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SUBJECT: Combat Operations After Action Report (MACV/RCS/J3/J2)

12 March: 1st Bde continued road/engr security, night ambush patrolling and convoy security operations and conducted reconnaissance in force and cordon and search operations along Hwy 4 with 5-60 Inf (M) (-), 2-39 Inf and 2-60 Inf (-). 2-39 Inf secured FS/PB FELS, conducted a cordon and search of AP MY CAN (vic XS243503) in cooperation with PF elements, and conducted Hwy 4 security and night ambush operations in western AO CRACKERJACK. PF intelligence platoon was transported by air to an LZ north of the town (vic XS243508) (One lift off 0757H). B Co and C Co were moved to the LZ by airmobile company (1st lift off 0802H; 3d lift down 0834H). The operation commenced at 0845H with B and C Cos forming a cordon of the village and the PF plat conducting the search. The search was completed at 1130H, and the participating units were extracted and transported to Dong Tam by air (1st lift off 1140H; 3d lift down 1159H). The PF intel plat detained 16 persons for further processing and interrogation. Gunships reconnoitering the AO drew AK47 fire at 1037H vic XS301468 (no hits) and returned fire with unknown results. At 1350H vic XS-251500 a 3/4 ton trk belonging to the bn was engaged with a command detonated mine. The truck received light damage. There were no US casualties. A Co & E Co were returned from Dong Tam to FS/PB FELS by air to secure the FS/PB (1st lift off 1429H; 4th lift down 1515H). B Co and C Co remained overnight at Dong Tam to accomplish unit administrative and logistical functions. 2-60 Inf (-) conducted a reconnaissance in force to the south of Hwy 4 vic of Ap Dong (XS335501) and conducted night ambush patrolling along the road. B Co & C Co began their reconnaissance at 1000H. B Co deployed along and to the north of Hwy 4 (XS331502 - XS339503 - XS347504) and reconnoitered south. C Co deployed along the secondary road south of the village (XS332497 - XS335497 - XS348500) and reconnoitered north. At 1132H the units linked up vic XS338503. At 1200H B Co received AW fire from vic XS332496 while loc vic XS334497. The company returned the fire with SA with unknown results. One US WIA was incurred (dust off completed at 1223H). Upon completion of dust off the company moved back into the area south of Hwy 4 but was unable to reestablish contact. At 1415H the com returned and began to move east down Hwy 4 to their new RON positions. At 1425H B Co received two mortar rounds from vic XS332493. Arty was fired into the area. There were no US casualties. The units detrucked at 1515H and continued on foot. B Co closed at its RON position (vic XS410487) at 1715H. C Co closed at its RON position (vic XS450471) at 1600H. At 1300H Scout Plat, 2-47 Inf (M) was released from OPCON of 5-60 Inf (M) and was placed OPCON of 2-60 Inf. 5-60 Inf (M) (-) continued to secure engr elements working along Hwy 4 in AO CRACKERJACK, conducted night ambush patrols, provided convoy security escort and secured FS/PB JAGER. A Co secured elements of 86th Engr Bn vic FS/PB HESSIAN. B Co displaced from FS/PB FELS to FS/PB JAGER. Enroute at 1710H vic XS299499 one of the cos APC's hit a mine. Five WIA required dust off (completed at 1756H). C Co remained OPCON of 3d Bde. Scout Plat found a command detonated mine at 0934H vic XS341503 consisting of a US 105mm howitzer round fitted with a peculiar type of blasting cap. While 86th Engr Bn personnel were attempting to disarm the mine, a booby trapped WP grenade was set off burning one engineer (dust off completed at 1006H). The mine was de-activated, the shell destroyed and the blasting cap evacuated to Dong Tam. Another command detonated mine consisting of two 105mm rounds was also found and destroyed at the same location. C/3-17 Air Cav continued its overwatch of Bde area of operations and reconnoitered targets throughout Ding Tuong Province. The trp reported numerous sightings of enemy activity, bunkers and field fortifications (see 1st Bde SPHINX). At 0843H vic XS246561 the trp observed 20 VN in the area, two packs and a weapon. Two men nearby on a sampan pulled out a rifle when helicopter flew over. The aircraft engaged the sampan, destroying it and killing two VC (BC). Arty was fired into the area after the LFT left, with unknown results. At 1100H vic XS470395 the trp received AW fire from 2 huts and returned the fire with unknown results. At 1300H 1st Bde FAC vic XS088655 reported 10 large sampans. C/3-17 was dispatched to loc and received 50 cal MG fire and SA fire from all over the area. The entire canal was lined

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with bunkers and showed signs of heavy activity. C/3-17 returned fire and an air strike was called in. Results (all by air strike): one large bunker, 2 sampans and 20 meters of trench destroyed and two spider holes damaged. At 1615H vic XS271573 the trp observed 18 VC in uniform occupying an extensive bunker complex. Arty was fired into the area. While assessing results of arty fire, gunships sighted, engaged and killed three VC (BC). Four additional VC were KIA (possible) by arty. At 1925H LFT overflying AO engaged and sunk three sampans vic XS302573 and killed 1 VC (BC). Two other probable kills were reported.

13 March: 1st Bde continued road/enge security, night ambush patrolling and convoy security operations along Hwy 4 with 2-39 Inf, 2-60 Inf (-) and 5-60 Inf (M) (-). 2-39 Inf secured FS/PB FELS, and conducted Hwy 4 security & night ambush operations in western AO CRACKERJACK. A Co and E Co patrolled Hwy 4 and the adjacent fields and paddies. At 1330H vic XS296503 E Co found & destroyed five freshly constructed fighting bunkers. The company returned to FS/PB FELS, closing 1445H. B Co and C Co returned to FS/PB FELS from Dong Tam by air (1st lift off 1338H; 4th lift down 1450H). B Co left the FS/PB at 1541H and set up a RON patrol base to the west vic XS253498. At 1728H vic XS250504 Plat, B Co AP engaged an estimated four VC who returned SA & AW fire and broke contact at 1745H. There were no US casualties. VC casualties are unknown. At 1832H vic XS255505 2d Plat, B Co AP found six L-shaped fighting bunkers (approx three days old). The plat began destruction (to be completed and graves dug up tomorrow). At 1915H vic XS256505 the plat found a well used and concealed tunnel running south to west and applied CS to restrict its use. 2-60 Inf, with OPCON of Scout Plat, 2-47 Inf (M), continued night ambush patrolling and secured Hwy 4 in eastern AO CRACKERJACK and provided security escort for DISCOM convoys between Tan An and Dong Tam. (Delayed entry: At 122230H C Co observed fifteen VC moving toward its position and set up a hasty ambush but was unable to make contact.) During the day B Co and C Co patrolled Hwy 4 in zone. At approx 0930H C Co located a grenade planted in the middle of the road with a wire running from it down into the road (destroyed by engineers). Scout Plat, 2-47 Inf (M) escorted DISCOM convoy (dept RON position 0948H, dept Tan An 1110H, ar Dong Tam 1325H). At 1750H vic XS402491 a plt of B Co discovered a complex of 50 bunkers. The plt destroyed 25, exhausting the explosives it had with it. (Remaining 25 bunkers will be destroyed tomorrow.) The battalion established two company size patrol bases vic XS403491 and XS449481 for staging night ambushes. 5-60 Inf (M) (-) continued to secure engr elements working along Hwy 4 in AO CRACKERJACK, conducted night ambush patrols and secured Hwy 4 in the central portion of AO CRACKERJACK and secured FS/PB JAGER. At 0220H vic XS342503 2d Plat, A Co AP was engaged with SA & AW fire. A nearby LP also received fire and was called in. A few mortars were also received. Arty and province LFT supported. Contact was broken by VC at 0225H. There were no US casualties. A sweep of the area at first light confirmed 1 VC KIA (BC). A and B Cos secured engr work parties along the road. 1st Plat, A Co escorted an engr convoy from FS/PB JAGER to Dong Tam. At 0758H vic XS340503 the company found and destroyed a grenade. The company found several road blocks which were subsequently cleared by engrs. At 0925H vic XS313501 1st Plat, A Co found and destroyed a booby trapped M-26 grenade. At 0947H in the same vicinity the plat found and destroyed two more M-26 grenade booby-traps. At 1750H A Co departed FS/PB JAGER and set up a RON patrol base vic XS335508. B Co reported that the APC damaged by a mine yesterday had been destroyed by an RPG during the night. The company also escorted engr elements engaged in clearing roadblocks and filling craters. At 1145H the company reported the road clear for two way traffic. At 1925H vic XS298499 E Co, 2-39 AP received AW fire from the north by an estimated five to ten VC. The AP returned fire, and E Co fired mortars. Arty also supported. Contact was broken by VC at 1945H. VC casualties are unknown. The AP swept the area without significant findings. There were 2 US WIA's (dust off completed at 2105H). At 2243H vic

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XS296500 the AP sighted three VC and engaged them with M-79 fire with unknown results. There were no US casualties. At 1555H vic XS408507 1st Plat, B Co 2-60 was ambushed by an estimated VC plat. Plat returned fire with organic weapons. VC broke contact at 1625H. One US WIA resulted (dust off completed at 1655H). At 1815H B Co CP vic XS403491 received AW fire. The company maneuvered and attempted to cut off attacking VC. Contact was broken at 1827H. Arty supported and a LFT reconnoitered the area by fire (on station at 1905H). The area was swept with no significant findings. VC casualties are unknown. There were no US casualties.

14 March: 1st Bde continued road/engr security, night ambush patrolling and convoy security operations along Hwy 4 with 2-39 Inf, 2-60 Inf (-) and 5-60 Inf (M) (-). 2-39 Inf secured FS/PB FELS, and conducted Hwy 4 security and night ambush operations in western AO CRACKERJACK. The battalion patrolled Hwy 4 and the adjacent fields and paddies. A Co patrolled and reconnoitered along Hwy 4 without incident. B Co also patrolled and reconnoitered along the highway. At 0800H vic XS252499 the company found and destroyed a 105mm dud round. At 0910H the unit discovered and destroyed 25 fighting bunkers vic XS-255505. At 0925H at vic XS255510 and vic XS265510 respectively 3d Plat & 2nd plat, B Co each located a large and exceptionally well constructed protective bunker which could not be effectively destroyed. At 0931H vic XS265510 2d Plat apprehended one detainee (evac to DONG TAM IPW). At 1023H vic XS256508 3d Plat apprehended another detainee (evac to DONG TAM IPW). At 1445H B Co displaced and established a RON patrol base vic XS250499. C Co conducted highway patrolling and reconnaissance. At 1356H vic XS295490 the company found and destroyed nine fighting bunkers. At 1045H vic XS296503 the unit discovered and destroyed seven bunkers. E Co secured FS/PB FELS. At 1140H vic XS296499 a command detonated mine was destroyed in the bn AO by 86th Engr Bn elements. At 1902H the Bn CP at FS/PB FELS was taken under mortar and SA fire. Fire ceased at 1910H. Approximately 21 rounds of 82mm mortar fire were received from the northeast. Counter-mortar concentrations were fired on suspected enemy positions with unknown results. There were no US casualties. 2-60 Inf, with OPCON of Scout Plat, 2-47 Inf (M), continued night ambush patrolling and secured Hwy 4 in eastern AO CRACKERJACK and provided security escort for DISCOM convoys between TAN AN and DONG TAM. B Co secured Bn CP. C Co escorted engr mine sweep elements and patrolled and reconnoitered along Hwy 4. Scout Plat, 2-47 Inf (M) escorted DISCOM convoy between DONG TAM & TAN AN (dept DONG TAM 0830H; ar TAN AN 1100H). B Co and C Co established company RON patrol bases. At 1950H the B Co RON position vic XS403 was taken under fire by SA. Fire was returned with 81mm mortars and 106mm recoilless rifles. LFT supported (on station 2010H) by reconnoitering nearby woodline by fire. There were no US casualties. VC losses are unknown. At 1954H C Co CP vic XS449481 observed approximately fifteen VC 500m to the east. C Co engaged VC with 106mm recoilless rifles. LFT supported (on station 2030H) and reconnoitered the area by fire. There were no US casualties. VC casualties are unknown. 5-60 Inf (M) (-) continued to secure engr elements working along Hwy 4 in AO CRACKERJACK, conducted night ambush patrols and secured Hwy 4 in the central portion of AO CRACKERJACK and secured FS/PB JAGER. At 0516H an A Co AP spotted movement along canal vic XS332512 and had 81mm mortar fired in to the area with unknown effect. No fire was received by the AP. During the day the company secured engr elements along the highway without incident. B Co patrolled the highway, escorted 86th Engr Bn elements, and conducted a reconnaissance in force with Scout Plat south of Hwy 4. At 0730H vic XS340505 the company found and destroyed a dud 105mm round. At 1415H the company and Scout Plat departed FS/PB JAGER, went east on Hwy 4 to vic XS367497, then reconnoitered to the south for 600m, then swept west back to FS/PB JAGER. At 1430H vic XS358496 B Co found and destroyed a booby-trapped CHICOM grenade. Scout Plat also secured engr mine sweep in bn bn AO. At 0905H the plat found and destroyed a booby-trapped M26 grenade vic XS320502. At 0928H the plat found and destroyed a booby-trapped WP grenade vic

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XS310502. At 1050H, while escorting engr elements, the plat discovered and destroyed a 105mm WP round. At 1030H the plat departed FS/PB FELS and escorted a crane to FS/PB JAGER.

15 March: The FIRST BRIGADE continued OPN PEOPLES' ROAD (OPN DAO LOI) with one mech bn and two inf bns. 1st Bde continued road and engr security, night ambush patrolling and convoy security operations along Hwy 4 with 2-39 Inf, 2-60 Inf (-) and 5-60 Inf (M) (-). 2-39 Inf secured FS/PB FELS, and conducted Hwy 4 security and night ambush operations in western AO CRACKERJACK. The battalion patrolled Hwy 4 and reconnoitered north of the highway in cooperation and coordination with GVN Regional Forces. A Co conducted a reconnaissance in force in close cooperation and coordination with the 842d RF Company (from CAI LAY). A Co departed FS/PB FELS at 0700H, moved north of Hwy 4 and established a north-south blocking from vic XS266505 to vic XS269513 facing west (in position 0745H). The 842d RF Co reconnoitered to the north of Hwy 4 eastwards (XS230503 - XS266506), beginning its sweep at 0730H. The company closed against the A Co blocking position at 1145H. The operation produced no contacts or significant findings, and the units returned to their CP locations (A Co closed FS/PB FELS 1221H). During the afternoon A Co secured the FS/PB. At 0800H B Co checked the area vic XS249500 where a bloody hat had been found, employing a tracker team, but was unable to find anything of significance. The company continued to patrol Hwy 4 without incident. At 1546H the company began to displace to set up a new RON patrol base vic XS246499, closing at 1625H. C Co secured FS/PB FELS during the morning hours. At 1250H the company departed the FS/PB and patrolled Hwy 4 both to the east and to the west. The company closed back at FS/PB FELS at 1605H. E Co assisted in securing the FS/PB and conducted the morning mine sweep of Hwy 4 and road patrolling. Recon Plat departed FS/PB FELS at 0700H to conduct the mine sweep of the highway and completed the sweep without incident, closing back at the FS/PB at 0900H. At 1032H, while patrolling vic XS298503, the company located and destroyed four dud RPG rounds. At 1800H vic XS294500 an E Co AP received two rounds of RPG and twenty-five rounds of 60mm mortar fire from vic XS300496 and XS-502493. Arty supported. There were no US casualties. VC losses are unknown. 2-60 Inf, with OPCON of Scout Plat, 2-47 Inf (M), continued night ambush patrolling, secured Hwy 4 in eastern AO CRACKERJACK and provided security escort for DISCOM convoys between TAN AN and DONG TAM. At 0030H Scout Plat, 2-47 Inf (M) returned to the site of their earlier contact and re-established contact with a VC force of unknown size. VC broke contact at 0034H. The AP swept the area at 0046H, found one VC corpse and captured one Czech Model 26 7.92mm machine gun. An additional five VC were believed KIA, based on seeing them drop during the fire fight and finding two helmets pierced by bullets, two pair of abandoned sandals and several blood trails. At 0047H a B Co AP established contact with an estimated force of twenty VC (including some women) vic XS412501. VC broke contact at 0051H. Arty supported. There were no US casualties. VC casualties are unknown. The area was swept without significant findings. At 0152H vic XS438494 Scout Plat sprang another ambush, shooting and killing one VC and capturing one 30 cal carbine (US). There were no US casualties. Bn CP remained loc vic XS470478. A Co (released from OPCON of 3d Bde) moved by motor convoy from TAN TRU to the C Co CP, closing at 1520H. A Co took over the C Co position which remains loc vic XS449483. B Co conducted highway patrols and day combat patrols along the road in the battalion AO. At 0805H the company found and destroyed a booby-trapped M-26 grenade vic XS345501. The company's RON position remains loc vic XS407495. C Co conducted highway patrolling during the morning without incident. The company departed for TAN TRU at 1414H and became OPCON of 3d Bde upon arrival. Scout Plat, 2-47 Inf (M) escorted DISCOM convoy between DONG TAM and TAN AN. At 0847H vic XS468478 the plat found and cleared a straw roadblock containing two booby-trapped CHICOM grenades. The plat continued to secure the Bn CP. 5-60 Inf (M) (-) continued to secure engr elements working along Hwy 4 in AO CRACKERJACK, conducted night ambush patrols and secured Hwy 4 secured Hwy 4 in the central portion of AO CRACKERJACK and secured FS/PB JAGER.

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A Co assisted in the morning mine sweep of Hwy 4. Two plats escorted 86th Engr Bn elements between FS/PB HESSIAN and DONG TAM. A third plat secured 86th Engr Bn elements working east of FS/PB HESSIAN. The company then conducted a reconnaissance in force in the woods south of AP THUAN Village (south of Hwy 4) from vic XS305498. The unit departed at 0910H, reached its dismount point (XS-305496) at 1055H and began its sweep. At 1000H vic XS318498 the company located a 105mm HE dud round (to be destroyed by EOD) and numerous paper flags. At 1125H vic XS317494 the company found twelve empty graves two to three weeks old. At 1405H vic XS305497 the unit found a wire leading to an unusual mine loc vic XS-305500 (evac to DONG TAM). A Co returned to FS/PB JAGER at 1503H. At 1805H the unit departed for its RON patrol base (vic XS305498.). At 0020H vic XS342507 B Co CP spotted six or seven VC crawling approx 75m east of their loc. VC were engaged with M-79 fire, and the area was checked without significant findings. During the day the company conducted the morning mine sweep of Hwy 4 and secured engr elements working along the road. At 0842H vic XS330502 the company detonated a booby trapped M26 grenade resulting in 1 US WIA (dust off completed at 0850H). At 1135H vic XS322501 the unit found a possible anti-tank mine in the middle of the road (evac to DONG TAM). At 1258H at the same loc the co apprehended 1 male detainee (evac to Dong Tam). C Co remained OPCON of 3d Bde. Scout Plat secured FS/PB JAGER and assisted B Co in mine sweeping and engr security missions. At 1500H vic XS438436 1 of the plats APC's was engaged with a command detonated mine. The APC was not damaged. The following APC hit the crater and sustained slight damage but continued under its own power. There were no significant US casualties.

16 March: 1st Bde continued road and engr security, night ambush patrolling, convoy security, aerial reconnaissance, and conducted reconnaissance in force operations along Hwy 4 with 2 RF companies, 1 RF intelligence platoon, 2-39 Inf, 2-60 Inf (M) (-), and 3-17 Air Cav trp. 2-39 Inf secured FS/PB FELS, and conducted Hwy 4 security and night ambush operations in western AO CRACKERJACK. The bn patrolled Hwy 4 and conducted a reconnaissance in force operation in coordination and cooperation with GVN Regional Forces from CAI LAY. The Bn HQ's remained at FS/PB FELS. During the morning hours A Co secured FS/PB FELS. At 1345H, A Co (-), conducted road patrolling east and west of FS/PB, returning to FS/PB FELS at 1640H without incident. At 0730H, B Co completed road sweep patrol from CAI LAY, east to vic XS260499 and established a Co CP at that location. Local daylight patrols were conducted from Co Base without contact. All patrols closed Co CP at 1640H. At 0705H, C Co commenced a reconnaissance in force operation in cooperation and coordination with 1 Regional Force Company and 1 intelligence platoon from CAI LAY. C Co moved from FS/PB FELS to vic XS252477 establishing a blocking position at 1010H. The RF Co conducted a sweep operation SE from FS/PB FELS into the bloc established by C/2-39th Inf, while the RF intelligence platoon established a blocking position vic XS250487. At 0948H, vic XS250483 RF Co found three 105mm dud rds. The rds were blown in place. The RF Co completed sweep into C/2-39 Inf block psn at 1216H, and then returned to CAI LAY. C Co conducted a sweep north from blocking position to Hwy 4 and closed FS/PB FELS at 1245H. At 1800H, C Co became RRF for 2-60 Inf & 5-60 Inf (M). At 0700H E Co commenced morning road sweep patrols east and west of FS/PB FELS. The co closed FS/PB FELS at 1122H without incident. 2-60 Inf (-), with OPCON of Scout Plat, 2-47 Inf (M), continued night ambush patrolling, secured Hwy 4 in eastern AO CRACKERJACK and provided security escort for DISCOM convoys between TAN AN and DONG TAM. A Co conducted local patrols along Hwy 4 east from Co CP loc vic XS445482. All patrols were conducted without contact. At 1702H, A/2-60 Inf was alerted as RRF for ARVN units in heavy contact vic XS475494. At 1830H, A/2-60 Inf conducted ambl assault from Co patrol base into LZ loc vic XS453502. LZ was reported to be cold. Last lift was inserted at 1844H. A Co moved east from LZ to establish a blocking position from vic XS464498 to vic XS460493. At 0725H, B Co moved east from Co patrol base loc vic XS403492 and conducted local security patrols along Hwy 4 within Bn AO and relocating Co patrol base vic XS407492. Scout Plat, 2-47 Inf (M) escorted DISCOM convoy from DONG TAM, departing at 0842H, closing TAN AN at 1045H. At

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1142H, Scout Plat departed TAN AN with convoy, closing DONG TAM at 1251H without incident. At 1800H, Scout Plat was dispatched from 2-60 Bn CP to establish a blocking position vic XS470475 and link up with A/5-60 Inf (M) blocking force. At 1700H, A/5-60 Inf (M) became OPCON 2-60 Inf. At 1705H, A Co moved from vic FS/PB JAGER to establish blocking position vic XS468480. At 1848H, A Co received unk number of SA founds. Fire was returned with organic weapons. There were no friendly casualties; VC losses unknown. A sweep of the area will be made. 5-60 Inf (M) (-) continued to secure engr elements working along Hwy 4 in AO CRACKER-JACK, conducted night ambush patrols, secured FS/PB JAGER, and conducted reconnaissance in force operations in coordination and cooperation with 1 PF plat from VINH KIM. At 0738H, A Co commenced road sweep from western portion of Bn AO east to FS/PB JAGER. At 0923H, vic XS320501, A Co ele found and destroyed a mine which was placed in a "C" ration box. The mine was blown in place. Elements also secured FS/PB JAGER until 1700H, at which time A Co became OPCON to 2-60 Inf. B Co and Recon Plat, in coordination and cooperation with one PF platoon from VINH KIM, conducted reconnaissance in force operation vic XS3648. The recon platoon established a blocking position vic XS370485, while B Co and PF plat conducted sweep from vic XS360472 into block. There were no enemy contacts made during the operation. At 1020H, vic XS360480, Recon plat detained 6 VN. All were evacuated to DONG TAM for interrogation. The operation was completed at 1246H, at which time B Co and Recon plat, returned to JAGER. B Co departed JAGER and established Co patrol base vic XS354504.

