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Checkerboard opn in the area. At approximately 211600H vic XS700725 the helicopter down with mechanical troubles was extracted. At 211646H and 261705H Co B was extracted from vic XS705725 and lifted to Rach Kien at 211650H and 211711H. At 21736H 5 sorties of Co C were extracted from vic XS544586 and lifted to Rach Kien at 211739. At 211818H 6 sorties of Co C were extracted from vic XS635596 and lifted to Rach Kien at 211824H. 2-60: Co B continued its Recondo Checkerboard opn vic XS643673. The remainder of the 2-60 elements conducted local security patrols, road sweeps and maintenance of equipment. At 211220H vic XS643677 Co B engaged 2 VC w/wmn wearing green uniforms with unknown results. At 211440H vic XS644673 Co B received AW and SA fire during a brief contact with an unknown size VC force. Fire was returned. Results: 2 US WHA (evacuated), unknown VC casualties. At 211600H Co A departed Tan Tru enroute to its 48-hour Recondo Checkerboard opn vic XS6765. Co's A and B continued their Recondo Checkerboard opns at the close of this report. 2-47: At 210908H vic XS563600 a Co B element found and destroyed 1 105mm rd. The 2-47 elements conducted road and bridge security, and convoy escort opns without further incident or finds. 3-39: At 210714H Co's A and C departed Can Giuoc for a footmobile RIF opn with Co A setting up blocking positions vic XS805727 and Co C sweeping to Co A's positions from vic XS810715. At 210733H vic XS865779 from its RON position in the Nha Be rocket belt Co B loaded on boats. At 211076H Co B beached vic XS890706 to check out an L-19 plane that had crashed in the area at 210130H. At 211105H vic XS890706 Co B completed its search of the crash site and back loaded on boats. At 211125H Co's A and C closed at Can Giuoc with negative results on their footmobile RIF opn northwest of Can Giuoc. At 211155H Co B closed at Can Giuoc. At 211545H Co A loaded on boats at Can Giuoc and beached at 211750H vic XS85746 in the Nha Be rocket belt. Co A will RON in the area. A Trp/3-17 Cav: A Trp continued armed aerial reconnaissance in support of 1st Bde opns with priority to the 2-39 AML/RIF opns. At 211130H vic XS855705 A Trp picked up 2 detainees. A Trp flew "People Sniffer" missions and gunship support for 2-39 without further incident.

22 October: The 1st Bde conducted opns with 3 Inf Bn's (2-39, 3-39, 2-60), and 1 Mech Bn (2-47). 2-39: (Delayed entry: At 211605H vic vic XS544816 and XS625597 Co C found and destroyed 1 B40 rocket rd and 26 bunkers, respectively. At 212100H vic XS671677 in its Recondo Checkerboard opn A36 element received a small amount of SA fire. Negative US casualties. Illumination was fired over suspected site of fire. At 220030H vic XS671677 A36 element received 3 82mm mortar rds & a small amount of AW fire. Fire was not returned. Arty was fired in support of Co A. Negative US casualties. At 220730H vic XS671677 A36 swept area of firing with negative results. At 221243H Co B departed Rach Kien for a footmobile FIF opn vic XS736. At 221420H vic XS7436 a helicopter (call sign-Stingray 246) crashed while attempting to extract Co B's forward observer who had broken his leg. (Not known how leg was broken) B16 element secured the downed helicopter. The pilot was unhurt. At 221700 vic XS7436 the downed helicopter was extracted. At 221731H Co B closed at Rach Kien. At 221738H vic XS715667 Co A observed 4 VC w/wmn and called in Arty on them. At the close of this report Co A was sweeping the area vic XS715667 and will continue its Recondo Checkerboard opn in the area tonight. 2-60: (Delayed entry: At 211915H vic XS650683 in its Recondo Checkerboard opn B26 element received SA fire in a brief contact with an unknown size VC force. Arty provided supporting fires: 1 US WHA (evacuated), VC casualties unknown). At 221200H Co B closed at Tan Tru from vic XS650683. Co A continued its Recondo Checkerboard opn vic XS656642 without incident. The remainder of the 2-60 elements conducted local security patrols, road sweeps, and maintenance of equipment. 2-47: The 2-47 continued road and bridge security, and convoy escort opns without incident. At 221400H Co B departed Binh Phuoc for a 24-hour Bushmaster opn vic XS6150. At 221450H Co A departed Binh Phuoc for a 48-hour Recondo Checkerboard opn vic XS5961. At 221826H Co B checked out the area vic XS558532 where a platoon of VC had been reported sighted. Co B had negative finds in the area and returned to vic XS6150. At the close of this report Co's A and B continued their respective Recondo Checkerboard and Bushmaster opns.

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3-39: (Delayed entry: At 211905H vic XS910720 T-boats supporting 3-39 stopped a sampan. When the sampan pulled ashore two persons got off and ran. They were taken under fire with unknown results. 1 satchel charge and 5 chicom grenades were found on the sampan. The satchel charge and grenades were destroyed. The sampan was to be pulled to Can Giouc). At 220905H at Can Giouc Co C loaded on boats for a riverine/RIF vic XS9568. At 220951H Co C beached vic XS967687. At 221200H vic XS967687 Co C backloaded on boats. At 221308H Co C beached vic XS917705. At 221351H vic XS917705 Co C again backloaded after negative finds at their 3rd objection area. At 221407H Co C beached vic XS99716. At 221435H vic XS99718 Co C backloaded boats enroute to Can Giouc, closing at 22164H. Co A conducted a footmobile/RIF around its RON vic XS985746. Co A will RON vic XS901759. The remainder of the 3-39 elements conducted local security patrols and maintenance of equipment.

23 October: The 1st Bde conducted opns with 3 Inf Bn's (2-39, 3-39, 2-60), and 1 Mech Bn (2-47). 2-39: (Delayed entries: At 221820 vic XS712632 Co A made contact with an estimated 3 to 5 VC with automatic weapons. Co A returned fire with organic weapons and arty. Co A detained 2 suspects, no further results reported). At 230650H Co's B & E initiated a cordon & search operation with RF/PF vic XS735746. At 230755 1 plt of Co B performed a security mission for engineers repairing Hwy 231 vic XS755787 at 230947 vic XS735740 RF/PF elements in C&S operation picked up 6 detainees. At 231510H Co C departed Rach Kien to initiate a checkerboard operation vic XS702715. At 231705H vic XS703722 Co C fired on 5 VC with weapons, negative results as of the close of this report. 2-47: At 230730 vic XS98587 Co A, on RIF mission, found and destroyed 2 booby traps. At 230830 vic XS966547 the Romeo element picked up 2 detainees. 2-47 continued convoy and road security missions without incident. 2-60: The 2-60 conducted local security operations, maintenance and prepared for future operations. A cordon and search was conducted with 3 Co's and RF/PF vic XS6563 with negative results. 2-60 elements returned to Tan Tru at 230825H. At 230945 vic XS618653 a road sweep team reported a crater in the road, engineers were notified. 3-39: At 230903 Co's B & C loaded on T boats at Can Giouc to begin RI operation. At 230935 Co B picked up 3 detainees at XS998633. At 231025 vic XS904693 Co B picked up 2 detainees. At 231027 vic XS899695 Co C found 1 VC body and 5 B40 rounds, rounds were destroyed. At 231049 Co's B & C loaded boats. At 231202 Co's B & C beached at XS975730. At 231211 vic XS875733 Co B reported 1 VC (BC), 1 POW, 2 AK47, 4 60mm rounds and 1 Claymore mine.

24 October: The 1st Bde conducted opns with 3 Inf Bn's (2-39, 3-39, 2-60), and 1 Mech Bn (2-47). 2-39 (Delayed entry: At 231823 elements of Co C observed two (2) VC with weapons vic XS705723. VC fled with neg results or contact). At 240738H Romeo plt departed Rach Kien to conduct road sweep. At 240845H the ed plt of Co A departed Rach Kien to provide for road sweeping element, at 240830H Romeo plt completed road sweep. At 241020H Co E was picked up at Rach Kien and inserted at 241030H vic XS645705 to conduct RIF opn. At 241156H ten (10) slick loads of Co B were picked up at Rach Kien and were inserted at 241206H with five (5) loads at vic XS592698 and five (5) vic XS604696. At 241400H Co E was extracted from vic XS647702 and inserted 241415H vic XS488732. At 241508H Co B was extracted from vic XS594700 and inserted at 241512 vic XS672625. At 241608H ten (10) sorties of Co B were picked up at Rach Kien and inserted at 241612H vic XS689715. At 241652H Co E was extracted from vic XS48872 and inserted at 241652 vic XS707688. At 241717H third plt of Co A closed Rach Kien after completion of Road Security Mission. At 241724 ten (10) slicks of Co B were extracted from vic XS678717 and closed Rach Kien at 241731. At 241740 the last ten (10) slick loads of Co B were extracted from vic XS682709 and closed Rach Kien at 241746. At 241752 Co E was extracted from vic XS710690 and closed Rach Kien at 241800H. Co C continues Recondo Checkerboard vic XS6972. 2-60: (Delayed entry: At 1808H (23 Oct) one (1) EM from Co A accidentally shot himself in the right hand. Dust off was completed at 231822H). The 2-60 continued local security patrols, road sweeps and maintenance. 2-47: The 2-47 (-) continued convoy

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escort, road and bridge security missions without incident. Co A conducted mounted RIF opn vic XS6061, 6160, 6159, 6158, 6158 and 6157 with negative results. 3-39: At 240809H Co's B and C loaded Tango boats at Can Giouc to begin RIF opn. At 240820H Co B beached vic XS824768. At 240826H Co C beached vic XS823771. At 240913H Co C loaded Tango boats and beached at 240930H vic XS703792. At 241742 Romeo plt departed Can Giouc and arrived at location vic XS842723 at 241820H to secure Tango boats. A/3-17 Cav: Troop A/3-17th Cav continued armed aerial reconnaissance of designated targets. At 241220H gunships destroyed one (1) bunker vic XS693575. At 241430H scouts ships destroyed one (1) hooch vic XS489634 which resulted in a secondary explosion at 241530H gunships destroyed two (2) bunkers vic XS489713. At 241620H gunships destroyed one (1) sampan and one (1) bunker vic XS710693. CRIP Platoon: (Delayed entry: At 232300H CRIP Plt received small arms fire vic XS477653 with negative friendly casualties. At 232330H they received sniper fire from vic XS493641. Artillery was called in with unknown results. At 240800H CRIP Plt returned to Tan An.

25 October: The 1st Bde conducted opns with 3 Inf Bn's (2-39, 3-39, 2-60), and 1 Mech Bn (2-47). 2-39: The 2039 continued local security patrols, road sweeps and maintenance. At 250922H Co C closed Rach Kien from Recondo Checkerboard. 2-60: At 250737H nine (9) slick loads of Co B were picked up at Tan Tru and inserted five (5) at 250750H vic XS882722 and four (4) at 250755 vic XS877712, to begin RIF opn. At 250810H nine (9) slick loads of Co A were picked up at Tan Tru and inserted four (4) slicks at 250830 vic XS824642 and five slicks at 250832 vic XS850631. At 250930H eight (8) slick loads of Co C were extracted from vic XS716653 and inserted four (4) slicks at 250945H vic XS793647 and four (4) slicks at 250950H vic XS797646. At 251012H Co B was extracted with eight (8) slicks from vic XS82722 and inserted four (4) slicks at 251035H vic XS724606 and four (4) slicks at 25035H vic XS727610. At 251125H Co A found one (1) AK rifle vic XS822640. At 251145H Co C killed two (2) VC vic XS795650. At 251200H Co C suffered one (1) KHA and one (1) WHA (tiger scout) vic XS795650. At 251205H Co B found one (1) PRC 10 Chi Com radio vic XS721610. At 251225H eight (8) slick loads of Co A were extracted from vic XS823642 and inserted four (4) slicks at 1245H vic XS730595 and four (4) slicks at 251250 vic XS733598. At 251345H Co A had one (1) WHA from VC booby trap vic XS730595. At 251347H Co B was extracted from vic XS721610 with eight (8) slicks, and inserted with four (4) slicks at 251407H vic XS553540 and four (4) slicks at 251410H vic XS721610 and XS556540. At 251500H Co C was extracted from vic XS794647 and closed Tan Tru at 251505H. At 251513H Co A was extracted from vic XS733598 and closed Tan Tru at 251517H. At 251520H six (6) slicks of Co B were picked up at Tan Tru and inserted at 251527 vic XS644617. At 251533H eight (8) slick loads were extracted from vic XS552539 and inserted at 251540H vic XS643617. 3-39: The 3-39 continued DARMA in Nha Be Rocket Belt, local security patrols and maintenance. Co B conducts Blocking missions in combined operation vic XS8267, with negative results. 2-47: The 2-47 (-) continued convoy escort, road and bridge security missions without incident. At 251730H Co A had three (3) WHA from a booby trap vic XS725597. At 25186H Base Camp at Binh Phuc received fire, (mortar) five (5) rds. Counter mortar was fired, with unknown results. Friendly casualties were three (3) WHA and one (1) KHA. Dust off completed at 281830H. A/3-17 Cav: Trp A/3-17 Cav continued armed aerial reconnaissance of designated targets. At 251050H scouts captured two (2) detainees vic XS7211604, at 251445H scoutships destroyed five (5) hooches which resulted in one secondary explosion vic XS545551. At 251715H gunships destroyed two (2) hooches vic XS660650. At 251725H scoutships killed two (2) VC, found one (1) 45 cal pistol and captured one (1) POW vic XS672582. IRRF: (Delayed Entry: At 250050H the LRRP's received fire from sampan vic XS878693, they returned fire and results were one (1) VC KIA).

26 October: The 1st Bde conducted opns with 3 Inf Bn's (2-39, 3-39, 2-60), 1 Mech Bn (2-47) and 1 Air Cav Trp (A/3-17). 2-39: From 260730H to 261210H Co C and Recon Plt conducted a combined cordon and search opn vic XS744653. Results: 16 detainees captured. At 261230H Co C and Recon Plt closed at Rach Kien. Co B continued its Recondo Checkerboard opn vic XS7270 without incident. The remainder of the 2-39 elements conducted local security patrols,

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road sweeps, and maintenance of equipment. 2-60: (Delayed entry: At 259130H vic XS662642 Recon Plt received SA fire from an unknown size VC force. Arty was called in support. Contact ceased at 251945H. Negative US casualties). At 260810 Recon Flt closed at Tan Tru from it's Recondo Checkerboard opn vic XS6665. The remainder of the 2-60 elements conducted local security patrols, road sweeps, and maintenance of equipment. 2-47: The 2-47 continued road and bridge security, and convoy escort opns without incident. At 261115H vic XS557574 in it's 24-hour Bushmaster opn, Co A picked up one detainee. Co A will RON in that area. 3-39: At 260914H and 260927H 9 sorties of Co A were lifted from Can Giouc and inserted at 260923H and 269036H vic XS883672 and XS884665, respectively. At 261025H vic XS883666 Co A picked up 2 detainees. At 261132H 10 sorties of Co B were lifted from Can Giouc and inserted at 261140H vic XS884656. At 261151H Co A was extracted from vic XS885673 and XS884664 and lifted to Can Giouc at 261206H. At 261258H 9 sorties of Co A were lifted from Can Giouc and inserted vic XS845640 at 261308H. At 261535H vic XS842639 Co A captured 1 SKS rifle. At 261546H 9 sorties of Co A were extracted from vic XS843639 and reinserted at 261555H vic XS827758. At 261525H Co B was extracted from vic XS841640 and reinserted at 261529H vic XS605653. At 261605H vic XS705653 Co B picked up 1 detainee. At 261651H Co A was extracted from vic XS829757 and lifted to Can Giouc at 261712H. Co C continued DARMA opns in the Nha Be rocket belt and will RON vic XS901759. A Trp/3-17 Cav: A Trp continued armed aerial reconnaissance in support of 1st Bde opns with priority to the 3-39 AML/RIF opn. At 260924H vic XS883666 A Trp had 2 VC KIA (EC). At 261730H vic XS631667 A Trp destroyed 1 bunker and 1 hooch. At 261855H vic XS635588 A Trp destroyed 2 hooches.

