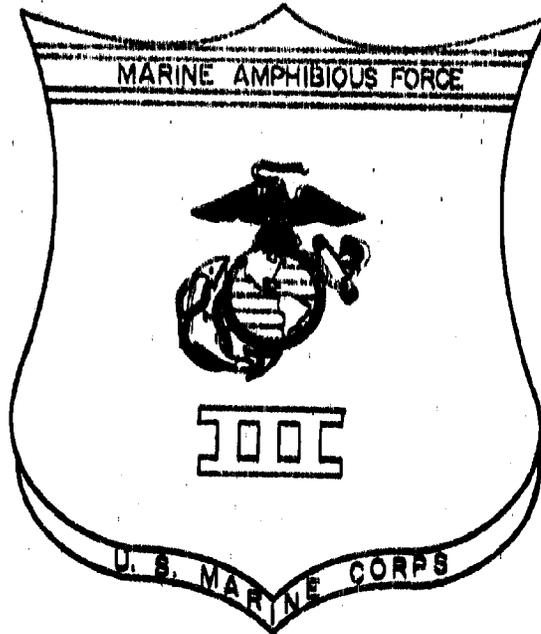


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COMMAND DIARY  
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FIRST ENDORSEMENT on III MAF ltr 103/JWD/lpf, Ser: 009665  
dated 27 July 1965

From: Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific  
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code A03H)

Subj: III MAF Command Diary for June 1965

1. Due to the size of this command diary, it is being forward-  
warded to your headquarters broken down as follows:

Part I. Separate Cover (SC)

Contents: III MAF Command Diary, Ser: 009665 dated  
27 July 1965

Force Logistic Support Group Command Diary,  
Ser: 0025-65 dated 17 July 1965. *Serial copy.*

Part II. (SC)

Contents: 3d MarDiv (Fwd) Command Diary, Ser: 0049-65  
dated 5 July 1965.

Part III. (SC)

Contents: 3d Reconnaissance Battalion Command Diary,  
Ser: 3100 dated 8 July 1965.

Part IV. (SC)

Contents: 4th Marine Regiment Command Diary, Ser: 003481  
and 1213-65 dated 7 July 1965.

Part V. (SC)

Contents: 1st Battalion (Rein) 4th Marines Command  
Diary, Ser: 65-00181 dated 5 July 1965.

Part VI. (SC)

Contents: 2d Battalion 4th Marines Command Diary,  
Ser: 5750 dated 1 July 1965.

Part VII. (SC)

Contents: 3d Battalion 3d Marines Command Diary,  
Ser: 0051-65 dated 6 July 1965.

Part VIII. (SC)

Contents: 3d Marine Regimental Command Diary, Ser: 3480  
and 004065 dated 8 July 1965.

Part IX. (SC)

Contents: 1st Battalion 3d Marines Command Diary,  
Ser: 5750.1, 29865 and 00442-65 dated 1 July 1965.

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Part X. (SC)  
Contents: 2d Battalion, 3d Marines Command Diary,  
Ser: 3100 and 1217-65 dated 1 July 1965.

Part XI. (SC)  
Contents: 3d Battalion, 4th Marines Command Diary,  
Ser: 19-65, 1217-65, 29565 and 650154-B dated 1 July 1965.

Part XII. (SC)  
Contents: 1st Battalion, 9th Marines Command Diary,  
Ser: 03480, 16-65 and 1217-65 dated 4 July 1965.

Part XIII. (SC)  
Contents: 3d Battalion, 9th Marines Command Diary,  
Ser: 006065, 29965 and 1217-65 dated 16 June 1965.

Part XIV. (SC)  
Contents: 1st Battalion, 12th Marines Command Diary,  
Ser: 1217-65 dated 8 July 1965.

Part XV. (SC)  
Contents: 1st Marine Aircraft Wing Command Diary,  
Ser: 0074-65 and A497-61 dated 15 July 1965.

  
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III Marine Amphibious Force  
c/o FPO, San Francisco 96601

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From: Commanding General  
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps  
Via: Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

Subj: III MAF Command Diary

Ref: (a) MCO 3480.1

Encl: (1) III MAF Command Diary  
(2) Force Logistics Support Group Command Diary  
(3) Third MarDiv Command Diary  
(4) First MAW Command Diary

1. In accordance with the provisions of reference (a) enclosures (1) through (4) are submitted.

2. This letter is downgraded to UNCLASSIFIED upon removal of enclosures (1) through (4).

*Regan Fuller*

REGAN FULLER  
CHIEF OF STAFF

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA SHEET

III Marine Amphibious Force

William Robert COLLINS

Major General, United States Marine Corps

1 June, 1965 to 4 June, 1965

Lewis William WALT

Major General, United States Marine Corps

4 June, 1965 to 30 June, 1965

Commanding

Command Diary, 1 June through 30 June 1965

Submitted from the Command Post

located at

Da Nang Air Base, Republic of Vietnam

Subordinate Units

Commanders

Third Marine Division (-) (Rein) (Fwd)

William R. COLLINS, MajGen USMC  
to 4 June, 1965

Lewis W. WALT, MajGen USMC

First Marine Aircraft Wing (Adv)

Keith B. MCCUTCHEON, BGen USMC

Force Logistics Support Group

Mauro J. PADALINO, LtCol USMC

Det, 1st Force Reconnaissance Co, FMF

David WHITTINGHAM, Capt USMC

Det J, 1st Radio Battalion, FMF

David K. COLESCOTT, Capt USMC

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## PART II

CHRONOLOGICAL SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 1 June Eight A4 aircraft, comprising elements of two marine attack squadrons (VMA 225 and VMA 311), landed at Chu Lai. The first aircraft touched down at 0801H to signify the opening of the Air Field. The first air support strike was launched at 1329H when a flight of 4 aircraft were employed seven miles south west of the Chu Lai TAOR in support of ARVN Forces. Only 3600 ft of the expeditionary airfield was complete, therefore the A4's were required to use jato for takeoff and Moresst arresting equipment for landing.
- 2 June Maj Gen KIER, CG, AirFMFPac and Maj Gen ROBERTSHAW, Deputy Chief of Staff Air HqMC arrived at 021800H to visit III MAF and First MAW units and attend the III MAF change of command ceremonies.
- 3 June General WESTMORELAND, COMUSMACV visited III MAF Command Post and installations. Operational control of the 3d Motor Transport Battalion (-) returned to CG, 3d Marine Division from Force Logistics Support Group.
- 4 June Major General L. W. WALT assumed command of III Marine Amphibious Force and Third Marine Division (Forward) at 040900H relieving Major General W. R. COLLINS in a formal indoor ceremony. Major General COLLINS departed for Okinawa 041000H.
- 5 June BGen K. B. MC CUTCHEON relieved Maj Gen P. J. FONTANA as Commanding General, First Marine Aircraft Wing at Iwakuni, Japan and returned to DA NANG on 7 June 1965. CINCPACFLT published instructions on operation of ports and beaches from Chu Lai to DMZ. This directive (CINCPACFLT 050057Z June), tasked CG, FMFPac with the responsibility for providing or arranging for facilities and personnel needed to conduct port operations ashore.
- 6 June CG III MAF conducted inspection of proposed LAAM Bn sites on Monkey Mountain and Hill 700 near Hai Van pass to determine suitability for construction of access roads and preparation of Btry sites.

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- 7 June One A4 aircraft from 1st Marine Aircraft Wing while flying at ten thousand feet altitude vicinity (AT 930660) was hit by one round AA fire of approx thirty to thirty seven MM. This is the first time F4AW pilots have encountered AA at this altitude.
- 8 June Mr. R. T. STEVENS, special assistant to the Secretary of the Army visited III MAF units and toured the Da Nang TAOR including a stop at Le My to observe the rural reconstruction program.
- 9 June MAG-12 reported 4,580 ft of runway matting laid to date at Chu Lai. Work priority diverted to completion of a closed loop taxiway to enhance flight operations.
- 10 June Maj Gen WALT held the first press conference as CG III MAF which was attended by numerous press representatives in the Da Nang area. Congressman H. H. CALLAHAN, Representative from Georgia, visited III MAF units in Da Nang area. BGen MITCHINSON JR., USMC, J-3 CINCPAC visited aviation units throughout the III MAF area of operations. The G-2 section of III Marine Amphibious Force, 3d Marine Division (Fwd), and 1st Marine Aircraft Wing (Adv) were merged into a Force Joint Intelligence Center.
- 11 June A medical team composed of the the Battalion Surgeon and four corpsmen from 3d Battalion, 4th Marines established an aid station in the village of Chiet Bi Ha in the Hue Phu Bai enclave. A warm reception was extended the medical team who treated approximately 140 indigenous personnel.
- 12 June General CIMON, CG, 1st ARVN Division, awarded 20 RVN Crosses of Gallantry to members of 3d Battalion, 4th Marines.
- 13 June Received COMUSMACV 130250Z June which directed III MAF prepare an emergency contingency plan for movement of two marine infantry battalions to Pleiku in II Corps area. An emergency plan was produced and forwarded to COMUSMACV 14 June. Distribution of the operation plan (III MAF 302-65) was made on 22 June. Copy enclosed in supporting documents.
- 14 June Maj Gen WALT escorted Representatives PIKE of New York, ICHARD of Missouri, CHAMBERLAIN of Michigan, and BRAY of Indiana on visits to III MAF units at Chu Lai, Da Nang and Hue Phu Bai. Col F. C. DODSON arrived to assume duties as III MAF Communications Electronics Officer.

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- 15 June Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 513 relieved Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 531. VFA 531 chopped to 1st MAW (Rear), signifying the first in-country relief of a jet support squadron.
- 16 June VADM BLACKBURN, COMSEVENTHFLT visited CG III MAF and CG 1st MAW for briefings today.
- 17 June The Honorable Paul H. MITZE, Secretary of the Navy, and party arrived Da Nang to visit III MAF units. 1st Battalion, 9th Marines relieved 3d Battalion, 9th Marines and took responsibility held by 3d Battalion, 9th Marines in defense of Da Nang Airbase. 3d Battalion, 9th Marines was the first battalion to be rotated from Vietnam.
- 18 June Maj Gen WALT escorted Secretary of the Navy and party on a tour of III MAF Air and ground forces in Vietnam. BGen F. J. KARCH returned to Da Nang and assumed duties as Assistant Division Commander, 3d Marine Division (Fwd). BGen MCCUTCHEON Deputy CG III MAF departed for OKINAWA to conduct 1st Marine Aircraft Wing monthly conference. 6000 feet runway matting and closed loop taxiway in place at the Chu Lai air strip.
- 19 June The rural reconstruction project at Le My village complex showed significant accomplishment of objectives in the civic action field when approximately 350 inhabitants of Pho Nam Thuong Ho and Nam Yen villages migrated to Le My to insure escape from VC domination.
- 20 June BGen MCCUTCHEON, Deputy CG III MAF, returned to Da Nang from Okinawa. VADM BLACKBURN, COMSEVENTHFLT and RADM WILZEN, CTF 76, visited III MAF units including the village of Le My.
- 21 June LtGen THROCKMORTON, Deputy COMUSMACV visited III MAF units and was accompanied on tour of area by Maj Gen WALT. Approximately two hundred indigenous personnel were treated in the Le My dispensary. Most of those treated were newly arrived refugees from the Ca De Song valley.
- 22 June LtGen THROCKMORTON, Deputy COMUSMACV, visited Marine and MCB units at Chu Lai and inspected construction progress, accompanied by BGen KARCH. Maj Gen HUTCHIN, incoming Deputy C/S Operations and Plans CINCPAC, visited III MAF Hq and units at Da Nang and Chu Lai.

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The purpose of the visit was introduction to Vietnam operations before assuming his new position.

- 23 June BGen NGUYEN CHANH THI, CG I Corps visited III MAF Hq and received a combined staff briefing. Two platoons from B Company, 1st Battalion, 3d Marines and the Division Band formed an Honor Guard for General THI.
- 24 June RADM MOROE, COMNAVPHIL, RADM REEDY, Prospective CTF 77 and BGen SEITZ Deputy Cdr, U.S. Army Logistics Command, visited III MAF units today.
- 25 June Typical VC activity in III MAF TACR's has been light with sporadic harassment of patrols, light probes of positions, and ground fire against low flying aircraft.
- 26 June Nothing significant to report.
- 27 June 2d Battalion, 3d Marines received 12,000 pounds of clothing and food for distribution among the refugees living in the Le My village complex. This action along with medical treatment at the Le My dispensary has made great progress in gaining support from the indigenous inhabitants of the area.
- 28 June Senior Advisor II Corps with party of six visited III MAF and 3d Marine Division Hq to conduct liaison on proposed contingency plan to deploy units in support of II Corps at Pleiku.
- 29 June Maj Gen ROSSEN, C/S MACV designate visited III MAF units and was given an introduction briefing to local operations.
- 30 June BGen STEINBERG, Deputy C/S, J-1 MACV visited III MAF. 4th Marines at Chu Lai distributed over 800 pounds of clothing to local residents who had been relocated to clear real estate for the Chu Lai airfield. The clothing was collected and donated by dependents of 4th Marines and other residents of Kaneohe, Hawaii.

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PART III  
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3. III MAF Msge, Communication Security Team, 061142 Jun 1965
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5. III MAF Msge, 060322 Jun 1965, Release of Iwo Jima
6. III MAF Msge, 111314 Jun 1965, Release of Iwo Jima
7. III MAF Msge, 120720 Jun 1965, Command and Control of Marine Aviation in ARVN
8. III MAF Msge, 181304 Jun 1965, Scout Dogs
9. III MAF Msge, 181340 Jun 1965, [Resume of SecNav Visit]
10. III MAF Msge, 230840 Jun 1965, Movement of Forces
11. MACV Msge, 130250 Jun 1965, Contingence Plan
12. III MAF , Operation Order 302-65, 22 Jun 1965
13. III MAF Msge, 200106 Jun 1965, III MAF Task Organization effective 15Jul1965
14. G-4 Command Diary, Jun 1965 dtd 6 Jul 65
  - Tab a. Position paper on an Integrated Ammunition Supply System as Proposed by COMUSMACV, 5 Jun 1965
  - Tab b. Position paper on operation of ports, Beaches, and Depots from Chu Lai to the DMZ, 15 Jun 1965
15. Communication-Electronics Section Command Diary, Jun 1965 dtd 5 Jul 1965
  - Encl 1. Recommended Emergency Communications Plan for MAF HQ, 1 Jun 65
  - Encl 2. Recommendations on Communications for III MAF Hq, 1 Jun 65
  - Encl 3. Additional Frequencies, 2 Jun 1965
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  - Encl 5. CINCPACFLT Comm Contingency Package ATCU 100A; brief description of 4 Jun 1965
  - Encl 6. Telecon CEO, FMFPAC (Col. Payne) to CEO, III MAF (Maj. Vogt) 050800H, 5 Jun 1965
  - Encl 7. III MAF T/O and T/E Requirements, submission of, 5 Jun 1965
  - Encl 8. Communications Personnel and Equipment for Naval Component Command, 11 Jun 1965
  - Encl 9; Request for Temporary Increase of Crypto Allowance, 13 Jun 1965
  - Encl 10. SECNAV Visit, 16 Jun 1965
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Encl 17. Message Delivery, 22 Jun 1965  
Encl 18. Profane Language on Radio Circuits, 22 Jun 1965  
Encl 19. Communication-Electronics Section Duty Officer, 23 Jun 1965  
Encl 20. Inclusion of info for Report Annex to III MAF OpOrder, 23 Jun 1965  
Encl 21. Communication requirement for support of III MAF relocation to Danang East, 25 Jun 1965  
Encl 22. Frequency Assitment, 25 Jun 1965  
Encl 23. Recommendation for Message service improvement, 26 Jun 1965  
Encl 24. Courier Service, 27 Jun 1965  
Encl 25. Command Cbmmunication Net, 27 Jun 1965  
Encl 26. Communication Requirements NCC Units, 27 Jun 1965  
Encl 27. Assignment of Field Grade Officers - Communication-Electronics Function Field, 29 Jun 1965  
Encl 28. Discussion Paper - CG FMFPAC Visit 1-3 Jul: Communication Facilities, N/D  
Encl 29. Appointment of Cryptosecurity Officer, 30 Jun 1965

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TO: COMUSMACV

INFO: CG FMI PAC

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MAF (12)  
DIV (1)

6 JUN 1965

ASSUMED DUTIES OF COMMANDING GENERAL III MAF AND NAVAL COMPONENT

COMMENCED WISEMAN AT 0900H 4 JUNE 1965 AND HEREBY REPORT TO YOU FOR

PROFIT IN THIS CAPACITY. MAJOR GENERAL L. W. WALF SENDS.

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MCB-3 (1)  
CHB-2 (1)  
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INFO: CMC  
CINCPAC  
COMUSMACV  
CG FMFPAC  
COMSEVENTHFLT  
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ASSUMPTION OF COMMAND

1. I ASSUMED COMMAND OF III MAF AT 0900H 4 JUNE 1965. ALL ORDERS AND DIRECTIVES ISSUED BY MY PREDECESSOR REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL OTHERWISE CANCELLED OR MODIFIED BY ME. MAJGEN L. W. WALT SENDS.

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COMMUNICATION SECURITY TEAM

- 1. EFFECTIVE 051600H THE NAVY COMM SEC TEAM WILL BE DEACTIVATED AND REPLACED BY THE COMM SECURITY TEAM, 1ST RADIO BN, FMP WITH CAPT B. K. GOLESCOTT ASSIGNED AS OIC.

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TO: CG PHAM (ADV)  
INFO: COMUSMACV  
COMSEVENTH LT  
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MAG ONE SIX  
USS IWO JIMA  
IDM ONE SIX ONE  
SA I CORPS

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RELEASE OF IWO JIMA

A. MY 060322 Z JUN 65

1. MOVE HD1 ONE SIX ONE FROM USS IWO JIMA TO THE DA NANG-HUE PHU BAI AREA  
WHT 13 JUNE 1965. THIS IS CONSIDERED TO BE A TEMPORARY MOVE UNTIL DA NANG  
EAST OPERATIONAL.

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FROM: CG III MAF  
 TO: CTF SEVEN SIX  
 USS IWO JIMA

INFO: CG FETPAC  
 COMSACV  
 COMSEVENTHFLT  
 CG FNAW (ADV)  
 CG THIRD MARDIV (FWD)  
 CTF SEVEN NINE  
 CTF SEVEN EIGHT

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RELEASE OF IWO JIMA

1. SINCE THE TERMINATION OF THE AMPHIBIOUS OPERATION AT CHU LAI ON 12 MAY THE USS IWO JIMA HAS CONTINUED TO SUPPORT OPERATIONS ASHORE BY PROVIDING A MUCH NEEDED OPERATING BASE FOR HSL-161 IN THE CHU LAI AREA.
2. ~~THE~~ REAL ESTATE IN-COUNTRY IS <sup>NOW</sup> AVAILABLE FOR AN ADDITIONAL IEM AND THE CONTINUED USE OF AN IPE AT CHU LAI IS NO LONGER ~~REQUIRED~~ <sup>REQUIRED</sup>. I WISH TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION FOR THE COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING OF CTF SEVEN SIX IN PROVIDING THIS INVALUABLE SUPPORT.

FOR USS IWO JIMA - THE USS IWO JIMA PLAYED A PREDOMINANT ROLE IN THE SUCCESS OF OUR MISSION AT CHU LAI. THE EXCELLENT SPIRIT AND PROFESSIONALISM OF YOUR CAN DO CREW WAS OUTSTANDING AND SINCERELY APPRECIATED BY ALL MARINES AND SAILORS OF THE III MAF.

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FROM: CG III MAF  
TO: " CG FIRST MAW (ADV)  
INFO: COMUSMACV  
2ND AIR DIV

U.S. ARMY SUPPORT COMMAND VN

C O N F I D E N T I A L

COMMAND AND CONTROL OF MARINE AVIATION IN ARVN

1. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED DIRECT LIAISON WITH THE SERVICE COMPONENT  
COMMANDERS OF COMUSMACV IN MATTERS UNDER YOUR PURVIEW AS  
TACTICAL AIR COMMANDER OF III MAF.

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FROM: CG III MAF  
TO: COMUSMACV

INFO: CG THIRD MACTV (FM)  
CG FTM (ADV)

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SCOUT DOGS

1. SCOUT DOGS FROM DOG FEAT ASSIGNED I CORPS AREA HAVE BEEN USED TO ADVANTAGE BY ELEMENTS OF THIS COMMAND. SUFFICIENT DOGS ARE NOT AVAILABLE, HOWEVER, TO FULFILL THE NEEDS OF III MAF TACTICAL AND REAR AREA SECURITY REQUIREMENTS.
2. FROM CONVERSATIONS WITH COMUSMACV DURING A RECENT VISIT TO THE [REDACTED] AND FROM INFORMATION AVAILABLE LOCALLY, UNDERSTAND ADDITIONAL DOGS MAY BE AVAILABLE FROM OTHER CORPS AREAS OR OUT-OF-COUNTRY RESOURCES.
3. REQ YOUR ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING ADDITIONAL SCOUT DOG SUPPORT FOR THIS COMMAND. CONSIDER THAT A MINIMUM OF TWO PLATOONS OR APPROXIMATELY 25 DOGS COULD BE GAINFULLY EMPLOYED IN III MAF AREA.

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CCN: \_\_\_\_\_

IMMEDIATE 181340

FROM: CG III MAF  
TO: CINCPACFLT

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A. YOUR 162201Z  
B. MY 070234Z (PASEP)

1. IN ANSWER TO REF A THE SECNAV VISITED FACILITIES AND WAS BRIEFED GENERALLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF B. THE SECRETARY REACTED FAVORABLY TO ALL AREAS VISITED AND SEEMED QUITE PLEASED WITH THE JOB THAT IS BEING DONE, HE ESPECIALLY COMMENTED ON:

- A. THE HIGH MORALE OF OUR MARINES.
- B. THE ENVIRONMENTAL DIFFICULTIES THAT CONFRONT MCB-10 IN MOVING THE SAND OF CHU LAI TO LAY AN AIRFIELD.
- C. THE EXCELLENT OPERATION OF THE SATS AT CHU LAI UNDER ACTUAL CONDITIONS OF A COMBAT ENVIRONMENT.

2. AREAS THAT WERE HIGHLIGHTED TO MR NITZE DURING THE BRIEFINGS AND VISITS TO INSTALLATIONS WHEREBY CONCERN WAS EXPRESSED BY THE SECRETARY WERE IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

- A. CLASS V (A) - DISCUSSED IN GENERAL TERMS THE QUANTITATIVE DEFICIENCY THAT EXISTS IN CLASS V (A).
- B. REQUIREMENTS TO DEVELOP PORT OF CHU LAI PRIOR TO THE COMING MONSOON

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SEASON. IN THIS REGARD, SOME DEGREE OF PERMANENCY MUST BE MADE TO PIER/  
PORT FACILITIES AT CHU LAI. WITH THE EXPOSED BEACH TO THE NORTH EAST WINDS  
OF THE MONSOON, THE CAUSEWAYS NOW IN POSITION WILL BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT  
TO KEEP IN POSITION, THEREBY CAUSING MANY UNLOADING PROBLEMS INTO AN AREA  
THAT BY SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER COULD HAVE A POPULATION OF 8-1000 NAVY/MARINE  
PERSONNEL AND 4000 ROK TROOPS.

3. MR. NITZE WAS GIVEN A DETAILED BRIEFING ON NCC REQUIREMENTS AND PROBLEM  
AREAS ASSOCIATED WITH DEVELOPING THE PORT OF DA NANG. HE WAS BRIEFED ON  
REQUIREMENTS TO DEVELOPE THE PORT IN TERMS OF MEN, MONEY AND EQUIPMENT, AND  
THE DEFECIENCIES THAT EXIST. AS A RESULT OF THIS BRIEFING AND TOUR OF THE  
FACILITIES, MR. NITZE EXPRESSED A DESIRE TO SEE THE DEVELOPING OF THE PORT  
OF DA NANG EXPEDITED. AS A RESULT OF ADM BLACKBURN'S VISIT THE DAY BEFORE,  
THE SECRETARY WAS ALSO BRIEFED ON THE FACT THAT A MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING OF  
CONCURRENT RESPONSIBILITIES WAS REACHED BETWEEN COMSEVENTHFLT AND CG III  
MAF ON WHO DOES WHAT CONCERNING THE PORT OF DA NANG. MR. NITZE DULY NOTED  
THIS WITHOUT COMMENT.

4. THE SECNAV HEID A PRESS CONFERENCE AT 181235H IN THE READY ROOM OF  
VMFA-513 IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE. PRESENT WERE SIX REPORTERS  
INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS AND UNITED PRESS-INTER-  
NATIONAL NEWS SERVICES. THE SECRETARY OUTLINED THE PURPOSE OF HIS VISIT AND  
ANSWERED QUESTIONS SUMMARIZED AS FOLLOWS: HE COMPLEMENTED THE MARINES AND  
SEABEES AS DOING A FINE JOB, SAID HE HAD LUNCH WITH ENLISTED MEN AT CHU LAI  
AND HEARD ONLY THE COMPLAINT THAT THERE WAS NO ICE; PRAISED THE WORK OF THE

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SEVENTH FLEET BASED ON HIS VISITS TO MIDWAY, BONHOMME RICHARD, OKLAHOMA CITY AND REEVES, PLUS PORT FACILITIES AT SUBIC BAY; WHEN ASKED TO COMMENT ON SEA SURVEILLANCE, HE STATED THAT HE COULDN'T IMPROVE ON THE BRIEFING RECENTLY GIVEN IN SAIGON, STATED HE WOULD REVIEW THIS WITH NAVAL ADVISORY GROUP IN SAIGON, STATED THAT A SUBSTANTIAL PERCENTAGE OF JUNK TRAFFIC IS BEING SEARCHED BY U.S. AND VN NAVIES, EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT MUCH WAS GETTING THROUGH; WHEN ASKED IF COAST GUARD CUTTERS WERE ON STATION, REPLIED IN NEGATIVE; DECLINED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO USAF B-52 FLIGHTS FROM GUAM; STATED THAT NORMAL ROTATIONAL TOURS REMAIN IN EFFECT FOR THE FORSEEABLE FUTURE, AND THAT THIS APPLIES TO BOTH REGULARS AND RESERVES ON ACTIVE DUTY.

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A. YOUR 120902Z

1. IN ORDER TO ACCOMPLISH PRIORITY ENGINEERING PROJECTS IN III MAF ENCLAVES BEFORE MONSOON WEATHER CURTAILS ENGINEER EFFORTS REQUEST ALFA COMPANY, 7TH ENGINEER BN ON OKINAWA BE DEPLOYED TO SVN.

2. FURTHER RECOMMEND THAT ALFA COMPANY BE ADDED TO THE TROOP LIST CONTAINED IN REF A.

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SUBJ CONTINGENCY PLAN

1. CURRENT SITUATION IN PHUOC LONG PROVINCE, VII CORPS, MAY RESULT IN COMMITMENT OF 173D ABN BDE TO ASSIST ARVN IN DONG KOAF AREA.

2. REQUIREMENT NOW EXISTS FOR PLAN TO PROVIDE US SUPPORT FOR ARVN AND PROTECTION OF US INSTALLATIONS AT PLEIKU IN EVENT LARGE SCALE ATTACKS IN HIGHLAND AREAS.

3. IN VIEW SITUATION REQUEST EMERGENCY CONTINGENCY PLAN PREPARED ON AN EXPEDITED BASIS TO PROVIDE FOR MONITORING OF

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2 MARINE INF BN TO PLEIKU. PLAN ON USING INTEGRAL TRANSPORTATION. INFORM MACV WHEN PLAN COMPLETE AND GENERAL CONCEPT OF ACTUAL DIRECT LIAISON WITH SA I CORPS AUTHORIZED.

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Ref: (a) COMUSMACV 170911Z MACJ 311 June 1965 NOTAL

1. CG III MAF Operation Order 302-65 is a specific directive setting forth procedures and policy guidance for the deployment by air of two BLT's and a Regimental Headquarters.
2. This Plan supports reference (a) and is effective for planning upon receipt.
3. Subordinate commanders will prepare and maintain detailed plans and supporting documents as may be required to support this plan.
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## Operation Plan 302-65

- Ref: (a) Map: VIETNAM 1:50,000 AMS L701 Sheets 6553 II, 6552 I, 6653 III, 6652 IV. Series L509P, 1:250,000 ND 48-8 ND 48-12, ND 49-5, ND 49-9  
 (b) COMUSMACV 130250Z (Notal)  
 (c) FMFM 4-6, Air Movement of Fleet Marine Force Units  
 (d) COMUSMACV LOI Governing Operation of III MAF Forces in Republic of VIETNAM dtd 5 May 1965  
 (e) COMUSMACV CEOI  
 (f) CG III MAF 060820Z May  
 (g) CG III MAF 041304Z

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Task Organization:

III MAF	MGen WALT
1st Marine Aircraft Wing	BGen MC CUTCHEON
3d Marine Division	MGen WALT
Contingency Force	
RLT Hq's (-)	
BLT One	
BLT Two	

## 1. SITUATION

- a. COMUSMACV has directed that III MAF be prepared to deploy two BLT's to PLEIKU in order to provide combat support to ARVN forces and protection of U. S. Installations at PLEIKU in the event of large scale attacks in the highland area of SVN.
- b. Enemy Situation. See SPIR's to be issued.
- c. Characteristics of Area of Operation.
  - (1) Weather. Primarily affected by the SW Monsoon. Rain severely reduces trafficability and cloud cover will reduce visibility and restrict air operations against ground

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targets. Average rainfall in inches for selected months:

<u>JUN</u>	<u>JUL</u>	<u>AUG</u>	<u>SEP</u>
13	17	19	16

Mean frequency of ceilings equal to or greater than 1000 feet with visibility equal to or greater than 2½ miles:

	<u>JUN</u>	<u>JUL</u>	<u>AUG</u>	<u>SEP</u>
0600	37%	19%	23%	33%
1300	93%	77%	84%	87%

Mean number of days favorable for contact flight at specified hours.

	<u>JUN</u>	<u>JUL</u>	<u>AUG</u>
0600	11	6	7
1300	28	24	26

- (2) Terrain: Located vicinity AR 7647 in high plateau region of central RVN, elevation 750 meters. Enclosed by lightly forested grassland interspersed with forested hills. Airfield located 1.5 miles NNE of PLEIKU of pierced steel planking 6000 ft in length in good condition. Another airfield 1.5 miles E of PLEIKU of pierced steel planking 3400 feet in length, in poor condition.

d. Friendly Forces

(1) U. S. Forces

- (a) COMUSMACV is the overall U. S. Commander in RVN and exercises operational command of all assigned U. S. forces in-country.
- (b) MACV Air Force Component Commander, when directed, provides airlift for units of III MAF from DA NANG to PLEIKU and subsequent logistical lift in support of deployed III MAF elements.
- (c) MACV Air Force Component Commander provides U. S. Air Force and RVNAF reconnaissance, interdiction, close support and anti-air warfare support to III MAF forces in PLEIKU area upon request and as directed by COMUSMACV.

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- (2) USASCV provides fixed wing and helo support, and logistical support as required and as directed by COMUSMACV.
  - (3) ARVN Forces
    - (a) ARVN II Corps provides liaison personnel and covering forces for initial airlifted landings at PLEIKU.
2. MISSION: On order III MAF deploys Marine forces by airlift to PLEIKU VN for the purpose of providing combat support to ARVN forces and defense of U. S. installations at PLEIKU.
3. EXECUTION
- a. Concept
    - (1) General. III MAF Forces will continue combat operations in accordance with current directives at DA NANG, PHU BAI and CHU LAI with the forces presently in-country and will be prepared to air lift an RLT (a) consisting of two BLT's and Regimental Headquarters to PLEIKU on order.
    - (2) Specific.
      - (a) One BLT and the Regimental Headquarters presently located in the DA NANG Enclave will be airlifted from DA NANG airfield direct to the airfield at PLEIKU, VN.
      - (b) One BLT presently located in the CHU LAI Enclave will be helo-lifted to the airfield at DA NANG move to an assembly area at DA NANG and be airlifted from the airfield at DA NANG to the airfield at PLEIKU.
  - b. 3d Marine Division
    - (1) Continue defense of CHU LAI, PHU BAI, and DA NANG area enclaves with forces presently assigned.
    - (2) On order deploy regimental command and control group for assignment as headquarters of the PLEIKU contingency force.
    - (3) Alert two BLT's for assignment to PLEIKU contingency force and subsequent air movement direct to PLEIKU or other RVN airfields as designated.
    - (4) Effect liaison with II Corps and ARVN Commanders in PLEIKU area.

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- (5) Prepare detailed plan for air movement of contingency force to PLEIKU in order to provide protection of U. S. installations and support of ARVN forces operating in PLEIKU area.

c. 1st Marine Aircraft Wing

- (1) Continue to provide air support for III MAF Forces operating in the DA NANG, PHU BAI, and CHU LAI areas.
- (2) Provide close air support for III MAF/ARVN ground forces in the PLEIKU area.
- (3) Be prepared to deploy a helicopter squadron or helicopter detachment to PLEIKU on order.
- (4) Helilift one BLT from CHU LAI to DA NANG staging base.
- (5) Be prepared to deploy one ASRT and UPS-1 Radar to PLEIKU.
- (6) Provide fixed wing airlift and aerial delivery resupply support within capabilities to PLEIKU force.

d. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) Be prepared to establish liaison teams with RVNAF units in PLEIKU area.
- (2) Provide communication teams as necessary to ensure positive communications between Marine units and American advisors serving with RVNAF units.
- (3) This plan effective for planning upon receipt and execution on order.
- (4) Maintain highest order of host-guest relationships. Avoid unnecessary destruction of civilian life and property.
- (5) Provide maximum operational support to ARVN forces. Make maximum use of ARVN forces and local resources as provided.
- (6) Movement Reports classified SECRET until further notice.
- (7) Situation Reports to this headquarters commencing H-Hour and every six hours thereafter until completion of airlift. Situation Reports every twenty-four hours thereafter until completion of airlift. Situation Reports every twenty-four hours thereafter as of 2400H to reach this headquarters by 0400H.

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- (8) D-Day to be announced. H-Hour, time first chalk lands PLEIKU to be announced.
- (9) Coordinate responsibilities for defense of area with RVNAF forces and paramilitary forces in the area.
- (10) Be prepared to conduct counterinsurgency operations as directed by this headquarters.
- (11) Be prepared to counter VC opposition immediately upon landing.
- (12) Interpreters will be programmed for employment with the PLEIKU contingency force as soon as they are made available to this headquarters.
- (13) Vietnamese liaison personnel will be provided at battalion level and with artillery units as necessary to identify and prevent firing on friendly forces and civilians.
- (14) Rules of engagement will be in consonance with III MAF policies and directives previously promulgated to III MAF units.
- (15) Liaison team will be provided by CG Third Marine Division (Forward) to operate with SA II Corps and RLT HQ's CP located vicinity PLEIKU airfield.

#### 4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

##### a. General.

- (1) Logistic Support Concept.
  - (a) It is envisioned that logistic support necessary to sustain operations in the PLEIKU area must be introduced from DA NANG and OKINAWA. The principal means of resupply will be by air. The inadequacy and insecurity of land lines of communication will be offset by the provision of helicopters and transport aircraft, capable of using the available airfields and airstrips, and by air dropping supplies to the PLEIKU area.
  - (b) Existing POL bulk storage facilities in PLEIKU will be augmented as necessary by prepositioning and/or resupply of military aviation and ground petroleum requirements. Commercial storage and distribution system will be utilized, if available to the maximum extent possible.

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b. Supply.

## (1) Prescribed Loads.

Class I	2 Day
Class III	1 Day (packaged)
Class III (A)	1 Day
Class V	B/A + 1 DOA (CA Rates)

## (2) Enplaned.

Class I	5 Days
Class II	Minimum essential Type 1 and 2 items; as prescribed by CO.
Class III	5 Days (drummed and packaged)
Class IV	As prescribed in Appendix 2 to Annex B to 3d MarDiv AdminO 201-54
Class V	B/A + 5 DOA's (CA Rates)
Medical	Allowance plus 1 initial supply block
Water	2 Canteens per individual; 3 gal per individual in 5 gal cans. Water trailers full; individual with 5 days of water purification tablets.

## (3) Replenishment.

(a) Class I	10 Days
Class II	As Required
Class III	10 Days
Class III (A)	As Required
Class IV and IV (A)	Minimum Essential
Class V	10 Days DOA (CA Rates)

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## Medical and Dental Initial Supply Block

- (b) All classes will be built up to 30 days as rapidly as possible following initial replenishment.
- (4) Supplies to be Palletized.
  - (a) All supplies not preloaded in vehicles or carried by individuals will be palletized.
  - (b) All replenishment supplies to be broken down and palletized into 5 day blocks.
- (5) Control.
  - (a) Establishment of procedures in marshalling areas, assembly areas and aircraft embarkation areas will be under the control of CG 3d Marine Division.
- (6) Distribution. (As prescribed by CO RLT)
  - (a) Supply point distribution initially.
  - (b) Unit distribution on order of CO RLT .
- (7) Resupply.
  - (a) By air means from theatre air or CG, First Marine Aircraft Wing.
  - (b) Regimental logistic support detachment when established under control of the RLT Commander.
- (8) Air Delivery.
  - (a) Requests for air delivery into objective area of emergency and high priority items will be requested from this headquarters.
- (9) Captured Material.
  - (a) Items of captured material having intelligence value will be reported to SA II Corps Headquarters for evacuation instructions.
  - (b) When directed by SA II Corps, captured items will be turned over to in-country forces.

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## (10) Salvage.

- (a) All salvage material will be evacuated to the FLSG at DA NANG or as otherwise directed.

c. Evacuation and Hospitalization.

- (1) Casualties occurring in the air-lifted forces will be evacuated by returning aircraft.
- (2) All casualties will be processed through Collecting and Clearing Company when established.
- (3) Request for emergency evacuation by helicopter will be processed by Senior Marine Tactical Unit Commander.
- (4) Hospitalization. Will be initially at DA NANG and in accordance with current procedures.

d. Transportation.

## (1) Highway.

## (a) Coordinating Control Measures.

1. Landed Unit Commander will coordinate with in-country forces.
2. Zones of Action: By unit commander coordinated with in-country forces.

## (b) Circulation.

1. Marking of routes as required by occupying unit.
2. Ambulances have priority of movement.

## (2) Air.

- (a) Helicopter landing sites to be designated.
- (b) Administrative requests for air transportation will be submitted to this Headquarters.

## (3) Pipelines.

- (a) Fuel and water pipelines will be established as required and in coordination with in-country forces.

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e. Service.

- (1) Detachment of FLSG.
  - (a) Provide initial logistic support to forces landed at PLEIKU as directed by RLT Commander.
  - (b) Establish multi-class dumps; unload supplies from aircraft and move supplies to establish dumps.
  - (c) Establish and operate water points as required.
  - (d) Make provisions for the establishment of a POW stockade as required.
- (2) FLSG, III MAF.
  - (a) Provide all service functions to deployed units as requested by CG, 3d Marine Division.
- (3) Coordinating Instructions.
  - (a) Embarked construction material will be controlled by the Regimental Commander.
  - (b) Maximum use will be made of in-country material and facilities.

f. Personnel. In accordance with current directives.g. Miscellaneous.

- (1) Boundaries. To be announced.
- (2) Protection of Installations - by the Regimental Commander.
- (3) Reports. In accordance with existing directives.
- (4) Uniform and Equipment.
  - (a) Utilities with helmet (camouflage cover green side out)
  - (b) Equipment will include normal arms, full canteens and field transport pack.
  - (c) All other personal gear will be packed and marked in sea bags for storage as directed by CG, 3d Marine Division for subsequent shipment as appropriate.

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- (5) Supply Instructions. Formal property accountability unless otherwise directed.

## 5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS

- (e) COMUSMACV CEOI
- (f) CG III MAF 060820Z MAY
- (g) CG III MAF 041304Z
- a. Axis of Communication
- (1) CG III MAF. No Change.
- (2) CG Third Marine Division (Forward). No Change.
- (3) CG First Marine Air Wing (Advance). No Change.
- (4) RLT Hq's vicinity airfield, PLEIKU.
- b. Radio frequency and call signs will be issued by CG Third Marine Division
- c. Pyrotechnics IAW reference (c).
- d. Air Force Communication Center, routing indicator RUMSAE will provide external communication/crypto guard.
- e. Command Relationships. Reference (a).
- f. Command Posts
- (1) CG III MAF vicinity coordinates 995755.
- (2) CG Third Marine Division (Forward) vicinity coordinates 996755.
- (3) CG First Marine Aircraft Wing (Advance) vicinity coordinates 996755.

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- (4) RLT Headquarters report location CP at PLEIKU by immediate message.

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	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	
16110	2268	172	4100	26935	
16115	2268	172	4100	26935	
CG ILL MAF	54	288	1	0	337
*SCAF	37	48	1	0	85
(COM BUNTR CO (-) (1-19), IAF	14	210	0	0	224
DET 3012 (COM 2TH CO (-) BN, IAF	3	20	0	0	23
1. MAJOR DIVISION (-) (1-19) (IAF)	901	1603	66	562	17596
2. BN (-)	81	1060	14	24	1159
3. CO (-)	62	626	9	9	706
4. CO (-)	8	221	0	0	229
5. CO (-)	3	111	0	0	114
6. CO (-)	4	7	0	0	11
7. CO (-)	0	5	0	0	5
8. CO (-)	0	6	0	0	6

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	DET	ENL	DET	ENL	TOTAL
MP CO (-)	4	64	0	0	68
DET 3D DENTAL CO, FMF	0	0	5	15	20
<u>3D MARINES (-) (REIN) (DANANG-PHU BAI)</u>	234	4301	12	176	4723
<i>INF</i> HQ CO	23	147	0	2	172
<u>1STBN, 3DMAR (DANANG)</u>	43	962	3	54	1062
<u>2DBN, 3DMAR (DANANG)</u>	42	990	3	46	1081
<u>3DBN, 4THMAR (REIN) (PHU BAI)</u>	126	2202	6	74	2408
3DBN, 4THMAR	67	1275	4	55	1401
DET HQBN 3DMARDIV	0	3	0	0	3
2DPLT (REIN) CO B, 1ST AMTRAC BN (10 LWTP-5)	5	204	0	4	213
3DPLT (REIN) CO C, 3D TK BN (5 M48A3 TES)	6	87	0	0	93
3DPLT (REIN) CO B, 3D AT BN (5 M50A1 ONTOS)	4	95	0	2	101
3DPLT (REIN) CO B, 3D ENGR BN	6	122	0	1	129
CO C, 3D RECON BN	4	81	0	3	88
4TH BN, 12THMAR (-) (REIN)	34	335	2	9	380
HQ BTRY (-) (REIN) (4 TR TM)	23	130	2	9	164
BTRY I, 3DBN (6 105MM HOW)	4	82	0	0	86
BTRY M, 4THBN (6 105MM HOW)	5	72	0	0	77
107MM MORTAR BTRY, 21BN (6 HOWTARS)	2	51	0	0	53
<u>4TH MARINES (-) (REIN) (PHU BAI)</u>	<del>213</del> 203	<del>4182</del> 4082	11	<del>175</del> 185	<del>4581</del> 5382
HQ CO	21	234	0	4	<del>256</del> 255
DET HQ BN 3DMARDIV	0	3	0	0	3
DET 3D GIE	4	7	0	0	11
<u>1STBN, 4THMAR</u>	44	880	1	49	<del>973</del> 976

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	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	
<u>2D BN, 4TH MAR</u>	43	937	3	52	1035
<u>3D BN, 3D MAR</u>	36	960	3	49	1048
<u>CO A, 1ST AMTRAC BN (24 LVTP-5, 3 LVTC, 1 LVTB)</u>	5	204	0	4	213
<u>CO B (-) (REIN), 12 AMTR (15 M50A1 ONTOS)</u>	4	95	0	2	101
CO HQ (-)	1	35	0	2	38
1ST PLAT	1	20	0	0	21
2D PLAT	1	20	0	0	21
3D PLAT CO A	1	20	0	0	21
<u>CO C (REIN), 3D AMTR BN</u>	6	87	0	0	93
CO C (17 M48A1 TRS)	6	73	0	0	79
DET H&S CO (3 PLAME TRS)	0	14	0	0	14
<u>CO B (-) (REIN), 12 AMTR BN</u>	6	122	0	1	129
CO HQ (-)	3	12	0	1	16
1ST PLAT	1	38	0	0	39
2D PLAT	1	32	0	0	33
3D PLAT, CO A	1	30	0	0	31
DET SUPPORT CO	0	10	0	0	10
<u>CO B, 3D RECON BN</u>	4	81	0	3	88
<u>12 BN (-) (REIN), 12TH MAR</u>	44	75	2	14	635
HQ BTRY (CMT)	23	110	2	9	164
BTRY G (6 105MM HOW)	5	72	0	0	77
BTRY H (6 105MM HOW)	4	82	0	0	86
COY MORTAR BATT (6 HOWTARS)	4	69	0	0	73
BTRY C, 1ST BN (6 105MM HOW)	2	82	0	2	86

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BTRY K, 4TH BN (6 155MM HOW)	4	89	0	2	95
1ST PLAT, 1ST 8-INCH HOW BTRY (SP) (2-8-- INCH HOW)	2	51	0	1	54
<u>9TH MARINES (-) (REIN) (DA NANG)</u>	103	2189	8	84	2384
HQ CO	20	146	2	1	169
<u>1ST BN 9TH MAR (DESIGNATED DIVISION RESERVE)</u>	42	988	3	45	1078
<u>2D BN 9TH MAR</u>	41	1055	3	38	1137
<u>PROVISIONAL ARTFIELD DEFENSE BN</u>					(TO BE ESTABLISHED)
<u>12TH MARINES (-) (REIN) (DA NANG)</u>	81	2012	9	22	1124
<u>HQ BTRY (-) (REIN) (2 CTS)</u>	20	295	3	7	325
HQ BTRY (-)	14	154	3	4	175
BTRY L, 4TH BN (6 155MM HOW)	4	91	0	2	97
1ST 8" HOW BTRY (SP) (-) (4 8-INCH HOW)	2	50	0	1	53
<u>1ST BN (-) (REIN), 12TH MAR</u>	40	519	5	11	575
HQ BTRY	12	151	5	4	172
BTRY A (6 105MM HOW)	8	97	0	2	107
BTRY B (6 105MM HOW)	8	97	0	2	107
BTRY D, 2D BN (5 105MM HOW)	9	101	0	1	111
105MM MORTAR BTRY (6 HOWTAR)	3	73	0	2	78
<u>2D BN (-), 12TH MARINES</u>	21	198	1	4	224
HQ BTRY	12	108	1	4	125
BTRY E (6 105MM HOW)	9	90	0	0	99
<u>1ST ARTBATT BN (-) (DA NANG)</u>	12	210	0	5	227
HQ CO (2 LVTB-5, 3 LVTG-1, 8 LVTB-1, 1 LVTB-3)	6	46	0	1	53
CO B (-) (34 LVTB-5, 3 LVTG-1, 1 LVTB-1)	6	164	0	4	174

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	USMC		USN		TOTAL
	OFF	ENL	CFE	ENL	
✓ <u>3D AVIATION TANK BN (-) (DA NANG)</u>	12	119	0	4	135
H&S CO	10	84	0	2	96
CO A (-) (10 M50A1 ONTOS)	1	19	0	2	22
CO C (-) (10 M50A1 ONTOS)	1	16	0	0	17
✓ <u>3D ENGINE BN (-) (REIN) (DA NANG)</u>	23	540	0	7	570
H&S CO (-)	9	84	0	7	100
SUPPORT CO (-)	4	212	0	0	216
CO A (-)	5	135	0	0	140
CO C	2	44	0	0	46
CO G, 7TH ENGR BN	3	65	0	0	68
✓ <u>3A HONOR TRANSPORT BN (-) (REIN) (DA NANG)</u>	10	167	0	5	182
H&S CO (-)	6	62	0	5	73
CO A (30 M-35 2½ TON TRKS)	3	80	0	0	83
2d PLAT, CO B (15 M-35 2½ TON TRKS)	1	25	0	0	26
✓ <u>3TH HONOR TRANSPORT BN (-) (REIN) (DA NANG)</u>	6	131	0	3	140
H&S CO	2	32	0	3	37
CO A (-) (REIN)	4	99	0	0	103
CO B	1	11	0	0	12
1st PLAT, CO A (15 M-51 5 TON TRKS)	1	31	0	0	32
1st PLAT, CO B (15 M-51 5 TON TRKS)	1	29	0	0	30
1st PLAT, CO D (15 M-51 5 TON TRKS)	1	28	0	0	29
✓ <u>3D RECONNAISSANCE BN (-) (DA NANG)</u>	33	226	1	10	255
H&S CO	3	84	1	4	97
CO A	5	67	0	3	75
CO B	5	75	0	3	83

	USMC		USN		TOTAL
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	
<u>2D TANK BN (-), PMP (D. NANG)</u>	30	380	1	6	417
H&S CO (6 PLANE TANKS)	21	212	1	3	237
CO A (-) (12 M48A3 TANKS)	6	107	0	2	115
CO B (15 M48A3 TANKS)	3	61	0	1	65
<u>BT 2/7 (QMI NHON)</u>	71	1390	3	41	1508
2D BN, 7TH MAR	43	1073	2	35	1151
DET HQ CO, 7TH MAR	0	3	0	0	3
2D PLAT, CO A, 3D AIRBORNE BN (10 LVT'S)	1	41	0	1	43
2D PLAT, CO C, 1ST AVI BN (5 M50A1 ONTOS)	1	19	0	1	21
2D PLAT, CO B, 1ST AVI BN (5 M50A3 TKS)	1	27	0	1	29
2D PLAT, CO C, 1ST AVI BN	1	21	0	1	23
2D PLAT, CO C, 1ST AVI BN	1	45	0	0	46
BRY BN, 10 BN, 12TH MAR (6 M50A1 HOW)	7	106	0	1	124
SECON SQ BTRY, 12TH MAR	2	12	1	0	14
DET HQ BN (10 LVT'S)	20	33	0	1	54
<u>BT 1 (LVT CO), MI * (D. NANG)</u>	2	29	0	0	31
<u>BT 2 (LVT CO), MI * (D. NANG)</u>	3	97	0	0	100
<u>BT 3 (LVT CO), MI * (D. NANG)</u>	3	47	0	0	50
<u>1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING (AW) (D. NANG)</u>	35	4307	3	52	5032
	55	4660	3	55	4888
<u>BT HQ (D. NANG)</u>	30	678	1	7	776
H-H-1 (LVT)	24	43	0	0	67
AIRBORNE PLAT	2	25	0	0	27
MCS-2 (MCS & H ART)	35	139	0	0	172
MCS-9 (MCS) (GU LAI)	3	17	0	0	20
1ST BATT BN (3 BTRY'S, 6 COYS, 103 MSLS)	28	154	1	7	190

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	TDC		GEN		TOTAL
	REF	REL	OP	EL	
<u>MAG-11 (DRAWING)</u>	145	1217	4	16	1382
H&S-11	26	281	0	0	307
H&S-11	13	217	1	13	244
A-PA-113 (15 P/B)	46	306	1	2	413
VIA-112 (15 P/B)	41	268	1	0	310
VIA-11 (-) (7 EN-ROB)	19	87	1	1	108
<u>MAG-12 (HU LAI)</u>	142	1168	7	27	1334
H&S-12 (1 G-11' 1)	29	271	0	0	300
H&S-12	25	430	4	27	476
VIA-121 (17 A-40)	25	139	1	0	165
VIA-125 (19 A-40)	31	156	1	0	188
VIA-120 (19 A-40)	32	172	1	0	205
<u>MAG-13 (DA MAU)</u>	258	1264	6	12	1540
VIA-13 (-) (1 G-17 B)	48	1297	6	13	1574
VIA-13 (-)	80	152	0	0	512
VIA-13 (-)	11	226	3	6	248
VIA-13 (-) (4 G-10-ROB) (-HU MAU)	32	111	1	2	144
	57	141	1	3	198
VIA-13 (24 UN-31)	53	103	1	2	210
VIA-13 (25 UN-34)	51	107	1	2	224
VIA-13 (-) (8 G-10B 5 G-11B)	27	105	0	0	142
<u>FOR S (1 G-10B 5 G-11B) (DA MAU)</u>	51	1237	10	128	1416
HQ 10 (-) (8 G-10B 10 G-11B)	14	108	2	9	183
HQ 10 (-)	0	33	0	0	32
HQ 10 (-) 30 G-10B					
HQ 10 (-)					
HQ 10 (-)	1	24	2	9	36
HQ 10 (-) 30 G-10B					
HQ 10 (-) 30 G-10B					

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	UNIT		MIN		TOTAL
	OFF	REL	OFF	REL	
MEDICAL SECT					
SVC PLAT (-) (M14)	2	22	0	0	24
COOP PLAT (-) (M14)	2	50	0	0	54
DASH PROCESSING PLAT	1	15	0	0	16
REC SUPPORT CO, BATT BN, 3D INB	0	21	0	0	21
DET GRAVES REG PLAT					
DET FUEL, BOM, LABO PLAT					
DET ENGR MAINT SECT					
SUPPLY CO (-) (M14), 2D SVC BN	1	369	2	6	411
CO EQ (-) (M14)		13	0	0	15
SIG PLAT (-) (M14)		80	1	6	91
ASST PLAT (-) (M14)		14	0	0	47
PLANT					
DET S. PD MAINT SECT					
DET ASST CO, 1ST BR					
CO (M14) BN, 1ST BR, 3D INB					
PLAT (-) (M14) (M14) CO, 3D INB		36	0	0	38
PLANT					
DET 2, 3 1ST BR					
DET SIG SLP CO, 3D SV BN					
ASST CO, 1ST BR, 3D INB		17	0	0	17
DET PER SERV (M14) CO, 3D INB		138	0	0	140
PLANT					
DET ASST CO, 1ST BR, 3D INB					
ASST CO, 1ST BR, 3D SV BN		30	0	0	31
DET SIGNAL CO, 1ST BR, 3D SV BN		33	0	0	32

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	WHEG		USN		TOTAL
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	
MAINT CO., (-) (REIN), 3D SVC BN	5	265	0	0	270
CO HQ (-)	1	11	0	0	12
MT MAINT PLAT (-) (REIN)	1	87	0	0	88
MT MAINT PLAT (-)					
DET MT MAINT CO, 3D FSR					
ORD MAINT PLAT (-) (REIN)	1	61	0	0	62
ORD MAINT PLAT (-)					
DET ORD MAINT					
BLACT MAINT PLS (-) (REIN)	1	36	0	0	37
BLACT MAINT PLAT (-)					
DET BLACT MAINT CO, 3D FSR					
ENGR MAINT PLAT (-) (REIN)	1	57	0	0	58
ENGR MAINT PLAT (-)					
DET ENGR MAINT CO, 3D FSR					
GEN SUPPLY MAINT PLAT, CS MAINT CO, 3D FSR	0	13	0	0	13
ENGINEER CO (-) (REIN), 3D SVC BN	2	98	0	0	100
CO HQ (-) (2 M-35 2½ TON TRKS)	2	29	0	0	31
ENR PLAT (-) (9 M-35 2½ TON, 1 M-52 TRKS)	0	26	0	0	26
ENR SEC, OS TRK PLAT (17 M-35 2½ TON	0	31	0	0	31
TRUCKS, M-49 TRKS					
(2 M-52 WRECKERS)					

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	INFANTRY	ARTILLERY	AVIATION	ENGINEERS	TOTAL
	OFF	ENL	DET	ENL	
TRK SECT, MVT TRK PLT, TRK CO, 3DFSR (4 M52 TRKS)	0	8	0	0	8
FUEL TRANS SECT, TRANSPORT PLT TRK CO, 3DFSR (2 M49 TANKERS)	0	4	0	0	4
3D SHORE PARTY BN (-)	12	269	0	13	294
H&S CO (-)	6	121	0	12	139
CO A	3	66	0	0	69
CO C	3	82	0	1	86
3D MED BN (-)	3	88	27	100	188
H&S CO	3	87	7	32	95
CO C (-)(REIN)	0	1	10	48	59
3D DENTAL CO (-)	0	0	10	20	30
<u>FORCE LOGISTIC SUPPORT UNIT #1 (HU LAI)</u>	22	605	19	65	707
PROVISIONAL H&S CO	5	39	0	0	44
DET H&S CO, 3D SVC BN					
DET 3D PSR					
PROVISIONAL SUPPLY CO	6	150	0	0	156
DET SUP CO, 3D SVC BN					
DET H&S CO, 3D SVC BN					
DET RATION CO., 3D ISB					
DET BULK PLT, CO 3D PSR					
DET AM40 CO, 3D PSR					
PROVISIONAL MAINTENANCE CO	2	162	0	0	164
DET MAINT CO, 3D SVC BN					
DET MAINT BN, 3D PSR					

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	MARS		USN		TOTAL
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	
CO B (REIN), 3D SHORE PARTY BN DET H&S CO, 3D SHORE PARTY BN	4	101	0	0	105
CO B (REIN), 3D MED BN PREV MED SECT, H&S CO, 3D MED BN DET 3D DENTAL CO	0	19	15	65	99
CO C (-)(REIN), 3D MEBN 1ST PLT, CO C, (15 M3A 2½ TON TRKS) 2D PLT, CO C, (15 M3A 2½ TON TRKS) 1ST PLT CO B, (15 M3A 2½ TON TRKS) 2D PLT CO C, 9TH MT BN (15 M-51 5 TON TRKS) DET TRK CO, 3DSVGBN (19 M35, 1 M42, 1 M62, 1 M49, & 1 M52 TRS)	5	134	0	0	139
DET TRK CO, 3D FSR PROVISIONAL MAINT PLET					
<u>FRUE LOGISTIC SUPPORT UNIT #2 (PHU BAI)</u>	8	162	7	28	205
PROVISIONAL H&S CO DET H&S CO, 3D SVC BN DET TRK CO, 3D SVC BN DET 3D FSR	4	19	0	0	23
PROVISIONAL SUPPLY CO DET SUP CO, 3D SVC BN DET H&SCO, 3D SVC BN DET RATION CO, 3D FSR DET BULK FUEL CO, 3D FSR DET AMMO CO, 3D FSR	1	34	0	0	35

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	USMC		1ST		TOTAL
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	
PROVISIONAL MAINTENANCE CO	2	65	0	0	67
DET MAINT CO, 3D SVC BN					
DET MAINT BN, 3D FSR					
CO A (-)(REIN), 3D MED BN	0	8	7	38	43
DET 3D DENTAL CO					
CO B (-)(REIN), 3D MT BN	1	36	0	0	37
DET IRK CO, 3D SVC BN (3 M35'S)					
<u>POW LOGISTIC SUPPORT UNIT #3 (QUI NHON)</u>	2	70	0	0	72
PROVISIONAL H&S CO	1	3	0	0	4
DET H&S CO, 1ST SVC BN					
DET 1ST FSR					
DET 3D SVC BN					
PROVISIONAL SUPPLY CO	0	8	0	0	8
DET SUP CO, 1ST SVC BN					
DET H&S CO, 1ST SVC BN					
DET MASTON CO, 1ST SVC BN					
DET BULK FUEL CO, 1ST FSR					
DET AMMO CO, 1ST FSR					
DET 3D FSR					
PROVISIONAL MAINTENANCE CO	0	17	0	0	17
DET MAINT CO, 1ST SVC BN					
DET MAINT BN, FSR					



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From: Assistant Chief of Staff G-4  
To: Assistant Chief of Staff G-3

Subj: Command Diary

1. This summary of G-4 operations is submitted for the period 1 June 1965 through 30 June 1965.

2. Narrative Summary.

a. Operations of the G-4 section continued at an accelerated tempo. On 1 June a position paper was prepared for the Commanding General relative to CG III MAF position on an integrated ammunition system as proposed by COMUSMACV. Copy of this paper is enclosed. There has been no definite program proposed, but an Ammunition Office has been activated by COMUSMACV. COMUSMACV is currently studying the feasibility of such a system.

b. On 5 June, CINCPACFLT published a directive which spelled out new details of tasking for the operation of ports and beaches from Chu Lai to the DMZ. This tasked CG FMFPAC with the responsibility for providing or arranging for the shore-side capability to conduct port operations. The Naval Component Commander was tasked to provide common items support, operation of the bulk POL terminals, to include receipt, issue, and maintenance of tankage and lines, and equipment maintenance within the organic capability of the III MAF, in support of all U. S. Forces and attached Third Country Forces from Chu Lai to the DMZ. All of the foregoing has had an adverse effect on III MAF capability to perform its mission since the assets of personnel and equipment required to perform these additional tasks must be provided from III MAF logistic and tactical assets. CG FMFPAC 080851Z June, is a reply further defining what could be provided by CG FMFPAC and CG III MAF, and requesting certain assistance from the Navy. Action is being taken by both CG FMFPAC and CINCPACFLT to provide both personnel and equipment required to perform the Naval Component Commanders' mission. CINCPACFLT message 262218Z June, extended the area of responsibility to include Quang Ngai.

c. A position paper on the operations of Ports and Beaches was prepared for CG III MAF prior to a visit by COMSEVENTHFLT. A copy of this paper is enclosed.

d. On 22 June the G-4 section prepared paragraph 4 of III MAF OPERATION PLAN which provides for an in-country counterinsurgency operation. III MAF OP PLAN 302-65 refers. The FLSG has prepared four segregated blocks of 5 DOS each, to support Battalion sized units which may be committed to counterinsurgency operations in RVN.

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e. On 3 June CG 3d Mar Div requested reconsideration of the FLSG task organization and concept of logistic support as shown in CG III MAF 270610Z May. Specifically, CG 3d Mar Div requested that operational control of 3d Service Bn, and 3d Motor Transport Bn be returned to 3d Mar Div. Operational control of the 3d Motor Transport Bn was subsequently returned to CG 3d Mar Div, but the 3d Service Bn remained under the direct operational control of the CO FLSG. The 3d Service Bn is the nucleus of the FLSG and is reinforced by a detachment of the Force Service Regiment. To return the 3d Service Bn to the operational control of the 3d Mar Div at this point would deprive the III MAF of a Force Logistic Support Group. It is envisioned that the 3d Service Bn may be returned to CG 3d Mar Div as soon as sufficient elements of the 3d FSR are in-country to form a FLSG.

f. On 8 June, CG FMFPAC directed forces deployed in RVN to use mount out and mount out augmentation stocks for issue as part of operating stocks. CG FMFPAC 080352Z June refers. This action resulted in a sharp decrease of deadlined equipment in using units and contributed to doubling the percentage of requisition fills at the FLSG, from 18% to 37%.

g. On 7 June, CG III MAF recommended to CG FMFPAC that across the board open allotment for O&M MC funds be adopted. This action is deemed necessary for the reasons enumerated in CG III MAF message 070912Z June. CG FMFPAC did not concur and answered the request in detail in his 170053Z June.

h. The overall POL posture for III MAF forces continued to improve. For a short period of time AVGAS was in short supply at Phu Bai, but this was corrected by arranging for commercial delivery over the road from Danang to Phu Bai. No major problems were encountered in this method of resupply.

*on 14 June*  
1. The G-4 attended a meeting at COMUSMACV Headquarters, Saigon which was held to discuss logistic support in the I Corps area. No firm commitments or decisions were arrived at. *782*

j. On 13 June, CINCPAC provided COMUSMACV with planning data relative to the MACV emergency POL Plan. CINCPAC indicated that two tankers will remain in a floating storage role at Subic and/or the South China Sea, available on request. One YOG will be furnished by the Navy for use from Chu Lai to the DMZ.

k. During this month, a series of messages have been originated by virtually all echelons of command concerning POL resupply for RVN in general and Danang in particular. The POL resupply problem is caused by the rapid increase of POL requirements and the availability of the in-country commercial systems to keep pace with them. The measures being taken to improve the immediate situation include; increasing the floating storage in the South China Sea, providing lighterage for intra-coastal resupply, and improving the capability of in-country commercial sources to store and deliver POL products.

1. BLT 3/9 was relieved by BLT 1/9 on 17 June, becoming the first BLT to be rotated from South Vietnam. BLT 1/9 was offloaded by 171100H June and BLT 3/9 loaded on the same shipping on the same day. The ships with BLT 3/9 aboard were underway by 171940H June. Because Third Mar Div was experiencing a shortage of individual equipment, BLT 3/9 was directed to

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turn all individual equipment over to the FLSG.

  
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MEMORANDUM

From: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4  
To: Commanding General

Subj: Position paper on an Integrated Ammunition Supply System as  
Proposed by COMUSMACV

Ref: (a) Dir of Army MAP Log ltr thro J-4, MACV to Chief of Staff, MACV  
(b) USMACV ltr ser no 1417 dtd 8 April 1965  
(c) CG III MEF msg 070105Z May  
(d) Telecon between Major DORMAN, G-4 Sect, III MAF, and Col.  
PRENDERGAST ordnance officer J-4, MACV of 1 June 1965  
(e) CINCPAC msg 241945Z Apr  
(f) CINCPACFLT msg 220514Z May  
(g) CG III MAF ltr 4/CCZ:lah over 8000 dtd 9 May 1965

1. Purpose. The purpose of this paper is to define the position of CG III MAF relative to the integrated ammunition supply system proposed by references (a) and (b).

2. General.

a. Reference (a) is a USMACV staff proposal to establish an integrated ammunition supply system under the control of COMUSMACV, for all U.S. Forces in RVN.

b. Reference (b) is a proposed USMACV order which, if approved, would establish an ammunition office under USMACV J-4, to administer an integrated ammunition supply system as proposed by reference (a). Both references (a) and (b) were hand delivered to the III MAF G-4 Section by Major GRAY, USMC Liaison Officer to COMUSMACV, on 10 April 1965.

c. Reference (c) was sent to COMUSMACV in reply to a telephone call from the MACV ordnance officer, who requested concurrence or non-concurrence with the proposal contained in references (a) and (b).

d. During the telephone conversation referred to in reference (d), Col. PRENDERGAST of the MACV ordnance office, stated that references (a) and (b) were not going to be sent to CG III MAF for comment, and that it is intended that reference (b) be promulgated as a directive.

e. Reference (e) directed that military logistics operations at ports and beaches for the support of U.S. Forces and attached Third Country Forces in the Danang-ChuLai area, would be accomplished using Navy resources.

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Further, in reference (e), CINCPAC sets forth details of tasking, and directed that in order to accomplish the tasks, provision will be made for operation of base supply depots for common item support. Reference (f) amplifies these instructions and directs that common items of supply will be acquired through in-country supply system as directed by COMUSMACV.

f. Reference (g) spells out ammunition requirements for III MAF units. These include both operational requirements and a protected 30 day mount-out contingency requirement. This letter did not include requirements for the forces at Chu Lai, but advised COMUSMACV these requirements would be forwarded as soon as they became known.

### 3. Discussion.

a. Currently, common items of class V are being supplied to III MAF by COMUSMACV through ARVN dumps. Marine Corps peculiar items are being supplied from FSR on Okinawa. COMUSMACV has been able to provide sufficient operating stocks of certain common items at current usage rates. In-country stocks and storage facilities have not been sufficient to provide for stocking 30 DOA for mount-out contingency. Additionally, COMUSMACV does not now provide such items as 7.62MM and 90MM ammunition. As stated in paragraph 2g of reference (b), the proposed MACV ammunition office would program and/or requisition all common items of ammunition, plus other ammunition as requested by responsible agencies desiring such service. This being the case, our requirements for a protected 30 DOA mount-out block could be met.

b. Ammunition is currently being stored under hazardous conditions and all request for new dump sites must be approved by COMUSMACV. Under the provisions of reference (b), the MACV ammunition office would establish appropriate ammunition storage and distribution systems for customers in Vietnam, and a credit and debit system which would allow any user to draw ammunition from any ammunition supply point without being inhibited by administrative requirements. A central ammunition office would serve to expedite requirements for ammunition storage and distribution under this arrangement.

c. As stated above, references (e) and (f) spell out details of tasking for the Naval Component Command. In essence, the operation of base supply depots to provide common item support for all U. S. and attached Third Country Forces was directed. These common items were defined to be those now generally provided by Headquarters Support Activity Saigon. This does not include class V supplies. Reference (f) goes on to say that all other classes of supplies will be considered service peculiar and will be acquired by each service through it's own service channels. It appears that the FLSG will be required to provide the entire class V support for the forces specified above, and this will involve operation of large class V dumps both at Danang and Chu Lai. In view of the magnitude of class V support in the III MAF area of operations it would be prudent to control our own dumps. In cooperation with the MACV ammunition office, issues could be made to other services as required, but III MAF would still control required operating levels and a protected 30 DOA mount-out block for Marine Forces.

d. The establishment of an integrated supply system will give COMUSMACV greater control over all class V in South Vietnam. Paragraph 2h of reference (a) states that the MACV ammunition office will approve, authenticate, and establish priorities for emergency resupply of ammunition both from sources within Vietnam as well as sources external to Vietnam. It may be argued that such control may be restrictive at times when certain items are in short supply. Additionally, the maintenance of a protected 30 DOA mount-out block under the control of CG III MAF is essential. In view of the responsibilities vested in CG III MAF, such priorities should be established by CG III MAF in the area of operations. In the implementation of the proposed system, details of procedure must be developed and requirements peculiar to III MAF forces made known. In reference (g), CG III MAF has already spelled out requirements for stocking a 30 DOA protected mount-out block as well as operational requirements for III MAF units at Danang and Phu Bai.

e. Reference (a) indicated there are, currently, twelve agencies engaged in bringing ammunition into Vietnam. All of these agencies create competition for shipping, aircraft, port facilities and in-country storage facilities. A centrally controlled system would do much to eliminate such competition to the benefit of all.

#### 4. Conclusion.

a. Based on the foregoing it is concluded that:

(1) COMUSMACV will probably establish a MACV ammunition office to administer an integrated ammunition supply system.

(2) The establishment of an integrated supply system controlled at MACV level will increase COMUSMACV capability to provide class V support to forces deployed in RVN, and will, therefore, benefit III MAF forces.

(3) The establishment of a Naval Supply Activity element under the NCC will not conflict with this system since that activity will not provide class V support.

(4) The establishment of an integrated ammunition supply system will not change the source of supply of common class V items, since III MAF is already being supplied these items through COMUSMACV sources.

(5) CG III MAF should retain control of class V dumps operated by III MAF forces and establish priorities for emergency resupply to U. S. and attached third country forces in the III MAF area of operations.

(6) Inasmuch as references (a) and (b) are not being forwarded to CG III MAF for comment, and details for implementing the proposal contained therein remain to be worked out, official comments relative to the references would be premature at this time.

#### 5. Recommendations.

a. It is recommended that the position of CG III MAF relative to the proposed ammunition supply system should be:

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(1) Agreement in principle with the proposal contained in references (a) and (b), provided a 30 DOA mount-out block for III MAF units is maintained and protected.

(2) Insist on control of class V dumps operated by III MAF

(3) Insist that CG III MAF establish priorities of emergency class V resupply to all U. S. Forces and attached Third Country forces in the III MAF area of operations.

b. It is further recommended that no official comments relative to the proposal in references (a) and (b) be made at this time.

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From: Assistant Chief of Staff G-4  
To: Chief of Staff

Subj: Position paper on operation of ports, Beaches, and Depots from Chu  
Lai to the DMZ

Ref: (a) Chief of Staff Memo of 15 June 1965. Subject COMSEVENTHFLT  
conference on 16 June 1965.

Encl: (1) Position Paper on operation of Ports, Beaches and Depots from  
Chu Lai to the DMZ

1. Enclosure (1) is submitted in accordance with reference (a).

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Enc. (1) to 1. 5.

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Position Paper

Subj: Operation of Ports, Beaches and Depots from Chu Lai to the DMZ.

Ref: (a) CINCPACFLT 050057Z June  
 (b) COMSEVENTHFLT 052351Z June  
 (c) CINCPACFLT 220514Z May  
 (d) CG FMFFAC 080851Z June  
 (e) CINCPACFLT 132108Z June  
 (f) CINCPAC 052235Z June  
 (g) ONO 111947Z June

1. Purpose. The purpose of this paper is to define the position of CG, III MAF relative to operation of ports, beaches and depots in the Chu Lai to the DMZ area.

2. General.

a. Reference (a) tasks COMSEVENTHFLT to conduct logistics over the Shore Operations at Danang, Chu Lai and such other locations in RVN from Chu Lai to the DMZ as may be required in support of U. S. and attached Third Country Forces. In implementation of this mission COMSEVENTHFLT was further directed to establish an organization in the Amphibious Force as may be required to provide for:

- (1) Continuity of operations through employment of a directing staff and standard operating procedures.
- (2) Necessary intra-harbor and inter-harbor lighterage.
- (3) Loading and unloading of ships and movement of cargo between ship and shore.
- (4) Operational responsibility terminates shoreside upon discharge of lighterage/ships and turnover of the cargo to the receiving agent designated by the NCC, at a location in the port/beach area immediately adjacent to point of discharge. For outbound cargo, responsibility is the reverse of the preceding.

b. Reference (a) also tasks the Naval component Commander to COMUSMACV to: Conduct logistic operations ashore to support U. S. and attached third country forces from Chu Lai to the DMZ. In implementation of this mission provide for:

- (1) Establishing and operating a supply activity at Danang and at such other LOTS water terminals as may be required to receive, store, maintain, control and issue common items received through the U. S. Supply Pipeline for all U. S. Forces and attached Third Country Forces in the geographic area defined. Common support supplies (generally those now provided through HSAS) will be acquired through the in-country supply system as directed by COMUSMACV. All other categories of supply are considered service peculiar and will be acquired through service channels. Supply activity operations include items peculiar.

- (2) Equipment maintenance within the organic capability of the Marine Amphibious Force and as arranged by ISSA's.

- (3) Operate POL terminals for the receipt, storage and issue of bulk POL and common items of packaged POL, including the operation and maintenance of tankage and pipelines, to complement in-country commercial POL sources.

c. The NCC was further directed to conduct necessary liaison on port matters with local civil authorities, and coordinate activities of military

commands participating in logistic activities described above.

d. Reference (b) is a resume of action taken by COMSERVPAC to support port operations in accordance with the tasking originally spelled out in reference (c).

e. In reference (d), CG FMFPAC commented on the organic capability of III MAF to accomplish the mission assigned by reference (a), pointing out the deficiencies in III MAF organization and recommending that those steps already begun by COMSERVPAC be consummated.

f. In reference (e) CINCPACFLT acknowledged that III MAF does not have the organic capability to perform the assigned mission, but considered that the capability to do so could be tailored into III MAF from Marine Corps Resources. It was also recognized that certain skills not available to the Marine Corps would be required by the NCC, and indicated that such skills might be provided when requirements were made known.

g. In reference (e) CINCPAC emphasizes to the JCS that the responsibility for port/beach operations and depot operations associated therewith, in support of U. S. Forces and attached Third Country Forces in the Chu Lai to DMZ area, has been assigned to CINCPACFLT. CINCPAC goes on to say that the efficient functioning of the bases at Danang and Chu Lai is of the utmost importance, and that there should be no uncertainty as to the logistic support provided to U. S. and attached Third Country Forces.

h. Reference (g) indicates that CNO action has been taken to request an increase in manpower ceiling for a Naval Support Activity at Danang, and requested the following information from CINCPACFLT:

- (1) Concept of operations and functions for all beaches, ports and depots from Chu Lai to DMZ citing reference (c) where applicable.
- (2) Personnel requirements keyed to function.
- (3) Major material requirements (including personnel)
- (4) Additional MILCON requirements.
- (5) Funding requirements.

CNO goes on to say that until the matter of the NSA is resolved, he anticipated that operations will continue as outlined in reference (a).

### 3. Discussion.

a. The one over-riding principle that must influence any position taken by CG, III MAF, is that the III MAF must retain its amphibious character and remain at full amphibious capability. The logistic organization of the III MAF as it currently exists, only marginally provides this capability at best. It is clear that this capability will be reduced to an unacceptable point as it provides the wherewithal to perform the mission assigned to the NCC by reference (a). The FLSG as currently organized consists of the 3d Service Battalion, reinforced, totalling 1351 officers and men. This organization is fragmented into three units to provide logistic support for the three enclaves at Danang, Phu Bai and Chu Lai, totalling some 18,210 Marine and Navy personnel. The current posture of Marine Forces in WestPac indicates that additional resources of personnel and equipment from Force Service Regiment on Okinawa may be forthcoming, but not in any sizeable amounts. The introduction of approximately 8,000 additional Marines will quickly use up any additional logistic support elements III MAF may receive from FSR. Additional resources of both personnel and equipment will be required to provide for the increased responsibilities assigned by reference (a). It should be noted that the capability of the Amphibious Force of COMSEVENTHFLT is also degraded by use of amphibious ships, craft and equipment to conduct port operations.

b. The mission assigned the Naval Component Commander by reference (a), clearly indicates that logistic support for U.S. Forces and attached Third Country Forces must be provided on a continuing basis. This calls for an organization organized, equipped and otherwise prepared to provide such continuing support on an uninterrupted basis from semi-permanent facilities. Port operations, in-transit service for supplies and materials, and operation of supply depots cannot be divorced, on the contrary; they must be closely coordinated under a single coordinating authority. Ideally, this should be done under the Naval Component Commander in a supporting role to CG, III MAF. COMSEVENTHFLT responsibility for port operations ends at the point of discharge immediately adjacent to the ship or craft from which the cargo was discharged. The Naval Component Commander picks up responsibility for in-transit service for peculiar items, and full responsibility for common items described above. This, in itself, points up the need for a single coordinator. The Naval Component Commander is tasked to conduct necessary liaison on port matters with local civil authorities and coordinate activities of military commands participating in logistic activities. COMSEVENTHFLT is tasked to provide for intra-harbor and inter-harbor lighterage, the loading and unloading of ships and the movement of cargo from ship to shore. This is another point in favor of a single coordinator. The NCC staff presently provides such coordination for all ships carrying U.S. Military Cargo.

c. Operation of a supply depot in support of all U.S. Forces and attached Third Country Forces, no matter how limited, will also be a drain on III MAF assets. In addition to providing common item supply support the Naval Component Commander was tasked to operate POL terminals in support of the forces described above. This is now being done to some extent with III MAF assets. The POL capability of III MAF consists wholly of expeditionary storage facilities, and the capabilities of the bulk fuel units are geared to the maintenance of these systems only. The Bulk Fuel Company does not now have enough personnel to operate all the bulk fuel systems organic to III MAF. When steel tanks and pipes are installed, this unit does not have the required capability to maintain them. In addition to this, COMUSMACV has proposed an integrated ammunition supply system which, if put in effect, may involve the operation of an extensive ammunition depot in support of all U.S. Forces, attached Third Country Forces and possibly ARVN forces. This would require additional personnel and provides another reason for a single coordinating authority for supply functions.

d. CINCPACFLT has acknowledged that III MAF does not possess the required capability to perform the mission assigned by reference (a), but insists that the capability could, for the most part, be tailored into III MAF from Marine Corps assets of both personnel and equipment. CG, FMFPAC commented on the deficiencies of III MAF to do the job and on the requirements that are in excess of FMFPAC capability. The steps taken by COMSERVPAC to support port operations, as spelled out in reference (d) will, for the most part, be consummated with the exception of operators for motor transport items and material handling equipment. This will increase the capability of III MAF to conduct port operations, but personnel assets still must be provided by III MAF, and the wherewithall to operate a supply depot must be provided by III MAF. In the mean time, references (f) and (g) indicate that a Naval Support Activity may very likely be established at Danang from Navy assets, contingent on an increase in manpower ceiling.

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e. Port operations continue to be conducted by CG III MAF under the cognizance of the NCC staff. It appears that operations must continue on in this manner until the question of a Naval Support Activity is finally resolved.

4. Conclusions. In view of the foregoing it is concluded that:

a. The amphibious capability of III MAF is degraded by the mission assigned the Naval Component Commander in reference (a).

b. A separate organization is required under the Naval Component Commander to provide for port operations and supply depot operations, preferably, a Naval Support Activity.

c. Until the question of a Naval Support Activity is resolved COMSEVENTHFLT and the NCC (CG III MAF) must work together to get the job done.

d. The entire port operation, as presently divided between COMSEVENTHFLT and the NCC, to include movement of ships, lighterage and cargo in the harbor and in-transit service on the shore, must be coordinated under a single coordinating authority, preferably the NCC.

e. In the present circumstances, the FISG must continue to control supply depot operations for common items and POL until more suitable arrangements can be made.

f. Harbor security for ships and craft must be provided or arranged for by COMSEVENTHFLT. Shoreside security must be provided by the NCC.

5. Recommendations.

a. It is recommended that the position of CG III MAF relative to operations of ports, beaches and depots in the Chu Lai to the DMZ area be:

(1) That a Naval Support Activity, or its equivalent, must be activated as soon as possible to allow III MAF and SEVENTHFLT to regain their full capability to conduct amphibious operation.

(2) That Headquarters Support Activity Saigon personnel, presently engaged in warehouse operations, be retained until suitable replacements are provided.

(3) That port operations, to include movement of ships, craft and lighterage in the harbor and shoreside in-transit service, be coordinated by the Naval Component Commander.

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III Marine Amphibious Force  
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110B/RGH/lg  
5 Jul 1965

From: Communication-Electronics Officer  
To: Assistant Chief of Staff G-3

Subj: Command Diary

Ref: (a) Asst Chief of Staff G-3 Memo dtd 26 May 1965

Encl: (1) Diary for III MAF CEO Section June 1965

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.
2. This page becomes unclassified upon removal enclosure (1).

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DIARY FOR III MAF CEO SECTION - JUNE 1965

1 June: Received Commanding Officer, Communication Support Company letter EBH/wc dated 1 June 1965 on recommended emergency communications plan for III MAF Headquarters. Enclosure (1). This plan was approved by III MAF CEO.

Released CG III MAF 010908Z concerning voice call signs for III MAF. Outlined reasons for changing and gave new call signs for III MAF. Also requested CG Third MarDiv and CG, First MAF to submit to this Headquarters list of voice radio call signs presently being used.

Released CG III MAF 010904Z on KAA-73/KAA-TX-73 authentication procedures.

Released CG III MAF 010902Z on Secure Voice System for SEA. (Ky-9 or Ky-3) In this message we recommended use of Ky-9 system.

Began sending to CG FMFPAC 12 hour status reports of III MAF external circuits.

Released CG III MAF 010342Z to CG FMFPAC answering his 292330Z on Frequency assignments for Radar Set UPS-1

Released CG III MAF 010340Z to NAVSHIPREPAC, Subic telling them that 70.2.1.1 does not hold Power Amplifier unit necessary for our contingency package 3 and 4.

Received CG Third MarDiv letter 10/JBA/tmk dated 1 June 1965 requesting additional frequencies.

Received letter EBH/wc dated 1 June 1965 from Commanding Officer, Communication Support Company FMF giving recommendations on Communications for III MAF Headquarters. Enclosure (2).

2 June: Sent CG III MAF letter 110/TSV/jjj dated 2 June 1965 to CG, Third MarDiv (Attn: Communication-Electronics Officer) giving them additional frequencies they requested. (Enclosure (3))

Sent Naval Speed letter to CG FMFPAC 110/TSV/jjj dated 2 June 1965 requesting 5 copies of FMFPAC Order PO2000.2B (Comm Plan Five).

Prepared memorandum to Chief of Staff, III MAF 110/TSV/lg dated 2 June 1965. Purpose was to discuss the planned movement of the Third MarDiv to a tactical Command Post and the effect this will have on the communication assets presently available. It also gave the Communication-Electronics resource picture in West Pacific and recommended an interim solution to our problem. (Enclosure (4))

Sent CG III MAF 020510Z to CG FMFPAC outlining future radio requirements. Outlined the need for radio sets AN/PRC-25 and AN/PRC-12 on a high priority basis. Also outlined the need for a suitable blower for radio set AN/PRC-47.

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Sent CG III MAF 020240Z to CG FMFPAC answering telecon Chief of Staff FMFPAC and Chief of Staff III MAF 310030Z. Message outlined our intentions of utilizing Communication Company, 7th Communication Battalion to install a complete and adequate Communication-Electronics system in new III MAF Command Post before Staff displaces, thereby not disrupting Communications.

- 3 June: Released CG III MAF 030724Z which dealt with distribution to III MAF (RVN) units and distribution to III MAF (Collective) units. The instructions listed are not intended to circumvent command prerogative regarding subsequent delivery to subordinate units, but are intended to ensure a more rapid and reliable message delivery system within this command and to ensure rapid dissemination of alerts, passwords and general messages. This will also reduce the amount of readdressals.

1930 - Lieutenant Commander KUFFEL (J-6) Communication Operations branch MACV called requesting we send a Communication Representative from this section to Saigon. He requested we bring a copy of our 281236Z. He also wanted all our information on ATCU 100A. Purpose is to coordinate and solve our problems on external Communications.

- 4 June Communication-Electronics Officer called Lieutenant Commander KUFFEL to invite him to come here and discuss our problems. He declined.

Assistant Communication-Electronics Officer, Captain PAFFORD, will leave for Saigon 5 June.

FMF Mobile Command equipment being moved from First MAF Communication Center to III MAF/Div Communication Center.

Released 041310Z to all major military addressees adding to our list of units we provide communication crypto guard for and deleting others. This message also gave the new routing indicator for CG, Third MarDiv.

Released 041304Z to III MAF collective listing Pyrotechnic Signals for use in RVN, in accordance with enclosure (1), Chapter V, RVNAF SOI (NOTAL).

Released 041302Z concerning Danang-Phu Lam on line duplex TT-4. We requested to switch to KW-7 vice KW-26 and to 60WPM vice 100WPM. This was due to equipment shortage and the breakdown of tactical teletype-writers at 100WPM.

Prepared Communication-Electronics memorandum 110/TSV/jjj to distribution list. It gave a brief description of CINCPACFLT Communication Contingency Package ATCU 100A. Enclosure (5)

FMF Mobile Command package moved from MAG-16 Communication Center to III MAF Communication Center.