17 March: 1st Bde continued road and engr security, night ambush patrolling, convoy security, and conducted reconnaissance in force operations along Hwy 4 with 1 RF intelligence and reconnaissance platoon, 2-39 Inf, 2-60 Inf, and 5-60 Inf (M) (-). 2-39 Inf secured FS/PB FELS, and conducted Hwy 4 security and night ambush operations in western AO CRACKERJACK. The battalion patrolled Hwy 4, conducted a MEDCAP, and conducted a reconnaissance in force operation in coordination and cooperation with GVN Regional Forces from CAI LAY. The Bn HQ's remained at FS/PB FELS. A Co secured FS/PB FELS and conducted mine sweep of Hwy 4 throughout the battalion AO. Ambush patrols closed on company CP at 0615H. Mine sweep operations commenced at 0655H, with 1st and 2d plats, sweeping east and 3d and 4th plats to the west and were completed without incident at 0853H. The platoons returned to FS/PB FELS, closing at 0950H. B Co conducted highway patrolling. Ambush patrols closed on the company CP at 0625H. Platoon patrols departed the co position at 1250H, with 2d plat moving west and 3d plat to the east. The sweep was concluded without incident, and the patrols returned to the co position, closing at 1430H. Co RON patrol base remains loc vic XS250499. C Co conducted a reconnaissance in force to the south of Hwy 4 in close cooperation and coordination with the CAI LAY RF Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon. The co departed FS/PB FELS at 1205H and swept southeast through the woods against a blocking position established by the CAI LAY RF Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon vic XS299486 (in position at 1258H). At 1230H vic XS274495 one man received a minor wound from a punji stick but was subsequently dusted off when further examination indicated possible poisoning from the stick (dust off completed at 1905H). At 1250H vic XS278490 the co discovered and destroyed numerous punji sticks. At 1315H the unit found and destroyed five fighting bunkers vic XS285488. At 1347H vic XS287488 the co loc and destroyed three more fighting bunkers. At 1515H vic XS293484 three more fighting bunkers were found and destroyed. The reconnaissance was completed without further incident, and C Co returned to FS/PB FELS, closing at 1730H. E Co maintained its patrol base and conducted road patrolling. The company also provided security for the battalion MEDCAP at NHI OUI (vic XS293408). Company RON patrol base remains located vic XS299501. 2-60 Inf (-), with OPCON of Scout Plat, 2-47 Inf (M), maintained blocking positions in cooperation with operations conducted by the 7th Inf Div (ARVN), continued night ambush patrolling, secured Hwy 4 in eastern AO CRACKERJACK and provided security escort for DISCOM convoys between TAN AN and DONG TAM. Battalion CP remained vic XS469481. A Co maintained its blocking position (XS464498 - XS460493)

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during the night. Beginning at 0945H, the co reconnoitered the stream eastwards and then returned to their former CP. The sweep produced no contacts or significant findings, and the company closed into its patrol base at 1420H. (Patrol base remains located vic XS449482). B Co conducted mine sweep of Hwy 4 throughout the battalion AO and conducted squad-size patrols in the vic of its CP. At 1245H the unit coordinated the dust off of a VN girl wounded in the head by VC (evac through ARVN channels) (dust off completed at 1327H). B Co patrol base remains located vic XS407492. At 1935H during reconnaissance by fire with 81mm mortars, a short round resulted in two men wounded (routine dust off). Investigation is proceeding. C Co remained OPCON of 3d Bde. Scout Plat, 2-47 Inf (M) assisted in the A Co block and escorted 2 DISCOM convoys (dept DONG TAM 0803H, ar TAN AN 1010H, dept TAN AN 1300H, ar DONG TAM 1450H). A/5-60 Inf (M) (temporarily OPCON of 2-60 Inf) remained in its blocking position (vic XS481517) during the night. At 0730H the unit found one VC corpse during a sweep of the area into which they had fired during the night. At 0937H the co terminated its block and returned by motor to FS/PB JAGER (released from OPCON upon departure). 5-60 Inf (M) (-) continued to secure engr elements working along Hwy 4 in AO CRACKERJACK, conducted night ambush patrols, secured FS/PB JAGER, conducted a MEDCAP, and conducted integrated US/RF night ambush patrols (4 VN per platoon), designed by 1st Bde to bolster the confidence and combat effectiveness of RF elements while enhancing the effectiveness of current US operations. A Co was released from OPCON of 2-60 Inf and returned from its blocking position, closing FS/PB JAGER at 1028H. The unit assumed the mission of securing the mission of securing the FS/PB upon arrival and assisted in the escort of engr elements working on Hwy 4. B Co conducted mine sweep of Hwy 4 in battalion AO, secured engr work parties along the road, and prepared for combined night combat operations with RF elements from VINH KIM. During the night the company began the first joint US/RF night ambush and combat operations with four RF personnel integrated into each US platoon ambush patrol. Scout Plat maintained two APC's at FS/PB HESSIAN overnight. At 0346H the FS/PB received a mortar attack. Counter-mortar concentrations were fired with unknown effect. There were no US casualties. During the day the platoon secured the battalion MEDCAP conducted at AP HA vic XS366486.

18 March: 1st Bde continued road and engr security, night ambush patrolling and convoy security and conducted reconnaissance in force operations along Hwy 4 with 2-39 Inf, 2-60 Inf (-), and 5-60 Inf (M) (-) and in close cooperation and coordination with RF and PF elements. 1st Bde continued its program of conducting combined operations with RF and PF units to bolster their confidence, experience and combat proficiency and also to enhance the effectiveness of current US operations. 2-39 Inf secured FS/PB FELS and conducted Hwy 4 security and night ambush operations in western AO CRACKERJACK. The battalion patrolled Hwy 4 and conducted a MEDCAP. Battalion Headquarters remained at FS/PB FELS. All ambush patrols and listening posts closed on their CP's by 0750H. Battalion Headquarters secured a MEDCAP at CAI LAY village. A Co patrolled north out of FS/PB FELS. The company departed the FS/PB at 0805H and crossed Hwy 4 moving north. At 0823H vic XS272507 the unit located an 82mm mortar dud (destroyed in place 0840H). The company then continued its reconnaissance north (XS275510 - XS274512) without further incident, closing FS/PB FELS at 1210H. B Co maintained its separate patrol base at vic XS250498 and conducted mine sweeping of Hwy 4 and patrolling along the highway. The unit completed sweeping Hwy 4 from CAI LAY to FS/PB FELS without incident at 0850H. At 1013H 1st Plat & 3d Plat left the co CP and reconnoitered northeast along a trail north of Hwy 4 (XS240504 - XS265507), closing the CP at 1240H without incident. At 1503H the unit received three rounds of sniper fire from vic XS240497 and swept the area without contact or significant findings. There were no US casualties. C Co secured FS/PB FELS. At 1433H the company left the FS/PB to conduct a night raid on a suspected VC 82mm mortar position believed located vic XS296483. The unit reconnoitered past the suspected site from the south and set up an initial ambush site vic XS299488 from which to stage their night raid. E Co maintained its separate patrol base at vic XS299501.

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At 0815H the unit completed the mine sweep of Hwy 4 from FS/PB FELS east to the boundary of the battalion AO without incident. At 1645H the unit apprehended two detainees vic XS296500 (evac to DONG TAM IPW). 2-60 Inf (-), with OPCON of Scout Plat, 2-47 Inf (M), continued night ambush and local security patrolling, secured Hwy 4 in eastern AO CRACKERJACK and provided security escort for DISCOM convoys between TAN AN and DONG TAM. Battalion CP remained vic XS469481. All ambush patrols and listening posts closed their CP's by 0748H. A Co maintained its separate patrol base vic XS449483 and conducted Hwy 4 mine sweep and road patrolling in the eastern portion of the battalion AO. At 0945H vic XS-435486 the unit found and destroyed a booby-trapped US hand grenade and discovered and destroyed two more vic XS431489 (also booby-trapped). At 1105H vic XS435488 the company found and destroyed one bunker. B Co maintained its separate patrol base vic XS407492 and conducted mine sweep and road patrolling in the western portion of the battalion AO without incident. C Co remained OPCON of 3d Bde. Scout Plat, 2-47 Inf (M) escorted two DISCOM convoys between DONG TAM & TAN AN without incident, (dept DONG TAM 0826H, ar TAN AN 1100H, dept TAN AN 1130H, ar DONG TAM 1338H). 5-60 Inf (M) (-) continued to secure engr elements working along Hwy 4 in AO CRACKERJACK, secured Hwy 4 in central AO CRACKERJACK, secured FS/PB JAGER, conducted integrated US/PF night ambush and combat patrols (4 VN per plat), and conducted a co-size reconnaissance in force south of Hwy 4 in close cooperation and coordination with an RF co from VINH KIM. Bn Hq's remained at FS/PB JAGER. Province officials reported that US arty fired at 171942H against VC reported tampering with Hwy 4 vic XS340502 resulted in 2 VC KIA & 4 VC WIA (bodies recovered & WIA captured by RF/PF elements). All ambush patrols and listening posts closed on FS/PB JAGER by 0800H. A Co conducted a reconnaissance in force south of Hwy 4. The unit rendezvoused with the RF Co from VINH KIM at 0830H vic XS365476. The combined force began its opn at 0910H, reconnoitering to the east along the secondary road from SP vic XS331498 to intersection with Hwy 4 vic XS345501. At 1010H the force found approximately 50 foxholes located from vic XS330502 to vic XS335502 (to be filled in n 19 Marcy). At 1115H the sweep was completed without further findings and the company returned to FS/PB JAGER. At 1200H, while enroute, the unit apprehended 6 detainees (evac to DONG TAM IPW). B Co conducted combined night ambushes and a night combat operation with a PF plat integrated into its patrols (4 VN per US plat). At 0247H 2 ambush patrols south of Hwy 4 linked up at the LD for a night attack to the north across Hwy 4 (vic XS339499). Two other ambush patrols joined together to establish a block astride Hwy 4 vic XS330501 (in position 0301H). At 0313H the attacking force crossed the LD and proceeded north. At 0345H the force checked out a pagoda vic XS339501 reported to be occupied by VC. The pagoda was unoccupied, but one VC flag was captured and an assortment of VC literature was found in the pagoda and evacuated. Approximately 50m north of the pagoda the attack force discovered a bunker complex that was apparently used as a VC training camp (to be destroyed). The operation was completed without contact or further incident, and the ambush patrols separated and took up new positions for the remainder of the night. During the day B Co secured FS/PB JAGER, conducted mine sweep of Hwy 4 in the bn AO & secured engr elements along the highway without incident. C Co moved by motor march from TAN AN to FS/PB JAGER, returning to the control of the bn upon arrival at 1415H. At 1445H the co reconnoitered vic XS321500 in response to a report of eight VC in rice paddies there without contact or significant findings. Scout Plat departed FS/PB JAGER at 0900H and moved by motor march to TAN AN, becoming OPCON of 3d Bde upon arrival at 1322H.

19 March: 1st Bde continued road and engr security, night ambush patrolling and convoy security and conducted reconnaissance in force operations along Hwy 4 with 2-39 Inf, 2-60 Inf (-), and 5-60 Inf (M) (-) and in close cooperation and coordination with RF and PF elements. 1st Bde continued its program of conducting combined operations with RF & PF units to bolster their confidence, experience & combat efficiency and also to enhance the effectiveness of current US operations. 2-39 Inf secured FS/PB FELS and conducted Hwy 4 security and night ambush operations in western AO CRACKERJACK. The bn patrolled Hwy 4, reconnoitered in force

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south of the highway, and conducted a MEDCAP. Bn Hq's remained at FS/PB FELS. A Co & B Co conducted an airmobile assault from FS/PB FELS and B Co's patrol base into an area south of Hwy 4 to search for a VC cache reported to be located vic XS302469. A Co LZ loc vic XS299473. B Co LZ loc vic XS305474. (1st lift off 0742H; 4th lift down 0829H.) Both co's searched south and west. At 0832H vic XS304471 B Co apprehended one detainee without ID card (evac to DONG TAM IPW). At 1153H the units completed their reconnaissance without significant findings, closed on PZ's vic XS297465 and XS297467 and were extracted to their bases (1st lift off 1210H; 4th lift down 1255H). C Co completed its night raid on suspected VC mortar position vic XS296483 without contact or significant findings. At 0820H, while returning to FS/PB FELS, the raiding party saw three VN on trail vic XS289487 and received 2 rds of SA fire. The party apprehended 1 detainee without ID card in the area (evac to DONG TAM IPW). There were no US casualties. The unit also conducted mine sweeping and patrolling of Hwy 4 in bn AO without incident. E Co assisted in sweeping the highway and road patrolling and secured a MEDCAP vic XS299501. At 0815H vic XS306497 the unit located and destroyed two bunkers and approximately forty rounds of AK-47 ammo. At 1530H arty engaged a concrete bunker loc vic XS305466 observed earlier during the day by a helicopter, resulting in estimated 90% destruction. 2-60 Inf (-), with OPCON of Scout Plat 2-47 Inf (M), continued night ambush and local security patrolling, secured Hwy 4 in eastern AO CRACKERJACK and provided security escort for DISCOM convoys between TAN AN and DONG TAM. Bn CP remained vic XS469481. Ambush patrols were completed without incident and closed on their company CP's by 0800H. A Co maintained its separate patrol base vic XS449483 and conducted Hwy 4 mine sweep and road patrolling in the eastern portion of the bn without incident. B Co maintained its separate patrol base vic XS407492 and conducted Hwy 4 mine sweep and road patrolling in the western portion of the bn AO. At 1138H vic XS410498 the unit found & destroyed 20 spider holes. Vic XS417498 the co discovered 40 bunkers and destroyed 25 of them that had overhead cover. Scout Plat, 2-47 Inf (M) escorted a DISCOM convoy from DONG TAM and TAN AN without incident (dept DONG TAM 0810H, ar TAN AN 0915H). 5-60 Inf (M) (-) continued to secure engr elements working along Hwy 4 in AO CRACKERJACK, secured Hwy 4 in central AO CRACKERJACK, secured FS/PB JAGER, conducted a MEDCAP, conducted integrated US/PF night ambush patrols (2 VN per squad ambush patrol). Bn Hq's remained at FS/PB JAGER. Night ambush patrols were terminated without incident and closed on their co CP's by 0730H. A Co conducted mine sweep of Hwy 4 in bn AO and provided security for engr elements working on the road. At 0823H vic XS313502 the co located and destroyed a booby-trapped M26 grenade. B Co secured FS/PB JAGER and assisted in securing engr elements without incident. C Co secured a MEDCAP conducted at AP DONG (vic XS332498) in conjunction with PF elements. Upon completion of the MEDCAP the unit occupied a separate RON position vic XS318507. Scout Plat remained OPCON of 3d Bde. At 1558H vic XS327497 a 15 Engr Bn ele received B-40 fire but continued on to FS/PB JAGER without damage or casualties.

20 March: 1st Bde continued road and engr security, night ambush patrolling and convoy security and conducted reconnaissance in force opns along Hwy 4 with 2-39 Inf, 2-60 Inf (-), and 5-60 Inf (M) (-) and in close cooperation and coordination with RF and PF elements. 1st Bde continued its program of conducting combined operations with RF and PF units to bolster their confidence, experience and combat proficiency and also to enhance the effectiveness of current US operations. 2-39 Inf secured FS/PB FELS and conducted Hwy 4 security and night ambush operations in western AO CRACKERJACK. The bn patrolled Hwy 4, conducted local patrolling with an RF element, and conducted a MEDCAP. Bn Hq's remained at FS/PB FELS. A Co secured the bn CP and conducted a local patrol to the north of Hwy 4. The patrol departed at 0750H. At 0945H vic XS275709 it discovered six bottles of medicines (both penicillin and streptomycin were identified) (evac through S2 channels). The patrol proceeded to vic XS279523 and began to work back to FS/PB FELS. At vic XS275504 it located and destroyed 32 bunkers with overhead cover. The patrol closed on the FS/PB at 1215H. B Co conducted mine sweep of

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Hwy 4 and road patrols in bn AO. At 0705H vic XS266500 one of the unit's mine sweep platoons encountered and destroyed a road block. At 1019H the co found & destroyed a dud 105mm arty round vic XS225499. The co RON patrol base remains located vic XS245499. C Co assisted in securing the bn CP and also secured a MEDCAP vic XS290500. E Co assisted in Hwy 4 mine sweep and conducted local patrolling around its CP. At 0810H the co reconnoitered the area of last night's contact (vic XS299495) and found a bloody bandage and blood trails. At 1001H the unit received approximately twenty rounds of SA fire from vic XS298501 south of their position. The co returned fire, and VC immediately broke contact. E Co swept the area assisted by an RF element but was unable to re-establish contact and made no significant finds. There were no US casualties. VC casualties are unknown. The co RON patrol base remains located vic XS298500. 2-60 Inf (-), with OPCON of Scout Plat, 2-47 Inf (M), continued night ambush and local security patrolling, conducted a combined reconnaissance in force with an RF element, secured Hwy 4 in eastern AO CRACKERJACK and provided security escort for DISCOM convoys between TAN AN and DONG TAM. Bn CP remained vic XS469481. Ambush patrols were completed without incident and closed on their co CP's by 0745H. A Co maintained its separate patrol base vic XS449483 and conducted Hwy 4 mine sweep and road patrolling in the eastern portion of the bn AO, without incident. The co also reconnoitered to the northeast of its patrol base without incident. The patrol was accompanied and assisted by the intelligence squad from CHAU THANH District. B Co maintained its separate patrol base vic XS407492 and conducted Hwy 4 mine sweep and road patrolling in the western portion of the bn AO without incident. The co also provided a one plat force to secure a census-taking team from CHAU THANH District working in THANH QUON village (vic XS425565). In addition, the unit conducted a reconnaissance in force to the southwest of its patrol base. The patrol departed at 0742H. At 0823H vic XS397487 the patrol found and destroyed 8 spider holes with overhead cover. At 0906H vic XS416478 the patrol found one body apparently killed by mortar or arty fire, one M-2 carbine, one US grenade, a pistol belt and several documents. Body was several days old. The corpse was subsequently identified as the LONG HUNG VC Village Chief. (LONG HUNG loc vic XS380457). The reconnaissance was completed without further incident, and all elements closed their CP by 1254H. Scout Plat, 2-47 Inf (M) escorted an element of 3-34 Arty from DONG TAM to TAN HIEP (vic XS475550), proceeded to TAN AN and picked up a DISCOM convoy which it escorted back to DONG TAM without incident (dept DONG TAM 0715H, ar TAN AN 0937H, dept TAN AN 1400H, ar DONG TAM 1645H). 5-60 Inf (M) (-) continued to secure engr elements working along Hwy 4 in AO CRACKERJACK, secured Hwy 4 in central AO CRACKERJACK, secured FS/PB JAGER, conducted a combined reconnaissance in force with the VINH KIM RF Company and conducted integrated US/PF night ambush patrols (4 VN per plat ambush patrol). Bn Hq's remained at FS/PB JAGER. Night ambush patrols were terminated without incident and closed on their co CP's by 0751H. A Co conducted Hwy 4 mine sweep in bn AO and secured engr elements working along the road. At 0910H 1st Plat was dispatched to investigate several secondary explosions observed vic XS332497 during H&I firing by mortars located at FS/PB JAGER. The source of the secondary explosions could not be identified, but at 1010H vic XS332495 the plat found and destroyed four bunkers with overhead cover. The company also secured a MEDCAP conducted by the bn vic XS379497. B Co conducted a combined reconnaissance in force operation with the VINH KIM RF Company. At 0755H the RF co assumed a blocking position from vic XS371487 to vic XS374480. At 0800H B Co crossed their LD vic XS381489 and reconnoitered southwest. At 0915H vic XS377485 the unit engaged 1 VC with SA, but he was able to elude pursuit. The sweep was completed at 1010H without further incident, and the co returned to FS/PB JAGER. At 1830H the unit departed the FS/PB, picked up a PF plat vic XS354500 and displaced to RON at FS/PB FELS, dropping off two integrated US/PF plat ambush patrols enroute. C Co secured FS/PB JAGER. Scout Plat remained OPCON of 3d Bde.

