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REPLY TO ATTN OF: OPS-3

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SUBJECT: Feedback for missions flown during period 28 Feb through 11 March 68

TO: 360th TEWS

Following extracts from reports received by this unit are forwarded as very fragmentary evidence of our success in accomplishing the AF ARDF effort:

1. Operation Fairfax was a joint U.S. and ARVN operation conducted in Gia Dinh province from 12 January to 14 December 1967. Stated objectives of this operation conducted by the 199th Light Infantry Brigade were (1) provide for the security of Saigon and Gia Dinh province (2) assist the Government of Vietnam forces in the institution of population and resources control (3) create an environment conducive to free elections (4) destroy the Vietcong infrastructure, forces and equipment. By July, it was apparent that operations were resulting in less and less contact with the VC as intelligence indicated that losses and restrictions imposed on the VC by joint US/ARVN operations had caused the VC forces in Gia Dinh to revert to Phase II insurgency operations. During the rest of the operation, only small contacts were made and the Brigade was limited to mopping up.

"During the course of the operation there were 13,028 ARDF fixes received, 327 were of interest to the supported command. Action was not taken on a large percentage of fixes due to a friendly populace in the area of operation and lack of organic air capability to provide airlift for a ready reaction force. The greatest support provided was in the use of ARDF results as indicators of increased enemy activity with an area."

ACTION TAKEN ON TRN OD FIXES: Action taken on fixes cannot be linked to specific missions or crews however it should be noted that missions were flown, at least one daily, in support of this operation.

STATISTICS—OPERATION FAIRFAX

VC KIA (SC)	1,050	US KIA	121
VC KIA (prob)	535	US WIA	915
POW	125		
CHIEU HOI	92	ARTILLERY RNDS FIRED	
DETAINNES	3094	HIGH EXPLOSIVE	186,611
SMALL ARMS	289	WHITE PHOS	33,942
CREW SERVED	13	ILLUMINATING	11,238
SA AMMO	63,478		
CSW AMMO	362	AIRSTRIKES	609
LBS TNT	1903	CRY SPOT RSTS	136
GRENADES	481	ARC LIGHT RSTS	2
FORTIFICATIONS	7108		
MIL STRUCTURES	889	VC KILLED BY ARTY	73
SAMPANS	654	VC KILLED BY ARTY	71 (152)

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2. Operation Casey was a short [illegible] 2nd Brigade, 101st Airborne Div[illegible] Regiment and 1st Division with the [illegible] of destroying the [illegible] 66th North Vietnamese Regiments. [illegible] included in the after action report however U.S. forces made very little contact with the enemy.

"During the period 20 Jan through 26 Jan 69 a total of 59 [illegible] by the 2nd Brigade Support Platoon (DSU) to the S2 Section, 2nd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division. The 2nd Brigade, 101st Abn Division conducted [illegible] ARDF fixes were targeted by artillery however total number of rounds fired and results are not available.

3. Operations Manchester, Uniontown/Strike and Uniontown I were 199th Light Infantry Brigade operations to destroy the Dong Nai Regiment responsible for mortar and rocket attack on the Long Binh-Bien Hoa complex. Again, specific results of these operations were not included in the after action report.

"Upon moving into the area of operation in December a large concentration of unidentified fixes was noted in the northwestern portion in the vicinity of XT9540. Based solely on the concentration a B-52 strike was conducted on 8 December in this area. BDA revealed 75 bunkers uncovered, 35 bunkers destroyed, 9 tunnel entrances uncovered. The following day 3/39th Infantry conducted an air mobile assault into the area. Throughout the succeeding three days they made numerous contacts and discovered a 500-600 bunker complex, including a dispensary and operation room. On 9 December an ARDF fix was reported in the vicinity of XT985354; the following day E/14/12th went NW out of FSPB Nashua and contacted an estimated VC company 200 meters from the fix, resulting in 6 VC KIA (BC). On 31 Dec an ARDF fix was reported at XT961411, just north of the Song Be River. A FAC operating in the area spotted a new road leading north from the river at that location. Airstrikes were called in resulting in 3 secondary explosions. On the first and second of January a number of fixes were reported approximately 3 KM NW of FSPB Nashua. Based on this a company sized sweep of the area was conducted on 4 Jan. A 300 man bunker complex was found and partially destroyed."

SPECIFIC ACTION TAKEN ON TSN CD FIXES: " During the course of this operation there were 207 fixes received that were of interest to the support command".

Date Dec	Coordinates	Action	C-Grey
5	XT953372	LLRP deployed	Fry, Clark, Profit, Sinka, Fountain
	XT948403	" "	" " " "
6	XT921410	Unk mr HE rnds	Quintanna, Warren, Harris, White
7	XT939387	B-52 strike	Evans, Hornbeck, Copeland, Montague, [illegible]
	XT930396	" "	" " " "
	XT950400	" "	" " " "
8	XT942411	B-52 Strike	Cowan, Hodapp, Harris, White
	XT941397	" "	" " " "
	XT943396	" "	" " " "
	XT121329	Artillery	" " " "

