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1 May: 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 opnw 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 and adjacent areas. At 0834H vic XS265568 Co A found 22 Chicom claymore mines (20 lb type). At 1212H vic XS-321495 Co B found a grenade booby trap with trip wire. Booby trap was destroyed in place. Co A and Co C completed their RIF opns in area of caches found on 30 April 1968 and were extracted, closing in their FS/PB's at 1125H. At 1915H Co B received 1 rd of sniper from the southeast of their CP loc. During the night the bn conducted 5 squad size ambush patrols. The 2-60 Inf continued opns in the eastern portion of AO CRACKERJACK. (Delayed entry: at 302230H vic XS365490 a Co C ambush patrol received several rds of sniper fire. Fire was returned. When area was checked out 3 male personnel were picked up in a hooch. They were in the process of changing clothes.) At 0130H vic XS365489 a Co C ambush patrol engaged 3 VC near a stream. Results: 1 VC (BC). Two blood trails were found in the area. During the night the bn conducted 9 squad size ambush patrols.

2 May: 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. The 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 continued opns in the western portion of AO CRACKERJACK. At 0840H, vic XS330495 FS/PB Lambert received an unknown number of sniper rds. There were no casualties. At 1018H, Co B, 5-60 relieved Co C, 5-60 in place at FS/PB Lambert. Co B will remain ONXON to 2-39 for the purpose of securing the engineer upgrading effort on Hwy 4. At 1610H, Co E conducted an AML assault into an LZ loc XS326520. The Co will move on foot to the west and conduct opns in a Bushmaster AO (XS3251, XS3253, XS2953, XS2951). At 1654H, vic XS323520 Co E apprehended 4 detainees and one child (WIA) as a result of a grenade thrown into a bunker complex being searched by the Co. Road sweeps and local security patrols were conducted without incidents. The 2-60 continued opns in the eastern portion of AO CRACKERJACK. At 1315H Co's B and C commenced an AML move to the My Dien SF Camp XS360600 closing at 1521H. They will conduct RIF/Bushmaster Opns out of the camp for the next 2-3 days.

3 May: 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. The 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. At 0716H vic XS315501 during a road sweep a platoon from Co B found fresh tracks which lead to two buried box type mines. Mines were command detonated type with wires leading to the south of the road. The mines were extracted and returned to the co's CP. All other road sweeps and local patrols were without incident. At 1254H vic XS318502 1st Plat, B Co received sniper fire. Negative casualties. Negative results upon sweeping the area fire came from. At 1312H vic XS322499 1st Plat, B Co received AW fire. An arty mission was fired on the area. Negative casualties. At 1320H vic XS314-494 1st Plat, Co B/3-39 spotted 5 VC with AW's. The VC were taken under fire with arty and mortars. Area was swept with negative results. At 1530H vic XS-299388 Co C picked up 4 detainees. Detainees were evacuated to Dong Tam. Co E

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continued its Bushmaster opn. 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. At 1010H vic XS365598 Co B found 2 Chicom grenades. One was an anti-personnel type and the other was set up as a booby trap under a mine. Grenades and mine were blown in place. Co's B and C continued RIF/BUSHMASTER opns out of the My Dien SF Camp. Co B established a BUSHMASTER opn vic XS3157, XS3159, XS3459, XS3457. During the night the bn conducted 1 co size and 7 squad size ambush patrols.

4 May: 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 with RF/PF elements from Dinh Tuong Province. The 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 continued opns in the western portion of AO CRACKERJACK. (Late entry: at 1530H, vic XS299488 Co C apprehended 4 detainees who were evacuated to Dong Tam.) At 0902H, Co A (-) was inserted into an LZ vic XS264586. The 3rd plat was inserted at XS270580 at 0902H. Both elements conducted RIF vic of their LZ's. At 1020H, vic XS330494 the 3rd plat received sporadic SA fire. The area was swept revealing a small amount of expended carbine rds. At 1150H, Co A began a sweep to the south toward FS/PB Moore. The Co closed FS/PB Moore at 1613H. Co C was moved AML from FS/PB Moore to Dong Tam for a maintenance stand down at 1100H. Co B conducted a RIF to the south of FS/PB Moore. At 1443H, vic XS329486 Co B engaged 6 VC. The VC fled to the south leaving behind one female detainee (WIA). The female was dusted off to My Tho. Co B closed FS/PB Lambert at 1540H. The 2-60 continued opns in the eastern portion of AO CRACKERJACK and vic the My Dien SF Camp with negative results. Trp D, 3-5 Cav, OPCON to 1st Bde for the day conducted VR and armed recon of AO CRACKERJACK and adjacent areas. At 0945H, vic XS274573 a LFT engaged 2 VC resulting in 2 VC KBA. The ARP was inserted at XS278570 at 1020H and engaged 1 VC resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC). The ARP was extracted at 1050H with no further incidents. The ARP was again inserted at 1314H, vic XS4060 with negative results; extracted at 1502H. At 1400H, vic XS325558 a LFT engaged 2 personnel moving down a canal in a sampan. The personnel, 1 male and 1 female, were apprehended when they took evasive action and returned to Dong Tam for interrogation. At 1520H, vic XS336560 a LFT engaged and sunk 1 sampan. At 1530H, vic XS368550 the ARP was again inserted with negative results; extracted at 1700H.

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was captured (He had no weapon and wore black shorts with a white shirt) and the other 3 escaped. The 2-60 continued operations in the eastern portion of AO CRACKERJACK. At 0350H vic XS321576 B26 AP engaged 2 sampans loaded with rice. The sampans fled down another canal when taken under fire. In second canal B16 AP engaged the same sampans. Results 1 VC female KIA and 1 VC female WIA. Dust off at 0850H to Dong Tam. (WIA female was later classified IC.) At 0737H 2-60 reported two craters in the road. One vic XS440486 was 70% damage to road and one vic XS469498 was 70% damage to road. Engr elements repaired the damage. Co's B and C continued opns vic My Dien SF Camp, closing by airmobile means in their parent CP locations at 1350H. Trp D, 3-5 Cav, OPCON to 1st Bde for the day, conducted VR and armed recon of AO CRACKERJACK, and adjacent areas. At 1020H vic XS283428 Trp D elements saw several VC swimming down a canal, trying to camouflage themselves as they went along. The canal was reconed by fire with negative results. At 1112H an ARP was inserted vic XS263462, received AW fire. Negative results upon sweeping area of fire. At 1215H vic XS293422 an ARP found a bunker with 1 civilian radio (tuned to pick up military transmissions) 1 US canteen with cover, 1 US ammo pouch and 1 writing pad. All equipment found was evacuated to Dong Tam.

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elements. One detainee was apprehended in a bunker which was located inside a hooch (this detainee wore a 514 scarf.) At 1506H vic XS328493 (300 meters south of FS/PF Lambert) B16 patrol found a chicom claymore (25 lb type). Claymore was placed alongside a trail facing north. A dud 105mm round was also found in same vicinity. The 105 round was booby trapped. Claymore was evacuated and dud 105 destroyed in place. At 1602H vic XS333490 B16 patrol found two grenade booby traps. Both booby traps were blown in place. All elements of 2-39 closed into their CP's. During the night the battalion conducted one company (Co A Bushmaster initiated on 6 May) and 8 squad size ambush patrols. The 2-60 continued opns in the eastern portion of AO CRACKERJACK. Road sweeps and local patrols were without significant finds. At 1630H just north of the battalion CP, 2-60 apprehended one detainee. When discovered in the area, the detainee ran and was apprehended in a hooch. During the night the battalion conducted 10 squad size ambush patrols. At 0947H vic XS210508 A/1-11 Arty enroute from FS/PB Moore to FS/PB Parker to support opns of 2-39 encountered a mud wall road block (road block had been reported at 0800H by 1st Bde S3 (fwd). At vic XS200509 another mud wall road block could also be seen. A Battery searched out mud wall and found 2 grenade booby traps. Both sides of the road appeared to be booby trapped. While searching out road block, "A" received 3 rds of mortar fire from the north. Unable to go on to FS/PB Parker, A Battery returned to FS/PB Moore. At 1450H the 1-11 Arty 46 element received sniper fire near old FS/PB Jager. Results were 1 US WIA (slight). Dust off not required.

