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TF SOUTH DAILY SITREP #123 FOR PD 030001 TO 032400H MAY 70 (U).

1. (G) OPERATIONS SUMMARY:

A. GENERAL: TF SOUTH CONT OPNS IN AO SHERIDAN.

(1) 2-1 CAV, 1-50 INF, AND 44 ARVN REGT COMPLETED OPN HANCOCK LANCE.

(2) 2-1 CAV TERMINATED OPNS IN AO SHERIDAN. A TRP PREPARED FOR FUTURE OPNS. WITH 2/A NIGHT AMB NW OF SONG MAO. B TRP (-) CLEARED AND STRONG POINTED HWY QL-1 FROM HOA DA TO NINH THUAN PROV BORDER; B TRP CLOSED INTO SONG MAO IN AFTERNOON TO PREPARE FOR FUTURE OPNS WITH 3/B PROVIDING NIGHT AMB WEST OF SONG MAO. C TRP PREPARED FOR FUTURE OPNS WITH 2/C AS SONG MAO COMBINED MOUNTED REACTION PLATOON; 1/C PROVIDED NIGHT AMB SW OF SONG MAO. D TRP MAINT STAND DOWN AND PREPARE FOR FUTURE OPNS. PROV PLATOON SWEEP IN AREA WEST OF LZ BETTY AND PREPAR FOR FUTURE OPNS.


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(3) 1-50 INF (MECH): A CO CONT OPNS IN A CO AO. B CO CONT OPNS IN AO SHERIDAN WITH 1/B COMBINED AMB AND PATROLLING IN AREA NORTH OF THEIN GIAO AND AREA REACTION FORCE. 2/B COMBINED AMB AND PATROLLING VIC FSB SHERRY. 3/B COMBINED AMB AND PATROLLING VIC FSB SANDY. C CO SWEEP IN AO WEST OF LZ BETTY. SCOUTS SWEEP OF LZ BETTY PERIMETER AND IN AO WEST OF LZ BETTY. RETURNED TO LZ BETTY AS BN REACTION FORCE.

B. PLANS SUMMARY: REFER TO TFS FORECAST OF OPNS FOR PD 040600H TO 050600H MAY 70.

C. STATISTICAL TOTALS:

(1) FORCE NATL	TOTAL	WITH CONTACT DAY/NIGHT
US	18	0/1

(2) EN LOSSES DUE TO FRD INIT SMALL UNIT CONTACTS:

FORCE NATL	KIA/WIA/PW	MATERIAL/UNIT/AMT/ DEST/DAM/CPTD/TYPE
US	0	0

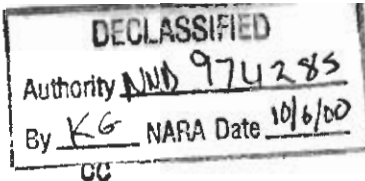
(3) FRD LOSSES DUE TO FRD INIT SMALL UNIT CONTACTS:

FORCE NATL	KIA/WIA/PW	MATERIAL/UNIT/AMT/ DEST/DAM/CPTD/TYPE
US	0	0

(4) NUMBER OF SMALL UNIT CONTACTS BY SIZE:

FORCE NATL SIZE	NO W/FRD INIT CONTACT	NO W/O CONTACT
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(A) US FIRE TM	0	1
(B) US SQD	0	0
(C) US PLT	0	14
(D) US CO	0	3

D. CUMULATIVE RESULTS OF AO HANCOCK LANCE (31 MAR - 3 MAY 70):

US LOSSES: 3-KIA, 41-WIA; ARVN: 8-KIA, 49-WIA. ENEMY LOSSES:
 203-KIA, 8-PW, 1-HOI CHANH. CIA: 43-S/A, 3-60MM MTR, 2-RPD,
 4-B40 RKT/L, 2-B41 RKT/L, 2-82MM MTR BIPOD AND 1-BASEPLATE,
 5-PRC 25 RADIOS, 1-FIELD TELEPHONE, 234 FOXHOLES, 161 BNKRS,
 1000 LBS SALT.

E. SMALL UNIT CONTACTS: ONE.

(1) BINH THUAN, LZ BETTY, 030146H, STAND OFF & SAPPER ATK;
 FRD - 6KIA, 35WIA, EN - 14KIA, 1PW.

