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1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
PFO, San Francisco, 96602

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
Subj: 1ST MARINES SITREP 73 as of 4 April 1966
Ref: (a) 3d MarDivO 3100.1B

Encl: (1) ✓ 3d Battalion, 1st Marines SITREP as of 4 April 1966
(2) ✓ 2d Battalion, 4th Marines SITREP as of 4 April 1966
(3) ✓ Consolidated Operations Summary
(4) ✓ Weekly Operations Overlay

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1), (2), (3) and (4) are submitted herewith.
2. The primary mission of the 3d Battalion, 1st Marines and 2d Battalion, 4th Marines remain the same. There is no change in the disposition of forces in the 1st Marines TAOB in the last twenty four hours.
3. At 041500H a planning conference was held at the 1st Marines Command Post for Operation Iowa.

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1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF
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4 April 1966

SITREP FOR PERIOD 032400H TO 042200H

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

A. Contacts

1. At 040110H, vicinity coordinates BT 434163, an ambush from Company K received two hand or rifle grenades from the front of ambush position. Fire was returned with small arms fire. Negative results. Two friendly minor WIAs. No enemy casualties.

2. At 040110H, in conjunction with the above, vicinity coordinates BT 437161, Company K positions received fifteen rounds of small arms fire and six 60mm mortar rounds and three rifle grenades from an extensive range. Fire was returned with seventy-two rounds of 81mm mortar fire on suspected possible enemy mortar positions. In addition, two M-79 rounds were fired and several rounds of small arms fire. Ten VC were spotted approaching the lines directly in front of a claymore mine installed by Company K. The claymore was detonated and six VC were seen to fall. The bodies were not recovered, but blood trails terminated at the edge of the village of Hoa Xuan (1), vicinity coordinates BT 434161. The ground in the village had been freshly raked. Six VC KIA possible.

3. At 040900H, vicinity coordinates BT 431159, a squad search and destroy patrol from Company K spotted four VC; three with rifles and one with a sub-machinegun. The VC were pursued physically and by fire to vicinity coordinates BT 429158, at which point, the VC disappeared. A search of the area was conducted with negative results.

4. At 041440H, vicinity coordinates BT 436154, a squad search and destroy patrol from Company K spotted four VC setting up an ambush. The patrol opened fire on the ambush with seventy-five rounds of small arms fire and five M-79 rounds. One VC KIA and one WIA possible as indicated by blood trail. One M-1 rifle with four clips of ammunition, two CHICOM hand grenades, a cartridge belt, and assorted documents were captured. These items will be forwarded to S-2, 1st Marines.

5. At 041515H, vicinity coordinates BT 426166, 2nd Platoon, Company K spotted seven VC dressed in khaki uniforms and white plastic helmets. They were not able to determine if

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weapons were carried. The VC were brought under fire with M-60 machinegun fire. The VC withdrew under fire. No confirmed hits. No friendly casualties.

B. Miscellaneous

1. Company K continued search and destroy operations on the island of Hoa Xuan (BT 4315), with enemy contacts as set forth in paragraph A. above. Company K positions remain the same for the night with their Command Post located at vicinity coordinates BT 438161 and front lines from vicinity coordinates BT 437162 to BT 435162 to BT 436160 to BT 438160. Company K will conduct aggressive and thorough patrol and ambush operations throughout the night to include squad patrols (four), fire team ambushes (three), listening posts (two), and observation post (one). Company K's intentions are to continue aggressive search and destroy operations at first light.

2. At 041500H, the Honorable Mr. Cyrus Vance, Undersecretary of Defense, visited Ky Xuan Island, conversed with the Commanding Officer, Company M, and departed at 041515H.

3. The Honorable Mr. Ignatius, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Logistics, was scheduled to visit Ky Hoa Island at 041345H; however, the visit was cancelled.