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9 May: The 1st Bde continued road and engineer security, night ambush patrolling and reconnaissance in force opns with the 2-39 and 2-60 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. At 0745H vic XS266488, Co C apprehended one detainee, 46 yrs of age during the course of a local patrol. The detainee was evacuated to Dong Tam. Co B conducted a RIF opn to the east of FS/PF Lambert vic XS308495 with negative results. The Co closed back to their CP at 1325H. At 1355H vic XS330492, a Co B local patrol located a complex of 15 bunkers and one US claymore mine with 150' of electrical wire. The bunkers were destroyed and the claymore evacuated. At 0817H vic XS237504, Co E observed a VC flag while conducting a road sweep. The flag was taken down and returned to the Co E CP at 0955H. At 0955H vic XS290499, Co A, 15th Engr uncovered a mine and destroyed it in place. At 0330H vic XS267500, a PF OP received AW fire resulting in 1 KHA and 2 WHA. Reports from the Cai Lay Advisor indicated that 2 PF inside the OP were actually VC in disguise. Upon initiation of the attack they threw several grenades inside the OP and escaped with 1 BAR, 1 carbine and a radio. The 2 PF WHA were dusted off. Arrangements have been made with the 2-39 to place a 3 man LNC team, radio, starlight scope and field telephone line to FS/PB Moore in the OP. At 1455H one platoon was inserted at XS179357 at 1520H. Both platoons conducted RIF opns vic of their LZ's with negative results. Both platoons were extracted at 1542H. The 1st plat was reinserted at 1632H, vic XS280570. The 2nd plat was inserted vic XS283573 at 1650H. At 1750H, vic XS283571 a UH-1D helicopter supporting 2-39 opns caught on fire and

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made a forced landing. Co A elements in the area secured the aircraft until it was evacuated by CH-47 at 1928H. The 2 platoons of Co A were extracted at 1940H. The lift aircraft received a heavy volume of AW fire during the extraction, but no damage resulted. The 2-60 continued opns in the eastern portion of AO CRACKERJACK. Local patrols, AP's and road sweeps took place without incident. At 1615H vic XS433482, a convoy enroute from Vinh Long hit a mine. One vehicle sustained moderate damage. There were no casualties.

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2 US WHA (dusted off). The VC were wearing all black clothing. A sweep of the area revealed expended M-14 and M-16 cartridges. Co A was inserted AML at 111120H, vic XS250472 and XS268485 in response to the Co E contact. At 111220H, vic XS286-455 the 2-39 C&C aircraft spotted 1 VC in a sampan taking evasive action. The VC was engaged resulting in 1 VC KHA (BC). At 111435H vic XS330500 Co B, 5-60 OPCON to 2-39 apprehended 3 detainees who were evacuated to FS/PB Lambert and subsequently to Dong Tam. Co A previously inserted AML to support a Co E contact, closed FS/PB Moore on foot at 111507H. The 2-60 continued opns in the eastern portion of AO CRACKERJACK. Co A conducted multiple AML insertions. At 110800H the Co was inserted at XS335530 and XS335498. Co B was inserted at 110930H vic XS328506. A total of 36 detainees were apprehended vic of the LZ's and evacuated to the 1st Bde Fwd CP. Co A was extracted starting at 111245H and reinserted on 3 LZ's (XS352515 - 354554 - 374552) closing at 111331H. At 111513H vic XS360543 Co A received sporadic sniper fire. Fire was returned and the area swept with negative results. One platoon of Co A was extracted and reinserted AML vic XS369553 at 111504H. Co A apprehended 2 detainees at 111522H vic XS355550. Co's A and B were extracted AML and closed their CP's at 111720H.

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VC casualties unknown. At 130735H, vic XS271500 a 15 Engr road sweep party located and cleared a mud and stick road block without incident. The 2-39 Inf conducted multiple AML insertions. At 0725H, vic XS293574 Co C was inserted AML. Co A was inserted vic XS310523 at 0826H. At 1000H, vic XS313533 Co A made contact with an estimated 4 VC. SA and AW were exchanged with negative results. At the same time Co E found 3 VC flags and  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb of documents at XS235500. As Co A moved north from their LZ they discovered 20 new fighting bunkers with OHC. An airstrike will be called in on this area in the immediate future. While overwatching 2-39 opns the 1st Bde C&C aircraft received a small amount of SA fire from XS2557 at 1023H. One plat of Co A was extracted and inserted in this area at 1116H, vic XS252562. Co A (-), continuing their RIF to the north from their first LZ located a box containing 100 bottles of medicine at XS315532 at 1200H. While conducting a local patrol out of FS/PB Lambert, Co B engaged 6 VC with AK-47. AW and SA were exchanged with negative results. Co's A and C linked up at 1430H, vic XS258565 and began extraction back to FS/PB Moore at 1513H closing at 1603H. At 1704H, vic XS312497 a plat size patrol from FS/PB Lambert made contact with an estimated 5-6 VC. Fire was returned with organic weapons and dusters. The area was swept with negative results. At 1845H, vic XS304495, 2 squad size AP's from Co B, enroute to their AP locations, made contact with an estimated VC plat. Arty and dusters supported. The area was swept with negative results. At 1920H FS/PB Moore received SA, AW and mortar (6 rds) fire from the south and west. Arty supported and a plat from Co B swept the area with negative results. The 2-60 Inf continued opns in the eastern portion of AO CRACKERJACK. At 0650H, a Co B AP located a road block at XS434487 while returning to their CP. It was cleared without incident. The 2-60 Inf conducted AML RIF opns during the afternoon hours. Co A was inserted at 1329H, vic XS308448; Co C vic XS301433 at 1433H. The co's conducted RIF opns vic of the LZ's and Co C was extracted back to the 2-60 CP at 1700H. Co A remained vic XS305435 (RON position).

14 May: 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. The 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 and adjacent areas. Road sweeps and local security patrols were without incidents. At 1540H vic XS312492 Co A apprehended 18 detainees. At 2005H vic XS325491 the 2d Plat, Co C (in their Bushmaster position) engaged approx 10 VC. One POW was captured during a sweep of the area. The 2d Plat Co C received .50 caliber fire during the contact. Negative US casualties. At 2045H vic XS295500 B15 AP received 2 mortar rds in their AP position. Negative US casualties. The 2d Plat, Co C continued its Bushmaster opn (vic XS2950, XS3350, XS3348, XS2948) during the night. During the night the bn conducted one plat size and 13 squad size ambush patrols. The 2-60 Inf continued opns in the western portion of AO CRACKERJACK and adjacent areas. Road sweeps and local patrols were without incident. The bn conducted an airmobile RIF vic XS548588 with elements of Co's B and C during the afternoon. At 1605H vic XS545591 one UH-1D helicopter supporting the airmobile opn was hit by enemy ground fire which caused damage to the hydraulic system of the ship causing it to have to return to Tan An. Negative US casualties. At 1635H vic XS545591 1 VC was captured (wounded by 1st Bde C&C helicopter). At 1810H vic XS321433 during its Bushmaster opn Co A engaged an unknown number of VC. Results: 6 VC KIA (BC), 4 weapons and 3 detainees. One detainee was wearing a pistol and was believed to be an NVA soldier by Tiger Scout with Co A. Three US personnel were WHA. All were dusted off. Co A continued its Bushmaster Opn (CP loc vic XS306438) during the night. During the night the bn conducted 1 company size, 2 plat size, and 6 squad size ambush patrols. At 0803H vic XS292499 Co A/15 Engrs found two mines on the south side of Hwy 4. At 0816H while attempting to clear the 2 mines Co A 15 Engrs received 15 rds of sniper fire from vic XS295495. Negative US casualties. At 0856H Co A had to blow one of the mines in place. Explosion created a crater covering 50%

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of the road. Traffic was still able to pass the crater. At 1000H while Co A was still filling the crater an ARVN found a wire leading to the north. The ARVN traced the wire to Hwy 4 and tugged on it. He was blown up by a booby trapped mine. Negative US casualties. At 1010H vic XS297483, an OH-23 from 1st Bde AVN element received ground fire from an unknown number of VC. Fire was returned and Arty fire was called in on the area. Co A moved to area with negative results. Negative US casualties.

15 May: 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. The 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 continued opns in the western portion of AO CRACKERJACK. The 2nd Plat of Co C continued Bushmaster opns in its AO (XS2950, XS3350, XS3348, XS2948) during the night. At 1130H, vic XS326485 the plat recovered 3 VC KHA (BC) from the contact which took place at 2005H, vic XS-325491. Five lbs of medical supplies were also found at 1145H, vic XS315498 and will be evacuated to FS/PB Moore. At 1445H, vic XS312496 the plat apprehended 1 male detainee without ID card. At 1520H, the plat engaged 2 VC with SA and AW with negative results. The plat again made contact at 1545H at the same grid, during a sweep of the area, with negative results. A Co B patrol made contact with an estimated 4 VC at 1521H vic XS309497. The area was swept with negative results. The 2-60 continued opns in the eastern portion of AO CRACKERJACK without incident. The 2-60 conducted AML opns vic of My Phuoc Tay Special Forces Camp (XS200599). Co B moved AML from the 2-60 CP by CH-47 closing My Phuoc Tay at 0945H. Co B made insertions into LZ's (XS105603, XS105610, XS114630) at 1424H, 1435H, and 1558H respectively. With negative contact the co was extracted back to the 2-60 CP closing at 151810H. Co A moved overland out of their Bushmaster location to the south. At 1155H, vic XS331417 they sustained 2 US WHA and 2 VN WHA from a grenade booby trap. All four WHA's were dusted off. The co was picked up at 1525H via XS362414 and closed Dong Tam basin by boat at 1435H. The co then moved to the Bn CP by truck closing at 1630H. The 2-39 had no opns or incidents outside of AO CRACKERJACK.