27 October: The 1st Bde conducted opns with 3 Inf Bn's (2-39, 3-39, 2-60), 1 Mech Bn (2-47) and 1 Air Cav Trp (A/3-17). 2-39: (Delayed entry: At 261733H Co B suffered two (2) WHA from boobytrap vic XS735705). At 270810H Co B returned to Rach Kien from their Recondo Checkerboard. At 270858H echo closed Rach Kien from cordon and search opn. At 271020H nine (9) slicks of Co A were picked up at Rach Kien and inserted at 271030H vic XS946706. At 271040H eight (8) slicks from Co A were picked up at Rach Kien and inserted at 271100H vic XS931725. At 271110H nine (9) slicks from Co C were picked up at Rach Kien and inserted at 271125H vic XS930720. At 271220H nine (9) slicks from Co C were picked up and inserted at 271230H vic XS928719. At 271320H Co C killed three (3) VC vic XS929719, also captured two (2) AK rifles and one (1) RPG RL. At 271326H Co A killed three (3) VC and captured one (1) RPG RL. At 271230H Co C captured two (2) POW's (one (1) died enroute to hospital) vic XS939719. At 271530H Co C had two (2) WHA from frags, dustoff completed 271540H. At 271500H Co C killed six (6) VC and captured one (1) POW vic XS939711. At 271615H Co A killed one (1) VC vic XS934716. At 271635H Co A began extraction from vic XS936717 and closed Rach Kien at 271700H. At 271805H Co C began extraction from vic XS933723 and closed Rach Kien at 271836H. AHC released 271836H. 2-60: (Delayed entry: At 261718H 3/4 ton truck detonated a land mine vic XS614658, results were two (2) US and one (1) ARVN slightly wounded.) At 270630H three (3) PRU's were wounded from gunshot vic XS633654. At 270715H LFT was employed with negative results. At 270725 Co A returned to Tan Tru from Bushmaster opn. The 2-60 continued local security patrols, road sweeps and maintenance. 2-47: The 2-47 (-) continued road and bridge security and convoy escort without incident. (Delayed entry: At 262005H Co A received S/A fire from vic XS555075). At 271014H Co A was returning to Binh Phouc from vic XS530591 and while attempting to cross a river one (1) EM was swept off his feet and apparently drown. At Present EM is still missing. At 271350H ten (10) slicks of Co A were extracted from vic XS555575 and closed Binh Phouc at 271402H. One Platoon will RON vic XS555575 to secure and assist divers to search for missing EM. 3-39: At 270720H Romeo platoon closed Can Giouc from night loc. At 270900H Co's A and B departed Can Giouc by Tango boats to conduct riverine opn. At 271020H Co's A and B beached with Co A vic XS918720 and Co B vic XS912717. At 271200H Co B backloaded Tango boats vic XS916704 at 271205H Co A backloaded Tango boats vic XS918620. At 271231H Co A beached vic XS937737. At 27135H Co B beached vic XS938738. At 271250H Co B killed one (1) VC and captured one (1)

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AK rifle vic XS938732. At 271405H Co A backloaded Tango boats vic XS927737. At 271410H Co B backloaded Tango boats vic XS938735. At 271557H B-16 beached vic XS929762. At 271610H B-26 beached vic XS875764. At 271610H Co A beached vic XS930764 and backloaded at 271648H same loc. A/3-17 Cav: Trp A continued armed aerial reconnaissance in support of 1st Bde. At 271115H gunships killed two (2) VC vic XS938722. At 271140H gunships killed two (2) VC vic XS940720. At 271117H scouts killed two (2) VC vic XS938723. At 271202H scouts killed three (3) VC vic XS938723. At 27135H scouts killed four (4) VC and received A/W fire vic XS938722. At 271410H gunships killed one (1) VC vic XS939723, at 271535H scouts killed two (2) VC and took two hits from S/A vic XS939723.

28 October: The 1st Bde conducted opns with 3 Inf Bn's (2-39, 3-39, 2-60), 1 Mech Bn (2-47) and 1 Air Cav Trp (A/3-17). 2-39: (Delayed entry: At 271900H Co E departed Rach Kien to establish a Recondo Checkerboard opn vic XS725665. At 272030H vic XS721665 Co E engaged 2 VC with unknown results). From 280210H to 280220H the 2039 CP at Rach Kien came under an attack by fire from an unknown size VC force. The 2-39 base camp received 5 107mm rocket rounds 1 B-40 rocket rd, 3 60mm mortar rds, and heavy SA fire. Arty and AF "Spooky" supported the 2-39 elements. Although heavy firing ceased at 280220H, sporadic firing continued until 280300H. Results: 1 US KHA, 22 US WMA (7 of which required evacuation). VC casualties unknown. At 280632H Co's A and B moved out of Rach Kien to sweep south and east of Rach Kien in an attempt to locate the enemy force that had attacked by fire earlier. At 280830H Co's A and B closed at the 2-39 CP with negative finds. Co E continued its Recondo Checkerboard opn vic XS725665. The remainder of the 2-39 elements conducted local security patrols, road sweeps, and maintenance of equipment. 2-60: At 280640H 9 sorties of Co A were lifted from Tan Tru and inserted at 280710H and 280719H vic XS917721 and 928718, respectively. At 280735H 9 sorties of Co B were lifted from Tan Tru and inserted at 280740H and 280750H vic XS938719 and XS947713, respectively. At 280820H vic XS928717 Co A found some assorted clothing and web gear. At 280835H 10 sorties of Co A were extracted from vic XS928718 and reinserted at 280900H and 280905H vic XS811616 and XS809616, respectively. At 280925H 10 sorties of Co B were extracted from vic XS938719 and reinserted at 280940H and 280947H vic XS724616 and XS721619, respectively. At 281032H vic XS721619 Co B had 1 US WMA by unknown type booby trap (evacuated). At 281020H 10 sorties of Co A were extracted from vic XS811625 and reinserted at 281100H at XS497746 and 281105H at XS4947A3. At 281300H vic XS505706 an AHC helicopter supporting 2-60 AML opn went down with mechanical troubles. At 281245H 10 sorties of Co B were extracted from vic XS721619 and reinserted at 281320H and 281335H vic XS505705 (to secure downed helicopter) and XS646660, respectively. At 281415H the downed helicopter was extracted from vic XS505706. At 281421H 5 sorties of Co B were extracted from vic XS505705 and lifted to Tan Tru at 281430H. At 281545H Co A closed at Tan Tru by trucks. At 281610H the remainder of Co B closed at Tan Tru by footmobile march. From 281600H to 281807H 15 sorties of Co C were lifted from Tan Tru and inserted vic XS657707 and XS651709. At the close of this recont Co C continued it's RIF opn vic XS651709, and was scheduled to be extracted to Tan Tru. 3-30: At 280004H vic XS812653 A26 element had a brief contact which resulted in 3 VC KIA (BC), 1 AK47, 1 bandoleer, 1 magazine and a wallet. At 280820H vic XS811653 Co A sand 1 smpan and captured 1 smpan mortar, 1 pistol (unk type) and 1 roncho. At 280920H vic XS823636 Co A picked up one (1) detainee. At 281023H vic XS820627 Co A backloaded boats, and closed at Can Giouc at 281155H. Co B conducted footmobile RIF opn vic XS901759. Co B will RON vic XS886756. The remainder of the 3-39 elements conducted local security patrols and maintenance of equipment. 2-47: The 2-47 elements continued Road and bridge security and convoy escort opns without incident. At 290745H 10 sorties of Co C were lifted from vic of the Ben Luc bridge and inserted at 290750H vic XS780680 to participate in a combined Cordon and Search opn with Long An Province RF/FF Co's, National Police, PRU and APT's. At 281445H vic XS530591 A16 elements which had remained to search for MIA US soldier who had drown at 271014H was extracted from the area and lifted to Binh Phuoc at 281520H. A16 with help of US Navy divers had searched unsuccessfully for the MIA US soldier. At 281345H

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Co C was lifted to the Ben Luc bridge from it's combined cpn vic XS782713. Results of combined cpn: 1 VC KIA (EC), 2 VC POW's, 15 detainees and 1 US carbine. At 281600H Co C departed the Ben Luc bridge for a coordinated Mechanized RIF opn vic XS6871 with the C/2-60. At the close of this report Co C continued it's opns vic XS6871 and was scheduled to return to the Ben Luc bridge. A Trp/3-17 Cav: A Trp stood down for maintenance today. D Trp/3-5 Cav: D Trp supported 1st Bde opns today with priority to the 2-60 AML orn. At 280705H vic XS927729 C Trp had 1 VC KIA (EC). At 281051H vic XS482747 D Trp had 1 VC KIA (EC). Other Activities: At 281225H vic XS455735 the 1st Bde command and control helicopter engaged 1 VC. Results: 1 VC KIA (EC).

29 October: The 1st Bde conducted cpns with 3 Inf Bn's (2-39, 3-39, 2-60), 1 Mech Bn (2-47) and 1 Air Cav Trp (A/3-17). 2-39: (Delayed entry: At 282015H vic XS749696 A 36 element on a roving patrol took 3 VC under fire. Results: 2 VC KIA (EC), 2 AK47's and 1 bandoleer of AK ammo. At 282340H vic XS740690 A16 element observed 13 VC and called in mortar fire on the VC group. Upon sweeping the area A16 found 4 VC KIA (EC).) At 290710H Co E closed at Rach Kien from it's Recondo Checkerboard opn vic XS725665. At 290820H and 290829H vic XS760665 and XS772661, respectively. At 290930H vic XS765677 Co F had 1 US WIA by an unknown type booby trap (evacuated). At 291035H 9 sorties of Co C were lifted from Rach Kien and inserted at 291053H 9 sorties of Co C were lifted from Rach Kien and inserted at 291053H vic XS898752. At 291427H 10 sorties of Co C were lifted from Rach Kien and inserted at 291445H vic XS640580. At 291505H and 291515H Co C was extracted from vic XS894748 and XS640580 and lifted to Rach Kien at 291513H and 291523H, respectively. At 291515H and 291523H Co B was extracted from vic XS813683 and XS765665 and lifted to Rach Kien at 291520H and 291527H, respectively. At 291600H at Rach Kien the 2-39 S-4 found 1 VC KIA (EC) wearing a NVA shirt and with 5 RFG rds and AK47 ammo inside the S-4 storage yard. The VC had probably been killed during the attack on Rach Kien at 280210H. At 291611H Co A departed Rach Kien to initiate a Recondo Checkerboard opn vic XS7568. 2-60: At 290300H vic XS666713 Co C received 8 82mm mortar rds. Results: 4 US WIA (evacuated). At 290900H and 290916H Co C was extracted from vic XS666706 and lifted to Tan Tru at 290908H and 290925H. The 2-60 elements conducted local security patrols, road sweeps, and maintenance of equipment the remainder of the day. 3-39: The 3-39 conducted a combined riverine/footmobile RIF opn with the 46th ARVN Regt southeast of Can Giouc. At 290505H Co C loaded on boats at Can Giouc while the 46th Regt moved on foot to the area of operations, sweeping southeast from Can Giouc. At 290723H Co C beached vic XS860708 and XS61709. At 290940H vic XS845698 the 46th Regt captured 1 VC they had wounded and pursued a second VC who was also in the area. At 291040H Co C and the 46th Regt linked up with each other in their objective area vic XS857709 with negative further finds. At 291147H vic XS861709 Co C found and destroyed 1 10 lb Chicom claymore mine and 2 bunkers. At 291159H vic XS861709 Co C picked up 4 detainees. At 291210H vic XS861709 Co C backloaded on boats and closed at Can Giouc at 291324H. Co B continued DARMA opns in the Nha Be rocket belt vic XS871772 without incident. Co B will RON in that area. 2-47: (Delayed entry: At 281950H vic XS624446 A30 AP observed 1 VC and blew a claymore mine when the VC came within range. Results: 1 VC KIA (EC). At approximately 282045H at the Tan An Airstrip Graves Registration Office, the 2-47 identified the 1 US MIA from Co A who had drown at 271014H vic XS430591. The body had been found at 281600H in the river at the Tan An bridge. The 2-47 elements conducted road and bridge security, and convoy escort opns without incident. A Trp/3-17 Cav: A Trp continued armed aerial reconnaissance in support of the 1st Bde opns with priority to 2-39 AML opn. At 291530H vic XS640590 A Trp had 1 VC KIA (EC).

30 October: The 1st Bde conducted cpns with 3 Inf Bn's (2-39, 3-39, 2-60), 1 Mech Bn (2-47) and 1 Air Cav Trp (A/3-17). 2-39: At 300550H Co C departed Rach Kien to conduct cordon and search opn vic XS735736 at 300600H departed Rach Kien to conduct road sweep, at 301020H Co C captured (4) four detainees vic XS736737. Detainees were taken to National Police headquarters for questioning. At 301145H elements of 2-39 observed a VC body floating in the canal at Rach Kien. Death of the VC resulted from the ground attack on 28

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October 1968. At 301155H Co A closed Rach Kien from night location. At 301630H Co C captured six detainees vic XS736737. At 301615H Co departed Rach Kien by truck and closed into position at 301645H vic XS775714. At 301745H vic XS771714. Unit will RON in last location. 2-60: At 300650H Co's C & B closed Tan Tru from night loc. At 300655H element from Co A departed Tan Tru to conduct road sweep opn. At 301005H Co B lifted from Tan Tru and inserted at 301012H and 301015H vic XS875760 and vic XS862768, respectively, to conduct FIF opn. At 3010H Co C was lifted from Tan Tru and inserted at 301058H and 301101H vic XS804683 and vic XS806682, respectively. At 301142H five (5) slick loads of Co B were extracted from vic XS863768 and inserted vic XS879753. At 301250H Co C was extracted from vic XS804683 and inserted at 301255H and 301300H vic XS773694 and 780694, respectively. At 301320H five (5) slick loads of Co B were extracted from vic XS874760 and five (5) slick loads from vic XS879753 and inserted at 301340H vic XS688680 and vic XS705676. At 301515H Co B was extracted from vic XS688680 and vic XS705676 and inserted at 301525H vic XS770711. At 301525 Co A was lifted from Tan Tru and inserted at 301540H and 301546H vic XS779711 and vic XS778718, respectively. At 301643H remaining elements of Co's B and C departed Tan Tru and were inserted at 301650H vic XS775710. AHC was released at 301720H. The 2-60 will RON vic XS7771. 3-39: (Delayed entry: At 291845H Co E departed Can Giouc for night loc. At 292013H Romeo plt ambushed a sampan vic XS865742, results: one (1) VC KIA. At 292310H elements of Co A observed movement vic XS880687- artillery and small arms were fired with unknown results). At 300845H Co B and Romeo plt closed Can Giouc. At 301430H Co A loaded Tango boats enroute to night location. 2-47: The 2-47 (-) continued road and bridge security and convoy escorts without incident. At 301505H Co C departed Ben Luc Bridge by APC's and closed vic XS773723 at 301607H. Co C will RON in position. A/3-17 Cav: A/3-17 continued armed aerial reconnaissance of selected targets. At 301120H gunships killed one (1) VC and received automatic weapons fire vic XS878755. At 301513H gunships and scouts killed eight (8) VC vic XS657595. At 301655 scouts killed two (2) VC vic XS773711. At 301700H Silver Spur C & C killed one (1) VC vic XS773711. At 301440H an air strike was put in vic XS770710 which resulted in two (2) VC KBA.

31 October: The 1st Bde conducted opns with 3 Inf Bn's (2-39, 3-39, 2-60), 1 Mech Bn (2-47) and 1 Air Cav Trp (A/3-17). 2-39: (Delayed entry: At 301745H Co C observed three (3) VC vic XS770720, friendly elements engaged enemy and received return fire. With unknown results. At 302100H five (5) VN civilians were brought to aid station at Rach Kien. Wounds were from friendly arty fired at vic XS730684). At 310910 AHC reported to Rach Kien. At 310720H elements of Co A closed Rach Kien from night locations. At 310815H Co E was lifted from Rach Kien and inserted at 310825 vic XS848685. At 310825H and 310934H Co A was lifted from Rach Kien and inserted at 310834H and 310940H vic XS847687 and 844677, respectively. At 310955H Co B closed Rach Kien from night location. At 31107H Co B reported finding one (1) AK rifle and some documents in their night location vic XS771710. At 311020H Co C closed Rach Kien from night location at 311030H Co A was extracted from vic XS849687 and inserted at 311025H vic XS883647. At 311330H Co A was extracted from vic XS883647 and inserted at 311310H vic XS778686. At 311320H Co E was extracted from vic XS835684 and inserted at 311330H vic XS743647. At 311325H Co A was extracted from vic XS778686 and inserted at 311332H vic XS815715. At 311420H 2-39 released the AHC to the 3d Bde. Co's A and E continued to conduct sweep operations and closed Rach Kien at 311615H. 2-60: At 310910H Co C found one (1) VC body with an M2 carbine vic XS771709. At 310830H Co A found four (4) rounds of 60mm mortar. At 310945H the 2-60 completed sweep of contact area vic XS771709 with negative results. At 311055H 2-60 received the AHC and started extraction from vic XS771709. The extraction, which included 50 sorties of troops was completed at 311220H when the last lift closed Tan Tru. At 311225H the AHC was released back to 2-39. Other elements of 2-60 conducted local security patrols, road sweeps and maintenance. 3-39: (Delayed entry: At 301800H Co C departed Can Giouc by Tango boats for night location vic XS8833705. At 302210H Co C sank sampan and killed two (2) VC vic XS883705. At 302150H third platoon of Co C sank and sampan vic XS883705). At 310730H Co C backloaded boats from vic XS883705, XS881691 and XS868685, and departed toward Can Giouc. At 310745H vic XS842688 Tango boat received four (4) hits from B40 rockets,

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results were 13 WHA. (12 Army, 1 Navy). Dustoff of casualties was completed at 310845H. Co C beached and swept area with negative results. At 210955H Co C backloaded Tango boats vic XS842688 and closed Can Giouc at 311056H.

2-47: At 310645H Co C was released from contact area vic XS771709 and closed Ben Luc Bridge location at 310800H. At 311409H Co A closed Binh Phuc from 24 hour Bushmaster operation vic XS5953. The remainder of 2-47 continued road and bridge security and convoy escort without incident.

A/3-17: Troop A/3-17 Cav continued armed aerial reconnaissance in support of 1st Bde tactical operations with negative results.

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1 November: The 1st Bde conducted opns with 3 Inf Bn's (2-39, 3-39, 2-60), 1 Mech Bn (2-47) and 1 Air Cav Trp (A/3-17). 2-39: (Delayed entry: At 311815H elements of Hq Co found one (1) RPG -2 Rocket Launcher vic XS748694). At 010730H Romeo element departed Rach Kien after road sweep and returned at 010930H without incident. At 011530H Co C departed Rach Kien for night location vic XS7670. At 011755H elements of Co A departed Rach Kien for night locations vic XS723680. The remainder of the 2-39 conducted local security, maintenance and preparation for future operations. 2-60: The 2-60 continued to conduct local security patrols, road sweeps, maintenance of equipment and training. 2-47: The 2-47 (-) continued road and bridge security and convoy escort without incident. At 011300H Co A departed Binh Phuoc for 48-hour Recondo Checkerboard vic XS6657. At 011300H Co B departed Binh Phuoc for 24-hour Bushmaster vic XS5860. 3-39: (Delayed entry: At 310737H Co B departed Can Giuoc by Tango boats for night location, vic XS9067). At 010400H Nha Be area received two (2) incoming rockets from vic XS916814, with negative damage or casualties. At 010714H Co B loaded boats vic XS908678 and beached at 010740H to secure downed chopper vic XS892627. At 010920H Co B backloaded Tango boats vic XS892627 and closed into Can Giuoc at 011145H. A/3-17 Cav: (Delayed entry: At 312036H a HULD helicopter exploded and crashed vic XS891629, there were six (6) personnel aboard and none survived the crash. At 312015H scouts killed two (2) VC vic XS926708. At 312155H gunships killed two (2) VC and destroyed one (1) sampan vic XS891627. At 312145H scouts killed four (4) VC vic XS891628). At 010040H gunships killed six (6) VC vic XS885657.

