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OPN OSCEOLA SITREP NO 315 (PERIOD 080600H TO 081200H JAN 68)

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: 1ST MARINES (-) (REIN), CONTINUED TO CONDUCT OPERATION OSCEOLA. AS FOLLOWS: 1/1 AND 1/3 CONDUCTED COMBAT OPERATIONS. IAW PARA. 5., SITREP NO 314. 1/1 CONTINUED MISSION DIVISION RESERVE AND PROVIDED REACTION PLATOON FOR ROUGH RIDER.

3. CONTACTS:

AT 080650H. A/1/3 AT YD 312505, RECEIVED THREE ROUNDS SNIPER FIRE. RETURNED FIRE IMMEDIATELY. AREA SEARCHED. NO

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EVIDENCE. ENEMY CASUALTIES.

B. AT 080830H. 1ST PLATOON. B/1/1, AT YD 313479, MARINE TRIPPED GRENADE RIGGED AS MINE WITH TRIP WIRE. RESULTS ONE MARINE WIA (MEDEVAC).

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NEGATIVE.

5. PLANS: 1ST MARINES (-) (REIN), CONTINUE TO CONDUCT OPERATION OSCEOLA. AS FOLLOWS: 1/1 AND 1/2 CONTINUES TO CONDUCT COMBAT OPERATIONS, IAW PARA. 5., SITREP NO 314. 1/1 CONTINUES MISSION DIVISION RESERVE AND PROVIDES REACTION PLATOON FOR ROUGH RIDER.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

FRIENDLY

KIA 17

WIA 146 MEDEVAC

WIA 35 MINOR

MIA 0

REF 0

ENEMY

KIA (C) 9 NVA 52 VC

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POW 2 NVA 1 VC

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7. SCOUT/SNIPERS: NO CHANGE. NEGATIVE CONTACTS.

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1. OSCEOLA SITREP 316 (PERIOD 081200H TO 081800H JAN 68)

2. UNIT LOCATIONS:

1ST MARINES (-) (REIN) YD 338508

2/1 (REAR): YD 334496

1/1: YD 334496

A/1/1: YD 334496

B/1/1: YD 334496

C/1/1: YD 334496

D/1/1: YD 334496

1/1 (-) YD 315505

A/1/1: YD 315505

B/1/1: YD 308556

D/1/1: YD 308562

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: 1ST MARINES (-) (REIN), CONTINUED TO

CONDUCT OPERATION OSCEOLA, AS FOLLOWS: 1/1 AND 1/3

CONTINUED TO CONDUCT COMBAT OPERATIONS, IAW PARA 5.

SITREP NO 314. 1/1 CONTINUED MISSION DIVISION RESERVE.

A/1 PROVIDED REACTION PLATOON, FOR THE ROUGH RIVER SOUTH.

3. CONTACTS: NEGATIVE

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NEGATIVE

5. PLANS: 1ST MARINES (-) (REIN), CONTINUE TO CONDUCT

OPERATION OSCEOLA, AS FOLLOWS: UNITS CONDUCT NIGHT

DEFENSIVE OPERATION, TO INCLUDE DEFENSE OF UNIT CP'S, AND

DEFENSIVE POSITIONS, ESTABLISH AMBUSHES AND LP'S. 1/1

CONTINUES MISSION, DIVISION RESERVE. NIGHT DEFENSIVE

POSITIONS ARE ESTABLISHED AS FOLLOWS:

A. 2D PLATOON, D/1/1, AT YD 334465

B. 3D PLATOON, D/1/1, AT YD 355464.

C. 3D PLATOON, A/1/1, AT YD 333507.

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 5. 3/11 6-75 WITH 10 [REDACTED] RELATIONS AND END CRUISE
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E: 1/3 CONDUCTS, SERIES OF SQUAD SIZED SECURITY PATROLS,
 AMBUSHES, AND LP'S IN THEIR ASSIGNED SECTOR OF THE
 REGIMENTAL AREA OF OPERATION.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

FRIENDLY

KIA 17
 MIA 346 MED EVAC
 MIA 35 MINOR
 MIA 0
 REF 0

ENEMY

PLA (C) 9 NVA 52 VC

DTM 157

POW 2 NVA 1 VC

RTM 2 0 VC

CL DEF 2 NVA 4 VC

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IWC 27

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 CSWC 0

7. SCOUT/SNIPERS.

A. 1/1. FOUR. FOUR. NEGATIVE

B. 2/1. TWO. TWO. UNKNOWN (CON THIEN)

C. 1/3. THREE. THREE. NEGATIVE

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OPN OSCEOLA SITREP 317 (PERIOD 081800H TO 082400H JAN 68)

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE.

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: 1ST MARINES CONTINUED TO CONDUCT, OPERATION OSCEOLA, AS FOLLOWS: UNITS CONDUCTED, NIGHT DEFENSIVE OPERATIONS, IAW PARA. 5., SITREP NO. 316.

3. CONTINUED MISSION DIVISION RESERVE.

4. CONTACTS:

A. (LATE ENTRY) AT 081645H, 3D PLATOON, C/1/1, AT YD

9462. MARINE TRIPPED M-26 GRENADE RIGGED AS

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MINE, WITH TRIP WIRE. RESULTS ONE MARINE
MIA (MONOR) ADMINISTERED MEDICAL AID, MARINE REMAINED IN
FIELD WITH UNIT.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NEGATIVE

5. PLANS: 1ST MARINES (-) (REIN), CONTINUE TO CONDUCT
OPERATION OSCEOLA, AS FOLLOWS: UNITS CONTINUE TO CONDUCT
OPERATION OSCEOLA, AS FOLLOWS: UNITS CONTINUE TO CONDUCT
NIGHT DEFENSIVE OPERATIONS, IAW PARA. 5., SITREP NO. 316.

1/1 CONTINUES MISSION, DIVISION RESERVE.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

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KIA 17
MIA 146 MEDEVAC
MIA 36 MINOR
MIA 0
REF 0

ENEMY

KIA(C) 9 NVA 52 VC

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POW 2 NVA 1 VC

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7. SCOUT/SNIPERS: NO CHANGE, NEGATIVE CONTACT.

8. PLANS: A7/C6/D32/J11/L4/U3/X6/AA2/CC5/EE3/FF2.

9. OPNS: A7/C4/D26/J16/L4/V10/X6/B84/CC5/DD2/EE2/FF2.

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OPEN OSCEOLA SITREP NO. 318 (PERIOD 090000 TO 090600H JAN 68)

1. UNIT LOCATIONS. NO CHANGES.

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: 1ST MARINES (-)(REIN), CONTINUE TO CONDUCT, OPERATION OSCEOLA, AS FOLLOWS: UNITS CONTINUED TO CONDUCT, NIGHT DEFENSIVE OPERATIONS, IAW PARA. 5. MY SITREP NO. 316. 1/1 CONTINUES MISSION. DIVISION RESERVE.

3. CONTACTS. NEGATIVE.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS. NEGATIVE.

5. PLANS. 1. MARINES (-)(REIN), CONTINUE TO CONDUCT, OPERATION

OSCEOLA, AS FOLLOWS: 1/1 AND 1/3 CONDUCT SEARCH AND DESTROY

OPERATIONS AND ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN, SMALL UNIT CP'S.

1/1 CONTINUES MISSION, DIVISION RESERVE, AND PROVIDES REACTION PLATOON FOR ROUGH RIDER TO CAMP EVANS IN CONNECTION WITH CP DISPLACEMENTS. SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED AS FOLLOWS.

A. COMMENCING 090600H. 3D PLATOON, D/1/1, IP YD 350464. CP1 YD 347473, CP2 YD 347477, CP3 YD 337485 TO YD 334496.

B. COMMENCING 090600H. 2D PLATOON, D/1/1, IP YD 322466, CP1 YD 325472, CP2 YD 324478, CP3 YD 325487, CP4 YD 334485, TO YD 334496.

C. COMMENCING 091400H, B/1/1 (-), IP YD 312477 CP1 YD 316484, CP2 YD 318490, CP3 YD 323495, CP4 YD 329489, CP5 YD 333487, TO YD 334496.

D. COMMENCING 090700H, C/1/1 (-), IP YD 321490, CP1 YD 323495, CP2 YD 319493, CP3 YD 313481 TO YD 298475.

E. COMMENCING 091700H, 2D PLATOON, A/1/1, IP YD

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337485, CP1 YD 344485, CP2 YD 355478, CP3 YD 359480 TO YD 363472.

F. COMMENCING 091730H, 3D PLATOON A/1/1, IP YD 315510, CP1 YD 312509, CP2 YD 316506, CP3 YD 321510, CP4 YD 310516, CP5 YD 316514.

G. COMMENCING 091730H, 3D PLATOON A/1/1, IP YD 334467, CP1 YD 334469.

H. COMMENCING, 090700H, B/1/3, REIN FORCE MOVES BY TRUCK CONVOY FROM YD 310549, TO YD 329519. ON A ARRIVAL COMMENCING SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION

ATTACKS SW ALONG THE ROAD TO OBJECTIVE ONE AT YD 309484. SECURES OBJECTIVE ONE AND CONTINUES TO ATTACK NW TO OBJECTIVE 2 AND ESTABLISHES NIGHT DEFENSIVE POSITIONS AND PREPARES TO CONTINUE ATTACK ON 10 JAN 1968. PHASE LINE

E AT YD 316504 PL ANN-AT-YD 287493.

I. CO A(-) REMAINS AT YD 315505.

J. 1/3 CONDUCTS SERIES OF SQD SIZE COMBAT PATROLS AND MAIN-SMALL UNIT PATROLS.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES.

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FRIENDLY

KIA 17
WIA 146 MEDEVAC
WIA 36 MINOR

REF 0

ENEMY

K (C) 9 NVA 52 VC

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PCW 2 NVA 1 VC

RTNE 2 NVA

CIV DEF 2 NVA 4 VC

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CSWC 0

7. SCOUT/SNIPERS. NO CHANGE, NEGATIVE CONTACTS.

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OPN OSCEOLA SITREP NO. 319 (PERIOD 090600H TO 091200H JAN 68)

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE EXCEPT

B/1/3: YD 310482

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: 1ST MARINES (-) (REIN), CONTINUED TO CONDUCT OPERATION OSCEOLA AS FOLLOWS: 1/1 AND 1/3 CONTINUED TO CONDUCT SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IAW PARA. 5. MY SITREP NO. 318. 1/1 CONTINUES MISSION DIVISION RESERVE AND PROVIDES REACTION PLATOON FOR ROUGH RIDER 2-68, AND ROUGH RIDER TO CAMP EVANS IN CONNECTION WITH

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OF DISPLACEMENTS.

3. CONTACTS: NEGATIVE

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NEGATIVE

5. 1ST MARINES (-) (REIN), CONTINUE TO CONDUCT OPERATION OSCEOLA AS FOLLOWS: 1/1 AND 1/3 CONTINUE TO CONDUCT COMBAT OPERATIONS IAW PARA. 5. MY SITREP NO. 318.

1/1 CONTINUES MISSION DIVISION RESERVE, AND PROVIDES REACTION PLATOON FOR ROUGH RIDER 2-68, AND ROUGH RIDER, TO CAMP EVANS.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES

FRIENDLY

KIA

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ENEMY

KIA (C)

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CSWC 0

7. SCOUT/SNIPERS. NO CHANGE. NEGATIVE CONTACTS.

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OSCEOLA SITREP 320 (PERIOD 091200H TO 091800H JAN 68)

1. UNIT LOCATION:

1ST MARINES (-) (REIN): YD 338508

2/A (REAR) YD 334496

A/A: YD 334496

A/A: YD 334496

B/A: YD 334496

C/A: YD 334496

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1/3(-): YD 310549

A/A 1/3(-): YD 315505

B/A 1/3: YD 278503

D/A 1/3: YD 306562

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: 1ST MARINES (-) (REIN), CONTINUED TO CONDUCT, OPERATIONS OSCEOLA. AS FOLLOWS:

1/A AND 1/3 CONTINUED TO CONDUCT COMBAT OPERATION

AW PARA 5. SITREP NO 318. 1/A CONTINUED MISSION, DIVISION RESERVE. AND PROVIDED REACTION PLATOONS FOR ROUGH RIDER 2-68 AND 1ST MARINES CONVOY TO AND FROM CAMP EVANS, IN CONNECTION WITH THE DISPLACEMENT OF CP'S.

AT 090800H. CO B. 1ST MED BN AND ADVANCE PARTY, CO A, 1ST SP BN. DET. COMM PLATOON, HQ CO, 1ST MAR. DISPLACED TO CAMP EVANS AS THE INITIAL MOVEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH DISPLACEMENT OF CP'S. CONVOY ARRIVED, CAMP EVANS AT 090910H. JAN 68.

RETURN VEHICLES DEPARTED CAMP EVANS 091315H. ARRIVED 1ST MAR CP 091700H.

3. CONTACTS: NEGATIVE.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NEGATIVE.

5. PLANS: 1ST MARINES (-) (REIN), CONTINUES TO CONDUCT, OPERATION OSCEOLA. AS FOLLOWS: UNITS CONDUCT NIGHT

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 DEFENSIVE OPERATION, TO INCLUDE DEFENSE OF UNIT CP'S
 AND NIGHT DEFENSIVE POSITIONS. ESTABLISH AMBUSHES AND
 LP'S. 1/1 CONTINUES MISSION DIVISION RESERVE. NIGHT
 DEFENSIVE POSITIONS TO BE ESTABLISHED AS FOLLOWS:

A. 2D PLATOON A/1/1, YD 362472.

B. 3D PLATOON A/1/1, YD 333469.

C. C1/1 (-) WITH 2D AND 3D PLATOONS AND CMD GRU AT
 YD 299473.

D. PLATOON H&S CO 1/1, AT YD 334498.

E. A/1/3 (-) AT YD 309493.

F. B/1/3 (REIN), AT YD 278503.

G. 1/3 CONDUCTS SERIES OF SQD SIZE SECURITY PATROLS.

AMBUS ES. AND LP'S IN THEIR ASSIGNED SECTOR OF
 REGIMENTAL AREA OF OPERATION.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

FRIENDLY

MIA 17

MIA 146 MEDEVAC

VIA 36 MINOR

MIA 0

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ENEMY

KIA (C) 9 NVA 52 VC

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CIV DEF 2 NVA 4 VC

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7. SCOUT/SNIPERS: NO CHANGE, NEGATIVE CONTACT.

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OPN OSCEOLA SITREP NO. 321 (PERIOD 091800H TO 092400H JAN 68)
 1. UNIT LOCATIONS. NO CH

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2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION. 1ST MARINES (-)(REIN), CONTINUED TO CONDUCT, OPERATION OSCEOLA, AS FOLLOWS: UNITS CONDUCTED NIGHT DEFENSIVE OPERATIONS. 1AW PARA. 5., MY SITREP NO. 320. 1/1 CONTINUED MISSION, DIVISION RESERVE.

3. CONTACTS.

A. (LATE ENTRY) AT 081525H, ARMED PROPAGANDA TEAM OPERATING IN CONJUNCTION WITH 2D PLATOON, B/1/1, APPREHENDED TWO VN FEMALES. AT YD 312487. TEAM

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 MEMBERS STATED THAT HUSBANDS OF FEMALES ARE VC.
 TAKEN TO CP FOR FURTHER PROCESSING.

B. (LATE ENTRY) AT 091700H, C/1/1. AT YD 299476, OBSERVED FIVE ARMED NVA, AT YD 299481. TOOK NVA UNDER FIRE WITH 81MM. SCOUT SNIPERS FIRED AT ONE NVA WITH R700, HIT NVA TWICE AND SAW HIM DROP, OTHER TWO NVA WERE HIT DIRECTLY BY 81MM, AND WERE BLOWN INTO THE AIR. SECONDARY EXPLOSION WAS ALSO OBSERVED. RESULTS THREE NVA, KIA(C). UNABLE TO CROSS RIVER TO RECOVER WEAPONS/EQUIPMENT.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS. NEGATIVE

5. PLANS. 1ST MARINES (-)(REIN), CONTINUE TO CONDUCT OPERATION OSCEOLA, AS FOLLOWS: UNITS CONTINUE TO CONDUCT, NIGHT DEFENSIVE OPERATIONS 8-2 0-4-5., MY SITREP NO. 320. 1/1 CONTINUED MISSION. DIVISION RESERVE.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES.

FRIENDLY

KIA 17
 WIA 146 M-DE VAC
 KIA 35 MINOR
 MIA 0

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ENEMY

KI (C) 12 NVA 52 VC

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POW 2 NVA 1 VC

PTNE 2 NVA

CIV DEF 2 NVA 4 VC

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7. SCOUT/SNIPERS: NO CHANGE. NEGATIVE CONTACT.

8. PLANS SUM. A7/C8/D25/J7/L7/U1/V5/AA3/CC5/DD2/EE3/FF3/.

9. OPERATIONS SUM. A7/C8/D23/J9/L8/U1/V5/X9/AA3/CC5/EE3/FF2.

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 THIRD MARINES
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OPN OSCEOLA SITREP NO. 322 (PERIOD 100000H TO 106000H JAN 68)
 1. UNIT LOCATIONS. NO CHANGE.
 2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION. 1ST MARINES (-) (REIN), CONTINUED TO CONDUCT, OPERATION OSCEOLA. AS FOLLOWS: UNITS CONTINUED TO CONDUCT, NIGHT DEFENSIVE OPERATIONS IAW PARA. 5., MY SITREP NO. 320. 1/1 CONTINUED MISSION. DIVISION RESERVE.
 3. CONTACTS. NEGATIVE
 4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS. NEGATIVE.
 PLANS: 1ST MARINES (-) (REIN) CONTINUE TO CONDUCT OPERATION OSCEOLA, AS FOLLOWS: 1/1 AND 1/3 CONDUCT DAYLIGHT COMBAT

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 OPERATIONS TO INCLUDE SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS AND SMALL UNIT CP'S. 1/1 CONTINUES MISSION. DIVISION RESERVE AND PROVIDES REACTION PLATOON FOR ROUGH RIVER 2-68. COMBAT OPERATION WILL BE CONDUCTED AS FOLLOWS:

A. C/1/1 (-) WITH 2ND AND 3RD PLATOON AND AND COMMANDER GROUP CONTINUE TO CONDUCT COMBAT OPERATION VICINTY YD 312480.
 B. COMMENCING 100700H, PLATOON H&S D/1/1 IP YD 334508, CP1 YD 338498 TO YD 334496
 C. COMMENCING 100730H, 1ST PLATOON A/1/1, IP YD 367474 CP1 YD 360480, CP2 YD 355487, CP3 YD 347487, CP4 YD 332486 TO YD 334496.
 D. COMMENCING 100800H, 2ND PLATOON G/1/1, IP YD 336469, CP1 YD 337476, CP2 YD 335480, CP3 YD 337485, TO YD 334496.
 E. COMMENCING 101700H, 3D PLATOON, A/1/1, IP YD 334496, CP1 YD 332488, CP2 YD 332470, CP3 YD 330474, CP4 YD 333469, CP6 YD 334460 TO YD 334455.
 F. COMMENCING 101700H, 2ND PLATOON D/1/1, IP YD 334496 CP1 YD 335488, CP2 YD 343485, CP3 YD 354487, CP4 YD 364480. TO YD 368847

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G. A/1/3 (-) CONTINUE TO CONDUCT COMBAT OPERATION VICINITY YD 315505

H. COMMENCING 100630H, B/1/3 REIN CONTINUES TO ATTACK NORTH FROM OBJECT 2 TO YD 278506 TO SEIZE AND SECURE OBJECT 3 AT YD 280523. AFTER SECURING OBJECT 3 CONTINUES TO ATTACK NW ALONG SONG AI TU TO YD 297543 AND PROCEED TO CP AT YD 310549.

I. ADDITIONALLY 1/3 CONDUCT S SQUAD SIZED COMBAT PATROLS. ESTABLISHES AND MAINTAIN SMALL INTO CP'S IN ASSIGNED SECTOR OF REGIMENTAL AREA OF OPERATIONS.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

USMC

KIA 17

WIA 146

WIA 36

MIA 0

DNE 0

ENEMY

KIA (C) 12 NVA 52 VC

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POW 2 NVA 1 VC

RTNEE 2 NVA 0 VC

CIV DEF 2 NVA 4 VC

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7. SCOUT/SNIPERS: NO CHANGE, NEGATIVE COMBAT.

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OPN OSCEOLA SITREP NO. 323 (PERIOD 100600H TO 101200H JAN 68)
 1. UNIT LOCATIONS. NO CHANGES. EXCEPT
 B/1/3: YD 284523
 2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS. 1ST MARINES (-) (REIN). CONTINUED
 TO CONDUCT OPERATION OSCEOLA, AS FOLLOWS: 1/1 AND 1/3

CONDUCTED COMBAT OPERATIONS. IAW PARA 5. MY SIT REP
 NO. 322. 1/1 CONTINUED MISSION, DIVISION RESERVE AND
 PROVIDED REACTION PLATOON FOR ROUGH RIVER 2-68.
 3. CONTACTS.