- 5 June: Assistant Communication-Electronics Officer, Captain PAFFORD departed for Saigon to attend a conference with MACV J-6 concerning ATCU 100A and contingency package problems facing III MAF.

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UCD-3 reported jamming of frequency 4862.

Mr NAKAMURA - DCA Pacific here to discuss with Communication-Electronics Officer some of our problems with external communications. After discussion he was shown our Communication Facilities.

Shipped 100 metal telephone poles to Chu Lai.

Prepared memorandum from Communication-Electronics Officer to Chief of Staff 110/TSV/jjj dated 5 June 1965. This was a report of telecon between FMFPAC (CEO) and III MAF (CEO) dealing with the sending of III MAF Sitreps and First MAF DAAR reports over the MAF/DIV LN Net as a primary means and FIF Mobile Command net as intentional dupe. We will try and raise the classification of MAF/DIV Liaison Net to TOP SECRET. Enclosure (6).

Submitted memorandum 110/TSV/jjj dated 5 June 1965 to G-1 containing III MAF T/O and T/E requirements in compliance with instructions received from Chief of Staff. Enclosure (7).

Released CG III MAF 051544Z to CG FMFPAC requesting authority be obtained to transmit TOP SECRET traffic between III MAF Danang and AdminO Third MarDiv, Camp Courtney, Okinawa.

6 June: Received 060500Z - NAVCOMSTAPHIL is giving weight and cube of ATCU 100A.

Received 060112Z from CG FMFPAC instructing III MAF to use MAF/Third MarDiv circuit to transmit with immediate precedence and passing instructions to them all III MAF Sitreps and First MAF DAAR.

Communication-Electronics Officer III MAF (Major VOGT) departed for Okinawa for eventual rotation to CONUS.

7 June: Received CG FMFPAC 060011Z directing III MAF to transmit with immediate precedence and passing instructions all III MAF SITREPS and First MAF DAAR reports over III MAF/DIV LN Net. Also requested we ZFG (SUS-DUPE) all III MAF SITREPS and DAAR over FIF Mobile Command Circuit.

Captain PAMFORD, Assistant Communication-Electronics Officer returned from Saigon after attending conference on III MAF external communications. CG USMACV J-6 approved positioning ATCU 100A at Danang.

Major SLEEPER from DCA SEA arrived to assist in solving external communications problems now existing in III MAF.

Communication Company (-) 7th Communication Battalion commenced off loading, Danang.

8 June: ATCU 100A arrived. Shipment incomplete due to inability of Van to fit in A/C available. Nine personnel arrived with first four chalks.

Released 080152Z to III MAF (Collective) giving Voice Call Signs for III MAF units.

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Released 080136Z requesting in country clearance for 9 personnel as operational crew for ATCU 100A. This cancelled our clearance request 261304Z.

Released 080132Z requesting wire platoon Communication Company 7th Communication Battalion (-) FMF to be deployed Danang to assist in wire construction related to displacement of Third MarDiv Command Post.

Released 080138Z in response to DCA Pacific 030154Z and DCA Pacific 190257Z May giving them status report of communications end of DP-2258-01 and DP 2259-01 (a) in connection with AUTODIN.

Colonel DANIELS called and stated ATCU 100A vans too large for Marine Corps KC-130. Captain PATFORD called Chief PETERS at PHIL and requested check situation.

Colonel PAYNE (Communication-Electronics Officer, FMFPAC) called Capt HOME and stated 4th Marines were using unauthorized NUCO system. He requested we check situation.

- 10 June: Received CMC 082051Z to CG FMFPAC on secure voice system between FMFPAC and III MAF. Message states that Headquarters, Marine Corps plans relocation of one CONUS MARSEC KY-9 to extend present MARSEC system to CG III MAF when line conditions are satisfactory.
- 11 June: Sent memorandum 110/BEP/jjj dated 11 June 1965 to Assistant Chief of Staff G-4 III MAF outlining recommended T/E and T/O for communication personnel for NCC. Enclosure (8)

Received CG FMFPAC 110130Z directing CG III MAF to transfer and ship Communication Contingency packages 3 and 4 to NAVSHIPREFFAC, Yoko.

Received CINCPACFLT 080328Z outlining coordination required for deployment of ATCU 100A.

Released III MAF 112258Z concurring with CG First MAF (ADV) 081155Z which requested that voice call signs for the Wing not be changed.

Released CG III MAF 112256Z to CINCPACFLT and NAVCOMSTAPHIL requesting following circuits be terminated at NAVCOMSTAPHIL:

- a. 2 FDUX TS KW-26 to CG III MAF
- b. 1 FDUX TS KW-26 to CG Third MarDiv (Fwd)
- c. 1 FDUX TS KW-26 to CG FMAW (Adv)

Requested routing indicators for First MAF (Adv) and Third MarDiv (Fwd).

Visit by Major KELLEY COMUSMACV and Captain RODGERS DCA to this Headquarters to discuss communications problems.

Received CG USMACV 061102Z concurring with our III MAF 281236Z May proposal of deployment of ATCU 100A.

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12 June: Released III MAF 120948Z requesting KAG-5 from RPIO HONO.

Released III MAF 120854Z to COMUSMACV requesting frequencies for the ATCU 100A.

Released III MAF 120852Z requesting July and subsequent editions of MKK 2989.

13 June: Received CG FMFPAC 112007Z which requested we submit number of voice call signs required per unit to satisfy operation requirements including justification.

Released CG III MAF 130120Z to CG First MAW (Adv) concerning Communication Contingency packages 3 and 4 rehabilitation. This message gave them CG FMFPAC 110130Z for action.

Released CG III MAF 130208Z which requested MATSWS for four EDUX MW-26 circuits from Danang to NAVCOMSTAPHIL.

Received CG FMFPAC 112009Z directing III MAF to make recommendations on number of ERP's to support certain numbers of KW-7's.

Began sending status reports on the ATCU 100A to CG FMFPAC. This will be on a per cent completed basis and will be submitted daily.

Received COMUSMACV's 130250Z which requested 2 Marine Infantry Battalions to Pleiku. In answer to request from MAF G-3 a paragraph 5 was submitted for contingency plan.

Prepared endorsement on CO ComSuptCo letter EBH/djh over 5500 dtd 7 June to CMO requesting a temporary increase of crypto allowance. Enclosure (9).

14 June: Colonel P. C. DODSON and Major H. R. KELLY arrived to assume duties as Communication-Electronics Officer and Assistant Communication-Electronics Officer respectively.

Captain FLOYD - Officer-In-Charge Communication Center Phu Lam arrived for visit to III MAF Communication Center.

Released CG III MAF 140714Z in response to CG FMFPAC's 112009Z which requested recommended number of ERP's and KWQ-8's to be allowed per each four KW-7's.

ATCU 100A report submitted to CG FMFPAC 40 per cent complete.

Released CG III MAF 140132Z to COMUSMACV which was a request for frequencies to support two BLT's in II Corps area.

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Received CINCPACFLT 082324Z to CINCPAC on secure voice system of which III MAF is to have a terminal. Message asked whether or not a conditioned channel for KY-9 operation can be provided in backporch system to Danang for CG III MAF.

- 15 June: Released Commanding General, III MAF 150604Z to Commanding General, FIEFPAC on status of installation of ATCU 100A. At this time installation eighty per cent completed.

Received COMUSMACV 151027Z answering our request for frequencies for use in III Corps area.

Received CINCPACFLT 150354Z which assigned CT, Third MarDiv (Fwd) and CG, FTHAV routing indicators requested by our CG, III MAF 112256Z.

- 16 June: Sent memorandum 110A/BEP/jjj dated 15 June 1965 to CO, CommSptCo, FTF directing him to enter NAVY III Communication Voice Station in connection with SECOMAV visit 14-19 June 1965. Enclosure (10).

Received CINCPACFLT 162100Z on ATCU 100A in which they outline training program on ATCU 100A whic Navy and Marine Corps personnel exchanging billets at their respective positions in Danang and NAVCOMSTAPHIL.

Received DCA Pacific 142258Z which authorized the Saigon Circuit to handle TOP SECRET traffic officially.

- 17 June: Released CG III MAF 170332Z to AdminO Third MarDiv. This was a request for two generators PU-482 for CommSptCo FTF from Communication Company (Rein). Also requested spare parts, generator mechanic and an electrician to accompany generators.

Received NAVCOMSTAPHIL 170346Z. In this message they state they have continuous backlog for III MAF and feel that Two FDUX KW-26 covered circuits to ATCU 100A would resolve his problems. They requested we advise estimated time of activation of above circuits.

Received COMUSMACV 160535Z on the Saigon - III MAF circuit. This message points towards clearance of the Saigon circuit for TOP SECRET traffic and a supply of MATSMI.

- 18 June: First Lieutenant R. G. HOWE, III MAF frequency coordinator departed for Saigon to request clearance of all III MAF frequencies and to procure telephone poles and Communication Center supplies.

Sent letter 110A/BEP/jjj dated 18 June 1965 from CG III MAF to CG Third Marine Division and CG, First MAF assigning channelization of M/RC-80 circuit Danang to Chu Lai. Enclosure (11).

- 19 June: Prepared memorandum 110A/BEP/jjj dated 19 June 1965 outlining the planned employment of Communication Company, 7th Communication Battalion and Communication Support Company. Enclosure (12).

Released CG III MAF 190902Z to COMUSMACV on the Danang - Chu Lai MRC-80 shot. Message requested that segment Two DULF 2258 routing be changed from Chu Lai to Danang vice Chu Lai to DCA Saigon.

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Released CG III MAF 190740Z to local units cancelling III MAF (RVN) collective address. Hereafter the III MAF collective address will be employed.

Released CG III MAF 190538Z to CG FMFPAC on the status of installation of the ATCU 100A.

Released CG III MAF 190026Z to CG FMFPAC stating that actions directed by their 262104ZMay and CINCPACFLT 232031Z on KAA-73/KAA-TX-73 authentication procedures have been completed.

Released CG III MAF 190010Z to CG NAVCOMMSTAPHIL on our desirability of activating overload/backup FMF Mobile Command Net. We requested separate frequencies and MATSM from those used on primary circuit.

The following personnel visited III MAF GEO section to discuss III MAF Communication-Electronics matters: LtCol Albert REEDMAN 062157 USA DCA Headquarters MACV, Captain James H. GIBBONS 074212 USA DCA Saigon, Mr. Billy G. OWIS, Bendix Corporation, Washington D. C.

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20 June: Prepared memorandum 10/FGD/jjj dated 20 June 1965 to Commanding Officer, Detachment 5, 1964th Communication Group, Danang requesting Dial Telephone service. Enclosure (13).

Released CG III MAF 201406Z to CG FMFPAC which concerned the ATCU 100A. This message contained comments in response to CG FMFPAC's 190244Z and CINCPACFLT's 162102Z outlined on feelings in connection with operation of long haul communications and the responsibility thereof.

Released CG III MAF 200702Z drafted by Colonel J. S. PAYNE to CG FMFPAC in which he outlines III MAF Communication problems and recommends some solutions.

Received letter 2/JWD/wac dated 20 June 1965 from G-2, III MAF modifying our 180451Z concerning distribution of messages. Enclosure (14).

Received letter from Communication Support Company EBH/wc dated 20 June 1965 containing requirements for Pole Line construction between present III MAF Command Post and proposed Third MarDiv Command Post. Enclosure (15).

Released CG III MAF 201406Z to CG FMFPAC where we discuss our views on ATCU 100A in the following respects:

- a. This Headquarters doesn't feel U. S. Marine Corps should assume full operational responsibilities for ATCU 100A, since long haul Communication responsibilities are vested in DCA.

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- b. This Headquarters feels the Navy should provide the requisite personnel to operate and maintain the package with the Marine Corps providing logistics support required.

21 June: Prepared memorandum LLOA/DEP/jjj dated 21 June 1965 to Chief of Staff III MAF informing him that due to shortage of trunks on Falcon Switchboard unable to install Falcon phone for Protocol Officer. Enclosure (16).

Released CG III MAF 210300Z to NAVCOMSTAPHIL concurring with the 200502Z which suggested programming limited number of Navy Radiomen for training with ATCU 100A Danang.

III Marine Amphibious Force Communication-Electronics Officer (Colonel F. C. DODSON and EMFPAC Communication-Electronics Officer (Colonel J. S. PAYNE) departed for Saigon for conference with MACV (J-6) to explore possibility of getting some fixed plant type equipment plus a resolution of who has in-country responsibility for what communications.

First Lieutenant HOWE returned from Saigon. 1stLt HOWE preparing frequency list for permanent assignment to III MAF.

Received wirenote from Lieutenant Colonel BRYANT (Communication-Electronics Officer, Third MarDiv (Rear)) wanting to know if we wanted Communication Company, 7th Communication Battalion with rest of Headquarters Battalion embarking 28 June. Major KELLY sent a negative since we are not ready for them.

Received NAVCOMSTAPHIL's 200502Z concerning exchange of personnel between III MAF and their Communication Center.

22 June: Prepared memorandum LLOA/DEP/jjj dated 22 June to Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2 concerning notification of message delivery procedures. Enclosure (17).

Prepared memorandum LLOB/RGH/jjj dated 22 June 1965 to Communication-Electronics Officer, Third Recon Battalion concerning use of profane language on radio circuits by members of this command. Enclosure (18).

Received CTF-78 210758Z requesting Force Recon participate in test to NAVCOMSTAPHIL using AN/GRC-109.

23 June: Prepared memorandum LLOB/RGH/jjj dated 23 June 1965 to Commanding Officer, Communication Support Company concerning the cancellation of a formal Communication-Electronics Section Duty Officer. Enclosure (19).

Prepared memorandum 10/FGD/jjj dated 23 June 1965 to Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3 concerning reports required from III MAF Communication-Electronics units as a basis for inclusion in the report amex to III MAF Operation Order. Enclosure (20).

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Received CINCUSARPAC 172124Z to CINCPAC on secure voice system. This message essentially eliminates KY-9 and recommends KY-3 which we are already getting via COMUSMACV.

Received SA II Corps 200400Z on Operational Coordinator<sup>ion</sup> for Fleiku area. Outlines necessity for liaison units to work out details of operation.

- 24 June: Released CG III MAF 240428Z drafted by Colonel J. S. PAMME Communication-Electronics Officer, FMPAC in which he summarized the principal areas discussed on his visit - III MAF immediate requirement for fixed plant type terminal facilities and near future requirement to establish DCS minor relay in Danang area.

Lieutenant GRAHAM (USN) from NAVCOMSTAPHIL arrived to observe operation of ATCU 100A and III MAF Communication Center.

- 25 June: Prepared memorandum 110/HNK/lg dated 25 June 1965 to Assistant Chief of Staff G-4 outlining communication requirements for support of III MAF relocation to Danang East. Enclosure (21).

Prepared letter 110B/RGH/lg dated 25 June 1965 to Commanding General, Third Marine Division (Fwd) (Attn: Communication-Electronics Officer) assigning frequencies for use in Hue Phu Bai area. Enclosure (22).

Released CG III MAF 250530Z to CMC explaining the non-delivery of CG, Third MarDiv's 180302Z and 181844Z which was due to improper communication transmission procedure.

Received CG FMPAC 232356Z requesting information on why CASREP's were non-delivered to CMC.

Received CG USMACV 240840Z on the ATCU 100A directing us coordinate with Captain MOE, USAF, before transmitting. Also we are to report test results and unresolved problems to MACV (Attn: J-6). Transmitter not to become operational for traffic without specific authorization from MACV Headquarters.

- 26 June: Released CG III MAF 260342Z to CG FMPAC and Third FSR listing communication requirements for Danang complex with a list of items to support the III MAF Command Post movement to Danang East.

Released CG III MAF 260344Z to COMSEVENTHFLT listing commands served by ATCU 100A. Message states problems encountered with ATCU 100A and discusses need for a DCS Relay Station in Danang.

Sent memorandum 110/HNK/jjj dated 26 June 1965 to Chief of Staff III MAF containing recommendations for message service improvement. Enclosure (23).

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Received CG Third MarDiv 260304Z to AdminO Third MarDiv assigning frequencies for use in I Corps area by FLT NINE.

Received 30th NCR 240104Z assigning frequencies to MCB NINE. These assignments were made without consulting III MAF Frequency Coordinator and are null and void. New frequencies were given to 30th NCR at this time.

Released CG III MAF 260218Z to CG Third MarDiv (Fwd), CG FMAW (Adv) CO, FEG and CO, FLSG requesting communication requirements for respective Headquarters be submitted this Headquarters no later than 27 June 1965.

27 June: Sent memorandum 110A/DEP/lg dated 27 June 1965 to SAC Officer requesting that courier report to Communication-Electronics Officer, Officer-In-Charge III MAF Communication Center and RPS Custodian ComSptCo before departing. Enclosure (24).

Sent letter 110B/RGH/lg dated 27 June 1965 to Commanding Officer, Communication Support Company directing them to enter the Command Communication Net for General KRULAK's visit to WESTPAC. Enclosure (25).

Colonel KIMBELL (MACV J-6), Captain OUSEY USN and Commander WARD USN arrived Danang to discuss III MAF Communication-Electronics matters.

Released CG III MAF 271122Z to CTF-78 informing them of date we will participate in AN/GEC-109 test to NAVCOMSTAPHIL.

Received COMUSMACV 240616Z to CINCPAC outlining III MAF immediate Communication needs and requesting CINCPAC take action as soon as possible.

Released CG III MAF 270624Z to CG WESTPAC informing them of our voice call sign status.

28 June: Received CG WESTPAC 232224Z in which he outlined the topics he wishes to discuss on his visit to WESTPAC.

Released CG III MAF 280014Z to COMUSMACV outlining purpose of MAF/DIV liaison net. Message also includes stations on net and frequencies used.

29 June: Received memorandum JES/wce dated 27 June 1965 from Captain SALLIS, Communication-Electronics Officer NCC where he requests additional telephones and frequencies. Enclosure (26).

Prepared memorandum 10/PCD/lg dated 29 June 1965 to CG III MAF which contained recommended assignment of Field Grade Officers in the Communication-Electronics function field. Enclosure (27).

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Released CG III MAF 290304Z to CTF-78 postponing radio test with AN/CRC-109 due to nonavailability of proper crystals. Test rescheduled to 061200H July.

Released CG III MAF 291132Z to NPIC Hono informing them that Communication Support Company HAF had not received July editions and Rob of MAF 2929 and we requested immediate shipment.

Prepared a discussion paper for CG EMFPAC visit 1-3 July on Communication Facilities. Enclosure (28).

30 June: Received letter from CG III MAF 10/FCD/1g Dtd 30 June 1965 appointing Major E. R. KELLY Asst CGO III MAF as Cryptosecurity Officer for this Command. Enclosure (29).

Released CO CommSptCo, MAF 302254Z to AdminO Third MarDiv Info CG III MAF and CG Third MarDiv stating CommSptCo Operational Budget requirements for fourth quarter FY 65 and first quarter FY 66.

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Headquarters Battalion  
3d Marine Division (Reinforced)(Forward), FPF  
APO, San Francisco, California 96601

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2000  
1 June 1965

From: Commanding Officer  
To: CEO, III MAF

Subj: Recommended Emergency Communications Plan for MAF Headquarters

Ref: (a) Verbal Instructions of 31 May 1965

1. Pursuant to reference (a) the following comments and recommendations are submitted.

2. It is considered essential that the following high frequency covered wire circuits be established in the event of a casualty to our present communication center:

a. External.

(1) Continuation of the FPF Mobile Command Net using the present equipment and frequencies. If the present equipment is inoperable, and attempt should be made to obtain substitute facilities locally. (i. e., use NSP-42 if operable or borrow KW-26's from USAF). If this equipment is not available, KW-7 equipment should be employed with coordination being effected over the following net.

(2) Continuation, (if approved) of a voice circuit with NavComm-Staffil for coordination.

(3) Activation of a second duplex RAIT circuit using KW-7's with NavCommStaffil.

(4) Continuation of present MAF/Division Rear duplex covered wire net. This would serve as alternate routing and for coordination with forces on Okinawa.

b. Internal. Covered duplex circuits to the 3dMarDiv and the 1stMAF should be established if equipment is available. If not, courier service should be established.

4. MACV is responsible for emergency communications from MACV to III MAF. It is recommended that MACV be asked to promulgate a plan.

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5. Pending approval of this recommendation, a study is underway to determine the additional equipment required for its support. By copy hereof platoon commanders are requested to submit comments/recommendations/capabilities to the Operations Officer as soon as possible.

E. B. HART

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CommCantPltCdr  
RadioPltCdr  
SigsPltCdr  
FirePltCdr  
R&S Custodian

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Headquarters Battalion  
3d Marine Division (Reinforced)(Forward), FMF  
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1 June 1965

From: Commanding Officer  
To: CEO, III MAF

Subj: Recommendations on Communications for III MAF Headquarters

Ref: (a) Verbal instructions 31 May 1965

1. As requested by reference (a) the following recommendations/comments are submitted.
2. It is strongly recommended that the remainder of the 7th Communication Battalion be deployed directly to Danang ASAP. It is further recommended that no attempt be made to move the MAF CP until this unit arrives and the ATCU-100A package is available.
3. While the incoming unit (CommCo(Rein) from 7th CommBn. is capable of installing a MAF tactical CP, it's radio relay capability is limited and it has no heavy construction capability.
4. Regardless of when the MAF displaces, sufficient cabling should be pre-installed from the new CP site to the following areas: (Not necessarily a complete list)
  - a. Danang Control or to
  - b. Falcon Switch
  - c. Communication Battalion operating areas to include:
    - (1) ATCU-100A site(s)
    - (2) Radio Transmitting sites
    - (3) Radio relay sites
  - d. Additional areas/units as required.
5. It is considered highly desirable that the above construction consist of 25, 50 and 100 pair cables if available. Detailed requirements are being developed and will be submitted as further information becomes available. The location of the MAF CP in relation to the other areas mentioned in paragraph 4 above is a key factor.

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6. If possible several potential MAF CP sites should be selected. Estimates should then be made as to the supportability from a communication point of view.

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From: Commanding General  
 To: Commanding General, Third Marine Division (Attention: Communication-  
 Electronics Officer)

Subj: Additional Frequencies

Ref: (a) CG, 3rd MarDiv ltr 10A/JBA/tmk over 1 June 1965

The following frequencies are assigned as requested in reference (a) for  
 Third Marine Division use in the DaNang, Phu Bai and Chu Lai area.

2. Report any interference encountered to this Headquarters (Attention:  
 Communication-Electronics Officer)

0.1A1/3A3J/6A9B (8) 500 Watts (KC)

2155	3866
2300	26500
2592	23354
3322	18048

3A3J/3A7J (9) 100 Watts USB Only (KC)

2044	10008
3888	10105
5469	11277
6524	11977
9280	

36F3 (20.0 - 27.9) 16 Watts (MC)

20.1	23.8
20.9	24.0
21.5	24.3
22.9	25.0
23.1	27.5

36F3 (27.0 - 38.9) 16 Watts (MC)

27.2	29.9
28.1	30.3
28.7	30.8
28.9	31.0
29.1	36.4
29.5	38.2
29.6	

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\*38.0 - 54.9 36F3 16 Watts (10)

38.6  
42.1  
49.8

44.1  
43.6  
44.6

\*Only frequencies available at present time - May be able to clear more when a definite location for unit (s) is established.

T. S. VOGT  
By direction

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2 Jun 1965

**MEMORANDUM**

From: Communication-Electronics Officer  
To: Chief of Staff, III Marine Amphibious Force

Subj: Comm-Elect Support Cor III MAF (U)

Encl: (1) CG III MAF msg 281296ZMAY

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to discuss the planned movement of the 3rd Marine Division to a tactical Command Post and the effect this will have on the communication assets presently available. Also, give the comm-elect resource picture in WESTPAC and recommend an interim solution to our problems.

2. Our present assets of 19 Officers and 362 Enlisted consist of the following units:

- a. Communication Support Company, Fleet Marine Force (Rein) (15 Off - 306 Enl)

This unit is assigned to support a Marine Amphibious Brigade and also initially support a Marine Amphibious Force (3 to 5 days). It has a M/L of 10 Officers and 200 Enlisted when committed. Augmentation from the 3rd Marine Division and Communication Company, 7th Communication Battalion has raised the M/L to that shown above. This unit has communication/crypto guard for all units III Marine Amphibious Force (RWN) and provides the communications for III Marine Amphibious Force and 3rd Marine Division Headquarters.

- b. Detachment Communication Section, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron-1, Marine Wing Headquarters Group-1, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing (4 Off - 56 Enl):

This Section has a Table of Organization of 10 Officers and 192 Enlisted. However, the present level of 4 Officers - 56 Enlisted is a result of the initial ceiling imposed on the Wing Headquarters and the fact that they must maintain a communication center at Iwakuni for Commanding General, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing (Rear). The Wing does not anticipate raising this M/L in the near future.

3. Arriving 4 June will be Communication Company, 3rd Marine Division (-) consisting of 6 Officers and 148 Enlisted. This unit will be less its Communication Center Platoon (5-64) which was retained at Camp Courtney, Okinawa to provide communication/crypto guard for 3rd Marine Division (Rear). An advanced echelon of 3 Officers and 42 Enlisted is now aboard.

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4. Now unloading at Okinawa is Communication Company, 7th Communication Battalion (Rein) (-). (Total 17 Officers and 238 Enlisted). This unit has a Table of Organization of 14 Officers - 224 Enlisted but was augmented with a radio relay section and a Headquarters element to bring it to its present level. Of the total, 5 Officers and 45 Enlisted from their Communication Center Platoon have augmented Communication Support Company, Fleet Marine Force.
5. In order for the 3rd Marine Division to be capable of independent operation, it is essential that it has a Communication Center. From our present resources, we cannot provide this unit due to the detrimental effect it would have on our already overburdened facility. Your attention is invited to enclosure (1) which presents our present Communication Center status. In addition, the Communication-Electronics Officer, 3rd Marine Division has stated he cannot provide adequate Communication Center facilities without the Communication Center Platoon of the Division. I agree with his reasoning. The attempt to work with an austere Communication Center proves detrimental, as exemplified by our present problems.
6. The obvious answer is to get the Division Communication Center Platoon to Danang as soon as possible.
7. However, it is recognized that until the remainder of the 3rd Marine Division is deployed to Viet Nam, there is a requirement for a Communication Center in Okinawa.
8. Communication Company, 7th Communication Battalion has with it, a remainder of 4 Officers and 29 Enlisted from the Communication Center Platoon. This element with minimum augmentation from III Marine Amphibious Force resources could provide the communication/crypto guard for AdminO, 3rd Marine Division and I Marine Amphibious Corps (Forward). This would release the Division Communication Center Platoon for deployment to Danang.
9. The operational readiness of the Communication Center of 7th Communication Battalion is unknown and questionable.
10. It is recommended that the indicated action paragraph 6 thru 8 above be accomplished earliest.
11. In order to expedite the recommended change, it is also recommended that I return to Okinawa immediately, in lieu of within a few days as presently planned. Knowing the situation here and being thoroughly familiar with the inner workings of the Camp Courtney Communication Center, I feel I can rapidly analyze the problem areas and take steps that will expedite the change. In addition, I can inspect the Communication Company, 7th Communication Battalion to determine its operational readiness and prepare it for deployment to Danang.

Respectfully,

T. S. VOOT

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MEMORANDUM

From: Communication-Electronics Officer  
 To: Distribution List

Subj: CINCPACFLT Coma Contingency Package ATCU 100A; brief description of

Incl: Detailed item list of ATCU 100A

1. The subject package is an air transportable communication system. One is now staged at NAVCOMSTAPHIL, San Miguel, Philippine Island. The purpose of the ATCU 100A is to provide a Communication Package to a field command (i.e. III MAF) for long haul multiple point to point radio communication to a Naval Operations Communications Central (NAVCOMSTAPHIL).

2. The system consist of five huts (contents of each are shown in enclosure (1)).

- a. AN/TRT-12 - Medium Power Van
- b. AN/TRR-16 - Control Van
- c. AN/TRT-13 - High Power Van
- d. OA-3772/TSC-24 - Relay Van
- e. S-212/T - Supply and Maintenance Shelter

3. The OA-3772/TSC-24 Relay Shelter contains the XMTR distribution panel, reperforators and teletypes and 8 KW-26's.

4. The Control Van has racks for 2 KW-26's for a grand total of ten.

5. It requires three KC-130's to transport system.

6. Requires a Bay City Crane and Low Boys to unload and transport to site.

7. The operation of the Receiver and Transmitter Antenna Farms must be a minimum of 100 feet and maximum of 1000 feet.

8. The package is suppose to include personnel for maintenance. Operating personnel provided by III Marine Amphibious Force (For III Marine Amphibious Force nets only).

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9. One requirement to be resolved is parts support. Have recommended to Fleet Marine Force, Pacific that Naval Supply Depot (NSD), Subic Bay, Philippine Island be tasked to provide parts support. Also to be resolved is who provides funds for support. No answer as yet.

T. S. VOGT

DISTRIBUTION,  
Chief of Staff  
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-6, COMUSMACV

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INVENTORY OF EQUIPMENT ATCU-100A AS OF 1 DECEMBER 1962

ATCU UNITS:

AN/TRT-12(V) SER. A3  
 AN/TRR-16(V) SER. A3  
 AN/TRT-13(V) SER. A2  
 OA-3772/TSC-24(V) SER. A2  
 S-242/T SUPPLY MAINTENANCE SHELTER (NO SER. NO.)  
 PU-550/TSC-24(V) SERIAL A5, A10, A9, A8

AN/TRT-12(V) MEDIUM POWER VAN

<u>EQUIPMENT</u>	<u>QTY</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SERIAL NUMBER(S)</u>
AN/SGC-1A	2	1.5	1729, 1768
AN/URT-7	1	1.5	390
TEB-9	1	1.5	555
AN/URR-27	1	1.5	34
AN/URR-35C	1	1.5	1242
AN/URT-17	4	1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.7	

CONSISTING OF:

ATS2 HCU50	4		517, 507, 524, 516
RFDLA	4		273, 263, 272, 279
UOX-5	4		1261, 1267, 1268, 1261
SDE-3	4		327, 340, 338, 320
TIS-3	4		487, 516, 514, 643
PS4A	4		263, 273, 279, 281
APP-4	4		215, 210, 226, 214
PS5	4		264, 274, 272, 279

SBG-1 CONSISTING OF:

DBE-1	1	1.1	400
CHG-2	1	1.1	130
CNO-1	1	1.1	401
CLL-1	1	1.1	400
CIS-1	1	1.1	401
CHL-1	1	1.1	400
CPP-5	1	1.1	130
CPP-2	1	1.1	399
WWUC RECEIVER	1	1.1	658
LA-90	1	1.1	173
LSP-4	1	1.6	331
SDS-226C	1	1.6	FIM-439
SPP-4	1	1.6	1425
VOYCALL	1	1.6	

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AN/TRB-16(V) CONTROL VAN

<u>EQUIPMENT</u>	<u>QTY</u>	<u>LOCATION(CABINET)</u>	<u>SERIAL NO.</u>
R-397A	4	2.1,2.3	590,614,650,699
R-450/URR	1	2.5	692
AN/FGC-6(V)	1	2.4	125
CV-591A/URR	2	2.5,2.3	4379,4363
AN/UGC-1	1	2.6	08
OFA-1	3	2.3,2.1,2.5	744,774,772
SBC-1 CONSISTING OF			
SBC-1	1	2.1	131
AFC-2	2	2.1	118,131
SBS-1	1	2.1	117
WA-623	2	2.5,2.3	G-1072,G-1068
KWM-2A	1	2.12	11254
DT-410	3	2.5,2.3,2.1	53,59,70
JOHNSON 250W ANT COUPLER	1	2.12	
LSP-4	4	2.2,2.9,2.3,2.1	321,325,313,314
AN/FRR-21	1	2.5	62
TT-192/UG	2		16399,16654
TH76/UG	7		75463,75470,75471, 75477,75480,75482,75498
TT-187/UG	4		6415,6435,6446,8411
VOYCALL	1		
AN/FTA-15	2		
RECORDER ANNOUNCER	1		

AN/TRT-13(V) HIGH POWER VAN

AN/FRT-39B	2	XMTRS 5&6	442,441
CONSISTING OF:			
SBG-1	2	"	
CFP-5	2	"	491,492
CHL-1	2	"	536,535
CHG-2	2	"	503,502
CHG-2	2	"	536,535
CLL-1	2	"	537,536
CMO-1	2	"	
CSS-1			
CBE-1			
CFP-2			
TIS-3			
RFC-1			
APP-3			
VOYCALL			

OA-3772/TSC-24(V) RELAY VAN

SDS-2283	2	3.2,3.5	428,431
PSP-2	2	3.5	561,564
DT-101B	1	3.11	57

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TT-192/UG	10	16759, 16966, 1698, 16970, 16971, 16973, 16974, 16980, 16983, 16987, 16992, 16994, 16995, 16996, 16997, 16998, 17001, 17002
TT-187/UG	10	6406, 6407, 6410, 6428, 6440, 6443, 6591, 6597, 6608, 6431
TT-69/UG	3	75481, 75486, 75396
VRA-61515	1 TFR-250/300	119
VRA-61577	1 "	120
VRA-61524	1 "	776
VRA-61576	1 "	-----

SUPPLY VAN-S-242/T SUPPLY SHELTERS

<u>EQUIPMENT</u>	<u>QTY</u>	<u>SERIAL NO</u>
35' ANTENNA	5	-----
V-BEAM ANTENNA	2	-----
UNIFORM-DIRECTIONAL ANTENNA	1	41
UNIFORM-DIRECTIONAL ANTENNA	1	2287
KVM-2A	1	11574
TRIPLETT 430A	1	89144
MV-07B VTVM	1	10057
250W TRANSISTOR TESTER	1	23611141
1575 TUBE TESTER	1	21611043
85% O SCILLOSCOPE	1	19110229
51% O SCILLOSCOPE	1	743
TTY REPAIR KIT	1	-----
VRA-5 VERT. REC. ANTENNA	1	566
VRA-6 " " "	5	576, 577, 578, 615, 624

AIR CONDITIONERS

<u>MODEL</u>	<u>QTY</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SER NO.</u>
NAC 7 1/2 9J	1	CA-3772/TSC-24(V)	61154
NAC 7 1/2 9J	1	AN/TRR-16(V)	61199
NAC 7 1/2 9J	1	AN/TRT-12(V)	61126
NAC 7 1/2 9J	1	AN/TRT-13(V)	61153

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5 June 1965

MEMORANDUM

From: Communication-Electronics Officer  
To: Chief of Staff

Subj: Telecon Communication-Electronics Officer, Fleet Marine Force Pacific  
(Colonel WAYNE) to Communication-Electronics Officer, III Marine Amphibious  
Force (Major VOGT) 050800H

1. Received call from Colonel WAYNE and he stated:

a. The General (FRUMAR) desires that we send III Marine Amphibious Force SITREPS and First Marine Air Wing DAAR (Daily Aircraft Activity Report) over the MAF/DIV Liaison Net as primary means and Fleet Marine Force Mobile Command Net as intentional dupe. (Note: I informed Colonel WAYNE that the SITREPS have precedence over all but Flash Messages and are duplicated on all external nets functioning at that time).

b. We are to try and raise the classification of MAF/DIV Liaison Net to Top Secret (It is now only cleared for Secret).

c. CINCENR 022504 (which we do not hold) chops the ATCU 100A Communication Contingency Package to MACV. They make the decision on releasing it (Conversation with Lieutenant Colonel TUFFLE, J-6, MACV yesterday by phone revealed that they will approve it).

2. Captain CRESSC FT informed me that his system (CRUTICOM) can be used to send the III Marine Amphibious Force SITREPS and INSUR'S. I will send these reports via his circuit in addition to ours.

Respectfully,

T. S. VOGT

Copy to:  
IC III MAF COMF Center  
CND Center

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

5 Jun 1965

MEMORANDUM

From: CEO  
To: G-1

Subj: III MAF T/O and T/E Requirements, submission of

1. In compliance with instructions received for the C/S, enclosures (1) through (8) are herewith submitted.
2. This basic letter becomes unclassified upon removal of enclosures.

T. S. VOGT

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ENCLOSURE (7)

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Employment of 7th Communications Battalion

1. The requirement exists now for a Communications Battalion to support operations of the III MAF in Viet Nam. Indications are that the scope of operations will continue to expand, and that a larger headquarters will be required in Viet Nam.
2. Based on the problems encountered in trying to expand the Communication system that existed in support of MAB headquarters, we must anticipate probable expansion. Therefore utilization of a Communications Battalion will be as follows:
  - a. HqCo, Communications Battalion
    - (1) HqCo, Communications Battalion. Provide administrative and logistical support for the battalion. Provide electricians and diesel mechanics, a mess section, supply section, and a medical section.
    - (2) Communication Company, Communications Battalion. Provide personnel and equipment for the installation and operation of the III MAF Communication Center, MAF radio nets including Air/NCF, internal wire system, and the MAF telephone switching central.
    - (3) Radio Relay and Construction Company. Provide radio relay terminals and teams, and relay teams to force units, i.e., Division, Wing, FAG, FEG, FSR, TankBn, AmTracs, and NCC. The construction platoon will provide the capabilities for pole line construction, long trunking installations, rehabilitation of any commercial facilities that may exist within the MAF area, and wire teams to support Force units as required.
    - (4) Communication Support Co., Communications Battalion. Be utilized to provide personnel and equipment in support of NCC, and for communications/crypto liaison teams that are required for I Corps and 1st and 2nd ARVN Divisions. Provide personnel and equipment to support communication installations at Chu Lai and Phu Bai.
3. Communications Support Co., FMF - When adequate amount of 7th Communications Battalion is operational at Da Nang, return to Camp Courtney, Okinawa to be the Communications Unit for First MAB and communications/crypto guard for I MAC (FWD). If it is determined that another Communications Battalion is required in WESTPAC, this unit could be the nucleus.
4. Displacing/relocation of the III MAF C.P.
  - a. Planning should begin now on the construction of a C. P. site.
  - b. First consideration should be given to the installation of communications to support the orderly move to the new location.

Enclosure (1)

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TASK ORGANIZATION MAF

III MAF

Headquarters Company

III MAF Headquarters  
General and Special Staff  
Military Police Company  
Security Platoon  
Band  
Chaplin Section

Service Company

MT Section  
Mess Section  
Med Section  
Utility Section  
Supply Section

Marine Division

Marine Aircraft Wing

Force Arty Group

Tank Battalion

Amphibian Tractor Battalion

Amphibian Truck Company

Armored Amphibian Howitzer Company

Communications Battalion

MT Battalion

Force Service Regiment

Force Engineer Group

NMCR  
Engineer Battalion  
Bridge Company  
Topographic Company

Force Med Group

Dental Company  
Mass Evac Company  
Sep Surgical Company  
Hospital Company

Enclosure (2)

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- c. Operating spaces should be constructed soonest, to include air conditioning of the classified communication center.
- d. Generators should be requested now to allow sufficient lead time. At least six generators will be required (75 KW or above) to provide adequate, reliable primary power.
- e. Garrison type teletypewriter equipment should be requested for external circuits, to include repair parts. This could be a CINCPACFLT Contingency Package.
- f. Dial telephone service must be requested and coordinated through C.O. Det 5, 1964th Communications Group, Da Nang.
- g. The Construction platoon, Radio Relay and Construction Company would be required to install necessary pole lines for internal and external telephone/teletype circuitry.
- h. Hardware for installation of cable will be required, along with the cable. 6, 12, 18, and 26 pair cable is available through the Air Force supply system.

Enclosure (1)

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Force Intelligence Specialists Teams

Det Radio Battalion

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Enclosure (2)

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## C O N F I D E N T I A L

Communication-Electronics T/E for HqCo, MAF ( To support Security Platoon  
and the MP Platoon )

<u>T/A No</u>	<u>Item Nomenclature</u>	<u>Qty</u>
20130	Axle RL-27B	1
20230*	Cable, Telephone MX-306	20
20260*	Cable, Telephone WD-1/TT on RL-159	10
20450	Control, Radio Set AN/GRA-6	2
21130	Headset-Chestset H-44/U	4
21680	Public Address set AN/TIP-1A	2
21675	Public Address set AN/PIQ-5	4
22060	Radio Set AN/PRC-6	18
22100	Radio Set AN/PRC-10	8
22450*	Reel Unit RL-31E	1
22650	Switchboard SB-22/PT	1
22680	Telephone EE-8	12
22730	Telephone TA-1/PT	16
22810	Terminal Box TA-125/PT	2

1. The above equipment will be maintained by COMBN.
2. (\*) denotes class two type two as required.

Enclosure (3)

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LINE	BILLET DESCRIPTION		RANK	MOS	NOTE	WPN	OFF	ENL
1	Force Communication-Electronics Section							
2	Force Communication-Electronics Officer	DODSON	Colonel	9906		P	1	
3	Assistant Force Communication-Electronics Officer	RELL	LtColonel	2502		P	1	
4	Avionics Officer	*	Major	6602		P	1	
5	Communication Engineer	*	Major	2803		P	1	
6	Frequency Coordinator/Maintenance Officer	*	Captain	2805		P	1	
7	Communication Plans/Orders/Asst CEO	HOUSE LT	Captain	2502		P	1	
8	Operations/Asst CEO	WYFFORD	Captain	9912		P	1	
9	Communications Chief	✓	MSgt	2529		P		1
10	Assistant Communication Chief	✓	MSgt	2529		P		1
11	Cryptographer	*	GrSgt	2561		P		1
12	Radio Technician	*	GrSgt	2861		P		1
13	Chief Clerk	✓	Sgt	0141		R		1
14	Draftsman	✓	Cpl	1411		R		1
15	Admin Clerk	*	LCpl	0141		R		1
16	Admin Clerk	*	LCpl	0141		R		1
17	Totals						7	8

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Recommended T/E for GEO Section MAF

## Class II Type 2 (Electronics) and (Engineer)

<u>T/A No</u>	<u>Item &amp; Nonenclature</u>	<u>Qty</u>
12070	Clip board, file M-167 (El)	12
13610	Scale, drafting (Eng)	1
13700	Straightedge, draftmans(Eng)	1

## Class II Type 1 (Engineer)

30490	Drafting equipment set, company	1
30510	Drafting instrument set	1
30780	Lettering set	1

## General Supply Items Class II Type 1

44230	Calculating machine non listing electrical operated	1
44300	Case BC-5	15
44310	Case Map and Photograph	3
44350	Chair, folding w/arms	12
44890	File set, office record	2
44920	Filing cabinet, w/ Combination lock	2
44930	File, visible index cabinet	1
45400	Lantern set, gasoline illuminating equipment	4
45560	Office supply set, field desk	11
45650	Office supply set, field typewriter 11 in	3
45660	Office supply set, field typewriter 18-20 in	1
46780	Tent, Command Post, (M-1945)	4
46790	Tent, General purpose medium	1
46410A	Tent, Pyramidal type	1

## Motor Transport

50910	Trailer, Amphibious M-100 $\frac{1}{2}$ ton	2
51570	Truck, utility $\frac{1}{2}$ ton M38A1	2

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**RECOMMENDED T/O FOR COMMUNICATION PLATOON FOR**

LINE	BILLET DESCRIPTION	RANK	NCC MOS	NOTE	WPN	OFF	ENL
1	Communication Platoon						
2	Platoon Headquarters						
3	Platoon Commander / Communication Officer	Captain		2502		P	1
4	Communication Chief / Platoon Sgt	MSgt		2529		P	
5	Radio Technician	Sgt		2661		P	
6	Telephone / Teletype Technician	Sgt		2611		P	
7	KW-7 Telecommunications Cryptographic Repairman	Cpl		2622		R	
8	Supply Administrative Man	Cpl		3041		R	
9	Totals						1
10	Communication Center Section						
11	Communication Center Officer	Lt		2502		P	1
12	Communication Center Chief	Cysgt		2543		P	
13	Cryptographic Chief	MSgt		2561		P	
14	Cryptographer	Sgt		2561		P	
15	Communication Center Supervisor	MSgt		2543		P	
16	Message Center Man	Cpl		2543		R	
17	Message Center Man	LCpl/FFC		2543		R	
18	Teletypewriter Operator	LCpl/FFC		2541		R	
19	Total						1

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## Recommended T/E for NCC Communication Platoon

<u>T/A Nr</u>	<u>Item Nomenclature</u>	<u>Qty</u>
20050	Amplifier Power Supply AM-598A/U	2
20120	Antenna RC-292	2
20130	Axle RL-27B	1
20170	Cable Assembly Power Elect. JB-110	2
20230	Cable Telephone MX-306A/G	30
20260	Cable Telephone WD-1/TT on RL-159	15
20400	Cleaner Vacuum HD-44B	1
20410	Clock Marine Mechanical TD-15	1
20450	Control Radio Set AN/GRA-6	6
20760	Generator 30 KW 60 CPS or	2
20820	Generator Set De Tlr Mrd PU-239	2
21010	Generator Signal AN/URM-48	1
21190	Intercommunications set AN/GIC-1	1
21260	Key Telegraph J-45	2
21370	Motor Generator 3 KW, 400 CPS	2
21450	Multimeter TS-505	1
21650	Power Supply PP-388/u	2
21680	Public Address Set AN/TIP-1A	1
21930	Radio Set AN/GRC-7	1
21980	Radio Set AN/MRC-38	1
22040	Radio Set AN/MRC-83	1
22060	Radio Set AN/PRC-6	6
22090	Radio Set AN/PRC-9	4
22100	Radio Set AN/PRC-10	6
22120	Radio Set AN/TRC-75	2
	Radio Set AN/PRC-47	3
22180	Communication Central AN/TSC-15	1
22280	Receiver Radio R-390/URR	1
22390	Receiving Set Radio AN/URR-23A	1
22450	Reel Unit RL-31E	1
22560	Signal Assembly Switchboard TA-207/P	1
22660	Switchboard Telephone Manual SB-86/PT	1
22670	Telegraph Terminal Group AN/TCGL4	6
22680	Telephone Set EE-8	45
22770	Teletypewriter Set AN/GGC-3	4
22780	Teletypewriter Set AN/TGC-6 or	
	Teletypewriter Set AN/TGC-14	6
22800	Terminal Board TM-184	6
22810	Terminal Box TA-125/GT	6
22880	Test Set Electron Tube TV-7B	1
	Tool Kit TK-122	1
23200	Tool Kit AN/USM-15	1

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Electronics Items Class II Type 2

<u>T/A No</u>	<u>Item Nomenclature</u>	<u>Qty</u>
12070	Clipboard File M-167	6
12170	Pole, lance PO-2	50
12190	Rod Ground GP-16	4
12210	Staple Wiring IW-6	6
12220	Tags Blank Assorted Colors	5000
12260	Tool Kit TE-33	15

Engineer Items Class II type 2

<u>T/A No</u>	<u>Item Nomenclature</u>	<u>Qty</u>
13060	Belt Safety Industrial	3
13210	Climbers Pole LC-241/U	3

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## Additional Electronics Equipment

1. The below listed items of electronics equipment are not authorized allowances on the current T/E of a Communication Battalion, however this equipment would enhance the reliability of the telephone/teletype communication system within the III Marine Amphibious Force and it is recommended that it be authorized and procured earliest :

## a. Manual Telephone Central Office AN/TTC-9

FSN: 5805 - 538 - 0248, Cost \$13,030.00

The Telephone Central Office, AN/TTC-9 will greatly improve the quality of telephone service. In addition, it will provide the convenience of cradle type common battery telephone instruments. The capacity for sixty (60) common battery subscribers, and thirty (30) magneto subscribers or trunking service will allow sufficient telephone service for the anticipated expansion of the MAF Headquarters.

## b. Telephone TP-6A

FSN: 5805 - 224 - 5353, Cost \$9.50 ea

The telephone TP-6A, a common battery, cradle type instrument, when used with the Telephone Central Office, AN/TTC-9 will greatly improve the voice quality of our telephone system and afford subscribers the convenience of signaling the operator by lifting the receiver. To "break down" the call upon completion, the subscriber places the receiver on the cradle switch. No "ring off" is required. A total of sixty instruments (TP-6A) are required to provide this service for the MAF Headquarters. Total Cost \$570.00

## c. Air Conditioning unit, A-60, 60,000 BTU:

FSN: 4120 - 679 - 5578

The sophisticated on-line cryptographic equipment employed by Marine units within Vietnam requires operating spaces that are secure and screened from viewing by unauthorized personnel. They also require an ambient temperature of about 70° F otherwise they will malfunction. To meet the above requirements, the procurement of air conditioning units is mandatory. Not only to off-set the effects of ambient temperature generated within an enclosed operating space, but to dissipate heat created by operating cryptographic and teletypewriter equipments. The procurement of six air conditioning units would provide two for the MAF Classified Communication Center, One for the Division, One each for Phu Bai and Chu Lai, and One spare.

It is assumed that the cost of the air conditioning units would be nominal, since the ones now in operation (by MAF- 16(-)) were procured as Army surplus, with a cost of approximately \$600.00 per unit for a modification kit.

d. The air conditioning unit A-60 requires a primary power source of 208V, 400 CPS. Therefore, to provide adequate reliable power for sustained operation, and to permit the closing down for preventive maintenance, six generators, diesel PU-344 are required. These generators are available within the supply system at a cost of \$2,600.00 per unit.

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HEADQUARTERS  
III Marine Amphibious Force  
c/o PFC, San Francisco, California 96601

110/BLP/333  
2000  
11 June 1965

MEMORANDUM

From: Communication-Electronics Officer  
To: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4

Subj: Communications Personnel and Equipment for Naval Component Command

Encl: (1) Recommended T/E for Naval Component Command Communication Platoon

1. In accordance with instruction from Chief of Staff, enclosure (1) is a T/O and T/E requested for Communication Section of Naval Component Command. This represents the Marine personnel and equipment that would be operating in a non-Marine billet.

PLATOON HQ QUARTERS (1-2)

1 Capt - 2502  
1 1st Lt - 2529  
1 Sgt - 2561  
1 Sgt - 2511  
1 Cpl - 2522  
1 Cpl - 2541

COMM CENTER SECTION (1-20)

1 Lt - 2500  
1 Cysgt - 2543  
1 Ssgt - 2561  
2 Sgt - 2561  
2 Ssgt - 2543  
2 Cpl - 2543  
6 LCpl-PFC - 2543  
6 LCpl-PFC - 2541

PLATOON TOTAL 2-47

RADIO SECTION (0-14)

1 SSgt - 2539  
1 Sgt - 2533  
3 Cpl - 2533  
3 LCpl-PFC - 2533  
6 LCpl-PFC - 2531

WIRE SECTION (0-2)

1 Sgt - 2511  
1 Cpl - 2511  
6 LCpl-PFC - 2511

B. E. PAFFORD

110/NSP/333  
5900  
13 June 1965

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FIRST ENDORSEMENT on CO (Account No. 23200) Comm Spt Co, MCF, 1tr EBR/4jh  
over 5500 of 7Jun65

From: Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force  
To: Chief of Naval Operations  
Via: (1) Commanding General, 23FPAO  
(2) Commandant of the Marine Corps

Subj: Temporary Increase of Crypto Allowance; request for

1. Forwarded.

REGAN FULLER  
Chief of Staff

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ENCLOSURE (9)

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COMMUNICATION SUPPORT COMPANY, FMP  
 Headquarters Battalion  
 3d Marine Division (Reinforced) (Forward), FMP  
 FPO, San Francisco, California 96601

FBH/djh  
 5500  
 7 Jun 1965

From: Commanding Officer, (Account Number 23200)  
 To: Chief of Naval Operations

Via: (1) Commanding General, III MAF  
 (2) Commanding General, FMP PAC  
 (3) Commandant of the Marine Corps

Subj: Temporary Increase of Crypto Allowance; request for

Ref: (a) Admin'g FMPAC 030347ZMay (INFO)  
 (b) Para 604, FMP AF

1. Reference (a), required deployment of 15 KM-7's and 4 KM-8's to West PAC with Communication Company(-) Main, 7th Communication Battalion.
2. Subject equipment is located at DaNang, Vietnam and signed on local custody from Commanding Officer, 7th Communication Battalion, account number 33521. Commanding Officer, 7th Communication Battalion no longer has operational or administrative control of this equipment. Communication Support Company, FMP is presently employing this equipment in support of Commanding General, III MAF.
3. Request permission to transfer subject equipment on a temporary basis to Commanding Officer, Communication Support Company, FMP, account number 23200.
4. In accordance with reference (b), the following information is submitted:
  - (a) Number of personnel assigned Cryptographic duties:
 

95 Communication personnel from Communication Support Company, FMP
  - (b) Availability of secure storage. The equipment will be stowed inside an S-126 shelter FSN 5410-504-1547. The van presently holds the FMP allowance of Communication Support Company and is provided with military armed guard protection.
  - (c) Geographic location of the Command - DaNang, Viet Nam
  - (d) Estimate of Encrypted incoming traffic 18,000  
 Estimate of Encrypted outgoing traffic 4,600

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(e) Specific nature of the duty: The equipment is to be employed in operation of the III MAF Communication Center which is located within the U. S. Marine Corps Compound at Danang

(f) Estimated length in months of temporary increase - Unknown

(g) Additional information unique to the request: No increase in the allowance of this command will be necessary to support this equipment.

E. H. HART

Copy to: CG, 7th Com'n

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 III Marine Amphibious Force  
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 16 June 1965

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MEMORANDUM

From: Communication-Electronics Officer  
 To: Commanding Officer, Communication Support Company, Fleet Marine Force  
 Subj: SECNAV Visit  
 Ref: (a) CINCPACFLT 142152

1. Reference (a) directed all HI Communication Voice Stations be alert to handle traffic when called for service during Honorable Paul H. NITZE, SECNAV visit 14-19 June 1965.
2. During the period Mr. NITZE is in Vietnam you will insure any traffic received is delivered to the SECNAV party. Telephones, tactical radio circuits or helicopters may be used to ensure traffic delivery.
3. You are directed to be prepared to handle traffic during the period listed below:

Dakong	170730 - 172345
Chu Lai	180030 - 180245
Saigon	180730 - 190730
Tan Son Nhut	190740 - 190750
Vung Tau	190830 - 191030
TSN	191110 - 191130

SECNAV Call Sign (Personal) "Iron Horse"  
 SECNAV Aircraft "Hats Jet 24127"

F. G. DODSON

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 Correspondence  
 110A/BEP/JJJ  
 2000  
 18 June 1965

From: Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force  
 To: Commanding General, Third Marine Division  
 Commanding General, First Marine Air Wing

Subj: AN/MRC-80 Circuit DaNang to Chu Lai; Channelization of

Ref: (a) COMUSMACV 120532Z

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following channelization on subject circuit is assigned:

a. Voice:

- ✓(1) 2 CU MOMENT (PMAW) to OXWOOD (MAG-12) (W).
- ✓(2) 2 CU SHOVE (THIRD MARDIV) to AFTERGLOW (4TH MAR) (D).
- (3) 4096 Base Operations Chu Lai to Saigon ARTCC (W).
- (4) 1 SU approach control Chu Lai to MONKEY Mountain (W).
- (5) 1 SU approach control Chu Lai to DaNang Base Operations (W).
- ✓(6) 1 SU MAW G-3 to MAG-12 S-3 (W).
- ✓(7) 1 SU Division FSCC to 4th Marines FSCC (D).
- ✓(8) 1 SU Division G-3 to 4th Marines S-3 (D).

b. Teletype:

- (1) 1 FDUX III MAF to 4th Marines (SPLIT)(D)(W).
- (2) DULFZ 258 (AUTODIN) routing (III MAF).
- (3) 1 FDUX CHU LAI/AF WX Relay TSN (W).

2. Those channels denoted by (W) and (D) will be extended from AN/MRC-80 terminals to the desired location by the First Marine Air Wing and Third Marine Division respectively except those noted paragraphs 1A(3), 1A(5), and 1B(2).

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3. The FDUK circuit III Marine Amphibious Force to 4th Marines will be divided and Division and Wing each will operate a simplex circuit to their subordinate units located at Chu Lai.

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By direction

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 III Marine Amphibious Force  
 c/o PPO San Francisco, California 96601

110A/BMF/JJJ  
 2000  
 19 June 1965

MEMORANDUM

Subj: Planned Employment of Communication Company, 7th Communication  
 Battalion and Communication Support Company

## 1. Recommend that:

a. That Communication Company be phased into III Marine Amphibious Force Command Post and assume the communication responsibilities as assigned by their mission.

b. That Communication Support Company, Fleet Marine Force, be phased out of III Marine Amphibious Force Communication facilities and furnish augmentation as needed at Chu Lai, Phu Bai and Okinawa.

## 2. Recommended method of accomplishing above recommendations:

a. Communication Company presently has Communication Center Platoon (-) and wire Platoon in III Marine Amphibious Force Command Post. Retain these here and bring the Radio Platoon, Radio Relay attachment, and maximum communication center personnel as can be spared from Okinawa. Communication Company (-) (acjn) prepares the communication facility for the new III Marine Amphibious Force Command Post and commences the operation augmented as required by Communication Support Company, Fleet Marine Force.

b. On order Communication Support Company (-) closes DaNang and returns to Okinawa.

c. Concur with the Communication Center personnel phasing as described Commanding General Third Marine Division (Forward) 100316Z June as modified by Commanding General Third Marine Division 170132Z June.

3. Also concur with the employment of 7th Communication Battalion as listed enclosure (1) to CMO memorandum of 5 June 1965 (Subject: III MAF I/O and T/E retirements, submission of).

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20 June 1965

From: Communication-Electronics Officer  
To: Commander, Detachment 5, 1964th Communication Group, DaNang

Subj: Dial Telephone Service; request for

1. It is requested that the following dial telephone service be provided:

- a. Install an extension off 6100 in the III Marine Amphibious Force Chief of Staffs quarters, room 13, senior BOQ.
- b. Install a switch in the III Marine Amphibious Force Command Center with extensions of 6100 and 6383 terminated.
- c. Silence the ringer on extension 6100 located in the Commanding Generals quarters.

2. Contact this office for details, phone III Marine Amphibious Force, extension 110.

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20 Jun 65

From: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2  
To: Comm-Elect-Officer, III MAF

Subj: Distribution of messages

Ref: (a) UR MSG 180551Z May, Confidential

1. It is requested that reference (a) be modified to include the following organizations:

MAG - Twelve  
HMM - Two Six One  
VMFA-Five One Three  
HMM - One Six One  
Third MED Bn.  
Third MT Bn.  
First Bn, Ninth Marines

2. It is requested that the following organizations be deleted from reference (a).

VMFA-Five Three One  
HMM -One Six Three  
Third Bn, Ninth Marines

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COMMUNICATION SUPPORT COMPANY, FMP  
 Headquarters Battalion  
 3d Marine Division (Reinforced)(Forward) FMP  
 FPO, San Francisco, California 96601

EBH/wc  
 2900  
 20 June 1965

From: Commanding Officer  
 To: Communications-Electronic Officer, III MAF  
 Subj: Requirements for Pole Line Construction

1. Following are estimates of the minimum requirements for installing adequate telephone/teletype service between the present III MAF CP and the proposed 3dMarDiv(Fwd) CP. This estimate is based on doing the job in the simplest manner possible considering material and personnel resources available.

a. Seven 40 foot wooden poles, required to obtain required height through the "Dog Patch" area.

b. 200 Steel extendable poles (27 feet) or 30 foot wooden poles. (We can use up to 500 of these poles if they are available).

c. Cable; either of the following, listed in order of preference:

- (1) 15 Miles of 10 pair rubber covered
- (2) 30 Miles of 5 pair rubber covered.
- (3) 75 Miles of "Spiral-4".
- (4) 150 Miles of WD-1/TT

d. Use of an earth auger for approximately one week.

e. Direct liaison with civil affairs representatives to obtain clearance for erecting poles on private property.

2. It is estimated that construction can be completed within two weeks from receipt of materials.

3. Based on information presently available it is estimated that displacement of the III MAF Command Post will require installation of 100 cable pair between the present CP (general vicinity) and the new CP. This installation should be made using lead covered cable and will involve a river crossing. It is recommended that this installation be performed by a heavy construction platoon or by commercial contract.

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21 June 1965

MEMORANDUM

From: Communication-Electronics Officer  
To: Chief of Staff

Subj: Telephone; request for

Ref: (a) Your Memo to Protocol Officer of 16 June 1965

1. In accordance with reference (a), unable to install another Falcon Telephone for Protocol Officer at this time due to trunk shortage on the Falcon Switchboard.

2. This telephone request has been assigned number 16 on the priority waiting list.

F. C. DODSON

Copy to:  
Protocol Officer

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22 June 1965

From: Communication-Electronics Officer  
To: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2

Subj: Message Delivery

Ref: (a) My 180551Z May  
(b) My 190740Z  
(c) Your ltr Ser No. 2: J&D:mac of 28 Jun 65

1. Reference (a) designated those units to receive messages when III Marine Amphibious Force (RVN) and III Marine Amphibious Force (Collective) addresses are used. Reference (b) cancelled the utilization of III Marine Amphibious Force (RVN) address. Reference (c) requested a modification of reference (a).
2. Assume reference (c) proposes a modification to paragraph 1A of reference (a). Due to cancellation of paragraph 1A of reference (a) by reference (b) no action deemed appropriate.

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2000  
22 June 1965

MEMORANDUM

From: Communication-Electronics Officer  
To: Communication-Electronics Officer, Third Recon Battalion

Subj: Profane Language on Radio Circuits

1. COMSEC 703 Detachment "A" report of 16 June 1965 reveals that improper language was used on a Radio Circuit between Commanding Officer "A" Company and Platoon Commander of 1 ALPHA 6.

2. Paragraph 530 DNC-5B, United States Naval Communication Instructions states "The prohibition of profanity, obscenity, and unauthorized transmissions on Naval Communications Circuits is essential to circuit discipline and transmission security."

3. Proper training of Communication Personnel and your Battalion Staff on these matters can do much to alleviate this problem. Suggest that their attention be called to section 326 of the Federal Communication Act of 1934 which states in part "Whoever utters any obscene, indecent or profane language by means of Radio Communication shall be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned not more than 2 years or both."

F. C. DONSON

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110B/RGH  
2000  
23 June 1965

From: Communication-Electronics Officer  
To: Commanding Officer, Communication Support Company

Subj: Communication-Electronics Section Duty Officer

1. There will no longer be a formal duty officer in this section from 1900 to 0700.
2. There will be a clerk on duty to take all calls and notify the proper personnel in emergencies and unusual situations.
3. All changes in circuit status will continue to be reported to this section as they occur.
4. If unusual occurrences or for some other reason aid is desired from the CEO Section the following personnel may be contacted in the order listed.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ROOM</u>
Major H. R. KELLY	14, Junior BOQ
Col F. C. DODSON	22, Senior BOQ
Capt R. E. PATFORD	01, Junior BOQ

F. C. DODSON

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c/o FPO San Francisco, California 96601

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5000  
23 June 1965

MEMORANDUM

From: Communication-Electronics Officer  
To: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3

Subj: Report Annex to III MAF Operation Order; Inclusion of information for

Ref: (a) Your Memo 103/WFM/lpf of 21 June 1965

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following information from the Communication-Electronics portion should be incorporated in the Reports Annex:

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>FREQUENCY</u>	<u>DUE DATE</u>	<u>PREPARED BY</u>	<u>SUBMIT TO</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Frequency Usage Report	Quarterly	Jan, Apr Jul, Oct	All units Bn and above plus Sep Bns	CNO	OPNAV INST 02/10 VB	NONE
Encrypted Traffic Report	Monthly	By 5th	All units holding allowance	DIRNSA	KAC-1C	NONE
Traffic Diagrams	As changes Occur	Same	All units maintaining switchboard	III MAF	Annex "M"	NONE
Circuit Diagrams	As changes Occur	Same	All units maintaining switchboard	III MAF	Annex "N"	NONE
Security Violations	As Occur	Same	Unit that Violates or Compromises	See Pertinent Instr.	KAC-1C	NONE
Comm Center Status	12 hours	Every 12 Hours	CEO III MAF	CG FMFPAC	CG FMFPAC 262209Z May	NONE

F. G. DODSON

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 III MARINE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE  
 c/o FPO San Francisco, California 96601

110/HRK/lg  
 25 Jun 1965

MEMORANDUM

From: Communication-Electronics Officer  
 To: Assistant Chief of Staff G-4

Subj: Communication requirement for support of III MAF relocation to Danang East

1. Facilities required by this section for housing and operation of communication personnel and equipment in the Danang East area are as follows:

a. Billeting and working space - Space is required for the following:

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
(1) CEO Section	7	8
(2) HQ Co, 7th CommBn	11	108
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(6) CommSptCo, FMF	10	223

Office space in the Headquarters Compound is required for the Communication-Electronics Officer Section only. Other units may work from tents in conducting normal Company Administration, Logistics and Maintenance.

b. Antenna Site - Radio, Radio Relay and attached Navy ATGU 100A Radio Station will require approximately five acres of relatively clear, unobstructed flat terrain which is suitably located for remoting circuits into the Marine Amphibious Force Command Post. This area must be secure and free of fuel and ammunition, and divided into not more than two separate sites.

c. Communication Center Area - Communication Center requires a building of approximately 4000 square feet of floor space. This building is to provide security, protection from weather and other elements and capable of being air conditioned.

d. Motor Pool Parking Area - A vehicle parking and maintenance area is required to accommodate approximately 300 communication vehicles, vans and generators.

e. Tentage Required - To house the above, a total of 78 GP tents are required for billeting and 100 GP tents for equipment storage and maintenance facilities.

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2. The above pertains only to real estate and housing requirements as visualized at this time.
3. In connection with the above, it is strongly recommended that fixed plant type electrical power generating equipment be programmed as early as possible to support not only the Communication Center but also the entire III Marine Amphibious Force Complex at DaNang East. At present there is no equipment in this area to satisfy this requirement.
4. Additional telephone, telegraph and other associated equipment needed to install the required communications facilities at the new Marine Amphibious Force Command Post location will be the subject of separate correspondence.

F. C. DODSON

Lt HOWE

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From: Commanding General  
To: Commanding General, Third Marine Division (Fwd) (Attn: CEO)

Subj: Frequency Assignment

1. The following frequencies are assigned for use in the Hue-Phu Bai area. Maximum power be 16 watts with 36F3 emission.

22.2 MCS	26.0 MCS
25.2 MCS	26.4 MCS
25.4 MCS	26.7 MCS
25.6 MCS	26.9 MCS

2. When specific assignments are made, inform this Headquarters (Attn: CEO) as soon as possible thereafter.

3. Any interference experienced with these frequencies will be reported to this Headquarters (Attn: CEO) immediately.

F. C. DODSON  
By direction

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 III Marine Amphibious Force  
 c/o FPO San Francisco, California 96601

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 26 June 1965

MEMORANDUM

From: Communication-Electronics Officer  
 To: Chief of Staff

Subj: Message service improvement; recommendation for

1. This office has been analyzing requests for message services since the reduction of the "Service" backlog approximately one week ago. The majority of service requests are on messages in excess of three pages with alfa-numerical complexity and multiple addresses. An illustrative case is the Daily Sitrep which is normally in excess of twelve pages and 14 addreses. The mechanics of getting the SITREPS out has been revised so that it is out within a couple of hours from time of file. Without fail "Service" requests from any combination of the fourteen addreses start rolling in after twelve hours and continue up to four days after transmit time.

2. When a Re-Run on Service is transmitted, the complete message is sent to all addreses regardless of who requested the Service. In most cases we send as many as four Re-Runs, yet Services continue to come in on the same message.

3. If the above situation continues we will again become hopelessly bogged down with a backlog of "Services". This situation is begining to creep up on us now.

4. As a solution to the problem it is proposed to insert a notation at the end of each SITREP or similar message, "Do not Service this message, all addreses protected by follow up Air Mail Delivery". Procedures for implementing this are as follows:

a. Command Center delivers the SITREP to the Communication Center where Date-Time-Group is assigned and eighteen (18) copies are immediately reproduced, four (4) copies are returned to the Command Center for distribution and the remaining fourteen (14) copies are delivered to S&C files for Air Mail delivery to all addreses.

5. Close coordination will be affected between Communication Center and S&C files to allow for the preparation of envelopes, correct mailing addresses etc. by the S&C office.

F. C. DODSON

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27 Jun 1965

MEMORANDUM

From: Communication-Electronics Officer  
To: Secret and Confidential Officer

Subj: Courier Service

Ref: (a) Chief of Staff, III MAF Memo dtd 26Jun65

1. Reference (a) informed this section that commencing 5 July regular courier service to Saigon will be established.
2. Request that the S&C Officer inform the Communication-Electronics Officer, RPS Custodian Communication Support Company, PAF and Officer-In-Charge, Communication Center of the courier service schedule when established.
3. Also request that the assigned courier report to the Communication-Electronics Officer and Officer-In-Charge, of the Communication Center for pick up of materials prior to each departure.

H. R. KELLY  
By direction

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Lt HOWE

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From: Communication-Electronics Officer  
 To: Commanding Officer, Communication Support Company, FMF  
 Subj: Command Communication Net  
 Ref: (a) CG FMFPAC 260026Z

- Reference (a) requests stations activate subject net to provide voice/ratt on line communications capability for Commanding General Fleet Marine Force Pacific during inflight periods of West Pacific trip.
- III Marine Amphibious Force has responsibility of entering subject net on the following times (all times ZULU June/July)

291720Z - 300250Z (Wake - Sangley Point)  
 302200Z - 010105Z (Sangley Point - Danang)  
 030030Z - 030200Z (Danang - Saigon)  
 032330Z - 040525Z (Saigon - Kadana)

- The following frequencies and Call Signs will be used on subject net:
  - Frequency Data:

<u>Designator</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>MISSION</u>	<u>USE</u>
M1	3051.5	3A3J	Airborne/Ok1/Jap/Danang
M2	3152.5	3A3J/3A7J	Airborne/Kaneohe
M3	4740.5	3A3J	Airborne/Kaneohe
M4	6691.5	3A3J/3A7J	Airborne/Kaneohe/Ok1/Jap/Danang
M5	9011.5	3A3J/3A7J	Airborne/Kaneohe
M6	9037.5	3A3J	Airborne/Ok1/Jap/Danang
M7	11202.5	3A3J	Airborne/Ok1/Jap/Danang
M8	13258.5	3A3J/3A7J	Airborne/Kaneohe
M9	15028.5	3A3J/3A7J	Airborne/Kan/Ok1/Jap/Danang

b. M9 Primary, M4 Secondary for initial voice contact. Airborne terminal assigned net control.

c. Ratt will be 60 words per minutes.

d. Call Signs as follows will be used:

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Call Sign</u>	<u>Ratt</u>
Airborne Terminal	Birdcall	Z06K

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e. Effective edition of KAK 2643 will be used.

4. Request you install communication capability in III Marine Amphibious Force Communication Center for operation of subject net for this Command.

F. C. DODSON

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NAVAL COMPONENT COMMANDER  
III Marine Amphibious Force  
FPO San Francisco 96601

J.S:wee  
2000  
27 June 1965

MEMORANDUM

From: Communications Officer  
To: Communication-Electronics Officer, III MAF  
Subj: Communication Requirements NCC Units  
Ref: (a) CG III MAF 260218Z

1. In accordance with reference (a) and personal conversation your office the following information is submitted.

a. NCC Headquarters

- (1) Growth of offices requires more telephones, my letter of 5 June refers.
- (2) Request additional VHF frequency for NCC Mobile Net.

b. 30th NCR

- (1) Request one (1) voice circuit with MCB 10 (Chu Lai).
- (2) Request one (1) voice circuit with DOIGC SEA (Saigon).

c. TG 76.4

- (1) Request two (2) HF frequencies (2-12 MCS).
- (2) Request three (3) VHF frequencies (27-38.9 MCS).

J. E. SALLIS

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From: Communication-Electronics Officer  
To: Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force  
Subj: Assignment of Field Grade Officers - Communication-Electronics  
Function Field  
Encl: (1) Recommended Assignments LtCol/Major Field Grade Officers-CED  
Billets MAF/3rdMarDiv/TF-79

1. Enclosure (1) is a proposed assignment of incoming field grade Officers for Communication-Electronics Officer billets at III Marine Amphibious Force, 3rd Marine Division, Task Force-79 and the separate Communication Companies supporting III Marine Amphibious Force.
2. Recommend you approve.

Very Respectfully

F. G. DODSON

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Recommended Assignments LtCol/Major  
Field Grade Officers-CED Billets MAF/3rdMarDiv/TF-79

July

Assign LtCol BRYANT Add Duty TF-79 CED pending arrival  
Major IRONS

TF-79

Assign Maj M. E. IRONS to TF-79

9thMar

Assign Maj D. L. COX as replacement Maj HERN

12thMar

Assign Capt OGDEN as interim replacement for Maj SCHULTZ  
On arrival Maj FOGARTY in September assign to 12th Marines

August

Div CED (Fwd)

Assign LtCol H. A. F. VANDERHYDE

CommSuptCo

Assign Maj D. L. MURPHY as replacement Maj HART

Div CommCo

Assign Maj F. E. CLARK as replacement Maj DRISCOLL  
Reassign Maj DRISCOLL to Asst Div CED (Fwd)

3rdMar

Assign Maj J. E. CLARK as replacement Maj BURIN

III MAF

Assign replacement for Capt PAFFORD to III MAF as Asst CED

September

12thMar

Assign Maj FOGARTY as replacement Capt OGDEN reassign Capt  
OGDEN

FSR

Assign Maj LEIGH as replacement Capt POZZA

October

Assign Maj BUDNIAK to III MAF as Asst CED

Assign Maj HOUHE to III MAF as Asst CED

Assign Maj GRAY to CO CommCo 7th CommBn

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DISCUSSION PAPER - CG FMFPAC VISIT 1-3 JULYCOMMUNICATION FACILITIESGeneral:

The current communication posture of the III MAF/NCC is considered to be barely satisfactory. The underlying causes for classifying our situation as being barely satisfactory are many and varied. The principal causes or conditions are:

a. Disposition of Forces. Communications must be provided over a geographical area which tasks our organic equipment beyond its optimum operating range and requirements exceed the design capability of the equipment. For example, communication channels are required from the III MAF/NCC/3d MarDiv/wing Headquarters DaNang - Chu Lai and DaNang - Phu Bai. Distances involved to these areas, coupled with the lack of secured areas between preclude achieving maximum performance of equipment such as the MRC-62 Radio Relay Set.

b. Climate Conditions. Heat, humidity and dust plus twenty four hour operation have caused unexpected breakdowns in operation and unpredicted demands for spare parts on our supply system.

c. Supply Support. As noted in paragraph (b) above our supply demand for support of teletype equipment parts, generator parts, consumable supplies to support the Communication Center and other communication facilities has not been met. As a result, to sustain operations some selective cannibalization of equipments has been authorized to maintain minimum operations.

d. Adequate Power Supply. Communication equipment in our system requires either 60 cycle or 400 cycle power. Generators authorized and in use have not proven satisfactory for sustained operations. There

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is a requirement for larger generators designed to supply a stable power supply which would assure us of an adequate and reliable power source, i.e. constant 60 cycle and no fluctuation in voltage. This becomes critical in operating FDUX covered teletype circuits.

e. Incompatibility of Equipment to Meet Long Haul Requirements. Our communication facilities have employed tactical equipment on long haul DCS circuitry assigned. To date the equipment has been a constant source of trouble. Basically, we are attempting to compete in a long haul system utilizing fixed plant equipment with tactical equipment not suited to the job. Suitable equipment has been requested by III MAF 060504Z June 65 and III MAF 260810Z June 65.

f. Air Conditioning. Certain of our equipments were designed to operate within certain temperature, humidity, and dust criteria. This is particularly true of cryptographic equipment and to a lesser degree of teletype equipments. These criteria may be exceeded for short periods of time but for continuous operation, adequate air conditioning is required. Our request has been submitted to your Headquarters and is being acted on.

Organization:

The III MAF CEO section as it currently is operating evolved from the TF 79/III MAF CEO section. It has been subsequently augmented by 2 officers so that to day it has 5 officers and 5 enlisted. A proposed CEO section of 7 officers and 8 enlisted is designed to provided the skills required to do the job of a force of this size or could transition to support of a MAG. There are certain skills we need now - these are: Communication Engineer - 2803; Avionics Officer - 6602.

Units supporting the MAF/NCC are the Comm Support Company FAF and a Comm Company (Reinf) 7th Comm Bn. As a general statement, these units will not be adequate for the long haul. What our support should be is still

under study however can foresee deployment of the 7th Comm Bn as a recommendation.

Facilities:

Presently all external and internal communication facilities are centered in the Headquarters area of III MAF - 3d Div - First Wing.

External circuitry serving this area are provided by Army and Air Force. The DCS circuitry assigned provides us a minimum capability. We have additional requirements for DCS circuitry to serve the Division and Wing separately from the MAF/NCC. These requirements have been discussed with MACV-J6, however, we can not formally request this service until we have the capability to terminate the circuitry. We have requirements for In Country long haul circuitry to Chu Lai and Phu Bai - some circuitry has been provided by MACV. Additional requirements for In Country facilities are being collected for submission to MACV-J6. Deployment of the ATCU LOOA has not proven to be the panacea which every one had expected. Lack of knowledge of its capabilities, site selection, site preparation, frequency interference problems and equipment failures have prevented us from obtaining full use of its capabilities.

Planned relocation of the III MAF and 3d DIV CP's has generated a requirement for wire and cable facilities beyond our normal equipment authorizations. Our requirements have been stated to your Headquarters by our message #60342Z Jun 65.

Steps to be initiated to improve service:

- a. Install fixed plant equipment for III MAF, 3d MarDiv and First Wing Headquarters Communication Centers.
- b. Obtain necessary DCS circuitry to support above.
- c. Establish separate Communication Centers for Division and Wing.
- d. Obtain adequate power and air conditioning.
- e. Obtain requirements and develop plans to meet requirements.
- f. Obtain critical skills.
- g. Obtain supply support and maintenance support required for the above.

Add to Par c, Supply Support. An additional example of the Communication-Electronics supply support problem is best illustrated by the case of the 3rd Marines. At the present time 3rd Marines have 257 unfilled requisitions. These requisitions cover the full spectrum of Communication Electronic items. Breakdown of priorities is as follows:

51 priority 02

46 priority 05

27 priority 12

133 priority 17

Similar examples may be cited for other units of III MAF.

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 30 Jun 1965

From: Commanding General  
 To: Major Hercules H. KELLY Jr. 048634/2502 U. S. Marine Corps  
 Subj: Cryptosecurity Officer; appointment of  
 Ref: (a) CG III MEF 1tr 110/SFA/sjw over 2221 of 9 Oct 1964  
 (b) KAG-1G/TGHE  
 (c) ACP-122B

1. Reference (a) is hereby cancelled.
2. In accordance with reference (b) and (c) you are hereby designated the Cryptosecurity Officer for this Headquarters.
3. You will be guided in the performance of your duties as set forth in paragraph 2002, chapter 2 of reference (b).

O. W. JONES  
 Deputy Chief of Staff

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 Command File  
 HPS Custodian

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COMBAT INFORMATION BUREAU  
III MARINE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE  
FPO, SAN FRANCISCO, 96601

CIB/WRD/rmp  
2 July 1965

From: Officer in Charge  
To: Assistant Chief of Staff G-3, III Marine Amphibious Force

Subj: Command Diary for June 1965; submission of

Ref: (a) Your memo dtd 26May65 same subject

Encl: (1) Photo Van; request for  
(2) ForceBul 5700 of 16Jun65  
(3) ForceBul 5700 of 24Jun65  
(4) ForceO 5721.1 of 27Jun65

1. The following report is submitted in accordance with the request contained in reference (a).

2. BACKGROUND. The Combat Information Bureau (CIB) was established on 11May65. This report is based on the first full month of operation of the CIB. This section has enjoyed much success in the past month. However, we still lack photographic processing capability. This is an important part of the operation. Enclosure (1) requests this capability from FMFPac. We have been set back in the field of radio because of a defective microphone with no replacement. This has been returned to FMFPac for repair. Our T/E submitted to CO, Hq, Hq.Co., dated 21Jun65 requests this section be authorized four (4) UHER 4000-S tape recorders with reproduction capability. We anticipate purchasing two of these machines as soon as FMFPac makes funds available. We will then forward raw tapes to FMFPac for editing.

3. OPERATION. Daily briefings of newsmen quartered at the Press Center are continuing. This practice has been expanded to include timely first reports as they occur. Daily intentions are screened by the OIC for security and presented to newsmen to assist them in obtaining complete and factual coverage of Marine activities. The appointment of CIB OIC as the area MACV-OI has proved to be a tremendous asset to the Marine Information program as evidenced by the number of Marine releases made during the month.

a. Press Conferences -- Gen. Walt held his first press conference at the Press Center, Da Nang. Arrangements were made by the CIB. The conference was termed a success by the newsmen present.

The Secretary of the Navy held a press conference in the ready room of 531. A photo and news release was distributed to media concerning his visit.

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b. Congressional Visit -- On 14 June several congressmen visited III MAF. Their visit was covered by CIB.

c. ISO Conference -- A conference of all Marine Information personnel in the Da Nang area was held at the Press Center. The mission of the CIB was explained. Personnel were then briefed on their role of support to this mission. Future meetings will be held as deemed appropriate by the OIC CIB.

d. OIC CIB attended a two-day meeting of MACV-OI personnel held in Saigon.

e. A total of 41 escorted trips were conducted for correspondents to Marine areas.

4. NEWS RELEASES. A total of 141 news releases were processed and disseminated by this office during the month. More than 90% of these releases pertained to the Marine Corps.

5. FHTNC RELEASES. CIB processed and forwarded 583 home town news releases with photographs and 1399 releases without art.

6. DISTRIBUTION. CIB now has a systematic distribution box (supplied by I Corps) with 60 outlets to news media. This has resulted in a saving of approximately four-man hours per day.

7. FORCE BULLETINS & ORDERS. Enclosure (2), Unit Press Kits, was published to obtain background information on organizations of III MAF. Enclosure (3), Style Guide, was published to assist units in the correct preparation of copy for dissemination. Enclosure (4), Action Reporting, was published as a guide to unit commanders for the prompt reporting of events or incidents which may have news value.

8. ADMINISTRATION. All administrative supply support, (paper, envelopes etc.) for the month of June was furnished by I Corps. This proved to be a sizeable request and I Corps called Saigon to verify support. We have 30-day expendable supplies from the Marine Corps on back order. This could become a problem area if I Corps decides they are giving us more than their share of support. A mimeograph machine for CIB was received from Okinawa. This increased the office productivity and eliminated at least one administrative run per day to MAF. Personnel - one clerk and two motor transport drivers reported to CIB for duty. This eliminates the necessity of 4312s performing these duties and allows them more time to devote to their specialty, news reporting.

9. PLANS. The CIB is consolidating all Force Orders and Bulletins pertaining to ISO matters. This will result in one Force Order and will become the MAF SOP for Informational Services.

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a. CIB is currently working on a plan to consolidate the Division and Wing ISO sections into the CIB. It is the opinion of the OIC that this plan will be feasible and will result in increased productivity for the Marine Corps with greater emphasis being placed on the Air/Ground team concept of the Marine Corps and the FHTN program. The plan envisions the assignment of photographers to this section in sufficient strength to carry out the mission of the CIB.

b. The original staff of the CIB, three officers and six enlisted is still in a TAD status. It is expected that FMFPac will make a determination this month as to their future status. If FMFPac decides to terminate their TAD, the mission of the CIB could be carried out under the combined shop proposed above.

c. The CIB is continuing with its overall objective of serving the Marine Corps and presenting its story to the world in the best possible light with the facts available to us.

  
Wm. R. DUNCAN

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8 June 1965

From: Commanding General  
To: Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

Subj: Photographic Processing Van; request for

1. It is requested that a photographic processing van be provided to this command to be employed under the control of the Officer in Charge, Combat Information Bureau, III MAF.

2. At present, no photographic processing capability exists within the Force headquarters. As a result, the many photographic requirements placed on the CIB must be passed to the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing and 3rd Marine Division photographic activities. These activities frequently are unable to provide the necessary support, both because of primitive facilities and the burden of operational requirements. Further, timeliness of news handling is lost, degrading the usefulness of the otherwise quality story material released by the CIB.

3. A standard photographic processing van could be placed within the inner courtyard of the downtown Da Nang building utilized by the CIB. Adequate main power and plumbing are available for proper installation.

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16 June 1965

FORCE BULLETIN 5700

From: Commanding General  
To: Distribution List

Subj: Unit Press Kits

Ref: (a) MCO P5720.44

1. Purpose. To compile unit press kits containing background material and current information of interest to news correspondents and official visitors to the command.
2. Background. Reference (a) requires commands to maintain a current file of unit histories, including suitable photographs. It further requires commands to furnish the Commandant of the Marine Corps with official biographies and portraits of officers in the rank of colonel and above.
3. Contents. Press kits will contain the following:
  - a. An official biography of the unit commander.
  - b. Photograph of the unit commander.
  - c. Copy of the unit history.
  - d. A selection of photographs which illustrate the mission of the unit.
  - e. Photographs (unclassified) which depict the major items of military equipment utilized by the unit, when possible in an action situation.
  - f. Such other material as the commander may wish to include.
4. Assistance. Unit commanders may obtain assistance and arrange for necessary photographic support from the Informational Services Officer of the 3rd Marine Division or the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, as appropriate.
5. Action. Organizations of this Force down to and including the battalion and squadron level will prepare press kits. Press kits are to be submitted to the III Marine Amphibious Force Combat Information Bureau (CIB) not later than 15 July 1965. The CIB requires three (3) copies of each complete press kit. Organizational commanders may find it useful to maintain additional copies of the press kit on file, to accommodate the requirements of visiting correspondents and official visitors. Certain specialized units below the battalion/squadron level may find it useful to prepare and maintain similar press kits, but compliance is voluntary at that level of command.