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21 March: 1st Bde continued road and engr security, night ambush patrolling and convoy security and conducted reconnaissance in force operations along Hwy 4 with 2-39 Inf, 2-60 Inf (-), and 5-60 Inf (M) (-) and in close cooperation and coordination with RF and PF elements. 1st Bde continued its program of conducting combined operations with RF and PF units to bolster their confidence, experience, and combat proficiency and also to enhance the effectiveness of current US operations. 2-39 Inf, with OPCON of C/3-17 Air Cav, secured FS/PB FELS and conducted Hwy 4 security and night ambush operations and aerial reconnaissance in western AO CRACKERJACK. The bn patrolled Hwy 4, conducted reconnaisance in force operations with the 839th RF Co and conducted a MEDCAP. Bn Hq's remained at FS/PB FELS. At 0100H FS/PB FELS received 8 rds of fire from a mortar of unknown size. All rds impacted outside the perimeter. There were no US casualties. Counter-mortar concentrations were fired with unknown effect. VC casualties are unknown. Night ambushes were terminated were terminated without incident and closed on their CPs by 0637H. At 0852H A Co was given the mission of being prepared to conduct an airmobile assault to reinforce 3-47 Inf in contact near a suspected mortar/rocket position vic XS335443 (1 plat on 1 hour alert). During the morning the co conducted local patrolling around FS/PB FELS without incident. 2d Plat conducted an airmobile assault into an LZ vic XS271490 and reconnoitered through the area where C/3-17 Air Cav had made sightings and engaged several VC during the day (lift off 1347H; touch down 1351H). At 1522H the plat closed back on FS/PB FELS with 1 detainee apprehended vic XS299490 (evac to DONG TAM IPW). During the night the unit assisted in securing the FS/PB and mounted one squad ambush patrol. B Co conducted Hwy 4 mine sweep with 2 plat's and patrolled to the north of the road. At 0952H vic XS264506 1st Plat found and destroyed 5 bunkers. At 1030H vic XS253504 the plat captured a VC flag, and vic XS253505 it located and destroyed 15 bunkers with overhead cover. 3d Plat patrolled to the north of the road without incident. Both platoons closed on the co CP at 1055H. At 1440H the unit displaced its RON position to vic XS248498, closing at 1540H. During the night the co mounted 4 plat size ambush patrols with six PF personnel integrated into each. The bn also conducted a combined reconnaissance in force operation north of Hwy 4 with the 839 RF Co. At 0735H C/5-60 Inf (M) became OPCON of 2-39 Inf. This unit picked up the 839 RF Co vic XS368446 and moved with it into a blocking position vic XS313514 (in position 0843). The co's APC's screened the southern flank of the operation. C/2-39 departed FS/PB FELS at 0640H and crossed their LD vic XS286518 at 0800H, reconnoitering to the northeast against the mech co and RF co block. The operation was concluded without incident at 1050H. C/5-60 Inf (M) was released from OPCON, and the units returned to their bn CP's, closing FS/PB FELS at 1341H and FS/PB JAGER at 1123H respectively. The opn produced no contact or significant findings. During the hours of darkness C Co, 2-39 Inf secured FS/PB FELS. E Co conducted mine sweep of Hwy 4 from the eastern bn boundary to FS/PB FELS and conducted local patrolling and road patrols without incident. The co mounted three squad ambush patrols. C/3-17 Air Cav (OPCON of 2-39 Inf) conducted intensive aerial reconnaissance concentrated on southwestern AO CRACKERJACK. The troop made numerous sightings of enemy activity and field fortifications throughout the area (see 1st Bde SPHINX). At 1104H vic XS288473 the troop received fire from 4 bunkers and sighted and engaged several VC, killing two. There were no US casualties. At 1120H vic XS258472 the troop observed a large structure and killed 2 VC who had tried to take evasive action. At 1235H vic XS291520 4 VC were sighted and taken under fire with unknown results. At 1410H vic XS205478 the unit killed 2 VC with weapons as they attempted to evade pursuit. 2-60 Inf (-), with OPCON of Scout Plat, 2-47 Inf (M), continued night ambush and local security patrolling, secured Hwy 4 in eastern AO CRACKERJACK and provided security escort for DISCOM convoys between TAN AN and DONG TAM. Bn CP remained vic XS469481. Ambush patrols were completed without incident and closed on their co CP's by 0719H. A Co maintained its separate patrol base vic XS449483 and conducted Hwy 4

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mine sweep, local security patrols, and road patrolling in the eastern portion of the bn AO without incident. The unit's planned combined reconnaissance in force with the CHAU THANH RF Company could not be conducted due to a pre-emptive RF commitment. B Co maintained its separate patrol base vic XS407492 and conducted Hwy 4 mine sweep, local security patrols and road patrolling in the western portion of the bn AO without incident. (CHAU THANH census-taking team did not work, eliminating the requirement for the co to furnish a plat security force.) Scout Plat, 2-47 Inf (M) escorted a DISCOM convoy from DONG TAM to TAN AN (dept DONG TAM 0730H, ar TAN AN 0835H). At 1020H the plat departed TAN AN and escorted a convoy of POL tankers to DONG TAM, arriving at 1148H. After the tankers unloaded they were escorted back (dept DONG TAM 1315H, ar TAN AN 1430H). Returning from TAN AN, the platoon picked up an A/3-34 Arty convoy at TAN HIEP and escorted it to DONG TAM, arriving at 1605H. The bn mounted seven squad ambush patrols and one roving night patrol. 5-60 Inf (M) (-) continued to secure engr elements working along Hwy 4 in AO CRACKERJACK, secured Hwy 4 in central AO CRACKERJACK, secured FS/PB JAGER, conducted a MEDCAP, and conducted integrated US/PF night ambush patrols (4 VN per plat ambush patrol). Bn Hq's remained at FS/PB JAGER. Night ambush patrols were terminated without incident and closed on their co CP's by 0643H. A Co conducted Hwy 4 mine sweep in bn AO, secured engr elements working along the road and secured a bn MEDCAP at LONG DINH (vic XS379496). The co displaced to RON at FS/PB FELS, dropping off two integrated US/PF plat ambush patrols enroute. During the morning B Co returned from its RON at FS/PB FELS and secured FS/PB JAGER. The co mounted 1 plat night combat patrol which was terminated in a plat ambush along Hwy 4. C Co became OPCON of 2-39 Inf effective 0735H and participated in a combined US/RF reconnaissance in force operation, being released from OPCON upon closing back on FS/PB JAGER at 1123H. The unit secured FS/PB JAGER during the night. Scout Plat remained OPCON of 3d Bde. At 1015H vic XS437431 a  $\frac{1}{4}$  ton truck (1st Bde Hqs) returning to DONG TAM from FS/PB JAGER was ambushed by 2 VC firing AW, resulting in 1 US WIA (evac to 3d Surg Hosp) and damage to the vehicle.

22 March 1st Bde continued road and engr security, night ambush patrolling and convoy security and conducted reconnaissance in force operations along Hwy 4 with 2-39 Inf, 2-60 Inf (-), and 5-60 Inf (M) (-) and in close cooperation and coordination with RF and PF elements. 1st Bde continued its program of conducting combined operations with RF and PF units to bolster their confidence, experience and combat proficiency and also to enhance the effectiveness of current US operations. 2-39 Inf, with OPCON of C/3-17 Air Cav (AM), secured FS/PB FELS and conducted Hwy 4 security and night ambush operations and aerial reconnaissance in western AO CRACKERJACK. The bn patrolled Hwy 4, conducted a reconnaissance in force operation south of FS/PB FELS and conducted 2 MEDCAPS. Bn Hq's remained at FS/PB FELS. Ambushes were terminated without incident and closed on their CPs by 0637H. Effective 0730H the bn was relieved of the mission of being prepared to reinforce 3-47 Inf. The bn conducted two MEDCAPS at vic XS267500 (AM) and at vic XS290512 (PM). Co A secured FS/PB FELS and conducted Hwy 4 mine sweep and road patrolling without incident. At 1030H 3d Plat departed FS/PB FELS to reconnoiter vic XS276493 where dusters had observed enemy activity earlier in the morning. At 1145H vic XS274490 the plat found and destroyed 7 bunkers with overhead cover. Bunkers were in a woodline due south of FS/PB FELS. The plat closed back on the FS/PB at 1340H. 1st and 2d plats conducted local security patrols to the north and south respectively without incident. During the night the co secured FS/PB FELS. Co B conducted Hwy 4 mine sweep and road patrols in the western portion of the bn AO. At 0745H vic XS242500 1st plat found and destroyed 2 105mm dud arty rds. At 1105H from vic XS248505 the unit received ten rds of SA fire and returned fire. The area was swept without significant findings. There were no US casualties. VC casualties are unknown. Co B displaced its CP during the afternoon, closing to a new RON position vic XS246499 at 1633H. During the night the co mounted four squad ambushes and provided a US element for a PF plat ambush along Hwy 4. Co C conducted a reconnaissance in force south from

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FS/PB FELS. The co departed the FS/PB at 0735H and swept along the route XS276492 - XS272482 - XS277473 - XS283472 - XS281472 - XS295475 - XS298476 - XS FS/PB FELS. At 1015H vic XS277473 the unit received SA fire. 60mm mortars were fired into the area, and C/3-17 Air Cav reconnoitered and observed four persons running into woods. There were no US casualties. At 1057H vic XS281472 the co apprehended 1 detainee attempting to hide (evac to DONG TAM IPW). At 1128H vic XS295475 the unit found and destroyed one bunker. The co closed FS/PB FELS at 1331H. During the night the co assisted in securing the FS/PB and mounted 1 squad ambush. Co E conducted local patrols and Hwy 4 mine sweep without incident. At 0650H the co swept the area into which they fired at lights during the night without additional findings. The unit maintained its separate patrol base vic XS299501. Co E mounted 2 squad ambushes. C/3-17 Air Cav (OPCON of 2-39 Inf during AM) conducted overwatch of the bn AO. At 0905H vic XS274478 the troop drew AW fire from an estimated 5 AK-47's and other weapons and returned fire. There were no hits or US casualties. The area was reconnoitered without findings. VC casualties are unknown. 2-60 Inf (-), with OPCON of Scout Plat, 2-47 Inf (M) and OPCON of C/3-17 Air Cav (PM), continued night ambush and local patrolling, conducted aerial reconnaissance, secured Hwy 4 in eastern AO CRACKERJACK, exploited a contact established by a recon patrol, and provided security escort for DISCOM convoys between TAN AN and DONG TAM. Bn CP remained vic XS469481. Ambush patrols were completed without incident and closed on their co CP's by 0730H. Co A maintained its separate patrol base vic XS449483 and conducted Hwy 4 mine sweep, local security patrols, and road patrolling in the eastern portion of the bn AO. At 0703H vic XS454474 a Co A ambush patrol found 1 AK-47. At 0800H 2d and 3d plats departed the co CP and reconnoitered again in the area where the AK-47 was found. At 0847H vic XS454474 3d plat observed and engaged two VC attempting to flee, wounding one (evac to 3d Surg Hosp). One plat was dispatched to vic XS434466 to secure the census-taking team from CHAU THANH District. At 1222H 3d plat conducted an airmobile assault to LZ vic XS399513 to reinforce Co B which was in contact with a VC force. Co B maintained its separate patrol base vic XS407492 and conducted Hwy 4 mine sweep, local security patrols and road patrolling in the western portion of the bn AO. The co also maneuvered to exploit a contact established by one of its reconnaissance patrols. Hwy 4 mine sweep was completed without incident. At 0910H 2d plat departed the co CP and reconnoitered in the area without incident. At 1040H vic XS393500 3d plat established contact with an estimated VC squad. The remainder of Co B maneuvered to the site to exploit the contact and came under heavy AW fire vic XS407496. Organic mortars & LFT, C/3-17 Air Cav supported. VC managed to disengage, breaking contact at 1208H. VC casualties are unknown. There was one US WIA (dust off completed at 1215H). At 1226H vic XS399513 3d plat, Co A was inserted by air to reinforce Co B. At 1247H Co B found expended AK-47 and M-16 cartridges in the area. At 1325H vic XS395501 Co B re-established contact, receiving fire from the north. Gunships of C/3-17 Air Cav also drew fire over the area. Gunships and arty fire resulted in observed secondary explosions in the area, possibly caused by grenades or small amrs ammo. VC broke contact at 1330H. There were no US casualties. The area was swept without significant findings. VC casualties are unknown. One CH-39 took several hits from SA but returned to DONG TAM under its own power. Co B continued to reconnoiter the area but was unable to re-establish contact and returned to its RON position, closing at 1512H. Co C remained OPCON of 3d Bde. C/3-17 Air Cav (OPCON of 2-60 Inf (PM)) conducted aerial reconnaissance of the bn AO, supported Co B's contact, and continued its reconnaissance after contact was broken. At 1508H vic XS415505 the troop sighted 4 new bunkers and vic XS408504 sighted 8 more bunkers (4 L-shaped). Scout plat, 2-47 Inf (M) escorted a DISCOM convoy between DONG TAM & TAN AN without incident (dept DONG TAM 1000H, ar TAN AN 1305H). The bn maintained its two company RON positions and mounted 8 squad ambush patrols. 5-60 Inf (M) (-) continued to secure engr elements working along Hwy 4 in AO CRA-CKERJACK, secured Hwy 4 in central AO, secured FS/PB JAGER, conducted a reconnaissance in force south of Hwy 4, conducted a MEDCAP, and conducted integrated US/PF night ambush patrolling. Bn Hq's remained at FS/PB JAGER. At 0012H the FS/PB

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received approximately 34 rds of mortar fire (size unknown) from Vic XS357489. Counter-mortar concentrations and dusters were fired with unknown effect. There were no US casualties. VC casualties are unknown. Night ambush patrols were terminated without incident and closed on their co CP's by 0640H. Co A returned to FS/PB JAGER from its RON at FS/PB FELS, closing at 0715H. The unit conducted Hwy 4 mine sweep in bn AO, secured engr elements working along the road and secured a bn MEDCAP at LONG DINH(vic XS379496) without incident. The co secured FS/PB JAGER during the night. At 0816H the bn reported that H&I fired from FS/PB JAGER into area vic XS398542 destroyed 1 bunker and damaged another. Co B swept the suspected position from which the VC had mortared the FS/PB and found mortar release bands vic XS357489. The unit then conducted a reconnaissance in force south of Hwy 4. The 839 RF Co was unable to participate as planned. At 0900H the unit crossed its LD vic XS367483 and began its sweep to the east. At 0942H vic XS373485 the unit apprehended four detainees (two later released as innocent civilians and 2 evac to DONG TAN IPW). At the same loc the unit found a complex of 25 bunkers in a circular configuration (to be destroyed later) and some training grenades (mud dried on sticks). At vic XS370486 the unit reported finding some "danger zones" posted with signs warning civilians to stay out and also some commo wire (possibly an old base camp). The unit completed its sweep at 1105H, reaching vic XS374484 and returned to FS/PB JAGER, closing at 1130H. The co conducted 1 plat size night cp, bat patrol terminating in 4 squad ambushes. Co C secured FS/PB JAGER and assisted in securing engr elements working along Hwy 4. During the night the unit conducted 2 plat size night ambush patrols and integrated an element into a PF plat size ambush along Hwy 4 near the FS/PB.

23 March: 1st Bde continued road and engr security, night ambush patrolling and convoy security and conducted reconnaissance in force operations along Hwy 4 with 2-39 Inf, 2-60 Inf (-), and 5-60 Inf (M) (-) in close cooperation and coordination with RF and PF elements. 1st Bde continued its program of conducting combined operations with RF and PF units to bolster their confidence, experience and combat proficiency and also to enhance the effectiveness of current US operations. The 2-39 Inf, with OPCON of Trp C, 3-5 Cav, continued road/engr security, mine sweep and recon in force opns and extensive night ambush patrols in the western portion of AO CRACKERJACK. The Bn CP, with Co's A and C as security, remained at FS/PB FELS (Btry A, 1-11th Arty). Co A swept the road for mines to the east and west of FS/PB FELS with negative results. The Co conducted an AML assault into an LZ north of Hwy 4 (XS266520) commencing at 1009H and closing at 1023H. Following a sweep to the south the Co was extracted AML back to the CP, closing at 1108H. Co B maintained its CP west of FS/PB FELS at XS267498 and swept Hwy 4 for mines west to Cai Lay. At 0800H, the Co conducted a recon in force opn north from their CP to XS250510 and then southwest toward a block set up by the 842 RF Co (Cai Lay District). At 0827H, vic XS249517, 3 VC carrying weapons were spotted and taken under fire. The VC fled to the northwest and a search of the area proved negative. At 0903H, vic XS243521, the Co found and destroyed 30 bunkers (w/OHC 3'x2'x2') estimated to be 6 months old. The operation was completed and the Co returned to their RON location at 1155H. Co C secured elements of the 15 Engr Bn during sub-surface upgrading of Hwy 4. Co E maintained its CP at the junction of Hwy's 4 and 11 and swept the road for mines west toward FS/PB FELS. At 1005H, vic XS290535, the 2-39 Inf Command group, supported by Trp D, 3-5 Cav observed a VN male standing in front of a hooch with his hands up. The man was extracted AML and evacuated to Dong Tam for questioning. The 5-60 (M) (-), with OPCON of Trp C, 3-17 Cav, continued road/engr security, mine sweep and recon in force opns and extensive night ambush patrols in the central portion of AO CRACKERJACK. Co's A and B, in close coordination and cooperation with the 839 RF Co, conducted a recon in force opn south of Hwy 4. At 0815H Co A conducted an AML assault into an LZ at XS315475, linked up with the 839 RF Co, and conducted a sweep northeast toward a block set up by Co B vic XS333479. Co B moved to their blocking position AML at 0850H. While establishing their block, Co B found and destroyed 40 bunkers and a camouflaged hut vic XS334481. As Co A and the 839 RF Co swept northeast, Co A found and destroyed 3 old bunkers at 1020H, vic XS325475 and 2 bunkers with 2½' OHC vic XS327475. At 1145H vic XS335475, Co B found and evacuated a cache consisting of 2 RPD MG clips, 2 RPD ammo pouches, 1 pineapple grenade, 5 large bandages 2 ponchos, 6 rds of MG ammo, 3 bottles of peroxide and assorted items of clothing. The operation was concluded with the extraction of Co's A and B back to the Bn CP at 1215H. At 1650H, vic XS435462 a Co B APC, returning to Dong Tam, hit a command

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detonated mine and received SA fire resulting in 3 WIA. Dust off was completed at 1723H. One APC was disabled. At 1825H, vic XS320501 a Co A ambush patrol engaged 3 VC. During pursuit of the VC to the west, heavy SA and AW fire was received from the woodline south of the road. Arty supported and the fire ceased at 1900H. There were no US casualties. The 2-60 (-) continued road/engr security, mine sweep and recon in force ops, and extensive night ambush patrols in the eastern portion of AO CRACKERJACK. The Bn CP remained co-located with the Chau Thanh district advisor at XS471478. Co A maintained its CP south of Hwy 4 at 451482 and conducted mine sweep ops, local patrolling and extensive night ambushes. Co B maintained its CP north of Hwy 4 at XS407495 and conducted mine sweep ops. During a security patrol around the Co location, 2 detainees were apprehended at 0755H, vic XS394490. The detainees were evacuated to Dong Tam. The Co CP received an estimated 10 - 15 rds of sniper fire from the northwest at 1324H. Fire was returned with 81mm mortar and SA fire with unknown results. Recon Plat, 2-47 (M) remained OPCON to 2-60 (-) and secured elements of the 86 Engr Bn working on Hwy 4 in the 2-60 Inf AO. Trp C, 3-17 Cav was OPCON to the 5-60 (M) (-). During overwatch of the 5-60 (M) (-) recon in force operation the troop spotted 2 VC at 1010H, vic XS340465. The VC ran into a hooch and Trp C dropped CS in the area. There were no further sightings in this area. At 1327H, vic XS301530 the troop spotted 1 hooch and 3 fighting positions. WP grenades were dropped, destroying the hooch. Trp C, 3-5 Cav was OPCON to the 2-39 Inf. During overwatch of the 2-39 Inf AO the troop spotted 2 individuals digging a bunker at 1315H, vic XS283477. The individuals were taken under fire and fled north into a woodline resulting in 2 bunkers destroyed and 1 sampan sunk. The ARP was inserted in the area with negative results. They were extracted at 1500H and returned to Dong Tam. At 1342H vic XS263540 a gunship received fire from an unknown size force. Fire was returned with unknown results.

24 March: The 1st Bde continued road and engr security, reconnaissance, night ambush patrolling and convoy security along Hwy 4 with 2-39 Inf (-), 2-60 Inf (-), and 5-60 Inf (M) (-) and in close cooperation with RF and PF elements. 1st Bde continued its program of conducting combined operations with RF and PF units to bolster their confidence, experience and combat proficiency and also to enhance the effectiveness of current US operations. The 2-39 Inf continued reconnaissance and Hwy 4 security and mine sweep missions and conducted integrated US/PF night ambush patrols in the western portion of AO CRACKERJACK. The battalion CP, with Co's A and C as security, remained at FS/PB FELS (Btry A, 1-11th Arty). Ambushes were terminated without incident and closed their CP's by 0651H. In addition to other activities, the battalion engaged in intensive company level training in general military subjects during the day. Co A swept the road for mines to the east and west of FS/PB FELS with negative results. Co A also secured FS/PB FELS and conducted local patrolling. At 1638H south of the FS/PB battalion elements test firing weapons were engaged by 2 VC with AK-47's and returned fire with M-79's and 81mm mortars. VC broke contact immediately. Three US WIA resulted (dust off completed at 1715H). VC casualties are unknown, however a Co A element sweeping the area of contact discovered a blood trail. The patrol reconnoitered west from FS/PB FELS, south to vic XS273490 and then back to the FS/PB, closing at 1840H. The blood trail led to a canal bank and disappeared. During the night Co A mounted one squad size ambush and assisted in securing the FS/PB. Co B conducted local reconnaissance patrols. At 1250H vic XS267514 a Co B patrol discovered eight 155mm dud arty rounds and six 105mm dud arty rounds within the perimeter wire of a PF OP. PF personnel could not satisfactorily explain the presence of the duds (to be destroyed by EOD personnel). At 1500H Co B displaced and established a new RON patrol base vic XS253499, closing at 1517H. During the night Co B mounted four squad size ambushes and provided a three man increment for a PF platoon size ambush. Co C assisted in securing FS/PB FELS and conducted local patrolling. During the night Co C assisted in securing FS/PB FELS and mounted one squad size ambush. Co E assisted in conducting mine sweeps and securing engineer elements and mounted local patrols without incident. Co E RON patrol base remained located vic XS298499. During the night Co E con-

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ducted two squad size ambushes. The 2-60 (-) continued Hwy 4 mine sweep and security and local patrolling and conducted intensive night ambush patrolling in the eastern portion of AO CRACKERJACK. The Bn CP remained co-located with the CHAU THANH District advisor at XS471478. Co A maintained its CP south of Hwy 4 vic XS451482 and conducted Hwy 4 mine sweep and local patrolling with out incident. During the night Co A mounted three squad size ambushes. Co B maintained its CP north of Hwy 4 vic XS407495 and conducted Hwy 4 mine sweep and local patrolling without incident. During the night Co B mounted three squad size ambushes. At 0003H vic XS414505 Recon Plt's ambush patrol sighted and engaged fifteen VC moving in the open in a group. 81mm mortars fired into the area, and a LFT reconnoitered the area by fire (on station at 0033H). VC fled the area with unknown casualties. There were no US casualties. At 0822H the platoon assisted by elements of Co B swept the area with no significant findings. During the day Recon Plt conducted local patrolling. The platoon conducted a platoon size night ambush. Scout Plt, 2-47 escorted a DISCOM convoy from Dong Tam to Tan An without incident (dept Dong Tam 0822H, ar. Tan An 0925H). The platoon also mounted one squad size night ambush patrol. The 5-60 (M) (-) continued road and engineer security and Hwy 4 mine sweep and conducted intensive night ambush patrols integrated with PF elements in the central portion of AO CRACKERJACK. The battalion also conducted a Medcap and, in cooperation with NPFF personnel, secured a vehicle inspection point. Ambushes were terminated without incident and closed in their CP's by 0642H. Co A secured elements of the 15th Engineer Bn and assisted in Hwy 4 mine sweep and patrolling without incident. At 1703H, 1st Plt departed FS/PB FELS and returned without incident. The company secured FS/PB JAGER during the night. Co B secured FS/PB JAGER during the day and secured a battalion Medcap conducted vic XS327498. During the night the company conducted one platoon size combat/ambush patrol north of Hwy 4. Co C secured elements of 1-84 Arty displacing to the west of Cai Lay and assisted in Hwy 4 mine sweep and patrolling with out incident. The unit, in coordination and cooperation with NPFF personnel, conducted a vehicle check and search point vic XS354498 without incident from 1729H to 1830H. During the night the company conducted two platoon size ambush patrols north of Hwy 4 with one PF squad integrated into each. Scout Plt remained OPCON of 3rd Bde.

