

Inclosure 9 - Extract 3/1 CAV - TF "Garry Owen", S-3 Journal

5 April 1972:

0815 hours - Trac moving F/9 to Quan Loi to work against ground attacks in the Loc Ninh Area. Quan Loi secure at this time.
0915 hours - TRAC: Request gunship cover work out of Quan Loi around Loc Ninh and An Loc. Sent 1 heavy section and 1 light section.
0920 hours - CG: 229th all birds on 15 minute standby alert.
0920 hours - F/79 heavy section of cobras bounced.
0945 hours - Lai Khe to be used for refuel/rearm to support TRAC.
0945 hours - D/229 put on alert by TRAC, send assets to Lai Khe.
0945 hours - F/79: light section bounced to Lai Khe.
1005 hours - DCO-A: At XT788455 reported large traffic jam near old fire-base, activity on the base.
1055 hours - CG; TRAC: Quan Loi overrun, fuel point intact, An Loc surrounded. The 174th NVA Regt is between An Loc and Loc Ninh. The enemy is trying to cut the road between An Loc and Lai Khe.
1140 hours - D/229: 3 Pink Teams off for Lai Khe.
1240 hours - F/9: 2 Cobras hit but flying toward L.K. both A/C made it safely. 1 light damage, 2 heavy damage.
1410 hours - CG TRAC: Directed 3rd Bde to rescue 5 U.S. personnel at Quan Loi TOC. DCO-A is on the scene and talking to personnel on ground.
1515 hours - DCO-A: Prepare to send 10 UH-1H and 4 CH-47 to Quan Loi to extract 8 U.S. and 130 ARVN at Quan Loi.
1530 hours - DCO-A: Blue Max AH-1G exploded in the air, went down XT759753, no apparent survivors. Ship is Max 3L.
1535 hours - DCO-A: Send 10 ships lift and 4 CH-47 ASAP, CH-47 to load first, then 10 lift ships.
1600 hours - 229th S-3 lift enroute, CH-47 arrived at 1620 hours. Evacuees taken to TSN.
1625 hours - First CH-47 completed 1st extraction.
1628 hours - Second CH-47 landed and completed extraction.
1640 hours - Third CH-47 sortie completed.
1700 hours - First flight of 5 slicks on the ground; 1703 hours extraction completed. Enroute to L. K. for fuel. Fourth CH-47 ordered to return W/O landing at Q. L. so that slicks could continue extraction.
1703 hours - Second flight of 5 slicks landed, extraction completed at 1705 hours enroute to L. K. for fuel.
1715 hours - TRAC G-3: F/9 and D/229 Coy Troops will remain at Lai Khe as late as possible tonight and prepare to go back tomorrow.
1815 hours - DCO-A: Retain 2 sections of MAX in Bde A.O. have released D/229 will release MAX and return W/F/9 at 1900 hours. Returning to Loc Ninh area.
1830 hours - DCO-A: All aviation elements released, ordered to B. H.
2015 hours - TRAC G-3: Plan to provide air assets tomorrow for possible extraction throughout MR II.

6 April 1972:

0730 hours - DCO-A: Reports Loc Ninh has held on, F/79, F/9 working around Loc Ninh and firing at rocket positions.
0845 hours - F/9 Cav: AH-1G taking unknown GAF in all gun runs around Loc Ninh. Negative hits.
0945 hours - F/9 Cav: At 0920 hours had spotted unk no. of 51 cal pits engaged with AH-1G with unknown results.
0945 hours - D/229: Spotted 3 houses full of enemy. Returned to Lai Khe and picked up ARVN LMO. Returned to site near Quan Loi. At 0900 hours, 3 houses destroyed, one individual escaping engaged and killed; results 3 houses destroyed, 1 enemy KBH.
1100 hours - CG: Establish rearm-repol point at Song Be in order to reduce turn-around time in An Loc - Loc Ninh area. Will use assets already on ground and replenish.
1140 hours - DCO-A: Credit D/229 with 10 KBH.
1250 hours - CG TRAC/DCO TRAC: Loc Ninh still getting heavy artillery fire. Several indirect fire positions verified and destroyed. 2 companies of 92nd Rangers W/5 APC's broke through from north into Loc Ninh and one company from the south.
1255 hours - F/9: At 1200 hours, vicinity of XT672953 3 AH-1G took unknown amount GAF. All 3 ships took hits and landed safely at L.K. Assessment to follow.
1400 hours - DCO-A: UHF beeps from vic XT759753 TASH checking area and will get homing bird into location.
1435 hours - AAE: CH-47 reports Song Be POL open.
1545 hours - CG: Loc Ninh under constant pressure, mortar attack and ground attack coming from the west. District compound penetrated but gunships broke the attack. Gunships firing final protective fires along the perimeter.
1555 hours - CG: Cobras going to Song Be from Loc Ninh for POL/REARM.
1615 hours - D/229: Total kills reported for D/229 is 27.
1810 hours - F/9: XV 727132, 174 OH AH-1G received heavy 51 cal GAF at 2500 feet, 100 KTS Negative hits, engaged with org unk res.
1855 hours - DCO-A: D/229, F/9 have been released, enroute B. R., one section F/79 will expend prior to returning, others enroute.
1905 hours - D/229: At Quan Loi, Pink Team rolled hot at 1630 hours because Quan Loi attacked from south at the airstrip.
1905 hours - D/229: XT818903 1815; Multiple secondary explosions from rubber on N side of airstrip, originally a 3 prong attack supported by LMG fire from hoochs east. D/229 turned back attack toward POL by using nails.
1930 hours - D/229: XT671905 Cobra took unknown amount of fire from 51 cal, neg hits, engaged with org unk res.
2100 hours - Late Entry D/229: AH-1G on VR took 51 cal and LMG fire eng w org rest 15 en KBH.

7 April 1972:

0600 hours - TRAO: F/79 gunships are to be at Loc Ninh at first light. Skids up on 5 AH-1G.
0715 hours - TRAC: Send additional AH-1G to Loc Ninh. S-3 ops reports 1 additional section enroute at 0730 hours.

0735 hours - DCO-A: Song Be is out of assembled rockets. F/9 Blues are at Song Be assembling. Chinook sorties of ammo being lifted, C-130 loads scheduled to arrive around 1000 hours. More rearm people being assembled.

0810 hours - TRAC: Middle compound at Loc Ninh apparently overrun by NVA, taking artillery out of compound. Contact with zippo lost for short time but regained. Tanks at compound.

0845 hours - DCO-A: Tanks have left compound and headed into Loc Ninh city. NVA control perimeter of compound, attack broken. We will try to drop NAPALM on perimeter bunker.

0915 hours - DCO-A: Attack renewed on Loc Ninh by tanks and infantry. Need heat rockets.

1030 hours - TRAC: Rescue operation for advisors at Loc Ninh. 05 UH-1H and 75th Ranger to be committed if possible to extract U.S. personnel.

1145 hours - TRAC: M24, M17 Gas Masks, LAWS, M-60 ammo being passed to Song Be to be distributed to rangers and aviators.

1125 hours - TRAC: Downed UH-1H at XT 707602. D/229 covered no CAS.

1330 hours - DCO-A: Briefing at Song Be on rescue operations.

1425 hours - E-4: Estimated 8 sorties of C-130 CL V will land at S.D. DCO-B says get more.

1500 hours - TRAC: Bay run may be delayed beyond 1600 hours.

1510 hours - CG TRAC: Zippo 66 has moved position due east of warehouses on W side of strip. First Arclite at 1512 hours.

1510 hours - F/9 Cav: Request med 2 bounced to Song Be ASAP skids up 1512 hours.

1525 hours - TRAC: Bay run delayed to 1730 hours.

1550 hours - DCO-A: Rescue ops to go at 1640 hours.

1635 hours - CG TRAC: Bay run at 1650 hours.

1650 hours - D/229: CH-47 (362nd Avn Co) hit at An Loc pick up zone. Heading S to secure L.Z.

1700 hours - CG: Requested one more gunship section from B.H. We now have only 1 section of gunships at Bien Hoa.

1700 hours - An Loc advisors evacuated by 229th.

1702 hours - DCO-A: Rescue operation Loc Ninh starting.

1735 hours - DCO-A: LOH F/9 checking Loc Ninh L.Z. Took heavy 51 cal fire from E, W, SW, NE.

1745 hours - Song Be: Need two more hooks at Song Be to sling out downed aircraft.

1800 hours - F/9: LOH seriously shot up, going to Song Be.

1846 hours - CG TRAC: Contact lost with zippo 66 at 1846. He was evading into city to try to make it till morning.

8 April 1972:

0435 hours - An Loc under gas and 75 mm rr attack.

0520 hours - TRAC requests flare birk and gun section to go to Nui Ba Dinh taking incoming and suspect sapper attack F/79 bounced 1 section at 0530. Rearm and POL at TMW F/79 Cobras to cover dustoff 02 U.S. wounded at NBD.

0630 hours - Skids up for F/79 guns for An Loc.

0705 hours - Notified medevac to have ship at Song Be. Long Binh dustoff will backup with a ship at Iai Khe.

0830 hours - CG: S-3 will rescue personnel from Nui Ba Dinh DCO-A, D/229, 75th Rangers will rescue cornish 67 from Cat Lo brigade, COL/21, F/9 Cav will move DCO ARVN from Bu Dop to Song Be.

1005 hours - DCO-A: Bay run on ground at Cat Lo Bridge, putting CBU around advisors position checking with LOH after CBU.

1055 hours - DCO-A: LOH received GAF vicinity of XT7297, unk dam. AH-1G also hit from D/229.

1130 hours - DCO-A: 3 advisors at Cat Lo Bridge rescued by D/229 and 75th Rangers. Critically wounded update to follow.

1115 hours - Fuel at SB critical. TACE to G-3 TRAC. By 1140 21,500 at Song Be.

1115 hours - S-3: Yellow flight bounced to TNE at 1142 for reenforcing NBD by one RF company, 1 CH-47 bounced W/Chemical people and MSN. To TNE.

1215 hours - DCO-A: LOH used for extraction at Cat Lo took 4 hits SA and 51 cal. Carried 3 U.S., 4 ARVN, pilot and gunners total 9 people. Pilot CPT Whitehead, Gunner SGT Waits.

1235 hours - DCO-U: Fuel situation critical at S.H. 6000 gal used between 1115 and 1225 must request resupply. 15,000 requested earlier not enough.

1255 hours - Yellow flight present at TNE. LOH checking out mountain, if everything is OK will put in RF Co.

1310 hours - S-3: First lift into NBD LZ Green. First lift taking off, last ship took fire UH-1H than pilot wounded.

1345 hours - DCO-A: Sitrep An Loc; FAC putting in airstrikes. Destroyed village XT 805765 with EST in BN. Now attacking 122mm positions XT 719910.

1340 hours - D/229: 34th Avn Bn received GAF vicinity Trung Hup XT 622315 gunships and medevac covering ship down unk units aircraft at XT 6131.

1450 hours - 229th Avn: CH-47 and C123's moving heavy equipment report personnel will finish in 90 minutes.

1500 hours - DCO-A: D/229 situation is 3 AH-1G and 1 LOH operational and needed for fire support.

1531 hours - S-3: LOH from GS Flt received unknown # of GAF at Nui Ba Dinh. 1 hit, neg injuries.