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*Regan Fuller*  
REGAN FULLER  
Chief of Staff

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ForceBul 5700  
CIB/bom  
24 JUN 1965

FORCE BULLETIN 5700

From: Commanding General  
To: Distribution List

Subj: News release style

Ref: (a) Force Bulletin 5721 over CIB/WRD/bom of 25 May 1965

Encl: (1) News release style guide  
(2) Sample story release  
(3) Sample accompanying art caption  
(4) Sample separate photo caption

1. Purpose. To reduce time lag in the processing of news releases by standardizing style and format. News copy requiring a minimum of editing at the Combat Information Bureau (CIB) will reach news media more rapidly than material requiring radical revision or re-writing.

2. General. News releases will continue to be processed in accordance with reference (a).

3. Action. Commands and organizations originating news releases, accompanying art and photo captions will submit them to the CIB in the style prescribed in enclosures (1) through (4), as applicable.

4. Self Cancellation. 30 November 1965.

  
REGAN FULLER  
Chief of Staff

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GUIDELINES FOR COPY STYLE TO BE USED BY CIB, III MAF

The following is not intended as a comprehensive style guide but rather as guidance for III MAF copyreaders on those facets peculiar to the Force at this time. Beyond these rules, writers will be guided by conventional journalistic English.

**HEADINGS:** Release heading format (see samples) will be identical for stories and those captions unaccompanied by stories. Captions which accompany stories will carry headings limited to:

Supporting Art  
MAF Release No: 10-65

**STORY CREDITS:** Each story will carry, below the MAF release number, the original writer's credit line, followed, in parentheses, by the originating organization's release number:

By: LCpl. Oscar Fraley  
(FMAW Release No. 13-65)

**PHOTO CREDITS:** Captions will be followed by:

(OFFICIAL USMC PHOTO by LCpl. Oscar Fraley)

**DATELINES:** As long as the current scope of operations prevails datelines will be one of three locations: DA NANG; CHU LAI; or HUE/PHU BAI, followed by "Vietnam," and the current date. Datelines will not include organizational identification. Should the Force in the future occupy other ground, an appropriate geographical dateline will be used.

**RANKS:** Except as noted below, abbreviate all ranks throughout when followed by full or last name; two-word abbreviations will be run together, with a period after the last letter of the second word, i.e., MajGen., 1stLt. When the rank begins the sentence, ordinal designators will be written in full with the second word joining and abbreviated, i.e., FirstSgt. The plural form of any abbreviated rank will be formed by adding apostrophe/s/ period ('s.), i.e., "Sgt's." to the singular. Exceptions: chief warrant officer, warrant officer and those three ranks peculiar to the Marine Corps will be written on first/second reference as follows: Chief Warrant Officer/CWO; Warrant Officer/WO; Lance Cpl./LCpl.; Gunnery Sgt./GySgt.; Master Gunnery Sgt./MGySgt.

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UNITS AND ORGANIZATIONS: "Company" and "Battalion" will be abbreviated when preceded by a designator ("A" Co., Ninth Regiment); however, separate companies and battalions will have their descriptive phrase spelled out in the first reference and abbreviated thereafter (3rd Antitank Bn. 3rd AT Bn.) To reduce cumbersome identifications, reference to battalions will be deleted in the cases of letter companies or batteries with regiments. "Battery," "Regiment," and "Division" will be spelled out in full. Squadrons will be spelled out in full, followed by a parenthetic abbreviation preceding the numerical designator, in the first reference, and abbreviated thereafter (Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron (HMM)-365; HMM-365). Air groups and wings will be spelled out in full on first reference, without parenthetic abbreviation, and abbreviated thereafter (1st Marine Aircraft Wing; 1st MAW). References to "the wing," "the battalion," etc., will be lower case.

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DA NANG, Vietnam, June 5 -- Using a U. S. Marine Corps-developed technique, 400 Vietnamese combined their helilifted assault with an amphibious landing by other Vietnamese troops to strike a suspected Viet Cong stronghold, it was reported here today.

Marine helicopters, jet fighters, observation aircraft and several Army "Huey" armed 'copters supported the operation which netted three VC dead, 23 captured and two automatic weapons.

Date of the battle was released as "in late May."

Three F4B "Phantom" jets of Marine Fighter Attack Squadron(VMFA)-531 softened the helicopter landing zones -- located 20 miles south of here on the South China Sea coast -- with bombs and rockets.

Minutes later, transport helicopters of Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron (HMM)-163 arrived on the scene, accompanied by two fixed-wing observation aircraft and nine of the deadly Huey escorts.

By noon, four hours later, the helilifted troops had linked with the amphibious force which had stormed ashore less than 10 miles away, and a broad-front sweep was underway.

At the end of the one-day operation, no friendly casualties were reported.

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ATTACK! -- Vietnamese Rangers leave U. S. Marine helicopters May 25 in a surprise attack against the Viet Cong which cost the VC 123 casualties. The battle took place between An Hoa and Ha Tan, 11 miles southeast of Da Nang. (OFFICIAL USMC PHOTO by 1stLt. A. J. Scaran).

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HOT DAWG! -- Sgt. John D. Sharp of "C" Co., Third Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, and Fallbrook, Calif., pauses in the Vietnamese brush to rub his aching feet. Sharp and thousands of other Marines spend countless hours trodding the rice paddies and jungles in pursuit of the Viet Cong. (OFFICIAL USMC PHOTO by SSgt. John S. Brown).

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FORCE ORDER 5721.1

From: Commanding General  
To: Distribution List

Subj: Action Reporting in Support of Informational Services

Ref: (a) MCO P5720.44  
(b) FMFPACO P5700.1C

1. Purpose. To obtain action reports with sufficient timeliness and detail to be useful as a basis for news reports, and to eliminate the need for return calls to subordinate units to acquire necessary supplementary information.
2. Background. Paragraph 1000.2 of reference (a) states: "Marine Corps commanders and individual Marines have a continuing obligation and responsibility to promote public understanding of the Marine Corps and otherwise to foster good public relations." Paragraph 1002.2b (1) of reference (b) states in part: "The recognition and fulfillment of the informational services objectives by each commander are vitally necessary to retain public confidence and maintain cordial relations with the civilian populace (foreign and domestic) and press representatives." The continued existence of the Marine Corps is entirely dependent upon the degree of public support it earns. That support, in turn, derives primarily from the picture the public receives of Marine Corps effectiveness in a combat situation.
3. Discussion. The III Marine Amphibious Force is a balanced force of combined arms, possessing the full spectrum of Fleet Marine Force combat capability. As such, it is a showpiece to the world, and particularly to the American public, of the ability of the U. S. Marine Corps to contribute effectively to the defense of the United States. This Force is in a position to influence, positively and forcefully, public support of the Marine Corps. To present effectively the actions of this Force to the American public, those actions must be offered to the news media rapidly, accurately and clearly.
4. Policy. The CIB will be quickly and fully informed of significant action in order that it may perform its vital mission. To avoid duplication of reports, the CIB will be informed through normal action reporting channels by prompt submission of spot reports and situation reports. By this means the accomplishments of this Force can be presented accurately to higher command echelons, and the legitimate requirement for timely and accurate presentation of news material to the American public can be fulfilled.

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5. Implementation. The activities of the III Marine Amphibious Force are presented to the American public through the medium of the Force Combat Information Bureau (CIB), which performs the dual functions of releasing news material to the press and of facilitating the activities of the many United States and foreign news correspondents who are present in this area. Within guidelines furnished by the Commanding General and higher authority, the CIB holds the staff responsibility to determine what material should properly be released to the press. The work of the CIB is supported and supplemented by the work of informational services sections at the division and wing command levels and by the work of Technical Information Officers (TIO's) and military reporters on assignment at subordinate command levels.

6. Action

a. Commanding Officers will ensure that their action reports are forwarded in a timely manner, and that the reports contain a complete picture of the action described.

b. Intermediate commanders will avoid reducing action reports to the point that they become unusable as source material for news reports.

  
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III MAF SITREP #31 312000H MAY TO 012000H JUNE 1965. *D*

I. INTELLIGENCE HIGHLIGHTS. VC ACTIVITY IN III MAF TAOR'S CONTINUES LIGHT WITH SPORADIC PROBES OF MARINE POSITIONS. SOURCES INDICATE VC HAVE 81MM MORTARS AND 75MM RR AT THE COMPANY LEVEL (REFER MY INTSUM #22).

II. III MAF OPERATIONS.

A. EIGHT A1 AIRCRAFT COMPRISING ELEMENTS OF TWO MARINE ATTACK SQUADRONS (WMA-225 AND WMA 311) LANDED AT CHU LAI COMMENCING 010501H AFTER A TWO HOUR FLIGHT FROM CUBI PT: <sup>WITH</sup> BEGAN OPERATIONS AT 011329H. A CLOSE AIR SUPPORT MISSION IN SUPPORT OF ARVN FORCES. FOUR AIRCRAFT WERE EMPLOYED ON A STRIKE SEVEN MILES SOUTHWEST OF CHU LAI TAOR, NEAR THE SONG TRA DONG RIVER IN WHICH A DEEP TRENCH LINE WITH INTERLOCKING TUNNELS VIC (BT 125089) WAS SATURATED. THE A1 ACFT UTILIZED JATO FOR TAKEOFF FROM THE 3600 FTOT COMPLETED PORTION OF THE SATS EXPEDITIONARY AIRFIELD AND ARRESTED CARRIER TYPE LANDINGS WERE MADE UTILIZING FOREST EQUIPMENT OF THE SATS.

B. MAGEN WALT HELD CONFERENCE WITH CG FIRST MAW IN ADDITION TO BRIEFINGS BY STAFFS' OF THIRD MARDIV AND FIRST MAW, THE III MAF <sup>AFFAIRS OFFICER,</sup> AND BY THE DIVISION SURGEON AND CHAPLAIN.

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C. BGEN MCCUTCHEON VISITED CHU LAI TO OBSERVE THE ARRIVAL OF THE FIRST FLIGHT ECHELONS OF MAG-12.

D. COLONEL BRUTZ, US ARMY, PROSPECTIVE SECRETARY OF THE COMUSMACV GENERAL STAFF VISITED III MAF HEADQUARTERS AND RECEIVED BRIEFINGS FROM III MAF AND FIRST MAW.

E. THIRD MARDIV.

A. THIRD MARINES (DANANG AND PHU BAI)

A. FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES LIFTED CO A TO SW SECTOR OF TAOR FOR PLAT SIZE PATROL OPNS. AT 011115H 2 VC OBSERVED AT COORD (AT 897648). PATROL FIRED M-60 MG AND 60MM MORTAR AND VC FLED TO SW. NO USMC CASUALTIES. NO FURTHER VC CONTACTS MADE. AT 011450H CO A WAS INADVERTANTLY FIRED UPON BY A US. ARMY UH-1B HELO AT COORD (AT 913643). FORTUNATELY THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES.

B. SECOND BN, THIRD MAR SENT PLAT SIZE PATROL TO SOUTHEAST FROM LE MY FORT (AT 898821) AND ESTAB SQUAD AMBUSH AT COORD (AT 89909). NO VC CONTACT.

C. THIRD BN, NINTH MAR. INDIA CO CONTINUES PATROL OPNS IN WEST SECTOR OF DANANG TAOR. 3 USMC WIA AT 311915H BY TRIP GRENADE AT COORD (AT 873713). ALL WOUNDS NON-SERIOUS AND TREATED BY CORPSMAN. BINH THAI AND SURROUNDING AREA (AT 8871) THOROUGHLY SEARCHED WITHOUT VC CONTACT. REMAINDER OF BN CONTINUED PROVIDING DANANG AIRFIELD PERIMETER SECURITY. TWO SQUAD PATROLS AROUND SOUTHERN PERIPHERY REPORTED NO VC CONTACT.

D. THIRD BN, FOURTH MAR SENT TWO PLT SIZE COMBAT PATROLS THRU GRID SQUARE (YD 8505) W/THIRD PLT IN BLOCKING POSITION AT (YD 840504).

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NO VC ENCOUNTERED. RECON PLT-PATROL VIC GRID SQUARE (YD 8211) ALSO DETECTED NO VC.

2. FOURTH MARINES (CHU LAI)

A. FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES. CO A WAS HELILIFTED BY HMM ONE SIX ONE TO COORD (BS 515982) AND IS CURRENTLY PATROLLING SECURED NIGHT DEFENSIVE POSITION AT COORD (BT 521971). <sup>CONDUCTED</sup> PLAT SIZE PATROL VIC GRID SQUARE (BT 5200) <sup>WITHOUT CONTACT</sup>. ROUTINE IMPROVEMENT OF DEFENSIVE POSITIONS THROUGHOUT REMAINDER OF TAOR. NO VC CONTACT IN TAOR.

B. SECOND BN FOURTH MARINES SENT SQUAD SIZE PATROLS FROM GRID SQUARE (BT 5212) TO (BT 5108) AND FROM (BT 4603) TO (BT 4902) DURING DAYLIGHT. NO VC DETECTED. <sup>DURING THE</sup> NIGHT CO H RECD SPORADIC SNIPER FIRE FROM VIC GRID SQUARE (BT 4803) AND WAS LATER ATTACKED BY 6-8 VC ARMED W/AUTO WPNS AND GRENADES AT COORD (BT 487036). VC STOPPED BY PROTECTIVE WIRE BUT THREW GRENADES WHICH WOUNDED ONE MARINE WHO WAS TREATED AND RETURNED TO DUTY. 1 VC WOUNDED.

C. THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES BEGAN DISPLACEMENT OF BN CE TO COORD (BT 566042).

SPORADIC SMALL ARMS FIRE RECD BTWN 312050H-312107H. CASUALTIES.

D. CO BY THIRD RECON BN CONDUCTED ROAD RECON ALONG RT 1 BTWN CHU LAI AND QUANG NGAI UNDER AIR COVER PROVIDED BY TWO ON STATION F4B. ALL BRIDGES CHECKED FOR MINES/BOOBY TRAPS. NO VC ENCOUNTERED.

3. FIRST BN, TWELTH MAR FIRED 32 MISSIONS. IN SUPPORT OF GROUND OPNS IN DANANG AREA. THIS INCLUDED 2 OBSERVED MISSIONS BY LIMA BTRY IN SUPPORT OF CO A, THIRD RECON BN, PATROL. SURVEILLANCE INDICATED 7 VC KILLED, 2 WOUNDED (SEE PARA FOUR BELOW). ALPHA BTRY DISPLACED TO HOA

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CAM AREA TO SUPPORT ONE SLANT THREE PATROL OPERATION IS SU SECTOR OF TAOR.

4. THIRD RECON BN (-) MAINTAINED LP/OP'S AT COORDS (AT 870797) AND (AT 872783). NEW LP/OP ESTAB AT COORD (AT 950745). ALFA CO PATROL SPOTTED 6 VC SWIMMING AND 3 ARMED VC STANDING GUARD AT COORD (AT 909639). ARTY MISSION CALLED IN. 7 VC KILLED AND 2 WOUNDED. WHILE ON WAY TO CONFIRM VC CASUALTIES PATROL RAN INTO EST VC SQUAD WHICH WAS ROUTED BY SMALL ARMS FIRE.

F. FIRST MAW.

1. HAM ONE SIX ONE. (USS IWO JIMA)

CONDUCTED 216 SORTIES IN SUPPORT OF FOURTH REGT, INCLUDING TWO ARTILLERY SPOT MISSIONS.

2. FIRST LAAM BN (-). CONDUCTED AN AAW EXERCISE WITH FOUR USAF F-102 ACFT. TWO RAIDS CONDUCTED, EA RAID CONSISTING ONE SECTION OF ACFT. TWO DIFFERENT AVENUES OF APPROACH USED WITH ALTITUDES VARYING FROM 50 FT TO 500 FT. ALL ACFT SUCCESSFULLY ENGAGED. NATURAL TERRAIN MASKING AND LACK OF THIRD BATTERY FOR MUTUAL SUPPORT RESTRICTED MAXIMUM RANGE TO NINE KILOMETERS.

3. WASS-ONE (-). FOUR EF-10B ACFT CONDUCTED ECM JAMMING IN VICINITY OF VINH NVN. THE SORTIES WERE IN SUPPORT OF SEVENTH AIR DIV THUNDER-16 STRIKES. TWO EF-10B CONDUCTED FOG BOUND ECM JAMMING MISSIONS IN THE THANH HOA AREA IN SUPPORT OF 2D AIRDIV ROLLING THUNDER-16 STRIKES. NO FLAK OR ENEMY ACFT ENCOUNTERED.

4. WASS-TWO. BASC NETS ALL UP AND OPERATING. TFC-10 CONTROLLED TWO F1B SORTIES ON TARGETS AT (ZC 195660) AND (ZC 170695). NO POST STRIKE DAMAGE ASSESSMENT AVAILABLE BUT RADAR AND COMPUTER INDICATE DROPS WERE ON TARGET.

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## 5. MAG-ONE SIX (-).

A. VMO-TWO (-). O-1B ACFT CONDUCTED DAWN AND DUSK PATROLS OF HUE PHU BAI, DANANG <sup>AND</sup> CHU LAI <sup>TAORS</sup>. 2/O-1B ACTED AS TAC (A) FOR VMFA FIVE THREE ONE STRIKE VIC (BS 5079). CONDUCTED 32 UH-1E MISSIONS OF ESCORT AND ROAD RECON IN THE HUE PHU BAI, DANANG AND CHU LAI TAORS.

B. HMM-ONE SIX THREE. CONDUCTED 23 MISSIONS OF CASUALTY EVACUATION FOR ARVN FROM VIC (BS 5777) TO QUANG NGAI. CONDUCTED 30 DAY AIR NIGHT RESUPPLY AND TROOP LIFT MISSIONS IN SPT ARVN 2D DIV VIC OF QUANG BIN (BT 292229), LY TIN (BT 481068) AND BA GIA (BS 487787). 16 UH-34D LIFTED 15,920 LBS DRUM FUEL FROM DANANG TO QUANG NGAI. THESE SAME HELOS LIFTED 149 ARVN TROOPS IN 3 WAVES FROM QUANG NGAI TO LZ (BS 505792).

C. HMM-THREE SIX FIVE. 4/UH-34D ON A RECON MISSION WERE COVERED FOR A LIFT OF A THIRD RECON BN PATROL FROM A POSITION AT (AT 985552) TO LZ (AT 985745). 2/UH-1E OF VMO-TWO PROVIDED COVER FOR THE LIFT. THE MISSION CHANGE WAS SWIFTLY AND SMOOTHLY COORDINATED. CONDUCTED 14 MISSIONS OF RESUPPLY <sup>FOR</sup> ALL MAF UNITS. 10/UH-34D LIFTED 60 A THIRD BN <sup>MARINES</sup> MARINES ON A DOUBLE TROOP LIFT FROM LZ PINCH (AT 936752) TO LZ (AT 895668) AND LZ (AT 933650). (LATE ENTRIES FOR HMM THREE SIX FIVE DET A HUE PHU BAI) ON 31 MAY 6/UH-34D LIFTED 291 MARINES OF THREE SLANT FOUR ON A TROOP ROTATION BETWEEN HUE PHU BAI AND LZ (3808) AND CONDUCTED 17 MISSIONS OF RESUPPLY AND PAX LIFTS IN SUPPORT OF THREE SLANT FOUR.

6. VMFA-FIVE THREE ONE. 2/F4B ON NIGHT TPG-10 SORTIES HIT TARGETS AT (ZC 170695) AND (ZC 195660). CONDUCTED SIX SORTIES OF HELO ESCORT FOR MAG-ONE SIX (-) UH-34D. NO ORDNANCE EXPENDED. ON A BLUE  
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BLAZER MISSION 2/F1B, IN AN ATTACK ON A HAMLET AT (BS 545914), DESTROYED 9 BLDGS AND DAMAGED 5 OTHERS. 4/F1B DESTROYED 19 STRUCTURES AND <sup>ON A STRIKE</sup> THE AREA VIC (BS 520880).

7. MAJ- TWELVE, INTRODUCED FIRST A1 INTO CHU LAI AND <sup>EIGHT</sup> <sup>ON MORNING 1 JUNE</sup> CONDUCTED AFTERNOON CAS IN SUPPORT OF ARVN FORCES. <sup>WITH THOSE A/C</sup>

G. CIVIL AFFAIRS.

1. ONE DOCTOR AND FOUR OFFICERS FROM FIRST BN THIRD MARINES RE-ARRIVED APPROX SEVENTY FIVE VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS AT THE VILLAGE OF LE MI.

2. BATTALION CHAPLAIN FROM THIRD BN NINTH MARINES DELIVERED FOODSUPPLIES TO AN ORPHANAGE IN THE VILLAGE OF CAN LE BAT WHICH IS NEAR MARBLE MOUNTAIN.

H. CHU LAI SATS CONSTRUCTION.

- 1. THE TAXIWAY EXCAVATION IS SIXTY SIX PERCENT COMPLETE.
- 2. NO CHANGE IN RUNWAY CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS DUE TO RAIN; HOWEVER, RAINS STOPPED THIS AFTERNOON.

3. AUGMENTATION EQUIPMENT NOT OFFLOADED DUE TO BREACHING OF CAUSEWAY DURING HEAVY SURF. ESTIMATE CAUSEWAY IN OPERATION 2 JUNE.

I. NAVAL GUN FIRE SUPPORT. (AS OF 312100Z)

1. ANGLICO SFCP'S HAVE BEEN DEPLOYED TO ALL OF THE CORPS AREAS AND NAVAL GUNFIRE PROCEDURES HAVE BEEN STANDARDIZED. LIAISON <sup>TEAMS</sup> HAVE BEEN BRIEFING CORPS PERSONNEL ON THE CAPABILITIES AND LIMITATIONS OF NAVAL GUNFIRE. THE SUPPORT UNIT IN SAIGON HAS BEEN POSITIONING EQUIPMENT AND ESTABLISHING LIAISON WITH THE NAVAL ADVISORY GRP AND SHOULD BE FULLY OPERATIONAL BY 7 JUNE TO SUPPORT ALL ANGLICO UNITS IN THE FIELD.

2. TOTAL OF SIX MISSIONS HAVE BEEN CONTROLLED BY ANGLICO SPOTTERS

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 DAMAGE ASSESSMENT DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN BECAUSE CONTROLLERS ARE AIRBORNE.  
 HOWEVER, PARTIAL ASSESSMENT FOLLOWS: 12 VC KIA, 30 VC WIA, 1 MG DESTROYED,  
 1 CAVE WITH SUPPLIES DAMAGED, 2 HOUSES DESTROYED.

3. NO PROBLEMS EITHER OPERATIONAL OR ADMINISTRATIVE EXIST AT  
 THIS TIME. *FOR ANGLICO*

4. NGF SHIP AVAILABILITY (READ IN TWO COLUMNS).

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ROMAN	THREE
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 AIRCRAFT LANDED AT CHU LAI ON THE FIRST SHORT AIRFIELD FOR TACTICAL  
 SUPPORT EVER INSTALLED IN A COMBAT ENVIRONMENT. BOTH STILL AND MOVING  
 PHOTOGRAPHIC DOCUMENTATION INCLUDED THE ARRIVAL, ARRESTED LANDINGS,  
 INTERNATIONAL WAVICOFFS AND THE CERIMONY COMMEMORATING THE OPENING OF THE  
 NEW AIRFIELD.

2. NEWSMEN FROM THE MAJOR NEWS SERVICES AND A TEAM OF USMC/USN  
 WRITERS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS COVERED TODAY'S GRAND OPENING OF THE DANANG NAVY  
 EXCHANGE. CAPTAIN A.C. KUNTZE, USN, COMMANDER HEADQUARTERS SUPPORT

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ACTIVITIES, SAIGON, CHRISTENED THE BUILDING WITH CHAMPAGNE AND THEN OPENED THE EXCHANGE TO AN ESTIMATED ONE THOUSAND MEN FROM ALL SERVICES IN THE DANANG AREA.

### III. PLANS SUMMARY

#### A. THIRD MARDIV

1. THIRD MARINES WILL SWITCH RIFLE CO'S IN SOUTH WESTPAC TO MAINTAIN AGGRESSIVE PATROL OF THAT AREA. A REIN CO WILL BE SENT NORTH OF THE SONG RIVER TO CONDUCT SEARCH AND KILL OPN.

2. FOURTH MARINES IN COORDINATION WITH ARVN UNITS WILL SEND 2 REIN CO'S OUTSIDE THE TAOR TO ESTAB BLOCKING POSIT VIC (BT 443097) FOR ARVN BREAKING OPERATION. COMBINED USMC/ARVN BRIEFING FOR THE OPERATION HELD MORNING OF 1 JUNE. ON-CALL CLOSE AIR SUPPORT WILL BE PROVIDED BY CHULAI BATTAL AIR GROUP FROM MAG-12.

3. THIRD RECON BN WILL SUPPORT TWO SLANT THREE OPN ACROSS SONG RIVER W/PLAT AND RUBBER BOATS. CO A THIRD RECON BN WILL RUN ROAD BLOCK RECON FOR TRNG PURPOSES IN ONE SLANT THREE AREA.

4. A TOTAL OF 16 PATROLS AND 22 AMBUSHES ARE PLANNED FOR THIRD MARDIV AREAS DURING NEXT 24 HOURS.

#### B. FIRST MARINE AIR WING.

1. MAG-ONE TWO \* ON-CALL CLOSE AIR SUPPORT.
2. VMFA FIVE THREE ONE; GROUND ALERT AND INTERDICTION.
3. MAG ONE SIX: AIR SLANT LAND RE-SUPPLY, AIR SLANT LAND ASSEMBLY VISUAL RECONNAISSANCE, MEDICAL EVACUATION ALERT AND ON CALL TAC(A).

IV. CHANGES IN OPERATIONAL PLANS: NONE

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V. SUPPLEMENTARY ACTIONS AND/OR DECISIONS REQUIRED OF COMUSMACV: NONE.

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III MAF SITREP #32 PERIOD 012000H TO 020000H

I. INTELLIGENCE HIGHLIGHTS: VC ACTIVITY IN THE III MAF AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY CONTINUES LIGHT WITH SOME VC RECONNAISSANCE ACTIVITY AND LIGHT BOMBING POSITIONS. NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN ORDER OF BATTLE, CAPABILITIES, OR PROBABLE COURSES OF ACTION.

II. III MAF OPERATIONS.

A. NGEN WALT VISITED FIRST MAW UNITS AT CHU LAI, MONKEY MOUNTAIN, AND DANANG. NGEN KIER, CG AIRFMFPAC AND NGEN ROBERTSON, DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF AIR HQMC, ARRIVED AT 021800H TO VISIT FIRST MAW UNITS. NGEN ROBERTSON, COMUSMACV WILL ARRIVE 031230H FOR CONFERENCE WITH CG III MAF.

B. THIRD MARDIV (FWD)

1. THIRD MARINES

(A) FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES CONTINUED INTENSIVE PATROL OPERATIONS IN THE SW SECTOR OF THE DANANG TAOR. A NIGHT PATROL BASE REG (AT 913124)

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NINE AND ONE HALF MILES SW OF DANANG AND AMBUSH SITES ESTABLISHED VIC (AT 902631) (AT 908635), (AT 902643), (AT 912649), (AT 915647) AND (AT 923648) HAD NO VC CONTACT. TWO VC WERE PURSUED AT 021220H VIC (AT 859648) ELEVEN MILES S OF DANANG BUT ESCAPED. A PATROL FROM CO A FOUND A PACK WITH KHAKI UNIFORMS AND RAIN GEAR AT (AT 909636) NINE AND ONE HALF MILES SW OF DANANG. CO D BELIEVED CO A IN A HELICOPTER LIFT AT 021500H IN LZ (AT 907570) EIGHT AND ONE HALF MILES SW OF DANANG. CO D IMMEDIATELY COMMENCED MINE CLEARING AND SEARCH AND CLEAR OPERATIONS WORKING NORTH FROM THE LZ.

(B) SECOND BV, THIRD MARINES CONDUCTED SEARCH AND CLEAR OPS ACROSS THE CA DE SONG RIVER INTO THE VILLAGE OF THUY TU (AT 9185) EIGHT AND ONE HALF MILES NW OF DANANG. A RIVER CROSSING WAS MADE AFTER DARK THE NIGHT OF 2 JUNE AT (AT 907836). THE VILLAGE WAS SWEEP FROM N TO S BEGINNING AT 020500H. NO VC ACTIVITY WAS NOTED AND ALL VILLAGERS HAD PROPER PAPERS. A "LAYOUT PLAT" REMAINS IN POSITION WEST OF THE VILLAGE TO MAINTAIN SURVEILLANCE AND CONDUCT PATROLS. PLAT SIZE PATROLS IN GRID SQUARES (AT 8179) AND (AT 8180) APPROX TWELVE MILES W OF DANANG AND SQUAD SIZE PATROLS IN GRID SQUARES (AT 9480) AND (AT 9578) NINE AND HALF AND FOUR MILES NW OF DANANG RESPECTIVELY HAD NEGATIVE VC CONTACT.

(C) THIRD BV, NINTH MARINES. CO I CONTINUED PATROL OPERATIONS IN THE W PORTION OF THE DANANG TAOR WITHOUT ESTABLISHING ANY VC CONTACT. TRIP GRENADES WERE FOUND AND DISARMED VIC (AT 882708) EIGHT AND ONE HALF MILES S OF DANANG. NUMEROUS PUNJI STAKES FOOT TRAPS AND MANTRAP WERE FOUND IN THE VIC OF BINH THAI VILLAGE (AT 883713) EIGHT AND ONE HALF MILES S OF DANANG.

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DAHANG. THE VILLAGE WAS SWEPT WITHOUT INCIDENT. SQD SIZE PATROLS CONDUCTED IN BOTH THE N AND S PERIPHERAL AREAS OF THE DANANG AIRFIELD FOUND NO VC ACTIVITY.

(D) THIRD BN, FOURTH MARINES. CO K AND A PLAT FROM C CO THREE RECON BN COMBED THE STREAM BED FROM (YD 837057) TO (YD 846057) APPROX SIX AND ONE HALF MILES SW OF THE PHU BAI. SWEEP TO DAWN HOURS UNDER TROOP (4) WERE APPROX ONE MILE DUE TO THE DENSE JUNGLE GROWTH IN THE AREA. TWENTY TO THIRTY NUMEROUS CAMOUFLAGED COVERED HOLES (SPIDER HOLES) WERE FOUND ALONG THE BANKS OF THE STREAM. NO VC WERE SIGHTED BUT SEVERAL WARM COOKING FIRMS WERE NOTED INDICATING WITHDRAWAL AS THE MARINES APPROACHED. THIRTY TO FORTY LBS OF PIC CLOTHING, VC B FLAG, AMMO FOR U.S. CARBINE AND FRENCH RIFLES, CRIMPED HAND GRENADE, EQUIPMENT FOR CLEANING WEAPONS, MESS GEAR, AND FIFTEEN TO TWENTY VC DOCUMENTS WERE RECOVERED. ALL THE FOREGOING ACTIVITY OCCURRED 1 JUNE. CO K RECEIVED SIX TO EIGHT ROUNDS OF SIXTY MM MORTAR AND SOME SMALL ARMS FIRE ALL OF WHICH WAS INEFFECTIVE WHILE PATROLLING THIS SAME GENERAL AREA TODAY. ONE ZERO FIVE MM ARTY FIRE WAS RETURNED ON SUSPECTED MORTAR POSIT VIO (YD 896057) AND (YD 899051) APPROX SIX MILES S OF HUE PHU BAI. NO DAMAGE ASSESSMENT AVAILABLE AT CLOSE OF PERIOD.

## 2. FOURTH MARINES.

(A) FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES. CO A ESTABLISHED NIGHT DEFENSIVE POSITIONS AT (BS 522971) SIX MILES SW OF CHU LAI AND THEN MOVED SOUTH AT FIRST LIGHT 2 JUNE AND BEGAN CLEARING OPS IN THE VILLAGE VIC (BS 501951) SEVEN MILES SW OF CHU LAI. THE CLEARING OPERATION IS STILL IN PROGRESS WITH NO VC ACTIVITY REPORTED. NORMAL PATROL ACTY CARRIED OFF IN THE BN TAC AND WOODS 1

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RESULTS. PLAT BLOCKING POSITS ESTABLISHED VIC (BS 192970) AND (BS 199981) BOTH APPROX SIX MILES S OF CHU LAI HAD NEGATIVE VC CONTACT.

(B) SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES CONDUCTED SOLD SIZE PATROLS IN GRID SQUARES (BT 5110) AND (BT 5310) BOTH APPROX THREE AND ONE HALF MILES NW OF CHU LAI WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. AT 012000H THREE VEHICLES WERE OBSERVED MOVING S ON RTE ONE. TWO OF THE VEHICLES STOPPED IN THE VILLAGE VIC (BT 52007) THREE MILES SW OF CHU LAI WHILE THE OTHER CONTINUED SOUTH. A RECON BATTAL AND A SEARCH LIGHT TANK MOVED TO THE HIGHWAY AND SEARCHED FOR THE VEHICLES WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. E CO (REIN) <sup>LEFT</sup> THE TAOR AT 021000H TO PARTICIPATE IN JOINT OPNS WITH ARVN FORCES. E CO MOVED TO (BT 130109) EIGHT MILES NW OF CHU LAI AND SET UP BLOCKING POSITION WHILE ARVN FORCES MOVED SE FROM TAN HIE IN AN EFFORT TO DRIVE REPORTED VC PLAT INTO THE MARINE POSIT. OPS WAS NOT COMPLETED AT END OF PERIOD.

(C) THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES SPENT THE PERIOD EXTENDING THE POSITIONS. CO M RELOCATED AT (BS 570965) SIX MILES S OF CHU LAI. CO MOVED TO PURCHASED LAND AREA VIC (BT 565010) ONE AND ONE HALF MILES SE OF CHU LAI TO (BT 556015) THREE MILES S OF CHU LAI. CO K MOVED TO POSIT FROM (BT 606003) TO (BT 607003) APPROX FIVE MILES SE OF CHU <sup>LAI</sup> ~~LA~~. THE NEW POSITIONS WERE OCCUPIED WITHOUT INCIDENT.

(D) THIRD BN, TWELFTH MARINES FIRED FOUR REGISTRATIONS, FIVE H AND I MISSIONS AND ONE ADJUSTING MISSION.

3. FIRST BN, TWELFTH MARINES. FIRED SIXTEEN H AND I MISSIONS IN SUPPORT OF SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES. MISSIONS COVERED LIKELY AVENUES OF APPROACH IN THE WNW PORTION OF THE TAOR.

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4. THIRD RECON BN. THE THIRD PLAT OF CO A SUPPORTED SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES IN THE CROSSING OF THE CA DE SONG RIVER (REFER PARA II B ONE B). CO A CONDUCTED A PLAT SIZE PATROL FROM 020900H TO 021500H ALONG THE ROAD FROM (AT 962717) FOUR MILES SW OF DANANG TO (AT 945700) FIVE AND ONE HALF MILES SW OF DANANG AND ALONG THE RIVER TO THE VILLAGE OF VIEN KIEN FOUR AND ONE HALF MILES S OF DANANG. NO VC CONTACTS WERE REPORTED. FIRST PLAT CO A IS PRESENTLY MANNING TWO LP/OPS AT (AT 918643) AND (AT 911647) BOTH APPROX EIGHT AND ONE HALF MILES SW OF DANANG.

C. FIRST MAW (ADV)

1. MASS TWO. ALL H DASC NETS UP AND OPERATING. NO TFO-10 CONTROLLED FLIGHTS WERE CONDUCTED DURING THE PERIOD.

2. FIRST LAAM BN (-). CONDUCTED AAW EXERCISE WITH FOUR F-102 ACFT AT ALTITUDES VARYING FROM ONE HUNDRED TO ONE HUNDRED FIFTY FT. ALL ACFT WERE SUCCESSFULLY ENGAGED. BOTH BATTERIES ARE ONE HUNDRED PERCENT OPERATIONAL-MAINTAINING ALERT STATUS.

3. VECJ ONE (-). THREE EF-10B WERE LAUNCHED FOR A FOG BOUND NIGHT ECM MISSION IN <sup>NVN</sup> ~~VN~~. THE ACFT WERE RECALLED WHEN THIRTY MILES NORTH OF THE DMZ AS SECOND AIR DIV CANCELLED THE MISSION. NO FLAK OR ENEMY ACFT WERE ENCOUNTERED. A LATER MISSION WAS ALSO CANCELLED BY SECOND AIR DIV AS WAS AN ECM MISSION SCHEDULED BY CTG SEVEN SEVEN PT SIX.

4. VMFA FIVE THREE ONE. TWO F4B ATTACKED VC TROOP POSITIONS UNDER A JUNGLE CANOPY VIC (YA 980340). TWO MISSIONS OF TWO F4B EACH CONDUCTED STRIKES DURING THE NIGHT UNDER FLARES VIC (BS 490780) AND (BS 535750) BOTH

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APPROX NINETEEN MILES SSE OF CHU LAI. DARKNESS PREVENTED ANY ASSESSMENT OF DAMAGE. TWO F4B ON A HELICOPTER ESCORT MISSION WERE DIVERTED TO ATTACK VC POSITION POSITIONS ON TOP OF A RIDGE LINE AT (RS 370100) THIRTEEN MILES SSE OF CHU LAI. THE ATTACK SUCCEEDED IN ELIMINATING ALL FIRE FROM THE VC POSITIONS. TWO BLUE BLAZER MISSIONS OF FOUR F4B EACH MADE SITES AGAIN BY VC POSITIONS USING JUNKIE CARTRIDGES AT (RS 500850) SEVENTEEN AND (RS 500900) SEVENTEEN MILES SSE OF CHU LAI AND (RS 800500) TWENTY SEVEN MILES FROM CHU LAI. THE ATTACK AT (RS 800500) THE VC ATTEMPTED TO USE SMALL ARMS FIRE TO DOWN THE ACFT WITH NO SUCCESS. ONE VC ACFT CRASHED IN A STREAM AND BURNED FOR SEVERAL HOURS BUT SMOKE PREVENTED ANY SORT OF CASUALTY'S REFLATED.

5. MA SEVEN. FOUR F4B, OPERATING FROM CHU LAI ATTACKED TROOP IN TRENCHES ALONG A TRAILING VIC (RS 6066) FOUR MILES SSE OF CHU LAI. LARGE INACCURATE SMALL ARMS FIRE WHICH WAS RECEIVED FROM THE TARGET AREA WAS IN EFFECTIVE AS NO ACFT WERE HIT. THE TARGET AREA WAS SATURATED. FLIGHT OPS FROM CHU LAI ARE OPERATING EXTREMELY WELL. THE JATO TAKE-OFFS, AERIAL RE-FUELING AND ARRESTED LANDINGS ARE FUNCTIONING *LIKE CLOCK WORK.* SATISFACTORILY.

6. MA ONE SIX ONE (PERIOD COVERED 312100H MAY TO 022000H JUNE). THE SQUADRON OPERATING FROM THE USS TWO JEM/ CONTINUES TO CONDUCT SUPPORT IN SUPPORT OF FOURTH MARINES. PERFORMED NIGHT MARLOG FLTS FROM CHU LAI TO DANANG AND RETURN. LIFTED FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY TWO MARINES OF THE FOURTH MARINES ON A TROOP ROTATION.

7. MA SIXTEEN.

(A) MA THREE SIX FIVE. CONDUCTED TWELVE ROUTINE RESUPPLY AND

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PAX LIFT MISSIONS IN THE CHU LAI AND DANANG THEATERS IN SUPPORT OF THE ARVN FORCES. TWO UH-34D PERFORMED HOEN WALT FROM DANANG TO CHU LAI AND RETURN. THREE UH-34D LIFTED THREE HUNDRED NINETY SIX MARINES AND TWELVE ARVN ON A TROOP ROTATION FROM LZ (AT 956753) THREE AND ONE HALF MILES W OF DANANG TO LZ (AT 905670) EIGHT MILES S OF DANANG. TWO UH-34D LIFTED FIFTEEN NAVY MEN AND FIVE CIVILIAN REPORTERS FROM DANANG TO HUE PHU DAT. THE FOLLOWING IS A LATE ENTRY FROM THE UH-34D OPERATING FROM THE USS CANBERRA COVERING THE PERIOD 281400Z MAY TO 021400Z JUNE. CONDUCTED FIVE ROUTINE ADVN LIFTS IN SUPPORT OF CTE SEVENTY PT EIGHT. LIFTED SEVENTEEN TROOPS AND TWO ARVN FROM THE SHIP TO DUONG DONG (US 870310). PICKED UP L'AFLETS AND DROPPED THEM FROM TWO THOUSAND FEET ON SEVEN LOCATION VIC DAO PHU QUOC.

(B) HMM ONE SIX THREE. CONDUCTED FORTY NINE RESUPPLY AND PAX LIFT MISSIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE ARVN SECOND DIV. THREE HUNDRED THIRTY THREE ARVN PAX AND SIXTY SEVEN PT EIGHT TONS OF CARGO WERE LIFTED. CONDUCTED A MED EVAC OF ONE ARVN KIA AND ONE ARVN WIA FROM (BT 068515) FIFTEEN MILES S OF BANANG TO DANANG.

(C) VMO TWO. TWO ARMED UH-1E CONDUCTED AN EMERGENCY WATER SUPPLY MISSION TO ONE SLANT THREE AT (AT 916643) NINE MILES SW OF DANANG. AT THE REQUEST OF ONE SLANT THREE, THE UH-1E ASSAULTED A TARGET IN THE AREA WITH SEVENTY ONE 2.75 INCH RKTs AND 7.62 MM MACHINE GUNS. INSPECTIVE LIGHT SMALL ARMS FIRE WAS RECEIVED. SIX UH-1E MISSIONS WERE CONDUCTED ESCORTING MAG SIXTEEN UH-34D HELICOPTERS. TWO O-1B ACTED AS TAC(A) FOR VMFA FIVE THREE

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## F. NAVAL AND AIR SUPPORT.

1. THE GUIDED MISSILE HEAVY CRUISER USE CAN BEA TWO VESSELS AND FIVE U.S. SHIP TO FIRE EIGHT HIGH SPEED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE U.S. NAVY IN KOREA IN 1953. FIVE TWO HUNDRED SIXTY POUND PROJECTILES WERE FIRED IN SUPPORT OF A JOINT USMC ARVN OPERATION A PROX EIGHT MILES NW OF CON TAI. (USMC PARA II B <sup>TWO</sup> (SEE B)). A NCG OBSERVER WITH E CO TWO SLAM FOUR AND AN AIRCRAFT OBSERVER FROM ECH THREE SLAM TWELVE COORDINATED THE BOMBARDMENT.

## 2. NCG SHIP AVAILABILITY (READ IN TWO COLUMNS)

<u>SHIP</u>	<u>AREA</u>
BUCK	ONE ALPHA
CANBERRA	ONE BRAVO
WILYSIE	TWO
ROWAN	THREE
UHLMAN	FOUR
BLACK	FOUR
TUCKER	SIX

## III. PLANS SUMMARY

## A. THIRD MARDIV

1. THIRD MAR WILL CONTINUE EXTENSIVE PATROLLING AND MINE CLEARING OPERATIONS IN S AND W SECTORS OF TAOR. THE "LAYOUT PLANT" W OF THE CA DE SOH RIVER WILL CONTINUE PATROLLING AND SURVEILLANCE IN THAT AREA UNTIL 4 SEP.

2. FOURTH MAR WILL SEND CO SOME PATROLS THREE AREAS ON THE SW END OF THE TAOR VIC GRID SQUARES (BS 4998), (5098), (5096) AND (5196). VILLAGES OF BINH YEN 1 AND BINH YEN 3 (BS 601976) AND (BS 601975) RESPECTIVELY WILL BE

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3. THIRD REGIMENT WILL COMPLETE ROTATION, SOUTHERN BARRACKS, DANANG TAOR UNTIL 4 JUNE.

4. A TOTAL OF FOURTEEN PATROLS (IN SEVENTEEN DAYS) WILL BE CONDUCTED FOR THIRD MARINE DIVISION DURING THE NEXT TEN DAYS.

5. IT NEEDS TO BELIEVE THREE SLANT NINE WILL EMBARK ON 13 JUNE AT DANANG ON 13 JUNE. IF PRESENT SHIPPING SCHEDULES STAY THE SAME, THE OKANOGAN (APA 220), THE MERRICK (AKA 97) AND THE POINT DEBUREAU (LSD 80) WILL EMBARK BLT ONE SLANT NINE AT OKINAWA ON 10-11 JUNE FOR DEPLOYMENT IN DANANG ON 16-17 JUNE. THREE SLANT NINE WILL EMBARK ON 18-19 JUNE AND OF FLOOD IN OKINAWA 24-25 JUNE. PRESUMPT INDICATIONS ARE THAT THE MERRICK WILL COMPLETE UNLOADING OPERATION AT CHU IAI IN TIME TO MAKE ABOVE SCHEDULE.

B. FIRST MARINE AIR WING.

- 1. MAG ONE TWO. ON-CALL CLOSE AIR SUPPORT.
- 2. MAG FIVE THREE ONE. GROUND ALERT AND INTERDICTION.
- 3. MAG ONE SIX. AIR SLANT LAND RE-SUPPLY, AIR SLANT LAND ASSAULT, VISUAL RECONNAISSANCE, MEDICAL EVACUATION ALERT AND ON CALL MAG(1).

IV. CHANGES IN OPERATIONAL PLANS: NONE.

V. SUPPLEMENTARY ACTIONS AND/OR DECISIONS REQUIRED OF COMSMACTV: NONE.

VI. NEXT SITREP DUE 031500Z JUNE 1965.

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III MAF SITREP #33 PERIOD 022000H TO 032000H <sup>JUN</sup> MAY 65

I. INTELLIGENCE HIGHLIGHTS: VC ACTIVITY IN THIRD MAF TAOR'S CONTINUES LIGHT WITH SPORADIC HARASSMENT OF PATROLS, LIGHT PROBS OF POSITIONS, AND GROUND FIRE AGAINST LOW FLYING AIRCRAFT.

II. III MAF OPERATIONS

A. THIRD MARINE DIVISION (TFD)

1. THIRD MARINES

(A) FIRST BATTALION THIRD MARINES. CONTINUED OPERATIONS IN THE SOUTHWEST SECTOR OF THE ASSIGNED TAOR, WITH DELTA COMPANY CONDUCTING PLATOON PATROLS, SEARCH AND CLEAR OPERATIONS, AND SETTING UP EARLY MORNING BLOCKING POSITIONS IN AN AREA APPROXIMATELY THIRTEEN KILOMETERS SOUTHWEST OF THE DA NANG AIRFIELD IN THE GENERAL VICINITY OF (AT 9070). DURING THE AFTERNOON OF THREE JUNE THE COMPANY SECURED A LANDING ZONE IN THE VICINITY OF (AT 902662) INTO WHICH ALPHA COMPANY WAS HELILIFTED BETWEEN 1630 AND 1700H.

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(B) SECOND BN THIRD MARINES. CONTINUED OPERATIONS IN THE NORTHERN SECTOR OF THE ASSIGNED TAOR. THIRD PLATOON, ECHO COMPANY REMAINS IN THE HIGH GROUND NORTH OF THE CA DE SONG RIVER IN THE VICINITY OF (AT - 901869). MOST TRAILS IN THE AREA HAVE NOT BEEN TRAVERSED RECENTLY AND ARE DIFFICULT TO NEGOTIATE; HOWEVER, ONE SUITABLE ROUTE EXTENDING FROM (AT 901869) WESTWARD TO (AT 900866) AND NORTHWEST TO (AT 897870) WAS LOCATED. A ROADBLOCK WAS ESTABLISHED IN THE VICINITY OF A WATER POINT LOCATED AT (AT 905865). DURING THE NIGHT OF TWO JUNE, APPROXIMATELY 2015H, GOLF COMPANY OBSERVED TWENTY BOATS IN THE CA DE SONG RIVER BETWEEN LE MY AND HIGHWAY ONE.

(C) THIRD BN, NINTH MARINES. CONTINUED OPERATIONS IN THE SOUTH CENTRAL SECTOR OF THE ASSIGNED TAOR. INDIA COMPANY SATURATED THE AREA APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN KILOMETERS WEST OF DA NANG AIRFIELD WITH PLATOON PATROLS, IN THE GENERAL VICINITY OF THE VILLAGES AROUND (AT 860760) WITH NO VC CONTACTS. AT MID-DAY THE COMPANY SECURED A LANDING ZONE AT (AT 850763) FROM WHICH IT WAS HELILIFTED TO THE BATTALION CP AT THE DA NANG AIRFIELD.

(D) THIRD BN, FOURTH MARINES. CONTINUED PATROLLING WITHIN THE ASSIGNED TAOR. KILO COMPANY SET UP NIGHT POSITIONS APPROXIMATELY NINE KILOMETERS SOUTHWEST OF THE HUE PHU BAI AIRFIELD AND CHARLIE COMPANY, <sup>Third Recon BN</sup> ESTABLISHED A PERIMETER DEFENSE FOR THE <sup>COMMUNICATIONS</sup> COMPLEX IN THE VICINITY OF (YD 843145). AT 022223H INDIA COMPANY RECEIVED FIRE FROM AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF VC INTO THE COMPANY AREA AROUND THE AIRFIELD. EIGHTY ONE MM ILLUMINATION WAS EMPLOYED AND THE VC BROKE CONTACT. SHORTLY THEREAFTER, FIRE WAS AGAIN RECEIVED, BUT CONTACT WAS QUICKLY BROKEN WHEN THE FIRE WAS RETURNED.

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## (E) NEW COMPANY CP LOCATIONS:

- (1) DELTA, ONE SLANT THREE (AT 894663)
- (2) FOHO, TWO SLANT THREE (AT 876802)
- (3) INDIA, THREE SLANT NINE (AT 999747)
- (4) KILO, THREE SLANT FOUR (YD 876065)
- (5) INDIA, THREE SLANT FOUR (YD 840120)

## 2. FOURTH MARINES. (CHU LAI)

(A) FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES. ALPHA AND CHARLIE COMPANIES HAVE CHANGED POSITIONS WITH ALPHA NOW AT (BS 509997) AND CHARLIE AT (BS - 479999). A PLATOON SIZE COMBAT PATROL FROM CHARLIE COMPANY WAS WITHOUT VC CONTACT, BUT FOUND DOCUMENTS AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES ALONG THE ROUTE NEAR THE TAOR BOUNDARIES. BRAVO COMPANY CONDUCTED SQUAD SIZE PATROLS IN THE VICINITY OF GRID SQUARE (BT 5200) WITHOUT CONTACT, AND A RECONNAISSANCE PLATOON PATROLLED TO HILL FOUR ONE ZERO (BS 480999) WITHOUT CONTACT.

(B) SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES. TOOK PART IN A JOINT CLEARING OPERATION WITH ARVN SECOND DIVISION FORCES AND TWO PLATOONS OF POPULAR FORCES. TWO SLANT FOUR'S MISSION WAS TO SET UP A BLOCKING FORCE NEAR THE BRIDGE OVER THE SONG TRAU RIVER NORTHWEST OF THE TAOR AT (BT 430109) AND SECURE THE BRIDGE. ENROUTE TO THIS POSITION INEFFECTIVE SNIPER FIRE WAS RECEIVED FROM EAST OF THE HIGHWAY (BS 447097), BUT THE SNIPER WAS NOT LOCATED. AN AERIAL OBSERVER REPORTED FIFTY TO SEVENTY VC CROSSING THE RIVER NEAR THE OBJECTIVE (BT 436113) AND ARTILLERY WAS CALLED IN FROM THIRD BN TWELFTH MARINES. ONE BOAT WAS HIT, KILLING FIVE VC. ARRIVING AT THE OBJECTIVE, THE BRIDGE WAS FOUND TO HAVE BEEN BLOWN BY THE VC, AND THREE HUTS NEARBY WERE BURNING WITH OCCASIONAL SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS. SHORTLY THEREAFTER, TWO ROUNDS OF NINETY ONE MM MORTAR FIRE WERE RECEIVED FROM THE SOUTH IN THE VICINITY OF HILL TWENTY TWO (BT 425090). NAVAL GUNFIRE WAS CALLED IN AND THE MORTAR WAS NOT HEARD FROM AGAIN. LATER IN THE AFTERNOON, AT APPROXIMATELY 1700H, FIFTEEN TO TWENTY FIVE VC WERE OBSERVED ENTERING A HOUSE SOUTHWEST OF THE BRIDGE (BT 425105). FOUR ROUNDS OF 106MM FROM AN

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ONTOS DESTROYED THE HOUSE. THE OPERATION WAS SECURED AT 1720H AND THE TRIP BACK TO THE TAOR WAS WITHOUT INCIDENT.

(C) THIRD BN THIRD MARINES. RECEIVED SNIPER FIRE IN THE BATTALION CP AREA AT 022200H. ILLUMINATION WAS FIRED WITHOUT REVEALING THE VC; HOWEVER, AT 2300H ONE SUSPECTED VC WAS SHOWN RUNNING INTO THE WOODS ABOUT THREE HUNDRED FIFTY METERS FROM THE CP. TWO M-79 GRENADE ROUNDS WERE FIRED AFTER HIM, BUT WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. AT 030850H FOUR SUSPECTED VC WERE BOMBED UP IN THE VICINITY OF (BT 558038) AND DELIVERED TO THE COLLECTION POINT. AT 1130H ARVN LIAISON TEAM REPORTED THAT A VILLAGE LOCATED AT (BS 598992) HAD RECEIVED THREE ROUNDS OF MORTAR FIRE; HOWEVER, THE HIGHWAY AND BRIDGE OUTSIDE THE VILLAGE WAS REPORTED INTACT. THE BATTALION SPENT MOST OF THE REPORTING PERIOD CONSOLIDATING NEW POSITIONS REPORTED IN YESTERDAY'S SITREP.

(D) THIRD BN, TWELFTH MARINES. FIRED A TOTAL OF SIXTEEN MISSIONS: FOUR TO CHECK REGISTRATION DATA, TEN HARRASSMENT AND INTERDICTION AND TWO ADJUSTED. ONE ADJUSTED MISSION WAS FIRED IN SUPPORT OF TWO SLANT FOUR AS REPORTED ABOVE, AND THE OTHER WAS FIRED ON AN ESTIMATED ONE HUNDRED PLUS VC IN A VILLAGE NEAR THE BRIDGE DESCRIBED IN THE TWO SLANT FOUR REPORT AT (BS 433113). RESULTING IN AN ESTIMATED TWENTY FIVE CASUALTIES. THE MISSIONS WERE SPOTTED BY AN AO.

(E) MISCELLANEOUS. AT CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONIES LTCOL R.J. FERRICH RELIEVED LTCOL H.D. FREDERICKS AS THE COMMANDING OFFICER, FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES.

3. FIRST BN, TWELFTH MARINES. CONTINUED TO PROVIDE FIRE SUPPORT FOR LIAISON UNITS IN THE DA NANG TAOR. BETWEEN 030200H AND 0500H LIMA BATTERY

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WIRED TUN HARRASSMENT AND INTERDICTION MISSIONS EXPENDING FOURTEEN ROUNDS.  
AN ADJUSTED MISSION WAS FIRED AT 021800H. SEE BELOW.

4. ~~THIRD~~ RECON BN. FIRST PLATOON ALPHA COMPANY, WORKING OUT OF AN ESTABLISHED OUTPOST SLANT LISTENING POST AT (AT 913653) IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF ONE SLANT THREE, SPOTTED VC IN APPROXIMATELY PLATOON STRENGTH ON THE CREST OF A HILL IN THE VICINITY OF (AT 915598). ARTILLERY WAS REQUESTED AND PROVIDED BY THE EIGHT INCH HOWITZER PLATOON. THE VC QUICKLY DISPERSED AFTER THE FIRST ROUNDS, APPARENTLY WITHOUT TAKING CASUALTIES, AND THE MISSION WAS TERMINATED. THE FORWARD OBSERVER WAS UNABLE TO PROVIDE POST MISSION SURVEILLANCE.

B. FIRST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING.

1. MAJGEN KIER, CG AIRFMPAC, AND MAJGEN ROBERTSHAW, HQMC, VISITED WING UNITS AT DA NANG, MONKEY MOUNTAIN AND HUE PHU BAI. BGEN MCCUTCHEON ACCOMPANIED THEM ON A VISIT TO THE NAVAL COMPONENT <sup>COMPOUND</sup> IN DA NANG.

2. VMCA-ONE. TWO "FOG BOUND" MISSIONS IN NORTH VIET NAM WERE CANCELLED BY SECOND AIR DIVISION. ONE FLIGHT OF AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE OF VMFA FIVE THREE ONE WAS CONDUCTED AS REQUESTED BY CMC.

3. VMFA FIVE THREE ONE. TWO F-4B ON A BLUE BLAZER MISSION DESTROYED FIFTEEN BUILDINGS AND LEFT TEN BURNING AT (BS 715790). TWO MORE AIRCRAFT ATTACKED AN ASSIGNED TARGET AT (BS 502900), BUT THE RESULTS ARE UNKNOWN DUE TO THE FAC BEING DIVERTED TO ANOTHER POSITION. ON TWO NIGHT MISSIONS, FOUR AIRCRAFT, OPERATING UNDER FLARES, LEFT VILLAGES AT (BS 436753) AND (BS 485900) COMPLETELY AFIRE. ON ANOTHER BLUE BLAZER MISSION THREE F4B LEFT A VILLAGE BURNING AT (BS 510730)..TWO AIRCRAFT ATTACKED AN ESTIMATED ONE HUNDRED BUILDINGS IN A HAMLET AT (BS 473767); A SECONDARY EXPLOSION WAS OBSERVED, FIFTEEN BUILDINGS WERE DESTROYED AND OTHERS WERE LEFT

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BURNING. THREE OTHER AIRCRAFT, DIVERTED FROM A HELICOPTER ESCORT, DESTROYED TEN BUILDINGS AND DAMAGED FIVE OTHERS AT (BS 585745).

4. MAG TWELVE. FOUR A-1 ATTACKED BROADS AND A BUILDING AT (BS 456840) APPROXIMATELY TWENTY ONE KILOMETERS NORTHWEST OF QUANG NGAI. SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS WERE OBSERVED. LIGHT, INACCURATE SMALL ARMS FIRE WAS RECEIVED FROM THE VICINITY OF (BS 4082) BUT NO HITS WERE TAKEN.

5. IMM ONE SIX ONE (USS IWO JIMA) (PERIOD COVERED 012300H TO 020500H). PROVIDED CONTINUING SUPPORT TO THE FOURTH MARINES LANDING TWO HUNDRED TWENTY THREE MARINES AND FIVE POINT SIX TONS OF CARGO. TWO MEDICAL EVACUATIONS WERE PROVIDED FOR ONE SLANT FOUR AND ONE FOR ARVN. DURING THE ARVN MED EVAC TWO UH-34D WERE TAKEN UNDER SMALL ARMS FIRE IN THE VICINITY OF (BT 443120), BOTH AIRCRAFT RECEIVING HITS, BUT ONLY MINOR DAMAGE. AERIAL GUNNERS EXPENDED FIVE HUNDRED ROUNDS SUPPRESSING THE FIRE.

6. MAGS NINE, DETACHMENT ALPHA (HUE PHU BAI). (PERIOD COVERED 020500H TO 030600H). ONE HUNDRED ONE TRACKS REPORTED, FORTY FOUR TRACKS DESIGNATED. TRACKS DESIGNATED BY PANAMA BUT CARRIED BY MAGS NINE, NINETEEN.

7. MASS-TWO. ALL DASC NETS UP AND OPERATING.

8. FIRST LAAM IN (-). ONE HUNDRED PERCENT OPERATIONAL, MAINTAINING ALERT STATUS.

9. MAG SIXTEEN (-)

(A) VMO-TWO (-). TWO O-1B ACFT CONDUCTING A VISUAL RECON OF THE SONG TRA KIUC RIVER WERE FIRED ON IN VICINITY OF HA BINH (BT 245455). NO HITS RECEIVED. ON RETURNING TO DA NANG ONE OF THE O-1B CRASHED NORTH OF HAI VAN PASS (AT 940920). *BOTH PILOT AND AG WERE KILLED.* CAUSE UNKNOWN. INVESTIGATION CONTINUES. CONDUCTED EIGHT O-1B VISUAL RECON SORTIES, INCLUDING THE DAWN AND DUSK PATROLS OF THE HUE PHU BAI, DANANG AND CHU LAI TAOR. CONDUCTED FOUR MISSIONS OF UH-34D ESCORT WITH THE ARMED UH-1E ACFT. TWO UH-1E LIFTED MAJGEN WALT AND PARTY ON TOUR OF HUE PHU BAI TAOR AND SURROUNDING AREA.

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(B) 101 - THREE SIX FIVE. CONDUCTED FOURTEEN MISSIONS OF NORMAL RESUPPLY AND PASSENGER LIFT IN SUPPORT OF THE III MAF. SIX MH-34D LIFTED RESCUE PERSONNEL AND FORTY SEVEN MINE TROOPS TO THE O-1B CRASH SCENE (AT 910920) DURING THE NIGHT UNDER PARTIAL ROLLING FOG. NINE MH-34D LIFTED TWO HUNDRED ONE ~~SLANT~~ ~~FRONT~~ PASSENGERS FROM (AT 060750) TO (BT 004746). (LATE ENTRIES FOR 101 - THREE SIX FIVE DET AT HUE PHU BAI). ON TWO JUNE CONDUCTED THIRTY EIGHT MISSIONS OF ROUTINE RESUPPLY AND LIFT OF MARINES IN SUPPORT OF THREE SLANT FOUR. PICKED UP EIGHT VC POW AT (YD 334691) AND RETURNED THEM TO HUE PHU BAI.

(C) 101 - ONE SIX THREE. PERFORMED THIRTY ONE SEPARATE MISSIONS OF RESUPPLY AND PASSENGER LIFT IN THE VICINITY OF QUANG NGAI AND TRI. MISSIONS WERE IN SUPPORT OF ARVN FIRST AND SECOND DIVISIONS. NO UNUSUAL INCIDENTS.

#### C. CIVIC ACTIONS

1. AT THE DISPENSARY IN LE MY, IN OPERATION SINCE THE VILLAGE WAS CLEARED OF VC NEARLY A MONTH AGO, THE SECOND BN THIRD MARINES SURGEON AND CORPSEMAN TREATED APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED FIFTY VIETNAMESE.

2. AT THE CATHOLIC ST MARY'S ORPHANAGE IN CAN LE BAI THE THIRD BATTALION NINTH MARINES CHAPLAIN, AN EPISCOPALIAN, VISITED THE CHILDREN AGAIN, DISTRIBUTING FOOD.

#### D. CHU LAI SAIS CONSTRUCTION

1. FOUR THOUSAND FIFTY FEET OF RUNWAY STABILIZED.
2. THREE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FEET OF RUNWAY MATTING LAID.
3. TAXIWAY EXCAVATION SEVENTY FOUR PER CENT COMPLETE.
4. NO FURTHER CHANGES. THE AUGMENTATION EQUIPMENT IS STILL NOT ASHORE, DUE HEAVY SURF CONDITIONS.

#### E. NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT.

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III. PLANS SUMMARY

A. THIRD MARINE DIVISION

1. THIRD MARINES. A BATTALION COMMAND GROUP AND THREE COMPANIES OF ONE SLANT THREE WILL CONDUCT A COORDINATED SEARCH AND CLEAR OPERATION ON BOTH SIDES OF THE SONG YEN RIVER FROM NORTH SOUTH GRID LINES SIXTY THREE TO SIXTY EIGHT. THREE SLANT NINE WILL CONDUCT OPERATIONS IN THE CENTRAL WESTERN SECTOR OF THE TAOR, AND TWO SLANT THREE WILL CONTINUE OPERATIONS IN THE NORTHERN SECTOR.

2. FOURTH MARINES. WILL CONDUCT NORMAL COMBAT PATROL OPERATIONS THROUGHOUT THE TAOR. A COMPANY CLEARING OPERATION WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN THE VILLAGE OF TRI BITH NUMBER ONE (BS 559987) A LANDING ZONE IN THE SAME GENERAL AREA WILL ALSO BE SELECTED AND CLEARED.

3. THIRD RECON BN. WILL SEND TWO PLATOON SIZE PATROLS INTO THE NORTHWEST SECTOR OF THE DA NANG TAOR. ALPHA COMPANY MINES WILL OPERATE IN THE SOUTHEAST SECTOR FORMING A RECONNAISSANCE SCREEN FOR ONE SLANT THREE OPERATIONS THERE.

4. A TOTAL OF FIFTEEN PATROLS AND TWENTY THREE AMBUSHES ARE PLANNED IN THE THIRD MARDIV AREAS DURING THE NEXT TWENTY FOUR HOURS.

B. FIRST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

1. VMFA FIVE THREE ONE: BLUE BLAZER, GROUND ALERT, HELICOPTER ESCORT AND CAP.

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- 2. ~~PAR SEVENTEEN~~: LOGISTIC, TROOP TRANSPORT, MEDICAL  
EVACUATION ALERT, RECONNAISSANCE AND NAVAL GUNFIRE SPOTTING.
- IV. CHANGES IN OPERATIONAL PLANS: NONE.
- V. SUPPLEMENTARY ACTIONS AND/OR DECISIONS REQUIRED OF COMUSMACV: NONE.
- VI. NEXT SITREP TUE 041500Z JUNE 65.

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III MAF SITREP #34 PERIOD 012000H TO 012000H JUNE 1965

I. INTELLIGENCE HIGHLIGHTS: VC ACTIVITY CONTINUES LIGHT. THE ENEMY HAS ENGAGED IN PATROLLING AND RECONNAISSANCE ACTIVITY DURING THIS PERIOD AS WELL AS CONTINUED CONSTRUCTION OF FIELD FORTIFICATIONS IN PROXIMITY TO III MAF TAOR'S.

II. III MAF OPERATIONS.

A. MORNING. MAJ WALT ASSUMED COMMAND OF III MAF AND THIRD MARDIV AT 010900H. MGEM W. R. COLLINS DEPARTED FOR PUTIMA 011000H. MGEM KIER AND BGEN MCCUTCHEON DEPARTED FOR TWAKUHL. BGEN MCCUTCHEON LTR DANANG 7 JUNE. MGEM RODERESHAN LTR DANANG, 5 JUNE. BGEN ANDREWS, DIRECTOR OF LOGISTICS, PACAF, VISITED III MAF THIS AFTERNOON.

B. THIRD MARDIV (P&D)

1. THIRD MARINES. (DANANG AND PHU BAI)

(A) FIRST BN THIRD MARINES SENT CO C BY TRUCK, BN CMD GRP AND CO A BY HELICOPTER TO SOUTH EAST POSITION DANANG TAOR WHERE CO D HAD SECURED

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A PLAT (-) CONSISTING OF CMT GRP, AND CO'S A, C AND D CONDUCTED A SLEEP AND SEARCH OPN ALONG SONG YEN RIVER. GENERAL CONCEPT OF SLEEP WAS TO HAVE THE COMPANIES MOVE TOWARD EACH OTHER ALONG EAST BANK OF RIVER WITH A COMPANION PLAT AHEAD OF EACH COMPANY ON THE WEST BANK AND AN LVT PLAT (-) TO MOVE FROM NORTH TO SOUTH IN THE RIVER. AT 040630H CO C (-) WAS LIFTED TO A LZ ON EAST SIDE OF SONG YEN AT COORD (AT 959680) AND BEGAN TO MOVE SOUTH. CO A (-) WAS LIFTED TO A LZ ON EAST SIDE OF SONG YEN AT COORD (AT 957633) AND BEGAN TO MOVE NORTH. AS THE TWO CO'S MOVED TOWARD JUNCTURE POINT (AT 959658) ON EAST SIDE OF RIVER THEY WERE EACH PARALLELED BY A PLAT FROM CO C ON THE WEST BANK. EACH OF THESE CO C PLATS WAS FOLLOWED AT 1000 METERS BY A PLAT FROM CO B WHOSE DUTY WAS TO CHECK IDENTITY OF CIVILIANS ENCOUNTERED AND COLLECT VCS. LVT PLAT (-) ENTERED RIVER AND MOVED FROM NORTH TO SOUTH PARALLELING CO C MOVEMENT. THEIR MISSION WAS TO BLOCK ANY VC ESCAPE BY RIVER AND TO TRANSFER BOTH MARINE FORCES AND VC PRISONERS ACROSS THE RIVER AS NECESSARY. PLAT FROM CO C RECD SHIPER FIRE ON TWO OCCASIONS, SILENCING IT WITH 3.1 IN ROCKETS FIRE. NO CASUALTIES OBSERVED AND NO USMC CASUALTIES. CO A RECD SHIPER FIRE AT 040800H FROM (AT 968629) AND AGAIN NEAR JUNCTURE POINT. 3 USMC KIA. JUNCTURE WAS MADE AT 041043H. DURING THE AFTERNOON CO A SWEPT BACK TO SOUTH OVER AREA COVERED DURING THE MORNING. AT 041512H LVT'S TRANSFERRED CO C (-) FROM EAST TO WEST SIDE OF RIVER AT COORD (AT 959658). CO C BEGAN SETTING UP NIGHT DEFENSES. AT END OF REPORTING PERIOD 43 VCS HAVE BEEN APPREHENDED AND 3 USMC KIA ONE OF WHOM ~~RETIRED~~ HAS BEEN RETURNED TO DUTY.

(B) SECOND OR THIRD MARINES HAD "LAYOUT" PLAT STILL OPERATING NORTH OF CA DE SONG RIVER VIC GRID SQUARE (AT 898L). USABLE TRAILS WERE

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110000Z FEB 68 (AT 856799) TO (AT 851804) AND FROM (AT 851804) TO (AT 850816).  
 NO VILLAGES WERE LOCATED IN BRANS IN THIS AREA. AT 031830H SQD PATROL  
 FOUND AND KILLED 1 VC (AT 904844). SSG RECOVERED FROM BODY. AT 031915H  
 GROUP OF 6 VC WERE DISCOVERED AT (AT 895847) AND 1 VC WAS KILLED AS THE  
 GROUP RETREATED INTO DENSE UNDERBUSH. DOCUMENT IDENTIFIED AS WATCH LIST  
 AND CONTAINING 6 NAMES FOUND ON HIS BODY. AT 040700H LAYOUT <sup>PLAT</sup> BEGAN RETURN  
 TO SOUTH SIDE OF RIVER. AS PLT APPROACHED RIVER VIC (AT 907837) ONE VC  
 WAS DISCOVERED AND KILLED AS HE FLED ALONG RIVER BANK. DURING BRIEF FIRE  
 FIGHT INVOLVED IN THIS INCIDENT, 2 MARINES WERE KIA. PLAT RETURNED WITH-  
 OUT FURTHER INCIDENT. ~~THE~~ <sup>THE</sup> CO G PLAT GUARDING THE RECENTLY RECONSTRUCTED  
 BRIDGES IN LE MY VILLAGE COMPLEX AT COORD (AT 898812) AND (AT 900806) WAS  
 ATTACKED BEGIN 040245H AND 040530H. 3 RDS 60MM MORTAR LANDED WITHIN 20  
 METERS OF NORTHERN BRIDGE. SQUAD GUARDING NORTHERN BRIDGE THREW ILLUM  
 GRENADES AND SAW 30-40 VC MOVING NORTH ON BOTH SIDES OF ROAD. FIRE FIGHT  
 DEVELOPED AND AT SAME TIME SQUAD GUARDING SOUTHERN BRIDGE WAS FIRED ON BY  
 EST 10 VC WHO WERE LOC NORTH WEST OF BRIDGE. VC ALONG ROAD WERE SUPPORTED  
 FROM VILLAGE WHICH IS 500 METERS SOUTH OF LE MY <sup>VIC (AT 901814)</sup> WITH 2 MG AND AUTO RIFLE.  
 AT FIRST LIGHT, AFTER PROLONGED FIRE FIGHT, VC WITHDREW INTO ANOTHER VILLAGE  
 COMPLEX WHICH RUNS FROM (AT 905805) TO (AT 913797). SEARCH OF AREA AROUND  
 BRIDGES REVEALED 4 VC BODIES AND 2 CHINESE SSG. 1 FEMALE VCS WAS ALSO  
 PICKED UP. 2 MARINES WERE KIA 1 OF WHICH WAS TREATED AND RETURNED TO DUTY.  
 AT 040935H CO H MOVED BY TRUCK TO (AT 917793) AND CONDUCTED DETAILED  
 SWEEP OF VILLAGE COMPLEX INTO WHICH VC HAD FLED. SWEEP WAS COMPLETED AT  
 041203H WITHOUT FURTHER CONTACT.

ARTY BTRY OF

C. <sup>A</sup> THIRD BR FOURTH MARINES FIRED 105MM ILLUM MISSION IN  
 SUPPORT OF ARTY OPN AT 040007H. AT 041040H SQD PATROL FROM CO I WAS FIRED

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ON BY 5 VC AT (YD 811112). AS <sup>THE</sup> OTHER SQUADS MOVED OVERLAND TO JOIN SQD UNDER FIRE A 28 MAN REACTION FORCE FROM CO M WAS HELILIFTED TO (YD 811107), TRAPPING VC IN DEEP STREAM BED. SYSTEMATIC SEARCH THROUGH THE AREA RESULTED IN 1 VC KILLED AND ANOTHER WOUNDED AND TAKEN PRISONER. PRISONER REVEALED THAT TWO COMPANIES, K 41 AND C 106, WERE LOC BEHIND HILL 303 (YD 817045) AND THAT C 106 HAD 2 60MM MORTARS AND AUTO WEAPNS. FURTHER SEARCH OF AREA RESULTED IN 12 MORE VC KILLED AND 2 MORE VC WOUNDED AND CAPTURED. TOTAL OF 8 WEAPNS PLUS SEVERAL 60MM MORTAR RDS WERE ALSO CAPTURED. AN IMMEDIATE AIR STRIKE BY MARINE F4'S WAS REQUESTED ON VC CO POSITIONS INDICATED BY <sup>THE</sup> CAPTURED VC. THE VC PRISONER HAD BEEN HELICOPTER LIFTED WITH THE THREE SLANT FOUR PAC AND AS THE POW POINTED OUT POSITIONS THEY WERE MARKED WITH SMOKE BY PAC. ALL STRIKES WERE ON TARGET BUT NO ASSESSMENT POSSIBLE DUE TO JUNGLE CANOPY. STRIKE COMPLETED 041545H.

(1) THIRD BN NINTH MARINES LIFTED CO M TO LZ IN WEST PORTION DANANG TAOR AT COORD (AT 859751). LZ WAS SECURED AT 041145H. AS SECOND WAVE LANDED 3 MARINES WERE WOUNDED BY LAND MINES. 5 MORE WERE WOUNDED BY MINES AFTER THIRD WAVE LANDED. BY END OF REPORTING PERIOD CO WAS ABLE TO MOVE LESS THAN 1000 METERS NORTH OF LZ DUE TO UNDERBRUSH AND PRECAUTIONS TO AVOID MINES. AT DANANG AIRFIELD 20 MAN PATROLS WERE DISPATCHED TO AREAS AROUND NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN ENDS OF THE FIELD. BOTH PATROLS RETURNED WITH OUT MAKING ANY VC CONTACTS. REMAINDER OF BN REMAINS ON AIRFIELD PERIMETER SECURITY POSTS.

## 2. FOURTH MARINES (CHU LAI).

(A) FIRST BN FOURTH MARINES CONTINUED OPNS IN SOUTH SECTOR OF TAOR. PLT OF CO A PATROLLED AREA VIC (BS 493999). SECOND PLT PATROLLED VIC (BT 510023). CO B ESTABLISHED PLT A BUSH AT (BS 543989). NO VC

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SIGHTINGS OR CONTACT FOR ABOVE UNITS. CO C PRESENTLY OCCUPIES HILL VIC (BT 480000) AND IS CONDUCTING RECON PATROLS IN THAT AREA. CO D OCCUPIES DEFENSIVE POSITIONS VIC BN CP.

(E). SECOND BN FOURTH MARINES CONTINUED OPS IN NORTH SECTOR OF MAOR. 500 RECON PATROLS OF CO M HAD NEGATIVE SIGHTINGS VIC (BT 415990). AT 040630H, CO E (-) CONDUCTED MOTORIZED PATROL ON TRAIL TO FINE SCOP FORTIFY AT 040930H WITHOUT CONTACT. AT 040650H CO B, THIRD RECON BN (BT 480000) REASSIGNED TO COORD (BT 480002) TO CONDUCT DAY AND NIGHT COMBAT RECON PATROL.

(F). THIRD BN THIRD MARINES CONTINUED OPS IN EAST SECTOR OF MAOR. CO I FIRED 10 INEFFECTIVE ROUNDS OF SMALL ARMS FIRE VIC (BT 558034) AT 041600H. NO CASUALTIES.

(G). THIRD BN TWELTH MARINES FIRED THIRTEEN MISSIONS THROUGHOUT NIGHT.

3. THIRD RECON BN CONTINUED OPS IN SUPPORT OF INFANTRY UNITS. FIRST AND SECOND PLATS OF CO A REMAIN IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF ONE SLANT THREE. RE/OPS RECALIBRATED AT (AT 887675), (AT 894576), (AT 907650) AND (AT 915647). NEGATIVE SIGHTINGS DURING REPORTING PERIOD. ~~CO - CONDUCTING RECON PATROL~~

4. FIRST BN TWELTH MARINES REMAINS IN SUPT OF INFANTRY UNITS IN THE DANANG MAOR. AT 040800H BTRY F DISPLACED TO (AT 910811) IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF THIRD SLANT THREE. AT 040815H BTRY L DISPLACED TO (AT 914740) TO INCREASE RANGE CAPABILITY. BTRY B CONTINUES IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF TWO SLANT THREE. MORNING BTRY FIRED ILLUM MISSION AT 040330H VIC (AT 914740). BTRY A REMAINS IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF ONE SLANT THREE. BETWEEN 040012H BTRY B FIRED 4 ILLUM MISSIONS VIC (AT 839822). BETWEEN 040050H AND 040300H BTRY FIRED 4 ILLUM MISSIONS AT (AT 812851). BOTH B AND I MISSIONS WERE AGAINST

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SUBJECT: VC AVIATION APPROACH.

1. FIRST MISSION (100)

1000 HRS ONE SIX ONE. (USS IVO JUNA) (PERIOD COVERED 0830-1000 HRS) REPORTED 17 TONS OF CARGO AND 361 PAX FOR FOURTH MISSION. REPORTED NUMBER OF SHUTTLE FLIGHTS BETWEEN CHI TAI AND DANANG.

2. FIRST LAW BY (-). ONE HUNDRED PERCENT OPERATIONAL, MAINTAINING ALERT STATUS.

3. FIRST LAW BY (-). ONE HUNDRED PERCENT OPERATIONAL, MAINTAINING ALERT STATUS. AREA SEARCHED BY A SECOND PARTY REPORTING THUNDER BOLT-L STROKE. LIGHT FLARE ENCOUNTERED OVER THE TARGET AREA BUT NO ESCORT ACFT NOTED.

4. FIRST LAW BY (-). TRACKS REPORTED IN, TRACKS DESIGNATED 5, COVERED ONE TRACK DESIGNATED BY PARAMA.

5. MASS TROOP BASC OPERATIONS WERE NORMAL HANDLING MISC'S FOR FIXED WING AND HELICOPTER AIRCRAFT. THREE F4B SORTIES, CONTROLLED BY AN/ TPO-10 BADA, HIT A JUNGLE TRAIL AND HOUSES AT (VC 149698); A SUPPLY HOUSE AT (VC 185660) AND HUTS AND AN AIRCRAFT TOWER AT (VC 148648). DAMAGE ASSESSMENT NOT AVAILABLE.

6. FIRST LAW BY (-).

(A) VMC TWO (-). 1/0-1B ACFT CONDUCTED 14 ESCORT MISSIONS FOR 111 ONE SIX FIVE. 0-1B ACFT CONDUCTED DAWN AND DUSK PATROLS OF ONE ONE FIVE ONE DANANG AND ONE ONE TADA. 4/0-1B FLEW VISUAL AND PHOTO RECON MISSIONS FOR 111 ONE. 2/0-1B FLEW A NAVAL GUN FIRE SPOTTING MISSION AT (AU 832665).

(B) 111 ONE SIX THREE. 11/1B-21B ESCORTING IN THE VINA AREA ONE ONE FIVE ONE DANANG LISTED 194 PAX AND 118,930 LBS OF CARGO FROM DANANG TO VINA. 11/1B-21B FLEW VISUAL AND PHOTO RECON MISSIONS FOR 111 ONE. 2/0-1B FLEW A NAVAL GUN FIRE SPOTTING MISSION AT (AU 832665).

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AND MAX LIMITS FOR ARVN SECOND DIV. PERFORMED TWO SAR NORTH (NORTH VIETNAM) MISSIONS IN SUPPORT OF USAF.

(1) THE SEVEN SIX FIVE CONDUCTED 32 MISSIONS OF ROUTINE RECONNAISSANCE AND SAR IN SUPPORT OF THE THIRD MARINES. 7/11-12-68 WAS HELD BY F10-112 FROM 0600Z TO 0800Z ON A RECONNAISSANCE OPERATIONAL MISSION. COMPANY B AND C PERFORMED THREE MISSIONS TO LZS (AT 951633) AND (AT 950600). SCALE AREA 100 IN VIC OF LZ (AT 957633) MET TWO AGENTS, IDENTIFYING THEM AS (NAME) AND (NAME). REPORTS BY HQ-112 OF 0700Z (-), 0800Z (-) AND 0900Z (-) WERE RECEIVED. PICKED UP 11 VLA MARINES AND BATTED THEM TO THE FIELD HOSPITAL AT CANAO. 2/11-12-68 LATER THAT MORNING AND WERE RETURNED TO CANAO AND RETURNED.

7. AVNA SEVEN THREE ONE. 3/11-12 ON A HELICOPTER ESCORT MISSION ENROUTE TO ATTACK A VC CONCENTRATION CROSSING RIVER INTO HAIL MASS VIC (TS 388823). RESULTS UNOBSERVED. 6/11-12 ATTACKING VC BIVOUACS AT (BS 545934) AND (BS 575850) DESTROYED 40 BUNGERS AND DAMAGED 15 OTHERS. 11/11-12 ON 2 MISSIONS, OPERATING UNDER FLARES, ATTACKED TARGETS AT (BS 337602) AND (BS 325400). RESULTS UNOBSERVED DUE TO DARKNESS. AT (BS 337602) 2 VC COMPANIES, CAUGHT IN A STREAM BED, WERE HIT WITH 7 500 LB GP BOMBS AND 20 ZUNIS. NO ACCURATE CASUALTY ACCOUNT AVAILABLE. 5/11-12 ON TWO SEPARATE MISSIONS ACCOMPANIED BY HQ-312 IN THE VIC (AT 935665) AND (AT 860750). ON THESE MISSIONS THE 11-12 OF 11/11-12 OBSERVED THEIR TARGET AREAS AND ATTACKED TARGETS AT (BS 119690) (TC 289660) AND (TC 118648) UNDER AN/AGM-129 BOMB CONTROL. A HELICOPTER A PO1 POINTED UP A TARGET AREA FOR 2 VC COMPANIES AT (TS 620065) (REF'S THREE SLATS FOUR ABOVE). THE 11-12 AND HQ-312 CONTROLLED THE TARGET AREA FROM DIRECTED THE 2/11-12 BOMBING. RESULTS IN A BOMB HIT AND RESULTS UNOBSERVED AND THE 11-12, 11-12, 11-12.

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MORE PLANE WERE SCRAMBLED FROM GROUND ALERT TO THE SAME VICINITY AND WAG FOR THREE SLANT FOUR CALLED THE STRIKE IN ON VC TROOPS AT (YD 830070). 2/24/68 0800Z WAG ON SIX UN-380 UNION TO (BS 868319) THREE UN-380 ON TO STRIKE AREA VICINITY AREA AT (YD 790300).

2. FOUR ONE TWO, THREE ONE SIX NINE.

C. AIRFIELD AIRFIELD COMPLEX.

1. AIRCRAFT NO. FOUR SEVEN SIX AIRCRAFT, ON A FIVE SLANT FOUR POSITION AREA, SCRAMBLED AND MOVED TO SLANT FOUR FIVE FIVE SOUTH OF AIRFIELD (YD 790300) AND (BS 868323). ALL AIRCRAFT WHELED INTO FOR TAKEOFF AND MOVED TO LOCATIONS. THE TAKEOFF, INITIAL REFUELERS FROM AN OPERATIONAL EC 130. ALL THE AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS WERE ACCOMPLISHED WITHOUT COMPLICATIONS.

2. CONSTRUCTION  
B-24 (to date)

(A) FOUR THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FEET OF RUNWAY STABILIZED AND THREE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SEVENTY FEET OF MATING LAID. ~~REPAIRS~~

(B) ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FEET OF TAXIWAY STABILIZED AND ONE THOUSAND FORTY FOUR FEET OF MATING LAID.

D. AIRFIELD SUPPORT (THROUGH 021200Z)

1. I CORPS AREA. USS UNCLASSIFIED FIELD COMPANY FIVE ONE W/ UNCLASSIFIED AIRFIELD AREA 021225H AND 021239H VICINITY (BS 165111). AIRBORNE SPOTTER REPORTED EXCELLENT COVERAGE.

2. II CORPS AREA. USS UNCLASSIFIED THIRTY ONE OF CR-048. AIRCRAFT AREA 021055H AND 021206H VICINITY GRID SQUARE (CR 1145). TARGETS AS VC SUPPLY AREA AND SUSPECTED VC BUN POSITION. AIRBORNE SPOTTER REPORTED EXCELLENT COVERAGE AND HIGHLIGHTS IN FIELD AREA OPERATIONAL.

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B. ETC. ON 3 JUNE 1965, MR. PAULY ZORTHIAN, MINISTER-COUNSELOR FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS TO THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN SAIGON, VISITED THE MAP AREA IN COMPANY WITH GEN. B. C. WESTMORELAND, COMUSMACV. MR. ZORTHIAN MET WITH LT COL W. P. DUNCAN, OIC 2ND MAJ CTE FOR ABOUT THREE HOURS, DURING WHICH HE TOUNTO THE VII MAJ CTE OFFICE SPACES AND THE DANANG PRESS CENTER.