25 March: The 2-39 continued engr/road security/mine sweep opns and extensive night ambush patrolling in the western portion of AO CRACKERJACK and conducted a 3 Co strike opn, in close coordination and cooperation with a CIDG Co from My Phuoc Tay Special Forces Camp, in AO HATCHET. Troop D, 3-5 Cav remained OPCON to the Bn during daylight hours in support of the strike opn. Commencing at 0820H, Co's A, B and C conducted AML assaults into LZ's (A - XS283532, B - XS264558, C - XS865545) in AO HATCHET, closing at 0929H. From the LZ's, Co's A & C swept west and Co B swept southwest. At 0915H, vic XS264558 Co B observed 1 VC running west. He was engaged with SA with unknown results. At 0920H, vic XS264558 gunship covering Co B's movement off the LZ received SA fire, however, the LZ itself remained cold. At 0930H, vic XS275555 Co B made contact with a small VC force. SA and AW fires were exchanged resulting in 2 VC KIA (BC) and 3 weapons captured (1 cal 30 M-1 carbine, 1 Chicom carbine, 1 unidentifiable rifle). There were no US casualties. Co C, continuing their sweep west from the LZ at 1000H, vic XS267548, found a cache containing 20 22 lb shaped-charges, 18 60mm mortar rds, 3 B-40 rds, 3 boxes flashlight batteries, 18 25 lb Chicom claymores with stands, 27 40 lb cratering charges, 200 feet of assorted fuze and 7 boxes of C-4 (75 sticks per box). The contents of the cache were evacuated to FS/PB FELS for further evacuation to Dong Tam. At 1003H, vic XS264554 Co B detained 2 male civilians without ID cards. They were evacuated for further questioning. Commencing at 1026H, a CIDG Co from My Phuoc Tay SF Camp conducted an AML assault into an LZ vic XS264541, and established a blocking position oriented to the east closing at 1059H. As the AML Co was lifting out of the LZ they received an unknown amount of SA fire causing damage to a UH-1D and wounding the pilot. The aircraft was able to return to Dong Tam without further incident.

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26 March: The 1st Bde continued road and engr security mine sweeping opns and extensive ambush patrols and completed a recon in force opn along Hwy 4 with TF 2-39th Inf, 5-60th Inf (M) (-) and 2-60th Inf (-). TF 2-39th Inf with OPCON of Co A/3-47th Inf continued road and engr security, mine sweep opns, extensive night ambush patrols and completed a recon in force opn in AO HACHET. At 260800H vic XS267543 Co B and C departed their Ron location and began a sweep to the northwest. At 261000H vic XS255530 S3 2-39th Inf, overwatching the Co B and C opns in an OH-23, spotted 4 VC with weapons. The VC engaged the OH-23 with SA and fire was returned with M-79 fire with unknown results. At 261202H vic XS255542, Co B found a bunker complex consisting of 2 mortar positions and 1 cal 50 position. A small amount of documents were found in the area and were evacuated to Dong Tam. The bunkers and positions were destroyed. At 261330H vic XS263555 Co C and B, while sweeping south through the area of yesterdays contacts, discovered 15 VC KIA (BC). A report was also received from the MY PHOOC TAY Special Forces Camp (US C-2 rating), that 25 VC WIA were evac to the west from that area sometime early on 26 March. At 261713H Co B closed its Ron location on Hwy 4 at XS254499. Co C closed FSB FEIS at 261724H. Co a/3-47 Inf w re released from OPCON of 2-39th Inf at 261439H and completed their AML move back to Dong Tam from FSB FEIS at 261599H. The Bn staged 1 platoon size AP with PF at XS246499 and 4 squad size AP's at XS295495, XS299593, XS281490 and XS269506. The 2-60th Inf continued road and engr security mine sweeps, estensive night ambush patrols and local daylight patrols along Hwy 4 in the eastern portion of AO CRACKERJACK. At 260520H, vic XS400485 a Co B AP received sporadic sniper fire. 81mm mortars and SA were fired at the suspected location with unknown results. There were no US casual ties. At 260915H vic XS438483, Recon Plt 2-47th Inf (-) (M) while sweeping an area of light contact the night before recovered 2 VC KIA and wallet containing ID cards. The wallet was evac to Dong Tam for further evaluation. At 261330H Co C arrived at the 2-60th Inf CP to replace Co B. Co B moved back to Tan Tru by convoy closing at 261500H. The Recon Plt 2-47th Inf (M) remained OPCON to the 2-60th Inf. The platoon escorted a convoy from Dong Tam departing at 260748H and closing at Tan An at 261015H. A two-part convoy was escorted back from Tan An closing at FSB HESSIAN at 261145H and Dong Tam at 261500H. The Bn staged 8 squad size AP's at XS419476, XS524720, XS429498, XS449494, XS434497, XS429498, XS417495, and XS422505. The 5-60th Mech Inf continued road and engr security, mine sweep opns and extensive ambush patrolling along Hwy 4 in the central prortion of AO CRACKERJACK. At 261910H vic XS335515, Co B made contact with an unknown size VC force. SA and AW was exchanged and arty and mortars supported. At 262015H vic XS323522 Co B while conducting a sweep of the contact area captured one VC PW (WL). The PW was evacuated to Dong Tam for questioning by JPW. Planned Co B AP's were consolidated and a Co size AP was staged at XS330522. Other activities: The 1st Bde CP departing Dong Tam at 261430H moved by convoy to FSB JAGER closing at 261615H.

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At 1023H, vic XS255558, Trp D/3-5 Cav, conducting a VR west of the 2-39 Inf opn spotted 1 VC entering a bunker. He was engaged with AW and rockets with unknown results. At 1136H, vic XS262542, the CIDG Co, occupying its blocking position received SA and AW fire from the south and west resulting in 2 WIA (CIDG). Fire was returned with SA, AW and gunships supported with unknown results. At 1150H vic XS262556 Co B found 8 bunkers (3'x2'x3' w/1' OHC) which appeared to be about 1 month old. The bunkers were destroyed. At 1130H, vic XS270537, Co A, continuing their sweep to the west from the LZ, found and destroyed 25 bunkers 4'x3'x2' w/2' OHC). At 1201H, vic XS263555, Co B, further searching to the south of their LZ, found and destroyed 50 bunkers (3'x2'x3'). The total of 50 bunkers contained both fighting and protective type. At 1200H, vic XS254545, 2 gunships from Trp D/3-5 Cav were hit by SA and AW fire from the ground. The UH-1D radios and rotar blades were damaged, but both aircraft returned to Dong Tam without further incident. At 1343H, vic XS262543, the CIDG Co block came under SA and mortar fire from the southwest. Fire was returned with SA and AW and arty and a LFT supported. The contact resulted in 5 WIA CIDG (2 dusted off). At 1430H, vic XS254547 2 UH-1D aircraft supporting 2-39 Inf opns with CS drops (E-158's) took SA hits from the ground. The aircraft were able to return to Dong Tam without incident. Co A completed its sweep and was extracted (PZ - XS267538) AML back to FS/PB FELS commencing at 1618H and closing at 1639H. At 1650H, vic XS264541, the CIDG Co, in their blocking position, received an unknown number of B-40 rocket rounds resulting in 5 WIA (2 US advisors, 3 CIDG). The CIDG Co were extracted AML from their blocking position (XS262543) commencing at 1733H and closing into the My Phuoc Tay SF Camp at 1748H. At 1658H, vic XS267547, Co B observed 1 VC fleeing to the southwest. Gunships engaging the target drew SA and AW fire. Fire was returned by Co B. The contact resulted in 1 US KIA. VC losses are unknown. Co A, 3-47 Inf was placed OPCON to 2-39 Inf at 1750H. The Co conducted an AML move from Dong Tam to FS/PB FELS commencing at 1847H and closing at 1905H. The co assisted Co A, 2-39 Inf in security of FS/PB FELS. Co's B and C remained in AO HATCHET and established a joint RON at XS266536. At 1250H, vic XS295514, Co E, conducting local patrolling separate from the Bn strike opn, found and destroyed 9 bunkers and an interconnecting trench system. At 1300H, vic XS295514 1 detainee with incorrect ID card was apprehended. At 1816H, the Co E CP, vic XS298500 received 6 rds of 82mm mortar fire. Counter-mortar fires were returned with unknown results. There were no US casualties. Co E conducted 2 squad size ambush patrols at XS297494 and XS-300495. The 5-60 Inf (M) (-) continued engr/road security/mine sweep opns and extensive night ambush patrolling in the central portion of AO CRACKERJACK. At 0730H, vic XS334501, Co B found a mine fuze with lead wires adjacent to a small mud and straw roadblock. The fuze was blown in place and the roadblock destroyed. A second log and mud roadblock was also destroyed 15 meters to the west of the mine fuze. The Bn conducted 3 plat size ambushes at XS323502, XS319502 and XS-313501. A plat of PF troops were integrated with the 3 patrols further reinforced the RF/FF upgrading effort in AO CRACKERJACK. The 2-60 Inf (-) continued engr/road security/mine sweep opns and extensive night ambush patrolling in the eastern portion of AO CRACKERJACK. At 1800H, vic XS446468, Co A found a Bn size base camp consisting of 60-100 bunkers and several heavy weapons positions. Arty was called in on the position with unknown results. A platoon of PF from Chau Thanh district were attached to Co A, 2-60 Inf effective 251000H Mar 68. They will remain attached for a week of training. An 81mm mortar training team from 2-60Inf is presently co-located at Tam Hiep (XS432508) with the 1-11 ARVN for purposes of training their crews. Recon Plat, 2-47 Inf (M) remained OPCON to 2-60 Inf (-) and escorted a convoy of 100 vehicles from Tan An, departing at 1115H, to Dong Tam, closing at 1400H. An additional 30 vehicles were added at Dong Tam and the convoy proceeded to FS/PB HESSIAN without incident. The Bn conducted 7 squad size ambushes located at XS395500, XS424488, XS431473, XS-436496, XS448493, and XS438485.

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27 March: 1st Bde continued road and engineer security, reconnaissance, night ambush patrolling and convoy security along Hwy 4 with 2-39 Inf, 2-60 Inf (-), and 5-60 Inf (M) (-) and in close coordination and cooperation with RF and PF elements. 1st Bde continued its program of conducting combined operations with RF and PF units to bolster their confidence, experience and combat proficiency and also to enhance the effectiveness of current US operations. The 2-39 Inf secured FS/PB FELS and conducted Hwy 4 security, night ambushes and reconnaissance in force in western AO CRACKERJACK. The bn also conducted a MEDCAP. At 0218H mortars and arty were fired into area vic XS288492 where radar located at Co E RON position had indicated presence of approximately 200 VC. Bn CP remained located at FS/PB FELS. Ambushes were terminated without incident, and patrols closed their CP's by 0700H. Co A conducted a reconnaissance in force to the south of Hwy 4 and through the area into which the mortars and arty were fired. The unit departed FS/PB FELS at 0700H and reconnoitered initially to the southeast (XS282491 - XS285485 - XS283487 - XS287487 - XS293485). At 0828H vic XS285485 Co A received two rds of sniper fire from nearby tree line. The unit returned fire, maneuvered and swept the area without significant findings. There were no US casualties. VC casualties are unknown. At 0850H vic XS283487 Co A found a grave with wires leading from it and dug it up, discovering and destroying a dud 155mm arty round. At 1025H vic XS293485 Co A engaged VC occupying a tunnel complex. VC returned fire. Contact was terminated at 1038H. Results of encounter were 1 US WIA (dust off completed at 1128H), 2 VC KIA (BC), 3 VC POW (2 WIA) (evac to Dong Tam IPW), and 1 BAR captured. The unit remained in the area to complete the destruction of the tunnel complex and then continued its reconnaissance, changing direction to the southwest (XS290483 - XS278479) and destroying 37 bunkers enroute. At 1257H vic XS278479, while approximately 50m from a downed observation helicopter it was advancing to secure, Co A established contact with five VC. Gunships supported. There were no US casualties. VC casualties are unknown. The unit secured the ship until it was extracted at 1420H and also swept west along the nearby stream to vic XS273479. At 1500H vic XS273477 the unit found an unidentified weapon apparently of Russian origin (evac to Dong Tam IPW). The co was then extracted from PZ vic XS274275 and returned to FS/PB FELS by air (1st lift off 1542H, 2d lift down 1558H). During the night Co A assisted in the defense of FS/PB FELS. Co B conducted mine sweep and patrolling of Hwy 4 and reconnoitered to the south of its CP. 2d and 3d plats conducted road sweep without incident. 1st Plat departed company CP at 0905H and proceeded south. At 0945H vic XS256488 the plat found and destroyed 1 L-shaped bunker. At 1004H vic XS267490 the platoon engaged six VC to the south who returned fire with SA. VC broke contact at 1023H, and the area was swept without significant findings. There were no US casualties. VC casualties are unknown. 1st Plat completed its patrol without further incident, closing Co B CP at 1146H. During the night Co B maintained its CP at vic XS247500 and mounted 2 squad night ambushes. The co also provided a US increment to an integrated US/PF plat ambush staged near its CP. Co C assisted in securing engr elements working along Hwy 4 without incident. During the afternoon the unit conducted an airmobile assault south of Hwy 4 and reconnoitered northeast to link up with Co A near the downed helicopter. LZ was vic XS265467 (1st lift off 1246H, 2d lift down 1305H). Near the LZ the unit received SA fire from a sniper located to southwest but did not experience any casualties. Fire was returned. VC casualties are unknown. The co continued its reconnaissance (XS269473 - XS-273475). At 1455H vic XS273475 Co C apprehended 2 detainees (an AK-47 rd was found in their hut) (evac to Dong Tam IPW). At 1500H vic XS237435 a booby-trap was detonated by the unit, resulting in 1 WIA (dust off completed at 1525H). The co was then extracted from PZ vic XS274475 and returned to FS/PB FELS by air (1st lift off 1558H, last lift down 1604H). During the night Co C assisted in securing FS/PB FELS. Co E maintained its separate patrol base vic XS299499, conducted Hwy 4 mine sweep and patrolling without incident, and mounted 2 squad night ambushes. At 1915H FS/PB FELS received 4 rds of 82mm mortar fire resulting in 2 KIA and 3 WIA (1-11 Arty) and 1 WIA (A/15 Engr Bn). Dust offs were completed at 2040H. (5 WIA from 2-39 Inf did not require dust off.) At 1935H 2 more rds

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of 81mm mortar fire were received, and at 1955H 2 additional rds were received. No casualties resulted from these attacks. The 2-60 Inf (-), with OPCON Scout Plat, 2-47 Inf (M), continued to maintain co-sized patrol bases along Hwy 4 (Co A at vic XS452480 & Co C at vic XS407491) and conducted Hwy 4 security, night ambushes and local patrolling in eastern AO without incident. Bn CP remained located vic XS471477. Ambushes were terminated without incident, and patrols closed on their CP's by 0728H. Co A and Co C conducted local security patrolling, mine sweeping and road patrolling. At 0905H a plat from Co C engaged in Hwy 4 mine sweep located two blood trails running from vic XS386495 to XS421490 but was unable to locate any bodies or other significant finds. During the night Co A conducted two squad ambushes and one squad-sized night combat patrol. At 2400H Co A apprehended 2 detainees near the co CP (to be evac to Dong Tam). Co C conducted three squad ambushes. Co B remained OPCON of 3d Bde. Scout Plat, 2-47 Inf (M) secured the bn CP and performed maintenance on their equipment. During the night the plat mounted one squad ambush. The bn's Recon Plat conducted a platoon-size ambush, also. The 5-60 Inf (M) (-) secured FS/PB JAGER and conducted Hwy 4 security, night ambush patrolling and reconnaissance in control AO CRACKERJACK. The bn also secured engr elements throughout the AO and provided escort for a DISCOM convoy. Bn CP remained located at FS/PB JAGER. Ambushes were terminated, and patrols closed on their CP's by 0730H. Co A secured engineers along the highway without incident. During the night the unit assisted in securing FS/PB JAGER. Co B conducted Hwy 4 mine sweep and road patrolling without incident. 2d Plat also escorted a 3-47 Inf convoy from Dong Tam to Vinh Kim without incident (dept Dong Tam 1420H). During the night Co B assisted in securing FS/PB JAGER. Co C assisted in securing the FS/PB during the day and escorted DISCOM and 15 Engr Bn convoys without incident. 1st Plat secured a DISCOM convoy between Dong Tam and Tan An (dept Dong Tam 1420H). During the night Co B assisted in securing FS/PB JAGER. Co C assisted in securing the FS/PB during the day and escorted DISCOM and 15 Engr Bn convoys without incident. 1st Plat secured a DISCOM convoy between Dong Tam and Tan An (dept Dong Tam 0830H, ar Tan An 1008H). 2d Plat escorted a 15 Engr Bn convoy between Dong Tam and Cai Lay (dept Dong Tam 0845H). Co C prepared for combined US/PF night operations by conducting an airmobile assault with a PF plat from FS/PB JAGER to LZ vic XS324489 (completed at 1637H). The unit then reconnoitered north and established a RON position vic XS322497. At 1710H enroute at vic XS324492 the unit detonated a booby-trap resulting in 1 US KIA, 1 PF KIA and 1 US WIA (dust off complete at 1745H). After dark the co mounted 3 combined US/PF plat ambushes along Hwy 4. At 1900H FS/PB JAGER was fired upon with three rds of 60mm mortar from vic XS358474. All rounds impacted outside the perimeter. There were no casualties. C/7-1 Air Cav conducted VR of AO CRACKERJACK and adjacent environs. At 0944H vic XS357555 the troop fired on one man in camouflaged uniform in a bunker with unknown results. At 1020H vic XS373512 the troop received AW fire with unknown results. The ships took no hits, and there were no US casualties. At 1053H vic XS315565 the troop fired on a bunker complex with unknown effect. The troop became OPCON of 2-39 Inf effective 1130H and supported that bn's recon in force south of Hwy 4. At 1215H vic XS278479 1 LOH was downed by AK-47 fire. One crew member received a gunshot wound. A/2-39 Inf occupied the site and secured the craft until its extraction (completed at 1420H).

28 March: 1st Bde continued road and engineer security, reconnaissance, night ambush patrolling, convoy security and airmobile assaults with 2-60 Inf (-), and 5-60 Inf (M) (-) and in close coordination and cooperation with RF/PF elements and 1-11 ARVN Bn. 1st Bde continued its program of conducting combined operations with RF and PF units to bolster their confidence, experience and combat proficiency and also to enhance the effectiveness of current US operations. The 2-39 Inf secured FS/PB FELS and conducted Hwy 4 security, night ambushes and reconnaissance in force in northwest portion of AO HATCHET. The bn also conducted a MEDCAP. The bn CP remained at FS/PB FELS. Ambushes were terminated

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without incident and closed their CP's by 0700H. A Co conducted airmobile assault from PZ loc FS/PB FELS into LZ loc vic XS275567. The first lift was at 0806H and the last lift touched down 0826H. The LZ was reported to be cold. The co conducted reconnaissance in force south to PZ located vic XS268532 without contact. The co was extracted at 1446H. Co B conducted airmobile assault from PZ located vic XS249498 into LZ located vic XS265565. The co conducted a coordinated recon in force operation with Co's A & C to the south without making enemy contact. Co C was extracted at 1426H from PZ located vic XS-265534 into RON position located vic XS253501. Co C conducted airmobile assault from PZ located vic FS/PB FELS into LZ located vic XS268563. The LZ was cold. The co conducted coordinated reconnaissance in force with A & B 2-39 Inf. At 1250H vic XS422503 element found and destroyed ten bunkers (3-5 man size); also found ten bunkers at same location which will be destroyed at a later date. At 1240H vic XS263540 element found an 8" Howitzer dud. EOD team will destroy. At 1438H Co C was lifted from PZ loc vic XS265534 into LZ vic FS/PB FELS. Co E conducted local road sweep patrols east and west of RON position located XS-297498. At 1521H, vic XS297498 element detained one VN who acted suspicious and did not possess ID card. He was evacuated to Dong Tam for further interrogation. Co E, 3-47 Inf was airmobiled from Dong Tam to FS/PB FELS at 0756H, at which time the co became OPCON to 2-39 Inf. The co secured FS/PB FELS and conducted a plat size road sweep patrol west to Cai Lay and returned to its FS/PB at 1300H without incident. The co was released OPCON from 2-39 Inf and airmobiled back to Dong Tam, closing at 1530H. The 2-60 Inf (-), with OPCON Scout Plat 2-47 Inf (M), continued to maintain co size patrol bases along Hwy 4 (Co A at vic XS452480 & Co C at vic XS407491) and conducted Hwy 4 security, night ambushes and local patrolling in eastern AO CRACKERJACK, and conducted a combined reconnaissance in force operation with the 1-11 ARVN Bn. Ambushes were terminated at 0750H and closed CP's without incident. Co A conducted morning sweeps east and west of co position. In addition, the co conducted local patrolling. At 1612H vic XS452464 the element detonated 2 grenade booby traps resulting in 4 US WIA. All required dust off which was completed at 1630H. At 1650H vic XS452464 the element observed 2 VC emplacing booby traps. One was captured inside a bunker. The VC suspect was evacuated to Dong Tam for interrogation. At 2005H vic XS450468 an ambush patrol departing for night location, detonated 1 grenade booby trap resulting in 3 US WIA. All required dust off, which was completed at 2033H. Co C conducted a combined reconnaissance in force operation with the 1-11 ARVN Bn. The 1-11 ARVN established a blocking position vic XS-416516 to XS426503. Co C conducted a sweep into the block without contact. The sweep was completed at 1100H. At 1101H, while the 1-11 ARVN was moving from blocking position, they received an unknown number of SA rounds. Fire was returned and a sweep of the area was made with negative results. Co C returned to Co CP at 1155H. The recon plat, 2-47 Inf (M) escorted logistical convoy from Tan An to Dong Tam, closing 2-60 Inf CP at 1410H, without incident. The 5-60 Inf (M) (-) secured FS/PB JAGER and conducted Hwy 4 security, night ambush patrolling, secured engr work parties and conducted one co air assault. Bn CP remained located at FS/PB JAGER. Ambushes were terminated, and patrols closed on their CP's by 0730H. Co A conducted local security patrolling, mine sweeping and road patrols in the morning. At 1320H Co A conducted airmobile assault into LZ loc vic XS386475. LZ was reported cold. The co swept to obj loc vic XS387476. At 1510H vic XS381469 element found 5 bunkers (1 man). The bunkers were destroyed. The co was picked up by APC's and returned to FS/PB JAGER at 1535H. Co B secured engr work parties upgrading Hwy 4; also secured FS/PB JAGER. Co C secured FS/PB JAGER in the morning and secured 15 and 86 Engr work parties upgrading Hwy 4 in the afternoon. There were no incidents reported during the day.