2 November: The 1st Bde conducted opns with 3 Inf Bn's (2-39, 3-39, 2-60), 1 Mech Bn (2-47) and 1 Air Cav Trp (A/3-17). 2-39: At 020515H Co's A and E departed Rach Kien for a combined cordon and search opn vic XS745740 with Rach Kien District counterparts. At 020540H vic XS742725 Co's A and E found a road block made of trees and barbed wire. Roadblock was cleared at 02055H. At 020945H Co's A and E closed at Rach Kien. Seven detainees were captured during the cordon and search. The remaining 2-39 elements except Co C conducted local security patrols, road sweeps, and maintenance of equipment. Co C continued its Recondo Checkerboard opn vic XS7871 without incident. 2-60: At 021015H at Tan Tru Co A had one US injured by walking into a helicopter tail rotor while boarding the AHC supporting 2-60 (evacuated). At 021006H and 021035H 9 sorties of Co A were lifted from Tan Tru and inserted at 021025H and 021045H vic XS773643 and XS822638, respectively. At 021115H 9 sorties of Co B were lifted from Tan Tru and inserted at 021120H and 021124H vic XS672728 and XS662732, respectively. At 021205H vic XS680720 Co B found 50 100-lb bags of rice. Rice was left in place. At 021132H 8 sorties of Co A were extracted from vic XS822628 and reinserted at 021220H vic XS652732. At 021340H 8 sorties of Co C were lifted from Tan Tru and inserted at 021344H and 021347H vic XS646734 and XS634730, respectively. At 021424H 8 sorties of Co A were extracted from vic XS651737 and reinserted at 021444H vic XS713523. At 021505H 8 sorties of Co B were extracted from vic XS672728 and reinserted at 021514H and 021516H and vic XS711552 and XS718548, respectively. At 021500H vic XS713523 Co A picked up 2 detainees. At 021555H 8 sorties of Co C were extracted from vic XS655755 and reinserted at 021603H and 021609H vic XS691592 and XS673583, respectively. At 021630H vic XS675589 Co C found 1 AK47 w/folding stock. At 021705H 8 sorties of Co B were extracted from vic XS757656 and reinserted at 021709 vic XS671586. At 021724H 8 sorties of Co A were extracted from vic XS713522 and lifted to Tan Tru at 021735H. At 021745H 8 sorties of Co C were extracted from vic XS683590 and lifted to Tan Tru at 021750H. Co B will RON vic XS671586. 2-47: (Delayed entry: At 011940H vic XS662560 while moving to their night location A ele received fire (A/W). Fire was returned and Arty fired in support of Co A. Upon sweeping the area at 012015H Co A found 1 VC KIA (BC). The 2-47 elements continued road and bridge security, and convoy escort opns without incident. At 021000H Co B closed at Binh Phuoc from its 24-hour Bushmaster opn vic XS572582. At 021450 Co A closed at Binh Phuoc from its Recondo Checkerboard opn vic XS6756. 2-47: (Delayed entry: At 011940H vic XS662560 while moving to their night location A ele received fire (A/W). Fire was returned and Arty fired in support of Co A. Upon sweeping the area at 012015H Co A found

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1 VC KIA (EC). The 2-47 elements continued road and bridge security, and convoy escort opns without incident. At 021000H Co B closed at Binh Phuoc from it's 24-hour Bushmaster opn vic XS572582. At 021450H Co A closed at Binh Phuoc from it's Reconno Checkerboard opn vic XS6756. 3-39: (Delayed entry: At 011715H 2 platoons from Co B and Reconno plt departed Can Giuoc for their night eagle float opns east of Can Giuoc. At 011800H Co B and Reconno plt beached vic XS885722 and XS900717, respectively. At 012055H vic XS878690 Recon plt had 2 VC KIA (EC) in a brief contact. At 102153H vic XS876690 Co C had 5 VC KIA (EC). VC had been flushed by A/3-17 Air Cav. At 012215H vic XS891762 aboard T-boats, 1 plt of Co B had 3 VC KIA (EC). At 0122 38H vic XS908721 Reconno plt had 1 VC KIA (EC) trying to evade. At 012240H vic XS884706 Co B had 2 VC KIA (EC).) At 020225H vic XS885607 Co B had 2 VC KIA (EC).) At 020730H vic XS885722 Co B and Reconno plt backloaded on boats and closed at Can Giuoc at 020910H. Co A closed at Can Giuoc at 020910H from it's RON in the Nha Be rocket belt. At 021345H at Can Giuoc Co C loaded on boats and departed for the Nha Be rocket belt and beached at 021600 vic XS79763. A Trp/3-17: (Delayed entry: At 012240H vic XS826635 A Trp destroyed 1 sampan and had 1 VC KIA (EC).) At 021110H vic XS673735 A Trp destroyed 1 hooch. At 021205H vic XS666734 A Trp had 1 VC KIA (EC). At 021500H vic XS717527 A Trp picked up 3 detainees. At 021655H vic XS 673593 A Trp had 1 VC KIA (EC). At 021745 vic XS680592, A Trp had 2 VC KIA (EC).

3 November: The 1st Bde conducted opns with 3 Inf Bn's (2-39, 3-39, 2-60), 1 Mech Bn (2-47) and 1 Air Cav Trp (A/3-17). 2-39: (Delayed entry: At 021852H elements of Co C received fire from an estimated VC Reinforced Squad vic XS768711. Artillery was fired with unknown results.) At 030655H Co A closed Rach Kien from night location. At 030750H Co C closed Rach Kien from Road sweep with negative incidents. At 030940H AHC reported to Rach Kien.

At 031027H ten (10) slicks of Co A was lifted from Rach Kien and inserted at 031030H vic XS742641. At 031125H the remaining ten (10) slicks of Co A was lifted from Rach Kien and inserted vic XS705651. Ten (10) slicks of Co A were lifted at 031332H and 031337H from vic XS705651 and inserted at 031335H and 031345H vic XS728608 and XS726624, respectively. At 031415H Co A detained one Chu Hci with AK47 vic XS726624. At 031422H Co A captured one POW vic XS726624. At 031438H Co A captured another POW vic XS726624. At 031445H five (5) slicks of Co A was extracted from vic XS70066- and inserted at 031453H vic XS724601. At 031549H ten (10) slicks of Co B was lifted from Rach Kien and inserted at 031555H vic XS682715. At 031600H the second lift of Co B (7 slicks) was lifted from Rach Kien and inserted at 031608H vic XS682715.

At 031650H ten (10) slicks of Co A was extracted from vic XS734602 and inserted at 031712H vic XS735605. At 031745H five (5) slicks of Co A was extracted from vic XS725608 and closed Rach Kien at 03175H. At 031755H five (5) slicks of Co A was extracted from vic XS743606 and closed Rach Kien at 031800H. At 031758 five (5) slicks of Co A was extracted from vic XS 743606 and closed Rach Kien at 031806H. AHC was released at 031806H.

2-60: (Delayed entry: At 022100H Co B captured three (3) POW's with weapons (two (2) AK47 and one (1) pistol) vic XS674592). At 030858H Co B closed into Tan Tru. The remainder of 2-60 continued local security patrols, road sweeps and maintenance of equipment. 3-39: (Delayed entry: At

022000H Tango Boats with Co B received 1 B-40 round and small arms fire from vic XS875642. At 022254 Co B beached vic XS873692, to check suspected VC locations. The backloaded at 022035H and proceeded North West. At 022238H Co B beached vic XS924700, they swept the immediate area and backloaded at 022300H and continued Eagle Float Operations). At 030615H Co B closed Can Giuoc from night activities. At 031704H Co A departed Can Giuoc for night operations. At 031750H Co A beached vic XS859756. At 031820H Co E closed into night location vic XS828722. 2-47: (Delayed entry: At 022003H elements of Co B engaged an estimated VC squad vic XS563610; results were one (1) VC (EC). At 022030H elements of Co C received small arms fire from vic XS679762.) The 2-47 continued road and bridge security and convoy escorts with one reported incident. At 031110H Romeo element found and cleared one small road block vic XS782774. A/3-17 Cav: (Delayed entry: At 022140H gunships destroyed one (1) sampan vic XS897662. At 022130H scouts & gunships killed

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ten (10) VC vic XS902677). At 030004H gunships killed four (4) VC (FC) and destroyed one (1) sampan which resulted in a secondary explosion vic XS 896664. At 030108H gunships destroyed two (2) sampans vic XS846667. At 030030H scouts killed one (1) VC vic XS892663. At 030045H gunships destroyed one (1) camouflaged sampan vic XS894666. At 030100H gunships destroyed one (1) sampan vic XS743626. At 031300H two (2) hooches were destroyed, which resulted in a secondary explosion vic XS732612. At 031335H scoutships killed two (2) VC vic XS732612. At 031400H gunships killed two (2) VC vic XS732612. At 031515H gunships destroyed two (2) hooches, one resulted in a secondary explosion.

4 November: The 1st Bde conducted opns with 3 Inf Bn's (2-39, 3-39, 2-60), 1 Mech Bn (2-47) and 1 Air Cav Trp (A/3-17). 2-39: 2-39 conducted local security operations, refresher training and stood down for future operations. At 040525 vic XS610595 Co A killed 1 VC (BC). At 040945 a diving team completed an inspection of the Tan An bridge and began an inspection of the Ben Luc Bridge. Ben Luc Bridge inspection was completed at 041400H. 2-60: At 041005 Co C was lifted from Tan Tru and inserted vic XS722594 and XS740603. At 041035H Co B lifted from Tan Tru and inserted vic XS657653. Co's B and C were conducting RIF's in respective areas. At 041055 10 sorties of RF/PF were inserted at XS664646 to conduct combined operation with Co B, at 041155H vic XS665647 RF/PF element found 1 PRC25 and 1 Chinese pistol. At 041215 Co A was lifted from Tan Tru and inserted vic XS692627 and 701621. At 041230 vic XS666648 RF/PF found and burned 200 liters of oil. At 041405 vic XS595693 & Co destroyed 1 sampan. At 041430H Co C was extracted from XS730695 and inserted vic XS682687 and XS702687. At 041500H Co B was extracted from XS658647 and inserted vic XS607685 and XS617687. At 041550H Co C was extracted from XS700643 and inserted vic XS572655 and XS582653. At 041620H vic XS582659 a  $\frac{1}{2}$  ton truck was hit with a command detonated mine, truck was heavily damaged, negative casualties. At 041655H Co C was extracted from XS688687 and XS702687 and returned to Tan Tru. At 041755 Co B was extracted from XS607685 and returned to Tan Tru. Co A moved to Tan Tru by foot and closed at 1825H. AIC was released at 1800H, total blade time was 89hrs 45min. 3-39: At 040845H Co A was picked up by T boats vic XS859756 and returned to Can Gieuc at 040925. At 041500H Co B was inserted by T boat in rocket belt vic XS863771 and XS868773. At 041615 Co B was beached at XS891763 and moved to night locations. A Trp/3-17: At 041140H vic XS696625 A Trp received 5.0 sniffer reading. At 041410H vic XS673693 A Trp destroyed 3 sampans. At 1515H vic XS604694 RIF of areas of sniffer reading produced negative results.

5 November: The 1st Bde conducted opns with 3 Inf Bn's (2-39, 2-60, 3-39), 1 Mech Bn (2-47) and 1 Air Cav Trp (A/3-17). 2-39: From 050610H to 050900H Co B participated in a Combined Cordon and Search opn with Rach Kien District RF/PF vic XS686722. Results: 1 VC suspect picked up. At 050722H 9 sorties of Co C were lifted from Rach Kien and inserted at 050743H vic XS546543. At 050755H 10 sorties of Co C were lifted from Rach Kien and inserted at 050915 (5 sorties each) vic XS558581 and XS555559. At 050820H vic XS548542 Co C had 1 US WIA by an unknown type booby trap (evacuated). At 050945H Co B closed at Rach Kien from its Recon Chopperboard opn vic XS702724 and its cordon and search opn vic XS68722. At 051030H vic XS625596 Co C picked up one detainee. At 051120H 10 sorties of Co C were lifted from Rach Kien and inserted at 051133H vic XS768579. At 051155H 10 sorties of Co C were extracted from vic XS554582 and reinserted at 051215H vic XS682552. At 051322H 10 sorties of Co C were extracted from vic XS768569 and lifted to Rach Kien at 051330H. At 051314 9 sorties of Co C were extracted from vic XS548542 and lifted to Rach Kien at 051321H. At 051406H 10 sorties of Co C were extracted from vic XS685551 and lifted to Rach Kien at 051415H. 2-60: The 2-60 elements conducted local security patrols, road sweeps and maintenance of equipment without incident. 2-47: The 2-47 conducted road and bridge security, and convoy escort opns without incident. From 050500H to 051000H Co's A and B and Recon Plt participated in a combined cordon and search opn with Binh Phuoc District personnel vic XS587580 to XS587579. At 050830H vic XS595581 Co A found 1 AK47 magazine and some clothing. At 051000H Co's A and B and Recon Plt terminated their combined cordon and search opn. Results: 12 detainees (all were later classified as innocent

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civilians). At 051045H vic XS578581 Co B found and destroyed in place 1 dud 155mm rd. Co's A and B and Recon Plt closed at Binh Phuoc at 051110H. 3-39: (Delayed entry: At 041020H vic XS860745 during a night hunter opn Recon plt had 2 VC KIA (EC) and 1 sampans destroyed). At 050635H at Can Giuoc Co B loaded on T-boats and boated at 050830H vic XS881764. At 050850H Co C was picked up by T-boats vic XS901761 and returned to Can Giuoc at 051025H. At 051040H Co A loaded on T-boats and boated at 051156H vic XS895665. At 051235H vic XS897667 Co A picked up 1 detainee (later classified IC). At 051244H vic XS893665 Co A picked up 2 detainees. At 05135H vic XS895665 Co A picked up 1 detainee (later classified POW). At 041421H Co C was picked up by T-boats and returned to Can Giuoc at 051527H. Co B will RON vic XS881764 in the Nha Bo rocket belt. A Trp/3-17 Cav: (Delayed entry: During the night of 4-5 Nov A Trp in conjunction with 3-39th Inf conducted a night hunter opn southeast of Can Giuoc. At 042023H vic XS906648 and XS900638 A Trp had 4 VC KIA (EC) and destroyed 2 sampans, respectively. At 042040H vic XS900637 A Trp destroyed 1 sampans. At 042050H vic XS889655 A Trp had 3 VC KIA (EC) and destroyed 2 sampans. At 042100H vic XS889655 A Trp had 6 VC KIA (EC), and destroyed 1 sampans. At 042113H vic XS890649 A Trp had 3 VC KIA (EC). At 042150H vic XS889655 A Trp had 1 VC KIA (EC). At 050150H vic XS885723 A Trp destroyed 1 sampans. At 050725H vic XS541543 A Trp destroyed 1 hoch. A Trp flew armed aerial reconnaissance in support of 2-39 AML/RIF opns without significant finds.

6 November: The First Bde conducted opns with 3 Inf Bn's (2-39, 2-60, 3-39), 1 Mech Bn (2-47) and 1 Air Cav Trp (A/3-17). 2-39: (Delayed entry: At 051815H Co A engaged seven (7) VC vic XS744651 results were two (2) VC and one (1) AK rifle, mortar sight compass and assorted documents. At 052145H Co A killed one (1) VC vic XS724658). At 060930H Co A received four (4) WHA from a booby trap vic XS726677. The remainder of the 2-39 continued maintenance, local security patrols and road sweeps. 2-47: At 061030H Co was lifted from Tan Tru and inserted at 061040H with five (5) slicks vic XS476746 and five (5) slicks vic XS467741 at 061050H. At 061120H Co C was lifted from Tan Tru and inserted with five (5) slicks at 061130H vic XS461680 and five (5) vic XS460673 at 061135H. At 061310H Co A was extracted from vic XS468741 and inserted at 061321H vic XSX393698 and vic XS387698, respectively. At 061340H Co C was extracted from vic XS462675 and inserted at 061355 vic XS437666 and vic XS426654, respectively. At 061535H Co A was extracted from vic XS393698 and inserted at 061555H vic XS640680 and vic SW638687, respectively. At 061610H Co C was extracted from vic XS436658 and inserted at 061625H vic XS641650 and 061650 and 061630H vic XS643655 respectively. At 061735H nine (9) slicks from Co A were lifted from Tan Tru and inserted at 061745H vic XS680600. At 061750H ten (10) slicks of Co A were lifted from Tan Tru and inserted at 061758H vic XS680600, for night activities. The AHC was released at 060755H. At 061815H Co C closed into Tan Tru by truck. 3-39: At 060705H Co B backloaded Tango boats in their rocket belt location and closed into Can Giuoc at 060814H. At 061420H Co A departed Can Giuoc for night location in rocket belt. The remainder of 3-39 continued DARMA in rocket belt, local security patrols, and maintenance of equipment. 2-47: The 2-47 (-) continued road and bridge security and convoy escort without incident. At 061730H Co B departed Binh Phuoc night location vic XS5852. A/3-17 Cav: At 061005H 1 LOH received fire and was forced down vic XS473747. At 061010H gunships killed one (1) VC vic XS473746. At 061150H the damaged LOH was extracted by maintenance aircraft. At 061500H gunships destroyed three (3) sampans vic XS401639.