1545 hours - Nui Ba Dinh: Last lift complete; 90 replacements on mountain will clear top of mountain so that wounded can be extracted and resupply can go in. Last lift received GAF.

1545 hours - DCO-A: 2 F-4E aircraft completely destroyed and burning no need to secure aircraft.

1605 hours - ARTY INC: F/9 LOH down at XV 972290 cause unk GAF in area; Pilot trapped in A/C; gunner wounded and trying to get pilot out DCO-A enroute with gunships.

1625 hours - 1/21: All Arty out of Ba Dop: Another home to move people.

1627 hours - S-3: 2 UH-1H and 1 AH-1G took hits on last lift into NBD. 1 UH-1H will have to be slung out. No replacement A/C required. Expect complete about 1800 3-500 VC reported SW of NBD.

1645 hours - DCO-A: Pilot of F/9 LOH KIA, going in W/Medevac now complete at 1700.

1705 hours - CH-47 enroute to b.H. from S.B. Landed on road due to mechanical difficulty. Continued flight W/Cobra cover.

1800 hours - S-3: In 30 minutes resupply an exacuation of NBD will begin.

1805 hours - S-3: Going in after 6 U.S. wounded, 11 ARVN wounded. 7 U.S. okay.

1820 hours - S-3: 1st medevac going in taking fire all the way.
 1835 hours - DCO-A: Song Be has 2 CH-47's on the ground. One needs engine replacement, other, battle damage, needs blade. POL has an air lock and is down.
 1900 hours - POL open at Song Be. Trying to fix CH-47's to fly out tonight. Security being coordinated with Prov Chief.
 1845 hours - S-3: All U.S. and 11 ARVN wounded out of NBD.
 2130 hours - COL Jones: Extraction from BV DOP: 1500 ARVNS, 2000 civilians, 6 X 105 HOWS, 2 X 155 HOWS. All remaining is some ARVN's with their families and about 500 Montagnards.

9 April 1972:

0555 hours - Hvy section F/79 skids up for Lai Khe.
 0605 hours - F/9 skids up for Lai Khe
 0900 hours - DCO-B: Remove U.S. equipment from S.B. Airfield and back haul 17 lb rockets and heat rockets.
 1215 hours - F/9: At XT 721863 engaged possible regiment HQ, numerous secondary expl.
 1225 hours - F/9: UH-1H down XT 7187, F/79 AFA section conduct VR to check situation received intense GAF SA; UH-1H is VNAF.
 1315 hours - D/229: XT 993567 large number of people, tank tracks, possible camouflaged vehicle, PT reports much traffic moving S.. RASH: 5 W 3 FOX 4's supported BDA. 100% of ordinance on target.
 1630 hours - 229th POL and rearm people extracted from S.B. All heat rockets have been extracted from S.B. Still remaining are 1380 X 17 lb rockets, 912 aircraft flares.
 1850 hours - F/9: 1745H XT 087818 3 X UH-1H took heavy 51 cal fire from Tinh Ngoc compound while on short final to pad neg hits or casualties.

10 April 1972:

0420 hours - C/S: TRAC requesting on Air Cav. Troop to VR road N of Chon Thanh to An Loc. Contact 5th ARVN Div and 5th ABN Bn. Troop is to stay south of the 80 E-W grid line. DCO-A to meet TRAC C/S at plantation for a mission briefing.
 0925 hours - DCO-A: Instruct F/9 to stage out of Lai Khe they are to report to 5th ARVN TOC for update and wait for DCO-A.
 0958 hours - D/229: BDA of YT 051236 reveals extensive tunnel complex. One 20' X 15' bunker uncovered. EST recent use by 50-60 people.
 1015 hours - DCO-A: Have F/9 meet me on the strip at Lai Khe. S-3 will have mission of resupplying barrier and commo material to NED using TRAC CH-47 and should contact G-4 TRAC verify position of downed VNAF UH-1H yesterday and advise DCO-A prior to passing info to TRAC. Pass to Avn Bn all aviators monitor guard at all times."
 1140 hours - F/9: Taking GAF, 51 cal, at XT 762713. Confirmed location of downed VNAF UH-1H at XT 765715.
 1220 hours - D/229: YT 034263, tracks of possible enemy squad moving into woods to east with pos. Rendezvous spot at YT 032258 with additional possible tracks of 14 indiv moving S at YT 022267 50 fighting positions all destroyed but recently rebuilt. Recent activity. Arty being employed. Spot sighted at 1030. Passed to S-3 at 1220. Arty shot this area at night, airstrikes went into YT 051236 at 0815.

1245 hours - D/229: BDA of airstrike at YT 051236 destroyed 21 15' X 20' bunkers with tunnels going out to 20 to 30 feet. 6 - 8 fighting positions and several bunkers with tin roofs in the area. 200 M of trench around bunker.

1245 hours - AFA: 3 ships from yellow flight bounced to Tay Ninh to pick up ARVN troops to work for F/9 Cav at Lai Khe.

1355 hours - F/9 LNO: DCO-A's helicopter has been hit and DCO-A wounded. Enroute to Lai Khe.

11 April 1972:

0720 hours - D/229: GAF at YT 063296 high bird engaged with organics with unk results. Arty to be employed.

0725 hours - D/229: LOH in item 4. Spotted 3 individuals on edge of bomb crater.

0830 hours - Late Entry: UH-1H from Med Company received 51 cal GAF vic XT 7953 date time group 101630.

0900 hours - TRAC: D/229 tasked to go to Tay Ninh west and work for 24th ARVN W/men to find 271 NVA Regt and 24th NVA Regt. Men comp at 0930.

1050 hours - F/79 AFA: Yellow flight and Blue Max took 20 - 25 rds SA/GAF at YT 033265. Eng w/organics. Artillery to be employed VR being set up by S-2 to cover XT 033285 and XT 068296.

1100 hours - CG: F/9 Cav LOH at XT 6867 spotted footprints estimated 100 individuals in possible staging area using trails. LOH F/9 spotted fresh cuttings at XT 615745 EST 10 ind in the last 24 hours at XT 7388 F/9 Cobras engaging tank.

1250 hours - F/9 57mm rr at XT 778622.

1300 hours - Item 12 tank damaged.

1335 hours - DCO-A: 1st lift off from Dau Tieng to An Loc.

1355 hours - DCO-A: 1st lift from Dau Tieng is at An Loc. Took indirect fire from 82mm and 105mm. 1 bird hit will check at Dau Tieng.

1415 hours - DCO-A: See item 20. One bird hit. Minor damage, flyable 2nd lift enroute to An Loc.

1410 hours - F/9 LNO: Medevac enroute to L.K. to meet DCO-A dustoff with DCO-A enroute to 24th Evac.

1440 hours - ARTY LNO: DCO-A's A/C was at 1500' vic XT 7372 when it received 10 - 15 rds of GAF. DCO-A hit between elbow and wrist. May lose forearm below the wound. DCO-A now in operating room.

1545 hours - CG: AC-130 engaging possible 51 cal site at XT 776722 Bda of GVN site by F/9 reveals possible 51 cal position, pieces of body. Air-strikes going into area.

1620 hours - TRAC: Provide 2 cobras to provide cover landing of 2 - 6 ARVN at An Loc. F/9 covering ETA vic An Loc 1300H.

1630 hours - 1/7 Cav: Ca complete to XT 939365 LZ green.

1450 hours - DCO-A: 2nd lift in at An Loc received no indirect fire but did receive 51 cal GAF coming out at XT 732644. F/79 Cobras (24 section engaged and possibly received hit. F/79 Serpent crashed at Lai Khe but both pilots got out. One had been shot and MEDEVACED. Another MEDEVAC bounced to operation).

1515 hours - F/9 at XT 703915 spotted 82mm and 105mm being camouflaged, also company of troops. Fox 4's on the way. LOH took GAF no hits.

1600 hours - White Flight lifted off, 4 ships enroute to Dau Tieng.
 1625 hours - 1 additional aircraft enroute to Dau Tieng.
 1635 hours - CO: Yellow Flight is at An Loc with 3rd lift, Red Flight in at 1637 out at 1638. Spectre fire suppressed.
 1700 hours - At XT 691955 F/9 found 1 tank in brush, type unknown. At XT 690952 observed 1 APC moving into brush area. AH-1G took fire, UNK number of 51 cal at 100kts. Fac and Spectre on start to engage targets, Neg hits, neg damage.
 1755 hours - Yellow Flight is at An Loc with 4th lift.
 1755 hours - F/9: Reported 2 rocket sites firing from XT 702428.
 1755 hours - 4th lift into An Loc complete.
 1800 hours - F/9: XT 699997 howitzer firing from firebase.
 1820 hours - F/9: XT 702928, 1750H observed 04 X 122mm rockets being fired eng & organics, UNK results.
 1830 hours - TRAC G-3: XT 7663 ARVN ABN in hvy contact; rec. 122mm rockets, lost 2 tanks, need gunships. Gunships to go to aid from An Loc.
 1920 hours - F/9: XT 768697, 1900H Pink Team spotted numerous 51 cal and 23mm A.A. positions. Took intense GAF at 4500' and 6000'.

12 April 1972:

0900 hours - 229th: First lift in at An Loc. Maj Davidson picked up and delivered to Red Carpet Pad.
 1030 hours - D/229th: Cobra took UNK number of GAF at XT 783935. Neg hits. Air strike conducted with UNK results.
 1050 hours - TRAC: F/79 heavy section bounced from Lai Khe to XT 3475 to support 8th ARVN ABN En in contact.
 1115 hours - DCO-A: 3 X F/79 Cobras are OPCON to D/229
 1135 hours - TRAC: Request MAX to escort MEDEVAC to YS 565680 msa complete at 1420H.
 1235 hours - TRAC: F/79 AFA section supporting other elements of ARVN ABN in contact at XT 764668.
 1750 hours - D/229: Spotted one man running in open area, engaged by Cobra UNK results.
 2230 hours - S-2: F/79, YS 6168, YS 6267, while in support of USARV individual training group (UITG) contact, engaged unknown size in force. 03 X UITG killed, 14 UITG wounded 4 In KIA.
 2300 hours - Nighthawk airborne.
 2325 hours - YT 05542053 IOS spotted lights on heading of 0547 Mils, distance 5890 meters. Arty to fire in area. Nighthawk will check.

13 April 1972:

0655 hours - TRAC: Need immediate assistance in An Loc. Request 1 Cav Trp and 1 heavyfire team ASAP. Heavy contact S/W of An Loc. FAC reports heavy AA on 51 cal and 23mm type. Skids up D/229, F/79 at 0745.