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A. AT 100755H, C/1/1. AT YD 298445, OBSERVED ONE ARMED VC/NVA IN GRAY UNIFORM AT YD 299482. TOOK VC/NVA UNDER FIRE WITH 81MM. GOOD COVERAGE ON TARGET. AREA NOT SEARCHED. UNABLE TO CROSS RIVER. RESULTS UNKNOWN.

B. AT 100905H, C/1/1, AT YD 298445, OBSERVED ONE ARMED VC/NVA IN GREEN UNIFORM MOVING IN TREELINE AT YD 299482. TOOK VC/NVA UNDER FIRE, SCOUT SNIPER WITH R-700 AND ARTILLERY. AREA WAS NOT SEARCHED. UNABLE TO CROSS RIVER, RESULTS UNKNOWN.

AT 100940H, B/1/3. MARINE STEPPED ON 105MM, WP ROUND RIGGED AS MINE, WITH PRESSURE TYPE DETONATOR. RESULTS ONE MARINE WIA (MEDEVAC)

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NEGATIVE.

5. PLANS: 1ST MARINES (-) (REIN). CONTINUE TO CONDUCT, OPERATION OSCEOLA, AS FOLLOWS: 1/1 AND 1/3, CONTINUE TO CONDUCT. COMBAT OPERATION, IAW PARA. 5., MY SITREP NO 322. 1/1 CONTINUES MISSION, DIVISION RESERVE, AND PROVIDES REACTION PLATOON, FOR ROUGH RIVER 2-68.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

FRIENDLY

KIA 17
WIA 137 MEDEVAC
WIA 36 MINOR

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ENEMY

KIA (C)	12	NVA	52	VC
DE	136	NVA		
POW	2	NVA	1	VC
RTNEE	2	NVA	0	VC
CIV DEF	2	NVA	4	VC
INN CIV	126			
IWC	27			
CSWC	0			

7. SCOUT/SNIPERS: NO CHANGE, SEE PARA. 3. B.

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OPN OSCEOLA SITREP 324 (PERIOD 101200H TO 101800H JAN 68)

1. UNIT LOCATIONS:

1ST MARINES (-) (REIN) : YD 338508
2/1 (REAR) : YD 334496
1/1 : YD 334496
A/1/1 : YD 334496
B/1/1 : YD 334496
C/1/1 : YD 334496
D/1/1 : YD 334496

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A/1/3 : YD 309559

B/1/3 : YD 308556

C/1/3 : YD 306562

PROVISIONAL INFANTRY COMPANY : YD 310505, WITH 2D PLATOON.

A/1/3, 2D PLATOON, D/1/3 AND CMD GRU, A/1/3.

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: 1ST MARINES (-) (REIN) CONTINUED TO CONDUCT OPERATION OSCEOLA, AS FOLLOWS: 1/1 AND 1/3 CONTINUED TO CONDUCT COMBAT OPERATIONS. LAW PARA-5, SITREP NO 322. 1/1 CONTINUED MISSION. DIVISION RESERVE.

3. CONTACTS:

A. (LATE ENTRY) : -5 101025H. B/1/3, AT YD 275526 RECEIVED APPROX 30 ROUNDS. AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE FROM YD 275526.

FIRE RETURNED IMMEDIATELY. SMALL ARMS AND ARTY. AREA SEARCHED. NO EVIDENCE OF ENEMY CASUALTIES. RESULTS, TWO MARINES KIA (MEDEVAC).

B. (LATE ENTRY) AT 101030H. : A/1/1, AT YD 292459 OBSERVED SIX ARMED VC IN GREEN UTILITIES AT YD 285460. TOOK UNDER FIRE WITH SMALL ARMS AND ARTY. OBSERVED ONE VC DROPPED. AREA SEARCHED. DISCOVERED, BLOOD TRAILS, ONE PACK WITH DOCUMENTS NO CASUALTIES.

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C. AT 101245H. 3D PLATOON. C/1/1. AT YD 298476. OBSERVED ONE VC DRESSED UTILITIES AT YD 299480. TOOK VC UNDER FIRE. OBSERVED VC DROP. AREA NOT SEARCHED. UNABLE TO CROSS RIVER.
 D. AT 101450H. A/1/3. AT YD 302564. APPREHENDED ON VN MALE APPROX 12 YEARS OLD ATTEMPTING TO STEAL US GOV PROPERTY. TAKEN TO BN CP FOR FURTHER PROCESSING. VN MALE CLAIMS HE HAS KNOWLEDGE OF VC.

E. AT 101500H. A/1/3. AT YD 289528. RECEIVED SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM FOUR VC AT YD 295528. FIRE RETURNED IMMEDIATELY SMALL ARMS AND 81MM AND ARTY. PLATOON SIZE UNIT DEPLOYED TO RENDER ASSISTANCE. AREA SEARCHED. NO EVIDENCE. ENEMY CASUALTIES.

F. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NEGATIVE.

G. PLANS: 1ST MARINES (-) (REIN). CONTINUE TO CONDUCT OPERATION OSCOLA. AS FOLLOWS: UNITS CONDUCT NIGHT DEFENSIVE OPERATIONS. TO INCLUDE DEFENSE OF UNIT CP'S, AND NIGHT DEFENSIVE POSITIONS, ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN AMBUSHES AND LP'S. 1/1 CONTINUES MISSION, DIVISION RESERVE. NIGHT DEFENSIVE POSITIONS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED AS FOLLOWS:

A. PLATOON, HANDS CO. AT YD 334507.

B. 1ST PLATOON. D/1/1. AT YD 346455.

C. 3D PLATOON. A/1/1. AT YD 334450.

D. C/1/1 (-), WITH 1ST AND 3D PLATOON AND CMU GRU. AT YD 315472.

E. PROVISIONAL RIFLE CO. AT YD 310505.

F. 1/3 CONDUCTS SERIES OF SQUAD SECURITY PATROLS. AMBUSHES AND LP'S IN THEIR ASSIGNED SECTOR OF THE REGIMENTAL AREA OF OPERATION.

G. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: PARA. 3.A., SITRLP 321, REFERS. TWO VN FEMALES RECLASSIFIED AND RELEASED AS INNOCENT CIVILIANS. ADJUST TO READ AS FOLLOWS: INN CIV - 128.

FRIENDLY

WJA 146 REDEVAC

WJA 36 MINOR

MA 0

RLF 0

ENEMY

KIA(0) 12 NVA 52 VC

DTNE 140

POW 2 NVA 1 VC

RTNE 2 NVA 0 VC

CIV DEF 2 NVA 4 VC

INN CIV 128

IWC 27

CSWC 0

7. SCOUT/SNIPERS:

A. 1/1. FOUR. FOUR. NEGATIVE.

B. 2/1. TWO. TWO. (CON THIEN).

C. 1/3. THREE. THREE. NEGATIVE CONTACT.

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CPN OSCOLA SITREP NO. 325 (PERIOD 101800H TO 102400H JAN 68)
 1. UNIT LOCATIONS. NO CHANGE.
 3. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS. 1ST MARINES (-) (REIN), CONTINUED
 TO CONDUCT, OPERATION OSCOLA. AS FOLLOWS: UNITS CONDUCTED
 NIGHT DEFENSIVE OPERATIONS, IAW PARA. 5. MY SITREP NO. 324.
 1/1 CONTINUED MISSION, DIVISION RESERVE.
 3. CONTACTS. NEGATIVE
 4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS. NEGATIVE.

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5. PLANS. 1ST MARINES (-) (REIN), CONTINUE TO CONDUCT,
 OPERATION OSCOLA, AS FOLLOWS: UNITS CONTINUE TO CONDUCT,
 NIGHT DEFENSIVE OPERATIONS IAW PARA. 5. MY SITREP NO. 322.
 1/1 CONTINUES MISSION, DIVISION RESERVE.
 6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES.

FRIENDLY

KIA 17

WWIA 148 NEDEVAC

WIA 36 MIKOK

MIA 0

REF 0

ENEMY

KIA (C) 12 NVA 52 VC

LTN 140

POW 2 NVA 1 VC

RTNLE 2 NVA

CIV DEF 2 NVA 4 VC

INN CIV 120

IWC 27

CSWC 0

7. SCOUT SNIPERS. NO CHANGE, NEGATIVE CONTACTS.

8. PLAS SUMM. A6 / C2 / D20 / J8 / L4 / V3 X6 / AA3 / GBI CC5 / DD2 / EE2 / FF1.

9. CPNS SUMM. A5 / C4 / D31 / J7 / L7 / V10 / X9 / AA3 / CC2 / DD2 / EE4 / FF1.

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 1ST MARINES
 TO 3RD THIRD MAR DIV
 INFO 3RD THIRD MAR DIV (FWD)
 3RD FIRST MAR DIV
 2ND/1ST BN FIRST MARINES
 1ST/1ST BN ELEVENTH MARINES
 2ND/1ST BN THIRD MARINES
 THIRD MARINES

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OPN OSCOLA SITREP M 326 (PERIOD 110000H TO 110600H JAN 68)

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE.

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: 1ST MARINES (-) (REIN) CONTINUED TO CONDUCT OPERATION OSCOLA, AS FOLLOWS: UNITS CONTINUED TO CONDUCT NIGHT DEFENSIVE OPERATIONS. 1AW PARA. 5. SITREP M 322. 1/1 CONTINUED MISSION, DIVISION RESERVE.

3. CONTACTS:

4. (LATE ENTRY) AT 102315H, A/1/3. VICINITY YD 299549. LP HEARD MOVEMENT AND REQUESTED ILLUMINATION. OBSERVED 6 INDIVIDUALS MOVE INTO TREE LINE. NEGATIVE RESULTS.

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B. (LATE ENTRY) AT 102315H, A/1/3, VICINITY YD 313511, D2 AMBUSH RECEIVED INCOMING SMALL ARMS FIRE AND A GRENADE. IMMEDIATELY RETURNED FIRE WITH SMALL ARMS AND 107'S. ENEMY BROKE CONTACT. AMBUSH SHIFTED TO NEW POSITION. WILL SEARCH AREA AT FIRST LIGHT.

C. AT 110220H, A/1/1. VICINITY YD 339477, LP OBSERVED ONE MAN MOVING IN OPEN. THREW ONE M-26 AND SEARCHED AREA WITH NO EVIDENCE OF ENEMY CASUALTIES.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NEGATIVE.

5. PLANS: 1ST MARINES (-) (REIN). CONTINUE TO CONDUCT OPERATION OSCOLA, AS FOLLOWS: 1/1 AND 1/3 CONDUCT OFFENSIVE COMBAT OPERATIONS; TO INCLUDE, SEARCH AND DESTROY, AND SMALL UNIT CP'S. 1/1 CONTINUES MISSION DIVISION RESERVE. SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION WILL BE CONDUCTED AS FOLLOWS:

A. COMMENCING 110600H, 1ST PLAT D/1/1. LP YD 350455, CP 1 YD 356456. CP2 YD 360462, CP3 YD 364470. CP4 YD 365480. CP5 YD 369485. CP6 YD 363490, CP7 YD 354489, CP8 YD 344485, TO YD 314496.

B. COMMENCING 110730H, 3D PLATOON A/1/1. LP YD 334450, CP1 YD 320456. CP2 YD 317465, CP3 YD 330471, CP4 YD 336475. CP5

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 YD 334480 TO YD 334486.
 C. COMMENCING 1114ZMH, 3D PLATOON D/1/1, IP YD 334496, CP1
 YD 334488, CP2 YD 327479, CP3 Y 316473, CP4 Y D 322464, TO
 YD 326458.
 D. COMMENCING 1115ZMH, B/1/1 (-), IP YD 334496, CP1 YD
 327489, CP2 YD 320490, CP3 YD 317489, CP4 YD 314484, CP5 YD
 310480, CP6 YD 314480, TO YD 312476.
 E. COMMENCING 110730H, 3D PLATOON, B/1/1, IP YD 334496, CP1
 YD 335489, CP2 YD 344484, CP3 YD 344476, TO YD 350474.
 F. COMMENCING 111700H, 2D PLATOON A/1/1, IP YD 334496, CP1
 YD 336484, CP2 YD 337474, CP3 YD 344473, CP4 YD 350470, TO
 YD 354466.
 G. COMMENCING 111730H, 2D PLATOON D/1/1, IP YD 334496, CP1
 YD 342495, CP2 YD 342505, CP3 YD 337508 TO YD 333508.
 H. COMMENCING 110800H, 1ST PLAT A/1/3, IP YD 310549, CP1
 YD 290557, CP2 Y D 290506, CP3 YD 287560, CP4 YD 278559, CP5
 YD 280554, CP6 YD 285554, CP7 YD 294550, CP8 60 298548 TO
 YD 310549.
 I. COMMENCING 110800H, D/1/3, IP YD 305561, CP1 YD 323547,
 CP2 YD 330554, CP3 Y D 327534, CP4 YD 333541, CP5 YD 333549.

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 CP6 YD 330550 TO YD 305561.
 J. COMMENCING 110730H, 2D PLATOON A/1/3, IP YD 313506,
 CP1 YD 308509, CP2 YD 304506, CP3 YD 303500, CP4 YD 307497,
 CP5 YD 308492, CP6 YD 310500, TO YD 313506.
 K. COMMENCING 110730H, 3D PLATOON B/1/3, IP YD 313543, CP1
 YD 308530, CP2 Y D 299522, CP3 YD 288524, CP4 YD 276515, CP5
 YD 287516, CP6 YD 293534 TO YD 313543.
 L. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:
 FRIENDLY
 KIA 17
 MIA 148 MIDEVAC
 MIA 36 MINOR
 MIA 0
 REF 0
 ENEMY
 KIA (C) 12 NVA 52 VC
 LTNE 140
 POW 2 NVA 1 VC
 RTNE 2 NVA 0 VC
 DIV DEF 2 NVA 4 VC

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CG 5TH MAR DIV
ZEN/FIRST BN FIRST MARINES
ZEN/FIRST BN ELEVENTH MARINES
ZEN/FIRST BN THIRD MARINES

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OPN OSLOLA SITREP NO. 327 (PERIOD 110600H TO 111200H JAN 68)
1. UNIT LOCATIONS. NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION. 1ST MARINES (-) (REIN), CONTINUED TO CONDUCT OPERATION OSLOLA. AS FOLLOWS: 1/1 AND 1/3 CONDUCTED OFFENSIVE COMBAT OPERATIONS. 1AW PARA-50, MY SITREP NO. 326.
3. 1/1 CONTINUED MISSION. DIVISION RESERVE.
4. CONTACTS. NEGATIVE.
5. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS. NEGATIVE.
6. PLANS. 1ST MARINES (-) (REIN), CONTINUE TO CONDUCT OPERATION OSLOLA. AS FOLLOWS: 1/1 AND 1/3 CONTINUE TO CONDUCT OFFENSIVE COMBAT OPERATIONS. 1AW PARA-50, MY SITREP NO. 322.
7. 1/1 CONTINUES MISSION DIVISION RESERVE.

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6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES
FRIENDLY

KIA 17
WIA 148 REDE VAC
WIA 36 MINOR
WIA 17
WIA 0

ENEMY

K A (C) 12 NVA 52 VC
K A 148
POW 2 NVA 1 VC
RTNEE 2 NVA 0 VC
CIV DEF 2 NVA 4 VC
INN CIV 128
WC 27
CSWC 0

7. SCOUT/SNIPERS: NO CHANGE. NEGATIVE CONTACT.

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 TO CG THIRD MAR DIV
 INFO CG THIRD MAR DIV (FWD)
 FM FIRST MAR DIV
 ZEN/FIRST BN FIRST MARINES
 ZEN/FIRST BN ELEVENTH MARINES
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CYN OSCEOLA SITREP NO 328 (PERIOD 111200H TO 111800H JAN 68)
 1. UNIT LOCATIONS:
 1ST MARINES (-) (REIN): YD 336508
 2/1 (REAR): YD 334496
 1/1: YD 334496
 A/1/1: YD 334496
 B/1/1: YD 334496
 C/1/1: YD 334496
 D/1/1: YD 334496

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1/1 (-): YD 310549
 A/1/3: YD 309550
 B/1/3: YD 308556
 D/1/3: YD 306562

PROV CO: YD 310565

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: 1ST MARINES (-) REIN). CONTINUED TO
 CONDUCT OPERATION OSCEOLA, AS FOLLOWS: 1/1 AND 1/3 CONTINUED
 TO CONDUCT OFFENSIVE COMBAT OPERATIONS. IAW PARA-5. SITREP
 NO 326. 1/1 CONTINUED MISSION, DIVISION RESERVE.

3. CONTACTS:

(LATE ENTRY) , AT 111130H, 1ST PLATOON. C/1/1 AT YD 292459.
 RECEIVED SMALL ARMS FIRE. FROM YD 289459. FIRE RETURNED
 IMMEDIATELY, SMALL ARMS. AREA WAS NOT SEARCHED. UNABLE TO
 CROSS THE RIVER. INFO PASSED TO 1/3.

B. (LATE ENTRY). AT 111130H, 3D PLATOON. C/1/1, AT YD 296474.
 OBSERVED NINE ARMED VC WEARING CAMOUFLAG. UTILITIES. TOOK UNDER
 FIRE IMMEDIATELY. SMALL ARMS AND ARTILLERY. AREA WAS NOT
 SEARCHED. UNABLE TO CROSS RIVER. INFO PASSED TO 1/3.

C. AT 113430H, C/1/1 AT YD 325478. OBSERVED SIX ARMED VC
 WEARING UTILITIES, MOVING IN BRUSH ACROSS RIVER AT YD 300487.

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MOVING EAST. SCOUT/SNIPERS HOOK VC UNDER FIRE WITH R-702.

OBSERVED ONE VC DROP. RESULTS ONE VC KIA. INFO PASSED TO 1/3.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NEGATIVE.

5. PLANS: 1ST MARINES (-) (REIN), CONTINUE TO CONDUCT OPERATION OSCOLA. AS FOLLOWS: UNITS CONDUCT NIGHT DEFENSIVE OPERATIONS TO MAINTAIN DEFENSE OF UNIT CP'S AND NIGHT DEFENSIVE POSITIONS. ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN AMBUSHES AND LP'S. 1/1 CONTINUES MISSION, DIVISION RESERVE. NIGHT DEFENSIVE POSITIONS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED AS FOLLOWS:

A. 2D PLATOON, A/1/1. AT YD 354467

B. 2D PLATOON, B/1/1. AT YD 328459.

C. B/1/1 (-), AT YD 312476.

D. 2D PLATOON, , D/1/1, YD 335509.

E. PROVISIONAL RIFLE COMPANY, WITH 2D PLATOON A/1/3

AND 2D PLATOON D/1/3 AND CML GRU. AT YD 310505.

F. 1/3 CONDUCTS SERIES. SQUAD SIZED SECURITY PATROLS.

AMBUSHES AND LP'S IN ASSIGNED SECTOR REGIMENTAL AREA OF OPERATION.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES. PARA 6. SITREP NO. 326. DELETE ONE INN CIV, AS ERRONEOUS ENTRY. ADJUST TO READ "INN CIV:" 140".

FRIENDLY

KIA	17
WIA	148 MEDEVAC
WIF	36 MINOR
MIA	0
REF	0

ENEMY

KIA (C)	12 NVA	53 VC
DTNE	140	
POW	2 NVA	1 VC
PTNE	2 NVA	
CIV DEF	2 NVA	4 VC
INN CIV	128	
IWC	27	
CSWC	0	

7. SCOUT/SNIPER.

A. 1/1, FOUR, FOUR, SEE PARA 3.0.

B. 2/1, TWO, TWO, UNKNOWN (CON THIEN).

C. 1/3, THREE, THREE. NEGATIVE CONTACT.

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 FM FIRST MARINES
 TO CG THIRD MARDIV
 INFO CG THIRD MARDIV (FWD)
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 ZEN/FIRST BN FIRST MARINES
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 ZEN/FIRST BN THIRD MARINES
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OPN OSCEOLA SITREP NO 329 (PERIOD 101800H TO 102400H JAN 68)
 1. UNIT LOCATIONS, NO CHANGE
 2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: 1ST MARINES (-) (REIN) CONTINUED TO CONDUCT OPERATION OSCEOLA. AS FOLLOWS: UNITS CONDUCTED NIGHT DEFENSIVE OPERATIONS. IAW PARA. 5. SITREP NO 328. 1/1 CONTINUED MISSION, DIVISION RESERVE.
 3. CONTACTS: AT 111700H. PROV RIFLE CO. 1/3. AT YD 315512. HAMLET CHIEF REPORTED TO CO, PROV RIFLE CO. THAT HE (HAMLET CHIEF) HAD BEEN INFORMED THAT THE VC HAD KILLED A MEMBER OF

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 HIS (HAMLET CHIEF) HAMLET. INVESTIGATION REVEALED THAT ONE 60 YEAR OLD VN MALE HAD BEEN KILLED AT APPROX 102315H. THIS TIME COINCIDES WITH CONTACT REPORTED, PARA 3.B. MY SITREP NO 326. INVESTIGATION, FURTHER REVEALED THAT VN MALE COULD HAVE, POSSIBLY, BEEN KILLED AS A RESULT OF FRIENDLY FIRE. DURING CONTACT.
 4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NEGATIVE
 5. PLANS: 1ST MARINES (-) (REIN) CONTINUE TO CONDUCT OPERATION OSCEOLA, AS FOLLOWS: UNITS CONTINUE TO CONDUCT NIGHT DEFENSIVE OPERATIONS, IAW PARA. 5. SITREP NO 328. 1/1 CONTINUES MISSION, DIVISION RESERVE.
 6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: PARA. 3.C., SITREP NO 323 REFERS. ONE MARINES (WIA) (MEDEVAC). PARA 3.A., SITREP NO 324, TWO MARINES WIA (MEDEVAC). ADJUST WIA'S (MEDEVAC) TO READ. NOW "WIA 149 MEDEVAC".