16 May: 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. The 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 opns. The 2-39 continued opns in the western portion of AO CRACKERJACK. Road sweeps and local security patrols were without incident. The plat size Co C Bushmaster closed back to its CP at 0935H. At 1920H vic XS325495 the 2d Plat Co A captured 2 detainees. Both had ID cards. At 1950H vic XS333503 Co A/5-60 received 2 RPG rds. Negative hits or casualties. At 1950H B16/2-39 enroute to its AP loc engaged unknown number of VC vic XS340502. Negative results. Negative US casualties. The 2d Plat, Co A established a Bushmaster opn vic XS3050, XS3350, XS3348, XS3048. At 2038H vic XS290500 B26 AP received fire from 300 meters north of their positions. Fire was returned and arty and gunships were called in to support. Results: 1 US WHA (slight). Unknown VC casualties. The 2-60 continued opns in the eastern portion of AO CRACKERJACK without incident. Neither the 2-39 nor the 2-60 had opns or incidents outside AO CRACKERJACK.

17 May: 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. The 1st Bde continued its program of conducting combined opns with RF and PF units to

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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. One plat of Co A conducted night insertion supported by 9th Avn Bn. Pathfinders were inserted vic XS315507 at 2040H. A plat from Co A was inserted on the same LZ at 2050H and conducted a night RIF to the east to an PZ vic XS311511. They were extracted at 2211H and reinserted vic FS/PB Moore at 2219H without incident. Co C conducted a RIF northeast of FS/PB Moore vic XS315521 with negative results. The co closed FS/PB Moore at 1159H. At 1235H, vic XS320493 the plat size Co A Bushmaster received AW fire from an unknown size VC force. Fire was returned and the area swept with negative results. The 15 Engr found an anti-personnel mine vic XS294499 at 0730H. The mine was blown in place. The engr also found a chicom mine at 0840H vic XS305-500. The mine was blown in place. At 1756H, FS/PB Moore received approximately 18 rds of 82mm mtr fire resulting in 1 slight US WHA (not dusted off). Counter mortar concentrations were fired on a suspected mortar location at XS265488 with unknown results. At 1915H, vic XS298500 a PF OP received sporadic AW and 12 rds of 60mm mortar fire. A Co B AP to the east observed fire coming from a location vic XS313496. Arty was put on the grid and the area swept with negative results. At 2030H, vic XS297495 a Co B AP received light sniper fire from an estimated 4 VC. Arty was called into the area with unknown results. The 2-60 continued opns in the eastern portion of AO CRACKERJACK without incident. The 2-39 had 1 incident outside of AO CRACKERJACK. At 0815H, vic XS455437 an APC from Co A/5-60, OPCN to 2-39, hit an unknown type mine resulting in 1 US WHA. The WHA was evacuated to Dong Tam by vehicle. The 2-60 had no incidents or opns outside AO CRACKERJACK.

18 May: 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. The 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. At 0645H vic XS332489 the 2d Plat, Co A engaged unk number of VC. Results: 3 VC KIA (BC), 1 Thomson MG w/4 magazines of ammo, 2 US grenades, and 1 US pistol belt. VC wore black pants and checkered shirts. The 2d Plat, Co A terminated its Bushmaster opn, closing at FS/PB Lambert at 0815H. At 1200H, vic XS325495, B35 element found and destroyed seven unknown type booby traps. Booby traps were buried in the ground and each had a wire leading to a PRC-25 battery. A dud 105mm rd was also found and destroyed in the same area. At 1727H vic XS296490, Co E engaged 4-5 VC. VC fired automatic weapons from 200 meters west of Co E's position. Fire was returned. Negative US casualties. Negative results. At 1858H vic XS303489 LRRP's, working with 2-39, engaged 6-7 VC. Results: 1 VC KIA (BC) and 1 detainee. VC were wearing black pajamas. At 1912H vic XS297490 to vic XS299490 Co E found 8 recently constructed bunkers. Bunkers are to be destroyed at a later date. Co E initiated a Bushmaster opn vic XS3048, XS3050, XS3350, XS3348. The 2-60 continued opns in the eastern portion of AO CRACKERJACK without incident.

19 May: 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. The 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. At 0930H vic XS246503 Co A apprehended 1 WIA male detainee. Co A had spotted 3 persons who started running away (1 carrying a wpn). M79 fire was placed on the trio resulting in the 1 WIA detainee. Co E continued its Bushmaster opn vic XS3048, XS3050, XS3350, XS3348. During the night the bn conducted 1 co size, 1 plat size and 9 squad size ambush patrols. The 2-60

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continued opns in the eastern portion of AO CRACKERJACK without incident. During the night the 2-60 conducted 1 plat size and 9 squad size ambush patrols. At 1420H vic XS270465, D Trp/3-5 Cav (OPCON to 2-39) spotted 5-7 VC dressed in camouflaged uniforms w/leaves on their backs. At 1455H vic XS270465 D Trp/3-5 Cav gunships engaged and KBA (BC) 2 VC. Co C/2-39 was inserted into the area shortly after gunships had contact. At 1600H vic XS268463 the 1st Plat, Co C engaged 7-8 VC. Results: 2 VC KIA (BC), 3 VC detainees (2 WIA), 2 AK-47's, and 2 ruck sacks with supplies and documents. VC were wearing black pajamas. D Trp, 3-5 Cav and Co C/2-39 were extracted from area of contact, with Co C elements completing their extraction and closing into their CP location at 1754H. The 2-60 Inf had no incidents or opns outside AO CRACKERJACK.

20 May: 1st Bde continued road and engineer security, night ambush patrolling and recon in force opns with the 2-39 Inf, 3-60 Inf and 2-60 Inf and in close coordination and cooperation with RF/PF elements from Dinh Tuong Province. The 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. At 192130H, vic XS267482 a plat from Co A apprehended 1 detainee. At 200845H Co E terminated its Bushmaster opns closing back into its CP. The 2-39 conducted AML insertions with Co C vic XS341482 at 1355H. At 1515H, vic XS340481 a plat from Co C engaged an unknown size VC force resulting in 4 VC KIA (BC) and 8 detainees. With no further incidents in the area Co C moved on foot and by truck back to FS/PB Moore closing at 1724H, Co C conducted a night AML insertion. The Co was picked up at FS/PB Moore at 2100H and was inserted at XS243515. The Co conducted RIF opns to the east and was extracted from XS257516 back to FS/PB Moore at 2225H without incident. The 2-60 continued opns in the eastern portion of AO CRACKERJACK without incident. The 2-60 and 3-60 conducted an AML/Riverine RIF opn southwest of Vinh Kim. Co's A and C/3-60 beached vic XS359412 and XS339412 respectively at 0821H and conducted RIF opns to the north. Co's A, C and elements of B/2-60 conducted AML assaults into LZ's vic XS324440 and XS323411 closing at 0930H and conducted RIF opns to the southeast. Co B/3-60 blocked to the south and west vic XS364433. Trp B, 7-1st Cav was OPCON to 1st Bde for the entire opn. At 0853H, vic XS359512 Co C 3-60 apprehended 3 detainees. At 1000H, vic XS364433 Co B 3-60 engaged 1 VC resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC) and 1 AK-47 captured. At 1010H, vic XS334448 Co C/2-60 apprehended 1 female detainee in the vic of an abandoned hospital complex. At 1010H, vic XS332418 Trp B/7-1 Cav engaged 1 VC resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC). At 1055H, vic XS332448 Co C 2-60 sustained 1 US WHA as a result of a booby trapped grenade. At 1123H, vic XS352425 the Intel Plat, 3-60 engaged an unknown size VC force. The action was supported by gunship with unknown results. At 1130H, vic XS333451 Co C/2-60 apprehended 2 female detainees in what appeared to be a hospital complex. Two (2) chicom carbines, a bag of damaged M-79 rds and a blood pressure kit were also found in the area. At 1130H, vic XS332445, Co C 2-60 found a bunker complex containing 175-200 viles of medicine and several ledger books. At 1445H vic XS336445 Co C/2-60 sustained 3 US WHA as a result of a grenade booby trap. At 1317H, vic XS245423 Trp B, 7-1 Cav engaged 3 VC in the open resulting in 2 VC KIA (BC). Based on interrogation of POW's taken earlier in the day, Co A/2-60 was inserted vic XS333451 to search for an underground hospital reported in that location. The 3-60 and Co B, 2-60 were extracted from the opn area by boat and closed Dong Tam at 1600H. Co B/2-60 moved AML from Dong Tam back to the Pink Palace closing at 1645H. At 1815H, vic XS347442 Co C/2-60 engaged an estimated 4-6 VC. Fire was returned and the area swept with negative results. Co C/2-60 was extracted AML back to the 2-60 CP closing at 1910H. Co A/2-60 RON at XS333450 with plans to continue to search tomorrow for the hospital complex in that area.