1020 hours - Ca of D 1-7 complete at 1010. Began at 0230.
 1030 hours - 127 heat rockets delivered to Lai Khe. Will be used for tank-killer missions only.
 1030 hours - D/229, XT 641706 Pink Team spotted 2 trucks. Received GAF from AK-47. Eng w organic, 2 trucks destroyed.
 1200 hours - D/229, XT 695729 spotted individual running into treeline carrying AK-47 heading towards engaged w organic, res UNK.
 1200 hours - S-1: Heat rocket status: Lessiter 496: Lai Khe 228: Long Thanh 118; 3rd Ord 300: combat emergency to Da Nang approved. 1000 heat rockets to be delivered tomorrow.
 1350 hours - TRAC: Request gunship section to escort Long Binh Dustoff in Phouc Tuy Province. Approved.
 1415 hours - 2/8 Cav: 6 bunkers discovered during extraction at YS 279999 Cobra engaged and blew top off bunkers and started papers burning.
 1440 hours - DCO-A: Bounce heavy section of F/79 to Lai Khe to support TRAC
 1520 hours - TRAC: Request all guns we can send to An Loc. We sent one light fire team at 1525H with another ship to follow when it comes out of maintenance. 2nd light section bounced at 1550H. Red Flight with 75th Rangers bounced at 1550H. 11 Americans at soccer field in An Loc prepared for snatch operation.
 1615 hours - S-3: 1 heavy MAI section now supporting Rangers. 1 section covering insertion of 32nd ARVN Regt. D/229 has expended in K part of An Loc, now on strip alert at Lai Khe. Rangers on alert at Lai Khe.
 1815 hours - 1/7: E Recon, XT 945335, while setting up ambush, flank security sighted 5 individuals: engaged w SA and AV: 2 Cobras of F/9 supported and 2 Cobras F/79 supported. Results 1 WIA taken to 24th EVAC 1 M-79 CIA.

14 April 1972:

0715 hours - TRAC: Request we bounce Cav Troop to work designated boxes (D/229). Heavy fire team (F/79) to report to An Loc and work for Tunnel 10A
 0730 hours - TRAC: Request gun cover for Dustoff (Long Binh) in Phouc Tuy Province. Skids up at 0740H.
 0730 hours - D/229: Skids up for Lai Khe. Arrived at 0750.
 0845 hours - TRAC: Request another heavy section of guns to Lai Khe. Skids up at 0910H.
 1010 hours - DCO-A: Cav assets in An Loc area will be used mostly as a VR and support role until 1105H when they will support VNAF airborne operation around Quan Loi.
 1045 hours - DCG TRAC: An Loc; In elements to E, SE of town. Enemy still holds northern most parts of EW street of town. Reports of tanks to the W unconfirmed, situation looks good. GAF from NW part of town and Quan Loi Airfield.
 1100 hours - DCO-A: Received GAF from 51 cal at XT 779805, neg hits.
 1320 hours - D/229: Pink Team took several bursts of GAF from XT 673968, XT 682963. Cobra engaged with UNK results.
 1340 hours - S-3: CA of recon 2/8; recon 1/12.

1445 hours - S-3: Initial lift off Chon Thanh to Lai Khe VNAF Gaggles LZ is
 XT 802872 no support with 4 gunships.

1510 hours - S-3: 2nd lift of ARVNS into LZ. No contact yet.

1515 hours - S-3: Search team 72 inserted YT 027234 LZ Green.

1705 hours - S-3: Fink Teams are looking for armor. 3 MAX (F/79) guns are in
 support of 8 ARVN ABN Bn. In contact since insertion.

1710 hours - S-3: XT 772829 DCO-S's bird received GAF, UNK number of rounds
 30 cal, neg hits.

1720 hours - TRAC G-3: Send 1 heavy MAX section to An Loc area. 1st Cav S-3
 will coordinate with TRAC because all our assets are committed.

1730 hours - D/229: XT 745969, 1710H Fink Team saw 5 people in open, fired
 and got secondary explosion. P.T. received UNK number of GAF at 2000' 120 kts
 ; neg hits.

1845 hours - F/9: YT 0788 15D N of Dong Xoi on VR YT 072909, 1810H UNK number
 of footprints possible loggers. YT 070840 1849 civ trucks with 40 people in
 civilian clothes with logs.

1855 hours - S-3: Release Yellow Flight

1905 hours - TRAC G-3: Provide gun coverage for MEDEVAC of 2 ABN advisors at
 XT 805868. Will provide from ships at An Loc area.

2130 hours - F/79: XT 775905 destroyed 1 X 75mm RR. XT 811899, 1330H destroyed
 13 X NAD 5 ton trucks. In An Loc dest 1 tank at 1500H. Confirmed by FAC. XT
 995276 dest 06 X UNK size bunker at 1030H.

15 April 1972:

0255 hours - TRAC: F/9 to stage from Lai Khe. Be prepared to depart B.H. at
 0700H and to engage enemy armor vehicles, conduct VR in designated boxes.
 F/79 to be on standby (30min) starting at 0630H. Be prepared to engage
 armor vehicles.

0520 hours - TRAC: Since approx 0440H An Loc had been under heavy ground
 attack fr S-SE and taking incoming. Bounce MFT of F/79 APA ASAF w/nails.
 Weather at An Loc is bad. All families of fighters cannot operate.
 Marginal weather for helicopter. Put F/9 on alert to depart 1st light.
 Fire skids up at 0520. 2nd team at 0550H. Notified TRAC to make sure
 L K fuel and ammo points are open F/79 ships are Serpents 25, 33, 12, 24.

0625 hours - F/79 has 5 ships at An Loc. Serpent 26 was #5 our assets
 5 MAX birds for our AO.

0730 hours - TRAC: Reports 23mm AA E of An Loc. FAC's report 37mm but no
 location.

0815 hours - TRAC: Requested F/9 to be bounced to work VR boxes. Skids up
 at 0825H. Our representation at An Loc will control our assets. Approx 1000H
 the rest of the 8th ARVN ABN Bn may airlift into An Loc. May need MAX to
 engage GAF.

0940 hours - TRAC: LTC Fuloy wanted message passed to DCO-A that An Loc
 requested gunships support to protect TOC. Tanks 500m fr the TOC. TRAC CG
 says Cav Troop to be used to find AA positions for FAC.

1035 hours - TRAC: Troop concentrations and 10 tanks in box at XT 735894,
 731385, 721905, and 716897 requesting arclights.

1050 hours - DCO-A: Reports no 23mm or 37mm AA fire E of An Loc at this time
 but great deal of 51 cal GAF.

1135 hours - Msg fr Gen Hamlet: Get 400 heat rockets to LX ASAF.

1150 hours - DCO-A: 1st lift of ARVN ABN put in by VNAF
 1210 hours - DCO-A: 2nd lift in progress.
 1220 hours - DCO-A took GAF at XT 7770 from 30 cal, neg hits.
 1315 hours - DCO-A: GAF at XT 755865. 30 cal neg hits.
 1326 hours - Ranger XOZ LNO: Team 71 in contact at YT 031232 MEDEVAC F/79, D/229 in support.
 1420 hours - DCO-A received GAF.SA at XT 785835 neg hits.
 1440 hours - TRAC: Situation critical on perimeter all sides. AL penetrated in N. Regimental buildup in the W. All arty in AL is in hands. Not confirmed ARVN source.
 1500 hours - TRAC CG: At 1450 ten tanks were attacking AL. 9 were destroyed. CG TRAC wants more air to destroy tanks before they get into the city. They are in the city and the ARVNS are destroying them there by cluttering the street.
 1525 hours - F/9 Cav: Update took ground to air fire at following guide with no hits. : XT 809911, 799819. At XT 750640 AH - 1G took 2 air bursts at 1000'.
 1635 hours - F/9: XT 757891, 1220H unknown number of AA sites, UNK Cal.
 1640 hours - TRAC G-3: Update on AL, tanks are South and West of the city, but East, South and West sides of the city are holding well. According to FAC. Still receiving some RR fire and mortar fire from Southwest.
 2310 hours - TRAC G-3: Mission tomorrow is to prepare to execute an order to 1) Send 1 hvy fire team to arrive AL by first light. 2) Send 1 Cav Trp to arrive AL area at first light. Additional guidance from 1st Cav S-3: All Gunships should have at least 50% heat rockets.

16 April 1972:

0845 hours - TRAC: Send Cav Trp and heavy fire team to Lai Khe. Cav Trp will recon for arty and AA weapons. HFT will support as required and will support insertion of 81st Ranger Bn ETA 0920. F/79 up 0850H. F/9 up at 0854H. ETA 0920H.
 1040 hours - F/79: Request 1 HFT sent to LK.
 1050 hours - DCO-A: Long Binh Dustoff took ind out of vic XT 7925. Airborne advisors 19 or 20 individuals.
 1120 hours - Binh Duong: At Tan Bien and Tan Hung villages 2 outposts received attack by fire and small arms. Road blocked at XT 899415, Company to NE killed 1 enemy and is still in contact NE of Binh My. Compound at Song Be received 20 X 82mm mortar fire at 0700H. 1 WIA. VC blew culvert on QL1A vic XT 8231, culvert repaired, est 100 VC vic of contact, request gunship section support if available, 5th ARVN Div reports possible tanks vic XT 9029. S-3 sending Purple D/229.
 1145 hours - TRAC TOC: U.S. to control airstrikes N of 80 E-W line, VNAF to S 1200-1600H VNAF will also control to E of 78 N-S line until insertion of 81st Rgr Bn, is complete.
 1220 hours - DCO-A: Enroute to AL for MEDEVAC of wounded US airborne advisor.
 1240 hours - D/229: Purple Team supporting ED Province has been relieved. Negative findings other than normal everyday activity.
 1245 hours - S-2: Dustoff reported down S of AL, XT 803862. D/229: Purple TM reports large explosion vic LK. CG: LK received several rds incoming around PDL, Rearm and Hook Pad. One round in rubber to N of CH-47 pad caused a large secondary explosion vic XT 755384, 1255H another large explosion and 5 -10 smoke columns vic Re-arm points. ARVN arty camp was hit.

1315 hours - Shifted Re-Arm/Refuel operations to BH pending reopening of Song Be or LK. DCO-A made over grass landing at Lassiter Pad with 4 crew of Dustoff and 5 wounded US advisors and ARVNS from AL.

1340 hours - CG: Shift Re-Arm/Refuel ops to Bien Hoa. Make arrangements to open Re-Arm/Refuel point at Song Be tomorrow morning, consider that VNAF and 3/1 Cav will be using the airfield.

1505 hours - CG: LK FOL and Re-Arm point will not be used till tomorrow.

1550 hours - S-3: VNAF gunships down at approx XT 814797.

1600 hours - YT 042235, 1535H, CH6A rec'd 10-15 rds SA, also fire from M-79 while flying at 100 knots and 100'. Engaged with minigun and 40mm, also took small arms fire while putting in suppressive fire. Negative hits on aircraft, UNK enemy losses. Arty fired 30 X 105mm HE rds, on site.

1645 hours - TRAC TOC: 5th ABN Bn reports 01 ARV KIA, 04x hvy machine guns CIA.

1710 hours - DCO-A: F/79 APA mission release 1640H. F/9 Cav mission release 1700H. TRAC will pass missions for tomorrow later tonight.

17 April 1972:

0110 hours - 229: There are 300-400 heat rockets at Lai Khe in good condition.

0805 hours - TRAC TOC: Rocket attack at AL came from North and West.

0805 hours - TRAC: LK rearm repol facilities reopened.

0805 hours - RASH PAC: Roadblock at XT 891413 made of trees and brush.

0930 hours - TRAC: XU 730035, 04x 105mm how being towed by trucks, engaged by Spectre and Tac Air, destroyed.

