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 TO: CG THIRD MARDIV (REIN) FMF
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SITREP NO. 165

THIRD MARDIV 0 3100.1B

1. SCOUT/SNIPER. NEGATIVE
2. BOX SCORES. USMC 1 KIA, 10 WIA; VC WIA 2 (P), VCC 1, VCS 7
3. FIRST BATTALION

A. NARRATIVE SUMMARY

(1) LATE ENTRY

(A) AT 162300H SQD AMBUSH FROM CO B (BT 107568) SPOTTED (1) VC MOVING ON NORTH SIDE OF RIVER (BT 107568). AMBUSH TOOK VC UNDER FIRE WITH 20 RDS A/W FIRE AND 10 RDS SEMI-AUTO FIRE. VC WAS OBSERVED TO FALL BUT A SEARCH OF AREA AT FIRST LIGHT PRODUCED NEGATIVE RESULTS.

(2) CONTACTS

(A) AT 171030H SQUAD PATROL FROM COMPANY A (BT 165594) OBSERVED A WOMAN ALONG RIVER (BT 165594). WHEN SPOTTED THE WOMAN TRIED TO THROW FOOD WHICH SHE WAS CARRYING INTO THE RIVER. VILLAGE CHIEF QUESTIONED HER BUT WITH NEG RESULTS, HE THEN QUESTIONED OTHERS IN THE AREA. ONE PERSON QUESTIONED WAS A 57 YEAR OLD MALE WHO STATED HIS SON WAS A

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VC AND THAT THE WOMEN WAS HIS SONS WIFE. THE HOME OF THE FAMILY WAS SEARCHED AND A DEVICE BELIEVED TO ACTIVATE MINES AND BOOBY TRAPS AND TWO SETS OF VIETNAMESE UTILITIES WERE FOUND. FATHER STATES SON SLEEPS IN VILLAGE AT (BT 179583). WOMEN AND 57 YEAR OLD MALE SENT TO HOI AN DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS FOR QUESTIONING.

- (B) AT 171105H SQD PATROL FROM CO I (BT 057655) RECEIVED 2 ROUNDS S/A FIRE FROM AN ESTIMATED 2 VC (BT 054655). SQD RETURNED FIRE WITH 5 RDS S/A FIRE AND SEARCHED AREA WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.
- (C) AT 171135H A SQD PATROL FROM CO A (BT 181588) RECEIVED APPROXIMATELY 10 RDS S/A FIRE FROM AN ESTIMATED 2-3 VC (BT 185584). PATROL RETURNED FIRE WITH 60 RDS S/A FIRE AND 3 M-79 RDS. VC BROKE CONTACT AND WERE UNABLE TO BE PURSUED ~~ENCL~~ DUE TO THE RIVER OBSTACLE.
- (D) AT 171145H A SQD PATROL CO I (BT 050650) RECEIVED APPROXIMATELY 25 RDS S/A FIRE FROM AN ESTIMATED 3 VC (BT 048648) RESULTING IN ONE USMC WIA (SLIGHT). FIRE WAS RETURNED WITH 15 RDS S/A AND SQD DEPLOYED ON LINE TO SWEEP AREA BUT CONTACT WAS BROKEN. MED EVAC REQUESTED AND COMPLETED.
- (E) AT 171215H THE S-2 DRIVER AT (BT 010750) OBS 3 YOUNG MALES WALKING ALONG ROAD AT (BT 010730). ALL 3 MALES WERE WEARING CIVILIAN CLOTHING. ONE MALE WAS OBSERVED TO BE CARRYING A .45 GOVT PISTOL. DRIVER

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STOPPED VEHICLE TO CHECK VCS WHEN THEY RAN INTO A NEARBY HOUSE.

DRIVER AND SHOTGUN RIDER PURSUED VCS AND APPREHENDED 2 OF THEM.

A SEARCH OF THE HOUSE PRODUCED THE PISTOL WHICH THE VCS ATTEMPTED TO HIDE. WHEN QUESTIONED AT ROI AN DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS VCS STATED HE WAS A CADRE BUT WAS NOT IDENTIFIED AS SUCH. 1 VCS APPROXIMATELY 12 YEARS OLD ESCAPED.