FRIENDLY

KIA	17
WIA	149 MEDEVAC
WIA	36 MINOR
WIA	0
REF	0

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ENEMY

KIA (C)	12 NVA	53 VC
DTNE	140	
POW	2 NVA	1 VC
PTNE	2 NVA	0 VC
CIV DEF	2 NVA	4 VC
INN CIV	128	
IWC	27	
CSWC	0	

7. SCOUT SNIPER: NO CHANGE, NEGATIVE CONTACT.

8. PLANSUM: A6/C2/D21/J14/L3/V9/X1/AA4/CC6/DD1/EE2/FF2.

9. OPSUM: A6/C5/D19/J14/U3/V8/X6/AA4/BB1/CC6/DD1/EE2/FF1.

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 FM FIRST MARINES
 TO CG THIRD MAR DIV
 INFO CG THIRD MAR DIV (FWC)
 CG FIRST MAR DIV REIN
 ZEN/FIRST BN FIRST MARINES
 ZEN/FIRST BN ELEVENTH MARINES
 ZEN/FIRST BN THIRD MARINES
 THIRD MARINES
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OPN OSCEOLA NO 330 (PERIOD 120000H TO 120600H JAN 68)

1. UNIT LOCATIONS NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION. 1ST MARINES (-) (REIN), CONTINUE TO CONDUCT OPERATION OSCEOLA, AS FOLLOWS: UNITS CONTINUED TO CONDUCT, NIGHT DEFENSIVE OPERATIONS IAW PARA 5., MY SITREP NO. 328. 1/1 CONTINUES MISSION, DIVISION RESERVE.

3. CONTACTS. NEGATIVE

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS NEGATIVE

5. PLANS. 1ST MARINES (-) (REIN), CONTINUE TO CONDUCT OPERATION OSCEOLA, AS FOLLOWS: 1/1 AND 1/3 CONDUCTS BAY OFFENSIVE COMBAT OPERATIONS, OPERATIONS TO INCLUDE, SEARCH AND DESTROY AND SMALL UNIT OP'S. 1/1 CONTINUES MISSION DIVISION RESERVE SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED AS FOLLOWS:

A. COMMENCING 120730H, 2D PLATOON A/1/1, DISPLACES FROM YD 354467 TO YD 353453.

B. COMMENCING 120700H, 3D PLATOON D/1/1, 1P YD 324457, CP1 YD 334457, CP2 YD 334469, CP3 YD 340476, CP4 YD 343485, CP5 YD 335486 TO 334496.

C. COMMENCING 120800H, B/1/1 (-) WITH 1ST AND 2D PLATOON AND CMB GRU CONDUCTS SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS SOUTH OF SONG THACH HAM IN AREA BOUNDED BY COORDINATES YD 310480, YD 310470 YD 292467

D. COMMENCING 120930H, 3D PLATOON A/1/1 1P YD 334496, CP1 YD 334485, CP2 YD 329473, CP3 YD 318464, CP4 YD 313453, CP5 YD 334455 CP6 YD 333473, TO YD 335485.

E. COMMENCING 121800H, 3D PLATOON A/1/1 1P YD 335485, CP1 337480 CP2 YD 337476, TO 337473.

F. COMMENCING 121800H PLATOON H&S 1/1 1P YD 334496, CP1 YD 336490, CP2 YD 343500, CP3 YD 340510 TO YD 333507.

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G. COMMENCING 120730H. PROVIDED RIFLE COMPANY 1/3 CONDUCTS SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION NORTH OF SONG THACK 4.5 IN AREA BOUNDED BY COORDINATES YD 316500, YD 280000, YD 295400, YD 288475.

H. COMMENCING 121100H. 30 PLATOON 01/1/3. IP YD 302700, CP1 YD 309554, CP2 YD 298556, CP3 YD 290556, CP4 YD 280560, CP5 YD 285570, CP6 YD 290554, CP7 YD 309558 TO YD 310549.

I. COMMENCING 120900H. 1ST PLATOON 01/1/3. IP YD 304547, CP1 YD 308530, CP2 YD 302527, CP3 YD 290520, CP4 YD 277518, CP5 YD 270517, CP6 YD 275527, CP7 YD 286533, CP8 YD 295540 TO YD 310549.

J. COMMENCING 121000H. SQUAD REIN 30 PLATOON 01/1/3. IP YD 304562, CP1 YD 287572, CP2 YD 286578, CP3 YD 280580, CP4 YD 278579, CP5 YD 285573, CP6 YD 295565, TO YD 310549. K. ADDITIONALLY 1/3 ESTABLISHES AND MAINTAINS SMALL UNIT CP'S IN REGIMENTAL AREA OF OPERATION.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES
FRIENDLY
KIA 17

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WCA 149 MEDEVA

WIA 36 MNDP

MIA 0

REF 0

ENEMY

KIA (C) 12 NVA 53 VC

DTNE 140

POW 2 NVA 1 VC

MIA 2 NVA

CIV DEF 2 NVA 4 VC

INN CIV 128

MIA 27

CSWC 0

7. SCOUT/SNIPERS. NO CHANGE. NEGATIVE CONTACT.

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 OR 120420Z JAN 68
 FM FIRST MARINES
 TO CG THIRD MAR DIV
 INFO CG THIRD MAR DIV (FWB)
 CG FIRST MAR DIV
 ZEN/FIRST BN FIRST MAR
 ZEN/FIRST BN ELEVENTH MAR
 ZEN/FIRST BN THIRD MAR
 THIRD MARINES
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OPN OSCEOLA SITREP NO. 331 (PERIOD 120600H TO 121200H JAN 68)
 1. UNIT LOCATIONS, NO CHANGE.
 2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION. FIRST MARINES (-) (REIN), CONTINUED
 TO CONDUCT OPERATION OSCEOLA AS FOLLOWS: 1/1 AND 1/3
 CONDUCTED OFFENSIVE COMBAT OPERATIONS, IAW PARA 5, MY SIT
 REP NO. 330. 1/1 CONTINUED MISSION, DIVISION RESERVE.
 3. CONTACTS.
 A. AT 120900H, A/1/3, AT YD312989, OBSERVED FIVE ARMED
 VC, DRESSED IN BLACK, AT YB 309498, TOOK VC UNDER

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FIRE WITH SMALL ARMS AND ARTY. AREA WAS SEARCHED.
NO EVIDENCE OF ENEMY CASUALTIES.

B. AT 121015H, A/1/1 AT YD 356461. DISCOVERED HOMEMADE
MINE, RIGGED WITH TRIP WIRE. MINE CONSISTED. SMALL
CAN. ONE HALF POUND EXPLOSIVES. WITH 60MM CHARGE.
FIXED ON CAN. WITH WAX. DESTROYED WITH C-4.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NEGATIVE.

5. PLANS: 1ST MARINES (-) (RE'NT). CONTINUE TO CONDUCT
OPERATION OSCEOLA, AS FOLLOWS: 1/1 AND 1/3 CONTINUE TO
CONDUCT, OFFENSIVE COMBAT OPERATIONS. LAW PARA 5.. MY SITREP
NO 330. 1/1 CONTINUES MISSION. DIVISION RESERVE.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

FRIENDLY

KIA 17
WIA 149 MEDEVAC
WIA 36 MINOR
WIA 0
WIA 0

ENEMY

KIA (C) 12 NVA 53 VC
DIE 140
POW 2 NVA 1 VC
PTNEE 2 NVA 0 VC
CIV DEF 2 NVA 4 VC
INN CIV 128
IWC 27 CSWC 0

7. SCOUT/SNIPERS: NO CHANGE, NEGATIVE CONTACT.

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 O P 121511Z JAN 68
 FM FIRST M

RINES
 TO CG THIRD MARDIV
 CG THIRD MARDIV
 CG FIRST MARDIV
 ZEN/FIRST BN FIRST MARINES
 ZEN/FIRST BN THIRD MARINES
 ZEN/FIRST BN ELEVENTH MARINES
 THIRD MARINES
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(FM OSCEOLA SITREP NO 332 (PERIOD 121200H TO 121800H JAN 68))

1. UNIT LOCATIONS:

1ST MARINES (-) (REIN): YD 338508
 2/1 (REAR): YD 334496
 1/1: YD 334496
 A/1/1: YD 334496
 E/1/1: YD 334496
 C/1/1: YD 334496
 D/1/1: YD 334496

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1/3 (-): YD 310549

A/1/3: YD 309554

B/1/3: YD 308556

D/1/3: YD 306562

PROV CO: YD 310505

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: 1ST MARINES (-) (REIN) CONTINUED TO CONDUCT OPERATION OSCOLA, AS FOLLOWS: 1/1 AND 1/3 CONTINUED TO CONDUCT OFFENSIVE COMBAT OPERATIONS IAW PARA. 5, SITREP NO 326. 1/1 CONTINUED MISSION DIVISION RESERVE.

3. CONTACTS:

A. (LATE ENTRY) AT 121135H. D/1/3 AT YD 208572 APPREHENDED VN FEMALE WITH BABY, BELIEVED TO BE VC SYMPATHIZER. DETAINEES TURNED OVER TO BN CP.

B. (LATE ENTRY) AT 121140H. A/1/3 AT YD 307487 RECEIVED APPROX 15 RDS SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM YD 306485. RETURNED FIRE IMMEDIATELY DEPLOYED UNIT TO SEARCH AREA. NO EVIDENCE OF ENEMY CASUALTIES.

C. AT 121215H. A/1/1 AT YD 350462, OBSERVED 6 VC WITH WPNS AT YD 349458 MOVING TOWARDS SOUTH. TOOK ENEMY UNDER FIRE IMMEDIATELY WITH SMALL ARMS AND FIRE MISSION. AREA SEARCHED DISCOVERED TWO BODIES AND ONE WEAPON. RESULTS: 2 VC KIA AND ONE WIA. 1 VC CARSON TRIPPED MINE WITH 1/2 LB OF EXPLOSIVE

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 RIGGED WITH TRIP WIRE. KIT CARSON SCOUT MEDEVAC. NOT INCLUDED
 IN 1ST MARINES CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES.
 D. AT 121230H, B/1/3. AT YD 278520. RECEIVED MODERATE AMOUNT
 SMALL ARPS FIRE FROM YD 268524. TOOK ENEMY UNDER FIRE WITH
 SMALL ARMS AND ARTY MISSION. AREA SEARCHED. NO EVIDENCE OF
 ENEMY CASUALTIES. ONE MARINE WIA MINOR WITH OP BURN ON NECK.
 E. AT 121300H, 3D FORCE RECON INSERT AT YD 224447 OBSERVED 2
 WITH WPNS TO THEIR REAR. OPENED FIRE IMMEDIATELY. RESULTS
 ONE VC KIA, ONE AV-47, TWO CHI-COM GRENADES. MAPS, CARTRIDGE
 BELT AND PACK.
 F. AT 121510H, A/1/1 AT YD 354461, MARINE STEPPED ON MINE,
 PRESSURE DEVICE. 1/2 LB BLOCK OF TNT. PRIORITY MEDEVAC.
 G. AT 121640, A/1/1 AT YD 352465 FOUND CAN RIGGED AS MINE
 CONSISTING OF 1/2 LB TNT WITH 60MM RD AS FUSE RIGGED WITH
 TRIP WIRE. DESTROYED WITH C-4.
 4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NEGATIVE.
 5. PLANS: 1ST MARINES (-) (REIN) CONTINUE TO CONDUCT OPERATION
 OSCOLA AS FOLLOWS: UNITS CONDUCT NIGHT DEFENSIVE OPERATIONS,
 OPERATION INCLUDE DEFENSE OF UNIT CP AND NIGHT DEFENSIVE
 POSITIONS, AMBUSHES AND LP'S. 1/1 CONTINUES MISSION, DIVISION

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 RESERVE. NIGHT DEFENSIVE POSITIONS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED
 AS FOLLOWS:
 A. 2D PLATOON A/1/1, YD 335458.
 B. 3D PLATOON A/1/1, YD 338473.
 C. B/1/1 (-) WITH 2D AND 3D PLATOONS AND CMD GRU AT YD 303475.
 D. PROVISIONAL RIFLE COMPANY WITH 2D PLAT A/1/3 AND 2D PLAT
 B/1/3 AND CMD GRU AT YD 310505.
 E. 1/3 CONDUCTS SERIES OF SQUAD SECURITY PATROLS, AMBUSHES,
 AND LP'S IN ASSIGNED SECTOR OR REGIMENTAL AREA OF OPERATIONS.
 6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: PARA 3-A HERETO REFERS VN FEMALE
 RECLASSIFIED AS INNOCENT CIVILIAN. ADJUST TO READ
 NOW INN CIV 129.
 KIA FRIENDLY
 WIA 150 MEDEVAC
 WIA 37 MINOR
 MIA 0
 REF 0
 ENEMY
 KIA(C) 12 NVA 56 VC
 DTPE 141
 POW 2 NVA 1 VC

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RINCE 2 NVA 0 VC

CIV DEF 2 NVA 4 VC

INN CIV 128

IWC 29

CSWC 0

7. SCOUT/SNIPERS: NO CHANGE. NEGATIVE CONTACT.

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 1ST MARINES
 TO CG THIRD MARDIV
 INFO CG THIRD MARDIV (FWD)
 CG FIRST MARDIV
 ZEN/FIRST BN FIRST MARINES
 ZEN/FIRST BN ELEVENTH MARINES
 ZEN/FIRST BN THIRD MARINES
 THIRD MARINES
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OPN OSCEOLA SITREP NO 333 (PERIOD 121800H TO 122400H JAN 68)

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: 1ST MARINES (-) (REIN) CONTINUED TO CONDUCT OPERATION OSCEOLA, AS FOLLOWS: UNITS CONDUCTED NIGHT DEFENSIVE OPERATIONS, IAW PARA 5, MY SITREP NO. 332
3. CONTINUES MISSION, DIVISION RESERVE.
3. CONTACTS:
 - A. (LATL ENTRY) AT 121715H, B/1/1 AT YD 309479 ONE VN
 - WAS APPREHENDED WITH FALSE ID CARD. MAN STATED

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- HE WAS A DOUBLE AGENT. INITIALLY SENT TO ARMED PROPAGANDA HQ. AND SENT TO MAI LANG DIST HQ.
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NEGATIVE
5. PLANS: 1ST MARINES (-) (REIN) CONTINUES TO CONDUCT OPERATION OSCEOLA, AS FOLLOWS: UNITS CONTINUE TO CONDUCT NIGHT DEFENSIVE OPERATIONS, IAW PARA 5, MY SITREP NO. 332
- 1/1 CONTINUES MISSION DIVISION RESERVE.

FRIENDLY

KIA 17
 KIA 150 MEDEVAC
 KIA 37 MINOR
 KIA 0
 L-C 0

ENEMY

KIA 12 NVA 56 VC
 DIED 142
 POW 2 NVA 2 VC
 RTALE 2 NVA

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THREE 8825 240
 DEF 2 NVA 4 VC
 INN CIV 129
 IWC 29
 CSWC 0

7. SCOUT/SNIPERS

A. 1/1, FOUR, FOUR, NEGATIVE.

B. 2/1, TWO, UNK, CON THIEP

C. 1/3, THREE, THREE, NEGATIVE.

8. PLANSUM A7/C3/D22/I1/J7/L5/U1/V7/X7/AA3/CC4/DD2/EE2/FF1/.

9. OPSUM A7/C1/D25/J14/L5/T4/V10/X5/AA4/CC6/DD1/EE2/FF2/.

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 O P 122330Z JAN 68
 FM FIRST MARINES
 TO CG THIRD MARDIV
 INFO CG THIRD MARDIV (FWD)
 CG FIRST MARDIV REIN
 ZEN/FIRST BN FIRST MARINES
 ZEN/FIRST BN ELEVENTH MARINES
 ZEN/FIRST BN THIRD MARINES
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O P 0500LA SITREP NO 334 (PERIOD 130600H TO 130600H JAN 68)
 1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
 2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: 1ST MARINES (-) (REIN), CONTINUES TO
 CONDUCT OPERATION OSCEOLA AS FOLLOWS: UNITS CONTINUED TO
 CONDUCT NIGHT DEFENSIVE OPERATION IAW PARA 5, SITREP NO
 332. 1/1 CONTINUES MISSION, DIVISION RESERVE.
 3. CONTACTS: NEGATIVE
 4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NEGATIVE.
 5. PLANS: 1ST MARINES (-) (REIN), CONTINUE TO CONDUCT OPERATION

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 OSCEOLA, AS FOLLOWS: 1/1 AND 1/3 CONDUCT DAY OFFENSIVE COMBAT
 OPERATIONS, OPERATIONS TO INCLUDE, SEARCH AND DESTROY AND
 SMALL UNIT OPS. 1/1 CONTINUED MISSION DIVISION RESERVE. 1/3
 PROVIDES RELATION PLATOON FOR ROUGH RIDER 3-68. SEARCH AND
 DESTROY OPERATIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED AS FOLLOWS.
 A. COMMENCING 130700H, 2S PLATO A/1/1, IP YD 354467, CP1 YD
 349473, CP2 YD 345477, CP3 YD 337486 TO YD 334496.
 B. COMMENCING 130600H, 3D PLAT A/1/1, IP YD 339472, CP1 YD
 338475, CP2 YD 337484, TO YD 334496.
 C. COMMENCING 130600H, B/1/1 (-), IP YD 304475, CP1 YD
 34474, CP2 YD 321482, CP3 YD 334484, TO YD 334496.
 D. COMMENCING 130700H, C/1/1 (-), IP YD 334496, CP1 YD 328489,
 CP2 YD 323494, CP3 YD 316487, CP4 YD 314482, CP5 YD 380475,
 TO YD 317483.
 E. COMMENCING 130730H, PLAT H&S CO 1/1, IP YD 333508, CP1 YD
 341507, CP2 YD 343501, CP3 YD 342495, TO YD 334496.
 F. COMMENCING 131700H, 2D PLAT A/1/1, IP YD 334496, CP1 YD
 337485, CP2 YD 336475, O YD 337472.
 G. COMMENCING 131600H, 3D PLATOON A/1/1, IP YD 334496, CP1 YD
 340486, CP2 YD 346477, CP3 YD 350472, TO YD 355467.

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1. COMMENCING 131700H, 25 PLAT D/1/3 PROVISIONAL RIFLE TEAM,
TO YD 312506, CP1 YD 31520, CP2 YD 302495, CP3 YD 313497, CP4 YD
313524, CP5 YD 315506, CP6 YD 314510, CP7 SD 310510 TO YD 312506.
2. COMMENCING 131030H, 1ST PLAT A/1/3, IP YD 317553, CP1 YD
300500, CP2 YD 292549, CP3 YD 283550, CP4 YD 292553, TO YD 317553.
3. COMMENCING 131100H, SQUAD (REIN) D/1/3, IP YD 304562,
SE ALONG RIVER TO CP1 YD 326553, CP2 YD 331550, CP3 YD 332544,
CP4 YD 329532, CP5 YD 326540, CP6 YD 323546, TO YD 310549.
4. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:
FRIENDLY
KIA 17
MIA 156 MEDEMAC
MIA 37 MINOR
MIA 0
REF 0
ENEMY
KIA (C) 12 NVA 56 VC
D 142
POW 2 NVA 1 VC

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RTIME 2 NVA 0 VC
CIV DEF 2 NVA 4 VC
INN CIV 129
IWC 29
CSWC 0
7. SCOUT/SNIPERS: NO CHANGE, NEGATIVE CONTACTS:
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OP 130410Z JAN 68
 FM FIRST MARINES
 TO CG THIRD MARDIV
 INFO CG THIRD MARDIV (FWD)
 CG FIRST MARDIV REIN
 ZEN/FIRST BN FIRST MARINES
 ZEN/FIRST BN ELEVENTH MARINES
 ZEN/FIRST BN THIRD MARINES
 THIRD MARINES
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OPN OSCEOLA SITREP NO. 335 (PERIOD 130600H TO 131200H JAN 68)
 1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
 2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: 1ST MARINES (-) (REIN) CONTINUES TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS OSCEOLA AS FOLLOWS: 1/1 AND 1/3 CONDUCTED OFFENSIVE COMBAT OPERATIONS, IAW PARA. 5, MY SITREP NO. 334. 1/1 CONTINUED MISSION, DIVISION RESERVE.
 3. CONTACTS: NEGATIVE
 4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NEGATIVE
 5. PLANS: 1ST MARINES (-) (REIN) CONTINUES TO CONDUCT OPERATION OSCEOLA, AS FOLLOWS: 1/1 AND 1/3 CONTINUE

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 TO CONDUCT OFFENSIVE COMBAT OPERATIONS, IAW PARA 5. MY SITREP NO. 334. 1/1 CONTINUES MISSION, DIVISION RESERVE. ON ORDER 0/1/1 TO HELILIFT 40 ARINES WITH CMD GRU PAC FO AND GRAVES REGISTRATION TEAM TO YD 200280 FOR RECOVERY OPERATIONS. 1/3 PROVIDES REACTION PLATOON FOR ROUGH RIDER 3-68.
 6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES
 FRIENDLY

KIA	17	
WIA	150	MEDEVAC
WIA 37	MINOR	
MIA	0	
REF	0	
ENEMY		
KIA (C)	12	NVA TYVC
OTIE	142	
POW	2	NVA 1 VC
RTALE	2	NVA
CLL	2	NVA

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7. SCOUT/SNIPERS. NO CHANGE, NEGATIVE CONTACTS.