7 November: The 1st Bde conducted opns with 3 Inf Bn's (2-39, 2-60, 3-39), 1 Mech Bn (2-47). 2-39: At 070110H elements of Co A engaged an estimated squad vic XS741679 results were five (5) VC KIA. At 070740H Co A closed into Rach Kien from night location. At 070845H Co B closed into Rach Kien from night location. The 2-39 conducted a cordon and search operation vic XS655605 with negative results. At 071602H Co C was lifted from Tan Tru and inserted vic XS664655 at 071658H. At 071725, a 3/4 T truck overturned vic XS579657 results were one (1) EM killed-not due to hostile action. 3-39: (Delayed entry: At 062245H storage area at Nha Bo received three (3) rounds of rocket fire with negative casualties or damage. At 061225 artillery

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was fired vic XS861709 results were tow (2) VC killed. At 070640H Co's Band C beached with Co B vic XS870687 and Co C vic XS887684 to conduct cordon and search operation at 071010H two (2) slick loads of Co A were extracted from vic XS917752 and inserted 071015H vic XS885741. At 071044H they were extracted from vic XS885741 and inserted at 071048H vic XS885747. At 071030H Co's B and C backloaded Tango boats vic XS889684 and vic XS889688, respectively, and closed into Can Gioc at 071155H. 2-47: The 2-47 continued road and bridge security and convoy escorts without incident. A cordon and search was conducted at 070940H vic XS590530 with negative results.

8 November: The 1st Bde conducted opns with 3 Inf Bn's (2-39, 2-60, 3-39), 1 Mech Bn (2-47). 2-39: (Delayed entry: At 071930H vic XS785684 an AF of Co C took 5 VC under fire, result was 1 VC (EC). At 072035 Co C reported firing northeast of their position vic XS781683. Fire did not effect Co C. At 080630 Co A conducted a cordon and search operation with GVN elements from Rach Kien vic XS745625. There were negative results from the operation and Co A closed Rach Kien at 081210H. 2-47: (Delayed entry: At 071848H vic XS594776 the CRIP plat working with Co C drew fire from XS595775, XS595780 and XS592774 from an estimated VC platoon. Co C maneuvered against the positions but fired ceased except for sporadic sniper fire. Contact broke at 071920H). At 080735H Co A (-) was extracted from XS633739 and inserted at XS635723 on a raid mission. At 080755 the CRIP plat was picked up at XS605776 and inserted vic XS635728 to participate in raid with Co A at 080815H vic XS629736 Co A picked up 1 Chieu Hoi. At 080905H Co A (-) was extracted from XS633739 and inserted vic XS638738 completing insertion of raid elements. At 081120 vic XS638753 Co C picked up 2 detainees. At 081130 Co A was picked up vic XS635778 by tracks and returned to Binh Phuoc, at 081220H the CRIP plat terminated the raid operation and returned to Ben Luc area to prepare for night operations at 081320H vic XS628753 Co C picked up 4 additional detainees. At 081805 H element moved to XS495576 to secure a downed helicopter at that location. 2-60: 2-60 conducted local security operations, refresher training and maintenance and prepared for future operations. 3-39: At 080050H the base camp at Can Gioc received one incoming round, type or caliber unknown, no damage or casualties. At 090736 Co A was picked up by T boats from XS901762 and returned to Can Gioc. Co A closed Can Gioc at 080910. At 081435 Co C departed Can Gioc by T boats in route in RON positions in rocket belt. LRRP's: At 080400H vic XS887678 the LRRP's killed 1 VC (EC) which had been in a sampan. At 080700H vic XS887678 the LRRP's picked up 2 detainees. 1-11 Arty: At 081934H vic XS440750 Arty A0 engaged two samrans resulting in 2 VC (EC).

9 November: The 1st Bde conducted opns with 1 Inf Bn's (2-39, 2-60, 3-39), 1 Mech Bn (2-47), and 1 Air Cav Trp (A3-17). 2-39: (Delayed entry: At 082030H vic XS772692 in its Recondo Checkerboard opn Co C engaged 2 VC. Results: 1 VC KIA (EC). At 082105H vic XS772692 Co C had a brief contact with 8-10 VC. Results: 4 VC KIA (EC). Negative US casualties). At 090640H Co C closed at Rach Kien. At 090747H 10 sorties of Co A were lifted from Rach Kien and inserted at 090811H vic XS448741. At 090818H 10 sorties of Co A were lifted from Rach Kien and inserted at 090850H vic XS450705. At 090935H 5 sorties of Co E were lifted from Rach Kien and inserted at 090940H vic XS775702 to retrieve some sensing devices. At 091010H 8 sorties of Co E were lifted from Rach Kien and inserted at 091020H vic XS48735. At 091100H vic XS759704 Co E had 3 US WIA by unknown type booby trap, avaced. At 091100H 5 sorties of Co A were extracted from vic XS448741 and reinserted at 091137H vic XS723636. At 091145 5 sorties of Co A were extracted from vic XS448741 and inserted at 091155H vic XS73462. At 091220H 5 sorties of Co A were extracted from vic XS452603 and reinserted at 091230H vic XS492708. At 091300H vic XS725623 Co A had 1 US WIA by unknown type booby trap (evaced). At 091336H 5 sorties of Co A were extracted from vic XS460701 and lifted to Rach Kien at 091350H. At 091400H vic XS483734 in a brief contact had 2 VC KIA (EC) and 1 M1 carbine captured. At 091415H vic XS715625 in a separate brief contact Co A had 3 VC KIA (EC) and 1 WIA.

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captured. There were negative US casualties in either contact. At 091425H 8 sorties of Co E were extracted from vic XS485737 and lifted to Rach Kien at 091445H. At 091515 5 sorties of Co E were extracted from vic XS756708 and lifted to Rach Kien and inserted at 091520H and 091532H vic XS725625 and XS723634, respectively, to initiate a Recondo Checkerboard opn in the area. At 091536H 10 sorties of Co A were extracted from vic XS723634 and inserted to Rach Kien at 091541H. 2-60: (Delayed entry: At 081850H vic XS614705 in it's Recondo Checkerboard opn Co D captured 1 VC (OW w/ medical kit in a bunker. At 081910H and 081920H vic XS685594 Co B had two brief contacts w/3 or 4 VC. Results: 1 US WMA (evacuated) and unknown VC casualties. A LFT supported Co B's contact). At 090825H Co C closed at Tan Tru from its 48-hour Recondo Checkerboard opn vic XS6865. At 091050H Co B closed at Tan Tru from its 48-hour Recondo Checkerboard opn vic XS6859. The remainder of the 2-60 elements conducted local security patrols, road sweeps, and maintenance of equipment without incident. 2-47: At 090630H vic XS595712 in a combined opn with Co A, the FRU had 1 VC KIA (EC) w/1 AK47. At 090550H vic XS577583 Co B found and burned 4 grass road locks. At 091210H vic XS612598 Co B had 1 US WMA from and unknown type booby trap (evacuated). Co's A and C continued extensive night Aquabushes and Rushmaster opns north and south of the Den Luc bridge along the Vam Co Dong river without significant incidents. 3-39: (Delayed entry: At 081635H Co C beached vic XS886760 in the Nha Be Rocket Delt. At 081800H Co B departed Can Giouc for night Eagle Floats east of Can Giouc. At 082225H Co B beached vic XS881626. At 082310H vic XS882625 Co B captured 2 detainees w/1 AK47 in a hooch). At 090350H vic XS887720 Co B captured 1 AK47. At 090430H vic XS885727 Co B picked up 2 more detainees. At 090658H vic XS892713 Co B picked up 2 more detainees. At 090700H Co B backloaded on boats and closed at Can Giouc at 090700H Co B backloaded on boats and closed at Can Giouc at 090811H. Co C conducted a footmobile RIF opn vic XS873763 without significant finds. Co C will RON in that area. A Trp/3-17 Cav: A Trp conducted armed aerial reconnaissance in support of 1st Bde opns with priority to 2-39 AFL/RIF. At 091320H vic XS719629 A Trp destroyed 1 bunker. A Trp flew "People sniffer" and CS missions without significant readings or results.

10 November: The 1st Bde conducted opns with 3 Inf Bn's (2-39, 2-60, 3-39), 1 Mech Bn (2-47), and 1 Air Cav Trp (A/3-17). 2-39: (Delayed entries: At 092120H vic XS726650 B36 of Co E in checkerboard operation received heavy small arms fire from an undetermined number of enemy weapons. Co B sustained 1 US WMA in the initial firing. B36 called in arty an' firing ceased. WMA was dusted off at 092025H. At 092205H vic XS726650 B36 opened fire on 2 VC resulting in 2 VC (C). At 092350H vic XS725617 B15 in anther brush position received small arms and B40 fire. B15 called in arty fire and contact ceased at 090958. B15 sustained 2 US WMA which were dusted off at 1000025H). At 100035H vic XS722625 B26 expended a claymore against 5 VC with a result of 2 VC (BC). At 100655H vic XS722625 B26 received 3 incoming mortar rounds with negative results. Throughout the period of contacts Co B was supported by continuous artillery fire. At 100655H Co B conducted a sweep of the areas from which the fire was received and found 1 VC (BC) at XS722624. At 100855 the Romeo element reported the Rach Kien roads cleared. At 101045 vic XS737628 Co B made contact with and estimated VC plt (VC initiated fire). A Trp was diverted from 2-60 to support Co B. At 101200 Co B was placed under OPCON of 2-60 who assaulted two companies in objective area. 2-60: At 101040 Co A was lifted from Tan Tru and inserted vic XS818668 and XS823666, on a raid mission. This raid was conducted on information received from a Chieu Hoi who pointed out the area. At 101125 vic XS818667 Co A captured 1 VC nurse, 1 ICW, 1 AL47, 1 pistol, some medical supplies and documents. The results of the raid confirmed the information which was provided by the Chieu Hoi. At 101200 Co B (-) was lifted from Tan Tru and inserted at XS739612 and XS741620 to reinforce the B/2-39 contact in the area. At 101420 vic XS741620 Co B (-) sustained 1 US WMA and 2 US WMA from well bunkered positions. At 101312 the Brigade C&C ship was shot down at XS741621 attempting to make a dust off. All personnel in C&C safely evacuated the burning helicopter. A Trp suppressed the area until Co B

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(-) reached the personnel. 2 US were slightly wounded in the crash. 1 US was evacuated by dust off, other personnel were evacuated by a Jayhawk helicopter. At 101420 the remainder of Co B was inserted at XS742623 and XS737620 to reinforce the contact. Two airstrikes and artillery were placed in the objective area as A Trp supported by armed aerial reconnaissance at 101535H vic XS738627 Co B/2-39 sustained 3 US WIA from Enemy fire. At 101612 10 sorties of Co A was extracted from XS821677 and inserted vic XS742623. At 101625 vic XS729629 Co B 2-39 sustained 1 US KIA and 4 US WIA. A Trp and artillery continued to suppress area from which the VC fire was coming as the maneuver elements swept the area. At 101750 9 sorties of Co A was lifted from Tan Tru and inserted vic XS742618. At approximately 101805 hours all enemy fire ceased and all maneuver elements swept the contact area. Co A and B of 2-60 and Co B/2-39 will RON in the contact area. 2-47: 2-47 continued road and convoy security missions without incident. At 101415H vic XS635530 Co A spotted 10 VC at XS626571 and engaged with arty fire with negative results. 2-47 maintained 1 company on a stand-by to assist in 2-60 contact if necessary. Company was stood down at 101800. 2-39: (Delayed entry: At 019800 Co A loaded the T boats at Can Giouc and initiated an eagle float operation vic XS8165. At 091845 Co A beached at XS812654 and set made a RIF of the area. At 091907 Co A (-) backloaded the T boats leaving two stay behind elements at XS818647 and XS817654). At 100225 Co A (-) beached at XS810629 and conducted RIF with negative results. At 100327 Co A (-) backloaded boats and moved to XS835687 where they beached at 100445. At 100527 all elements of Co A were backloaded on T boats and sailed for Can Giouc, elements closed at 100642. At 100845 Co C was picked up by T boats from XS882769 and XS901758 and returned to Can Giouc. At 101300 Co B loaded boats at Can Giouc and departed for rocket belt. At 101430 Co B beached at XS881768, XS891723 and XS901758 and moved to RON positions. A Trp/3-17 Cav: A Trp initially supported 2-60 Inf with armed aerial reconnaissance and people sniffer mission and was diverted at 101050 to support 2-39 contact. At 101200 A Trp reverted to control of 2-60. At 101455 vic XS74565 A Trp killed 1 VC (EC) in a bunker. At 101600 vic XS738620 A Trp dropped 40lb satchel charges prepared by 2-60 on enemy bunkers resulting in 2 secondary explosions and 1 VC (EC). At 101700 vic XS745635, A Trp killed 4 VC (EC) in front of B/2-60 element. LRRP's: (Delayed entry: At 092225 the LRRP's and PRU's were inserted at XS873690 on an intelligence target). At 100055 vic XS873690 the LRRP's and PRU's engaged an unk size VC element resulting in 3 VC (EC). At 100145 the LRRP'd were extracted.

11 November: The 1st Bde conducted opns with 3 Inf Bn's (2-39, 2-60, 3-39), and 1 Air Cav Trp (A/3-17). 2-39: The 2-39 conducted local security patrols, road sweeps, maintenance of equipment and preparation for movement to Dong Tam. Co B had been OPCON to 2-60 for operations during the past 24-hours was extracted by CH47 beginning at 110305H from vic XS743627 and closed into Rach Kien at 110837H. 2-60: At 110846H Co's A and B began extraction by CH47 from vic XS745615 the final extraction of both companies was completed when the remaining elements closed into Tan Tru at 111135H. During the extraction of Co's A and B an aerial observer observed 4 VC with weapons at 111030H vic XS628653. Co C and Romeo Platoon was inserted by truck to sweep the woodline in search of the VC. At 111200H Co C killed one (1) VC and captured one (1) AK47 with an assortment of web gear and documents. At 111455H Co C and Romeo closed into Tan Tru. 2-47: The 2-47 continued road and bridge security and convoy escort without incident. At 110730H the 2nd Platoon of Co C discovered two (2) shell casings for 57 RR vic XS680762. At 11036H the 3rd Platoon of Co C captured three (3) detainees vic XS600758. 3-39: (Delayed entry: At 101937H Recon Platoon departed Can Giouc by Tango Boats for night location vic XS894718). At 110705H the 3-39 began their AML/RIF opn with the lift of five (5) slicks of Co A from Can Giouc and inserted at 110707H vic XS878700. At 110612 the remaining ten (10) slick loads of Co A was lifted from Can Giouc and inserted at 110716 vic XS878700. At 110745H 1st Platoon of Co C back loaded Tango Boats from vic XS919768. At 110800H Co C's command Group and 2nd Platoon backloaded Tango Boats from vic XS899757. At 110807H Co A captured two (2) detainees with two AK47

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rifles vic XS879701. At 110835H Romeo element beached vic XS897717. At 110800H five (5) slick loads of Co C were lifted from Can Giouc and inserted at 110805H vic XS902713 at 110807H five (5) additional slick loads of Co C were lifted from Can Giouc and inserted at 110810H vic XS902713 at 110814H the remaining five (5) slicks of Co C were lifted from Can Giouc and inserted at 110817H vic XS902713. At 110905H Co A found six (7) sets of VC web gear, 12 AK47 magazines, 200 rds of AK ammo, 8 R40 rockets with fuses, six (6) Chi Com grenades and an assortment of documents vic XS879701. At 110924H Romeo element backloaded Tango boats vic XS897717 and closed into Can Giouc at 111030H. At 111022H ten (10) slick loads of Co A were extracted from vic XS877710 and inserted at 111043H vic XS616684. At 111055H the remaining five (5) loads of Co A were extracted from vic XS877701 and inserted at 111104H vic XS612695 to continue AML/RIF opn. At 111258H ten (10) slicks of Co A were extracted from vic XS617691 and closed into Can Giouc at 111308H. At 111328H the remaining five (5) slick loads of Co A were extracted from the same PZ and inserted at 111337H vic XS778758. At 111400H Co C began extracting utilizing five (5) slicks. The extraction was completed with closing of the final lift at Can Giouc at 111425H. A/3-17 Cav: Troop A/3-17 Cav continued armed aerial reconnaissance in support of 1st Bde AML/RIF opns. At 111200H gunships destroyed four (4) bunkers vic XS591797. At 111330H gunships destroyed four (4) bunkers and eight (8) sampans vic XS530835. At 111400H gunships and scouts killed four (4) VC and captured two (2) detainees vic XS775760.

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just north of the Tan An bridge vic XS549657. 3-39: At 120840H vic XS915769 Co B backloaded on T-boats in the Nha Be rocket belt and closed at Can Giouc on boats and beached at 121630H vic XS880764 in the Nha Be rocket belt. At 121712H Co C & Reconnd Flt departed Can Giouc for Eagle Floats orns east of Can Giouc and beached at 121755H vic XS843687. At 121815H vic XS 843687 Co C picked up 1 detainee. At 121823H Co C and Reconnd plt backloaded on boats and continued their Eagle Floats. A Trp/3-17 Cav: A Trp continued Armed aerial reconnaissance in support of 1st Bde opns with priority to 2-60 AML opn. At 120900 vic XS685556 A Trp picked up 1 detainee, later classified VCI. At 120915H vic XS693558 A Trp picked up 1 detainee. At 121125H vic XS679648 A Trp had 1 VC KIA (IC).