- (F) AT 171300H A SECURITY SQD FROM CO A (BT 181588) RECEIVED 5 RDS S/A FIRE FROM 2 VC AT (BT 181584). FIRE WAS RETURNED WITH 15 RDS S/A AND 1 RD M-79. SQD COULD NOT PURSUE DUE TO RIVER OBSTACLE.
- (G) AT 171340H A SQD PATROL FROM CO B (BT 081598) RECEIVED 40 RDS S/A FIRE FROM AN ESTIMATED 4 VC (BT 080600). SQD RETURNED FIRE AND MANEUVERED SQD TO SEARCH AREA. A BLOCKING FORCE WAS SET UP AT THE SOUTHERN END OF CO LUU (2) AND BRAVO 3 ATTEMPTED TO DRIVE THE VC INTO THE BLOCKING FORCE. JK
- (H) AT 171410H A SQD PATROL FROM CO I (BT 057632) OBS 2 VC BOTH WHO WERE ARMED AT (BT 059630). VC WERE TAKEN UNDER FIRE AND ONE VC WAS WIA. VC WIA WAS OBSERVED TO PASS HIS WEAPON TO THE OTHER VC WHO MANAGED TO ESCAPE. VC WIA WILL BE FORWARDED TO III MAF ITT.

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(I) AT 171440H A HELO LEAVING H&S CO LZ AT BT 171440 RECEIVED 3 RDS S/A FIRE FROM BT 077658. SEARCHED AREA FOUND NOTHING.

(J) AT 171500H A SQD PATROL FROM CO B (BT 080600) WHILE MOVING TO A DIRECTIONAL BLOCKING POSITION DETONATED ONE "BOOMING BEEF" TYPE AP MINE AT (BT 080600) RESULTING IN 9 USMC WIA AND 1 USMC KIA. MED EVAC WAS REQUESTED AND COMPLETED.

(K) AT 171500H 3D PLT CO B AT BT 077604 APPREHENDED 3 VCS IN VILLAGE FROM WHICH THEY RECEIVED FIRE. VCS SCREENED BY VILLAGE CADRE, THEN FORWARDED TO BN CP FORWARD.

(L) AT 171740H A COURIER RUN RECEIVED 3 RDS S/A FIRE AT BT 067677 FROM AN UNK NUMBER OF VC. RETURNED 40 RDS S/A FIRE, SAW (1) VC FALL. COURIER RETURNED TO BN CP. at BT 065632

(M) AT 171825H CO I LOCATED (1) BOOBY TRAPPED M-79 WITH PRESSURE TYPE DETONATOR. DESTROYED IN PLACE.

(N) MISCELLANEOUS at 076670

(A) ONTOS FROM A CO 1ST AT BT RECEIVED 30-35 RDS A/W FIRE FROM UNK NUMBER OF VC. RETURNED 25 RDS A/W AND 15 RDS 45 CAL. VC FIRE CEASED, ONTOS CONTINUED MISSION.

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B. CONTACT ACTION REPORT

(1) QUANG NAM (BT107568); 162320H; SQD; AMB; B-1/1, NONE; UNK, 1 VC WIA (P), USMC; 0; 0; 0

(2) BT165594; 171030H; SQD; CLR; A-1/1, NONE; UNK, 2 VCS; USMC; 0; 0; 0

✓ (3) BT185586; 171135H; SQD; CLR; A-1/1, NONE; UNK, NONE; VC; 0; 0; 0

↑ (4) BT054655; 171105H; SQD; CLR; I-3/1, NONE; UNK, NONE; VC; 0; 0; 0

(5) BT054652; 171145H; SQD; CLR; I-3/1, 1 WIA; UNK, NONE; VC; 0; 0; 0

(6) BT010730; 171215H; COURIER; BN S-2; NONE; UNK, 2 VCS; USMC; 0; 0; 0

(7) BT181588; 171300H; SQD; SEC; A-1/1, NONE; UNK, NONE; VC; 0; 0; 0

(8) BT084653; 171340H; SQD; CLR; B-1/1, NONE; UNK, NONE; VC; 0; 0; 0

(9) BT054652; 171410H; SQD; CLR; I-3/1, NONE; UNK, 1 VC WIA; VC; 0; 0; 0
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(10) BT171440H; 171440H; HELO; LIFT; H&S-1/1, NONE; UNK, NONE; VC; 0; 0; 0
080600

