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5. (C) EFFECTED RIVER PROBE TO DAM DOI IAW SEA LORDS 324 AND TOOK TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY UNDER FIRE.

6. (C) PCF'S ENTERED SOM BO DE AT 0745H WITH VIPER 31 (LHFT) COVER FOLLOWING PREPARATORY NFPS BY ST FRANCIS RIVER. PCF'S PROCEEDED TO DAM DOI WITHOUT INCIDENT. LHFT RECEIVED SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM SEVERAL LOCATIONS, COORDINATES INDEFINITE, WHILE CONDUCTING LOW LEVEL VR FOR ORIG AND REPORTED ONE HIT WITH MINOR DAMAGE. 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO ARLIVAL AT DAM DOI, LHFT REQUESTED TO BE DETACHED INORDER TO REARM AND REFUEL. AN UNITS PROCEEDED TO DAM DOI WITHOUT COVER AND ARRIVED AT 0800H. CONDUCTED PSYOPS AT VN OUTPOST WITH VERY POSITIVE RECEPION. WHILE AT DAM DOI ORIG WAS NOTIFIED TO TWO HOUR DELAY IN RETURN OF LHFT. DELAY THEN EXTENDED TO INDEFINITE. ORIG REQUESTED OTHER UNITS BUT WAS ADVISED NONE AVAILABLE. UNITS WERE THEN ADVISED OF POSSIBLE ARRIVAL OF LHFT AT 1200H AND ORIG DECIDED TO DEPART DAM DOI, TRANSIT THROUGH OPEN AREA TAKING TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY UNDER FIRE AND MEET LHFT AT COMMENCEMENT OF THICK JUNGLE. LHFT DID NOT ARRIVE AND UNITS EXECUTED ENTIRE EXIT TO COORDINATES VQ 8163 ALONE. PERFORMANCE OF LHFT WAS UNSATISFACTORY. UNIT WAS REQUESTED BY ORIG TO CONSERVE AMMO IN EVENT PCF'S WERE AMBUSHED. DESPITE REQUEST TO BE IN CLOSE TO TRANSITING PCF'S VIPER 31 MOVED FREELY ON EITHER SIDE OF RIVER AND EXPENDED AMMO TO DEGREE THAT REAPMNG BECAME USARY WELL BEFORE ORIGINAL ON STATION TIME EXPIRED. VIPER 31
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ADVISED ORIG OF POSSIBLE AIRCRAFT DAMAGE AND HAD THIS BEEN ONLY
DEMAND FOR DETACHMENT THERE WOULD OBVIOUSLY HAVE BEEN NO QUESTION.
LHBT MUST CONSERVE AMMO TO REMAIN EFFECTIVE FOR PCF NECESSITIES.

(HA(L) TACTICAL MANUAL PREFERENCES USA SPOTTER CA MAU WHO WAS IN AREA
VOLUNTARILY PROVIDED UP UNTIL UNITS WERE CLEAR, CANCELING A MISSION
AND RETURNING AFTER REFUELING, THIS UNITS ASSISTANCE WAS EXTREMELY
HELPFUL TO THE PCFs. AT COORDINATES WQ 2774 THREE PERSONNEL IN BLACK
PAJAMAS WERE SPOTTED DUCKING BEHIND BANK ON PORT SIDE OF PCF 94.
THIS UNIT RECEIVED SMALL ARMS/IED GRAMADE FIRE AND OINC AND
THORSON ENJ RECEIVED SHRAPNEL WOUNDS. ALL UNITS PROCEEDED OUT WITH-
OUT FURTHER INCIDENTS.

ORIG BELIEVES OPERATION ALONG SONG DAM DOI COULD HAVE BEEN CON-
DUCTED WITHOUT TAKING TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY UNDER FIRE. AREA SEEMED EX-
TREMELY PROSPEROUS AND OPEN TO PSYOPS ACTION. MINIMUM NUMBER OF DE-
FENSIVE AND NO OFFENSIVE BUNKERS DETECTED. ORIGINATOR BELIEVES
FUTURE MISSIONS IN THIS AREA SHOULD BE ORIENTED TOWARDS PSYOPS
RATHER THAN DESTRUCTION.

7. (U) GDA-SAMPANS-DESTROYED 40; DAMAGED 60; HOUTCHES-DES 10;
BUNKERS-DES 3; DES 500 LBS RICE. AMMUNITION EXPENDED: 50 CAL.