## III. PLANS SUMMARY

## A. THIRD BATTAL (3RD)

1. THIRD BATTALIES: ONE SLANT THREE PATROL AREA ON WEST BANK OF SONK HUN RIVER FROM NVC GRID LINE 66 to 69 AND EAST OF U-S GRID LINE 94 FOR NEXT SEVERAL DAYS. TWO SLANT THREE CONTINUE OPER IN LE TV COMPLEX. THREE SLANT FOUR CONTINUE COMBAT PATROLS IN TAOR. THREE SLANT FIVE CONTINUE AGGRESSIVE PATROLLING IN CENTRAL WESTERN SECTOR OF TAOR.

2. FOURTH BATTALIES: CONTINUE ~~AGGRESSIVE~~ PATROLLING IN TAOR AND COMPLETE ORGANIZATION AND CONSOLIDATION OF DEFENSIVE POSITIONS. WILL REPLACE CO H<sub>4</sub> WITH CO F AS REGT RESERVE.

3. THIRD RECON BN: CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE OPERATIONS IN THE NORTH WEST SECTOR OF TAOR.

4. FIRST BN, SEVENTH MARINES: CONTINUE TO SUPPORT BY FIRE DEFENSIVE POSITIONS OF THE THIRD BATT, AND TO HARASS AND INTERRUPT LIBELY VC MOVEMENT AREAS AND AVENUES OF APPROACH.

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5. A TOTAL OF 20 PATROLS AND 22 AMBUSHES ARE PLANNED BETWEEN  
THIRD NAGMIV AREA DURING NEXT 24 HOURS.

II. FIRST MAG (AMV):

1. WEST FIVE THREE ONE: INTERDICTION, GROUND ALERT AND CAS.

2. MAG ONE TWO: INTERDICTION AND CAS.

3. MAG ONE SIX: LOGISTICS, TROOP TRANSPORT, MEDICAL EVACUATION

ALERT, INTERDICTION AND TAG (A).

IV. CHANGES IN OPERATIONAL PLANS: NONE.

V. SUPPLEMENTARY ACTIONS AND/OR DECISIONS REQUIRED OF COMBATANTS: NONE.

VI. NEXT SUTHER 051500Z JUNE 65.

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III MAF REPORT #35 PERIOD 012000H TO 052000H JUNE 1965

1. INTELLIGENCE HIGHLIGHTS. VC ACTIVITY IN III MAF TACOPS CONTINUES LIGHT WITH SPORADIC HARASSMENT OF PATROLS, LIGHT BOMBING OF POSITIONS, AND GROUND FIRE AGAINST HELICOPTERS AND F-4 FLYING AIRCRAFT. UNCONFIRMED REPORTS INDICATE VC UNITS APPROX CO SIZE REPORTED FOR THE FIRST TIME WITHIN THIRD MARINES TACOP.

2. III MAF OPERATIONS.

A. THIRD MARDIV

1. THIRD MARINES. (DAMANG AND HOE PHU BAY)

(A) FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES CONTINUED SEARCH AND BARRAGE ONS IN THE S SECTOR OF THE TACOP. AT 011651H, CO A, CO C

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AND CO D JUNCTURED AT THE LINK-UP POINT, VIC (AT 9666) SIX AND ONE HALF MILES SW OF DANANG. TWO SUSPECTED VC WERE APPREHENDED BY CO A AT 041740H. THE SWEEP OPERATION WAS COMPLETED AT 041802H WHERE UPON THE COMPANIES DUG IN POSITIONS ALONG THE SONG YEN RIVER APPROX SIX MILES SW OF DANANG FOR THE NIGHT. AT 041852H, CO<sup>A</sup> RECEIVED SNIPER FIRE FROM THE VIC (AT 966664) SIX MILES S OF DANANG. FIRE WAS RETURNED IN VOLUME BUT TWO USMC WERE KIA AND ONE USN WAS WIA BEFORE FIRING SUBSIDED. VC INFILTRATORS LATER UNSUCCESSFULLY ATTEMPTED TO INFILTRATE FROM ACROSS THE RIVER TO CO A POSITIONS. CO A DISPLACED TO (AT 955663) AT 050530H. AT 041945H, CO C RECEIVED SPORADIC SNIPER FIRE WHICH CONTINUED UNTIL 042025H WITH ONE USMC WIA VIC (AT 963668) SIX MILES S OF DANANG. CO C CONFIRMED ONE VC WOUNDED VIC (AT 967666). AT 050700H, CO C COMMENCED MOVEMENT TO (AT 959664) APPREHENDING FIVE SUSPECTED VC AT 050830H WHO WERE TURNED OVER TO THE CUSTODY OF DISTRICT HQS. AT 051445H CO C (REIN) COMMENCED MOVEMENT TO HILL 41 (AT 934665) SEVEN MILES SW OF DANANG TO JOIN WITH CO A WHO HAD MOVED TO HILL 41 AND ESTABLISHED A PERIMETER DEFENSE AT 051232H. TWO SUSPECTED VC WERE APPREHENDED BY A CO A PATROL IN THE VILLAGE OF DUYEN SON (ONE) (AT 940661) SEVEN MILES S OF DANANG. AT 051400H, CO D AND THE BN CMD GRP WERE HELILIFTED BACK TO THE BN CP.

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(B) SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES CONTINUED OPNS IN THE N SECTOR OF THE TACR. FIRST PLT, CO E LOCATED A WELL TRAVERSED TRAIL WHICH RUNS FROM (AT 846800) TEN AND ONE HALF MILES NW OF DANANG THROUGH A DRY STREAM BED TO VIC (AT 842815) AND BEYOND, POSSIBLY CULMINATING AT THE TOP OF THE DON G DEN MOUNTAIN. CO E DISPATCHED SQD AND PLAT PATROLS N, S AND NW FROM A PATROL BASE ESTABLISHED AT (AT 886803) EIGHT MILES NW OF DANANG. WESTWARD MOVEMENT IS LIMITED TO NS GRID LINE EIGHT SEVEN.

(C) THIRD BN, NINTH MARINES CONTINUED PATROLLING OPNS IN THE W CENTRAL SECTOR OF THE TACR. AT 041715H, CO M DISPLACED FROM (AT 858758) TO (AT 857764) AND RECEIVED INEFFECTIVE SNIPER FIRE AT 041900H FROM THE VIC (AT 860763) NINE MILES W OF DANANG. THE SNIPER FIRE STOPPED WHEN MARINES RETURNED FIRE. THE POINT OF THE ADVANCE GUARD RECEIVED A GRENADE AT 041930H WHICH SUPERFICIALLY WOUNDED ONE MARINE. CO M ESTABLISHED A <sup>TR</sup>PATROL BASE VIC (AT 857764) NINE AND ONE HALF MILES W OF DANANG AT 042031H. AT 050615H A PLAT PATROL OF CO M COMMENCED MOVEMENT ALONG A ROUTE FROM (AT 859766) TO (AT 857768) TO (AT 854765) WITH NEGATIVE VC CONTACT. AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE ACTIVATED AT (AT 857764) CAUSED ONE USMC KIA. THE PLAT PATROL LOCATED A VC BASE CAMP VIC (AT 858768) NINE AND ONE HALF MILES W OF DANANG WHICH CONTAINED MINE MAKING MATERIAL. THE <sup>VC</sup>BASE

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CAMP WAS DESTROYED. AT 051355H, CO M COMMENCED MOVEMENT TOWARD  
(AT 850791) TEN MILES NW OF DANANG.

(D) THIRD BN FOURTH MARINES CONTINUED STEPPED-UP  
OPNS IN THE HUE PHU BAI TAOR. A RECAPITULATION OF OPNS CON-  
DUCTED FROM 040600H TO 041703H INCLUDES FOURTEEN VC KILLED, TWO  
VC WOUNDED/CAPTURED; CONTRABAND INCLUDES TEN WEAPONS, TWENTY  
BLASTING CAPS, TWENTY FIVE HALF POUND BLOCKS OF TNT, FIFTEEN  
HUNDRED ROUNDS OF SMALL ARMS AMMO, TWENTY ONE GRINADES, SEVEN  
SIXTY MM MORTAR ROUNDS AND A LARGE MEDICAL KIT; NO USMC  
CASUALTIES. AT 050715H, A TANK THREW A TRACK WHEN IT ACTIVATED  
A MINE VIC (YD 822122) FOUR AND ONE HALF MILES S<sup>E</sup> OF HUE PHU  
BAI. A THREE CO SWEEP OPNS COMMENCED AT 050600H WITH A HELI-  
LIFT OF CO M (-) AND CO L (-) TO (YD 805095) SIX MILES SW OF  
HUE PHU BAI AND (YD 812109) FIVE AND ONE HALF MILES S<sup>E</sup> OF HUE  
PHU BAI RESPECTIVELY. CO L CONDUCTED A SWEEP TO THE SOUTH WHILE  
CO M SET UP BLOCKING POSITIONS. NO VC WERE CONTACTED. CO I  
(-) WAS HELILIFTED TO (YD 899055) SIX MILES S OF HUE PHU BAI  
AT 051045H<sub>x</sub> AND IMMEDIATELY BEGAN MOVING SE. THE OPNS WERE  
CULMINATED BY SWEEPING THE ISLAND LOCATED IN THE RIVER VIC  
(YD 807053). NO REPORTED VC CONTACTS. CO M WAS HELILIFTED  
BACK TO THE CP FROM (YD 805095) SIX MILES SW OF HUE PHU BAI  
AT 051330H. CO I AND CO L WILL RETURN BY TRUCK.

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(E) THE FOLLOWING ARE CHANGES IN CP LOCATIONS:

- (1) ONE SLANT THREE BN CMD GRP (AT 985745)
- (2) CO A ONE SLANT THREE (AT 934665)
- (3) CO C ONE SLANT THREE (AT 934665)
- (4) CO D ONE SLANT THREE (AT 968734)
- (5) CO E TWO SLANT THREE (AT 886803)
- (6) CO H THREE SLANT NINE (AT 850791)

2. FOURTH MARINES (CHU LAI)

(A) FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES. CO A ESTABLISHED DEFENSIVE POSITIONS (BS 511994) FIVE MILES SW OF CHU LAI AND A PLAT PATROL CONDUCTED TO THE S FROM THAT LOC HAD NEGATIVE VC CONTACT. CO B ESTABLISHED POSITIONS VIC (BT 531002) FOUR MILES SW OF CHU LAI AND IS CONSOLIDATING POSITIONS FOR NIGHT DEFENSE. A PLAT SIZE PATROL TO (BT 522010) HAD NO VC CONTACT. CO C CONTINUES TO OCCUPY HILL FOURTEEN (BS 479999) SIX MILES SW OF CHU LAI. PATROLS CONDUCTED TO A RANGE OF NINE HUNDRED METERS FROM HILL FOURTEEN HAVE HAD NEGATIVE VC CONTACT.

(B) SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES RECEIVED TWO ROUNDS OF INEFFECTIVE SNIPER FIRE AT 042013H IN THE CO E AREA (BT 535060) ONE MILE N OF CHU LAI. AT 042047H A SEARCHLIGHT SCAN OF THE CO H AREA WAS CONDUCTED WHEN WARNING DEVICES SET UP ON THE PICKET WIRE FENCE WERE ACTIVATED. NO INFILTRATORS

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WERE DISCOVERED. DURING THE DAY CO E DISPLACED TO POSITIONS (BT 489038) AND (BT 503030) BOTH APPROX FOUR MILES S OF CHU LAI. CO F BECAME THE REGT RESERVE AND CO H DISPLACED TO POSITION (BT 525080) AND (BT 531086) BOTH APPROX TWO MILES NW OF CHU LAI. A BUDY PLAT OF CO H THIRD RECON BN CONDUCTED A PATROL IN GRID SQUARES (BT 4701), (BT 4601) AND (BT 4602). AT END OF REPORTING PERIOD NO VC HAD BEEN SIGHTED AND PATROL WAS STILL IN PROGRESS. PERMISSION WAS GRANTED FOR POPULAR FORCES TO ESTABLISH AN AMBUSH POSIT VIC (BT 512047) TWO AND ONE HALF MILES SW OF CHU LAI FOR A THREE TO FOUR DAY PERIOD.

(C) THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES RECEIVED SNIPER FIRE IN THE CO I AREA (BT 566013) ONE AND ONE HALF MILES SW OF CHU LAI AT 042145H. FIRE WAS RETURNED AND THE SHIPER APPEARED TO BE HIT BY A ROUND FROM AN M-79 GRENADE LAUNCHER BUT A SEARCH OF THE AREA PROVED NEGATIVE. CO M REPORTED HEARING SA FIRE APPROX 2000 METERS S OF THEIR POSIT AT 042015H BUT THERE WAS NO CONTACT WITH VC DURING THE PERIOD. AT 050615H, CO I MADE A SWEEP OF THE AREA FROM (BT 568027) TO (BT 564020) APPROX TWO AND ONE HALF MILES SE OF CHU LAI WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. A SIMILAR SWEEP OF GRID SQUARE (BT 5503) AND THE VILLAGE AT (BT 558029) BY CO I ALSO HAD NEGATIVE VC CONTACT.

(D) THIRD BN, TWELFTH MARINES FIRED ELEVEN H AND I MISSIONS AND THREE REGISTRATIONS DURING THE PERIOD.

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3. FIRST BN, TWELFTH MARINES ASSIGNED TWO DIRECT SUP-  
 PORT MISSIONS TO ALFA AND FOXROT BTRYS IN SUPPORT OF ONE SLANT  
 THREE PATROL/SWEEPING OPN IN SE SECTOR OF THE TAOR AND THREE  
 SLANT NINE PATROL OPN IN THE W SECTOR OF THE TAOR. THE REMAIN-  
 ING BTRYS ARE IN GENERAL SUPPORT OF THIRD MARDIV UNITS IN THE  
 DANANG AREA. DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD TWO ADJUSTED ILLUM  
 MISSIONS WERE FIRED BY ALFA BTRY AT COORDS (AT 958656) AND  
 (AT 960665). NO VC WERE SIGHTED ON THE FIRST MISSION BUT ON  
 THE SECOND MISSION VC WERE SEEN SCATTERING. THIRTY ONE H AND  
 I MISSIONS WERE FIRED; FIFTEEN ON SUSPECTED ASSEMBLY AREAS,  
 TWELVE ON AVENUES OF APPROACH AND THE REMAINDER ON AREAS OF  
 SUSPECTED VC MOVEMENTS. TOTAL OF FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY FIVE  
 RDS EXPENDED ON THESE MISSIONS.

4. THIRD RECON BN HAS ASSIGNED CO A TO DIRECT SUPPORT  
 OF ONE SLANT THREE OPNS IN THE SE SECTOR OF THE TAOR. FOUR  
 LP/OPYS WERE ESTAB AT COORD (AT 887675), (AT 894676), (AT 907650)  
 AND (AT 915647) TO SCREEN ONE SLANT THREE ACTIVITIES TO THE W  
 AND S. AT 042157H TEN VC STUMBLED INTO A PLAT AMBUSH POSIT  
 AND SA FIRE WAS EXCHANGED BEFORE VC BROKE CONTACT. A SEARCH  
 OF THE AREA REVEALED ~~XXXX~~ BLOOD STAINS BUT NO BODIES. THERE  
 WERE NO USMC CASUALTIES. AT 042318H TWO VC FIRED INTO THE CO  
 A CP LOCATED AT (AT 935663), SEVEN MILES SW OF DANANG. THERE

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WERE NO USMC CASUALTIES. AT 050615H ONE USMC WAS KIA WHEN HE TRIPPED A VC EXPLODING DEVICE AT (AT 924665) SEVEN AND ONE HALF MILES S. OF DANANG. CO D REMAINS IN EN CP AREA PREPARING FOR A THREE DAY OPN IN TWO SLANT THREE AREA. DISPLACEMENT OF CO D BEGAN AS THE REPORTING PERIOD ENDED.

B. FIRST MAW ADV.

1. IEM ONE SIX ONE (USS TWO JIMA) (ED COVERED 032200H TO 042200H). LIFTED FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY SIX PAX AND EIGHTEEN TONS OF CARGO FOR FOURTH MARINES. EVACUATED TWO ARVN KIA FROM (BT 4212) NINE MILES NW OF CHU LAI TO TAM KY. PROVIDED MARLOG SHUTTLE FLIGHTS BETWEEN DANANG AND CHU LAI.

2. FIRST LAAM BN (-) CONDUCTED AAW EXERCISE WITH SIX USAF F-102 ACFT. ALL EXERCISE RAIDS WERE SUCCESSFULLY ENGAGED.

3. MASS TWO. DASC OPERATIONS WERE NORMAL HANDLING RIO'S FOR FIXED WING AND HELICOPTER ACFT. THERE WERE NO TPQ-10 CONTROLLED SORTIES DURING THE PERIOD.

4. VHCJ ONE (-). CONDUCTED SEVEN SORTIES OF ECM IN SUPPORT OF SEVENTHFLT ROLLING THUNDER SEVENTEEN STRIKES. ELECTRONIC AND CHAFF JAMMING WAS CONDUCTED IN THE VICINITY OF VINH, THUS PROVIDING PROTECTION TO THE STRIKE ACFT FROM RADAR CONTROLLED ANTI AIRCRAFT FIRE. LIGHT FLAK WAS ENCOUNTERED. NO ENEMY ACFT WERE SIGHTED.

5. VPTA FIVE THREE ONE. ON A NIGHT INTERDICT

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SION TWO F4B OPERATING UNDER FLARES CONDUCTED A STRIKE AGAINST TROOP POSITIONS VIC (YC 875842) THIRTY FOUR MILES NW OF DANA NG. FOUR F4B, ATTACKING A VC HAMLET AT (BR 732737) SEVENTY TWO MILES S OF CHU LAI, DESTROYED EIGHT BLDGS, DAMAGED FOUR OTHERS AND LEFT FIRMS BURNING. FOUR F4B DESTROYED NINE STRUCTURES, DAMAGED THREE OTHERS AND SATURATED A VC TROOP AREA AT (YB 930250) EIGHTY THREE MILES SW OF CHU LAI. FOUR F4B CONDUCTED A STRIKE AGAINST A VC HAMLET AND RE AMBUSH SITE AT (YB 960315) EIGHTY MILES S OF CHU LAI, DESTROYING SIX BUILDINGS, DAMAGING THREE OTHERS, AND SATURATING TROOP ENTRENCHMENTS.

6. MAG SIXTEEN (-)

(A) HMM ONE SIX THREE. CONDUCTED THIRTY SIX MISSIONS LIFTING ONE HUNDRED NINETY THREE PAX AND SEVENTY EIGHT THOUSAND LBS OF CARGO IN SUPPORT OF THE ARVN SECOND DIV. PERFORMED TWO SAR NORTH MISSIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE USAF.

(B) HMM THREE SIX FIVE. TWO UH-34D ESCORTED BY VMO TWO UH-1E'S EVACUATED TWO USMC KIA AND ONE WIA OF THE THIRD MARINES FROM (AT 960663) IN THE LATE EVENING OF FOUR JUNE. DURING THE NIGHT OF FOUR JUNE, FOUR MED EVAC MISSIONS WERE FLOWN IN SUPPORT OF THE THIRD MARINES. NINE UH-34D ESCORTED BY VMO TWO UH-1E ROTATED TWO HUNDRED FORTY <sup>FOUR</sup> TROOPS BETWEEN (AT 936666) AND LZ (AT 985745). ONE UH-34 RECEIVED MINOR DAMAGE FROM SA FIRE AT (\*\* 955668) SIX MILES S OF DAMANG.

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SEVEN MED EVAC MISSIONS WERE CONDUCTED IN SUPPORT OF THIRD MARINES, LIFTING NINE MIA AND FOUR HEAVY PROSTRATION VICTIMS. NINE MISSIONS OF RESUPPLY AND PAX LIFT WERE FLOWN IN SUPPORT OF THE THIRD MARINES.

(C) TWO TWO (-). TWO O-1B ACFT CONDUCTED DAWN AND DUSK PATROLS OF HUE PHU BAI, DANANG AND CHU LAI TAORCS. TEN MISSIONS WERE FLOWN ESCORTING MAG SIXTEEN HELICOPTERS. ONE HELICOPTER ESCORT MISSION, TWO UH-1E WERE DIVERTED TO STRAFE AND ROCKET VC POSITIONS NEAR THE VILLAGE AT (AT 968665) SIX MILES S OF DANANG ONE REQUEST OF ONE SLANT THREE. FIRES AND SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS WERE NOTED. TWO UH-1E ESCORTING HEAVY THREE IN SIX FIVE HELICOPTERS EXPENDED 7.62 AMMO AND 2.75 FFAR ROCKETS ON A SUSPECTED VC CP AT (AT 802802) THIRTEEN MILES W OF DANANG.

7. MAG ONE TWO. REFER CHU LAI AIRFIELD PARA II C ONE

BELOW  
ABOVE.

C. CHU LAI AIRFIELD

1. OPERATIONS. FOUR AH ACFT WERE LAUNCHED FROM CHU LAI EXPEDITIONARY AFD ON A STRIKE MISSION AGAINST A VC CONCENTRATION AT (AS 845070) FORTY FIVE MILES SW OF CHU LAI. THE AREA WAS SATURATED BUT HEAVY JUNGLE FOLIAGE PREVENTED ASSESSMENT OF DAMAGE. THE FOUR JATO TAKE-OFFS, AERIAL REFUELING,

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AND FOUR TRAPPED LANDINGS WERE CONDUCTED WITHOUT A HITCH.

2. CONSTRUCTION (TO DATE)

(A) FOUR THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FT OF RUNWAY IS STABILIZED.

(B) THREE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED TWENTY TWO FEET OF RUNWAY MATTING IS LAID.

*CIVIC ACTIONS.*

D. ~~CRUEL AFFAIRS.~~ THE SECOND IN THIRD MARINES SURGEON AND FOUR CORPSMEN TREATED APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED FIFTY VIETNAMESE AT THE LE MY DISPENSARY TODAY.

E. NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT (THROUGH 031200Z)

1. I CORPS AREA. ONE NON-SCHEDULED MISSION <sup>WAS</sup> FIRED IN VIC (BS 778815) COMMENCING AT 012030H BY USS WILTSIE. NINETY RDS WERE FIRED ON TARGET, AN OP. AIRBORNE SPOTTER REPORTED EXCELLENT COVERAGE. MISSION COMPLETED 020320H.

2. NO NGF SCHEDULED OR FIRED IN II, III OR IV CORPS AREAS.

3. NGF SHIPS AVAILABLE (READ IN TWO COLUMNS)

BUCK	ONE ALFA
UHLMANN	ONE <del>ALFA</del> BRAVO
CANBERRA	ONE BRAVO
ROMAN	<del>TWO</del> THREE
BLACK	<del>FOUR</del> THREE

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III. PLANS SUMMARY.

A. THIRD MARINE

1. THIRD MARINES WILL CONTINUE INTENSIVE PATROLLING AND CLEARING OPS BY THREE SLANT NINE AND ONE SLANT THREE IN BANANG TAOR. CO B WILL RELIEVE CO C ON 6 JUNE TO MAINTAIN FRESH TROOPS IN THE OPERATING AREA. PATROLLING ACTIVITY WILL BE INCREASED WITH <sup>IN</sup> THE TWO SLANT THREE AREA TOWARD THE EXTREME NW PORTION OF THE TAOR AS A RESULT OF THE INTTEL REPORT WHICH INDICATES THAT VC MAIN FORCE ELEMENTS ARE IN THAT AREA.

2. FOURTH MARINES WILL CONDUCT A COORDINATED SEARCH AND CLEARING OP IN THE VILLAGE OF TRI BINH (ONE) (RS 5598) & A NEW LZ VIC (RS 518982) WILL BE SELECTED, CLEARED AND MARKED. BOMB RCVY AND COMBAT EXX PATROLS WILL CONTINUE IN ALL BN AREAS.

3. FIRST BY TWELFTH MARINES. CONTINUE TO SUPPORT BY FIRE INFANTRY UNITS OF THE THIRD MARINES, AND TO HARASS AND INTERDICT LIKELY VC ASSY AREAS AND AVENUES OF APPROACH.

4. THIRD REG BN WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE RECON SCREEN FOR ONE SLANT THREE OPN IN THE SE SECTOR OF THE BANANG TAOR. CO D WILL PATROL TO THE EXTREME N PORTION OF THE TWO SLANT THREE AREA AND ESTAB LP/OP'S IN THAT AREA IN AN EFFORT TO DETECT ANY INDICATION OF ORGANIZED VC ACTIVITY.

5. A TOTAL OF TWENTY FOUR PATROLS AND THIRTY TWO

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AMBUSHES ARE PLANNED IN THIRD MARDIV AREAS DURING THE NEXT  
TWENTY FOUR HOURS.

B. FIRST MAW (ADV)

1. VMFA FIVE THREE ONE. INTERDICTION, GROUND ALERT  
AND GAS.

2. MAG ONE TWO. INTERDICTION AND GAS.

3. MAG ONE SIX. LOGISTICS, TROOP TRANSPORT, MEDICAL  
EVACUATION ALERT, RECONNAISSANCE AND TAG (A).

IV. CHANGES IN OPERATIONAL PLANS. NONE.

V. SUPPLEMENTARY ACTIONS AND/OR DECISIONS REQUIRED OF COMUSMACV.  
NONE.

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III MAF SITREP #36 052000H TO 062000H JUNE 65

I. INTELLIGENCE HIGHLIGHTS. THERE HAS BEEN AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF REPORTS ON VC MOVEMENT AND <sup>IMPENDING</sup> ~~IMMINENT~~ ATTACKS. THE MAJORITY OF THE MOVEMENT REPORTED IS IN THE HOI AN, VIEN BAN, AND THANG BINH AREAS, APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN MILES SOUTH OF DA HANG, AND INVOLVES BOTH VC LOCAL FORCE AND MAIN FORCE REGULAR UNITS, USUALLY IN COMPANY STRENGTH. ADDITIONAL MOVEMENTS OF COMPANIES AND BATTALIONS ARE ALSO REPORTED NEAR TAM KY, FIFTEEN MILES NORTH OF CHU LAI. VC FIRST REGIMENT WAS LAST LOCATED <sup>TWELVE</sup> ~~THIRTY FIVE~~ MILES SSW OF CHU LAI AT (BS 528). VC SECOND REGIMENT WAS LAST LOCATED THIRTY FIVE MILES SSW OF CHU LAI AT (BS 1448). REPORTS AS YET UNCONFIRMED INDICATE THE 201 NUMBERED REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS TO BE FIFTEEN MILES WEST OF CHU LAI AT (BF 3010).

II. III MAF OPERATIONS

A. CG III MAF EARLY TODAY INSPECTED PROSPECTIVE LAAN BATTERY SITES ON MONKEY MOUNTAIN AND HILL SEVERAL HUNDRED NEAR THE HAI VAN PASS.

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## B. THIRD MARINE DIVISION

## 1. THIRD MARINES (DA NANG AND HUI PHU BAI AREA)

(A) THE FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES, UTILIZING TWO COMPANIES, CONTINUED SEARCH AND CLEAR OPERATIONS IN THE SOUTHERN SECTOR OF THE TAOR. AT 051500H, <sup>AS</sup> HELICOPTERS WERE LIFTING TECHNICAL MILES OUT OF A LANDING ZONE NINE AND ONE HALF KILOMETERS SS OF DA NANG AIRFIELD (AT 9666), CHARLIE COMPANY RECEIVED SNIPER FIRE FROM POSITIONS TO THE IMMEDIATE NORTH ALONG THE SONG YOI RIVER, (AT 961672) AND (AT 963668). THE SNIPER POSITIONS WERE MARKED WITH THREE POINT FIVE INCH WHITE <sup>PHOSPHOROUS</sup> PHOSPHOROUS ROUNDS AND ATTACKED BY ARMED UH-1E AIRCRAFT ESCORTING THREE HELILIFT. THE SHIPING THEREUPON CEASED AND MOANING WAS HEARD FROM THE TARGET AREA. A PLATOON SENT TO INVESTIGATE FOUND NOTHING, AND ON RETURNING TO THE COMPANY AREA WAS FIRED UPON FROM THESE DIRECTIONS. SPORADIC HARRASSMENT SHIPING CONTINUED UNTIL 1700H WHEN ARTILLERY, FOLLOWED BY AN AIR STRIKE OF THREE F4B AIRCRAFT, WAS CALLED IN. THIS TIME THE ENEMY FIRE CEASED ENTIRELY AND DAMAGE SURVEILLANCE OF FOUR PROBABLE AND ONE POSSIBLE KIA WAS GIVEN. THE COMPANY CONTINUED TO PATROL TO THE SOUTHWEST TOWARDS HILL 223 (AT 915647) IN ORDER TO SET UP NIGHT AMBUSHES. EN ROUTE, FIVE SUSPECTED VC WERE APPREHENDED AND TURNED OVER TO THE DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS. NO VC CONTACTS WERE MADE DURING THE NIGHT. THE NEXT MORNING BRAVO COMPANY REPLACED CHARLIE COMPANY VIA HELILIFT AND BEGAN PATROL OPERATIONS NORTHWARD TO A POSITION WEST OF HILL FORTY ONE, (AT 935665). AT 1800H, ALPHA COMPANY, WHICH HAD BEEN DUG IN AROUND HILL FORTY

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 SINCE YESTERDAY, BEGAN PATROLLING SOUTHWARD. AT THE END OF THE REPORTING PERIOD NEITHER COMPANY HAD MADE VC CONTACT. PATROL OPERATIONS IN THIS SECTOR ARE NOW BEING SUPPORTED BY A PLATOON OF TANKS AND A PLATOON OF ONTOS WHICH ARRIVED IN THE OPERATING AREA THIS AFTERNOON, SIX JUNE.

(B) SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES. HAD NO VC CONTACTS DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD. ONLY ONE SQUAD PATROL WAS CONDUCTED AND TWO AMBUSHES ESTABLISHED AS ALL COMPANIES SWITCHED POSITIONS AND MISSIONS. ECHO COMPANY IS NOW LOCATED AT LE MY FORT (AT 898821) AS THE LE MY SECURITY COMPANY. HOTEL COMPANY MOVED TO A POSITION TWO KILOMETERS SSW OF LE MY (AT 890803) ASSUMING THE MISSION OF PATROL COMPANY, HILL COMPANY MOVED BACK TO THE BATTALION CP AS THE BATTALION RESERVE.

(C) THIRD BN, NINTH MARINES MAINTAINED THE DEFENSE OF THE DA NANG AIRFIELD AND CONTINUED PATROL OPERATIONS IN THE WESTERN SECTOR OF THE TAOR UTILIZING MIKE COMPANY. SIX ROUNDS OF 81MM FIRE WERE RECEIVED NEAR THE DA NANG AIRFIELD, ONE HUNDRED METERS IN FRONT OF DEFENSIVE POSITIONS IN THE SE PORTION OF THE PERI FEN; THE SOURCE OF THE FIRING WAS NOT LOCATED AND THERE WERE NO FURTHER INCIDENTS IN THE AIRFIELD AREA. MIKE COMPANY SET UP A PATROL BASE FIFTEEN KILOMETERS WEST OF THE AIRFIELD (AT 858777) DURING THE NIGHT OF FIVE SLANT SIX JUNE AND PATROLLED TO THE NORTHWEST THROUGHOUT THE DAY. THERE WERE NO VC CONTACTS DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD AND VILLAGERS REPORTED NO VC IN THE AREA.

(D) THIRD BN, FOURTH MARINES (HUE PHU BAI).  
 AT 051817H A TANK RAN OVER A LAND MINE APPROXIMATELY EIGHT KILOMETERS SW OF THE HUE PHU BAI AIRFIELD. THE DAMAGE, A

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 FIRING WAS RECEIVED IN THE SE PORTION OF THE PERIMETER OF DE-  
 FENSE PERIMETER LESS THAN TWO KILOMETERS SOUTH OF THE AIRFIELD  
 (YD 883135). THE FIRE FROM AN ESTIMATED SQUAD OF VC, WAS  
 RETURNED; WITH NO APPARENT CASUALTIES, AND THERE WERE NO OTHER  
 CONTACTS DURING THE PERIOD. INDIA COMPANY CONDUCTED SATURATION  
 PATROLLING THROUGHOUT A SECTOR SOME SEVEN KILOMETERS SW OF THE  
 AIRFIELD (GRID SQUARES (YD 8311 AND 8312) UTILIZING HELICOPTER  
 RECONNAISSANCE; BUT NO VC ACTIVITY WAS ENCOUNTERED. IN AN EFFORT  
 TO LOCATE MORE VC ARMS AND EQUIPMENT IN THE VICINITY OF THE 4  
 JUNE ACTION WHICH RESULTED IN FOURTEEN VC KIA, TWO MIA CAPTURED,  
 AND A LARGE QUANTITY OF EQUIPMENT TAKEN (THE RIVER AREA FROM  
 (YD 808100) TO (811105)) RECONNAISSANCE PERSONNEL UTILIZED  
 SONAR CEAR FOR UNDERWATER SURVEILLANCE. AN EXHAUSTIVE SEARCH  
 WAS MADE, BUT NO ADDITIONAL WEAPONS WERE FOUND. BLOOD STAINS  
 AND FOOTPRINTS WERE FOUND ON A TRAIL JUST NORTH OF THE AREA  
 (YD 82208 h).

2. FIRST BN TWELTH MARINES. FIRED TWO ADJUSTED MISSIONS  
 FROM ALPHA BATTERY IN SUPPORT OF THE FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES  
 CLEARING OPERATIONS. THE FIRST MISSION WAS AS REPORTED UNDER ONE  
 SLANT THREE ABOVE; THE SECOND WAS ILLUMINATION FOR SUSPECTED VC  
 MOVEMENT. BRAVO, LIMA, AND FOXTROT BATTERIES FIRED TIME-ON-  
 TARGET MISSIONS FOR SECOND BN THIRD MARINES AT 052225H AND  
 060630H, EXPENDING TWO HUNDRED TWO ROUNDS. THE TARGET IN BOTH  
 INSTANCES WAS A SUSPECTED VC ASSEMBLY AREA NEAR THE VILLAGE OF  
 HOA MY SOME SEVENTEEN KILOMETERS WEST OF DA NANG AIRFIELD,  
 (AT 846797). THESE SAME BATTERIES ALSO FIRED THIRTY SIX HARRASS-

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MENT AND INTERDICTION MISSIONS DURING THE NIGHT IN SUPPORT OF TWO SLANT THREE AND SEVEN SLANT NINE.

### 3. FOURTH MARINES (CMI LAI)

(A) FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES. THREE HUNDRED CIVILIANS WERE ASSEMBLED IN THE VILLAGE OF TRI BINH NUMBER ONE AT (BS 555986) DURING SEARCH AND CLEAR OPERATIONS BY DELTA COMPANY DURING THE MORNING OF SIX JUNE. ELEVEN PEOPLE WERE INTERROGATED AS POSSIBLE VC AND SIX OF THESE WERE TRANSFERRED TO THE REGIMENTAL COLLECTING POINT FOR INTERROGATION BY THE ABVN. A NUMBER OF OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS WERE DISCOVERED IN THE VILLAGE OF TRI BINH NUMBER TWO (BS 528983) AND DELIVERED TO INTELLIGENCE CHANNELS FOR EXAMINATION. THE POPULACE AND THEIR POSSESSIONS WERE LEFT UNHARMED. ALPHA COMPANY REMAINED IN DEFENSIVE POSITIONS IN THE WESTERN PORTION OF THE TAOR, IN THE VICINITY OF (BS 5199), WHILE BRAVO COMPANY IMPROVED DEFENSIVE POSITIONS NEAR HIGHWAY ONE IN THE VICINITY OF (BT 539023). CHARLIE COMPANY WAS RELIEVED IN FROM POSITIONS IN THE EXTREME WESTERN PORTIONS OF THE TAOR AND ESTABLISHED BLOCKING POSITIONS NEAR TRI BINH NUMBER TWO (BT 520981).

(B) SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES CONTINUED EXTENSIVE PATROLLING OPERATIONS IN THE NORTHERN SECTOR OF THE TAOR. PLATOON AND SQUAD SIZE PATROLS AND AMBUSHES THROUGHOUT THE AREA HAD NO CONTACTS.

(C) THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES CONTINUED OPERATIONS IN THE EASTERN SECTOR OF THE TAOR. INDIA COMPANY, WORKING NEAR THE COAST, RECEIVED TWO ROUNDS OF SNIPER FIRE, RETURNED THE FIRE, BUT LOSE CONTACT. NINE SUSPECTED VC WERE APPREHENDED IN THE VICINITY OF THE SNIPER FIRE, (GRID SQUARE (BT 5503)) AND TRANSFERRED

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TO THE REGIMENTAL COLLECTION POINT.

(D) THIRD BN, TWELTH MARINES. AT 051500H AN ARVN REQUEST WAS RECEIVED FOR ARTILLERY FIRE ON A REPORTED VC BATTALION APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN KILOMETERS SOUTH OF CHU LAI AT (BS 491895). THE EIGHT INCH HOWITZER BATTERY FIRED A SERIES OF MISSIONS FOLLOWING THE VC AS THEY MOVED EASTWARD, TERMINATING AT 1745H AT (BS 540895) AFTER KILLING EIGHTY VC AND WOUNDING SIXTY, ALL OF WHICH ARE IN ARVN HANDS. AT APPROXIMATELY THE SAME TIME THE ARVN REQUESTED ANOTHER MISSION, THIS TIME ON VC TROOPS IN A RAILWAY STATION AT (BS 581928). KILO BATTERY TOOK THIS TARGET UNDER FIRE WITH ONE FIVE FIVE, KILLING FIVE, WOUNDING FOUR AND DESTROYING THE RAILROAD STATION.

(E) AT 060210H THE REGIMENTAL CP (BT 528042) WAS HIT BY A VC SQUAD ARMED WITH AUTOMATIC WEAPONS AND GRENADES. THREE MARINES WERE KIA, NON-SERIOUS.

4. THIRD RECONNAISSANCE BN. IN ADDITION TO THE WORK DONE BY THE COMPANIES ATTACHED TO THE THIRD AND FOURTH MARINES, DELTA COMPANY (-) (REINFORCED) COMMENCED OPERATIONS IN THE NORTHWEST SECTOR OF THE DA NANG TAOR. A PATROL BASE WAS SET UP AT (AT 899797) LAST NIGHT, 5 JUNE, AND ALL AVENUES OF APPROACH WERE TAKEN UNDER OBSERVATION.

#### C. FIRST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

1. HELICOPTER ONE SIX ONE. (USS IMO JIMA) PROVIDED CONTINUING SUPPORT TO THE FOURTH MARINES, LIFTING SEVEN WOUNDED AND THIRTEEN PASSENGERS AND TWENTY TWO TONS OF CARGO. PROVIDED MARINE LOGISTICAL FLIGHTS BETWEEN DA NANG AND CHU LAI. AT 060910H TWO UH-34D WERE INVOLVED IN WHAT APPARENTLY WAS A MID-AIR COLLISION. THE

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 ACCIDENT OCCURRED BETWEEN THE USS TWO JIMA AND THE REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM SHORE LINE. CASUALTIES WERE THREE ENLISTED KILLED, ONE ENLISTED MISSING AND FOUR OFFICERS MISSING. SEARCH OPERATIONS AND INVESTIGATION CONTINUES.

2. VMCJ-ONE. CONDUCTED THREE RF-10 B MISSIONS IN THE VINH AREA PERFORMING ELECTRONIC AND CHAFF JAMMING. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THERE WERE FIVE FIRE CONTROL RADARS ACTIVE IN THE VICINITY. MISSIONS WERE IN SUPPORT OF SEVENTH AIR DIVISION ROLLING THUNDER - 17 STRIKE. PERFORMED ELECTRONIC AND CHAFF JAMMING WITH TWO RF-10B MISSIONS IN THE VINH AREA IN SUPPORT OF A SEVENTH FLEET ROLLING THUNDER - 17 STRIKE. LIGHT FLAK WAS ENCOUNTERED. THERE WERE NO ENEMY AIRCRAFT NOTED.

3. FIRST LAAM BATTALION. CONDUCTED TWO ANTI AIRCRAFT WARFARE EXERCISES WITH THREE AIR FORCE F-102 AIRCRAFT. ALL RAID AIRCRAFT WERE SUCCESSFULLY ENGAGED.

4. MASS TWO. DASC OPERATIONS WERE NORMAL, HANDLING TACTICAL REPORTING (RIO) FOR FIXED WING AND HELICOPTER AIRCRAFT. THERE WERE NO SORTIES CONTROLLED BY THE AN/TPQ-10 RADAR DURING THE PERIOD.

5. HAG TWELVE. FOUR AH AIRCRAFT OPERATING FROM CHULAI, ATTACKED SOME BUILDINGS IN THE VICINITY OF (YC 700956). THE TREE CANOPY PREVENTED AN ASSESSMENT OF THE DAMAGE.

6. WTA FIVE THREE ONE. ON A CLOSE AIR SUPPORT MISSION FOR THE ARVN IN THE I CORPS AREA AT (AT 906673) AND (AT 856792), THREE F4B AIRCRAFT ATTACKED A VC FLYING AREA IN THE VICINITY OF (AT 866815) AND (AT 818798). BUT THE DAMAGE WAS UNDETERMINED. FOUR F4B AIRCRAFT ATTACKED VC STRUCTURES IN A NO LEM AREA AT (YC 690893). THERE WERE FIVE STRUCTURES

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D. DESTROYED BUT NO FURTHER DAMAGE WAS VISIBLE. FOUR F4B AIRCRAFT DESTROYED A BUILDING AND SATURATED THE AREA AT (BT 088272).

7. MAG SIXTEEN.

(A) HEH ONE SIX THREE. CONDUCTED TWENTY MISSIONS OF ROUTINE RESUPPLY AND PASSENGER LIFT IN SUPPORT OF THE ARVN SECOND DIVISION. THESE MISSIONS WERE CONDUCTED FROM DA NANG TO HOI AN (BT 152570), BA GIA (BS 495785) AND QUANG NGAI.

(B) WHO TWO. TWO UH-1E AIRCRAFT ATTACKED VC TROOPS AT (AT 961664), THEY ACTED AS TAG(A) FOR AN ATTACK BY THREE F4B AIRCRAFT OF WETA FIVE THREE ONE ON THE SAME TARGET. CONDUCTED EIGHT MISSIONS WITH UH-1E AIRCRAFT ESCORTING SIX THREE SIX FIVE HELICOPTERS IN THE HUE PHU BAI AND DA NANG TAOBS.

(C) HEH THREE SIX FIVE. CONDUCTED THIRTY FOUR MISSIONS OF ROUTINE RESUPPLY AND PASSENGER LIFT IN SUPPORT OF III MAF UNITS. TWO UH-34D AIRCRAFT LIFTED FOUR PASSENGERS AND SIX HUNDRED POUNDS OF CARGO TO THE USS CANBERRA. CONDUCTED FOUR MEDICAL EVACUATION FLIGHTS IN SUPPORT OF THE THIRD MARINES.

D. CHU LAI SATS CONSTRUCTION

1. FOUR THOUSAND THIRTY EIGHT FEET OF RUNWAY MATTING LAID TO DATE.

2. ONE THOUSAND FORTY EIGHT FEET OF TAXIWAY MATTING LAID TO DATE.

E. CIVIC ACTION

1. THIRD MARINES. A CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER ON PATROL WITH BRAVO COMPANY, FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES PASSED OUT SEVENTY FIVE T-SHIRTS TO THE CHILDREN OF THE VILLAGE OF HIEU DUE

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(AT 942689). THE SHIRTS, YELLOW AND RED, ARE SIMILAR TO THE RVN FLAG. AT THE LE MY DISPENSARY ONE HUNDRED FIFTY PATIENTS WERE TREATED, AND TWO OF THE VILLAGERS HAVE BEEN SELECTED TO UNDERGO TRAINING IN ORDER THAT THEY MIGHT ~~EVENTUALLY~~ <sup>EVENTUALLY</sup> BE ABLE TO RUN IT THEMSELVES. IN THE VILLAGES OF XUAN HOA AND THUAN AN (BT 003776) AND (014734), <sup>NORTH OF DANANG AIRFIELD,</sup> SMALL AID STATIONS WERE ESTABLISHED AND APPROXIMATELY FORTY FIVE VILLAGERS TREATED BY MEDICAL PERSONNEL OF THIRD BR NINTEEN MARINES. LEFT OVER FOOD FROM THREE SLANT NINETEEN'S EVENING MEAL WAS GIVEN TO ST MARY'S ORPHANAGE.

2. FOURTH MARINES. DURING FIRST BR FOURTH MARINES SEARCH AND CLEAR OPERATIONS IN THE FIVE NUMBERS ONE AND TWO, THE BATTALION SURGEON EXTENDED MEDICAL AID TO NEEDY VILLAGERS.

F. NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT. ( THROUGH 011200Z)

1. I CORPS AREA. ONE NON-SCHEDULED MISSION FIRED IN THE VICINITY OF (BS 780840). AMMUNITION EXPENDED, ONE HUNDRED SIXTY THREE ROUNDS OF EIGHT INCH, FIRED BY CANBERRA. THE TARGET CONSISTED OF A VC VILLAGE WITH TRENCH SYSTEM, AND ENTRY ASSEMBLY AREAS. THE MISSION WAS OBSERVED BY AN ANGLICO AIRBORNE SPOTTER WHO REPORTED MANY HOUSES DESTROYED AND HEAVY DAMAGE IN GENERAL.

2. NO NCF SCHEDULED IN THE II, III, OR IV CORPS AREAS.

3. NCF SHIPS AVAILABLE (READ IN TWO COLUMNS)

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III. PLANS SUMMARY

A. THIRD MARINE DIVISION.

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1. THIRD MARINES. WILL CONTINUE PATROL OPERATIONS WITH INFANTRY/TANK/ONTOS TEAMS IN THE SOUTHERN SECTOR OF THE TAOR; CONTINUE AGGRESSIVE PATROLLING AND SEARCHING IN THE NORTHERN SECTOR, IN THE VICINITY OF THE LE MY COMPLEX; CONTINUE OPERATIONS IN THE WEST CENTRAL SECTOR OF THE TAOR; CONTINUE SEARCH AND CLEAR OPERATIONS IN THE NVA PHU DAT TAOR.

2. FOURTH MARINES. WILL CONDUCT AGGRESSIVE PATROLS THROUGHOUT TAOR; CONTINUE IMPROVING DEFENSIVE POSITIONS; CONDUCT SEARCH AND CLEAR OPERATIONS IN COORDINATION WITH LOCAL FORCES IN KI NUC NUMBER ONE (BS 618983) COMMENCING 0705H/50L.

3. THIRD RECONNAISSANCE BN. WILL CARRY OUT OPERATIONS IN PROGRESS, REPORTING ANY UNUSUAL OCCURRENCES VIA THE DIVISION RECONNAISSANCE NET; FIND AND MAP OUT AVENUES OF APPROACH THROUGHOUT TAOR AND LOCATE ENEMY STRONG POINTS.

4. FIRST BN, TWELTH MARINES. WILL CONTINUE SUPPORT OF INFANTRY UNITS IN THE DA NANG TAOR.

5. A TOTAL OF TWENTY SIX AMBUSHES AND ~~THIRTY~~ THIRTY FIVE PATROLS ARE PLANNED FOR THIRD MARINE UNITS DURING THE NEXT TWENTY FOUR HOURS.

B. FIRST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

1. WING FIVE THREE ONE: BLUE BLAZER, GROUND ALERT, SEARCH AND ATTACK, HELICOPTER ESCORT AND COMBAT AIR PATROL.

2. WING TWELVE: BLUE BLAZER

3. WING SIXTEEN: TROOP TRANSPORT, LOGISTICAL, RECONNAISSANCE, MEDICAL EVACUATION AND TAC (A) / AO.

4. CHANGES IN OPERATION PLANS: NONE.

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V. SUPPLEMENTARY ACTIONS AND/OR DECISIONS REQUIRED OF COMUSMACV:

NONE.

VI. NEXT SCHEDULED OVERSIGHT JUNE 65.

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1. THE AIR SIGHTED 130000Z BY OPERATOR JUNE 65  
2. INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION ON ACTIVITY IN THE MAF WATERS HAS  
LEAD TO THE THEORY THAT THE AIR CAME FROM A SEPARATE ELEMENT OF  
BOMBERS, LIGHT PROBES OF 100L, AND GROUND FIRE AGAINST DEVELOPING  
SUPPORT FLYING AIRCRAFT. ONE AIR ELEMENT, IDENTIFIED AS THE 1ST MAF  
WAS NOTICED (AT 930600) WAS HIT BY ONE BOMB AA MISSILE OF APPROX  
CALIBER THIRTY TO THIRTY SEVEN MM. A TRAIL OF THREE WHITE BOMBERS  
WAS REPORTED BY THE PILOT. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THIS SIZE AA  
HAS BEEN NOTED AT THIS ALTITUDE BY FIAM PILOTS.

- 3. THE MAF OPERATIONS
  - A. MAF WOULD VISIT TO OUR LAY TO THE FRONT DEFENSIVE POSITIONS IN THAT REGION.
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(A) 1ST BN, 3D MAR CONTINUED PATROL OPNS IN SOUTH PORTION OF TAOR WITH TWO REPTG CO'S, SUPPORTED BY PLAT OF TRK AND PLAT OF ONIOS. AT 061727H 3 VCS WERE APPREHENDED AT COORD (AT 910683) AND 7 MORE AT COORD (AT 917673) BY CO A. ALL 10 VCS WERE TURNED OVER TO DISTRICT HQ FOR IDENTIFICATION. AT 061747H APPROX 20 VC WERE SEEN AT COORD (AT 836628) AND ARMY PLAT CALLED IN ON THEM. NO CASUALTY COUNT MADE DUE TO DARKNESS. AT 062035H 7 VC WERE SIGHTED AND FIRED UPON WITH SMALL ARMS AT COORD (AT 902661). VC FIRED AND 2 WERE SEEN TO FALL BUT NO BODIES WERE RECOVERED. THERE WERE NO <sup>USAC</sup> ~~REPTG~~ CASUALTIES. PLAT OF CO B FOLLOWED IN DIRECTION VC FIRED AND SET IN HEAVY AMBUSH AT COORD (AT 901671); HOWEVER, THERE WERE NO VC CONTACTS UNTIL 0700 H. AT 070730H A VC WOUNDED THE PREVIOUS NIGHT AT (AT 902661) WAS FOUND AT COORD (AT 891671) AND WAS EVAC TO C AND C CO FOR TREATMENT. BETWEEN 071015H AND 071115H CO D WAS LIFTED TO HILL 44 (AT 935604) AND RELIEVED CO A WHICH WAS LIFTED BACK TO BT CP.

(B) 2D BN, 3D MAR CONTINUED PATROL, SECURE AND SECURITY OPNS IN NORTH SECTOR OF TAOR, CO F RANGED 1500 METERS NORTH OF (AT 913746), 3000 METERS EAST OF (AT 912772), AND 2500 METERS WEST OF (AT 912772). AT 071125H, A VILLAGE GUARD REPORTED THAT 20 VC WOUNDED AND 2 DEAD VC WERE BEING CARRIED BY LAO DEN VC GO TO NORTHWEST BEHIND DONG DEN MOUNTAIN (AT 838823), AND THAT CASUALTIES WERE RESULT OF VC ASSAULT ON BRIDGES IN LAO DEN MOUNTAIN NIGHT. REF: MY SITREP NUMBER 34.

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(C) 3D BN 9TH MAR CONTINUED PATROL OPNS IN WEST SECTOR OF TAOR. AT 061605H, 1ST PLT CO M REACHED (AT 852784) WITHOUT VC CONTACT. ARRIVED AT (AT 840783) BY 061930H. STILL WITH NO VC SIGHTINGS. AT 070800H, VILLAGE VIC (AT 843787) CLEARED WITH NO VC ACTIVITY NOTED. COMPANY SWEEP OPNS COMMENCED AT 070915H FROM (AT 852785), TERMINATING VIC COORD (AT 849789). A BURNING HUT VIC (AT 847797) SET OFF APPROX 50-70 ROUNDS SMALL ARMS A BOMB HIDDEN INSIDE. SWEEP OF CS (AT 8479) CONTINUES.

(D) 3D BN, 4TH MAR CONTINUED PATROLLING, RECONNAISSANCE AND OBSERVATION IN THE PUE BAI TAOR. ONLY ONE INCIDENT OCCURRED DURING NIGHT, WHICH WAS A SINGLE ROUND RECD VIC COORD (YD 897132). AT 070700H, CO K ASSIGNED AIRFIELD DEFENSE MISSION. CO L MOVED TO EAST SECTOR OF TAOR AND CO M TO WEST SECTOR, BOTH CO'S WILL CONDUCT PATROL AND NIGHT AMBUSH OPNS.

(E) CHANGE IN CP LOCATIONS (READ IN TWO COLUMNS)

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| (1) CO A, 1st BN, 3RD MAR | (AT 955752) |
| (2) CO D, 1ST BN, 3RD MAR | (AT 935664) |
| (3) CO I, 3RD BN, 4TH MAR | (AT 883137) |
| (4) CO K, 3RD BN, 4TH MAR | (AT 895148) |
| (5) CO L, 3RD BN, 4TH MAR | (YD 895118) |
| (6) CO M, 3RD BN, 4TH MAR | (YD 839149) |

2. 4TH MARINES (CHU LAI)

(A) 1st BN, 4TH MAR COMPLETED SEARCH AND CLEAR OPN IN VIC VILLAGE OF TRI BINH (BS 555985) WITHOUT VC CONTACT. CO A CONDUCTED RE PATROLS IN VIC (BT 507019) AND (BS 497985). 3D PLT  
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AB- CO A CP LOC AT COORD (BS 512993). CO B IN DEFENSE OF BN CP (B 539021). CO C HELI-LIFTED FROM (BS 555985) TO NIGHT POSITIONS VIC (BT 52984). 1ST PLF CO C OCCUPIED NIGHT AMBUSH SITE AT (BS 512979) IN SOUT CONTACT.

(B) 2D BN, 1TH MAR EXPERIENCED LIGHT PROBES IN CO 2 AREA (BT 495035) AND BT CP (BT 511042) DURING NIGHT. AT 061337 1ST PLF CO C RECEIVED SMALL ARM FIRE FROM VIC (BT 496037) AND 1ST PLF CO C OPEN GULLING IN 81MM MORTAR FIRE. AT 062200H 1ST PLF CO B (BT 504433) RECD HEAVY <sup>RIFLE</sup> FIRE FROM (BT 508030). PLF REPORTED 100% KILLED 1 TARGET VC. AT 062320H MOVEMENT DETECTED VIC (BT 504040). AREA INVESTIGATED BUT NO TARGETS APPEARED. SOB AT 062400H CONDUCTED BY 2D PLF, CO B. 3D RECOLLON AND ELIAS COS R AND R AT (BT 519039), (BT 487039) AND (BT 515099) FROM 062010H TO 070500H WITH NEG RESULTS.

(B) 3D BN, 3D MAR CONTINUED SEARCH AND CLEAR OPS IN EAST SECTOR OF 3D CO. AT 061625H CO 1 APPREHENDED 16 VCS VIC (BT 502040) AND RELEASED THEM TO CUSTODY OF DISTRICT CHIEF. AT 070500H CO 1 AND 3 CONDUCTED SEARCH AND CLEAR OPS IN CONJUNCTION WITH LOCAL FORCES IN WARDENS OF MY HUE (1), (2) AND (3), COORDS (BT 503433), (505983), AND (604983). FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY CIVILIANS WERE SCOUTED AND 2 VCS APPREHENDED AT MY HUE (1), <sup>THE VCS</sup> <sub>A</sub> WERE DEPOSITED AT COLLECTION POINT.

(B) 3D BN, 12TH MAR FIRED 6 OBSERVED MISSILES AND HEAVY ARTILLERY ROSSIONS. HEAVY R FIRED ON VC MORTAR (BT 425090) AT 061523H. ARVN FORCES REPORTED MORTAR SILENCED.

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3. 1ST BN, 12TH MAR RETAINED ALFA BTRY IN DIRECT<sup>44-0001</sup> OF 1ST BN, 3D MAR PATROL OPNS IN SOUTH SECTOR OF TAOR. 4 ROUNDS OF ILLUM WERE FIRED ON COORD (AT 963676) AT 062350H. TARGET WAS SUSPECTED VC MOVEMENT BUT NO VC MOVEMENT WAS OBSERVED. BRAVO BTRY FIRED 32 ROUNDS ON ~~W~~ MISSIONS FOR 2D BN, 3D MAR BETWEEN 0600H AND 070400H. 3 WAI MISSIONS, ALSO FOR 2D BN, 3D MAR, WERE FIRED BY LIMA BTRY. A TOTAL OF 136 ROUNDS OF ~~AM~~ WERE EXPENDED BY LIMA BTRY ON PREP FINS FOR 3D BN, 9T MAR PATROL OPN IN WEST SECTOR OF TAOR.

4. 3D BN CON BN MAINTAINED RECON SCREEN TO WEST OF 2D BN 3D MAR IN THE NORTHWEST SECTOR OF TAOR. TWO PLATS FROM CO D AND ONE PLAT FROM CO B HAD 3 LP/OP'S VIC COORDS (AT 878613), (878786) AND (890768). THE ONLY SIGNIFICANT SIGHTING WAS GROUP OF 19 MEN AT COORD (AT 886798) WHO APPEARED TO BE CARRYING WEPS. CONTACT WAS LOST WHEN GROUP DISAPPEARED INTO TREES. OPN WAS SECURED AT 071445H AND CO D RETURNED TO RECON BN CP FOR DEBRIEFING. 1ST PLT, CO A DISPATCHED TO NORTHEAST TO CLEAR A TRAIL<sup>(S)</sup> ACROSS MONKEY HT FROM (BT 064847) TO (102837). THIS OPN STILL IN PROGRESS AT END OF REPORTING PERIOD.

(C) FIRST MARINE AIRBORNE BRIG

1. BGEN MCINTOSH, CO BRIG, RETURNED TO DAMANG AT 071745H.

2. HH-19 OF SIX ONE. (USS BNO JIMA) (PERIOD COVERED FROM 060530H TO 062200H). PROVIDED CONTINUING SUPPORT TO 1ST MARINES AND ~~CONDUCTED~~ ~~CONDUCTED~~ MARLOG FLIGHTS BETWEEN DAMANG AND CUE LAI.

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LIFTED A TOTAL OF 569 PAX AND 13.5 TONS OF CARGO.

3. VINCJ-ONE (-). CONDUCTED <sup>Four</sup> ~~ONE~~ F-10B SORTIES OF ELECTRONIC AND GAFF JAMMING IN THE VINH AREA. SORTIES WERE IN SUPPORT OF TG 77.6 AND TG 77.4 ACFT WHICH WERE CONDUCTING A STRIKE ON THE VINH BARRACKS AND HEADQUARTERS

4. FIRST LAAM BATTALION (-). CONDUCTED AAM EXERCISE WITH TWO F-102 ACFT AT ALTITUDES OF 50 TO 200 FT AT APPROX LOOKTS. ONE RAID WAS A SIMULTANEOUS TWO PRONGED ATTACK FROM BOTH THE SOUTH AND NORTH SIDES OF MONKEY MOUNTAIN. THE SECOND RAID WAS A DIRECT APPROACH FROM A HEAVILY MASKED AREA ON A BEARING OF 140 DEG. ALL RAIDS SUCCESSFULLY ENGAGED.

5. MAG TWELVE (-). 4/A4 ACFT DESTROYED 4 STRUCTURES AND SATURATED THE AREA AT A VC TROOP CONCENTRATION POINT VIC (BP 060600). ONE A4 RECEIVED ONE AA HIT, WHICH PUT A 4 INCH HOLE IN THE RIGHT ATTITUDE. (REFER PART I). ACFT RETURNED SAFELY TO CHU LAI.

6. WPA FIVE THREE ONE. 4/F4B DESTROYED FOUR BLDGS AT (BT 049242). 4/F4B ATTACKED A VC BIVOUAC AREA VIC (BT 683973). ONE GROUP OF STRUCTURES WAS 50 PERCENT DESTROYED, AND THE ENTIRE AREA WAS LEFT BURNING. 4 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS NOTED. 4/F4B ON A SEARCH AND ATTACK MISSION SATURATED A BIVOUAC AREA AT (ZC 140670). TREE CANOPY PREVENTED ASSESSMENT OF DAMAGE. 2/F4B ON A BLUE BLAZER MISSION ATTACKED TROOP POSITIONS AT (ZC 150700). AREA SATURATED. 4/F4B ON TWO SEPARATE MISSIONS ESCORTED MAG SIXTEEN HELOS ON ASSIGNED MISSIONS. NO ORDNANCE EXPENDED. 4/F4B DEMOLISHED 8 STRUCTURES AND DAMAGED 11 OTHERS IN AN ATTACK AT (BR 604555). 4/F4B SATURATED A VC HAMLET AT (YA 975465).

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## 7. MAG SIXTEEN (-).

(A). HELI ONE SIX THREE. 12/UH-34D ESCORTED BY TWO VHO-2 O-1B AND TWO VIFA-531 F4B <sup>FLG W</sup> A PAX AND CARGO LIFT FOR ARVN 2D DIV TO QUANG TIN (BT 292229) AND TIMH PHOUC (BT 113137). CONDUCTED ROUTINE LOGISTICS FLTS IN SUPPORT OF THE ARVN 2D DIV.

(B). VHO TWO (-) CONDUCTED 4 MISSIONS WITH UH-1E, ESCORTING MAG-16 HELOS ON ASSIGNED MISSIONS. CONDUCTED DAWN AND DUSK PATROLS OF BINH THU BAI, DANANG, AND CHU LAI TAOR. CONDUCTED 4 VISUAL RECON FLTS IN SUPPORT OF III MAF UNITS.

(C). HELI THREE SIX FIVE. CONDUCTED 23 MISSIONS OF ROUTINE CARGO AND PAX LIFTS IN THE BINH THU BAI, DANANG AND CHU LAI AREAS. NO UNUSUAL INCIDENTS. (LATE ENTRY FOR DET AT HUE BINH BAI). ON 6 JUL CONDUCTED 11 MISSIONS OF ROUTINE CARGO AND PAX IN SUPPORT OF 3D BN, 4TH MAR.

8. MASS TWO. BASC OPERATIONS NORMAL. HANDLING RIO'S FOR BAHAM FIXED WING AND HELICOPTERS AIRCRAFT. NO TPG-10 CONTROLLED MISSIONS DURING PERIOD.

D. ~~OPERATIONAL~~ CIVIC ACTION

1. AT 070800 FIRST BN THIRD MARINES DISCOVERED TWO VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS WHO HAD BEEN WOUNDED BY THE EXPLOSION OF A VC LA UHINE VIC (AT 935664). THE TWO CIVILIANS WERE HELO EVAC TO THE DANANG AREA FOR TREATMENT AT MARINE MEDICAL FACILITIES.

2. SECOND BN THIRD MARINES SURGEON AND FOUR CORPSMEN, ASSISTED BY TWO VIETNAMESE RECEIVING MEDICAL TRAINING, TREATED ONE HUNDRED FIFTY VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS IN THE LE MY DISPENSARY.

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3. THIRD BN NINTH MARINES MEDICAL TEAM TREATED THIRTY VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS IN THE VILLAGE OF XUAN HOA (BT 003776) AND THIRTY FIVE VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS IN THE VILLAGE OF THUAN AN (BT 004730). THE BATTALION CHAPLAIN AGAIN DELIVERED LOGS/LETTERS TO SAINT MARY'S ORPHANAGE.

4. THIRD BATTALION FOURTH MARINES MEDICAL TEAM TREATED THIRTY VIETNAMESE VILLAGERS CHILDREN AT ST. CATHOLIC ORPHANAGE IN THE CITY OF HUE.

5. THIRD BATTALION FOURTH MARINES ASSEMBLED THE VILLAGERS IN THE AREA AND REPAIRED THE ROADS OF THE AREA. A BATTALION COMPANY FOLLOWED THE BATTALION COMPANY CORPS OF THE AREA TO THE VILLAGE AND TREATED THEM IN HUE.

6. OUI LAM AIRFIELD COMPLEX

1. FOUR THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FEET OF BUNNAY SEABEACH AND FOUR THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED FEET OF MATTING LAID TO DATE.

2. ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FEET OF TAXIWAY SEABEACH AND ONE THOUSAND THIRTY SIX FEET OF MATTING LAID TO DATE.

7. NAVAL QUARTERS SUPPORT (THROUGH 060900Z)

1. II CORPS AREA. US ROMAN EXPLORED ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY EIGHT AC ON SUSPECTED VC BIVOUAC AREAS VIC (NS 870160) (BS 867118) AND (BS 865138). BETWEEN 060713H AND 060812H. AIRBORNE SUPPORT REPORTED RESULTS AS GOOD TO EXCELLENT.

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- 2. NO WGF SCHEDULED IN I, III OR IV CORPS AREAS.
- 3. WGF SHIP AVAILABILITY (HEAD IN TWO COLUMNS)

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CANBERRA	ONE BRAVO
UNIFLYNN	ONE BRAVO
ROMAN	TWO AND THREE
BLACK	FOUR

- III. PLANS SUMMARY. PAPER
- IV. CHANGES IN OPERATION PLANS: NONE.
- V. SUPPLEMENTARY ACTIONS AND/OR DECSIS S RECEIVED OF COMUSMACV: NONE
- VI. NEXT SITREP DUE 081500H JUNE 65.

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THIRD MARINES (DANANG AND HUI PHU BAI)

(A) FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES CONTINUED PATROL AND SWEEP OPS IN THE S SECTOR OF THE TAOR. CO B CONDUCTED PLT SIZE PATROLS TO THE N OF THE EW GRID LINE SIXTY SIX WITH ONE PLT SUPPORTED BY TANKS AND ONTOS. CO D CONDUCTED TWO PLT PATROLS TO THE S OF THE EW GRID LINE SIXTY SIX FROM A PATROL BASE AT (AT 915648) NINE MILES S OF DANANG. AT 081020H CONTACT WAS MADE WITH VC VIC (AT 842670) TWELVE MILES SW OF DANANG. IN THE FIREFIGHT THAT FOLLOWED, ONE VC WAS KILLED, ONE WAS WOUNDED AND A QUANTITY OF HAND GRENADES WAS CONFISCATED. THERE WERE NO USMC CASUALTIES. PATROL OPS CONTINUED THROUGHOUT THE REPORTING PERIOD WITH NO FURTHER VC CONTACT.

(B) SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES CONTINUED TO PATROL, SWEEP AND SECURE THE N SECTOR OF THE TAOR. PATROLS FROM CO H FOLLOWED ROUTES FROM (AT 892802) TO (AT 870816) APPROX NINE MILES NW OF DANANG AND FROM (AT 892802) TO (AT 870803). AT 071955H, CO H WAS FIRED ON BY VC VIC (AT 892802) EIGHT MILES NW OF DANANG. THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES. AT 080310H, AN ARTY ILLUM MISSION WAS CALLED IN ON (AT 888810) EIGHT MILES NW OF DANANG IN AN EFFORT TO PINPOINT THE MOVEMENT OF A SUSPECTED VC CONCENTRATION. THERE WERE NO SIGHTINGS. AT 080720H, THE AREA WAS SEARCHED AND THERE WERE NO INDICATIONS THAT ABOUT SIX

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PEOPLE HAD ATTEMPTING TO RECON THE CO H PSNS. CO F DISPATCHED PATROLS FROM VIC (AT 918744) FIVE AND ONE HALF MILES W OF DANANG WHICH HAD NO VC CONTACT. CO E CONTINUED IMPROVEMENT OF DEFENSIVE PSNS VIC LE MY, LE MY FORT, AND LE MY BRIDGES.

(C) THIRD BN, NINTH MARINES CONTINUED COMBAT RECON-NAISSANCE OPNS IN THE W SECTOR OF THE TAOR. AT 071630H, TWO VC DRESSED IN CIVILIAN CLOTHING FIRED AT A SQD PATROL VIC (AT 852798) SEVEN MILES NW OF DANANG. <sup>THE</sup> PATROL PURSUED THE SNIPERS BUT LOST THEM IN THE UNDERBRUSH. AT 071631H THE SECOND PLT <sup>of</sup> CO M SEARCHED A SHACK AT (AT 844797) TEN AND ONE HALF MILES NW OF DANANG AND FOUND A LARGE CACHE OF BARLEY AND CLOTHING. PATROL AND ~~SWEEP~~ <sup>SWEEP</sup> OPNS CONTINUED UNTIL 081250H AT WHICH TIME CO M WAS HELILIFTED FROM (AT 856785) NINE AND ONE HALF MILES W OF DANANG TO THE BN CP.

(D) THIRD BN, FOURTH MAR CONTINUED OPNS IN HUE PHU BAI TAOR. AT 071702H, ALL PATROLS FROM CO L RETURNED FROM OPNS IN THE W SECTOR OF THE TAOR. AT (YD 821111) FOUR AND ONE HALF MILES SW OF HUE PHU BAI THE PATROL FOUND A BLOODY PONCHO, TWO LETTERS AND A RECEIPT FOR 140,000 PIASTRES. THERE WAS NO VC CONTACT DURING THE NIGHT OF SEVEN JUNE. AT 080807H, CO L AND M COMMENCED PATROL OPNS TO VIC (YD 816091) AND (YD 865065) BOTH APPROXIMATELY SIX MILES SW AND S OF HUE PHU BAI. THERE WAS NO

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VC ACTIVITY REPORTED BY THESE PATROLS AS THE PERIOD ENDED.

2. FOURTH MARINES (CHU LAI)

(A) <sup>FIRST</sup> ~~FIRST~~ BN, FOURTH MARINES CONDUCTED A CO SIZE SWEEP VIC (BT 539028) TWO MILES S OF CHU LAI WITH A SQD FROM CO C ACTING AS A BLOCKING FORCE. ELEVEN MALE AND FIVE FEMALE SUSPECTED VC WERE APPREHENDED. CP LOCATIONS WERE CHANGED DURING THE PERIOD WITH NO VC CONTACTS MADE. THE ~~NEW~~ <sup>NEW</sup> LOCATIONS ARE:

BN CP BT 539023

CO A BS 512993

CO B ~~BT~~ BT 515021  
 CO C BT 539032  
 CO D BT 539003

(B) SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES DETECTED, WITH AN AN/TPS-TWENTY ONE, A GROUP OF APPROX TWENTY PERSONS IN THE VIC (BT 491020) FOUR AND ONE HALF MILES S OF CHU LAI AT 072035H. AN ARTY MISSION WAS FIRED ON THE GROUP WITH RESULTS UNKNOWN. ON ~~THE~~ THREE DIFFERENT OCCASIONS THROUGH 072338H, THE AN/TPS TWENTY ONE, AGAIN DETECTED MOVEMENT OF PERSONNEL IN THE SAME AREA. EACH TIME ARTY CONCENTRATIONS WERE FIRED WITH EXCELLENT COVERAGE OF THE TARGET AREA. IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE LAST TWO GROUPS WERE POSSIBLY ATTEMPTING TO RECOVER DEAD OR WOUNDED AS A RESULT OF THE INITIAL FIRINGS. SQD SIZE NIGHT PATROLS REPORTED NO VC CONTACTS. AT 080850H A PLAT FROM THE RECON CO WAS LIFTED TO (BT 486013) FIVE MILES SW OF CHU LAI FOR A SWEEP

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OF RIDGES AND HILLS TO THE VIC (BT 488024) WHILE CO F CONDUCTED A SEARCH AND CLEAR OPN FROM (BT 534066) TWO MILES NW OF CHU LAI TO HWY ONE. NEITHER OPERATION RESULTED IN ANY VC CONTACTS.

(C) THIRD BN, THIRD MAR REPORTED AN APPARENT MOVEMENT OF PERSONNEL VIC (BS 571958) SIX MILES NW OF CHU LAI AT 080002H. ARTY ILLUM WAS FIRED BUT NO VC WERE DETECTED. AT 081030H CO I COMPLETED A SWEEP OF HOA VAN (TWO) (BT 573017) TWO AND ONE HALF MILES SE OF CHU LAI AND GRID SQUARE (BT 5702). EIGHT SUSPECTED VCS WERE APPREHENDED AND RETURNED TO THE COLLECTING POINT. A SWEEP OF GRID SQUARES (BT 5701) AND (BT 5702) WAS IN PROGRESS AS THE REPORTING PERIOD ENDED WITH NO VC CONTACTS REPORTED. A TRUCK DRIVER FROM CO C, THIRD TK BN WAS KIA IN THE THREE SLANT THREE AREA (BT 542039) ONE AND ONE HALF MILES SE OF CHU LAI AT 080830<sup>H</sup> WHEN A GROUP OF FOUR VC TOSSED A GRENADE INTO HIS TRUCK. THE GRENADE EXPLODED AFTER THE DRIVER KICKED IT OUT OF THE CAB OF THE TRUCK, WOUNDING HIM THE LEG.

(D) THIRD BN TWELFTH MARINES FIRED A TOTAL OF EIGHTEEN MISSIONS; THREE ADJUSTED, TWELVE H AND I AND THREE REGISTRATION.

3. FIRST BN, TWELFTH MARINES FIRED TWENTY EIGHT H AND I MISSIONS FROM 072200H TO 080600H. TWENTY FOUR WERE FIRED

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ON POSSIBLE VC ASSY AREAS, TWO ON SUSPECTED OP'S AND TWO ON AVENUES OF APPROACH. BTRYS B AND L FIRED ILLUM MISSIONS FROM 080250H TO 080410H. AT 081000H, B AND L EXPENDED THIRTY SIX ROUNDS ON A FIRE FOR EFFECT MISSION ON A FOUR HUNDRED BY TWO HUNDRED METER AREA SUSPECTED TO BE A VC CAMP.

4. THIRD BCOON BN PROVIDED THE FIRST PLT OF CO A TO DEVELOP A TRAIL FROM COORD (BT 061847) TO (BT 102837) ON MONKEY MOUNTAIN. THE MISSION WAS ACCOMPLISHED BY 081600H. CO D'S FOUR MAN SCOUT TEAM ON OP VIC (AT 933781) FIVE MILES IN OF DANANG WAS RELIEVED BY A TEAM FROM THE THIRD PLT, CO B.

C. FIRST MAW (ADV)

1. FIRST LAAM BN (-). ONE HUNDRED PERCENT OPERATIONAL MAINTAINING ALERT STATUS.

2. MASS TWO. DASC OPERATIONS NORMAL, HANDLING RIO'S FOR FIRST MAW FIXED WING AND HELICOPTER ACFT. THERE WERE NO TPG-10 OPERATIONS DURING THE PERIOD.

3. VMCJ-ONE (-). FOUR F-105 CONDUCTED ELECTRONIC AND CHAFF JAMMING IN THE VINH AREA. THE SORTIES WERE IN SUPPORT OF SEVENTHFLT ROLLING THUNDER SEVENTEEN STRIKES ON THE BEN THUY PORT AND FERRY.

4. WFA FIVE THREE ONE. FOUR F-4E ATTACKED A VC BARRACKS AND DIVONAC AREA AT (YB 965360) APPROX EIGHTY MILES SW OF CHU LAI. LOW HANGING CLOUDS IN THE AREA PREVENTED ANY

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DAMAGE ASSESSMENT. TWO F4B ON A SEARCH AND ATTACK MISSION SATURATED A VC BIVOUAC AREA AT (ZC 159663) APPROX FIFTY MILES SW OF THE PW BAI. ON ANOTHER SEARCH AND ATTACK MISSION, A VC BIVOUAC AREA VIC (ZC 150750) WAS ATTACKED. THE HEAVY TREE CANOPY IN THE AREA PREVENTED ASSESSMENT OF DAMAGE. FOUR F4B ATTACKED AN ESTIMATED TWO COMPANIES OF VC WHO WERE IN TRENCHES AND FOXHOLES VIC (BN 280230). THREE F4B ON A BLUE BLAZER MISSION IN THE II CORPS AREA ATTACKED VC TROOP CONCENTRATIONS ALONG A WOODED CREEK AT (BN 990020).

5. MAG TWELVE. FOUR A4C ON A SECOND AIR DIV ASSIGNED BLUE BLAZER MISSION ATTACKED A TROOP AREA AT (CN 014918). ONE BLDG WAS DESTROYED AND THE AREA WAS SATURATED. LIGHT INACCURATE GROUND FIRE WAS RECEIVED FROM THE VIC (CN 009921). THERE WERE NO HITS ON THE ACFT. ALL ACFT RETURNED TO CHU LAI.

6. HMM ONE SIX ONE (062200H TO 072200H). CONTINUES TO PROVIDE SUPPORT TO THE FOURTH MARINES, LOGISTICS FLTS BETWEEN DANANG AND CHU LAI, AND SAR FOR MAG TWELVE AT CHU LAI. THREE HUNDRED TROOP AND SIX TONS OF CARGO WERE LIFTED IN SUPPORT OF THE FOURTH MARINES.

7. MAG SIXTEEN (-). K

(A) IMM THREE SIX FIVE. CONDUCTED TWENTY SIX MISSIONS OF SUPPLY AND PAX LIFT IN SUPPORT OF III MAF. NO UNUSUAL INCIDENTS.

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(B) IEM ONE SIX THREE. CONDUCTED THIRTY ONE MISSIONS OF RESUPPLY AND PAX LIFT IN SUPPORT OF THE ARVN SECOND DIV. OPERATIONS WERE CONDUCTED IN THE I AND II CORPS AREAS.

(C) VMO TWO. CONDUCTED DAWN AND DUSK PATROLS OF THE PHU BAI, DANANG, AND CHU LAI TAOR. TWO O-1B CONDUCTED AERIAL SPOTTING MISSIONS VIC (AT 823628) FOURTEEN AND ONE HALF MILES SW OF DANANG. CONDUCTED FOUR MISSIONS OF VISUAL RECON IN THE DANANG AND CHU LAI TAOR. FLEW SIX HELICOPTER ESCORT MISSIONS WITH UH-1H ACFT.

#### D. CHU LAI AIRFIELD.

1. OPERATIONS. FOUR A-1C ACFT WERE LAUNCHED AND RECOVERED TODAY. THE ACFT CONDUCTED STRIKES IN SUPPORT OF A SECOND AIR DIV ASSIGNED BLUE BLAZER MISSION. (REFER PARA II C FIVE). AT 081715H, A KC-130 OF VMGR ONE FIVE TWO LANDED AT CHU LAI WITH SUPPORT EQUIPMENT FOR WEA TWO TWO FIVE. THIS LANDING MARKED THE FIRST TIME THAT AN ACFT OF THE SIZE OF THE KC-130 HAD USED THE NEWLY CONSTRUCTED AIRFIELD.

#### 2. CONSTRUCTION IMPROVEMENTS

(A) FIVE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FEET OF RUNWAY STABILIZED TO DATE.

(B) TWO THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FEET OF TAXIWAY STABILIZED AND ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY ~~XXX~~ FOUR

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FEET OF MATTING LAID TO DATE.

E. CIVIC ACTIONS.

1. TWO CHILDREN WITH CLEFT PALATES FROM THE VILLAGE OF MEA PHAT WERE TREATED AT THE ONE SLANT THREE BN AID STATION AND THEY WERE PREPARED FOR CORRECTIVE OPERATIONS WHICH WILL BE PERFORMED IN SAIGON.

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2. THE TWO SLANT THREE BN SURGEON, FOUR CORPSMEN AND FOUR VIETNAMESE TRAINEES TREATED APPROX ONE HUNDRED FIFTY VIETNAMESE IN THE LE MY DISPENSARY TODAY.

3. THE THREE SLANT NINE BN CHAPLAIN PRESENTED A SLIDE PROJECTOR TO THE ST MARY'S ORPHANAGE FOR USE AS A TEACHING DEVICE. THE MONEY FOR PURCHASE OF THE PROJECTOR WAS DONATED BY THE MEN OF THREE SLANT NINE.

F. NAVAL GUNFIRE SHIPS AVAILABLE. (READ IN TWO COLUMNS)

SHIP	AREA
UHLMANN	CMS BRANG/TUC
ROYAL	PHUOC
BLACK	FOUR

III. PLANS SUMMARY. <sup>PASEP</sup> ~~SECRETED BY SHIPDATE 436.~~

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IV. CHANGES IN OPERATION PLANS. NONE

V. SUPPLEMENTARY ACTIONS AND/OR DECISIONS REQUIRED OF COURSE/AGOV.

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VI. NEXT SITREP DUE 091500H JUNE 1965.

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III MAF SITREP #39 082000H TO 092000H

I. INTELLIGENCE HIGHLIGHTS: VIET CONG ACTIVITY REMAINS LIGHT WITH TROOP MOVEMENTS REPORTED IN THE HUE PHU BAI AND DANANG AREAS. MOVEMENTS IN THE PHU BAI SECTOR WERE IN AN AREA TEN TO FIFTEEN MILES S W OF THE AIRFIELD, AND THOSE IN THE DANANG AREA WERE IN THE HIGH COUNTRY TO THE SOUTHWEST AND NORTHWEST. THERE IS NO CHANGE IN THE VIET CONG CAPABILITY.

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II. III MAF OPERATIONS.

A. THIRD MARINE DIVISION

(1) THIRD MARINES. (DANANG AND HUE PHU BAI)

(A) FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES. CONTINUED TO

PATROL THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE TAOR WITH TWO RIFLE COMPANIES SUPPORTED BY PLATOONS OF TANKS AND ONTOS. DURING THE NIGHT OF NINE-NINE JUNE ABRUSH SITES WERE ESTABLISHED ALONG ACCESS ROUTES AT COORDINATES (AT 878648), (AT 917673)

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AND (AT 924629), NO CONTACTS WERE MADE; HOWEVER, IN THE COURSE OF THE SEARCH, ONE SUSPECTED VC WAS APPREHENDED JUST SOUTH OF THE LAST AMBUSH. LATER IN THE MORNING, AT 0830H, A TANK SET OFF A BOOBY TRAP NEAR DONG BICH (AT 901686), WOUNDING SLIGHTLY A MARINE WALKING ALONGSIDE. THE PATROL CONTINUED TO THE VILLAGE OF KHONG MY, ONE KILOMETER TO THE EAST, (AT 911685), WHICH WAS SEARCHED WITHOUT INCIDENT. IN THE EARLY AFTERNOON A HELICOPTER LANDING ZONE WAS SECURED AT (AT 915648) FROM WHICH BOTH COMPANIES, BRAVO AND DELTA, WERE RELIEVED BY CHARLIE COMPANY. THE TANK AND ONE'S PLATOONS RETURNED TO THE BATTALION CP VIA ROAD. CHARLIE COMPANY SPLIT ONE PLATOON TO THE SOUTH AND TWO TO THE SOUTHWEST, BUT AT THE END OF THE REPORTING PERIOD ALL THAT WAS REPORTED WAS THE FINDING OF A VC GRENADE AT (AT 892630).

(B) SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES. CONTINUED PATROL ACTIVITY IN THE NORTHERN PORTION OF THE TAOR, SATURATING GRID SQUARE AREAS PICKED AT RANDOM BETWEEN DAMANG AND LE MY. ((AT 9074 & 9076) (AT 9174, 9177, & 9178) (9275 & 9276) (9374 & 9377)). THERE WERE NO VC CONTACTS. AMBUSH SITES DURING THE NIGHT EIGHT-NINE JUNE WERE ALSO WITHOUT CONTACT; (AT 878798) AND (AT 879814).

(C) THIRD BN, NINTH MARINES. CONTINUED PATROL AROUND THE DAMANG AIRFIELD. KING COMPANY DISPLACED BY TRUCK TO A POSITION APPROXIMATELY SEVEN KILOMETERS NW OF THE AIRFIELD AND COMMENCED COMBAT AND RECONNAISSANCE PATROLS. INITIAL PATROLS COVERED A ROUTE NORTHWEST TO HILL 121 (AT 859783) WHERE A PATROL BASE WAS ESTABLISHED. FROM THERE

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SUBSEQUENT PATROLS COVERED ROUTES NORTHWEST TO DONG DEN (AT 838828) AND SOUTH TO MY SONG (AT 877764) WITHOUT CONTACT.

(D) THIRD BN, FOURTH MARINES (AT UER PHU BAI), CONDUCTED PATROL OPERATIONS AIDED BY HELICOPTER RECONNAISSANCE FROM THE ATTACHED FIVE THREE SIX FIVE DETACHMENT. AT 090815H SEVENTEEN PERSONS WERE SPOTTED ALONG THE WESTERN TAOR BOUNDARY AT (YD 822125). AN INVESTIGATION BY A TWO PLATOON HELILIFT PROVED THEM TO BE BERRY PICKERS, ALTHOUGH ONE SUSPECTED VC WAS RETURNED FOR INTERROGATION. TWO ARTILLERY FIRE MISSIONS WERE CONDUCTED DURING THE AFTERNOON; ONE AT 1405H ON FIFTEEN TO TWENTY VC IN THE OPEN IN THE VICINITY OF (YD 800053), AND ANOTHER AT 1500H ON AN ESTIMATED FIVE VC IN THE VICINITY OF (YD 794083). BOTH MISSIONS, OUTSIDE THE TAOR, WERE COORDINATED WITH THE ARVN. NO REPORTS ON EFFECTIVENESS OF THE FIRE ARE AVAILABLE.

(2) FIRST BN, <sup>TWELFTH</sup> FIFTH MARINES, FIRED TWENTY ONE HARRASSMENT AND INTERDICTION MISSIONS AND ONE ADJUSTED MISSION. NINETY FOUR ROUNDS WERE EXPENDED. FOXTRON BATTERY DISPLACED TO AN ALTERNATE POSITION (AT 911752) TO PROVIDE DIRECT SUPPORT FOR THE OPERATIONS OF KILO COMPANY, THREE SLANT NINE, <sup>AS</sup> REPORTED ABOVE, AND LIMA BATTERY (-) DISPLACED TO AN ALTERNATE POSITION (AT 936741) TO SUPPORT ONE SLANT THREE'S DEEP PATROLS.