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 FM FIRST MARINES
 TO CG THIRD MAR DIV
 INFO CG THIRD MAR DIV (FWD)
 CG FIRST MAR DIV
 ZEN/FIRST BN FIRST MARINES
 ZEN/FIRST BN THIRD MARINES
 ZEN/FIRST BN ELEVENTH MARINES
 THIRD MARINES
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OPN OSCEOLA SITREP NO 336 (PERIOD 131200H TO 131800H JAN 68)
 1. UNIT LOCATIONS.
 1ST MARINES (-) (REIN): YD 338508
 2ND (-) (REAR): YD 334496
 1ST: YD 334496
 A/I/I: YD 334496
 B/I/I: YD 334496
 C/I/I: YD 334496
 D/I/I: YD 334496

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 1/3 (-): YD 310549
 A/I/3: YD 309550
 B/I/3: YD 269519
 C/I/3: YD 306562
 PROV CO: YD 310505
 2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: 1ST MARINES (-) (REIN), CONTINUES TO
 CONDUCT OPERATIONS OSCEOLA, AS FOLLOWS: 1/I AND 1/3 CONTINUED TO CON-
 DUCT OFFENSIVE COMBAT OPERATIONS IAW PARA 5, MY SITREP NO. 334.
 1/I CONTINUED MISSION DIVISION RESERVE.
 3. CONTACTS.
 A. AT 131215H B/I/I AT YD 313482 YD 310481 YD 309480 FOUND
 3 CAVES. SIZE 4X4X4. CAVES SEARCHED, NO EVIDENCE OF VC
 ACTIVITY. DESTROYED WITH C-4.
 B. AT 131225H B/I/3 OBSERVED 3 VC
 APPEARED ARMED AT LONG RANGE.
 CALLED ARTY MISSION, VC OUT OF AREA BEFORE RUS REACHED TARGETS.
 C. AT 131340H 1/3 AT 433444, REPORTED AN MCO-10 FRONT END LOADER,
 WHILE MAKING ROAD REPAIRS OVER RT NO. 1, DETONATED MINE OF UNK. SIZE.
 RESULTS: 2 USN AND 3 VN CIVILIANS MEDEVAC. VEHICLE DAMAGE UNK.
 AT THIS TIME.
 D. AT 131640H B/I/3 AT YD 265524 MARINE DETONATED UNK TYPE
 MINE. RESULTS 1 WIA MEDEVAC.

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 4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NEGATIVE
 5. PLANS: 1ST MARINES (-) (REIN), CONTINUE TO CONDUCT OPERATION
 OSCEOLA AS FOLLOWS: UNITS CONDUCT NIGHT DEFENSIVE OPERATIONS,
 OPERATIONS INCLUDE DEFENSE OF UNIT CP AND NIGHT DEFENSIVE POSITIONS,
 AMBUSHES AND LP'S. 1/1 CONTINUES MISSION, DIVISION RESERVE.
 1ST BN 3D MARINES TO CONDUCT ONE DAY TWO COMPANY OPERATION WITH CAP
 P2 .9, 14 JAN. B/1/3 OCCUPIES POSITION VICINITY HUE 22 (YD 269519)
 D-1 AND ATTACKS NW/NE AT H-HOUR ON D-DAY TO SEIZE OBJECTIVES ONE
 (YD 268535) TWO (YD 271541) AND THREE (YD 279545). SIMULTANEOUSLY AT
 H-HOUR, CMG GRU WITH ONE COMPANY ATTACKS FROM RAILROAD TRACK AT YD
 293564 TO SEIZE OBJ. FOUR (YD 285549) AND ESTABLISH BLOCKING
 POSITION FO CO B. CAP P2 OCCUPIES POSITION VICINITY YD 265550 BY H-
 HOUR TO PROVIDE BLOCK NORTHERN FLANK OF CO B. H-HOUR 0730. OPERATION
 TO BE COMPLETED BY 141600H. NIGHT DEFENSIVE POSITIONS
 HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED AS FOLLOWS:
 A. 2D PLATOON A/1/1 YD 338472
 B. 3D PLATOON A/1/1 YD 354467
 C. 1/1 AT YD 316483.
 D. PROVISIONAL RIFLE COMPANY WITH 2D PLATOON A/1/3 AND 2D
 PLATOON D/1/3 AND CMD GRU AT YD 318545.

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 L. 1/3 CONDUCTS SERIES OF SQUAD SECURITY PATROLS, AMBUSHES
 AND LP'S IN ASSIGNED SECTOR OF REGIMENTAL AREA OF OPERATION.
 6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES

FRIENDLY

KIA	17
WIA	151 MEDEVAC
WIA	37 MINOR
MIA	0
DEF	0

ENEMY

KIA (C)	12	NVA	56	VC
DTNE	142			
PCH	2	NVA	1	VC
RTNE	2	NVA		
CIV DEF	2	NVA	4	VC
INN CIV	130			
IWC	29			
CSWC	0			

7. SCOUT/SNIPERS: NO CHANGE, NEGATIVE CONTACTS.

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 FM FIRST MARINES
 TO CG THIRD MARDIV
 INFO CG THIRD MARDIV (FWD)
 CG FIRST MARDIV REIN
 ZEN/FIRST BN FIRST MARINES
 ZEN/FIRST BN ELEVENTH MARINES
 ZEN/FIRST BN THIRD MARINES
 THIRD MARINES
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OPN OSCEOLA SITREP NO 337 (PERIOD 131800H TO 132400H JAN 68)
 1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: 1ST MARINES (-) (REIN) CONTINUED TO
 CONDUCT OPERATION OSCEOLA, AS FOLLOWS: UNITS CONDUCTED
 NIGHT DEFENSIVE OPERATIONS, IAW PARA. 5, MY SITREP NO 336.
 1/1 CONTINUES MISSION DIVISION RESERVE.

3. CONTACTS:
 AT 131815H B/1/3, AT 279518, A MARINES TRIPPED M-26
 GRANADE RIGGED AS MINE. RESULTS: 2 WIA MEDEVAC.

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 b. AT 131845H B/1/3, AT YD 270524, RECEIVED APPROX 20 RUS
 S/A FIRE FROM UNK NUMBER OF VC. RETURNED S/A FIRE, AND UNIE
 (ARMED). AREA SEARCHED NO EVIDENCE OF ENEMY
 CASUALTIES.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NEGATIVE

5. PLANS: 1ST MARINES (-) (REIN) CONTINUE TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS
 OSCEOLA AS FOLLOWS: UNITS CONTINUE TO CONDUCT NIGHT DEFENSIVE
 OPERATIONS IAW PARA. 5, SITREP NO 336 EXCEPT FOR THAT PORTION
 THAT APPLIES TO B/1/3. 1/1 CONTINUES MISSION DIVISION RESERVE.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: PARA 30D, SITREP NO 324 REFERS. 12 YR
 VN MALE. RECLASSIFIED AS INNOCENT CIVILIAN AND FORWARDED

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 TO LONG NO IS A RESULT OF BEING AN OFFICER. ADJUST THE VIEW TO
 READ NOW: INN CIV: 130.
 FRIENDLY

KIA 17
 WIA 153 MEDEVAC
 WIA 37 MINOR
 MIA 0
 REF 0

ENEMY

KIA (C) 12 NVA 56 VC
 DTNE 142
 POW 2 NVA 1 VC
 RTNEE 2 NVA 0 VC
 CIV DEF 2 NVA 4 VC
 INN CIV 130
 TWC 29
 TSWC 0

SCOUT/SNIPERS:

A. 1/1, FOUR, FOUR, NEGATIVE.

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B. 2/1, TWO, UNK. (CON THIEU).

C. 1/3, THREE, THREE, NEGATIVE.

8. FLANSUM: A4/C2/D21/I1/J9/L4/T3/U1/V6/X6/AA1/CC5/EE2/FF1.

19. OPSUM: A7/C4/C19/I1/J6/L4/T2/U1/V2/X6/AA9/CC8/EE2/FF1.

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OF OSCECLA SITREP NO. 338 (PERIOD 140001H TO 140600H JAN 68)

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: 1ST MARINES (-) (REIN) CONTINUED TO CONDUCT OPERATION OSCECLA, AS FOLLOWS: UNITS CONDUCTED NIGHT DEFENSIVE OPERATIONS, IAW PARA. 5. MY SITREP NO 337. 1/1 CONTINUES MISSION. DIVISION RESERVE.

3. CONTACTS: NEGATIVE

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NEGATIVE

5. PLANS: 1ST MARINES (-) (REIN) CONTINUES TO CONDUCT OPERATION

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OSCECLA CONDUCT DEFENSIVE COMBAT OPERATIONS TO INCLUDE SEARCH AND DESTROY AND SHALL UNIT OPERATIONS. 1/1 CONTINUES ASSIGNED MISSION DIVISION RESERVE. 1/3 PROVIDES REACTION PLATOONS FOR ROUGH RIDERS 3 & 4-68. SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED AS FOLLOWS:

A. COMMENCING 140730H, 3D PLATOON A/1/1, IP YD 354467.

CP1 YD 363473; CP2 YD 366466, CP3 YD 362457, CP4 YD 353453 TO YD 355463.

B. COMMENCING 140730H, 2ND PLATOON A/1/1, DISPLACES FOR YD 337469 TO YD 336476.

C. C/1/1 REMAINS AT YD 314480 AND CONDUCTS SMALL SIZED COMBAT PATROLS AND AMBUSHES VICINITY THON NHAN LE.

D. COMMENCING 141730H, PLATOON H/5 1/1, IP YD 334456.

CP1 YD 342494, CP2 YD 343500, CP3 YD 344500, TO YD 333509.

E. A/1/3 (-) AT YD 314500 CONDUCTS SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS VICINITY THON NHAN BIEU (2).

F. COMMENCING 140730H, COMPANIES B AND G, 1/1 CONDUCTS SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IAW PARA. 5. MY SITREP NO. 337.

G. COMMENCING 140800H, SQUAD REIN A/1/3, IP YD 304563

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 CP1 YD 300550, CP2 YD 296550, CP3 YD 295550, CP4 YD 206550
 CP5 YD 286554, CP6 YD 294554, CP7 YD 297554, TO YD 304553
 H. ADDITIONALLY 1/3 CONDUCTS SUICIDE SIZED AMBUSHES AND SMALL
 UNIT OPS IN THEIR ASSIGNED SECTION AT REGIMENTAL AREA OF
 OPERATIONS.

CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

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WIA 153 MEDEVAC

WIA 37 MINOR

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KIA (C) 12 NVA 56 VC

DTNE 142

POW 2 NVA 1 VC

RTNE 2 NVA 0 VC

CLV DEF 2 NVA 4 VC

CLV 30

IWC 29 CSIC 0

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 7. SCOUT/SNIPERS: NO CHANGE, NEGATIVE. CONTAINING:

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OPN OSCEOLA SITREP NO 339 (PERIOD 140600H TO 141200H JAN 68)

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE EXCEPT B/1/3 AT YD 265535 AND D/1/3 AT YD 288540.

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: 1ST MARINES (-) (REIN) CONTINUED TO CONDUCT OPERATION OSCEOLAS, AS FOLLOWS: 1/1 AND 1/3 CONDUCTED OFFENSIVE COMBAT OPERATIONS, 1AW PARAS., MY SITREP NO 338.

/1 CONTINUED MISSION, DIVISION RESERVE. 1/3 PROVIDES REACTION PLATOON FOR ROUGH RIVERS 3 AND 4-68.

3. CONTACTS:

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A. AT 140545H, C/1/1, AT YD 313483, OBSERVED BOAT WITH LIGHT MOVING NW. UNIT IN POSITION TO INTERCEPT. RESULTS: TWO VN MALES WITH 10 CARLS APPREHENDED. TURNED OVER TO BN S-2.

B. AT 140745H, B/1/3, AT YD 275516, RECEIVED APPROX 30 ROUNDS SMALL ARMS FROM M YD 263520. RETURNED FIRE WITH S/A AND 60MM AND CONTINUES ATTACK IN DIRECTION OF ENEMY POSITION.

C. AT 140815H, A/1/1, AT YD 272518, LOCATED ONE CHICOM GRENADE RIGGED AS MINE WITH TRIP WIRE. DESTROYED WITH C-4.

E. AT 140900H, B/1/3, AT YD 265530, RECEIVED S/A FIRE FROM YD 274531. RETURNED FIRE WITH S/A, MORTARS AND ARTY. ATTACK CONTINUED.

F. AT 140900H, D/1/3, (BLOCKING FORCE) AT YD 289546, RECEIVED 20 RDS A/W FIRE FROM YD 277545. RETURNED FIRE WITH S/A AND MORTARS.

G. AT 140915H, CPEEE CAP2 AT YD 265530, SIGHTED SEVEN NVA WITH PACKS AND SPNS AT YD 262536, MOVING IN OPEN EAST TO WEST. FIRED S/A AND CALLED IN ARTY MISSION. ATTACKING FORCE NOTIFIED. BLOCKING FORCE DUE TO MISSION WILL NOT SWEEP AREA.

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H. AT 140930H, B/1/3, RECEIVED SNIPER FIRE FROM YD 270515, REAR OF ATTACKING FORCES. REAR SECURITY RETURNED FIRE WITH S/A AND ARTY. AREA NOT CHECKED DUE TO MISSION OF COMPANY.

I. AT 140947H, C/1/1, OBSERVED VC AT YD 290490, DRESSED IN BLACK CARRYING A WEAPON MOVING NW /CROSS RIVER. HASTY AMBUSH SET UP AND ARTY MISSION CALLED BUT VC CLEARED AREA BEFORE ARTY MISSION CLEARED.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NEGATIVE.

5. PLANS: 1ST MARINES (-) (REIN) CONTINUES TO CONDUCT OPERATION OSOCLA, AS FOLLOWS: 1/1 AND 1/3 CONTINUE TO CONDUCT OFFENSIVE COMBAT OPERATIONS, IAW PARA 5. MY SITREP NO 338. 1/1 CONTINUES MISSION, DIVISION RESERVE. 1/3 CONTINUES TO PROVIDE REACTION PLATOONS FOR ROUGH RIDER 3 AND 4-68.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

FRIENDLY

KIA	17
MIA	155 MEDEVAC.
WIA	37 MINOR
MIA	0
REF	0

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ENEMY

KIA (C)	12 NVA	56 VC
DTNE	144	
POW	2 NVA	1 VC
RTNEE	2 NVA	0 VC
CIV DEF	2 NVA	4 VC
INN CIV	130	
WC	29	
CSWC	1	

7. SCOUT/SNIPERS: NO CHANGE, NEGATIVE CONTACTS:

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C. (LATE ENTRY) AT 141130H, C/A/1 AT YD 297476, SPOTTE D THREE VC, GREEN UTILITIES, PACKS AND HELMET AT YD 298480. BELIEVED CARRYING CSW. RESULTS: FIRED S/A AND ARTY MISSION. NO EVIDENCE OF ENEMY CASUALTIES.

D. AT 141215H, BIG SHOT 3D FOR RECON AT YD 239419 SIGHTED 31 NVA AT YD 229423 WITH FULL EQUIPMENT, HELMETS AND HEAVY PACKS MOVING SOUTH TOWARD SONG THACH HAN WITH ONE 50 CAL MG. ONE NVA WAS CARRYING BLUE AIR CREWMANS HELMET. RESULTS: AIR STRIKE MADE, AO ON STATION AWAITING ANOTHER STRIKE. FURTHER DETAILS TO FOLLOW.

E. AT 141234H, C/A/1, AT YD 297476, OBSERVED 2 VC IN OPEN ACROSS RIVER DRESSED IN BLACK WEARING HELMETS AT YD 299481. RESULTS: CALLED ARTY MISSION. AREA NOT SEARCHED DUE TO SONG THACH HAN ADJACENT UNIT NOTIFIED.

F. AT 141315H, B/A/1, AT YD 275542, OBSERVED ENEMY SNIPER FIRE WEST, SE AND WEST AT YD 272538. RESULTS: RETURNED FIRE MOVED ON AREA. NO EVIDENCE, VC CASUALTIES.

G. AT 141330H, A/A/1, AT YD 354480, OBSERVED SIX VC IN OPEN HEADING WEST WEARING PACK AND WPMS. RESULTS: SQUAD/SNIPER FIRED FIRE AND CALLED ARTY MISSION. AREA NOT SEARCHED DUE TO

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DISTANCE.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NEGATIVE.

5. PLANS: 1ST MARINES (-) (KELN), CONTINUES TO CONDUCT OPERATION SOSCEOLA, UNITS CONDUCT NIGHT DEFENSIVE OPERATIONS, OPERATIONS INCLUDE DEFENSE OF UNIT OPS AND NIGHT DEFENSIVE POSITIONS, AMBUSHES AND LP'S. 1/1 CONTINUES MISSION, DIVISION RESERVE. NIGHT DEFENSIVE POSITIONS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED AS FOLLOWS.

2D PLATOON A/1/1, YD 337475

3D PLATOON A/1/1, YD 354462

C. C/A/1 AT YD 369480

D. PROVISIONAL RIFLE COMPANY WITH 2D PLATOON A/1/3 AND 2D

AT D/1/3 AND CMU GRU AT YD 310505.

E. 1/3 CONDUCTS SERIES OF SQUAD SECURITY PATROLS, AMBUSHES AND LP'S IN ASSIGNED SECTOR OF REGIMENTAL AREA OF OPERATIONS.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

FRIENDLY

KIA	17
WIA	155 MEDICAL VAC
WIA	37 MINOR
MIA	0

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ENEMY

KIA (C) 12 NVA 56 VC

DTNE 144

POW 2 NVA 1 VC

RTNE 2 NVA 0 VC

CIV DEF 2 NVA 4 VC

INN CIV 130

IWC 29

CSWC 0

70 SCOUT/SNIPERS: NO CHANGE; NEGATIVE CONTACTS.

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OPN OSCEOLA SITREP NO 341 (PERIOD 141800H TO 142400H JAN 68)

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE.

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: 1ST MARINES (-) (REIN) CONTINUED TO CONDUCT OPERATION OSCEOLA, AS FOLLOWS: UNITS CONDUCTED NIGHT DEFENSIVE OPERATIONS, LAW PARA 500, MY SITREP NO 340. 1/1 CONTINUED MISSION, DIVISION RESERVE. 1/3 PROVIDED REACTION PLATOON FOR ROUGH RIDER 3 AND 4-60. 1/1 PROVIDES REACTION PLATOON FOR ROUGH RIDER 5-60.

3. CONTACTS:

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A. (LATE ENTRY), AT 141235H, B/1/1, AT YD 274545, RECEIVED 20-25 ROUNDS S/A AND A/W FROM THREE NVA AT YD 275542. RESULT: ONE WIA MEDEVAC, ENGAGED ENEMY WITH S/A AND A/W, ARTY MISSION. AREA SEARCHED, NO EVIDENCE OF ENEMY CASUALTIES.

B. (LATE ENTRY) AT 141700H, C/1/1, AT YD 305476, OBSERVED ONE VC WEARING BLUE SHIRT, BLACK PANTS AT YD 304476 WITH WPN AND CARTRIDGE BELT. FIRED S/A. FOUND BLOOD TRAIL LEADING INTO VILLAGE. AREA SEARCHED WITH NO FURTHER EVIDENCE OF ENEMY CASUALTIES.

C. AT 141500H, C/1/1, AT YD 302474, FOUND ONE Z-10 MINE WITH TRIP WIRE. DESTROYED WITH C-4.

D. AT 142005H, A/1/1, AT YD 333470, OBSERVED MOVEMENT TO FRONT, FIRED ILLUMINATION MISSION AND TWELVE RUS M-79. AREA TO BE SEARCHED AT FIRST LIGHT.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NEGATIVE.

