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1. [REDACTED] THE BRIDGE OVER THE SONG BA VIC BQ 8940 WAS COMPLETED ON MARCH 23 AFTER SEVERAL DAYS OF AROUND-THE-CLOCK WORK BY THE ARVN ENGINEERS. FURTHERMORE, TERRITORIAL FORCES HAVE MADE CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS IN CLEARING THE COMMUNIST INTERDICTIONS OF THE ROAD VIC BQ 0236; 4 OF THE 5 POINTS OF INTERDICTION HAVE BEEN CLEARED, AND OUR PROV REP ESTIMATES THE REMAINING POINT WILL BE CLEARED BY THE AFTERNOON OF MARCH 24. ONCE IT IS CLEARED, VEHICLES WILL PRESUMABLY BE ABLE TO DRIVE THROUGH TO QL-1 (NONE HAVE GOTTEN TO QL-1 YET).

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2. [REDACTED] APPROXIMATELY 2,500 PEOPLE FROM THE CONVOY HAVE FILTERED INTO TUY HOA EITHER BY WALKING AROUND THE POINTS OF INTERDICTION OR BY GETTING A RIDE ON THE HELICOPTERS THAT HAVE BEEN FLYING BETWEEN SON HOA DISTRICT AND TUY HOA. OF THESE 2,500 PEOPLE, 500 ARE NOW HOUSED WITH RELATIVES IN TUY HOA WHILE THE REMAINING 2,000 HAVE BEEN PLACED IN 6 REFUGEE CENTERS.

3. [REDACTED] REAR ELEMENTS OF THE CONVOY HAVE TAKEN SOME HARASSMENT FROM THE COMMUNISTS NEAR SON HOA DISTRICT TOWN. AT 222350 HRS, 8 KM NW OF SON HOA, H E 34TH AND 51ST RANGER BNS CLASHED WITH A COMMUNIST FORCE, TAKING NO CASUALTIES AS AGAINST 30 COMMUNIST KIA. AND AT 231930 HRS, 8 KM ESE OF SON HOA, THE 34TH RANGER BN AGAIN CLASHED WITH A COMMUNIST FORCE TAKING 4 KIA AND 8 WIA AS AGAINST 9 COMMUNIST KIA.  
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