1000 hours - CG: Do not establish re-arm and re-pol facilities at Song Be. AL update, 4 ARVN ABN Bns in An Loc. 105mm will be inserted today. Forces in AL will be working out to the South, Southeast, and Southwest of the city.

1015 hours - S-2 Update on Iten 02: 01 en KIA found by PT D/229. Individual carrying 3 empty AK-47 mags in vest.

1210 hours - DCO-A: XT 610922 F/9 Cav found 1 bridge with recent foot and vehicular traffic. Bridge engaged 1/3 destroyed. TAC air being called in.

1605 hours - TRAC: F/9 Cav and HFT from F/79 released by TRAC.

1615 hours - TRAC: An Loc situation stable, some contacts by airborne at edge of city.

1700 hours - TRAC G-3: Be prepared to extract 06 Americans from CIDG compound Auyen Moc TS 6568.

1740 hours - TRAC G-3: Proceed with mission (item 49) ASAP send heavy MAX section, 2 lift birds and LKH as C&C. S-3 will be mission commander. Mission will stage from Doun Hi, YS 4355. Picked up 06 people at 1915H. People were dropped off at Long Hai, at 1935H.

2000 hours - F/9: Twin 51 cal site at XT 725890.

2120 hours - TRAC G-3: Mission from TRAC for 1 Cav Trip to VR same area they were in late this afternoon. Exact VR boxes to follow early tomorrow morning. 1 HFT to go to AL area, all birds ready to go at 0600H. Late Entry S-2: F/79 AH-1G, YT 014270 took 15-30 rounds GAF flying at 1500' and 130 knots. Neg hits, engaged with organics with UNK results.

18 April 1972:

0630 hours - TRAC: At this present time AL is under a heavy mortar and rocket attack and fire from tanks. The WX is extremely bad. Send HFT of F/79 to Lai Khe to standby. WX is scattered clouds with 1000'. Lai Khe re-arm and re-pol was open. TRAC said it would be open by 0700. Pilots will report to 5th DCAT at Lai Khe. They will bounce them from there.

0715 hours - ARTY LNO: Skids up on HPT to LK.

0740 hours - TRAC: Arc lights AL 1205 centers of mass many and varied.

0745 hours - TRAC: VR boxes for F/9 Cav box-various coordinates.

0830 hours - TRAC G-3: Change in mission for F/9 Cav. They are to VR to the West and SW of AL in the rocket and mortar belts for firing sites. TRP to be used as discussed between TRAC CG and F/9 Cav. Received changes in VR boxes.

0855 hours - S-2: WX rpt AL 7/65 cloud cover and 1500' ceiling. F/9 will proceed to An Loc to see if VR is possible under present conditions.

0910 hours - F/79 AFA: (late report) 171400H AIR engaged 07 trucks at XT 778818. 02 trucks destroyed, 03 trucks damaged, unknown number of bodies on road. Numerous secondary explosions from trucks.

0915 hours - TRAC TJC TO DCG TRAC: SA 5th ARVN Div Msg: "Emergency, emergency 1,2,3,4, C ration boxes. Eyeball contact need ASAP, paralleling ARVN request. DCG, TRAC: Miller is requesting 4 Arc Light strikes.

1040 hours - CG: F/79 may be required to support C-130 resupply at An Loc this afternoon. Confirmed 51 cal positions are in West side of An Loc. Last night An Loc hospital hit by fire 40 KIA 8th ABN Bn, 12 KIA 40 WIA. Suspect 105-155 position at XT 767944 and XT 698924, suspect 51 cal posn at XT 784895, troop, trucks using 5 bridges in box XT 6696-6697-7096-7097.

1225 hours - DCG TRAC: At XT 847590 discovered 2 APC's; F/9 Cav checking out area; APC's had already been destroyed.

1230 hours - F/9: C-130 on fire, losing altitude. N of Lai Khe, crashed vic XT 687390. 7 crew members picked up by F/9 CC taken to 3rd field by C&C and LOH F/9.

1450 hours - F/9: Took UNK number GAF at UN-1H loc of C-130 XT 687390.

1500 hours - TRAC: Request we send a heavy Pink Team with G-3 from D/229 to AT 526504 to check VRS report of regimental CP.

1645 hours - TRAC G-3: VR S of the Michelin plantation to river for avenues of enemy approach, also E of river. Also have guns remain on station until C-130 re-supply goes into An Loc. Lift TEL approx 1650H.

1730 hours - DCO-A: XT 520503 Pink Team sighted 15-20 bunkers used in the last 15 minutes. Pots and pans all over. XT 528563 sighted impressions of track vehicles moving S approx 6-12 hours ago.

1800 hours - 1700H F/9 Pink Team sighted an area where approx 12 tanks turned and had possible NDF; 20 6' x 4' bunkers with wood OH cover. Track vehicles impressions moving on to 14' wide trail going SW to possible 2nd NDF at XT 591647 with 6 positions.

1515 hours - DCO-A to TRAC: Will have pt VR crash site, then return to original mission.

1525 hours - DCO-A: Pink Team over site. Believed there are no survivors. Then will return to original mission.

1745 hours - DCO-A and CG: Mission release for F/9 and D/229.

20 April 1972:

0632 hours - TRAC: An Loc is presently under heavy fire and ground attack from all four sides. Tanks in Northern section of city. ABN Bde is on SE side in heavy contact. Bounced HFT F/79 AFA to An Loc. Skids up at 0655H.

0830 hours - TRAC: TRAC G-3 requests another HFT and Cav Trp bounced. HFT will work for DCO-A around An Loc. D/229 will work for DCO-A to W and SW of An Loc to locate indirect fire positions and enemy movements. Skids up D/229 0840, F/79 0845.

1010 hours - F/79: XT 750899 engaged 51 cal position. Silenced gun.

1145 hours - F/79: 1040 at XT 750887 destroyed a 7.62mm Kit and UNK number of enemy.

1410 hours - D/229: XT 745817 spotted a 2 1/2 ton truck and tracked vehicles moving NE. Engaged with UNK results. XT 769768 spotted a tank moving West. Engaged with UNK results. XT 712762, 71E744, 735739, 741739. At the above locations have numerous tank tracks in every direction last 24-48 hours.

1545 hours - F/9: YT 088362 1440H pt found 1 tank tracks approx 1-2 weeks old.

1600 hours - F/79 AFA: 6 MAX birds at An Loc.

1830 hours - D/229: XT 614928 1845H. Spotted a bridge, over a stream made of logs. AH-1G fired at but did not destroy. Road in area showed movement by track vehicles within 24-48 hours.

1900 hours - D/229: AH-1G at YT 017345 spotted 3 people on road, ran into bushes, engaged with organics with UNK results.

21 April 1972:

0615 hours - TRAC: ABN units on SE of An Loc are presently receiving heavy direct fire. An Loc City is receiving heavy direct fire from buildings. Fire from RR and machine guns. Launch HFT to An Loc. G-3 may call for another at 0700.

0630 hours - TRAC: Lai Khe 2000-3000 foot ceiling with clouds. An Loc \emptyset clouds at 4000' light at 3000; vis 6-8 miles.

0745 hours - TRAC G-3: Send a second HFT to Lai Khe: Arty lno reptd 1st section on hold for weather at Lai Khe. Bde 3 received permission from TRAC G-3 to remain at Long Thanh until first section released from Lai Khe.

1128 hours - DCO-A: Ceiling at An Loc and in AO too low to allow AFA and Air Cav Troops to work. They are on the ground at Lai Khe.

1645 hours - DCO-A: D/229 has mission release at LK, enroute to B.M. F/9 to be released at 1730.

1705 hours - D/229: All aircraft back from An Loc area.

22 April 1972:

0825 hours - TRAC: Bounce Cav Troops and HFT. Cav Troop is to VR N of Minh Thua Rubber W of An Loc Rubber and E of river. Contact Black Jack 15 on F/A for more complete briefing. HFT will be briefed by B.J. 15. Skids up for Cav at 0850.

1125 hours - RANGER INFO: XT 994308 Ranger Tm 76 spotted 25 ind to the W of their positions carrying rocket pods at 1110H hvy Pink Team and AFA engaged enemy. 1/7 C+C was overhead.

1720 hours - DCO-A: F/9 mission release F/79 release upon completion of present mission at approx 1710.

23 April 1972:

0630 hours - TRAC: Launch HFT to An Loc at this time. HFT skids up at 0729. May require another HFT later.

0730 hours - F/9 Cav: Skids up for Lai Khe at 0730; had no permission to bounce.

0915 hours - F/79 AFA working for Tunnel 10 over An Loc. F/9 will VR to the NW of An Loc. Ceiling closing in at An Loc.

0930 hours - Situation at An Loc; ceiling closing in. Only A-1 aircraft can work. Ground attack from SW still in progress, no major threat. Sporadic contact around the rest of the city.

1015 hours - DCO-A: F/9 returning to Lai Khe due to weather. F/79 AFA still working city. TRAC: All quiet at Dau Tieng.

1120 hours - ACC: Weather bad at An Loc. F/9 Cav had been VRing to the N, NE, and NW of city but forced back due to weather. F/79 AFA working to the South of the city between weather breaks but now enroute to Lai Khe on a hold.

1310 hours - F/9: 1245 at XT 698381 found destroyed tank and several trails showing heavy recent use in all directions; XT 675995 found and destroyed 1 camouflaged truck carrying PDL.

1330 hours - F/9 continues VR to NW and N of An Loc; F/79 AFA supporting 5th Division S of An Loc.

1400 hours - 1310 hour F/9 Cav spotted 12" high speed trail, hard packed: neg recent use. At 1315 F/9 UH-1H to SAGAF at 3000', 80 dts neg hits.

1535 hours - F/9 Cav at XT 763967, OH6A to 9 rds SA GAF, neg hits at 1425, XT 724973 found 3x105mm How. Destroyed at 1510H.

1650 hours - DCO-A: Found compound with 2x105mm How at XT 643670; appear unoccupied.

1705 hours - At 1610H F/9 found 1 destroyed APC at XT 864962.

1740 hours - F/9 Cav mission release at 1700. F/79 to be released at 1755.

1750 hours - AAE: 1600H GS Platoon, Lift Bank A/C recd GAF at XT 765645. 1 hit in main rotor blade. 30 cal, 4500' 80 knots. Neg hits.

24 April 1972:

1420 hours - TRAC: Request HFT to go to An Loc and work for Tunnel 10A on fire mission. F/79 AFA skids up at 1435H. Requested F/9 to VR N of Quan Loi. Skids up at 1440, An Loc weather ceiling 4500'. TAC air working.

1425 hours - TRAC: F/9 mission changed to VR NW of An Loc.

1605 hours - CG through 229 ops wants HFT to report to An Loc. Skids up at 1615H.

1645 hours - F/9 Cav: XT 720973, found 1 civilian truck along highway, neg cargo. Dest in place.

1755 hours - CG: ARVN insertion complete at this time. 2 UN-1H shut down on LZ, F/79 mission release.

1800 hours - TRAC G-3: Need 1 heavy section of MA1 to remain in An Loc area to support in N part of city.

1830 hours - F/9 Cav found a bridge at XT 609424 at 1710H had been used by track and wheeled vehicles last 24 hours. Will be engaged by TAC Air.

25 April 1972:

0610 hours - ARTY: Skids up HFT F/79. Was also on weather hold.