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22 May: The 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. The 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 US opns. The 2-39 Inf continued opns in the western portion of AO CRACKERJACK. The plat size Bushmaster operating in southwestern AO (XS2449, XS2747, XS2749, XS2447) moved back to FS/PB Moore on foot closing at 0730H. Two craters and 2 VC flags were discovered at 0645H, vic XS238500. On the ground inspection by the engr at 0735H revealed another cratering charge which was blown in place. The road remained open to one lane traffic. Co A conducted a RIF commencing at 0905H vic XS3551 with a VN civilian guide who indicated he knew where some rifles were buried. During the opn 2 detainees were apprehended at 1040H, vic XS366518. Two additional detainees were apprehended at 1340H, vic XS361517. The co completed the sweep and closed back into FS/PB Moore at 1420H. At 1205H, vic XS292500 a local PF unit found a cratering charge near the road. The charge was blown in place by the 15th Engr. The 2-60 continued opns in the eastern portion of AO CRACKERJACK without incident. At 2013H vic XS332488 a plat from Co C proceeding south from FS/PB Lambert made contact with a superior VC force. SA and AW were exchanged and arty supported. The patrol returned to Lambert with 2 slight WIA (no dust off required). At 1745H, vic XS469494 an element of 15th Engr proceeding along Hwy 6A received SA/AW fire. Fire was returned and the vehicles proceeded with no further incidents.

23 May: 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. The 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 US opns. The 2-39 Inf continued opns in the western portion of AO CRACKERJACK. At 0645H vic XS331493 B26 found and destroyed in place a dud 105 rd. At 0920H vic XS332488 B26 found a tin box with documents in it. Box was evacuated to Dong Tam. At 1335H vic XS317475 D Trp/3-5 Cav gunships engaged and killed 1 VC (BC). VC was taking evasive action. At 1933H vic XS298495 B26 received SA/AW fire and either M-79 or 60mm fire. Fire was returned with organic weapons and arty was called in on area of fire. Arty was called in on area of fire. Contact was broken at 2007H. Negative US casualties. At 2038H vic XS-388499 a searchlight element working with 2-39 received sniper fire. Fire was not returned. Negative US casualties. The 2-60 continued opns in the eastern portion of AO CRACKERJACK without incident. At 0700H vic XS438487 1st Bde aviation element helicopter spotted 3 small holes in Hwy 4. These holes were filled by 0905H. At 1400H vic XS247455 elements of Co C/2-39 engaged and KIA (BC) 1 VC. At 1413H vic XS248457 Co C/2-39 captured 8 detainees who were pointed out by a Tiger Scout as VC. At 1430H vic XS248457 C16/2-39 received sniper fire. Fire was returned and area was checked out with negative results. Three civilians in the area were wounded (all were evacuated for treatment). At 1530H vic XS-297454 D Trp/3-5 Cav gunships engaged and KIA (BC) 1 VC. At 1540H vic XS296454 Co C/2-39 elements found a bunker containing 11 magazines of M16 ammo and 20 loose rds of AK-47 ammo in a US claymore bag. At 1545H vic XS296453 2-39 elements apprehended 2 more detainees (1 WIA). Detainees were evacuated to Dong Tam. At 1645H vic XS281645H vic XS281455 Co C/2-39 elements engaged and KIA (BC) 1 VC trying to take evasive action. At 1650H vic XS282455 Co C/2-39 elements picked up 4 detainees. Detainees were evacuated to Dong Tam. At 1700H vic XS295455 Co C/2-39 elements engaged and KIA (BC) 1 VC. At 0815H vic XS219454 an element of Co B/2-60 apprehended 1 male detainee who had no ID card. At 0815H vic XS217447 elements of Co B/2-60 apprehended 2 detainees with no ID cards. Detainees were trying to run away when captured. At 0900H vic XS213436 D/Trp/3-5 Cav gunships engaged and KIA (BC) 1 VC. At 0900H vic XS218444 Co B/2-60 picked up 1 detainee taking evasive action. At 1252H vic XS296564 A16, Co C/2-60 found 2 sampans (1 with a motor) containing 6 bags of black powder (105mm type bags), 6 B-40 rocket

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fuses, 2 40 lb shape charges, 1 dud aerial illumination round, 1 poncho, 1 US grenade, and 1 chicom pistol belt. Co C/2-60 initiated a Bushmaster opn vic XS3056, XS3253, XS3250, XS3050.

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25 May: 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. The 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 US opns. The 2-39 continued opns in the western portion of AO CRACKERJACK. At 0712H, vic XS315523 a LFT supporting 1st Bde opns engaged and sank a sampan loaded with boxes. At 0610H, vic XS346527 a member of a LRP working with a Co B/2-39 Bushmaster was WIA by a grenade booby-trap. The individual was DOW upon arrival at Dong Tam. At 1830H vic XS310495 B16 element received heavy SA/AW fire from an unknown size VC force. Fire was returned and contact was broken at 1842H. Negative US casualties. VC losses unknown. At 1920H 1 RPG rd was fired from an area southeast of FS/PB Lambert. Round fell outside the berm. Negative US casualties. Fire was placed into suspected area with unknown results. At 2040H vic XS282493 a searchlight unit working with 2-39 spotted personnel setting up a mortar position. Arty and mortar were fired on the area with unknown results. The 2-60 continued opns in the eastern portion of AO CRACKERJACK. At 1740H vic XS377510 R-1/2-60 patrol received SA/AW fire while being inserted by helicopter. Fire was returned and contact was broken at 1742H. Negative US casualties. Two VC KHA (BC) were found upon sweep of the area. VC were dressed in black pajamas. The 2-39 conducted AML RIF opns in the south-central portion of AO BUBBLE. Co C was inserted vic XS314412 at 0901H.

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At 250925H vic XS311424 Co C found 1 VC KBA by gunships. In response to several personnel sightings, the 7/1 Cav ARP, OPCON to 2-39 was inserted vic XS325419 at 251020H. They were extracted without further incident. Co A was inserted vic XS331411 at 251046H. One platoon of Co C was extracted and reinserted vic XS345424 at 251113H. Co C, 2-39 apprehended 34 detainees vic their LZ's during the hours of 250950H and 251030H. At 251030H vic XS314412 Co C engaged 1 VC resulting in 1 VC KHA (BC). At 251030H vic XS4031 7/1 Cav apprehended 5 detainees. Co's A and C were extracted AML back to FS/PB Moore at 251424H. At 251500H vic XS342460 2 elements of Co C were inserted and conducted search and sweep looking for US POW reported to be held in the area. One detainee was captured during the sweep. Co C elements were extracted at 251640H. At 252117H a Co E squad located at the Cai Lay water point received mortar rounds 250 meters from their position. Negative US casualties. The Co C 2-60 Bushmaster was extracted back to the 2-60 CP closing at 250722H. At 251300H vic XS440431 a S4 2-60 convoy heading east from Dong Tam received fire from 6-8 VC. Fire was returned. There were no casualties, but one vehicle (4T) was disabled. The 2-60 conducted AML RIF with Co B. The Co was inserted vic XS227573 at 251310H. Co B was extracted back to the 2-60 CP at 251512H without incident. At 251310H vic XS448434 an ARVN advisor's vehicle was ambushed by 30 VC resulting in 1 ARVN WHA.

26 May: The 1st Bde continued road and engineer security, night ambush patrolling and reconnaissance in force operations with the 2-39 and 2-60 Inf's 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 252226H vic XS292500 C16 element received SA fire and 1 claymore mine was fired on them. Fire was returned. Two US WHA (1 serious, 1 slight). Dust off completed for seriously wounded at 252324H. VC casualties unknown.) At 261415H vic XS306497 B26 element received AW fire. Fire was returned. Negative US casualties. The 2-60 continued opns in the eastern portion of AO CRACKERJACK without incident. (Delayed entry: At 252045H vic XS385518 R1/2-60 element received AW fire from approx 2-3 AW's. Fire was returned. Negative US casualties. Sweep of the area found negative results.) Operation Truong Cong Dinh: One 26 May Co A/2-39 conducted a joint ground RIF opn with 2 plts from Cai Lay PF District. The joint opn was conducted from Cai Lay south along Hwy 20 to vic XS234468 without incident with Co A closing at its CP at 261639H. At 261700H Co A/2-39 initiated a platoon size Bushmaster opn vic XS2555 - 2755 - 2753 - 2553. Co's A and B of 2-60 conducted AML RIF vic XS361-437 and XS253541, respectively, without incident.

27 May: The 1st Bde continued road and engineer security, night ambush patrolling and reconnaissance in force operations with the 2-39 and 2-60 Inf's and in close coordination and cooperation with RF/PF elements from Dinh Tuong Province. The 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 US operations. The 2-39 continued opns in the western portion of AO CRACKERJACK. At 270055H vic XS294495 a Co C AP received 1 RPG rd and an unk amount of SA fire. Fire was returned and arty supported resulting in a secondary explosion. The AP sustained 5 WHA (1 dusted off). The area was swept at first light with negative results. At 271734H 2 mortar rounds landed outside perimeter at FS/PB Lambert. Negative US casualties. At 271920H vic XS320500, B26/2-39 element apprehended 1 detainee. Detainee did not have an ID card. The 2-60 continued opns in the western portion of AO CRACKERJACK. At 271820H vic XS380513 while moving to their first checkpoint, R1/2-60 element received SA and AW fire. Fire was returned. Negative US casualties.