2. (C) REMARKS:

- A. THERE WAS ONE SMALL UNIT CONTACTS.
- B. THE WEATHER HAD NO ADVERSE EFFECTS ON OPNS IN THE AO.
- C. THERE WAS ONE AIR STRIKE IN THE AO.
- D. THERE WERE FIVE NGF TGTS IN THE AO.
- E. TOT PERIOD CASUALTIES: FRD - 6KIA, 35WIA; EN - 14KBA, 1PW.
- F. OTHER INFORMATION OF COMMAND INTEREST:

(1) 030145H VIC AN800067 LZ BETTY WAS ATTACKED BY A FORCE
 THOUGHT TO BE THE 482B LF BN. THE ATTACK CONSISTED OF APPROXIMATELY

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125 RND S OF 60MM AND 82MM MORTAR FIRE, AN UNK NO OF B40 AND B41 RND S, AND SAPPER PROBES IN FOUR SEPARATE LOCATIONS OF THE PERIMETER. ALL FIVE CO'S OF THE BATTALION APPEAR TO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THE ATTACK. APPROX SEVEN SAPPERS PENETRATED THE PERIMETER AT TWO SEPARATE LOCATIONS. ALL OTHERS WERE REPELLED. ENEMY ELEMENTS WERE REPULSED BY SEPARATE GND REACTION FORCES SUPPORTED BY GUNSHIPS, ARTILLERY AND SEAHORSE. AFTER AN AIR OBSERVER SPOTTED AN ENEMY FORCE VIC AN795075, Q/S AND ARTY FIRED, RESULTS: 14 KBA. A COMBINED FORCE CONSISTING OF TWO RF CO'S AND ELEMENTS FROM 1-50 MECH AND D/2-1 GAV SWEEP THE AREA AT FIRST LIGHT AND FOUND HEAVY BLOOD TRAILS. EVIDENCE OF BODIES BEING DRAGGED FROM THE SITE, AND 1 PW. INITIAL INTERROGATION OF THE PW, LE VAN LIEN, IDENTIFIED THE 482B LF BN, REVEALED THAT IT'S BASE CAMP WAS LOCATED VIC NUI BA HON, AN730050 AND THAT THE ENEMY FORCE PLANNED TO RETURN TO THAT LOCATION AFTER ATTACK. FOLLOWING PW INTERROGATION AND BEGINNING AT 1015H, US ELEMENTS MOVED ON THE BASE CAMP AND RF'S ASSUMED BLOCKING POSITIONS. SEARCH OPERATIONS CONTINUE. FRDLY CAS: 6-KIA, 35-WIA; (12 D/O); 5-LOH AND 2-UH1H DEST BY EITHER SAPPERS OR MORTARS; 1-LOH, 2-UH1H AND 3-AH1G SERIOUSLY DAM BY MORTAR FIRE. 2-3/4T TRUCKS AND 1-5T TRUCK DECLARED COMBAT LOSS; 1-1/2T TRUCK DAM, 4-BUNKERS DEST; AND 45-55 GA L DRUMS OF NAPALM DEST. EN CAS: 14-KBA, 1-PW (NVA). CIA WERE 10-B40 RND S, 2-B40 CARRIERS, 1-B41 RND, 20 LBS OF G4

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(RUSSIAN), 31 HOMEMADE GRENADES, 1-CHICOM STICK GRENADE, 15-20 BLASTING CAPS, 10-15 SMALL EXPLOSIVE DEVICES, 4-SACHEL CHARGES, 2-BANGALORE TORPEDOS, 2-BOOBY TRAPPED ANTI-PERSONNEL MINEZ (PRESS DET) AND 1 LARGE PAIR OF WIRE CUTTERS.

(2) 030240H VIC AP996042 SERIGNAC (H) REC'D 3 UNK TYPE MORTAR RND. AT 0300H BP003035 AN UNK NO OF VC INIT CONTACT ON THE 54 PF OF W/SA AND AN UNK NO OF MORTARS. VC THEN ADVANCED TOWARDS SERIGNAC (H) BUT WERE BLOCKED BY THE PF'S. CONTACT WAS BROKEN AT 0330H. NEG FRDLY CAS. EN CAS UNK. AT 0930H AN UNK NO OF VC ENTERED SERIGNAC (H) AND ELEMENTS OF THE 215 RF CO INIT CONTACT. VC W/D N. THE 266 RF CO AND THE OTHER ELEMENTS OF 215 RF PURSUED VC. ARTY SPT. CONTACT WAS BROKEN AT 1530H. WHILE SWEEPING THE AREA AFTER THE CONTACT, RF'S FOUND 12-2 MAN FIGHTING POSITIONS, 2-MORTAR POSITIONS AND 4-EXPENDED 75 RECOILLESS RIFLE RND. ON THEIR RETURN TO SERIGNAC (H) FRDLY REC'D S/A FIRE FROM AN UNK NO OF VC FRDLY RET'D FIRE. A RTY SPT. CONTACT WAS BROKEN AT 1615H. FRDLY CAS 3WIA (2 RF, 1 RD CADRE). EN CAS: 19 KIA, 1-RPD, 2-CKG, 1-.45 CAL PISTOL, 14-AK47'S, 1-ANTI AIRCRAFT M/G, 2-M79, 1-B40 RKT/L, 1-B40 RND AND 20-H/G'S CIA.