10	XT941350 XT989441	I&T check Artillery	Bowman, Gate, Glasgow, Jones " "
11	XT942445	2/39Inf Sweep	Wilcox, Keneally, Smith, Borselino
12	XT935393	" "	" " " "
15	XT155320	B-52 strike	Felock, Grychel, Molotsky, Boucher
18	XT926383	Artillery	Greenwood, Keeney, Keneally, Eggen, Reed, Terrell, Chenault
19	XT064338	Artillery	Chasse, Oldham, Aringer, Hauaran, Smith, [illegible]
21	XT951401	Artillery	Shaw, Keneally, Pine, Jackson
23	XT139329	Artillery	Bourne, Wheeler, Pardtino, Padgett, Frankenstein, Jones
	XT134351	"	" " " " "
26	XT930330	Artillery	Johnson, Harris, Hedapp, Hesterson, Fairs, [illegible]
28	XT922379	20 Rnds HE	Wilcox, St.John, Hedapp, McGeorge, Lohmeller, Byrd
Jan			
4	XT937394	Artillery	Wilcox, Rice, Pickering, Byrd, McCamey
	XT006421	"	" " " " "
	XT082290	"	" " " " "
5	XT963376	5 rnds 155mm	Jones, Winkler, Weaver, Veal, Harris, White
	XT951396	15 " "	" " " " " "
Feb			
2	XT155145	78rnds arty (66 105's, 12 8")	Nichols, Gregory, Miller, Smith, Timberlake Mosier, Sinks

4. A large grouping of unidentified fixes just south of Phong Vinh obtained by missions in area 27 on the 24th, 25th and 26th were used for targetting continual artillery barrages and ay least six Arc Light strikes. Another grouping northwest of Bien Hoa was subjected to nine more strikes of 6 B-52's each.

5. A fix obtained by the crew of Podonsky, Weggers, Hawkins, Veal, McCullough, O'Neill, Jordan, Valdez and Borselino that fell within the operating area of the VC 5th Light Infantry Division was also hit with a B-52 strike, one day after their fix on the 25th. A FAC conducted BDA after the strike and found all ordinance on target with 7 tunnels uncovered, 2 large trench complexes uncovered and numerous fighting positions uncovered.

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6. Unidentified fixes at XT639439 and [illegible] Larve, Sharur, Beecher and Poindexter [illegible] with 2 rounds of [illegible] artillery fire.

7. Using fixes obtained by two crews in area 27 on 21 Feb (Larson, [illegible], Padgett, Smith, Mosier, Ferguson, Sinka, Gadson and Podensky, [illegible], Kreuger, Timberlake and Poindexter), the 1st Inf Division called in 2 adjustment just north of Bien Hoa (XT910012). In the strike, 11 enemy bunkers were destroyed, 13 bunkers partially destroyed, 2 secondary explosions [illegible] and 1 tunell opened. This proved such a lucrative target, 2 more strikes were placed there resulting in the destruction of 14 more bunkers and 2 more secondary explosions.

8. C Company of the 3/39th Infrin a coordinated sweep with the 2/39th Inf responded to a fix obtained in area 30 on 27 Feb by the crew of Stanford, Giles, Hernandez, Snodgrass, Parker and Jones and came in contact with unknown enemy forces in the vicinity of XS792796 (less than 400 meters from their fix. Enemy losses were 4 VC KIA (BC) and 2 AK-47's captured.

9. Almost all of our fixes obtained in area 27 on the 28th of Feb were hit with artillery (a statement that would probably be true for just about every day of late). Four fixes obtained by Scott, Chasse, Harnack, Cooper, Montagne and Lehmuller were hit with 4 to 5 rounds of artillery each. Six others obtained by McBain, Brennan, Batson, Pharr, Morehead and Brown were each subjected to four rounds of unspecified artillery.

10. While searching a fix obtained by the crew of Scott, Griffin, Meelin, Eggen, Lambert, Colton, Baker, Ferguson, and Beecher in area 30 on 01 March, C Company, 3/39th Infantry made contact with another unknown VC force less than one kilimeter from their fix at XS800749. Results of the contact were 9 VC KIA (BC), 7 VC KIA (poss) and 9 bunkers destroyed.

11. Also on 01 March, immediate action was taken on seven of the fixes obtained by the crew of Greenwood, Reading, Wilson, Dreyer, Pickering, Harris and Burney. Three of their fixes received 10 rounds of 175mm artillery each and four others received four rounds of 175mm artillery each. Results as usual are unreported.

12. In response to a series of APDF fixes in the vicinity of XS780750 (8 obtained by Marsiglia, Jones, Newlin, Lopeman and Roberts; 3 by Gowan, Meier, Gregory, Preslar and Clauson and 2 by Sanford, Azinger, Pharr and Morehead), B Company of the 3/39th Infantry Brigade conducted airmobile assaults into the area, inserting at 1432H on 3 March. (All fixes were obtained by missions in area 30 on the 2nd). They made immediate contact at 1452 and started receiving small arms. They called for airstrikes and artillery support. Further details and results have not been received.

13. Back on 06 March, six rounds of 155mm artillery and an unknown number of 105mm rounds were fired from Fire Support Base Normandie on an unidentified fix obtained by the crew of Wilcox, Gregory, Osborn, Martin, Lambert, Smith, Baker, Borsellino and Baxter at XT847322 on the 5th.

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