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OPERATIONS SUMMARY

CLASSIFICATION: 3rd BN 1st REGT 1ST LAI TACR

4 April 1966

PERIOD: 03 2400:1 Apr TO 04 2400:1 Apr 1966

DATE

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CONTACT ACTION REPORT

3rd Bn, 1st Mar

ORGANIZATION: 03 2400H Apr TO 04 2200H Apr 1966 DATE 03 April 1966

PROVINCE/ COORDINATES	DATE/ TIME	ACTION		FRO UNIT/ LOSSES	ENM UNIT/ LOSSES	INIT BY	MATERIAL CAPTURED		
		SIZE	TYPE				WEAPONS	OTHER	
Quang Tin BT 434163	040110H	FT	AMB	K/3/1 2 WIA	UNK 6 VC WIA (POSS)	VC	0	0	0
Quang Tin BT 437161	040110H	CO	DEF	K/3/1 0	UNK 6 VC KIA (POSS)	VC	0	0	0
Quang Tin BT 431159	040900H	SOD	S&D	K/3/1 0	UNK 0	USMC	0	0	0
Quang Tin BT 436154	041100H	SOD	S&D	K/3/1 0	UNK 1 VC KIA 1 VC WIA (POSS)	USMC	1 *		4 CLIPS M-1 4 AMMO 2 CHICOM GRENADES CART. BELT ASSORTED DOCUMENTS
Quang Tin BT 426166	041515H	PIT	S&D	K/3/1 0	UNK 0	USMC	0	0	0

USE TYPE ACTION ABBREVIATIONS SHOWN ON BOX SCORE FORM

USE REMARKS SECTION FOR ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTION OF CAPTURED MATERIAL IF NECESSARY

REMARKS: * M-1

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PLANS SUMMARY

OPERATION: 3rd BN 1st REGT 2nd LAF TAOR

4 April 1966

PERIOD: 04 2400H Apr TO 05 2400H Apr 1966

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DAY PATROLS FOR 7 APRIL 1966 3/1

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>SIZE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>TOO</u>	<u>TOR</u>	<u>POD/POB</u>	<u>LAYOVER/AMBUSH</u>