0620 hours - D/229: Skids up at this time.

0815 hours - TRAC: Update on An Loc: As of 0730 receiving sporadic incoming. No ground contact. Dau Tieng - 288 RF Company had ground contact to SW last night. Not serious. D/229 Cav in Vit box #1. F/79 arty on station over An Loc.

0930 hours - TRAC TOC: Miller reports small penetration to the West of perimeter

1010 hours - CG TRAC: An Loc sporadic attacks by fire. Platoon penetration inside perimeter road (see item 15). Spectre engaging. 75% of re-supply dropped last night recovered.

1015 hours - DCG TRAC: An Loc receiving heavy incoming at this time:

1100 hours - DCG-A: D/229 working Box 2 - F/79 returning to An Loc. Heavy section F/79 be prepared at 1300 to support lift into An Loc. D/229 Cav will VR prior to heavy lift.

1140 hours - TRAC: Trung Lap, XT 6022 reports 300 enemy attacking from North. Enemy is in hamlets among people, setting up AA weapons. VNAF supporting.

1149 hours - TRAC: 3/1 Cav provide fire team to escort CH-54, 1400 hrs. Report Lai Khe 1300H.

1245 hours - DCG TRAC: Bn of 101st NVA regiment in 1 or 2 hamlets of Trung Lap. 3 company of RF group moving into action now. 2/43 ARVN Bn also moving to make contact. Road block at XT 568171. 2 RF companies from Trung Lap moving toward there now. 1 RF company from Cu Chi headed for roadblock. Squad of 5th armored regiment and 2 infantry companies in reserve at this time.

1650 hours - TRAC G-3: Insertion of dozer by CH-54 complete to XT 781741, our heavy fire team is released.

1735 hours - AAE: Received through D/229. Need 1 additional heavy fire team in the An Loc area.

1800 hours - TRAC: Requested section of guns to support Dustoff of American advisor North of Chon Thanh coordinated XT 760780. Skids up at 1805.

2155 hours - TRAC G-3: Mission for 26 April: 1) launch a Cav Trp at 0800H to go to Lai Khe. 2) 1 heavy fire team to arrive An Loc 0600H.

26 April 1972:

0630 hours - TRAC: An Loc SITREP: 5th ABN received heavy incoming at this time. 8th ABN receiving a ground attack. Spectre is engaging tanks at XT 668850.

Weather 1000' ceiling, broken and overcast, visibility 10 miles.

0900 hours - TRAC: Requested D/229 Cav bounce to Lai Khe to be briefed by Blackhawk 15 on mission. Skids up 0910.

1100 hours - DCO-A: Bounce light fire team from F/79 to Lai Khe. Skids up 1110E.

1115 hours - ACC: D/229 located C-130 crash site (see item 7) at XT 703865. Could not determine if there were any survivors due to thickness of rubber.

1430 hours - TRAC: From 5th ARVN radio intercepts. To be attacked on 5th and 8th ABN by an UNK unit and another UNK unit to block a retreat by ARVN. 164 NVA Regiment to attack UNK units of 21st ARVN Div. 271st NVA regiment to attack UNK unit after radios are repaired. Tanks and troops massing at Loc Ninh to attack from the West of An Loc. Dau Tieng and Trung Lap quiet.

1620 hours - TRAC G-3: CA of 1 Airborne and 1 arty btry complete at 1530 into XT 7878.

1630 hours - ACC: Received through KCS, D/229 Cav Trp standing by at Lai Khe, 1 fire team working out. 1 fire team standing by.

1655 hours - Bien Hoa Sector: VNAF reports that 80 VC are at YT 641143 with 5 X 122mm rockets and 8 X 107mm rockets, 3 rating. Request clearance for airstrike. Denied so that we could send a Fink Team.

2057 hours - S-2: Approx 120 enemy are at XT 628456, and 20 tanks at XT 878488 with intent to attack Lai Khe. Sent D/229 to check it out. Agent report date time group 232300, rating C-6.

2130 hours - TRAC G-3: Mission for 27 April, received through S-3: Heavy fire team on station at An Loc at 0600H and Cav Trp to An Loc at Lai Khe for briefing at 0700H. In addition DCO-A wants a slick from the Cav Trp to go with the HFT any time the Cav Trp is not in the area. D/229 will coordinate with F/79 about this.

27 April 1972:

0045 hours - TRAC: At the present time numerous tanks have been sighted at An Loc. Request that F/79 AFA HFT have heat rockets when they arrive in the morning.

0455 hours - ARTY: F/79 requested that D/229 chase ships accompany them to An Loc for Dustoff. Also that the section going to An Loc did not have heat rockets as required so they will send another HFT at 0530H. Chase ships will remain with HFT vicinity An Loc. Chase ship skids up at 0520H. Serpent 23.

0535 hours - ARTY: Skids up for F/79 HFT with heat rockets.

0630 hours - Dustoff complete at An Loc. Skids up for D/229 for Lai Khe.

0810 hours - ARTY LNO: F/79 AFA engaged and destroyed 1 x 51 AA MG at 0655H, XT 777874 (Seminole 12)

0820 hours - ACC: Tell 229 AFB to send two Blackhats to Lai Khe. S-3 OFNS: blackhats are on the way in the maintenance aircraft.

0910 hours - F/79 destroyed 1 x 51 cal AA gun, XT 760886, 0855H. Killed 3 enemy.

0925 hours - TRAC: Situation at An Loc is unchanged. Dau Tieng continues to receive intermittent indirect fire and small ground attacks, and ground probes.

1130 hours - TRAC SINTERP: An Loc did not receive any incoming all morning.

X G-130 resupply drops went in with no word on success. Dau Tieng 2 battalions of enemy 7 km SE of Straight Edge Woods. In contact with ARVN forces.

1145 hours - D/229: XT 682743 1 UNK type vehicle. No activity on South side of road. North side has 2 tank revetments, no recent activity.

1225 hours - ALO: AA weapons reported YU 02203440 (37mm), XT 72008300 (57mm), XT 75108810 (23mm).

1425 hours - TRAC: S of Tay Ninh 2 battalions of NVA (possibly 24 regt) in contact with ARVN forces. American advisors requesting airstrike. Have confirmed 5 82mm mortar positions, 3 RR positions, 1 120mm mortar position, 3 51 cal AA guns, vicinity XT 2339.

2015 hours - TRAC G-3: Mission for 28 Apr: 1) HFT on station at An Loc 0600H. 2) Cav Trp at Lai Khe for briefing at 0700H.

28 April 1972:

0520 hours - ACTY: 51st Div up for F/79 AFA HFT for An Loc.

1610 hours - TRAC LOC: STREP An Loc: CBUS and napalm airstrikes during day have permitted ABN and Ranger elements to extend perimeter. Some progress is being made, particularly in SW. 80 replacements have been flown in and 57 ARVN WIA and 7 civilians WIA evacuated. Sporadic ASF and light contact in the SW continue. 8 ABN and 5 ABN Bns received ASF this morning. Dau Tieng: 2-43 Inf Bn was in contact at 1200H w/unknown sized enemy force. Ben Cua: 1-49 Inf and 2-49 Inf continued in contact with est 2 NVA Bns. QL 13: 21st Div continues to make little progress N of Chon Thanh. Road is relatively clear S of Chon Thanh. Resupply convoy remains at same location 5 km N of Lai Khe.

1625 hours - XT 749882 hvy fire team engaged 51 cal AA MG. Observed 3 secondary explosions. Confirmed by tunnel LOA (5th Div Advisor) Update: 3 secondary explosions believed to be 82mm ammo.

2230 hours - TRAC G-3: Mission for 29 April: (1) Heavy fire team on station at An Loc 0600 hours. (2) Cav Trp at Lai Khe for briefing at 0700 hours.

29 April 1972:

1030 hours - TRAC: APC spotted 2 km west of Lai Khe. F/9th Cav checking now.

1140 hours - DCO-A: On QL 13 from 80 to 85 km grid lines 300 to 400 people moving N. They are grouped at XT 750856 E of the rubber processing plant.

S-3 OPNS: TRAC has no information, on the identity. Abn Bns are at XT 775785 and XT 779743 and have not moved.

1645 hours - TRAC G-3: Update on An Loc. Vietnamese UN-LH on resupply mission shot down approximately XT 761811. 7 km south of An Loc on QL 13 at 1515 hours. Road from Chon Thanh to Lai Khe now open. 5 resupply drops have been completed today.

2000 hours - S-2, F/79: Heavy section took 37mm ground to air fire west of An Loc at 184 OH. At 4500 ft and 110 knots. They received 2 bursts of flack.

2105 hours - TRAC G-3: Mission for 30 April: (1) Launch Cav Trp at 0730 to go to Lai Khe for briefing then to check Song Be corridor. (2) Launch heavy fire team at 0830 hours to Lai Khe to stand by.

30 April 1972

1120 hours - TRAC G-3: Says be prepared for to send another fire team to An Loc on order.

1215 hours - TRAC: Requested 2nd heavy fire team to be bounced to Lai Khe, off at 1235 hours.

2050 hours - TRAC G-3: Mission for 1 May: (1) Launch 1 heavy fire team at 0800 hours to go to Lai Khe and standby. (2) Launch 1 Cav Trp at 0730 hours to go to Lai Khe for briefing.

1 May 1972:

0945 hours - TRAC: Reports confirmed 37mm air gun at XT 743686.
1900 hours - ACC: All birds left Lai Khe at 1900H after picking up several Americans (2 wounded) at An Loc. Received ground to air fire from SW while at An Loc. Negative hits.
2235 hours - TRAC G-3: Mission for 2 May: 1) 1 Cav Trp Launch at 0900H to Lai Khe for mission briefing. 2) prepare to launch heavy fire team at 0900H. Launch on order.

2 May 1972:

0600 hours - ARTY: HFT for Dustoff 159 skids up at 0555H callsigns outlood 03, 12 & 20.
0750 hours - F/79 Arty: Skids up on heavy fire team to An Loc to support the airborne brigade in contact.
1225 hours - TRAC: Requested another heavy fire team for An Loc. Skids up 1240.
1750 hours - TRAC: F/79 Arty. Co 1st ABN BN made contact with VC since 1000. Kau Hong ARVN reported to be located at XT 604470. US MAC supporting.
1640 hours - DCO-A: Heavy fire team F/79 relocated from mission to Lai Khe.
1710 hours - DCO-A: AC-119 shot down at XT 633327. Pink Team D/229 supporting. CD TRAC also overhead.
1735 hours - DCO-A: Picked up 1 individual from downed AC-119 at Fire Base Tan Lee Chan west of An Loc. Individual is USAF enlisted man who reported that his aircraft had crew of 10. Aircraft took approximately 6 37mm rounds. 5 individuals believed to have survived crash.
1930 hours - DCO-A: Reports USAF picked up 4 additional survivors of AC-119 crash and rescue efforts are still being made. DCO-A has left crash site and is enroute to Bien Hoa at this time.
2145 hours - TRAC: Mission for 3 May: Launch Pink Team at 0800H. From this location to Lai Khe to be briefed by blackjack 15. Be prepared to launch a heavy Fire Team from this location on order from 0800 H. Informed TRAC we would send a purple team instead of a Pink Team.