5. PLANS: 1ST MARINES (-) (REIN); CONTINUES TO CONDUCT OPERATION OSCEOLA AS FOLLOWS: UNITS CONTINUE TO CONDUCT NIGHT DEFENSIVE OPERATIONS LAW PARA 500, SITREP NO 340. 1ST MARINE HEADQUARTERS CONTINUE DISPLACEMENT TO CAMP EVANS BY CONVOY.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: PARA 36A. SITREP NO 339 REFERS 2 VC IN CG, 003

AND ONE IN THIRTEENTH DIVISION. ADJUTANT GENERAL

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FRIENDLY

KIA 17
 WIA 156 MEDE VAC
 MIA 37 MINOR
 MIA 0
 REF 0

ENEMY

KIA (C) 12 NVA 56 VC
 DTNE 144

POW 2 NVA 1 VC

RTH EE 2 NVA 0 VC

V DEF 2 NVA 4 VC

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7. SCOUT/SNIPERS:

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8. PLANSUM: A4/D16/G1/14/J11/K2/L4/T5/U4/V8/X6/AA3/BB1/CC1/LD1/EE1/FF1

9. OPSUM: A4/D23/I2/J5/L4/T6/U2/V5/X6/CC12/EE4/FF1

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OP OSCEOLA SITREP NO. 342 (PERIOD 150000H TO 150600H JAN 68)

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: 1ST MARINES (-) (REIN), CONTINUED TO CONDUCT OPERATION OSCEOLA, AS FOLLOWS: UNITS CONDUCTED NIGHT DEFENSIVE OPERATIONS, IAW PARA 5., MY SITREP NO. 341. 1/1 CONTINUES MISSION, DIVISION RESERVE. 1/3 PROVIDES REACTION PLATOON FOR ROU 48534 5-68.

3. CONTACTS: NEGATIVE

4. SIGNIFICANT EENTS: NE-58;3

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5. PLANS: 1ST MARINES (-) (REIN), CONTINUES TO CONDUCT OPERATION OSCEOLA; 1/1 AND 1/3 CONDUCTS DAY OFFENSIVE COMBAT OPERATION, OPERATION TO INCLUDE SEARCH AND DESTROY AND SMALL UNIT OP'S.

1/1 CONTINUE MISSION, DIVISION RESERVE. 1ST MARINES HQS CONTINUES DISPLACEMENT TO CAMP EVANS BY MOTOR MARCH. SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED AS FOLLOWS:

A. COMMENCING 150600H, 3D PLATOON A/1/1, IP YD 354463, CP1 YD 345472, CP2 YD 338475, CP3 YD 343483, CP1 YD 337483, TO YD 334496.

B. COMMENCING 150730H, 2D PLATOON A/1/1, IP YD 332469, CP1 YD 336475, CP2 YD 337484 TO YD 334496.

C. COMMENCING 150600H, C/1/1 (-) IP YD 292467, DISPLACES TO YD 307477. ON ARRIVAL PROVIDES SECURITY FOR EVACUATION OF VILLAGES. ON TERMINATION PROCEED TO CP AS FOLLOWS: YD 319489 TO YD 329490 TO YD 334496.

D. COMMENCING 151400H, B/1/1 (-) WITH 1ST AND 3D PLATOONS AND CMD GUR, IP YD 330490, CP1 YD 323488, CP2 YD 318491, CP3 YD 311480, CP4 YD 300475, 2D PLATOON B/1/1 PROCEEDS TO YD 295472, 3D PLATOON B/1/1 PROCEEDS TO YD 293473.

E. COMMENCING 151630H, 2D PLATOON B/1/1 DISPLACES FROM YD

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334496 TO YD 307478.

F. COMMENCING 151700H, 2D PLATOON A/1/1, IP YD 334496, CP1 YD 337483, CP2 YD 353488, CP3 YD 362470 TO YD 365463.

G. COMMENCING 151730H, 1ST PLATOON C/1/1 IP YD 334496, CP1 342493, CP2 YD 340510, TO YD 322508.

H. COMMENCING 151730H, 2D PLATOON A/1/3, IP YD 306514, CP1 YD 309500, CP2 YD 310513, CP3 YD 316514, CP4 YD 318517, TO YD 319512.

I. COMMENCING 150700H, 1ST PLATOON, A/1/3 IP YD 298550, CP1 YD 282550, CP2 YD 282552, CP3 YD 285554, CP4 YD 290552, TO YD 296555.

J. COMMENCING 150900H, SQD REIN, 3D PLATOON D/1/3 IP YD 303560, CP1 YD 303574, CP2 YD 304583, CP3 YD 297584, CP4 YD 300580, CP5 YD 299572, TO YD 303560.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES

FRIENDLY

KIA 17

WIA 156 MEDEVAC

WIA 37 MINOR

MIA 0

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ENEMY

KIA (C) 12 NVA 56 VC

DINE 144

POW 2 NVA 1 VC

RTNEE 2 NVA

CIV REF 3 NVA 4 VC

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IWC 29

CSWC 0

7. SCOUT/SNIPERS: NO CHANGE NEGATIVE CONTACTS.

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OPN OSCEOLA SITREP NO. 343 (PERIOD 150600H TO 151200H JAN 68)

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: 1ST MARINES (-) (REIN) CONTINUES TO CONDUCT OPERATION OSCEOLA. 1/1 AND 1/3 CONDUCTED OFFENSIVE COMBAT OPERATION, IAW PARA. 5, MY SITREP NO. 342. 1/1 CONTINUED MISSION, DIVISION RESERVE. 1/3 PROVIDED REACTION PLATOON FOR ROU 48334 4-68. 1/1 PROVIDED REACTION PLATOON FOR ROUGH RIDER 5-68. MOTOR MARCH CONVOY DEPARTED THIS CP AT 150842H AND ARRIVED

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CAMP EVANS AT 151017H.

3. CONTACTS:

A. AT 150725H C/1/1 AT 289478 OBSERVED 1 VC WITH WPNS FOLLOWING REAR SECURITY ELEMENT AT YD 290475. OPENED FIRE WITH S/A. SEARCH AREA WITH NO EVIDENCE OF ENEMY CASUALTIES. ONE PACK FOUND. SENT TO BN CP.

B. AT 150800H C/1/1 AT YD 288458 FOUND ONE M-16 MINE WITHOUT FIRING DEVICES. FORWARDED TO BN CP.

C. AT 150850H, C/1/1 AT 294476 OBSERVED SEEN VC HEADING SE AT YD 294478 CARRYING ONE PACK AND 2 WPNS. OPENED FIRE WITH S/A. AREA SEARCHED AND FOUND ONE VC KIA.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NE-58;3.

5. PLANS: 1ST MARINES (-) (REIN) CONT

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OPERATION OSCEOLA, AS FOLLOWS: 1/1 AND 1/3 CONTINUE TO CONDUCT OFFENSIVE COMBAT OPERATIONS, IAW PARA. 5, SITREP NO. 342. 1/1 CONTINUES MISSION, DIVISION RESERVE. 1/3 CONTINUES TO PROVIDE REACTION PLATOON FOR ROUGH RIDER 4-68. 1/1 CONTINUES TO PROVIDE PLATOON FOR ROUGH RIDER 5-68. 1ST MARINES HQS CONTINUES DEPLOYMENT

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6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES

KIA	17	
WIA	156	MEDEVAC
WIA	37	MINOR
MIA	0	
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KIA (C)	12	NVA	57	VC
DTNE	144			
POW	2	NVA	1	VC
RTNEE	2	NVA	0	VC
CI VDEF	2	NVA	4	VC
INN CIV	132			
JWC	29	CSWC	0	

7. SCOUT/SNIPERS: NO CHANGE, NEGATIVE CONTACT.

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OPN OSCEOLA SITREP NO. 344 (PERIOD 151200H TO 151800H JAN 68)

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: 1ST MARINES (-) (REIN) CONTINUES TO CONDUCT OPERATION OSCEOLA. 1/1 AND 1/3 CONDUCTED OFFENSIVE COMBAT OPERATION, JAW PARA. 5., MY SITREP NO 343. 1/1 CONTINUED MISSION, DIVISION RESERVE. 1/3 PROVIDED REACTIONS PLATOON FOR ROUGH RIDER 4-68. 1/1 PROVIDED REACTION PLATOON FOR ROUGH RIDER 5-68.

3. CONTACTS:

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A. AT 151145H C/1/1 DETAINED TO VC MALES AGES 61 AND 17 APPREHENDED AT YD 297475. INTERROGATION BY APT WORKING W/O DETERMINED BOTH TO BE MEMBERS OF LOCAL VC CADRE. DETAINEES TAKEN INTO CUSTODY OF NATIONAL POLICE.

B. AT 151145H C/1/1 OBSERVED 7 VC IN BLACK SHIRTS, EQUIPMENT, AND WEAPONS, TWO APPEARED TO BE WEARING NVA UNIFORMS. FIRED S/A AND ARTY MISSION, CLOSED ON ENEMY LOCATION TO SEARCH AREA, FOUND BLOOD TRAILS NO BODIES.

C. AT 151300H C/1/1 AT YD 292467 RECEIVED 15-20 ROUNDS S/A FROM ESTIMATED 3 VC IN BLACK PAJAMAS. FIRED ARTY/S/A SEARCHED AREA, NO EVIDENCE OF ENEMY CASUALTIES.

D. AT 151330H C/1/1 AT YD 290459 DISCOVERED ONE Z-10 MINE RIGGED WITH TRIP WIRE. DESTROYED WITH C-4.

E. AT 151730H AT YD 292471 OBSERVED 5 NVA W/FLAK JACKETS HELMETS, AND WPNS. FIRED S/A/ARTY. SEARCH AREA NO EVIDENCE OF ENEMY CASUALTIES.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: AT REQUEST JORDS PERSONNEL QUANG TIR CITY 1ST MARINES TO AUGMENT LOCAL SECURITY FORCE

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 OF CORDS BILLETING AREA WITH ONE SQUAD DURING HOURS
 OF DARKNESS COMMENCING 151700H. ESTIMATED DURATION THIS
 ACTION FOUR DAYS.

5. PLANS: 1ST MARINES (-) (RLIN), CONTINUES TO CONDUCT OPERATION
 OSCEOLA, UNITS CONDUCT NIGHT DEFENSIVE OPERATION, OPERATIONS
 INCLUDE DEFENSE OF UNIT CP'S AND NIGHT DEFENSIVE POSITIONS,
 AMBUSHES AND LP'S. 1/1 CONTINUES MISSION, DIVISION
 RESERVE. NIGHT DEFENSIVE POSITIONS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED
 AS FOLLOWS.

A. 1 ST PLATOON B/1/1 YD 302475
 B. 2ND PLATOON B/1/1 YD 307477
 C. 3D PLATOON B/1/1 YD 298477
 D. 2ND PLATOON A/1/1 YD 365462
 RE. 3D PLATOON A/1/1 YD 337466
 F. 1ST PLATOON C/1/1 YD 322500
 G. D/1/1 YD 334496
 H. A/1/3 YD 312507
 I. B/1/3 YD 308555
 J. D/1/3 YD 302565

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 K. PROVISIONAL RIFLE CO 1-3 DYD 310505
 ALL OTHER UNITS: NO CHANGE

6. CASUALTIES CUMULATIVE:
 USMC

KIA 17
 WIA 156 MEDEVAC
 MIA 37 MINOR
 MIA 0
 REF 0

ENEMY

KIA (C) 12 NVA 57 VC
 DTNE 146
 POW 2 NVA -1 VC
 RTNEE 2 NVA 0 VC
 CIVDEF 2 NVA 4 VC
 INN CIV 132
 IWC 29 CSWC 0

7. SCOUT/SNIPERS: NO CHANGE, NEGATIVE CONTACT

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YOD:(VIA TT) 151420Z JAN 68/CCN: 288

00 T87L
 DE S825 290 0151625
 ZNY CCCCC
 O P 151625Z JAN 68
 FM FIRST MARINES
 TO CG THIRD MARDIV
 INFO CG THIRD MARDIV (FWD)
 CG FIRST MARDIV
 ZEN/FIRST BN FIRST MARINES
 ZEN/FIRST BN ELEVENTH MARINES
 ZEN/FIRST BN THIRD MARINES
 THIRD MARINES
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C O N F I D E N T I A L

OPN OSCEBLA SITREP NO. 345 (PERIOD 151800H TO 152400H JAN 68)

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: 1ST MARINES (-) (REIN) CONTINUED TO CONDUCT OPERATION OSCEOLA, AS FOLLOWS: UNITS CONDUCTED NIGHT DEFENSIVE OPERATIONS, IAW PARA. 5, MY SITREP NO. 344. 1/1 CONTINUES MISSION, DIVISION RESERVE.

3/ CONTACTS:

- A. (LATE ENTRY) AT 151730H, B/1/1 AT 292471 RECEIVED 20 ROUNDS FROM FIVE NA WITH FLAK JACKETS, HELMETS AND

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WPNS AT YD 292478. RETURNED S/A, LAWS 2 ARTY MISSION. RESULTS: AREA SEARCHED WITH NO EVIDENCE OF ENEMY CASUALTIES.

B. AT 151930H, B/1/1 AT YD 295471 HAD A MARINE STEP ON UNKNOWN TYPE OF EXPLOSIVE DEVICE. RESULTS THREE WIA MEDEVAC.

C. AT 152050H, B/1/1 AT 305478 OBSERVED CANOE TYPE CRAFT WITH 2 MEN MOVING WEST ON RIVER. OPENED FIRE. RESULTS: BOAT DESTROYED. TWO BODIES OBSERVED ON NORTH BANK WITH STARLIGHT SCOPE. TWO VC KIA. (CONFIRMED)

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NE-58;3

5. PLANS: 1ST MARINES (-) (REIN), CONTINUES TO CONDUCT OPERATION OSCEBLA AS FOLLOWS: UNITS CONTINUED TO CONDUCT NIGHT DEFENSIVE OPERATIONS IAW PARA. 5, SITREP NO. 344. 1ST MARINES CONTINUES DEPLOYMENT TO CAMP EANS BY MOTOR MARCH.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

USMC

KIA 17

WIA 159 MEDEVAC

WIA 37 MINOR

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NVA 0

REF 0

ENE XY

KIA (C) 12 NVA 59 VC

DTNE 146

ROW 2 NVA 1 VC

RTNE 2 NVA 0 VC

CIV DEF 2 NVA 4 VC

INN CIV 132

WC 29 CSWC 0

1. SCOUT/SNIPERS:

A. 1/1 FOUR, FOUR, NEGATIVE

B. 2/1 TWO, UNKNOWN, (CON THIEN)

C. 1/3 THREE, THREE, NEGATIVE.

8. PLANSUM: A4/C1/D21/J11/L7/T3/V5/X9/AA5/CC4/DD3/EE2/

9. OPSUM: A4/C2/D21/G1/I4/J13/K2/L4/S1/T4/U6/V6/W2/X6/

Y1/AA4/CC2/DD1/EE2/FF1/

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 O P 152100Z JAN 68
 FM FIRST MARINES
 TO CG THIRD MARDIV
 INFO CG THIRD MARDIV (FWD)
 CG FIRST MARDIV
 ZEN/FIRST BN FIRST MARINES
 ZEN/FIRST BN ELEVENTH MARINES
 ZEN/FIRST BN THIRD MARINES
 THIRD MARINES

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 C O N F I D E N T I A L
 OP OSCEOLA SITREP NO. 346 (PERIOD 160001H TO 160600H JAN)
 1. UNIT LOCATIONS. NO CHANGE
 2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: 1ST MARINES (-) (REIN), CONTINUED
 TO CONDUCT OPERATION OSCEOLA, AS FOLLOWS: UNITS CONDUCTED
 NIGHT DEFENSIVE OPERATIONS IAW PARA. 5., MY SITREP NO. 345.
 1/1 CONTINUES MISSION, DIVISION RESERVE.
 3. CONTACTS. NE-58;3
 4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS. NEGATIVE
 5. PLANS: 1ST MARINES (-) (REIN), CONTINUES TO CONDUCT

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 OPERATION OSCEOLA: 1/1 AND 1/3 CONDUCTS DAY OFFENSIVE
 COMBAT OPERATIONS, OPERATIONS TO INCLUDE SEARCH AND
 DESTROY AND SMALL UNIT OP'S. 1/1 CONTINUES MISSION,
 DIVISION RESERVE. 1ST MARINES CONTINUES DISPLACEMENT
 TO CAMP EANS BY MOFOR MARCH. SEARCH AND DESTROY
 OPERATIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED AS FOLLOWS.
 A. COMMENCING 160730H, REINFORCED SQUAD COB 1/3 CONDUCTS
 COMBAT PATROL FROM IP YD 311 TO CK PT1 YD 318536,
 CP2 318533, CP3 318528, CP4 YD 302523, CP5 YD
 303533 AND RETURNS TO CP YD 300549.
 B. COMMENCING 160730H, REINFORCED SQUAD A/1/3 CONDUCTS
 COMBAT PATROLS FROM IP YD 303542, TO CP1 YD 328599
 CP2 YD 326573, CP3 YD 330543, CP4 YD 331555 AND RETURNS
 TO CP YD 300549.
 C. COMMENCING 160930H, REINFORCED SQUAD D/1/3 CONDUCTS
 COMBAT PATROL FROM IP YD 311507 TO CP1 YD 308507,
 CP2 YD 308499, CP3 YD 313503, CP4 YD 319509 AND RETURNS
 TO CP YD 311507.
 D. COMMENCING 161200H, REINFORCED SQUAD B/1/3 CONDUCTS
 COMBAT PATROLS FROM IP YD 311544 TO CP1 YD 293536

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 CP2 YD 293539, CP3 YD 291535, CP4 YD 300533 AND
 RETURNS TO CP YD 300549.

E. COMMENCING 161300H, REINFORCED SQUAD A/1/1 CONDUCTS
 COMBAT PATROLS FROM IP YD 308555 TO PCY YD 291552

CP2 YD 295550, CP3 YD 285550 AND RETURNS TO CP
 YD 300549.

F. COMMENCING 160800H, B/1/1 CONDUCTS SERIES
 OF PLATOON SIZED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS
 AS FOLLOWS:

(1) 1ST PLATOON B/1/1 CONDUCT SEARCH AND DESTROY
 OPERATIONS IN AREA BOUNDED BY GRIDS YD 290470,

YD 291476, YD 301479, YD 303475.

(2) 3D PLATOON B/1/1 CONDUCTS SEARCH AND DESTROY
 OPERATION IN AREA BOUNDED BY GRIDS YD 304475,

YD 303479, YD 310480, YD 310476.

(3) 2ND PLATOON B/1/1 CONDUCTS SEARCH AND DESTROY
 OPERATIONS AND MINE CLEARING OPERATIONS IN

AREA BOUNDED BY GRIDS YD 311480, YD 317490

YD 319486, YD 313477.

G. COMMENCING 160730H, 3D PLATOON A/1/1 CONDUCTS SEARCH
 AND DESTROY OPERATIONS FROM IP YD 330406, TO CP1

YD 332470, CP2 YD 328448, CP3 YD 318449, CP4 YD

310463, CP5 YD 329473, AND RETURNS TO CP YD 330406.

H. COMMENCING 160730H, 2ND PLATOON A/1/1 CONDUCTS SEARCH
 AND DESTROY OPERATIONS FROM IP YD 366463 TO CP1 YD

357662, CP2 YD 351457, TO CP3 YD 352451 AND

ESTABLISHES PLATOON PATROL BASE.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES.

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KIA 17

MIA 159 MDEAC

MIA 37 MINOR

MIA 0

REF 0

ENEMY

KIA 12 NVA 59 VC

LTNE 146

POW 2 NVA 1 VC

RTNEL 2 NVA

CIV DEF 2 NVA 4 VC

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INN CIV 132

IWC 29

CSWC 0

7. SCOUT/SNIPERS. (M) CHANGE. GATIVE CONTACTS.

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 O P 160340Z JAN 68
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 TO CG THIRD MARDIV
 INFO CG THIRD MARDIV (FWD)
 CG FIRST MARDIV
 FIRST BN FIRST MARINES
 FIRST BN ELEVENTH MARINES
 FIRST BN THIRD MARINES
 THIRD MARINES

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100N OSCEOLA SITREP NO. 347 (PERIOD 160300Z TO 160700Z JAN 68)

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: 1ST MARINES (1/1) CONTINUES TO CONDUCT OPERATION OSCEOLA. 1/1 AND 1/3 FOR

OFFENSIVE COMBAT OPERATION. 1/1 FOR PARA. 5.0 VC. 1/1 NO.

346. 1/1 CONTINUES MISSION. DIVISION RESERVE.

3. CONTACTS: NEGATIVE

5. PLANS: 1ST MARINES (-) (REF IN) CONTINUES TO CONDUCT

OPERATION OSCEOLA. AS FOLLOWS: 1/1 AND 1/3 CONTINUE

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TO CONDUCT OFFENSIVE COMBAT OPERATION. 1/1 AND 1/3 FOR

SITREP NO. 346. 1/1 CONTINUES MISSION. DIVISION RESERVE.