(11) BT054652; 171500H; SQD; CLR; B-1/1, 1 KIA, 9 WIA; UNK, NONE; VC; 0; 0; 0

(12) BT077604; 171500H; PLT; CLR; B-1/1, NONE; UNK, 3VCS; USMC; 0; 0; 0

(13) BT067677; 171740H; COURIER; BN S-2; NONE; UNK, 1 VC WIA (P); VC; 0; 0; 0

(14) BT065632; 171825H; SQD; CLR; I-3/1; NONE; UNK, NONE; VC; 0; 0; 0

C. OPERATIONS SUMMARY

(1) D-8, H-5, T-4, EE-5, GG-1

D. PLANS SUMMARY

(1) D-8, H-6, T-3, EE-6

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B. COUNTERMINING OPERATIONS

(1) 1-1/1, 2-4, 3-19, 4-2, 4B-4, 5-0, 6-0, 7-0

4. THIRD BATTALION

A. NARRATIVE SUMMARY

(1) LATE ENTRY. NONE
 (2) CONTACTS

(A) AT 171130H, COMPANY M SQD PATROL DISCOVERED A FUNJI PIT BOOBY TRAPPED *at BT 032675* WITH A CHICOM HAND GRENADE. THE GRENADE, RIGGED WITH A FULL WIRE WAS PLACED IN A C-RATION CAN, THE TOP OF WHICH WAS PACKED WITH GLASS AND METAL SCRAPS. THE BOOBY TRAP WAS DESTROYED *in place*. *at BT 065683*

(B) AT 171755H A VEHICLE ON THE ROAD *at BT 066685* AT CO K 2D PLT CB RECEIVED 5 RDS S/A FIRE FROM AN ESTIMATED 2 VCA. RETURNED 10 RDS S/A FIRE, CHECKED AREA FOUND NOTHING.

(3) MISCELLANEOUS. NONE

B-103 CONTACT ACTION REPORT *032675*

(1) QUANG NAM (BT 075675); 171130H; SQD; CLR; M-3/1; NONE; UNK; VC; 0; 0; 0
 (2) BT065683; 171755H; COURIER; K-3/1; NONE; UNK; NONE; VC; 0; 0; 0

C. OPERATION SUMMARY

(1) D-11, F-2, H-6, S-9, T-2

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D. PLANS SUMMARY

(1) D-8, F-2, H-8, S-6, T-2

E. COUNTERMINE OPERATIONS REPORT. NEGATIVE

4. COUNTY FAIR OPERATIONS

A. COUNTY FAIR 1-8

B. UNIT CONDUCTING. 3D BN, 1ST MAR

C. NAME OF HAMLET. MAN QUAN (1).

D. LOCATION. COORDINATES BT 035686.

E. DATE, TIME OF COMMENCEMENT. 180500H.

F. DURATION OF OPERATION. 180500H TO 191500H.

G. UNITS PARTICIPATING. COMPANY M (-), 3D BN, 1ST MAR; 2D PLT, COMPANY L, 3D BN, 1ST MAR; 4TH BN, 51ST ARVN REGT; 4TH PLT, COMPANY A, 1ST AMTRAC BN; 2D PLT (-), COMPANY C, 3D TK BN; 1ST PLT (-), COMPANY A, 1ST AT BN; DET, 244 PHY WAR COMPANY.

H. SIGNIFICANT OR UNUSUAL EVENTS. TANKS AND ONTOS WILL BE UTILIZED IN CONJUNCTION WITH BLOCKING FORCES TO ISOLATE AND PREVENT EXIT OR ENTRANCE OF INDIGENOUS PERSONNEL AND/OR VC WITHIN THE TARGET AREA.

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