13 November: The 1st Bde conducted opns with 3 Inf Bn's (2-39, 2-60, 3-39), 1 Mech Bn (2-47), and 1 Air Cav Trp (A/3-17). 2-39: The 2-39 conducted move from Rach Kien and closed into Dong Tam at 131015H. 2-60: (Delayed entry: At 121845H an A/F F/C received small arms fire from vic XS653613. Six (6) HE rounds of 4.2 inch mortar was fired into area with unknown results. At 130645H Co B began AML/RIF by lifting nine slicks from Tan Tru and inserted five (5) slicks at 130651H vic XS493663 and four (4) slicks at 130659H vic XS487657. Co C was lifted from Tan Tru utilizing nine (9) slicks. Five (5) were picked up at 130706H and four (4) at 130708H. The first five (5) were inserted at 130715H and four (4) at 130708H. The first five (5) were inserted at 130715H vic XS495742 and the remaining four (4) at 130719 vic XS485736. At 130740H the second platoon of Co C had one WHA vic XS495742. At 130835H vice (5) slick loads of Co C were extracted from vic XS495732 and inserted at 130845H vic XS457690. At 130847H five (5) slick loads of Co C were extracted from vic XS485736 and inserted at 130858H vic XS540696. At 130902H five (5) slick loads of Co B were extracted from vic XS493655 and inserted at 130908H vic XS465715. At 130914H five (5) additional sorties were extracted from vic XS483655 and inserted at 130918H vic XS454704. At 130950H Co C had two (2) WHA from frag grenades vic XS459690. Dustoff was completed at 131000H. At 131005H Co B found 1 Box of rice, 1 steel helmet, two pair of shoes vic XS464707. At 131115H Co B was extracted from vic XS465715 and vic XS454704 and inserted at 131125H vic XS412735. At 131130H Co C was extracted from vic XS455695 and vic XS 456692 and inserted at 131136H vic XS413743 and vic XS405740. At 131200H Co B found two (2) Kerosine stores and two (2) ponchoes and destroyed four (4) bunkers vic XS412737. At 131303H five (5) additional sorties of Co C were extracted from vic XS405740 and inserted at 131332 vic XS671585. At 131345H Co B was extracted from vic XS414740 and closed Tan Tru at 131400H. At 131430H Co C was extracted from vic XS680592 and closed Tan Tru at 131438H. At 1600H the 2-60 reverted to OPCON to 3rd Bde. 3-39: At 130548H 1st plt of Co C backloaded Tango boats vic XS887718. At 130615H 2nd plt of Co C backloaded Tango boats vic XS848688 all elements departed for Can Giouc. At 130729 Co C and Romeo flt closed into Can Giouc from night activities. At 130816H Co A backloaded Tango boats vic XS915768, vic XS899758 and vic XS879766 and closed into Can Giouc at 130919H at 131600H the 3-39 reverted to OPCON of 3rd Brigade. 2-47: The 2-47 continued road and bridge security, local security and convoy escort without incident. At 131600H the 2-47 reverted to OPCON of 3rd Brigade. A/3-17 Cav: Troop a/3-17 Cav continued armed aerial reconnaissance of suspected enemy locations. At 130815H scouts ships killed two (2) VC vic XS459650. At 131433H gunships captured one (1) detained vic XS682594. 1st Bde: At 131600H completed movement from Tan An to Dong Tam. At 131600H the 6/31st and 4-39th became OPCON to 1st Bde.

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4 Culverts  
5 Bridges

(b) Repaired

Tan An Airfield  
36 KM Road  
6 Bridges  
Ben Luc Bridge  
Ben Luc Bridge mine boom

(c) Concrete work

10 Concrete pads  
250M Sidewalks

f. Transportation: Daily resupply of units was effected by organic vehicles. Delivery of Building Materials and Unit moves were accomplished by trucks of the 9th S & T Bn and 48th Transportation Group, provided by the Division Transportation Office.

g. Services

(1) Erd lators were provided by 15 Engr Bn at Tan An, Binh Phouc, Tan Tru and Can Giuoc, and Binh Chanh.

(2) Shower Points were provided by 9th S & T Bn at Binh Phouc, Tan Tru and Can Giuoc.

(3) Graves Registration was provided by FSE 9th S & T Bn at Tan An Airfield.

## 15 (C) Commander's Evaluation

During the period of this report the Recondo Brigade has seen a complete change in enemy tactics. In July, August, and early September, the enemy continued to operate in company and battalion size units. The 1st Brigade was highly sucessful in engaging these units employing the encirclement and pile on techniques to destroy the units. As the contacts continued the enemy began to react to the tactics by fragmenting his units and dispersing them over larger areas. By late September enemy companies were spread over as much as four to six kilometers. As the enemy segmented his forces there was also a marked increase in his night movements.

In order to maintain pressure on the enemy, the Brigade developed new techniques to meet the enemy under the new conditions. The Jitterbug technique of airmobile insertions was used to a maximum to increase the capability of finding the enemy's fragmented units. To deny the enemy the use of the night to move units and supplies the "Night Hunter" operation was developed. The Night Hunter consists of using sophisticated surveillance devices such as radar and SLAR to acquire targets at night. Once a target has been established an artillery illumination TOT is prepared over the target area. The Air Cav is then alerted and flies to the vicinity of the target area. When the TOT is fired the Air Cav arrives on station as the artillery illuminates the target. If the target is valid the Air Cav engages. The Night Hunter has also been used with ground troops being employed in the target areas by riverine assets and has also been highly sucessful.

In addition to increased Jitterbugging and the Night Hunter operations the Brigade has utilized night ambushes and checkerboard operations to a maximum to limit the enemy's ability to move at night. Lines of communications were interdicted by saturation ambushing including the use of riverine assets to insert ambushes along streams, canals, and rivers.

During the latter part of October and November the Brigade has placed full support behind the Special Pacification Program in Long An. The Brigade operated around targeted hamlets to insure GVN control of the areas and has participated in the pacification of the hamlets by providing medical, civic

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(4) Class III

Mogas	Diesel
75,600 gals	120,200 gals

(5) Class V

5.56	985,000
7.65	635,800
.50 cal	89,400
40mm	47,700
81mm HE	14,100
ILLUM	2,690
4.2 HE	22,600
ILLUM	5,750
Pyrotechnic	26,000
Demolitions	6,200 lbs

c. Maintenance D Co 709th Maint Bn located at Ben Luc processed the following job orders in support of units in the First Recondo Brigade:

Wheel	Track	Armament	Signal
97	54	248	1089
Engineer	Instrument	Delta Services	
149	69	128	

d. Medical C Co 9th Med Bn located at Tan An Airfield processed patients as follows in support of First Recondo Brigade and supporting units:

No. of Patients.....	1944
Disposition.....	Returned to Duty..... 1482
	Evacuated..... 240
	Admitted..... 222
Classification.....	IRHA..... 178
	Disease..... 1453
	Injury..... 313

e. Engineer C Co. 15th Engr Bn located at Tan An Airfield accomplished the following in support of the First Recondo Brigade:

(1) Combat Support

- (a) Cleared 32 Roadblocks
- (b) Destroyed: 22 Mines  
78 Booby Traps  
45 Bunkers  
5 Punji Pits

- (c) Filled: 22 Craters

(2) Projects

- (a) Built: 6 Mortar pits  
10 Heliports  
2 100 foot Bailey Bridges  
6 Bridges  
6 Guard Towers  
2 Radar Towers  
500M Culvert  
(Basecamp Development)  
Recondo Toc (30x60)  
Tan An APO  
18 WABTOC  
Civic Action

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(1) The following psyops operations were conducted: Leaflets disseminated by air- 12,345,500, aerial loudspeaker broadcasts- 83 hrs 20 mins, hand disseminated leaflets- 53,108, ground loudspeaker missions- 163 hrs and 35 mins, newspaper disseminated- 6,662 movies shown to 14,010 attendees- 50 hrs and 15 mins. Main themes employ during operations: Chieu Hoi, NVA surrender, Scare and Power, Loneliness, Rally.

(2). The following Psyon assets were utilized during the operations (listed in order of frequency):

(a) 1000 watt speaker mounted in UHID: This was the easiest asset to use and quickest to react to tactical requirements.

(b) U-10 aircraft: This assets reaction time ranged from 45 mins to 6 hrs. The reaction time was slow but once on station speaker broadcast were superior to UHID.

(c) CH47 Helicopters: Used primarily at night to cover large areas. Normally available on preplanned basis only.

(d) LOH Helicopters with 500 Watt speaker: This asset was used on a test basis and provided adequate coverage for small areas. Reaction time was very short and immediate reaction to tactical situations were possible.

(e) Backpacked 250 Watt speaker: Used primarily on Cordon and Search operations.

(f) AN/PLQ-5A Public address Set: Used primarily for the evaluation of Intimate Psywar Concept. The set was employed by maneuver elements down to platoon size and was fairly effective. The set is lacking in ruggedness and durability for extended operations and maintenance time is excessive.

#### 14. Logistics

a. Administration: The logistical support for units participating in operation Toan Thang II was provided by support units located in Tan An, Ben Luc, and Dong Tam. Unit rear areas were located at Rach Kien, Tan Tru, Binh Phouc, Bearcat, Dong Tam, Tan An. Resupply was effected utilizing organic vehicles and the highway network, CH-47, UH-1, and OH-6 to units in the field.

#### b. Supply

(1) Class I and III were drawn from the FSE 9th S & T Bn located at Tan An Airstrip. Class II and IV was drawn from the 9th S & T Bn at Dong Tam and 506th Field Depot at Long Binh. Class V was drawn from the ASP at Dong Tam. The following quantities were utilized by the units of the First Reconno Brigades during the operation:

(2) Class I	A Rations 579,900	B Rations when issued as substitute for A's, included in total	C Rations 136,900
Sundry Packs 1435	Potable Ice 860,000 lbs		

#### (3) Class II & IV

357,000 sandbags  
43 rolls of concertina  
850 bags of cement  
116,600 BF lumber

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- 25 TNT - 72 lbs
- 26 Gunpowder - 20 lbs
- 27 CHU Bomblet - 4
- 28 Booby Trap (NFI) - 73
- 29 Anti-Tank mine - 9
- 30 Lubrication Oil - 202 Liters
- 31 Gasoline - 55 Gal.
- 32 Rice - 42 lbs.

\* NFI - Not Further Identified

## 13. Civic Action/Psychological Operations

a. For the reporting period following Civic Actions activities were conducted.

## (1) Construction:

- (a) 4 schools, 1 hospital and 2 orphanages were assisted throughout the period.
- (b) 5 dwelling were built
- (c) 7 dwellings, 1 dispensary, 2 schools, 4 bridges and 40 KM of road were repaired

## (2) Educational Efforts

(a) 140 English classes were held with a total of 1,345 students attending.

(b) one nurse's aide was trained

## (3) Commodity Distribution

- (a) 35,500 lbs of cement
- (b) 1375 piece of tin sheet
- (c) 10,043 board feet of lumber
- (d) 45 gals of paint
- (e) 18,670 lbs of foodstuffs
- (f) 355 lbs of health items (soap, toothpaste etc)

## (4) Medcaps

(a) 638 medcaps were conducted treating a total of 46,939 patients

(b) 17 civilians were transported to the Cho Roy Hospital for treatment.

b. The following psychological operations were conducted for the period.

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- 57 60mm Mortar Rd - 212
- 58 M-16 Mags - 143
- 59 AK-47 Mags - 460
- 60 Bar Mags - 10
- 61 M-1 Mags - 75
- 62 RPD Mags - 30
- 63 RPG-2 Charges - 107
- 64 Blasting Caps (NFI) - 150

## (c) Equipment Destroyed

- 1 Bunkers - 12,099
- 2 Structures - 141
- 3 Hootches - 97
- 4 Sampans - 270
- 5 AK-47 Rd - 1,250
- 6 AK-47 Mags - 2
- 7 7.62 Rd - 270
- 8 .50 Cal Rd - 75
- 9 5.56 Rd - 400
- 10 81mm Rd - 1
- 11 60mm Rd - 24
- 12 82mm Rd - 6
- 13 105mm Rd - 4
- 14 155mm Rd - 6
- 15 M-79 Rd - 14
- 16 75mm Rd - 1
- 17 RPG-2 Rd - 15
- 18 RPG-2 Boosters - 70
- 19 RPG-7 Rd - 15
- 20 US claymore - 2
- 21 Chicom Claymore - 1
- 22 IS-FRHG Grenades - 25
- 23 US CS Grenades - 8
- 24 Chicom Grenades - 28

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- 25 Canteen NVA - 19
- 26 Pack (NVA) - 13
- 27 Ponchos - 15
- 28 Clothing Misc. - 144 lbs
- 29 Medical Supplies - 79 lbs
- 30 Wire Cutters - 1
- 31 Rice - 7,705 lbs
- 32 Documents - 94½ lbs
- 33 USSR Flag - 1
- 34 Piasters - 1,374,600
- 35 Sampan Motor - 1
- 36 Sampans - 5
- 37 Gascline - 55 Gal
- 38 Portable Typewriter - 1
- 39 Padlocks - 50
- 40 Machete- 1
- 41 Field Phone (NFI) - 1
- 42 Gas Mask (NFI) - 1
- 43 Compass (NFI) - 2
- 44 Commo Wire - 50 ft.
- 45 Flash light - 3
- 46 107 Rd - 2
- 47 RPG-7 Rd - 31
- 48 RPG-2 Rd - 270
- 49 57 RR Rd- 55
- 50 75RR Rd - 13
- 51 AK-47 Rd - 5,780
- 52 5.56 Rd - 4
- 53 7.62 Rd - 2,000
- 54 .30 Cal Rd - 3,400
- 55 122 Rolicet Fuses - 6
- 56 122 Rolicet Warheads - 8

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- 28 Chicom Grenades - 46
- 29 Grenades (NFI) - 70
- 30 Bangalore Torpedoes - 30
- 31 TNT- 25 Lbs
- 32 C-4 - 120 Lbs
- 33 Claymores US - 4
- 34 Knives (NFI) - 2

## (b) Equipment Captured

- 1 82mm Mortar Sight - 1
- 2 60mm Mortar Sight - 3
- 3 Mortar Sight (NFI) - 1
- 4 Aiming Device (NFI) - 1
- 5 Starlight Scope - 1
- 6 Binoculars (NFI) - 1
- 7 RPG-7 Sight - 1
- 8 MG Tripod (NFI) - 1
- 9 82 Mortar Bipod - 1
- 10 Telescope (NFI) - 1
- 11 PRC-25 Radio - 2
- 12 PTL-25 Battery - 2
- 13 Chicom Radio (NFI) - 1
- 14 Survival Radio (NGI) - 1
- 15 Transistor Radio - 2
- 16 Walkie-Talkie - 2
- 17 PRL-10 Radio - 2
- 18 Pistol Belt - 4
- 19 Pistol Holster - 2
- 20 Ammo Pouch - 9
- 21 Entrenching Tool - 6
- 22 NVA Pistol Belt - 6
- 23 NVA Uniform - 11
- 24 Canteen US - 3

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## 12. (C) Results

a. Friendly losses. Personnel: 151 KHA, 636 WHA

b. Enemy losses

(1) Personnel: 2002 KIA, 196 POWS

(2) Equipment:

(a) Weapons Captured:

- 1 AK-47 - 418
- 2 M-16 - 8
- 3 M1 Carbine - 11
- 4 M1 - 8
- 5 M3A1 - 1
- 6 M2 Carbine - 2
- 7 Bolt Action Rifle Cnfd - 1
- 8 Bar - 4
- 9 RPD - 10
- 10 Chicom AAMG - 1
- 11 Chicom Carbines - 14
- 12 M-79 - 2
- 13 IMG (NFI) - 3
- 14 RUSS 7.62 - 1
- 15 MG (NFI) - 3
- 16 M-60 MG - 1
- 17 .38 Cal Pistol - 2
- 18 7.62 Russ Pistol - 1
- 19 9mm Pistol - 29
- 20 Pistol (NFI) - 5
- 21 K-54 Pistol - 3
- 22 M-72 Law - 2
- 23 82 mm Mortar - 2
- 24 60 mm Mortar - 7
- 25 RPG-7 RL - 65
- 26 RPG-2 RL - 50
- 27 2.75 US Rockets - 26

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1. (U) Name of Operation: Toan Thang II (1st Recondo Bde, 9th Infantry Division).
2. (C) Dates of Operation: 221400H June - 131800H November 1968
3. (C) Location: Long An Province and portions of Gia Dinh Province south of grid line 78. Reference: Maps Vietnam, 1:50,000 sheets 6330 I,II,III,IV; 6230 I,II,III,IV; 6329 I and IV, 6229 I and IV.
4. (C) General: During the period 14 June to 13 November 1968 the First Recondo Brigade participated in Operation Toan Thang II. On 22 June the 1st Brigade Headquarters displaced from Dong Tam to Tan An and continued to operate from Tan An base throughout the reporting period. On 22 June the 2-60th Inf displaced to Tan Tru and 2-39th Inf displaced to Rach Kien, the battalions operated from these respective bases throughout the operational period. Upon displacement to Long An province 1st Brigade assumed OPCON of the 5-60th Inf Bn (M) located at Binh Phuoc and the 6-31st Inf Bn at Nha Be. On 14 August the 6-31st Inf was released from OPCON of 1st Bde and placed under OPCON of the 199th LIB. On 11 September the 1st Bde assumed OPCON of the 3-39th Inf from 3rd Bde, 9th Inf Div. On 13 September OPCON of 5-60th Inf (M) passed from CO, 1st Bde to 1st Inf Div and OPCON of 2-47th Inf (M) was passed to CO 1st Bde from TF Forsyth. The maneuver elements of the brigade performed strike operations throughout Long An and southern Gia Dinh Province. In addition the brigade conducted security operations along highway 4 and on critical bridges sites along highway 4. The missions of the brigade remained unchanged until 13 November 1968 when HHC 1st Brigade and 2-39th Inf displaced south to Dinh Tuong Province and began operation Quyet Chien II.