1ST MARINES CONTINUES DISPLACEMENT. 1/1 AND 1/3 FOR

5. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

USMC

KIA 17

MIA 159 MEDEAC

MIA 37 MINOR

MFA 0

REF 0

ENEMY

KIA (C) 12 NVA 50 VC

DTNE 146

POW 2 NVA 1 VC

RTNEE 2 NVA 1 VC

CIV DEF 2 NVA 1 VC

INN CIV 132

IWC 29 CSMC 0

7. SCOUT/SNIPERS: NO CHANGE. NEGATIVE CONTACT.

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O P 161020Z JAN 68

FM FIRST MARINES

TO CG THIRD MARDIV

INFO CG THIRD MARDIV (FWD)

CG FIRST MARDIV

ZEN/FIRST BN FIRST MARINES

ZEN/FIRST BN ELEVENTH MARINES

ZEN/FIRST BN THIRD MARINES

THIRD MARINES

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

OPN OSCEOLA SITREP NO. 348 (PERIOD 161200H TO 161800H JAN 68)

1. UNIT LOCATIONS:

1ST MARINES (-) (REIN): YD 338508

2/1 (REAR): YD 334406

1/1: YD 334405

A/1/1: YD 334406

B/1/1: YD 334406

C/1/1: YD 334406

D/1/1: YD 334405

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1/3 (-): YD 310549

A/1/3: YD 310550

B/1/3: YD 310549

D/1/3: DY 310549

PROV CO: YD 310505

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: 1ST MARINES (-) (REIN CONTINUES

TO CONDUCT OPERATION OSCEOLA. AS FOLLOWS: 1/1 AND 1/3

CONTINUES TO CONDUCT OFFENSIVE COMBAT OPERATION 144 PARA 650.

MY SITREP NO. 345. 1/1 CONTINUES MISSION. DIVISION RESERVE.

3. CONTACTS:

A. (LATE ENTRY) AT 160015H. A/1/1 AT YD 340451 OBSERVED ONE VC WITH WPN TRAVELING NORTH AT YD 340453. OPENED FIRED S/A. NO EVIDENCE OF ENEMY CASUALTIES.

B. (LATE ENTRY) AT 161105H. B/1/1 AT YD 278476 FOUND 1 M-16 MINE RIGGED WITH TRIP WIRE. MINE DISARMED AND SENT TO CP.

C. (LATE ENTRY) AT 161145H. A/1/1 AT YD 306451 OBSERVED ONE VC THROUGH SNIPER SCOPE AT YD 340453. AREA SEARCHED AND IVC CAPTURED. HE HAD AN OLD WOUND. WAS ARMED WITH .38 CAL PISTOL AND ONE CHICOM GRENADE AND DOCUMENTS. MADE AC TO DONG HA.

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 D. AT 1613354. B/1/1 AT YD 292474 FOUND ONE M-72 LAAN
 RIGGED AS MINE WITH TRIP WIRE. DESTROYED WITH C-4.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NEGATIVE

5. PLANS: 1ST MARINES (-) (REIN) CONTINUES TO CONDUCT
 OPERATION OSCEOLA. UNITS CONDUCT NIGHT DEFENSIVE OPERATION.
 OPERATIONS INCLUDE DEFENSE OF UNIT CP'S AND NIGHT DEFENSIVE
 OPERATIONS. AMBUSHES AND LP'S. 1/1 CONTINUES MISSION.
 DIVISION RESERVE. NIGHT DEFENSIVE POSITIONS HAVE BEEN
 ESTABLISHED AS FOLLOWS:

A. 2ND PLATOON A/1/1 YD 1351451

B. 3D PLATOON A/1/1 YD 332470

C. B/1/1 AT YD 306478

D. PROVISIONAL RIFLE COMPANY WITH 2ND PLATOON A/1/3 AND
 2ND PLATOON D/1/3 AND CMD GRU AT YD 1317505.

E. 1/3 CONDUCTS SERIES OF SQUAD SECURITY PATROLS.
 AMBUSHES AND LP'S IN ASSIGNED SECTOR OF REGIMENTAL -
 AREA OF OPERATION.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

USMC

KIA 17

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WIA 159 MEDEVAC

WIA 37 MINOR

MIA 0

REF 0

ENEMY

KIA (C) 12 NVA 59 VC

DTNE 146 NVA

DD 3 NVA 1 VC

RTNEE 2 NVA 0 VC

CIV DEF 2 NVA 4 VC

INN CIV 132

IWC 30 CSWC 0

7. SCOUT/SNIPERS: NO CHANGE. NEGATIVE CONTACTS:

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FM FIRST MARINES

TO CG THIRD MARDIV

INFO CG THIRD MARDIV (FWD)

CG FIRST MARDIV

FIRST BN FIRST MARINES

FIRST BN ELEVENTH MARINES

FIRST BN THIRD MARINES

THIRD MARINES

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OPN OSCEOLA SITREP NO. 348 (PERIOD 161800H TO 162400H JAN 68)

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: 1ST MARINES (-) (REIN) CONTINUED TO CONDUCT OPERATION OSCEOLA, AS FOLLOWS: UNITS CONDUCTED NIGHT DEFENSIVE OPERATIONS, IAW PARA. 5, MY SITREP NO. 348. 1/1 CONTINUED MISSION, DIVISION RESERVE.

3. CONTACTS:

A. (LATE ENTRY) AT 161200H, B/1/1 AT YD 341473 OBSERVED FIVE VC ON RIDGE LINE AT YD 295464 OBSERVING POSITIONS.

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FIRE 27 RDS 60MM. CALLED UNIC GUNSHIP WHO OBSERVED FIVE VC AT YD 295464. AREA SEARCHED WITH NO EVIDENCE OF ENEMY CASUALTIES.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: COMMANDING OFFICER OF SLF ALFA COL MYERS AND COMMANDING OFFICER OF SLF BRAVO COL SCHMIDT ARRIVED THIS CP AT 160930H AND DEPARTED 161415H.

5. PLANS: 1ST MARINES (-) (REIN) CONTINUES TO CONDUCT OPERATION OSCEOLA AS FOLLOWS: UNITS CONTINUE TO CONDUCT NIGHT DEFENSIVE OPERATION IAW PARA. 5, MY SITREP NO. 348. 1ST MARINES CONTINUE DEPLOYMENT TO CAMP EVANS BY MOTOR MARCH.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: PARA. 3.3 SITREP NO. 348 REFERS. VC POW AS CLAIMED RECLASSIFIED AS DETAINEE AND NVA POW. ADJUST DTNE TO READ NOW: DTNE: 147, NVA POW WAS ADJUSTED ON SITREP NO. 348.

USMC

KIA 17

WIA 159 MEDEAC

WIA 37 MINOR

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ENEMY

KIA(C)	12 NVA	59 VC
DNE	147	
POW	3 NVA	1 VC
RTNEE	2 NVA	2 VC
CIV DEF	2 NVA	4 VC
INN CIV	132	
IWC	30	CSWC 2

7. SCOUT/SNIPERS

A. 1/1, FOUR, FOUR, NEGATIVE

B. 2/1, TWO, UNKNOWN(ON THEIN)

C. 1/3, THREE, THREE, NEGATIVE.

8. PLANSUM: A4/D17/I2/J4/K5/L3/T2/U2W6/X1/AA2/CC3/DD5/EE2/.

9. OPSUM: A4/C1/D23/I3/J7/K5/L5/T5/U3XV1/X7/AA11/CC3/EE2/

FF1/.

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 O P 162337Z JAN 68
 FM FIRST MARINES
 TO CG THIRD MARDIV
 INFO CG THIRD MARDIV (FWD)
 CG FIRST MARDIV REIN
 ZEN/FIRST BN FIRST MARINES
 ZEN/FIRST BN ELEVENTH MARINES
 ZEN/FIRST BN THIRD MARINES
 THIRD MARINES
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OPN OSCEOLA SITREP NO 350 (PERIOD 170001H TO 170600H JAN 68)

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: 1ST MARINES

(-) (REIN) CONTINUED TO CONDUCT OPERATION OSCEOLA

AS FOLLOWS. UNITS CONDUCTED NIGHT DEFENSIVE OPERATIONS.

IAW PARA 6, MMRP

REP NO. 349. 1/1 CONTINUES MISSION,

DIVISION RESERVE.

3. CONTACTS: NEGATIVE

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NEGATIVE

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5. PLANS: 1ST MARINES (-) (REIN) CONTINUES TO CONDUCT OPERATION OSCEOLA: 1/1 AND 1/3 CONDUCT DAY OFFENSIVE COMBAT OPERATIONS, OPERATIONS TO INCLUDE SEARCH AND DESTROY AND SMALL UNIT OP'S. 1/1 CONTINUES MISSION, DIVISION RESERVE. 1ST MARINES CONTINUES DISPLACEMENT.

A. COMMENCING 170730H 2D PLATOON A/1/1 IP YD 348448, CP1 YD 338449, CP2 YD 330453, CP3 YD 332468 TO YD 334496.

B. COMMENCING 170730H 2D PLATOON D/1/1 IP YD 321469 CP3 YD 339472 TO YD 334496.

C. COMMENCING 171530H 1ST PLATOON D/1/1 IP YD CP1 YD 342479, CP2 YD 339471, TO YD 329461.

D. COMMENCING 170730H 3D PLATOON D/1/1 IP YD 335505 CP1 YD 342495.

E. COMMENCING 170800H B/1/1 CONDUCTS SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN AREA BOUNDED BY GRIDIS YD 305479. YD 314472 YD 295473, YD 295477 RETURN CP1 YD 311480

CP2 YD 320490, TO YD 334496.

F. COMMENCING 171500H G/1/1 IP YD 334496 CP1 YD 328482, CP2 YD 316465, CP 3 YD 312472, TO NIGHT

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DEFENSIVE POSITION VIC OF YD 312478.

G. COMMENCING 170730H 2D PLATOON B/1/3 IP YD 312543
CP1 YD 319536, CP2 YD 3117527 CP YD 303523, CP4 YD
290523, CP5 YD 294527, CP6 YD 300536 TO YD 312543.

H. COMMENCING 170730H SQUAD REIN 2D PLATOON D/1/3
CONDUCTS COMBAT PATROLS FROM IP YD 304561, CP1 YD
298566, CP2 YD 289572. CP3 YD 288579. CP4 YD 277581
CP5 YD 284573 TO YD 304561.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES

USMC

KIA 17
WIA 159 MEDEVAC
WIA 37 MINOR
MIA 0
REF 0

ENEMY

KIA (C) 12 NVA 59 VC
DTNE 147
POW 3 NVA 1 VC
RTNEE 2 NVA

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CIV DEF 2 NVA 4 VC

INN CIV 132

IWC 30

CSWC 0

7. SCOUT/SNIPERS: NO CHANGE NEGATIVE CONTACTS.

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AS , FOLLOWS. UNITS CONDUCTED NIGHT DEFENSIVE OPERATIONS

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111 MAF T 30 MARDIV
KNOP 170340Z JAN 68
FM FIRST MARINES
TO CG THIRD MARDIV
INFO CG THIRD MARDIV (FWD)
ZEN/FIRST BN FIRST MARINES
ZEN/FIRST BN ELEENTH MARINES
ZEN/FIRST BN THIRD MARINES
THIRD MARINES
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C O N F I D E N T I A L

OPN OSCEOLA SITREP NO. 351 (PERIOD 170600H TO 171200H JAN 68)

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: 1ST MARINES (-) (REIN) CONTINUES TO
CONDUCT OPERATION OSCEOLA. 1/1 AND 1/3 CONDUCTED OFFENSIVE
COMBAT OPERATION. IAW PARA 5. MY SITREP NO. 350. 1/1
CONTINUES MISSION. DIVISION RESERVE.

3. CONTACTS: NEGATIVE

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: COL SCHMID SELF BRAVO COMMANDING OFFICER LT COL

MC GOWAN CO BLT 3/1

AND PARTY ARRIVED THIS CP AT 0925 AND DEPARTED AT 1100

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5. PLANS: 1ST MARINES (-) (REIN) CONTINUES TO CONDUCT OPERATION
OSCEOLA AS FOLLOWS: 1/1 AND 1/3 CONTINUE TO CONDUCT OFFENSIVE
COMBAT OPERATIONS. IAW PARA 5 SITREP NO 350. 1/1 CONTINUES
ASSIGNED MISSION. DIVISION RESERVE. 1ST MARINES CONTINUES
DISPLACEMENT TO CAMP EANS BY MOTOR MARCH CONVOY.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES

1. KIA

DIA 17

WIA 159 MEDEAC

W 37 MINOR

1 MA 0

REF 0

ENEMY

KIA (C) 12 NVA 59 VC

DTNE 147

POW 3 NVA 1 VC

RTNEE 2 NVA

CIV DEF 2 NVA 4 VC

TNN CIV 132

IWC 30

CSWC 0

7. SCOUT/SNIPERS: NO CHAE. EEE

7. SCOUT/SNIPERS: NO CHANGENT. NEGATIVE CONTACT.

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 KKKKKQGNHIRD MARDIV (FWD)
 CG FIRST MARDIV
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 DE S825 313 0171025
 ZNY CCCCC
 O P 171025Z JAN 68
 FM FIRST MARINES
 TO CG THIRD MARDIV
 INFO CG THIRD MARDIV (FWD)
 CG FIRST MARDIV
 ZEN/FIRST BN FIRST MARINES
 ZEN/FIRST BN ELEVENTH MARINES
 ZEN/FIRST BN THIRD MARINES
 THIRD MARINES

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 OPN OSCEOLA SITREP NO. 352 (PERIOD 171200H TO 171800H JAN 68)
 1. UNIT LOCATIONS:
 1ST MARINES (-) (REIN): YD 338508
 2/1 (REAR): YD 334496
 1/1: YD 334496
 A/1/1: YD 334496
 B/1/1: YD 334496
 C/1/1: YD 334496
 D/1/1: YD 334496

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 1/3 (-): YD 310549
 2/1/3: YD 309550
 3/1/3: YD 310549
 D/1/3: YD 310549
 PROV CO: YD 310505
 2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: 1ST MARINES (-) (REIN) CONTINUES

TO CONDUCT OPERATION OSCEOLA AS FOLLOWS: 1/1 AND 1/3
 CONTINUES TO CONDUCT OFFENSIVE COMBAT OPERATIONS 1AW
 PARA 5. MY SITREP NO. 349. 1/1 CONTINUES MISSION.
 DIVISION RESERVE.
 3. CONTACT:
 A. AT 171200H, D/1/3 AT YD 308502 WAS FIRED UPON WITH
 A/W FROM YD 303502. RETURNED FIRE WITH S/A NOTICED SMALL
 SECONDARY EXPLOSION. CALLED ARTY MISSION ON POSSIBLE
 ENEMY MORTAR POSITIONS. PLATOON MOVING TO SEARCH AREA.
 B. AT 171430H, D/1/3 AT YD 305505 SEARCHED AREA AS INDICATED

IN PARA 3.6 ABOVE. FOUND FRESHLY DUG POSITIONS BUT NO
 EVIDENCE OF ENEMY CASUALTIES.
 C. AT 171550H, C/1/1 AT YD 319468 OBSERVED FOUR VC IN
 OPEN. ONE DRESSED IN GREY UTILITIES THREE OTHERS IN GREEN

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UTILITIES. DID NOT OBSERVE WPNS. REGT SCOUT/SNIPER FIRED
OBSERVED VC IN GREY FALL. NOT ABLE TO CONFIRM VC KIA DUE
TO HEAVY FOILAGE. CALLED ARTY MISSION VC MOVING EAST.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NEGATIVE

5. PLANS: 1ST MARINES (-) (REIN) CONTINUES TO CONDUCT
OPERATION OSCEOLA, UNITS CONDUCT NIGHT DEFENSIVE OPERATION,
OPERATIONS INCLUDE DEFENSE OF UNIT CP'S AND NIGHT DEFENSIVE
OPERATIONS, AMBUSHES, AND LP'S 1/1 CONTINUES MISSION,
DIVISION RESERVE.

NIGHT DEFENSIVE POSITION HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED AS FOLLOWS:

A. 3D PLATOON A/1/1 YD 352468

B. 1 PLATOON D/1/1 YD 332463

C. 2 PLATOON D/1/1 YD 333508

D. C/1/1 YD 312480

E. PROVIDIONAL RIFLE COMPANY WITH 3D PLATOON B/1/3 AND
1ST PLATOON D/1/3 AND CMD GRU AT YD 310505

F. 1/3 CONDUCTS SERIES OF SQUAD SECURITY PATROLS, AMBUSHES
AND LP'S IN ASSIGNED SECTOR OF REGIMENTAL AREA OF OPERATION.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

USMC

KIA	17
WIA	159 MEDEVAC
WIA	37 MINOR
MIA	0
REF	0

ENEMY

KIA (C)	12 NVA	59 VC
DTNEE	147	
POW	3 NVA	1 VC
RTNEE	2 NVA	0 VC
CIV DEF	2 NVA	4 VC
INN CIV	132	
IWC	30 CSWC	0

7. SCOUT/SNIPERS: NO CHANGE, NEGATIVE CONTACT.

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

OPN OSCEOLA SITREP NO. 353 (PERIOD 171800H TO 172400H JAN 68)

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: 1ST MARINES (-) (REIN) CONTINUED

TO CONDUCT OPERATION OSCEOLA AS FOLLOWS: UNITS CONDUCTED

NIGHT DEFENSIVE OPERATIONS. IAW PARA. 50. MY SITREP NO.

352. 1/1 CONTINUES MISSION. DIVISION RESERVE.

3. CONTACTS:

A. AT 171500H S-2 1/1 AT YD 311481 APPREHENDED ONE VC

MALE AS VC SUSPECT-M-16 MINE MENTIONED IN SPOT REPORT

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 161105 FOUND OUTSIDE SUSPECTS HOME. APT SAYS SUSPECTS
 SON IS VC. SUSPECT TAKEN TO QUANG TRI.
 ● AT 171730HS-2 1/1 AT YD 335490 APPREHENDED VC
 ● ALONG PRIMER WIRE. HE WAS SELLING BREAD BUT
 APPEARED TO BE LOOKING AREA OVER. SUSPECT FORWARDED TO
 REGIMENTAL S-2.
 4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NEGATIVE
 5. PLANS: 1ST MARINES (-) (REIN) CONTINUES TO CONDUCT
 OPERATION OSCEOLA AS FOLLOWS: UNITS CONTINUE TO CONDUCT
 NIGHT DEFENSIVE OPERATION IAW PARA 5. SITREP NO. 352.
 1ST MARINES CONTINUE DEPLOYMENT TO CAMP EANS BY MOTOR
 MARCH CONVOY.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

USMC
 KIA 17
 MIA 159 MEDEAC
 MIA 37 MINOR
 MIA 0
 REF 0

● ENEMY

KIA (C) 12 NVA 59 VC
 DTNE 149
 POW 3 NVA 1 VC
 RTNEE 2 NVA 0 VC
 CIV DEF 2 NVA 4 VC
 INN CIV 132
 82: 30 CSWC 0

7. SCOUT/SNIPERS:

A. 1/T. FOUR, FOUR. NE-58,3
 B. 2/T. TWO. UNK (CON THIEN)
 C. 1/3. THREE. THREE. NE-58,3
 8. PLANSUM: A4/C1/D18/J16/K5/L2/T3/V6/W6/X3/AA4/CC3/EE3/FF17.
 9. OPOPSUM: A4/C2/D21/I2/J11/L5/T4/U2/V4/W1/X6/AA5/CC2/EE1/FF6,7.
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C O N F I D E N T I A L
OPN OSCEOLA SITREP NO. 354 (PERIOD 180000H TO 182400H JAN 68)
1- UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2- SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: 1ST MARINES (-) (REIN). CONTINUED
TO CONDUCT OPERATION OSCEOLA AS FOLLOWS. UNITS CONDUCTED
NIGHT DEFENSIVE OPERATIONS IAW PARA 5. MY SITREP NO. 353.
1/1 CONTINUES MISSION. DIVISION RESERVE.
3- CONTACTS: NEGATIVE
4- SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NEGATIVE
5- PLANS: 1ST MARINES (-) (REIN). CONTINUES TO CONDUCT OPERATION

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OSCEOLA: 1/1 AND 1/3 CONDUCT DAY OFFENSIVE COMBAT OPERATIONS
TO INCLUDE SEARCH AND DESTROY AND SMALL UNIT OP'S. 1/1
CONTINUES MISSION. DIVISION RESERVE 1ST MARINES CONTINUES
DISPLACEMENT TO CAMP EVANS BY MOTOR MARCH CONVOY. SEARCH
AND DESTROY OPERATIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED AS FOLLOWS:
A. COMMENCING 180730H. 3D PLATOON A/1/1 MOVES TO NIGHT PPB
AT YD 353468 TO YD 354454. FROM 180900H TO 181230H CONDUCTS
SMALL UNIT PATROLS AND OP'S IN VICINITY OF YD 354454
THEN PROCEEDS TO CP1 YD 371451. CP2 YD 370461. CP3 YD
364461. CP4 YD 356455. CP5 YD 345472 AND RETURNS TO
COMPANY CP YD 334496.
B. COMMENCING 180730H. 3D PLATOON D/1/1 MOVES FROM NIGHT
PPB AT YD 332463 TO CP2 YD 332475 AND RETURNS TO COMPANY
CP YD 334496.
C. COMMENCING 181500H. 1ST PLATOON C/1/1 MOVES FROM NIGHT
DEFENSIVE POSITIONS AT YD 312480 AND CONDUCTS PLATOON
PATROLS CP1 YD 293472. CP2 YD 292462. CP3 YD 293454. CP4
YD 320465 TO PPB AT YD 318470 AND CONDUCTS SQUAD SIZE
PATROLS.
D. COMMENCING 180600H 2D PLATOON C/1/1 MOVES FROM NIGHT ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

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 DEFENSIVE POSITIONS AT YD 312480. AND CONDUCTS PLATOON
 PATROLS CP1 YD 293472. CP2 YD 292462. CP3 YD 297454. CP4
 YD 295467. AND RETURNS TO COMPANY CP YD 334496.
 E. COMMENCING AT 181700H. 2D PLATOON D/1/1 FROM COMPANY CP
 YD 334496 TO NIGHT DEFENSIVE POSITIONS AT YD 333508.
 F. COMMENCING 180800H. PROV. RIFLE COMPANY 1/3 CONDUCTS
 SEARCH AND CLEAR OPERATIONS IN AREA BOUNDED BY YD
 311509. YD 301495. YD 307492. YD 314506.
 G. COMMENCING 181200H 1ST PLATOON B/1/3 AT YD 310549
 CONDUCTS SQUAD REIN PATROLS CP1 YD 312531. CP2 YD
 313528. CP3 YD 305529. CP4 YD 301537 AND RETURNS TO
 YD 310549.
 H. COMMENCING AT 180600H 2D PLATOON A/1/3 AT YD 309550.
 CONDUCTS PLATOON SIZE PATROL CP1 YD 300555. CP2 YD
 295542. CP3 YD 289558. CP4 YD 285552. CP5 YD 280553.
 CP6 YD 275549. CP7 YD 265551. CP8 YD 277560. CP9
 YD 270545. CP10 YD 282570 AND RETURNS TO COMPANY
 CP AT YD 309550.
 6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES.
 USMC

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 KIA 17
 WIA 159 MEDEAC
 WIA 37 MINOR
 MIA 0
 REF. 0
 ENEMY
 KIA (C) 12 NVA 59 VC
 DTNE 149
 POW 3 NVA 1 VC
 RTNEE 2 NVA
 CIV DEF 2 NVA 4 VC
 INN CIV 132
 IWC 30
 CSWC 0
 7. SCOUT/SN/PERS. NO CHANGE NEGATIVE CONTACT.
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 OPN OSCEOLA SITREP NO. 355 (PERIOD 180400H TO 181200H JAN 68)
 1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
 2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: 1ST MARINES (-) (REFIN) CONTINUES TO
 CONDUCT OPERATION OSCEOLA. 1/1 AND 1/2 CONDUCTED OFFENSIVE
 COMBAT OPERATION. 1AW PARA. 5. MY SITREP NO. 354. 1/1
 CONTINUES MISSION. DIVISION RESERVE.

