire; also picked up 2 detainees in the area. At 240955H vic XS733631 Co B sustained 2 US WHA. Dustoff completed at 241010H. The contact broke at 241024H and Co C picked up 2 more detainees vic XS733629. At 241130H Co C was extracted from vic XS707643 and returned to Tan Tru. At 241628H Co C was extracted and returned to Tan Tru. At 241641H Co A was extracted and returned to Tan Tru. The 5-60 continued road, bridge and convoy security missions. At 241340H Co B was released from OPCON of 2-39. The 6-31 continued security missions in the rocket pocket and on the Binh Dien bridge. At 240932H Co D was extracted from the rocket pocket and returned to Nha Be. Co's B and C conducted local footmobile RIF opns with neg results. A/3-17 Cav delayed entry: The LOH which was shot down at 231545H was secured at 241600H. The result of the crash was 3 US KHA and 2 wounded. At 240700H A Trp reported in to support the 2-39 contact area.

25 July: The 1st Bde conducted opns with 3 Inf Bn's (2-39, 2-60, 6-31), 1 Mech Bn (5-60) and 1 Air Cav Trp (A/3-17). At 250730 vic XS739778 R/2-39 reported a series of brush and rock roadblocks which they removed. At 251400H vic XS716697 a LRP Team drew light automatic weapons fire. Co C was alerted to reinforce LRP. At 251520H Co C was lifted from Rach Kien and inserted vic XS716607. At 251607H the LRP's and Co C linked up vic XS729715. Co C made a RIF of area w/neg results and moved by foot back to Rach Kien. At 250105H vic XS712645 Co A made contact with an estimated 30-50 VC. At 250220H the contact broke. Results were 3 US KHA 11 US WHA. VC casualties were 5 VC (BC) and 4 AK-47's. At 250947H Co C was lifted from Tan Tru and inserted vic XS560811 to support 4-39 opns. At 251035H Co C reported 5 VC (BC), 1 M1 carbine and 1 AK-50 vic XS558813. These were killed by A/3-17. At 251103H vic XS557812 Co C captured 2 VC POW and 1 complete 60mm mortar. At 251155H vic XS557810 Co C found 1 medical bag, 2 AK-50's, 1 38 cal pistol and 5 sampans loaded with ammo and clothing. At 251115H Co B was lifted from Tan Tru and inserted vic XS560807. At 251213H Co B was lifted from Tan Tru and inserted vic XS560807. At 251215H Co C found 3 VC (BC), 1 38 cal pistol, 1 M1 rifle and 1 RPD machine gun. At 251445H vic XS560807 Co B found 3 VC (BC) and captured 16 boxes of explosives, 6 fuses for 122mm rocket, 8 warheads for 122mm

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rocket and a 50 gal drum of fuel. At 251450H vic XS560813 Co C found 2 VC (BC) and captured 1 woman detainee, 1 75mm rd, 10 mortar fuses, 4 square land mines, 2 round land mines, 1 82mm bipod, 15 flares, 125 AK mags, 30 RPD mags, 75 clips of M1 ammo, 25 1lb blocks of TNT and assorted web gear and uniforms. At 251345H Co A was lifted from Tan Tru and inserted vic XS562830. At 251430H Co C captured 1 woman detainee. At 251530H Co C captured 1 VC WHA with .38 cal pistol vic XS560810. At 251555H Co C found a cache of medical supplies vic XS560810. At 250840H 4-39 commenced landing on Blue Beach I, II and III. At 251035H vic XS549802 Co B found an extensive bunker complex consisting of about 50 bunkers, all destroyed. In same area Co B found 1 B40 rd and 9 chicom grenades which were destroyed. At 251101H Co B killed 1 VC vic XS549802. At 251630H Co B found 4 VC (BC) in vic of XS546800; no weapons. The 5-60 continued road, bridge and convoy security missions without incident. At 251100H vic XS774812 Co A found several bunkers, misc cooking utensils and AK mags. Bunkers were destroyed. At 251455H Co A and B closed back in Binh Chanh. At 251135H vic XS559805 A/3-17 killed 8 VC and captured 1 POW.

26 July: The 1st Bde conducted opns with 4 Inf Bn's (2-39, 4-39, 2-60, 6-31), 1 Mech Bn (5-60) and 1 Air Cav Trp (A/3-17). (2-39 delayed entry: The 2-60 completed its opns northwest of Ben Luc and were extracted to Tan Tru, with Co A closing at 251753H, Co B at 251900H, and Co C at 251925H.) During the day the 2-60 conducted local security patrolling, road sweeps, and stood down, preparing for future opns. One Co of 2-60 is scheduled to replace B/2-39 in the Nha Be rocket belt during the night. The 4-39 continued riverine opns northwest of Ben Luc. (Delayed entry: At 251730H vic XS568806 Co C found 3 VC KIA (BC).) At 260001H vic XS555805 Co fired M-79 on 1 person sighted about 150 meters from their position with unknown results. At 261155H vic XS573837 Co A found and destroyed 14 bunkers. One dud 105mm rd was also destroyed in same vic. The 4-39 continued their riverine opn vic XS569847 and XS564835 w/neg further incidents. (5-60 delayed entry: At 251931H vic XS580581 B-5 AP was in contact with an estimated VC squad. .50 cal from an APC and arty supported B-5. Contact broke at 251945H with negative casualties, and unk VC casualties. At 252100H vic XS584560 B-5 AP was again in contact receiving AW and M79 fire. Arty was fired in support. A LFT also supported the action. The contact broke at 252120H w/neg US casualties and unk VC casualties.) The 5-60 continued convoy escort, local security patrolling, road and bridge security opns. At 260850H vic XS585567 while on a local patrol Recon ele found and destroyed 40 bunkers. At 260930H vic XS594580 while blowing another bunker, Recon ele had a secondary explosion. Co B swept the area of its B-5 AP vic XS584560. At 261440H vic XS626556 Co B picked up 1 detainee. Recon ele completed its local patrol and closed at Binh Phuoc at 261511H. The 6-31 continued DARMA, RIF and local interdiction opns in the Saigon and Nha Be rocket belts without incident. Inserting Co D and extracting Co C on alternate trips Co D was inserted into the Saigon rocket belt vic XS865815 at 261014H, and Co C was extracted from the Saigon rocket belt to Nha Be at 261027H. Co A, B, and E remained at Binh Chanh. The CRIP initiated a night roving patrol at 252400H and moved from vic XS-748700 to XS763704 to XS763704 to XS759697. At 260500H the CRIP closed at Rach Kien w/neg results or finds on their patrol. At 260827H Co A was inserted vic XS-699672 and initiated a RIF in the area. Co E was inserted vic XS735644 at 261005H. At 261204H vic XS735648 Co E found 3 bunkers, 1 anti-tank mine, 3 pith helmets, & 1 NVA uniform. At 261204H Co A was extracted from vic XS707676 and reinserted vic XS722665 at 261217H. At 271210H Co B was lifted from its 48 hour RIF and local interdiction opn in the Nha Be rocket belt vic XS884745 and extracted to Rach Kien by CH-47 at 261225H. At 261415H vic XS747649 Co E had 1 US WHA by a grenade booby trap. 30 bunkers were also found and destroyed in the same vic. At 261502H Co E was extracted from vic XS749650 and reinserted vic XS703674 at 261510H. At 261538 Co A was extracted from vic XS724656 and reinserted vic XS675704 at 261556H. At 261610H the CRIP was lifted from Rach Kien and inserted vic XS649719 at 261620H. At 261717H vic XS670695 Co A made contact with an unk size VC force. Co A had 1 VC KIA (BC) and 1 AK-47 in the initial minute of contact. At 261719H vic XS670695

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Co A had 1 US WHA. At 261725H vic XS670695 Co A had 4 more VC KIA (BC) and 2 more AK-47's. At 261800H vic XS670695 Co A had 13 more VC KIA (BC) and 2 more AK-47's. At 261821H vic XS670695 Co A's contact ceased except for a small amount of sniper fire. All VC KIA's were wearing brown uniforms. At the close of this report Co E was to RON vic XS691693, the CRIP were to RON vic XS653706, and Co A was to be extracted to Rach Kien. A/3-17 continued armed aerial reconnaissance in support of 1st Bde with priority to 4-39 and 2-39 opns. At 260930H vic XS603-813 A Trp destroyed a 1-man bunker that 1 VC had run into. The VC was reported as 1 VC KIA (poss). A Trp flew sniffer missions with neg results or high readings in likely areas of VC concentrations.

27 July: The 1st Bde conducted opns with 4 Inf Bn's (2-39, 2-60, 4-39, 6-31), 1 Mech Bn (5-60) and 1 Air Cav Trp (A/3-17). (2-39 delayed entry: Co A had 2 additional AK-47's from its contact vic XS670695 from 261717H to 261820H over what was reported in 26 July SITREP. Co A was extracted from its area of contact and lifted to Rach Kien at 262045H.) At 271145H vic XS632714 the CRIP had a brief contact with 2 VC. Results: 2 VC KIA (BC). Both VC had one hand grenade and one had some fishing line and a stick on their person. At 271335H vic XS688686 Co E had a brief contact with an unknown size VC force. Results: 2 VC KIA (BC), 1 82mm mortar sight, 1 mortar plotting table, assorted web gear, 6 back packs, 1 .38 cal pistol with holster, 2 maps, 1 compass, a bag of documents, a small medical kit & 12 bunkers (destroyed bunkers). At 271730H vic XS671688 Co E found a sampan loaded with 74 cans of C-4 explosive, 35 B-40 rds, 35 propellant charges, and 212 60mm mortar rds. (5-60 delayed entry: At 261935H vic XS567690, while securing 1 of the 2 small bridges between Ben Luc and Tan An Recon ele received SA fire from approximately 3 VC. Fire was returned and the area where fire came from in the brief contact was swept with neg results. Neg US casualties.) At 270040H the Ben Luc bridge secured by Co C received 12 rds of 82mm mortar fire. There were no casualties or damage. Counter mortar arty was fired on suspected mortar site with unk results. During the day the 5-60 continued road and bridge security local patrolling and convoy escort opns without incident or significant finds. At 270950H and 271005H vic XS671660 and XS667658, respectively, Co B was inserted and initiated a RIF opn in the area split into 2 elements. At 271028H vic XS667653 a third element of Co B was inserted to conduct an RIF in that area. At 271058H vic XS684658 Co B picked up 1 male detainee. At 271117H and 271130H Co A elements were inserted vic XS693655 and XS703655. At 271140H vic XS683652 near some old bunkers Co A found some VC documents. At 271150H Co B was extracted from vic XS-671660 and reinserted at 271155H vic XS706633. At 271235H Co A was extracted from vic XS695654 and XS687652 and reinserted at 271250H vic XS705626. At 271355H vic XS706633 Co B picked up 3 detainees. At 271350H vic XS703652 Co A picked up 3 detainees. At 271350H vic XS682652 Co B picked up 10 detainees. At 271505H Co B was reinserted vic XS708635. At 271540H Co A was extracted from vic XS704633 and reinserted at 271546H vic XS663651. At 271510H vic XS699615 Co A apprehended 11 detainees. At the close of this report Co's A and B were to be extracted to Tan Tru. At 270905H Co B made initial assault onto White Beach I vic XS549896. At 270925H Co A made assault onto White Beach II vic XS547905. At 271250H vic XS-573925 Co A picked up 1 detainee without ID card. At 271121H Co C found 1 VC (BC) which had been killed by gunships from Cav. At 271209H Co C picked up 1 detainee without ID card who indicated there were 10 VC in the area. At 2713 OH Co B was extracted from White Beach I by boat and inserted vic XS562918. At 271300H Co B fired on 6 VC fleeing from bunkers vic XS562918. Neg results. At 271500H vic XS568919 Co B found 1 ERC 25 hand mke, part of a LAW, 1 helmet liner and a medical bag. These were located in some bunkers of a 33 bunker complex w/OHC. Bunkers were destroyed. At 271705H the 4-39 C&C ship received small arms fire from vic XS570912. There were no hits to the ship and ground troops were moved into the area. At 271835H vic XS570910 Co B came in to contact with an estimated VC squad. Arty fire and LFT were in support. At 271900H vic XS571921 Co C moved into area where VC squad was located. Contact had broken and there were no personnel in the area. Found 1 bunker which was destroyed. At 270715H A/6-31 began a RIF vic XS-

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748785. At 271334H vic XS768782 Co A had 2 WHA as a result of a booby trap. Dust off completed at 271402H. At 271545H 6-31 relayed message from Binh Dien bridge that flashes were observed in vic XS770815; could be possible rocket firing. At 270945H A/3-17 vic XS573926 killed 1 VC (BC). At 271100H vic XS574-914 A Trp killed 1 VC (BC). At 271100H vic XS573926 A Trp destroyed 4 sampans, 1 bunker and 1 hooch. At 271500H vic XS671688 found a sampan with 212 rds of 60mm mortar, 74 cans of C4 and 35 B-40 rocket rds. Ammo was evacuated.

28 July: The 1st Bde conducted opns with 4 Inf Bn's (2-39, 2-60, 4-39, 6-31), 1 Mech Bn (5-60) and 1 Air Cav Trp (A/3-17). At 280845H Co C was lifted from Rach Kien and inserted vic XS747665. At 280923H Co B was lifted from Rach Kien and inserted vic XS742653 and XS745659. At 281010H vic XS746659 Co C found and destroyed 13 bunkers. At 281015H Co E was extracted from vic XS678686 and returned to Rach Kien. At 281006H Co A was extracted from vic XS633733 and returned to Rach Kien. At 281040H vic XS746658 Co C had 3 US WHA from a booby trap. Dust off completed at 281105H. At 281155H Co C was extracted from vic XS744658 and inserted vic XS663697. At 281245H Co B was extracted from vic XS745655 and inserted vic XS678692. At 281350H vic XS785013 Co B found and destroyed 5 2-man bunkers. At 281546H Co B was extracted from XS675694 and inserted vic XS654716. At 281800H Co C was extracted from XS675697 and returned to Rach Kien. One plat was left in stay behind position. At 281818H Co B was extracted from XS655715 and returned to Rach Kien. One plat was left in area as stay behind ambush. The 2-60 conducted local security opn, maintenance refresher training and stood down in preparation for future opns. At 281610H Co C was extracted from vic XS834743 in the rocket belt and returned to Tan Tru. At 280800H Co B was sent to block on an ARVN contact vic XS603595. At 280905H vic XS597601 Co B established a blocking position. At 280600H C16 picked up a convoy at CP39 and closed Dong Tam at 280945H. At 281150H Co B swept to the north of blocking position and returned to Binh Phuoc. At 280855H vic XS780825 Co B began an RIF of the area. Initial insertion was made by boats. At 280955H vic XS799777 Co B found and destroyed 2 bunkers. At 281045H Co B found and destroyed 2 foxholes and 9 bunkers in area from XS798780 to XS794794. At 281055H vic XS795795 Co B found a squad size base camp which they destroyed. At 281210H vic XS793797 Co B found and destroyed 7 old bunkers. At 281425H vic XS785810 Co B found and destroyed 5 fresh bunkers. Opn terminated at 281710H. At 280100H vic XS573923 C/4-39 picked up 1 detainee without I.D. At 281145H vic XS551910 Co A found a small base camp with 11 bunkers, fresh food, 25 lbs of rice, pots and pans and medical supplies. Bunkers were destroyed. At 281512H vic XS568913 Co B found 6 sampans, 3 gas motors and 150 rds of AK ammo. Ammo and motors were evacuated and sampans destroyed. At 280910H vic XS547908 A Trp destroyed 1 sampan and 1 lean-to. At 280945H vic XS559805 A Trp destroyed 3 sampans. At 281330H vic XS646715 A Trp destroyed 2 sampans and 5 new bunkers.

29 July: The 1st Bde conducted opns with 4 Inf Bn's (2-39, 4-39, 2-60, 6-31), 1 Mech Bn (5-60) and 1 Air Cav Trp (A/3-17). The 2-39 conducted local security patrolling, road sweeps, and stood down. At 290805H vic XS767724 while on a road sweep Recon ele found and removed a roadblock made of sticks and leaves. At 290835H vic XS769725 Recon ele found and removed a second roadblock made of sticks, palm leaves and bamboo leaves. At 291340H C16 ele was extracted from its RON vic XS673795 and returned to Rach Kien at 291247H. At 291247H B26 ele was extracted from its RON vic XS673695 and returned to Rach Kien at 291257H. At 291615 at the Rach Kien front gate, the 2-39 apprehended 1 detainee. Co A remained OPCON of 6-31 Inf. At 290836H 5 sorties of Co A were inserted vic XS618830 and initiated an RIF opn in the area. At 290902H 5 sorties of Co A were inserted vic XS616813 to also conduct an RIF opn. At 291035H one half of Co A was extracted from vic XS618830 and reinserted at 291045H vic XS623815. At 291045H the second half of Co A was extracted from vic XS616813 and reinserted at 291053H vic XS-575810. At 291230H vic XS579817 Co A found 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 9-mm pistol, 1 AK-47, 1 grenade, and 3 homemade grenades. At 291318H Co B was inserted vic XS586826 and initiated an RIF opn in the area. At 291435H Co A was extracted from vic XS-586515 and reinserted at 291445H vic XS577828. At 291455H vic XS575830 Co A found and destroyed 1 bunker. At 291545H Co A was extracted from vic XS575830.