5. (C) Reporting Officer:

- a. 1st Recondo Brigade, 9th Infantry Division - Colonel John P. Geraci
- b. Subordinate and combat support unit commanders:
  - (1) 2-39th Inf Bn - LTC Donald B. Schroder
  - (2) 2-60th Inf Bn - LTC James J. Lindsey
  - (3) 3-39th Inf Bn - LTC Thomas D. Ayers
  - (4) 2-47th Inf Bn - LTC James L. Schovell
  - (5) 2-4th Arty Bn - LTC Robert P. Dirmeyer

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6. (C) Task Organization

TF 2-39th Infantry

TF 2-60th Infantry

Brigade Control

6-31st Inf - From 22 June until 14 August 1968

5-60th Inf (M) - From 22 June until 13 September 1968

3-39th Inf - From 11 September 1968

2-47th Inf (M) - From 13 September

Co D, 15 Eng Bn (DS)

335 RRV

Co D, 709th Maint Bn

Co B, 9th Signal Bn

Detachment, 9th MP Bn (DS)

Field Team #4, 6th Psyop Bn

7. (C) Supporting Forces:

a. Artillery:

(1) The following direct support and general support batteries supported 1st Recondo Brigade from fire support bases within and adjacent to Long An Province during the period 22 June to 13 November 1968.

(a) 2-4th Artillery supported 1st Brigade operations from Binh Phuoc, Tan An South, Tan Tru, Rach Kien, Ben Luc, Thua Thua and Can Giuoc. Artillery was moved to non-permanent fire support basis on a mission basis, to provide close and continuous fire support for brigade maneuver elements.

(b) The following units provided general support reinforcing for the periods indicated:

C 1-11 - 1 July to 11 October

C 7/8 - 7 to 15 September

A 5/42 - 13 October to 13 November

C 5/42 - 13 October to 13 November

A 1/84 - 22 June to 11 Aug  
15 Aug to 13 Oct  
1 Nov to 13 Nov

B 1/84 - 22 June to 11 July  
1 Aug to 21 Sept  
24 Sept to 13 Oct

C 1/84 - 22 June to 1 Aug  
12 to 13 Nov

D 1/84 - 7 July to 31 July

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U.S. Military Assistance Command Vietnam  
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1. (U) Name of Operation: Quyet Chien (1st Recondo Bde, 9th Inf Div)
2. (C) Dates of Operation: 131800 November - 312400 December 1968.
3. (C) Location: Dinh Tuong and portions of Go Cong, Kien Tuong and Kien Hoa Provinces. Reference: Maps Vietnam, 1:50,000 sheets 6229 I, II, III, IV; 6129 I and II.
4. (C) General: During the period 13 November to 31 December 1968 the First Recondo Brigade conducted operations under Operation Quyet Chien. On 13 November Operation Toan Thang II was terminated as Headquarters, 1st Brigade and the 2-39th Infantry Battalion displaced from Long An to Dinh Tuong Province. At 131800H the 1st Brigade assumed Operation Quyet Chien and the 3rd Brigade assumed Operation Toan Thang II. Upon closing into Dong Tam Base, 1st Brigade assumed OPCON of 4-39th Infantry Battalion and 6-31st Infantry Battalion from the 3rd Brigade. The 3rd Brigade assumed OPCON of the 2-60, 2-47(M) and 3-39th Infantry Battalions upon closing into Tan An Base. The Recondo Brigade established it's headquarters at Dong Tam Base with a forward CP at FSB MOORE (XS265505). The 2-39 and 4-39 Infantry Battalions established their headquarters at Dong Tam and the 6-31st Infantry operated from FSB MOORE. The task organization of the brigade again changed on 24 November when OPCON of the 4-39 Infantry was released to 3rd Brigade and OPCON of 3-39th Infantry was assumed by 1st Brigade. The 3-39th Infantry displaced to Dong Tam and established their headquarters. On 4 December the 1st Brigade again assumed OPCON of the 4-39 Infantry from the 3rd Brigade and the 4-39 Infantry displaced to Dong Tam for operations in Dinh Tuong Province. During the period 20 November to 4 December the 1st Brigade had OPCON of the 4-47 Infantry which was conducting a separate operation (Operation Kudzu) and did not participate in Operation Quyet Chien. On 4 December the 4-47 Infantry was released to OPCON of the 2nd Brigade and the Defense against Rocket and Missile attack (DARMA) operations around Dong Tam Base under Operation Kudzu was assumed by 4-39 Infantry. On 20 December Operation Kudzu was terminated and the DARMA operations for Dong Tam Base were incorporated into Operation Quyet Chien. The mission of the Recondo Brigade under Operation Quyet Chien was to conduct strike operations throughout Dinh Tuong and adjacent provinces, conduct DARMA operations around Dong Tam Base, provide overwatch security along Highway 4 and critical bridge sites and conduct combined and complimentary operations in support of the GVN Accelerated Pacification Program to include extensive civic action and psychological warfare operations. The mission of the brigade remained unchanged until 010001 January 1969 when Operation Quyet Thang was initiated by the Recondo Brigade.

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(4) There was a tendency on the part of the enemy to expand his forces by fragmenting cadre and distributing them as bases of new battalions, e.g. 514B, 261B, and possibly 263B. The new units were filled by NVA replacements and escalated local force units (Cai Lay District Company was taken into the 514 battalion in its entirety).

## 12. Results

## a. Friendly losses

Personnel: 92 KHA, 318 WHA

## b. Enemy losses

(1) Personnel: 629 KIA, 144 POW's

(2) Equipment:

## (a) Weapons Captured:

82mm mortar	1
60mm mortar	2
120mm mortar	1
AAMG	1
7.92 Czech MG	1
AK-47	93
BARS	6
US carbines	15
M-60 MG	5
30 cal MG	1
M-16	4
U/I rifles	1
RPD	5
SKS	24
9mm pistol	1
38 cal pistol	1
CKC	8
Russian carbine	2
M-1	5
M-2	2
U/I pistol	1
45 cal pistol	1
Springfield rifle	1
Recoilless rifle	1
RPG launcher	1
US Grenades	24
ChiCom claymores	27
Shape charges	23
Frag grenades	55
Concussion grenades	13
Bangalore torpedoes	250

## b. Equipment Captured

Rice	355 lbs
Documents	100 lbs
Medical Supplies	40 lbs
Generators	2
Radios U/I	2
Maps	1
Piasters	385,000
Mortar Sight	1
C-4	3 boxes
Magazines	69
Panasonic Radio	1

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Blasting Caps	21
PRC-25 batteries	13
Clothing	40 lbs
Canteens US	3
AK-47 cleaning kit	1
Ammo Pouches	5
Pistol Belts	4

## c. Equipment Destroyed

Bunkers	658
155mm rds	6
105mm rds	4
82mm rds	28
60mm rds	110
B-47 rds	52
Sampans	18
Hooches	20
Rice (contaminated)	1,000 lbs
Structures	18
SA/AW ammo	14,230
Grenade booby traps	26
Tunnels	2
Black powder	120 lbs
TNT	600 lbs
Anti-Tank mines	74
Mines	11
57mm rds	61
Marijuana	10 lbs
Spider Holes	59
Blasting Caps	1 case
Cratering Charges	38
B-47 Boosters	28
Footbridges	2
ChiCom Grenades	4
US Grenades	56
Cans of Gas	8

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## 13. (C) Civic Action/Psychological Operations:

a. For the reporting period of 7 March 68 through 22 June 68, the is a statistical summary of CA/PSYOP activity during operation: TRUONG CONG DINH.

## (1) Civic Action:

Number of Medcaps: 180

Number of Patients: 15,275

Amount of Food Stuffs: 6771bs

" " Lumber: 7800bf

" " Tin: 1494 sheets

" " Nails: 40lbs

" " Tarpaper: 9 rolls

" " Cement: 137 bags

" " Sandbags: 1000

" " Clothing: 180lbs

Soap: 1101 bars

Garden Seeds: 50 lbs

## (2) Psyop:

Leaflets: 317,151

Themes: "Keep QL4 open"

"VC Destroy, ARVN/US field"

"Reward for Information"

"Chieu Hoi"

"Sanitation"

"Safe Conduct Passes"

"Support the GVN"

Ground Loudspeaker Missions: 231 hours

Aerial " " : 8 hours

Tu Do (Free South Newspapers): 4310

Dinh Tuong Newspapers: 1700

Free South Newsletters: 1185

Farm Magazines: 1850

Books: 225

Movies: 11 hours

" Attendance: 1191

Oral Hygiene Kits: 200

Candy: 154½ pounds

Banners QL4: 70

b. During the initial phases of Operation Peoples Road, lack of security conditions was a great hindrance to CA/PSYOP activity. Availability of air craft for PSYOP MISSIONS was held of an absolute minimum because of tactical operations. As security conditions improved there was also a corresponding increase in CA/PSYOP activity.

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## 14. (C) Administration

a. The administration planning of Operation TRUONG CONG DINH proved to be sound and the logistical combat service was effective throughout the operation. All classes of supply; I, II, III, IIIA, IV and V were drawn from DONG TAM Base. Medical support from B & D Companies, 9th Medical Battalion with graves registration located at DONG TAM. Aerial resupply was utilized moderately. The land LOC was highways JL 4, TL 25 and TL 6A.

## b. Supply

## (1) Class I

(a) Class I point, 9th S&T En DONG TAM issued during period of operation:

<u>"A" RATION</u>	<u>"B" RATION</u>	<u>"C" RATION</u>	<u>SUNDY LACKS</u>
340,000	0	24,305	3,400

<u>PORTABLE ICE</u>
1,400,000

## (2) Class II and IV

(a) Class II requisitions were submitted by rear detachments located at DONG TAM, they maintained land line and radio communications with forward locations.

(b) There were no critical shortages of these items during this period.

## (c) Class IV

## 1. Barrier Material issued during this operation:

<u>ENGR STAKES</u>	<u>SAND BAGS</u>	<u>CONCERTINA</u>	<u>STRAIGHT (B) WIRE</u>
18,000	150,000	198 Rolls	487 Rolls

<u>BOARD FEET LUMBER</u>
165,000

## (3) Class III and IIIa

(a) Class III dispensing points at DONG TAM issued the following quantities during the operation:

<u>KOGAS</u>	<u>DIESEL</u>	<u>AVGAS</u>	<u>OILS AND LUBS</u>
63,000	56,400	3,550	630 gals

(b) Class III was delivered to the forward areas by unit tanker trucks, 55 gallon drums and 5 gallon fuel cans.

## (4) Class V

(a) Class V was issued from ASP located at DONG TAM.

(b) No critical shortages of Class V occurred at any time during the operation.

(c) Units remained within the limits of the 9th Division ASR during the operation.

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(d) Ammunition expenditures by type and quantity follows

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>TOTAL ROUNDS EXPENDED</u>
5.56mm ball	363,980
5.56mm tracer	91,200
7.62mm ball	78,800
7.62mm link tracer	18,300
50 cal 4/1 M8	80,000
40mm M79GL, HE	4,153
81mm HE	1,560
81mm ILL	1,600
90mm HE	360
4.2" mortar HE	472
4.2" mortar ILL	581
Grenade Hand Frag	320
Grenade Hand Smoke	1,920
Trip flare surf 495	320
Chg dem block comp 4	1,200
Sig Illum white	375
Cap blast non elect	1,160
LAW Rocket	180
mine, claymore APERS	240

c. Maintenance

(1) Companies "C" &amp; "E", 709th Maintenance Bn located at DONG TAN provided direct support maintenance.

(2) There were no maintenance difficulties that hindered the operation.

d. Medical Evacuation and Hospitalization

(1) Dust-off were handled through D Company, 9th Medical Bn and no problems occurred.

(2) WIA's were evacuated to the following hospitals, depending on the type of wound; 3rd Surg at DONG TAN, 3rd Field at TAN SON NHUT, and 24th Evac at LONG BIHN.

(e. Transportation was handled by the units and deemed fully adequate.

f. Services

(1) Water points were established at FSB MOORE and FSB LAMBERT.

(2) Graves Registration was operated by Co A, 9th S&T Bn, DONG TAN.

(3) Shower points were set up at all FSB's.

(4) Laundry points were established within each FSB.

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15. (c) COMMANDERS EVALUATION:

In the security operations in AO Crackerjack the Brigade effectively opened and held open the main commerce route from the rich Mekong Delta to the markets in Saigon. The Reconnaissance in Force/Spoiling Operations conducted along and adjacent to Highway 4 kept the enemy off balance and greatly reduced his ability to crater and interdict the road. The results of the operations north of AO Crackerjack indicated that the 514B and 261B Battalions had been all but annihilated. The 267B is believed to have the Ap Base area from Long An by an unknown route. It is not known where the 267B or the 261A went following the contact. Neither has been located since the contact.

The most effective group of tactical techniques developed during this period concerns the actions taken to annihilate located enemy units. The sequence involves location of enemy forces, "piling on" all available forces to encircle the enemy, and causing the encircled force to surrender or be annihilated. The various techniques developed to support this desired end have shown gratifying process. Initially the brigade begins its operations by employing the "people sniffer", airborne CS helicopters, ambush patrols, and air landed operations to locate the enemy. Once contact is established the brigade uses every available resource, stripping the base camps bare, to surround the located enemy force. Movement is continued even during the hours of darkness to ensure that the encirclement is complete. Then the brigade employs all available air and artillery to pound the enemy force, halting occasionally to practice the "intimate psychological warfare" described below. Finally the area is swept to destroy those who refuse to surrender. The primary object of this group of techniques is to obtain the surrender of a large enemy force. While the brigade achieved some success in this direction against local forces in Dinh Tuong province, we feel that our prospects are better against the NVA units who should be more susceptible to the appeals of the "intimate psychological warfare" program. If all the techniques are employed properly and a certain element of luck is present we feel that our "piling-on" tactic might yield gratifying results. We also further wish to refine this tactic through the inclusion of other friendly forces. This worked quite well in Dinh Tuong province when we acquired the cooperation of CIDG units.

During our encounter with main force battalions outside AO CRACKERJACK we quickly realized that our psychological appeals to the individual soldier were not applicable to these type targets. A second set of appeal cards are presently being prepared to hit directly at the cadre and leaders of these main force units aiming at the surrender of an entire structured main force unit. With selection, the US commander can choose his appeal based on the character and size of the contact. In debriefing the NVA Regimental S1 mentioned previously we found that our timing suffered. The trapped battalions had not been pounded long enough before we started out 15 to 20 minute appeals. He related to us that when the rhythm of "appeal - fire power-appeal" was set up they used the lull to maneuver their troops away from the bombed area. In our next encounter we plan a 4-5 minute appeal and if we do not receive a mass turnout, we intend to resume the fire power quickly.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

  
CHARLES R. SMITH  
Major Infantry  
Adjutant

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THRU: Command Channels

TO: Commanding General  
US Military Assistance Command, Vietnam  
ATTN: J343  
APO 96243

1. (U) Name of Operation: Truong Cong Dinh (1st Recondo Bde. 9th Inf Div)

2. (C) Dates of Operation: 071020H March - 221400 June 1968

3. (C) Location: From Cai Lay east to the intersection of Hwys 4 and 6A (Peoples Road) and in Dinh Tuong Province west of grid line 21, north of grid line 37 and east to grid line 47. Reference: Maps Vietnam, 1:50,000 sheets 6229 I, 6229 IV, 6230 II and 6230 III.

4. (C) General: During the period 7 March to 22 June 1968 the 1st Recondo Brigade participated in Operation Truong Cong Dinh. Headquarters, 1st Brigade continued to operate from Dong Tam Base. The maneuver elements of the brigade operated primarily in AO Crackerjack which extends from Cai Lay to the intersection of Hwys 4 and 6A and encompasses 3000 meters north and south of Hwy 4. The task organization of the brigade consisted of the brigades organic 2-39th Infantry and OPCON of 2-60th Infantry and 5-60th Infantry (M). On 19 April 2-60th Inf became one of the Brigades organic battalions and 5-60th (M) minus 1 Co returned to control of 3rd Brigade. In addition to the security operations along Hwy 4 (Operation Peoples Road) the 1st Recondo Brigade conducted strike operations throughout Dinh Tuong Province. The mission of the brigade remained unchanged until 22 June 1968 when HHC 1st Brigade and its maneuver elements moved north to Tan An Province and began Operation Toan Thong.

## 5. (C) Reporting Officer

a. 1st Recondo Brigade, 9th Infantry Division - Colonel Henry E. Emerson

b. Subordinate and combat support unit commanders:

(1) 2-39th Inf Bn - LTC William T. Leggett

(2) 2-60th Inf Bn - 7 Mar - 10 May LTC William B. Steele  
10 June - 22 June - LTC James J. Lindsay

(3) 5-60th Inf (M) Bn - LTC Eric F. Antila

(4) 1st Bn 11th Arty - LTC John F. Behneman

## 6. (C) Task Organization:

TF 2-39th Inf   TF 2-60th Inf   TF 5-60th Inf (M) (until 19 April 68)Bde Control

1 Co 5-60th Inf (M) (From 19 April - 22 June 1968)

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Co A, 15 Engg Bn (DS)

335 RRV

Co E, 709 Maint Bn

Co B, 9th Sig Bn

Detachment, 9th MP Bn (DS)

Field Team #4, 6th Psyop Bn

## 7. (C) Supporting Forces

## a. Artillery

(1) The following direct support and general support batteries supported 1st Recondo Brigade operations from Fire Support Bases within and adjacent to the 1st Brigade AO during the period 7 March - 22 June 1968.

(a) 1-11 Arty supported 1st Bde operations from My Phuoc Tay, two positions in My Dien, Thuy Dong and Dong Tam.

## (2) Missions/Rounds Fired

Information not available from 1-11 Arty.

(3) Total Missions - 4291

(4) Total Rounds - 77,138

## b. Army Aviation

## (1) Non Organic Aviation

(a) A UH-1D was provided daily from 9th Avn Bn resources for 1st Brigade Command and Control purposes.

(b) There were 16 platoon size insertions and 8 extractions conducted utilizing 120 sorties of UH-1D's to carry 720 passengers.

(c) There were 198 company size insertions and 103 extractions utilizing 6269 sorties of UH-1D to carry 37,615 passengers.