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(3) THIRD RECONNAISSANCE BN. A SCOUT TEAM OF ALPHA COMPANY ~~SUCCESSFULLY~~ RELIEVED A <sup>SIMILAR</sup> TEAM FROM BRAVO COMPANY AT OUTPOST HOTEL IN THE HIGH GROUND BETWEEN DAMANG AND LE MY

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AT (AT 933781).

## (4) FOURTH MARINES. (CUI LAI)

(A) FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES. CONTINUED OPERATIONS IN THE SOUTHWEST SECTOR OF THE TAOR. DURING THE NIGHT OF EIGHT JUNE BRAVO COMPANY ESTABLISHED NIGHT AMBUSHES (BT 548013) AND (BT 509022) AND <sup>CONDUCTED</sup> ~~CONDUCTED~~ EVENING PATROLS, ALL WITHOUT CONTACT. CHARLIE COMPANY CONTINUED THE PERIMETER DEFENSE OF THE LITTLERIDGE CP, (BT 539023), AND DELTA COMPANY MAINTAINED <sup>DEFENSIVE</sup> ~~DEFENSIVE~~ POSITIONS AROUND HILL TWO ONE THREE (BT 532004). A PATROL ESTABLISHED A NIGHT AMBUSH FOR THE SOUTH (BS 544988) RETURNING AT FIRST LIGHT WITHOUT ANY CONTACT.

(B) SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES. CONTINUED OPERATIONS IN THE NORTHERN SECTOR OF THE TAOR. DURING THE EVENING OF NIGHT JUNE A REPORT WAS RECEIVED THAT VC WERE IN THE AREA, IN THE VICINITY OF (BT 518075); HOWEVER, A REINFORCED RIFLE SQUAD FROM HOTEL COMPANY, SENT TO INVESTIGATE, WAS UNABLE TO MAKE A CONTACT.

(C) THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES. CONTINUED OPERATIONS IN THE SOUTHEASTERN SECTOR OF THE TAOR. DURING THE LATE AFTERNOON OF NIGHT JUNE INDIA COMPANY SWEPT THE VILLAGE OF HOA VAN NUMBER ONE (BT 555015) WITH NO VC CONTACTS. THIS MORNING, BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 0030H AND 0330H, THE LEFT FLANK OF KILO COMPANY WAS PROBED IN THE VICINITY OF (BT 610002) DURING WHICH TIME SHOTS WERE EXCHANGED. NO CASUALTIES WERE TAKEN; HOWEVER, AT 1313H TWO PLATOONS WERE FIRED UPON FROM ACROSS THE SONG TRA DONG RIVER KILLING ONE MARINE.

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(D) THIRD BY, TWELFTH MARINES. FIRED TWO AD-  
JUSTED AND SIXTEEN HARBASMENT AND INTERDICTION MISSIONS.  
AN ARMY FORWARD OBSERVER CALLED IN NIGHT TOW MORTAR FIRE  
ON A VC PLATOON POSITION IN THE VICINITY OF (BS 635955) JUST  
SOUTH OF BURET FLAME CURRENTS AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY.  
SURVEILLANCE, NON-ASMC, INDICATED NINETEEN VC KILLED, EIGHT  
WOUNDED.

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## B. FIRST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

1. HEM ONE SIX ONE. (USS TWO J LMA) (PERIOD COVERED FROM 072200H TO 082200 H). CONTINUING TO SUPPORT THE FOURTH MARINES AND PERFORMING MARINE LOGISTICS FLIGHTS BETWEEN DANANG AND CHU LAI. THERE WERE TWO HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SIX PASSENGERS AND FIFTY-NINE TONS OF CARGO LIFTED.

2. FIRST LAAM BATTALION (-). CONDUCTED AAW EXERCISE WITH USAF F-102 AIRCRAFT AT FIFTY FEET OF ALTITUDE AND A SPEED OF FOUR HUNDRED KNOTS. ALL RAID AIRCRAFT WERE SUCCESSFULLY ENGAGED.

3. MAG TWELVE. FOUR A4 AIRCRAFT ATTACKED A VIET CONG TROOP CONCENTRATION AT (BS 625515) WITH NAPALM AND ROCKETS. THE AREA WAS SATURATED. LIGHT INACCURATE AUTOMATIC SMALL ARMS FIRE WAS RECEIVED FROM THE VICINITY OF (BS 590570). THERE WERE NO HITS ON THE AIRCRAFT. TWO A4E AIRCRAFT OF VMA THREE ONE ONE AND TWO A4C AIRCRAFT OF VMA TWO TWO FIVE WERE INTRODUCED AT CHU LAI AT 0800H FROM CUBI POINT. THE INVENTORY NOW INCLUDES SIX A4E AIRCRAFT OF VMA THREE ONE ONE AND SIX A4C AIRCRAFT OF VMA TWO TWO FIVE. FOUR A4C AIRCRAFT ATTACKED THREE BUILDINGS AT (BS 792310) WITH NAPALM AND ROCKETS. THE TARGET WAS DESTROYED.

4. VMA FIVE THREE ONE. TWO F4B AIRCRAFT ON A SEARCH AND ATTACK MISSION SATURATED A VIET CONG CONCENTRATION AT (ZC 162669). FOUR F4B AIRCRAFT ON A BLUE BLAZER MISSION ATTACKED A VIET CONG CONCENTRATION IN A WOODED RAVINE AT (YD 169359). THE AREA WAS SATURATED. FOUR F4B AIRCRAFT ATTACKED A VIET

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CONG CONCENTRATION IN A WOODED AREA AT (BS 510530). ALL ORD  
NANCE WAS EXPENDED ON TARGET. FOUR F4B AIRCRAFT DEPARTED ON A  
BLUE BLAZER MISSION; HOWEVER, THE PAC ASSIGNED NO TARGET.

## 5. MAG SIXTEEN.

(A). HMM THREE SIX FIVE. CONDUCTED EIGHTEEN MIS-  
SIONS OF PASSENGER, CARGO AND MEDICAL EVACUATION LIFTS IN SUPP-  
ORT OF III MAF UNITS. ONE UH-34D AIRCRAFT MADE A FORCED LAND-  
ING AT (AT 946795), WITH ENGINE TROUBLE. TWO UH-34D AIRCRAFT  
WERE DISPATCHED TO THE SCENE WITH ANOTHER ENGINE AND A MAINT  
ENANCE CREW. THE ENGINE WAS CHANGED AND ALL AIRCRAFT RETURNED  
TO DANANG.

(B). HMM ONE SIX THREE. EIGHTEEN UH-34D AIRCRAFT  
ESCORTED BY TWO O-1B AIRCRAFT OF VMO TWO MOVED AN ENTIRE VILLAGE  
FROM (YC910890) TO (YD 720198). IN SHUTTLE FLIGHTS BETWEEN THE  
TWO POINTS, ONE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED AND SIXTY-TWO PASSENGERS  
AND THIRTY THREE POINT FIVE TONS OF CARGO WERE MOVED.

(C). VMO TWO. TWO O-1B AIRCRAFT ESCORTED UH-34D  
AIRCRAFT OF HMM ONE SIX THREE DURING THE MOVE OF THE VILLAGE.  
UH-1E AIRCRAFT ESCORTED HELICOPTERS OF HMM THREE SIX FIVE ON  
NORMAL RESUPPLY AND PASSENGER LIFTS. TWO O-1B AIRCRAFT CONDUCT-  
ED DAWN AND DUSK PATROLS OF THE HUE PHU BAI, DANANG AND CHU LAI  
TAOR.

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6. VMCJ ONE (-). FOUR EF-108 AIRCRAFT CONDUCTED ELECT-  
RONIC AND CHAFF JAMMING IN THE VINH AREA. THE MISSIONS WERE IN  
SUPPORT OF SEVENTH FLEET ROLLING THUNDER-17 STRIKES ON VINH  
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BARRACKS AND HEADQUARTERS. LIGHT FLAK WAS ENCOUNTERED IN THE TARGET AREA. NO ENEMY AIRCRAFT WERE NOTED.

7. MASS TWO. DASC HANDLED RIO'S FOR FIRST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING FIXED WING AND HELICOPTER AIRCRAFT. AN AN/TPQ-10 MISSION WAS CANCELLED DUE TO SEVERE THUNDERSTORMS IN THE TARGET AREA.

C. CHU LAI SATS CONSTRUCTION

(1) FIVE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND FIFTY FEET OF RUNWAY STABILIZED TO DATE.

(2) FOUR THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY FEET OF RUNWAY MATTING LAID TO DATE. WHEN THE FIVE THOUSAND FOOT MARK IS REACHED, TOMORROW, ONE HALF OF THE RUNWAY MATTING CREW WILL BE UTILIZED TO REINFORCE THE TAXIWAY MAT LAYING CREW UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE TAXIWAY RECONNECTS WITH THE RUNWAY AT A POINT WHERE THERE IS NO BREAK FROM THE COMPLETION OF THE RUNWAY CONSTRUCTION.

(3) TWENTY-FOUR HUNDRED FEET OF TAXIWAY STABILIZED TO DATE.

(4) TWO THOUSAND FEET OF TAXIWAY LAID TO DATE.

D. CIVIC ACTION

(1) A VIETNAMESE PUBLIC HEALTH TEAM WAS AIRLIFTED BY FIRST MAW AIRCRAFT FROM DA NANG TO CHU LAI WHERE THE TEAM WILL WORK THROUGHOUT THE LY TIN DISTRICT. MEDICAL PERSONNEL AT CHU LAI WERE BRIEFED BY THE DIVISION SURGEON ON THE IMPORTANCE OF RENDERING ALL POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE TO THE TEAM IN ORDER THAT THEY WOULD BEST

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REPRESENT THE GOVERNMENT IN THIS HIGHLY PRIORITY OPERATION.

(2) AS REPORTED ABOVE, HELICOPTERS FROM ONE SIX THREE AND ONE THREE SIX FIVE COMPLETED A "CITIZEN'S MOVE" IN WHICH AN ENTIRE VILLAGE WAS MOVED FROM THE TRÉ (INDICATED AS ROU ROUZY ON THE MAPS) TO A NEW LOCATION OUTSIDE OF HUE. THE DISTRICT CHIEF REQUESTED THE MOVE AFTER CONTINUED VIET CONG MORTAR ATTACKS AND GENERAL HARRASSMENT FINALLY BECAME TOO MUCH FOR THE VILLAGERS, WHO REFUSED TO SURRENDER TO VIET CONG DOMINATION.

D. ISO. AT BREAKFAST YESTERDAY, MAJOR WALT ENTERTAINED FOUR EXECUTIVE PRESS MEMBERS, IN VIETNAM FOR A TWO WEEK PERIOD AS OFFICIAL GUESTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. FOLLOWING THE BREAKFAST BRIEFING THE MEMBERS WERE FLOWN TO CHI LAI WHEN THEY WERE MET BY COL DUPRAS, COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE FOURTH MARINES.

F. NAVAL QUINCY SHIPS AVAILABLE (READ IN TWO COLUMNS)

<u>SHIP</u>	<u>AREA</u>
<del>CANTERBURY</del>	<del>ONE BR VO</del>
UHLMANN	ONE BR VO/NORTH
ROMAN	SOUTH TWO/NORTH THREE
BLACK	SOUTH THREE/NORTH FOUR

III. PLANS SUMMARY: PASSEP

IV. CHANGES IN OPERATION PLANS: NONE

V. SUPPLEMENTARY ACTIONS AND/OR DECISIONS REQUIRED OF COMUSMACV: NONE.

VI. NEXT SITREP DUE 101500H JUNE 1965.

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I. INTELLIGENCE HIGHLIGHTS. VIET CONG ACTIVITY IN III MAF  
TAOR'S CONTINUES LIGHT WITH SPORADIC HARASSMENT OF PATROLS,  
LIGHT PROBES OF PSN, AND GROUND FIRE AGAINST HELICOPTERS AND  
LOW FLYING AIRCRAFT.

II. III MAF OPERATIONS.

A. VISITS.

(1) CONGRESSMAN H. H. CALLAWAY, REPRESENTATIVE FROM THIRD  
DISTRICT, GEORGIA, VISITED III MAF UNITS IN THE DANANG AREA.

(2) BOEN H. G. HUTCHINSON, JR., USEC, J-3 CINCPAC AND  
PARTY, VISITED III MAF AVIATION UNITS IN DANANG.

(3) COL H. B. STCLAIR, US ARMY, SENIOR ADVISOR TO I CORPS  
AND COL W. O. WZELL, USAF, CO, TWENTY THIRD AIR BASE GROUP, DANANG,  
CALLED ON CG III MAF.

(4) HIGH MAF HOLD BYEST PRESS CONFERENCE AS CG III MAF

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WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY APPROX THIRTY PRESS REPRESENTATIVES IN THE DANANG AREA.

**B. THIRD MARDIV.**

**(1) THIRD MARINES (DANANG AND HUE PHU BAI)**

**A. 1ST BN, 3D MARINES** CONTINUED PATROL AND SWEEP OPNS IN SOUTH SECTOR OF THE DANANG TAOR. ON 9 JUN PLAT PATROLS COVERED THE AREA FROM THE LZ (AT 915648) NORTH TO (905684) AND SOUTHWEST TOWARD (856622). SUSPECTED VC TRAIL WAS FOLLOWED AT THE LATTER COORDS BUT NO CONTACT WAS MADE. NIGHT PATROL BASES AT COORDS (AT 872628), (855622) AND (901672) NO VC CONTACT. 10 JUN PATROLS MOVED GENERALLY NORTHEAST THROUGH COORDS (AT 942648), (943662), (908684) AND (893657). NO CONTACT HAD BEEN MADE WITH VC AT THE END OF THE REPORTING PERIOD.

**B. 2D BN, 3D MARINES** CONTINUED IMPROVEMENT OF DEFENSIVE POSITS AROUND THE BRIDGES LEADING INTO LE MY (AT 900806) AND (898812). AMBUSH POSITS WERE ESTAB VIC VILLAGE OF HUONG PHOUC (AT 910800) FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF REPORT THAT ARMED VC HAD BEEN SEEN IN THAT VILLAGE ON THE NIGHTS OF 7 AND 8 JUN. NO VC WERE DETECTED HOWEVER. DAYLIGHT SQUAD PATROLS CONDUCTED ON 10 JUN THROUGHOUT GRID SQUARES (AT 8977), (AT 8978), (AT 9174) AND (AT 9474) ALL REPORTED NEGATIVE CONTACT.

**C. 3D BN, 9TH MARINES** SENT TWO 20-MAN PATROLS THROUGH NORTH AND SOUTHEAST PERIPHERAL AREAS OF DANANG AIRFIELD WITHOUT CONTACT. THE COMPANY PATROL OPN IN WEST SECTOR OF THE TAOR ALSO REPORTED NEGATIVE CONTACT DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD. A BAST CAMP AREA CAPABLE OF HOLDING 150 VC WAS SEARCHED AND DESTROYED AT COORD (AT 834789). 2 RUCKSACKS CONTAINING CLOTHING, MEDICAL

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EQUIP AND A MAP CASE CONTAINING UNIDENTIFIED DOCUMENTS WERE FOUND AT (AT 833789). 5 SHOTS WERE HEARD VIC (AT 824794) BUT INVESTIGATION HAD NEGATIVE RESULTS.

D. 3D BN, 4TH MARINES HAD NO VC CONTACT AT ANY OF THE NIGHT AMBUSH SITES. AT 100709H AN UNOCCUPIED 16-HUT GUERRILLA BASE CAMP WAS LOCATED AND DESTROYED AT COORD (YD 844075). PLAT SIZE DAYLIGHT PATROLS WERE CONDUCTED THROUGH OUT GRID SQUARES (YD 7907), (YD 8006), (YD 8106), (YD 8107), (YD 8108), (YD 8109), (YD 8110), (YD 8608), (YD 8609), (YD 8708), AND (YD 8709). MORNING AND AFT. INOON HELO BACON FLIGHTS WERE MADE OVER THE TAOR ALSO. NO VC ACTIVITY WAS OBSERVED.

## (2) FOURTH MARINES (CHU LAI)

A. 1st BN, 4TH MARINES CONTINUED DISPLACEMENT OF CP TO VIC (BT 526084). CO A REELIPTED TO PRESENT BN CP (BT 539023) AT 101030H TO PROVIDE FOR DEFENSE OF REAR ECHELON. CO B ESTAB NIGHT AMBUSH AT (BT 551001), WHICH WAS SECURED AT 100530 WITHOUT CONTACT. CO D WAS RELIEVED ON POSITION (BT 532003) BY PLT OF CO H, AND REELIPTED TO BN CP (BT 539023) FROM WHENCE IT COMMENCED MOVEMENT TO NEW CO DEFENSIVE PSN EXTENDING FROM (BT 514051) TO (BT 517075).

B. 2D BN, 4TH MARINES CONTINUED DISPLACEMENT TO NEW DEFENSIVE PSNS. AT 100450H <sup>small arms</sup> ONE ROUND FIRED FROM VIC (BT 512038) INTO BN CP DEFENSIVE PSN VIC (BT 516042). AT 100415H CO G (BT 500067) REPORTED RECEIVING <sup>small arms</sup> ONE ROUND FROM VIC (BT 498064).

CO G (BT 500067) TO (BT 530030). CO G DISPLACED FROM VIC (BT 530083) TO POSITION FROM (BT 519040) THROUGH (BT 530002). CO F, RELIEVED AS NIGHT RESERVE (BT 530002), DISPLACED TO VIC

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(BT 534042) AND ASSIGNED MISSION OF 2D BN, 4TH MARINES RESERVE.

C. 3D BN, 3D MARINES CONTINUED PATROLLING EAST SECTOR OF TAOR. IN AMPLIFICATION OF OVN USMC KIA FROM CO K REPORTED IN SUTREP BR 39, FOLLOWING INFO PROVIDED: CO K HELD TWO FLD SWEPS OVER HILL MASS (BT 614049). UPON COMPLETION OF SWEPS FLD MOVED TO WEST BANK OF SONG TRU BONG RIVER AND COMMENCED SEARCHING SAIPANS AT WATERS' EDGE. AT 091313U HVT FIRST OF FLD RECOG FROM OPPOSITE BANK (BT 619010). A SECOND HVT FATALLY WOUNDED ONE MARINE. CO D HVT RECOG RETURNED FIRE AND CALLED IN 6 RDS OF 105MM WP. ONE VC WAS SEEN TO FAIL. ESTIMATE OF VC STRENGTH WAS 6-8 MEN ARMED WITH AUTOMATIC RIFLES AND SEMI-AUTOMATIC RIFLES. NINE VIETNAMESE MALES IN SAIPANS WHO WERE UNABLE TO PROVIDE PROPER IDENTIFICATION WERE ESCORTED TO DISTRICT HQS IN VILLAGE OF LY TIN. AT 100440H, CO M RECOG LIGHT PROBE VIC (BS 574967), BUT THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES.

D. 3D BN, 12TH MARINES FIRED FOUR ADJUSTED MISSIONS AND ELEVEN H AND I MISSIONS DURING REPORTING PERIOD. NO SURVEILLANCE.

(3) 1st BN, 12TH MARINES FIRED 54 H&I MISSIONS AND 1 OBSERVED FIRE MISSION.

(4) 3D RECOG BN SENT ONE TEAM TO HUE PHU BAI AND RETURNED BACK VIA HELO ON PRELIMINARY RECON OF POSSIBLE LVT ROUTES BETWEEN PHU BAI AND DANANG. POSSIBLE ROUTE WAS DETERMINED AND SPECIFIC SPOTS SELECTED FOR LATER DETAILED RECON. CONDUCTED RECON FROM TAOR TO HIGH CROSS EAST OF HAI VAN PASS VIC (BT 913922) TO DETERMINE FEASIBILITY OF BUILDING PIONEER ROAD TO THIS LOCATION. THERE WAS NO VC CONTACT DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD.

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## C. FIRST LAW (ADV)

(1) IRH ONE SIX ONE. (USS TWO JETA) (082200-092200).

CONTINUED TO SUPPORT THE LTV BARRIERS AND 2 BARRIERS MARLOG WITH BEST OF/21  
DAMING AND OBU LAI. LIFTED 582 PAX AND 16 TONS OF CARGO. SKD  
TO MT LOAD IN PHU BAI 111200H. 30 COMPLETION 121200H. USS  
TWO JETA TO RETURN OBU LAI.

(2) VCG-ONE (-). 2/F-10B CONDUCTED MISSIONS IN VINH  
AREA IN SUPPORT OF 1ST BATTALION 17 STRIKE S. NO FLAK OR  
BERRY ACFT NOTED. 3/F-10B CONDUCTED MISSIONS IN SUPPORT OF  
SEVENTH BATTALION 17 STRIKE S OF VINH REGS. LIGHT FLAK WAS  
NOTICED IN TARGET AREA. NO BERRY ACFT NOTED.

(3) FIRST LAAN BE (-). CONDUCTED LAW RAIDS WITH 2 F-102  
ACFT AT ALTITUDES OF SEA LEVEL TO 25 FT AT SPEEDS OF 400 TO 500  
KTS. THE FIRST RAID WAS A DIRECT APPROACH ON A BEARING OF 300 DEG  
FROM THE AIRFIELD CENTER. THE SECOND RAID FALLOU BEHIND THE FTS  
TO THE NORTH AND APPROACHED UP THE RIVER VALLEY FROM THE NORTHEAST  
SWINGING DIRECTLY EAST 10 MILES FROM THE AFID CENTER. UPON  
REACHING A HEAVILY MASKED AREA BEARING 310 DEG THE RAID BEGAN RUN AT  
SEA LEVEL. RAID THREE WAS A SNEAK APPROACH AROUND MONKEY MT AT  
A LOW ALTITUDE, BEARING 030 DEG. ALL RAIDS WERE SUCCESSFULLY ENGAGED.

(4) MASS TWO. BASS NETS UP AND OPERATING. HANDLED BROS  
FOR JETAI FIXED WING AND HELICOPTER ACFT. AN/TPO-10 RADAR CONTROLLED  
THREE MISSIONS OF A4 AIRCRAFT FROM OBU LAI. PILOTS CONTROLLED OR-  
DNANCE RELEASES. NO DAMAGE ASSESSMENT AVAILABLE.

(5) VIFA FIVE THREE ONE. 4/F4B LAUNCHED IN A SCRAMBLE FOR  
THE III CORPS AREA AND ATTACKED TROOP POSITIONS VIC (YS 100510).  
AREA SATURATED. 4/F4B ON A BLUE BLAZER MISSION ATTACKED VC TROOPS  
POSITIONS IN NAP Y VALLEY AT (ZC 099653). ALL ORDNANCE ON TARGET.

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NO ASSESSMENT AVAILABLE. 2/F4B ESCORTED 10/UH-34D ON A RESUPPLY MISSION IN THE QUANG NGAI AREA TOWARD CONG HOA (BS 600554). TWO O-1B OF VMO-2 (-) WERE ACCOMPANYING THE HELICOPTERS TO ACT AS TAC (A). TAC (A) REPORTED SUFFICIENT TARGETS NOT AVAILABLE IN LZ AREA. NO ORDINANCE EXPENDED.

(6) MAG TWELVE (-). CONDUCTED THREE ASPT MISSIONS AND ONE STRIKE IN BS (BS 4599). ONE LAZ STRIKE FOR 10 JUN NOT RECEIVED AS OF THIS TIME. DETAILS OF REPAIRS REQUIRED WILL BE INCORPORATED IN MY STRIKE REPORT.

(7) MAG SIXTEEN (-).

A. FROM ONE SIX THREE. 10/UH-34D CONDUCTED A RESUPPLY MISSION, LIFTING 20 TONS OF CARGO AND 91 PAX FROM DAVANG TO QUANG NGAI AND CONG HOA (BS 600554). THE MISSION WAS ACCOMPANIED BY 2/F4B OF VMFA-531, WITH 2/O-1B CONDUCTING VISUAL CHECK AND STANDING BY TO ACT AS TAC (A). AFTER THE INITIAL LIFT, 21 MISSIONS, 51 SORTIES, OF RESUPPLY AND PAX LIFTS WERE CONDUCTED IN THE QUANG NGAI/BA GIA AREA WITHOUT INCIDENT.

B. FROM THREE SIX FIVE. CONDUCTED 24 MISSIONS OF RESUPPLY AND PAX LIFT IN SUPPORT OF III MAF UNITS. NO INCIDENTS. (LAST REPORT FOR THIS AREA FOR PERIOD 061800-091800) CONDUCTED 48 MISSIONS OF RESUPPLY AND PAX LIFT IN SUPPORT OF III MAF UNITS. ALL LIFTS CONDUCTED IN THE QUANG NGAI TACOR WITH NO UNUSUAL INCIDENTS.

C. VMO TWO (-). 2/O-1B CONDUCTED VISUAL CHECK AND STOOD-BY TO ACT AS TAC(A) FOR F4B-163 HELICOPTERS AND VMFA-531 F4B IN THE VIC (BS 600554). TWO O-1B FLEW TAC(A) MISSION FOR MAG-12 A4 STRIKE VIC (BS 4599). ON SIX SEPARATE MISSIONS UH-1B ESCORTED MAG-16 HELICOPTERS ON ASSIGNED MISSIONS.

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D. GUN LAY ATTACHED.

(1) FIVE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY FEET OF RUNWAY STABILIZER AND FOUR THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FEET OF MATTING LAID TO DATE

(2) TWO THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FEET OF TAXIWAY STABILIZED AND TWO THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FEET OF MATTING LAID TO DATE.

E. NAVAL OIL FIRE SHIP AVAILABILITY (READ IN TWO COLUMNS)

SHIP	AREA
USHIMANI	ONE BRAVO
ROMAN	TWO
BLACK	THREE

III. PLANS SUMMARY. PASEP

IV. CHANGES IN OPERATION PLANS. NONE

V. SUPPLEMENTARY ACTIONS AND/OR DECISIONS REQUIRED OF COMUSMACV.

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VI. NEXT SITREP TO BE 111500H JUNE 1965. CHANGE GRID SQUARE DESIGNATOR IN PART ONE MY SITREP NR 37 TO READ AP930600 UICE AT 930600.

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WAS MOVING TO THE PATROL BASE, THEY SIGHTED A SMALL GRP OF VC ON THE HILL MASS VIC (AT 875661) TEN MILES SW OF DANANG. THE RANGE WAS TOO GREAT FOR SMALL ARMS FIRE AND THE VC DISAPPEARED FROM VIEW BEFORE SUPPORTING ARMS COULD BE CALLED IN. BY 1017H5H ALL MEN OF CO C WERE AT THE PATROL BASE (AT 903670). CO C MOVED 12 (AT 903573) NINE MILES SW OF DANANG AND SECURED A LZ AT 11070H. THE FIRST BNS OF CO A ARRIVED BY HELILIFT AT 11100H AND BY 111119H CO A HAD COMPLETED THE RELIEF OF CO C WHO RETURNED TO THE BN CP. CO A COMMENCED MOVEMENT TO THE WEST ALONG TWO ROUTES. THE CO MINUS ONE PLT FOLLOWED A NORTHERN ROUTE, AND THE FIRST PLT MOVED N BY A PARALLEL ROUTE APPROX 1000 METERS TO THE SOUTH. THE CO JUNCTURED VIC (AT 889689) NINE AND ONE HALF MILES SW OF DANANG AT 111335H. BY 111455H, CO A HAD PROCEEDED TO (AT 873688) NINE AND ONE HALF MILES SW OF DANANG WITH NO VC CONTACTS. PATROL OPMS WERE CONTINUING AT THE END OF THE REPORTING PERIOD.

(P) SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES CONTINUES TO OCCUPY AND CONTROL SW N SECTOR OF THE TAOR. CO F IS LOCATED AT VAN-TRANG POINTS OVERLOOKING THE CA DE SONG RIVER AND THE ENTIRE LE TH COMPLEX. CO G IS PROVIDING ONE PLT FOR SECURITY OF THE SOUTHERN LE TH BRIDGE (AT 900805) SEVEN AND ONE HALF MILES SW OF DANANG. DURING THE NIGHT OF TEN JUNE, THE PLT DEFENDING

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THE SOUTHERN LE MY BRIDGE OBSERVED THREE FIGURES MOVING THRU A RICE PADDY VIC (AT 895806). THE AREA WAS ILLUMINATED AND THE PLT FIRED AT THE THREE FIGURES. NO CASUALTIES WERE OBSERVED. ON TWO OTHER OCCASIONS DURING THE NIGHT MOVEMENT WAS OBSERVED IN THE SAME AREA BUT NO CONTACTS WERE MADE. THE SECOND PLT, CO A, FIRED AT BR ESTAB FIRING PSNS IN THE VIC OF THE LE MY BRIDGES ELEVEN JUNE FOR POSSIBLE USE IN BRIDGE DEFENSE.

(C) THIRD BN, NINTH MAR CONTINUED PATROL ACTIVITY IN THE CENTRAL W SECTOR OF THE TAOR. AT APPROX 101800H, CO K ARRIVED VIC (AT 861762) NINE MILES W OF DANANG AND THE SECOND PLT ESTAB A PATROL BASE VIC (AT 868758). COMMENCING AT FIRST LIGHT, LOCAL PATROLS WERE CONDUCTED BY <sup>THE</sup> FIRST PLT VIC (AT 855753), BY THE SECOND PLT VIC (AT 874758) AND BY THE THIRD PLT VIC (AT 858769) ALL APPROX NINE MILES W OF DANANG. A 107MM MORTAR BTRY WAS TRUCKED TO THE CO K PSN TO PROVIDE D/S. TWO MNTOS FROM THE THIRD PLT, CO A, THIRD AT BN CONDUCTED A ROAD RECON VIC (AT 801738) NINE AND ONE HALF MILES W OF DANANG. NO DIFFICULTIES WERE ENCOUNTERED. THERE WERE NO UNUSUAL EVENTS DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD.

(D) THIRD BN, FOURTH MARINES CONDUCTED OPNS IN THE HUEI PHU BAI TAOR. COMMENCING 102333H, H AND I FIRMS WERE PLACED AT (YD 796109), (YD 809069), (YD 802078), (YD 803085),

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AND (YD 808109). THE N AND I FIRMS WERE THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT. A HELICOPTER PATROL OF THE ENTIRE TAOR CONDUCTED IN THE MORNING AND AFTERNOON OF ~~THE~~ ELEVEN JUNE DETECTED NO VC OR VC ACTIVITY. CO B UNCOVERED THREE BAMBOO BUNKERS AND A SUBMERGED BAMBOO BRIDGE VIC (YD 80065) SEVEN AND ONE HALF MILES SW OF HUE PHU BAI AND DESTROYED THEM. AT 110158H, ARVN REPORTED SIGHTING APPROX ONE HUNDRED VC VIC (YD 797070), (YD 801076) AND (YD 803087). THE AREAS WERE TAKEN UNDER FIRE BY BTRY I, RESULTS UNKNOWN.

## (D) CHANGES IN CP LOCATIONS:

- (1) CO A, ONE SLANT THREE (AT 849679)
- (2) CO C, ONE SLANT THREE (AT 963742)
- (3) CO K, THREE SLANT NINE (AT 861762)
- (4) CO L, THREE SLANT FOUR (YD 815091)
- (5) CO M, THREE SLANT FOUR (YD 866095)

## 2. FOURTH MARINES (CHU LAI)

(A) FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES CONTINUED DISPLACEMENT OF BNATS AND REORGANIZATION OF DEFENSIVE POSITIONS. CO A REMAINS VIC (BT 540022) TWO MILES SW OF CHU LAI. CO B NOW OCCUPIES POSIT EXTENDING FROM (BT 525100) TO (BT 528084) APPROX FOUR MILES NW OF CHU LAI. CO C POSIT EXTENDS FROM (BT 523073) TO (BT 529072) APPROX TWO MILES NW OF CHU LAI. CO D IS PREPARING POSITS FROM (BT 523074) TO (BT 510055). THE BN CP IS LOCATED AT

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(BT 12608L) THREE MILES NW OF CHU LAI. A SQD OUTPOST HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED BY THE HILL LOC VIC (BT 1468068) SIX MILES W OF CHU LAI AND A PL<sup>1</sup> (-) OP HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED NEAR THE BRIDGE AT (BT 193068) FOUR MILES W OF CHU LAI. DURING THE DISPLACEMENT OF 1ST BATTAL CO B APPREHENDED ONE SUSPECTED VC VIC (BT 540022) TWO MILES S OF CHU LAI. THERE WAS NO VC CONTACT DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD. CMA

(B) SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES SPENT THE PERIOD REPAIRING AND CONSOLIDATING NEW POSITIONS ESTABLISHED TEN JUNE. THERE WERE NO VC CONTACTS DURING THE PERIOD. CMA

(C) THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES CP, LOCATED AT (BT 567011) ONE MILE SE OF CHU LAI RECEIVED SEVERAL RDS OF SA FIRE AT 102206H. THE FIRE CAME FROM THE VIC OF THE ANTRAC CO CP (BT 151052). AT <sup>10</sup>112250H THE ANTRAC UNIT REPORTED SIGHTING SEVEN SUSPECTED VC WHO WERE BETWEEN THEIR POSIT AND THE THREE SLANT THREE CP. THE ANTRAC UNIT FIRED SA AT THE INTRUDERS WHO FLED IN THE DARKNESS. NO USMC CASUALTIES. VC CASUALTIES UNKNOWN. AT 110225H ONE SAMPAN WAS SIGHTED MOVING ON THE SONG TRA BONG RIVER VIC (BT 618006). THE SAMPAN WAS CHALLENGED, ILLUMINATED AND TAKEN UNDER FIRE BUT ESCAPED. AT 110625H PATROLS BEGAN CHECKING SAMPANS ON THE N BANK OF SONG TRA BONG IN GRID SQUARES (BT 6100) AND (BT 6101). AT 111130H CO K AND CO L COMMENCED A  
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SWEEP OF THE VILLAGES OF VITH AN (ONE) AND (TWO) VIC (BT 612010) FOUR AND ONE HALF MILES SE OF CHU LAI. DURING THESE OPNS FIVE SUSPECTED VCS WERE CAPTURED AND ONE OF THEM IS TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED AS A VC PLT LNR. CAB

(D) THIRD BN, TWELFTH MAR FIRED FIFTEEN MISSIONS DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD WHICH CONSISTED OF TEN H AND I, THREE ADJUSTED AND TWO REGISTRATION.

J. FIRST BN, TWELFTH MARINES CONTINUED TO SUPPORT INFANTRY UNITS IN THE DANANG TAOR. SEVENTY FOUR H AND I MISSIONS WERE FIRED BETWEEN 1101500H AND 110530H. OF THESE, BTRY B FIRED TWENTY TWO MISSIONS AT POSSIBLE VC ASSY AREAS AND LIKELY AVENUES OF APPROACH, EXPENDING FORTY FOUR RDS. THE EIGHT INCH HOWITZER FIRED THIRTY FOUR MISSIONS AT SUSPECTED VC SUPPLY ROUTES, CAMP SITES AND OPS. SIXTY EIGHT RDS WERE EXPENDED. BTRY L FIRED THIRTEEN MISSIONS AT POSSIBLE VC OPS, ASSY AREAS, AND CAMP SITES. THIRTY SIX RDS WERE EXPENDED. <sup>VC CONCENTRATION</sup> A RECAP OF BTRY <sup>VIC (AT 885756)</sup> CAB

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES WERE AS FOLLOWS:

- (A) BTRY A (AT 991739) AZ 4000
- (B) BTRY B (AT 949760) AZ 5400
- (C) BTRY F (AT 958757) AZ 5100
- (D) MORTAR BTRY (AT 855758)
- (E) BTRY L (AT 934720) AZ 3300, 4000
- (F) BTRY L (-) (AT 983749) AZ 3900
- (G) EIGHT INCH PLT (AT 987746) AZ 5200, 3800

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4. CO D THIRD REGON BN REMAINED AT THE FRENCH FORT  
 WIG (AT 935915) ELEVEN MILES NW OF DANANG THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT<sup>x</sup>  
 OF SIX JUNE<sup>x</sup> AND CONTINUED MISSION AT FIRST LIGHT<sup>x</sup>, ELEVEN JUNE.  
 DATA IS BEING COMPILED TO ASCERTAIN THE MOST FAVORABLE ROUTE  
 FOR <sup>ROAD</sup> CONSTRUCTION IN ORDER TO GAIN ACCESS TO THE MOUNTAIN  
 TOP. ONE PLT WILL RETURN TO THE BN CP THE EVENING OF ELEVEN  
 JUNE AND ONE WILL REMAIN OVERNIGHT. FILMS OF HQS CONDUCTED A  
 ROUTE RECON N OF HWY ONE ~~EN~~ TO THE AI VAN PASS. THEY ARRIVED  
 AT THE PASS AT 110915H AND ESTABLISHED <sup>LIAISON</sup> WITH ARVN UNITS IN  
 THE AREA. RESULTS OF THE RECON INDICATE THAT THE ROAD AND  
 BRIDGES ARE CLEAR AND TRAFFICABLE EVEN AFTER HEAVY RAINS.

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## C. FIRST MAW (ADV)

1. HM ONE SIX ONE (USS TWO JMA) (092200H TO  
 102200H). CONTINUED TO SUPPORT FOURTH MARINES AND CONDUCTED  
 MARLOG FLIGHTS BETWEEN DANANG AND CUI LAI. LIFTED FOUR  
 HUNDRED FIFTY FIVE PAX AND TWENTY TONS OF CARGO.

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2. FIRST LAAM BN (-). CONDUCTED AAW EXERCISE WITH  
 TWO USAF F-102 ACFT AT 1500 FT, 450 KTS. PRACTICE RAID WAS  
 A DIRECT APPROACH ON A BEARING OF THREE HUNDRED DEGREES AND  
 WAS SUCCESSFULLY ENGAGED.

3. VMCG ONE (-). TWO EF-10B CONDUCTED ELECTRONIC AND  
 CHAFF JAMMING IN THE VINH AREA IN SUPPORT OF TG 77.6 STRIKES.

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TWO ADDITIONAL MISSIONS WERE CANCELLED BY SECOND AIR DIV/CTG 77.6 DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER IN THE TARGET AREA.

4. MASS TWO. DASC OPERATIONS NORMAL HANDLING RIO'S FOR FIRST MAW FIXED WING AND HELICOPTER ACFT. NO AN/TPQ-10 MISSIONS WERE CONDUCTED DURING THE PERIOD.

5. VMFA FIVE THREE ONE. FOUR F-4B ATTACKED AND DESTROYED SIX VC BUNKERS VIC (YD 170398) (YD 162383) APPROX THIRTY SIX MILES NW OF HUE PHU DAI. FOUR F-4B ON A BLUE BLAZER MISSION DESTROYED SIXTEEN BUILDINGS AND A GUN EMPLACEMENT AT (BR 875375) APPROX ONE HUNDRED TEN MILES SW OF CHU LAI. ONE SECONDARY EXPLOSION WAS NOTED. FOUR F-4B ESCORTED MAG SIXTEEN III-34'S ON TWO SEPARATE MISSIONS IN THE QUANG TIN AREA (BT 292229). NO ORDNANCE WAS EXPENDED. FOUR F-4B ON A BLUE BLAZER MISSION ATTACKED VC TROOP POSITIONS VIC (BR 675357) APPROX ONE HUNDRED MILES S OF CHU LAI. THE AREA WAS SATURATED. ON A GRADUAL BASIS, TO PREVENT INTERFERENCE WITH COMBAT OPERATIONS, VMFA ONE ONE THREE IS REPLACING VMFA FIVE THREE ONE WITH PERSONNEL AND ACFT.

6. MAG ONE SIX (-)

A. HMM THREE SIX FIVE. CONDUCTED THIRTY FOUR MISSIONS OF PAX LIFT AND RESUPPLY IN SUPPORT OF III MAF UNITS. OPERATIONS INCLUDED LOWERING OF SIX PAX ATOP MONKEY MOUNTAIN (BT 101836) BY LADDER AND PICKING UP A CAPTURED VC AT

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(AT 861763) NINE MILES W OF DANANG.

(B) FIVE ONE SIX THREE. CONDUCTED THIRTY EIGHT MISSIONS OF PAX LIFT AND RESUPPLY IN SUPPORT OF THE ARVN SECOND DIV. THE MISSIONS WERE CONDUCTED IN THE QUANG TIN (BT 292229) AND (YD 08025 ) AREAS. F-4B ACFT OF VMFA FIVE THREE ONE PROVIDED ESCORTS ON TEN OF THE MISSIONS. (344)

(C) VMO TWO (-). CONDUCTED TEN HELICOPTER ESCORT MISSIONS WITH UH-1E ACFT WITH NO UNUSUAL INCIDENTS. O-1B ACFT CONDUCTED DAWN AND DUSK PATROLS OF THE HUE PHU BAI, DANANG AND (CHINA) AIRFIELDS. TWO O-1B CONDUCTED A SEARCH FOR VC ACTIVITY AND EXECUTED A STRIKE OF MAG TWELVE ACFT VIC (YD 5818) APPROX TWENTY MILES W OF HUE PHU BAI.

7. MAG TWELVE

(A) THREE MISSIONS WERE FLOWN IN SUPPORT OF ARVN OPERATIONS DURING THE PERIOD. LACK OF COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE TACTICAL AIR COORDINATOR REQUIRED ABORTING TWO OF THE MISSIONS. THE THIRD MISSION ATTACKED VC POSITIONS VIC (AN 782256) APPROX TWO HUNDRED SIXTY TWO MILES S OF CHU LAI. THE THREE A/C WERE ON TARGET FROM 111110H TO 111125H. THE AREA WAS SATURATED.

8. CHU LAI AIRFIELD.

1. OPERATIONS. ELEVEN A-1 ACFT WERE LAUNCHED AND RECOVERED ON THREE MISSIONS TODAY. THE FIRST ACFT WAS AIRBORNE AT 110555H. ALL OPERATIONS WERE NORMAL.

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## 2. CONSTRUCTION

(A) FIVE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FIFTY FEET OF RUNWAY STABILIZED TO DATE.

(B) THREE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FEET OF TAXIWAY STABILIZED WITH TWO THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED TWENTY FEET OF MATTING Laid TO DATE.

## E. CIVIC ACTION.

1. THE LE MY DISPENSARY ADMINISTERED TO THE NEEDS OF APPROX ONE HUNDRED VIETNAMESE TODAY.

2. THREE SLANT NINE PATROLS ESTABLISHED AID STATIONS IN THE VILLAGE OF XUAN HOA (AT 005777) AND THACH TAN (AT 023775). APPROX FORTY VIETNAMESE WERE TREATED.

3. THE THREE SLANT FOUR BN SURGEON AND FOUR CORPSMEN ESTABLISHED AN AID STATION IN THE VILLAGE OF GIET BI HA (GR 895157). APPROX ONE HUNDRED FORTY PEOPLE, INCLUDING SEVEN PNEUMONIA CASES WERE TREATED BY THE MEDICAL TEAM WHO RECEIVED A WARM RECEPTION FROM THE POPULACE.

## F. NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT (THROUGH 100800Z)

1. NO NAVAL GUNFIRE WAS SCHEDULED OR FIRED IN I, III, OR IV CORPS AREA.

2. IN THE II CORPS AREA ONE NON SCHEDULED MISSION WAS FIRED IN THE VIC (GR 073523) (GR 095527) AT A VC HAMLET AND

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STORAGE AREA. THE MISSION WAS OBSERVED BY AN AIRBORNE SPOTTER  
WHO REPORTED NO DAMAGE INFLECT WITH FOUR TO FIVE BUILDINGS DESTROYED.

3. IFF SHIPS AVAILABLE TWELVE JUNE (READ IN TWO COLUMNS)

SHIP

AREA

UELMANN

ONE BRAVO

ROMAN

TWO

BLACK

THREE

III. PLANS SUMMARY: PASSEP

IV. CHANGES IN OPERATION PLANS: NONE.

V. SUPPLEMENTARY ACTIONS AND/OR DECISIONS REQUIRED OF COMUSMACV:  
NONE.

VI. NEXT SITREP DUE 121500Z JUNE 1965

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III MAF SITREP #42 112000H TO 122000H JUNE 1965.

I. INTELLIGENCE HIGHLIGHTS. VC INITIATED ACTIVITY AGAINST III MAF UNITS CONTINUED LIGHT DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD; HOWEVER, THE CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT IN SAIGON COULD TRIGGER VIOLENT VC ACTION THROUGHOUT RVN.

II. III MAF OPERATIONS

A. THIRD MARINE DIVISION

(1) THIRD MARINES (DANANG AND THE PHU BAI)

(A) FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES. CONTINUED VS SMCBBH

AND CLEAR OPERATIONS IN THE SOUTHERN SECTOR OF THE TAOR.

ALPHA COMPANY SET UP A PATROL BASE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON NEAR THE VILLAGE OF DONG BICH NUMBER TWO (AT 902686) NEAR WHICH ONE MARINE WAS WOUNDED BY AN UNKNOWN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE AT APPROXIMATELY 112200H. AT FIRST LIGHT THE COMPANY COMMENCED PLATOON PATROLLING TO THE NORTH, AND AT 121515H THE

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THIRD PLATOON ENTERED A VILLAGE ONE AND ONE HALF KILOMETERS  
NORTH OF THE POINT OF DEPARTURE (AT 903701). THERE WAS  
NO VC CONTACT.

(B) SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES. CONTINUED TO OCCUPY  
AND CONTROL THE LE MY COMPLEX. HOTEL COMPANY IS PROVIDING  
SECURITY FOR THE BRIDGE SOUTH OF LE MY. AT 112020H A VC PLA-  
TOON WAS REPORTED ACROSS THE RIVER IN THE VICINITY OF (AT -  
906843). TWO UNOBSERVED ARTILLERY FIRE-ON-TARGET MISSIONS  
WERE FIRED, BUT A PLATOON PATROL AT FIRST LIGHT FOUND NO  
INDICATIONS OF CASUALTIES. GOLF COMPANY'S LISTENING POST,  
LOCATED JUST WEST OF LE MY (AT 894824) WAS FIRED UPON AT  
112145H BY AN ESTIMATED FOUR VC. THE LISTENING POST RETURNED  
THE FIRE AND CONTACT WAS BROKEN WITHOUT CASUALTIES. AT  
120530H THREE VC APPEARED NEAR A GOLF COMPANY LISTENING POST  
(AT 945779), ONE DROPPED IN MARIKI AND TWO IN BLACK. THE AREA  
WAS ILLUMINATED AND THE VC DISAPPEARED FROM VIEW.

(C) THIRD BN, NINTH MARINES. CONTINUED TO PROVIDE  
SECURITY FOR THE DA HANG AIRFIELD AND CONDUCT OPERATIONS IN  
THE WEST CENTRAL SECTOR OF THE TAOR ( WITH KILO COMPANY IN  
THE FIELD IN THE VICINITY OF (AT 845720). THERE WERE NO  
VC SIGHTINGS OR CONTACTS DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD.

(D) THIRD BN, FOURTH MARINES (HUE PHU BAI).  
CONTINUED SEARCH AND PATROL OPERATIONS IN THE TAOR. MIKE  
AND LIMA COMPANIES ESTABLISHED PATROL BASES SOUTH AND  
SOUTHWEST OF THE HUE PHU BAI AIRFIELD, AT (YD 872073) AND  
(YD 815092) RESPECTIVELY. AT 120950H A VC BASE CAMP OF FIVE

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HUTS, LOCATED FIVE AND ONE HALF KILOMETERS SSW OF THE AIRFIELD (YD 858101), WAS DESTROYED BY A MIKE COMPANY PATROL. MORNING AND AFTERNOON HELICOPTER RECONNAISSANCE FOUND NO INDICATION OF VC ACTIVITY. THIS MORNING, AT 120930H, GENERAL CHUON, CG FIRST ARVN DIVISION, AWARDED THE VIETNAMESE CROSS OF GALLANTRY TO TWENTY MARINES OF THREE SLANT FOUR.

(F) CHANGES IN LOCATIONS OF HEADQUARTERS:

- (1) ALPHA COMPANY, ONE SLANT THREE (AT 916708)
- (2) LIMA COMPANY, THREE SLANT FOUR (YD 839134)
- (3) MIKE COMPANY, THREE SLANT FOUR (YD 866106)

2. FIRST BN, TWELFTH MARINES. PROVIDED ARTILLERY FIRE SUPPORT FOR MARINE UNITS IN THE DA NANG AREA. BRAVO AND FOXTROT BATTERIES FIRED ONE-ON-TARGET MISSIONS IN SUPPORT OF TWO SLANT THREE, AS REPORTED ABOVE, EXPENDING ONE HUNDRED NINETY TWO ROUNDS. FROM 112300H TO 120600H, FORTY SIX HARRASSMENT AND INTERDICTION MISSIONS WERE FIRED BY BRAVO AND FOXTROT BATTERIES AND THE EIGHT INCH HOWITZER PLATOON, EXPENDING FIFTY EIGHT ROUNDS. AT THE END OF THE REPORTING PERIOD ALL BATTERIES WERE IN PRIMARY POSITIONS.

3. THIRD RECONNAISSANCE BN. CONTINUED UTILIZING ELEMENTS OF ~~FOUR~~ DELTA COMPANY IN COLLECTING DATA TO DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF LOCATING A LAAM BATTERY ON THE HIGH GROUND NEAR THE AI VAN PASS.

4. FOURTH MARINES (CITY LAI)

(A) FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES. HAD NO VC CONTACT DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD. RELOCATION OF COMPANY UNITS WAS COMPLETED, AND TACTICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE OPS WERE

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ESTABLISHED. THE BATTALION TACTICAL CP IS LOCATED AT (BT 525090), THE ADMINISTRATIVE CP AT (BT 530088). ALPHA COMPANY IS LOCATED AT (BT 520115), BRAVO COMPANY OCCUPIES POSITIONS FROM (BT 525100) TO (BT 510055), CHARLIE COMPANY IS PREPARING POSITIONS FROM (BT 529081) TO (BT 527087) TO SECURE THE NORTH END OF CHU LAI AIRFIELD, AND DELTA COMPANY IS IMPROVING POSITIONS FROM (BT 523074) TO (BT 510055). OUTPOSTS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED, ON ULLI SIXTY NINE (BT 468068) WITH A REINFORCED SQUAD, AND AT THE HIGHWAY ONE BRIDGE OVER THE SONG AN TAN RIVER (BT 498065) WITH A PLATOON (-).

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(B) SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES. HAD ONLY ONE VC CONTACT DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD. AT 112030H THE TPS TWENTY ONE GEAR DETECTED THREE TO FOUR PERSONS IN THE VICINITY OF (BT 498031) TWO AND ONE HALF KILOMETERS WEST OF HIGHWAY ONE IN THE WESTERN CENTRAL SECTOR OF THE TAOR. FIVE ROUNDS OF EIGHTY ONE MM MORTAR WERE FIRED AND THE INTRUDERS FLED. NO EVIDENCE OF CASUALTIES WAS FOUND. ECHO COMPANY IS NOW LOCATED AT (BT 530032), FOXTROT COMPANY OCCUPIES POSITIONS AT (BT 496035), (BT 489035) AND (BT 503030), GOLF COMPANY IS LOCATED AT (BT 533036), AND HOTEL COMPANY REMAINS AT (BT 531002). THE BATTALION CP IS LOCATED AT (BT 517043).

(C) THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES. HAD NO VC CONTACT DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD; CONTINUED THE ESTABLISHMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF NEW POSITIONS. NEW POSITIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) BATTALION CP (BT 567041)
- (2) INDIA COMPANY (BT 557038)
- (3) KILO COMPANY (BT 556028 TO BT 570038)
- (4) LIMA COMPANY (BT 542020 TO 556028)
- (5) MIKE COMPANY (BT 528069 TO 544059)

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NIKE COMPANY IS CURRENTLY ASSIGNED AS REGIMENTAL RESERVE.

(D) THIRD BN, TWELFTH MARINES. FIRED TWO ADJUSTED, THREE REGISTRATION, AND TWELVE HARASSMENT AND INTERDICTION MISSIONS. BETWEEN 111755H AND 111900H MISSIONS WERE FIRED ON VC JUNKS UNLOADING SUPPLIES ON THE POINT OF LAND AT (BT 641059) AND (BT 645050). ONE JUNK RECEIVED A DIRECT HIT AND SANK. THE MAST WAS BLOWN OFF A SECOND JUNK, AND PERSONNEL OFFLOADING THE VESSEL RECEIVED SEVERAL DIRECT HITS. THE NUMBER OF CASUALTIES COULD NOT BE DETERMINED DUE TO THE FAILING LIGHT AND EXTREME RANGE OF THE FORWARD OBSERVER. HARASSMENT AND INTERDICTION FIRES CONTINUED THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT IN THIS TARGET AREA.

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B. FIRST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

1. MACS NINE DETACHMENT ALPHA. (HUE PHU BAI) AFTER SEVERAL DAYS OF BEING OUT OF COMMISSION FOR PARTS, THE DETACHMENT HAS RESUMED NORMAL OPERATIONS. THERE WERE EIGHTY-THREE TRACKS REPORTED AND FORTY-THREE TRACKS DESIGNATED. THIRTEEN TRACKS WERE DESIGNATED BY PANAMA, BUT CARRIED BY MACS NINE.

2. VMCJ ONE (-). FOUR EF10B AIRCRAFT LAUNCHED TO CONDUCT ECM JAMMING IN SUPPORT OF TASK <sup>GROUP</sup> SEVEN SEVEN POINT SIX AND SECOND AIR DIVISION ROLLING THUNDER-EIGHTEEN STRIKES. THE NAVY MISSIONS WERE CANCELLED AFTER THEY WERE AIRBORNE. THE AIRCRAFT CONTINUED TO SUPPORT AIR FORCE STRIKES CONDUCTED ELECTRONIC JAMMING IN THE THANH HOA AREA.

3. VMFA FIVE THREE ONE. TWO F4B AIRCRAFT ON A SEARCH FOR A GRENADE FACTORY, ATTACKED TWENTY-NINE STRUCTURES IN MOUNTAINOUS TERRAIN AT (YC 925680). VMO TWO UH-1E AIRCRAFT WERE ON THE SCENE AS TAC(A). TWENTY-TWO ZUNI'S AND FOUR FIVE HUNDRED POUND FIREBOMBS LEFT THE AREA A FIRE AND PRODUCED ONE SECONDARY EXPLOSION. FOUR F4B AIRCRAFT ON A BLUE BLAZER MISSION WITH TWO UH-1E AIRCRAFT OF VMO TWO ACTING AS TAC(A) ATTACKED A VIET CONG CONCENTRATION IN BUNKERS AND FOXHOLES IN THE VICINITY OF (YD 032 490/YD 080425). EACH AIRCRAFT MADE EIGHT PASSES DESTROYING TWELVE BUNKERS, TWO STRUCTURES AND SATURATING THE AREA WITH SIXTEEN MK-82 BOMBS AND FIFTY-SIX ZUNI'S. MODERATE TO INTENSE

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INACCURATE SMALL ARMS/AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE RECEIVED FROM RIDGE LINES ON BOTH SIDES OF THE RIVER IN THE VICINITY OF (YD 095425/ YD 099425). THERE WERE NO HITS ON THE AIRCRAFT. THREE F4B AIRCRAFT ESCORTED MAG SIXTEEN HELICOPTERS ON A PREPLANNED OPERATION TO PHOUNG HOUNG ONE FOUR SEV IN THE VICINITY OF (YD 097230). VMO TWO O-1B AIRCRAFT ACTED TAC(A) AND CALLED <sup>THE</sup> AIR STRIKE IN ON A WOODLINE ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE HELICOPTER LANDING ZONE. THE AREA WAS SATURATED WITH ZUNI ROCKETS. A RELIEF ON STATION BY THREE F4B AIRCRAFT DESTROYED THREE OF FOUR STRUCTURES JUST NORTH OF THE LANDING ZONE. FOUR F4B AIRCRAFT ON A BLUE BLAZER MISSION ATTACKED A CONCRETE BUNKER AND SIX STRUCTURES IN THE VICINITY OF (BT 350084) AT THE REQUEST OF THE SECOND AIR DIVISION. SIX STRUCTURES AND A CONCRETE BUNKER WERE DESTROYED. ON A STRIKE BY THREE F4B AIRCRAFT IN THE VICINITY OF (YD 113414) THREE STRUCTURES WERE LEFT DESTROYED AND ANOTHER LEFT BURNING. AT 1500H, THREE F4B AIRCRAFT WERE SCRAMBLED TO SCOUT MAG SIXTEEN HELICOPTERS IN THE VICINITY OF (YC 870845), DURING EVACUATION OF AN OUTPOST. AFTER THE OUTPOST WAS EVACUATED OF SOUTH VIETNAMESE PERSONNEL, THE TWENTY BUILDINGS WERE DESTROYED BY AN AIR STRIKE WITH VMO TWO O-1B UH-1E AIRCRAFT ACTING AS TAC(A).

4. FIRST LAAM BATTALION (-). ONE HUNDRED PERCENT OPERATIONAL, MAINTAINING ALERT STATUS.

5. MASS TWO. DASC NETS WERE UP AND OPERATING NORMAL. HANDLED TACTICAL REPORTING FOR THE FIRST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING AIRCRAFT.

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NO AN/TPQ-10 MISSIONS WERE CONDUCTED DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD.

6. MAG ~~ONE SIX~~

(A) HMM THREE SIX FIVE. CONDUCTED FOURTEEN MISSIONS OF RESUPPLY AND PASSENGER LIFT IN SUPPORT OF III MAF UNITS. NO INCIDENTS WERE REPORTED. THE DETACHMENT OF HMM THREE SIX FIVE AT HUE PHU BAI CONDUCTED TWENTY-THREE MISSIONS OF LIFTING CARGO AND PASSENGERS IN SUPPORT OF THE THIRD BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES.

(B) HMM ONE SIX THREE. ON A ROUTINE RESUPPLY MISSION RECEIVED A HIT AT 111820H IN TAIL ROTOR IN THE VICINITY OF (BT 430 020) DURING ENROUTE FLIGHT. THE AIRCRAFT CONTINUED THE MISSION. SIXTEEN UH-34D AIRCRAFT ESCORTED BY TWO O-1B AIRCRAFT OF VMO TWO AND F4B AIRCRAFT OF VMFA FIVE THREE ONE CONDUCTED A PREPLANNED UNITED STATES SPECIAL FORCES OPERATION AT PHOUANG HOUNG ONE FOUR SEVEN. ONE HUNDRED AND NINETEEN UNITED STATES SPECIAL FORCES TROOPS WERE LIFTED FROM (XD 03500) TO (YD 097230). AFTER THE F4B AIRCRAFT CONDUCTED AIR STRIKES IN THE LANDING ZONE VICINITY, THE LANDINGS WERE ACCOMPLISHED WITHOUT INCIDENT. THIRTEEN UH-34D AIRCRAFT ON AN EAGLE <sup>FLIGHT</sup> OPERATION, LIFTED ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FOUR ARVN FIRST DIVISION TROOPS FROM THE HUE CITADEL TO (YD 555 500). THERE WERE NO INCIDENTS. CONDUCTED TWELVE MISSIONS OF NORMAL RESUPPLY AND PASSENGER LIFT IN SUPPORT OF ARVN SECOND DIVISION.

(C) VMO TWO. CONDUCTED DAWN AND DUSK PATROLS IN HUE PHU BAI, DANANG AND CHU LAI SPECIAL SECTORS. PERFORMED FIVE MISSIONS ESCORTING HMM THREE SIX FIVE HELICOPTERS ON ROUTINE RESUPPLY MISSIONS. TWO UH-1E AIRCRAFT CONTROLLED <sup>AN</sup> AIR STRIKE BY

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VMFA FIVE THREE ONE IN THE VICINITY OF (YD 032490). TWO O-1B AIRCRAFT CONDUCTED A WEATHER RECONNAISSANCE AND ESCORTED MAG ONE SIX HELICOPTERS TO THE VICINITY OF (YD 097230), ACTED AS TAC(A) FOR F4B AIRCRAFT IN THE VICINITY OF THE LANDING ZONE. FOUR UH-1E AIRCRAFT ESCORTED HMM ONE SIX ONE HELICOPTERS ON THE EVACUATION OF AN OUTPOST AT (YC 870845). AT THE REQUEST OF ARVN FORCES, DIRECTED F4B AIRCRAFT ON AN AIR STRIKE AGAINST EVACUATED OUTPOST. TWO O-1B AIRCRAFT ACTED AS TAC(A) FOR MAG TWELVE AIR STRIKES IN THE VICINITY OF (BS 6886) AND (BS 6987).

(D) HMM ONE SIX ONE. (INCOMPLETE REPORTS RECEIVED)

SQUADRON IS MOVING FROM USS IWO JIMA TO HUE PHU BAI. HELICOPTERS LIFTED SOUTH VIETNAMESE PERSONNEL FROM AN OUTPOST IN THE VICINITY OF (YC 870845). DETAILS WILL FOLLOW IN THE NEXT SITREP.

7. MAG ONE TWO. TWO A4C AIRCRAFT CONDUCTED AN AIR STRIKE ON STRUCTURES AT (YC 945694). THERE IS NO DAMAGE ASSESSMENT AVAILABLE. ON TWO SEPARATE MISSIONS OF TWO A4C AIRCRAFT EACH, STRIKES WERE CONDUCTED AGAINST A SUSPECTED VIET CONG BATTALION AREA THIRTEEN NAUTICAL MILES FROM CHU LAI, FOUR A4C AIRCRAFT DROPPED FOUR ONE THOUSAND POUND FIREBOMBS AND STRAFED THE AREA IN THE VICINITY OF (BS 6838) AND (BS 6908). ~~ON ANOTHER~~ STRIKE APPROXIMATELY THIRTEEN NAUTICAL MILES FROM CHU LAI, VMO TWO O-1B AIRCRAFT CALLED A STRIKE IN ON HOUSES IN THE VICINITY OF (BS 678888). EIGHT HOUSES WERE LEFT BURNING. FOUR A4C AIRCRAFT ON A BLUE BLAZER MISSION ATTACKED A VIET CONG AREA IN THE VICINITY OF (YD 170395). ELEVEN MK-81 BOMBS AND ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-TWO SPAR ROCKETS WERE EXPENDED ON TARGET.

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## C. CIVIL AIRS CONSTRUCTION.

1. SIX TWO SAND AND NINE HUNDRED FEET OF RUNWAY STABILIZED TO DATE.
2. FOUR THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY SIX FEET OF RUNWAY MATTING LAID TO DATE.
3. THIRTY SIX HUNDRED FEET OF TAXIWAY STABILIZED TO DATE.
4. TWO THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY FEET OF TAXIWAY MATTING LAID TO DATE.
5. TODAY'S PROGRESS IS TYPICAL OF WHAT CAN BE EXPECTED UNTIL COMPLETION, BARRING ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS.

## D. NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT

1. ONE NON-SCHEDULED MISSION WAS FIRED BY THE USS ROMAN IN THE IT CORES AREA. THE TARGETS CONSISTED OF VIET CONG HAMLETS, STORAGE AREAS, AND POSSIBLE GUN POSITIONS IN THE VICINITY OF (CR 104512), (CR 089509), (CR 018590).:

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THERE WAS GOOD EFFECT ON THE TARGETS. SEVERAL HOUSES WERE DESTROYED. THE MISSION WAS OBSERVED BY AN AIRBORNE SPOTTER.

2. NAVAL GUNFIRE SHIPS AVAILABLE 13 JUNE  
(READ IN TWO COLUMNS)

<u>SHIP</u>	<u>AREA</u>
HULLMAN	ONE BRAVO
ROMAN	TWO
BLACK	THREE

B. CIVIC ACTION.

1. ERNEST N, THIRD MARINES CHAPLAIN DISTRIBUTED FOOD IN THE VILLAGE OF HOA PHAT NEAR THE DA LANG AIRFIELD TO TWO HUNDRED PERSONS CHOSEN BY THE VILLAGE CHIEF AS BEING THE MOST NEEDED.

2. SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES' DISPENSARY IN LE MY ADMINISTERED TO THE MEDICAL NEEDS OF APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED FIFTY VIETNAMESE.

3. THIRD BN NINTH MARINES' AID STATIONS AT THUAN AN AND XUAN HOA TREATED APPROXIMATELY SEVENTY PEOPLE.

4. THE THIRD MARINE DIVISION BAND, RETURNING FROM THE THIRD MARINES' AREA, GAVE AN IMPROMPTU CONCERT TO THE CITIZENS OF DOGPATCH, ACROSS THE HIGHWAY FROM THE III MAF COMPLEX, MUCH TO THE DELIGHT OF SEVERAL HUNDRED PEOPLE.

F. MISCELLANEOUS. MAJGEN WALT AND BGEN MCCUTCHEON VISITED THE I CORPS HEADQUARTERS FOR A BRIEFING BY THE I CORPS TACTICAL ZONE STAFF.

III. PLANS SUMMARY: PASOP

IV. CHANGES IN OPERATION PLANS: NONE.

V. SUPPLEMENTARY ACTIONS AND/OR DECISIONS REQUIRED OF COMUSMACV: NONE.

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VI. NEXT SITREP DUE 131500Z JUNE 1965.

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III MAF SITREP #43 122000H TO 132000H JUNE 1965.

I. INTELLIGENCE HIGHLIGHTS. NO SIGNIFICANT VC ACTIVITY RPTD DURING THE PERIOD. VC ACTION CONTINUES TO BE THAT OF HARASSMENT AGAINST U.S. MARINES AND ARVN UNITS THROUGHOUT THE I CORPS AREA.

II. III MAF OPERATIONS

A. THIRD MARINE DIVISION

(1) THIRD MARINES (DANANG AND HUE PHU BAI)

(A) FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES CONTINUED PATROLLING

IN SOUTH SECTOR OF TAOR. DURING THE NIGHT OF 12 JUN CO A (-) PATROL BASE OCCUPIED DEFENSIVE POSITIONS VIC (AT 916708) WHILE FIRST PLAT PATROLLED IN GS (AT 9069) AND (AT 9169) AND THIRD PLAT MOVED SOUTHEAST TO OCCUPY POSITIONS VIC (AT 897688). AT 122000H FIRST PLAT OCCUPIED NIGHT AMBUSH SITES VIC (AT 904694). AT 130700H, PATROLLING WAS SUSPENDED, BOTH FIRST AND THIRD PLATS MOVING NORTHWEST. BY 131300H FIRST AND THIRD PLATS REUNIONED WITH CO A (-) VIC (AT 871705). AT 131500H, CO A REESTABLISHED TO VIC (AT 905663) AND MOVED INTO A PATROL BASE AT (AT 923687) AND CO A RETURNED TO I M GP. NO VC CONTACT DURING REPORTING PERIOD.

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(B) SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES CONTINUED OPNS AT LE MY. AT 122155H BN CP (AT 983775) WAS PROBED BY APPROX 10 VC. LP IN VIC OPENED FIRE. VC PULLED BACK TOWARD VILLAGE OF BA PHUOC GS (AT 9479). AT 130300H, CO H REPORTED MOVEMENT AT SOUTHERN LE MY BRIDGE (AT 900805). AREA ILLUMINATED BUT NO CONTACT MADE.

(C) THIRD BN, NINTH MARINES CONTINUED PATROL OPNS IN CENTRAL WEST SECTION OF DANANG TAOR UNTIL 121817H, AT WHICH TIME CO K PATROL BASH WAS STAB VIC (AT 845722) WITH PLT DEFENSIVE PSNS NEARBY. NO VC CONTACT, AND THE COMPANY RETURNED TO BN CP AT 131026H.

(D) THIRD BN, FOURTH MARINES CONTINUED OPNS AT HUE PHU BAI. CO I IN DEFENSE OF BN CP, AND CO K DEFENDING AIRFIELD. CO L ATROUPE FROM (YD 839134) WEST TO (YD 825135) SOUTH TO (YD 821119). CO M HELILIFTED ONE PLT TO (YD 855075) WHICH PROCEEDED NORTH TO (YD 845122), EAST TO (YD 873123) AND SOUTH TO NEW PATROL BASE AT (YD 866106). THERE WAS NO INDICATION OF VC ACTIVITY DURING REPORTING PERIOD.

(E) CHANGES IN LOCATION OF CP:

- (1) CO A, FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES (AT 955752)
- (2) CO B, FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES (AT 922686)
- (3) CO K, THIRD BN, NINTH MARINES (BT 007747)
- (4) CO L, THIRD BN, FOURTH MARINES (YD 899145)
- (5) CO M, THIRD BN, FOURTH MARINES (YD 866106)

2. FOURTH MARINES (CHU LAI)

(A) FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT AND CONSOLIDATION OF NEWLY ESTABLISHED (SEBA) POSITIONS. AT 122015H

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THE 81 MM MORTAR PLAT FIRED ON A REPORTED VC GATHERING PLACE VIC (BT 497099). ROUNDS LA ID ON TARGET AND A SECONDARY EXPLOSION WAS OBSERVED BUT NO CONFIRMED CASUALTIES. AT 130310H CO C A-PR- HEADED 8 VIETNAMESE AT COORD (BT 531064). 5 OF THE GROUP DID NOT HAVE PROPER IDENTIFICATION PAPERS AND ALL WERE TURNED OVER TO THE 1ST BATTALION DISTRICT HQ.

(B) SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF NEWLY OCCUPIED POSITIONS. SQUAD AMBUSH POSITIONS WERE ESTAB AT (BT 528025) AND (BT 488036) DURING THE NIGHT BUT NO VC CONTACTS WERE MADE. SQUAD PATROL AROUND VIC HILL 213 (BT 531002) ALSO HAD NEGATIVE CONTACT.

(C) THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES PROVIDED CO M TO SERVE AS BATTALIMENTAL RESERVE. REMAINDER OF BN CONTINUED WORK ON IMPROVEMENT OF BATTAL POSITIONS.

(D) THIRD BN, TWENTY MARINES FIRED 23 MISSIONS INCLUDING 6 REGISTRATIONS, 12 H&I MISSIONS AND 5 ADJUSTED MISSIONS.

BTRY K FIRED ON NET 2 VC PLATS DIGGING POSITS VIC (BS 635956). **DAMAGE ASSESSMENT NOT AVAILABLE AT END OF REPORTING PERIOD.**

SAME BTRY FIRED ON A GROUP OF VC JUNKS VIC (BS 635953). OBSERVER SAW <sup>TWO</sup> JUNKS SINK WITH <sup>UNKNOWN NUMBER</sup> ~~PEOPLE~~ **PEOPLE ABOARD.**

BTRY K ALSO FIRED ON HOUSE BEING USED AS VC CP AT COORD (BS 636953). OBSERVER REPORTED ~~HOUSE~~ HOUSE BURNED. BTRY H FIRED ON HOUSE VIC (BT 492205) BEING USED AS VC GATHERING PLACE.

OBSERVER REPORTED HOUSE DESTROYED. 8 IN HOW PLAT FIRED ON 16 VC VIC (BS 640936). **RESULTS NOT AVAILABLE AT END OF REPORTING PERIOD.** ALL MISSIONS

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3. FIRST BN, TWELFTH MARINES CONTINUES ARMY SUPPORT IN DANANG COMPLEX. FROM 122100H TO 130600H 45 H&I MISSIONS PERFORMED BY BTRY B FIRING 20 MISSIONS, BTRY F FIRING 12 MISSIONS, AND 8 INCH ART FIRING 13 MISSIONS.

4. THIRD BCOON BN MAINTAINED 1 PLAT OF CO K OPERATING IN THE BCOON AREA OF OPNS NORTHEAST OF THE DANANG TAOR. PLAT IS CONDUCTING TERRAIN SURVEY, LP AND OP OPNS. AT 131602H PLAT WAS FIRED ON BY SNIPER WIC (AT 935920). NO CASUALTIES REPORTED. SNIPER WAS NOT LOCATED. PLAT OF CO A DEPARTED BY CP AND ESTABLISHED PATROL BASE WIC (AT 935665) AT 131510H. SECOND PLAT OF CO A DEPARTED BY CP AT 131630H TO ESTAB PATROL BASE WIC (AT 882738).

#### B. CIVIC ACTION

1. CG III HAF HELD CONFERENCE WITH APPROX TWENTY FIVE OFFICERS DURING WHICH HE STATED POLICIES CONCERNING CIVIC ACTIONS IN IIN HAF AREAS. REMAINDER OF CONFERENCE DEVOTED TO DISCUSSIONS OF PENDING CIVIC ACTION ORDERS, STATUS OF CIVIC ACTION MEDICAL TEAMS AND BRIEFINGS BY CIVIC ACTION OFFICERS ON THE SITUATION IN THEIR RESPECTIVE AREA.

2. SECOND BN, 7TH MARINES TREATED ONE HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS AT LE MY DISPENSARY. THE MEDICAL TRAINING PROGRAM AT LE MY DISPENSARY NOW HAS FOUR VIETNAMESE UNDER INSTRUCTION.

#### C. NGF SWIP AVAILABILITY (READ IN TWO COLUMNS)

SWIP	AREA
UNIFORM	ONE BRAVO
BLACK	THREE

#### D. CHU LAI AIRFIELD COMPLEX

1. SIX THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FEET OF RUNWAY STABILIZED  
 LET FIVE THOUSAND SIXTY FOUR FEET OF MATTING LAID TO DATE.

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2. FOUR THOUSAND POUNDS OF TAXITAN STABILIZED WITH THREE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FIFTY SIX POUNDS OF MATTING LAID.

E. FIRST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

1. FIRST LAKE BATTALION (-). ONE HUNDRED PERCENT OPERATIONAL, MAINTAINING ALERT STATUS.

2. VIGJ ONE (-). FLEW 6 ST-10B SORTIES IN THE VINH AND YEN PHU ANH. SORTIES WERE IN SUPPORT OF STEWART FIELD ROLLING THUNDER-18 STRIKES. NO FLAK OR HOSTILE ACFT ENCOUNTERED. ADDITIONAL MISSIONS IN SUPPORT OF USAF ROLLING THUNDER-18 STRIKES WERE CANCELED BY THE 2D AIR DIV DUE TO WEATHER.

3. MASH TWO. MASC OPERATIONS NORMAL. ALL WETS UP AND OPERATING. AN/TPO-10 CONTROLLED 2 MISSIONS OF 4/A4 ACFT EACH ON VC STRUCTURES VIC (YC 9168) AND (YC 9368) *SEE PARA E 6 BELOW.*

4. VIFA FIVE THREE ONE. 4/F4B ATTACKED VC TROOP CONCENTRATIONS ALONG THE BA LONG RIVER VALLEY IN VIC (YD 152357). ALL ORANGE OF TGT SATURATING AREA. 4/F4B ON A BLUE BLAZER MISS ATTACKED A VC CONCENTRATION VIC (YC 872982). NO DAMAGE ASSESSMENT AVAILABLE. 2/F4B ATTACKED A VC BIVOUAC AREA OF APPROX 15 STRUCTURES IN A RIVER VALLEY VIC (YC 867838). 4 STRUCTURES DESTROYED, 6 BADLY DAMAGED.

5. MAG ONE SIX (-).

(A) VFM ONE SIX THREE. CONDUCTED 10 MISSIONS IN THE QUANG NGAI AREA, RESERVING ELEMENTS OF THE ARVN 2D DIV. PERFORMED 2 SUPPLY MISSIONS TO THE QUANG TRI (YD 328526) AND DONG HA (YD 245603) AREAS IN SUPPORT OF ARVN 2D DIV.

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(B) HELI THREE SIX FIVE. CONDUCTED 36 MISSIONS, LIFTED CARGO AND FAX IN SUPPORT OF III MAF UNITS AT DANANG AND CHU LAI. ON ONE MISSION A HELICOPTER MADE A PRECAUTIONARY LANDING AT HOI AN (BT 150570) WITH ENGINE TROUBLE. A MAINTENANCE CREW WAS LIFTED TO ATTEMPT REPAIR. ACFT RETURNED TO DANANG WITHOUT FURTHER INCIDENT. LIFTED COMPANY <sup>A AND B</sup> OF FIRST BN, THIRD MARIENES IN A COMPANY BOMBING BETWEEN LA QUAIL AND HUC (AT 9269). LIFT WAS COVERED BY 4/AL ACFT OF MAG-12.

(C) WFO TWO (-). 2/0-1B ACFT CONDUCTED DAILY AREA CUSK PATROLS OF HUE, HU BAI, DANANG AND CHU LAI TAOR. 2/UH-1E ESCORTED HELI-365 UH-34D ON ROUTINE RESUPPLY AND FAX LIFT MISSION. CONDUCTED SIX 0-1B VISUAL RECONNAISSANCE MISSIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE III MAF. 2/0-1B ACTED AS TAC(A) FOR AN ATTACK BY MAG-12 AL ON BUNG AT (YD 585190).

(D) HELI ONE SIX ONE. (LATE REPORT FROM 12 JUN). AT 121200H HELI-161 COMPLETED DEBARKATION FROM THE USS TWO JIMA AND COMMENCED OPERATIONS AT HUE PHU BAI. CHOPPED OFFSHORE FROM CG FIAN (ATV) TO MAG-16 (-). THE SQDN WENT INTO IMMEDIATE ACTION, HELPING TO EVACUATE SOUTH VIETNAMESE FROM AN OUTPOST AT (YC 870845). THE LIFT WAS COVERED BY WFO-531 F4B AND WFO-2 UH-1E ACFT. ON 13 JUN CONDUCTED 4 MISSIONS ON ROUTINE MARINE FLIES FROM HUE PHU BAI TO DANANG. PERFORMED FOUR MED EVAC MISSIONS IN SUPPORT OF THIRD BN, FOURTH MARIENES. 6/UH-34D LIFTED 330 TRPS AND 15,000 LBS CARGO FROM HUE PHU BAI TO (YC 910896). NO UNUSUAL INCIDENTS.

6. MAG ONE TWELVE (-). 4/AL ACFT ATTACKED A SUSPECTED VC REGT HQS AT (YE 585190), CONTROLLED BY WFO-2 (-) 0-1B ACFT. TAC(A) REPORTED ALL DROPS ON TARGET. 4/AL ACFT VECTORED TO TARGET

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BY THE F-4E AN/TPO-10. ATTACKED A VC TRP CONCENTRATION AT (YC 910682). LIGHT TO MOTHER "S" SMALL AREA GRID FIRE BURNED IN TGT AREA. HITS ON ROCKET FOR FORCED PILOT TO EJECT THE TGT. 4/AL ACFT, VECTORED TO TGT BY THE F-4E AN/TPO-10, ATTACKED A VC TRP CONCENTRATION AT (YC 935685) A SMALL AREA GRID FIRE WAS REPORTED FROM (YC 960650). A STRAFFING RUN SILENCED THE GRID FIRE. 4/AL ACFT ATTACKED BLOSS IN A VC VILLAGE AT (AS 947979). ALL BLOSS WERE LEFT BURNING. 4/AL ACFT FLEW COVER OVER MAG-16 HELOS ON ROUTINE MISSION. NO ORDNANCE EXPENDED. 4/AL ACFT ATTACKED A 12 BUNG COMPLEX AT (AS 886984). ORDNANCE WAS ON TGT BUT FIRE DAMAGE ASSESSMENTS NOT AVAILABLE.

III. PLANS SUMMARY: PASOP

IV. CHANGES IN OPERATION PLANS: NONE.

V. SUPPLEMENTARY ACTIONS AND/OR DECISIONS REQUIRED OF COMUSMACV: NONE.

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THE QUANG BINH PROVINCE.

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RE: SOUTH HAIT, CG III MAF, ESCORTED REPRESENTATIVES PLICE OF  
THE WORK, RICHARD OF MISSOURI, CHAMBERLAIN OF MICHIGAN, AND BRAY  
RE: ARRIVAL OF VISITS TO III MAF UNITS AT CHU LAI, DANANG AND  
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## 1. THIRD MARINES (DANANG AND HUE PHU BAI)

(A) FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES CONTINUED OPNS IN THE  
 S SECTOR OF THE DANANG TAGE. CO B ESTABLISHED A PATROL BASE  
 THE EVENING OF THIRTEEN JUNE WITH THE FIRST PLT ESTABLISHING  
 THE 117/AMBUSH PSNS VIC (AT 919690) SEVEN MILES SW OF DANANG.  
 THE SECOND PLT CONDUCTED THREE SQD PATROLS VIC (AT 882698),  
 (AT 887065), AND (AT 903715) AT 131900H AND THEN ESTABLISHED  
 SQUAD POSNS FOR THE NIGHT. THE THIRD PLT PATROLLED UNTIL  
 TWENTY AND THEN ESTABLISHED SQD NIGHT AMBUSH SITES AT (AT 895665),  
 (AT 883788) AND (AT 880676). THERE WERE NO VC CONTACTS DURING  
 THE NIGHT. THE CO CONTINUED PATROLLING THE MORNING OF FOURTEEN  
 JUNE AND APPREHENDED SEVEN SUSPECTED VC VIC (AT 928690) SIX AND  
 ONE HUNDRED MILES SW OF DANANG AT 1100H. BY 141520H, THE CO HAD  
 APPREHENDED FIFTEEN ADDITIONAL SUSPECTED VC. THE TWENTY TWO  
 CAPTUREES WERE REMANDED TO THE CUSTODY OF DISTRICT HQS.

(B) SECOND BN THIRD MARINES CONTINUED OPNS IN THE  
 LE MY AREA. AT 132100H, THE LOCAL CHIEF OF LE MY REPORTED THAT  
 A VC BASE WAS LOCATED VIC (AT 883788) EIGHT MILES W OF  
 DANANG. AT 14000H, ARTY WAS CALLED INTO THE SUSPECTED BASE  
 AND THE MAIN PLT OF CO B SWEPT THE AREA. THE PLT DISCOVERED  
 EVIDENCE OF RECENT HABITATION BUT MADE NO CONTACTS.

(C) <sup>THIRD</sup> ~~SECOND~~ BN, THIRD MARINES CONTINUED TO DEFEND  
 THE DANANG AIRFIELD. AT 140800H, A TWENTY MAN PATROL MOVED N  
 TOWARD THE AIRFIELD.

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AND NE OF THE AIRFIELD PERIMETER WITH NEGATIVE VC CONTACT.

(B) THIRD BN, FOURTH MARINES CONTINUED PATROLLING IN THE HUE PHU BAI TAOR. CO L AND CO M ESTABLISHED NIGHT PATROL BATTLE VIC (YD 838144) THREE MILES W OF HUE PHU BAI AND (YD 865106) THREE MILES SW OF HUE PHU BAI RESPECTIVELY BUT HAD NO VC CONTACTS. AT FIRST LIGHT FOURTEEN JUNE, CO K (-) WAS HELILIFTED TO THE W SECTOR OF THE TAOR VIC GRID SQ (YD 8408) FIVE AND ONE HALF MILES SW OF HUE PHU BAI. PLT PATROL OPNS COMMENCED TOWARD GRID SQUARES (YD 8107) AND (YD 8109). CO I (-) MOVED TO THE VIC GRID SQUARE (YD 8640) THREE AND ONE HALF MILES SW OF HUE PHU BAI AND CONDUCTED CASUAL OPNS FROM THAT AREA TO THE S AND E. ONE PLT OF CO I RE-EMBARDED AT THE AIRFIELD TO PROVIDE A REFLEX FORCE. THERE WAS NO VC ACTIVITY REPORTED DURING THE PERIOD.

(B) CHANGES IN CP LOCATIONS (READ IN TWO COLUMNS)

UNIT	LOCATION
CO B ONE SLANT THREE	(AT 922687)
CO I THREE SLANT FOUR	(YD 866106)
CO K THREE SLANT FOUR	(YD 840095)
CO L THREE SLANT FOUR	(YD 881136)
CO M THREE SLANT FOUR	(YD 891145)

2. FOURTH MARINES (CHU LAI)

(A) FIRST BN FOURTH MARINES DISPATCHED TWO CO AND

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ELEMENTS OF A THIRD BY HELD TO KY XUAN ISLAND, NE OF THE TAOR  
 AT 140700H TO CONDUCT A COORDINATED SWEEP AND CLEAR OPN WITH  
 ARVN AND PF TROOPS. THE SWEEPING FORCES LANDED IN GRID SQUARES  
 (BT 4708), (BT 4808), (BT 4908) AND (BT 5009) WHILE BLOCKING  
 ESCAPE, INCLUDING TWO SQDS OF PF TROOPS ESTABLISHED POSITIONS  
 AT (BT 48078) FIVE MILES NW OF CHU LAI. THE OPN WAS COMPLETED  
 AT 141301H AND SIXTEEN SUSPECTED VC WERE APPREHENDED. THERE  
 WERE NO OTHER CASUALTIES. UPON COMPLETION OF THE OPERATION, USMC  
 UNITS RETURNED TO THE TAOR AND RESUMED DEVELOPMENT OF FORWARD  
 AREA OF INTEREST AREA (FEBA) POSITIONS. THE ATTACHED RECON PLT  
 MOVED TO THE VIC AN TAY (OVN) VILLAGE (BT 523093) THREE AND  
 ONE HALF MILES SW OF CHU LAI AND IS MAINTAINING SURVEILLANCE  
 OF THE VILLAGE.

(E) SECOND BN FOURTH MARINES CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT  
 OF FEBA POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED LIMITED PATROL OPNS DURING THE  
 PERIOD. A SQD SIZE PATROL MOVED NORTH OF HILL 213 (BT 531002)  
 THREE AND ONE HALF MILES SW OF CHU LAI THE EVENING OF THIRTEEN  
 JUNE AND LOCATED AN APPARENT HARBOR SITE AT (BT 527006). DURING  
 THE NIGHT OF THIRTEEN-FOURTEEN JUNE, CO H OBSERVED PERSONNEL  
 APPROACHING HIS POSITIONS IN GRID SQ (BT 5103) THREE MILES SW  
 OF CHU LAI ON THREE SEPARATE OCCASIONS, <sup>BUT</sup> NO CONTACTS WERE MADE.  
 HOWEVER, AT 141330H A SQD PATROL OBSERVED TWO MEN LOITERING

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... OF CHU LAI. THE ...  
 ... AND TURNED OVER TO THE LY TEN DISTRICT  
 ... A BATH FLT WAS HELILIFTED TO (BT 50600L)  
 ... RIDGELINES AND  
 ... <sup>Sites</sup> ... (BT 503016). NO REPORTS OF VC CONTACTS BY THIS  
 ... END OF THE REPORTING PERIOD.