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and reinserted at 291603H vic XS540752. At 291605H vic XS539749 Co apprehended 1 detainee. At 291643H Co B was extracted from vic XS586826 and returned to Tan Tru at 291655H. At 291707H Co A was extracted from vic XS531752 and returned to Tan Tru at 291715H. At 290129H vic XS595734 Recon ele spotted 35 VC in the open. Arty (VT) was called in on the area and Recon ele fired .50 cal MG's at them and then swept the area with neg results. At 290820H Co B was lifted by airmobile means and inserted at 290850H vic XS727569 to conduct an RIF opn in that area. At 290952H vic XS728577 Co B found and destroyed 25 bunkers. At 291040H Co B was extracted from vic XS723580 and reinserted at 291045H vic XS659583. At 291415H Co B was extracted from vic XS657588 and reinserted at 291430H vic XS668518. At 291550H Co B was extracted from vic XS666520 and reinserted at 291600H vic XS645-575. Co B completed its airmobile RIF opn with neg further finds and was extracted to Binh Phuoc at 291740H. (4-39 delayed entry: At 282030H Co C detected movement vic XS573923 and threw 2 hand grenades into the loc with unk results.) At 290745H while sweeping area of movement the night before vic XS573923 Co C found 1 VC KIA (BC), and two sampans loaded with pineapples. The sampans were destroyed. The 4-39 conducted riverine opns around "Parrots Peak" vic XS560768 to XS578792. At 291132H vic XS565720 Co C found and destroyed 6 bunkers. The 4-39 had negative further results. The 6-31 continued DARMA, footmobile and riverine RIF opns in the Saigon rocket belt with OPCON of A/2-39 operating in the Nha Be rocket belt. Co's A and B stood down. Co C conducted a riverine opn vic XS895687 with negative results. At 290850H vic XS917740 Co A/2-39 spotted 11 heavily armed NVA moving northeast. A LFT was dispatched to the area, but was unable to draw fire or locate, the NVA force. Arty and 4.2 mortar fire was placed on the area. At 291023H while arty was still being fired on the area, A/2-39 heard 1 secondary explosion. At 291220H A/2-39 swept the area with neg results. At 291500H Co B became OPCON to the 199th LIB. At the close of this report Co D was scheduled to be airlifted into Saigon rocket belt by CH-47 and replace Co C which was to be extracted to Nha Be. A/3-17 continued armed aerial reconnaissance in support of 1st Bde opns with priority to the 2-60 opns. At 290910H vic XS583820 A Trp destroyed 2 hooches. At 291020H after receiving SA fire, A Trp inserted its rifle platoon vic XS581802. At 291057H vic XS582804 the rifle platoon destroyed 1 sampan. At 291107H vic XS584816 the rifle platoon had 3 VC KIA (BC), 1 AK-50, 2 RPG launchers with 4 rds, 3 chicom hand grenades, 3 US smoke grenades, 8 US hand grenades, 10 lbs of documents, 2 boxes medical supplies, 1 flashlight, 2 bandoleers of AK-47 ammo, 3 bags of clothing and destroyed 10 bunkers and 15 hooches. At 291210H the rifle platoon was extracted from vic XS548815. At 291215H vic XS625795 A Trp destroyed 1 sampan. At 291635H vic XS630724 A Trp destroyed 1 sampan.

30 July: The 1st Bde conducted opns with 4 Inf Bn's (2-39, 4-39, 2-60, 6-31), 1 Mech Bn (5-60) and 1 Air Cav Trp (A/3-17). At 200750H vic XS713710 the CRIP ele made contact with an estimated VC plat. Contact broke at 300815H. At 300930H vic XS718711 the CRIP ele found a heavily fortified bunker complex and 2 grenade booby traps. At 300925H Co C was lifted from Rach Kien and inserted vic XS725700. At 301158H Co B was lifted from Rach Kien and inserted vic XS591711. At 301240H Co E was lifted from Rach Kien and inserted vic XS606722. At 301445H Co C was extracted from XS725700 and inserted vic XS630688. At 301530H Co E was lifted from vic XS-608720 and inserted vic XS634683. At 301550H Co C/4-39 was inserted vic XS620684. At 301650H vic XS634684 Co E picked up 1 detainee. At 301645H Co E was extracted from vic XS631683 and returned to Rach Kien. At 301650H Co B was extracted from vic XS597715 and returned to Rach Kien. The 2-60 conducted local security opns, refresher training and maintenance, and stood down in preparation for future opns. At 301540H vic XS885743 1 KIA resulted from accidental discharge. (5-60 delayed entry: At 292400H the Ben Luc bridge site received 6 rds of 82mm mortar. No casualties or damage resulted.) At 301230H Co B relieved Co A on the Tan An bridge. At 301230H Co A began OPCON to 2-39 in opn vic XS725700. At 300700 Co A was released from OPCON of 2-39 and returned to Binh Phuoc. At 301445H Co A was lifted from Binh Chanh to Nha Be. (4-39 delayed entry: At 292137H vic XS574778 the 4-39 Forward CP received 4 mortar rds. No casualties or damage.) At 300855H Co

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A was extracted from RON position and inserted vic XS542831 and XS532817. At 301045 Co C was inserted vic XS533867 and XS526870. At 301056H Co A was extracted from vic XS532817 and inserted vic XS587931. At 301305H Co C was extracted from XS533-864 and XS539870 and inserted at XS578824 and XS585821. At 301330H Co A was extracted from XS582924 and inserted vic XS576848. At 301600H vic XS570920 1 US WHA resulted from booby trap detonation. At 301535H Co C was extracted from vic XS-573824 and inserted vic XS615683. At 301625H vic XS617824 the CO/4-39 was killed by anti-personnel mine believed to be command detonated. At 300820H vic XS718710 A Trp killed 1 VC (BC). At 300845H vic XS728710 A Trp killed 4 VC (BC) and captured 1 POW and 3 weapons when aerial rifle platoon was inserted. At 301100H vic XS-728710 A Trp killed 3 VC (BC) and captured 1 POW. At 301130H vic XS728711 ARP found 2 VC (BC) and 1 female detainee.

31 July: The 1st Bde conducted opns with 4 Inf Bn's (2-39, 4-39, 2-60, 6-31), 1 Mech Bn (5-60) and 1 Air Cav Trp (A/3-17). (2-39 delayed entry: At 301708H vic XS625684 Co C found 300 rds M-60 ammo, 1 mag of M16 ammo, and 20 lbs of clothing. At 302035H Co C was extracted to Rach Kien.) Co E conducted a Recondo Checkerboard opn vic XS746661. At 311130H vic XS744658 Co E had 1 US WHA by a grenade booby trap. At 311310H vic XS745658 Co E had 3 US WHA by a grenade booby trap. At 310903H and 310914H Co C was inserted vic XS850693 and XS854686, respectively. At 311033H 5 sorties of Co C were extracted from vic XS851695 and reinserted at 311037H and 311045H vic XS931734 and XS855716. Five sorties of Co C were extracted to Tan Tru at 311145H. At 311130H vic XS931734 Co C found 10 bunkers, 1 booby trap, and 1 chicom mine. Booby trap and mine were destroyed. At 311215H 5 sorties of Co C were extracted from vic XS923705 to Tan Tru. At 311240H 5 sorties of Co C were extracted from vic XS926707 and reinserted vic XS675595. At 311425H vic XS-708584 Co A apprehended 1 detainee with $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs of C-4 explosive on his person. At 311503H Co C was inserted vic XS567770 and XS566768, respectively. At 311510H and 311517H Co A was lifted from Tan Tru and inserted at 311540H and 311604H vic XS-575762 and XS568764, respectively. At 311715H vic XS573768 Co A found and destroyed 4 bunkers. At 311807H Co C was extracted to Tan Tru. At 311824H Co A was extracted to Tan Tru. (5-60 delayed entry: At 302153H vic XS618554 Recon 2 element received some sniper fire. Area was swept with negative results.) The 5-60 conducted road and bridge security opns without significant incident. At 310825H the remaining elements of C/4-39 were extracted from vic XS615682 and lifted to vic XS559823 at 310840H, linking up with the rest of Co C. The 4-39 continued riverine opns northwest of Ben Luc with Co's A and B beaching at 311000H vic XS556822 and XS-556826, and Co C beaching at XS558822 at 311115H. At 311220H vic XS558819 Co C found and destroyed 3 bunkers. At 311230H vic XS559819 Co B found and destroyed 3 bunkers. At 311315H vic XS545831 Co B had 3 US WHA by a grenade booby trap. At 311445H vic XS573767 boats supporting 4-39 received AW and RPG fire; arty and gunships worked the area over. Neg US casualties. The 6-31 continued RIF, DARMA, and local interdiction opns south of Saigon. Co D closed at Nha Be at 310912H from its opns in the Nha Be rocket belt. At 311425H Co A was inserted vic XS887744 in the Nha Be rocket belt. B/2-60 was released from OPCON of 6-31 and closed back at Tan Tru at 311425H. A/3-17 continued armed aerial reconnaissance in support of 1st Bde opns with priority to 4-39. At 311015H to 311040H vic XS557818 A Trp destroyed 7 sampans and 1 bunker. At 311130H vic XS558809 A Trp destroyed 1 sampan.

1 August: The 1st Bde conducted opns with 4 Inf Bn's (2-39, 2-60, 4-39, 6-31), 1 Mech Bn (5-60) and 1 Air Cav Trp (A/3-17). (2-39 delayed entry: Co E RON vic XS746657 during the night of 31 July.) At 010843H B16 ele was lifted from Rach Kien and inserted at 010851H vic XS860630 to secure Navy EOD team and divers working on a barge in the area. At 010908H Co A was lifted from Rach Kien and inserted at 010925H vic XS705682. At 010938H Co C was lifted from Rach Kien and inserted at 010958H vic XS698672. At 011020H Co E continued its Recondo Checkerboard opn vic XS727678. At 011455H Co C was extracted from vic XS703674 and reinserted at 011512H vic XS642716. At 011510H Co A was extracted from vic XS705675 and reinserted at 011520H vic XS650719. At 011715H vic XS644713 Co C had 1 VC KIA (BC)

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hiding in a bunker. At 011728H 7 sorties of Co B were lifted from Rach Kien and inserted at 011735H vic XS650699. At 011810H B16 ele completed its security mission with the Navy EOD and divers and was extracted from vic XS861632 to Rach Kien, closing at 011819H. At 011844H Co A was extracted to Rach Kien. Co C was extracted to Rach Kien at 011855H, and the seven sorties of Co B were extracted to Rach Kien at 011906H. During the morning of 1 August the 2-60 conducted road sweeps, local security patrolling and stood down. At 011445H Co B was inserted vic XS653665 to conduct an RIF opn in the area. At 011603H Co B was extracted from vic XS652661 and XS654665 and reinserted at 011618H and 011617H vic XS665570 and XS-662573, respectively. At 011644H Co B was extracted from vic XS654665 and reinserted at 011645H vic XS675580. At 011700H vic XS676580 Co B apprehended 2 detainees. At 011742H and 011748H Co B was extracted from vic XS662573 and XS662575 and lifted to Tan Tru, closing its last ele at 011800H. (5-60 delayed entry: At 312210 at the Ben Luc bridge Co C received 9 82mm mortar fire. Neg casualties or damage. Counter-mortar fire on the suspected mortar site vic XS619780 produced 1 secondary explosion.) The 5-60 conducted road and bridge security opns without incident on 1 August. (4-39 delayed entry: At 311825H vic XS537832 Co A was in a brief contact with an unk size VC force firing SA and AW. Arty was fired in support of Co A. Neg results were found upon sweeping the area of contact.) The 4-39 continued riverine opns northwest of Ben Luc with Co A beaching at 011242H vic XS576793, Co C beaching at the same time vic XS570795, and Co B securing the boats vic XS574794. At 011410H Co A had swept to vic XS573783 and Co C had swept to vic XS565784, both with neg incidents or significant finds. At 010505H Co A had swept to vic XS568771 and Co C had swept to vic XS560769, still with neg finds. The 4-39 elements completed their RIF opns with neg results or significant finds. The 6-31 continued RIF, DARMA, and local interdiction opns south of Saigon. Co A conducted an RIF opn around its RON vic XS887744. At 010910H Co D was lifted from Nha Be and inserted at 010936H vic XS902697 to conduct an RIF in the area. At 011005H Co D was extracted from vic XS904697 and reinserted at 011007H vic XS903703. At 011055H vic XS903706 Co D destroyed 3 bunkers, 1 sampan, and found a leveling device for rocket launcher, a poncho, some web gear and miscellaneous clothing. At 011304H Co D was extracted from vic XS703710 and reinserted vic XS842802 at 011312H. At 011315H vic XS842802 Co D relieved Co C in place and Co C closed at Nha Be by airmobile means at 011330H. Co D will RON vic XS842802. A/3-17 stood down today. D/3-5 was under OPCON of the 1st Bde and conducted opns with priority to 2-39 opns with neg results.

2 August: The 1st Bde conducted opns with 4 Inf Bn's (2-39, 2-60, 4-39, 6-31), a Mech Bn (5-60) and 1 Air Cav Trp (A/3-17). The 5-60 continued road and bridge security and convoy escort opns without incident. Co A and Co C exchanged security positions at 031640H. Co A is now securing the Ben Luc bridge and Co C is securing the Tan An bridge. At 020251H vic XS723657 Co E's J ele engaged 2 VC in a sampan. Results: 2 VC KIA (BC) and 1 sampan destroyed. At 020820H Co E closed at Rach Kien from its Recondo Checkerboard opn. The 2-39 elements conducted local security patrolling, road sweeps and stood down on 2 August. (5-60 delayed entry: At 012110 at the Ben Luc bridge Co C received 8-10 incoming 82mm mortar rds. Neg casualties or damage.) The 5-60 conducted road and bridge security opns without incident on 2 Aug. The 4-39 elements stood down today vic XS569836 with the exception of Co C and Co A (-). At 021435H Co B and an element of Co A beached vic XS567842 in support of a 2-60 RIF to the east of that area. Co B and Co A (-) had neg results during their opns and returned to their CP location vic XS569838. The 6-31 continued RIF, DARMA, and local interdiction opns south of Saigon. Co A conducted a RIF opn around its RON position vic XS886754 in the Nha Be rocket belt w/neg results. Co D conducted a RIF around its RON position vic XS844796 in the Saigon rocket belt with neg results. Co's A and D are to RON in the 2 rocket belts during the night. Co's A & C/2-60 conducted a combined opn vic XS606636, XS603657, XS-592647, XS612643, and XS600647 in conjunction with the 478th RF Co. At 020900H Co B was inserted vic XS642898 to conduct an RIF in the area. At 020935H vic XS607639 Co C picked up 10 detainees. At 020945H Co's A and C terminated their combined opn

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with neg further results. At 020950H 8 sorties of Co A were extracted from vic XS623645 and reinserted at 021130H vic XS647916. At 021000H a helicopter went down vic XS606643 with mechanical troubles. An ele of Co A was inserted to secure the helicopter. At 021150H 6 sorties of Co A were extracted from vic XS615547 to Tan An. At 021205H Co C closed at Tan Tru from its opn with 478th RF Co. At 021220H 6 sorties of Co A were lifted from Tan An and inserted at 021245H vic XS573843. At 021245H 8 sorties of Co A were extracted from vic XS648915 and reinserted at 021255H vic XS573845 to link up the entire company again. At 021300H Co B found and destroyed 6 60mm mortar rds and 2 grenades. At 021309H part of Co B was extracted from vic XS640895 and reinserted at 021320H vic XS576838. At 021330H the remaining Co B elements were extracted from vic XS640895 and reinserted at 021340H vic XS567838. At 021520H Co B was extracted from vic XS563842 and reinserted at 021536H and 021600H vic XS635863 and XS673821, respectively. At the close of this report all 2-60 elements were to be extracted to Tan Tru with the exception of the Co A element securing the downed helicopter vic XS606643. The helicopter had not been extracted at the close of this report. A/3-17 Cav continued armed aerial reconnaissance in support of 1st Bde opns with priority to the 2-60 airmobile opn. A Trp flew people sniffer missions and dropped E-158 CS Cannister clusters looking for enemy locations for the 2-60 elements to insert on. At 021145H vic XS647905 A Trp destroyed 1 sampan.

3 August: The 1st Bde conducted opns with 4 Inf Bn's (2-39, 4-39, 2-60, 6-31), 1 Mech Bn (5-60) and 1 Air Cav Trp (A/3-17). The 5-60 continued road and bridge security and convoy escort opns without incident. Co A and Co C exchanged security positions at 031640H. Co A is now securing the Ben Luc bridge and Co C is securing the Tan An bridge. (6-31 delayed entry: At 021825H vic XS804774 Co D had 7 US WHA from a booby trap. All were dusted off at 021903H. At 021943H vic XS918736 A57 AP was sprung on 10 VC in a sampan. Results: 2 US WHA, 2 VC KIA (EC), 1 AK-47, 1 mortar sight & 5 AK-47 mags. Only 1 of the US WHA needed to be dusted off. Co A and C exchanged positions today with Co C being inserted by CH-47 at 031224H vic XS890744 and Co A being extracted from vic XS917738 and lifted by CH-47 to Nha Be at 031228H. Co D continued RIF opns around its RON vic XS804770 with neg results. (2-60 delayed entry: At 021110H vic XS606643 Co A was relieved of its mission of securing the downed helicopter by an ARVN ele. Co A was extracted at 021715H from vic XS570891 and lifted to Tan Tru at 021742H. At 021950H vic XS670800 a second helicopter went down with maintenance problems. B36 ele was inserted to secure the helicopter. The remainder of Co B was extracted to Tan Tru at 021816H. At 022209H vic XS658790 a B36 sub ele received a small burst of MG fire and 1 M-79 rd. Fire was not returned. Neg US casualties.) At 030750H vic XS670800 the downed helicopter was extracted. B36 ele was extracted to Tan Tru at 031012H. The 2-60 conducted local security patrolling, road sweeps, and stood down during the day. At 031205H the 2-60 reported destroying 1 sampan vic XS689612, 3 spider holes vic XS689617, and 1 sampan destroyed vic XS715580 during a visual reconnaissance. The 4-39 continued riverine opns northwest of Ben Luc, beaching at 030900H vic XS566923. At 031000H vic XS556927 Co C found 1 bunker, 2 sampans, 1 pistol belt, and 1 canteen (bunker and sampans destroyed.) At 030915H part of Co B was inserted vic XS578917. At 030930H second lift of Co B was inserted vic XS595933. At 031000H half of Co B was extracted from vic XS578917 and reinserted at 031005H vic XS623921. At 031002H the second half of Co B was extracted from vic XS595933 and reinserted at 031015H vic XS624912. At 031030H vic XS623923 a Co B ele found and destroyed 10 bunkers. At 031107H Co B was extracted from vic XS624912 and reinserted at 031112H vic XS582923. At 031137H half of Co C was inserted vic XS588930. Co C received AW fire from vic XS588923 going into the LZ. A LFT worked the area over. At 031150H and 031157H the rest of Co C was inserted vic XS588930 to link up the entire Co which then swept the area of automatic wpns fire with negative results. At 031420H vic XS574919 Co B found and destroyed 9 bunkers and a small amount of gear. At 031635H Co's B & A had closed back at their boats vic XS566923. At 031705

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vic XS585928 Co C received AW fire from an estimated VC squad. Co C swept the area with negative contact. The 2-39 conducted local security patrolling, road sweep and stood down during the morning hours. At 031347H Co B was inserted vic XS728547 to conduct an RIF opn in the area. At 031505H and 031525H Co A was inserted vic XS722541. The 2-39 elements were checking out an intelligence report that 300 VC were in the area. At 031710H vic XS725545 Co A apprehended 1 detainee hiding in a bunker. At 031750H Co C was inserted vic XS658675. At 031840H B26 ele was extracted from vic XS696543 and reinserted at 031851H vic XS724541. At the close of this report the 2-39 elements continued their airmobile opns and were scheduled to continue until 032400H. A/3-17 Cav continued armed aerial reconnaissance in support of 1st Bde opns with priority to the 2-39 airmobile opn. (Delayed entry: At 022055H vic XS380803 to vic XS375803 A Trp gunships working with a Fire Fly had 12 VC KIA (BC) and destroyed six sampans.) At 030010H the gunships w/the Fire Fly had 2 VC KIA (BC) and destroyed 1 motorized sampan. At 030036H vic XS512768 A Trp gunships w/Fire Fly had 5 VC KIA (BC), captured 1 AK-47 and a diary, and destroyed 2 hammocks. At 030808H vic XS495790 A Trp destroyed 1 sampan. At 031410H vic XS722544 A Trp destroyed 2 hooches. At 031805H vic XS725544 A Trp had 2 VC KIA (BC). At 031900H vic XS725545 A Trp had 1 VC KIA (BC).