29 March: 1st Bde continued road and engineer security, reconnaissance, night ambush patrolling, convoy security and airmobile assaults with 2-39 Inf, 2-60 Inf (-), and 5-60 Inf (M) (-) and in close coordination and cooperation

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with RF/PF elements from Dinh Tuong Province. 1st Bde continued its program of conducting combined operations with RF and PF units to bolster their confidence, experience and combat proficiency and also to enhance the effectiveness of current US operations. The 2-39 Inf continued road/engineer security, mine sweep, extensive night ambush operations, and recon in force operations southeast of Cai Lay. At 0715H, Co B began a sweep south from their RON (XS-253502) toward a block set up by the 842nd RF Co located at XS234470. At 0740H, vic XS253485, Co B found a grave containing 1 body. The grave was not new and the age or cause of the individual could not be determined. At 0755H, vic XS-249483, the Co made contact with an estimated squad. SA and AW were exchanged and the VC withdrew to the south with unknown results. A piece of VC map was found and eva to Dong Tam for evaluation. Co B sustained 2 WIA, dusted off at 0905H. Trp C, 7-1 Cav became OPCON to 2-39 Inf at 0830H and began overwatch of an area vic XS252472 where 100 VC were reported dug in. The UH-1D (slicks) from C Trp, 7-1 Cav were utilized to lift Co A, 2-39 Inf into an LZ vic XS250-471, closing at 1030H. The company swept the reported VC area with negative finds. At 1035H, vic XS250462, the gunships covering Co A's insertion received fire from an estimated 5-6 VC. The VC were engaged with unknown results. At 1115H, vic XS275515, 2 detainees were apprehended by C Trp, 7-1 Cav. One of the detainees was WIA. Both were evacuated to Dong Tam for questioning. At 1212H, vic XS256463, 3 VC were spotted and engaged resulting in 2 VC (KIA) (poss). As Co A continued its sweep north from the LZ, at 1410H, vic XS246477, found 16 105mm Howitzer and 1 155mm Howitzer duds. All were destroyed in place and the lot number reported to Divarty for further investigation. Co A completed their sweep and was extracted AML back to FS/PB FELS at 1520H. Co B moved back on foot, closing their RON at 1600H. At 1710H, vic XS250504, Co B made contact with a small VC force to the north of their RON. An ARVN convoy entered the area and was also taken under fire. Fire was returned with SA, AW and arty and the VC withdrew to the north. There were no US or ARVN casualties. The 2-39 Inf staged 8 squad size AP's at XS294490, XS294498, XS273488, XS275505, XS257507, XS254501, XS248503 and XS247499. They also staged 1 plat size AP combined with PF at XS-253493. The 2-60 Inf (-) continued road/engr security/mine sweep opns, staged extensive night ambush patrols, escorted DISCOM convoys and conducted a recon in force operation. At 0844H, vic XS398490, Co C received a small amount of SA and AW fire while completing their road sweep. Fire was returned and the area swept with negative results. Co C departed their RON (XS410494) at 1106H and moved west on Hwy 4 to the Long Dinh bridge and then north for a recon in force opn. At 1122H, vic XS389509, the co made contact with a small VC force. AW and SA were exchanged and arty fired in support. A sweep of the area proved negative. At 1415H, vic XS389506 Co C, continuing its sweep to the east, found and destroyed 45 bunkers. The Co closed their CP at 1600H without further incident. The Recon plat, 2-60 Inf (-), conducting recon in force opns to the west of Co C, found and destroyed 20 3 man bunkers at 1650H, vic XS402506. Recon Plat, 2-47 Inf (M) remained OPCON to 2-60 Inf (-) and escorted a DISCOM convoy from Tan An (departed 1230H) to Dong Tam (closed 1514H). The bn staged 7 squad size AP's, two of which are combined with PF. The squad size AP's are located at XS399502, XS413475, XS424497, XS439494, XS439494, XS459487, XS453471, and XS-457467. The bn also staged 1 plat size AP at XS431495. The 5-60 Inf (M) (-) continued road/engr security/mine sweep opns, extensive night opns, and conducted a rapid reaction blocking operation in support of 2nd Bde opns. At 1145H, 5-60 Inf (M) (-) moved elements of Co's A and B into a block between XS292510 and XS-330514 as the 2nd Bde swept south. The My Tho Armed Propaganda Tho Armed Propaganda Team was employed with the Co A & B elements for PSYOP and interrogation purposes. At 1400H, vic XS297508, while Co's A & B were withdrawing from their block back to FS/PB JAGER, Co B made contact with an estimated 30-40 VC. SA and AW fires were exchanged and a LPT supported. The VC withdrew to the east and a sweep of the area proved negative. There were no US casualties. At 1425H, vic XS307510, Co A found and destroyed 11 bunkers with 1½' OHC. Co A and Co B apprehended 2 detainees during their return to FS/PB JAGER. The Co's closed FS/PB

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JAGER at 1530H and the detainees were evacuated to Dong Tam. The Bn staged 3 plat size AP's at XS318502, XS325501 and XS335502.

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security, Hwy 4 mine sweep and extensive night ambush patrolling. The on also conducted reconnaissance in force with OPCON of C/3-47th Inf, Battalion CP remained at FS/PB JAGER. Ambushes were terminated without incident and closed into the FS/PB by 0749H. Co. A conducted a combined reconnaissance in force with the 839th RF Co. in an AO extension to the south. The unit departed FS/PB JAGER at 0940H, dismounted vic XS353475 and reconnoitered to the southwest (XS353475 - XS347468). At 1246H vic XS346474 the company found and destroyed 25 bunkers, 30 punji pits and 3 structures. The sweep was terminated at 1405H without further incident, and Co. A returned to FS/PB JAGER. Enroute vic 345477 at 1445H the unit discovered and explored a grave site without significant findings. During the night the company mounted six squad size US/PF integrated ambushes. At 1930H vic XS340500 one ambush engaged a VC force of unknown size. Arty and mortars supported. VC broke contact at 2015H, and the area was swept. There were no US casualties. VC casualties are unknown. Co. B was on strip alert during the morning to exploit any contact developed by Co. A but was not committed. Co. C conducted Hwy 4 mine sweep and secured engr. elements without incident. At 1545H Co. B and Co. C departed FS/PB JAGER and conducted a reconnaissance in force to the south to check a reported VC mortar position vic XS-367485. Co B set up a block south of the objective vic XS367485. Co B set up a block south of the objective vic XS366481, while Co C swept the area. There was no contact or significant findings. Scout Plat remained OPCON of 3d Bde. C/3-47 Inf, OPCON of 5-60 Inf (M), assisted in Co A's reconnaissance without incident by establishing a block vic XS256454 facing north (in position 0845H, released 1310H). The 839 RF Co also assisted in Co A's operation by establishing a block vic XS354466. At 0940H the unit received several rds of SA fire but did not incur any casualties. During the course of the operation the co apprehended a total of 32 detainees and discovered a 105mm dud arty round.

31 March: 1st Bde continued road and engr security, reconnaissance, night ambush patrolling, convoy security and combined recon in force operations with 2-39 Inf, 2-60 Inf (-), and 5-60 Inf (M) (-) and in close coordination and cooperation with RF/PF elements from Dinh Tuong Province. 1st Bde continued its program of conducting combined operations with RF and PF units to bolster their confidence, experience and combat proficiency and also to enhance the effectiveness of current US operations. The 2-39 Inf continued road/engr/mine sweep opns, extensive night ambush patrols and recon in force opns (AML) in the western portion of AO. At 1110H, Co C conducted an AML assault from FS/PB FELS to an LZ vic XS275536. The Co conducted a recon in force opn to the south without incident closing FS/PB FELS at 1720H. Co A conducted a recon in force opn north of FS/PB FELS. At 1304H, vic XS278508 the Co apprehended 2 detainees who were evacuated to Dong Tam for further interrogation. At 1330H, vic XS278499, the 2-39 Inf CP received 6-10 rds of 60mm mortar fire. All rds landed to the north of the CP in the vic of an engineer work party on Hwy 4. There were no casualties. No damage. The 2-39 Inf staged 11 squad size AP's at XS243503, XS244500, XS257500, XS262499, XS275494, XS278510, XS279505, XS293497, XS297495, and XS-300497. They also supplied a LNO party for a PF platoon. size AP at XS254504. The AP at XS279516 is a stay behind-mobile-counter mortar patrol. The 2-60 Inf (-) continued road/engr/mine sweep and security opsn, extensive night ambush patrolling, and AML recon in force opns. At 1350H, Co's A, C, and the Recon plat conducted AML assaults into and LZ vic XS399518. Sporadic fire was encountered on the LZ and fire was returned, resulting in 1 VC POW WIA and a captured M-1 rifle. Co's A, C and the Recon plat were extracted AML back to the their CP's, closing at 1730H. The 2-60 Inf (-) staged 8 squad size AP's at XS392505, XS413506, XS411483, XS425476, XS448468, XS443477, XS447487, and XS454493. The 5-60 Inf (M) (-) continued road/engr/mine sweep and security opns,

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extensive night ambush patrolling and track mounted/AML recon in force opns. (Delayed entry: The contact made by Co A vic XS340500 at 1930H resulted in 2 detainees who were both evacuated to Dong Tam for interrogation.) At 0730H, Co C departed FS/PB JAGER to conduct a recon in force opn to the south. At 0950H, vic XS332495, the co found and destroyed 19 bunkers (1 man type). Moving farther to the southwest the co made contact with an estimated reinforced squad. The contact was supported by Trp C, 7-1st Cav and TAC Air. Co A conducted an AML assault into an LZ vic XS349476 at 1455H to reinforce. The contact resulted in 3 VC KIA (BC), 3 POW's (1 WIA) and 1 SKS rifle. The 5-60 Inf (M) (-) staged 6 squad size AP's at XS321502, XS325503, XS332503, XS340504, and XS34505. A platoon of PF was integrated with these 6 patrols.

1 April: 1st Bde continued road and engineer security, night ambush patrolling, convoy security and reconnaissance in force operations with 2-39 Inf, 2-60 Inf (-), and 5-60 Inf (M) (-) and in close coordination and cooperation with RF/PF elements from Ding Tuong Province. 1st Bde continued its program of conducting combined operations with RF and PF units to bolster their confidence, experience and combat proficiency and also to enhance the effectiveness of current US operations. 2-39 Inf continued operations in the western portion of AO. The bn CP remained at FS/PB FELS. Ambushes were terminated without incident and closed on their CP's by 0645H. During the day the bn conducted security and reconnaissance operations. Co A conducted a patrol to the south out of FS/PB FELS (XS290490 - XS283488 - XS284484 - XS283482 - XS273489 - XS286483 - FS/PB FELS). The co departed at 0738H. At 0830H vic XS283488 Co A received SA & AW fire from an estimated 6 to 8 VC and returned fire. VC broke contact at 0838H. The area was swept without significant findings. VC losses are unknown. There was one slight US WIA (dust off not required). At 1301H vic XS286483 the unit found and destroyed 21 bunkers. Co A closed into FS/PB FELS at 1345H. Co B conducted Hwy 4 mine sweep and local patrolling without incident. The unit maintained its separate RON position vic XS298498. Co C secured FS/PB FELS and patrolled Hwy 4 without incident. Co E maintained its separate patrol base and conducted Hwy 4 mine sweep and local patrolling without incident. The co also secured 2 bn MEDCAPS, one at its RON position vic XS298498 and one vic XS265500. During the night the bn mounted nine squad ambushes, participated in one integrated US/PF platoon ambush and conducted one squad size night combat patrol. 2-60 Inf continued operations in the eastern portion of AO CRACKERJACK. The bn CP remained located vic XS471476. Ambushes were terminated without incident and closed on their CP's by 0710H. During the day the bn conducted security and reconnaissance operations. Co A and Co C conducted Hwy 4 mine sweep without incident. The bn then conducted a reconnaissance in force in an AO extension to the south of AO CRACKERJACK (AO FLOP) with elements of Co A, Co C and the Recon Plt. Co A (-) conducted an air-mobile assault into LZ vic XS366475 (touch down 1035H) and searched the area without contact or significant findings. At 1103H Co A was extracted and conducted an airmobile assault into LZ vic XS364471 (touch down 1115H). At 1133H vic XS-363476 Co A apprehended one detainee hiding under a log (evac to Dong Tam IPW). Co C conducted an airmobile assault into LZ vic XS359463 (touch down 1049H). Co B reconnoitered to the north without incident. Recon Plt. conducted an airmobile assault into LZ vic XS350465 (touch down 1100H) and reconnoitered the area without incident. The units were later extracted and reinserted to search for VC units and a cache reported to be located in the AO extension. Recon Plt was extracted from PZ vic XS350465 at 1345H and was reinserted at 1349H vic XS353452. Co A was extracted from PZ vic XS361475 at 1359H and was reinserted at 1411H vic XS345471. Co C was extracted from PZ vic XS356464 at 1458H and was reinserted at 1510H vic XS342440. At 1500H vic LZ XS342440 the unit apprehended one detainee (evac to Dong Tam IPW). At 1546H vic XS352442 Co C fired on a lone VC with unknown results. Co A was extracted from PZ vic XS346471 at 1515H and was reinserted at 1529H vic XS337439. Recon Plt was extracted from PZ vic XS346471 at 1540H and was reinserted at 1543H vic XS311438. At 1622H vic XS313442 Recon Plt found and destroyed a VC base camp and miscellaneous camp utensils. The units were then extracted back to their company bases along Hwy 4 (1st lift off 1654H, 5th lift down 1735H). Scout Plt 2-47 (M) escorted two DISCOM convoys from Tan An to Dong Tam (dpt Tan An 1345H, ar Dong Tam 1548H, dpt Tan An 1445H, ar Dong Tam 1750H). At 1050H vic XS473550

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the first escort found a US vehicle (unit unidentified) and two serious US WIA, called in a dust-off and secured them until it was completed. The 5-60 Inf (M) continued operations in the central portion of AO CRACKERJACK. The battalion CP remained at FS/PB JAGER. Ambushes were terminated without incident. During the day the battalion conducted security operations. Co A and Co B secured FS/PF JAGER and conducted Hwy 4 mine sweep without incident. At 1645H Co A departed FS/PB JAGER and conducted a reconnaissance in force just south of Hwy 4 prior to posting night ambush patrols. At 1815H vic XS340498 the unit found and explored 15 new graves with no significant findings. Co C provided security for engineer elements working along Hwy 4 without incident. During the night the Bn mounted 6 squad ambushes, one platoon night combat/ambush patrol, and one platoon night combat patrol. At 2000H a report was received from Dinh Tuong Province Advisor that at 311900H Mar civilians had brought in one VC corpse found in the area of Co C's contact on that date (one VC KIA). C/7-1 Air Cav (OPCON of 1st Bde) conducted overwatch of AO CRACKERJACK and supported the reconnaissance in force of 2-60 Inf. At 1624H vic XS319432 and vic XS332447 ships of the troop drew SA fire but did not receive any hits (altitude: 1500' and speed: 60 knots).

2 April: The 1st Bde continued road and engineer security, night ambush patrolling, convoy security and reconnaissance in force operations with 2-39, 2-60, 5-60 (M) (-) and in close coordination and cooperation with RF/PF elements from Dinh Tuong Province. 1st Bde continued its program of conducting combined operations with RF and PF units to bolster their confidence, experience and combat proficiency and also to enhance the effectiveness of current US operations. The 2-39 continued engr/road/mine sweep security, extensive night ambush patrolling and both ground and AML recon in force in AO CRACKERJACK. Co E conducted recon in force opns to the northwest of their CP location to XS282518 with negative results. In response to an intelligence report (US rating B2) of enemy activity at XS309520 Co C was inserted AML at 1143H, vic XS313522 and conducted a recon force opn to the east of the LZ. At 1207H, vic XS318519 the LFT (Gunslingers) supporting the 128th AHC (Tomahawks) spotted a VC force in the cpeh. The VC were engaged by the LFT and Co C followed up with an aggressive assault. A very effective and well coordinated sweep by Co C and the 128th AHC's LFT was conducted using both ground and air power to their best advantage. Co A was inserted AML to reinforce at 1418H, vic XS330523. One Plat of Co A were extracted and further inserted to the north at 1446H, vic XS338539, in response to further visual sighting. Sporadic contact was maintained until the extractions began at 1735H resulting in 12 VC KIA (BC), 6 POW-3 WIA, 1 detainee and 6 weapons captured (2 AK-47's, 1 Springfield 306, 1 SKS carbine, 1 rifle not yet identified and 1 9mm French pistol). Co's C and A closed back into FS/PB FELS at 1744H and the AML assets were released. Co B conducted a recon in force opn to the south of their CP on Hwy 4. At 1809H, vic XS250485 they made contact with an estimated VC plat. SA and AW fires were exchanged and the VC withdrew resulting in 1 US WIA. The WIA individual returned to FS/PB FELS on foot and was dusted - off at 1942H. In the course of their opn Co B found and destroyed 3 bunkers, 2 spring type mines and 3 grenades. The 5-60 Inf (M) (-) continued their primary mission of engr security, swept Hwy 4 for mines and conducted limited recon in force opns with one incident reported. At 1400H vic XS010450, Co B while escorting engr work parties, engaged an unknown size VC force with SA and Cal 50 MG fire. A sweep of the area revealed 3 VC KIA (BC). There were no US casualties. The 2-60 Inf (-) staged multiple squad size night ambushes, conducted road sweep and engr security and recon in force opns. At 0053H vic XS418490, Co C sprang an ambush on 5 VC. Arty supported and the area was swept immediately revealing 1 bunker. There were no US casualties. At 0958H vic XS410495, Co C in the course of conducting local patrols, received some sporadic SA fire from the northeast. Further coordination revealed that an ARVN unit had a short contact with a small VC force in that direction. The action resulted in one slight US WIA (not dusted off).

3 April: The 1st Bde continued road and engineer security, night ambush patrolling, convoy security and reconnaissance in force operations with 2-39, 2-60 (-) and 5-60 (M) (-) and in close coordination and cooperation with RF/PF elements from Dinh Tuong Province. The 2-39 continued road and engineer security

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extensive night ambush patrolling and both ground and AML reconnaissance in force in AO CRACKERJACK. The battalion CP remained at FS/PB Fels. Ambushes were terminated without incident and closed into their CP's. Co A conducted Hwy 4 mine sweep and road patrolling without incident. Co B sent out a patrol to reconnoiter the area of their ambush patrols contact (at 021809H vic XS250485) and discovered two blood trails. During the afternoon Co B conducted an airmobile reconnaissance in force north of Hwy 4 supported by the 190th Assault Helicopter Co. At 1223H the unit assaulted LZ vic XS288530 and reconnoitered the area. At 1255H vic XS287530 Co B apprehended eleven detainees including two wounded women (dusted off) and captured one PW (armed), two SKS carbines, a radio (US civilian), approximately 60 rds of SKS ammo and assorted documents. At 1300H in the same area the unit discovered the body of one VC killed by gunships. At 1319H the company assaulted LZ vic XS295513. At 1315H enroute the company retrieved a second VC body killed by gunships at vic XS294512. At 1345H vic XS294515 the company apprehended another detainee. At 1400H vic XS290515 gunships killed a third VC (body count confirmed by infantry). At 1605H Co B assaulted into LZ vic XS296528 and continued its reconnaissance. At 1554H Co A assaulted into LZ vic XS298527 to reinforce Co B. At 1710H vic XS289529 Co A recovered a fourth VC body killed by gunships. Co A was extracted and returned by air to FS/PB Fels, closing at 1725H. Co B was extracted and returned to its RON position by air, closing at 1702H. Co E conducted Hwy 4 mine sweep without incident and conducted local patrolling around its RON patrol base. During the night the battalion mounted 13 squad size ambush patrols. Co B's RON position remained located vic XS249499 and Co E's RON position remained located vic XS298498. The 2-60 Inf continued road and engineer security, extensive night ambush patrolling and reconnaissance in force operations. The Battalion CP remained loc vic XS471476. Co A and C both conducted Hwy 4 mine sweep without incident and then conducted separate reconnaissance in force operations. Co A departed its base at 0835H and reconnoitered the area to the northeast (468507 - 469506). At 1150H the unit completed its sweep without incident and returned to its base. Co B remained OPCON of 3rd Bde. Co C departed its base at 0817H and reconnoitered to the southwest (XS389481 - XS390484 - XS402482). At 1150H vic XS407480 the company apprehended two detainees. Co C completed its sweep and returned to its base closing at 1233H. During the night the battalion mounted eight squad size ambush patrols. The 5-60 (M) Inf continued road and engineer security and extensive night ambush patrolling. The battalion CP remained at FS/PB Jager. Ambushes were terminated without incident and closed on their CP's. Co A secured the FS/PB and conducted Hwy 4 mine sweep. Co B secured engineer elements along Hwy 4 without incident. Co C provided security escort for Discom convoys between Dong Tam and Tan An (dept Dong Tam 0745H, ar. Tan An 0915H, dept Tan An 1245H, ar Dong Tam 1330H). During the night the battalion conducted three platoon combat patrols, two of them terminating in a total of four squad ambushes.