I	FT	SANDPIPER	070830H	071855H	BT523092 BT529085	SEC
I	FT	CRANE	070755H	071235H	BT523092	070930H-072030H
I	FT	RAVEN	071155H	071810H	BT525089 BT523092	SEC
L	FT	HAWK	070815H	071145H	BT477154	SEC
L	FT	JAY	070845H	071215H	BT517154	SEC
L	FT	SWAN	071345H	071710H	BT517154	SEC
E	FT	QUAIL	070720H	071250H	BT487103	SEC
M	FT	HERON	070705H	071340H	BT487103	SEC
M	FT	STOOLPIGEON	071310H	071735H	BT487103	SEC

NIGHT PATROLS FOR 7 APRIL 1966

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>SIZE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>TOO</u>	<u>TOR</u>	<u>POD/POB</u>	<u>LAYOVER/AMBUSH</u>
I	SQD	REBECCA	072045H	080100H	BT523092	SEC
I	SQD	EDW WHITE	071955H	080025H	BT523092 BT525089	072030H-072200H
I	SQD	PENNY	080050H	080625H	BT529085	080130H-080600H
I	SQD	BUZZARD	080120H	080615H	BT525089 BT523092	SEC
L	FT	ROBIN	081150H	080340H	BT477154	SEC
L	SQD	SPARROW	072220H	080345H	BT517154	SEC
L	FT	ROSE	080045H	080715H	BT477154	SEC
L	SQD	ALICE	072220H	080710H	BT517154	SEC
L	FT	SANDY	072345H	080715H	BT517754	SEC
M	SQD(-)	JAILBIRD	071910H	072345H	BT487103	SEC
M	SQD(-)	CROW	080015H	080450H	BT487103	080200H-080330H
M	FT	WANDA	080045H	080545H	BT487103	080015H-080345H
M	FT	ELLA	072345H	080445H	BT487103	072200H-080100H
M	FT	MAGGIE	072210H	080320H	BT487103	072340H-080230H
M	FT	JANET	072345H	080445H	BT487103	080015H-080345H
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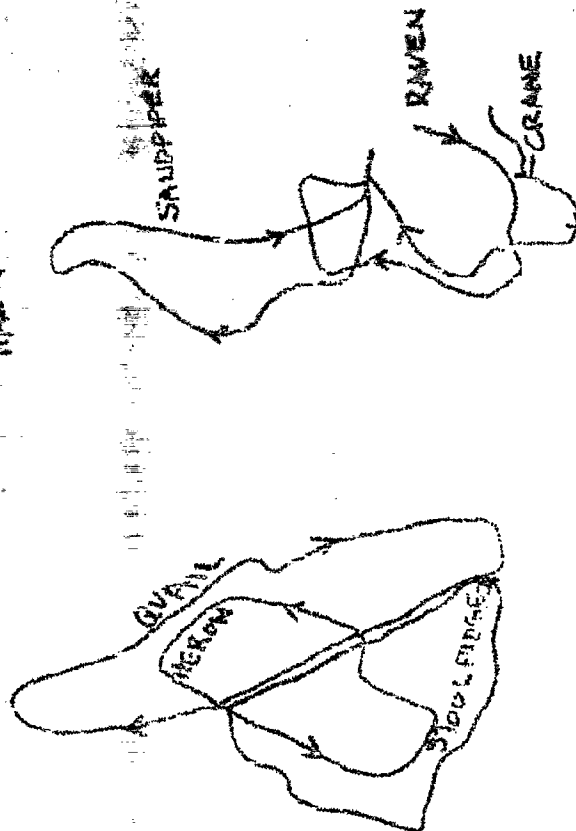
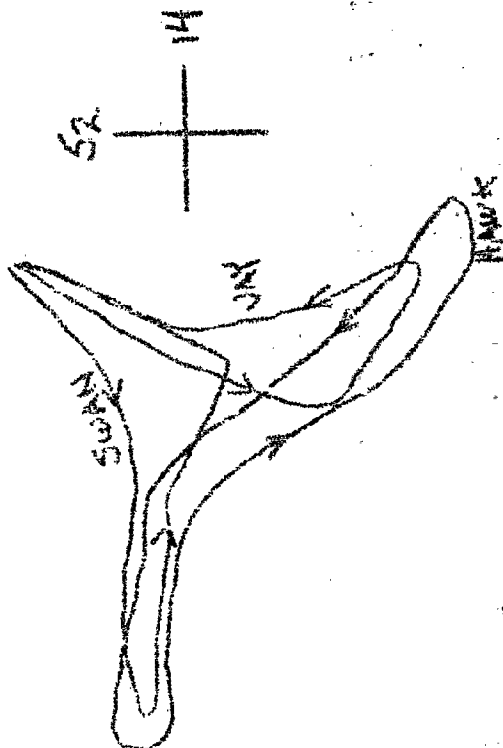
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CHU LAI, VIETNAM