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Negative results upon sweep of the area. Co A/2-39 continued a plat size Bushmaster opn north of FS/PB Moore (XS2555-2755-2753-2553). At 270200H vic XS263541 a Co A AP engaged 4 personnel resulting in 3 detainees and 1 VC KHA (BC). The detainees were evacuated to Dong Tam. Again at 271010H vic XS264549 a Co A AP engaged 1 VC resulting in 1 VC KHA (BC). The KHA was wearing a US canteen, a VC canteen and had a sketch of the area, including a bunker complex, in his pocket. Utilizing the map, a small bunker complex was located at XS266546 at 271200H. The bunkers were new, but there was no evidence of recent occupation. At 271904H vic XS260540 from its Bushmaster position Co A/2-39 had 1 VC KIA (BC). VC was spotted running from a bunker. VC wore black pants and black shirt and had no ID card. The 2-60 had no activity or incident outside of AO CRACKERJACK.

28 May: The First Recon Brigade continued road and engr security, night ambush patrolling and reconnaissance in force operations with the 2-39 and 2-60 Inf's and in close coordination and cooperation with RF/PF elements from Dinh Tuong Province. The 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 US operations. The 2-39 continued opns in the western portion of AO CRACKERJACK. At 280340H vic XS280500 a Co E AP engaged 3 VC with wpns. The area was swept with negative results. At 280940H vic XS315500 engr working on Hwy 4 received SA fire. Fire was returned and Co B conducted a sweep of the area. The sweep revealed 2 VN civilians WIA (1 male and 1 female); both dusted off to My Tho. At 281614H vic XS313497 a Co B plt size patrol received sporadic sniper fire. Dusters supported the action. The area was swept with negative results. At 282130H an LP southeast of FS/PB Lambert received what was thought to be 1 grenade or an M-79 rd. Illumination was fired and the LP returned the fire with unknown results. The 2-60 continued opns in the eastern portion of AO CRACKERJACK without incident. The 2-39 continued Bushmaster opns with one plat from Co A north of FS/PB Moore (XS2555-2755-2753-2553). The 2-60 had no incidents or activities outside of AO CRACKERJACK.

29 May: The First Recon Brigade continued road and engineer security, night ambush patrolling and reconnaissance in force operations with the 2-39 and 2-60 Inf's and in close coordination and cooperation with RF/PF elements from Dinh Tuong Province. The 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 US operations. The 2-39 continued opns in the western portion of AO CRACKERJACK. During the morning hours the Bn conducted AML RIF opns. One plat from Co B was inserted vic XS307525 at 291023H. The plat was extracted at 291118H without incident. At 291915H vic XS267497 a Co A AP spotted 30 personnel with weapons. Co A (-) moved into the area and apprehended 2 detainees. At 292001H vic XS293497 a Co C AP made contact with an estimated 5 VC. SA and AW fires were exchanged and arty fired in support. The AP swept the area with negative results. The 2-60 continued opns in the eastern portion of AO CRACKERJACK. At 291352H the 1st Bde Fwd CP and the 2-60 CP received SA fire from the southwest. A UE-1D from the supporting AML Co took a hit, but remained flyable. Co A moved overland to the area of fire and Co B was inserted AML at XS394484, XS405484 and XS390482 at 291455H. The Recon plat was inserted at 291500H vic XS386490. Co B engaged 1 VC at XS397482 at 291500H resulting in 1 VC KHA (BC) and a captured AK-47 and an unk type mine. The Recon plat made contact with an unk size VC force at 291515H vic XS385402 resulting in 1 VC KHA (BC). The plat also destroyed 5 booby trapped grenades in the same area. The 2-60 apprehended 9 detainees during this opn. At 291508H vic XS394489 one detainee attempted to flee from Co B resulting in 1 VC (BC). The remaining 8 detainees were evacuated to Dong Tam and 1 was classified a POW.

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Co's A, B and the Recon plat moved back to the 2-60 CP closing at 29175H. At 291835H vic XS407506 an OH23 from the 1st Bde AVN Section received AW ground fire and took 3 hits. A LFT supported the action with unk results. The 2-39 conducted AML RIF opns in and around AO CRACKERJACK during the morning hours. Co B was inserted vic XS239455 at 290802H. The Co was extracted without incident and re-inserted at 290915H vic XS272530. One plat of Co C was inserted at 290945H vic XS296537. One plat of Co B was extracted back to FS/PB Moore at 291015H. The plat from Co C was extracted back to FS/PB Moore at 291114H. Two plat's of Co B were extracted from XS272530 and reinserted at XS183566 at 291140H. At 291452H vic XS186553 Co B found a VC flag and several banners. Co B was extracted back to FS/PB Lambert without further incident at 291617H. The 2-60 had no activities or incidents outside of AO CRACKERJACK.

30 May: The 1st Bde continued road and engineer security, night ambush patrolling and reconnaissance in force operations with the 2-39 and 2-60 Inf's and in close coordination and cooperation with RF/PF elements from Dinh Tuong Province. The 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 US Operations. The 2-39 continued opns in the western portion of AO CRACKERJACK. At 301010H A26 closed at FS/PB Moore after local sweep, bringing with them 2 detainees apprehended at XS261507 and XS264507, respectively. One detainee had an ID card. At 301041H Co A (-) departed FS/PB Moore on a ground RIF to the east against a blocking position vic XS315520 set up by Co B/2-39. All elements of Co's A and B closed at 301433H without incident. At 301046H vic XS317490 Dusters working for 2-39 received sniper fire. Fire was returned. Negative US casualties. Negative results. At 301152H vic XS313511 B36 apprehended 1 detainee. Detainee was running away from B26 elements. At 301225H vic XS331439 S3, 2-39 spotted and engaged 1 sampan carrying 155mm amo. The sampan was sunk and B16 was sent to check the area out with negative results. At 301230H vic XS303497 Dusters working for 2-39 engaged 2 personnel with wpns. who evaded the fire and escaped from the area. At 301420H vic XS307494 P25 found 6 bunkers in a burned out hooch. Bunkers were destroyed. At 301610H vic XS33-2491 1 EM from B16 was hit by a grenade booby trap. Results were 1 US WIA. Dust off completed at 301707H. The 2-60 continued opns in the eastern portion of AO CRACKERJACK without incident. There were no 1st Bde activities outside of AO CRACKERJACK.

31 May: The 1st Bde continued road and engineer security, night ambush patrolling and reconnaissance in force opns with the 2-39, 2-60, 4-39 and TF VAN DEUSEN and in close coordination and cooperation with RF/PF elements from Dinh Tuong Province. The 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 US operations. The 2-39 (-Co A/5-60 (M)) moved AML from the western portion of AO CRACKERJACK to AO LARAMIE (CP - XS337846). The AML move commenced at 310715H and all elements closed at 311053H. An arty vehicle moving west on Hwy 4 discovered a mine (mortar round type) at XS311501 at 310953H. The mine was blown in place. At 310855H, vic XS311499 engr elements loading drums of road surface material detonated a concussion type grenade booby trap. The drums had been stored overnight at that location. There were no casualties. The 4-39 moved AML from Tan Tru and Nha Be to the western portion of AO CRACKERJACK to replace the 2-39. The Bn (-) moved AML utilizing CH-47's closing AO CRACKERJACK at 311318H and became OPCON to the 1st Bde. The 4-39 assumed OPCON of Co A/5-60 at FS/PB Lambert at 311318H. At 311745H, vic XS263503 a Co A AP received SA and M-79 fire from the south. Fire was returned and the area swept with negative results. The 2-60 (-) moved AML from the eastern portion of AO CRACKERJACK to Tuyen Nhon SF Camp (XS273773).

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inserted first at 1411H captured 3 detainees at 1500H vic XS248555. At 1825H vic XS249567 Co A/4-47 apprehended 2 detainees. At 1845H a Co C/4-47 apprehended 1 detainee. At 1850H vic XS245563 Co C/4-47 apprehended 1 detainee. At 1900H vic XS249568 Co A/4-47 apprehended 1 detainee. At 1902H vic XS245506 Co B/4-47 apprehended 1 detainee. At 1845H Co C/4-47 apprehended 1 detainee. All the detainees captured by 4-47 were trying to leave the area of contact. Because of the contact outside AO, 3-60 Inf became OPCON to 1st Bde at 1800H to conduct opns inside AO. The reported elements of the 2-39, 2-60 and 4-47 RON in positions around the area of contact. As of 2000H the total US casualties were as follows: 2-60 had 3 KHA and 13 WHA; 2-39 had 2 WHA, and 4-47 had no casualties. The 2-60 casualties came during a 30 minute contact at 1500H vic XS233561. The 2-39 casualties came during a brief contact at 1532H vic XS239582.