4 April: The 1st Bde continued road and engineer security, night ambush patrolling, convoy security and reconnaissance in force operations with 2-39, 2-60 (-), and 5-60 (M) (-) and in close coordination and cooperation with RF/PF elements from Dinh Tuong Province. The 2-39 Inf continued engr/road/mine sweep security opns, extensive night AP opns and AML and foot recon in force opns in the western portion of AO CRACKERJACK. Co B conducted a plat size recon in force opn to the northwest of their Co CP. At 1058H, vic XS251505 the plat received one round of sniper fire. Fire was returned and the area swept with negative results. Co C was inserted AML into an LZ vic XS277515 at 1505H and conducted recon in force opns vicinity of the LZ with negative results. At 1631H, they were extracted and reinserted vic XS247530. At 1724H, vic XS242513 the Co found 50 concrete and brick bunkers (5 man type). The 2-39 Inf plans to return to the area at a later time to destroy the bunkers. At 1726H, vic XS237514 the gunships covering Co C's insertion spotted and killed one VC (KBA). At 1750H vic XS241514 Co C made contact with an estimated 4 VC. SA and AW fires were exchanged resulting in 1 US WIA (dust off at 1754H). A further sweep of the area revealed 3 VC (BC) (2 KBA, 1 KIA by SA), 1 POW, 1 detainee, 1 M1 carbine and 358,000 piasters. It is believed that the POW or one of the KIA's is a paymaster for a Bn size VC unit. The POW, the detainee and the 358,000 piasters

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were evacuated to Dong Tam for evaluation. Having completed their sweep, the Co was extracted AML back to the CP, closing at 1817H. Co E continued local patrolling and conducted a joint opn with the My Tho Armed Propaganda Team (APT) via XS289515 with negative results. At 1920H, vic XS297498 a Co E AP received 20 rds of AK-47 fire. Firse was returned and a sweep of the area produced 2 detainees. The detainees were evacuated to FS/PB Fels and will be evacuated with the POW's captured by Co C. An elderly man approached the Co E position and identified the 2 detainees as VC and the ones who had done the shooting. He was evacuated to Dong Tam with the detainees for positive identification. The 2-60 Inf continued engr/road/mine sweep opns, extensive night ambush patrolling and local recon in force opns with one incident. At 2203H vic XS396487 a Co C AP apprehended one detainee with improper identification. The detainee was evacuated to the 2-60 CP for further evacuation to Dong Tam IPW. The 5-60 (M) (-) Inf continued engr/road/mine sweep security opns, extensive night ambush patrolling and local recon in force opns. At 1502H vic XS330495, Co A apprehended 2 female and 2 male detainees. The detainees were lingering around a hut containing various items of VC propaganda and adjacent to 12 punji pits. The detainees were evacuated to Dong Tam for further evaluation.

5 April: The 1st Bde continued road and engineer security, night ambush patrolling and reconnaissance in force operations with the 2-39, 2-60 (-) and 5-60 (M) (-) Inf in close coordination and cooperation with RF/PF elements from Dinh Tuong Province. 1st Bde continued its program of conducting combine operations with RF and PF units to bolster their confidence, experience and combat proficiency and also to enhance the effectiveness of current US operations. The 2-39 continued operations in the western portion of AO CRACKERJACK. The battalion conducted engineer and Hwy 4 security, extensive night ambushing and reconnaissance in force operations. The battalion CP remained at FS/PB Fels.

DELAYED ENTRIES: The VC KIA from yesterday's contact initially believed to be a paymaster has now been tentatively identified as a hight ranking NVA officer. At 042235H one round of 60mm mortar fire impacted approximately 100 meters south of FS/PB Fels but caused no US casualties. Ambushes were terminated without incident. Co A secured F/PB Fels and conducted Hwy 4 mine sweep and road patrolling without incident. Co B and C participated in a combined reconnaissance in force with the 842d RF Co. At 0735H the 842d RF Co took up a blocking position on the eastern boundary of AO CRACKERJACK vic XS228516, facing east. Co B and C moved from their CP's by foot at 0620H, moved to LD (XS250515 to XS251524), and then swept west against the RF block. Co B: XS248509 - XS245513 - XS237515 - XS232514 XS227517. Co C: XS252510 - XS238522 - XS242522 - XS234518 - XS228517. At 0820H vic XS238522 Co C received approximately 15 round of AW fire, but VC immediately broke contact. There were no US casualties. The sweep was completed at 1140H without further incident, and the units returned to their CP's, closing 1203H and 1245H respectively. Co C also destroyed the 50 VC bunkers found yesterday vic

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XS242513. Co E conducted Hwy 4 mine sweep and road patrolling without incident. At 1250 Co E became OPCON of 5-60 Inf to participate in an airmobile reconnaissance in force operation. The unit was released from OPCON effective at 1710H. During the night the bn mounted eleven squad ambushes (including three roving patrols). Co B RON position remained located vic XS256498. Co E RON position remained located vic XS298498. No integrated US/PF ambushes were conducted. Instead, for the first time, PF personnel conducted four independent squad size ambushes within supporting distances of US ambushes, as 1st Bde's program reached another stage in preparing RF/PF elements for eventual assumption of the Hwy 4 security mission. 2-60 Inf continued operations in the eastern portion of AO CRACKERJACK. The bn conducted engineer and Hwy 4 security, extensive night ambushing and reconnaissance in force operations. The bn CP remained located vic XS471476. Ambushes were terminated without incident and closed on their CP's. Co A and Co C conducted Hwy 4 mine sweep, road patrolling and local security patrols without incident and conducted reconnaissance in force operations during the afternoon. Co A departed its CP and reconnoitered to the southeast. At 1525H vic XS465468 Co A found and destroyed two booby-trapped pineapple grenades. At 1601H vic XS465468 the unit detonated a booby-trapped US grenade, resulting in four US WIA (dust off completed at 1621H). At 1845H vic XS420481, while closing on their CP, the co was fired upon by approximately two VC SA's. VC broke contact at 1858H. Counter-mortar concentrations were fired with unknown results. A sweep of the area of contact resulted in the apprehension of three detainees. Co C departed its CP at 1320H and reconnoitered to the northeast. At 1350H vic XS405510 the unit made contact with a VC force of unknown size which engaged it with several AW's. Arty supported. VC broke contact at 1420H. There were three US WIA from a detonated booby trap (dust off completed at 1420H). Four VN civilians wounded by US arty were also dusted off (completed at 1505H). The co swept on to vic XS420506, completing its reconnaissance at 1526H and returning to its CP. During the night the bn mounted 8 squad ambushes. 5-60 Inf (M) continued operations in the central portion of AO CRACKERJACK. The bn conducted engineer and Hwy 4 security, extensive night ambush patrolling and reconnaissance in force operations. The bn CP remained at FS/PB JAGER. Co A secured elements of the 86 Engr Bn working along Hwy 4 and provided personnel to work on the new bn FS/PB under construction vic XS330497. Co B secured FS/PB JAGER and conducted Hwy 4 mine sweep and road patrols without incident. During the afternoon at 1458H the co assaulted into LZ XS312515 and reconnoitered the area. The unit was extracted then assaulted into LZ XS310523 at 1502H. At 1523H E/2-39 Inf (OPCON of 5-60 Inf) assaulted into LZ XS308523 to support Co B. At 1600H vic XS305528 three VC were killed (EC), one PW captured, one detainee apprehended and a 9mm pistol captured. Co E was released from OPCON effective at 1710H and returned to its CP position. Co B returned to FS/PB JAGER by foot, closing at 1750H. During the night the bn mounted four squad ambushes and conducted one integrated US/PF platoon size night combat patrol.

6 April: 1st Bde continued road and engineer security, night ambush patrolling and recon in force operations with 2-39 Inf, 2-60 Inf (M), and 5-60 Inf (M) and in close coordination and cooperation with RF/PF elements from Ding Truc Province. 1st Bde continued its program of conducting combined operations with RF and PF units to bolster their confidence, experience and combat proficiency and also to enhance the effectiveness of current US operations. The 2-39 Inf continued operations in the western portion of AO CRACKERJACK. The bn conducted an AML assault with Co's A, B & C into 2 LZ's (AB - XS312425, C - XS306426) closing at 1030H. The Co's conducted RIF opns to the SE and SW from their LZ's with Co's B & C making sporadic contact assisted by a LRR. At 1400H, vic XS308-427 the sweep resulted in 3 VC KIA (EC), 6 VC KBA (BO), 3 POW's, 1 AK-50, 1 mtr sight w/case and 30 lbs of clothing and documents. The bn sustained 1 KIA and 1 WIA. The sweep was completed at 1630H. Co's B and C were extracted AML back to their CP at 1725H and 1640H respectively. Co A remained at XS308425 for the night staging multiple ambushes. At 1330H, vic XS228504 a vehicle from Bn HQ received an unk amnt of AW fire from the north of the road leading to Cai Lay.

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There were no damages or injuries. The 2-60 Inf (-) continued opns in the eastern portion of AO CRACKERJACK without incident. Recon plat, 2-47 Inf (M) was released from OPCON of 2-60 Inf (-) at 1035H and commenced a road march back to Bearcat. Co B relieved Co C in place at 1415H. Co C returned to Tan Tru. The 5-60 Inf (M) (-) continued opns in the central portion of AO CRACKERJACK without incident. The Recon Plat (+) relieved Co B in place at 1145H. Co B returned to Binh Phuoc.

7 April: 1st Bde continued road and engineer security, night ambush patrolling and reconnaissance in force operations with 2-39 Inf, 2-60 Inf (-), and 5-60 Inf (M) (-) and in close coordination and cooperation with RF/PF elements from Dinh Tuong Province. 1st Bde continued its program of conducting combined operations with RF and PF units to bolster their confidence, experience and combat proficiency and also to enhance the effectiveness of current US operations. The 2-39 Inf continued operations in the western portion of AO CRACKERJACK. The bn concluded its reconnaissance in force south of AO CRACKERJACK and conducted security operations. Bn CP remained at FS/PB FELS. Co A conducted further recon vic of its RON position, vic XS308425, without contact or significant results. At 0956H vic XS330409 the unit was picked up by naval troop carriers and transported to Dong Tam, arriving at 1020H. The co was later returned to FS/PB FELS from Dong Tam by air, closing at 1533H. An element of the co which had remained at FS/PB FELS apprehended two detainees at 0735H vic XS276504. Co B & Co C conducted Hwy 4 mine sweep and security patrolling without incident. Co E conducted Hwy 4 mine sweep and road patrolling without incident. The co also conducted a combat patrol south of Hwy 4. At 0730H vic XS290490 the patrol received small arms fire and returned fire with organic weapons. Co E reinforced the patrol, and VC withdrew to the southwest. At 0755H the reinforced patrol re-established contact with an estimated 5-6 VC. VC broke contact at 0805H. VC losses are unknown. There was 1 US WIA (dust off completed at 0830H). The patrol returned to Co E CP at 1000H. At 1400H a survey party from 1-11 Arty working at the new bn FS/PB vic XS266506 received and returned SA fire. There were no US casualties. VC casualties are unknown. During the night the bn mounted nine squad ambushes and one integrated US/PF platoon ambush. The 2-60 Inf (-) continued operations in the eastern portion of AO CRACKERJACK. Bn CP remained located vic XS471476. Co A remained OPCON of 3d Bde. Co B and Co C conducted local reconnaissance patrolling and Hwy 4 mine sweep without contact. At 1730H vic XS407486 Co C apprehended one detainee. During the night the bn mounted seven squad ambushes. The 5-60 Inf (M) (-) continued operations in the central portion of AO CRACKERJACK. The bn continued engineer and Hwy 4 security operations. Bn CP remained at FS/PB JAGER. Co A secured engineer elements and conducted local patrolling. At 1030H vic XS326497 a patrol apprehended one detainee. At 1054H vic XS327494 the patrol found two booby-trapped M-26 grenades and destroyed them in place. Co B remained OPCON of 3d Bde. Co C secured engineer elements working along Hwy 4, worked on the new bn FS/PB and escorted a DISCOM convoy from Tan An to Dong Tam without incident. Scout Plat conducted Hwy 4 minesweep and secured FS/PB JAGER without incident. During the night the bn mounted four squad ambushes. At 2010H vic XS301508 one patrol enroute to its first ambush site received sporadic sniper fire but incurred no casualties. At 1115H vic XS305435 an airstrike directed by the Bde FAC destroyed three structures and damaged two structures and two entrenchments.

8 April: 1st Bde continued road and engineer security, night ambush patrolling and recon in force operations with 2-39 Inf, 2-60 Inf (-), and 5060 Inf (M) (-) and in close coordination and cooperation with RF/PF elements from Dinh Tuong Province. 1st Bde continued its program of conducting combined operations with RF and PF units to bolster their confidence, experience and combat proficiency and also to enhance the effectiveness of current US operations. The 2-39 Inf continued operations in the western portion of AO CRACKERJACK. Ambushes were terminated without contact or incident and closed their CP's. The bn conducted recon in force and security operations. Co A became OPCON to 2-60 Inf effective

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1025H and participated in an airmobile recon in force opn. The co was released from OPCON and was returned to FS/PB FELS by air at 1240H. Co B conducted Hwy 4 mine sweep and local patrolling without incident. Co C and Recon Plat, Co E conducted an assault into LZ vic XS323430 at 1357H and reconnoitered the area. At 1430H vic XS320433 the force captured 2 PW's and a P38 pistol. The reconnaissance was concluded without further incident. Co C remained in the area overnight vic XS326422, and conducted ambushes/aquabushes. At 2105H vic XS326437 one ambush patrol established contact with a VC force of unknown size, killing one VC (BC). There was one slight US WIA (dust off not required). Recon plat, Co E was extracted and returned to FS/PB FELS by air, closing at 1806H. Co E conducted Hwy 4 mine sweep and local patrolling. At 0845H the Co E CP received SA fire and two mortar rds from the south vic XS292491. There were no US casualties. Fire was returned. VC casualties are unknown, but some VN personnel happened into the area of contact. One was killed, and two were wounded. During the night the bn conducted 11 squad ambushes. The 2-60 Inf (-) continued operations in the eastern portion of AO CRACKERJACK. Bn CP remained located vic XS471476. Ambushes were terminated without contact or incident and closed into their CP's. The bn conducted an airmobile recon in force and continued security operations. Co B and Co C conducted Hwy 4 mine sweep and local security patrolling without incident. The bn reconnaissance in force began with airmobile assaults by Co B and Co C into LZ's XS369538 at 0827H and XS368545 at 0932. At 1025H A/2-39 became OPCON of 2-60 Inf and conducted an airmobile assault into LZ XS365535 at that time. Recon Plat, 2-60 Inf assaulted into LZ XS354532 at 1107H. At 0846H vic XS368539 Co B established contact with an unknown sized VC force. Results of the action were two VC KIA (BC), one VC PW, 3 detainees, one captured SKS carbine and one captured AK-47. There were no US casualties. At 0955H vic XS-379537 Co B found 1 US M1 carbine, 38 cratering charges, several hundred rds CHICOM SA ammo, 1 case of blasting caps, 200 rds AK-47 ammo, 1 bangalore torpedo, assorted documents and personal effects and some medical supplies. Gunships supporting the co also apprehended one detainee attempting to flee the area. At 1000H vic XS366545 Co C apprehended 1 detainee and found and destroyed 6 bunkers. At 1100H vic XS367735 Co C captured 1 120mm mortar with bipod, 6- 57mm recoilless rifle rds, 40 RPG rds, 50 grenades, 14,000 7.62 SA rds, 1 82mm mortar rd, 600 lbs TNT, 50 bangalore torpedos, 28 fuze devices, 72 mines and misc medical supplies including hypodermic needles, penicillin, etc. and found one VC (BC) (KIA). The bn concluded its recon without further incident. A/2-39 was released from OPCON and was air lifted to FS/PB FELS, closing at 1240H. The units of the 2-60 Inf were extracted and returned by air to their CP's, closing at 1654H. During the night the bn conducted 7 squad ambushes. The 5-60 Inf (M) continued operations in the central portion of AO. Bn CP remained at FS/PB JAGER. Ambushes were terminated without contact or incident and closed into their CP's. The bn conducted security operations. Co A secured FS/PB JAGER and escorted 2 DISCOM convoys between Tan An and Dong Tam without incident. Co B remained OPCON of 3d Bde. Co C conducted Hwy 4 mine sweep and escorted elements of the 86 Engr Bn along Hwy 4 without incident and worked on the new bn FS/PB. At 1410H vic XS-326495 a patrol sent out in response to an informant who stated that VC were in the area, apprehended one detainee and sighted two VC who were able to escape. Scout Plat escorted elements of the 15 Engr Bn without incident. During the night the bn conducted two platoon ambushes.

9 April: 1st Bde continued road and engineer security, night ambush patrolling and reconnaissance in force operations with 2-39 Inf, 2-60 Inf (-), and 5-60 Inf (M) (-) and in close coordination and cooperation with RF/PF elements from Ding Tuong Province. 1st Bde continued its program of conducting combined operations with RF and PF units to bolster their confidence, experience and combat proficiency and also to enhance the effectiveness of current US operations. The 2-39 Inf continued operations in the western portion of AO CRACKERJACK. At 090100H in its RON position (vic XS326422) Co C was probed from all sides by whistling, blowing of whistles, shouting, sporadic AW and SA fire. Defensive arty concentrations were fired in support of Co C. VC ceased firing at 0200H. There were no US casualties. VC casualties unknown. All other ambushes were

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terminated without incident and closed into their CP's. The bn conducted recon in force and security operations. Co A conducted recon in force south of Hwy 4. At 0843H Co A received SA fire from vic XS285484. VC broke contact immediately after Co A returned fire. 1 US WIA (dust off completed at 0927H). VC casualties unknown. Co A swept the area, picking up 3 detainees vic XS284482 at 0945H. Co A continued recon in force (XS280477 - XS284483 - XS281479 - XS-278490), closing at FS/PB FELS at 1207H. Co B conducted engineer security and Hwy 4 mine sweep patrols. Co C was picked up by boats at 1215H, closing at Dong Tam at 1346H, and closing FS/PB FELS at 1730H. At 1600H 2-39 Inf responded to destruction of a 5 ton truck w/trailer destroyed by command detonated mine on Hwy 4 vic XS307499. Two US WIA (dust off completed 1615H). Wires were found running south of road. Explosion of mine on road created crater 12-15' in diameter, 8' deep. At 1910H 2-39 responded to an explosion on Hwy 4 400 meters east of FS/PB FELS. Explosion caused 25% damage to Hwy 4. At 1912H 2-39 Inf responded to mine detonated on Hwy 4 against an ARVN convoy vic XS306497. Convoy also received AW and SA fire. Explosion caused 50% damage to Hwy 4. Co A convoyed to FS/PB JAGER, closing and becoming OPCON 5-60 Inf (M) at 1935H. During the night the bn conducted 11 squad ambushes and 1 platoon ambush. 2-60 Inf (-) continued operations in the eastern portion of AO CRACKERJACK. Bn CP remained located vic XS471476. Ambushes were terminated without contact or incident and closed into their CP's. A squad from Co B conducted Hwy 4 mine sweep without incident, beginning at 0723H and closing in their RON position (vic XS497494) at 0910H. The bn conducted an airmobile recon in force opn north of Hwy 4. The bn RIF began with airmobile assaults by Co C and Co B in LZ XS364539 at 1104H and at 1128H. The Recon Plat, 2-60 Inf assaulted into LZ XS364569 at 1155H picking up 2 detainees, 1 AK-47, and 1 SKS. At 1400H vic XS368533, 7-1st Cav, in conjunction with 2-60 Inf, picked up four detainees and one AK-50. 7-1st Cav and 2-60 Inf also engaged 1 VC vic XS350561, resulting in 1 VC KBA. Co B, C, and Recon Plat continued airmobile operations being picked up and assaulted into LZ vic XS401516 at 1455H. Gunships escorting the ambl assault into LZ XS-410516 engaged and killed 1 VC (BC) vic XS397508. Recon Plat, 2-60 Inf captured at approx 1515H vic XS377516, 1 POW w/head and foot wounds. One Chicom carbine was also found. Punji pits were found vic XS377518 by Recon Plat. The units were airlifted back to their FS/PB, closing at 1712H. The bn conducted 7 squad ambushes during the night. 5-60 Inf (M) continued operations in the central portion of AO CRACKERJACK. Bn CP remained at FS/PB JAGER. Ambushes were terminated without contact or incident and patrols closed into their CP's. The bn conducted Hwy 4 mine sweeps and continued security for engr elements. One plat from Co C provided security for an INCUBUS convoy from Dong Tam to Tan An, closing at FS/PB JAGER at 1615H. Elements of Co A swept area vic XS311497, finding two 1-2 man bunkers w/overhead cover. Co C conducted roadrunner mission from LAMBERT to FELS to LAMBERT, closing at 1730H. Co A departed FS/PB JAGER at 1935H enroute to Vinh Kim. Co C, 3-60 Inf became OPCON to 5-60 Inf (M) at 1939H. The bn conducted four ambushes during the night. 7-1st Cav (OPCON to 1st Bde) at 1600H engaged with their 36 element and KBA 6 VC vic XS260463. Element 26 assaulted the area, finding one woman, two WIA POW's, 6 AK-47's and one bolt action shoulder weapon. At 1730H vic XS248457 7-1 Cav engaged and KBA two more VC. At 1810H vic XS342452, element 26, 7-1 Cav received light fire. Upon checking out enemy fire, bunkers and an RPF rocket launcher were located vic XS-346422. Also heavy fire was received from river. 7-1 Cav units were extracted.