4 August: The 1st Bde conducted opns with 4 Inf Bn's (2-39, 4-39, 2-60, 6-31), 1 Mech Bn (5-60) and 1 Air Cav Trp (A/3-17). (2-39 delayed entry: At 031900H vic XS725546 Co B had a brief contact with an unknown size VC force. Results: 1 US KIA, 1 NVA KIA (BC) w/1 AK-47, and 1 female detainee captured in the area of contact. Co C established a Recondo checkerboard opn southwest of Rach Kien at 031940H with its CP located vic XS680673. At 032028H vic XS688677 CO/Co C, working with his C26 ele received automatic wpns fire. Arty was placed on area of fire and area was swept with negative results. At 032256H Co E was inserted vic XS713593 to join Co's A & B in an RIF of the area.) Co's A & B established RON positions vic XS724543 and XS728544, respectively. Co E was extracted back to Rach Kien at 040005H. At 040704H vic XS724543 2 US from Co A were WHA by a booby trap. Dust off completed at 040750H. At 040905H vic XS723546 Co A had 3 NVA KIA (BC) and found 3 full boxes of .50 caliber ammo and some medical supplies. At 041020H vic XS726544 Co B found and destroyed 15 bunkers and some miscellaneous clothing found in a suspected VC base camp. Co B also found some documents in the same vicinity. At 041210H vic XS717540 Co A received a few rds of SA fire. Area was swept with neg results. At 041348H and 041408H all of Co B was extracted to Rach Kien. At 041538H Co E was inserted vic XS714538. The LZ was hot with the enemy firing SA and AW. One helicopter went down and caught on fire. Four US in the helicopter were injured. At 041620H vic XS714538 Co E was still in contact. At 041620H vic XS693682, while continuing its Recondo Checkerboard opn Co C had 2 US WHA by a booby trap. At 041700H vic XS714538, with its contact still going, Co E had 4 US WHA. At the close of this report Co E's contact had broken at 041920H, Co C continued its Recondo Checkerboard opn, and Co's A & B/2-39 and 2-60 elements were being maneuvered to seal off the area of Co E's contact. Co C/5-60 had been alerted for commitment in the area also. (4-39 delayed entry: At 031950H vic XS583925 Co C sprang an ambush on an estimated VC squad. Negative US casualties. VC casualties unk. Co C established an RON with its CP vic XS572594, keeping 1 AP in vic of their contact vic XS583925. At 040740H, while sweeping area of contact the night before vic XS583925, Co C found 1 US M1 rifle, 1 US carbine, and 2 packs. At 040800H vic XS583925, while continuing their sweep of the area, Co C found 4 VC KIA (BC), and 2 AK-47's. At 041050H vic XS577926 Co C found and destroyed 15 bunkers, 2 chicom smoke grenades, 2 RPG-2 rds, 4 RPG-2 charges, 4 CBU butterfly bombs, 2 chicom grenades, 2 US claymores, 120 rds M60 ammo, 1 sandbag of M16 mags w/ammo and 1 quart lube oil. Co A conducted an RIF vic XS574917 and XS575912 w/neg results. Co B secured the boats vic XS548906 during the day. At 041800H vic XS592902, while enroute to its night loc Co B found and destroyed 5 bunkers. Co B will RON vic XS603893. (2-60 delayed entry: At 031920H Co B was

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inserted vic XS695636 to initiate a Bushmaster opn. Co B established its CP vic XS715647.) The 2-60 elements conducted local security patrolling, road sweeps and stood down. At 040935H vic XS584669 Recon ele found and destroyed 3 bunkers. Co B continued its Bushmaster opn vic XS706645. At 041709H Co A was inserted vic XS720549 to exploit and help seal off Co E's area of contact. At 041821H Co C was inserted vic XS716530 to further develop and seal off the area. At the close of this report the 2-60 elements were maneuvering with the 2-39 elements to seal off the area of E/2-39 contact. (5-60 correction of 3 Aug: At 031640H Co A took over security of the Ben Luc bridge and Co B took over security of Tan An bridge). At 040342H at the Ben Luc bridge Co A received 1 82mm mortar rd. Negative casualties or damage. No counter mortar arty was fired. The 5-60 conducted bridge and road security without incident during the morning hours. At 041305H Co C and Recon ele departed Binh Phuoc for a mech RIF with Recon ele establishing a blocking position vic XS632584 and Co C sweeping from vic XS617582 trying to locate a VC force said to be in the vic of XS630585 by an intelligence report. At 041555H Co C found and destroyed 5 bunkers. At 041640H Co C and Recon ele finished the opns with neg further finds and closed at Binh Phuoc. At the close of this report Co C had been placed on strip alert to be inserted by airmobile means into the area of E/2-39 contact. The 6-31 continued RIF, DARMA, and local interdiction opns in the Saigon and Nha Be rocket belts. At 041208H vic XS914736 Co C fired on 2 VC, wounding one. VC moved out of the area with Co C pursuing. Co C requested a tracker team to assist them in finding the VC. At 041335H the tracker team joined Co C in the search for the 2 VC. At 041345H Co A replaced Co D in the Saigon rocket belt vic XS841800. Co D was extracted to Nha Be by boat. At 041430H vic XS915740 Co C reported that 1 dog handler had broken his leg. At 041810H vic XS914736 Co C found the VC they had shot and VC had died. Co A will RON in the Saigon rocket belt with its CP vic XS841800. Co C will RON in the Nha Be rocket belt with its CP vic XS878844. 4/3-17 Cav Trp continued armed aerial reconnaissance in support of the 1st Bde opns with priority to 2-39. A Trp flew people sniffer and CS missions trying to locate enemy positions. At 041340H vic XS718539 A Trp destroyed 1 bunker. At 041440H vic XS698545 A Trp had 1 VC KIA (BC). At 041740H vic XS713537 A Trp destroyed 2 hooches and had 2 secondary explosions.

5 August: The 1st Bde conducted opns with 4 Inf Bn's (2-39, 2-60, 4-39, 6-31), 1 Mech Bn (5-60) and 1 Air Cav Trp (A/3-17). (2-39 delayed entry: At 041906H A/2-60 came under OPCON of 2-39 and moved to reinforce E/2-39. At 041950H vic XS717338 Co A sustained 2 US WIA. At 041950H vic XS714536 Co E reported 1 US WIA. At 042102H vic XS717337 Co A reported 6 VC (BC). At 042104H vic XS714533 Co E reported 2 VC (BC) and 1 AK-50 captured. At 042212H vic XS714538 Co E reported 2 US KHA and 2 US WHA. Dust off completed at 042250H. End of delayed entries.) At 050026H Co B was inserted vic XS711540. At 050725H vic XS713536 Co A reported 6 VC (BC) and capturing 2 RPG's and 1 light machine gun. At 050745H vic XS696695 Co C reported 35 VC in the open. Air strikes and arty were called in support. At 050755H vic XS713535 Co A found 1 VC (BC) in tan uniform & 7100 lbs of rice vic XS716542. At 050800H vic XS713538 Co A reported 4 VC (BC) and capturing 4 RPG's. At 050820H vic XS715538 Co E reported a burning hooch which produced a secondary explosion. At 050928H vic XS716536 Co A reported 8 VC (BC), 2 AK-50's, and 1 SKS. At 051125H vic XS775675 the CRIP reported a light contact. Contact broke at 041130H and 1 detainee was captured. At 051135H vic XS696694 Co C found 6 VC (BC) dressed in black, tan and green uniforms. At 051445H vic XS714536 Co E was extracted and returned to Rach Kien. At 051515H Co B was extracted from XS710539 and inserted vic XS697545. At 051524H Co A was extracted from vic XS712537 and inserted vic XS688546. Both Co's will conduct sweeps in area. (2-60 delayed entries: At 042430H Co C/5-60 was placed under OPCON of 2-60 and at 2203H was inserted vic XS710530. At 042215H Co B was inserted vic XS710530 and XS814533.) At 050030H vic XS710528 Co C/5-60 reported 3 VC (BC) and 2 AK-50's. At 050430H vic XS712535 Co B caught 8 VC trying to swim across the river. Result was 8 VC (BC). At 050740H vic XS713534 Co B picked up 1 male detainee. At 051242H vic XS712535 Co B picked up 1 more male detainee. At 051515H vic XS717538 Co A reported 2 VC (BC), 2 AK-50's and 4 RPG's. At 051600H vic XS713528 Co C reported finding 1

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VC (BC). At 051558H Co C/5-60 was extracted from vic XS708536, returned to Binh Phuoc and released from OPCON of 2-60. At 051620H vic XS719540 Co C found 2 VC (BC) and 2 AK-50's. At 051650H Co C was extracted from vic XS716539 and returned to Tan Tru. At 051711H Co A was extracted from vic XS719544 and returned to Tan Tru. At 051745H Co B was extracted from vic XS711539 and returned to Tan Tru. (5-60 delayed entries: At 042029H vic XS595560 R ele received 1 RPG rd and heavy small arms fire. One APC was lightly damaged. R ele was reinforced and a sweep conducted of the area with negative results. At 042356H vic Tan An bridge Co B reported 1 incoming rd of 82mm mortar. No casualties or damage to the bridge.) At 050230H Co C was placed under OPCON of 2-60. 5-60 continued road, bridge and convoy security missions. At 050028H vic XS800765 Co A sprung an ambush on an estimated 2 VC. A search of the area produced a pistol belt, map and documents which were evacuated. At 050955H vic XS918738 Co D found 1 AK-47 and a PRC25 battery. At 050815H vic XS598898 Co B conducted an RIF from RON position. At 050955H vic XS583768 the boats received B40 and small arms fire. One US and 1 VN Nat'l Policeman were slightly wounded. Arty was fired on area. At 051310H Co B was extracted from vic XS612880 and inserted vic XS576761 to secure an beach head to reload the boats. At 051730H the boats passed the Tan An bridge enroute to French Fort. (A/3-17 delayed entries: At 041948H vic XS713537 A Trp destroyed 10 hooches in area of the 2-39 contact. At 042350H vic XS472817 the Fire Fly destroyed 2 sampans and killed 4 VC (BC). At 051000H A Trp supported with guns and observation around area of the 2-39 contact. At 051310H the UH-1D's were utilized to extract the B/4-39 elements

6 August: The 1st Bde conducted opns with 4 Inf Bn's (2-39, 2-60, 4-39, 6-31), 1 Mech Bn (5-60) and 1 Air Cav Trp (A/3-17). (2-39 delayed entry: At 052020H the CRIP closed at Rach Kien and reported that on sweeping the area of contact 2 VC KIA (BC) were found. At 051841H Co B was extracted from vic XS696546 to Rach Kien. At 051920H Co A was extracted from vic XS688546 to Rach Kien.) During the morning of hours the 2-39 elements conducted local security patrolling, road sweeps, and stood down. At 061357H Co B was inserted vic XS645727 to conduct a RIF in the area. At 061438H Co C was inserted vic XS708650 to also conduct an RIF opn. At 061500H vic XS715648 Co C found and destroyed 4 bunkers. At 061510H vic XS715648 1 US from Co C was dusted off after having been hit by a friendly M-79 rd. At 061615H Co's B & C had continued their RIF opns to vic XS648735 and XS713652, respectively. At 061743H Co C was extracted from vic XS707652 to Rach Kien. Co B will RON vic XS-647727. (4-39 delayed entry: At 052220H the 4-39 elements arrived at French Fort vic XS897587 by boats.) On 6 Aug the 4-39 elements stood down. The 2-60 elements conducted local security patrolling, road sweeps, maintenance, and stood down, preparing for future opns. (5-60 delayed entry: At 052222H a 5-60 ele at Tan An South vic XS587642 reported receiving 1 82mm mortar rd. Neg casualties. Commo at Tan An South was disrupted. The 5-60 continued road and bridge security and convoy escort opns. At 060545H vic XS654754 a Co A ele found and removed a road block made of logs. At 060715H a Co A ele picked up a convoy at CP39, closing at Dong Tam without incident at 061115H. At 061500H at Dong Tam the same Co A ele picked up a second convoy, closing at CP39 at 061720H. Co A remained at the Ben Luc bridge, Co B at the Tan An bridge, and Co C at Binh Phuoc, all without incident. (6-31 delayed entry: At 052344H 1 lift of Co C was inserted vic XS882758 to check out an intelligence report of rockets in the area. At 052350H 1 helicopter from supporting AHC went down with mechanical trouble vic XS884750. At 052355H 1 lift of Co C was inserted vic XS884750 to secure the downed helicopter. The helicopter crew was extracted from the area.) At 060022H a third lift of Co C was inserted vic XS879743. At 060219H Co C established an RON position with its CP vic XS885749 after checking out the intelligence target with negative finds. At 060800H the downed helicopter was extracted from vic XS884750. At 060845H Co A initiated a RIF opn around its RON position with A26 ele working vic XS842813 and A36 ele working vic XS800795. Alternately inserting Co D and extracting Co C by CH-47, Co D elements were inserted

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vic XS914734, XS894734, and XS857754, completing the insertions at 061250H. Co C elements were extracted from the same areas as the Co D elements were inserted in, closing at Nha Be at 061300H. At 061705H vic XS937737 a Co D ele received sniper fire. The area fire came from was swept with negative results. A/3-17 continued armed aerial reconnaissance in support of 1st Bde opns with priority to the 2-39 airmobile opns. A Trp flew people sniffer missions and visual reconnaissance missions with negative results.

7 August: The 1st Bde conducted opns with 4 Inf Bn's (2-39, 2-60, 4-39, 6-31), 1 Mech Bn (5-60) and 1 Air Cav Trp (A/3-17). (2-39 delayed entry: At 062058H vic XS641734 B26 ele had a brief contact with 4 VC. Contact broke immediately with neg US casualties and unk VC casualties. At 062150H vic XS639730 B16 ele ambushed 2 VC in a sampan. Results: 2 VC KIA (BC).) At 070740H vic XS739778 Recon ele found and removed a road block made of dirt, rocks and trees. The road block contained one booby trapped grenade. Co B continued its Bushmaster opn vic XS657700. All other 2-39 elements conducted road sweeps, local security patrolling and stood down. The 4-39 elements stood down during the early morning. At 071200H Co C was moving by boat from French Fort vic XS897587 to the area of 6-31 initiated contact vic XS905705. At 071340H Co C beached vic XS913703 and Co's A and B were moving by boats to the same area to be committed in the area of contact. At 071425H vic XS913703 Co C found 4 VC KIA (BC) and picked up 2 detainees wearing green uniforms. At 071415H and 071430H Co's A and B beached vic XS913703. At the close of this report the 4-39 elements had taken up positions in the 1st Bde encirclement of the area of contact from vic XS907707 - XS908708. 4-39 elements will RON in this vic. (2-60 delayed entry: At 062310H at Tan Tru the 2-60 received 2 unk size mortar rds short of its CP. Recon 1 AP spotted 2 flashes vic XS702651. At 062320H vic XS-702651 Recon 1 AP spotted 15-25 VC moving toward their loc and engaged the VC when they came within 15 meters. B4 AP moved to and reinforced Recon 1 AP's action. Contact broke at 062340H and area was swept with neg results.) At 070620H vic XS654623 Recon ele found 2 107mm rocket rds. At 070947H and 071008H 5 sorties each of Co A were inserted vic XS622680 and XS622672, respectively, to conduct an RIF opn in the area. At 071024H one lift of Co C was inserted vic XS595677. At 071025 vic XS623680 Co A had 2 US KHA and 4 US WHA by a booby trap (2 105mm rds). A helicopter from the AHC supporting 2-60 dusted off the casualties at 071030H. At 071125 1 lift of Co C was extracted from vic XS595677 and reinserted at 071150H vic XS-902707 to exploit a contact in the area initiated by C/6-31. At 071200H vic XS623-780 Co A had 2 US KHA and 5 US WHA by an unk type booby trap. These casualties were also dusted off by an AHC helicopter. At 071215H the remainder of Co C was extracted from vic XS594683 and reinserted at 071225H vic XS902707. At 071240H vic XS620650 a 2-60 gasoline truck was blown up by a command detonated mine. Neg US casualties. The explosion blew an 8'x6' hole in the road. At 071347H 8 sorties of Co A were extracted from vic XS621684 and reinserted at 071409H vic XS900702. At 071505H the remainder of Co A was inserted vic XS900702. At 071505H all of Co B had been inserted vic XS905708. At the close of this report Co A occupied positions from vic XS901705 to vic XS903704. Co B from vic XS904707 to vic XS906707, and Co C from vic XS900705 to vic XS903707 in the 1st Bde encirclement of the area of contact. The 2-60 elements will RON in those locations. At 070315H at the Ben Luc bridge the pontoon bridge was blown in 2 places. A 3rd explosion went off but did not hit the bridge. The pontoon bridge was rendered impassable by the explosions. At 070336H vic XS623761 a Co A ele received a small amount of SA fire. Neg US casualties. At 070400H Co C and Recon ele initiated a cordon and search opn in conjunction with an RF/PF ele. Recon ele blocked from vic XS628568 to vic XS628576 and Co C blocked from vic XS635575 to vic XS630575 and from vic XS635570 to vic XS-630570 while the RF/PF swept and searched the area. At 070840H the 5-60 elements and RF/PF completed their cordon and search opn. Results: 2 detainees. At 070845 at the Ben Luc bridge Co A reported that Co C, 15th Engr, found & removed a 50 lb block of TNT tied to 1 of the floats. The TNT had a time fuze attached to it. At 071215H Co A reported that the pontoon bridge at Ben Luc had been repaired and traffic was again flowing. Traffic had backed up along Hwy 4 5 kilometers east of