9 June: 1st Bde continued road and engr security, night AP and RIF opns with the 2-39 Inf and 2-60 Inf and in close coordination and cooperation with RF/PF elements from Dinh Tuong Province. The 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 US opns. The 3-60 (OPCON to 1st Bde) continued opns in AO without incident. At 1500H 1st Bde released OPCON of the 3-60, and 2d Bde boats picked up the 3-60 at the Long Dinh bridge. (Delayed entry: at 0800H vic XS247568 B/7-1 Cav engaged 7 VC. Results: 7 VC KIA (BC). At 1400H vic XS237573 B/7-1 Cav was in contact with an unknown size VC force. Results: 10 VC KIA (BC).) Elements of the 2-39, 2-60, and 4-47 remained overnight in the area of contact southeast of My Phuoc Tay SF Camp. At 0545H vic XS238580 B/2-39 apprehended 1 detainee. At 0715H vic XS248565 B/4-47 apprehended 1 detainee hiding in a bunker. At 0725H vic XS249561 C/4-47 apprehended 1 detainee. During the final wrapup of results in the area of contact the 2-39 reported 2 US KHA from B/2-39; 2 US WHA from E/2-39; 1 US WHA from Hq/2-39; 14 VC KIA (BC) reported at 1012H vic XS238580 from 8 June contact; several B40 rds and several uniforms and gas masks and 14 VC KIA (BC). The 2-60 reported at 1020H vic XS236561 from 8 June contact, 3 US KHA, 7 US WHA, and 1 ~~Reported~~ KHA from A/2-60; negative casualties from B/2-60; and 1 US KHA, 10 US WHA from C/2-60 and 18 VC KIA (BC). The 4-47 reported at 1251H vic XS262576 from 8 June contact negative US casualties and 13 VC KIA (BC). B/7-1 Cav reported at 1101H vic XS237571 6 VC KIA (BC). Air strikes on 8 June vic XS231560 caused 10 VC KIA (BC). A total of 3 AK-47's, 1 chicom carbine, 1 pistol, and remnants of 7 individual weapons were found in the area of contact. At 1510H vic XS236510H vic XS236561 C/2-60 captured 1 VC POW. The 2-39 closed by airmobile means to its FS/PB's at 1430H. The 4-47 closed at Dong Tam at 1655H. The 2-60 closed at Pink Palace at 1815H.

10 June: 1st Bde continued road and engr security, night AP and RIF opns with the 2-39 Inf and in close coordination and cooperation with RF/PF elements from Dinh Tuong Province. The 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 US opns. The 2-39 continued opns in the western portion of AO without incident. The 2-60 continued opns in the western portions of AO. Co B was inserted AML vic XS320527 and XS299531 at 1053H. The co conducted RIF vic the LZ without incident. They were extracted at 1220H and reinserted north of AO CRACKERJACK. The 2-60 conducted AML RIF opns northwest of AO CRACKERJACK. Co B was inserted vic XS-222582 and XS215580 at 1231H. Co A was inserted AML vic XS220561 at 1258H. Both insertions were in response to a contact made by the 7th ARVN Div to the south. Co B again extracted and reinserted vic XS234555 and XS235555 at 1520H. Co's A and B were extracted back to the 2-60 CP, closing at 1748H without incident. The ACV's conducted RIF opns north and west of Dong Tam. The vehicles

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swept up the Long Dinh canal to XS358542 commencing at 1300H and west to vic XS318558. The vehicles closed back to Dong Tam at 1415H and then swept west on the Song My Tho to vic Cai Be (XS135412). They finally closed into Dong Tam at 1500H.

11 June: The 1st Bde continued road and engr security, night AP and RIF opns with the 2-39 and 2-60 Inf and in close coordination and cooperation with RF/PF elements from Dinh Tuong Province. The 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 US opns. The 2-39 continued opns in the western portion of AO without incident. The 2-60 continued opns in the eastern portion of AO without incident. The 2-39 conducted AML RIF opns in the northwestern portions of AO's Badlands and Bubble. In response to a sampan sighting, Co C was inserted vic XS281568 at 0735H. The Co apprehended 1 detainee with burns on his head. He was evac to Dong Tam. At 0825H vic XS285558 a second detainee, previously WHA was apprehended and evac to Dong Tam. Two more detainees were apprehended at 0852H vic XS286557. A 5th detainee was apprehended at 0855H vic XS286555. All detainees were evacuated to Dong Tam and two were classified POW's. Three were classified IC's. Co C was extracted and reinserted vic XS250460 and XS263462 at 1025H. One detainee was apprehended and evac to My Tho hospital. Just after apprehension he attempted to flee and was wounded. He remains unclassified at this point. Co C closed back into FS/PB Moore AML at 1149H. The ACV's conducted a sweep from Dong Tam to Vinh Long commencing at 1302H. The vehicles closed Vinh Long at 1330H. The return trip was made commencing at 1600H and the vehicles closed Dong Tam at 1630H without incident.

12 June: The 1st Bde continued road and engr security, night AP and RIF opns with the 2-39 and 2-60 Inf and in close coordination and cooperation with RF/PF elements from Dinh Tuong Province. The 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 US opns. The 2-39 continued opns in the western portion of AO CRACKERJACK without incident. The Bn commenced an AML move by CH-47 from their bases to the 3-39 AO (Rach Kien, An Nhut Tan) at 0735H. All elements had departed AO at 1410H and the 2-39 became OPCON to 3rd Bde at that time. The 3-39 commenced movement by CH-47 into the western portion of AO at 0905H and all elements had closed at 1545H and became OPCON to 1st Bde. The Bn CP, Co B and the Recon Plat moved into FS/PB Moore. Co A moved into FS/PB Lambert and Co C into FS/PB Mohawk. The 2-60 continued opns in the eastern portion of AO without incident. The 2-60 conducted AML RIF opns in the south-central portion of AO Badlands during the afternoon hours. Co C was inserted AML vic XS290539 and XS292543 at 1508H. Co C apprehended 2 detainees vic XS286549 at 1543H. The Bn was extracted at 1604H and reinserted vic XS273561 and XS282567. At 1620H, vic XS292543 2 detainees were apprehended. A 5th detainee wounded in the shoulder while fleeing the area, was apprehended. All 5 were evacuated to Dong Tam. One has been classified a POW; the rest remain unclassified. Co C was extracted AML and closed back into the 2-60 CP at 1740H without further incident.

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13 June: The 1st Bde continued road and engr security, night AP & RIF opns with 3-39 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 US Opns. The 3-39 initiated opns in the western portion of AO. At 0805H 3 VN females, 1 male, and 1 child showed up at FS/PB Moore with multiple fragment wounds. All were dusted off at 0822H. Unknown if wounds were caused by US fire. At 1146H vic XS320525 and at 1156H vic XS330520 Co's B and A/3-39 conducted airmobile opns, inserting 10 sorties of troops in each loc. Negative results were obtained in the airmobile RIF and Co A was extracted at 1543H. Co B was extracted at 1543H, Co B at 1615H. At 1645H 7 VN civilians showed up with multiple fragment wounds (2 at Moore, 5 at Lambert). All were dusted off. The 2-60 continued opns in eastern portion of AO without incident. At 1140H vic XS347518 3 ACV (OPCON to 3-39) received SA fire from 8-10 VC. Fire was returned and VC broke contact. Gunships were dispatched to the area. Negative results; negative US casualties. ACV's returned to Dong Tam at 1429H. Co C/3-39 was inserted into an LZ vic XS355455 to develop contact by ACV's. At 1543H vic XS345425 Co A/3-39 was reinserted by airmobile means. At 1547H Recon/3-39 was inserted vic XS345415. At 1620H vic XS345429 Co A/3-39 found 20 100 kilo sacks of rice; destroyed in place. RIF continued with negative further results. Co A/3-39 extracted to FSB Mohawk at 1717H. Recon extracted to FS/PB Moore at 1729H. Co A 3-39 extracted to FS/PB Moore at 1745H. At 0950H vic XS435447 a truck from the 2-60 was shot up on the access road from Dong Tam to Hwy 4. Results: 3 US WHA (dusted off at 130955H).

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14 June: The 1st Bde continued road and engr security, night AP and RIF opns with the 3-39th and 2-60th Inf and in close coordination and cooperation with RF/PF elements from DINH TUONG Province. The 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 US Operations. Opn Duong Cua Dan (Peoples' Road): The 3-39 continued opns in the western portion of AO CRACKERJACK. (Delayed entry: A Co A AP, enroute to its AP location made contact with 1 VC at XS296509 at 132007H. The VC fired 1 burst (8-10 rds) of AK-47 fire. Fire was returned with SA, AW and Arty. The area was swept with negative results. The AP sustained 1 US WHA (dusted off 132040H). The AP continued its msn without further incident.) At 140745H, a VN female reported to FS/PB Moore with stomach wounds. It could not be determined whether she had been wounded by friendly or enemy fire. (Dusted off to MY THO at 130814H.) The 3-39 conducted armed aerial recon with OPCON of trp D/3-5 Cav in AO's Badlands and Bubble and footmobile RIF southwest of FS/PB Lambert. At 141325H, vic XS324482 the Co found 2 punji pits and a pair of canvas boots. The punji pits were destroyed and the boots evacuated. Co A closed FS/PB Moore at 141533H. Co B conducted a footmobile RIF east of FS/PB Moore. At 141325H, vic XS270510 the Co found and destroyed in place 1 60mm dud. Co B closed into FS/PB Moore at 141459. Co C conducted a footmobile RIF vic of FS/PB Mohawk. At 141415H, vic XS245505 the Co located and destroyed-in-place a chicom grenade booby trap. At 141455, vic XS243502 the Co also found a US canteen and poncho. At 141541H, vic XS239501 Co C located a large (8'x8'x8') rice bin and several camouflaged bunkers. The rice was turned over to Cai Lay District Headquarters. Co C closed FS/PB Mohawk at 141646H. Co A, 5-60 (M) conducted footmobile local patrols around FS/PB Lambert. The Co located and destroyed in place a chicom grenade booby trap at 141550H, vic XS336498. The Co closed FS/PB Lambert at 141557H. The 2-60 continued opns in the eastern portion of AO CRACKERJACK without incident. Opn Truong Cong Dinh (Activities Outside of AO CRACKERJACK): D trp 3-5 Cav had significant "People Sniffer" readings at 141305H vic XS302571 and at 141310H vic XS261585. Fifteen bunkers, 4 camouflaged hooches and some water bottles were observed on the ground. The troop conducted Recon by fire with negative results. At 141345H vic XS265465 the trp spotted 1 man in a bunker complex. The individual was apprehended, evacuated to Dong Tam and classified a POW. At 141615H, vic XS319423 the 1st Bde C&C aircraft, while over watching a D trp, 3-5 Cav opn spotted and engaged 1 VC dressed in a green uniform. The VC ran into a bunker. Trp D, 3-5 Cav inserted their ARP at XS323423 at 141630 and established heavy contact. Two airstrikes were placed on the target. Fire was received from an estimated 10 AW and the force was estimated at a Co (-). Massive arty was put on the target and will be continued throughout the night. The ARP was extracted at 141805H. Contact broke just prior to extraction.