3 May 1972:

0750 hours - TRAC: Anti-aircraft positions spotted at XT 65408755-23mm. XT 74768820-37mm.
1340 hours - F/79 Arty: At XT 640439 at 1255 hours F/79 Arty was engaged by 37mm gun. No hits. Did not engage. TRAC stated USAF would engage target.

4 May 1972:

0100 hours - TRAC: Mission for Today: 1) at 0800 hours launch Cav Trp to Lai Khe for mission briefing. 2) Be prepared to launch HFT any time after 0800 hours.
1020 hours - TRAC: Requested HFT to bounce to Lai Khe and receive instructions from TRAC forward and support the 5th ARVN ABN BN.
2250 hours - TRAC G-3: Mission for 5 May: 1) Cav Trp launch at 0800 hours and 01x HFT ready to launch at 0800 hours.

5 May 1972:

0430 hours - Binh Duong: For special Vn pick-up LNO at VTF Ind at Phouc
at 0100 hours. He will have all necessary clearances and friendly
locations.

0430 hours - TRAC: Passed clearance for reason by fire in the following
box from the 21st Div: XT 870423 - XT 930463 - XT 870496 - Initials EAI.

0725 hours - Binh Duong Sector: Clearance initials 21st ARVN Div - CAT.
5th ARVN Div - CPT Hias. Fou Gic Dist. - EKW.

1210 hours - ALO: GAF was received at 0715 hours. F4's at 5000' saw a
dark black trail and lost sight of it at 9000'. 300/20 - 1100/20/20. No
air burst XT 6730.

1545 hours - TRAC G-3: Spot on An Loc. 3rd Airborne Bn, 31st Regt, and
C ACR in contact off and on all day. Sporadic contact friendly initiated
all day with some progress made in the north, west and south. No big
movement up QL 13. Numerous resupply into area with 95% on target, but
50% of the chutes did not open. 2nd Airborne Bn was resupplied by Vn
helicopter with 116 replacements as well as fuel, batteries, medical re-
supply, and food. 28 wounded were evacuated.

1705 hours - F/9 Cav: 2 high birds at 4000 ft and 100 knots received in-
tense 51 cal fire at XT 722576 and XT 721890 at 1700 hours. Negative hits.

1745 hours - F/9 Cav: Found 1 indirect firing position at XT 736792 had
secondary explosion at 1735. Also engaged 1 camouflaged truck with unknown
results.

1745 hours - F/79 Arty: Engaged troops in open at XT 757747 at 1630 hours,
one secondary explosion unknown enemy losses.

1800 hours - F/9 Cav: Mission release from 1845 at 1745 hours.

6 May 1972:

1230 hours - F/79: At 1200 hours Coy III boarded to Lai Khe. Rappel at Lai
Khe and standby there for further orders.

1745 hours - S-2: F/9 Pink Team at 1335 hours spotted 2 indiv at XT 712568,
engaged with organics. Results 2 LW KKH.

7 May 1972:

0100 hours - TRAC: Mission for Today: 1) Cav Trp depart Lai Khe at 0800
for Mission Briefing. 2) HTT be prepared to launch after 0600 hours.

1405 hours - F/9 Cav: At 1125 hours at XT 712546 found 20-30 10' x 10'
bunkers, 10 x 15' x 40' hootches, 200' of trench line, numerous positions.
Area engaged with organics and TAO air. Results: 5 x 15 x 40 hootches,
2 x 10 x 10 bunkers, all destroyed. 3 x 10 x 10 bunkers damaged.

1430 hours - F/9 Cav: At 1340 hours an OH-6A F/9 Cav at XT 723571 received
15 rds GAF (AK-47). Took hits in main rotor blades and landed safely. At
XT 718538 crew extracted. Brown inserted, bird and browns extracted at
1410 hours. No injuries.

1450 hours - TRAC: Request heavy fire team to support 2nd ABR BN at XT
773721. Skids up - 151 CH.

1545 hours - S-2: F/9 observed 1 indiv at XT 721571 with several bunkers in area, engaged with organics. Results 1 x EN KKH.
1750 hours - F/79 AFA: XT 773721 assisting 2nd AEM BN in TIC credited with 02 x EN KKH. Also received unknown # of unknown type GAF from XT 773717 engaged, but could not put out of action.

8 May 1972:

0100 hours - TRAC: On 7 May the HPT from F/79 AFA was in support of 2 CO's of 2nd ARVN AEM BN. Received GAF and when they return fire they accidentally wounded 10 ARVN's. TRAC submitted placeme report.
1300 hours - ACC: F/79 Arty at XT 755385 at 1118 hours while in support of ground troops engaged enemy force results 15 enemy KKH 1 RPD machine gun destroyed 1 60mm mortar destroyed 1 60mm mortar destroyed.
1730 hours - F/9 Cav: YT 003575 F/9 Cav A1-1C was fired at with B-48, neg hits, flying 2000 ft.
1830 hours - S-2: F/9 G1-G4 at received small arms fire at XT 700790, negative hits, engaged with organics, unknown results.

9 May 1972:

0100 hours - TRAC: Missions for Today: 1) Cav Troop depart at 0800 hours for Lai Khe for man briefing. 2) HPT to be prepared to launch any time after 0800 hours.
0345 hours - TRAC: FAC in An Loc area reported the firing of possible SA-7 missile at 0140 hours vic XT 742865, fired from ground, left white smoke trail and went between 2 FAC's and exploded in white flame. Negative damage.
0845 hours - TRAC: Heavy fire team bounced to Lai Khe to refuel then on to An Loc where contact is under way.
0847 hours - F/79: Skids up HPT for Lai Khe.
1450 hours - F/79 AFA: At XT 758888 at 1430 hours engaged on large bunker with unknown # of indiv. Bunker destroyed and unknown # of indiv KKH.
1530 hours - DCO-A: Bodies of 2 pilots recovered, taken to Lai Khe, transferred to graves registration people. 1 ARVN body also in area, ARVN personnel on operation. did not want to pick it up.
1800 hours - S-2: F/79 section at 1150 hours received heavy AA fire at XT 763887, while flying at 4000' and 140 knots, possible 23 or 37mm fire. Engaged with organics, firing ceased.

10 May 1972:

0100 hours - TRAC: Mission for Today: 1) Cav Troop depart for Lai Khe for mission briefing at 0800 hours. 2) HPT to stand by as of 0800 hours.

11 May 1972:

- 0800 hours - TRAC: Mission for Today: 1) Cav Troop depart at 0800 hours for Lai Khe for mission briefing. 2) HPT be prepared to launch any time after 0800 hours.
- 0815 hours - TRAC: An Loc has been receiving three times the amount of incoming and has troop movement to the S and NE. Have HPT on station at An Loc at first light. Called F/79 ARTY and instructed them to have HPT at An Loc NLT 0615 hours. Called F/9 Cav and instructed them to have a chase ship on standby at Lai Khe NLT 0630 hours. Called modevac and instructed them to have modevac at Lai Khe at 0630 hours.
- 0820 hours - TRAC: Tanks have been sighted at An Loc. Request HPT be on station at 0600 hours. Will have Lai Khe opened early.
- 0840 hours - TRAC: Situation at An Loc is getting worse. Request HPT be on station at 0540 hours. Chase ship will be at Lai Khe at 0540 hours. Repair and refuel will be open at Lai Khe. MAX will be on 61.05 FM, contact freedom monitor at Lai Khe on 50.55 FM, contact squirrel. Also put 3 platoons on standby.
- 0830 hours - TRAC: At 0840 hours. Intercepted enemy radio message stating that this was the last big attack to take An Loc.
- 0825 hours - TRAC: At the present time tanks are inside the An Loc perimeter. Launch second HPT. Skids up at present time.
- 0840 hours - TRAC: There are 200 heat rockets at Lai Khe.
- 0720 hours - RASH FAC: At XT 740882 sometime this morning an unidentified rocket was fired at FAC's.
- 0805 hours - RASH FAC: A-37 shot down 2 km north of An Loc. F/9 Cav heavy team covering downed at this time.
- 0920 hours - F/79 ARTY: Three tanks at XT 715892, 5 tanks inside An Loc. A-37 shot down in item 16 was shot down by 23mm.
- 1025 hours - F/79 ARTY: Report total of 11 tanks destroyed by ground troops, FAC Air, and F/79 Arty. F/79 claims 4 tanks destroyed.
- 1040 hours - CG: Anti-aircraft positions XT 610902 - 37mm; XT 766918 - 23mm, XT 776890 - 23mm, XT 724893 - 23mm, XT 750843 - 37mm, XT 754865 - 37mm. XT 7585 right 1 up 1 numerous 51 cal positions. XT 7590 right 2 up 2 numerous anti-aircraft sites.
- 1040 hours - CG: At XT 746894 A-37's attacking 2 tanks and troops in open.
- 1215 hours - CG: AH-1G shot down north of An Loc, at 1215 hours at XT 755872. F/79 bird.
- 1335 hours - S-3: Cobra shot down in item 26 is near friendly troops who will try to get to wreckage.
- 1425 hours - RASH: At 0937 one FAC in C2 landing reported down. At 1120 another FAC reported missing.
- 1740 hours - TRAC: An Loc update total 13 tanks destroyed today. Only one penetration by two tanks and NVA platoon. Heavy buildup to the north and west of city. No ground probes in 30 to 60 minutes.
- 1745 hours - TRAC: U.S. casualty at XT 766622. Need gunships to cover Long Binh dustoff. We have turned our guns around to support.
- 1920 hours - S-2: 1915 hours, XT 669463, F/79 MAX bird received unknown number of rounds C/T at 2000 ft and 100 knots.
- 2300 hours - DCC-16: Send TOW missile section with MAX to An Loc.

...slands up at this time.

...MI-101 crash at XT 252872 on 11 May 1972.

...one of the pilots flying...

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...for Today: (1) Heavy Fire team on station at
...depart at 0800 for mission briefing at Lai
...An Loc: Since 1900 last night, there has
...Tanks and infantry moving on south, east, and
...Fire from the east from tanks and 105's. SAC Air
...and have relieved the pressure a little for
...are available from the Cav Troops for the pos-
...An Loc, enemy controls the northern half of the
...in the SW. Three to four tanks are reported in the
...light with no 23mm or 37mm reported. Possible
...ground to air missile fired this morning.
...F/9 Cav AH-1G received GAF from three individuals, 1
...wounding pilot in
...engaged with negative results. Pilot medevac from Lai
...1055 hours - F/79 ARTY: Ground troops at An Loc confirm 4 tanks destroyed
...by F/79 Arty at XT 755874 at 111000 May 1972.
...1440 hours - BASS FAC: VNAF A-1 shot down SW of An Loc. Pilot bailed out.
...F/9 Cav will try to support. Possible ground to air missile. Pilot is at
...XT 950870.
...1705 hours - F/9 CAV: At XT 750276 at 1505 hours AH-1G F/9 Cav received un-
...known amount of 51 cal GAF and one B-40 round negative hits or damage, nega-
...tive response due to weather.
...1705 hours - ACC: F/9 Cav AH-1G at XT 686872 engaged 2 individuals walking
...on trail. 1 KHE at 0925 hours. At 0930 hours at XT 700875 engaged two 2 1/2
...ton trucks on road. 1 dest, 1 damaged. Received GAF from 3 individuals.
...Pilot of AH-1G wounded.