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the bridge and 600 meters west of the bridge. At 071520H Co C was inserted vic XS909703 in the 6-31 initiated area of contact. At the close of this report Co C occupied positions from vic XS908702 to vic XS909704. Co C will RON in those positions. Co A remains at the Ben Luc bridge and Co B remains at the Tan An bridge. At 070027H vic XS907736 D/6-31 spotted 1 VC crossing a stream and took him under fire with neg results. At 070640H vic XS803765 Co A had 1 US KHA and 4 US WHA by an unk type booby trap. At 070942H Co C was inserted by airmobile means vic XS905703 to conduct an RIF opn in the area. At 071030H vic XS905705 Co C was receiving sniper fire. At 071045H vic XS905704 Co C had 3 US KHA and 2 US WHA from SA fire which had started as sniper fire. At 071127H Co A was extracted from its RIF vic XS841812 and reinserted at 071131H vic XS902707 to reinforce Co C's contact. Co A made contact almost immediately. At 071330H vic XS909708 Co A had 1 US WHA by SA fire. At 071600H vic XS906704 Co C had 5 US WHA by SA fire. At 071735H vic XS904704 Co C had 1 US WHA by SA fire. At the close of this report the 6-31 contact had been reinforced by Co's A, B, and C of 2-60; Co's A, B, and C of 4-39, & Co C of 5-60. The contact which started at 071030H, and continued sporadically throughout the day, still continued at the close of this report. Co A occupied positions from vic XS906701 to vic XS907702 and Co C occupied positions vic XS903703 to vic XS905702 in the 1st Bde encirclement of the area of contact the 2 elements will RON in those positions. Co D conducted an RIF opn around its RON position vic XS915736 today with negative results. A/3-17 continued armed aerial reconnaissance in support of 1st Bde opns. A Trp flew people sniffer and CS missions in support of 6-31 initiated contact vic XS905703, dropping a total of 6 E-158 CS cannister clusters on enemy positions in the area of contact.

8 August: The 1st Bde conducted opns with 4 Inf Bn's (2-39, 2-60, 4-39; 6-31), 1 Mech Bn (5-60) and 1 Air Cav Trp (A/3-17). At 080115H vic XS687708, B16/2-39 fired M-79 and SA on an area where movement had been spotted. Results: 2 VC KIA (BC). Arty placed on the area caused 3 VC KIA (BC) found upon sweeping area. At 080650H vic XS650703 Co B engaged 4 VC w/wpns across a stream. Results were unknown because Co B could not get across the stream. At 080850H Co C was inserted vic XS730613 and initiated an RIF opn in the area. At 080905H vic XS730612 Co C was in contact with an unknown size VC force. Arty, gunships and 2 Air Strikes worked over the area. Contact broke at 081020H. Results: 1 US KHA and 4 VC KIA (BC). At 081035H vic XS689708 Co B terminated it's Bushmaster opn and was extracted to Rach Kien by CH-47 at 081051H. At 081300H Co A was inserted vic XS663696 and initiated a 48 hour Recondo Checkerboard opn in the area. At 081315H Co C was extracted from vic XS732613 and lifted to Rach Kien at 081341H. Co's A, B, C/4-39 continued their RIF opns vic XS907707 - XS908708. At 080714H vic XS907705 Co A had 3 VC KIA (BC) and 1 AK-47. At 081145H vic XS908708 Co C had 2 VC KIA (BC). At 081145H vic XS908708 Co C had 2 VC KIA (BC) and 1 AK-47. At 081205H vic XS907705 Co A apprehended 2 detainees and captured 1 AK-47. At 081515H vic XS908708 Co C apprehended 3 detainees. At 081535H vic XS908707 Co B apprehended 1 detainee. At 081810H the 4-29 elements were extracted from the area by boat and returned OPCON on 3rd Bde. Co's A, B, and C/2-60 continued their RIF opns vic XS904703. At 080210H vic XS904704 after 6 E-158 CS cannister clusters were dropped on the enemy's positions and the VC started trying to get out of the CS, Co A regained contact. A LFT was called in to work the area over. Co A's contact broke at 080305H. At 080450H vic XS902704 Co A had 1 VC KIA (BC) from the contact which ended at 080305H. At 081505H Co A was extracted by CH-47 from XS902705 and lifted to Tan Tru at 081520H. At 081515H Co B was extracted by CH-47 from vic XS903705 and lifted to Tan Tru at 081540H. At 081555H Co C was extracted by CH-47 from vic XS904702 and lifted to Tan Tru at 081700H. At 081820H vic XS652625 a 2-60 water truck was hit by a command detonated mine. Neg casualties. One detainee was apprehended in the area. The 5-60 continued road and bridge security opn and convoy escort opns without incident. Co C continued it's RIF opn vic XS904703. At 081440H vic XS908702 Co C had 1 VC KIA (BC). At 081820H Co C was extracted from vic XS908702 and lifted to Binh Phuoc at 081850H.

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At 080030H vic XS900701 Co C/6-31 had 1 US WHA (dusted off at 080100H. At 080725H vic XS905705 Co C had 3 VC KIA (BC), 2 AK-47's and 1 RPG launcher. One (1) US from Co C was WHA in the brief contact. At 080930H vic XS905705 Co C had 1 VC KIA (BC) with 1 AK-47. At 081035H vic XS890742 Co D continuing it's separate RIF opn found and destroyed 4 bunkers. At 081117H vic XS905704 Co A had 2 VC KIA (BC) and 1 AK-47. At 081130H vic XS905705 Co C had 2 US KHA and 2 US WHA. At 081155H vic XS905705 Co C had 1 VC KIA (BC) and 1 AK-47. At 081300H vic XS905704 Co A had 2 VC KIA (BC). At 081430H vic XS905704 Co A had 1 VC KIA (BC). At 081455H vic XS895738 Co D found and destroyed 15 bunkers. At 081500H vic XS905706 Co C found 1 82mm (complete w/all equipment) and 2 chicom carbines. At 081515H vic XS905704 Co A had 1 VC KIA (BC) and 1 AK-47. At 081624H vic XS905704 Co C apprehended 1 detainee. At 081637H vic XS905704 Co A had 2 VC KIA (BC). At 081640H vic XS905705 Co C had 1 US WHA. At 081745H vic XS905704 Co A had 1 VC KIA (BC) w/1 AK-47. At 081720H Co A was extracted from vic XS905705 and lifted to Nha Be at 081830H. Co C well RON vic XS905704. A Trp/3-17 continued armed aerial reconnaissance in support of the 1st Bde opns with priority to the area of contact vic XS904703. At 080525H vic XS461830 A Trp had 2 VC KIA (BC) and destroyed 1 sampan. At 080540H vic XS449734 A Trp had 2 VC KIA (BC) and destroyed 1 sampan. At 081000H vic XS916722 A Trp destroyed 4 sampans and 6 bunkers. At 081022H A Trp inserted it's rifle platoon vic XS915721. From 081022H to 081120H vic XS915721 to XS917725 A Trp's rifle platoon destroyed 28 bunkers and 3 sampans. At 081120H the rifle platoon was extracted from vic XS917725 and reinserted at 081140H vic XS904695. From 081140H to 081305H vic XS904695 to XS909699 A Trp's rifle platoon destroyed 8 bunkers and 2 sampans. At 081305H the rifle platoon was extracted from vic XS909696 and reinserted at 081448H vic XS940718. From 081448H to 081600H vic XS940718 to XS937723 the rifle platoon destroyed 8 bunkers and 6 hooches. At 081600H the rifle platoon was extracted from vic XS937723. At 081814H vic XS937729 A Trp had 1 VC KIA (BC) w/AK-47. The weapon was destroyed by the gunship attack.

9 August: The 2-39 (Delayed entry: At 082115H vic XS662687 Co A (-) sprung an ambush on an estimated 5 VC. Result was 2 VC (BC). At 090705H vic XS742742 R element found a mud roadblock with engineer stakes and wire. Road block was removed. At 090915H Co B was lifted from Rach Kien and inserted vic XS883791 and conducted an RIF of area. At 091036H Co B was extracted from vic XS883791 and inserted vic XS742627. At 091205H Co B was extracted from vic XS725628 and returned to Rach Kien. Co A continues Recondo Checkerboard operation vic XS688705. The 2-60 (Delayed entry: At 081910H vic XS685600 S2/2-60 in OH23 spotted 4 sampans with several VC, one had AK-47. Artillery was fired. Result was 2 VC KIA (BC).) At 090845H 2-60 began lifting all elements from Tan Tru to Can Giouc by CH47. Transfer was complete at 091434H. At 091355H Co C was lifted from XS818798 and inserted vic XS794807. At 091415H Co C (-) was extracted from vic XS794807 and inserted vic XS793787 and inserted vic XS836814. At 091632H Co C (-) was extracted from vic XS793783 and inserted vic XS832814. At 081500H vic XS768825 Co C picked up 1 female detainee and 2 M2 carbines. The 5-60 (Delayed entry: At 081820H Co C was extracted from vic XS906704, lifted to Binh Phuoc and released from OPCON of 6-31.) At 090830H Co C and E₁ (-) moved by vehicle from Binh Phuoc to Ben Luc and established a forward base vic XS620759. At 091310H the R element closed into the forward base at Ben Luc. The 6-31 (Delayed entry: At 081720H Co A was extracted from vic XS905705 and returned to Nha Be. At 082105H vic XS854747 Co D engaged a motorized sampan. Result: 3 VC KIA (BC) and 1 sampan destroyed. At 082232H vic XS908702 Co C reported 1 Chieu Hoi and finding 1 chicom ammo drum and 1 chicom grenade.) At 090845H vic XS905701 Co C retrieved 5 US KHA's which could not be extracted previously. At 090245H vic XS911721 Co D reported 2 US WIA from friendly arty. Initial investigation shows that artillery fired the wrong charge. At 091045H vic XS905701 Co C reported finding 5 VC (BC) during sweep of final area of contact. At 091400H Co C was extracted from XS905705 and returned to Nha Be.

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10 August: The 1st Bde conducted opns with 3 Inf Bn's (2-39, 2-60, 6-31), 1 Mech Bn (5-60) and 1 Air Cav Trp (A/3-17). The 2-39 (Delayed entry: At 092000H vic XS696707 in its Recondo Checkerboard opn, A35 element received 10 rds SA fire Negative US casualties. Arty fired illumination in support of A35 element.) At 101403H Co A terminated its Recondo Checkerboard opn and was extracted to Rach Kien at 101415H by Ch47. At 101455H 10 sorties of Co C were inserted vic XS723-613 to conduct an RIF opn in the area. At 101516H the remainder of Co C was inserted vic XS723613. At 101537H Co B was inserted vic XS723644. At 101747H Co B terminated its RIF with negative results, and was extracted to Rach Kien. At 101747H vic XS730614 and XS738614 Co C was in contact with an unknown size VC force. Gunships worked the areas of fire over. Co C's contact broke at 101815H. Co C will RON in the area. The 2-60 (Delayed entry: At 091741H 4 sorties of Co B were inserted vic XS832814. At 091746H 4 sorties of Co B were inserted vic XS847806. At 091800H 9 sorties of Co B were inserted vic XS826806. At 091810H 5 sorties of Co B were inserted vic XS832800. The Co B elements established RON positions near those LZ's. Co C established RON positions vic XS833801.) At 100815H and 100831H Co C was extracted from vic XS831816 and lifted to the 2-60 forward CP at Can Giouc vic XS824715 at 100840H. At 100850H and 100851H two lifts of Co A were inserted vic XS799755 and XS803760 to conduct RIF opns in the areas. At 101020H vic XS801756 Co A was in contact briefly with an unknown size VC force. One US from Co A was KHA during the initial moments of the contact. At 101102H a 3rd lift of Co A was inserted vic XS815756. At 101130H 9 sorties of Co B were extracted from vic XS847805 and XS833800 and reinserted vic XS803752. At 101345H 5 sorties each of Co B were extracted from vic XS815756 and XS804753 and reinserted vic XS823800 and XS844804, respectively. The Co B elements will RON in these areas. Co C will RON in its area of contact vic XS801756. (5-60 delayed entry: At 092333H vic XS572695 a Co B ele observed and engaged 1 VC with unknown results. At 092349H vic XS670690 Co B spotted and engaged 1 VC squad crossing the road with unk results). At 100900H southeast of Ben Luc vic XS661755 and XS657754, respectively, Co C and Recon ele initiated a Mech RIF opn in the area. At 101025H vic XS655700 Recon ele found and blew in place 1 105mm rd booby trap. At 101040H vic XS640743 Co C found and removed 2 road blocks. One roadblock had a grenade on it. The grenade was blown in place. At 101055H vic XS667734 Co C picked up 1 detainee. At 101110H vic XS668704 Co C found and blew in place 2 mines in the road. Co C and Recon ele terminated their mechanized RIF with neg further incidents and closed at the 5-60 forward CP at Ben Luc at 101315H. At 101320H vic XS593734 Co B received 1 82mm mortar rd. Neg US casualties. Co A escorted a convoy to CP39 at 101715H w/o incident. The 5-60 continues road and bridge security and convoy escort opns with its forward CP, Co A, Co C, and Recon at the Ben Luc bridge; Co B (-) at the Tan An bridge; and 1 plat of Co B security the 5-60 CP at Binh Phuoc. At 100930H Co C/6-31 had moved from Nha Be by boat and initiated an RIF opn vic XS895686. At 101015H vic XS895685 Co C picked up 1 detainee. Alternately inserting Co A and extracting Co D vic XS927736, XS887742, XS906731, and XS912745, Co A was completely inserted at 101206H and Co D was completely extracted to Nha Be at 101211H. The Co A elements will RON vic those positions. Co C continued its riverine RIF to vic XS883687 and XS876691 w/o further incident and closed back at Nha Be at 101610H. A/3-17 Cav continued armed aerial reconnaissance in support of 1st Bde opns. At 100945H vic XS919811 an A Trp LOH went down with engine trouble. Neg casualties. (LOH was extracted at 101200H.) At 101258H vic XS801755 A Trp had 2 VC KIA (BC). At 101515H A Trp's rifle platoon was inserted vic XS689701 to secure a Duckblind opn. At 101552H the rifle platoon was extracted from vic XS689701. At 101630H vic XS611692 where a FAC had early received ground fire. A Trp destroyed 2 hooches. At 101630H vic XS834815 A Trp had 1 VC KIA (BC).

11 August: The 1st Bde conducted opns with 3 Inf Bn's (2-39, 2-60, 6-31), 1 Mech Bn (5-60) and 1 Air Cav Trp (A/3-17). At 110815H Co A was lifted from Rach Kien and inserted at 110843H vic XS614700 to conduct an RIF opn in the area. At 110915H and 110930H Co B was lifted from Rach Kien and inserted vic XS610699 and

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XS611697. At 110930H vic XS729614 Co C found 3 VC KIA (BC) (killed by airstrikes on 10 August) and some documents. At 111110H vic XS619700 Co A found and destroyed 9 bunkers. At 111105H Co A was extracted from vic XS618692 and reinserted at 111130H vic XS594620. At 111135H vic XS611692 Co B found and destroyed 3 bunkers. At 111140H Co B was extracted from vic XS615705 and lifted to Rach Kien at 111205H Co A continued its RIF opn moving from vic XS598612 to vic XS602617. At the same time Co C continued its RIF vic XS735595. At 111345H part of Co E was lifted from Rach Kien and inserted at 111354H vic XS860699 to conduct an RIF in the area. At 111450H 9 sorties of Co A were extracted from vic XS603617 and reinserted at 111500H vic XS860709. At 111500H Co E was extracted from vic XS860697 and lifted to Rach Kien at 111508H. At 111520H the remaining portion of Co A was inserted vic XS860709 to link up with the co. At 111640H Co E was lifted from Rach Kien and inserted at 111650H vic XS735614. At 111658H Co A was extracted from vic XS865705 and lifted to Rach Kien at 111721H. At 111735H Co E terminated its RIF and was extracted from vic XS735612 and lifted to Rach Kien at 111758H. Co C will continue its RIF opn and RON vic XS737596. The 2-60 forward CP remained at Can Giouc. Co B conducted a footmobile RIF around its RON vic XS830799 in the Saigon rocket belt without incident or significant finds. Co A conducted a footmobile RIF opn around its RON vic XS798757. At 110705H vic XS803762 Co A picked up 1 detainee after finding trip flares and some documents in his hooch. Co A's RIF had neg further incidents. Co C remained at Cah Giouc securing the 2-60 forward CP. Recon ele secured a 2-60 MEDCAP conducted vic XS640630 to XS715627 to XS627642. At 111056H vic XS645623 the 2-60 MEDCAP team received AW and SA fire. Neg casualties. The 5-60 continued road and bridge security and convoy escort opn without incident. The 5-60 forward CP remained at the Ben Luc bridge. At 110915H vic XS592733 Recon ele began a mech RIF to vic XS595719 to XS598740. At 111145H vic XS603726 Recon ele found and destroyed 4 bunkers. At 111247H Recon ele completed its mech RIF and closed at its forward CP at 111315H. At 111030H Co A closed at Dong Tam with a convoy from CP39. Co A closed back at Ben Luc at 111530H. Co C remained at the Ben Luc CP and Co B (-) remained at the Tan An bridge with 1 plat securing the 5-60 Binh Phuoc CP. At 110720H vic XS900763 Co D completed a cordon and search opn. Results: 3 detainees. Co D closed at Nha Be at 110930H. Co A conducted a footmobile RIF around its RON vic XS911743 without incident or significant finds. Co's C and E remained at Nha Be. Co B remained OPCON of 199th LIB. A/3-17 continued armed aerial reconnaissance in support of 1st Bde opns. At 110842H the rifle plat was inserted vic XS621720. From 110842H to 111140H vic XS621720 to vic XS619726 the rifle plat picked up 11 detainees and destroyed 6 bunkers and 2 sampans. At 111217H the rifle plat was extracted from vic XS620725 and reinserted at 111220H vic XS632699. At 111230H vic XS632699 the rifle plat destroyed 2 bunkers. At 111235H vic XS636698 the rifle plat destroyed 3 sampans. At 111300H the rifle plat was extracted from vic XS632699. At 111743H vic XS737617 A Trp destroyed 1 sampan. At 111747H vic XS738615 A Trp destroyed 1 underwater bridge.