(d) There was 6 battalion size insertions and 6 extractions utilizing 750 sorties of UH-1D's to carry 4,500 passengers.

(2) Organic Aviation: The First Brigade Aviation Section provided support of Brigade operations, as indicated below.

(a) Sorties: 2,073

(b) Passengers: 1968

(c) Hours: 573.3

## c. Close Air Support: Preplanned and immediate as follows:

## (1) Preplanned

(a) Strikes requested 324

(b) Strikes approved 211

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(c) Diverted away	21
(d) Diverted to	23
(e) Strikes delivered	210
(f) Ground aborts	0
(g) Air aborts	3
(h) Aircraft utilized	
1 F100	410
2 A37	92
3 B57	14
4 F4C	27
5 A1H	4
(i) Ordnance expended	
1 1000 lb bomb	4
2 750 lb bomb	341
3 500 lb bomb	888
4 250 lb bomb	124
5 NAPALM	636
6 Rocket pods	74
7 CBU pods	87
8 7.62	21,350
9 20mm	200,000
(j) Targets engaged	
1 Troops in contact	79
2 Base camps and Troop areas	210
3 Foot bridges	6
4 River Traffic	1
(2) Immediate	
(a) Strikes requested	82
(b) Strikes approved	82
(c) Strikes delivered	79
(d) Air aborts	2
(e) Diverted away	1

d. A total of 269 preplanned and immediate airstrikes were delivered in support of 1st Brigade operations.

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## 8. Intelligence

## a. Preoperational Intelligence:

(1) During the post-Tet Offensive period the enemy is concentrating his efforts toward the accumulation of supplies and material and the rebuilding of his understrength units in preparation for a second major offensive. At the same time he is conducting interdiction and harassment operations against primary lines of communication in an attempt to divert and weaken GVN and FWMAF. The segment of QL 4 between My Tho and Vinh Long is considered by the enemy an especially vital communication link between the rice growing regions of the Mekong Delta and the rice distribution centers in Saigon. Accordingly, he is devoting a major effort in an attempt to permanently disrupt this important supply line.

(2) Enemy units engaged in the interdiction of QL 4 include the 261 and 263 Battalions of the Dong Thap I Regiment, the 514 Mobile Provincial Battalions, 330, 332 and 334 sapper companies, the Vinh Kim, Cai Lay and Cai Be Local Force Companies, and hamlet guerrillas.

## b. VC Strengths and Weaknesses:

(1) Dinh Tuong Province has, since the beginning of overt hostilities against the GVN, been a traditional stronghold of the VC and, before them the Viet Minh. Consequently, the entire province is laced with fortified base areas and a complex of concealed communication and liaison routes. Further, the inhabitants of the province are by and large VC sympathizers, which contributes to the hostility of the area.

(2) As a result of the heavy casualties inflicted upon the enemy during the Tet Offensive, his units are far below their normal operating levels. Replacement personnel have been drawn from local force units, recruited directly, or have infiltrated from North Vietnam. For the most part, they are inexperienced.

(3) In spite of the low personnel strength of the enemy, he is capable of limited offensive action against population centers and military installations. He is also capable of coordinated, multi-battalion operations. Due to the abundance of locally grown produce, he is well provisioned. The proximity of Cambodia ensures adequate logistic support of weapons, munitions and material.

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## c. Significant Events

MARCH

071040, 2 APC's from C-5/60 detonated two mines vic XS340 503. 1 APC slightly damaged and 1 destroyed. US cas: 5 KHA and 3 WHA.

071440, C-2/39, vic XS585581 detonated a booby-trap consisting of a grenade or 60mm mortar. US cas: 1 KHA, 4 WHA.

071920 A1-5/60 vic XS348500 was ambushed by an est VC platoon with AW, SA and 50cal MG fire. Arty and a LFT supported. Heavy contact was broken at 1945H but sporadic 50cal MG fire continued until 2245H. Results: 4 WHA and 1 APC damaged. VC losses unk.

101200 E-2/39, vic XS264443, destroyed 12 new bunkers occupied yesterday and 18" wide, 4' long, 2' deep w/30" ohc (4" logs and mud used). A well kept garden was fd at the location.

102145 AP C-2/60, obs unk size force of VC. Patrol set-up a hasty ambush and engaged the VC at 2158. Arty supported. As soon as the firing ceased the area was swept. Results: 1 VC KHA(BC) and 4 detainees. Detainees were evac to Dong Tam in the morning.

120934 B-5/60 vic XS341503 fd a command detonated mine. The device utilized a US 105 rd with a peculiar blasting cap. At 0940H while the 86th Engrs were attempting to disarm the mine, a white phosphorous booby trap exploded and caused burns to one individual. The command detonated mine was subsequently disarmed and the 105rd taken out of the road and destroyed. Blasting cap was evac to FSB Jager for evac to Dong Tam. At the same loc a second mine was destroyed. This mine was to be command detonated and consisted of a 105rd booby-trapped with another 105rd booby-trapped to it. Both were destroyed in place. Results: 3 105rds destroyed, 1 blasting cap evac to Dong Tam, US cas: 1 WHA.

121161H C-3/17 vic XS271573 obs 18 VC in uniform. All were loc in an extensive bunker complex. Arty fired into area. Gunships assessing arty results observed 3 VC and engaged them. Results: 3 VC KBA by C-3/17 and 4 VC KBA (poss) by arty.

121710 B-5/60 vic XS299499 hit a mine (command detonated). Results: US cas: 7 WHA (dusted off at 1756H) and one APC extensively damaged.

130755 A-5/60 vic XS340503 fd 2 roadblocks consisting of logs with a grenade booby trap. Booby-trap was destroyed and the roadblock was cleared by the 15th Engrs.

130935 A-5/60 vic XS313501 destroyed 3 booby trap grenades M26. One booby trap had a VC flag near it.

131810 B-2/39 XS256505, fd a tunnel 6 meters long, concealed by a cactus plant. Results: used CS and destroyed.

160932 A-5/60, vic XS320501, fd a mine inclosed in a C ration box which was booby-trapped, and had a larger mine beneath it. The mine was blown in place causing a crater 12' x 10'. The crater was filled in by the engineers.

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171230 B-2/39 vic XS274495, reports one WHA when the indiv stepped on a punji stick. Injury was not at first considered serious, but indiv had been dusted off at 1905 due to the wound.

171735 B-2/39 vic XS250498, reported that 2 US suffered poisoning from locally purchased beer. Vendor was a woman on a Lambretta. Battalions notified.

222045 B2/60 vic XS389491 in contact rec'd heavy SA and AW fire from approx 200m N of their position. Arty was fired, contact broken at 2054H. B16 and P36 pursued the VC. Neg US cas, there was 1 VC KHA(BC) who was wearing black P.J.s pants but had no wpn. At 0820H area was swept further with neg results.

250932 B-2/39 XS285540, Crusaders drew SA fire when leaving the LZ. B ele at 0935 was engaged by SA/AW fire, fire was returned resulting 2 VC KHA(BC) wearing black P.J.s. Also captured 2 wpns-1 US carbine and ChiCom carbine. Neg US cas.

251145 C-2/39 XS267548, fd a cache containing the following: 20 2 lb shaped charges, 18 60mm mortar rds, 3 B40rds, 3 boxes flashlight batteries, 18 25 lb ChiCom claymores, 27 40 lb cratering charges, 200' of assorted fuses and 7 boxes of C-4.

270905 C-2/60 XS386495 to XS421490, fd 2 blood trails while conducting a sweep of that area. neg bodies.

301948 2/39 CP XS278499, rec'd 5-6 rds unk size mortar. LFT placed on station 2005H. At 2130H two more rds were rec'd. There was a total of 13 WHA between the two attacks. 5 required dust off.

#### APRIL

031306 XS287530 B-2/39, fd 1 VC KHA(BC). Apprehended 7 male detainees without ID cards. Also 2 VN female who were wounded. Two wounded were evac at 1315H. Two of the male detainees were evac at 1500H. Five of the detainees were evac at 1705H.

041724 C-2/39 vic XS242583 to vic XS237514 uncovered a total of 50 bunkers constructed with concrete and brick and designed for 5 men. At 1750H 4 VC were obs and engaged with SA/AW fire. The VC returned the fire. The gunships killed 3 VC and C-2/39 killed 1 VC KHA. One wpn (M-1 carbine) was captured. Results: US cas: 1 WHA (dusted off at 1745H); VC losses: 1 VC KHA(BC), 3 VC KHA(BC) and 1 M-1 carbine. The one body had 358,000 piasters (approx \$3,224) on it, and one PW was captured, one detainee was also apprehended.

060930 vic XS318426 2/39 airmobile into an LZ at that loc and intercepted an est VC platoon. In the resulting encounter 9 VC were killed, and 3 PWs (2WHA) were captured. One PW (WHA) stated that he was from the 263B Main Force battalion and was being transferred along with his platoon to the 514B in that they had not yet reached it. He did state, however, that the 263B was located near Go Cong. The other two PWs stated that they were part of the 502 local Force Co and had been transporting ammunition and 75mm RR. Results: US cas: 1 KHA and 1 WHA. VC losses: 9 KHA(BC), 3 PWs (2 WHA), 1 AK-47, 1 mortar sight, one machette, numerous documents (about 6.5 lbs) and an assortment of personal gear.

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081325 C-2/60 vic XS377535 fd a 120mm mortar rd, 60-57mm RR  
 sda, 32 anti tank mines, 600 lbs of T-46, 50 fragmentation grenades,  
 14000 rounds of 7.62mm and 12.7mm, 50000 rounds of 107mm  
 booby traps. Evac to 5700 CP for future destruction. Also 1 120mm mortar had been  
 evac to 5/60CP.

081730 C-2/39 vic XS329435 fd 7-57mm RR rds, 1 pistol (P-32)  
 3 ammo cans containing C4 and some detonating cord. Pistol will be  
 evac.

091100 E-2/39 vic XS207487 fd two booby traps one on a gate  
 (grenade) and the other (82mm mortar rd) along a walkway. Both were  
 destroyed.

091130 C-2/60 vic XS364539 apprehended 2 detainees. One  
 detainee had a booby trap pin in possession and an ammo box filled  
 with documents. Punji pits were also discovered at that loc. In the  
 same operation at vic XS377518 B-2/60 assisted by 7/1 Cav appre-  
 hended 1 PW with had and foot wounds and with a ChiCom carbine,  
 they also fd punji pits vic XS377518, 7/1 Cav in support of 2/60  
 killed 2 VC vic XS377518 and captured 3 PWs. The PW with the had and  
 foot injury provided the following information: The 514th Mo. Cav  
 mobile Main Force Bn will attack Vinh Kim tonight with 75mm RR,  
 82mm mortar and 60mm mortar. Approx 30 rds of each will be fired.  
 This will be followed by an attack of 400 men of the 514th Bn.  
 Mission will be to penetrate the town with one Co and to have the  
 rest of the Bn occupy the town. In addition while reconning areas  
 adjacent to the operation, 7/1 Cav killed 1 VC who was wearing a  
 checkered scarf, black PJs web gear and had documents and had an  
 SKS carbine in his possession.

091545 7/1 Cav vic XS240463 fd 6 AK-47s, 1 bolt action  
 rifle, 7 KHA(BC), 2 PWs (WHA) and 2 civ (WHA).

091755 7/1 Cav vic XS248957 killed 2 VC KHA while reconning  
 the vic. One VC had an RPG-2 rocket launcher in his possession.  
 Weapon could not be captured due to the intensity of fire. The Cav  
 continued their mission and between XS344444 to 354443 along the  
 Song Sam they also rec'd a heavy volume of fire. In response an  
 airstrike put in between the mentioned coordinates. The aircraft  
 putting in the airstrike rec'd MG fire from at least 4 posns. No  
 RDA was obtained due to the darkness and smoke over the area but  
 numerous VC could be seen in area and when the bombs exploded approx  
 35 VC were seen falling. One large secondary explosion was obs.  
 The above action was being made in response to the PW report that  
 the 514th Bn was to attack Vinh Kim tonight.

100955 7/1 Cav vic XS253412 rec'd heavy fire from unk number  
 of VC. They obs 3 VN who were running into a hootch. Hootch was  
 destroyed resulting in 3 VC KHA(BC). The aircraft itself rec'd 6  
 hits. Neg US cas.

101045 7/1 Cav vic XS200467 obs 4 VC in a haystack and eng  
 them. One VC was killed and the others managed to escape.

111550 A and B-2/39 inserted vic XS318490 in support of Vy  
 Muoc Lay CIDG Co in contact. A and B-2/39 engaged unk size enemy

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force; contact intermittent. Immediate sweep of area was prevented by enemy heavy mortars and AW fire allowing the enemy to strip their bodies of equipment and wpns. Some of the bodies were wearing black PJs with green or black shirts some were wearing khaki trousers and shirts and some were clothed in short black or grey trousers. No hats. The bodies were reported to be stocky and had better physiques than bodies and detainees previously obs in this area. Results: 19 VC KHA, 6 VC KBA (gunships). US cas: 2 WHA, 11 WHA of which 8 required dust off; none of the WHA were seriously wounded.

151613 A-5/60 vic XS331490 eng unk size VC force w/organic wpns. Gunships supported. Contact broke 1645H. Results: Neg US cas. VC losses: 3 VC KHA(BC), 9 KHA (POSS) by gunships, 3 detainees apprehended. 1 detainee was evac at 1705H, the two other detainees will be evac 16 April.

161600 C-5/60 vic XS315497, while repairing a crater on Hwy 4 at that loc, rec'd SA fire. Neg US cas.

221145 15th Engr XS320502 fd a 6-7' hole in the road at that loc as the result of a command detonated mine. The hole was booby-trapped. An ARVN 3/4 ton truck drove into the hole and set off a grenade booby trap which resulted in 1 ARVN WHA (dust off required).

221855 C-2/60, XS320502, An APC detonated a landmine and rec'd unk amt of SA fire. Fire was returned with SA/AW. Contact broken 221900. Results: VC losses unk. 1 US WHA; 1 US WHA. Note: Apparently the mine had been emplaced for quite some time, as the wires leading from the crater toward the detonating device were heavily overgrown with vegetation.

251447, C-2/39, XS266473, While on a sweep of the area obs 3 people running, then rec'd SA fire. Ele and C and C ship returned fire. Results: 4 VC WHA, 3 detainees; neg US cas. Evac to DT 1524H. Captured: 1 45cal pistol, 1 US M-1 carbine and 1 ChiCom carbine.

241045, 2/39th FSB LAMBERT, a VN civilian arrived at that loc with a 25 lb mine filled with TNT. He fd the mine at XS310199. The VN was awarded 5,000p.

271535 2/39 CP, XS265505, a VN turned in a 30 lb ChiCom Claymore mine. The mine had been fd 400 yds N of FSB Moore on a trail that the APs had formerly used. The mine had been set up for detonation. The VN has been rewarded.

291545-292320, A, B, C-2/60, Eng an est VC Bn. Arty supported and airstrikes were placed in the area. Results: 6 US KHA, 9 WHA. VC losses: 23 VC KHA(BC). C-2/39 swept the area of contact and fd the following equipment: 200 Bangalore torpedoes, 10 SKS rifles, 200' electrical wire, 100 yds of US electrical wire, 3 cans of fuses, 9 RPD-7 charges, 39 RPG-7 charges, 25 RPG-7 rds, 27 B41 rds, 55 fragmentation grenades, 13 concussion type grenades, 21 electrical blasting caps, 21 magazine and wpns carriers, 1 30cal Browning MG, 3-5 lbs cans of grease, 1 60mm mortar(complete), 90 60mm rds, 36 AK-50 magazines (empty), 23-AK-50 rifles, 6-25 lb ChiCom claymore mines, unk amt of AK-47 rds, 1 RPG launcher. A, B-2/60 also swept area of contact and fd the following: 5 AK-47, 1 magazine and unk number of AK-47 rds, 1 AK-47 cleaning kit, 1 ChiCom grenade, 1 sack

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of medical supplies, 1 RTG detonator, small amt of commo wire, 1 AK-47 belt (had the inscription: THANH-PHUONG, A11-B10'-C4').

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010130 C-2/60, XS365489, AP eng 3 VC. Results: 1 US WHA (no dust off required). VC losses: 1 VC KHA(BC). Two blood trails were also fd in the area.

050932, 2/39, XS358500 secured a VC flag attached to flag pole, reported by Hungry Dragon. Flagpole was booby-trapped with a grenade. Engaged by 2 snipers from S. Returned fire w/SA/AW. Results: Neg US cas; VC losses unk.

081722, 1st Bde Psyops Team, XS242502, Rec'd unk amt of AW fire from 2 VC N of Hwy. Fire returned with SA. Obs blood trails in area. Results: 1 VC WHA (poss); captured 1 B41 rocket, neg frd cas.

090736 2/39, XS267500, reported a FF outpost S of FSB Moore had 2 defectors steal 1 BAR, 1 Carbine and 1 Radio from outpost. While escaping threw 2 grenades into outpost and VC covered them w/AW from hamlet. Results: 1 Fri KHA and 2 Fri WHA. VC losses unk.

142005, C-2/39, XS325491, AP ambushed approx 10 VC carrying wpns. VC returned fire w/SA and 50cal. Results: 3 VC KHA(BC); 1 detainee; neg US cas.

231252 B-2/60, XS296564, Fd a motorized sampan containing the following: 50 lbs of black powder, 1 shape charge(type and size unk), 1 AK-47 ammo pouch and 1 gun flare.

231406 C-2/60, XS296564, fd the following; 6 bags black powder, 6 B40 rocket fuses, 40 lb shape charges, 1 105 dud aerial illumination rd, 1 poncho, 1 US grenade, 1 ChiCom pistol belt.

241330 A-2/60, XS191462, gunships eng 3 VC taking evasive action resulting in 1 VC KBA. A-2/60 1350H apprehended 2 male detainees, 1 Lai Van Timh (CD) and 2 Nguyen Van Le (PW), member of 514 B. Bn.