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15 June: The 1st Bde continued road and engr security, night AP and RIF ops with the 3-39th and 2-60th Inf and in close coordination and cooperation with RF/PF elements from KINH THONG Province. The 1st Bde continued its program of conducting combined ops with RF and PF units to bolster thier confidence, experience and combat proficiency and also to enhance the effectiveness of US operations. Opn Duong Gua Dan (Peoples' Road): The 3-39 continued opns in the western portion of AO CRACKERJACK. (Delayed entry: at 142109H vic XS301500 a searchlight element working with the 3-39 observed several persons who seemed to be mining Hwy 4. The searchlight was turned on and the persons scattered firing 2-3 small arms rounds at the searchlight element. Negative US casualties. At 142125H vic XS295500 A-30/3-39 AP received small arms fire from 5-10 VC. Fire was returned and arty illumination rounds were fired over the area. Negative US casualties. VC casualties unknown.) Co A/3-39 conducted a footmobile RIF south of FS/PB Lambert. At 151230H vic XS324491 the Co received sniper fire lasting approximately 3 minutes. Negative casualties. Co B conducted a footmobile RIF south of FS/PB Moore with negative results. Co C conducted a footmobile RIF with two platoons southeast of FS/PB Moore and 1 platoon north of FS/PB Moore. At 151050H vic XS246485 C26 and C36/3-39 found and destroyed 10 bunkers. At 151125H vic XS248480 C26 and C36 elements made contact with an estimated VC platoon in bunkers. Arty and gunships placed fire on the VC in support of the Co C elements. Negative US casualties. VC casualties unknown. At 151230H vic XS267514 C16 found and destroyed 9 1-man bunkers. At 151230H vic XS248480 C26 and C36 sweeping the area of contact found enough food for a VC squad, 1 NVA khaki shirt with dried blood on it, 1 pair of black pants, and a 5 gallon container of marijuana. All 3-39 elements closed in their CP's by 151545H. The 2-60 continued ops in the eastern portion of AO CRACKERJACK. At 151545 vic XS385515 after firing an arty TOT on the area based on information from an intelligence report, a 2-60 AO spotted 10 personnel running into a tree line. Arty was fired into the area. Opn Truong Cong Dinh (Activities Outside of AO CRACKERJACK): At 150855H vic XS335445 D trp/3-5 Cav (OPCON to 1st Bde) responded to help on IST which had been fored on in the area with negative results. At 151428H vic XS323436 D/3-5 spotted 5 persons taking evasive action and engaged them with negative results. Two of the persons ran into a hooch in a heavily bunkered area same vicinity. D/3-5 Cav fired rockets and called arty in on the hooch. Hooch was destroyed. Negative personnel found upon search of the remnants of the hooch.

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16 June: The 1st Bde continued road and engr security, night AP and RIF opns with the 3-39th and 2-60th Inf and in close coordination and cooperation with RF/PF elements from KINH TUONG Province. The 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 US operations. Opn Duong Cua Dan (Peoples' Road): The 3-39 continued opns in the western portion of AO CRACKERJACK. At 161250H Co C/ and Recon 2-47 Inf (M) arrived at FS/PB Lambert and became OPCON to 3-39 Inf. At 161600H Co A/5-60 Inf (M) minus 1 platoon departed FS/PB Lambert and was released from OPCON to 3-39 Inf. The remaining platoon of A/5-60 is due to rejoin its parent unit from the My Thuan Ferry. 1 platoon 2-47 became OPCON to 86th Engr Bn west of Cai Lay to provide job site security. At 161800H vic XS286480 3-39 destroyed 2-500 lb bomb duds. Opn Truong Cong Dinh (Activities Outside of AO CRACKERJACK). At 160830H vic XS288417 gunships from the 195th Assault Helicopter Company working for the 3-39 received SA fire. One pilot was wounded and returned to Dong Tam. D Trp/ 3-5 Cav (OPCON to 1st Bde) was dispatched to the area with negative results. At 160820H Co A/3-39 was inserted by airmobile means into vic XS285426. At 160945H Co C/3-39 was inserted vic XS286415. At 161040H vic XS287415 Co C/ 3-39 picked up one (1) detainee wearing a T-shirt and black pants (detainee was later classified an innocent civilian). At 161430H vic XS280414 Co C/ 3-39 found and destroyed 10 1-man bunkers with overhead cover. At 161640H vic XS279415 Co C/3-39 set a hooch on fire. While the hooch was burning 2 secondary explosions occurred. At 161605H vic XS277418 2 US personnel from Co A/3-39 were WHA by a chicom grenade booby trap. Dust off completed at 161630H. At 161210 Co A/2-60 was inserted by airmobile means vic XS253413. At 161233 Co B/2-60 was inserted vic XS258409. At 161520H Co C/2-60 was inserted vic XS305430. All of the 2-60 elements were to conduct RIF in conjunction with the 3-39 elements. 1st bde Air Cushion Vehicles (ACV) were to screen the area from vic XS260393 to vic XS329404. At 161443H vic XS318403 ACV picked up a VN woman with chest wounds. Dust off at 161457H. At 161545H vic XS315425 Co C/2-60 apprehended 1 detainee. At 161030H vic XS286416 D Trp/3-5 Cav OPCON to 1st Bde received automatic weapons fire from a hooch from which one person was observed taking evasive action. D/3-5 returned fire. Results 1 VC KIA (BC) wearing white shirt and slacks. At 161220H vic XS325434 D/3-5 spotted one person with a weapon, wearing black pants and a blue shirt. Individual ran into a treeline. D/3-5 inserted their ARP in the area to try to capture the individual. At 161300H vic XS325434 D/3-5 spotted 4 individuals - 2 in a bunker w/wpns, 1 in another bunker, and 1 trying to evade the area. Numerous flags were also seen in the area warning the people to stay out. The individuals were engaged with negative results. At 161419 D/3-5 ARP element was extracted after failing to catch individual vic XS325434. At 161700H vic XS305425 apprehended 1 detainee. At 161710H 1st Bde ACV8s closed back to Dong Tam. At 161721H vic XS307428 C/2-60 found 1 VC KIA (BC) by D/3-5 Cav earlier in the day. All 2-60 elements closed back at Pink Palace by 161755H. All 3-39 elements closed back at their FS/PB's by 161855H.

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Phuoc Tay SF camp was inserted vic XS398539 to help encircle the area of contact. At 172050H all elements in the area of contact were in RON positions encircling the estimated 2-company (plus) VC force. The 2-60 CO, Command group and Co A were located vic XS395537, Co B/2-60 vic XS394540, Co B/3-39 vic XS396541, Co C/2-60 vic XS400537, Recon/2-60 vic XS389537, and CIDG Co vic XS398539.

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19 June: The 1st Bde continued road and engr security, night AP and RIF opns with the 3-39th and 2-60th Inf and in close coordination and cooperation with RF/PF elements from DINH TUONG Province. The 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 US operations. Opn Duong Cua Dan (Peoples's Road): The 3-39 continued opns in the western portion of AO CRACKERJACK: (Delayed entries: Recon plat and Co C 3-39 continued RIF opns vic XS320526 and XS310530 respectively until 181728H, at which time they were both extracted back to FS/PB Moore. Two squad size AP's from Co A 3-39 were inserted AML at 181800H vic XS315486 and swept north to their AP locations along Hwy 4. Enroute to their AP locations at 181817H vic XS317495 one of the AP's engaged 3 VC moving south. The area was swept with negative results. At 191820H, vic XS290501 a Co B AP received 8-10 rds of harrassing SA fire from the north.