10 April: 1st Bde continued road/engr/mine sweep security opns, extensive night ambush patrolling and conducted a four bn (+) RIF opn with the 2-39 Inf, 5-60 Inf (M) (-), 2-60 Inf (-), 3-60 Inf, Trp C/7-1 Cav and Trp D/3-5 Cav. The 1st Bde continued its program of conducting combined opns with RF/PF units to bolster their confidence, experience and combat proficiency and also to enhance the effectiveness of current US opns. The 2-39 Inf continued opns in the western portion of AO CRACKERJACK and conducted a bn size AML assault with Co's A, B, & C to the southeast from their AO vic of Vinh Kim. Co's A, B, & C conducted AML assaults into multiple LZ's (A - XS335445, B - 335435, C - XS325445)

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commencing at 0742H and closing at 0845H. The Co's conducted RIF opns to the southeast. In response to a sighting made by Trp C, 7-1 Cav, the Bn extracted Co's A, B, & C at 1156H and reinserted them vic XS252400. The Bn also assumed OPCON of Co B, 2-60 Inf and inserted the co in with Co's A,B,&C 2-39 Inf. At 1258H, vic XS265409, Co B engaged 1 VC. The VC fled the area, but a sweep revealed 1 M-2 carbine. At 1335H, vic XS268410 Co B found 1 VC WIA and a bolt action carbine. The VC WIA died while being dusted off to Dong Tam. At 1510H, vic XS262409 Co C engaged 1 VC resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC) and 1 carbine. Co B 2-60 was extracted AML & closed their CP at 1339H. Co's A&C, 2-39 were extracted and returned to their CP AML closing at 1609H. Co B moved south from their area of search to XS272395, were picked up by MRF boats and closed Dong Tam at 1830H where they will spend the night. The 5-60 Inf (M) (-) continued opns in the central portion of AO CRACKERJACK with Co A spending the night vic Vinh Kim (XS-365455) in response to a suspected VC Bn size attack. Co C, 3-60 Inf located in Vinh Kim (XS371447) remained OPCON to 5-60 Inf until 100600H when 3-60 Inf became OPCON to 1st Bde and Co C returned to OPCON of 3-60 Inf. Co C, 5-60 Inf (M) (-) moved to Vinh Kim, closing at 0810H and commenced RIF opns to the northwest with Co A. At 0935H, Co's A&C were recalled from the Vinh Kim area to escort DISCOM and engr convcys. At 1050H, vic XS348489 Co C apprehended 1 detainee during a local patrol. The bn provided escort/security for a DISCOM/HHC 1st Bde convoy from Tan An (depart 1630H) to Dong Tam (closed 1815H). They also escorted an 86 Engr convoy from Dong Tam (depart 1145H) to the My Thuan Ferry) close 1440H and back to Dong Tam (closed 1730H). All convoys were without incident. The 2-60 Inf (-) continued opns in the eastern portion of AO CRACKERJACK. At 0345H, vic XS399492 a Co C AP spotted 6 VC passing in front of them at a range of 150 meters. They were engaged with 81mm mtr. The area was swept with negative results. Co's B&C conducted AML assaults into LZ's (B - XS329467, C - XS348487) north of Vinh Kim commencing at 0950H and closing at 1033H. The Co's conducted RIF opns to the south. At 1235H, vic XS355472 Co C apprehended 1 detainee who was in the process of setting up a booby trap. Co B was placed OPCON to 2-39 Inf for opns to the west. Co C completed its sweep and was extracted AML back to their CP at 1405H. Co B closed their CP at 1339H and was released from OPCON of 2-39 Inf. Trp D, 3-5 Cav, in general support of the 1st Bde, and OPCON to 2-39 Inf during portions of the day, conducted VR and overwatch of 1st Bde opns without incident. Trp C, 7-1 Cav, also in general support of 1st Bde opns conducted VR and overwatch of the area generally to the west of Vinh Kim. At 0914H, vic XS305424 the trp apprehended 1 detainee suspected of being a tax collector. The man was evacuated to Dong Tam. At 0955H, vic XS253412 a trp aircraft received heavy ground fire from an estimated 3 VC. The VC were engaged by a LFT resulting in 3 VC KBA. At 1045H, vic XS260403 a LFT engaged 1 VC in a haystack resulting in 1 VC KBA. At 1145H, vic XS264410 the trp spotted and engaged 10 VC wearing packs resulting in 1 VC KBA. At 1430H, vic XS263410 Trp C engaged 2 VC attempting to cross a stream resulting in 2 VC KBA. The 3-60 Inf became OPCON to 1st Bde at 0600H. The Bn conducted riverine landing vic XS373415 and conducted RIF opns to the north toward Vinh Kim. The bn was released from OPCON of 1st Bde at 1400H with negative contact and returned to their AO east of Vinh Kim.

11 April: 1st Bde continued road and engineer security, night ambush patrolling and reconnaissance in force operations with 2-39 Inf, 2-60 Inf (-), and 5-60 Inf (M) (-) and in close coordination and cooperation with RF/PF elements from Dinh Tuong Province. 1st Bde continued its program of conducting combined operations with RF and PF units to bolster their confidence, experience and combat proficiency and also to enhance the effectiveness of current US operations. The 2-39 Inf continued opns in the western portion of AO CRACKERJACK. Ambushes were terminated without contact or incident and closed into their CP's. The bn conducted an airmobile recon in force with Co A, assaulting into LZ vic XS305511 at 0758H. At 0815H Co A spotted one large party of people vic XS310510, and policed up 20 detainees. At 0821H Recon Plat, E Co assaulted into LZ vic XS320520

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to help Co A seal off the group of personnel. At 0846H Co C assaulted into LZ vic XS348510 to completely cordon off area. At 0923H the three elements of 2-39 Inf had captured a total of 94 detainees. At 0925H Co C received sporadic fire from vic XS342513. The firing ceased at 0935H. no US cas; VC unknown. While sweeping the area Co C located a motorcycle vic XS344510. Gunships covering Co C and Recon Plat located several bunkers vic XS320510 and XS320519. At 1000H an armed propaganda team and Recon Plt, 2-39 Inf picked up 3 detainees in same general vicinity as large group of detainees. At 1005H APT and R/2-39 Inf were extracted from RIF area. Co C continued RIF, finding a bunker vic XS340515 at 1010H. Bunker was destroyed. At 1300H Co A and Co C linked up vic XS340515. Co C picked up a woman with half of her hip blown off. At 1417H Co A was lifted out in response to a call from a CIDG Co vic XS196551. The CIDG unit had been ambushed with resultant 1 KIA and 2 WIA. VC cas unk. Co C assaulted into LZ vic XS200546 at 1420H. Co A closed at FS/PB JAGER, bringing 14 detainees. Co C continued its reconnaissance to aid the CIDG unit in contact. Co B also conducted airmobile assault into LZ vic XS200546, assaulting into the area at 1454H. At 1515H vic XS318498 a 2½ ton truck moving west on Hwy 4 to position to support 2-39 swerved off road when it received SA fire. Co C was moved to the area. 1 US EM injured (dust off completed 1550H). At 1539H Co A received AW fire. Co A requested immediate airstrike vic XS183543. At 1600H Co, 2-39 requested immediate CS drop vic XS181546. Bde Cmto left FS/PB JAGER at 1605H with 8 E-158's to complete CS drop. At 1640H Co C closed back to their CP. At 1615H the 3rd plt, B/2-39 landed to the rear of Co A and Co B vic XS200546 as reinforcements. The two units were to sweep through area of contact with CIDG unit covering right flank. The units came under heavy AW, SA, rifle grenade, 60mm mortar and 82mm mortar fire. The VC they engaged were unusually husky and stockier than VC normally encountered. Co B found 18 to 20 in khaki shirts and trousers and some dressed in black pajamas with green and black shirts. Co A found most VC facing them wore short black or grey trousers. None wore hats. At 2200H, 2-39 reported 19 VC KIA (BC). Gunships KBA 6 more VC. No airstrike or arty BC was included. The VC KIA were stripped of weapons and other web gear when 2-39 elements got to the bodies. 2-39 was unable to police weapons and web gear earlier because of AW, 60mm, and 82mm mortar fire between them and bodies. 2 US KIA, 11 US WIA. 8 US dusted off (none seriously wounded). 1 US WIA from Top Tiger pathfinders. The 2-39 elements were extracted and closed into their CP's. Co C brought two detainees with them (captured at 1854H vic XS318410). The 2-60 continued operations in the eastern portion of AO CRACKERJACK. (Delayed entry: At 102340H Recon Plt was fired on in their ambush position by 8-10 VC wpsns. SA and arty was fired at VC. A sweep of the area turned up 2 blood trails approximately 15 meter from ambush patrols position. At 0030H Recon element heard movement and had 81mm mortar fire fired on it. Area was then swept with negative results. At 0145H Recon element received slight sniper fire on its position. Arty fire was called in with unknown VC casualties. All other ambush patrols terminated with no contact or incidents and closed on their base at 0702H. Recon elements closed at 0825H. During the day the battalion conducted road/mine sweep and local security operations. At 1645H 2-60 was alerted to have one letter element on immediate stand by for insertion vic XS196551. During the night the battalion conducted 7 squad ambushes. The 5-60 (M) continued opns in the central portion of AO CRACKERJACK. All ambushes terminated with no contact or incident and closed on their CP's. During the day the battalion provided security opns. During the night the battalion conducted 5 squad ambushes.

12 April: The First Recondo Brigade continued Opn Peoples' Road (Opn Duong Cua Dan) with one mechanized battalion and two infantry battalions. The 1st Bde continued road and engineer security, night ambush patrolling and reconnaissance in force operations with the 2-39, 2-60 (-) and 5-60 (M) (-) and in close coordination and cooperation with RF/PF elements from Dinh Tuong Province. The 2-39 continued opns in the western portion of AO CRACKERJACK. Co's A, B, C and E conducted road sweeps, extensive night AP opns and local daylight patrolling with one incident. In coordination with the 15 Engr Bn, the 2-39 continued work on their new FS/PB (XS266506). At 2000H vic XS253499 a PF patrol moving from east to west on Hwy 4 engaged a US patrol 200-300m to the north of the road. The action lasted only a minute, but resulted in 1 US WIA. Dusted off at 2033H. At 2015H vic XS295514 a Co E AP engaged 3 VC resulting in 1 VC (BC). A sweep of the area revealed an additional blood trail. The VC was dressed in black pajamas and sandals.

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At 2035H vic XS303500 a Co E AP observed an estimated 20 personnel, at the range of 500m who appeared to be working on the road. The area was swept and proved negative. At 2315H vic XS310500 Co E reported hearing a large explosion and a small amount of SA fire. This report was confirmed by an adjacent AP manned by Co C, 5-60 (M). The area will be swept at first light to determine if the road has been cratered. The 5-60 Inf (M) (-) continued road sweep, extensive night AP opns, engr security throughout AO CRACKERJACK and local RIF opns. At 0940H, vic XS33-2495 local ARVN elements reported a large VC concentration. A daylight AP was positioned in the area and Co A conducted a sweep resulting in a small amount of VC propaganda and flags. One plat of Co A was placed OPCON to 3-60 for an opn conducted north of Vinh Kim. Negative contact resulted and the plat returned to Jager at 1730H. The 5-60 escorted an Incubus convoy from Tan An (departed 1130H) to Dong Tam (closed 1414H without incident. At 2155H, vic XS375496 commo was lost with a Co C LP. A patrol dispatched to locate the LP received SA fire from the north. Arty was fired into the area and a sweep conducted with negative results. The 2-60 Inf (-) continued opns in the eastern portion of AO CRACKERJACK. Local ro sweeps, extensive AP opns and local RIF opns with one incident. At 2204H vic XS438486 a Co B AP enroute to an alternate AP location observed a rice mill in operation. The area was investigated by the patrol and revealed 12 men and 3 women sitting on rice bags. All had valid ID cards and ranged in age from 18-50. No detainees were taken.

13 April: 1st Bde continued road and engineer security, night ambush patrolling and reconnaissance in force operations with 2-39, 2-60 (-) and 5-60 (M) (-) and in close coordination and cooperation with RF/PF elements from Dinh Tuong Province. The 2-39 continues opns in the western portion of AO CRACKERJACK. Co's A, B, C, and E conducted road sweeps and local patrolling without incident. At 1220H an L-19 (call sign Swamp Fox 17) landed on Hwy 4 to deliver something to Punjab 49. Attempting to take off again, the plane hit a bump in the road and crashed. Plane is a total loss. Negative injuries. Plane crashed approx 300m from FS/PB Fels, about 10m south of Hwy 4. Plane was extracted at 1432H. During the night the Bn conducted 9 squad size AP's. At 1645H E element received 10-15 rounds of fire from AK-47's vic XS293488. 1 VC fled east. Co E pursued with negative results. No US casualties. At 1742H Co E received unknown ammount fire from vic XS289482. Approximately 2 VC with AW. No US or VC casualties. At 1830H vic XS290485 Co E saw 2 people dressed in black PJ bottoms, grey shirts, grey and white scarfs, and conical hats, 200 feet away from their AP. One moved 8-10 feet from their position, apparently for observation. Then he pointed to the patrol and the patrol began receiving AW fire. The VC were taken under fire. 2 VC (BC) E/2-39 also saw one man with an AK-47 about 100 yards away. They fire at him and saw him drop, however, immediately after this they received heavy AW fire and were unable to get to the body before it was dragged away by other VC. No US casualties. The 2-60 continued operations in the eastern portion of AO CRACKERJACK. Road sweeps and local patrols were without incident or significant finds. During the night the battalion conducted 7 squad size AP's. The 5-60 continued operations in the central portion of AO CRACKERJACK. At 0630H C/5-60 investigating a large explosion heard at 122315H found 1 crater 12 feet deep, 60% damage to Hwy 4 vic XS303500. The crater was filled by 0950H. All road sweeps and security patrols were without incident or significant finds. R ele escorted a convoy without incident from Cai Lay to Tan An, having linked up with the convoy at 1243H. During the night the battalion conducted 6 squad size AP's and one company size combat patrol. At 1920H Co C vic XS317489 received AW and SA fire from an estimated VC squad about 200 meters to the south. They received two or three bursts of AW fire. Artillery was called in. Contact broke at 1930H. No US casualties and VC losses unknown.

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14 April: The 1st Bde continued road and engineer security, night ambush patrolling and reconnaissance in force operations with 2-39, 2-60 (-) and 5-60 (M) (-) Inf and in close coordination and cooperation with RF/PF elements from Dinh Tuong Province. The 2-39 continued opns in the western portion of AO CRACKERJACK. (Delayed entry: At 2200H Co E detained one man who had given signals to another man in the next house (man in next house ran away). The man detained had an ID card which said he was born in 1916, however he didn't look that old. He also had some unknown propaganda on his person.) Road sweeps and local patrols were without incident or significant finds. During the night the battalion conducted 7 squad ambush patrols. The 2-60 continued opns in the eastern portion of AO CRACKERJACK. (Delayed entry: At 2210H R element of 2-60 vic XS406505 had three US injuries from a booby trap (grenade type with trip wire). Dust off completed at 2229H. Two were ambulatory and one on a litter.) At 0715H 2 VN women brought 1 wounded VN man into C/2-60 location. They didn't know how he was wounded (no elements of 2-60 had fired during the night). Dust off completed at 0849H. Road sweeps and security patrols were without incident or significant finds. During the night the battalion conducted 7 squad size ambushes. The 5-60 Inf (M) continued opns in the central portion of AO CRACKERJACK. During a local patrol vic XS357510 Co C made contact with 10 VC at 1140H. The SA fire from the VC ceased and contact was broken at 1150H. Negative US casualties. Co C, 5-60 pursued VC. At 1145H Co A, patrolling around FSB Lambert, apprehended one detainee vic XS325500. He had an ID card that had been tampered with and 21,000 piasters on his person. (individual was later released). At 1225H while still sweeping area of contact, Co C found numerous new bunkers vic XS357510. Bunkers were destroyed and Co C returned to their vehicles. At 1848H Co C reported receiving SA and AW fire at FSB Lambert. Fire came from the west. Also received M79 and RPG-2 fire. Caliber 50 was fired at VC position along with artillery. Negative US casualties. A reinforced platoon was sent out to try to develop the situation. Reinforced Platoon made no contact, however found 1 VC (BG) 75 meters outside perimeter. Plt then returned to FSB Lambert. At 1920H a VC truck overturned on Hwy 4 vic XS303449. First Plt, Co C returning from Road Runner was passing the same location at the time and received sniper fire. Negative US casualties. Some VN personnel slightly injured in overturned truck. They had civilian medics at the scene. During the night the battalion conducted 6 squad size ambush patrols.

15 April: The 1st Bde continued road and engineer security, night ambush patrolling and reconnaissance in force operations with 2-39, 2-60 (-) and 5-60 (M) (-) and in close coordination and cooperation with RF/PF elements from Dinh Tuong Province. The 2-39 Inf continued opns in the western portion of AO CRACKERJACK. Road sweeps and local patrols were without incident or significant finds. At 0750H a Vietnamese male (approx 25 yrs old) was found at the schoolhouse near 2-39 CP. He had a gunshot wound in his back and an exit through his stomach. He had no ID card and its unknown where he is from. Dust off completed at 0754H. At 0850H 2-39 started its displacement to new FSB vic XS266508. The new FSB has been named "Moore" (in honor of man KIA on previous opn). At 1245H the 2-39 reported it was set up at its new fire support base vic XS267505. During the night the battalion conducted 8 squad ambush patrols (One with PF elements). The 2-60 continued opns in the eastern portion of AO CRACKERJACK. The battalion conducted an airmobile reconnaissance in force. The RIF started with Co B, assaulting into a cold LZ vic XS272558 and setting up a blocking position. Gunships supporting the operation received heavy fire (.50 caliber) from vic XS292-577. None were hit. The gunships requested an airstrike on the area. At 0825H R element assaulted in the area to relieve B element in blocking position. At 0955H R/2-60 occupied blocking position vic XS265568 and B Co was located XS276573. At 1035H Co C assaulted into LZ same vic as Co B. Co C swept into objective area vic XS273572 to point where ammo cache was said to be. Started digging at 1120H. Negative results as of 1215H (information from guide later revealed his intelligence on area was 14 months old). 2-60 elements were extracted, completing extraction at 1503H. During the night the battalion conducted 7 squad ambushes. The 5-60 Inf (M) continued operations in the central portion of AO CRACKERJACK. Road sweeps, convoy escort, and local patrols were without incident.

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or significant finds. At 0727H A/5-60 conducted an airmobile assault into vic XS355525 and conducted recon in force to vic XS355525, attempting to locate a suspected VC ammo cache. Negative results. Co A was extracted at 0910H. At 1330H one plat from Co A, 5-60, reacted from FS/PB JAGER to call for assistance from C Btry, 1-11 Arty vic XS320501. C/1-11 Arty had received 200 rds of SA & AW fire from south of road. No US casualties or damage. (2  $\frac{1}{2}$  ton trucks from B Btry, 1-84 Arty had received 2 bursts of AW fire from same vic at 1100H. No US casualties or damage.) At 1411H the plat from A/5-60 found 1 VC poncho liner vic XS315495. At 1501H FS/PB Lambert received a few rounds of sniper fire from the west of CP (fire came from vic XS326495). Elements of A/5-60 were dispatched to investigate. At 1507H listening post southwest of FS/PB Lambert received SA fire from vic XS326495. No US casualties. At 1613H Co A element was in contact 500 meters south of FS/PB Lambert vic XS331490. At 1635H 5-60 reported that from the contact 3 VC KIA (BC) by plat from Co C (OPCON to Co A) and 1 VC WIA by door gunner of C&C ship. VC KIA wore green shorts, fatigue shirts and web gear. Co A elements apprehended one civil defendant. Two other persons were spotted by gunships. Co A elements policed them up. No US casualties. At 1748H Co A (and OPCON plat from Co C) closed at their FS/PB, bringing the 2 detainees who tried to evade US troops in the area. During the night the bn (now loc at its new FS/PB Lambert) conducted 5 squad ambush patrols. At 1850H vic XS320499 CO/1-11 Arty, returning to FS/PB JAGER on Hwy 4, received fire from 8-10 AW on both sides of road. Also received 1 M79 type rd fired at them. Fire was returned. Negative results. No US casualties or damage.

16 April: 1st Bde continued road and engineer security, night ambush patrolling and recon in force opns with the 2-39 Inf, 2-60 Inf (-), and 5-60 Inf (M) (-) and in close coordination and cooperation with RF/PF elements from Dinh Tuong Province. 1st Bde continued its program of conducting combined operations with RF and PF units to bolster their confidence, experience and combat proficiency and also to enhance the effectiveness of current US operations. The 1st Bde moved its Fwd TOC to vic XS408493 and rear TOC to Dong Tam today. The 2-39 Inf continued opns in the western portion of AO CRACKERJACK. Road sweeps and local security patrols were without incident or significant finds. During the night the bn conducted 10 squad ambush patrols (one with PF elements vic XS217491). The 2-60 Inf continued opns in the eastern portion of AO CRACKERJACK. Road sweeps and local security patrols were without incident or significant finds. During the night the bn conducted 7 squad ambush patrols. The 5-60 Inf continued opns in the central portion of AO CRACKERJACK. Road sweeps, convoy security and local security patrols were without incident or significant finds. At 1345H a plat from C Co departed its FS/PB to check out a crater in Hwy 4 vic XS315502. CO/A Btry was reported to be in contact at that loc. At 1430H the plat from C Co reached the area where there had been contact. No US casualties or damage. Road has 25% damage (one lane was passable). The element from Co C swept the area with negative results. At 1910H a Co C patrol was in contact with a plat size VC force. They received fire from the west to southwest of their patrol. Recon 5-60 Inf (M) was dispatched to reinforce the Co C patrol. The VC firing ceased at 1915H. Arty was called into the area vic XS315497 and the area was saturated with 40mm and .50 cal fire. At 1923H Recon 5-60 Inf (M) was in position to reinforce the Co C element. At 1946H contact with the VC force was broken. At 1950H the two elements started receiving SA and AW fire again. At 2015H this contact was broken. Recon, 5-60 Inf (M) was withdrawn to its FSB. The Co C element was placed in a RON position vic XS310496 (this action deleted 5-60 Inf (M) ambush patrol No C-3 which was to set up vic XS314501). No US casualties during the contact. During the night the bn conducted 4 squad size ambush patrols. The 7-1 Cav was OPCON to the 1st Bde in today's operations. At 1215H 7-1 Cav sank 2 sampans which were loaded and covered vic XS323453 (1 VC KIA & 1 poss). VC were wearing blue uniforms. The 7-1 Cav also destroyed 3 huts by fire vic XS255415 and picked up 2 detainees in the same area. Detainees were evacuated to MP's at Dong Tam. At 1553H 3d plat, A/2-39 picked up 1 detainee without an ID card vic XS265509.