14 May 1972:

0200 hours - TRAC: An Loc SITREP:
0130 hours - Receiving direct fire from E. Troops on W in contact. Incom-
ing was increasing. 0140 - Tanks reported near western perimeter. 0145 -
Tanks and troops approaching from W and SW. RR fire from E. Contact all
around perimeter.
0300 hours - S-3 OPNS: Notify 229 to place all available aircraft on a 30
minutes standby as of 0600 hours. Same for F/9 and D/229.
0300 hours - TRAC: Heavy pressure on W. Incoming increased from moderate
to heavy. SAC Air presently being employed.

0600 hours - TRAC: Troops in contact on W, SW, and NE, exchanging SA fire, incoming has decreased.

0700 hours - TRAC: Troops at An Loc at in light contact, have moderate incoming. TAC Air is presently being employed. Weather is currently 5000', visibility 7 miles and some ground haze. EPT not needed at this time.

0800 hours - TRAC: Troops at An Loc at in light contact, have moderate incoming. TAC Air is presently being employed. Weather is currently 5000', visibility 7 miles and some ground haze. EPT not needed at this time.

0900 hours - TRAC: Troops at An Loc at in light contact, have moderate incoming. TAC Air is presently being employed. Weather is currently 5000', visibility 7 miles and some ground haze. EPT not needed at this time.

1000 hours - S-2: III OH-6A from F/9 and D/229 are on standby.

1100 hours - D/229: 1330 hours, XT 708872, An OH-6A took 30 Fds AK-47 fire from 3 different locations. Flying at tree top level at 100 knots. Results: negative hits or casualties, of damage. Eng'd w/org's unknown results. ARVN

1200 hours - ARVN had unknown results.

1300 hours - TAC: Approx 1500 hours 2 kilometers S of An Loc, sundog 7, An OH-6A was shot down by a SA-7. Pilot was recovered by ARVN and taken to An Loc (ARVN AIRBORNE).

1400 hours - TAC: Mission for 15 May: (1) Cav Trp Co to arrive air ops center at 0645 hours, Cav Trp arrive at 0700 hours. (2) Heavy fire team on station at An Loc at 0600 hours.

15 May 1972:

0001 hours - TRAC: An Loc is relatively quiet at this time. Some contacts around the perimeter. No tanks have been sighted.

0200 hours - TRAC: SPECIRE has spotted a convoy of 18 vehicles to the west of An Loc and is currently working out on them. The city has been taking sporadic incoming. Situation is pretty stable at this time. TAC Air is being employed. Weather is good at this time.

0820 hours - F/79 AFA: At XT 746885 SPND a surface to air missile being fired, at F4. TAC Air employed.

0900 hours - 7th AF: 37mm high threat area 2.5 km radius of XT 750875.

0900 hours - ACC: D/229 Cav bouncing at this time to support 21st ARVN Convoy which has begun.

0955 hours - F/79 AFA: Report SAM at XT 769881 being fired at 0130 left tremendous white cloud and hvy smoke trail.

1005 hours - ACC: Report following SAM launching sites.

TIME	PLACE
0800	XT 750855
0845	XT 746885
0945	XT 769881
0845	XT 746695

16 May 1972:

0300 hours - TRAC: An Loc continues to be quiet. Negative contact. City
0400 hours - TRAC: An Loc is very quiet and does not need HPT at this time.
0500 hours - TRAC: An Loc is still receiving light sporadic
0600 hours - TRAC: An Loc is still receiving light sporadic
0700 hours - TRAC: An Loc is still receiving light sporadic
0800 hours - TRAC: An Loc is still receiving light sporadic
0900 hours - TRAC: An Loc is still receiving light sporadic
1000 hours - TRAC: An Loc is still receiving light sporadic
1100 hours - TRAC: An Loc is still receiving light sporadic
1200 hours - TRAC: An Loc is still receiving light sporadic
1300 hours - TRAC: An Loc is still receiving light sporadic
1400 hours - TRAC: An Loc is still receiving light sporadic
1500 hours - TRAC: An Loc is still receiving light sporadic
1600 hours - TRAC: An Loc is still receiving light sporadic
1700 hours - TRAC: Mission for 17 May is for 2 UE-1H, ERCAMS, 1 heavy fire
team and Medvac at Lai Khe at 0515 hours.

17 May 1972:

0310 hours - TRAC: An Loc is very quiet. There has been some troop move-
ment and occasional exchange of fire and incoming.
0500 hours - ARTY: Skids up at 0445 hours for HPT. Medvac skids up at
0450 hours.
0505 hours - D/229: Skids up at this time.
0515 hours - TRAC: An Loc is still very quiet, only sporadic incoming.
0615 hours - TRAC: The aircraft for the snatch at An Loc are returning to
Lai Khe due to the weather. The snatch will be postponed until the weather
abates.
0915 hours - TRAC: COL Fulwyler has relieved the 3rd Bde of the respon-
sibility for a Cav Trp in the An Loc area.

20 May 1972:

0955 hours - F/79 AFA: Skids up to Lai Khe at 0955 for HPT.
1025 hours - D/229 Cav: Bounced chase ship to support F/79 at Lai Khe.
Blues bounced to Lai Khe at 1040.
1300 hours - TRAC: Snatch CPM of pilot out of An Loc completed at this time.
Pilot was shot down 3 days ago.
2045 hours - TRAC: Have HPT on 5 minute standby as of 0615 hours.

21 May 1972:

1745 hours - TRAC: Update An Loc very quiet only sporadic incoming, no ground
contacts task force 9 in contact most of the day 3/15 has had sporadic con-
tact. Convoy made no headway north today.
1915 hours - TRAC G-3: Sent 1 Pink Team to Lai Khe at 0800 on 22 May to be
briefed by LNO from ARVN 21st Div for VR mission. Will send 1 Cav Trp and
heavy section of MAX. The Cav Trp will contact autocat alpine on F-1. DCGA
said to send HPT also.

A body has been recovered by the ARVN and is believed to be body of Mr. Hamm F/79 AFA pilot shot

Mission for Cav Troop: (1) F1B at Lai Khe at 0700 hours.
at the NLT 0800 hours.

Reports GAF at following locations during snatch mission: small arms XI 6265 37mm, XI 7587 small arms. No strikes were made at these grids due to quality of Class V on hand. ARC-Lights are being plotted in the area.

9 June 1972:

0630 hours - TRAC: Requested heavy fire team and Medevac to Lai Khe by 0900. Evac up OE12 for American advisor with 15th ARVN Rgt at XI 755825.

1315 hours - TRAC: Medevac UH-1H from 215th Medical Company received an unknown amount of 51 cal GAF at XI 761779. UH-1H went down at XI 773796 crew and passengers were evacuated aircraft burned in place. Crew taken to Lai Khe, combat and response 4 sorties of TAC Air.

10 June 1972:

2120 hours - TRAC G-3: Mission for 11 June is to BDA ARC-LIGHT at BS 596927 same as today upon completion of that report to Long An Province for VR mission, report to Tan An, (MEDUSA SIREPANT 59.05.72).

11 June 1972:

0840 hours - F/9 CAV: 0835 F/9 Cav Coors went down for mechanical problems at Phouc Vinh. F/9 Browns inserted to secure the bird. A/1/7 QRF LCH went down at OE15 for same reason.

0945 hours - 1/7: ECD blew at Grant II at 1400 hours with ORD at 3000'.

1622 hours - TRAC G-3: Send section of 10th to cover extraction of helicopter down for mechanical reasons near Cu Chi. Contact Beam 6 on 58.00 in air over Cu Chi.

13 June 1972:

0805 hours - S-3: 1st lift is enroute to XI 758865 with elements of 31st Regiment, everything going well.

0905 hours - DCC-A: Two lifts into LZ at this time. On 2nd lift took incoming and small arms ground to air fire. UH-1H from A/229 shot down in LZ at XI 758865. LZ moved 600 meters. Crew extracted, other birds have been hit by GAF. 1 U.S. KIA.

0905 hours - CG: 1st Air Force...
0940 hours - S-3: Four lifts in air...
ships taking small arms...
by an SA-7 missile near our...
area.

0955 hours - CG: Area where...
F/9 Browns will be extracted...
1325 hours - DCO-A: 250 FAX lift to...
1755 hours - DCO-A: FAX remaining...
2130 hours - SAC-G-3: Warning...
for 14 June as were provided...
provide one section of...
that this would be impossible...
for our... SAC said we...
19 June 1972:

1410 hours - SAC: ...
1515 hours - BISH...
1750 hours - F/9...
1810 hours - SAC: F/9...
20 June 1972:

1855 hours - SAC...
22 June 1972:

1220 hours - F/9...
1240 hours - S-2: ...
1245 hours - S-2: ...
1300 hours - SAC...
23 June 1972:

bodies of AH-1G crew downed 0820 recovered, at ville,

1st Lt. Bde will move to new LZ loc at XT 768750. PZ
1st and 2nd lift troops.

1st Lt. Bde observed 2 AH-1G's being shot down, 1 A/C

1st Lt. Bde moved to 790 M grid line on May 13.

1800 hours 1 km S Thanh Khai, VNAF will extract 1st Lt. Bde's
airlift of troops to follow, Yellow flight bounced

1st Lt. Bde reports F/79 AH-1G located at XT 763762. A/C seemed in-
jured outside A/C.

airlift of 1st Lt. Bde off until tomorrow.

21 June 1972:

0800 hours - Skids up to Lai Khe.

A - Yellow

B - Red

C - Black

1210 hours - Read plans from Lai Khe, to attempt extraction at 1300 hours
to be preceded by VNAF TAC Air. If this extraction fails the Cav Troops
will attempt an extraction after dark tonight.

1345 hours - 1st lift on PZ 1st Lt. Bde PZ col.

1352 hours - 2nd lift is out of PZ some 2nd Lt. coming out.

1415 hours - 3rd lift out of PZ w/light GAF this was first VNAF flight.

1455 hours - 8 flights of U.S. ships and 1 VNAF out of An Loc at this time.

1523 hours - CG notified that a F/79 cobra down near road at 1510 hours.

Crew C.K. Securing force on way. A SA-7 missile shot down the cobra at
XT 758773. Crew extracted, condition unknown.

1645 hours - 2 F/79 pilots C.K. 16 lifts completed. 1st 10 lifts to go.

1831 hours - PZ at An Loc for 1st Lt. Bde clear of troops.

1855 hours - Mission release at Lai Khe.

2030 hours - TRAC requirement for 21 June, (25) lift ships for support ARVN
move from Lai Khe to An Loc.

22 June 1972:

0615 hours - Skids up, Black, Red, Yellow.

0825 hours - 1st lift off Lai Khe at 0816 delayed by late ARVN troops.

0840 hours - 1st lift into An Loc complete.

0900 hours - ARC lights in An Loc area. All A/C grounded at Lai Khe until
strike completed.

1030 hours - TRAC: 31st ARVN Regt recovered bodies of 2 F/79 crewmen shot
down 20 June.

1200 hours - D/229: Received 51 cal at XT 808942.

1351 hours - UH-1H rec SA/GAF at An Loc, coming out of LZ. No damage to A/C.
1 crewmember received superficial wounds.