12 August: The 1st Bde conducted opns with 3 Inf Bn's (2-39, 2-60, 6-31), 1 Mech Bn (5-60) and 1 Air Cav Trp (A/3-17). At 121130H 10 sorties of Co B were lifted from Rach Kien and inserted at 121205H vic XS695539. At 121155H 10 sorties of Co A were lifted from Rach Kien and inserted at 121205H vic XS700535. At 121230H 4 sorties of Co B were lifted from Rach Kien and inserted at 121235H vic XS695539 to join rest of Co B. At 121225H 3 sorties of Co A were lifted from Rach Kien and inserted at 121230H vic XS700535. At 121237H Co E was lifted from Rach Kien and inserted at 121243H vic XS703541. At 121300H vic XS700535 and XS703541, respectively, Co's A and E were contact receiving heavy AW fire. At 121320H Co C was lifted from Rach Kien and inserted at 121410H vic XS688546 to reinforce Co's A and E in the area of contact. At 121425H vic XS700535 Co A had 1 US WHA (evac). At 121615H vic XS700536 Co A had 1 VC KIA (BC). At 121710H vic XS730710 the AHC support 2-39 AML opns had 1 helicopter go down. The CRIP was dispatched from Rach Kien to secure the downed helicopter. At 121715H an arty truck from Rach Kien was hit by 2 command detonated mines resulting in 1 US KIA, 3 US WHA and the truck was badly damaged. Dust off completed at 121815H and truck was taken to Rach Kien.

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At 121740H vic XS730710 the CRIP reached the downed helicopter and found it still burning and all the crew was killed in the crash. Because of the continued burning the CRIP was unable to determine whether the helicopter had been shot down by ground fire. The CRIP will RON vic XS730710. At the close of this report Co A was located vic XS700533, Co B vic XS695542, Co C vic XS703538, and Co E vic XS-701541. All elements were still in contact and will RON in their positions. Co E/4-47 was to become OPCON to the 2-39 and take up a position in the 1st Bde encirclement of the area of contact. (2-60 delayed entry: At 112400H vic XS680638 1 US from Recon ele was WHA by grenade booby trap. Dust off completed at 120108H. At 120915H vic XS620650, while on a road sweep, Recon ele found a mine in the road. At 121215H Co C was lifted by CH-47 to Tan Tru from Can Giouc. At 121330H Co A was lifted by CH-47 to Tan Tru from its RON vic XS792760. At 121425H Co B was lifted by CH-47 to Tan Tru from its RON vic XS830799. At 121410H Co C was inserted vic XS709548 to reinforce 1st Bde contact initiated by 5-60. At 121500H Co B was inserted vic XS705544. At 121910H vic XS709548 Co B had 1 US WHA. At the close of this report Co B was located vic XS705545 and Co C vic XS709549 in the 1st Bde encirclement of the area of contact. Both elements were in contact and will RON vic those positions. Co B/4-47 was scheduled to become OPCON of 2-60 and take up a position in the encirclement. The 5-60 continued road and bridge security and convoy escort opns with Co's A and B, while Co C and Recon ele conducted AML RIF opns east of Binh Huoc. At 120840H Co C was inserted vic XS701552. At 120845H vic XS701652 Co C received sniper fire from an estimated VC squad. At 121000H vic XS701552 when Co C started closing on the area of sniper, it was pinned down by heavy SA and AW fire. At 121025H Recon ele was inserted vic XS702548 to reinforce Co C. Recon ele was also in contact almost immediately. At 121300H vic XS701552 and XS702548, respectively, Co C and Recon ele were still in contact and Co C had sustained 2 US WHA and Recon ele had 4 US WHA (evac). At 121445H vic XS702548 Recon ele had 1 Tiger Scout KHA. At 121630H Co C, 4-47 became OPCON to 5-60 and was inserted vic XS698545 to reinforce Co C and Recon ele. 2-39 and 2-60 elements also reinforced the 5-60 contact and formed an encirclement of the area. At 121740H vic XS563597 a 5-60 water truck was hit by a command detonated mine. Results: 1 US WHA (evac) and the truck was damaged. Co C/4-47 established heavy contact at 121645H vic XS698545. At 121830H vic XS698544 from its continuing heavy contact Co C/4-47 had 8 US WHA (evac). At 121919H the CO, Co C/4-47 was HWA (evac). At the close of this report Co C/5-60 was located vic XS699547, Co C/4-47 vic XS-698545, and Recon ele vic XS701545 in the 1st Bde encirclement of the area of contact. Co C/4-47 was still in heavy contact. The 5-60 elements w/OPCON of Co C/4-47 will RON vic those positions. The 6-31 continued RIF, DARTMA, and LOC interdiction opns south of Saigon. Co A continued its RIF opn in the Nha Be rocket belt vic XS918739 without incident. At 121225H Co C was inserted vic XS840809 by boat in the Saigon rocket belt. Co C will RON vic XS840809 and Co A will again RON vic XS918739. A/3-17 continued its armed aerial reconnaissance in support of 1st Bde opns with priority to 5-60 AML opn. At 121025H vic XS693536 A Trp had 1 VC KIA (BC) and destroyed 1 bunker. At 121357H vic XS702548 A Trp destroyed 3 hooches.

13 August: The 1st Bde conducted opns with 3 Inf Bn's (2-39, 2-60, 6-31), 1 Mech Bn (5-60) and 1 Air Cav Trp (A/3-17). (2-39 delayed entry: At 122012H from its continuing contact vic XS701538 Co A had 2 US KHA, 1 US WHA, 7 VC KIA (BC), 1 MG, and 1 AK-47. At 122115H vic XS695541 Co B had 2 US WHA from its contact in the area. At 122130H vic XS698538 Co C had 3 US WHA from its contact in the area. Co E reported no casualties from its contact vic XS704540.) At 130437H vic XS695541, XS713538 and XS704540, respectively, Co's B, C and E were in contact again as the VC tried to break out of the encirclement. At 130635H vic XS695541 Co B had 3 VC KIA (BC) and 1 AK-50. At 130705H vic XS695539 Co B had 2 US KHA. At 130800H vic XS699540 Co B had 8 VC KIA (BC), 4 AK-47's, and 1 AK-50. At 130850H vic XS699540 Co B had 3 VC KIA (BC), 3 POW's, and 3 AK-47's. At 130915H vic XS702538 Co C had 1 US WHA. At 130940H vic XS703543 Co B had 1 VC POW. At 130955H vic XS702538 Co C had 2 US WHA and 2 VC KIA (BC). At 131040H Co A was extracted from vic XS698538

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and reinserted at 131105H vic XS686542 in response to a contact developed by A/3-17 Cav. At 131100H Co C was extracted from vic XS703538 and reinserted at 131145H vic XS685545 to further reinforce A Trp/3-17 Cav's contact. At 131340H vic XS701544 Co B had 3 VC KIA (BC). At 131400H vic XS730110 the crashed AHC helicopter and crew were extracted. At 131430H vic XS676536 Co B had 3 VC KIA (BC). At 131530H Co C was extracted from vic XS703542 and lifted to Rach Kien at 131624H. At 131735H. At 131735H Co B was extracted to Rach Kien. At 131755H Co A was extracted to Rach Kien. At 131640H the CNIP closed at Rach Kien from securing the crashed helicopter vic XS730710. At 131646H Co E was extracted from vic XS700542 to Rach Kien. (2-60 delayed entry: At 121905H Co B/4-47 was inserted vic XS704543 and became OPCON of 2-60.) At 130011H vic XS703544 1 US from Co B/4-47 was WIA by friendly arty (evac). At 130437H vic XS704544 to vic XS702543 Co B/4-47 was in contact as the VC tried to break out of the 1st encirclement. Contact broke at 130500H. At 130530H vic XS704544 Co B/2-60 had 1 VC KIA (BC). At 130623H vic XS-704544 Co B/2-60 picked up 1 WIA POW. At 130655H vic XS704545 Co C picked up 1 chicom MG and 1 AK-47. At 130745H vic XS705545 Co C picked up 1 WIA VC. At 130802H vic XS705544 Co B/2-60 had 8 VC KIA (BC), 1 POW, and 4 AK-47's. At 130855H vic XS705544 Co B/2-60 had 2 VC KIA (BC). At 130900H vic XS705544 Co B/2-60 had 2 more VC KIA (BC). At 130915H vic XS705546 Co B/2-60 had 1 US WIA by an unk type booby trap. At 130935H vic XS704545 Co C picked up 1 POW. At approx 131615H Co B/4-47 was released from OPCON of 2-60 and extracted by CH-47 to Dong Tam. At 131640H Co C was extracted by CH-47 to Tan Tru. At 131645H Co B was extracted to Tan Tru. (5-60 delayed entry: At 122136H vic XS698545 XS698545 Co C/4-47 had 5 US KIA. At 130030H vic XS700548 Co C/5-60 had 1 US WIA from friendly arty. At 130245H vic XS-703548 Co C/5-60 had 1 Hoi Chanh with a chicom MG. At 130630H vic XS698545 Co C/4-47 had 2 US KIA, 3 VC KIA (BC), 3 AK-50's and 1 MG. At 130745H vic XS702548 Co C/5-60 had 1 US KIA, 2 VC KIA (BC), 1 MG, and destroyed 3 bunkers. At 130755H vic XS699546 Co C/4-47 picked up 1 detainee. At 130807H vic XS699546 Co C/4-47 had 1 VC KIA (BC). At 130807H vic XS702544 Co C/5-60 had 2 US WIA, 7 VC KIA (BC), 1 Russian 7.62mm MG. At 130830H vic XS701546 Co C/5-60 had 2 US KIA (BC). At 130830H vic XS669545 Co C/4-47 had 1 VC KIA (BC). At 130945H vic XS700543 Co C/4-47 found 1 B-40 rocket rd, some AK-47 mags and ammo, and some web gear. At 131005H vic XS-701546 Co C/5-60 had 1 VC KIA (BC). At 131200H vic XS703545 Co C/5-60 had 7 VC KIA (BC). At 131200H vic XS698544 Co C/4-47 had 3 US KIA, 3 VC KIA (BC). At 131222H vic XS702543 Co C/5-60 had 2 VC KIA (BC). At 131245H vic XS698544 Co C/4-47 had 1 VC KIA (BC). At approximately 131540H Co C/4-47 was extracted by CH-47 from vic XS698544 and lifted to Dong Tam. At 131705H Co C/5-60 was extracted by CH-47 from vic XS702543 and lifted to the 5-60 forward CP at the Ben Luc bridge. The 6-31 continued RIF, DARTMA, and LOC interdiction opns south of Saigon with significant incident. Co C conducted an RIF opn around its RON vic XS840809 and Co A conducted an RIF opn around its RON vic XS918739. At approx 131040H Co D was inserted by boats vic XS795788. At 131330H vic XS924734 Co A found 1 male body approx 2 weeks old. Co's A, C, and D will RON vic XS917738, XS843803, and XS795788, respectively. (A/3-17 delayed entry: At 121920H vic XS668625 A Trp had 5 VC KIA (BC) and destroyed 6 sampans.) At 130840H vic XS693543 A Trp had 1 VC KIA (BC). At 130845H A Trp had 1 VC KIA (BC). At 130850H vic XS700545 A Trp had 1 more VC KIA (BC). At 130900H vic XS690549 A Trp picked up 2 detainees. At 131015H vic XS681 A Trp inserted its rifle plat. At 131026H vic XS681542 the rifle plat had 3 VC KIA (BC). At 131100H vic XS681537 to XS681542 the rifle plat was in contact w/an estimated VC company. Co's A and C/2-39 were inserted to reinforce and further develop the rifle plat's contact. At 131115H vic XS678534 A Trp had 1 VC KIA (BC) w/1 AK-47. The rifle plat was extracted at approx 131245H from vic XS681542. At 131345H vic XS683540 A Trp destroyed 1 hooch and 1 bunker. At 131420H the rifle plat was inserted vic XS681523. At 131437H vic XS681523 A Trp's gunships and rifle plat had 8 VC KIA (BC). At 131722H vic XS682522 A Trp had 10 VC KIA (BC). At 131725H the rifle plat was extracted from vic XS682522.

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14 August: The 1st Bde conducted opns with 3 Inf Bn's (2-39, 2-60, 6-31), 1 Mech Bn (5-60) and 1 Air Cav Trp (A/3-17). The 2-39 conducted local security patrolling, road sweeps, maintenance, and stood down during the day. At 141020H while on a road sweep opn, Recon ele found 2 wires leading from the road to a hooch vic XS755718. Recon ele found 1 US grenade and more wire inside the hooch. The 2-39 elements had neg further finds or significant incidents. (2-60 delayed entry: At 132147H the 2-60 received 9 82mm mortar rds at Tan Tru, resulting in 4 US WHA. Neg damage. Counter mortar arty was fired on suspected mortar site vic XS647600.) At 140840H 10 sorties of Co C were inserted vic XS668527 to conduct an RIF opn in the area. At 140900H a second lift of Co C was inserted vic XS643507. At 141015H 5 sorties of Co C were extracted from vic XS668527 and reinserted at 141024H vic XS-679529. At 141150H 5 sorties of Co C were extracted from vic XS643506 and reinserted at 141205H vic XS709625. From 141210H to 141645H the 2-60 forward CP and Co A were displaced by CH-47 from Can Giouc to Tan Tru. At 141300H 5 sorties of Co C were extracted from vic XS679529 and reinserted at 141310H vic XS646602. At 141450H the same 5 sorties of Co C were extracted from vic XS647603 and reinserted at 141455H vic XS690650. At 141455H 1 sortie of Recon ele was inserted vic XS689-650. At 141455H vic XS690650 upon inserting Co C received sniper fire from 3/5 VC in hooches vic XS693647. Firing ceased almost immediately. At 141605H 5 sorties of Co C were extracted from vic XS709625 and reinserted at 141615H vic XS682644. At 141620H 2 sorties from Tan Tru of Recon ele was inserted vic XS682644. At 141605H 3 sorties of Co C were lifted from Tan Tru and inserted at 141626H vic XS-682644. At 141705H 5 sorties of Co B were lifted from Tan Tau and inserted at 141722H vic XS714633. At 141728H 7 sorties of Co B were lifted from Tan Tru and inserted at 141738H vic XS709630. At 141800H vic XS708650 Co C received SA fire from 2-3 AK-47's. Fire was returned. Neg US casualties. At the close of this report the 2-60 elements were continuing their RIF opns with Co C maneuvering around the area fire came from vic XS708650. (5-60 delayed entry: At 132145H the 5-60 CP at Binh Phuoc received 10 rds of 82mm mortar fire. Neg casualties or damage. Counter mortar arty was fired on suspected mortar site vic XS630555 and a LFT worked the suspected site over.) The 5-60 continued road and bridge security and convoy escort opns without incident or significant finds. Co B stood on 15 minute alert to reinforce 2-60 airmobile opn. Co A remains at the Ben Luc bridge and Co C is securing the Tan An bridge. The 6-31 continued RIF, DARM, and security, and LOC interdiction opns south of Saigon without incident. Co A conducted a footmobile RIF opn around its RON vic XS917738, Co C conducted footmobile RIF opn around its RON vic XS843803, and Co D conducted a footmobile RIF opn around its RON vic XS-795788. At 141120H the 6-31 was released from OPCON of the 1st Bde and became OFCON to the 199th Light Inf Bde. A/3-17 stood down. D/3-5 Cav conducted armed aerial reconnaissance in support of 1st Bde opns with priority to the 2-60 AML opn. D Trp flew people sniffer and CS missions, having 1 significant people sniffer reading vic XS708650 upon which the 2-60 inserted and made contact.

15 August: The 1st Bde conducted opns with 2 Inf Bn's (2-39, 2-60), 1 Mech Bn (5-60), and 1 Air Cav Trp (A/3-17). At 150820H Co A/2-39 was lifted from Rach Kien and inserted vic XS656732 to conduct RIF. At 151000H vic XS650732 Co A had 1 WIA from an accidental discharge of a weapon. At 151026H Co A was extracted from vic XS652732 and inserted vic XS644705. At 151145H Co E was lifted from Rach Kien and inserted vic XS728642 to conduct RIF of area. At 151351H Co B was lifted from Rach Kien and inserted vic XS712671 to conduct RIF of area. At 151440H Co A was extracted from XS645703 and inserted vic XS695676. At 151530H vic XS684692 A Trp 3-17 Cav killed 2 VC (BC). At 151535H vic XS682667 A Trp killed 4 VC (BC) and captured 1 SkS. At 151628H vic XS5564 a gunship with engine trouble went down. The CRIP ele of 2-39 secured the area until helicopter was extracted at 151657H. At 151722H Co E was extracted from vic XS730643 and returned to Rach Kien. At 151755H vic XS624674 A Trp 3-17 Cav killed 3 VC (BC) and destroyed 5 bunkers. (2-60 delayed entries: At 141851H vic XS708650 Co C made contact with an unk size VC force. Contact broke at 141830H. Results were 3 VC (BC), 1 B-40 rocket launcher, 2 AK-50's and 1 wounded POW. Co C sustained 2 WHA (light). At 141845H Co B was extracted from vic XS685638 and returned to Tan Tru. At 141907H Co C was extracted from vic XS685638 and returned to Tan Tru. Romeo ele remained in a Recondo

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Checkerboard opn.) At 150125H vic XS702638 R ele sprung an ambush on an estimated 25 VC. Neg results. At 151020H Co A began a RIF of area vic XS672632 - 680626 - 683637. RIF was completed at 151123H one spider hole was destroyed via XS678691. (5-60 delayed entry: At 142335H vic XS553645 Co A located at Tan An South received 3 B-40 rds outside of the perimeter. Result was 5 civilians wounded which were evacuated by Sector personnel.) At 150930H Co B initiated an RIF and Cordon and Search opn with counterparts vic XS636776. At 151210H the Cordon and Search opn was completed with neg results. A/3-17 Cav Trp assisted in luckblind opn at 150926H with the Aerial Rifle plat. Opn was completed at 151125H, at which time A Trp became OPCON to the 2-39.

