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team observed a vehicle attempting to avoid the bombs by racing for about 60 meters in the open from one trackline to another. This evasion proved effective, as the forward air controller failed to spot the vehicle. Although the CACO failed to produce its usual big number of Chieu Hoi's, the CAP was successful in the apprehension of 19 POWs.

(6) In retrospect, the month saw only one large ground attack, which was in the Binh Son area, at CAP 1-3-9. The attack, as told by a POW taken from the action, was primarily for political reasons. First of all, it was to show the people of An Phong that the GVN is unable to protect them. The attack was timed to disrupt the elections which were slated for the following day. The idea was to hold the village for two days and then retire back into the mountains.

(7) With the First Company being hampered by booby-traps, and the Second Company relatively quiet, the only other fighting occurred in the area northeast of Quang Ngai City, where the two new TAOC's of the Fourth Company coincide with the reported location of the VC 48th MF Bn. The future of the two new CAPs rests with their ability to force the 48th Bn out of their TAOC's, or destroy them completely. The presence of a vehicle in the hands of the 48th Bn tends to demonstrate that they are well established and will be difficult to move out. Intelligence sources point to an increase in enemy activity in Quang Ngai for the coming month.

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