1420 hours - UH-1H at 50' and 80' rec AH-17 GAF at XT 815827.

1505 hours - 13 lifts completed at this time.

2330 hours - TRAC: Mission 23 June: Insert 4th Regt in An Loc extr regt
from An Loc to Lai Khe.

For TRAC missions, F/79 - 0535, Black Flt -
 0610 Yellow Flt - 0630.
 Extracted at 0715 hours at IT 042148.
 3 lift gaggles rec'd mission release and are enroute
 F/79 will continue to support.
 TRAC that we are sending 1 Cav Tro and 2 hvy MAJ Esc-
 at 0715 hours. Request briefing at 0715 hours. Informed
 as soon as possible when the Airborne Esc is in PZ.
 tonight; we need to know ASAP so that we can send a 30 ship
 at first light, with five ships to follow. If it is tomorrow we will
 as soon as we are notified. Also requested they have
 at 0715 hours. Requested that Danger 79 be informed of
 all of the above details and that MAJ Nadal at Lai Khe and MAJ Bentson also
 be informed. Will need initials when 79 is informed.
 0830 hours - DELAYED EXTRACT: 130930 H June XT 719295, Browns from F/9 were
 inserted to secure a down UH-1H. Nightbird covering them rec'd hvy CAF,
 Browns rec'd 2 BOD rds and 30 cal fire. Browns defended from shell crater.
 Were not able to be extracted. While the slicks were coming in to extract
 them 15 - 20 EN tried to rush the ships. Browns engaged with automatics
 wps fire. Flt ldrs estimate 7 - 8 EN KIA and 4 - 5 EN WIA. EN wearing
 khakis and had AK-47 rifles.
 2140 hours - TRAC C-3: MACV has to ask TRAC for an impact statement on
 what would happen if TRAC lost the following assets: 5x AH-1G; 4x OH-47A,
 and F/79 APA. Danger 79 and defiant 5 have objected but it still may hap-
 pen. Also MSC (Ref Item 27) has been proposed to MAJ Bentson. He said he
 would inform Danger 79. TRAC Forward has notified and will relay message
 to MAJ Nadal. MAJ Bentson said he would concur with all aspects of the
 message (JDN).
 0640 hours - Aircraft off for Lai Khe, skids up, F/79 0535; Black - 0600;
 Red - 0612; Yellow - 0630; F/9 - 0610.
 0520 hours - TRAC: Extract 1st Abr Bde, Bde meeting resistance. All night
 18 June, May not make PZ until 1000 hours, 19 June.
 0955 hours - TRAC revised PZ time for Abr. Bde to 1200 hours because 50th ARVN
 ABN BN is in contact VIC XT 762797. Being supported by RMV. Est enemy to
 be 2 companies of 141st and 165th NVA Regiments.
 1500 hours - LAI KHE: 3 lift gaggles received mission release and are en-
 route to Bien Hoa, F/9 and F/79 continue support.
 1600 hours - TRAC sends same mission for 20 June 1972.

20 June 1972:

0610 hours - Skids up for Lai Khe. F/9 and F/79 lifts on standby at Bien
 Hoa.
 0820 hours - AH-1G, F/9 shot down at XT 769770. 0812, SA-7, no survivors.
 0825 hours - AH-1G, F/79, received unknown hits 51 cal, returning to Lai Khe
 with escort cobra, escort cobra reported missing.
 0915 hours - TRAC, U.S. FAC sighted wreckage of AH-1G, downed 0820 hours,
 vic 752797.

for Lai Khe Black, Red, Yellow, F/9 and D Trp.
An Loc complete SA&AF received in vic of LZ.
An Loc received AAF from 105 HGW. SAC Air in
An Loc complete.
An Loc LZ still received sporadic SA and 51 cal
from 105 HGW.
An Loc still receiving AAF in vic LZ.
An Loc 200 FT remain at Lai Khe.
Mission complete at Lai Khe.

TRAC mission for tomorrow; Extract LTC Butler's body Thanh
Lai Khe from An Loc.

21 June 1972:

Black - 0715

Red - 0720

Yellow - 0725

D Trp - F/9 - 0645

0945 hours - 3rd lift in/out An Loc. 0937 received 1x 105 mm round in-
coming A/C down 5 km north Lai Khe maint. Problems. Enroute Bien Hoa (Slung
out).

1020 hours - 4th lift in 1000 hrs received SA&AF XT 835789.

1055 hours - D/229 AH-1G down at 1042 hours at XT 824795 by 7 51 cal rds.

Crew extracted 1045 hours. Brown in to secure and extract A/C.

1200 hours - Downed D/229 AH-1G extracted 1135 hours last lift in progress.

1210 hours - An Loc mission complete. Lift ships returning Bien Hoa. Cav
Troops will spt extraction LTC Butler's body.

1315 hours - CH-47 took 1 RD SA&AF while extracting D/229 AH-1G downed.
(1042 hours).

1320 hours - ALL A/C at Lai Khe secured mission release and are enroute
Bien Hoa.

20 June 1972:

0610 hours - AAF: F/79 skids up for Lai Khe at 0551. Skids up at 0600.

0820 hours - AAF reported that an AH-1G of F/9, exploded in the air and
crashed at XT 769770 at approx 0815 hours. Suspected SA-7 missile shot it
down. No survivors.

0825 hours - 1 AFA rec'd unk no of hits from unk type CAF and was returning
to Lai Khe when another AFA AH-1G trailing the bird disappeared and is mis-
sing at this time.

0915 hours - TRAC: US FAC reported sighting wreckage of an AH-1G at XT 752797.

1020 hours - TRAC: 2 bodies (See Item #5) have been recovered and are loc in
the velle at XT 7677. Req TRAC to determine status of maps, SCI, & condition
of A/C.

1200 hours - Down AG-15 ext 1235, last lift is in progress.
1210 hours - A.L. mission complete. Lift ships are returning to Bien Hoa.
Cav trps will supt ext of LTV Butler's body.
1225 hours - Reg HCB team for cobra gunship problem w/407.
1235 hours - AAE: Rec'd report of CH-47 rec'd 1 rd SA/GAF while ext downed
cobra (See Item 15)
1300 hours - All A/C at Lai Khe rec'd mission complete and are enroute to
Bien Hoa.

25 June 1972:

1200 hours - TRAC: LTC Ginger ready for pick-up at L.A. VIF pad at 1400
today.
1315 hours - TRAC: Rec'd report that F/9 cobra went down 27mi off 1st
radial channel 77 due to vibrating engine. The cobra reportedly took off
again and is headed for Da Nang.

26 June 1972:

0100 hours - TRAC Mission: Two U.S. advisors & 3 VN seriously wounded.
F2 will be tightly controlled.
0715 hours - Sheds up for Lai Khe for TRAC mission.
1000 hours - Downed CH-19 found at VT 075005.
1255 hours - TRAC: FAC up & possibly in trouble. Standby to assist.
Update: FAC landed safely at 1330.

27 June 1972:

1152 hours - AAE: Entire F/9 Cav trp en way to Lai Khe at 1215 hours.
1200 hours - TRAC: asked for guns ASAF. AAE: Guns in return and refuel.
1211 bounce at 1215 hours.
1225 hours - F/9 sheds up for Lai Khe. O2X Downed, O2X Slicks, O2X On-Gn.
Mission: Special Op for O2X Hollingsworth, also possible escort mission
for dustoff. Binh Long SA was wounded in action. F2 approx 06X kilometers
south of An Loc.
2100 hours - Reg that dustoff report to Lai Khe at 1100 hours tomorrow for
briefing in supt of F/9 Cav.
2130 hours - TRAC: Reg that we fly an additional insertion mission into
An Loc prior to the one scheduled at 1300 hours.

30 June 1972:

1200 hours - O2X guns bounced to Lai Khe to insert D.O. for rot AAE 33rd
regt SA. Delayed due to weather.
1210 hours - F/9 Cav trp reports to Lai Khe at 1400 not AAE, S-2/3 ex-
traction mission at An Loc. Dustoff has been notified.
1425 hours - Escort mission has been postponed till tomorrow. O2X AH-1G &
O1V CH-19 chase ship bounced at 0700 hours. E2X 0730 hours for briefing at
Lai Khe. Dustoff has been notified.

1 July 1972:

1140 hours - TRAC: Lift off at Lai Khe at 1400 hours.
1145 hours - TRAC: Hold F/9 until notification by TRAC.
1310 hours - F/9 rec'd mission release & are enroute to Bien Hoa. Modernic mission was successfully completed also.
2005 hours - 1920 hours req that TRAC notify dustoff to be at CA CHI at 0730 hours, tomorrow on strip alert in Spt of D/229. Confirmed by TRAC.

2 July 1972:

1700 hours - F/9 cobra reptd O2X hit from GAF in its plexiglass while escorting CH-47's to Song Be.
1800 hours - Update of item #19 F/9 Cobra was flying 1000' at 130 kts at TC 153775. rec'd O2X hits while on gun run. The other cobra also rec'd O2X hits in rotor blades. Neg Gas.

3 July 1972:

1045 hours - UH-1H from 120th Avn Co downed by GAF 10x W of refuel point at 12 buttons. Can crew bounced. Crew has been ext to Phuoc Binh. UH-1H burning and CBI.
1430 hours - Rec'd TRAC Mission for 4 July 1972. Vn box 5 w/10x and rearm point at Tay Ninh - Pick up CA indivs at CA CHI enroute. Warning for 5 July 1972: Be prepared to move approx 1000 troops from An Loc to Lai Khe & move approx 1000 troops from Lai Khe to An Loc. Expect VNAF to provide 05X UH-1H w/IFCC to provide 10. (If possible VNAF will provide 12 UH-1H & IFCC 5).
1745 hours - F/9 Eng'd preplanned TGT at MAX strikes 1 & 2 but unable to EDA due to bad weather.

4 July 1972:

1405 hours - TRAC tasked IFCC for 10 UH-1H's for Lai Khe - An Loc mission on 5 July.
1425 hours - CG directed CC & S-3 of 229th AHB to go to Lai Khe ASAP for mission briefing. Also, requested early release for D/229 in Cambodia & confirm no cross border missions for tomorrow.
1640 hours - D/229 has returned to Bien Hoa at 1542 hours.

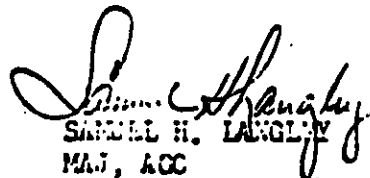
5 July 1972:

0835 hours - 1st element of final approach at this time. CC enroute to An Loc.
0935 hours - S-3: U.S. flights of 2 ships each complete & 2 VNAF flights of 3 ships each complete.
1200 hours - TRAC reports 90 sorties complete at 9 MAX PER A/C-810 total.
1215 hours - TRAC: Rec'd reports of A/C taking GAF S of Quan Lai, Neg hits, Cobras and IAC Air eng suspected gun locs. Lift ship rept rec'd SA/GAF while coming in and leaving LZ/FZ.

7 July 1972:

1510 hours - TRAC: 1 Cav Trp is tasked to VM Song Be corridor & Phu Giso (P) in Binh Duong (P) from 8 July thru 15 July. Dep S-2 & OB prepared to brief Cav Trp at 071930 July. Order confirmed 1715 hours.

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