16 August: The 1st Bde conducted opns with 2 Inf Bn's (2-39, 2-60), 1 Mech Bn (5-60), and 1 Air Cav Trp (A/3-17). (2-39 delayed entries: At 151826H Co A was extracted from vic XS695676 and returned to Rach Kien. At 151840H Co B vic XS715667 killed 1 VC and captured 200 rds of AK-47 ammo. At 152158H Co B vic XS-707673 detected much movement around position, called in arty w/neg results.) At 160815H Co B was extracted from vic XS710671 and returned to Rach Kien. E/2-39, Intel Squad, PSYOPS, CRIP, RF/PF and National Police cordoned and searched vic XS730770 to XS740780, beginning at 160700H and finishing at 161230H. MEDCAP treated 89 and distributed 1500 Chieu Hoi leaflets, screened 135 people, questioned 35 suspects, detained 1 suspected VC and evacuated thru ARVN channels. At 160822H Co A/2-60 was lifted from Tan Tru and inserted vic XS643805 and XS633804 to conduct RIF. At XS160955 2-60 counterpart broke contact with estimated VC platoon vic XS704628. At 161005H Co A was extracted vic XS643805 and XS633804 and inserted vic XS700630 and vic XS692627. At 161210H Co A was extracted from vic XS696626, XS700631 and inserted vic XS708636 and XS708632. At 161255H Co C was lifted from Tan Tru and inserted vic XS725635 and XS718632. At 161307H Co C was extracted from vic XS725635 and XS718632 and inserted vic XS725624. At 161450 Co C was extracted from vic XS723634 and inserted vic XS671660 and vic XS677660. At 161513H Co A was extracted from vic XS671660 and vic XS677660 and inserted vic XS664664 and vic XS673660. At 161550H Co C was extracted vic XS671660 and vic XS-677660 and inserted vic XS682605 and vic XS695597. At 161550H Recon plat was lifted from Tan Tru and inserted vic XS686596; received sniper fire with neg casualties. At 161615H Co A found 1 155mm rd booby trap vic XS668673. Booby trap was destroyed in place. At 161715H Co A was extracted from vic XS664664 and vic XS673660 and inserted vic XS687595, XS688597 and XS689599. At 161230H Co B was lifted from Binh Luc and inserted vic XS640580. At 161315H Co B destroyed 15 bunkers vic XS637575. At 161417H Co B was extracted vic XS635574 and inserted vic XS624580. At 161425H Co B received sniper fire from vic XS621580. A/3-17 Cav gunships fired on area with neg results. Co B swept area w/neg results. At 161530 Co B was extracted from vic XS625583 and inserted vic XS609596. At 161650H Co B was extracted from vic XS612588 and inserted vic XS594558. At 160930H A Trp conducted people sniffer opn vic XS663834 with 4.0 reading. At 161030H vic XS719654 A Trp destroyed 1 sampan, neg personnel in area. At 161135H vic XS712645 1 Scout Ship hit by fire, wpn ship fired on area with result of 2 VC KIA and 1 RPG captured. Neg US casualties. At 161348H vic XS694667 3 personnel spotted working on a bunker. Wpn ship fired on area with unk results. At 161350H CS was dropped on area with neg results. At 161355H 4 bunkers located vic XS647842. At 161710H A Trp made complete VR of division directed target area with neg results.

17 August: The 1st Bde conducted opns with 2 Inf Bn's (2-39, 2-60), 1 Mech Bn (5-60), and 1 Air Cav Trp (A/3-17). At 171005H 10 sorties of C/2-39 were lifted from Rach Kien and inserted at 171034H vic XS453673 to conduct an RIF opn in the area. At 171035H Co C reported an air strike on a bunker complex vic XS-446676 caused a large secondary explosion in the area. At 171105H the remainder of Co C was inserted vic XS453673. At 171144H 7 sorties of Co E were lifted from Rach Kien and inserted at 171157H vic XS453673 to join Co C's RIF. At 171245H vic XS446676 Co C found 2 NVA KIA (BC) killed by airstrikes in the area at 171035H dressed in NVA uniforms. In the same area Co C destroyed 21 bunkers, having 2

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secondary explosions during the destruction of the bunkers. At 171325H Co C was extracted from vic XS453674 and reinserted at 171345H vic XS462687. At 171400H Co E was extracted from vic XS454670 and reinserted at 171410H vic XS-469670. At 171548H Co C was extracted from vic XS464678 and reinserted at 171625H vic XS706653. At 171640H Co E was extracted from vic XS469670 and reinserted at 171655H vic XS702657. At 171725H vic XS712655 Co C found and destroyed 17 bunkers. At 171828H Co E was extracted from vic XS702657 to Rach Kien. At 171835H Co C was extracted from vic XS712655 to Rach Kien. (2-60 delayed entry: At 161847H vic XS689599 Co C was in contact with an estimated VC squad in 3 bunkers. At 161930H vic XS689599 Co's A and C and Recon ele had encircled the area of contact. At 161930H vic XS689599 Co C reported 1 US WHA and 1 Tiger Scout WHA. Co's A and B and Recon ele established RON positions around the area of contact vic XS689599 and firing ceased at 162000H.) At 170650H vic XS689599 during a sweep of the area of contact Co A found 1 VC KIA (BC) w/1 AK-50. At 170816H Co A was extracted from vic XS688594 and lifted to Tan Tru. At 170829H Co C and Recon ele were extracted from vic XS688594 and lifted to Tan Tru. The 2-60 ele conducted local security patrolling, road sweeps, maintenance and stood down the rest of the day. (5-60 delayed entry: At 161832H Co B was extracted from vic XS594558 and lifted to the 5-60 forward CP at Ben Luc at 161855H. At 162043H vic XS583721, while securing the small bridge, C36 ele received 20 rds of 60mm mortar fire. Neg US casualties or damage. One ARVN wounded by shrapnel.) The 5-60 continued road and bridge security and convoy escort ops. At 170915H vic XS-562603 Co C found and destroyed in place a small pressure-type mine. Co A conducted convoy escort ops without incident. At 171125H Co B was lifted by air-mobile means from the 5-60 CP and inserted at 171145H vic XS937723 to conduct an RIF opn in the area. At 171327H Co B was extracted from vic XS937723 and reinserted at 171333H vic XS931730. At 171540H Co B was extracted from vic XS933724 and reinserted at 171551H vic XS856692. At 171838H Co B was extracted from vic XS855694 to Binh Phuoc. A Trp/3-17 continued armed aerial reconnaissance in support of 1st Bde ops with priority to the 2-39 AML opn. A Trp flew people sniffer and CS missions with neg significant readings or finds. At 171415H vic XS430684 A Trp destroyed 2 bunkers and 1 hooch.

18 August: The 1st Bde conducted ops with 2 Inf Bn's (2-39, 2-60), 1 Mech Bn (5-60), and 1 Air Cav Trp (4/3-17). At 181700H 2-39 was alerted to reinforce the 2-60 contact vic XS816652. At 181803H Co B was lifted from Rach Kien and inserted vic XS817653. At 181823H Co A was lifted from Rach Kien and inserted vic XS817667. At 181839H Co C was lifted from Rach Kien and inserted vic XS823664. At the close of this report all 2-39 elements in the contact area were under enemy fire. At 180815H Co B was lifted from Tan Tru and inserted vic XS619592 on RIF mission. At 180850H Co B picked up 1 detainee without I.D. card and 1 POW with pistol belt, M79 rds, 1 grenade and a poncho. At 181010H Co B was extracted from XS619592 and inserted vic XS834684 and XS828680. At 181120H vic XS827680 Co B picked up 1 POW with 9mm pistol. POW tried to run away and he was badly wounded in attempt. At 181120H Co B picked up 2 detainees of military age. At 181143H Co A was lifted from Tan Tru and inserted vic XS702573. At 181220H Co B was extracted from XS828680 and XS834676 and inserted vic XS840658 and XS843653. At 181414H Co B was extracted from XS842653 and inserted vic XS821647 and XS828646. LZ at XS828646 was hot and 1 helicopter was hit by an RPG and caught fire. Result was 2 US WHA which were dusted off. At 181445H vic XS705579 Co A found a cache consisting of 10 lbs of clothing, 5 lbs of medical supplies, 5 lbs of documents and a map of Saigon. At 181450H Co A was extracted from XS703573 and inserted vic XS841649. At 181608H Co B was still in contact and Co A was moving west. At 181635H Co C was lifted from Tan Tru and inserted vic XS827658. At 181735H 1 Cobra of A/3-17 was hit by SA fire and forced to land at XS815665. In addition 1 Cobra and 1 LOH were hit by SA and flew to Tan An to estimate damage. Cobra downed at XS815665 was evacuated by CH47 at 181845H. At the close of this report Co B and Co A were receiving fire from enemy in bunkered positions. At 180155H Co A reported 10 rds of 82mm mortar fired at the Ben Luc bridge with neg damage or casualties. The 5-60 continued road and bridge security and convoy escort

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opns. From 181734H to 181850H Co B was lifted from Binh Phuoc to Rach Kien by 3 sorties of CH47 to be in position to reinforce 2-60 elements if required. At 180530H vic XS378792 A/3-17 Cav Trp attacked 4 heavily loaded and camouflaged motorized sampans. Results were 4 sampans destroyed, 8 VC KIA. Contents of sampans unk. At 180700H A Trp began to cover Duck Blind mission. At 180830H vic XS766699 aero rifle ele killed 1 VC and picked up 1 detainee. At 181125H vic XS772697 gunships destroyed 3 sampans. At 181130H vic XS771704 aero rifle ele located and destroyed 2 bunkers. At 181225H vic XS809739 gunships engaged 3 VC with results of 2 VC KIA, 2 AK-47's and some documents captured.

19 August: The 1st Bde conducted opns with 2 Inf Bn's (2-39, 2-60), 1 Mech Bn (5-60), and 1 Air Cav Trp (A/3-17). (2-39 delayed entries: At 181922H vic XS823664 Co C had 4 friendly WHA. At 182056H 3 or 4 WHA's dusted off. At 182014H Co E was lifted from Rach Kien and inserted vic XS827654. At 182153H 2-39 ele's were in position as follows: Co A vic XS823853, Co B vic XS821650, Co C vic XS-824654. Contact broke at 182300H). At 190633H Co E was receiving heavy volume of fire. At 190820H Co E had 1 VC KIA vic XS828643 and Co C had 3 VC KIA vic XS-823643. At 190950H Co A had 1 VC Hoi Chang vic XS823653. At 191000H sniper team reported to 2-39. At 191025H vic XS823653 Co A had 1 EM WHA and vic XS821650 Co B had 1 EM WHA. EM were dusted off. At 191105H vic XS828643 Co E had 2 VC KIA. At 191109H vic XS824654 Co C had 2 VC KIA. At 191107H vic XS824654 Co C captured some documents and medical supplies. At 191122H vic XS824654 Co C had 2 additional VC KIA and captured 1 RPG rocket launcher with seven rds. At 191137H vic XS-828643 Co E captured 2 VC POW's, 1 of which was wounded. At 191150H Co E had 1 VC KIA. At 191158H vic XS824654 Co C had 1 VC KIA. At 191125H Co C vic XS824654 had 4 VC KIA and captured 5 AK-50's. At 191300H vic XS828643 Co E captured 1 60mm mortar and 1 RPG-7 rocket launcher. At 191410H vic XS824654 Co C captured 1 B40 rocket launcher. At 191500H vic XS822650 Co A had 1 US WIA; evac. At 191535H Co B was lifted from vic XS821650 and inserted vic XS780699. (2-60 delayed entry: At 181414H vic XS828646 Co B had 1 US KIA. At 190150H 2-60 elements were in position as follows: Co A vic XS827647, Co B vic XS824647, Co C vic XS-828650 and Recon plat vic XS828653. At 190414H Recon plat had 8 VC KIA and captured 4 AK-47's, 2 pistols and 1 RPG launcher. At 190850H vic XS827645 Recon plat had 3 VC KIA. At 190855H vic XS824647 Co B had 1 EM WHA. EM was dusted off. At 190945H vic XS824647 1 wounded VC surrendered. At 191005H 3 more VC surrendered as Hoi Chanh. At 191018H 2 more VC with 2 AK-50's surrendered as Hoi Chanh to 2-60. At 191100H vic XS824647 Co B had 2 more Hoi Chanh and 1 AK-40. At 191145H vic XS828650 Co C captured 1 MG with tripod. Between 191145H and 191205H 2-60 units had 9 VC KIA and captured 3 VC POW's, 7 AK-50's, 2 MGs and 1 chicom radio. At 191215H vic XS828650 Co C captured 1 VC POW, 1 AK-50, and 1 pistol. At 191320H vic XS824647 Co B had 2 VC KIA, 2 detainees and captured 1 pistol, 1 MG and 2 AK-50's. At 191409H vic XS824647 Co B had 2 VC KIA and 2 detainees. At 191500H vic XS827647 Co A had 1 detainee and captured 5 AK-50's. At 191505H vic XS824647 Co B captured 1 AK-50. The 5-60 continued road and bridge security and convoy escort opns. Co B was lifted from Rach Kien and placed OPCON to 2-60 from 181930H until close of this report. A/3-17 supported elements during contact. At 191455H A Trp had 4 VC KIA vic XS781693. At 191730H while conducting VR of area of sampans destroyed 18 Aug, A Trp had 1 VC KIA and captured 1 AK vic XS378791. VR of sampans yielded neg results.

20 August: The 1st Bde conducted opns with 2 Inf Bn's (2-39, 2-60), 1 Mech Bn (5-60), and 1 Air Cav Trp (A/3-17). (2-39 delayed entry: At 191555H Co A was extracted from vic XS822650 and reinserted vic XS781694. At 191752H Co C was extracted from vic XS825652 and lifted to Rach Kien. At 191800H vic XS780-693 Co A had 9 VC KIA (BC) and 2 AK-50's. At 191807H Co E was extracted from vic XS828650 and lifted to Rach Kien. At 192009H vic XS772700 Co B had 1 VC KIA (BC). Co's A and B established RON positions vic XS779689 and XS782702 respectively.) At 200640H vic XS773695 Co A found 6 VC KIA (BC) killed by gunships. At 200730H Co's A and B were enroute foot from their area of contact to Rach Kien. At

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200920H Co's A and B closed at Rach Kien. The 2-39 ele's conducted local security patrolling, maintenance, and stood down the remainder of the day. At the close of this report Co E was scheduled to establish a Recondo Checkerboard opn vic XS718703. At 200730H the 2-60 reported having picked up 1 detainee vic XS-638636 and 1 detainee vic XS700570 while on a visual reconnaissance mission. At 200918H 5 sorties of Co C were inserted vic XS722625 to conduct an RIF in the area. At 200940H vic XS722624 Co C picked up 1 detainee. At 201100H vic XS719-625 the C36 ele found and destroyed 32 bunkers. One US was injured while blowing the bunkers. At 201105H 5 sorties of Co C were extracted from vic XS719625 and reinserted at 201113H vic XS712585. At 200900H 1 lift of Co C was lifted from Tan Tru and inserted at 200910H vic XS720621. At 200918H another lift of Co C was lifted from Tan Tru and inserted vic XS732642. Jitterbugging its elements, 1 lift of Co C was extracted at 201113H from vic XS720621 and reinserted at 201120H vic XS702587; and a second lift of Co C was extracted at 201122H from vic XS732625 and reinserted at 201130H vic XS699588. At 201315H Co B was lifted from Tan Tru and inserted at 201330H and 201345H vic XS685542 and XS690532, respectively. At 201346H 5 sorties of Co C were extracted from vic XS699584 and reinserted at 201404H vic XS724562. At 201403H one lift of Co C was extracted from vic XS702587 and reinserted at 201415H vic XS724565. At 201505H vic XS620650 the 2-60 reported an ARVN truck was blown by a command detonated mine. Results: 1 US advisor WHA and 2 ARVN WHA. At 201630H 5 sorties of Co C were extracted from vic XS723563 and reinserted at 201638H vic XS714522. At 201640H 5 sorties of Co C were extracted from vic XS724564 and reinserted at 201650H vic XS718520. At 201735H Co B was extracted from vic XS685527 and lifted to Tan Tru at 201744H. At 201810H vic XS-774524 Co C picked up 2 detainees. At 201837H Co C was inserted vic XS715526 when AHC drew fire from the area. The area was swept and Co C made a brief contact. Results: 3 VC KIA (BC) and 1 US carbine. One US WHA fell into a river and submerged. At 201925H vic XS715526 Co C found the body in the river. At 201930H Co C was extracted from vic XS715526 and lifted to Tan Tru at 201940H. The 5-60 continued road and bridge security and convoy escort opns with significant incident. Co A is securing the Ben Luc bridge, Co C the Tan An bridge and Co B is at Binh Phuoc. (A/3-17 delayed entry: At 191740H vic XS780690 A Trp had 1 VC KIA (BC).) At 191810H vic XS817697 A Trp had 1 VC KIA (BC). At 201111H vic XS715-568 A Trp destroyed 5 sampans. At 201141H vic XS716560 A Trp destroyed 1 motorized sampan. At 201533H vic XS718566 A Trp destroyed 2 hooches. At 201315H vic XS697543 A Trp had 1 VC KIA (BC). At 201400H vic XS692542 A Trp destroyed 1 bunker causing a secondary explosion inside the bunker. At 201500H vic XS726943 A Trp destroyed 3 sampans and 1 bunker.