(3) DELAYED ENTRY-022115H VIC BP217197 AMB ELEMENT FROM THE 302 RF CO INIT CONTACT ON 3 VC. ARTY SPT. CONTACT WAS BROKEN AT 2120H. NEG FRDLY CAS. EN CAS: 1 KIA, 1-BANGALORE TORPEDO CIA.

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(4) DELAYED ENTRY-022120H VIC AN857188 THE 510 RF AMB ELEMENT INIT CONTACT W/AN EST VC PLT. S/A FIRE WAS EXCHANGED AND THE VC W/D N. CONTACT WAS BROKEN AT 2127H. NEG FRDLY CAS. EN CAS 1 KIA, 1-OKC CIA.

(5) 030130H VIC BP206198 16TH SIGNAL SUPPORT VC COMPOUND REC'D AN UNK NO OF 82MM, B40'S AND S/A FIRE. FRDLY RET'E FIRE AND SWEEP AREA. SPOOKY SPT W/FLARES. A BATTERY SUPPLY SHEP WAS DEST. THE BAO PAU PALACE NO 3 NEARBY ALSO REC'D MORTAR AND B40 RND AND IT WAS DEST. FRDLY CAS: 2 KIA (RF), 3 WIA (RF). EN CAS: 1 KIA, 1-B40 RKT CIA.

(6) 030130H VIC BP207199 851 ORDNANCE (VN) OF REC'D 5 UNK TYPE MORTAR RND AND S/A FIRE RF'S SWEEP AREA. SHADOW SPT W/FLARES. FRDLY CAS: 1 KIA (RF), 4 WIA (RF). EN CAS: 3 KIA, 2-AK47'S CIA.

(7) 030150H VIC AN838094 PHAN THLET CITY REC'D 5 RND OF 82MM MORTAR FIRE. ARTY SPT. CONTACT WAS BROKEN AT 0200H. FRDLY CAS 2 KIA (VN CIV). EN CAS UNK.

(8) 03200H VIC BN466454 1 VC SQD ENTERED TUY TINH (H) AND ASSASINATED AN EX ARVN SOLIDER. AS THE VC W/D FROM THE (H) THE 966 RF CO INIT CONTACT W/UNK RESULTS. VN ARTY SPT. CONTACT WAS BROKEN AT 030210H FRDLY CAS: 1 KIA (EX-ARVN), 2 WIA (PF, SLIGHT). EN CAS UNK.

(9) 030200H VIC AN793083 THE 74 PF OF REC'D 6 RND OF 82MM

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MORTAR FIRE. THE 74 PF SWEEP THE AREA AND CONTACT ON AN UNK NO OF
VC WHO THEN W/D S. CONTACT WAS BROKEN AT 0205H. FRDLY CAS: 1 WIA
(PF, SLIGHT). EN CAS: 1 KIA, 1-R41 RET/L CIA.

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3. (C) UNIT LOCATIONS:

TFS	LZ BETTY
2-1 CAV	SONG MAO (LOG CP) PHAN RANG
A TRP	SONG MAO (A21) BN251488, BN252486, BN255483 BN259479 (A31) BN245487
B TRP	SONG MA O (B21) BN258456 (B31) BN244464, BN245459, BN248455
C TRP	SONG MAO (C11) BN264433 (C21) BN258441 (C31) BN247425, BN246429, BN242433
D TRP	LZ BETTY
1-50 INF (M)	THEIN GIAO (REAR CP) LZ BETTY
A CO (-)	AN787206
B CO (-)	AN884219 (B20) AN818140 (B30) AN821243
C CO (-)	AN737062 (C10) LZ BETTY
SCOUTS	LZ BETTY
4.2 PLT	LZ BETTY

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