R/W 1st Marine Site # 73

DAY PATROLS FOR 07 APRIL 66

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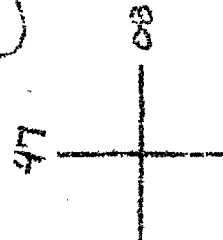
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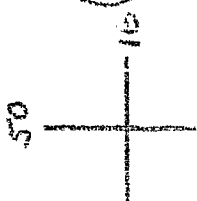
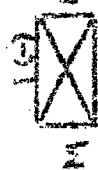
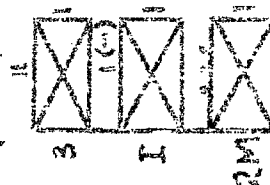
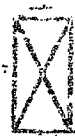
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3RD BN, 1ST MARINES
CHU LAI, VIETNAM

SITUATION OVERLAY

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2D BATTALION, 4TH MARINE DIVISION SITREP NUMBER 69 as of 040001H TO 042400H APRIL 1966

1. No contacts.

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OPERATIONS SUMMARY

ORGANIZATION: ____ BN ____ REGT ____ TAOR

PERIOD: ____ 1001Z ____ TO ____ 1000Z ____

DATE

TYPE ACTION	FIRE TEAM DAY / NIGHT	SQUAD DAY / NIGHT	PLATOON DAY / NIGHT	COMPANY*1 DAY / NIGHT	BATTALION*1 DAY / NIGHT
SCOUT SNIPER (SS)	A B				
LISTENING POST (LP)	C D				
AMBUSH (AMB)	E F	G H	I J		
RECON PATROL (REC)	K L	M N	O P		
SECURITY PATROL (SEC)	C R	S T	U V		
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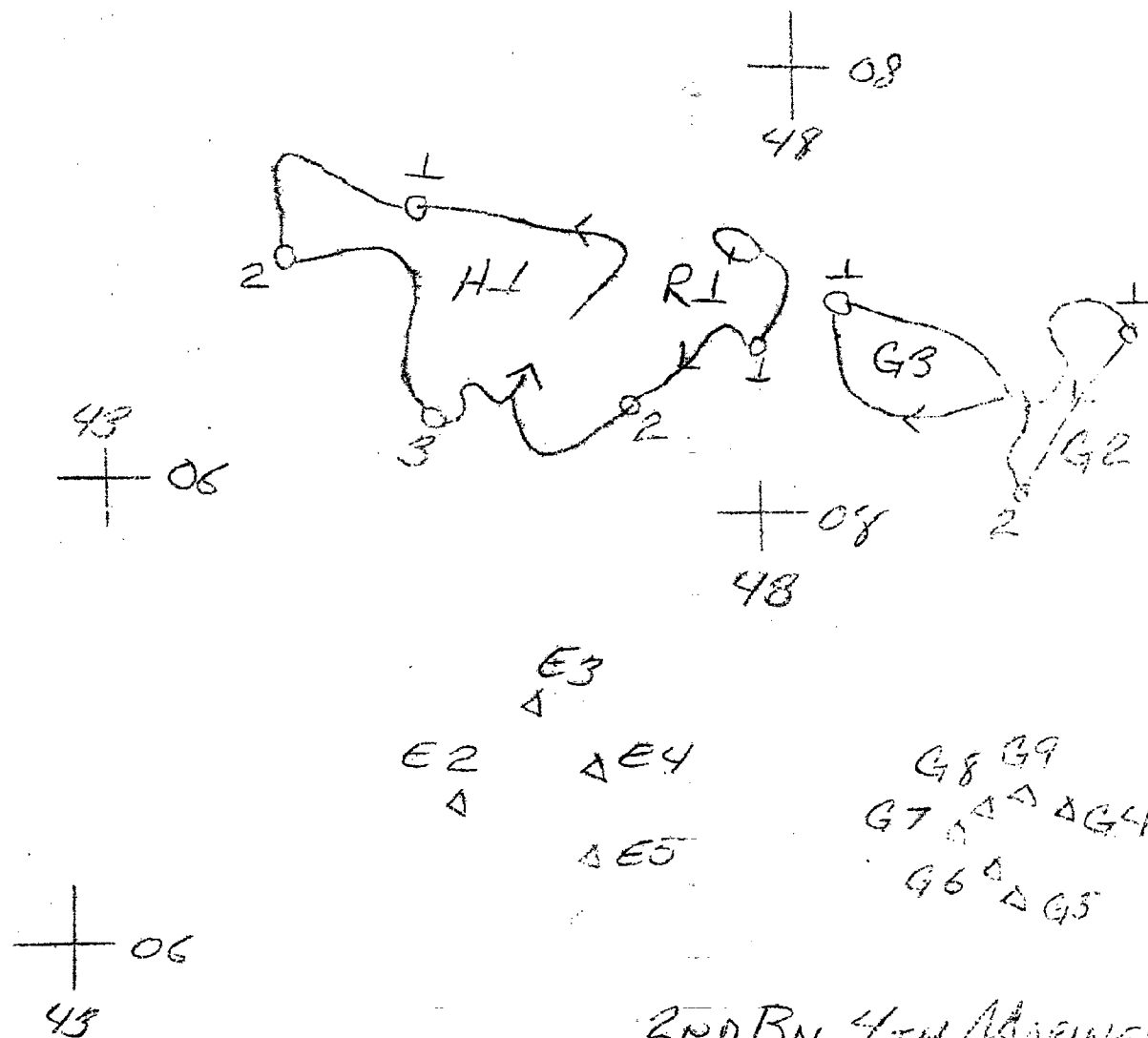
1. DAYLIGHT PATROLS

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>SIZE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>TOD</u>	<u>TOR</u>	<u>MISSION</u>
Co G	SQD	G-2	070730H	071100H	SEC
Co G	SQD	G-3	071430H	071700H	SEC
Co H	SQD	H-1	071000H	071500H	SEC
Raiders	SQD	R-2	070700H	070830H	SEC

2. NIGHT PATROLS

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>SIZE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>TOD</u>	<u>TOR</u>	<u>MISSION</u>
Co G	FT	G-4	072000H	080700H	AMB
Co G	FT	G-5	072000H	080700H	AMB
Co G	FT	G-6	072000H	080700H	AMB
Co G	FT	G-7	072000H	080700H	AMB
Co G	FT	G-8	072000H	080700H	AMB
Co G	FT	G-9	072000H	080700H	AMB
Co H	FT	H-2	072000H	080700H	AMB
Co H	FT	H-3	072000H	080700H	AMB
Co H	FT	H-4	072000H	080700H	AMB
Co H	FT	H-5	072000H	080700H	AMB

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2ND BN 4TH MARINES
 DAY PATROLS
 NIGHT AMB
 06 APRIL 66
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OPERATIONS SUMMARY

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