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14,000; M-50=5,300; M-79=4,800; RP-15=250. CASUALTIES: FRIENDLY-
WIA-LTJG JOHN F. KERRY, USNR, 715543; ENS THORSON, EUGENE K, USN 2
199702. ENEMY: NONE.

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SEALORDS MISSION 324

1. THE AN THOI RIVER RAIDERS CONTINUE TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR DEstructive FIREPOWER AGAINST THE ENEMY WITH WELL PLANNED AND EXECUTED SEA LORDS OPERATIONS. THIS WAS AGAIN AMPLY REFLECTED BY THE SUCCESSFUL RIVER RAID TO DAM BCT ON 26 FEB.

2. THE DESTRUCTION OF 40 SAMPANS, 10 STRUCTURES, 3 RUNNERS AND 520 LBS OF RIVE PLUS DAMAGE TO 68 SAMPANS REPRESENT MORE THAN JUST STATISTICS.

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THEY REPRESENT VIVIDLY THE LOSS OF FOOD, TRANSPORTATION AND SHELTER TO THE ENEMY AND WAS BEEN MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH THE COURAGE AND DETERMINATION OF PCF CREWS.

3. CONGRATULATIONS ON ANOTHER FINE DISPLAY OF SWIFT POWER.
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A. ART C-9801 BUPERS MANUAL
B. NAVSUPPACT SAIGON INST 1770.13

1. IAW REF A AND B FOL INFO SUBMITTED:

ALFA: LTJG JOHN FORBES KERRY, USN, 713525/1100

BRAVO: ACTIVE DUTY, ATTACHED TO COASTAL DIVISION
ELEVEN AT AN TB01, RVN

CHARLIE: INJURY, HOSTILE FIRE

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DELTA: 20 FEB 69, 1400H, MQ238747, SONG DAM NO1.

WHILE SERVING AS OINC ABOARD PCF 94 ENGAGED IN OPERATIONS IN THE ABOVE RIVER, LTJG KERRY SUFFERED STRAPNEL WOUNDS IN HIS LEFT THIGH, WHEN PCF 94 CAME UNDER INTENSE HOSTILE A/M AND ROCKET FIRE

ECHO: CONDITION GOOD, PROGNOSIS GOOD, PRESENCE OF NOK IS NOT MEDICALLY WARRANTED

FOXTROT: MR. RICHARD JOHN KERRY, FATHER, INDIAN HILL ROAD, GROTON, MASS.

GOLF: NOK NOT OFFICIALLY NOTIFIED. REQ NOK NOT REPEAT NOT TO BE NOTIFIED

HOTEL: TREATED BY MD ABOARD USC CG WACUSHETTS (WEC 44) AND RETURNED TO DUTY WITH COASTAL DIVISION ELEVEN AT AN TB01, RVN.

PATIENT ABLE TO COMMUNICATE WITH NOK
NO FURTHER INFO WILL FOLLOW.
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A. REF C-9801 BPERS MANUAL

B. COMNAV SUPPACT SAIGON INST 778-18

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BRAVO: ACTIVE DUTY, ATTACHED TO COASTAL DIVISION

ELEVEN AT AN TOI, RVN

CHARLIE: INJURY, HOSTILE FIRE

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DELTA: 20 FEB 69, 1400H, WQ280747, SONG DAM DOI,

WHILE SERVING AS AFTER GUNNER ABOARD PCF 94

ENGAGED IN OPERATIONS IN THE ABOVE RIVER,

EN2 THORSON SUFFERED SHRAPNEL WOUNDS IN

THE RIGHT ARM WHEN PCF 94 CAME UNDER INTENSE

HOSTILE A/W AND ROCKET FIRE.

ECHO: CONDITION GOOD, PROGNOSIS EXCELLENT. PRESENCE

OF NOK IS NOT MEDICALLY WARRANTED.

FOXTROT: MR. JEFFRIES EVERETTE THORSON, FATHER,

1402 RIDGE WOOD ST., AMES, IOWA

GOLF: NOK NOT OFFICIALLY NOTIFIED. REQ NOK NOT

REPEAT NOT BE NOTIFIED

HOTEL: TREATED BY MD ABOARD USCGC WACOUGNET (WHEC

44) AND RETURNED TO DUTY WITH COASTAL

DIVISION ELEVEN AT AN TOI, RVN

PATIENT ABLE TO COMMUNICATE WITH NOK

NO FURTHER INFO WILL FOLLOW

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