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011325 A and C-2/39, XS387710, engaged unk size VC force. Heavy volume of AW fire was encountered. Fire was returned w/organic wpns and arty supported. Airstrikes are being placed in the area at this time. C-2/60 was inserted at 1520H, loc XS390708 and sustained 2 WHA during insertion (dusted off at 1620H). Contact still in progress as of 1825H. Results as of 1825H: 2 US WHA, 4 US KHA. VC losses unk. Further results of contact established 011325 and broken 012145 at XS387710: VC KHA: 41(BC); captured 1 M-60 MG; 2 unk type radios and 10 AK-47s.

031000, A-2/39, XS255534, made contact w/unk number of companies from the 261A Bn. Airstrikes and arty placed in area of contact. Elements reported receiving heavy RPG and AW fire. 261A bn appears to have been moving W along King Tong Duc canal. Results at this time: 1 US KHA; 5 US WHA; 25 VC KHA(BC). Results of 1st Bde contact believed to be with 261A and 514th Bns. VC losses: 187 VC KHA(BC), 48 indiv and 9 crew served wpns captured. US losses: 24 US KHA and 53 US WHA.

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081055, A-2/60, XS240564-XS227564, A and C-15 rec'd heavy volume of SA/AW fire from each loc respectively. B and C-2/39 were inserted into the area and rec'd SA/AW and RPG fire. Arty and air-strikes have been placed in the area. Contact is still in process at this time. It is believed that the above US units are engaging remnants of the VC 514B Bn due to the fact that a PW readout indicated that the 514B is presently holding out in this area. Results as of 081800: US cas: 10 WHA (2 from 2/39, 8 from 2/60). Results of contact believed to be w/Hqs and Recon elements of 514B Bn; initiated 081055 and broken 082330H; 67 VC KHA(BC); 12 indiv wpns; 2 PWs; 5 US KHA and 17 US WHA.

121534, C-2/60, XS286579, Apprehended 2 male detainees. One had ID, the other no ID plus numerous burn marks. Both evac to Dong Tam 1550H. Detainee w/ID later classed IC. The other detainee, named Nguyen Van Teip, a member of the 261A MF Bn, classed PW. He claims the 261A Bn was in Binh Phuoc Village yesterday.

141420, D-3/5 Cav, XS265465, Apprehended 1 male detainee taking evasive action. Approx 17 yrs old. Evac to Dong Tam 1455H. Through interrogation at Dong Tam IFW, Duong Van Be was fd to be a member of the Cai Lay District Co and consequently classified PW.

170945, D-3/5 Cav, XS385534, Obs 14 VC wearing black PJs, 1 wearing a fatigue jacket, taking evasive action. Unk number obs 0950H wearing khaki uniforms. Arty and airstrikes supported, followed by B-2/60 insertion at coord XS390543, and established contact w/est VC reinforced platoon or company. R-2/60 inserted at XS385535, accounted for 1 VC KHA(BC) at 1325H. B-2/60 rec'd RPG, M79 LMG and SA fire at 1535H. Elements still in contact at this time. Results of contact mentioned: Frd losses: 1 US KHA, 23 US WHA. VC losses: 57 KHA(BC), 21 wpns and 13 lbs of documents captured and 3 B40 rds destroyed. There were also may khaki uniforms strewn about the area of contact.

Note: The above reports cover March thru June respectively.

d. Conclusion:

(1) Throughout the reporting period the enemy usually avoided major engagement when he could and confined his offensive activity to indirect fires and ground attacks against small outposts. The battalion sized elements continued to husband their forces and material leaving the bulk of interdiction operations to the local forces and guerrillas.

(2) The enemy appeared to devote a great deal of effort toward political and propaganda activities, possibly in response to the success of US psychological operations, reinforced by frequent and significant SVN and US tactical victories.

(3) There is strong evidence, in the form of documents, interrogation of PWs, and agent reports, to support the possibility that at least three enemy battalions, 514A, 261A and 261B, had been seriously depleted, if not rendered combat ineffective, by 1st Brigade operations in the Plain of Reeds and Northern Dinh Tuong Province during the period 29 May-8 June.

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9. Mission: The First Brigade had the missions of securing Hwy4 from Cai Lay (XS228503) to the intersection of Hwy's 4 and 6A (XS472478) and conducting strike operations adjacent to Hwy 4 and throughout Dinh Tuong Province.

10. Concept:

a. Headquarters 1st Brigade, Headquarters 15th Engineer Battalion (Fwd) and Headquarters 1-11 Arty (DS) continued to operate bases at Dong Tam to support and control the 2-39 Inf, 2-60 Inf and the 5-60 (M) Inf.

b. The 2-39 Inf located its headquarters at FS/PB Moore (XS266505) and from here conducted strike operations in Dinh Tuong Province as well as provide security for work parties along Hwy 4.

c. The 2-60 Inf established its headquarters at FS/PB Pink Palace (XS406495) and from here conducted strike operations in the areas adjacent to Hwy 4 and throughout Dinh Tuong Province.

15 AM d. The 5-60 Inf (M) established its headquarters at FS/PB Jager (XS361496) and conducted security operations along Hwy 4 from Cai Lay to the intersection of Hwy's 4 and 6A. The 5-60 (M) Inf was released from OPCON of 1st Brigade on ~~20 June~~ 1968, one company remained OPCON to 2-39 Inf. This company moved to FS/PB Moore and continued security operations from that location.

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## 11. (C) EXECUTION:

7 March: 1st Bde conducted intensive reconnaissance of Obj 3 area with C/3-17th Air Cav and conducted airmobile assaults into the objective area and initiated offensive ops with two inf bns. Bde TAC CP displaced to BINH PHUOC (vic XS610550) by motor, departing DONG TAM 1000H and arriving at new location at 1400H. 2-39th Inf conducted an AML assault into the objective area. (1st lift off 1020H; last lift touch down 1130H.) A & B Co's LZ vic XS601585; C & E Co's LZ vic XS606585. The bn swept west conducting a recon in force. At 1214H vic XS598584 B Co located 54 fighting and shelter type bunkers (to be destroyed at a later date). At 1440H C Co detonated a booby trap vic XS585581 resulting in 1 US KIA and 4 US WIA (dust-off completed at 1524H). B Co was airmobile extracted and re-inserted to establish a blocking position from vic XS564594 south to vic XS564585 (1st lift off 1515H; 2d lift down 1530H). The company then displaced to the bn RON position established vic XS574586. The bn apprehended one detainee (to be evacuated). 2-60th Inf (-A Co) conducted an AML assault into the objective area (1st lift off 1122H; last lift down 1150H). LZ vic XS603555. The co's swept northwest conducting a recon in force, without contact or significant findings, to RON positions (B Co vic XS577570 & C Co vic XS565576). C/3-17th Air Cav conducted intensive reconnaissance of the Obj 3 area and of AO CRACKERJACK and reported numerous sightings of bunkers, roadblocks, sampans and enemy activity (see 1st Bde SPHINX). The troop also screened to the flanks and in front of the recon in force ops of 2-39th Inf and 2-60th Inf. At 1505H the troop landed vic XS556564, conducted a ground recon and talked to farmers who stated VC had left area and moved north one week ago. The troop extracted and departed the area at 1610H.

8 March: The 1st Bde continued recon in force ops northeast of MY THO in the north central and western parts of Obj 3 with the 2-39 and 2-60 Inf (-). The 2-39 Inf Fwd CP remained at XS565585 with Co's A, B, C and E as security. (Late entry: At 2213H a Co C ambush engaged an estimated 6-8 VC at XS567583 with SA & AW. The contact resulted in 2 VC KIA (BC). There were no US casualties.) From the Bn CP, commencing at 0753H, Co's A, B & C conducted recon in force ops to the northwest with no significant finds. Upon reaching a PZ vic XS545595, Co A and C conducted AML assaults to LZ's to the west (A - XS505-585, C - XS515595) closing at 1307H and 1330H respectively. Co B continued, on foot, from the PZ southwest to the Bn RON location at XS528577. Co E and the Bn Fwd CP moved from the Bn RON location AML to XS545595 closing at 1108H. Following recon in force ops around the LZ, the Co & Bn Fwd CP moved AML to the Bn RON location closing at 1420H. Following sweeps to the southeast by Co's A and C to PZ's located at (Co A) XS522578 and (Co C) XS523593, the Co's conducted AML moves back to the Bn Fwd CP closing at 1710H. The 2-39 Inf Rear remained at FS/PB FELS. The 2-60 Inf (-) continued recon if force ops in the central and western portions of obj 3 with Co's B and C. The Bn Fwd CP remained at Binh Phuoc. Co A remained OPCON to 3d Brigade. (Late entry: At 2207H, vic XS565576, a Co C AP sighted 12 VC outside their perimeter. Arty was fired and 1 VC was spotted fleeing the area.) The 2-60 Inf (-), with Co B & C, moved southwest from their RON locations (XS556564; XS578570) to form a block, oriented to the southwest, vic XS550560. At 1353H, vic XS554575, Co B found 9 fresh graves and 20 spider holes w/OHC. The Co destroyed the spider holes and continued with their mission. This block was held, in support of 7th ARVN Div ops to the south, until 1650H when the 2 Co's conducted an AML assault to their RON location vic XS532578. Trp C, 3-17 Air Cav conducted aerial recon and insertions of the aerial rifle plat (ARP) throughout Dinh

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Tuong Province and the southeastern area of the 1st Bde AO concentrating on the stream/wood lines at XS590530, XS590518, XS600540. There were no significant finds and the ARP was extracted for the last time at 1605H.

9 March: The 1st Bde conducted recon in force opns 2 km south of Binh Phuoc with the 2-39 Inf & 2-60 Inf (-) and then displaced bns to AO CRACKER-JACK and to Dong Tam in preparation for future opns. Bde TAC CP displaced by motor from Binh Phuoc to Dong Tam (dept 1245H; ar 1520H). 2-39 Inf conducted airmobile assaults and reconnoitered in force along the Rach Tam Vu. (Delayed entry: At 081030H vic XS552589 B Co apprehended 1 detainee; evac to Dong Tam IPW 09 March). The bn conducted airmobile assaults into three LZ's: A Co LZ vic XS588535; B Co & E Co (-) LZ vic XS600514; C Co LZ vic XS580528. A Co: (1) lift off 0744H; down 0804H. B Co: 1st lift off 0759H; 2d lift down 0821H. C Co: 1st lift off 0830H; 2d lift down 0848H. E Co (-): (1) lift off 0844H; down 0849H. The co's reconnoitered to the east and north astride the Rach Tan Vu, closing at 2-60 Inf blocking psn vic XS606535 at approx 1345H without contact or significant findings. The bn then extracted by air and returned to its former FS/PB's (bn (-) to FELS and B Co to JAGER). 1st lift off 1421H; 4th lift down 1643H. During the displacement at approx 1512H vic XS3448 one CH-47 took one rd AW fire without casualties (speed 60 knts; alt 1500 ft). 2-60 Inf conducted an airmobile assault, reconnoitered in force southeast along the Rach Tam Vu, and established a blocking position for 2-39 Inf sweep. Airmobile assault was conducted into LZ's vic XS593547 (1st lift off 0925H; 4th lift down 1027H). Co's reconnoitered southeast without contact or significant findings & established their block approx 1130H. Upon completion of 2-39 Inf sweep, the Bn extracted and displaced by air to Dong Tam (1st lift off 1455H; 4th lift down 1610H). C/3-17 Air Cav conducted intensive aerial reconnaissance throughout Dinh Tuong Province and reported numerous sightings of VC bunkers, field fortifications and fighting positions (see 1st Bde SPHINX). At 1042H vic XS343448 the trp was engaged with AW fire and at least 1 RPG-2 rd. The trp returned fire, and contact was broken at 1055H. Results of encounter were 1 VC KIA (BC) (no US casualties or significant equip damage). At 1350H vic XS306449 the trp engaged one VC observed running into a bunker with unknown results (bunker could not be destroyed).

10 March: 1st Bde continued road/engr security, night ambush patrolling and convoy security operations along Hwy 4 with 5-60 Inf (M) (-) and conducted offensive operations west of Dong Tam with 2-39 Inf and 2-60 Inf (-). The 5-60 Inf (M) (-) continued engr/road security, conducted night ambush patrols along the entire length of Hwy 4 in AO CRACKERJACK and secured FS/PB's FELS & JAGER. Convoy escort was also provided by the 5-60 (M) (-) between Dong Tam & Tan An. The 5-60 Inf CP remained at FS/PB JAGER (B Btry, 1-84 Arty) with Co A (-) and the Scout Plat as security. Co B, Scout Plat 2-47 Inf (M) (OPCON to 5-60 Inf (M), E Co (-) 2-39 Inf, and 1 plat of Co A provided security for FS/PB FELS (A Btry, 1-11 Arty). A Co conducted road reconnaissance, engr security & convoy security opns. At 0755H vic XS360498 2d Plat AP, returning to CP, found several aiming stakes (dest), 9 rds AK47 ammo and 3 "D" size batteries (evac to Dong Tam). Convoy security element escorted DISCOM convoy between Dong Tam & Tan Tru (dpt Dong Tam 0845H; ar Tan Tru 1015H). At 1300H vic XS354493 2d Plat found a B-40 rd (dest by EOD). At 1330H vic XS435448, 3d Plat engr escort element was engaged with a command detonated mine, SA & AW fire. Plat returned fire. No US casualties resulted. VC casualties are unknown. One APC was slightly damaged. B Co conducted road reconnaissance and engr security opns. At 1007H vic XS300500 the co apprehended 2 detainees near the end of wire leading to a command detonated mine (evac to Dong Tam IPW.) Mine was destroyed in place- also 1 81mm dud rd and 2 81mm illum rds found same vic. At 1350H vic XS312498 the unit was engaged with SA & AW fire by an est reinf VC co. Arty, TAC air and LFT supported (on station 1415H). Scout Plat, 2-47 Inf (M) was

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dispatched to scene of contact, arriving 1441H, and became OPCON of B Co. Air strike was delivered beginning at 1518H. Scout Plat deployed into a blocking position facing north (ctr of mass vic XS314494) (in psn 1530H). At 1535H B Co with Scout Plat, 5-60 Inf (M) began a sweep to the south from vic XS312496 to vic XS318498 against the Scout Plat block. Sweep was completed 1715H. Results of engagement were 2 US WIA (dust-off completed at 1430H), 5 VC KIA (possible) (by TAC air), 60 bunkers destroyed (by arty/TAC air, 15 structures destroyed and six structures damaged (by TAC air). Five blood trails were also found. C Co remained OPCON of 3d Bde. 2-39 Inf conducted airmobile assaults into the Obj 10 area and reconnoitered in force to the east along the RACH TRA TAN. (Delayed entries: at 091910H vic XS340499 B Co AP rcvd approx 15 rds SA fire from south of their position without incurring casualties. Arty was fired into the area with unknown results. At 091945H vic XS336505 B Co was engaged by an estimated reinforced VC company with SA, AW and three rds of 60mm mortar fire. Arty and LFT supported (on station 2013H). VC broke contact at approx 2026H, but arty and LFT continued to recon the area by fire. At 2113H approx 20 VC broke from woods fleeing to the east and were engaged with arty & SA with unknown effect. There were no US casualties. On 10 (AM) Mar the battalion conducted airmobile assaults into two LZ's in Obj 10. B Co & E Co (-) LZ vic XS256439. A Co & C Co LZ vic XS261432. A Co" 1st lift off 0907H; 2d lift down 0940H. B Co" 1st lift off 0858H; 2d lift (split) down 0928H. C Co" (one) lift off 0924H; down 0940H. E Co (-): (one) lift off 0940H; down 0956H. The battalion reconnoitered east along the RACH TRA TAN. At 1200H vic XS264443 E Co discovered 18 new bunkers recently occupied and a well tended garden - also many trails (arty fired into area). At 1330H vic XS267444 E Co apprehended one detainee, non-ambulatory with shell frag wound in hip (evac to DONG TAM IPW). At 1444H vic XS268445 E Co discovered and destroyed a complex of 33 bunkers in a rectangular configuration on rice paddy dike - used recently. The bn continued its sweep without contact or further findings and established a RON position vic XS287459. At 1615H one dog handler with Rn main CP shot himself in the foot at FS/PB FELS (dust-off completed at 1633H). 2-60 Inf (-) conducted airmobile assaults into two LZ's in Obj 10, vic XS-299444 and vic XS299454. B Co 1st lift off 0715H; 2d lift down 0754H. C Co 1st lift off 0730H; 2d lift down 0800H. The battalion proceeded to establish a north-south blocking position facing west along the canal from vic XS301450 to vic XS302443 (in position 0915H). Beginning at 1100H the bn swept to the west with B Co and C Co on line for approx 1300 m. Vic XS293452 C Co found & destroyed onesquad-size bunker, one hut, 20 two-man spider-holes and returned by air to RON FS/PB JAGER (closed approx 1740H). C/3-17 Air Cav screened the flanks of 2-39 Inf reconnaissance in force in Obj area 10, continued over-watch of southern Dinh Tuong Province and conducted an air/ground reconnaissance along the Rach Ba Muong. ARP was inserted vic XS255443 at 1405H and swept to the northeast. ARP sweep and aerial VR were completed at 1555H with ARP extracted from PZ vic XS261458. No contacts or significant findings were reported. B Co night combat patrol departed FS/PB JAGER at 2055H. C Co night combat patrol departed at 2122H. At 2145H vic XS334507, C Co observed an estimated group of 12 VC and prepared a hasty ambush. At 2158H the co sprang the ambush, called in arty and then began sweeping the area. 1 VC WIA was found with pistol belt and grenade (died while awaiting aero-med evac) (equip evac to Dong Tam). Four detainees were apprehended in the area (evac to Dong Tam IPW). (Detainees were 20-35 years of age but had ID cards dating back as far as 1916.)

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