(C) ... CONTINUED IMPROVEMENT  
 ... DURING THE MONTH OF THIRTEEN-FOURTEEN JUNE,  
 ... (BT 612020) FOUR MILES  
 ... ON THE SONE TRA BONG RIVER.

... (BT 615023). THE SAMPHU  
 ... AND THREE 9MM  
 ... WHEN THE BOAT FAILED TO  
 ... A SECONDARY  
 ... AS THE SAMPHU SUNK.

(D) ... FIFTEEN MIS-  
 ... PERIOD; ELEVEN H AND I, THREE REGISTRATIONS,  
 ... ONE TON OF THE HOW TART BERRY DISPLACED TO

... ON KY HUAN ISLAND.  
 ... TWELVE  
 ... AT THE REQUEST OF THE  
 ... ALL MISSIONS WERE COORDINATED BY THE  
 ... THE DISTRICT HQS. THE FIRST  
 ... VC PERS DIGGING INTO  
 ... (BS 633956). THIRTY VC WERE KILLED. THE SECOND  
 ... VC WHEN TWO VC JUNKS WERE SUNK VIC

... THE THIRD MISSION WAS FIRED ...  
 ... (BS 638953). THREE VC WERE

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ALL THE BUILDING WAS DESTROYED THE FINAL MISSION WHICH WAS FIRED SUNDAY MORNING BY THE EIGHT MORTAR HOW PLAY WAS AGAINST SIXTEEN VC VIC (B5640936). THREE VC WERE KILLED AND NINE WERE KILLED AND ~~NINE WERE~~ WOUNDED. THE SIXTY SIX DEAD VC WERE CONFIRMED BY USMC OBSERVERS WHO OBSERVED THE FIRE THROUGH FIELD GLASSES AND IT WAS VERIFIED BY THREE DIFFERENT VILLAGE CHIEFS WHO REPORTED TO THE DISTRICT CHIEF THAT THEY HAD ACTUALLY COUNTED THE DEAD AS THE VC WERE CARRYING THE BODIES THROUGH THEIR VILLAGES TOWARDS THE DENSE JUNGLES. CH

(D) THE NEW FOURTH MARINE CP WAS OPENED VIC (B521060) TWELVE MILES NW OF CHU LAI AT 140935H.

3. FIRST BN TWELFTH MARINES CONTINUED TO PROVIDE ARTY SUPPORT TO MARINES IN THE DANANG TAOR. FROM 132100H TO 140530H SEVEN H AND I MISSIONS WERE FIRED. AT 140055H, BTRY L FIRED HEAT ON (AT 870660) FOR THE THIRD RECON BN. TGT AREA WAS SATURATED. A TOT MEN WAS FIRED AT <sup>A</sup> ~~THE~~ SUSPECTED VC CAMP SITE VIC (AT 852789). TOTAL AMMO EXPENDED DURING THE PERIOD: SEVENTY NINE RDS 105MM, TWENTY FIVE RDS 155MM AND EIGHTEEN RDS 81MM INCL. CH

4. THIRD RECON BN CONTINUED SURVEILLANCE OPNS IN THE DANANG TAOR. AT 131605H A CO D PATROL REPORTED INEFFECTIVE SIGHTS FROM GRID SQUARE (AT 9493) TWELVE MILES NW OF DANANG. A NIGHT LISTENING POST WAS ESTABLISHED AT (AT 940930). NINE MEN, WEARING BLACK UNIFORMS ~~HELMETS~~ AND CAPS AND CARRYING GEAR WERE OBSERVED MOVING N BY NE VIC (AT 947937). A CO A PATROL SET UP A PATROL BASE VIC (AT 885735) EIGHT MILES W OF

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1. AREA ONE. THE PATROL STOPPED WHITE SMOKE VIC (AT 908752) SIX MILES W OF DANANG AT 140730H.

2. FIRST MAW (ADV)

A. FIRST LAAN BN (-). ONE HUNDRED PERCENT OPERATIONAL --  
INDEPENDENT FLEET STATUS.

B. PASS TWO. DASC OPERATIONS WERE NORMAL. AN/TPQ-10  
WAS USED AS AIRCRAFT ON TARGETS AT (BS 694857) AND (ZC 178650)  
APPROXIMATELY NINETY MILES SW OF CHU LAI. COMPUTERS AND RADAR  
DID NOT DETECT ORDNANCE ON TARGET.

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C. MISSION ONE (-). FOUR RF-10B LAUNCHED ON AN ECM USN  
IN SUPPORT OF A SCHEDULED SEVENTH FLEET ROLLING THUNDER EIGHTEEN  
ONE ONE. THIS MISSION WAS CANCELLED PRIOR TO THE AIRCRAFT REACHING  
THE AREA. THE SAME MISSION <sup>PLUS</sup> ANOTHER THREE PLANE MISSION  
<sup>LATER</sup> IN SUPPORT OF A SECOND AIR DIV STRIKE WERE CANCELLED DUE TO  
UNFAVORABLE WEATHER CONDITIONS.

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D. AREA FIVE THREE ONE. THREE F4B ESCORTED MAC SIXTEEN  
ON A MISSION TO (BT 5009), FOUR AND ONE HALF MILES NW OF CHU  
LAI, WITH FOUR BU-1E OF VIC TWO PERFORMING VISUAL RECONNAISSANCE  
MISSION. THE LZ WAS FOUND SECURE AND NO ORDNANCE WAS EX-  
PLODED. WHILE F4B, IN A CLOSE AIR SUPPORT MISSION FOR THE FOURTH  
CORPS, ATTACKED A VC PILLBOX, BUNKERS AND OPEN TRINCHES ON A  
FIELD (IS 502982), FIVE MILES SW OF CHU LAI. THE FAC

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(GROUND) OF TWO SLANT FOUR CONTROLLED THE STRIKE. ALL ORDNANCE WAS EXPENDED ON THE TARGET. FOUR F4B ON A PREPLANNED STRIKE IN THE II CORPS AREA, ATTACKED A TWO BN VC BIVOUAC AREA AT (BT 105475) WITH COMPLETE TARGET COVERAGE REPORTED. FOUR F4B ON A BURN BAZER MISSION ATTACKED VC STRUCTURES IN A WOODED AREA AT (BT 5764)3). FOUR STRUCTURES WERE DESTROYED. THERE WAS ONE SECONDARY EXPLOSION.

5. MAG SIXTEEN (-).

(A) WHO TWO (-). O-1B AIRCRAFT CONDUCTED DAWN TO DUSK VISUAL RECONNAISSANCE OF THE DANANG AND CHU LAI TAOR. ONE UH-1B ALONG WITH F4B ESCORTED HMM THREE SIX FIVE <sup>HELICO'S</sup> FROM CHU LAI TO NEG (BT 5009). FIVE UH-1B LIFTED FOUR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND THEIR PARTY ON A TOUR OF DANANG AND HUE PHU BAI AREAS.

(B) HMM ONE SIX ONE. CONDUCTED THIRTY EIGHT MSNS IN SUPPORT OF III MAF UNITS. DAWN AND DUSK PATROLS WERE PERFORMED IN THE HUE PHU BAI TAOR. MARLOG FLIGHTS WERE CONDUCTED BETWEEN HUE PHU BAI AND DANANG. FOUR MED EVAC MISSIONS WERE CONDUCTED IN SUPPORT OF THREE SLANT FOUR.

(C) HMM ONE SIX THREE. SIXTEEN UH-34D, WHICH WERE ESCORTED BY F4B AIRCRAFT OF MAG TWELVE, PERFORMED RESUPPLY MSNS FOR THE II CORPS DIV FROM QUANG TIN FROM HQ TO (BT 113137), TWO HUNDRED MILES NN OF CHU LAI. TWO HUNDRED AND ONE PAX AND SEVEN TONS OF CARGO WERE LIFTED. SEVEN ADDITIONAL MED EVAC MISSIONS WERE CONDUCTED IN SUPPORT OF THE ARVN

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FIRST AND SECOND DIV.

(D) TEN THREE SIX FIVE. TWELVE UH-34D WHICH WERE ESCORTED BY TWO TWO UH-1H GUN SHIPS AND VHA FIVE THREE ONE F4B AIRCRAFT, LIFTED THREE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY EIGHT MARINES IN FIVE LIFTS FROM LAI VIC (BT 1708), (BT 5109) AND (BT 5211) FIVE MILES SE OF CHU LAI WITHOUT INCIDENT. TWENTY ONE ROUTINE SUPPLY MISSIONS AND PAX LIFTS WERE PERFORMED IN SUPPORT OF III MAF.

(E) NINE TWELVE (-). FOUR A1C AIRCRAFT ESCORTED NINE ONE MISSIONS OF RESUPPLY MISSIONS TO VIC (BT 1113) TWENTY EIGHT MILES NW OF CHU LAI. THE FOUR A1C'S WERE RELIEVED ON STATION (BT 1113) AND ESCORTED THE HELICOPTERS UNTIL COMPLETION OF THEIR MISSION. TWO A1C'S AND TWO A1B'S WERE DIRECTED TO (BT 691017), FIFTEEN MILES SE OF CHU LAI BY MASS TWO AN/TPO TEN. AUTOMATIC BOMBING RUNS WERE MADE WITH RELEASES ON TARGET. NINE OF THE BOMBERS WERE DESTROYED AND SEVERAL OTHERS WERE LEFT BURNING. TWO A1C LAUNCHED ON A SECOND MISSION CONTROLLED BY MASS TWO AN/TPO TEN. THESE A1C'S, WITH RADAR, WERE DIRECTED TO THE HAPPY VALLEY AREA (BT 13170550), TWENTY MILES SW OF DANANG. AUTOMATIC BOMBING <sup>ON THE TARGET</sup> WAS NOT MADE, HOWEVER, THE JUNGLE CANOPY PREVENTED ANY DAMAGE TO THE TARGET. NO ADDITIONAL MISSIONS WERE LAUNCHED, BUT RESULTS ARE NOT AVAILABLE AT THE END OF THE REPORTING PERIOD.

(F) TACTIC ACTIONS.

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1. ONE SLANT THREE PRESENTED TO THE CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY ALLIANCE CHURCH OF HOA MY (AT 9776) A TWO HUNDRED DOLLAR GIFT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A SUNDAY SCHOOL UNIT.

2. THE LI MY DISPENSARY CONTINUED TO ATTEND TO THE CARE OF A STEADY STREAM OF VIETNAMESE VILLAGERS.

3. THREE SLANT NINE OPENED AID STATIONS AT LUAN HOA (BT 0013015) AND THUAN AN (BT 001734). A TOTAL OF FIFTY FIVE PATIENTS RECEIVED MEDICAL TREATMENT.

4. THE LAI APRENGO COMPLEX

1. FIFTY THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FEET OF RUNWAY STABILIZED WITH FIVE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY FOUR FEET OF MATTING PERIOD.

2. FOUR THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FEET OF TAXIWAY STABILIZED WITH THREE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY FOUR FEET OF MATTING PERIOD.

5. NAVAL GUNFIRE

1. THE USS UHLMANN FIRED FORTY HE, FOUR WP, AND TWO THERM BOMBES THE NIGHT OF THIRTEEN JUNE AGAINST A SUSPECTED VC COMPANY BIVOUAC VIC (BS 878272). THE AREA WAS NEUTRALIZED.

6. MCF SWIP AVAILABILITY 15 JUNE (READ IN TWO COLUMNS)

SHIP	AREA
UHLMANN	ONE BRAVO
SOUTHERLAND	THREE

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III. RUMOR DELIVERY: PASFP

IV. CHANGES IN OPERATION PLANS: NONE

V. SUPPLEMENTARY ACTIONS AND/OR DECISIONS REQUIRED OF COMUSMACV:

NONE

VI. NEXT REPORT DUE 151500Z JUNE 1965

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III MAF SITREP #45 142000H TO 152000H JUNE 1965

I. INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY. VC ACTIVITY IN I CORPS AREA AGAINST USMC AND ARVN UNITS REMAINS LIGHT. I CORPS CONTINUES TO REPORT SIGHTINGS AND MOVEMENT OF LARGE VC UNITS THROUGHOUT THE AREA, ANTICIPATE A LARGE SCALE VC ACTIVITY BEFORE THE END OF JUNE.

II. III MAF OPERATIONS

A. THIRD MARINE DIVISION

1. THIRD MARINES (DA NANG AND THE PHU BAI AREAS)

(A) FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES. CONTINUED

IN OPERATIONS IN THE SOUTH SECTOR OF THE TAOR. CO B ESTABLISHED

SIX AMBUSH POSITIONS DURING THE NIGHT OF FOURTEEN - FIFTEEN, <sup>JUNE</sup> THROUGHOUT A LARGE AREA SOUTHWEST OF THE DA NANG AIRFIELD (AT (876704)(871695)(900690)(937665)(895665)(927698))

AND RESUMED PATROLLING AT FIRST LIGHT. THREE SUSPECTED VC WERE APPREHENDED AT 151300H NEAR THE VILLAGE OF PHUOC

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AT  
NHAN (897668). AT 1515H CO B WAS RELIEVED BY CO C  
AND RETURNED TO THE BATTALION C.P. CO C WAS HELI-  
LIFTED TO A LANDING ZONE NEAR THE VILLAGE OF PHUOC  
WITH NUMBER THREE (AT 928679) AND ESTABLISHED A PATROL  
BASE TO THE NORTHWEST IN THE VICINITY OF (AT 899692).

(B) SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES. CONTINUED  
OPERATIONS IN THE NORTHERN SECTOR OF THE TAOR. SQUAD  
PATROLS WERE CONDUCTED BY ALL COMPANIES THROUGHOUT  
THE AREA WITHOUT VC CONTACT.

(C) THIRD BN, NINTH MARINES. CONTINUED  
IN THE DEFENSE OF THE DA NANG AIRFIELD, PATROLLING THE  
AIRFIELD PERIMETER.

(D) THIRD BN, FOURTH MARINES. CONTINUED  
OPERATIONS IN THE HUE PHU BAI TAOR WITH CO I WORKING SOUTH  
AND CO K SOUTHWEST OF THE AIRFIELD. PLATOON AND SQUAD  
PATROLLING CONTINUED THROUGHOUT THE REPORTING PERIOD  
WITHOUT VC CONTACT.

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2. FIRST BN, TWELFTH MARINES. FIRED SIXTEEN  
MISSIONS IN SUPPORT OF III MAF, EXPENDING ONE HUNDRED  
TWENTY SEVEN ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION.

3. THIRD RECONNAISSANCE BN. CONTINUED PATROL  
OPERATIONS IN THE NORTHWEST, WEST, AND SOUTHWEST SECTORS OF  
THE DA NANG TAOR, AND OUTSIDE THE TAOR TO THE NORTHEAST.  
THE PATROL IN THE NORTHWEST SECTOR WAS SEVERELY HAMPED  
THROUGHOUT THE OPERATION BY ROUGH TERRAIN, HEAVY VEGETATION  
AND HEAT. IT WAS ORDERED BACK TO THE PATROL BASE AFTER  
SUFFERING TWO HEAT CASUALTIES, AND APPREHENDED ONE VC ENROUTE.

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THE MAN WAS WEARING CIVILIAN CLOTHES, APPEARED UNARMED, BUT UNDER HIS SHIRT WORE A U.S. PISTOL BOLT WITH TWO GRENADES, A FLASHLIGHT, AND A PLASTIC CONTAINER ATTACHED. THE PRISONER WAS RETURNED TO THE PATROL PICKUP POINT AND TURNED OVER TO S-2, THIRD MARINES.

4. THIRD ENGINEER BN. DID REPAIR WORK ON MAJOR TACTICAL ROADS IN THE DANANG <sup>AREA</sup> ~~AREA~~, AND ERECTED NEW BATTALION AID STATIONS FOR ONE SLANT THREE AND TWO SLANT THREE. CONSOLIDATION TEAMS WORKED ON THE WEST DIVISION CP SITE, AND ENGINEERS ASSISTED IN THE INSTALLATION OF DEFENSIVE POSITIONS IN THE TWO SLANT THREE AREA.

5. FOURTH MARINES (CHU LAI)

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(A) FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES CONTINUED THE DEVELOPMENT OF DEFENSIVE POSITIONS IN EACH COMPANY AREA. AN ATTACHED PLATOON OF THE RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY CONDUCTED A TRAIL RECONNAISSANCE IN THE <sup>A</sup>COSTAL AREA TO THE NORTH IN GRID SQUARE (BT 5308). THERE WERE NO VC CONTACTS.

(B) SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES. CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF DEFENSIVE POSITIONS. SQUAD SIZE AMBUSHES WERE ESTABLISHED DURING HOURS OF DARKNESS, AND FOUR SQUAD PATROLS WERE CONDUCTED DURING THE DAY, WITHOUT VC CONTACT. AT 150730H THE ATTACHED RECONNAISSANCE PLATOON WAS HELI-LIFTED TO A LANDING ZONE IN THE SOUTHWESTERN PORTION OF THE TAOR (BS 508997) TO BEGIN A TWO DAY PATROL OPERATION WEST OF THE LANDING ZONE. THERE WERE NO VC CONTACTS.

(C) THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF DEFENSIVE POSITIONS AND MONITORING TRAFFIC ON THE QUANG TRIA FONG RIVER, FROM A POSITION NEAR ~~CP~~

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... (17 61000). AT 15:2500H AN ESTIMATED THREE  
... POSITIONS REPORTING ONE CREW  
... FIRE WAS RETURNED  
... WITHOUT FURTHER CASUALTIES.

DATE/TIME	AGENCY	FOUNDRY/	ARMY UNIT/
		LOSSES	LOSSES
15:2500H	...	7/3	UNK
		1 LTA	UNK

(7) ... FIRED ONLY  
... ALL ADJUSTED.  
... SUPPORTED AN ARVN ATTACK  
... (RS 557915). THE VILLAGE WAS  
... KILLED BY ARTILLERY FIRE.

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## 5. FIRST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING.

1. FIRST MAAM BATTALION (-). FULLY CAPABLE OF PERFORMING ASSIGNED ANTI-AIRCRAFT WARFARE MISSIONS AND MAINTAINING AN ALERT STATUS.

2. WINGS ONE (-). THREE EF-10B AIRCRAFT PERFORMED ELECTRONIC JAMMING IN THE THANH HOA AREA, SHIELDING UNITED STATES AIR FORCE BOMBING THUNDER EIGHTEEN STRIKES. TWO EF-10B AIRCRAFT CONDUCTED ELECTRONIC JAMMING IN THE BINH BINH AREA, IN SUPPORT OF SEVENTH FLEET AIRCRAFT. NO FLAK OR ENEMY AIRCRAFT WERE ENCOUNTERED.

3. WING TWO. DASC OPERATIONS WERE NORMAL. ALL NETS WERE UP AND OPERATING. SIX MISSIONS OF MAG TWELVE A1 AIRCRAFT WERE ACCOMPLISHED ON TARGET.

4. VMFA FIVE ONE THREE. AT 0001H VMFA FIVE ONE THREE (REPLACED) VMFA FIVE THREE ONE AT THE DANANG AIR BASE. VMFA FIVE THREE ONE RETURNED TO ATSUGI FOR TRANSFER TO THE UNITED STATES. FOUR F4B AIRCRAFT ATTACKED A VIET CONG TROOP CONCENTRATION IN A WOODED RAVIDE AT (AR 950125). ALL OF THEIR ORDNANCE WAS EXPENDED ON THE TARGET. THREE F4B AIRCRAFT ESCORTED MAG ONE SIX UH-34D AIRCRAFT TO (YC 747218). ON ARRIVAL IN THE TARGET AREA, FIFTEEN 20MM ROCKETS WERE FIRED INTO THE HELICOPTER LANDING ZONE TO CLEAR THE AREA. FOUR F4B AIRCRAFT ON BLUE BLAZER MISSION ATTACKED VIET CONG STRUCTURES AT (AS 882990). FOUR BUILDINGS WERE DESTROYED, NINE DAMAGED AND TWO SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS WERE OBSERVED. FOUR F4B AIRCRAFT FLYING A BLUE BLAZER MISSION IN SUPPORT OF THE SECOND AIR DIVISION ATTACKED VIET CONG STRUCTURES IN WOODED TERR-

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ARM AT (AS 952982). THREE STRUCTURES WERE DESTROYED AND SIX WERE DAMAGED. THREE F4B AIRCRAFT ATTACKED VIET CONG STRUCTURES UNDER THE TREES AT (AS 885985). THE TREE CANOPY PREVENTED ANY ASSESSMENT OF DAMAGE.

5. MAG ONE SIX.

(A) HMM ONE SIX ONE. CONDUCTED FOURTEEN MISSIONS OF PASSENGER AND PASSENGER LIFT IN SUPPORT OF THE THIRD BATTALION ARVN REGIMENTS. EIGHT MARINE LOGISTICAL MISSIONS WERE PERFORMED BETWEEN HUE, PHU HAI, DANANG AND CHU LAI.

(B) HMM ONE SIX THREE. FOURTEEN UH-34D AIRCRAFT CONDUCTED A PREPARED OPERATION, PHI HO THREE, LIFTING ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTEEN SPECIAL FORCES NUNGS FROM DANANG TO THE LANDING ZONE (AC 74218). THE OPERATION WAS ESCORTED BY THREE F4B AIRCRAFT OF WHICH FIVE ONE THREE. THE F4B AIRCRAFT CONDUCTED AN AIR STRIKE OF THE HELICOPTER LANDING ZONE PRIOR TO THE HELICOPTER LANDING DOWN. TWENTY-TWO MISSIONS OF NORMAL RESUPPLY AND PASSENGER LIFT WERE CONDUCTED FOR THE ARVN SECOND DIVISION.

(C) HMM THREE SIX FIVE. TWENTY-ONE MISSIONS OF SUPPLY AND PASSENGER LIFT WERE CONDUCTED IN SUPPORT OF III MAF UNITS. THERE WERE NO UNUSUAL INCIDENTS.

(D) VFC TWO (-). SIX MISSIONS ESCORTING HMM THREE SIX FIVE UH-34D AIRCRAFT WERE PERFORMED WITH THE UH-1E GUN SHIPS. ONE AIRCRAFT CONDUCTED DAWN AND DUSK PATROLS OF THE DANANG AND CHU LAI TAOR. TWO O-1B AIRCRAFT CONDUCTED TAC(A) FOR A4 AIRCRAFT IN THE VICINITY OF (YG 7472) AND (YG 7424).

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6. MAG ONE TWO. DUE TO COMMUNICATIONS DIFFICULTIES, MAG ONE TWO WAS UNABLE TO REPORT. THEIR REPORT WILL BE FORWARDED AS SOON AS IT IS AVAILABLE.

## C. CIVIC ACTION

1. FIRST BATTALION THIRD MARINES. A MEDICAL CLINIC WAS ESTABLISHED AT DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS, HUE DOC, TO OPERATE THREE OR FOUR DAYS A WEEK.

2. THIRD BATTALION NINTH MARINES. APPROXIMATELY FORTY-FIVE PERSONS WERE TREATED AT EACH OF ITS DISPENSARY FACILITIES.

3. OPERATION HANDCLASP MATERIAL, UNLOADED AT DANANG AND AWAITING TRANSPORTATION TO SAIGON, IS NOW THE PROPERTY OF III MAF. THE III MAF LIAISON OFFICE IN SAIGON MANAGED TO OBTAIN LARGE QUANTITIES OF SOAP AND MEDICATIONS FROM C.A.R.E. AND FORWARDED THE CARGO TO DANANG TODAY. AS SOON AS THE FIRST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING CAN ARRANGE AIRCRAFT, TEN THOUSAND POUNDS OF CATHOLIC RELIEF SOCIETY EQUIPMENT WILL BE PICKED UP AND DELIVERED TO III MAF.

## D. CHI LAI SATS CONSTRUCTION

1. SIX THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND ONE FEET OF STABILIZED RUNWAY TO DATE.

2. FIVE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND FORTY-TWO FEET OF RUNWAY MATTING LAID TO DATE.

3. FOUR THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED FEET OF TAXIWAY STABILIZED TO DATE.

4. THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND FORTY-TWO FEET OF TAXIWAY MATTING LAID TO DATE.

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2. SUMMARY THROUGH 151500Z. A TOTAL OF SEVENTEEN MISSIONS WERE CONTROLLED BY ANGLICO SPOTTERS WITH SEVEN IN THE I CORPS AND TEN IN THE II CORPS. AMMUNITION EXPENDED ON THESE MISSIONS TOTALLED ONE HUNDRED SIXTY THREE RDS EIGHT INCH, ELEVEN HUNDRED SEVENTY SEVEN RDS AAC, ONE HUNDRED RDS WHITE PHOSPHOROUS, ONE HUNDRED ONE RDS OF ILLUMINATION, TWENTY SEVEN RDS VC, THIRTY FOUR RDS OF THREE INCH. TARGETS FIRED ON INCLUDED VC SUPPLY AREAS, HAMLETS, SUSPECTED GUN EMPLACEMENTS, OBSERVATION POSTS, ASSEMBLY AREAS, COMPANY BIVOUAC AREAS. DAMAGE ASSESSMENT OF TARGETS WAS GOOD TO EXCELLENT.

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3. NAVAL GUNFIRE SHIPS AVAILABLE (READ IN TWO COLUMNS)

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<u>SHIP</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
UHMANN	ONE BRAVO
SOUTHERLAND	THREE

III. PLANS SUMMARY: PASEP

IV. LITREP SINTREP LUE 171200H JUNE 1965

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III MAF SETREP #46 152400H TO 162400H JUNE 1965

I. INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY. VC ACTIVITY IN I CORPS AREA AGAINST US MARINES AND ARVN UNITS CONTINUES TO REMAIN LIGHT. NO CHANGE NOTED IN VC MOVEMENTS AND SIGHTINGS FROM INFO LISTED IN III MAF INTSREP #36.

II. III MAF OPERATIONS. VALEN BLACKBURN, COMSEVENTHFLT VISITED CG III MAF AND CG FMAW TODAY.

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1. VFCJ ONE (-). 3/BF-10B LAUNCHED INDIVIDUALLY TO SUPPORT USAF NIGHT ROLLING THUNDER-18 STRIKE AND A USAF C-130 FLARE PLANE IN THE BONG HOI AND VIN AREA. 4/BF-10B CONDUCTED MIS IO S IN THE BAN XOM LOE AND THANH HOA AREAS SUPPORTING A USAF ROLLING THUNDER-18 STRIKE.

2. MAS TWO. DASC OPERATIONS NORMAL. ALL NETS UP AND OPERATING. THE ASRT CONTROLLED 10 AH MISSIONS AND 2 F4B MISSIONS WITH THE AN/TPQ-10 RADAR. NO DAMAGE ASSESMENT AVAILABLE.

3. WFA FIVE ONE THREE. [REDACTED] LAUNCHED 13 DAY SORTIES AGAINST VC TRF CONCENTRATION'S VIC (YD 732042), (YD 145015) AND (YD 473707). NO DAMAGE ASSESMENT AVAILABLE. <sup>FOUR</sup>  
NIGHT INT RECONTRUCK SORTIES TO VIC (ZC 139740) CONTROLLED BY MASS TWO AN/TPQ-10 RADAR. NETS WERE OBSERVED IN THE TGT AREAS BUT NO DAMAGE ASSESMENT AVAILABLE.

4. MAG ONE SIX (-).

A. VMO TWO (-). 2/UH-1E ESCORTED IEM THREE SIX FIVE ON ROUTINE MISSIONS IN THE I CO PS AREA. O-1B CONDUCTED FOUR MISSIONS OF ROUTINE VISUAL RECONNAISSANCE IN SUPPORT OF THE III MAP. 2/O -1B ACFT CONDUCTED DAWN AND DUSK PATROLS OF THE HUNG PHU BAI, NACHANG AND CHU LAI TAON.

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B. HEK ONE SIX THREE. REMAINED IN SUPPORT OF ARVN FORCES. PERFORMED 24 MISSIONS OF SUPPLY AND PAX LIFT FOR ARVN 2D DIV FROM HOI AN TO DAI LOC (AT 917582), QUANG SON (BT 038345) AND THANG HUC (ZC 115535). EVACUATED 13 ARVN WIA FROM DAI LOC TO DANANG. CONDUCTED 4 MISSIONS FOR ARVN 2D DIV IN THE KHE SAH (XD 858384) AND QUANG TRI (YD 328526) AREAS.

C. HEK THREE SIX FIVE. PERFORMED 79 MISSIONS AND PAX LIFT IN THE QUANG TRI AREA SUPPORTING THE 4TH MARINES. CONDUCTED SIX MISSIONS IN THE DANANG AREA IN SUPPORT OF THE 1ST MARINES. 6/UH-34D CONDUCTED A TRP ROTATION FOR ONE SLANT NINE LIFTING 237 MARINES.

D. HEK ONE SIX ONE. DUE TO COMMUNICATIONS DIFFICULTIES UNABLE TO REPORT HEK ONE SIX ONE ACTIVITIES. REPORT MAY BE INCLUDED IN NEXT SITREP.

5. FIRST LAKE B' (-). CONDUCTED AN AAW EXERCISE WITH TWO USAF F-102 ACFT CONSISTING OF 3 RAIDS. THE FIRST TWO RAIDS WERE SUCCESSFULLY ENGAGED. THE THIRD RAID WAS NOT SUCCESSFULLY ENGAGED DUE TO MASKING BEHIND MONKEY MOUNTAIN.

6. MAG ONE <sup>TWO</sup> (-).

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(LATE ENTRIES FOR 14 AND 15 JUNE)

SIX A4 NIGHT SORTIES WERE VECTORED BY MASS-2 AN/TPQ-10 TO TARGETS VICINITY (ZC 160650), (ZC 088694) AND (ZC - 008530). NO DAMAGE ASSESSMENT. TAG(A) FROM VMO-2 CONTROLLED NIGHT SORTIES ON TWO HAMLETS VICINITY (BT 140-370) AND (BT 132332). PILOTS REPORTED ALL BUILDINGS DESTROYED AND APPROXIMATELY SIXTEEN SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS OBSERVED. ON A STRIKE VICINITY (AS 885985) AND (AS 895-995) TWENTY EIGHT BUILDINGS DESTROYED AND NUMEROUS OTHER STRUCTURES FLAMED. FOUR SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS NOTED AT (AS 895995). TWELVE SORTIES FLOWN AGAINST REPORTED VC POSITIONS VICINITY (AS 880893). NO RESULTS KNOWN.

(ACTIVITIES 16 JUNE)

TEN A4 INTERDICTION/SEARCH AND ATTACK MISSIONS WERE VECTORED BY MASS-2 AN/TPQ-10 AGAINST VC TROOP POSITIONS VICINITY (ZC 141668) AND (ZC 205702). NO DAMAGE ASSESSMENT. IN AN ATTACK AGAINST HAMLET VICINITY (AS 890950) TAG(A) REPORTED TWELVE BUILDINGS DESTROYED AND ONE BRIDGE DAMAGED. TWO A4 SQUADRONS IN PLACE CHU LAI. VMA THREE ONE ONE WITH TWENTY A4E AND VMA TWO TWO FIVE WITH TWENTY ONE A4G.

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(C) THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES. CONTINUED TO MONITOR RIVER TRAFFIC ON THE SONG TRA BOU RIVER. AS A RESULT OF THE ACTION REPORTED IN SITREP NUMBER 45, TWO MARINES RECEIVED MINOR WOUNDS, VICTIM ONE. AT 160910H ELEVEN SUSPECTED VC WERE APPREHENDED, OF WHICH THREE WERE RETURNED TO REGT COLLECTING POINT FOR FURTHER INTERROGATION.

(D) THIRD BN, TWELFTH MARINES. FIRED THREE OBSERVED MISSIONS AND FIVE REGISTRATIONS. AT 161935H THE EIGHT THIRTY HOWITZER PLATOON FIRED ON A VC COMPANY AT (BS 656931) PREPARING TO ATTACK HUI PHO TUNG VILLAGE NEARBY. USMC FORWARD OBSERVER ESTIMATED TWENTY VC KILLED. A SECOND MISSION ON THE SAME TARGET KILLED TWO MORE VC AND WOUNDED ONE.

III. PLANS SUMMARY: PASEP

IV. MY NEXT SITREP DUE AS OF 172400H JUNE 1965.

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III MAF SITREP #16 152400H TO 162400H JUNE 1965

## D. THIRD MARINE DIVISION

(DANANG)

## 1. THIRD MARINES. ✓ MADE ONE DAY AND TWO NIGHT

VC CONTACTS DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD. DURING THIS  
 SAME PERIOD THERE WERE NINE SQUAD SIZE PATROLS, TWO PLATOON  
 PATROLS, EIGHT SQUAD AMBUSHES AND ONE PLATOON AMBUSH,  
 ALL WITHOUT VC CONTACT.

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(A) FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES. CONTINUED

ENROLLING SOUTHERN SECTOR OF DA NANG TAOR. AT 160745H  
 A SQUAD FROM CO A, RETURNING FROM NIGHT PATROL, RECEIVED  
 SMALL ARMS FIRE VICINITY (AT 894706) FROM AN UNKNOWN  
 NUMBER OF VC. FIRE WAS RETURNED AND CONTACT WAS BROKEN.  
 NO CASUALTIES EITHER SIDE. FOUR DAYLIGHT PATROLS OPERATED  
 THROUGHOUT THE AREA WITHOUT CONTACT. AT THE END OF THE RE-  
 PORTING PERIOD ANNUISH POSITIONS WERE ESTABLISHED AT  
 (AT 922708) AND (AT 918668).

(B) SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES. REPORTED TWO VC  
 SIGHTINGS NEAR THE SOUTHERN END OF THE LE MY BRIDGE (AT 899-  
 806) APPROXIMATELY 160001H BEGINNING THE REPORTING PERIOD.  
 SMALL ARMS FIRE WAS EXCHANGED AND VC BROKE CONTACT.  
 ONE VC WAS APPARENTLY WOUNDED. NO USMC CASUALTIES.

<u>COORD</u>	<u>DATE</u> <u>TIME</u>	<u>ACTION</u>	<u>FRND UNIT/ LOSSES</u>	<u>EN UNIT/ LOSSES</u>
AT 899806	160001H	DEFENSIVE	2/3 NONE	UNKNOWN 1 WIA

UNITS HAVE BEEN REALIGNED IN PREPARATION FOR A COMBINED  
 PATROL OPERATION. AT 162230H MOVEMENT WAS NOTED APPROXI-  
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NATELY TWO HUNDRED METERS EAST OF THE NORTH END OF LE MY BRIDGE (AT 898812) BUT NO CONTACT WAS MADE.

(C) THIRD BN, NINTH MARINES, FIRST BN, NINTH MARINES. THIRD SLANT NINE CONTINUED PATROLS AROUND DA NANG AIRFIELD AS THE BATTALION WAS RELIEVED BY BLT ONE SLANT NINE. COMPLETION OF ONE SLANT NINE OFFLOADING WILL BE. APPROXIMATELY 170800H.

*(HUE PHU SAI)*

(D) THIRD BN, FOURTH MARINES. ✓ CONTINUED SEARCH AND PATROL OPERATIONS THROUGHOUT TAOR, ESTABLISHING FIVE PLATOON SIZE AMBUSHES AT NIGHT. AT 160054H A PLATOON AMBUSH MADE CONTACT. IN THE RESULTING FIRE FIGHT ONE VC WAS BELIEVED KILLED AND ANOTHER WOUNDED, HOWEVER A SEARCH AT FIRST LIGHT FAILED TO REVEAL ANY BODIES.

<u>COORD</u>	<u>DATE</u> <u>TIME</u>	<u>ACTION</u>	<u>FRND UNIT/ LOSSES</u>	<u>EN UNIT/ LOSSES</u>
YD 803087	JUNE 160054H	AMBUSH	PLAT, REGON CO NONE	UNKNOWN UNKNOWN

2. FIRST BN, TWELFTH MARINES. FIRED ONE HUNDRED NINE MISSIONS DURING REPORTING PERIOD, NINETEEN NINE OF WHICH WERE H & I. BATTERY D WAS JOINED FROM BLT ONE SLANT

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ENGINE AND BATTERY F CHOPPED TO THREE SLANT HIDE FOR RETURN TO OKINAWA.

3. THIRD RECONNAISSANCE BN. CONTINUED RECONNAISSANCE AND SCREENING OPERATIONS THROUGHOUT TAOR. NO SIGNIFICANT VC ACTIVITY WAS OBSERVED.

4. THIRD ENGINEER BN. CONTINUED INSTALLATION OF FIELD FORTIFICATIONS AND MINE CLEARING OPERATIONS FOR TWO SLANT THREE; DEMOLITION OPERATIONS AT THE NEW DIVISION OP. WORK CONTINUED ON THE MEDICAL BN'S TENTS, OPERATING AND RECOVERY ROOMS.

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5. FOURTH MARINES. ✓ ALL UNITS CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF DEFENSIVE POSITIONS. FOUR NIGHT PATROLS, TWO DAY-LIGHT PATROLS AND TWO NIGHT AMBUSH POSITIONS HAD NO VC CONTACT.

(A) FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES. RAN DAY AND NIGHT PATROLS WITHOUT CONTACT.

(B) SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES. CONDUCTED DAY AND NIGHT PATROLS THROUGHOUT THE SOUTHWEST SECTOR OF TAOR WITHOUT CONTACT.

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B. CHU LAI AIRFIELD COMPLEX. OF THE TOTAL NINE THOUSAND FEET OF RUNWAY REQUIRED AT CHU LAI, IE, EIGHT THOUSAND FEET OF RUNWAY AND FIVE HUNDRED FEET HAVE BEEN EXCAVATED. SEVEN THOUSAND FEET OF RUNWAY HAVE BEEN STABILIZED AND FIVE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY FOUR FEET OF MATTING HAVE BEEN LAID. FOUR THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FEET OF TAXIWAY HAVE BEEN EXCAVATED AND STABILIZED AND THREE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED TWO FEET OF MATTING HAVE BEEN LAID.

C. NGF SHIP AVAILABILITY (READ IN TWO COLUMNS)

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## B. FIRST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

1. VMJ ONE (-). FOUR EF 109 **FLEW MISSIONS**  
 [REDACTED] IN THE THANH HOA AREA IN SUPPORT OF A SEVENTHFLT  
 ROLLING THUNDER EIGHTEEN STRIKE. ONE EF 109 **FLEW**  
**MISSION** [REDACTED] IN THE DA DON BARRACKS AREA IN SUPPORT  
 OF A USAF ROLLING THUNDER EIGHTEEN BRAVO TWO STRIKE.

2. MASS TWO (-). DASC OPERATIONS NORMAL ALL NETS UP  
 AND OPERATING. CONTROLLED ELEVEN MISSIONS OF ALL ACFT, DROP-  
 PING EIGHTY ONE MK-81 BOMBS ON SIXTEEN TARGETS (RUEER PARA  
 II BR VO FIVE).

3. FIRST LAAM BN (-). FULLY CAPABLE OF PERFORMING  
 ASSIGNED AAW MISSIONS - MAINTAINING ALERT STATUS. CHARLIE  
 BTRY REPLACED BRAVO BTRY ON HILL 326. BRAVO BTRY (PERSONNEL)  
 WILL RETURN TO OKINAWA.

4. VMFA FIVE ONE THREE. CONDUCTED TWENTY SORTIES IN  
 FIVE INTERDICTION MISSIONS. IN A INCRATIVE TARGET ASSIGNMENT  
 FOUR F-4E ATTACKED VC SHELTERS IN ROLLING WOODED TERRAIN AT  
 ( T 272078) EIGHTEEN MILES W OF CHU LAI. NINE STRUCTURES  
 WERE DESTROYED AND THE TARGET AREA WAS LEFT AFIRE. IN A  
 FOLLOWON ATTACK ON THE SAME TARGET, FOUR F-4E DESTROYED  
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FOURTEEN MORE STRUCTURES. TWO SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS WERE NOTED ON THE SECOND RAID. IN OTHER STRIKES, VC TROOP POSITIONS WERE ATTACKED AT (BS 250930) AND (BS 253928) BOTH APPROX TWENTY MILES SW OF CHU LAI. FOUR F-4B DESTROYED TWO STRUCTURES, DAMAGED TWO OTHERS AND SATURATED A TROOP AREA AT (AT 969100) THIRTY SIX MILES W OF CHU LAI.

5. MAG TWELVE (-). VMA TWO TWO FIVE AND VMA THREE ONE ONE CONDUCTED FIFTY EIGHT SORTIES IN TWENTY THREE MISSIONS. ELEVEN MISSIONS WERE CONTROLLED BY MASS TWO AN/TPQ-10. FOUR A1E FOLLOWED VMFA FIVE ONE THREE F4B ON TARGET AT (BT 272078) WITH FOUR MK-79 FIRE BOMBS, SIXTEEN ZUNIG ROCKETS AND THREE HUNDRED NINETY ONE 20MM RBS. SIXTEEN MORE STRUCTURES WERE DESTROYED AND THE VILLAGE WAS LEFT BURNING. MASS TWO AN/TPQ-10 RADAR VECTORED THREE SEPARATE MISSIONS OF TWO A1E EACH ON TROOP POSITIONS AT (AT 826851) THIRTEEN MILES NW OF DANANG. THE POSITIONS WERE SATURATED WITH TWENTY FOUR MK 81 BOMBS. TWO A1E IN AN ATTACK ON A VC MEETING PLACE AT (ZC 150700) EIGHTEEN MILES SW OF DANANG, DESTROYED A MULTIPLE BLDG COMPLEX AND A FOOT BRIDGE. FOUR A1C ATTACKED A VC BN BASE CAMP AT (BS 398938) THIRTEEN MILES

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SW OF CHU LAI. ONE SECONDARY EXPLOSION WAS NOTED. INEFFECTIVE SMALL ARMS FIRE WAS RECEIVED FROM THE TARGET AREA BUT WAS QUIETED BY A 20MM STRAFING PASS. A BLDG WAS DESTROYED, TWO WERE DAMAGED AND THE AREA WAS SATURATED DURING AN ATTACK BY THREE A1E VIC (BS 3981) EIGHTEEN MILES SW OF CHU LAI. FOUR A1C ON A STRIKE DROPPING MK 79 FIREBOMBS VIC (BS 399928) THIRTEEN MILES SW OF CHU LAI LEFT SEVERAL BLDGS BURNING. FOUR A-1E PROVIDED COVER FOR MAG SIXTEEN HELICOPTERS FROM VIC (BT 3922) TWENTY MILES NW OF CHU LAI TO (AT 9525) THIRTY ONE MILES S OF DANANG. TWO OLB WERE ON HAND TO ACT AS TAG(A) BUT NO TARGETS WERE ASSIGNED. FOUR A1C IN SUPPORT OF ARVN FORCES ATTACKING VC TROOPS IN THE OPEN AT (ZA 055530) ONE HUNDRED FIFTEEN MILES SW OF CHU LAI. FOUR MK 79, SIXTEEN ZUNIG ROCKETS AND THREE HUNDRED NINETY FOUR 20MM RDS WERE EXPENDED.

6. MAG SIXTEEN (-).

(A) VMO TWO (-). ELEVEN MISSIONS WERE FLOWN IN SUPPORT OF III MAF. TWO O-LB FLEW DOWN AND DUSK PATROLS OF THE CHU LAI AND THE PHU BAI TAOR'S. ARMED UH-1E ESCORTED HMM THREE SIX FIVE ON A MISSION TO (AT 899684) EIGHT MILES

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(D) THREE TWELFTH MARINES. THREE TOTAL OF 13 MISSIONS INCLUDING FOUR W AND I MISSIONS, FIVE ADJUSTED MISSIONS, AND FOUR REGISTRATIONS.

3. FIRST BATTAL TWELFTH MARINES FIRED 64 MISSIONS AND EXPENDED 264 ROUNDS DURING THIS PERIOD. 57 W-I MISSIONS WERE FIRED ON SUSPECTED VC ASSEMBLY AREAS, OP'S AND AVENUES OF APPROACH. IN THE WEST AND NORTHWEST PORTIONS OF TAOR, 7 OBSERVED MISSIONS WERE FIRED WITH NEGATIVE SURVEILLANCE.

4. THIRD BATTAL TWELFTH MARINES HAD NO VC CONTACTS DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD. CO D PLATOON RETURNED FROM NE DANANG TAOR VIC (AT 9191) AT 171000H. ONE PLATOON CO D CONDUCTED OPERATIONS IN WEST SECTOR DANANG TAOR. ONE PLATOON CO A CONDUCTED OPERATIONS IN WEST CENTRAL PORTION DANANG TAOR. THREE NEW OP/UP'S OCCUPIED VIC (AT 823755) BY PLATOON FROM CO A.

III. PLANS SUMMARY: PASEP

IV. CHANGES IN OPERATION PLANS: NONE

V. SUPPLEMENTARY ACTIONS AND/OR DECISIONS REQUIRED OF COMUSMACV: NONE

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PAX AND THREE TONS OF CARGO FROM QUANG NGAI TO HA THANH  
 (BS 393705) TWENTY FOUR MILES SW OF CHU LAI; SEVENTY SIX PAX  
 AND EIGHT TONS OF CARGO BETWEEN BA GAI (BS 498768) NINETEEN  
 MILES SW OF CHU LAI AND QUANG NGAI; FIFTY EIGHT PAX AND A  
 TON OF CARGO BETWEEN HOI AN AND QUE SON (BT 045346) TWENTY  
 SIX MILES S OF DANANG; PLUS NUMEROUS SMALL LIFTS IN THE I  
 CORPS AREA.

(D) IMM THREE SIX FIVE. EIGHTEEN PAX OF THE SEC

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NAV PARTY WERE LIFTED ON A TOUR OF THE DANANG AREA. FOURTEEN PAX AND THREE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED TWENTY LBS OF CARGO FOR USNMCB WERE LIFTED TO LZ (BT 079842) SEVEN MILES NE OF DANANG. TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY EIGHT TROOPS AND ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED LBS OF CARGO WERE LIFTED FOR THE THIRD MARINES TO VARIOUS LZ IN THE DANANG TAOR. NINETY PAX AND EIGHT HUNDRED LBS OF CARGO WERE LIFTED BETWEEN CHU LAI AND DANANG ON ROUTINE LOGISTICS FLTS. ONE HUNDRED FORTY TWO PAX AND ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY LBS OF CARGO WERE LIFTED BETWEEN OUT-POSTS IN SUPPORT OF THE FOURTH MARINES AT CHU LAI.

C. CHU LAI AIRFIELD COMPLEX. EIGHT THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FT OF THE TOTAL NINE THOUSAND FT OF RUNWAY WITH OVERRUN HAS BEEN EXCAVATED. SEVEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FEET OF RUNWAY HAS BEEN STABILIZED AND SIX THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED TWENTY SIX FT OF MATTING HAS BEEN LAID. FIVE THOUSAND FEET OF TAXIWAY HAS BEEN EXCAVATED AND STABILIZED AND FOUR THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FIFTY SIX FT OF TAXIWAY MATTING HAS BEEN LAID.

D. NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT

1. 15 JUNE 1965

(A) ONE NON-SCHEDULED MISSION WAS FIRED IN I CORPS AREA AGAINST A VC COMPANY AREA VIC BS 800345. ONE HUNDRED

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TWELVE RDS AAC, TWO RDS ILL, AND ONE RD ORANGE COMMON WERE FIRED BY THE USS UHLMANN. AIRBORNE SPOTTER REPORTED GOOD EFFECT ON TARGET.

(B) ONE NON-SCHEDULED MISSION WAS FIRED IN II CORPS AREA AGAINST NEW BUNKERS AND TRENCHES VIC (CR 040580). USS OKLAHOMA CITY FIRED THREE RDS SIX INCH 47. MISSION WAS OBSERVED BY AIRBORNE SPOTTER. NO ASSESSMENT OF EFFECT.

(C) NO NAVAL GUNFIRE WAS SCHEDULED OR FIRED IN III OR IV CORPS AREA.

2. 16 JUNE 1965

(A) ONE NON-SCHEDULED MISSION WAS FIRED IN II CORPS AREA AGAINST VC BN SHELTERING AREAS VIC (BR 960945), (BR 967933), (BR 972893), AND (BR 976933). THE USS MCMORRIS FIRED TWENTY EIGHT RDS THREE INCH HC, TWENTY SIX RDS THREE INCH VTF. THE MISSION WAS OBSERVED BY AN AIRBORNE SPOTTER. GOOD AREA COVERAGE WAS REPORTED.

(B) NO NAVAL GUNFIRE WAS SCHEDULED OR FIRED IN I, III, OR IV CORPS AREAS.

3. NCF SHIP AVAILABILITY (18 JUNE 1965) (READ IN TWO COLUMNS)

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<u>SHIP</u>	<u>AREA</u>
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SOUTHERLAND	THREE
OKLAHOMA CITY	ONE BRAVO

## C. THIRD MARINE DIVISION

THIRD MARINES (DA NANG AND HUE PHU BAI AREAS)

1. THIRD MARINES. HAD TWO NIGHT CO TACTS AND NO DAY CO TACTS WITH VC DURING THE PERIOD 170001H.- 172400H. DURING THE SAME PERIOD THERE WERE 13 SQUAD SIZE PATROLS AND SEVEN SQUAD SIZE AMBUSHES WITH NO VC CONTACT. ONE USMC WIA FROM SA FURE I TO 2ND B1, THIRD MARINES POSIT VIC (AT 948785) AT APPROX 170340H.

(A) FIRST B1, THIRD MARINES CONTINUED PATROLLING OPS TO SOUTH AND ~~WEST~~ <sup>WEST</sup> DA NANG TAC. CO C CONDUCTED 2 SQUAD SIZE AMBUSHES WITH NO CONTACT. CO C RELIEVED BY CO D BY HELICOPTER LEFT VIC (AT 899689) AT 171430H. CO D MOVED TO NEW PLATOON PB (P TROL PASSES) VIC (AT 886686) AND (AT 925700). DURING AFTERNOON CO D CONDUCTED 5 SQUAD SIZE PATROLS. ONE PATROL MOVED FROM PB VIC (AT 886686) NORTH TO (AT 890700) EAST TO (AT 911702) AND RETURNED. ONE PATROL

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SW OF DANANG. ONE UH-1E CARRIED SECNAV AND TWO UH-1E ESCORTED  
ON A TOUR OF THE DANANG AREA. TWO O-1B ACTED AS TAC(A) FOR  
A-1 ACFT COVERING A HELO MISSION TO HIEP DUC (AT 9525). CAD

(B) HMM ONE SIX ONE. CONDUCTED TWO HUNDRED TWO  
SORTIES IN SUPPORT OF THE III MAF AND THE ARVN FIRST DIV.  
CONDUCTED III MAF MARLOG BETWEEN HUE PHU BAI, DANANG AND CHU  
LAI. SIXTEEN TROOPS AND FOUR THOUSAND EIGHTY SEVEN LBS OF  
CARGO WERE LIFTED IN SUPPORT OF THREE SLANT FOUR. TWO UH-34D  
FLEW A DAWN PATROL OF THE THREE SLANT FOUR TAOR EXTENDING TO  
(YD 810055). SIXTEEN DRUMS OF AVGAS AND AVIUB WERE LIFTED  
FROM HUE PHU BAI TO QUANG TRI.

(C) HMM ONE SIX THREE. (LATE ENTRY FOR SIXTEEN  
JUNE) TWELVE TROOPS AND FOUR MED EVAC OF USSF WERE LIFTED  
FROM (YD 050320) FORTY THREE MILES W OF HUE PHU BAI TO KHE  
SAUH (XD 858385) FIFTY FIVE MILES W OF HUE PHU BAI. ON  
SEVENTEEN JUNE, ONE HUNDRED FORTY SIX SORTIES WERE CONDUCTED  
IN SUPPORT OF ARVN SECOND DIV. SEVENTY TWO PAX AND SIX TONS,  
OF CARGO WERE LIFTED FROM QUANG TIN PROVINCE HQ TO HIEP DUC  
(AT 9525). THE MISSION WAS ESCORTED BY FOUR A1E ACFT AND CAD  
TWO O-1B ACFT. OTHER LIFTS INCLUDED ONE HUNDRED TWENTY SEVEN  
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171700H WITH NEGATIVE CONTACT. <sup>COF</sup> ~~COF~~ CONDUCTED SQUAD SIZE  
PATROL TO SOUTHEAST TO DISTANCE OF 1000 METERS. <sup>COG</sup> ~~COG~~  
CONDUCTED TWO SQUAD PATROLS BETWEEN 170730H AND 170940H  
FROM (AT 908818) TO CA DE SONG RIVER. NEGATIVE CONTACT.  
A SQUAD PATROL FROM (AT 917824) TO (AT 880826). ALSO HAD  
NEGATIVE CONTACT. IMPROVEMENT OF DEFENSIVE POSITS CONTINUED.  
PLANNING FOR COMBINED USMC/ARVN OPERATIONS CONTINUES, HOWEVER,  
AT 172350H <sup>COF</sup> ~~COF~~ OCCUPIES POSITS TO SUPPORT THE OPERATION I'

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HIGH GROUND ALONG SOUTH BANK OF RIVER FROM (AT 858842) TO (AT 885824).

(C) FIRST BY NINTH MARINES BELIEVED THIRD BY NINTH MARINES AT 170900H AND ASSIGNED RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEFENSE OF DAM & AIRFIELD COMPLEX. ALL FIRST BY NINTH MAR SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT OFF LOADED AND MOVED TO AIRFIELD BY 171745H.

(D) THIRD BY FOURTH MARINES CONTINUED PATROLLING IN PHU BAI TAOR. CO I OCCUPIED NIGHT DEF POSIT VIC (YD 889087) WITH CO K VIC (YD 839134). <sup>Co I</sup> ~~CO I~~ MOVED WEST IN MORNING AND ESTABLISHED PATROL BASE VIC (YD 879088) AND CONDUCTED THREE SQUAD SIZE PATROLS. ONE TO (YD 875078) AND RETURNED. ONE PATROLLED TO (YD 880078) AND RETURNED. ONE PATROLLED TO (YD 890074) AND RETURNED. CO K HAD TWO SQUAD SIZE PATROLS WHICH DEPARTED FROM VIC (YD 829128). PATROLS SEPARATED AND SEARCHED TO VIC (YD 825113) THE OTHER TO VIC (YD 814130). PATROLS JUNCTURED PRIOR TO DARKNESS AND ESTABLISHED PATROL BASE VIC (YD 815111). (ALL PATROLS NEGATIVE CONTACT). RECON PLAT AND THIRD BY FOURTH MARINES S-1, S-2, AND S-3 CONDUCTED NOTORIZED RECON IN AREA NORTH

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OF AIRFIELD FROM 170800H TO 17130 H. HELO RECORDS  
 CONDUCTED IN MORNING AND AFT NOON HAD NEGATIVE SIGHTINGS.

2. FOURTH MARINES. HAD NO CONTACTS DURING REPORTING  
 PERIOD. ALL UNITS CONTINUED TO IMPROVE FTBA AND COPL(COMBAT  
 OUTPOST LIFE). THERE WERE 14 SQUAD SIZE PATROLS AND ONE  
 AIRBUSY CONDUCTED.

(A) FIRST B BOUNTY MARINES. TWO SQUAD SIZE  
 PATROLS FROM CO B DEPARTED 170700H AND INITIATED 190900H.  
 ONE FOLLOWED ROUTE (BT 524090) TO (BT 530095) TO (BT 529100)  
 TO (BT 525096) TO (BT 524090). OTHER ROUTE (BT 521090) TO  
 (BT 520080) TO (BT 529085). CO B CONDUCTED SQUAD SIZE  
 SECURITY PATROL FROM 162230H TO 170023H. ROUTE WAS FROM  
 (BT 519063) TO (BT 523070) TO (BT 524074).

(B) SECOND B BOUNTY MARINES. CO B ESTABLISHED  
 SQUAD SIZE NIGHT AIRBUSY VIC (BT 539018) FROM 162030H TO  
 170530H AND CONDUCTED SQUAD SIZE NIGHT PATROL WHICH DEPARTED  
 172300H WITH ETA OF 180430H. THE ROUTE WAS FROM (BT 500024)  
 TO (BT 509022) TO (BT 508027) TO (BT 496030) TO (BT 500024).  
 ONE PLATOON FROM CO E, IN COMBINED OPERATION WITH 53 PF  
 PERSONNEL, CONDUCTED SWEEP OF A TRIP (BT 518032) AND  
 LONG PHU (BT 510043) HAMLETS. VILLAGE CHIEFS INDICATED PRO

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GOVERNMENT SENTINELS OR WILLIAMS AND WILLINGNESS TO HELP  
 USMC AND BY TROOPS. A SYSTEM TO RELAY INTELLIGENCE WAS  
 GIVEN TO CHIEFS AND AN ORDER OF AIR BY USMC FORCES WAS  
 TENDERED TO BOTH CHIEFS. CO F ESTABLISHED SQUAD SIZE  
 ACTIVITY VIC (BT 498030) FROM 162300H TO 170530H AND CONDUCTED  
 THREE SQUAD SIZE PATROLS FROM 170630H TO 171200H. CO G  
 CONDUCTED SQUAD SIZE PATROL FROM 170600H TO 171500H FROM  
 (BT 527043) TO (BT 5200). CO H CONDUCTED SQUAD SIZE LOCAL  
 SECURITY PATROL BETWEEN 170700H AND 171200H FROM (BT 518038)  
 TO (BT 5024) AND RETURN.

(C) THIRD BATTALION MARINES. I CO CONDUCTED  
 SQUAD SIZE PATROL FROM 170600H TO 171530H. ROUTE WAS FROM  
 (BT 574019) TO (BT 575014) TO (BT 580012) TO (BT 587008)  
 TO (BT 587017) TO (BT 579020) TO (BT 570019). CO K  
 CONDUCTED SQUAD SIZE PATROL FROM 170730H TO 171030H. ROUTE  
 WAS FROM (BT 566025) TO (BT 569019) TO (BT 578022) TO (BT  
 577033) TO (BT 566025). CO L CONDUCTED SQUAD SIZE PATROL  
 FROM 171230H TO 171600H. ROUTE WAS FROM (BT 548028) TO  
 (BT 553025) TO (BT 557022) TO (BT 559020) TO (BT 549023) TO  
 (BT 546026) TO (BT 548028).

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MOVED FROM PB VIC (AT 886686) SOUTH TO (AT 891759) EAST TO (AT 916676) AND RETURNED. ONE PATROL MOVED FROM PB VIC (AT 925700) TO (AT 908688) EAST 2000 METERS NORTH 1000 METERS TO THE PB. ONE PATROL MOVED FROM (AT 925700) EAST TO (AT 946697) AND SOUTH TO AMBUSH POSIT VIC (AT 942675). AT APPROX 171955H ONE PATROL ON ROUTE FROM (AT 942615) TO (AT 940660) WAS FIRED ON BY APPROX 6 VC WITH EST 250 RDS SA FIRE. PATROL RETURNED FIRE AND VC BROKE CONTACT. NO CASUALTIES REPORTED. FIVE SQUAD SIZE AMBUSHES ESTABLISHED VIC (AT 885703), (AT 891658), (AT 942675), (AT 940660) AND (AT 908692) WITH NO CONTACT UP TO END OF RPT PERIOD. REMAINDER ON CONTINUES TO IMPROVE DEFENSIVE POSITS IN ASSIGNED PORTION TAOR. **Co A** REMAINS UNDER OPCON SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES.

(B) SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES CONTINUED PATROLLING IN DANANG TAOR. AT 170340H RECD 6 TO 7 RDS SA FROM EST. 3 OR 4 VC VIC (AT 948785) ONE USMC KIA. FIRE RETURNED AND VC BROKE CONTACT. **Co A** FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES CONDUCTED THREE SQUAD SIZE PATROLS. ONE TO MY 30', ONE TO VIC (AT 933764) AND ONE TO VIC (AT 935750) BETWEEN 171300H AND

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I. INTELLIGENCE HIGHLIGHTS. NO SIGNIFICANT VC ACTIVITY DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD. VC ACTIONS CONTINUE TO BE HARASSMENT AGAINST USMC AND ARVN UNITS THROUGHOUT THE I CORPS AREA, ALTHOUGH NUMEROUS SIGHTINGS AND TROOP MOVEMENTS ARE CONTINUOUSLY REPORTED.

II. III MAF OPERATIONS

A. THE HONORABLE PAUL H. NITZE, SECRETARY OF THE

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NAVY , VISITED III MAF UNITS AT CHU LAI AND DEPARTED FOR SAIGON AT 1300H. BOEN K.B. MCCUTCHEON, DEPUTY CTR III MAF, DEPARTED FOR OKINAWA TO ATTEND THE FIRST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING MONTHLY COMMANDERS CONFERENCE AT MCAF FUTEMA.

B. FIRST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

1. VMCJ-1(-). CONDUCTED ONE NIGHT EFLOB SORTIE, PERFORMING ECM JAMMING IN THE DONG HOI AND VINH AREAS. SORTIE WAS AN ECM ESCORT FOR USAF C-130 FLARE TROP AIRCRAFT AND SHIELD FOR USAF ROLLING THUNDER-18 STRIKE.
  2. 1ST LAAM BN. CONDUCTED A AAW EXERCISE WITH TWO F-102 AIRCRAFT. BOTH RAIDS WERE POP-UP TARGETS AND SUCCESSFULLY ENGAGED AT 12 KILOMETERS.
  3. VHFA-513. CONDUCTED 22 SORTIES, INCLUDING 4 HELO ESCORT MISSIONS, ONE SCRAMBLE CLOSE AIR SUPPORT MISSION AND TWO INTERDICTION MISSIONS. THREE F4B ESCORTED HMM ONE SIX THREE ON A LIFT FROM (YD 6424) TO (XD 8538). VMO-TWO O-1B AIRCRAFT, ON HAND TO PERFORM TAC(A) DUTIES, CALLED THE STRIKE IN ON VC TROOP POSITIONS AT (YD 045320). THE HELO ESCORT WAS RELIEVED ON STATION
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BY THREE ADDITIONAL F4B. THE TAC(A) CALLED A STRIKE ON VC POSITIONS AT (YD 032020). RESULTS UNDETERMINED AT THIS TIME. THREE F4B ON ANOTHER HELO ESCORT OF HMM THREE SIX FIVE UH-34D. ATTACKED VC TROOP POSITIONS AT (AT 835845). THE STRIKE WAS CALLED IN BY THE FAC OF 2/3. THE TARGET AREA WAS LEFT BURNING. IN A SCRABBLE MISSION 2 F4B PROVIDED CLOSE AIR SUPPORT TO 2/3 VICINITY OF (AT 851866). THE STRIKE WAS CONTROLLED BY THE FAC OF 2/3. ON A FOURTH HELO ESCORT MISSION OF THE DAY 3 F4B PROVIDED COVER FOR HMM ONE SIX THREE FROM THE VICINITY OF (BT 1113) TO (AT 9129). NO ORDNANCE EXPENDED. ON TWO INTERDICTION MISSIONS BUNKERS AND TROOP POSITIONS WERE SATURATED AT (BS 702398).

4. MAG-TWELVE.

A. CONDUCTED SIXTY SEVEN SORTIES IN EIGHTEEN MISSIONS. THREE MISSIONS WERE AIRBORNE ON-CALL CLOSE AIR SUPPORT MISSION FOR 2/3. STRIKES WERE CONDUCTED IN THE VICINITY OF (AS 9797 AND AT 8364). ANOTHER AIRBORNE ON-CALL MISSION WAS CALLED IN BY FAC OF 2/3 TO SUPPRESS VC FIRING ON LVT'S AT (AT 868855). PROVIDED COMPLETE TARGET COVERAGE. FOURTEEN INTERDICTION MISSIONS WERE CONDUCTED ON  
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SEPARATE TARGETS, THREE BEING CONTROLLED MASS-TWO AIR SURVEILLANCE RADAR TRAM ON AN/TPQ-10 RADAR. AT (BT - 254073) THE RAID OF FOUR A4E DESTROYED FIVE BUILDINGS AND SEVERELY DAMAGED TWO MORE. DURING AN ATTACK BY FOUR A4C ON A RADIO BUILDING COMPLEX AND HUTS AT (AS 870990) ONE BUILDING WAS DESTROYED, THREE DAMAGED. FOUR A4E SATURATED THE AREA AND DESTROYED THREE BUILDINGS AT (AS 885985). FOUR A4C ATTACKED A VILLAGE ON A RIDGE LINE IN THE VICINITY OF (BT 275072). ALL ORDNANCE ON TARGET, TWO HOUSES KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN DESTROYED. FOUR A4E DESTROYED FIVE BUILDINGS AND DAMAGED FIVE BUNKERS DURING A RAID AT (BT 272078). NO GROUND FIRE WAS OBSERVED ON ANY MISSIONS FLOWN.

B. AT APPROXIMATELY 1700H A VNAF A1H MADE AN EMERGENCY LANDING AT CHU LAI WITH AN ENGINE FIRE. AIRCRAFT LANDED WITH NO FURTHER DAMAGE.

5. MAG-SIXTEEN.

A. VNO-TWO(-). TWO UH-1E ESCORTING HIMM THREE SIX FIVE IN THE VICINITY OF LANDING ZONE AT (AT 8585), LAID SUPPRESSIVE FIRE IN THE ZONE.

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TWO UH-1E ESCORTED HMM THREE SIX FIVE UH-34D LIFTING SECNV AND PARTY TO CHU LAI. OLB AIRCRAFT CONDUCTING A VISUAL RECON/ESCORT MISSION FOR HMM ONE SIX THREE ACTED AS TAC(A) FOR TWO STRIKES BY VMFA 513 F4B. ONE OLB FLEW AN ARTIL-LETRY SPOT IN THE VICINITY OF (AT 8671) FOR 2/3.

B. HMM ONE SIX ONE. THREE UH-34D SUPPORTED HMM THREE SIX FIVE ON A PREPLANNED OPERATION IN THE VICINITY OF (AT 8585). CONDUCTED ROUTINE MARLOG FLIGHTS BETWEEN HUE PHU BAI, DANANG AND CHU LAI. FOUR UH-34D SUPPORTED FOURTH MARINES IN THE CHU LAI AREA. PERFORMED ROUTINE LIFTS OF PASSENGERS AND CARGO IN SUPPORT OF III MAF UNITS.

C. HMM THREE SIX FIVE. SIX UH-34D SUPPORTED BY THREE HMM ONE SIX ONE UH-34D AND ESCORTED BY TWO UH-1E AND VMFA FIVE ONE THREE F4B EXECUTED A PREPLANNED OPERATION 330-65. FIFTY FOUR ARVN RANGERS AND THIRTY NINE U.S. MARINES WERE LIFTED TO LANDING ZONE (AT 854858). NO UNUSUAL INCIDENTS. LIFTED SECNV AND PARTY TO CHU LAI AND ON A RECON OF THE CHU LAI TAOR. CONDUCTED ROUTINE PASSENGER AND CARGO LIFTS IN SUPPORT OF III MAF UNITS.

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D. HEM ONE SIX THREE. SIXTEEN UH-36D,  
 ESCORTED BY TWO OH-23 AND THREE F4B OF VMFA  
 513, LIFTED ONE HUNDRED TWENTY TWO ARVN FIRST DIVISION  
 TROOPS FROM (YD 645240) TO (XD 858384). LIFTED TWO  
 HUNDRED FIFTEEN ARVN PASSENGERS AND TWENTY ONE TONS OF  
 CARGO FROM QUANG TIN TO (BT 113137) AND (AT 916296).  
 PERFORMED ROUTINE SMALL LIFTS OF PASSENGER AND CARGO IN  
 SUPPORT OF ARVN SECOND DIVISION.

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7. MASS-TWO. DASC OPERATION NORMAL, ALL NETS UP AND OPERATING. CONTROLLED THREE MISSIONS OF A4 AIRCRAFT WITH THE AN/TPQ-10 RADAR.

## C. CHU LAI SATS CONSTRUCTION

1. EXCAVATION OF RUNWAY COMPLETED THIS DATE.
2. 7700 FEET RUNWAY STABILIZED TO DATE.
3. 6400 FEET RUNWAY MATTING LAID TO DATE.
4. 5400 FEET TAXIWAY EXCAVATION AND STABILIZATION COMPLETED TO DATE.
5. 4286 FEET TAXIWAY MATTING LAID TO DATE.
6. TAXIWAY AND PARKING APRON AT NORTH END OF FIELD NOW COMPLETELY TIED IN WITH RUNWAY.

## D. NAVAL GUNFIRE SHIP AVAILABILITY (READ IN TWO COLUMNS)

<u>SHIP</u>	<u>AREA</u>
UHLMAN	1B
SOUTHERLAND	3
OKLAHOMA CITY	1B

## E. THIRD MARINE DIVISION

1. BGEN F. J. KARCH ~~REPORTED FOR DUTY TODAY~~ AS ASST DIV COMMANDER, THE LOCATION OF THE PROPOSED NEW DIV CP IS IN
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GRID SQUARE (AT 8475).

2. THIRD MARINES (DANANG AND HUE PHU BAI). THE FOLLOWING IS A BRIEF SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD. ONE SLANT THREE CONTINUED PATROLLING IN THE SW PORTION OF THE TAOR WITH NEGATIVE CONTACT. TWO SLANT THREE CONDUCTED A COMBINED USMC - RVNAF OPERATION VIC PHO NAN THUONG HA - NAM YEN (AT 8586) AND (AT 8685). TROOPS WERE LIFTED BY LVT AND HELICOPTER WITH ONE COMPANY MOVING BY FOOT TO SECURE THE ROAD FROM LE MY TO THE VILLAGES. RESULTS OF OPERATION - TWO USMC WIA. NO KNOWN VC CASUALTIES. WITNESSES REPORTED THAT THE VC HAD DEPARTED THE AREA THE NIGHT OF SEVENTEEN JUNE. THE RVNAF UNIT (IN RE COMPANY) LANDED AT 180902H (AT 859856) AND SWEEPED THE VILLAGE TO <sup>THE</sup> WEST. AT 180855H ONE USA SOLDIER WAS KIA AND ONE MARINE WAS WIA VIC (AT 855851) AS A RESULT OF FRIENDLY ARTILLERY FIRE. <sup>INVESTIGATION IS BEING CONDUCTED.</sup> COMPANY I AND K, THREE SLANT FOUR, CONTINUED PATROLLING IN THE HUE PHU BAI TAOR. ONE SLANT NINE CONTINUED LOCAL PATROLLING AROUND THE PERIMETER OF THE DANANG AIR BASE AND CONTINUED TO IMPROVE DEFENSIVE POSITIONS.

(A) FIRST BN THIRD MARINES. COMPANY D (-) REMAINED IN POSITION AT PATROL BASE VIC (AT 886686) NINE MILES

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SW OF DANANG AND (AT 925700) SIX MILES SW OF DANANG. FIVE SQUAD SIZE AMBUSH SITES ESTABLISHED VIC (AT 885704), (AT 891661), (AT 908629), (AT 943679) AND (AT 941660) REPORTED NO VC CONTACTS. THE SECOND PLT OF CO D IS IN NEW DEFENSIVE POSITIONS AT (AT 935710) FIVE AND ONE HALF MILES SW OF DANANG. COMPANY C ENGAGED IN A FIRE FIGHT WITH AN ESTIMATED FIVE VC AT OP NUMBER THREE (AT 958745) THREE MILES W OF DANANG AT 180005H. THE VC BROKE CONTACT IMMEDIATELY BUT RETURNED LATER TO FIRE FIVE MORE RDS BEFORE WITHDRAWING A SECOND TIME. THERE WERE NO USMC CASUALTIES.

(B) SECOND BN THIRD MARINES. CO G DEPARTED LE MY FORT AT 180300H AND MOVED INTO POSIT (AT 855851) AT 180540H. ONE SQUAD ON HIGH GROUND TO THE SE WAS FIRED ON AT 180505H BY TWO VC VIC (AT 855847). THE VC WERE FIRING FROM TRENCH LINE POSITIONS AND AFTER FIRING SEVERAL RDS AND TOSSING ONE GRENADE, ESCAPED ALONG THE TRENCH LINE. ONE USMC WHO WAS KIA LATER DIED OF THE WOUNDS. CO F OCCUPIED PSNS VIC (AT 8782) IN ORDER TO SECURE THE ROAD TO PHO NON THOUNG HA WHILE CO H WAS TRANSPORTED BY LVT'S TO THE VILLAGE. CO H DEBARKED FROM THE EIGHT LVT'S AND SWEPT PHO NON THOUNG HA AT 180757H. VILLAGERS REPORTED THAT THE VC HAD DEPARTED THE NIGHT OF SEVENTEEN JUNE BUT WOULD

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NOT GIVE ANY ESTIMATE OF THEIR STRENGTH. THEY DID HOWEVER INDICATE THAT THE VC WENT TO THE VIC OF DONG DEN (AT 838828) ELEVEN K AND ONE HALF MILES NW OF DANANG. FROM ALL INDICATIONS IT WAS ESTIMATED THAT THE VC STRENGTH WAS TWO TO THREE COMPANIES. AT 180902H HELICOPTERS LANDED A REG<sup>O</sup><sub>X</sub>IMENTAL FORCE COMPANY VIC (AT 859856) WHO COMMENCED A SWEEP OF THE VILLAGE TO THE WEST. REPORTS INDICATED THAT AN ADDITIONAL VC COMPANY WAS IN POSITION ON A RIDGE LINE (AT 8386). THE RIDGE LINE AND THE VILLAGE OF DONG DEN WERE TAKEN UNDER FIRE BY SUPPORTING ARMS, MARINE AIR AND ARTY. CO G (-) CROSSED THE RIVER AT 181720H AND SWEEP TRUON G DINH (AT 880830) NINE AND ONE HALF MILES NW OF DANANG WITHOUT INCIDENT. THE CO WAS RETURNED TO THE VIC OF LE MY FORT BY LVT'S. AT 182310H, TWO SLANT THREE REQUESTED ILLUMINATION FROM ACFT ON STATION IN ORDER TO PINPOINT VC MOVEMENT IN THEIR AREA. SIXTY FLARES WERE DROPPED AND THREE VC WERE SIGHTED. THE VC WERE PURSUED BUT ESCAPED IN THE HEAVY BRUSH.

(C) FIRST BN NINTH MARINES. CO A AND CO C PROVIDE SECURITY OF THE DANANG AIRFIELD. <sup>THESE</sup> COMPANIES SPEND THE PERIOD IMPROVING DEFENSIVE POSITIONS AND CONDUCTING PATROLS

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AROUND THE AIRFIELD PERIMETER. CO B IS NOW UNDER OPCON OF TWO SLANT THREE AND CO D IS IN A ONE HOUR REFLEX POSTURE.

(D) THIRD BN, FOURTH MARINES. CO I SPENT THE NIGHT OF SEVENTEEN JUNE IN DEFENSIVE POSITIONS VIC (YD 889094) TWO AND ONE HALF MILES S OF HUE PHU BAI AND THEN MOVED TO NEW POSITIONS (YD 872077) FIVE MILES S OF HUE PHU BAI EIGHTEEN JUNE. CO K ALSO MOVED EIGHTEEN JUNE FROM (YD 832123) TO (YD 821119) FOUR AND ONE HALF MILES SW OF HUE PHU BAI. CO L IS NOW LOCATED VIC BN CP (YD 881111) ONE MILE S OF HUE PHU

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BAI. CO M CONDUCTED FOUR SQUAD SIZE PATROLS FROM AN ESTABLISHED BASE VIC (YD 872077) FIVE MILES S OF HUE PHU BAI. THE FOUR PATROLS CONDUCTED TO (YD 855074), (YD 859061), (YD 871065) AND (YD 881061) HAD NEGATIVE VC CONTACT. TWO PLT SIZE PATROLS WERE CONDUCTED BY CO K FROM A PATROL BASE VIC (YD 832119) FOUR MILES S OF HUE PHU BAI TO (YD 817105) AND (YD 825135). NO CONTACTS WERE MADE. ARTY FIRED NINETEEN H AND I MISSIONS IN THE HUE PHU BAI AREA DURING THE PERIOD. MORNING AND AFTERNOON HELO RECONS OF THE HUE PHU BAI TAOR REPORTED NEGATIVE VC ACTIVITY.

3. FOURTH MARINES (CHU LAI). THREE NIGHT AND TEN DAY SQUAD SIZE PATROLS ALONG WITH ONE HELICOPTERBORNE PLT SIZE PATROL WERE CONDUCTED WITH NEGATIVE VC CONTACTS. FOUR VIETNAMESE CHILDREN WERE SEVERELY INJURED BY VC BOOBY TRAPS IN TWO SEPARATE INCIDENTS THE MORNING OF EIGHTEEN JUNE. USMC PERSONNEL PICKED UP THE CHILDREN AND THEY WERE TREATED BY B CO THIRD MED BN.

(A) FIRST BN FOURTH MARINES CONTINUED TO IMPROVE DEFENSIVE POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED PATROLS THROUGHOUT THE TAOR. THE THIRD PLT OF CO C HAS ESTABLISHED AN OP ON HILL SIXTY NINE

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(BT 468068) FIVE MILES W OF CHU LAI.

(B) SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES AND THIRD BN THIRD MARINES CONTINUED TO PATROL THROUGHOUT THE TAOR WITH NEGATIVE VC CONTACTS.

(C) THIRD BN, TWELFTH MARINES FIRED FIVE H AND I AND FOUR WA MISSIONS. TARGETS WERE SUSPECTED VC CONCENTRATIONS WITH ARVN FO'S ADJUSTING. DAMAGE WAS UNDETERMINED.

4. FIRST BN TWELFTH MARINES FIRED FIFTY THREE MISSIONS DURING THE PERIOD EXPENDING THREE HUNDRED FIFTY FOUR RDS.

5. THIRD RECON BN CONTINUED SURVEILLANCE IN THE NW AND W CENTRAL SECTORS OF THE DANANG TAOR. NO ENEMY SIGHTINGS OR CONTACTS WERE MADE DURING THE PERIOD. AT 181900H, CO D WITH-DREW FROM POSITIONS IN THE NORTHWEST SECTOR OF THE TAOR.

F. CIVIC ACTIONS.

1. THE DISPENSARY AT LE MY TREATED APPROX ONE HUNDRED FIFTY VIETNAMESE TODAY.

2. FOUR VIETNAMESE CHILDREN WHO HAD BEEN SEVERLY IN-JURED BY VC BOOBY TRAPS WERE TREATED BY B CO, THIRD MED BN AT CHU LAI.

3. THE COMMANDING OFFICER OF ONE SLANT FOUR MET WITH

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THE XUAN TRUNG VILLAGE CHIEF, THE KY AN HAMLET CHIEF, AND THE  
PF PLATOON COMMANDER IN AN EFFORT TO ESTABLISH CLOSER LIAISON  
AND DETERMINE WHAT ASSISTANCE IS NEEDED.

III. PLANS SUMMARY: PASEP

IV. CHANGES IN OPERATION PLANS: NONE

V. SUPPLEMENTARY ACTIONS AND/OR DECISIONS REQUIRED OF COMUSMACV:

NONE

VI. NEXT SITREP DUE 192400Z JUNE 1965

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III MAF SITREP # 49 182400H TO 192400H JUNE 1965

I. INTELLIGENCE HIGHLIGHTS. NO SIGNIFICANT VC ACTIVITY DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD. ACTIVITY CONTINUES LIGHT THROUGH OUT I CORPS AREA. ONLY SMALL VC PROBES AND PARASMENTS OF USMC AND ARVN UNITS WERE REPORTED DURING PERIOD.

II. III MAF OPERATIONS

A. FIRST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

1. VMFA FIVE ONE THREE. CONDUCTED FOURTEEN SORTIES IN

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FOUR INTERDICTION MISSIONS. TWO MISSIONS WERE DIRECTED AGAINST VC TROOP CONCENTRATION AREAS AT (CQ 225215) AND (Bq 020720). BOTH MISSIONS PROVIDED COMPLETE TARGET COVERAGE. FOUR F4B RAIDED VC STRUCTURES ON THE NORTH EDGE OF PHU RING AIRSTRIP AT (YT 108896). TWO STRUCTURES WERE DESTROYED AND TARGET AREAS SATURATED. ON A REQUEST FROM THE 2ND AIR DIVISION, THREE F4B ATTACKED VC STRUCTURES AT (BT 023067). TWENTY EIGHT STRUCTURES WERE DESTROYED AND NUMEROUS SECONDARY FIRES OBSERVED.

2. MAG AND TWO. CONDUCTED THIRTY EIGHT SORTIES IN ELEVEN MISSIONS. SIX MISSIONS WERE INTERDICTION MISSIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE 2ND AIR DIVISION. FIVE MISSIONS WERE SEARCH AND ATTACK MISSIONS AGAINST TARGETS IN RVN. IN A RAID AT (BT 088271) FOUR A4C DESTROYED SIX HOUSES. ON A RETURN ATTACK, FOUR A4C DESTROYED THREE HOUSES AND LEFT FIVE BURNING. FOUR A4C, ON A RAID AT (BT 689279) DESTROYED TWO HOUSES, AND SATURATED THE AREA. SEVEN BUILDINGS WERE DESTROYED DURING AN ATTACK BY FOUR A4C ON VC STRUCTURES AT (BT 068262). ON SEARCH AND ATTACK MISSIONS 230 DEG/28NM FROM CHU LAI AND 305 DEG/52NM FROM CHU LAI, RAIDS WERE MADE AGAINST VC TROOP CONCENTRATIONS. AREAS WERE SATURATED. THE VNAF A4C THAT LANDED AT CHU LAI 18 JUN WAS REPAIRED AND DEPARTED AT

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APPROXIMATELY 1700H 19 JUN.

3. FIRST LAAN III. MAINTAINING ALERT STATUS. FULLY CAPABLE OF REPORTING ASSIGNED MISSION.

4. MASS TWO. ALL DASC IDETS UP AND OPERATING. NO AM/TPQ IO DURING PERIOD.

5. MAG ONE SIX

A. HEE ONE SIX THREE. CONDUCTED ROUTINE PAX LIFT AND RESUPPLY IN SUPPORT OF THE ARVN 1ST AND 2ND DIV. NO UNUSUAL OCCURRENCES.

B. HEE ONE SIX ONE. CONDUCTED DAWN AND DUSK PATROLS OF THE CHU LAI TAOR. PERFORMED MARLOE FLTS BETWEEN HUE P'U BAI, DAVANG AND CHU BAI. LIFTED BATT KARCH ON REQD OF 2/3 TAOR. EVACUATED TWO CIVV VIA FROM QUAN TRI TO HUE CITY.

C. TWO TWO. UN-1E FLEW SIX SORTIES ESCORTING HMM 365 HELICOPTERS ON ASSIGNED MISSIONS. TWO UN-1E CONDUCTED DAWN AND DUSK PATROLS OF THE HUE P'U BAI TAOR. ON DUSK PATROL LIGHT SMALL ARMS FIRE WAS RECEIVED FROM (BT 053713). NO HITS ON THE AIRCRAFT.

D. HMM THREE SIX FIVE. CONDUCTED ROUTING SUPPLY AND PAX LIFT MINS IN SUPPORT OF 3D MARINES AND NCB-10. TWO UH-34D CONDUCTED SAR NORTH MISSION IN SUPPORT OF ROLLING THUNDER STRIKE.

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6. MACS HINH DET A. (HUE PHU BAI). TRACKS REPORTED  
EIGHT SEVEN. TRACKS DESIGNATED FIFTY TWO. TRACKS DESIGNATED BY  
PANAMA BUT CARRIED SIX.

7. VICJ ONE (-). NO MISSIONS SCHEDULED.

B. THIRD MARINE DIVISION

1. THIRD MARINES (DANANG AND PHU BAI)

A. FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES CONDUCTED PATROLLING OPNS  
IN SOUTHERN SECTOR OF TAOR. CO A RETURNED FROM OPCON SECOND BN,  
THIRD MARINES AT 191315H. CO B CONDUCTED RECON OF ASSIGNED DEFEN-  
SIVE PSN. CO C RELIEVED CO D AT 191300H, MOVING TO PATROL BASE  
VIC (AT 893676) AND DISPATCHED SQD PATROLS ALONG ROUTES EXTENDING  
3000-4000 METERS FROM PATROL BASE. CO D REPORTED NO VC CONTACT  
DURING NIGHT OF 18-19 JUNE FROM ALBUSH PSNS VIC (AT 890701) AND  
(AT 956667). CO JUNCTURED LZ (AT 918695) AT 191200H IN PREP FOR  
HELIBORNE RELIEF BY CO C.

B. SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES CONTINUED DEFENSE OF LE  
MY COMPLEX AND SOUTH BANK OF CA DE SONG RIVER. CO E REMAINS IN  
DEFENSIVE PSNS VIC LE MY FORT. CO F RETURNED TO BN CP AT 190830H  
AND RELIEVED CO A, FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES. CO G CONTINUED TO

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OCCUPY THE HIGH GROUND ALONG SOUTH BANK OF CA VE SONG, COVERING CO  
H WHICH DEPARTED VIC (AT 863847) AT 190730H, ARRIVING VIC (AT 853  
827) BY HOOT. NO VC CONTACT DURING REPORTING PERIOD. APPROX 350  
INhabitants OF VILLAGES OF MAT YEN AND PHO MAN THUONG MO MIGRATED  
TO LE MY COMPLEX. VILLAGE CHIEF IS CONTROLLING SETTLEMENT OF  
MIGRANTS.

C. FIRST BN, NINTH MARINES CONTINUED LOCAL PATROLLING  
AROUND ENVIRONS OF DANANG AIRFIELD. CO'S A AND C PROVIDE DEFENSE  
OF AIRFIELD PERIMETER, CO B REMAINS ORCON SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES,  
CO D REMAINS DESIGNATED AS REFLEX CO.