21 August: The 1st Bde conducted opns with 2 Inf Bn's (2-39, 2-60), 1 Mech Bn (5-60), and 1 Air Cav Trp (A/3-17). (2-39 delayed entry: At 202010H Co E established a Recondo Checkerboard opn vic XS715714 and XS717715. At 202335H vic XS712704 Co E called in 4.2 inch mortar fire on a hooch into which three VC had been spotted entering. At 202300H vic XS712704 upon sweeping the area, Co E found 1 VC KIA (BC).) At 210825H vic XS715715 Co E was picked up by trucks and returned to Rach Kien. At 210808H and 210825H Co A was lifted from Rach Kien and inserted at 210825H and 210831H vic XS722618 to conduct an RIF opn in the area. At 211010H and 211020H Co B was lifted from Rach Kien and inserted at 211016H and 211035H vic XS724610 to conduct an RIF opn in the area. At 211107H vic XS726615 Co A was in contact with an unk size VC force and had 1 US WHA. Co A has 2 VC KIA (BC) and a package of documents during the initial moments of contact. Co E called in an immediate airstrike on the area and upon sweeping through found 4 VC KIA (BC) by the airstrike and 1 AK-50 vic XS727615. At 211257H and 211315H Co B was extracted from vic XS724616 and reinserted at 211308H and 211322H vic XS770690 to conduct an RIF opn from their LZ to Rach Kien. At 211425H Co A was extracted from vic XS-727615 and reinserted at 211452H vic XS667708. At 211558H and 211610H Co C was lifted from Rach Kien and inserted at 211605H and 211616H vic XS655734 to conduct an RIF opn and establish a Recondo Checkerboard opn in the area. At 211715H Co B closed by foot at Rach Kien. At 211720H vic XS662737 Co C was in contact with an unk size VC force. At 211725H vic XS662735 Co C had 3 VC KIA (BC), 2 AK-50's, 1

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At 241630H Co C had moved from vic XS754563 to vic XS754568. At 241725H and 241740H Co C was extracted from vic XS744543 and XS761551, respectively, and lifted to Tan Tru at 241730H and 241750H. At 241750H and 241832H Co A was extracted from vic XS638655 and lifted to Tan Tru at 241800H and 241837H. The 5-60 conducted road and bridge security without incident today. From 240545H to 240850H Co A and Recon Plt conducted a mechanized RIF with Recon Plt establishing a blocking position vic XS555589 and Co A sweeping through objectives vic XS566579, XS563584, and XS558588. Co A and Recon Plt had negative results on their RIF and closed at the 5-60 CP at Binh Phuoc at 241023H. Co B remained at the Ben Luc bridge and Co C at the Tan An bridge. A Trp/3-17 Cav continued armed aerial reconnaissance in support of 1st Bde ops with priority to the 2-60 AML ops. At 241050H A Trp picked up 2 VC flags vic XS640670 and 1 VC flag vic XS648682. At 241430H vic XS638655 A Trp had 2 VC KIA (BC) At 241630H vic XS721565 A Trp destroyed 1 sampan after picking up a high "people sniffer" reading in the area. Other activities, at 240145H the 1st Bde CP at Tan An received 15 mixed B-40 rocket and unknown size (suspected to have been 60mm) mortar rounds. Negative casualties. One 2-4 Arty 3/4 ton truck slightly damaged. At 240800H vic XS590661 Co C, 15 Engr found a roadblock made of 2 large mounds of dirt and straw. Two secondary explosions occurred when roadblock was blown. Road was cleared at 240850H. At 241410H vic XS647547 the 5-60 spotted 3 roadblocks made of palm branches and mud. Co C, 15th Engr cleared the roadblocks at 241500H.

25 August: The 1st Bde conducted ops with 2 Inf Bn's (2-39, 2-60), 1 Mech Bn (5-60) and 1 Air Cav Trp (A/3-17). (2-39 delayed entry: At 242250H 1 dud rocket round landed outside the perimeter at Rach Kien). At 250917H Co A was lifted from Rach Kien and inserted on an RIF vic XS812694. At 250943H Co E was lifted from Rach Kien and inserted on RIF mission vic XS812693. At 25120H Co E was extracted from vic XS812692 and returned to Rach Kien. At 251135H Co A was extracted from vic XS812692 and returned to Rach Kien. At 251204H Co B was lifted from Rach Kien and inserted on a Recondo Checkerboard opn vic XS672723. Air Assets and A/3-17 Cav were released to 3d Bde at 251220H. 2-60 conducted local security ops, refresher training and stood down in preparation for future ops. At 251620H vic XS695633 the S3 of 2-60 on a VR flight in an OH23 located a suspected rocket launching site. Also received heavy automatic weapon fire from vic XS690694. OH23 sustained three hits and had to land at Tan Tru. LFT was sent into area but there were no further results. 5-60 continued road, bridge and convoy security missions without incident. Co B picked up convoy at CP39 at 250850H and proceeded to Dong Tam. (A/3-17 delayed entry: At 242147H vic XS525580 A Trp destroyed 1 sampan resulting in 1 VC (BC). At 250730H A Trp supported ambl ops of 2-60. At 251230H A Trp was released to OPCON of 3d Bde.

26 August: The 1st Bde conducted ops with 2 Inf Bn's (2-39, 2-60), 1 Mech Bn (5-60) and 1 Air Cav Trp (A/3-17). (2-39 delayed entry: At 252000H vic XS687708 Co B received some AW fire from estimated 4 VC. Fire was returned and artillery was called in with negative results). At 261340H Co B completed cross country tactical move from night opn area to Rach Kien. 2-39 conducted local security ops, refresher training and stood down for maintenance and preparation for future ops. The 2-60 at 260830H Co B was lifted from Tan Tru and inserted on a RIF vic XS656639. At 261002H Co B was lifted from vic XS660640 and inserted vic XS634694. At 261055H Co C was lifted from Tan Tru and inserted on a RIF vic XS261230H vic XS637694 Co B captured 1 VC POW. POW evacuated for questioning. At 261330H Co B was lifted from vic XS637688 and inserted vic XS626795. At 261455H Co C was lifted from vic XS618688 and inserted vic XS645805. 5-60 continued road, bridge and convoy security missions. At 260645H Co A found mud and straw road block vic XS562608. (Civilians in the area removed it. At 261720H vic XS558637 a truck from S4/5-60 was ambushed with negative casualties or damage. Elements of 5-60 conducted sweep of the area. Results were 4 female detainees and 1 male detainee. Detainees were released. At 261130H A Trp 3-17 Cav had 1 VC KIA (BC) and destroyed 2 sampans vic XS639694. At 261450H A Trp inserted ARP vic XS605785 to check out man running into hooch. The gunships fired on hooch which burned and had 2 secondary explosions. Three VC POWs were captured.

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Other Activity: At 201645H vic XS668847 1st Bde C&C helicopter developed mechanical trouble, crashed and burned. Results were 2 crew members killed, 1 injured (Bde Co), and 4 uninjured. Co 2-60 and elements of A/3-17 picked up the survivors and at the close of this report Co C, 2-60 was securing the crash area.

27 August: The 1st Bde conducted opns with 2 Inf Bn's (2-39, 2-60), 1 Mech Bn (5-60) and 1 Air Cav Trp (A/3-17). 2-39: At 270815H and 270838H Co C was lifted from Rach Kien and reinserted at 270833 and 270844H vic XS790691 to conduct an RIF opn in the area. At 270945H vic XS790695 Co C found and destroyed 15 bunkers. At 271027H vic XS778691, while destroying an unknown number of concrete structures, Co C had 2 secondary explosions. At 271130H 10 sorties of Co C were extracted from vic XS790692 and reinserted at 271120H vic XS781697. At 271210H vic XS779696 Co C reported receiving AK fire. At 271355H vic XS780696 Co C had 3 US WHA (evacuated at 271328H). At 271310H and 271325H Co B was lifted from Rach Kien and inserted at 271320H and 271332H vic XS786697 to reinforce Co C's contact. At 271400H vic XS780696 Co C had 7 VC KIA (EC), 1 RPG launcher, and 4 AK-50's. At 271414H vic XS779695 Co C had 1 VC KIA (EC), 1 POW, 2 AK-50's and 1 RPG launcher. At 271435H vic XS779695 Co C had 7 VC KIA (EC), 4 AK-50's and 1 US carbine. At 271500H vic XS779695 Co C had 2 VC KIA (EC) and 1 AK-50. At 271417H vic XS779695 Co C had 4 57mm recoilless rocket rds, 70 M16 magazines and assorted web gear. At 271650H vic XS781698 Co C was still receiving fire, and at the same time vic XS787698 Co B had established contact and was receiving fire. At 271647H Co A was lifted from Rach Kien and inserted at 271718H vic XS778698 to reinforce Co's B & C in the area of contact. At 171720H Co C's contact has ceased, but Co B's contact continued vic XS787698 and Co B reported 2 US KHA and 1 US WHA. At the close of this report (271845H) Co's A & C were in contact and all the 2-39 elements were establishing RON positions in the area of contact. 2-60: (Delayed entry: At 261615H and 261623H Co B was extracted from vic XS632799 and reinserted at 261620H and 261625H vic XS638682 and XS650790. At 261745H vic XS638786 Co B had 2 VC KIA (EC). VC were taking evasive action swimming across a stream. At 261805H and 261820H Co C was extracted from vic XS644805 and reinserted at 261815H and 261828H vic XS670445 and XS673853 to secure the crashed 1st Bde C&C helicopter. At 261820H Co B was extracted from vic XS638782 and lifted to Tan Tru at 261840H. Co C established RON positions around the crashed helicopter vic XS668847. At 264000H the 2-60 CP at Tan Tru received 5 rds of 82mm mortar fire outside the perimeter. Negative casualties or damage.) The 2-60 elements conducted local security patrolling, maintenance and stood down during the day, except Co C which continued to secure the crashed helicopter vic XS668847. At the close of this report Co C was scheduled to be extracted to Tan Tru. 5-60: The 5-60 continued road and bridge security and convoy escort opns. (Delayed entry: At 262001H vic XS560627 a Co C APC enroute to Tan An Airstrip hit a pressure mine. Results: 1 US WHA (slight) and 1 APC disabled.) At 270700H Co C and Recon Plat began Mech RIF opns with Co C sweeping vic XS580578 to XS595600 to XS589628 and Recon Plat sweeping vic XS564597 to XS583629. At 271000H vic XS591615 Co C found and destroyed 12 bunkers. At 261120 Co C and Recon Plat finished their Mech RIF opns without further incident or significant finds and returned to Binh Phuoc. A Trp/3-17 Cav: (Delayed entry: At 261750H vic XS668850 A Trp's rifle element found 72 RPG rds and 100 .30 caliber rds of ammo.) At 270945H vic XS789694 A Trp had 1 VC KIA (EC). At 271100H vic XS790694 A Trp destroyed 2 hooches and 2 bunkers. At 271110H vic XS782693 A Trp had 1 VC KIA (EC). At 271150H vic XS779696 A Trp engaged 5 VC and had 2 VC KIA (EC). At 271355H vic XS779692 went down with mechanical troubles. The LOH was extracted at 271500H. At 271808H vic XS856695 A Trp had 1 VC KIA (EC).

28 August: The 1st Bde conducted opns with 2 Inf Bn's (2-39, 2-60), 1 Mech Bn (5-60) and 1 Air Cav Trp (A/3-17). 2-39: (Delayed entry: At 272010H the 2-39 contact vic XS779695 had broken. At that same time vic XS786695 Co B reported 2 more US KHA and 2 US WHA. Co A vic XS778694 reported 1 US WHA. Co C vic XS785696 reported 2 VC KIA (EC) w/2 AK-50's). At 280110H vic XS780694 Co A had 1 Hoi Chanh w/1 AK-50. From 280215H to 280225H the 2-39 CP at Rach Kien received 3 107mm rocket rds and 24 82mm mortar rds. Neg casualties or damage. At 280315H the 2-39 CP at Rach Kien received 2 82mm mortar rds. Negative casualties or damage during either mortar attack. At 280724H vic XS778694 Co A found 3 VC KIA (EC). At 280730H vic XS775695 Co C found 5 VC KIA (EC) by arty. At 280800H

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SKS and contact was still being maintained. At 211730H vic XS662735 Co C had 1 more VC KIA (BC) and 1 POW w/1 AK-50. At 211815H vic XS662735 Co C's contact broke. At 211820H and 211830H Co A was extracted from vic XS659703 and lifted to Rach Kien at 211825H and 211835H. At the close of this report Co C continued its Recondo Checkerboard opn. The 2-60 conducted local security patrolling, maintenance, road sweeps, and stood down, preparing for future opns. At 210135H at Tan An south the S4, 5-60 reported receiving 9 incoming rds of M-79 fire which landed outside the berm. Neg casualties or damage. From 210140H to 210146H Co C received 12 rds of 82mm mortar fire on east side of the Tan An bridge. Clearance was denied by ARVN to fire counter mortar fire on suspected enemy mortar site vic XS554657. Neg casualties or damage. From 210208H to 210212H at Binh Phuoc the 5-60 CP received 6-7 rds of mixed 60mm and 82mm mortar fire. Neg casualties or damage. Counter-mortar arty was fired on suspected mortar site vic XS611563. At 210305H the Tan An airstrip received 12 rds 82mm mortar fire. Neg casualties or damage. A LFT checked out suspected mortar site vic XS510642 w/neg results. At 210415H the S4/5-60 reported that Tan An south received 20 rds of 82mm mortar fire. All rds landed outside the berm. At 210500H at the Ben Luc bridge Co B apprehended 1 detainee found on a 5-60 VTR vehicle. Detainee was turned over to 50th Regt (ARVN). At 210620H vic XS626557 Co A was in position with ARVN RF/PF in a combined cordon and search opn. At 210741H Co B picked up 2 convoys at CP 39 enroute to Dong Tam. At 210820H vic XS561671 Co C found 1 case of M-79 rds and 3 VC flags. At 210820H vic XS626557 Co A reported the combined cordon and search opn was completed with neg results. Co A closed at Binh Phuoc at 211016H. At 211330H vic XS591575 with its 2 convoys enroute to Dong Tam Co B reported the convoy was stopped because Hwy 4 had been cratered in 3 places. Co C, 15th Engr was filling the craters. There were also piles of dirt on the road which when checked by Co C, 15th Engr mine detectors gave positive readings. Upon blowing the piles of dirt Co C, 15th Engr had 46 grenade size secondary explosions. Seven plastic grenades that did not explode were evacuated. At 211412H vic XS491575 Co B reported the road sufficiently repaired and traffic was moving again. Co B continued its convoy escort without further incident. A/3-17 continued armed aerial reconnaissance in support of 1st Bde opns with priority to the 2-39 AML opn. At 211745H vic XS649701 A Trp had 1 VC KIA (BC).

22 August: The 1st Bde conducted opns with 2 Inf Bn's (2-39, 2-60), 1 Mech Bn (5-60) and 1 Air Cav Trp (A/3-17). (2-39 delayed entry: At 211940H Rach Kien received 8 82mm mortar rds. Firing ceased at 211955H, resulting in 3 US WHA and several hooches damaged.) At 220204H Rach Kien received 1 rd of 107mm rocket. Result was 1 US KHA and 2 hooches damaged. At 220728H vic XS661736 Co C had 1 US KHA from booby trap of unk type. At 221008H Co C was extracted from XS657733 and returned to Rach Kien. At 221420H the CRIP ele concluded joint opn with ARVN resulting in 1 VC (BC), 1 AK-50 and 1 82mm mortar, assorted web gear and a small amount of documents. At 220745H vic XS660649 the ARVN ele working with A/2-60 reported receiving fire from the woodline. At 220845H Co B was lifted from Rach Kien and inserted vic XS664654 to develop contact reported by ARVN ele. An air-strike was put into suspected enemy position and a sweep made of the area. The ARVN ele found 3 VC (BC) and 1 AK-47. At 221115H Co C was lifted from Rach Kien and inserted vic XS648622. At 221230H Co A was extracted from XS658648 and inserted vic XS684617 at 221231H. R ele was lifted from Tan Tru and inserted vic XS675627. At 221410H Co B was extracted from XS656648 and inserted at XS708607. At 221445H vic XS683622 Co A found 1 82mm mortar. At 221604H R ele was extracted from XS684624 and returned to Tan Tru. At 221615H Co C was extracted from XS-604620 and returned to Tan Tru. At 221642H Co B was extracted from XS712595 and inserted vic XS502652. (5-60 delayed entry: At 211959H Co B on the Ben Luc bridge reported 4 incoming 60mm mortars. Neg casualties or damage. From 212251H to 212310H Co B reported sporadic mortar fire around the Ben Luc bridge. Counter mortar was fired and at XS604793 a secondary explosion was sighted at 212340H. There was no damage to the bridge area.) At 221006H vic XS489572 Co B found a road block which they removed. A/3-17 Cav Trp continued armed aerial reconnaissance in support of the 1st Bde with priority to the 2-60 AML opn.