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18 April: 1st Bde continued road and engineer security, night ambush patrolling and recon in force opns with the 2-39 Inf, 2-60 Inf (-), and 5-60 Inf (M) (-) and in close coordination and cooperation with RF/PF elements from Dinh Tuong Province. 1st Bde continued its program of conducting combined operations with RF and PF units to bolster their confidence, experience and combat proficiency and also to enhance the effectiveness of current US operations. The 2-39 Inf continued opns in the eastern portion of AO CRACKERJACK. At 0732H vic XS-236541, 2-39 Inf elements found 10,000 lbs of unpolished rice in a hooch. The rice was extracted. At 0915H Co C KIA (BC) 1 VC vic XS237541 and captured 1 VC POW inside a bunker loaded with AK-47 ammo. At 1115H Co A had 4 detainees vic XS247530. One had a 514 Scarf on. At 1210H CO/2-39 Inf spotted 3 VC wearing khaki uniforms and carrying weapons vic XS308533. At 1216H Co C was assaulted in the area XS308533. At 1313H Co A was assaulted into area vic XS313531. Both units conducted searches of the areas. At 1325H vic XS313532 Co A picked up 3 detainees. At 1750H vic XS205511 Co B received 6-8 mortar rds during sweep of the area. One US WIA (neck and back). Dust off completed at 1920H. 2-39 Inf elements closed back into their CP's. During the night the bn conducted 6 squad night ambush patrols. The 2-60 Inf continued operations in the eastern portion of AO CRACKERJACK. At 0540H vic XS230545 one US soldier with chills, temperature, and half paralized was dusted off. 2-60 Inf elements (A&C) completed a sweep of RON area with negative results and closed in to FS/PB MOORE to be trucked to their CP. During the night the bn's conducted 7 squad night ambush patrols. The 5-60 Inf (M) continued operations in the central portion of AO CRACKERJACK. At 0740H, while conducting a morning sweep, Co A received sniper fire vic XS357-508. Co A found in same vic what could have been a mortar site, 1 105mm round & a few TNT charges. Charges and 105mm rd were destroyed. Co A also found vic XS356509 1 M26 grenade booby trap and an aiming stake. At 0749H vic XS355512 Co A found approximately 20 1-man bunkers and some punji pits. These were destroyed.

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20 April: 1st Bde continued road and engineer security, night ambush patrolling and recon in force opns with the 2-39 Inf and 2-60 Inf and in close coordination and cooperation with RF/PF elements, from Ding Tuong Province. 1st Bde continued its program of conducting combined operations with RF and PF units to bolster their confidence, experience and combat proficiency and also to enhance the effectiveness of current US operations. The 2-39 Inf continued opns in the western portion of AO CRACKERJACK. Road sweeps and local patrols were without incident or significant finds. At 0840H the bn conducted a ground RIF with Co A sweeping vic XS255507 and Co C sweeping vic XS255504. Negative result. At 1005H during local patrol 300-400 meters north of FSB Lambert one US soldier from C/5-60 Inf (M) was WIA by homemade claymore booby trap. Dust off completed at 1025H. A wire leading from the point of explosion was followed along a ditch and a VN woman was found at the end of the wire. Woman was taken into custody. Three VN men were also detained in the area. At 1920H one incoming mortar rd hit approximately 150 meters outside the perimeter at FS/PB Moore. At 1955H Co C closed into its RON position vic XS313533, beginning a 36 hour opn in an area running from vic XS288512 - XS317540 - XS317512 - XS285523. During the night the bn conducted 1 cc size, 1 plat size, and 6 squad size night ambush patrols. The 2-60 Inf continued opns in the eastern portion of AO CRACKERJACK. Road sweeps and local security patrols were without incident or significant finds. During the night the bn conducted 10 squad size ambush patrols.

21 April: 1st Bde continued road and engineer security, night ambush patrolling and recon in force opns with the 2-39 Inf and 2-60 Inf and in close coordination and cooperation with RF/PF elements from Dinh Tuong Province. 1st Bde continued its program of conducting combined opns with RF and PF units to bolster their confidence, experience and combat proficiency and also to enhance the effectiveness of current US operations. The 2-39 Inf continued opns in the western portion of AO CRACKERJACK. Road sweeps and local patrols were without incident or significant finds. At 0840H vic XS316534 Co C/2-39 Inf saw 20 VC in a group running to the southwest. The VC were engaged at 150 meters. Negative results (4 old men in the area with no ID cards were detained). One US ammo pouch, one case C rations, 1 AK47 magazine were found with the old men. At 1322H vic XS318497 the third platoon, Co B received unknown amount of fire while on local patrol. Negative US casualties. At 1322H a resupply helicopter received making approach into FS/PB MOORE from the west. Took 10-15 hits. One crewman possible WIA. Radio contact lost with CH47 which delivered cargo and flew out of the area. At 1330H vic XS257493 E/2-39 Inf found a dud 105mm rd; blown in place. At 1345H vic XS258485 E/2-39 found and destroyed two bunkers. All 2-39

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Inf elements closed back into their CP's. Co C/2-39 continued in 36 ambush patrol same RON position as 20 April. At 1545H at FS/PB Lambert a VN woman with a broken leg and fractured hip was at front gate. B/2-39 Inf thinks shs also has knowledge of VC. Dusted off at 1718H. At 1840H MP's brought a VN woman who was shot in back by a mini gun to B/2-39 Inf CP. Dusted off at 1820H. During the night the bn conducted 3 co size and 4 squad size ambushes. The 2-60 Inf continued opns in the eastern portion of AO CRACKERJACK. Road sweeps and local patrols were without incident or significant finds. At 1403H Co B/2-60 Inf conducted an airmobile assault into LZ vic XS326477. After touch down Co B received automatic weapon fire. Co B returned the fire. Negative US casualties. Saw 2 persons running east to west. At 1420H Co A was picked up and conducted eagle flights same vic as Co B. At 1430H vic XS326477, while crossing a stream, Co B received sniper fire resulting in 1 US KIA. Co B moved into the woodline where fire came from. At 1608H vic XS325476 Co B apprehended 1 detainee who had no ID card. A cartridge belt, some Chicom ammo and 1 Chicom carbine was found in same area as the detainee. 2-60 elements were airmobiled back to their CP's, closing at 1747H. At 1945H a truck ran through a road block set up on Hwy 4 in front of 2-60 CP. Truck failed to stop when 2-60 elements signaled it to do so. Truck was stopped by SA fire. Results: 5 civilians WIA - 1 woman, 3 men, one boy. All were dusted off at 2015H. During the night the bn conducted 1 platoon size ambush patrol and 9 squad size ambush patrols.

22 April: 1st Bde continued road and engineer security, night ambush patrolling and reconnaissance in force operations with the 2-39 Inf and 2-60 Inf and in close coordination and cooperation with RF/PF elements from Dinh Tuong Province. 1st Bde continued its program of conducting combined opns with RF & PF units to bolster their confidence, experience and combat proficiency and also to enhance the effectiveness of current US operations. The 2-39 Inf continued opns in the western portion of AO CRACKERJACK. Co C, 2-39 continued its 36 hour ambush patrol in same RON position vic XS313533, working in area from vic XS288512 - XS317512 - XS317540 - XS285523. At 0921H vic XS254333 Co B KIA (BC) 1 VC. At 0941H vic XS253555 Co B apprehended 5 detainees trying to run away to the east. Some had ID cards. At 1015H vic XS253553 Co B apprehended 1 more detainee along with some documents. At 1215H Co C 5-60 Inf provided security for 15 Engr vic XS320502 to fill a 6-7 foot hole in road. At 1355H vic XS-312538 Co B has 1 more detainee. At 1512H vic XS281479 Co A captured 6 detainees. Two had ID cards, 3 did not, 1 had a female ID card. At 1545H vic XS316489 Co B captured 1 25 yr old detainee with an ID card that did not look valid. At 1550H vic XS316489 Co B found a cache, new ID cards, medical supplies, documents and some ammo in a bunker. At 1600H vic XS283477 Co A apprehended 6 more detainees. At 1845H vic XS320502 a C/5-60 Inf (M) APC was hit by a command detonated mine and SA fire. Contact was broken at 1900H. Results: 1 US KIA (B/2-39). Dust off completed at 1915H. Road was 20% damaged with 8 foot crater in middle of road. APC went off road and turned over. Evidence shows that mine had been in place a long time. The wire was well hidden due to foliage having grown over it. All 2-39 Inf elements closed into their CP's. During the night the bn conducted 8 squad size ambush patrols. (Of 20 detainees captured 3 were reclassified PW's by IPW). The 2-60 Inf continued opns in the eastern portion of AO CRACKERJACK. Road sweeps and local security patrols were without incident or significant finds. Co B started a 36 hour Bushmaster ambush patrol, working in grid square XS3245. During the night the bn conducted 6 squad size, 1 platoon size and 1 co size ambush patrols.

23 April: 1st Bde continued road and engineer security, night ambush patrolling and recon in force opns with the 2-39 Inf and 2-60 Inf and in close coordination and cooperation with RF/PF elements from Dinh Tuong Province. 1st Bde continued its program of conducting combined opns with RF and PF units to bolster their confidence, experience and combat proficiency and also to enhance

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the effectiveness of current US operations. The 2-39 Inf continued opns in the western portion of AO CRACKERJACK. (Delayed entry: In addition to 1 US KIA at 221845H vic XS320502 there were 2 US WIA (C/5-60) and 6 US WIA (B/2-39). These additional WIA were included in Opn Statistics for 22 Apr but omitted from Opn Summary.) At 0430H it was reported that one 60mm mortar rd landed outside perimeter at 2-39 Inf CP. At 0945H vic XS310500 Co B, 2-39 apprehended 1 detainee who had an ID card with a picture that did not match his face. All other road sweeps and local security patrols were without incident or significant finds. During the day the 2-39 Inf, in conjunction with 15 Engr, conducted an opn to clear Hwy 4 of any mines vic XS320502 by cutting a trench along both sides of the road to expose and cut any wires leading out from the road in that vic. At 1700H Co E/2-39 began a 36 hour Bushmaster ambush patrol working in vic XS-3150, XS3153, XS3453, XS3451. During the night the bn conducted 1 co size and 6 squad size night ambush patrols. The 2-60 Inf continued opns in the eastern portion of AO CRACKERJACK. Co B/2-60 Inf continued its 36 hour Bushmaster ambush patrol. Road sweeps and local security patrols were without incident or significant finds. At 1921H vic XS328452 in its Bushmaster AO, Co B/2-60 sank a sampan. Results: 2 VC KIA (BC). One VC was wearing a blue uniform. During the night the bn conducted 1 co and 7 squad size ambush patrols.

24 April: 1st Bde continued road and engineer security, night ambush patrolling and recon in force opns with the 2-39 Inf and 2-60 Inf and in close coordination and cooperation with RF/PF elements from Dinh Tuong Province. 1st Bde continued its program of conducting combined opns with RF and PF units to bolster their confidence, experience and combat proficiency and also to enhance the effectiveness of current US opns. The 2-39 Inf continued opns in the western portion of AO CRACKERJACK. Road sweeps and local security patrols were without incident or significant finds. At 1228H Co A and Co C departed their CP on a bn recon in force opn enroute to vic XS254532. Two VC co's were reported to be west of the destination point. At 1500H the first plat, Co B was conducting a sweep of area vic XS325499. (An ARVN convoy had reported receiving sniper fire from the area.) Negative results were derived from the sweep. At 1535H vic XS245533, Co C apprehended 3 detainees (2 inside a bunker beside a hooch and 1 outside the hooch). One detainee was wearing a grey shirt and grey short pants, 1 had on black shirt and short pants, and the other had on a white shirt and grey pants. Co A and Co C completed their recon in force and closed at FS/PB Moore at 1656H. At 1950H Co E received 6 rds of sniper fire in their Bushmaster ambush patrol loc. Fire was returned. Negative US casualties. Negative results upon sweeping the area of fire. Co E continued its Bushmaster ambush patrol, moving to vic XS320520. During the night the bn conducted 1 co size and 6 squad size ambush patrols. The 2-60 Inf continued opns in the eastern portion of AO CRACKERJACK. Road sweeps and local security patrols were without incident or significant finds. At 1319H extraction of Co B/2-60 Inf from its Bushmaster ambush patrol area was completed. During the extraction Co B received sniper fire from vic XS326453. Gunships engaged the location of the sniper fire with unknown results. Negative US casualties. At 1445H vic XS353514 gunships spotted 2 armed individuals and took them under fire with unknown results. Co A/2-60 was inserted into the area. LZ was cold. At 1630H vic XS355522 Co A had one US WIA from sniper fire. There were 2 VC snipers. One VC sniper was wounded and the other ran away with Co A pursuing. US WIA and VC WIA were dusted off at 1645H. At 1726H Co A was extracted from the area. (The VC WIA was wearing black pants, white shirt and a checkered scarf. VC later became KIA.) During the night the bn conducted 10 squad size ambush patrols.

25 April: 1st Bde continued road and engineer security, night ambush patrolling and recon in force opns with the 2-39 Inf and 2-60 Inf and in close coordination and cooperation with RF/PF elements from Dinh Tuong Province. 1st

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Bde continued its program of conducting combined opns with RF and PF units to bolster their confidence, experience and combat proficiency and also to enhance the effectiveness of current US operations. The 2-39 Inf continued opns in the western portion of AO CRACKERJACK. Co E departed their Bushmaster loc at 0700H, moved overland, closing back into their CP (XS250499) at 0930H. Two detainees apprehended by the co were interrogated and released as IC's. Co's A and C departed FS/PB MOORE at 1351H to conduct a RIF opn 3 K's to the south in response to a Chieu Hoi Debrief Intel Report. The Chieu Hoi accompanied the co's in order to identify VC cadre in Phu Qui village (XS269460). At 1447H vic XS266473 Co's A and C made contact with a small VC force resulting in 3 VC WIA (POW), and 1 cal 45 pistol, 1 Chicom rifle and 1 US M1 carbine captured. There were no US casualties. Co A left a plat size stay behind patrol in the vic of the contact. At 2001H, vic XS273473 the Co A stay behind patrol was compromised by a man and a woman walking into their position. The 2 personnel were apprehended and the patrol displaced to XS271497 at 2100H. Co C and A (-) closed FS/PB Moore at 1825H. Co B was inserted on foot as a Bushmaster into an AO south of Hwy 4 (XS309486, XS309500, XS327492, XS327501) to remain there for the period 251700H to 270700H. At 2125H, the Co A stay behind patrol spotted what appeared to be mortar flashes at XS270490. Counter mortar concentrations were fired on them with unknown results. The area will be swept at first light. At 1125H, vic XS288510, the 1st Bde Avn Sect Ldr spotted 3 male individuals taking evasive action. Two disappeared, but the third was apprehended and returned to Dong Tam on an OH-23. He was later declared a POW by IPW. The 2-60 Inf continued opns in the eastern portion of AO CRACKERJACK with one incident. At 2015H, vic XS459473 a Co A AP engaged an estimated squad of VC. The area was swept with negative results. One US WNHA resulted from a 90mm RR backblast and was dusted-off.

26 April: 1st Bde continued road and engineer security, night ambush patrolling and recon in force opns with the 2-39 Inf and 2-60 Inf and in close coordination and cooperation with RF/PF elements from Dinh Tuong Province. 1st Bde continued its program of conducting combined opns with RF and PF units to bolster their confidence, experience and combat proficiency and also to enhance the effectiveness of current US opns. The 2-39 Inf continued opns in the western portion of AO CRACKERJACK. Co A continued local security opns and road sweeps. The Co A stay behind patrol of 25 Apr returned to FS/PB Moore at 0730H with 2 detainees. The detainees were evac to Dong Tam. Co B continued Bushmaster opns in its AO (XS309486, XS309500, XS327492, XS327501). At 260905H, vic XS533506, a Co B patrol located a yellow cord leading south to Hwy 4. The cord was connected to a mine which was blown in place. The resulting crater was filled and the road reopened at 260930H. At 261622H, vic XS313489 the co received sporadic sniper fire. Fire was returned with unknown results. At 1745H vic XS314494 a Co B AP engaged an estimated 10 VC resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC) and several additional blood trails. Co C was inserted on foot as a Bushmaster into an AO south of Hwy 4 (XS265472, XS265486, XS280486, XS280472) at 261600H without incident. Co E continued local security and road sweep opns. At 2220H, vic XS246486 a Co E AP engaged an unknown size VC force resulting in 2 VC KIA (BC). At 1911H, vic XS308500 a truck from 9th S&T Bn hit a command detonated mine resulting in 1 US KIA, 1 US WIA and severe damage to a 2½ ton truck and trailer. The road was impassable, but immediate repairs by 15 Engr made it passable to 1 land traffic at 2015H. At 2014H, vic XS207504, Co E reported a sniper firing at the Cai Lay water tower. The area will be swept at first light. The 2-60 Inf continued opns in the eastern portion of AO CRACKERJACK. At 261450H, vic XS409494 an accidentally detonated grenade resulted in 1 US KNHA and 1 US WNHA. The accident occurred during the conduct of a combat assault course. At 261600H, vic XS409494, the 1st Bde Fwd CP co-located with the 2-60 Inf Fwd CP received sporadic sniper fire. Fire was returned with unknown results.

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conducted without incident. Co A was inserted on foot into a Bushmaster AO (XS2852, XS3052, XS3054, XS2854) at 1600H and will remain there until 010700H. The bn (-) remained on alert as a RRF for the 2-60 Inf AML RIF Opn. The 2-60 Inf continued opns in the eastern portion of AO CRACKERJACK and conducted a bn size AML assault to the west of the My Phuoc Tay Special Forces Camp. Co C extracted from their Bushmaster AO on foot closing their CP at 0905H. Co's A and B moved by CH-47 and AHC (UH1D) from their CP to the My Phuoc Tay SF Camp (XS202599) commencing at 0954H and closing at 1205H. A LFT supporting the 2-60 AML movement engaged 3 VC sampans at 1030H, vic XS158540 resulting in 3 sampans destroyed and 3 VC KBA. From this staging area Co's A and B conducted an AML assault into an LZ vic XS143600 commencing at 291243H. Elements of the 261 and 263 VC Bn's were reported in this area. During the insertions the LFT covering the AHC drew fire 400 meters to the north of the LZ. The target was engaged and a sweep of the area by Co A following the assault revealed 3 VC KBA. Co A also apprehended one detainee at 1420H vic XS150600. Co B was extracted and reinserted vic XS232575 at 1540H. Shortly after touchdown, they made contact with an estimated reinforced VC squad vic XS232567 resulting in 3 US WIA. Co A was extracted and reinserted into an LZ vic XS232562 as a blocking force. At 1600H, Co's A&B established heavy contact with an estimated VC Bn between their LZ's (XS233573). Arty, TAC Air, LFT's, Spookie, and a CS drop were employed in support. At 1900H, 1 plat of Co C, 2-60 was extracted and moved AML to My Phuoc Tay SF camp as a RRF. Sporadic contact continues as of the time of this report. Results include 4 VC KIA, 6 US KIA, and 6 US WIA. Three Co's of the 3-47 were placed OPCON to 1st Bde at 1800H to provide security for the 2-60 CP's and occupy AP sites in the eastern half AO CRACKERJACK.

30 April: 1st Bde continued road and engineer security, night ambush patrolling and recon in force opns with the 2-39 Inf and 2-60 Inf and in close coordination and cooperation with RF/PF elements from Dinh Tuong Province. 1st Bde continued its program of conducting combined opns with RF and PF units to bolster their confidence, experience and combat proficiency and also to enhance the effectiveness of current US opns. The 2-39 Inf continued opnw in the western portion of AO CRACKERJACK (Late entry: at 291850H, a male civilian turned in 2 cratering charges and 2 anti tank mines at FS/PB Moore. At 291940H Co A apprehended a male detainee in their Bushmaster AO (XS2852, XS3054, XS2854, XS3054) wearing a checkered scarf, characteristic of the 514 VC Bn. Commencing at 0850H, Co C was inserted AML vic XS281571 and conducted a RIF to the southwest attempting to interdict withdrawal routes out of yesterday's area of contact. At 1130H, vic XS272572 Co C sustained 1 US WNHA from friendly SA fire. Dusted off at 1200H. At 1300H, vic XS265568 Co C uncovered a cache containing 23 AK-50's, 1 60mm mtr, 36 empty AK-50 magazines, 90 60mm mtr rds, 3 5 lb cans of grease, 6 25 lb chicom claymores, an unk amount of AK-47 ammo and 21 electrical blasting caps. Co A, moving north from their Bushmaster located a cache at 1325H, vic XS269568. The cache contained 1 cal 30 Browning machine gun, 1 RPG launcher, 200 bangalore torpedoes, 10 SKS rifles, 200 yards of electrical cord, 3 cans of fuse, 19 RPG-7 charges, 39 RPG-7 rds, 27 B40 rds, 55 frag grenades and 13 concussion grenades. The 2 co's continued their search of the area and will conduct Bushmaster Ops during the night. Co C, 3-60 Inf became OPCON to 2-39 Inf at 1505H to assist in the security of FS/PB Moore. The 2-60 Inf continued opns in the eastern portion of AO CRACKERJACK with the 3-47 Inf and southeast of the My Phuoc Tay SF camp. Co's A and B conducted a joint sweep of the a joint sweep of the area of contact and recovered 13 VC KIA (BC), 5 AK-47's, 1 magazine with unk amt of AK-47 ammo, AK-47 cleaning kit, 1 chicom grenade, 1 bag of medical supplies, 1 RPG detonator and an AK-47 belt. The 3-47 Inf moved by truck to Long Dinh bridge and was picked up by MRF boats when they were released at 1027H. Commencing at 1234H, the 2-60 Inf was moved AML back to its portion of AO CRACKERJACK closing at 1435H.

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