D. THIRD BN FOURTH MARINES CONTINUED ACTIVE PATROLLING  
OF HUE PHU BAI TAOR. CO I ESTABLISHED PATROL BASE VIC (YD 867  
095) REMAINING THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT WITH NO CONTACT. PATROLS  
DEPARTED BASE AT 190900H, COVERING ROUTES SEVERAL THOUSAND METERS  
FROM BASE, RETURNING BY 191600H. CO K CONDUCTED PATROL AT FIRST  
LIGHT FROM (YD 832119) TO (YD 841156). NO CONTACT. BTRY I,  
THIRD BN, TWELFTH MARINES FO SPOTTED SUSPECT VC OF VIC (YD 895  
102). AT 190912H ADJUTANT BURE ON TGT, REPORTING NEUTRALIZATION  
OF OP AND RAPID EGRESS OF 4 MEN FROM THE OP. CO I DISPATCHED TWO  
BTRY TEAMS, ONE BY HELICOPTER AND ONE FOOT PATROL, TO CHECK THE  
AREA. NO VC OBSERVED. CO'S J AND K REMAIN IN DEFENSIVE POSNS AT  
AIRFIELD.

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2. FOURTH MARINES. (CHP LAI)

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A. FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES CONDUCTED SOD PATROLS THROUGHOUT WOODS AND IMPROVED POSITIONS. AMBUS ESTABLISHED DURING NIGHT 18-19 JUN VC (BT 505105). NO VC CONTACT.

B. SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES CONSOLIDATED DEFENSIVE POSNS. AT 190025H, CG B RECEIVED LIGHT PROBE VIC (BT 522039). TWO SHOTS FIRED BY VC, BTRN WAS RETURNED AND VC BROKE CONTACT. NO CASUALTIES.

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C. THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES CONTINUED IMPROVING PROSPECTIVE PSNS AND PATROLLED VIC PRESNT PSNS.

3. FIRST BN, TWELFTH MARINES FIRED ILLUM IN SUPP OF SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES FROM 190200H TO 200200H AND FIRED SCRAMBLER AND I TRNS.

4. THIRD BCOY BN HAD NO CONFIRMED VC SIGHTINGS DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD. CO A ESTABLISHED OP/LP'S AT (AT 891751) AND (AT 893751) NIGHT OF 18-19 JUN. AT 191346H, 4 M N WEARING BLACK UNIFORMS REPORTED VIC (AT 883741) PROCEEDING IN SOUTHERLY DIRECTION BUT NO CONTACT ESTABLISHED AND MEN WERE NOT SIGHTED AGAIN. CO B COMMENCED PATROLLING WEST CENTRAL SECTOR OF TAOR AT 191600H.

5. THIRD ENGR BN CONTINUED TO PROVIDE CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIR WORK IN SUPPORT OF DANANG MARINE UNITS. CONSTRUCTED STRONG-BACKS FOR GP TENTS IN FIRST BN, NINTH MARINES CP, PROVIDED DEMOLITION TEAM FOR EXCAVATION WORK VIC PROSPECTIVE DIC CP, AND IMPROVED ROAD VIC (AT 987740) TO (AT 998738). PROVIDED TWO FOUR MAN MINE CLEARING TEAMS FOR OPS WITH SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES. CONSTRUCTED BRIDGE AT (AT 997736).

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C. CHU LAI AIR COMPLEX

- 1. 8000 FEET OF RUNWAY STABILIZED TO DATE.
- 2. 6696 FEET OF RUNWAY MATTING Laid TO DATE.
- 3. 5800 FEET OF TAXIWAY STABILIZED TO DATE.
- 4. 4286 FEET OF TAXIWAY MATTING Laid TO DATE.

D. CIVIC ACTION.

SECOND BI, THREE WOUNDS TREATED APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED FIFTY PEOPLE AT LAAM DISPENSARY.

E. MOVEMENT OF LAAM BTRY TO MONKEY MT.

1. TRACTOR NOW WITHIN 400 <sup>FEET</sup> OF PEAK AND EXPECT TO REACH IT TOMORROW, HOWEVER, THE LAST 400 <sup>FEET</sup> IS VERY ROCKY AND STEEP. CLEARING OF THE SITE ITSELF IS IN PROGRESS.

2. HELICOPTERS HAVE LANDED AT THE SITE AND HAVE LIFTED IN AN AIR COMPRESSOR FOR CLEARING AND LEVELING OPERATIONS.

3. ON 21 JUNE, LAAM BN CO, WING ENGR, AND FORCE ENGR WILL CONDUCT FURTHER SURVEY FOR PURPOSES OF:

- A. DETERMINING CLEARING PROGRESS.
- B. <sup>DIRECTING</sup> NECESSARY ADDITIONAL CLEARING AND LEVELING

OPERATIONS

C. ESTIMATING TIME REQUIRED BEFORE BTRY CAN COMMENCE DISPLACEMENT.

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F. NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT (THROUGH 180900Z)

1. II CORPS AREA

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(A) USS MCHEERIS FIRED ONE HUNDRED ROUNDS OF

THREE FIFTY ON TARGETS CONSISTING OF VC SHELTER AREA, BUNKERS AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS POSITIONS VIC (BR 960945), (BR 971520) AND (BR 970893). MISSION COMMENCED 171520H AND ENDED 171600H WITH EXCELLENT COVERAGE REPORTED BY AIRBORNE SPOTTER.

(B) USS MCHEERIS FIRED TWO ROUNDS OF THREE INCH ARTILLERY ON VC ATTACKING FORCES VIC (BR 909989). MISSION COMMENCED 181130H AND ENDED 181135H. NO DATA ON ASSESSMENT AVAILABLE.

2. NO MISSIONS WERE IN I, III AND IV CORPS AREAS.

3. WGE SHIP AVAILABILITY (READ IN TWO COLUMNS)

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III MAF SITREP #50 192400H TO 202400H JUNE 1965

I. INTELLIGENCE HIGHLIGHTS. VC ACTIVITY CONTINUES TO REMAIN LIGHT DURING REPORTING PERIOD. ACTION CONTINUES TO BE THAT OF HARASSMENT AGAINST U.S. MARINES AND ARVN UNITS THROUGHOUT THE I CORPS AREA. RECENT RPTS INDICATE VC PREPARING STEPPED UP ACTIVITY AND POSSIBLE OFFENSIVE ACTION IN CHU LAI-QUANG NGAI AREA.

II. III MAF OPERATIONS.

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ED  
 A. VADM BLACKBURN, COMSEVENTHFLT, VISITS III MAF UNITS TODAY INCLUDING THE VILLAGE OF LE MY. RADM WULZEN, CTF 76, WAS PRESENT DURING COMSEVENTHFLT'S VISIT. BOEN MCCUTCHEON, DEPUTY CG III MAF, RETURNED TO DANANG FROM OKINAWA. COL L.F. SNODDY, DEPUTY G-4 FMFPAC, AND COL J.S. PAYNE, CEO FMFPAC, ARRIVED AT III MAF HQ FOR STAFF VISITS. CFA

B. THIRD MARINE DIVISION

1. THIRD MARINES: CONTINUED AGGRESSIVE PATROLLING THROUGHOUT THE DANANG AND HUE PHU BAI TAOR'S.

(A) FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES CONTINUED SEARCH AND CLEAR OPS IN THE S CENTRAL SECTOR OF THE DANANG TAOR AND CONTINUED CONSTRUCTION OF NEW DEFENSIVE POSITIONS. A CO C PATROL APPREHENDED SIXTEEN SUSPECTED VC AT 200945H VIC (AT 905673) EIGHT MILES SW OF DANANG. THERE WERE NO OTHER VC CONTACTS DURING THE PERIOD.

(B) SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES CONDUCTED A CO SIZE SWEEP OF THE AREA BETWEEN (AT 853827) AND LE MY VILLAGES APPROX TEN MILES NW OF DANANG. THE FIRST CO SWEEP WAS FOLLOWED BY A SECOND ABOUT TWO HOURS LATER. NO VC WERE DISCOVERED DURING THE SWEEPS. B CO ONE SLANT NINE WAS DETACHED AND RETURNED TO THE

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OPCON OF ITS PARENT ORGANIZATION.

(C) FIRST BN, NINTH MARINES MAINTAINED SECURITY OF THE DANANG AIRFIELD. TWO PATROLS WERE CONDUCTED THROUGH AREAS IMMEDIATELY NE AND SE OF THE AIRFIELD WITH NEGATIVE VC CONTACT.

(D) THIRD BN, FOURTH MARINES HAD NO VC CONTACTS DURING THE NIGHT OF NINETEEN TO TWENTY JUNE. AT 200630H CO M RELIEVED CO K IN THE W SECTOR OF THE HUE PHU BAI TAOR AND IMMEDIATELY CONDUCTED A CO SWEEP FROM (YD 831114) THREE AND ONE HALF MILES SW OF HUE PHU BAI TO (YD 821119) FOUR AND ONE HALF MILES SW OF HUE PHU BAI. AT 201225H CO M RESWEEP THE AREA AND REACHED BLOCKING POSITS AT 201630H. NO VC CONTACTS WERE MADE DURING THE OPERATION AND COMPANY PATROL BASES WERE ESTABLISHED FOR THE NIGHT AT (YD 816105) AND (YD 866096) FIVE MILES SW AND THREE AND ONE HALF MILES S OF HUE PHU BAI RESPECTIVELY.

2. FOURTH MARINES: CONTINUED PATROLLING WITHIN THE CHU LAI TAOR AND CONTINUED PREPARING DEFENSIVE POSNS. A ONE SLANT FOUR OUTPOST WAS PROBED BY VC AT 202215H. THE VC BROKE CONTACT AFTER FIRE WAS RETURNED. ONE USMC WAS WIA (NON-SERIOUS). CH

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PERFORMED BETWEEN HUE PHU BAI, DANANG AND CHU LAI.

(C) HMM ONE SIX THREE. NO FLIGHT OPERATIONS WERE CONDUCTED. PREPARING FOR RELIEF BY HMM TWO SIX ONE.

(D) HMM THREE SIX FIVE. ROUTINE PAX AND CARGO LIFTS OF THE THIRD AND FOURTH MARINES WERE CONDUCTED IN THE HUE PHU BAI AND CHU LAI AREAS. MODERATE SMALL ARMS FIRE WAS RECEIVED ON A RECON MISSION FROM THE VIC (BT 4111) TEN MILES NW OF CHU LAI. ONE ROUND HIT <sup>AN</sup> ~~ON~~ AIRCRAFT IN THE FUEL CELL. THE AERIAL GUNNERS RETURNED FIRE AND AN <sup>S</sup> ESTIMATED TWELVE VC WERE KILLED. THERE WERE NO USMC CASUALTIES. AN ARVN OBSERVER WAS LIFTED TO THE AREA TO SPOT FOR ARTY.

1. CHU LAI AIRFIELD COMPLEX

1. THE COMPLETE NINE THOUSAND FEET OF RUNWAY PLUS OVERRUN IS NOW STABILIZED.
2. SEVEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FT OF TAXIWAY MATTING HAS BEEN LAID.
3. SIX THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FEET OF TAXIWAY HAS BEEN STABILIZED.
4. FOUR THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY SIX FT OF TAXIWAY MATTING HAS BEEN LAID.

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CUSTODY OF THE DISTRICT CHIEF.

(D) THIRD BN, TWELFTH MARINES FIRED FIVE WA MISSIONS DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, INCLUDING A USMC AO DIRECTED MISSION VIC (BT 459148) EIGHT MILES NW OF CHU LAI.

3. FIRST BN, TWELFTH MARINES FIRED THREE PRECISION REGISTRATIONS AND FIFTEEN H AND I MISSIONS DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD. DELTA BTRY (105MM), LIMA BTRY (155MM) AND THE EIGHT INCH HOW PLT EACH REGISTERED. BRAVO BTRY FIRED SIX H AND I MISSIONS FOR TWO SLANT THREE ON SUSPECTED VC CAMP SITES AND ASSY AREAS VIC DONG DEN MT (AT 8382). LIMA BTRY FIRED TWELVE H AND I MISSIONS IN SUPPORT OF ONE SLANT THREE PATROL OPNS IN THE S SECTOR AND TWO SLANT THREE OPNS IN THE NW SECTOR OF THE DANANG TAOR. BRAVO AND LIMA BTRYS BOTH DISPLACED FROM FORWARD FIRING POSITS WHERE THEY WERE SUPPORTING TWO SLANT THREE OPERATIONS TO THEIR PRIMARY POSITS.

4. THIRD RECON BN CONTINUED PLT PATROL AND OP/LP OPNS VIC HILL 393 (AT 8874) EIGHT MILES W OF DANANG. A PATROL BASE WAS ESTABLISHED VIC (AT 890744) AND OP/LP'S WERE SET UP AT (AT 884738) AND (AT 883725). A THIRD OP (AT 954748) CONTINUED TO OPERATE FULL TIME. NO VC CONTACTS WERE MADE AND NO

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 BUNKER AT THE NEW CP SITE. LATE REPORT FOLLOWS. OPERATING  
 AND RECOVERY ROOMS AT THE COLLECTING AND CLEARING COMPANY WERE  
 COMPLETED EIGHTEEN JUNE BY THIRD ENGR BN. CAG

C. FIRST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING.

1. VMCJ ONE MINUS. CONDUCTED FOUR RF-10B MISSIONS IN  
 SUPPORT OF SECOND AIR DIV.

2. VMFA FIVE ONE THREE. FOUR INTERDICTION MISSIONS  
 WERE CONDUCTED IN TWELVE SORTIES. TWO F4B'S CONDUCTED A RAID  
 AGAINST VC STRUCTURES ON A LIGHTLY WOODED SLOPE VIC (BS 504850)  
 THIRTEEN MILES SOUTH OF CHU LAI. AT LEAST THIRTY OF THE STRUC-  
 TURES WERE DESTROYED. TWO F4B CONDUCTED AN ATTACK AT (BS 536864)  
 EL SEVEN MILES S OF CHU LAI, DESTROYING SEVENTEEN VC HELD STRUC-  
 TURES. FOUR F4B'S CONDUCTED A STRIKE ON VC STRUCTURES AND  
 POSITIONS AT (BS 654616) TWENTY SEVEN MILES S OF CHU LAI.  
 FIFTEEN STRUCTURES, ONE MORTAR AND ONE MACHINE GUN POSITION  
 WERE DESTROYED. CAG

3. FIRST LAAM BN MINUS. ALERT STATUS WAS MAINTAINED.  
 BN IS FULLY CAPABLE OF PERFORMING THE ASSIGNED MISSION. CAG

4. MASS TWO. DASC OPERATIONS WERE NORMAL. ALL NETS  
 WERE UP AND OPERATING. NO AN/TPQ-10 OPERATIONS WERE SCHEDULED

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DURING THIS<sup>E</sup> PERIOD.

5. MAG TWELVE. THIRTY TWO INTERDICTION SORTIES WERE CONDUCTED IN EIGHT MISSIONS. ALL SORTIES WERE BLUE BLAZER MISSIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE SECOND <sup>AIR</sup> DIVISION. FOUR A4C'S RAIDED A VC VILLAGE AT (BS 504850) THIRTEEN MILES SOUTH OF CHU LAI WITH MK-82 BOMBS. THE VILLAGE WAS LEFT BURNING. ON A RETURN ATTACK FOUR A4E DESTROYED SIX HUTS AND REFIRED THE VILLAGE. FOUR A4C ATTACKED A VC VILLAGE NEAR QUANG NGAI AT (BS 537864) ELEVEN MILES S OF CHU LAI AND DESTROYED TWENTY FIVE STRUCTURES. FOUR A4E DESTROYED EIGHT HUTS AND TWO LARGE BUILDINGS AT (BS 536864). ACTION WAS PRIMARILY CONCENTRATED IN AN AREA ABOUT TEN MILES NW OF QUANG NGAI WHERE A TOTAL OF OVER SIXTY BUILDINGS WERE DESTROYED AND MANY MORE WERE LEFT BURNING.

6. MAG SIXTEEN MINUS.

(A) VMO TWO MINUS. RECON PATROLS WERE CONDUCTED IN THE DANANG TAOR. ARTILLERY SPOTTING WAS PERFORMED FOR THREE SLANT NINE VIC (AT 872801) NINE MILES W OF DANANG. COMSEVENTHFLT AND PARTY WERE LIFTED ON A RECON OF THE DANANG TAOR.

(B) HMM ONE SIX ONE. ROUTINE SUPPLY AND PAX LIFTS WERE CONDUCTED IN SUPPORT OF III MAF. MARLOG FLIGHTS WERE

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(A) FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES DISPATCHED A PATROL TO (BT 511104) FOUR MILES NW OF CHU LAI EARLY TWENTY JUNE AND THEY RETURNED AT 200800H WITH NEGATIVE VC CONTACT. THREE ADDITIONAL SQUAD SIZE PATROLS WERE CONDUCTED BUT THEY ALSO RETURNED WITH NEGATIVE VC CONTACTS. AT 202215H AN OUTPOST AT (BT 511113) THREE AND ONE HALF MILES NW OF CHU LAI WAS PROBED BY AN UNKNOWN # NUMBER OF VC. THE OUTPOST WAS REINFORCED WITH A SQUAD BUT THE VC BROKE CONTACT WHEN TAKEN UNDER FIRE. ONE USMC WAS KIA (NON-SERIOUS).

(B) SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES CONTINUED PATROLLING IN THE CENTRAL AND SW SECTOR OF THE TAOR. CO E ESTABLISHED AN OUTPOST VIC (BT 522021) THREE MILES SW OF CHU LAI. CO F DISPATCHED A PATROL TO GRID SQUARE (BT 5100) WHERE THEY DISCOVERED NUMEROUS DESERTED CAMP SITES. CO G PATROLLED TO THE SW OF THEIR DEFENSIVE POSITIONS WITH NEGATIVE CONTACT.

(C) THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES DISPATCHED THREE PATROLS DURING THE DAY. ONE PATROL APPREHENDED FIFTY ONE VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS VIC (BT 512036) ONE AND ONE HALF MILES S OF CHU LAI. THE VIETNAMESE WERE TAKEN TO THE REGIMENTAL COLLECTION POINT FOR QUESTIONING AND THEN REMANDED TO THE

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E. CIVIC ACTION. NEGATIVE REPORT.

F. NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT.

1. THE USS OKLAHOMA CITY FIRED ONE NON SCHEDULED MISSION IN THE II CORPS AREA VIC (BR 939991) (BR 931989) COMMENCING AT 191042H AND COMPLETING MISSION AT 191222H. TARGETS WERE VC TROOPS AND TRENCHES. AIRBORNE SPOTTER REPORTED EXCELLENT COVERAGE WITH TRENCH LINE SATURATED AND TROOPS DISPERSED. TWENTY NINE RDS OF SIX INCH/FORTY SEVEN AND TWENTY RDS OF FIVE INCH/THIRTY EIGHT WERE EXPENDED.

2. THERE WAS NO NGF SCHEDULED OR FIRED IN THE I, III, OR IV CORPS AREAS.

3. NGF SHIP AVAILABILITY (21 JUNE) (READ IN TWO COLUMNS)

<u>SHIP</u>	<u>AREA</u>
UHLMANN	ONE BRAVO
SOUTHERLAND	THREE
OKLAHOMA CITY	ONE BRAVO

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III MAF SITREP #51 PERIOD 202400H TO 212400H JUNE 65

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I. INTELLIGENCE HIGHLIGHTS. VC ACTIVITY IN I CORPS AREA CONTINUES TO BE LIGHT PROBES AND HARASSMENT AGAINST USMC AND ARVN UNITS. REPORTS INDICATE SUBSTANTIAL VC BUILDUP IN THE VICINITY OF QUANG NGAI, CHU LAI AND TAM KY.

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B. THIRD MARINE DIVISION

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## 1. THIRD MARINES

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(A) FIRST BN THIRD MARINES. CONTINUED PATROLLING OPERATIONS IN THE SOUTHERN SECTOR OF THE TAOR.

CO C, HAVING MADE NO VC CONTACTS IN THEIR NIGHT AMBUSH POSITIONS, ESTABLISHED A PATROL BASE AT (AT 892678) AND CONDUCTED DAYLIGHT PLATOON SIZE PATROLS. THE ONLY VC CONTACT WAS ONE ROUND OF SNIPER FIRE FROM THE VICINITY OF (AT 898-677). THE ASSAILANT ESCAPED IN THE UNDERBUSH WHEN PURSUED. IN MID-AFTERNOON, AT A HELICOPTER LANDING ZONE (AT 896680), THE COMPANY WAS RELIEVED BY COMPANY B WHICH ESTABLISHED A PATROL BASE ONE KILOMETER NORTH AT (AT 899691). AT THE END OF THE REPORTING PERIOD PLATOON AMBUSHES WERE ESTABLISHED AT (AT 934665), (AT 895666) AND (AT 899690).

(B) SECOND BN THIRD MARINES. DURING THE EARLY HOURS OF THE REPORTING PERIOD THERE WERE LIGHT PROBES OF CO G'S POSITIONS SOUTH OF LE MY. AT 210013H THERE WERE MOVEMENTS NOTED WHICH TERMINATED WHEN A FEW ROUNDS OF SMALL ARMS FIRE WAS DIRECTED INTO THE AREA. AT 0130H, VC WERE AGAIN OBSERVED APPROACHING THE COMPANY, AND WERE AGAIN DRIVEN OFF BY SMALL ARMS FIRE. AT 1020H TWO REINFORCED SQUADS PATROLLING

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TO THE WEST WERE ATTACKED BY APPROXIMATELY EIGHT VC ARMED WITH RIFLES AND GRENADES IN THE VICINITY OF (AT 875796). A BRIEF FIRE FIGHT FOLLOWED, RESULTING IN THE DEATH OF ONE MARINE.

THREE OTHER MARINES RECEIVED WOUNDS FROM A GRENADE, TWO OF WHICH WERE TREATED AND RETURNED TO DUTY. FOUR VC WERE KILLED AND TWO WERE CAPTURED. BOTH PRISONERS WERE WOMEN; ONE WOUNDED. CONFISCATED WERE TWO K-50 CHINESE SUB-MACHINE GUNS, ONE U.S. CARBINE, ONE M-14 (MODIFIED), TWO HAND GRENADES, THREE CARTRIDGE BELTS, TWO PACKS, THREE CIGARETTE LIGHTERS INSCRIBED WITH THE NUMBERS FIVE ZERO FOUR. OTHER SQUAD PATROLS WERE WITHOUT CONTACTS AND NIGHT AMBUSHES HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED WITHIN A FIVE HUNDRED METER RADIUS OF THE COMPANY C.P. (AT 893805).

COORDINATES	DTG	ACTION	FRND UNIT/ LOSSES	EN UNIT/ LOSSES
AT 875796	211020H JUNE 65	PATROL	G/2/3 1 KIA 3 WIA	UNK 4 KIA 2 CAPTURED (1 WIA)

(C) FIRST BN, NINTH MARINES.

CONDUCTED PATROLS AROUND THE PERIMETER OF THE DA NANG AIRFIELD. NO VC ACTIVITY WAS NOTED.

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(D) THIRD BN, FOURTH MARINES. REPORTED NO VC CONTACT IN THE THU HAI TACR. PATROLS AND RECONNAISSANCE CONTINUED THROUGHOUT THE DAY.

2. FIRST BN, TWELFTH MARINES. FIRED TWO REGISTRATION AND FOURTEEN H&I MISSIONS. A COUNTER MORTAR RADAR TEAM MOVED TO BATTERY A'S ~~POSITION~~ POSITION NEAR THE DA NANG AIRFIELD AND IS OPERATIONAL.

3. THIRD RECONNAISSANCE BN. CONTINUED MANNING OUTPOSTS ON HILL THREE NINE THREE (AT 883747). THE BATTALION COMMANDER EFFORTED LIAISON WITH THE CHIEF OF QUANG NAM PROVINCE IN PREPARATION OF A RECONNAISSANCE EFFORT INTO THE SW CORNER OF THE TACR.

4. FOURTH MARINES. THE REPORTING PERIOD WAS SPENT IMPROVING DEFENSIVE POSITIONS AND PATROLLING THE TACR.

(A) FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES. A REINFORCED PLATOON OF CO C ~~ESTABLISHED DEFENSE OF~~ <sup>ESTABLISHED DEFENSE OF</sup> ~~THE~~ HIGHWAY BRIDGE ACROSS THE SONG AN TAN RIVER (BT 498067), BACKED UP BY ANOTHER REINFORCED PLATOON. AT 211830H THE THIRD PLATOON OF CO D RECEIVED AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE FROM THE VICINITY OF (BT - 523073). A PATROL SENT TO INVESTIGATE, FOUND FOOTPRINTS

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BUT NO VC. AT ABOUT 2300H, A SQUAD SIZE PATROL PASSING THROUGH A VILLAGE VICINITY (BT 523068) TOOK TWO ROUNDS OF FIRE, ONE OF WHICH CAUSED A MINOR FLESH WOUND TO ONE MARINE. THE FIRE WAS RETURNED AND THE ASSAILANT FLED.

(B) SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES. CONTINUED PATROLLING IN THE TAOR. CO H MOVED INTO NEW POSITIONS IN THE VICINITY OF (BT 5105).

(C) THIRD BN THIRD MARINES. CONTINUED IMPROVING DEFENSIVE POSITIONS AND PATROLLING THE TAOR. AT 210155H ~~THE~~ APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN VC WERE ENCOUNTERED IN THE CENTRAL PORTION OF THE TAOR AT (BT 587028). SMALL ARMS FIRE WAS EXCHANGED AND ILLUMINATION CALLED IN, WHEREUPON, THE VC BROKE CONTACT.

(D) THIRD BN, TENTH MARINES. FIRED ONE ADJUSTED AND TWO H&I MISSIONS.

C. FIRST MARINE AIR WING

1. VMCJ-1(-). FOUR EFLOB CONDUCTED ~~MISSIONS~~  
<sup>MISSIONS</sup>  
~~AND CHASE MISSIONS~~ IN THE THANH HOA AREA, SUPPORTING A SCHEDULED ~~AGE~~ SEVENTHFLT ROLLING THUNDER 19 STRIKE. NO FLAK OR ENEMY AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED. ADDITIONAL MISSIONS

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CANCELLED BY THE SECOND AIRDIV DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER  
CONDITIONS IN THE TARGET AREA.

2. FIRST LAAM BN (-). MAINTAINING ALERT STATUS.

FULLY CAPABLE OF PERFORMING ASSIGNED AAW MISSION. ALPHA  
BATTERY RELOCATED 800 YARDS WEST OF PREVIOUS POSITION TO ALLOW  
RUNWAY CONSTRUCTION TO CONTINUE. NO DEGRADING OF READINESS  
INVOLVED.

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3. VIFA-513. CONDUCTED TEN INTERDICTION SORTIES IN THREE MISSIONS AGAINST TARGETS IN RVN. SIX SORTIES WERE RAIDS ON VC TROOP ~~EXISTING~~ POSITIONS AT (BT 270013) AND (AS 905968). COMPLETE TARGET COVERAGE IN BOTH ATTACKS. FOUR F4B ON A BLUE BLAZER MISSION DESTROYED FIFTY STRUCTURES AND LEFT NUMEROUS FIRES BURNING AT (BS 518847).

4. MASS-2. ALL DASC NETS UP AND OPERATING WITH NO UNUSUAL OCCURRENCES. NO AN/TPQ-10 MISSION DURING REPORTING PERIOD.

5. MAG-12.

A. CONDUCTED FORTY FIVE SORTIES IN TWELVE MISSIONS AGAINST TARGETS IN RVN. ELEVEN SORTIES WERE ATTACKS ON HELICOPTER LANDING ZONES IN THE VICINITY OF (YD 5424), (YD 5624), AND (YD 5826), PAVING THE WAY FOR MAG-16 HELICOPTERS. THE ATTACK IN GRID SQUARE (YD 5825) WAS CONDUCTED IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN ARVN ARTILLERY BARRAGE. FOUR A4C CONDUCTED A CLOSE AIR SUPPORT MISSION IN THE SAME VICINITY IN SUPPORT OF ARVN TROOPS. TWENTY INTERDICTION SORTIES WERE CONDUCTED AGAINST VC TROOP CONCENTRATIONS 265 DEGREES 35 NAUTICAL MILES FROM CHU LAI TACAN.

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SEVEN BUILDINGS WERE DESTROYED AND FOUR DAMAGED PLUS SATURATING TROOP POSITIONS. IN A FOLLOW-ON ATTACK BEHIND WTA 513 FIB IN THE VICINITY OF (BS 548817) TWENTY FIVE MORE BUILDINGS WERE DESTROYED AND THE VILLAGE RE-FIRED. ON A BLUE BLAZER MISSION AT (YC 770702) FOUR A1C SATURATED A VC CONCENTRATION.

B. THE ADVANCE ECHELON OF FOUR A1C FROM WTA 211 ARRIVED AT CHU LAI. IT IS ANTICIPATED THE ENTIRE SQUADRON WILL BE IN PLACE <sup>BY</sup> TWENTY THREE JUNE. THIS WILL PLACE THREE AA SQUADRONS ~~IN~~ TOTALLING SOME 60 AIRCRAFT AT CHU LAI.

6. MACS NINE DET A. (HUE PHU BAI) TRACKS REPORTED FORTY FIVE; TRACKS DESIGNATED ELEVEN; TRACKS DESIGNATED BY PANAMA BUT CARRIED, NINE. ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED WITH PANAMA FOR MACS NINE DET A TO CONTROL INTERCEPTORS IN EVENT PANAMA IS DISABLED. LIAISON BEING CONDUCTED TO OBTAIN AND EFFECT A POSITIVE MEANS OF IDENTIFYING LOW LEVEL LOW SPEED TARGETS NORTH OF HUE PHU BAI.

7. MAG-SIXTEEN (-). HMM TWO SIX ONE BELIEVED HMM ONE SIX THREE AT DANANG. HMM ONE SIX THREE (PERSONNEL ONLY) BEING RETURNED TO OKINAWA.

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A. MMO-TWO(-). UH-1E AIRCRAFT CONDUCTED DAWN AND DUSK PATROLS OF THE HUE PHU PAI, TANANG, AND CHU LAI TAOR. TWO UH-1E IN A SEARCH PARTY ON A RAILROAD LINE NINE MILES SOUTH OF DANANG RECEIVED SMALL ARMS FIRE IN THE VICINITY OF (BS - 702584). THERE WERE NO HITS ON THE AIRCRAFT. UH-1E AIRCRAFT ESCORTED UH-34D ON ROUTINE RESUPPLY MISSIONS WITHOUT INCIDENT.

B. HMM ONE SIX ONE. EIGHTEEN UH-34D LIFTED 471 ARVN TROOPS FROM VICINITY OF HUE CITADEL TO LANDING ZONES IN THE VICINITY OF (YD 5424), (YD 5624) AND (YD 5826). THE LANDING ZONES HAD BEEN PREPARED BY MAG TWELVE AH AIRCRAFT AND ALL LANDINGS WERE ACCOMPLISHED WITHOUT INCIDENT. PERFORMED ROUTINE PASSENGER AND CARGO LIFTS IN SUPPORT OF III MAF UNITS.

C. HMM THREE SIX FIVE. CONDUCTED ROUTINE PASSENGER AND CARGO LIFTS IN SUPPORT OF III MAF UNITS. LIFTED 617 PASSENGERS AND TEN TONS OF CARGO, IN ADDITION TO PERFORMING THREE MEDICAL EVACUATION MISSIONS.

D. CIVIC ACTION.

1. DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD APPROXIMATELY TWO

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## C. THIRD MARINE DIVISION

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## 1. THIRD MARINES

(A) FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES SPOTTED TWO MEN MOVING TOWARD THE CP PERIMETER VIC (AT 983748) AT <sup>22</sup>0120H. MEN WERE CHALLENGED AND FIRED ON AS THEY FLED TO THE NORTH. ANOTHER INTRUDER IN SAME VIC WAS OBSERVED AT <sup>22</sup>0340H. HE FLED WHEN ILLUM WAS FIRED. IN SOUTH PORTION OF THE TAOR CO B CONTINUED PATROLLING OPNS. ONE MAN WHO HAD NO IDENTIFICATION WAS PICKED UP AT (AT 952663) AND TURNED OVER TO THE DIST HQ AT <sup>22</sup>0705H. NINE MORE PEOPLE WITHOUT ID CARDS WERE PICKED UP VIC (AT 912709) AT APPROX <sup>22</sup>1800H AND WERE ALSO DELIVERED TO DIST HQ. BY <sup>22</sup>1900H CO PATROL BASE WAS ESTAB VIC (AT 896712) FOR THE NIGHT. THERE WAS NO VC CONTACT AS OF THE END OF THE REPORTING PERIOD. AT <sup>22</sup>2045H VC INFILTRATORS APPROACHED CO G OP VIC (AT 959745) AND FIRED TRACER ROUNDS INTO THE POSITION. THE OP RETURNED THE FIRE AND THREW GRENADES, KILLING TWO VC. THERE WERE NO MARINE CASUALTIES.

(B) SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES ALSO DETECTED PERS MOVING AROUND BN CP PERIMETER VIC (AT 947783) AT <sup>22</sup>0003H. PERS FLED WHEN ILLUM. CO G RECD SPORADIC SMALL ARMS FIRE THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT FROM GENERAL VIC (AT 890809). FIRE WAS RETURNED BUT THERE WERE

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I. INTELLIGENCE HIGHLIGHTS. VC ACTIVITY REMAINS LIGHT AGAINST USMC AND ARVN UNITS. REPORTS CONTINUE TO INDICATE SUBSTANTIAL VC BUILDUP IN THE VICINITY OF QUANG NGAI AND QUANG TIN.

II. III MAF OPERATIONS

A. LTGEN THROCKMORTON, DEPUTY COMUSMACV, VISITED MARINE AND CB UNITS AT CHU LAI ACCOMPANIED BY BGJEN KARCH.

B. MGJEN HUTCHIN, INCOMING DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF FOR OPERATIONS AND PLANS (J-5) CINCPAC, VISITED III MAF HEADQUARTERS, 3D MARIN DIV CP, AND MARINE AND CB UNITS AT CHU LAI.

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HUNDRED PEOPLE WERE TREATED IN THE MY DISPENSARY.  
 MOST OF THEM WERE NEWLY ARRIVED REFUGEES FROM THE  
 CA DE SONG VALLEY.

2. FOR THE PAST THREE DAYS PATROLS IN THE DANANG  
 AIRFIELD AREA HAVE BEEN ACCOMPANIED BY EITHER THE BN SURGEON  
 OR HOSPITAL CORPSMEN. AN AVERAGE OF TWENTY FIVE VILLAGERS  
 HAVE RECEIVED MEDICAL TREATMENT AS A RESULT OF THESE PATROLS.

E. CHU LAI SATS CONSTRUCTION. IN SITREP NUMBER FIFTY  
 THE RUNWAY MATTING WAS ERRONEOUSLY LISTED AS TAXIWAY MATTING.

1. SEVEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY FOUR (7274)  
 FEET OF RUNWAY MATTING LAID TO DATE.

2. SIX THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED (6600) FEET OF TAXIWAY  
 STABILIZED TO DATE.

3. FOUR THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FIFTY FOUR (4654) FEET  
 OF TAXIWAY MATTING LAID TO DATE.

F. NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT SHIPS AVAILABLE 22 JUNE 65.

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III. PLANS SUMMARY: PASSEP.

IV. MY NEXT SITREP DUE AS OF 222400H JUNE 1965.

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NO CASUALTIES ON EITHER SIDE. AT <sup>22</sup>1350H SQD FROM CO F INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS RUCD FROM VILLAGERS THAT USMC VEHICLE HAD BEEN BLOWN <sup>UP</sup> VIC (AT 880765). VEHICLE HAD APPARENTLY HIT A MINE. TWO DEAD MARINES FROM L CO, FIRST BN, TWELFTH MARINES WERE FOUND NEAR WRECKAGE AND WERE EVAC BY HELO. THE PAIR WERE ENROUTE TO REESTABLISH COMMUNICATIONS WITH AN ARTILLERY RUCON PARTY WHICH WAS HAVING RADIO DIFFICULTY DURING A HEAVY RAIN. VILLAGERS FROM NEARBY MY SON (AT 878764) REPORTED VC WERE BECOMING VERY ACTIVE IN THAT AREA LATELY. AT <sup>22</sup>1500H CO G OP DEMORDED 2 ARMED VC SIGHTED 1500 METERS NORTH OF MY SON. VC STOPPED FIVE WOMEN, TALKED TO THEM FOR A FEW MINUTES AND PERMITTED THEM TO GO. TWO SQD PATROLS CONDUCTED THEM GRID SQ (AT 8779), (AT 8780), (8980) AND (8881) DURING THE DAY THERE WAS NO VC CONTACT. NIGHT AMBUSH POSITS VIC HILL 100 IN GS (AT 8982) AND VIC CO G CP (AT 893805) HAD NO VC CONTACT. AT 222245H, CO E SAW ONE MAN NEAR A BRIDGE IN THE VIC NORTHERN LE MY. HE TRIPPED A FLARE AND RAN THEN STOPPED, TURNED AND FIRED AN AUTOMATIC WEAPON TOWARD THE BRIDGE DEFENSIVE POSITION. THE MARINES RETURNED THE FIRE BUT CONTACT WAS BROKEN. 81MM MORTAR ILLUM FAILED TO REVEAL ANY VC.

(C) FIRST BN NINTH MARINES CONDUCTED THREE TWENTY

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MAV PATROLS NORTH AND SOUTH OF DANANG AFD PERMIT R WITH NO VC CONTACT.

(D) THIRD BN, FOURTH MARINES CONTINUED SEARCH AND SET P OMS IN THE WESTERN LIMITS OF THE TAOR. GRID SQ (YD 8009), (8107), (8108), (8110) AND (8210) WERE COVERED THROUGHOUT THE DAY WITH NO VC CONTACT. MORNING AND AFTERNOON HELD RECONS OF THE TAOR PRODUCED NO VC SIGHTINGS EITHER. OPERATION "BIG BORN" WAS CONTINUED IN TRUY LUONG DISTRICT BY CO I AND J AND S CO. THE LOCAL POPULAR FORCE COMMANDER WAS CONTACTED AND DISCUSSIONS HELD ON LOCAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS THAT COULD BE INSTITUTED. ARTILLERY CONCENTRATIONS WERE PLOTTED AROUND THE VILLAGE OF TRUY TAN SO THAT MARINE ARTY CAN AS IST IN CASE OF VC ATTACK ON THE VILLAGE.

2. FOURTH MARINES. CONTINUED PATROLLING AND IMPROVING DEFENSIVE PSNS.

(A) FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES CONDUCTED FOUR PATROLS DURING REPORTING PERIOD. CO C MAINTAINED BRIDGE DEFENSE VIC (BT 497067). CO D SECURITY PATROL RECEIVED SNIPER BOUNDS VIC (BT 523058), SUSTAINING ONE USMC WFA. ACTION TOOK PLACE AT 2200LOH.

(B) SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES HELD RECONS E CO COMBAT

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PATROL TO (BT 504034) AT <sup>22</sup>0630H. PATROL RETURNED AT 221300H  
WITHOUT CONTACTING VC. ADDITIONAL PATROLS AND AMBUSHES REPORTED  
NO SIGHTINGS DURING REPORTING PERIOD.

(C) THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES DISPATCHED PATROLS WITHIN  
AS IGHED SECTOR WITH NEGATIVE CONTACT. OUTPOSTS VIC (BT 550996),  
(BT 560996), (BT 527017) AND (BT 563026) ARE BEING MAINTAINED BY I CO.

(D) THIRD BN, TWELFTH MARINES REMAINS IN GENERAL  
SUPPORT OF THE FOURTH MARINES.

3. FIRST BN, TWELFTH MARINES. FIRED IN DIRECT SUPPORT  
OF THIRD MARINE UNITS, DANANG, CONDUCTING 28 H&I MISSIONS DURING  
REPORTING PERIOD. AT APPROX 221300H, VEHICLE IN BTRY L RECON PARTY  
DESTROYED BY UNKNOWN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE VIC (AT 880765) RESULTING IN TWO  
USMC KIA.

4. THIRD RECON BN. CONDUCTING OPMS WITHIN DANANG TAOR.  
CO A CONTINUOUS REPORTING PEDESTRIAN MOVEMENTS FROM VANTAGE POINTS  
LOCATED AT (AT 883737) AND (AT 885725). CO D DISPATCHED PATROL  
AT 221730H FOR OPMS IN GS (AT 8376). THERE WERE NO VC CONTACTS  
OR SIGHTINGS DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD.

5. THIRD RECON BN. CONTINUED INSTALLATION OF ATR COM-  
BATTORIES IN RECON ROOMS OF THIRD RECON BN, REPAIRING ROAD FROM ~~BT~~

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2. VECJ ONE (-). THREE EF-10B CONDUCTED ~~MSNS~~ MSNS IN THE DONG HOI AREA OF NORTH VIETNAM, SUPPORTING USAF ROLLING THUNDER-19 NIGHT RECON MSNS. ONE MSN PROVIDED ~~MSN~~ ESCORT FOR USAF C-130 FLARE DROP ACFT. MODERATE FLAK ENCOUNTERED IN THE DONG HOI AREA AT EIGHT THOUSAND FEET. THREE EF-10B CONDUCTED ~~MSN~~ MSN IN SUPPORT OF A USAF ROLLING THUNDER-19 STRIKE. ~~INTERDICTOR~~ JAMMING WAS CONDUCTED IN THE BAN HUC CHUEN AREA. NO FLAK OR ENEMY ACFT ENCOUNTERED.

3. VIFA FIVE ONE THREE. CONDUCTED 16 SORTIES IN FIVE MSNS. TWO MSNS (FOUR SORTIES) WERE SCRAMBLE MSNS TO SUPPORT 3D DIVISION TRPS; HOWEVER, ORDNANCE COULD NOT BE DROPPED DUE TO FRIENDLY TRPS IN THE TGT AREA. THREE MSNS WERE INTERDICTION STRIKES AGAINST TQTS AS ORDERED BY THE 2D AFBV. NO <sup>GE</sup> DATA ~~EVALUATION~~ EVALUATION IS PRESENTLY AVAILABLE ON STRIKES AGAINST VC TRP CONCENTRATIONS AT (BQ 810010) AND (BP 870615).

4. HASS TWO. DASC OPERATIONS NORMAL. ALL NETS UP AND OPERATING. NO AN/TPQ-10 MSNS SCHEDULED DURING PERIOD.

5. MAG TWELVE.

(A). CONDUCTED 38 SORTIES IN 10 MSNS AGAINST TARGETS IN RVN. ON 26 SORTIES OF BLUE BLAZER MSNS, EIGHTEEN BLAGS WERE DESTROYED IN STRIKES VIC (AT 8606), (AT 8906), (AT 8510), (AT 8213)

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AND (AT 9105). ON A CLOSE AIR SUPPORT MSN FOR MARINES VIC (AT 865860) FOUR A1C CONTROLLED BY VMO TWO ACFT, PROVIDED COMPLETE TGT COVERAGE; IN A CLOSE AIR SUPPORT MSN FOR ARVN TRPS AT (BS 665922) ELEVEN BLDGS WERE DESTROYED. ON AN INTERDICTION MSN AT (BP 832 615) A MACHINE GUN EMPLACEMENT AND SUPPLY TRUCK WERE ATTACKED AND DESTROYED.

(B) FOUR USAF F-100 DECLARED AN EMERGENCY DUE TO LOW FUEL STATE AND THUNDERSTORM ACTIVITY IN THE DANANG AREA. THREE ACFT LANDED SAFELY AT CHU LAI. THE FOURTH PILOT EJECTED OVER THE SEA AND WAS RECOVERED BY MAG ONE SIX HELICOPTERS.

(C) EIGHT A1C ACFT OF VMA TWO ONE FOUR ARRIVED BETWEEN 0800-0830. THREE OF VMA TWO ONE FOUR ACFT WERE ON AN INTERDICTION MSN BY 0930H DESTROYING FOUR BLDGS AT (AT 890060)

#### 6. MAG ONE SIX (-).

(A) HMM ONE SIX ONE. CONDUCTED DARK AND DUSK PATROLS ON THE HUE PHU BAY TAOL. PERFORMED MANUOG FLTS BETWEEN HUE PHU BAI, DANANG AND CHU LAI. NORMAL SUPPLY AND PAX FLTS CONDUCTED IN SUPPORT OF I MAF UNITS.

(B) HMM TWO SIX ONE. LIFTED 435 PAX AND 14 TONS OF CARGO IN SUPPORT OF THE ARVN 2D DIV DURING THE SQUADRON'S FIRST FULL DAY OF OPERATION IN RVN.

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(C) HELI THREE SIX FIVE. EVACUATED TWO WIA AND TWO KIA FOR THIRD MARINES. CONDUCTED ROUTING PAX, CARGO LIFTS AND RECON LIFTS IN SUPPORT OF III MAF UNITS. PICKED UP USAF F-100 PILOT WHO HAD EJECTED OVER WATER 10 MI NORTH OF CHU LAI.

(D) WFO TWO (-) UH-1E ESCORT UH-3H ACFT LIFTING BGEN KARCH TO CHU LAI. 2/UH-1E PERFORMED TAG(A) DUTIES, CALLING A STRIKE OF ~~ONE~~ MAG TWELVE ALL ACFT IN ON TOTE VIG (AT 6692). O-1B ACFT PERFORMED ROUTING RECON LIFTS IN THE PHU BAI, DANANG, CHU LAI AND HARTY VALLEY AREA.

#### E. CIVIC ACTION

1. DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD ~~CORPSE~~ <sup>24</sup> VIETNAMESE FOR MINOR AILMENTS. THE CORPSEMAN ACCOMPLISHED THIS ACTION IN THE VICINITY OF THE DANANG AND PHU BAI WHILE ACCOMPANYING THREE, TWENTY MAN, PATROLS FROM FIRST BN, NINTH MARINES.

#### F. CHU LAI SATS CONSTRUCTION.

1. 8000 FEET OF RUNWAY STABILIZED TO DATE.
2. 7600 FEET OF MATTING LAID TO DATE.
3. 7000 FEET OF TAXIWAY STABILIZED TO DATE.
4. 4866 FEET OF TAXIWAY MATTING LAID TO DATE.

#### G. NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT

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1. USS RUPERTUS FIRED 68 ROUNDS OF FIVE INCH THIRTY EIGHT  
ON TARGETS CONSISTING OF VC ASSEMBLY AREAS (BS 715015) MISSION  
COMMENCED 211040H AND ENDED 211140H. DAMAGE ASSESSMENT UNK.

2. NO MISSIONS FIRED IN II, III, IV CORPS AREAS.

3. WGE SHIP AVAILABILITY (READ IN TWO COLUMNS)

SHIP	AREA
SOUTHERLAND	ONE BRAVO
RUPERTUS	TWO
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NEWELL	FIVE

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IV. MY NEXT SITREP DUN AS OF 232400H JUNE 1965

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I. INTELLIGENCE HIGHLIGHTS. VC ACTIVITY CONTINUES TO REMAIN LIGHT AGAINST USMC AND ARVN UNITS THROUGHOUT I CORPS. THERE ARE NO INDICATIONS OF THE REDEPLOYMENT OR DISPERSAL OF THE LARGE VC FORCE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED BUILT UP IN THE QUANG NGAI, CHU LAI AND TAM KY AREAS, AND THE THREAT IT POSSES REMAINS UNCHANGED.

II. III MAF OPERATIONS

~~A. NPTN NGUYEN CHANH THUI, CG I CORPS VISITED III MAF AND RECEIVED A COMBINED STAFF BRIEFING TODAY.~~

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2. NGUYEN CHANH THI, CG I CORPS VISITED III MAF AND RECEIVED A COMBINED STAFF BRIEFING TODAY. CAPTAIN SOPHON SUYARNESTAKTON, ASST CMT THAILAND MARINE CORPS AND CAPTAIN SAMAPPA HANGSAVINA, ROYAL THAILAND NAVY VISITED III MAF UNITS TODAY AND WILL REMAIN FOR THREE DAYS. GEN MCCUTCHEON CONFERRED WITH COMUSMACV/SECOND AIR DIV STAFFS IN SAIGON.

B. THIRD MARINE DIVISION

1. THIRD MARINES. A SWEEP OF THE AREA VIC (AT 9674) THREE MILES SW OF DANANG AT 230600H UNCOVERED TWO DEAD VC REPORTED FIRED ON IN PREVIOUS REPORT. THERE WERE SEVEN PATROLS AND FOUR AMBUSHES CONDUCTED DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD. FOUR VC CONTACTS WERE MADE BY THESE PATROLS AND AMBUSHES. WORK CONTINUES ON THE PEBA BY ALL UNITS. FIRST BN NINTH MARINES CLOSED ON NEW CP AT 231645H VIC (AT 973753).

(A) FIRST BN THIRD MAR AT APPROX 230600H COMMENCED A SWEEP VIC (AT 9674) AND DISCOVERED TWO DEAD VC KILLED IN LAST NIGHT'S ACTION. ONE RD OF SMALL ARMS FIRE WAS RECEIVED BY A LISTENING POST VIC ~~XXXXXX~~ (AT 972740) TWO AND ONE HALF MILES SW OF DANANG AT 230140H. CO B CONTINUED SEARCH AND SWEEP OPERATION IN THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE TAOR

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PATROLLING TO THE WEST VIC (AT 865705) AND TO THE EAST VIC (AT 914700). AT APPROXIMATELY 231200H ONE SQD OF CO B RECEIVED MODERATE SA FIRE VIC (AT 882665) NINE AND ONE HALF MILES SW OF DANANG. TWO UH1B'S ATTACKED THE AREA WITH NGS AND ROCKETS <sup>AFTER</sup> WHICH TWO ~~RE~~ SQDS MOVED IN BUT THERE WAS NO FURTHER CONTACT. THERE WERE NO USMC CASUALTIES. AT APPROX 231645H ONE VC WAS WOUNDED VIC (AT 889705) EIGHT MILES SW OF DANANG AND CAPTURED. THE COMPANY ESTABLISHED A PATROL BASE VIC (AT 930715) AT DUSK. AT 231800 A SUSPECTED VC WAS CAPTURED VIC (AT 962709) FIVE MILES SW OF DANANG.

(B) SECOND BN THIRD MAR CONTINUED IMPROVEMENT OF THE FTR. THE BN CONDUCTED LIMITED LOCAL PATROLLING AND ESTABLISHED LAY OUT AMBUSHES IN THE VIC OF THE BATTALION POSITIONS. ONE AMBUSH VIC (AT 900802) RECEIVED INEFFECTIVE SNIPER FIRE.

(C) FIRST BN NINTH MAR DISPLACED TO NEW CP VIC (AT 973753) AT 231645H. CO A AND CO C CONTINUED TO DEFEND THE AIRFIELD.

(D) THIRD BN FOURTH MAR CONTINUED SEARCH AND SWEEP OPERATION BY CO M IN THE TAGR FROM VIC (YD 815091) TO ~~(YD 832119) APPROX FIVE MILES SW OF HUB THU BAI WITH NO~~

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(YD 832119) APPROX FIVE MILES SW OF HUE PHU BAI WITH NO CONTACTS. <sup>CO M</sup> ESTABLISHED IN NIGHT DEFENSIVE POSITS VIC (YD 832119) FOUR MILES SW OF HUE PHU BAI. (A)

2. FIRST BN TWENTH MARINES REMAINED IN GENERAL SUPPORT OF THIRD MARDIV AND DIRECT SUPPORT OF THIRD MARINES. THIRTY SIX H AND I MISSIONS AND SIX ILLUM MISSIONS WERE FIRED DURING THE PERIOD AGAINST SUSPECTED VC CONCENTRATIONS AND AVOIDERS OF APPROACH. SEVENTY FIVE RDS OF 105MM H AND E, TWELVE RDS OF 155MM ILLUM AND TWENTY ONE RDS OF 107MM ILLUM WERE EXPENDED.

3. THIRD RECON BN CONDUCTED FOUR OPERATIONS AND EFFECTED LIAISON IN PREPARATION FOR A FUTURE OPERATION. ONE PLATOON OF CO A SHIFTED THEIR LP/OP POSITIONS TO VC (AT 888755) AND (AT 885746) OVERLOOKING MY SON VILLAGE (AT 221730H. CO D DISPATCHED THE SECOND PLATOON AT 221730H FOR OPERATIONS IN THE VIC OF MY SON VILLAGE USING TWO VIETNAMESE TRAINED DOGS AT POSITIONS VIC (AT 881775), (AT 887760) AND (AT 894766). THERE WERE NO VC CONTACTS DURING THE PERIOD. LIAISON WAS EFFECTED WITH THE DISTRICT CHIEF OF DAI LAC DISTRICT AT 231350H IN PREPARATION FOR FUTURE DEEP RECON OPERATIONS. A HELO RECON OF DONG DEM MOUNTAIN WAS CONTINUED DURING THE

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LIAISON VISIT TO DAI LAC. THE RECON INDICATED THAT LANDING ZONES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE PROPOSED AREA OF OPERATIONS. CO D ESTABLISHED THREE LP/OPS AT POSITIONS VIC (AT 881775), (AT 887760) AND (AT 894766).

4. THIRD ENGR BN CONTINUED CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS AND FIELD FORTIFICATIONS AND GENERAL IMPROVEMENT OF THE DIV SUPPORT FACILITIES. CH

5. FOURTH MARINES CONTINUED TO IMPROVE DEFENSIVE POSITS AND PATROLLED EXTENSIVELY. THERE WERE NO MAJOR UNIT ACTIONS AND NO FRIENDLY OR ENEMY CASUALTIES RESULTED FROM ENEMY ACTION. TEN PATROLS AND TWO AMBUSHES WERE ACCOMPLISHED DURING THE PERIOD. aka

(A) FIRST BATTALION FOURTH MARINES CONTINUE TO OCCUPY HILL SIXTY NINE (BS 498065) AND A BRIDGE ROAD BLOCK AT (BS 468698). THE RECON PLAT CONDUCTED A BEACH SURVEY FROM (BS 512093) TO (BS 482117).

(B) SECOND BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES CONTINUED PATROLLING AND BUILDING OF DEFENSIVE POSITS.

(C) THIRD BATTALION, THIRD MARINES LESS CO M WHICH IS THE REG'L RESERVE, CONDUCTED PATROLS AND CONTINUES TO IMPROVE DEFENSIVE POSITS. ~~A SQUAD SIZE PATROL RECEIVED TWO ROUNDS OF~~

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DEFENSIVE POSITS. A SQUAD SIZE PATROL RECEIVED TWO ROUNDS OF  
 INEFFECTIVE SNIPER FIRE FROM (BT 549979). THE PATROL RETURNED

THE FIRE AND THEN SEARCHED THE AREA WITH NEG RESULTS.

(D) THIRD BN, TWELFTH MARINES FIRED FIVE MISSIONS, EXPENDING *CA*  
 C. FIRST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING 21 RDS HE, 5 RDS WP AND 1 RD HC.

1. VIOJ ONE NINE. THE SCHEDULED MISSIONS WERE CAN-  
 Celled BY SECOND AIR DIVISION DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER IN THE  
 TARGET AREA.

2. VIFA FIVE ONE THREE. EIGHT SORTIES WERE CONDUCTED

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IN TWO INTERDICTION MISSIONS. FOUR F4B ATTACHED VC TROOPS AND GUN EMPLACEMENTS AT (BR 970310) ONE HUNDRED AND TEN MILES S OF CHU LAI. FIVE GUN EMPLACEMENTS WERE DESTROYED WITH AT LEAST FIVE VC KILLED. FOUR F4B DESTROYED ONE LARGE STRUCTURE AND FOUR SMALL ONES IN A RAID AT (BR 330415) ONE HUNDRED MILES SW OF CHU LAI. TWO F4B, WORKING WITH PANAMA, CONDUCTED AN ADVANCE GCI TRAINING MISSIONS.

3. MAG TWO. DASC OPERATIONS WERE NORMAL. ALL NETS WERE UP AND OPERATING. NO AN/TPQ-10 MISSIONS WERE CONDUCTED DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD.

4. MAGS NINE DET A. (HUE PHU BAI) TRACKS REPORTED FIFTY; TRACKS DESIGNATED FOURTEEN, TRACKS DESIGNED BY PANAMA, BUT CARRIED NINE. LIAISON WAS CONDUCTED WITH THE ARMY AVIATION DIVISION IN HUE PHU BAI TO SOLVE IDENTIFICATION PROBLEMS WITH SMALL AIRCRAFT NORTH OF HUE PHU BAI. THE DETACHMENT IS NOW STANDING CONTROL WATCHES FOR PANAMA ON A PERIODIC BASIS. CAL

5. MAG ONE TWO

(A) THIRTY EIGHT SORTIES IN TEN MISSIONS WERE CONDUCTED AGAINST TARGETS IN RVN. THREE A1C ESCORTED MAG ONE SIX HELICOPTERS TO VIC (YC 7429) FIFTY MILES SW OF DANANG

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WITHOUT INCIDENT. ON TWO INTERDICTION MISSIONS AT (BS 520720) TWENTY MILES S OF CHU LAI, <sup>REC</sup> THESE STRUCTURES WERE DESTROYED AND THREE DAMAGED. TWO CLOSE AIR MISSIONS WERE CONDUCTED FOR ARVN TROOPS N OF QUANG NGAI VIC (BS 688776) AND (BS 690773) APPROX TWENTY MILES SE OF CHU LAI. ELEVEN BUILDINGS WERE DESTROYED AND SEVEN WERE DAMAGED. THE ARMY TAC(A) REPORTED THERE WERE MANY VC'S KILLED IN BOTH ATTACKS. THREE A1C WERE SCRAMBLED TO ATTACK TWO VC BATTALIONS IN A WOODED AREA VIC (BQ 080655) APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY FIVE MILES S OF CHU LAI. NO DAMAGE ASSESSMENTXXXXXXXXX WAS AVAILABLE. THE KNOWN DAMAGE ASSESSMENT FOR THE XX DAY INCLUDES A STORAGE AREA HIT, SEVENTEEN BUILDINGS DESTROYED AND TEN DAMAGED, PLUS AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF VC KILLED.

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(B) THREE A1C FROM VMA TWO ONE FOUR ARRIVED AT CHU LAI BRINGING THE SQUADRON TOTAL TO FIFTEEN.

~~5. MAG ONE SIX (-).~~

~~(A) VHO TWO. TWO OH-1E ON A RECOMMISSION  
ATTACKED ENEMY TROOPS VIC (AT 090666) IN SUPPORT OF A MARINE  
PATROL THAT WAS UNDER FIRE. TWO OH-1E CONDUCTED A DAWN  
PATROL OF THE CHU LAI AND DANANG TAC'S PLUS A VISUAL AND~~

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## 6. MAG ONE SIX (-)

(A) MAG ONE TWO. TWO UH-1H ON A RECON MISSION ATTACKED BUIY TROOPS VIC (AT 890665) IN SUPPORT OF A MARINE PATROL THAT WAS UNDER FIRE. TWO OH-1B ACFT CONDUCTED A DAWN PATROL OF THE GIU LAI AND DANANG TAORIS GIVING VISUAL AND PHOTO RECON OF THE GIU LAI TAOR. TWO UH-1H ESCORTED HELICOPTERS ON 20 TROOP RESUPPLY MISSIONS.

(B) MAG ONE SIX ONE. CONDUCTED MARLOC LIFTS BETWEEN HUE PHU BAI, DANANG AND GIU LAI. LIFTED 161 MARINES AND 850 LBS OF CARGO FROM (YD 882093) TO (YD 815091) FOR THIRD BN, FOURTH MARINES. PERFORMED ROUTINE LIFTS OF PAX AND CARGO IN SUPPORT OF III MAF UNITS.

(C) MAG THREE SIX FIVE. LIFTED ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY NINE MARINES AND EIGHT TONS OF CARGO TO VARIOUS OUT-POSTS IN SUPPORT OF THE FOURTH MARINES. PERFORMED ROUTINE PAX AND CARGO LIFTS IN SUPPORT OF THE THIRD AND FOURTH MARINES.

(D) MAG TWO SIX ONE. TWELVE UH-3H ESCORTED BY THREE OH-1B ACFT OF MAG ONE TWO AND TWO OH-1B OF MAG TWO LIFTED ARVN TROOPS FROM (YC 740297) TO DANANG. NO UNUSUAL OCCURRENCES. PERFORMED ROUTINE PAX AND CARGO LIFTS IN SUPPORT OF ARVN 1ST

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AND 2ND DIVISIONS. LIFTED 357 ARVN TROOPS AND  
CARGO FROM QUANG NGAI TO SAN HUYNH (BS 920219) AND TU  
PHUOC (BS 455758).

D. LAKE BY RELOCATION - MONKEY MOUNTAIN

1. A TRACTOR TRAIL HAS BEEN COMPLETED TO THE DESIRED  
BTRY LOCATION ON MONKEY MOUNTAIN. THE TRAIL IS BEING IMPROVED  
TO PERMIT ADDITIONAL CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT TO MOVE TO THE  
SITE. A HELICOPTER LANDING SITE HAS BEEN LEVELLED. AN  
ESTIMATE ON SITE COMPLETION DATE WILL BE MADE AFTER A  
THOROUGH STUDY OF SUB-SURFACE CONDITIONS IS COMPLETED.

E. CHU LAI AIRFIELD COMPLEX

1. SEVEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED <sup>FORTY</sup> ~~FOUR~~ FT OF RUNW  
WAY MATTING LAID.

2. SEVEN THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED FT OF TAXIWAY STAB-  
ILIZED.

3. FIVE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FORTY SIX FT OF  
TAXIWAY MATTING LAID.

F. CIVIC ACTIONS

1. CLOTHING WHICH WAS COLLECTED FOR THE VIETNAMESE  
PEOPLE IN THE CHU LAI AREA BY THE FAMILIES OF MARINES OF MAG  
ONE THREE AND THE <sup>FOURTH</sup> ~~FOURTH~~ MARINE REGIMENT ARRIVED IN DANANG

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TODAY. THE CLOTHING WAS FORWARDED TO CIV LAI FOR DISTRIBUTION.

2. SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES SQUAD I CO, HRS CO, AND C CO, THIRD RECON BN TO THE VILLAGE OF TAY TAN (TAN TO) VIC (YD 905152) IN CONTINUATION OF "OPERATION NEIGHBOR." THE VILLAGERS WERE VERY FRIENDLY AND NO UNUSUAL ACTIVITY WAS NOTED.

3. AN INDICATION OF THE SUCCESS OF THE CIVIC

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ACTION IN THE LA MY AREA AND THE CONFIDENCE THAT THE FEEDBACK  
 THERE HAVE IN THE MARINE FORCE'S WAS DEMONSTRATED <sup>YESTERDAY</sup> TODAY WHEN  
 FIVE VIETNAMESE WOMEN TURNED OVER TO <sup>A</sup> THE MARINE SENTRY A  
 MALE VIETNAMESE WHO THEY SUSPECTED WAS A VC. THE MAN HAD  
 ASKED THE WOMEN TO TRANSPORT HIM DOWN THE CA DE SONG RIVER.  
 THE WOMEN DELIBERATELY <sup>A</sup> ROWED THEIR BOAT TO SHORE AT THE  
 MARINE PROTECTED VILLAGE, CALLED A MARINE SENTRY AND HANDED  
 OVER THEIR PASSENGER.

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G. NAVAL OFFICER SHIP AVAILABILITY (21 JUNE 1965)

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SOUTHERLAND	ONE BRAVO
RUPERTUS	TWO
FORSTER	THREE
NEWELL	FIVE
HAMNER	ROVING

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I. INTELLIGENCE HIGHLIGHTS. VC ACTIVITY IN III MAF

TAOR'S CONTINUES LIGHT WITH SPORADIC HARASSMENT OF PATROLS,  
LIGHT PROBES OF POSITIONS, AND GROUND FIRE AGAINST LOW  
FLYING AIRCRAFT. THERE HAVE BEEN NO CHANGES TO REPORTS  
OF A LARGE VC BUILD UP IN SOUTHERN QUANG TIN AND NORTHERN  
QUANG NGAI PROVINCES.

II. III MAF OPERATIONS.

A. RADM MONROE, COMNAVPHIL, AND RADM REEDY, PRO-  
SPECTIVE CTF 77, AND BGMN SEITZ, DEPUTY CDR, U.S. ARMY

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LOGISTIC SUPPORT COMMAND, VISITED III MAF DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD. BOEN KARCH ACCOMPANIED CAPTAINS SUYARNESTARRON SOPRON ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ AND SAMANTA HANGSAVINA, ROYAL THAI MARINE CORPS, ON A VISIT TO MAC TWELVE UNITS AT CHU LAI.

B. THIRD MARINE DIVISION.

1. THIRD MARINES (DANANG AND HUE PHU BAI TAORS).

(A) FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES. COMPLETED PATROLLING IN THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE DANANG TAOR WITH CO B WORKING SOUTHWEST TO A LANDING ZONE NEAR PHUOC HINH, APPROXIMATELY TWELVE KILOMETERS SOUTHWEST OF THE DA NANG AIRSTRIP (AT 905678). THE COMPANY WAS HELILIFTED BACK TO THE BATTALION AREA. CO C ASSUMED THE DEFENSE OF HILLS 327, AND 268, RELIEVING CO A.

(B) SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES. CONDUCTED LIMITED LOCAL PATROLS AND AMBUSHES IN THE NORTHWEST SECTOR OF THE DA NANG TAOR, ALL WITH NEGATIVE CONTACT. WORK WAS CONTINUED ON DEFENSIVE FORTIFICATIONS BY COMPANIES E, F, AND H. CO H ESTABLISHED A COMBAT OUTPOST APPROXIMATELY TWO KILOMETERS SSW OF LE MY, IN VICINITY OF (AT 891801).

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(C) FIRST BN, 1ST MARINES, IN CONJUNCTION  
 UNITS OF 1ST BATTALION, 4TH ARVN REGIMENT, EXECUTED A  
 SEARCH AND CLEAR OPERATION COMMENCING AT 210730H. 24  
 THE OPERATION WAS CONDUCTED IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION  
 ALONG BOTH SIDES OF THE SONG TUY LOAN RIVER JUST SOUTH  
 OF DANANG; THE MARINES FROM CO B CUTTING A 1200 METER PATH  
 ALONG THE NORTH SHORE AND THE TWO ARVN COMPANIES SWEEPING  
 AN 1800 METER AREA TO THE SOUTH. THE MARINES CAPTURED  
 FOURTEEN SUSPECTED VC AND THE ARVN KILLED TWO VC. THERE  
 WERE NO USMC CASUALTIES; HOWEVER TWO ARVN SUFFERED WOUNDS ck  
 IN THE CONFLICT. THE OPERATION CONCLUDED AT  
 211310H AFTER TRAVERSING 6000 METERS.

(D) THIRD BN, FOURTH MARINES (HUE PHU BAI).  
 CONTINUED SEARCH AND PATROL OPERATIONS HELILIFTING CO M  
 TO THE CENTRAL PORTION OF THE TAOR (YD 873093) FROM WHICH  
 A PATROL TO THE NORTHWEST COMMENCED AT 211035H. THE  
 PATROL RECEIVED EIGHT TO TEN ROUNDS OF SMALL ARMS FIRE  
 FROM THE VICINITY OF (YD 867103). AS THE PATROL CONTINUED,  
 A 66 MAN REACTION FORCE WAS HELILIFTED TO A POSITION ABOUT  
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ONE KILOMETER SOUTH OF THE INCIDENT (YD 863090) LANDING  
 NIGHTEN TO THE AFTER THE INCIDENT OCCURRED. THE  
 FORCE REACTION WORKED TO THE NORTH, BUT WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.  
 EARLIER, AT 240845H, THE EXPLOSION <sup>OF</sup> A SIXTY M<sup>3</sup> DID  
 RESULT IN THE DEATH OF ONE MARINE. FOUR OTHER MARINES  
 WERE WOUNDED, THREE SERIOUSLY, FROM THE BUD, TOUCHED OFF  
 AS THE MARINES WERE DIGGING FORTIFICATIONS.

2. FIRST BN, TWELFTH MARINES. PROVIDED DIRECT SUP-  
 PORT TO THE THIRD MARINES. EIGHTEEN HARASSMENT AND INTER-  
 DICTION MISSIONS WERE FIRED EXPENDING SEVENTY THREE ROUNDS  
 OF 105MM.

3. THIRD RECON BN. CONDUCTED RECONNAISSANCE  
 MISSIONS IN VICINITY OF HILL 393, APPROXIMATELY TWELVE  
 KILOMETERS WEST OF DANANG AIRFIELD (AT 884747) AND ESTAB-  
 LISHED LISTENING POSTS/OUTPOSTS ALONG LIKELY EGRESS ROUTES  
 TO THE NORTH OF HILL 393. ((AT 881775) (AT 887760) (AT 894766)).  
 ANOTHER LP/OP TO THE NORTHWEST OF HILL 327 (AT 959745)  
 REMAINS IN OPERATION. AT 241600H CO D LANDED BY HELICOPTER  
 IN THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE DANANG TAER FOR RECONNAISSANCE  
 MISSIONS IN THE VICINITY OF MUI SON GA (AT 8862).

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4. FOURTH MARINES. CONTINUED TO IMPROVE DEFENSIVE FORTIFICATIONS.

(A) FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES. CONDUCTED PATROLS, ONE OF WHICH RECEIVED MORTAR FIRE FROM HILL 51, SOUTHWEST OF HIGHWAY ONE (BT 447065), AS IT MOVED NORTHWEST ALONG THE HIGHWAY ROUTE. THE CO C PATROL RETURNED FIRE AND SEARCHED THE AREA, BUT WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. ROAD BLOCKS ALONG HIGHWAY ONE, AT BRIDGES LOCATED AT (BT 498065) AND (BT 452086), CONTINUED TO BE MANNED BY ELEMENTS OF CO C.

(B) SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES. PATROLLED THROUGHOUT THE TAOR AND CONTINUED WORK ON DEFENSIVE POSITIONS.

(C) THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES. CONTINUED TO IMPROVE DEFENSIVE POSITIONS. A COMPANY SIZE PATROL WAS CONDUCTED BY CO I EASTWARD TO THE SONG TRA BONG RIVER WITHOUT CONTACT.

(D) THIRD BN, TWELFTH MARINES FIRED MISSIONS IN SUPPORT OF ARVN.

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5. A TOTAL OF THIRTEEN PATROLS AND FIVE AMBUSHES  
 WERE CONDUCTED DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD.

**a. NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT**

1. I CORPS AREA. TWO NON-SCHEDULED MISSIONS WERE  
 FIRED. THE FIRST WAS IN VICINITY OF (BS 7274) BY RUPERTUS  
 AND TARGET WAS A VC ASSEMBLY AREA. MISSION COMMENCED  
 212204H, COMPLETED 212218H, EXPENDING FOURTEEN ROUNDS FIVE  
 INCH THIRTY EIGHT ILLUMINATION.

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THE SECOND MISSION, FIRED BY SOUTHERLAND, COMMENCED  
231005H ON TWO VC COMPANIES VICINITY OF (BS 771840).  
SIXTY TWO ROUNDS OF HIGH EXPLOSIVES NEUTRALIZED THE  
TARGET. MISSION OBSERVED BY BARLOCK 26 CHARLIE, AIRBORNE.

2. II CORPS AREA. TWO NON-SCHEDULED MISSIONS  
FIRED, BOTH ON SUSPECTED VC INFILTRATION POINTS. THE FIRST  
MISSION, AT 220119H, WAS FIRED IN VICINITY OF (BS 775845)  
EXPENDING FIVE INCH THIRTY EIGHT ILLUMINATION, AAC, AND  
WP. GOOD EFFECT ON TARGET. MISSION FIRED BY RUPERTUS,  
OBSERVED BY AIRBORNE SPOTTER HATFIELD TWO SIX  
CHARLIE. MISSION NUMBER TWO FIRED IN VICINITY OF  
(BS 770850) COMMENCING AT 220209H. FIVE INCH THIRTY  
EIGHT ILLUMINATION, AAC, AND WP WAS UTILIZED WITH GOOD EFFECT  
ON THE TARGET. RUPERTUS FIRED THIS MISSION ALSO, OBSERVED  
AGAIN BY HATFIELD TWO SIX CHARLIE. ANOTHER NON-SCHEDULED  
MISSION WAS FIRED BY CURRITUCK ON A VC TRAINING CAMP AND  
AMMUNITION DUMP AT COORDINATES (XR 685605), (XR 680615)  
AND (XR 715645) SIXTY EIGHT ROUNDS OF FIVE INCH THIRTY EIGHT  
WERE FIRED WITH GOOD EFFECT AND OBSERVED BY HERSHEY 26  
CHARLIE AIRBORNE.

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3. III, IV CORPS AREAS. NO NAVAL GUNFIRE SCHEDULED OR FIRED.

4. SHIPS AVAILABLE 25 JUNE

<u>SHIP</u>	<u>AREA</u>
SOUTHERLAND	1B
RUPERTUS	2
*FORSTER	3
*MURPHY	5
HAMMER	ROVING

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D. ~~FIRST MARINE AIR WING~~

1. FIRST LAAM BN (-). CONDUCTED AAW EXERCISE WITH F-102 AIRCRAFT. THE EXERCISE CONSISTED OF THREE RAIDS AT ALTITUDES OF 50 FT., 100 FT., AND 1000 FT. NONE OF THE RAIDS WERE SUCCESSFULLY ENGAGED. ON RAID ONE, NO RADAR VIDES WAS OBTAINED. THE BATTERIES BLIND TRACKED BUT COULD NOT ACQUIRE THE AIRCRAFT. RAID TWO WAS ACQUIRED ON A BEARING OF 015 DEGREES BUT BATTERIES COULD NOT MAINTAIN LOCK. ~~THE~~ RAID THREE APPROACHED THROUGH HAI VAN PASS ON A BEARING OF ~~THE~~ 330 DEGREES. THE BATTERIES WERE UNABLE TO ACQUIRE THE TARGET.

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3. VFA-513. TWO F4B SCRAMBLED TO ATTACK A VC BIVOUAC AREA. THE RAID, CONDUCTED BEFORE REVEILLE, SATURATED THE AREA IN THE VICINITY OF (YD 4720). IN THREE OTHER INTERDICTION MISSIONS, TWELVE SORTIES OF F4B ATTACKED VC TROOP POSITIONS AND STRUCTURES. FIVE STRUCTURES WERE DESTROYED AT (BP 275720) BY FOUR F4B. DAMAGE ASSESSMENTS ARE NOT AVAILABLE ON THE OTHER RAIDS.

4. MASS-NINE DET A. (HUE PHU BAI). TRACKS REPORTED 85, TRACKS DESIGNATED 45, TRACKS DESIGNATED BUT CARRIED 2. COMBAT AIR PATROLS SCRAMBLED 2. AIR DEFENSE FUNCTIONS WERE ASSUMED FROM PANAMA DURING THE PERIOD PANAMA WAS OFF THE AIR.

5. MASS-TWO. DASC OPERATIONS WERE NORMAL. ALL NETS WERE UP AND OPERATING. TWO A4 MISSIONS WERE CONTROLLED BY ASRT. ON THE FIRST MISSION NO ~~ORDNANCE~~ WAS DROPPED DUE TO LOSS OF COMMUNICATIONS. ON THE SECOND MISSION FOUR MK-81 BOMBS DROPPED AT (ZC 052679). THE MASS-TWO TPQ-10 IS LOCATED AT (BT 007746).

6. MAG-TWELVE. CONDUCTED FIFTY TWO SORTIES IN

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SEVENTEEN MISSIONS AGAINST TARGETS IN RVN. ON SIX SEARCH AND ATTACK SORTIES, TROOP AREAS WERE SATURATED AND A FOOT BRIDGE DESTROYED AT (AC 035675). A SECONDARY EXPLOSION WAS NOTED DURING AN ATTACK AT (ZC 173650). THIRTY BLUE BLAZER INTERDICTION SORTIES WERE FLOWN IN SUPPORT OF THE SECOND AIR DIVISION. THE RAIDS WERE PRIMARILY AGAINST TROOP POSITIONS WITH NO DAMAGE ASSESSMENTS AVAILABLE. THREE BUILDINGS WERE LEFT BURNING AT (BS 290292) AND THREE DAMAGED AT (BS 329293). A CAMOUFLAGED SAMPAN WAS RIDDLED WITH 20MM FIRE AT (YD 70013). FOUR INTERDICTION SORTIES WERE FLOWN UNDER THE CONTROL OF MASS-2 AN/TPQ-10 RADAR, HOWEVER, TWO SORTIES ABORTED DUE TO LOSS OF COMMUNICATIONS. IN A CLOSE AIR SUPPORT MISSION FOR ARVN TROOPS, SEVEN BUILDINGS WERE DESTROYED AT (BS 730780) BY FOUR A1G. EIGHT SORTIES ESCORTED MAG-16 HELICOPTERS ON LIFTS BETWEEN DANANG, CHU LAI, QUANG TIN, AND QUANG NGAI AREAS. NO ORDNANCE WAS EXPENDED, NO DIFFICULTIES WERE ENCOUNTERED.

7. MAG-SIXTEEN (-).

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(A) VMO-TWO. UH-1E AIRCRAFT ESCORTED HELM THREE SIX FIVE ON ROUTINE LIFTS. TWO UH-1E LIFTED MGEN WALT AND RADM REEDY TO THE VICINITY OF DANANG TAOR AND MONKEY MOUNTAIN. G-1B CONDUCTED ARTILLERY SPOT MISSION IN THE VICINITY OF (AT 877776) FOR TWELFTH MARINES. TWO G-1B PERFORMED DAWN AND DUSK PATROLS OF CHU LAI, DANANG AND HEE PHU BAI TAOR.

(B) HMM ONE SIX ONE. LIFTED 170 ARVN TROOPS FROM HUE CITADEL TO HUONG BIEP (YT 634426). LIFTED 380

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MARINES AND TWO TONS OF CARGO IN SUPPORT OF TWO SLANT THREE. CONDUCTED ARTILLERY SPOT MISSION IN THE VICINITY OF (YD 8092). PERFORMED MARLOG FLIGHTS BETWEEN HUE PHU BAI, DANANG AND CHU LAI. CONDUCTED ROUTINE LIFTS OF PASSENGERS AND CARGO IN SUPPORT OF III MAF UNITS.

(C) HMM-THREE SIX FIVE. LIFTED 206 MARINES AND TWO TONS OF CARGO TO VARIOUS OUTPOSTS OF THE THIRD MARINES. LIFTED 294 MARINES AND 18 TONS OF CARGO TO VARIOUS OUTPOSTS FOR THE FOURTH MARINES. LIFTED BGM KARCH AND PARTY ON VISIT TO CHU LAI. CONDUCTED RECON OF CHU LAI, DANANG AND HUE PHU BAI AREAS. CONDUCTED ROUTINE PASSENGER AND CARGO LIFTS IN SUPPORT OF III MAF UNITS.

(D) HMM-TWO SIX ONE. CONDUCTED HEAVY LIFTS IN THE QUANG NGAI/QUANG TIN AREAS FOR THE ARVN FIRST AND SECOND DIVISION. LIFTED 590 PASSENGERS AND 53 TONS OF CARGO TO NUMEROUS LANDING ZONES. MISSIONS IN THE QUANG TIN AREA WERE ESCORTED BY M4G-TWELVE A4 AIRCRAFT. THERE WERE NO UNUSUAL OCCURRENCES.

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E. CIVIC ACTION

1. NAVY MOBILE CONSTRUCTION BN THREE HAS A CIVIC ACTION MEDICAL TEAM WORKING IN <sup>TUYEN</sup> ~~SON~~ HOA VILLAGE JUST EAST OF THE DANANG AIRFIELD (AT 033737). THE PROGRAM IS BEING CONDUCTED AS ASSISTANCE TO THE VILLAGE CHIEF'S MEDICAL PROGRAM. ON 23 JUNE OVER 200 PEOPLE CAME FOR TREATMENT. NAVY HOSPITAL CORPSMEN ARE WORKING SIDE BY SIDE WITH VIETNAMESE HEALTH WORKERS.

F. CHU LAI SAYS CONSTRUCTION

1. NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE THIS REPORTING PERIOD.

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I. INTELLIGENCE HIGHLIGHTS. VC ACTIVITY IN III MAF TAOR'S CONTINUES LIGHT WITH SPORADIC HARASSMENT OF PATROLS, LIGHT PROBES OF POSITIONS, AND GROUND FIRE AGAINST LOW FLYING AIRCRAFT. THERE HAVE BEEN NO CHANGES TO REPORTS OF A LARGE VC BUILD UP IN SOUTHERN QUANG TIN AND NORTHERN QUANG NGAI PROVINCES.

II. III MAF OPERATIONS.

A. THIRD MARINE DIVISION.

1. THIRD MARINES (DANANG AND HUE P U BAI TAORS). CONDUCTED 4 PATROLS AND ESTABLISHED 7 AMBUSH POSITIONS DURING THE

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REPORTING PERIOD WITH NO VC CONTACTS. DURING THE EARLY MORNING HOURS SUSPICIOUS MOVEMENTS WERE DETECTED IN THE VICINITY OF THE NORTHERN LE MY BRIDGE AS WELL AS THE DANANG AIRFIELD. ILLUMINATION REVEALED A MAN RUNNING AWAY IN EACH INSTANCE.

(A) FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES ESTABLISHED 2 SQUAD SIZE AMBUSHES VICINITY (AT 905721) AND (AT 955738) WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. NO PATROLLING WAS CONDUCTED DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS AS REPORTS WERE CONCENTRATED ON DEVELOPING NLR DEFENSIVE POSITIONS.

(B) SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES CONDUCTED THREE PATROLS, TWO OF SQUAD SIZE AND A THIRD COMPOSED OF TWO SQUADS. ONE OF THE SQUAD SIZE PATROLS WAS CONDUCTED FROM THE LE MY FORT TO (AT 873819) TO (AT 875813) AND BACK TO THE FORT. THE OTHER FROM (AT 898804) TO (AT 8778) AND RETURNED. THE PATROL, COMPOSED OF TWO SQUADS, WAS CONDUCTED FROM (AT 897774) TO (AT 8877) AND RETURNED. SQUAD SIZE AMBUSHES WERE ESTABLISHED AT (AT 893820), (AT 891823) AND (AT 895777). NEITHER PATROLS NOR AMBUSHES HAD ANY VC CONTACT. AT 250725H AN LVT DETONATED WHAT APPEARED TO BE A MINE AT (AT 895826). THERE WAS NO DAMAGE TO THE VEHICLE OR CREW. A MINE DETECTION TEAM LOCATED A SHAPED TNT CHARGE IN THIS SAME VIC AT 251315H. TWO WIRE'S LEAD FROM THE SHAPED CHARGE TO THE DETONATED

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CHARGE. CONNECTING THESE TWO WIRES WAS A THIRD WIRE LEADING NORTH ACROSS THE CA DE SONG RIVER. THE WIRE WAS TRACED ACROSS THE RIVER WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. FAULTY WIRING APPARENTLY PREVENTED BOTH CHARGES FROM BEING FIRED SIMULTANEOUSLY.

(C) FIRST BN, NINTH MARINES CONTINUED DANANG AIRFIELD SECURITY MISSION WITH COMPANIES A, C AND H&S (-). BN HQ AND COMPANIES B AND D OCCUPIED POSITIONS IN THE VICINITY (AT 973753). THERE WERE NO PATROLS OR AMBUSHES CONDUCTED DURING THIS PERIOD AS WORK BEGAN ON DEVELOPMENT OF NEW POSITIONS. THERE WAS NO VC CONTACT DURING THIS PERIOD.

(D) THIRD BN, FORTH MARINES CONTINUED SEARCH AND <sup>PATROL</sup> ~~SEARCH~~ ACTIVITIES MOVING FROM (YD 873098) TO (YD 841155) TO (YD 845096). A COMPANY PATROL BASE WAS ESTABLISHED AT THE LAST COORDINATE AND LOCAL PATROLS SENT OUT. PLATOON SIZE AMBUSHES WERE ALSO ESTABLISHED AT (YD 896106) AND (YD 903303). THERE WAS NO VC CONTACT DURING THIS PERIOD.

2. FOURTH MARINES. CONTINUED TO IMPROVE DEFENSIVE POSITIONS. TWELVE PATROLS AND ONE AMBUSH ~~WERE~~ WERE CONDUCTED DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD.

(A) FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES ~~CONTINUED~~ COMPANY A (-)

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SECTION OF AMTRACS ON A TWO DAY EXTENDED PATROL TO KY XUAN ISLAND GS (BT 4809). COMPANY G MAINTAINS ROADBLOCK ON BRIDGE (BT 498065) WITH ONE REINFORCED PLATOON ON HILL 69 (BT 468086). THERE WAS NO VC CONTACT DURING THIS PERIOD.

(B) SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES DISPATCHED A PLATOON OF COMPANY B TO ESTABLISH NIGHT AMBUSHES IN THE VICINITY (BT 487023). THERE WAS NO VC CONTACT THROUGHOUT NIGHT. CO H (-) WEL-LIFTED AT 250700H TO (BS 494985) AND FROM THERE CONDUCTED PATROLS TO VICINITY (BS 565990). THEY WERE TRUCKED BACK TO CP AT 251500H.

(C) THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES DISPATCHED CO I (-) AT 250600H ON EXTENDED PATROL FROM CO AREA TO SOUTHEAST BOUNDARY TAOR VICINITY (BS 5696). THE PATROL RETURNED AT 251600H WITHOUT VC CONTACT.

(D) THIRD BN, TWELFTH MARINES FIRED TWO OBSERVED MISSIONS AND 8 H&I MISSIONS. TOTAL AMMO EXPENDED - 63 ROUNDS.

(E) CO B, THIRD RECON BN DISPATCHED A PLATOON SIZE RECON PATROL BY LOR TO ISLAND VIC (BT 525145). RECONNAISSANCE STILL IN PROGRESS.

3. FIRST BN, TWELFTH MARINES. REMAINED IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF THIRD MARINES WITH ALL BATTALIES OCCUPYING THEIR PRIMARY POSITIONS, EXCEPT ONE PLATOON OF LIMA PTBY WHICH DISPLACED TO (AT 96487095).