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23 August: The 1st Bde conducted opns with 2 Inf Bn's (2-39, 2-60), 1 Mech Bn (5-60) and 1 Air Cav Trp (A/3-17). (2-39 delayed entry: At 221735H vic XS-731675 an AP from Co A spotted 1 VC and fired on him with organic weapons with neg results. At 221945H vic XS762713 another AP from Co A had 5 VC KIA by arty and 1 VC KIA by mortar fire. At 222356H vic XS766700 Co A had 1 US WHA hit in chest by a sniper. (Dust off completed 230050H.) At 230235H Rach Kien received 8 82mm mortar rds with neg US casualties or damage. Direction of fire was from east and southeast. Four Vi (2 children, 2 women) were injured and dusted off at 230355H. At 230322H Rach Kien received an additional 8 rds of 82mm with negative casualties or damage. Co A AP noted mortar position vic XS725682 and counter mortar fire was delivered; unk results. At 230725H vic XS814722 Recon plat found 1 VC KIA (BC) by arty. At 230839H Co B was lifted from Rach Kien and inserted at 230844H vic XS655731. At 231117H Co C was lifted from Rach Kien and inserted at 231125H vic XS815741. At 231153H Co B was lifted from vic XS663732 and inserted vic XS823760. At 231343H Co C was lifted from vic XS802762. At 231410H Co B was lifted from vic XS818773 and inserted at 231417H vic XS794740. At 231525H vic XS797746 Co B received SA fire. Result was 1 US WHA. WHA was dusted off. At 231625H Co B vic XS798743 had 2 VC KIA (BC) in bunkers. At 231635H Co B vic XS798743 had 1 additional VC KIA (BC) and 1 AK47. At 231700H Co B vic XS799746 had 1 wounded detainee and 1 AK-47. At 231715H Co C was lifted from vic XS808754 and inserted at 231725H vic XS690714. At 231740H Co B vic XS798742 found 13 75mm recoilless rifle rds. At 231810H 1st Bde CO noticed ambush of several vehicles of 3d Bde vic XS758722. At 231841H Co C was extracted vic XS690714 and inserted at 231903H vic XS756718 on a hot LZ. At 231855H Co A departed Rach Kien by vehicle to area of ambush. At 231935H Co B was lifted from vic XS796743 and returned to Rach Kien. At close of this report Co A and Co C were sweeping area of ambush. (2-60 delayed entry: At 221731H Co A was lifted from vic XS673611 and returned to Tan Tru. At 221810H vic XS492658 Co B had 1 ARVN interpreter WHA by booby trap. Dust off completed at 221814H. At 221837H Recon plat was lifted from Tan Tru and inserted at 221846H vic XS587662. At 221855H Co B was extracted from vic XS494647 and returned to Tan Tru.) On 23 August 2-60 stood down for maintenance and made preparations for future opns. Road sweeps and local security opns were conducted. Prepared to reinforce 2-39 if needed. 5-60 conducted road sweep, bridge and convoy security opns and local security missions without incident. A Trp continued armed aerial reconnaissance in support of the 1st Bde with priority to the 2-39 aml RIF opn. At 231555H vic XS797745 A Trp had 3 VC KIA (BC). At 231700H vic XS799746 A Trp had 1 VC KIA (BC).

24 August: The 1st Bde conducted opns with 2 Inf Bn's (2-39, 2-60), 1 Mech Bn (5-60) and 1 Air Cav Trp (A/3-17). (2-39 delayed entry: At 232040H vic XS-759717 Co C found 5 VC KIA (BC) by A/3-17 gunships. At 232052H vic XS765720 Co C found 2 VC KIA (BC) by A/3-17 gunships. At 232129H Co's A and C closed at Rach Kien. At 232240H Rach Kien received 2 rds of 60mm mortar fire. Negative casualties or damage.) At 240850H the 2-39 CP at Rach Kien received 1 rd of 107mm rocket fire from the northwest of Rach Kien. Neg casualties or damage. The 2-39 elements conducted local security patrolling, maintenance, and stood down during the day. (2-60 delayed entry: At 232230H the 2-60 CP at Tan Tru received 1 unk type rd of mortar fire outside the perimeter. Neg casualties or damage.) At 240715H and 240723H 5 sorties each of Co A were lifted from Tan Tru and inserted at 240725 and 240745H vic XS430650 and XS420660 respectively, to conduct RIF opns in the areas. At 240745H 4 sorties of Co A were lifted from Tan Tru and inserted at 240800H vic XS430650. At 240925H and 240952H Co C was lifted from Tan Tru and inserted at 240947H and 240955H vic XS649668 to conduct an RIF opn in the area. At 241045H 5 sorties of Co A were extracted from vic XS435652 and reinserted at 241135H vic XS686593. At 241200H 8 sorties of Co A were extracted from vic XS426666 and reinserted at 241220H vic XS686594. At 241252 and 241320H Co C was extracted from vic XS642663 and reinserted at 241314H and 241335H vic XS754563. At 241500H vic XS760550 C36 ele picked up 1 detainee. At 241600H 8 sorties of Co A were extracted from vic XS686594 and reinserted at 241615H vic XS638656.

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vic XS786695 Co B picked up 1 wounded POW. At 280940H vic XS780694 Co A's Hoi Chanh led them to a cache containing 2 light MG's, 1 M1 carbine, 1 RPG launcher, 1 starlight scope, 2 M72's (LAW), 70 percussion grenades, 10 RPG rockets, 5 rifle grenades, 51 57mm RR rds, 85 AK-50.

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magazines, 420 rds 5.62 ammo, 70 M16 mags, 400 rds M60 ammo, 6 NVA uniforms, 1 pack, 10 lbs of C-4, 2 Walkie Talkies, 1 PRC 25 w/speaker and head set, 1 survival radio, 1 telephone, 1 roll of WD-1 wire, and 3 60mm mortar sights. At 280930H the 2-39 elements completed their sweep of the area of contact and began to extract by AHC. At 281026H Co C was extracted from vic XS782696 and lifted to Rach Kien at 281030H. At 281035H Co B was extracted from vic XS782696 and lifted to Rach Kien at 281040H. At 281043H Co A was extracted from vic XS788694 and lifted to Rach Kien at 281055H. The 2-39 elements conducted local security patrolling, road sweeps and stood down the remainder of the day. At 281355H vic XS730685 a road clearing element from Co C found a roadblock. While attempting to remove the roadblock, a series of booby traps were set off causing 6 US to be WHA. All were evacuated. (2-60 delayed entry: At approximately 271500H the 2 US bodies and salvagable equipment were removed from the crashed 1st Bde C&C helicopter that Co C was securing vic XS668847. From 271735H to 271908H using 3 utility helicopters Co C was extracted from vic XS673847 and all Co C elements had been lifted to Tan Tru at 271919H. At 271932H and 271950H Co B was lifted from Tan Tru and inserted at 271940H and 272005H vic XS702613. Co B set up RON positions vic XS693590.) At 280230H the 2-60 CP at Tan Tru received 1 rd of 82mm mortar fire. At 280240H the 2-60 CP received 1 more rd of 82mm mortar fire. Negative casualties or damage during either mortar attack. At 280850H and 280912H Co A was lifted from Tan Tru and inserted at 280906H and 280915H vic XS708690 and XS704686, respectively to conduct an RIF opn in the area. At 280945H vic XS702-686 Co A picked up 1 detainee w/a leg wound. At 281020H vic XS701676 Co A found 8 khaki uniforms and found and destroyed 1 booby trap made of 1 M79 rd and 1 chicom grenade. At 281150H Co C was lifted from Tan Tru and inserted at 281208H vic XS785692 and XS794696. At 281215H Co B was extracted from vic XS690590 and lifted to Tan Tru at 281232H. At 281301H and 281314H Co C was extracted from vic XS785692 and XS794696 and reinserted vic XS670683 and XS677677, respectively. At 281428H 10 sorties of Co A were extracted from vic XS690672 and reinserted at 281435H and 281440H vic XS671827 and XS664826. At 281445H 4 sorties of Co A were extracted from vic XS690672 and reinserted at 281450H vic XS672815 as the 2-60 continued to Jitterbug its elements in attempts to make contact. At 281545H Co C was extracted from vic XS672679 and reinserted at 281555H and 281605H vic XS-652809 and XS633801. At 281719H Co C was extracted from vic XS633803 and XS651-809 and lifted to Tan Tru at 281729H. At 281735H and 281800H Co A was extracted from vic XS672812 and lifted to Tan Tru at 281745H and 281815H. At the close of the report the 2-60 had been alerted and was scheduled to be committed vic XS-725605 to reinforce the 46th ARVN Regt which was in contact with an estimated VC co. The 5-60 continued road and bridge security, and convoy escort opns. At 280855H Co C and Recon plat began Mech/dismounted RIF opns vic XS668546 and XS-664543. At 280920H vic XS649550 enroute to RIF area Co C found and removed a road block made of mud, nippa palm and sticks. At 281615H Co C and Recon plat closed at Binh Phuoc with neg results. Elements of Co's A and B conducted convoy escort opns without incident. (A/3-17 delayed entry: At 272348H vic XS-780694 Co C/2-39 found 2 more VC KIA (BC) by A Trp earlier in the night.) A Trp stood down today for maintenance of its aircraft. Several of its helicopters took numerous hits while supporting the 2-39 contact vic XS779695 on 27 Aug. At 272348H vic XS780694 Co C/2-39 also found 1 BAR.

29 August: The 1st Bde conducted opns with 2 Inf Bn's (2-39, 2-60), 1 Mech Bn (5-60) and 1 Air Cav Trp (A/3-17). At 290725H vic XS745766 the road sweep team found a road block which they removed. At 291309H Co A was lifted from Rach Kien and inserted vic XS782688 on an RIF mission. At 291605H Co A was extracted from XS774691 and inserted vic XS635725. At 291607H vic XS774691 the last of Co A (-) found 2 VC bodies that were killed by arty. Bodies appeared to be 2 days old. At 291725H Co C was lifted from Rach Kien and inserted vic XS731671 and initiated a Redondo Checkerboard opn. (2-60 delayed entry: At 282155H Co B was lifted from Tan Tru and inserted vic XS736600 to support an ARVN contact at XS736607. At 282226H Co A was lifted from Tan Tru and inserted vic XS734600. Co

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A was also inserted to support the ARVN contact.) At 291209H Co B was extracted from XS732606 and returned to Tan Tru by CH47. At 291212H Co A was extracted from XS732606 and returned to Tan Tru. 2-60 did not make contact during the ARVN opn but did block any escape routes to the south. (5-60 delayed entry: At 282233H vic XS584722 Co A received 1 rd of 82mm mortar fire. There were no casualties or damages.) At 290155H Co B, loc on the Ben Luc bridge reported small arms fire, frim XS623758. Fire was returned and enemy fire ceased. Neg results. At 290750 vic XS561616 the Recon ele found a mud road block which they removed. At 281310H Co C provided a security ele for MEDCAP in the village of Xam Cau. At 290815H vic XS741678 A Trp found 3 bunkers, 10 propaganda banners and 4 VC flags. At 291055H vic XS626723 A Trp destroyed 1 camouflaged sampan. At 291045H vic XS-628731 A Trp destroyed 1 sampan. At 291135H vic XS630713 A Trp destroyed 2 camouflaged sampans.

30 August: (2-39 delayed entry: At 291900H Co A was lifted from vic XS-774691 and returned to Rach Kien.) At 300930H Co C completed Recondo Checker-board opn and closed into Rach Kien. 2-39 stood down for maintenance and prepared for future opns and conducted road and local security missions. At 300340H Co C was lifted from Tan Tru and inserted vic XS692641 on a RIF. At 300915H Co A was lifted from Tan Tru and inserted vic XS687633 on a RIF. At 300930H Co C vic XS691639 had 3 VC KIA (BC), 1 VC POW and captured 2 AK's. At 300957H Co C vic XS691639 had 2 VC KIA (BC) and captured 1 AK. At 301107H Co C was extracted from vic XS693633 and inserted vic XS811746. At 301215H Co A was extracted from vic XS683631 and inserted vic XS828792. At 301420H Co C was extracted from vic XS-820749 and inserted vic XS784688. At 301525H vic XS783694 Co C captured 1 RPD MG, 1 RPG rocket launcher, 3 RPG rds and 1 med kit. At 301540H Co A was extracted from vic XS828792 and inserted vic XS782702. At 301625H vic XS783694 Co C captured 1 RPD MG. (5-60 delayed entry: At 292030H Binh Phuoc received SA fire and 6 mortar rds w/neg results. LFT called in to work over area vic XS-621557. Counter-mortar fire was also used. Neg results.) At 300900H Co C and Co A began RIF vic XS528593. At 301045H vic XS568577 Co A destroyed 25 2 man bunkers approximately 1 month old. At 301107H vic XS559585 Co C destroyed 10 2-man bunkers. At 301115H vic XS558578 Co A destroyed 5 bunkers approximately 1 week old. At 301128H vic XS561585 Co A destroyed 75 bunkers. At 301210H vic XS-550591 Co C destroyed 15 bunkers and 5 booby trapped chicom grenades. At 301225H vic XS549589 Co C fired on 1 suspected VC running into woodline. At 301235H vic XS549589 Co A set up a block and captured 1 suspected VC, believed to be the same one fired on by Co C. At 301620H 5-60 completed RIF and elements returned to their night positions. At 300805H vic XS694636 A Trp captured 1 VC POW. At 300905H 1 LOH was hit by ground fire vic XS693639. At 300905H vic XS693639 A Trp had 7 VC KIA (BC). At 300905H vic XS693634 A Trp destroyed 2 bunkers and vic XS694635 destroyed 2 hooches, 1 of which had a secondary explosion. At 301323H vic XS784695 A Trp had a sniffer reading of 5.0. At 301510H vic XS783694 A Trp had 2 VC KIA (BC). At 301518H vic XS783694 A Trp had 1 VC KIA (BC).

31 August: The 1st Bde conducted opns with 2 Inf Bn's (2-39, 2-60), 1 Mech Bn (5-60) and 1 Air Cav Trp (A/3-17). (2-39 delayed entry: At 301855H vic XS-726681 Co E had a brief contact with an estimated VC squad. Contact broke almost immediately. Negative US casualties. VC casualties unk.) At 310921H and 310937 Co B was lifted from Rach Kien and inserted at 310928H and 310945H vic XS706566 to conduct an RIF opn in the area. At 311313H and 311330H Co C was lifted from Rach Kien and inserted at 311318H and 311335H vic XS688593. At 311346H and 311403H Co B was extracted from vic XS708556 after having neg finds in the area and reinserted at 311357H and 311411H vic XS728655. At 311550H and 311610H Co C was extracted from vic XS688594 with neg finds during their RIF of the area and returned at 311600H and 311620H vic XS686687. At 311640H and 311655H Co A was lifted from Rach Kien and inserted at 311648H vic XS783706. At 311740H and 311758 Co C was extracted from vic XS683693 and lifted to Rach Kien at 311750H and 311805.

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(2-60 delayed entry: At 301720H and 301808H Co A was extracted from vic XS-784702 and reinserted at 301803H and 301848H vic XS363543 and XS363537 to reinforce a CIDG ele from the My Dien (2) Special Forces Camp which had reported being surrounded by an enemy force in the area. From 301745H to 301831H Co B was lifted by CH-47 from Tan Tru to the My Dien (2) SF camp to be in position for insertion if needed. From 301730H to 301845H vic XS785694 Co C established light contact and reported 1 US KHA and 1 US WHA. From contact vic XS693637 Co C had a total of 2 VC KIA (BC) and 3 AK's. From contact vic XS785694 Co C had 8 VC KIA (BC), 4 AK's and 3 MG's. At 301910H and 301920H Co B was extracted from the My Dien (2) SF Camp and lifted to Tan Tru at 301920H and 301928H. At 301915H, 301918H, and 301944H Co A was extracted from vic XS357553 and lifted to Tan Tru, closing all of its elements at 302000H. At 301943H and 302008H Co C was extracted from vic XS785694 and lifted to Tan Tru at 301955H and 302016H.) On 31 Aug the 2-60 conducted local security patrolling, road sweeps, and stood down. At 310750 vic XS472523, while escorting a convoy, a Co B ele found a 20 ft deep crater in Hwy 4 which had stopped all traffic. At 310840H Co's A and C and Recon platoon began a Mech/footmobile RIF opn vic XS587558 east to vic XS518561. At 311200H vic XS565546 Co C had 2 US WHA by an unk type booby trap. At 311230H vic XS-565546 Co C found a cache containing 158 B-40 rds, 42 RPG rds, 107 B40 charges, 31 RPG charges, 4 cases of AK-47 ammo, 4 bundles of fuses, 53 chicom grenades, 150 blasting caps, and 1 chicom claymore type mine. At 311641H Co's A and C and Recon plat completed their RIF opn. At 311723H and 311732H Recon plat and Co C, respectively, closed at Binh Phuoc. At 311855H Co A closed at Tan An. At 301510H vic XS785694 A Trp/3-17 had 6 VC KIA (BC). At 301845H vic XS455554 A Trp had 3 VC KIA (BC) in support of CIDG ele from My Dien SF Camp. At 310835H vic XS710548 A Trp destroyed 1 sampan. At 311500H vic XS785693 A Trp destroyed 2 bunkers. At 311720H vic XS792703 an A Trp LOH was hit by ground fire. The pilot was wounded in the leg, but was able to fly to Tan An.

1 September: The 1st Bde conducted opns with 2 Inf Bn's (2-39, 2-60), 1 Mech Bn (5-60) and 1 Air Cav Trp (A/3-17). (2-39 delayed entries: At 311740H Co C was extracted from XS683693 and returned to Rach Kien. At 311801H Co B was extracted and returned to Rach Kien.) At 010845H vic XS794705 Co A picked up 2 detainees and destroyed 16 bunkers. At 010905H Co A closed Rach Kien. At 010805 Co B was lifted from Tan Tru and inserted on RIF mission vic XS790763 and XS797-758. At 010955H Co B was lifted from Tan Tru and inserted vic XS788781 and XS-784774. At 011055H Co B was extracted from XS797758 and inserted vic XS793794. At 011107H Co B (-) was extracted from XS790762 and inserted vic XS792788. At 011245H vic XS795793 Co B destroyed 3 B-40 rds, 1 M72 LAW and a rocket pod. At 011301H Co A was extracted from XS594805 and inserted vic XS587807. At 011337H Co B (-) was extracted from XS791773 and inserted vic XS600810 and XS598807. At 011520H Co A was extracted from vic XS585804 and inserted vic XS683693 and XS-640680. At 011525H vic XS638693 A Trp/3-17 Cav killed 2 VC and cornered 1 male who was captured by Co A. One carbine was also captured in the area. At 011635H vic XS560810 Co B found and destroyed 1 155 rd, 1 82mm rd and 50 rds of 50 cal. At 011655H Co B was extracted from XS592807 and XS593794 and inserted vic XS-707650. At 011710H Co A found 2 VC (BC) which were killed by A/3-17; also 1 AK-50, 1 SKS, 1 pair of wire cutters and 2 pistol hosters. At 011810H R ele was lifted from Tan Tru and inserted vic XS706646 for a Recondo Checkerboard opn. At 011810H Co A found 1 AK-50 vic XS638678. (5-60 delayed entry: At 312023H vic XS561610 a recon vehicle hit a pressure mine. One track was blown off; no casualties. Track was evacuated.) At 010500H Co B picked up 1 detainee on east side of Ben Luc bridge. At 011140H Co C was lifted from Binh Phuoc and inserted on RIF mission vic XS496644. At 011405H vic XS598557 a track hit a command detonated mine. Vehicle was slightly damaged and 3 US received minor injuries.

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