CONTACTS:

- A. AT 180530H C/1/1 AT YD 310450 FOUND ONE M-16 AP MINE
 BEHIND CHURCH. DESTROYED WITH C-4.
- B. AT 180820H. C/1/1 AT YD 299480 OBSERVED FOUR VC IN

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OPEN MOVING ALONG RIVER AT YD 296480 WEARING HELMETS.
 PACKS. FLAK JACKETS. COULD NO OBSERVE WPNS. CALLED ARTY
 MISSION. RDS ON TARGET. NO SEARCH DUE TO SONG THACH HAN
 ADJACENT UNITS NOTIFIED.

C. AT 180920H. C/1/1 AT YD 295475 OBSERVED NINE VC WITH
 GREEN UTILITIES. HELMETS. FLAK JACKETS MOVING WEST ON
 NORTHERN BANK OF SONG THACH HAN AT YD 299480
 FIRED S/A. A/W 60 MM ARTY MISSION. NO SEARCH OF AREA
 DUE TO RIVER.

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D. AT 180945H. C/1/1 AT YD 299455 OBSERVED TWO VC MOVING
 AT YD 299454. HASTY AXBUSH SET UP FIRED S/A. RESULTS:
 TWO VC KIA'S. WEAPON: ONE CARBINE

E. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NEGATIVE
 PLANS: 1ST MARINES (-) (REFIN) CONTINUES TO CONDUCT
 OPERATION OSCEOLA AS FOLLOWS: 1/1 AND 1/2 CONTINUE
 TO CONDUCT OFFENSIVE COMBAT OPERATIONS. 1AW PARA. 5.
 SITREP NO. 354. 1/1 CONTINUES ASSIGNED MISSION. DIVISION
 RESERVE. 1ST MARINES CONTINUES DISPLACEMENT TO CAMP EVANS
 BY MOTOR MARCH CONVOY.

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27. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

USMC

KIA 17

MIA 159

WIA 37

REF 0

ENEMY

KIA(C) 12 NVA 61 VC

DTM 149 NVA

POW 3 NVA 1

RTIME 2 NVA 0

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CIV DEF 2 NVA 4

INN CIV 132

MC 31 CSWC 0

7. SCOUT/SNIPERS: NO CHANGE NEGATIVE CONTACT

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 FM FIRST MARINES
 TO CG THIRD MARDIV
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 THIRD MARINES

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OPN OSCEOLA SITREP NO: 356 (PERIOD 181200H TO 181800H)

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: 1ST MARINES(-)(REIN): YD 338508

2/1 (REAR) YD 334496

1/1 YD 334496

A/1/1 YD 334496

B/1/1 YD 334496

C/1/1 YD 334496

D/1/1 YD 334496

1/3 YD 310549

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A/1/3 YD 309550

B/1/3 YD 310549

D/1/3 YD 31549EEE 310549

PROV CO: YD 310505

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: 1ST MARINES(-)(REIN). CONTINUES
 TO CONDUCT OPERATION OSCEOLA AS FOLLOWS 1/1 AND 1/3
 CONTINUEST COONDUCTING OFFENSIVE COMBAT OPERATIONS IAW
 PARA. 5. MY SITREP NO 353. 1/1 CONTINUES MISSION. AND
 DIVISION RESERVE.

3. CONTACTS:

A. (LATE ENTRY) AT 181140H C/13/3EE C/1/3 AT YD 280552 RECEIVED 6-8 RDS S/A
 FROM YD 278546. DEPLOYED AND FIRED S/A AND 60MM RDS.

AREA SEARCHED AND NO EVIDENCE OF ENEMY CASUALTIES.

BB. (LATE ENTRY) AT 181150H A/1/1 T AT YD 338468 OBSERVED 63 VN PEOPLE
 TWENTY EIGHT DID NOT HAVE I.D. CARDS. ALL DTNEE

FORWARDED TO REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: COMMANDING OFFICER AND SGT MAJOR
 RETURNED TO THIS HEADQUARTERS AT 181400H FROM R&R.

5. PLANS: 1ST MARINES(-)(REIN) CONTINUES TO CONDUCT

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 OPERATION OSCEOLA; UNITS CONDUCT NIGHT DEFENSIVE OPERATION.
 OPERATIONS INCLUDE DEFENSE OF UNIT CP'S AND NIGHT DEFENSIVE
 OPERATIONS; AMBUSHES AND LP'S. 1/1 CONTINUES MISSION.
 DIVISION RESERVE. NIGHT DEFENSIVE POSITIONS HAVE BEEN
 ESTABLISHED AS FOLLOWS

A. 3D PLATOON A/1/1 YD 354466

B. 1ST PLTOON D/1/1 YD 318471.

C. 3D PLATOON D/1/1 YD 334508.

D. C/1 71 YD 306479.

E. PROVISIONAL RIFLE COMPANY WITH 3D PLATOON B/1/3
 AND 1ST PLATOON D/1/3 AND CMD GRU AT YD 310505.

F. 1/3 CONDUCTS SERIES OF SQUAD SECURITY PATROLS. AMBUSHES
 AND LP'S IN ASSIGNED SECTOR OF REGIMENTAL AREA OF
 OPERATION.

G. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES

USMC

KIA 17

WIA 159 MEDEVAC

WIA 37 MINOR

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REF 0

EMENY

KIA(C) 12 NVA 61 VC

DTNE 177

POW 3 NVA 1 VC

RTNEE 2 NVA

CIV DEF 2 NVA 4 VC

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IWC 31

CSWC 0

7. SCOUT/SNIPERS NO CHANGE, NEGATIVE CONTACT.

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 ZEN/FIRST BN ELEVENTH MARINES
 ZEN/FIRST BN THIRD MARINES
 ZEN/THIRD MARINES
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OPN OSCEOLA SITREP NO. 358 (PERIOD 190001H TO 190600H JAN 68)

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: 1ST MARINES (-) (REIN) CONTINUED
 TO CONDUCT OPERATION OSCEOLA AS FOLLOWS: UNITS CONDUCTED
 NIGHT DEFENSIVE OPERATIONS IAW PARA 5. MY SITREP NO. 356
 11/1 CONTINUES MISSION. DIVISION RESERVE.

3. CONTACTS: NEGATIVE

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NEGATIVE

5. PLANS: 1ST MARINES (-) (REIN) CONTINUES TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS
 OSCEOLA: 1/1 AND 1/3 CONDUCT DAY OFFENSIVE COMBAT OPERATION
 TO INCLUDE SEARCH AND DESTROY AND SMALL UNIT OP'S. 1/1
 CONTINUES MISSION. DIVISION RESERVE 1ST MARINES CONTINUES
 DISPLACEMENT TO CAMP EVANS BY MOTOR MARCH CONVOY. SEARCH
 AND DESTROY OPERATIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED AS FOLLOWS:

A. COMMENCING 1700H. A/1/1 1ST PLATOON PATROLS MOVES IP
 YD 334496 TO CP1 YD 353489 CP2 YD 258482. SETS UP PPB
 VICINITY YD 352473.

B. COMMENCING 0730H. A/1/1 3RD PLATOON MOVES FROM NIGHT
 PPB AT YD 354466 TO CP1 YD 350471 CP2 YD 346477 AND RETURNS
 TO YD 334496.

C. COMMENCING 0800H. D/1/1 1ST PLATOON MOVES FROM IP YD
 334496 TO CP1 YD 336478 TO HU 341468. TO CP3 YD 334456 TO
 VICINITY YD 328462 AND CONDUCTS NIGHT ACTIVITIES FROM PPB.

D. COMMENCING 0700H. 1ST PLATOON D/1/1 MOVES FROM PPB
 YD 317472 TO CP6 YD 328472 TO YD 334496

E. COMMENCING 1500H. C/1/1 WITH TWO PLATOONS MOVES FROM
 VICINITY YD 305477 TO CP1 YD 313475 CP2 YD 319468 CP3 YD
 329474 TO YD 334496.

F. COMMENCING 1500H. B 3RD PLATOON C/1/1 MOVED FROM PPB

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VICINITY YD 294473. CP1 YD 292464. CP2 YD 299458 CP 3 YD 313459. CP4 YD 313474 TO YD 334496.

G. COMMENCING 1500H. R/1/1 MOVES FROM IP YD 334496 TO CP1 YD 327489 CP2 YD 320489 CP3 YD 313483 TO COMPANY AREA ON OPERATION INCLUDING YD 310480 TO YD 310475 TO YD 293473 TO YD 290475.

H. COMMENCING 1700H. 1ST PLATOON D/1/1 MOVES FROM IP YD 334496 TO CP1 YD 342500 TO YD 333508.

I. COMMENCING 0600H. 1ST PLATOON B/1/3 CONDUCTS PLATOON SIZE PATROL IP YD 311541 CP1 YD 310530. CP2 YD 300530. CP3 YD 289530. CP4 YD 282524. CP5 YD 291515. CP6 YD 300520 CP7 YD 321521. CP8 YD 320540 TO YD 311541.

J. COMMENCING 0700H. 2ND PLATOON A/1/3 CONDUCTS PLATOON SIZE PATROL IP YD 306548. CP1 YD 298547. CP2 YD 291542. CP3 YD 284542. CP4 YD 280546. CP5 YD 272551. CP6 YD 273558 CP7 YD 288558. CP8 YD 298556 TO YD 306548.

K. COMMENCING 00730H. 1ST SOLAD 2ND PLATOON D/1/3 IP YD 304562 CP1 YD 303550. CP2 YD 303578. CP3 YD 293583. CP4 YD 3003585. CP5 YD 304583. CP6 YD 299572 TO YD 304562.

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6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

USMC

KIA 17
WIA M 159 MEDEV AC
WIA 37 MINOR
MIA 0
REF 0

ENEMY

KIA (C) 14 NVA 61 VC
DTNE 179
POW 3 NVA 1 VC
RTNEE 2 NVA 1 VC

CIV DEF 2 NVA 4 VC

INN CIV 132

1WC 32 CSWC 2

7. SCOUT/SNIPPERS: NO CHANGES. NEGATIVE CONTACT.

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 TO CG THIRD MAR DIV
 INFO CG THIRD MAR DIV (FWD)
 CG FIRST MAR DIV
 ZEN/FIRST BN FIRST MARINES
 ZEN/FIRST BN ELEVENTH MARINES
 ZEN/FIRST BN THIRD MARINES
 THIRD MARINES

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OPN OSCEOLA SITREP NO. 359 (PERIOD 190600H TO 191200H JAN 68)

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: 1ST MARINES (-) (REIN) CONTINUES TO CONDUCT OPERATION OSCEOLA 1/1 AND 1/3 CONDUCTED OFFENSIVE COMBAT OPERATION. IAW PARA. 5. MY SITREP NO. 358 1/1 CONTINUES MISSION. DIVISION RESERVE.
3. CONTACTS: NEGATIVE
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NEGATIVE
5. PLANS: 1ST MARINES (-) (REIN) CONTINUES TO CONDUCT

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OPERATION OSCEOLA AS FOLLOWS: 1/1 AND 1/3 CONTINUE TO CONDUCT OFFENSIVE COMBAT OPERATIONS. IAW PARA. SITREP NO. 358. 1/1 CONTINUES ASSIGNED MISSION. DIVISION RESERVE. 1ST MARINES CONTINUES DISPLACEMENT TO CAMP EVANS BY MOTOR MARCH CONVOY.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

USMC

KIA 17

WIA 159 MEDEVAC

WIA 37 MINOR

MIA 0

REF 0

ENEMY

KIA (C) 14 NVA 61 VC

DTNE 179

POW 3 NVA 1 VC

RTNEE 2 NVA 0 VC

CIV DEF 2 NVA 4 VC

INN CIV 132

IWC 32 CSWC 0

7. SCOUT/SNIPERS: NO CHANGE. NEGATIVE CONTACTS.

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FIRST MARINES

TO CG THIRD MARDIV

INFO CG THIRD MARDIV (FWD)

CG FIRST MARDIV REIN

ZEN/FIRST BN FIRST MARINES

ZEN/FIRST BN THIRD MARINES

ZEN/FIRST BN ELEVENTH MARINES
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OPN OSCEOLA SITREP NO. 360 (PERIOD 191200H TO 191800H JAN 68)

1. UNIT LOCATIONS

2/1 (REAR) YD 334496

1/1: YD 334496

A/1/1: YD 334496

B/1/1: YD 334496

C/1/1: YD 334496

D/1/1: YD 334496

1/3 YD 310549

A/1/3 YD 309550

B/1/3 YD 310549

D/1/3 YD 310549

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2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: 1ST MARINES (-) (REIN) CONTINUES TO CONDUCT OPERATION OSCEOLA. AS FOLLOWS: 1/1 AND 1/3 CONTINUES TO CONDUCT OFFENSIVE COMBAT OPERATIONS IAW PARA. 5. MY SITREP NO 358. 1/1 CONTINUES MISSION OF DISCUSSION RESERVE.

3. CONTACTS:

A. (LATE ENTRY) AT 191000H B/1/3 OBSERVED 3 VC W/ WPNS MOVING NW. TOOK VC UNDER FIRE. ENEMY RETURNED 10/15 RDS S/A. UNIT DEPLOYED AND MANEUVERED SEARCHING AREA WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

R. AT 191420H 2ND PLATOON A/1/3 SPOTTED ONE VC CROSSING RIVER GOING EAST. TOOK UNDER FIRE. RECEIVED FIRE AUTO WPNS FOR 3 MIN. RETURNED FIRE W/ SMALL ARMS AND 60MM. CALLED ARTY MISSION. SWEEP AREA NEGATIVE RESULTS.

C. AT 191600H A/1/3 RECEIVED AUTOMATIC FIRE FROM TREE LINE, RESULTING IN ONE KIA USMC. RETURNED FIRE W/ A AND 60MM. SWEEPED AREA WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

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4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NEGATIVE

5. PLANS: 1ST MARINES (-) REMO CONTINUES TO CONDUCT
OPERATION OCEOLA. UNITS CONDUCT NIGHT DEFENSIVE OPERATION
OPERATIONS INCLUDE DEFENSE OF UNIT CP'S AND NIGHT DEFENSIVE
OPERATIONS. AMBUSHES. AND LP'S. 1/1 CONTINUES MISSION.
DIVISION RESERVE. NIGHT DEFENSIVE POSITIONS HAVE BEEN
ESTABLISHED AS FOLLOWS:

A. 1ST PLATOON A/1/1 YD 339464

B. 1ST PLATOON D/1/1 YD 334508

C. 3D PLATOON D/1/1 YD 366472

D. B/1/1 YD 302476

E. PROVISIONAL RIFLE COMPANY WITH 3D PLATOON E/1/3
AND 1ST PLATOON D/1/3 AND CMD GRU AT YD 310505

F. 1/3 CONDUCTS SERIES OF SQUAD SECURITY PATROLS.
AMBUSHES AND LP'S IN ASSIGNED SECTOR OF REGIMENTAL AREA
OF OPERATION.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES

USMC

KIA 17

WIA 160 MEDEVAC

WIA 37 MINOR

MIA 0

REF 0

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ENEMY

KIA (C) 14 NVA 61 VC

DTNE 179

POW 3 NVA 1 VC

RTNEE 2 NVA 0 VC

CIV DEF 2 NVA 4

INN CIV 132

IWC 32 CSWC 0

7. SCOUT SNIPERS: NO CHANGE IN CONTACT NEGATIVE

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 FM FIRST MARINES
 TO CG THIRD MARDIV
 INFO CG THIRD MARDIV (FWD)
 CG FIRST MARDIV
 ZEN/ FIRST BN FIRST MARINES
 ZEN/ FIRST BN ELEVENTH MARINES
 ZEN/ FIRST BN THIRD MARINES
 ZEN/ THIRD MARINES

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OPN OSCELA SITREP NO. 361 (PERIOD 191800H TO 192400H JAN 68)

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: 1ST MARINES (-) (REIN) CONTINUED
 TO CONDUCT OPERATION OSCELA AS FOLLOWS: UNITS CONDUCT
 NIGHT DEFENSIVE OPERATION. IAW PARA. 5. MY SITREP NO.
 360. 1/1 CONTINUES MISSION. DIVISION RESERVE.

3. CONTACTS:

A. (LATE ENTRY) AT 911630H A1/3 RECEIVED S/A FIRED FROM YD 283548

RESULTING IN

ONE WIA MEDEVAC. RETURNED S/A FIRE AND CALLED IN ARTY.
 SEARCHED AREA WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

B. AT 912200H P/1/1 (-) HEARD MOVEMENT TO REAR SAW TWO

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PERSONS MOVING TOWARDS THEM. FIRED. S/A RUS AND 60MM.

SEARCHED AREA WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

C. AT 191835H. A1/3 PATROL RETURNING TO CP RECEIVED
 S/A FIRE RESULTING IN ONE WIA MEDEVAC. PATROL RETURNED
 FIRE. SEARCHED AREA WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NEGATIVE.