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THERE WERE NO ADJUSTED MISSIONS FIRED DURING THIS PERIOD. ~~THREE~~ WERE A TOTAL OF 19 W&I MISSIONS FIRED IN THE AREA BOUNDED BY NORTH-SOUTH GRID LINES 85 AND 89 AND EAST-WEST GRID LINES 76 AND 83. ALL BTRYS EXCEPT ALFA, FIRED PRECISION REGISTRATIONS DURING THIS PERIOD.

4. THIRD BCOY BN. ESTABLISHED FOUR OBSERVATION/LISTENING POSTS IN SECTOR OF DANANG TAOR AT (AT 911608), (862619), (912645) AND (863600). OTHER OBSERVATION/LISTENING POSTS OP RATED FROM VICINITY HILL 393 (AT 8874), KONG DEE MOUNTAIN (AT 8382) AND VICINITY (AT 954746). THERE WERE NO SIGNIFICANT SIGHTINGS AND NO VC CONTACTS DURING THIS PERIOD.

5. THIRD ENGR BN. CONTINUED COMBAT ENGR OPERATIONS IN DANANG AREA, UTILIZING EQUIPMENT AND DEMOLITIONS AT NEW DIVISION OP SITE VICINITY # (AT 956753) AND CLASS V DUMP VICINITY HILL 327. ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROGRESSED IN FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES AREA.

B. GIU LAI AIRFIELD COMPLEX

1. EIGHT THOUSAND (8000) FEET OF R UNWAY STABILIZED TO DATE.

2. SEVEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FORTY FOUR (7944) FEET OF RUNWAY MATTING LAID TO DATE.

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3. SEVEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED (7700) FEET OF TAXIWAY  
STABILIZED TO DATE

4. FIVE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED TWO (5602) FEET OF TAXIWAY  
MATTING LAID TO DATE.

C. CIVIC ACTIONS

1. AT NHE PHU BAI, THE VILLAGES OF TUY PHU (YD 912117),  
TUY LONG (YD 908170) AND TUY TAN (YD 905150) WERE VISITED ON  
SUCCESSIVE DAYS BY COMPANY SIZE PATROLS AS PART OF PROJECT

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NEIGHBOR. CORPSEMAN AND DOCTORS ACCOMPANYING THE PATROLS WORKED WITH VILLAGE CHIEFS TO IMPROVE LOCAL SANITATION CONDITIONS. THEY THEN ESTABLISHED AID STATIONS AND TREATED ONE HUNDRED TO ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY PERSONS IN EACH VILLAGE. SICK CALL PATROLS WILL RETURN TO THESE VILLAGES WEEKLY BUT WILL NOT CONFORM TO A SCHEDULE.

2. TRAN THI NGUYET, A SEVEN YEAR OLD GIRL WITH CLEFT LIP AND PALATE, WAS FLOWN TO SAIGON FOR AN OPERATION AT THE SAIGON NAVAL HOSPITAL. ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE TRIP AND OPERATION WERE MADE BY THE CHAPLAIN OF THE FIRST BATTALION, THIRD MARINES AND THE FUNDS REQUIRED CAME FROM THE BATTALION CHAPEL COLLECTION.

D. NAVAL GUNFIRE SHIP AVAILABILITY (26 JUNE 1965) (READ IN TWO COLUMNS)

SHIP	AREA
SOUTHERLAND	ONE BRAVO
RUPERTUS	TWO
FORSTER	THREE
WENELL	FIVE
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E. FIRST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

1. VASS TWO. DASC OPERATIONS NORMAL. ALL WINGS UP AND OPERATING. ALL TPQ-1C MISSIONS ABORTED DUE COM DIFFICULTIES IN ACQUIRING A SOLID LOCK.

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2. WFA FIVE ONE THREE. CONDUCTED 16 SORTIES IN FOUR INTERDICTION MISSIONS. AT (BS 483337), FOUR F4B DESTROYED THREE STRUCTURES AND DAMAGED THREE OTHERS. TWO ADDITIONAL STRUCTURES WERE DESTROYED AT (BS 466258) DURING AN ATTACK ON VC TARGET CONCENTRATIONS. COMPLETE TARGET SATURATION WAS PROVIDED DURING RAIDS AT (YD 2736/YD 2936) AND (YD 3160)

3. MAG TWELVE. CONDUCTED 48 SORTIES IN 14 MISSIONS AGAINST TARGETS IN RVN. 42 SORTIES WERE INTERDICTION MISSIONS AGAINST VARIOUS TARGETS. SIX BUILDINGS WERE DESTROYED AT (BS 485379), THREE AT (BS 496259), TWO AT (BS 492328) AND THREE AT (BS 466368). AFTER THE FIRST ATTACK HAD DESTROYED THREE STRUCTURES AT (BS 477259) A FOLLOW-ON MISSION BY FOUR A4C DESTROYED TWO MORE BUILDINGS. THREE ADDITIONAL BUILDINGS WERE DESTROYED AND ONE DAMAGED AT (BS 458376). FOUR A4E ESCORTED MAG ONE SIX UE-34D ON MISSIONS VICINITY (AT 8382). NO ORDNANCE EXPENDED.

4. 1ST LAAM BN (-). FULLY CAPABLE OF PERFORMING ASSIGNED TASK. MAINTAINING ALERT STATUS.

5. MAG ONE SIX (-)

(A) WFO TWO. CONDUCTED DAWN PATROL OF THE HUE PHU BAI TAOR. LIGHT SMALL ARMS FIRE RECEIVED AT (AT 936674) NO HITS

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ON THE ACFT. THE O-1B CONDUCTED ARTILLERY SPOT MISSIONS FOR THE  
 TWENTH MARINES VIC (AT 8679). UH-1E GUN SHIPS ESCORTED HH-43  
 SIX ONE AND HH-43 THREE SIX FIVE UH-34D ACFT ON ASSIGNED MISSIONS.  
 CONDUCTED RECON MISSIONS IN SUPPORT OF III MAF FORCES.

(B) HH-43 ONE SIX ONE. CONDUCTED DUSK PATROL OF HUE  
 PHU HAI TAOR. PERFORMED MARLOG FLIGHTS BETWEEN HUE PHU HAI,  
 DANANG AND CHU LAI. CONDUCTED ROUTINE FLIGHTS IN SUPPORT OF III MAF  
 UNITS.

(C) HH-43 TWO SIX ONE. CONDUCTED ROUTINE FLIGHTS IN  
 SUPPORT OF ARVN 1ST AND 2ND DIV. SUPPRESSING FIRE FROM ORGANIC MG  
 REQUIRED IN LZ (BS 350650) AGAINST LIGHT TO MODERATE VC SMALL ARMS  
 FIRE. NO HITS ON ACFT. 332 ARVN HELICOPTERS BETWEEN QUANG SON (BT  
 045350) AND NOI AN (BT 152570). NO UNUSUAL INCIDENTS.

(D) HH-43 THREE SIX FIVE. CONDUCTED ROUTINE FLIGHTS OF  
 PAX AND CARGO IN SUPPORT OF III MAF UNITS. MINOR ENGINE DAMAGE  
 RECEIVED FROM SMALL ARMS FIRE VICINITY (BT 1264). ACFT COMPLETED  
 MISSION, NO INJURIES TO PERSONNEL. LIFTED 158 MARINES AND 10  
 TONS OF CARGO TO VARIOUS OUTPOST IN SUPPORT OF FOURTH MARINES.

6. VMCJ-1. PASSEP (PLANS SUMMARY)

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SITREP #56 PERIOD 252400H TO 262400H JUNE 1965

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I. INTELLIGENCE HIGHLIGHTS. VC INITIATED ACTIVITY AGAINST USMC AND ARVN UNITS IN I CORPS CONTINUES TO REMAIN LIGHT. RECENT RPTS TEND TO CONFIRM BELIEF THAT UNITS UP TO AND INCLUDING BN SIZE HAVE INFILTRATED THE FIRST ARVN DIV AREA AND ARE LOCATED IN AN AREA FIFTEEN MILES S HUE PHU BAI. PRESENT LOCATION OF ENEMY FORCES REMAINS CONCENTRATED IN AREAS S OF PHU BAI, W OF DANANG, NW OF QUANG NGAI AND NW OF CHU LAI.

II. III MAF OPERATIONS.

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## A. THIRD MARDIV

1. THIRD MARINES (DANANG AND HUE PHU BAI). ~~ONE BATT~~ <sup>1ST BN</sup>  
~~THIRD BN CP~~ <sup>THIRD MARINES</sup> DISPLACED TO (AT 951721). ~~TWO BATT THREE~~ <sup>2D BN THIRD MARINES</sup> DISCON-  
 TINUED WORK ON THE NORTHERN PORTION OF THE DANANG MLR AS THE  
 TAOR WAS EXTENDED IN THAT AREA AND COMMENCED WORK ON NEW MLR  
 POSITIONS. ~~THREE BATT WERE~~ <sup>1ST BN NINTH MARINES</sup> CONTINUED DEFENSE OF THE AIRFIELD  
 AND COMPLETED FINAL PLANNING/COORDINATION FOR A THREE COMPANY  
 SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION TOMORROW. ~~THREE BATT FOUR~~ <sup>3D BN FOURTH MARINES</sup> CON-  
 TINUED SEARCH AND SWEEP OPERATIONS IN THE W PORTION OF THE  
 HUE PHU BAI TAOR. THE THIRD MARINES HAD NO VC CONTACTS DURING  
 THE PERIOD.

(A) FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES ESTABLISHED A SQUAD  
 AMBUSH SITE VIC (AT 905721) SEVEN MILES SW OF DANANG THE NIGHT  
 OF 25-26 JUNE BUT HAD NO VC CONTACT. THERE WERE NO PATROLS  
 TODAY AS ALL EFFORT WAS DIRECTED TOWARD DEVELOPMENT OF MLR  
 POSITIONS. AT 261210H, TWO RDS OF 105MM WP IMPACTED THREE HUNDRED  
 METERS FROM A PLT POSIT VIC (AT 960708) FOUR MILES SW OF DANANG.  
 THE INCOMING RDS H<sup>AD</sup> BEEN FIRED BY ARVN ARTY.

(B) SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES ESTABLISHED SQUAD AM-  
 BUSHES VIC (AT 891823) EIGHT AND ONE HALF MILES NW OF DANANG

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AND (AT 895777) SEVEN MILES W OF DANANG DURING THE NIGHT OF 25-26 JUNE. NEITHER SITE HAD VC CONTACT. DAYLIGHT SQD SIZE PATROLS OPERATING WITHIN THREE THOUSAND METERS OF CO'S E, F, AND H CP'S HAD NEGATIVE VC CONTACTS. THE TRACE OF THE DANANG TAOR IN THE BN NORTHERN SECTOR WAS ALTERED TODAY AND WORK IMMEDIATELY COMMENCED ON NEW MLR POSITIONS. WITHIN THE BN SECTOR THE MLR NOW EXTENDS FROM (AT 907753) NORTH TO (AT 896827). AS A RESULT OF INFORMATION GIVEN TO THE MARINES BY REFUGEES WHO HAVE MOVED INTO THE BN AREA RECENTLY, <sup>2D BN THIRD MARINES</sup> ~~TWO CLANT THREE~~ APPREHENDED FIVE SUSPECTED VC VIC (AT 898772) SEVEN MILES W OF DANANG. TWO AMBUSH SITES WERE ESTABLISHED VIC (AT 899820) EIGHT MILES NW OF DANANG AND (AT 898772) TONIGHT. THERE WERE NO REPORTED VC CONTACTS BY THESE AMBUSH SITES AS THE REPORTING PERIOD ENDED.

(C) FIRST BN, NINTH MARINES CONDUCTED NO PATROLS FOR AMBUSHES DURING THE PERIOD AS FINAL PREPARATIONS WERE MADE FOR THE SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION WHICH WILL COMMENCE IN THE NW PORTION OF THE TAOR TOMORROW.

(D) THIRD BN, FOURTH MARINES ESTABLISHED TWO SQUAD AMBUSH SITES AT (YD 902112) ONE MILE SE OF HUE PHU BAI AND (YD 887158) ONE HALF MILE N OF HUE PHU BAI THE NIGHT OF 25-26

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JUNE BUT HAD NO VC CONTACTS. COM CONTINUED SEARCH AND SWEEP OPERATIONS SWEEPING FROM (YD 845096) TO (YD 821119) WITH NEGATIVE VC CONTACT. ONE AMBUSH SITE WAS ESTABLISHED TONIGHT AT (YD 821119) FOUR AND ONE HALF MILES SW OF HUE PHU BAI. THERE WERE NO REPORTED CONTACTS AS THE PERIOD CLOSED.

2. FIRST BN, TWELFTH MARINES PROVIDED D/S TO THE THIRD MARINES. SIXTEEN H AND I MISSIONS WERE FIRED AT SUSPECTED VC ASSEMBLY AREAS AND OP'S. THIRTY TWO RDS WERE EXPENDED. BTRY L MINUS DISPLACED FORWARD TO VIC (AT 965710) FOUR MILES SW OF DANANG WHILE ALL OTHER BTRY'S REMAINED IN THEIR PRIMARY POSITIONS.

3. THIRD RECON BN CONTINUED OP/LP OPNS IN FOUR SEPARATE AREAS; DONG DEN MOUNT (AT 8382), HILL 393 (AT 8874), OP HOTEL (AT 9574) AND THE EXTREME S SECTOR OF THE DANANG TAOR. THE ONLY SIGNIFICANT SIGHTING REPORTED WAS IN THE VIC (AT 873607) TWELVE AND ONE HALF MILES SW OF DANANG WHERE APPROX TWELVE PEOPLE WERE NOTED CARRYING FULL BASKETS INTO THE SURROUNDING HILLS AND THEN RETURNING WITH THEIR BASKETS EMPTY. THIS ACTIVITY IS INDICATIVE OF SUPPLY FOR A VC CAMP OR FORCE IN THE AREA. BETWEEN 260811H AND 261127H, RECON DIVERS WITH SCUBA GEAR WERE UTILIZED IN SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS VIC (AT 903708) SEVEN MILES SW OF

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③ DANANG WHERE AN M48 TANK HAD SUBMERGED IN A LARGE HOLE WHILE FORDING A RIVER BED. THE DIVERS LOCATED AND RECOVERED THE BODIES OF ALL FIVE MARINES IN THE TANK. C42

4. THIRD ENGR BN SUPPORTED THE THIRD RECON BN UNITS (EN DONG DEN MT AND CLEARED A LZ THEREAT. A MINE CLEARANCE TEAM SUPPORTED THE TANK CO ELEMENTS DURING THEIR MOVE TO A FIRING AREA IN THE W SECTOR OF THE TAOR. ONE ENGR BN NCO WAS LOST AS A RESULT OF THE TANK ACCIDENT PREVIOUSLY DESCRIBED. AROUND THE CLOCK WORK CONTINUED ON CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW DIV AMMO DUMPS, ROAD CONSTRUCTION/IMPROVEMENT WAS ACCOMPLISHED ON THE ROUTE TO ~~ONE ST BN 3D MARINES~~ <sup>1ST BN 3D MARINES</sup> ~~ONE ST BN 3D MARINES~~ CP, ~~GO A ST BN 3D MARINES~~ AND ON THE ROAD FROM (AT 987790) TO (AT 997736). C21

5. FOURTH MARINES (CHU LAI). CONSTRUCTION OF AIRFIELD DEFENSIVE POSITIONS CONTINUES ALONG WITH ~~REPERABLE~~ PATROLLING THROUGHOUT THE CHU LAI TAOR. THE TWO CO SEARCH AND CLEAR OPN CONDUCTED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE <sup>Popular Force</sup> ~~PLTS~~ ~~REPERABLE~~ REPORTED IN THE LAST SITREP WAS COMPLETED TODAY. A TOTAL OF TEN PATROLS AND ONE AMBUSH WERE CONDUCTED DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD. C11

(A) FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES CONTINUED PATROLLING ON KY XUAN ISLAND (BT 4809), ESTABLISHING A NIGHT AMBUSH SITE  
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(B) SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES HELILIFTED A PLT OF B CO INTO LZ VIC (BT 4302) EIGHT MILES SW OF CHU LAI. THE PLT PATROLLED W TO (BT 490033). THE PATROL RECEIVED INEFFECTIVE SA FIRE FROM THE VIC (BT 451023) SIX AND ONE HALF MILES SW OF CHU LAI BUT WERE UNABLE TO MAKE CONTACT WITH THE VC.

(C) THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES CONDUCTED SQUAD PATROLS TWO TO THREE THOUSAND METERS FORWARD OF THEIR DEFENSIVE POSITIONS. ~~OO-M IS DESIGNATED REGIMENTAL RESERVE.~~

(D) THIRD BN, TWELFTH MARINES FIRED ONE WA MISSION AND THREE H AND I MISSIONS EXPENDING TWENTY SEVEN RDS.

B. FIRST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

1. BGEN MCCUTCHEON MET WITH THE DEPUTY COMMANDER OF THE SECOND AIR DIV TO DISCUSS OPERATIONAL MATTERS.

2. FIRST LAAM BN MINUS. CONDUCTED TWO AAW EXERCISES WITH USAF F-102 ACFT ON THREE SEPARATE RAIDS. RAID ONE APPROACHED OVER THE BAY DE TOURANE UNTIL 320 DEGREES THEN BEGAN A DIRECT APPROACH. THE RAID WAS ACQUIRED BUT DELAY IN IDENTIFICATION PRECLUDED ENGAGEMENT. RAID TWO WAS A DIRECT APPROACH ON A BEARING OF 135 DEGREES. THE TARGET NEVER APPEARED ON RADAR

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VIDEO AND WAS NOT ACQUIRED BY BLIND TRACKING. RAID THREE WAS A DIRECT APPROACH BY TWO ACFT ON A BEARING OF 360 DEGREES. THE RAID WAS ENGAGED AT SIXTEEN KILOMETERS.

3. MAG ONE TWO. FIFTY SORTIES IN THIRTEEN MISSIONS WERE CONDUCTED AGAINST TARGETS IN RVN. FOUR A1E ESCORTED MAG ONE SIX HELICOPTERS TO (BT 4208) WHERE THEY PREPARED THE LZ WITH EIGHT 1000 LBS FIREBOMBS AND 20MM FIRE. ON A SECOND MAG ONE SIX HELO ESCORT MISSION, THE LZ WAS FOUND SECURE AND THE FOUR A1E PROCEEDED TO A FREE STRIKE ZONE AND ATTACKED TROOP POSITIONS VIC (BS 153770). FOUR A1E WERE AVAILABLE AT (BT 4208) TO PROVIDE GAS FOR THE FOURTH MARINES. AFTER BEING RELIEVED ON STATION, THE ACFT ATTACKED AN ALTERNATE TARGET AT (BT 177207). THE ADDITIONAL A1E REMAINED ON STATION IN THE TARGET AREA. IN EIGHT INTERDICTION MISSIONS THIRTY TWO SORTIES DESTROYED TWO STRUCTURES AT (BT 110203), SIX STRUCTURES AND EIGHT RICE PADDIES (BT 128233), AND SEVEN STRUCTURES AT (BT 079249) PLUS DAMAGING FIVE STRUCTURES AND LEAVING GRAIN STACKS BURNING. TWO ADDITIONAL BUILDINGS WERE DESTROYED AT (BT 110325) IN AN ATTACK BY FOUR A1E. TWO A1E WERE DIRECTED TO (AT 825593) BY MASS TWO ASRT UTILIZING AN/TPQ-10 RADAR. THERE WAS NO DAMAGE ASSESSMENT XX

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4. VMFA FIVE ONE THREE. SEVENTEEN SORTIES IN FIVE MISSIONS WERE CONDUCTED AGAINST TARGETS IN RVN. FIFTEEN SORTIES WERE INTERDICTION ATTACKS AGAINST VC TROOP POSITS IN WOODED AREAS. THREE STRUCTURES WERE DESTROYED AT (YD 789106) AND A SECONDARY FIRE WAS NOTED AT (BT 151200). TWO F4B WERE SCRAMBLED TO ATTACK A VC COMPANY VIC (BT 451034). THE STRIKE WAS CALLED IN BY THE FAC OF TWO SLANT FOUR.

5. MASS TWO. ALL DASC NETS UP AND OPERATING. ONE A4 MISSION WAS CONTROLLED BY AN/TPQ-10 WITH TWELVE MK 81 BOMBS EXPENDED AT (AT 825593).

6. MAG ONE SIX

(A) HMM ONE SIX ONE. MARLOG FLIGHTS WERE ~~CONDUCTED~~ CONDUCTED BETWEEN HUE PHU BAI, DANANG AND CHU LAI. ROUTINE LIFTS OF PAX AND CARGO WERE PERFORMED IN SUPPORT OF III MAF UNITS ALONG WITH A DAWN PATROL OF THE HUE PHU BAI TAOR.

(B) HMM TWO SIX ONE. CONDUCTED ROUTINE PAX AND CARGO LIFTS IN SUPPORT OF THE ARVN FIRST AND SECOND DIV. FIVE TONS OF CARGO AND ONE HUNDRED FOUR ARVN PAX WERE LIFTED FROM VIC (BS 9023) TO QUANG NGAI AND (BS 3870). TWO TONS OF CARGO

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AND TWO HUNDRED FIVE ARVN PAX WERE LIFTED FROM (ZC 210330)  
TO (AT 812391) AND (BT 031510).

(C) HMM THREE SIX FIVE. SEVEN UH-34D ESCORTED BY  
VMO TWO UH-1E AND MAG TWELVE A1 ACFT LANDED ONE HUNDRED FORTY  
FIVE MARINES IN LZ'S VIC (BT 4308) AND (BT 4208). ONE UH34D  
RECEIVED SA FIRE VIC (BT 4202). THE ACFT HAD ONE HIT CAUSING  
MINOR SKIN DAMAGE. THERE WERE NO USMC CASUALTIES. FIVE  
HUNDRED FIFTY FIVE MARINES AND EIGHT TONS OF CARGO WERE LIFTED  
ON VARIOUS MISSIONS IN THE CHU LAI AREA. EVACUATED FIVE MARINES  
KILLED IN TANK ACCIDENT PREVIOUSLY REPORTED. PERFORMED ROUTINE  
LIFTS OF PAX AND CARGO FOR III MAF UNITS.

(D) VMO TWO NINUS. TWO O-1B ACFT CONDUCTED DAWN  
AND DUSK PATROLS OF THE CHU LAI TAOR. THE O-1B'S ALSO PERFORMED  
A VISUAL RECON MISSION VIC (YD 8081). ARMED UH-1E ESCORTED HMM  
THREE SIX FIVE ON MISSIONS VIC (BT 4308) AND (BT 4208). UH-1E  
ACFT ENCOUNTERED MODERATE SMALL ARMS FIRE AT (BT 429093) WHILE  
PERFORMING A RECON AND SUPPRESSIVE FIRE MISSION. THE ACFT  
RECEIVED THREE HITS AND TWO USMC WERE KIA AS THE PILOT AND  
GUNNER RECEIVED SHRAPNEL IN THE LEGS. WHILE RETURNING SUP-  
PRESSIVE FIRE, SEVERAL BLDGS WERE DESTROYED AND THREE VC WERE  
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KILLED. THE DAMAGED ACFT COMPLETED THE MISSION AND RETURNED  
 TO DANANG.

7. VMCJ ONE. PASEP (PLANS SUMMARY).

C. CIVIC ACTIONS. <sup>2D BN THIRD MARINES</sup>  
~~TWO SLANT THREE~~ HAS PROVIDED AN AVERAGE

OF TWENTY CASES OF RATIONS PER DAY TO THE FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY  
 REFUGEES FROM HO AN THONG WHO WERE EVACUATED A WEEK AGO. REGIS-  
 TRATION OF THESE REFUGEES IS NOW NEARLY COMPLETED. ATTENDANCE  
 AT THE LEMMY DISPENSARY HAS RISEN TO APPROX TWO HUNDRED

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VIETNAMESE PER DAY WITH SOME PATIENTS COMING BY FOOT FROM VILLAGES TEN MILES AWAY. THE FOUR LOCAL VIETNAMESE NURSES AT LE MY ALONG WITH THE MARINES HAVE INDOCTRINATED REFUGEE CENTERS IN BASIC SANITARY MEASURES AND THE REFUGEES HAVE RESPONDED BY KEEPING THEIR AREAS CLEAN. ~~THE GENERAL RESPONSE OF THE REFUGEES TOWARD THE MARINES HAS BEEN VERY GOOD AND THEY RECENTLY RE-~~ <sup>PRC</sup> ~~SENTED A LETTER OF APPRECIATION TO TWO SLANT THREE.~~ <sup>20 BN THIRD MARINES</sup>

D. CUU LAI AIRFIELD COMPLEX.

1. EIGHT THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED (8,500) FT OF TAXIWAY HAS BEEN EXCAVATED.
2. EIGHT THOUSAND (8,000) FEET OF TAXIWAY HAS BEEN STABILIZED.
3. NO CHANGE IN RUNWAY OR TAXIWAY MATTING <sup>LAD</sup> SINCE SITREP NUMBER 55.

E. NAVAL GUNFIRE.

1. ONE NON SCHEDULED MISSION WAS FIRED IN THE II CORPS AREA VIC (CQ 225205), (CQ 222207), (CQ 218212) AND (CQ 225210), AGAINST SUSPECTED VC AREAS. THE USS HAMNER FIRED <sup>THIS</sup> ~~THE~~ MISSION WHICH COMMENCED 251503H AND WAS COMPLETED 251551H. ONE HUNDRED TWO RDS OF 5" AAC WERE EXPENDED. AIRBORNE SPOTTER REPORTED
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GOOD TO NO EFFECT ~~ED~~ ON TARGET.

2. NO NAVAL GUNFIRE WAS FIRED IN THE I, III, OR IV CORPS AREAS.

3. IGHF SHIP AVAILABILITY (27 JUNE) (READ IN TWO COLUMNS)

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III. NEXT SITREP DUE 272400H JUNE 1965.

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III MAF SITREP #57 262400H TO 272400H JUNE 65

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I. INTELLIGENCE HIGHLIGHTS. VC ACTIVITY CONTINUES TO BE THAT OF LIGHT PROBES AND HARASSMENT AGAINST USEC AND ARVN UNITS THROUGHOUT THE I CORPS AREA. REPORTS STILL INDICATE LARGE VC TROOP CONCENTRATIONS IN THE SECOND ARVN DIVISION AREA, SOUTH AND WEST OF CHU LAI.

II. III MAF OPERATIONS

A. FIRST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

1. FIRST LAAM BN (..). CONDUCTED THREE AAV EXERCISES

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WITH USAF F-102 AIRCRAFT. RAID ONE WAS A LOW ALTITUDE APPROACH BY THREE AIRCRAFT ON A BEARING OF 110 DEGREES TO 120 DEGREES AND A SPEED OF 400 KNOTS. RAID TWO WAS A LOW ALTITUDE APPROACH BY THREE AIRCRAFT ON A BEARING OF 230 DEGREES AND A SPEED OF 380 KNOTS. RAID THREE WAS A HIGH ALTITUDE OVER MONKEY MOUNTAIN. RAID FOUR WAS A LOW LEVEL APPROACH COVERED BY HEAVY MASKING, ON A BEARING OF 330 DEGREES. UPON REACHING THE EDGE OF BAY DE TOURANE THE RAID DROPPED FROM 100 TO 50 FT. ALL AIRCRAFT ON ALL RAIDS WERE SUCCESSFULLY ENGAGED.

2. MAG-TWELVE. CONDUCTED SIXTY FIVE SORTIES IN EIGHTEEN MISSIONS AGAINST ASSIGNED TARGETS. SEVEN SORTIES ~~WERE~~ LAUNCHED TO BE ON-CALL FOR A THIRD MARINES OPERATION. AFTER BEING RELIEVED ON-STATION THE AIRCRAFT PROCEEDED TO AN ALTERNATE TARGET AND ATTACKED VC TROOP POSITIONS AT (ZC 189 - 820). SIXTEEN SORTIES IN FOUR MISSIONS PROVIDED CLOSE AIR SUPPORT TO THIRD MARINES IN THE VICINITY OF (AT 8477), (AT 8361), (AT 8481), AND (AT 8281). THE STRIKES WERE CALLED IN BY FORWARD AIR CONTROLLERS ~~FOR~~<sup>OF</sup> THE THIRD MARINES, AND VMG-TWO BH-1E ACTING AS TAC (A). TWO ALC ESCORTED MAG-16

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HELICOPTERS AND PROVIDED COMBAT AIR PATROL IN THE VICINITY OF (BT 2922). NO ORDNANCE WAS EXPENDED. THIRTY TWO INTERDICTION SORTIES ATTACKED TARGETS IN RVN. FIFTEEN STRUCTURES WERE DESTROYED AND TEN DAMAGED AT (BQ 120750), FORTY FOUR BUILDINGS WERE LEFT BURNING AT (CQ 150775), FORTY BUILDINGS DESTROYED AT (CQ 160775) **FLASH** AND A SECONDARY EXPLOSION WAS NOTED AT (AT 813866). IN AN ATTACK ON AN ARVN CAMP OVER RUN BY VC AT (ZB 135 - 359) A 105 GUN WAS DESTROYED ALONG WITH TEN BUILDINGS, AND THREE OTHER BUILDINGS WERE DAMAGED. FOUR SORTIES WERE ESCORT MISSIONS FOR NAG SIXTEEN HELICOPTERS. AFTER THE HELO ESCORT THE SORTIES DESTROYED HUTS AT (BS 145 - 760) AND (BS 150750). ON RETURNING FROM DESTROYING A GUN POSITION AT (ZB 020220) ONE A1C OF WMA 214 EXPERIENCED HYDRAULIC FAILURE. THE LANDING GEAR COLLAPSED ON LANDING DOING EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO THE AIRCRAFT. THE PILOT WAS UNINJURED. ON INVESTIGATION IT WAS FOUND THAT SMALL ARMS FIRE HAD SEVERED THE HYDRAULIC LINES.

3. VIFA FIVE ONE THREE. CONDUCTED FOURTEEN SORTIES

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IN FOUR INTERDICTION MISSIONS. ONE BUILDING WAS DESTROYED AND OTHERS UNDER A TREE CANOPY WERE DAMAGED AT (AS 910020). TWO STRUCTURES WERE DESTROYED AND ONE WAS DAMAGED AT (BQ 020680). A SECONDARY EXPLOSION WAS NOTED DURING A RAID AT (YD 232291).

4. MASS-TWO. DASC OPERATIONS WERE LIGHT. ALL NETS WERE UP AND OPERATING. NO AN/TPQ-TEN MISSIONS CONDUCTED DURING THE PERIOD.

5. MAG-SIXTEEN(-).

A. IN A COMBINED AIR GROUND OPERATION ALL SQUADRONS PARTICIPATED IN A MAJOR LIFT OF MARINES TO LANDING ZONES IN THE VICINITY OF (AT 8579) AND (AT 8675). WITH A WMO-TWO UH-1E ACTING AS AIRBORNE COORDINATOR, ESCORTED BY TWO O-1B, FORTY TWO UH-34 D LIFTED SIX HUNDRED SIXTY FIVE MARINES AND TWENTY SIX TROOPS OF THE LOCAL POPULAR FORCES INTO THE LANDING ZONES. MAG TWELVE A4 AIRCRAFT PROVIDED COVER FOR THE HELICOPTERS. THE LANDING ZONES WERE PREPARED BY ARTILLERY FIRE SPOTTED BY O-1B AIRCRAFT. THE LIFT WAS ACCOMPLISHED WITHOUT INCIDENT.

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OTHER ACTIVITY OF THE SQUADRONS WAS AS INDICATED BELOW.

B. VMO-TWO. O-1B CONDUCTED DAWN AND DUSK PATROLS OF THE CHU LAI AND HUE PHU BAI TACR. LIFTED MAJGEN WALT AND PARTY ON A VISUAL RECON OF THE AREA WEST OF HILL THREE TWO SEVEN.

C. HMM TWO SIX ONE. PERFORMED ROUTINE LIFTS OF PASSENGERS AND CARGO IN THE QUANG TIN/QUANG NGAI AREA SUPPORTING THE ARVN FIRST DIVISION..

D. HMM ONE SIX ONE. CONDUCTED ROUTINE LIFTS OF PASSENGERS AND CARGO IN SUPPORT OF III MAF FORCES. ~~PERFORMED~~ PERFORMED MARLOG FLIGHTS BETWEEN HUE PHU BAI, DANANG AND CHU LAI.

E. HMM THREE SIX FIVE. CONDUCTED ROUTINE LIFTS OF PASSENGER AND CARGO IN SUPPORT OF III MAF FORCES. LIFTED THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY EIGHT PASSENGERS AND TEN TONS OF CARGO TO VARIOUS OUTPOSTS FOR THE FOURTH MARINES.

B. THIRD MARINE DIVISION

1. HIGHLIGHTS. A BATTALION SIZE SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION WAS CONDUCTED IN THE NORTHWEST SECTOR OF THE DANANG TACR.

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TROOPS NOW IN PLACE, THE COMPANIES MOVED EASTWARD TO A LINE RUNNING GENERALLY SOUTH FROM LE MY (AT 9082). SNIPER FIRE RECEIVED FROM WEST OF LANDING ZONE BRAVO AT 0715H WAS QUICKLY SILENCED BY <sup>AN</sup> AIR STRIKE. DURING THE OPERATION FOURTEEN SUSPECTED VC WERE APPREHENDED. A TUNNEL AND PUNJI TRAP WERE FOUND (AT 870778), AND CLOTHING, RICE, AND MORPHINE WERE FOUND NEARBY IN A HUT WHICH WAS DESTROYED.

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AT 271730H. AT THE END OF THE REPORTING PERIOD THE BATTALION, MAINTAINING THE SECURITY OF THE DA NANG AIRFIELD, REPORTED SEVERAL SHOTS OF SMALL ARMS FIRE AND FLARE ACTION SOUTH AND SOUTHEAST OF THE FIELD PERIMETER.

(B) FIRST BATTALION, THIRD MARINES. CONTINUED TO IMPROVE DEFENSIVE POSITIONS.

(C) SECOND BATTALION, THIRD MARINES. PROVIDED A COMPANY FOR THE OPERATION MENTIONED ABOVE IN ADDITION TO A PLATOON FROM ECHO COMPANY WHICH WAS

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ASSIGNED A SUPPORTING BLOCKING POSITION.

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(D) THIRD BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES.

CONTINUED A SEARCH AND PATROL OPERATION WITH MIKE COMPANY MOVING IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE WESTERN EDGE OF THE HUE PHU BAI TAOR (YD 821119) TO (YD 842145). THE PATROL WAS UNEVENTFUL AND THE COMPANY ESTABLISHED A NIGHT PATROL POSITION WHERE THE PATROL TERMINATED.

(E) FIRST BATTALION, TWELFTH MARINES. CHIPPED

TO THE THIRD MARINES' OPERATIONAL CONTROL AT 270900H. DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD THE BATTALION FIRED THREE PREPARATION FIRES, TWO ADJUSTED MISSIONS AND FIFTY NINE HARASSMENT AND INTERDICTION MISSIONS.

3. THIRD RECON BN. CONTINUED TO PATROL TO THE WEST AND SOUTH OF THE DANANG TAOR, WITH LISTENING/OUTPOSTS ESTABLISHED IN THE EXTREME WESTERN PORTION OF THE TAOR AT COORDINATES (AT 833778) AND (AT 835785). THESE POSITIONS HAVE DOGS ATTACHED.

4. THIRD ENGINEER BATTALION. PROVIDED DEMOLITION SUPPORT TO THE RECON BN, CLEARING A HELICOPTER LANDING SITE

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AT DONG DEN MOUNTAIN (AT 857629), AND A REVE CLEARANCE  
TEAM TO CLEAR AN AREA OUTSIDE THE NORTHWEST PERIMETER  
OF THE DA NANG AIRFIELD COMPLEX.

5. FOURTH MARINES. CONTINUED PATROLLING  
THROUGHOUT THE TAOR, WITH CONSTRUCTION OF FORTIFICATIONS ON  
THE COMBAT OUTPOST LINE MAINTAINING A HIGH PRIORITY.  
AT THE END OF THE REPORTING PERIOD THERE WAS SOME SMALL ARMS  
FIRE AND A FEW SIGHTINGS OUTSIDE THE DEFENSIVE ~~LINE~~ WIRE,  
CREATING GENERAL HARASSMENT.

## 6. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

## (A) MAJOR UNIT ACTIONS

- (1) SEARCH AND DESTROY
- (2) QUANG NAM - ONE SIX KILOMETERS WEST  
OF DA NANG.
- (3) FIRST BN, NINTH MARINES
- (4) THIRD MARINE REGIMENT
- (5) 270630H
- (6) 271730H
- (7) FOURTEEN VCS APPREHENDED
- (8) NOT APPLICABLE

## (B) SMALL UNIT ACTIONS - NONE

7. A TOTAL OF THIRTEEN PATROLS AND SEVEN AMBUSHES  
WERE UTILIZED DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD.

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C. CIVIC ACTION. TWELVE THOUSAND POUNDS OF FOOD STUFFS AND CLOTHING HAVE BEEN OBTAINED FROM SAIGON CHARITY SOURCES FOR DISTRIBUTION BY SECOND BATTALION, THIRD MARINES TO THE REFUGEES IN THE LE MY AREA.

D. NAVAL GUNFIRE SHIPS AVAILABLE 28 JUNE 1965.

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PUPPETUS (DD)	2
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NEAFIELD (DER) *	5

\* CAPABLE OF DIRECT FIRE ONLY.

E. CHI LAI SATS CONSTRUCTION

- (1) RUNWAY COMPLETED THIS DATE.
- (2) 8400 FEET OF TAXIWAY STABILIZED TO DATE.
- (3) 5778 FEET OF TAXIWAY MATTING LAID TO DATE.

III. PLANS SUMMARY: PASEP

IV. GENERAL:

A. MY NEXT SITREP DUE 282400H JUNE 65.

B. DO NOT SERVICE THIS MESSAGE; ALL ADDRES PROTECTED

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I. INTELLIGENCE HIGHLIGHTS. VC ACTIVITY AGAINST USMC AND ARVN UNITS REMAINS LIGHT WHILE REPORTS INDICATE A LARGE VC BUILDUP IN SOUTHERN QUANG TIN AND NORTHERN QUANG NGAI. THESE REPORTS FURTHER INDICATE THE PRESENCE OF TWO UNCONFIRMED REGT HEADQUARTERS TO COMMAND PREVIOUSLY REPORTED BATTALIONS AND A HEADQUARTERS TO COMMAND THE REGTS. IF THE LATTER HEADQUARTERS IS CONFIRMED IT WILL BE THE LARGEST OPERATIONAL HEADQUARTERS EVER REPORTED IN QUANG NAI.

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## II. III MAF OPERATIONS

## A. FIRST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

1. VMFA FIVE ONE THREE. CONDUCTED 16 SORTIES IN FOUR MISSIONS. FOUR SORTIES PREPARED A LANDING ZONE FOR MAG-16 HELICOPTERS AT (BT 040266). A TRENCHLINE ALONG THE RIVER WAS SATURATED. FOUR STRUCTURES DESTROYED AND NINE DAMAGED IN THE LANDING ZONE AREA. TWELVE SORTIES WERE INTERDICTION ATTACKS, DESTROYING A TOTAL OF SEVEN STRUCTURES AND SATURATING THE TARGET AREAS AT (CQ 1533), (BT 422092) AND (AR 823424).

2. VASS TWO. DASC OPERATIONS NORMAL, ALL NETS UP AND OPERATING. ASRT CONTROLLED THREE MISSIONS OF A4 ACFT, UTILIZING THE AN/TPQ-10 RADAR, AGAINST SIX TARGETS. SIXTEEN MK-81 AND EIGHT MK-82 BOMBS WERE DROPPED ON TARGETS. RADAR AND COMPUTER INDICATED GOOD COVERAGE.

## 3. MAG ONE SIX (-).

A. VMO TWO (-). O-1B ACFT CONDUCTED DAWN AND DUSK PATROLS OF CHU LAI AND DANANG TAOR, ESCORTED BY ARMED UH-1E. UH-1E ACFT LIFTED BGEN KARCH AND BGEN YOUNGDALE ON RECON OF DANANG TAOR LE MY AND MONKEY MOUNTAIN. ARMED UH-1E ESCORTED HMM 261 HELICOPTER ON LIFTS <sup>INTO</sup> HAPPY VALLEY. UH-1E ESCORTED HMM-265 ON A LANDING

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VIC (BT 4505) AND REMAINED ON STATION TO PROVIDE CLOSE SUPPORT FOR TRPS. ON CALL OF THE FAC, FOUR HOUSES WERE SET FIRE WITH ROCKETS IN THE LZ VICINITY.

B. HMM ONE SIX ONE. CONDUCTED DAWN AND DUSK PATROLS OF THE HUE PHU BAI TAOR. PERFORMED MARLOG FLIGHTS BETWEEN HUE PHU BAI, DANANG AND CHU LAI.

C. HMM TWO SIX ONE. LIFTED 250 ARVN PAX AND 25 TONS OF CARGO FROM QUANG THU (BT 292229) TO VIC OF TIEN PHONG (BT 113137) AND (BT 0426). LIFTS WERE COVERED AND ESCORTED BY MAG 12 A4 ACFT, AND THE LZ AT (BT 0426) HAD BEEN PREPARED BY VMFA 513 F4B ACFT. CONDUCTED NUMEROUS LIFTS THROUGHOUT THE I CORPS AREA IN SUPPORT OF THE ARVN 1ST AND 2ND DIV.

D. HMM THREE SIX FIVE. 10 UH-34D ESCORTED BY UH-1E ACFT OF VMG-2 LIFTED 87 MARINES TO LZ (BT 451051) AND (BT 468068) WITHOUT INCIDENT. LIFTED 570 PAX, 11 TONS OF CARGO AND 17 VC PRISONERS IN AND AROUND THE CHU LAI AREA FOR THE FOURTH MARINES. CONDUCTED ROUTINE PAX AND CARGO LIFTS IN THE DANANG/CHU LAI AREA IN SUPPORT OF III MAF UNITS.

4. FIRST LAAM BN (-). CAPABLE OF PERFORMING ASSIGNED AAW MISSIONS. BATTERY "A" PULSE ACQUISITION RATAR IS IN A DOWN

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STATUS FOR PARTS, RESULTING IN LOW ALTITUDE ACQUISITION CAPABILITY ONLY. CONDUCTED AAW EXERCISES WITH F-102 ACFT CONSISTING OF SEVEN RAIDS. ONE RAID WAS A DIRECT APPROACH ON A BEARING OF 140 DEG. TARGET WAS ACQUIRED BUT HEAVY AIR TRAFFIC PRECLUDED ENGAGEMENT. ALL OTHER RAIDS WERE SUCCESSFULLY ENGAGED.

5. MAC ONE TWO. CONDUCTED 61 SORTIES IN 17 MISSIONS, AGAINST TARGETS IN ARVN. FOUR A1C PREPARED AN LZ FOR UMM 365 HELICOPTERS AT (BT 4606). THE STRIKE WAS CALLED IN BY THE FAC FOR THE FOURTH MARINES. EIGHT SORTIES ESCORTED MAC 16 HELICOPTERS IN THE VIC OF (BT 1113). NO ORDNANCE EXPENDED. FOUR SORTIES PERFORMED HELICOPTER ESCORT DUTIES THEN STRAFED ALTERNATE TARGETS IN A FREE DROP ZONE AT (BS 1380), (BS 1954) AND (BS 1648). FOUR A1C PROVIDE CLOSE AIR SUPPORT FOR THE FOURTH MARINES AT (BT 440055). LIGHT MG FIRE FROM VIC (BT 4605) FAIL TO SCORE HITS ON THE ACFT. IN 41 INTERDICTION MISSIONS 3 BUILDINGS WERE DAMAGED AT (BT 036270); 12 BUILDINGS DESTROYED AND 3 LEFT BURNING AT (CQ 076383); 13 HOUSES DESTROYED, 4 DAMAGED AND 11 PACK OXEN KILLED AT (BR 810605); 3 HUTS DESTROYED AT (BR 840640); 8 HOUSES DESTROYED AND 20 DAMAGED AT (BR 666330); AND 27 BUILDINGS DESTROYED, 21 DAMAGED AND 30 VC KIA IN TWO ATTACKS AT (BR 805603). SIX

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INTERDICTION SORTIES WERE CONTROLLED BY MAGG-2 ASRT. NO DAMAGE ASSESSMENT IS AVAILABLE.

6. VCJ ONE. PASSEP. (PLANS SUMMARY)

B. THIRD MARINE DIVISION

1. THIRD MARINES. RESUMED EXTENSIVE COMBAT PATROL ACTIVITY IN SOUTH PORTION OF THE DANANG TAOR AND CONTINUED CONSTRUCTION OF POSITIONS ON REVISED MLR. LOCAL AREA PATROLS HAD NO VC CONTACT, BUT A PATROL OPERATING IN SOUTH PORTION OF TAOR ENGAGED IN FIRE FIGHTS WITH VC SNIPERS ON TWO SEPARATE OCCASIONS. THERE WERE NO USMC CASUALTIES AND NO CONFIRMED VC CASUALTIES.

(A) FIRST BATTALION, THIRD MARINES SENT A REINFORCED PLATOON INTO SOUTH SECTOR OF TAOR TO RESUME COMBAT PARTOL OPERATIONS. FIRST PATROL BASE WAS ESTABLISHED VICINITY (AT 935680) AND SQUAD SIZE PATROLS BEGAN OPERATING TO THE SOUTHEAST. ONE PATROL RECEIVED SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM VICINITY (AT 946675) AND (AT 940672) AT 281525H. VC BROKE CONTACT WHEN PATROL RETURNED FIRE WITH 3.5 TON ROCKET LAUNCHERS AND M-79 GRENADE LAUNCHERS. AT 281955H PATROL AGAIN ENGAGED GROUP OF 6-8 VC IN FIRE FIGHT VICINITY HILL 22 (AT 953667). VC AGAIN BROKE CONTACT WHEN 3.5'S AND M-79'S WERE EMPLOYED. THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES DURING EITHER ENGAGEMENT.

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(B) SECOND BATTALION, THIRD MARINES. CONCENTRATED ON DEVELOPMENT OF NEW POSITIONS ALONG THEIR SECTOR OF REVISED MIR DURING THIS PERIOD. LOCAL PATROLS CONDUCTED WITHIN EACH COMPANY AREA HAD NEGATIVE CONTACT. AMBUSHES HAV BEEN ESTABLISHED AT (AT 892771), (AT 888827) AND (AT 874796). NINE HAV HAD VC CONTACT AS OF END OF REPORTING PERIOD.

(C) FIRST BATTALION, NINTH MARINES. CONTINUED

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DANANG AIRFIELD DEFENSE MISSION. ONE 21-MAN PATROL OPERATED IN THE AREA 1500 METERS SOUTHEAST OF THE AIRFIELD BUT HAD NO VC CONTACT.

(D) THIRD BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES. HAD NO VC CONTACTS DURING THIS PERIOD. COMPANY L PATROLLED FROM THE BATTALION CP (YD 885136) TO (YD 889087) AND ESTABLISHED PATROL BASE THERE FOR THE NIGHT. COMPANY K CONDUCTED TWO PLATOON SIZE PATROLS FROM THE PHU BAI AIRFIELD, ONE THROUGHOUT GS (YD 9012) AND THE OTHER THRU GS (YD 8812). ATTACHED RECON CO SENT TWO PLATOON FROM (YD 835154) TO (YD 820119) AND FROM (YD 913118) TO (YD 834139). THERE WERE NO VC CONTACTS AND NO SIGNIFICANT SIGHTINGS BY EITHER PATROL.

(E) FIRST BATTALION, TWELFTH MARINES FIRED TWENTY EIGHT H&I MISSIONS AND 1 ILLUMINATION CONCENTRATION DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD. BATTERY D FIRED FOURTEEN H&I MISSIONS, BATTERY L FIRED EIGHT H&I MISSIONS FROM ITS PRIMARY POSITION AND SIX H&I MISSIONS FROM ITS PLATOON AT THE FORWARD POSITION (AT 922793). THE HOWITZER BATTERY FIRED ONE ILLUMINATION MISSION ON COORDINATE (AT 937751). AMMO EXPENDED WAS 44 ROUNDS OF 105 MM HE, 12RDS OF 155 MM HE AND 4 ROUNDS OF 107 MM ILLUMINATION.

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DELTA BATTALION RECEIVED SMALL ARMS FIRE INTO THEIR POSITION AT 282315H. TWO MEN WERE OBSERVED RUNNING FROM THE POSITION AND THE SECURITY GUARD FIRED ON THEM. THE FIRE WAS RETURNED AND A FIRE FIGHT COMMENCED AND WAS STILL IN PROGRESS AT THE END OF THE REPORTING PERIOD.

2. FOURTH MARINES CONDUCTED TWO COMPANY SIZE PATROLS, FIVE PLATOON PATROLS, EIGHT SQUAD PATROLS AND ESTABLISHED ONE AMBUSH DURING REPORTING PERIOD.

(A) FIRST BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES. DISPATCHED A PLATOON OF COMPANY C AT 280705H BY HELICOPTER, LANDING VICINITY (BT 451051). COMMENCED PATROLLING, DESTROYING CAVES AND TUNNELS VICINITY (BT 450050). A SECOND PLATOON ESTABLISHED BLOCKING POSITIONS VICINITY (BT 461061), RECEIVED SMALL ARMS FIRE. RETURNED FIRE KILLING TWO VC. THIRD PLATOON PATROL RECEIVED SPORADIC SMALL ARMS FIRE UPON LANDING VICINITY (BT 448052). NO CASUALTIES. PLATOON FROM COMPANY E, THIRD REGIMENT BATTALION LANDED WITH COMPANY C PLATOON AT 280705H. ONE MARINE WIA VICINITY (BT 451056). REGIMENT PLATOON AND PLATOONS OF COMPANY C HELILIFTED BACK TO CP BY 281520H.

(B) SECOND BATTALION FOURTH MARINES. CONDUCTED SQUAD

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SIZE PATROLS FORWARD OF DEFENSIVE POSITIONS AND STRENGTHENED FORTIFIED POSITIONS THROUGHOUT ASSIGNED DEFENSIVE SECTOR.

(C) THIRD BATTALION THIRD MARINES. PATROLLED FORWARD OF AND WITHIN DEFENSIVE POSITIONS ENCOUNTERING NO VC OPPOSITION THROUGHOUT REPORTING PERIOD.

(D) THIRD BATTALION TWELFTH MARINES. FIRED TWO ADJUSTED MISSIONS AND TWO H&I MISSIONS IN ADDITION TO DELIVERING PREPARATION FIRES FOR C/14'S HELI-BORNE OPERATIONS. AT 282015H, TWO PLATOONS OF VC WERE CAUGHT IN THE OPEN IN THE VICINITY OF (BT 445085). THIRD BATTALION TWELFTH MARINES FIRED SIX MISSIONS. NUMBER OF TARGETS - FOUR, NUMBER REGISTRATION - TWO. SURVEILLANCE WAS CONDUCTED BY S-3 OF SIXTH <sup>BRVN REGT</sup> AND IT REVEALED 20 VC CONFIRMED KILLED. TOTAL NUMBER OF ROUNDS EXPENDED DURING 24 HOUR PERIOD - EIGHTY.

3. THIRD RECON BATTALION. CONTINUED TO OPERATE OBSERVATION POSTS ON BONG DEN MOUNTAIN, HILL 393, AND AT COORDINATES (AT 833778), (AT 835758) AND (AT 959745). THERE WERE NO SIGNIFICANT SIGHTINGS AND NO VC CONTACTS DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD.

4. THIRD ENGINEER BATTALION. CONTINUED CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENT AND INSTALLATION OF DRAINAGE SYSTEMS ON THE NEW ROAD

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TO THE FIRST BATTALION THIRD MARINE GP. WORK ON CONSTRUCTION OF TWO NEW CLASS V DUMPS WAS ALSO CONTINUED ON AN ROUND-THE-CLOCK BASIS. ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING A FIFTEEN TON PER HOUR ROCK CRUSHER, HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO THIS PRIORITY PROJECT.

## 5. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

(A) MAJOR UNIT ACTIONS - NONE

(B) SMALL UNIT ACTIONS:

1. 0 NONE
2. 5 FIVE
3. 5 FIVE
4. 25 TWENTY FIVE
5. BELOW

<u>PROVINCE/COORD</u>	<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>ACTION</u>	<u>FRD UNIT/ LOSSES</u>	<u>EN UNIT/ LOSSES</u>
	JUNE			UNKNOWN
QUANG TIN (BT461061)	280705H	PATROL	NONE	2 KIA
QUANG TIN (BT451056)	280705H	PATROL	CO C, 1/4 KIA(1)	NONE
QUANG TIN (BT448052)	280800H	PATROL	NONE	NONE
QUANG NAM (AT946675)	281525H	PATROL	NONE	NONE
QUANG NAM (AT953667)	281955H	PATROL	NONE	NONE

C. CIVIC ACTION. NOTHING TO REPORT THIS PERIOD.

D. MGEN WALT HELD THE SECOND OF HIS PLANNED PRESS CONFERENCES ON 26 JUNE AT HIS THIRD MARDIV HEADQUARTERS. HE INTRODUCED GENERALS MCCUTCHEON AND KARCH WHO SPOKE BRIEFLY ON THE ASPECTS OF MARINE

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AVIATION AND THE AIR/GROUND TEAMWORK. MAJOR FERRELL, III MAF CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER, GAVE A 10 MINUTE RESUME OF THE RURAL RECONSTRUCTION BEING ACCOMPLISHED BY THE MARINES. A BRITISH TELEVISION TEAM FILMED PORTIONS OF THE INTERVIEW.

E. NAVAL GUNFIRE SHIPS AVAILABLE 29 JUNE 1965 (READ IN TWO COLUMNS)

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F. CIVIL AIRS CONSTRUCTION

1. RUNWAY IS COMPLETE
2. EIGHTY SEVEN HUNDRED FEET OF TAXIWAY STABILIZED TO DATE.
3. SIX THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTEEN FEET OF TAXIWAY LAID TO DATE
4. ALL FOUR (4) CROSS TAXIWAYS COMPLETE.

III. PLANS SUMMARY: PASEP

IV. GENERAL

A. MY NEXT SITREP DUE 292400H JUNE 1965.

B. DO NOT SERVICE THIS MESSAGE; ALL ADDRES PROTECTED BY FOLLOW UP AIR MAIL DELIVERY.

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1. THIRD MARINES. (DANANG AND HUE PHU BAI). SIX AMBUSHES AND SIX PATROLS WERE CONDUCTED DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD WITH THREE CONTACTS MADE. WORK CONTINUED ON IMPROVEMENT OF MLR POSITIONS THROUGHOUT THE TAOR.

(A) FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES. CO D CONTINUED PATROLLING IN THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE TAOR. AT 290830H AN ELECTRICALLY DETONATED EXPLOSIVE DEVICE VIC (AT ~~951369~~ <sup>AT 951669</sup>) SIX AND ONE HALF MILES SW OF DANANG WOUNDED FIVE USMC AND TWO ARVN. THE EXPLOSIVE DEVICE WAS BELIEVED TO BE TWO EIGHTY ONE MM MORTAR ROUNDS. THE WOUNDED PERSONNEL WERE EVACUATED BY HELICOPTER. THE PATROL RECEIVED SNIPER FIRE VIC (AT 958669) SIX MILES SW OF DANANG AT 290900H, THE VC SNIPERS BROKE CONTACT WHEN ARTY WAS BROUGHT TO BEAR. ONE SUSPECTED VC WAS CAPTURED IN THE AREA. THERE WERE NO USMC CASUALTIES FROM THE ENGAGEMENT. CO D ESTABLISHED AMBUSH SITES VIC (AT 906697), (AT 898673) AND (AT 904685). THERE WERE NO REPORTED CONTACTS BY THESE SITES AS THE PERIOD CLOSED.

(B) FIRST BN, NINTH MARINES CONDUCTED TWO LOCAL PATROLS IN THE VICINITY OF THE DANANG AIRFIELD. ONE PATROL OPERATED A TPS-TWENTY ONE RADAR VIC CAN LE (BT 016716) TWO AND ~~ONE HALF~~

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ONE HALF MILES SW OF DANANG FOR A PERIOD OF APPROX THIRTY MINUTES IN AN ATTEMPT TO PICK UP RIVER TRAFFIC. THE TEST WAS INCONCLUSIVE. AT 290145H, SENTRY POST SIX AT (BT 012736) RECEIVED ONE ROUND OF SA FIRE FROM A POSITION THIRTY FIVE TO FIFTY METERS OUTSIDE THE FENCE. THE ROUND IMPACTED THREE FEET FROM THE SENTRY WHO RETURNED THE FIRE. ILLUMINATION OF THE AREA HAD NEGATIVE RESULTS. THE BN WAS RELIEVED OF ITS REFLEX MISSION BY THE SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES AT 290800H.

(C) SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES CONTINUED TO IMPROVE MLR POSITIONS. COMPANIES ESTABLISHED LAYOUT AMBUSHES ALONG LIKELY AVENUES OF APPROACH BUT HAD NO CONTACTS AS THE PERIOD ENDED. THE BN ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR REFLEX MISSION AT 290800H.

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(D) THIRD BN, FOURTH MARINES. CO C CONTINUED SEARCH AND SWEEP OPERATIONS IN THE NW SECTOR OF THE HUE PHU BAI TAOR. THE COMPANY WAS HELILIFTED FROM THE VIC (YD 889087) FOUR MILES S OF HUE PHU BAI TO (YD 841155) THREE MILES W OF HUE PHU BAI WHERE PLATOON SIZE PATROLS WERE CONDUCTED WITH NEGATIVE CONTACTS. A ~~SECOND~~ PLATOON OF CO C, THIRD RECON BN WAS HELILIFTED TO VIC (YD 883062) FIVE AND ONE HALF MILES S

~~CO C IS PRESENTLY LOCATED VIC (YD 815091). CO C THIRD RECON BN CONDUCTED A PATRILLIAGE TO (YD 889087) WITH NEGATIVE CONTACT.~~  
*(YD 889087)*  
*WITH NEGATIVE CONTACT.*

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HU PHU BAI. THE PLATOON PATROLLED TO (YD 883053) WHERE THEY MADE CONTACT WITH AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF VC WHO FIRED SIXTY MM MORTARS AND SMALL ARMS. THE PLATOON KILLED ONE VC AND ESTIMATED THAT THEY WOUNDED TWO OTHERS. ONE M-ONE CARBINE WAS TAKEN DURING THE ACTION. A REACTION FORCE WAS HELILIFTED TO THE AREA AND THEY CONDUCTED A SWEEP WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. STAY BEHIND MEMBERS OF THE RECON COMPANY REPORTED SIGHTING TWO DEAD OR WOUNDED VC BEING CARRIED OFF.

(E) FIRST BN, TWELFTH MARINES FIRED A TOTAL OF THIRTY H AND I, TWO UNOBSERVED, TWO WILL ADJUST, AND THREE ILLUMINATION MISSIONS DURING THE PERIOD. THE MAJORITY OF THESE MISSIONS WERE FIRED IN SUPPORT OF THE HIEU DUC DISTRICT VIC (AT 932705) WHICH HAD RECEIVED FIFTEEN ROUNDS OF SIXTY ~~MM~~ MM MORTARS FROM THE VC AT APPROX 290250H. SEVENTY FOUR ROUNDS OF 105MM HE, SIX RDS OF 8" HE, THIRTY SIX ROUNDS OF 155MM HE AND THREE ROUNDS OF 4.2" ILLUM WERE EXPENDED. ONE PLATOON OF BTRY L IS ESTABLISHED VIC (AT 94627606); ALL OTHER BTRYS ARE IN ~~THE~~ FIRING OF A 2.75 ACFT ~~PROJECTILE~~ OFF ON THE GROUND AT DANANG IMPACTED IN THE ARTY AREA VIC (AT 993749) AT APPROX

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291840H. THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES.

2. THIRD RECON BN CONTINUED PATROLLING TO THE WEST AND SOUTHWEST WITHIN THE TAOR. ONE PATROL WAS INTRODUCED IN THE HAI VAN PASS AREA NORTH OF THE TAOR AT 291730H. THIS PATROL WILL OPERATE IN THIS AREA FOR APPROX SIX DAYS. THREE DOGS WITH ARVN HANDLERS WILL OPERATE WITH RECON BN PATROLS.

3. THIRD ENGR BN COMMENCED CONSTRUCTION OF TWO ADDITIONAL WIRE ENCLOSURES AT THE POW STOCKADE. THE BN PROVIDED ENGINEER TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES FOR INSTALLATION OF MLR FACILITIES. ROAD CONSTRUCTION IN THE TAOR CONTINUED. A DEMOLITION TEAM WAS USED TO FURTHER DEVELOP WATER SOURCES AT THE FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES WATER POINT.

4. FOURTH MARINES (CHU LAI). A THREE COMPANY SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION SUPPORTED BY ARTY AND AIR WAS CONDUCTED BY THE THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES IN THE EASTERN SECTOR OF THE TAOR.

(A) FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES. CO A ASSUMED DUTIES AS THE REGIMENTAL RESERVE. COMPANIES B AND D CONSOLIDATED THEIR DEFENSIVE POSITIONS. CO C MAINTAINED OP'S ON HILL SIX NINE (BT 468068) FIVE MILES W OF CHU LAI AND AT THE BRIDGE

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VIC (BT 497067) THREE AND ONE HALF MILES W OF CHU LAI,

(B) SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES CONDUCTED PATROLS AND IMPROVED DEFENSIVE POSITIONS. CO G IS ESTABLISHED IN NEW POSITIONS (BT 517057) TWO MILES W OF CHU LAI. THE BN HAD NO CONTACTS DURING THE PERIOD.

(C) THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES CONDUCTED A COMBINED AIR/GROUND SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION IN THE EASTERN SECTOR OF THE CHU LAI TAOR. THREE RIFLE COMPANIES SUPPORTED BY THIRD

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BN TWELFTH MARINES ARTY AND MAG ONE TWO AND MAG ONE SIX AIRCRAFT COMMENCED MOVEMENT AT 290700H. CO L WAS LANDED BY LVT'S VIC (BT 6200) WHERE THEY SET UP BLOCKING POSITIONS. CO I AND CO K WERE SIMULTANEOUSLY HELILIFTED TO LZ BLUE (BS 6598) EIGHT MILES SE OF CHU LAI. CO I SWEPT GRID SQUARES (BS 6597), (BS 6497) (BS 6397), (BS 6297), (BT 6298) AND (BT 6299) WHILE CO K SWEPT GRID SQUARES (BS 6598), (BS 6498) AND (BS 6398). CO I HAD THE FIRST CONTACT AT 291030H AND KILLED ONE VC AND CAPTURED TWO SUSPECTED VC. ONE MARINE OF CO K WAS WIA VIC (BT 635005) APPROX 291021H. DURING THE DAYS OPERATION A TOTAL OF FOURTEEN VC WERE KILLED AND FORTY THREE WERE CAPTURED. THE THIRD BN TWELFTH MARINES EXPENDED SIXTEEN ROUNDS OF 8" HE, SEVENTEEN ROUNDS OF 155MM HE AND SIXTY SIX ROUNDS OF 105MM HE WHILE A-1 AIRCRAFT OF MAG ONE TWO DROPPED OVER SIX TONS OF BOMBS AND ROCKETS IN CLOSE SUPPORT OF THE DAY-LONG OPERATION. AT APPROX 291800H, AS CO L PREPARED TO EMBARK ON LVT'S FOR RETURN TO THE CO AREA, ONE LVT THREW A TRACK. WHILE MARINES ATTEMPTED REPAIRS, THEY WERE FIRED UPON BY AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF VC. THE MARINES RETURNED FIRE AND DURING THE ENGAGEMENT TWO MULES (M274) WERE DESTROYED. AS DARKNESS APPROACHED, THE MARINES

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DEMOLISHED THE CRIPPLED LVT, AND THE VC BROKE CONTACT. AN UN-  
 DETERMINED NUMBER OF VC WERE BELIEVED KILLED DURING THE ENGAGE-  
 MENT. FOUR MARINES WERE KIA AND FIVE WERE WIA BRINGING THE  
 TOTAL USMC CASUALTIES FOR THE DAY'S OPERATION TO FOUR KIA,  
 SEVEN WIA. ALL COMPANIES RETURNED TO THE BN AREA. THE FOUR-  
 TEEN VC KILLED AND FORTY THREE CAPTURED RANGED IN AGE FROM  
 EIGHTEEN TO THIRTY FIVE. THEY WERE NOT IN MILITARY UNIFORM.

## 5. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

## (A) MAJOR UNIT ACTIONS

- (1) SEARCH AND DESTROY
  - (2) QUANG NGAI - (BS 6597), (BS 6497),  
 (BS 6397), (BS 6297), (BS 6598), (BS 6498)  
 (BS 6398), (BS 6298), (BT 6299), (BT 6200)
  - (3) THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES; MAG ONE TWO;  
 MAG ONE SIX; THIRD BN, TWENTH MARINES
  - (4) FOURTH MARINE REGIMENT
  - (5) 290700H
  - (6) 292000H
  - (7) FRIENDLY FORCES
- FOUR KIA

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SEVEN WIA

TWO MULES (M274) DESTROYED

ONE LVT DESTROYED

ONE 45 CAL PISTOL MISSING

ONE M79 GRENADE LAUNCHER MISSING

ONE MULE (M274) MISSING

ENEMY LOSSES:

FOURTEEN KIA

FORTY THREE CAPTURED

ONE MAF 36 CAPTURED

(8) NOT APPLICABLE

(B) SMALL UNIT ACTIONS

(1) ONE

(2) THREE

(4) NINETEEN

(5) BELOW

<u>PROVINCE/COORD</u>	<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>ACTION</u>	<u>FRD UNIT/ LOSSES</u>	<u>EN UNIT/ LOSSES</u>
QUANG NAM (BT 012736)	290145H	SENTRY	NONE	NONE
QUANG NAM (AT 951669)	290830H	PATROL	1/3; 5 WIA ARVN 2 WIA	NONE
QUANG NAM (AT 958669)	290900H	PATROL	NONE	1 VC CAPTURED
THUA THIEN (YD 883053)	291400H	PATROL	NONE	1 VC KIA 1 M-1 CARBINE

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B. FIRST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

1. FIRST MAH BN MINUS. CONDUCTED AN AAW EXERCISE WITH TWO F-102 AIRCRAFT. BOTH RAIDS WERE SUCCESSFULLY ENGAGED. NO CHANGE IN RADAR OPERATIONAL STATUS.

2. MASS-TWO. DASC OPERATIONS NORMAL, ALL NETS UP AND OPERATING. ALL ASRT CONTROLLED SORTIES ABORTED AS AN/TPQ TEN UNABLE TO HOLD RADAR LOCK ON AIRCRAFT.

3. VIFA FIVE ONE THREE. CONDUCTED SIXTEEN INTERDICTION SORTIES IN FOUR MISSIONS AGAINST TARGETS INEVN. ELEVEN STRUCTURES WERE DESTROYED AT (AT 948274) AND NINE WERE DESTROYED AT (AT 953271). ANOTHER EIGHTEEN STRUCTURES WERE DESTROYED AND A TRENCH AND TUNNEL COMPLEX WAS DAMAGED VIC (AT 962264) BY A FOUR PLANE ATTACK.

4. MAG ONE TWO. CONDUCTED SIXTY TWO SORTIES IN NINETEEN MISSIONS. EIGHT A4E ESCORTING MAG ONE SIX HELICOPTERS, ATTACKED THE LANDING ZONES AT (AT 975541) DESTROYING NINE BLDGS AND AT (AT 970530) DESTROYING ANOTHER FIFTEEN BLDGS. FOUR A4 PERFORMING A HELO ESCORT MISSION WERE DIVERTED TO PROVIDE CAS FOR THE FOURTH MARINES AGAINST A VC CONCENTRATION AT (BT 624908). THREE A4C ATTACKED AN AUTOMATIC WEAPON AT (BT 648010). THE  
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STRIKE WAS CONTROLLED BY THE FAC OF THE THIRD BN THIRD MARINES.  
 THIRTY NINE INTERDICTION SORTIES WERE CONDUCTED AGAINST FIFTEEN  
 DIFFERENT TARGETS THROUGHOUT THE I AND II CORPS AREA, DESTROY-  
 ING ONE HUNDRED TWENTY ONE BLDGS AND DAMAGING FORTY FOUR OTHERS.  
 EIGHT SORTIES ABORTED DUE TO COMM FAILURE WITH THE AN/TPQ-10.

## 5. MAG ONE SIX

(A) VMO TWO. OLD AIRCRAFT CONDUCTED DAWN AND DUSK  
 PATROLS OF THE HUP PHU BAI AND DANANG TAOR'S. THE DAWN PATROL

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WAS DIRECTED BY MISSION TWO DASC TO CONDUCT ARTY SPOT AT (YD 880040). TWO UH-1E RECEIVED MODERATE SA FIRE FROM A VILLAGE AT (BT 624002) DURING AN ARMED RECON MISSION. ONE AIRCRAFT RECEIVED ONE HIT WHICH INFLECTED MINOR DAMAGE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES TO THE CREW. THE TWO UH-1E ATTACKED THE VILLAGE WITH MACHINE GUNS AND ROCKETS, SETTING FIRE <sup>TO</sup> ~~TO~~ NINETEEN STRUCTURES. SEVERAL SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS WERE OBSERVED. (2-12)

(B) HMM ONE SIX ONE. CONDUCTED DAWN TO DUSK PATROLS OF CUU LAI TAOR. PERFORMED MARLOG FLIGHTS BETWEEN THE HUE PHU BAI, CUU LAI, AND DAMANG TAOR'S. EVACUATED FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES WIA FROM (AT 948764). LIFTED FORTY EIGHT MARINES OF THIRD BN FOURTH MARINES TO (AT 835065).

(C) HMM TWO SIX ONE. SIXTEEN UH-1H, COVERED BY ALL AIRCRAFT OF MAG ONE TWO AND ESCORTED BY A C-119 OF TWO TWO LIFTED ARVN TROOPS INTO LZ (AT 975511) AND (AT 970530). ONE ACFT RECEIVED A HIT FROM SA FIRE VIC (AT 950530). THE AIRCRAFT CONTINUED THE MISSION AND THERE WERE NO INJURIES TO THE CREW. PERFORMED ROUTINE PAX, CARGO, AND MED EVAC LIFTS IN SUPPORT OF THE ARVN FIRST AND SECOND DIV.

(D) HMM THREE SIX FIVE. THIRTEEN UH-34E ESCORTED

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BY HELICOPTER OF WHO TWO LIFTED THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY SEVEN MARINES  
OF THE FOURTH MARINES TO (BS 656966). LIFT WAS ACCOMPLISHED  
WITHOUT INCIDENT. LIFTED FIVE HUNDRED SIXTEEN TROOPS AND  
TWELVE TONS OF CARGO TO VARIOUS OUTPOSTS FOR THE FOURTH  
MARINES. CONDUCTED ROUTINE LIFTS OF CARGO AND PAK FOR III  
MAJ UNITS.

6. VFCJ ONE, PASOP (PLANS SUMMARY).

C. CIVIC ACTIONS

1. USOM FURNISHED TO THIRD MARINE DIVISION UNITS OVER  
FIFTY HUNDRED LBS OF MEDCAP SUPPLIES. THIS MARKED THE FIRST  
TIME THAT MEDCAP SUPPLIES HAVE BEEN FURNISHED TO THE DIVISION.  
A MONTHLY RESUPPLY IS NOW SCHEDULED.

2. THE HQ BN SURGEON TODAY HELD SIGN CALL AT THE DANANG  
CIVILIAN HOSPITAL. COMPANY F, SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES DONATED  
ONE HUNDRED PAIR OF SHOWER SHOES, ONE HUNDRED PARS OF LAUNDRY  
SOAP AND ONE HUNDRED BARS OF FACIAL SOAP ALONG WITH SURPLUS  
FOOD TO THE ORPHANAGE AT PHU THONG VIC (AT 9076). THIS  
ORPHANAGE, WHICH SUPPORTS THIRTY NINE CHILDREN, IS UNDER THE  
SUPERVISION OF THE REDEMPTION SISTERS OF ST. PAUL.

D. CUU LAI AIRFIELD COMPLEX.

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1. NINE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED (9200) FEET OF TAXIWAY HAS BEEN EXCAVATED. THIS COMPLETES TAXIWAY EXCAVATION.

2. NINE THOUSAND (9000) FEET OF TAXIWAY HAS BEEN STABILIZED.

3. SIX THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY EIGHT (6678) FEET OF TAXIWAY MATING HAS BEEN PAID.

C. NAVAL SUPPLY SHEETS AVAILABLE; NO CHANGE FORECAST SINCE SETHP NUMBER 48.

III. PLAN'S SUMMARY. PASEP.

IV. GENERAL. E

A. MESSAGES SETHP DUE 3024004 JUNE 1965.

B. DO NOT SERVICE THIS MESSAGE; ALL ADJES PROMPTED BY FOLLOW UP AIR MAIL DELIVERY.

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I. INTELLIGENCE HIGHLIGHTS. I CORPS CONTINUES TO REPORT VC CONCENTRATIONS IN QUANG NGAI PROVINCE. DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD SEVERAL UNCONFIRMED REPORTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED THROUGHOUT THE CORPS AREA OF EITHER NEW BATTALION SIZE UNITS OR NEW DESIGNATIONS BEING ASSIGNED TO ESTABLISHED UNITS. VC ACTIVITY AGAINST USMC AND ARVN UNITS CONTINUES AS LIGHT PROBES OF POSITIONS, HARASSMENT OF PATROLS AND GROUND FIRE AGAINST LOW FLYING

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II. III MAF OPERATIONS

A. BEN STERNBERG, DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF, J-1,  
MAUV, VISITED III MAF.

B. THIRD MARINE DIVISION

1. THIRD MARINES. CONDUCTED SEVEN PATROLS AND  
ESTABLISHED FIVE AMBUSHES WITH NEGATIVE CONTACT DURING  
THE REPORTING PERIOD. WORK CONTINUED ON DEFENSIVE POSITIONS  
IN THE TAOR.

(A) FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES. ONE PLATOON OF  
CO D CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN THE SOUTHERN  
PORTION OF TAOR WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. THIS PLATOON IS  
LOCATED ELEVEN KILOMETERS SW OF DANANG AIRFIELD IN THE  
VICINITY OF (AT 919718) FOR THE NIGHT. NO CONTACTS HAD  
BEEN MADE AT THE END OF REPORTING PERIOD.

(B) SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES. CONDUCTED A  
PATROL IN THE VICINITY OF THE BATTALION CP TO A POSITION  
WHERE A SNIPER HAD FIRED ONE ROUND AT APPROXIMATELY  
300620H. THERE WAS NEGATIVE CONTACT.

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(C) THIRD BN, FOURTH MARINES. CO L CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN THE WESTERN PORTION OF TAOR WITH NEGATIVE CONTACT. CO L PATROL BASE IS ESTABLISHED AT (YD 874182). FIRST PLATOON, CO C, THIRD RECON BN TRUCKED TO (YD 841156), PATROLLED TO THE VICINITY OF (YD 833120), AND ENTRUCKED BACK TO THE CP. THE PATROL WAS CONDUCTED FROM 300700H TO 301050H. RESULTS WERE NEGATIVE.

(D) FIRST BN, NINTH MARINES. A GREEN STAR CLUSTER WAS FIRED NEAR THE BATTALION CP AT 300010H. ONE ROUND OF SNIPER FIRE WAS RECEIVED FROM AN UNKNOWN DIRECTION AT APPROXIMATELY THE SAME TIME. EIGHTY ONE MM MORTAR ILLUMINATION FIRED, NO ENEMY OBSERVED. AT APPROXIMATELY 301000H, A B-57 CRASHED AT SOUTH END OF THE RUNWAY ON DANANG AIRFIELD. THE CREW WAS PICKED UP BY CO C AND TAKEN TO THE CO CP.

(E) FIRST BN, TWELFTH MARINES. FIRED ONE ADJUSTED MISSION, TEN H&I MISSIONS, AND ONE REGISTRATION DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, EXPENDING SEVENTEEN WP 105MM ROUNDS, THIRTY SIX HE AND NINE WP 155MM ROUNDS, AND NINETEEN EIGHT INCH

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ROUNDS. ALL UNITS ARE IN THEIR ORIGINAL POSITIONS EXCEPT ONE PLATOON OF BATTERY L IN THE VICINITY OF (AT 94627606) AND THE HOWTAR BTRY (-) DISPLACED TO THE VICINITY (AT 898806).

2. FOURTH MARINES CONTINUED PATROLLING AND CONSTRUCTION OF DEFENSIVE POSITIONS. A SEARCH AND DESTROY MISSION WAS CONDUCTED ON <sup>THE</sup> NORTHERN TIP OF KY XUAN ISLAND.

(A) FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES. SECOND PLATOON CO B WAS TRANSPORTED BY LVT TO, AND CONDUCTED A SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION IN THE NORTHERN SECTOR OF KY XUAN ISLAND IN THE NORTHERN PORTION OF THE TAOR. LANDING WAS AT 300745 H, AND A TOTAL OF SIX VC'S WERE REPORTED TAKEN INTO CUSTODY AT THE CLOSE OF PERIOD. THE PLATOON AND SIX LVTS REMAIN ON ISLAND.

(B) SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES. CONDUCTED SEVEN PATROLS WITH NEGATIVE CONTACT. SEVERAL ROUNDS OF SNIPER FIRE WERE RECEIVED FROM (BT 448028) (BT 445019) AND (BT 452039) AT 1230H. AN AIR STRIKE SILENCED THE SNIPERS.

(C) THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES WORKED ON DEFENSIVE

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POSITIONS, PERFORMED CARE AND MAINTENANCE ON THEIR EQUIPMENT.

(D) THIRD BN, TWELFTH MARINES FIRED THIRTEEN MISSIONS DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD; SEVEN ADJUSTED, THREE H&I AND THREE REGISTRATIONS, UTILIZING A TOTAL OF THIRTY EIGHT ROUNDS 105MM, EIGHT ROUNDS OF 107MM, TWENTY THREE ROUNDS OF 155MM, AND SIX ROUNDS OF EIGHT INCH.

3. THIRD RECON BN. CONTINUED TO PATROL IN THE WEST AND SOUTH OF THE TAOR AND NORTH OUTSIDE THE TAOR IN THE AI VAN PASS AREA. AT 301340H, IN THE VICINITY OF (AT 927938), ONE VC WAS APPREHENDED AND TURNED OVER TO ARVN OFFICIALS. NO OTHER VC CONTACT DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD.

4. THIRD ENGINEER BN. CONTINUED WORK ON WIRE ENCLOSURES ON A POW STOCKADE TO RENDER ENGINEER ASSISTANCE TO SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES IN CONSTRUCTION OF MLR POSITIONS. ROAD IMPROVEMENT CONTINUED IN TAOR. TD-18 EMPLOYED IN CONSTRUCTION OF NEW DIVISION CP.

5. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

(A) MAJOR UNIT ACTIONS: NONE

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(B) SMALL UNIT ACTIONS

- (1) NONE
- (2) TWO
- (3) TWO
- (4) SEVEN
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<u>PROVINCE/ COORDINATES</u>	<u>DATE/ TIME</u>	<u>ACTION</u>	<u>FRND UNIT/ LOSSES</u>	<u>FN UNIT/ LOSSES</u>
1. QUANG TINH (BT 48104811)	30 JUNE 0745H	SEARCH & DESTROY	2/B/1/4 NONE	UNK 6 POW
2. QUANG NAM (AT 927938)	30 JUNE 1340H	PATROL	3D RECON BN NONE	UNK 1 VCS DETAINED

## C. FIRST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

(1) VMFA-FIVE THREE ONE. CONDUCTED TWENTY TWO SORTIES IN SIX MISSIONS. EIGHT SORTIES PREPARED LANDING ZONES FOR MAG ONE SIX HELICOPTERS AT (BS 6240) AND (BS 6283). STRUCTURES AND TRINCHLINES WERE SATURATED. DESTROYED TWENTY SIX STRUCTURES AND DAMAGED FIVE IN THE LANDING ZONE AREA. TEN SORTIES WERE INTERDICTION ATTACKS, ~~DESTROYING~~ DESTROYING A TOTAL OF TEN STRUCTURES, DAMAGING SIX AND SATURATING THE TARGET AREAS AT (GR 080367), (BQ 170820), AND (YD 8504). FOUR SORTIES WERE CLOSE AIR SUPPORT AT (BQ 180780) IN SUPPORT OF ARVN TROOPS. FAC WAS UNABLE TO EVALUATE DUE TO GROUND FIRE.

(2) MAG-ONE TWO. CONDUCTED SIXTY TWO SORTIES IN SEVENTEEN MISSIONS. TEN A4 AIRCRAFT ESCORTING MAG ONE SIX

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HELICOPTERS, ATTACKED LANDING ZONES AT (BS 6240), DESTROYING TWENTY SIX STRUCTURES AND DAMAGING TEN. THIRTY ONE SORTIES PROVIDED CLOSE AIR SUPPORT AGAINST VC CONCENTRATIONS IN A VILLAGE AND A TRENCH LINE AT (BS 5838) AND (BS 170810), DESTROYING EIGHTY TWO STRUCTURES. TWO A4C AIRCRAFT FLEW HELO CAPS FOR MAG ONE SIX AT (AT 8139). EIGHT A4C AIRCRAFT FLEW SEARCH AND ATTACK MISSIONS AGAINST CULTIVATED LAND AND SUSPECTED VC CONCENTRATIONS AT (VC 7567) AND (BS - 090701). ELEVEN INTERDICTION SORTIES WERE CONDUCTED AGAINST TARGETS IN THE II CORPS AREA. DAMAGE ASSESSMENTS ARE NOT AVAILABLE.

(3) MASS-TWO. BASC OPERATIONS WERE LIGHT. ALL NETS WERE UP AND OPERATING. THERE WERE NO TPQ-10 MISSIONS DURING THIS PERIOD.

(4) MACS-NINE DET A. (HUE PHU BAI). TRACKS REPORTED FIFTY FOUR, TRACKS DESIGNATED SIX, TRACKS DESIGNATED BY PANAMA BUT CARRIED, TWENTY.

(5) MAG-ONE SIX (-).

(A) VHO-TWO(-). O-1B CONDUCTED DAWN AND DUSK

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(D) HEM-THREE SIX FIVE. CARRIED FOUR TONS OF CARGO AND 408 TROOPS OF THE FOURTH MARINES ON RE-SUPPLY MISSIONS IN THE CHU LAI AREA. LIFTED FORTY FOUR VC PRISONERS FROM THE CHU LAI AREA TO DANANG. PERFORMED ROUTINE LIFTS OF PASSENGERS AND CARGO IN SUPPORT OF III MAF UNITS.

(6) VECJ-ONE PASEP IN PLANS SUMMARY.

(7) FIRST LAAM BN PASEP IN PLANS SUMMARY.

D. NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT. ONE NON-SCHEDULED MISSION WAS FIRED BY USS RUPERTUS IN THE II CORPS AREA NORTH OF QM NHON. THE TARGETS CONSISTED OF A VC HEADQUARTERS, REST AREA AND HAMLET, AND THE TWENTY SECOND DIVISION INTELLIGENCE; ((CR 039514) (CR 079539) ( CR 034543) (CR 098515)). THE MISSION, FIRED BETWEEN 281806H AND 281915H, WAS OBSERVED BY AN ANGLICO AIRBORNE SPOTTER, HATFIELD TWO SIX CHARLIE, AND EXPENDED ONE HUNDRED ROUNDS OF FIVE INCH THIRTY EIGHT.

NAVAL GUNFIRE SHIPS AVAILABLE.

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CG FLEPPAC (FWD)/I MAC (FWD)  
CG THIRD MAB  
SR ADV I CORPS  
ADMINSO THIRD MARDIV  
CMDT MCS  
CTE 70.2.1.1

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III MAF SITREP NUMBER 60 292400H TO 302400H JUNE 65.

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RE: RUNWAY AIR STRIP SITREP FOR 30 JUNE 65.

(1) 8000 FOOT RUNWAY STABILIZED AND MATTING LAID

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED- COMPLETE.

(2) 9200 FOOT TAXIWAY STABILIZED, COMPLETED THIS DATE.

(3) 7304 FEET TAXIWAY MATTING LAID TO DATE.

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F. CIVIC ACTION

(1) PLSG BAKED 172 POUNDS OF BREAD FOR THE SACRED HEART ~~ORPHANAGE~~ ORPHANAGE. DONATIONS HAVE BEEN SOLICITED FROM PLSG UNITS TO PURCHASE RICE FOR THE ORPHANAGE. CO A, THIRD SHORE PARTY BN DONATED \$104.00.

(2) THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES MEDICAL SECTION, AIDED BY A VIETNAMESE MEDICAL TEAM AND NURSES INOCULATED 740 CIVILIANS IN THE HAMLET OF TRUNG AN (BT 584004) OF THE VILLAGE OF BACH SON. FOOD WAS ALSO DISTRIBUTED.

(3) FOURTH MARINES DISTRIBUTED TO REFUGEES IN THE CHU LAI AREA OVER EIGHT HUNDRED POUNDS OF CLOTHES DONATED BY RESIDENTS OF MCAS KANEONE BAY.

(4) III MAF CHAPLAIN'S PROGRAM INCLUDES MONETARY DONATIONS TO LOCAL CHURCHES, AND DONATIONS OF BOOKS AND PRIZES TO LOCAL SCHOOLS BOTH CATHOLIC AND BUDDHIST. CATHOLIC SERVICES HAVE BEEN HELD TWICE IN THE DA NANG CATHEDRAL WITH A VISIBLE IMPACT ON THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE ATTENDING. ON TWENTY SEVEN JUNE TWENTY ONE MARINES WERE CONFIRMED BY THE BISHOP OF DA NANG WITH MORE THAN ONE THOUSAND VIETNAMESE IN ATTENDANCE.

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