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At the same time vic XS280501 a searchlight and security party also rec 8-10 mls of harrassing SA fire from the north. (Firs was not returned in either case in an effort to prevent revealing the friendly positions.) At 191320H vic XS315498 vehicles on Hwy 4 received sniper fire from the south. Two groups of 6-8 people were spotted. A LFT from the 191st AHC conducted a VR of the area with negative results. At 191935H vic XS308498 a Co A AP enroute to its AP location, received SA fire. Contact broke at 191945H and the area was swept with negative results. There were no US casualties. At 192058H vic XS290495 a Co B AP enroute to their AP location made contact with an estimated 15-20 VC. Arty was fired in support. Results thus far are 4 US WHA. VC losses unknown. Contact broke at 192125H. The wounded have not been evacuated as of the closing of this report. The 2-60 continued opns in the eastern portion of AO CRACKERJACK. (Delayed entry: At 182000H vic XS413484 a Co C AP received fire from a friendly PF OP to the east. A 1st Bde PSYOPS vehicle passing the OP at the same time also received some SA fire (negative hits). The AP questioned the personnel in the OP and were informed that they were firing at a VC squad located at XS422477. The area was swept with negative results. At 182100H an intelligence report from 7th ARVN Div was received indication that a VC Bn was crossing the road at XS426485. Several 2-60 AP's in the area reported negative results.) Between the hours of 191741H and 191823H the 2-60 inserted 6 squad size AP's AML at XS439493 - 450485 - 458487 - 379490 - 356488 and XS340490. At 191735H vic XS356530 a Recon plat AP was also inserted AML. Shortly after touchdown the AP spotted 2-3 VC and a brief contact resulted. Contact broke at 191805H and the area was swept with negative results. The 3-39 conducted AML RIF opns southwest of AO CRACKERJACK in AO PISTOL. In response to significant people sniffer readings, Co B/3-39 was inserted AML vic XS185465 at 190943H. Trp D, 3-5 Cav OPCON to 3-39 supported their AML RIF opns. The sniffer aircraft received some SA fire at 191000H vic XS192420 (negative hits). At 191057H vic XS188465 Co B found and destroyed in place an anti personnel mine. Recon plat was inserted vic XS195425 at 191104H. Co C was also inserted vic XS195425 at 191128H. With no other findings in AO PISTOL Co's B, C and the Recon plat were extracted AML and closed FSB/Mohawk and Mohawk respectively at 191320H. The 2-60 conducted AML RIF opns northeast of AO CRACKERJACK in AO CLYDE. In response to sniffer readings, 1 plat of Co C was inserted AML vic XS424612 at 191506H. Trp D, 3-5 Cav was placed OPCON to 2-60 for afternoon opns. The ARP was inserted vic XS430659 at 191543H to search out some hooches. Another plat of Co C was inserted vic XS135607 at 191544H. The 1st plat of Co C was extracted and reinserted vic XS416641 at 191559H. With negative results, the 2 plat of Co C were extracted back to the 2-60 CP AML closing at 191718H. The ARP located assorted web equip, a pack, assorted clothing, 2 grenades, a jug of rice wine and a small amount of food in the hooches they were searching. The area appeared to be a way station. The food and wine were destroyed and the other items evacuated to Dong Tam. The ARP's were extracted at 191650H.

20 June: The 1st Bde continued road and engr security, night AP and RIF opns with the 3-39 and 2-60 and in close coordination and cooperation with RF/PF elements from Dinh Tuong Province. The 3-39 continued opns in the western portion of AO CRACKERJACK. (Delayed entry At 192058H vic XS290495 a Co B AP, enroute to their AP location made contact with an estimated 15-20 VC. Arty was fired in support. Results: 6 US WHA, VC losses unknown. Contact broke at 192125H. All the WHA were dusted off at 192255H. At 192205H vic XS317502 A31 AP spotted 12 VC setting up a roadblock. Requested arty but clearance was denied on the area. A31 element engaged the VC with organic wpns at 192237H. VC scattered and returned fire with SA and M79 at the A31 element. While VC were scattering a crater was blown into the road (3' deep and about 3' in diameter). Contact broke at 192245H. Contact was regained briefly at 192250H but ceased shortly thereafter. Negative US casualties and VC losses unknown. At 192320H vic XS288497 B25 AP was in contact with an estimated 15-20 VC. Arty was called in to support contact. Contact broke at 192345H. Negative US casualties and VC casualties unknown. At 192340H Co C engaged 1 person moving around the perimeter at FSB Mohawk. Negative results.) At 200730H vic XS317502 A12 AP received SA fire from

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an unknown size VC force located vic XS319501. Fire was returned with 90mm and SA fire. Contact broke at 200733H. Negative casualties. D/3-5 Cav (OPCON to 1st Bde) was dispatched to the area with negative results. At 200754H FSB Lambert was under a ground attack. At 200810H FS/PB Lambert was receiving SA, AW mortar and rocket fire. Fires were returned with organic weapons and arty was fired on suspected enemy positions. D/3-5 Cav also supported by fire. Contact at FS/PB Lambert broke at 200845H, resulting in 2 US WHA. Dust off completed at 200930H. One  $\frac{1}{2}$  ton truck was damaged and 1 refrigerator was destroyed during the attack on FS/PB Lambert. 15 unknown type mortar rounds landed at FS/PB Lambert. At 201100H vic XS302482 and XS308486 Recon/3-39 picked up 3 detainees. Two detainees had ID cards. At 201110H vic XS302493 Co C/3-39 found and destroyed 17 1 man bunk with overhead cover. At 201142H vic XS302483 D/3-5 Cav apprehended 1 detainee. At 201200H vic XS331485 A20 element had 2 US WHA by an anti personnel mine. Both were dusted off at 201215H. At 201224H Co A was inserted vic XS320496 by AML means. At 201225H vic XS302487 Co C/3-39 apprehended 1 detainee without an ID card. At 201259H vic XS322491 Co C picked up 3 detainees. At 201510H vic XS308492 while enroute to Hwy 4 for transportation to its CP, Co C apprehended 2 detainees. All elements closed into their CP's by 201547H. The 2-60 continued opns in the eastern portion of AO CRACKERJACK. At 192250H vic XS433487 A1 AP received 14 82mm mortar rounds to the north of their position. Negative US casualties. During the period 201745H to 201808H 2-60 inserted its AP's in their night locations by AML means. At 201408H and 201415H elements of Co A were inserted by airmobile means vic XS257567 and XS277577 respectively. At 201645H vic XS272572 Co A apprehended 1 detainee with no ID card. Co A continued its RIF with negative further results, closing at Pink Palace at 201740H.

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dispatched to the area and apprehended 2 VN males at XS406502 at 211000H. The VN males were evac to Dong Tam and classified IC's. Co B 4-39 began lifting into the 2-60 CP at 211550H from Nha Be in the 3rd Bde AO. A second lift of Co B touched down at 211717H. The remainder of the Bn will close on 22 June. There were no activities outside of AO CRACKERJACK.

22 June: The 1st Bde continued road and engr security, night AP and RIF opn with the 3-39 and 3-60 Inf and in close coordination and cooperation with RF/PF elements from Dinh Tuong Province. The 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 US operations. (Delayed entry: At 212315H vic XS316489 B36/3-39 elements spotted 2 persons. Illumination was placed on the area and the persons were engaged with organic weapons. Upon checking the area B36 element found 2 VN women (1 wounded in leg, 1 wounded in the rear of her body) and 1 child (wounded in chest.) The two VN women were only slightly wounded. The child was more seriously wounded and was dusted off at 220630H.) At 220145H FSB Moore received three rds of unk rds (possibly 75mm RR). Fire believed to have come from vic XS265507 and ceased at 220146H. Results were 1 US KHA, 1 US WHA (dusted off at 220238H), 1 receiver/transmitting for AN/PPS-4 damaged, and minor damage to an observation tower. Counter mortar fire was placed on suspected enemy locat on and the area was swept with negative results. A LFT also checked out the area with neg results. Size of the VC force is unk. At 220740H vic XS297497 C16/3-39 element found and destroyed in place 1 US claymore mine. At 221025H vic XS263510 B36 element spotted 3 VC, engaged, and gave pursuit with negative results. At 221150H vic XS261506 B36 element found and destroyed 6 1 man bunkers. At 221610H vic XS325490 A10 element-patrol was in contact with an unknown size VC force. Contact broke at 221625H with negative US casualties. VC casualties unknown. At 221840H vic XS283488 B25 element engaged 2 VC (1 carrying an RPG launcher). VC did not return fire and contact broke immediately with negative results. The 2-60 continued opns in the eastern portion of AO CRACKERJACK. At 221330H the 2-60 elements closed at Tan Tru to begin opns in that area. At 221510H all elements of the 4-39 Inf closed at the Pink Palace to assume opns in the eastern portion of AO CRACKERJACK. At 221903H vic XS441496 Co A/4-39 sweeping around the berm at Pink Palace found 3 bunkers and 1 mortar site about 300 meters east of the berm. Bunkers were partially destroyed. Plans are to completely destroy the bunkers on 23 June. At 221100H the 1st Bde Fwd CP closed at TAN AN. The 1st Bde Fwd CP was to be operational at approximately 221600H. At 221300H vic XS997418 C16/2-47 ele (OPCON to 1st Bde) had a brief contact while securing an 86 Engr Bn work party. Negative US casualties and VC losses unknown.

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