5. PLANS: 1ST MARINES (-) (REIN) CONTINUES TO CONDUCT
 OPERATION OSCELA AS FOLLOWS: UNITS CONTINUE TO CONDUCT
 NIGHT DEFENSIVE OPERATION IAW PARA. 5. SITREP NO. 360
 1ST MARINES CONTINUES DEPLOYMENT TO CAMP EVANS BY MOTOR
 MARCH CONVOY.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

USMC

KIA 17

WIA 162 MEDEVAC

WIA 37 MINOR

MIA 0

REF 0

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 ENEMY
 KIA(C) 14 NVA 61 VC
 DTNE 179
 POW 3 NVA 1 VC
 PTNEE 2 NVA 0 VC
 V DEF 2 NVA 4 VC

TNN CIV 132
 IWC 32 CSWC 0

SOCUT/SNIERS:

1. 1/1, FOUR, FOUR, NEGATIVE

2. 2/1, TWO, UNK. (CONTIN)

3. 3/1, THREE, THREE, NEGATIVE

8. PLANSUM: A4/C3/D30/11/J17/L7/T10/11/V11/W1/X8/AA3/CC10

DD1EE3/HF1/

9. OPSUM: A4/C1/D25/H1/11/J21/A4/T1/U1/V10/W1/X5/AA3/CC10/

DD1/EE3/HF1/

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 FM FIRST MARINES
 TO CG THIRD MARINES
 INFO CG THIRD MARDIV (FWD)
 CG FIRST MARDIV
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 ZEN/FIRST BN ELEVENTH MARINES
 ZEN/FIRST BN THIRD MARINES
 ZEN/THIRD MARINES

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1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: 1ST MARINES (-) (REIN) CONTINUED TO CONDUCT OPERATION OSCEOLA AS FOLLOWS: UNITS CONDUCTED NIGHT DEFENSIVE OPERATIONS IAW PARA . 5., MY SITREP NO. 361 1/1 CONTINUES MISSION, DIVISION RESERVE.
3. CONTACT: NEGATIVE.
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NEGATIVE.
5. PLANS: 1ST MARINES (-) (REIN) CONTINUED TO CONDUCT OPERATION OSCEOLA. 1/1 AND 1/3 CONDUCT DAY OFFENSIVE

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 COMBAT OPERATIONS TO INCLUDE SEARCH AND DESTROY AND SMALL UNIT OP'S. 1/1 CONTINUES MISSION, DIVISION RESERVE. 1ST MARINES CONTINUES DISPLACEMENT TO CAMP EVANS BY MOTOR MARCH CONVOY. VONVOY. 1ST MARINES TO TERMINATE OPERATION OSCEOLA AT 202400H. STARTS OPERATION NEOSHO II AT 210001H. AT APPROX 201000H 1ST MARINES RELIEVES 4TH MARINES. CHOP 1/1, 1/3 TO 3D MARINES. CHOP 1/9 TO 1ST MARINES. SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED AS FOLLOWS:

- A. COMMENCING 200800H, 3RD PLATOON, D/1/1 CONDUCTS PLATOON PATROL FROM PPB VICINITY YD 368471, TP CP6 364461, CP7 YD 360479, CP8 YD 345578 AND RETURNS TO YD 334496.
- B. COMMENCING 201500H, 1ST PLATOON A/1/1 CONDUCTS PLATOON PATROL FROM IP YD 339464, TO CP1 YD 343478, CP2 YD 350470 AND ESTABLISHES PPB IN VICINITY OF YD 354467.
- C. COMMENCING 201000H, 1ST PLATOON D/1/1 CONDUCTS PLATOON PATROL FROM IP YD 334508 TO CP1 YD 323471, CP2 YD 320465 AND ESTABLISHES PPB IN THE VICINITY OF YD 318453.
- D. COMMENCING 200730H, B/1/1 (-) CONDUCTS DAY ACTIVITIES IN THE VICINITY OF YD 310479.

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 1ST PLFWOON B/1/1 ESTABLISHES PATROL ROUTE FROM CP1
 YD 316474 CP2 YD 313457, CP3 YD 300458 AND ESTABLISHES
 PPB IN THE VICINITY OF YD 295458.
 2ND PLATOON B/1/1 CONDUCT PLATOON PATROL FROM YD 308478
 TO CP AT YD 301473 TO CP YD 293471.
 E. PROVISIONAL RIFLE COMPANY WITH 3RD PLATOON B/1/3
 AND 1ST PLATOON D/1/3 AND CMD GRU AT YD 310505.
 F. 1/3 CONDUCTS SERIES OF SQUAD SECURITY PATROLS, AMBUSHES
 AND LP'S IN ASSIGNED SECTOR OF REGIMENTAL AREA OF
 OPERATION.
 6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:
 USMC
 KIA 17
 WIA 162 MEDEVAC
 KXIA 37 MINOR
 MIA 0
 REF 0
 ENEMY
 KIA (C) 14 NVA 61 VC
 DTNE 179
 POW 3 NVA 1 VC

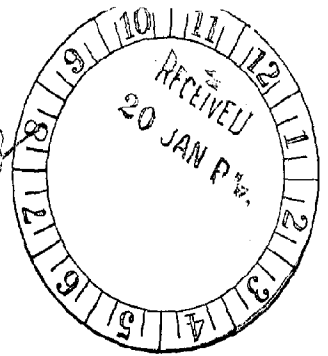
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 RTNEE 2 NVA 0 VC
 CIV DEF 2 NVA 4 VC
 INN CIV 132
 IWC 32 CSWC 0
 7. SCOUT/SNIPERS: NO CHANGE, NEGATIVE CONTACTS:
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 TO CG THIRD MARDIV
 INFO THIRD MARDIV REAR (PHU BAI)
 ZEN/THIRD BN TWELFTH MARINES
 ZEN/FIRST BN THIRD MARINES
 ZEN/FIRST BN FIRST MARINES
 ZEN/CO B. (-) THIRD ENGINEER BN
 ZEN/CO C. THIRD IR BN
 ZEN/CO A. (-) THIRD SHORE PARTY BN
 ZEN/FIRST PLAT. CO A THIRD MOTOR TRANSPORT BN
 EIGHTH AA PLAT. TWENTY NINTH CA CO
 ZEN/DET. THIRD RECON BN
 ZEN/DET. FIFTEENTH ITT
 ZEN/DET. SEVENTH PSYOPS BN, USA
 DET. DN COM 2/6.
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 OPERATION OSCEOLA SITREP NR 363 FM 200501H TO 201200H JAN 68

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1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: NO CHANGE
3. ENEMY CONTACT: NONE
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

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A. THIRD MARINES ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR OSCEOLA AO
 AND MISSION ASSIGNMENT AT 200930H JAN 68 REFER 3D MARINES
 MSG 201750Z JAN 68

B. AT 201100H SQD SIZE UNIT FROM D/1/3 RECEIVED AUTO WPN FIRE
 IN VIC OF (YD 295492) FIRED 62 MM AND S/A CHECKED AREA FOUND
 WOMAN WOUNDED IN STOMACH SAID SHE WAS SHOT BY VC BELIEVE
 SHE HAS INFO VALUABLE TO S-2 WAS MED EVAC TO D-MED
 SHE DIED UPON ARRIVAL AT D-MED

5. PLANS: NO CHANGE
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY;

(1) 17 KIA

(2) 162 WIA (MED EVAC), 37 WIA (MINOR) TOTAL WIA'S 199

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B. ENEMY

(1) 14 NVA (C) KIA

61 VC

(2) 179 DEI

(3) 3 POW NVA, 1 POW VC

(4) 2 NVA, 2 VC RINEE

(5) 2 NVA, 4 VC CIV DEF

(6) 132 INN CIV

(4) 32 IWC, 2 CSWC

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FM: 3RD MAR
 TO: CG 3RD MAR DIV
 INFO: 3RD MAR DIV REAR(PHU BAI)
 3RD BN 12TH MAR
 3ST BN 3RD MAR
 1ST BN 1ST MAR
 CO B(-) 3RD ENGR BN
 CO C 3RD TANK BN
 CO B(-) 3RD SP BN
 1ST PLT CO A 3RD MT BN
 EIGHTH AA PLT 29TH CA CO
 DET 3RD RECON BN
 DET 15TH ITT
 DET 7TH PSYOPS USA
 DET DN COM 0/6

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PERISHABLE INFORMATION DO NOT SERVICE
 OPERATION OSCEOLA SITREP 364 201201H TO 201800H JAN 68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: NO CHANGE
3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
 - A. 3RD MAR B COMM GROUP PASS OPCON 2/9(-) AND 3/9 TO 4000 MAR AT 201525H JAN 68
 - B. AT 201530 PATROL 2C FROM D/1/1 FOUND 3 VC HOMEMADE MINES CONSISTING OF C-4 PATROL DESTROYED MINES WITH C-4
5. PLANS: NO CHANGE
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:
 - A. FRIENDLY
 - (1) 17 KIA
 - (2) 162 WIA(MEDEVAC) 37 WIA(MINOR) TOTAL WIA 199
 - (3) 0 MIA
 - B. ENEMY
 - (1) 14 NVA(C) KIA
61 VC(C) KIA
 - (2) 179 DET
 - (3) 3 POW NVA, 1 POW VC
 - (4) 2 NVA, 0 VC, TRNEE
 - (5) 2 NVA, 4 VC CIV DEF
 - (6) 132 IN CIV
 - (7) 32 IWC, 0 CSWC

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 TO CG THIRD MARDIV
 INFO THIRD MARDIV REAR (PHU BAI)
 FIRST MARINES
 ZEN/THIRD BN TWELFTH MARINES
 ZEN/FIRST BN THIRD MARINES
 ZEN/FIRST BN FIRST MARINES
 ZEN/CO B (-) THIRD ENGINEER BN
 COZEN/CO C THIRD TANK BN
 ZEN/CO A (-) THIRD SHORE PARTY BN
 ZEN/FIRST PLAT. CO A THIRD MOTOR TRANSPORT BN
 ZEN/EIGHTH AA PLAT. TWENTY NINTH CA CO
 ZEN/DET THIRD RECON BN
 DET FIFTEENTH ITT
 DET SEVENTH PSYOPS BN USA
 DET DN COM 0/66
 ZEN/SECOND PLAT (-) (REIN) BATTERY D 44TH FA USA
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 PAGE TWO 092U C O N F I D E N T I A L
 PERISHABLE INFORMATION, DO NOT SERVICE
 OPERATION OSCEOLA
 SITREP NR 365 FM 201301H TO 202400H JAN 68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
 - A. THIRD MARINES CONTINUED TO CONDUCT OPERATION OSCEOLA AS FOLLOWS: 1/1 AND 1/3 CONTINUED TO CONDUCT OFFENSIVE COMBAT OPERATIONS IAW PARA 5 MY SITREP NO 353.
 - 1/1 CONTINUES MISSION OF DIVISION RESERVE.
3. ENEMY CONTACT: NONE
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
 - A. IN REFER WITH CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 130500Z JAN 63 OPERATION OSCEOLA IS TERMINATED AS OF 202400H JAN 63.
 - THIRD MARINES WILL COMMENCE OPERATION OSCEOLA TWO AAT 210001H JAN 63.
 - B. THIRD MARINES ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR OSCEOLA A0 AND MISSION ASSIGNMENT AT 200930H JAN 63 REFER 3D MARINES MSG 201750Z JAN 63.
5. PLANS:
 - A. THIRD MARINES WILL COMMENCE OPERATION OSCEOLA TWO AT

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210021H JAN 63, UNITS CONDUCT NIGHT DEFENSE OPERATION
OPERATIONS INCLUDE DEFENSE OF UNIT CP'S AND NIGHT DEFENSIVE
OPERATIONS. 1/1 CONTINUES MISSION DIVISION RESERVE

B. CUMULATIVE LOSSES

A. FRIENDLY

- (1) 17 KIA
- (2) 152 WIA (MED EVAC), 37 MINOR TOTAL WIA'S 199
- (3) 0 MIA

B. REFUGEES: NONE

C. ENEMY:

- (1) 14 NVA (C) KIA
61 VC
- (2) 179 DET
- (3) 3 POW NVA, 1 POW VC
- (4) 2 NVA, 0 VC RINEE
- (5) 2 NVA, 4 VC CIV DEF
- (6) 132 IN CIV
- (7) 32 IWC, 0 CSWC

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DATE: 21 JAN 1968

Originating command fill in all information available and forward to immediate superior. Via addressee utilize fill-in endorsements. Attach additional sheets as necessary to amplify recommendation.

1. FROM: Commanding Officer 1st Marines (-)(Rein) 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF FPO, San Francisco 96602		2. TO: Commanding General 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF FPO, San Francisco 96602	
3. FILE/SERV. NO. 1569173		4. NAME (Last, first, initial) JUKUS, Norman B.	
5. RANK/RATE Sgt		6. OFF. DESIG/MOS 2327	
7. BR. OF SERV. USMC		8. STATUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REGULAR <input type="checkbox"/> RESERVE	
9. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. 207-28-2140		10. EXP. OF ENL. OR OBL. SERV. 9 September 1969	
11. ESTIMATED DETACHMENT DATE		12. PERMANENT ADDRESS South Bridge Gardens, Apt 2A, South Bridge St. Somerville, New Jersey	
13. PLACE OF BIRTH Kalska, Pennsylvania		14. NAME OF PRESENT UNIT CG, FortTrps, FPMant, CamLej	
15. NAME OF UNIT AT TIME OF ACTION/SERVICE 1st Marines		16. DUTY ASSIGNMENT Assistant Mess Sergeant	
17. NAME OF AWARD RECOMMENDED Navy Commendation Medal		18. 19. HAS SERVICE BEEN HONORABLE? (If not, attach statement)	
20. 21. AREA WHERE ACTION TOOK PLACE Quang Tri, RVN		22. DATE OR DATES OF ACTION/SERVICE 16 July 1967-24 December 1967	
23. PREVIOUS DECORATIONS RECEIVED AND DATES OF ACTION (Omit Unit Awards, campaign and service medals)			

None

24. DECORATIONS RECOMMENDED BUT NOT YET ACTED ON - INCLUDE DATES OF ACTION/SERVICE COVERED

None

25. OTHERS BEING RECOMMENDED FOR SAME ACTION/SERVICE (Name, rank, service number, branch of service and award recommended)

one

26. EYEWITNESSES (Name, rank, service number, branch of service - Attach statements as required)

None

27. SUMMARY OF ACTION (Include dates, assignment, location, weather, enemy and friendly strength and disposition, casualties, action justifying the award - When Medal of Honor is recommended append free hand sketch of area.)

"For meritorious service in connection with operations against insurgent communist (Viet Cong) forces in the Republic of Vietnam while serving as Assistant Mess Sergeant in the Headquarters Company, 1st Marine Regiment Messhall. During this time Sergeant JUKUS continually assisted in improving the conditions of the Messhall. His attitude, initiative and determination, to prepare and serve tasty and nourishing meals, under trying conditions as well as his ability to organize and instruct his subordinates for maximum work without loss of time has been continually significant to the operation of the General Mess. Sergeant JUKUS' loyalty and dedication to his assigned duties, coupled with the high standards he has set himself and the example he has set for his men, has been a strong contributing factor to the stable and effective operation of the Regimental Messhall. The abilities he has displayed at all times has brought many favorable comments from the Officers and Staff Non-Commissioned Officers of the Headquarters Company. He has the type of dedication desired in all Marines and has

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28. SUMMARY OF ACTION (Cont'd)

gained for himself the respect and admiration of all those he works with. Sergeant JUKUS was a credit to this Regiment and to the Marine Corps.

29. I certify that the facts contained herein are known to me.

NAME, RANK, TITLE OF ORIGINATOR

SIGNATURE

H. E. INDI, JR., Colonel, CO, 1st Marines

30. FIRST ENDORSEMENT

From:

Date:

5 FEB 1968

To:

Via: (1)
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1. Forwarded, readdressed.

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Basic recommendation is concurred in.

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Recommend modification of recommendation (See attached sheet)

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Approval not recommended for the following reason(s):

(Signature)

31. FORWARDING ENDORSEMENTS BY VIA ADDRESSEE(S)

VIA	RECOMMENDATION	DATE RECEIVED	DATE FORWARDED	RANK, SIGNATURE AND TITLE
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2				
3				

32. DISPOSITION OF BASIC RECOMMENDATION BY AWARDING AUTHORITY

SIGNATURE

DATE

AWARD RECOMMENDATION
NAVJAG 1650/6 (8-67) S/N-0105-902-8160

Command Chronology

DATE: 21 JAN 1968

INSTRUCTIONS

Originating command fill in all information available and forward to immediate superior.

Via addressee, utilize fill-in endorsements. Attach additional sheets as necessary to amplify recommendation.

1. FROM: Commanding Officer 1st Marines (-)(Rein) 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF FPO, San Francisco 96602		2. TO: Commanding General 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF FPO, San Francisco 96602	
3. FILE/SERV. NO. 1160655	4. NAME (Last, first, initial) DOLAN, Donald L.	5. RANK/RATE Cysgt	6. OFF. DESIG/MOS 0369/0111/8511
7. BR. OF SERV. USMC	8. STATUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REGULAR <input type="checkbox"/> RESERVE	9. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. 311-26-1189	10. EXP. OF ENL. OR OBL. SERV. 13 September 1968
11. ESTIMATED DETACHMENT DATE		12. PRESENT ADDRESS 111 Federal Drive Vista, California	
13. PLACE OF BIRTH Gary, Indiana		14. NAME OF PRESENT UNIT Co F, 1stBn, 1stMar	
15. NAME OF UNIT AT TIME OF ACTION/SERVICE Co F, 1stMar		16. NAME OF AWARD RECOMMENDED Navy Achievement Medal	
17. <input type="checkbox"/> HEROIC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MERITORIOUS <input type="checkbox"/> POST-HUMOUS		18. HAS SERVICE BEEN HONORABLE? (If not, attach statement) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
19. AREA WHERE ACTION TOOK PLACE Quang Tri Province, RVN		20. DATE OR DATES OF ACTION/SERVICE February 1967-December 1967	
21. PREVIOUS DECORATIONS RECEIVED AND DATES OF ACTION (Omit Unit Awards, campaign and service medals) None			
22. DECORATIONS RECOMMENDED BUT NOT YET ACTED ON - INCLUDE DATES OF ACTION/SERVICE COVERED None			
23. OTHERS BEING RECOMMENDED FOR SAME ACTION/SERVICE (Name, rank, service number, branch of service and award recommended) None			
24. WITNESSES (Name, rank, service number, branch of service - Attach statements as required) None			

25. SUMMARY OF ACTION (Include dates, assignment, location, weather, enemy and friendly strength and disposition, casualties, action justifying the award - When Medal of Honor is recommended append free hand sketch of area.)

For meritorious service while assigned as Platoon Sergeant, Security Platoon, Headquarters Company, 1st Marines in connection with operations against insurgent communist (Viet Cong) forces in the Republic of Vietnam from February 1967 to December 1967. Throughout this period, Gunnery Sergeant DOLAN consistently demonstrated outstanding leadership and professional skill which was instrumental in the security of the regimental command post. He constantly strived to improve the perimeter, improvising when necessary and always seeking new methods of enhancing the qualifications of the members of the Security Platoon. His firm grasp of small unit tactics and thorough attention to detail in the planning of the security posture of the command post and his forceful and energetic training of available personnel resulted in a strong defensive perimeter which withstood all penetration attempts by enemy forces. Further, during this same period, Gunnery Sergeant DOLAN devoted great effort and the self same thoroughness and attention to detail in the planning and execution of a Regimental Combat Orientation School.

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28. SUMMARY OF ACTION (Cont'd)

His professional knowledge, keen initiative and steadfast devotion to duty contributed greatly to the overall success of the school and in large measure to the successful accomplishment of his unit's mission and upheld the finest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

Gunnery Sergeant DOLAN is authorized to wear the Combat "M".

29. I certify that the facts contained herein are known to me.

NAME, RANK, TITLE OF ORIGINATOR

H.E. ING, JR., Colonel, CO, 1st Marines

SIGNATURE

30. FIRST ENDORSEMENT

From:

Date: 5 FEB 68

To:

Via: (1)
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2. ☐ Basic recommendation is concurred in.☐ Recommend modification of recommendation (See attached sheet)☐ Approval not recommended for the following reason(s):

(Signature)

31. FORWARDING ENDORSEMENTS BY VIA ADDRESSEE(S)

VIA	RECOMMENDATION	DATE RECEIVED	DATE FORWARDED	RANK, SIGNATURE AND TITLE
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3				

32. DISPOSITION OF BASIC RECOMMENDATION BY AWARDING AUTHORITY

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DATE

AWARD RECOMMENDATION
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2-6 JAN 1968

INSTRUCTIONS

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1. FROM: Commanding Officer, 1st Marines (-) (MCR) 1st Marine Division (Main), FMF PPO, San Francisco 9602		2. TO: Commanding General Fleet Marine Force, Pacific PPO, San Francisco 9602	
3. FILE/SERV. NO. 22320	4. NAME (Last, first, initial) BROWN, James Howard	5. RANK/RATE Oy-1st	6. OFF. DESIGNATION 0342
7. BR. OF SERV. 1546	8. STATUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REGULAR <input type="checkbox"/> RESERVE	9. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. 311-26-4357	10. EXP. OF ENL. OR OBL. SERV. 20Jul69
11. ESTIMATED DETACHMENT DATE 1Jan68		12. PERMANENT ADDRESS 4002 North Emerald Avenue Portland, Oregon	
13. PLACE OF BIRTH Portland, Oregon		14. NAME OF PRESENT UNIT MCR, 2ndBr, 1stMar, 1stActiv (Main) FMF	
15. NAME OF UNIT AT TIME OF ACTION/SERVICE Co, 1stMar, 1stActiv (Main), FMF		16. DUTY ASSIGNMENT "at (medevac)" 1st MCR	
17. NAME OF AWARD RECOMMENDED Navy Achievement Medal		18. DUTY ASSIGNMENT Regimental Administrative Chief	
19. NAME OF AWARD RECOMMENDED Navy Achievement Medal		20. HAS SERVICE BEEN HONORABLE? (If not, attach statement) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
21. AREA WHERE ACTION TOOK PLACE N/A		22. DATE OR DATES OF ACTION/SERVICE 11Jan67-1Jan68	

23. PREVIOUS DECORATIONS RECEIVED AND DATES OF ACTION (Omit Unit Awards, campaign and service medals)

None

24. DECORATIONS RECOMMENDED BUT NOT YET ACTED ON - INCLUDE DATES OF ACTION/SERVICE COVERED

None

25. OTHERS BEING RECOMMENDED FOR SAME ACTION/SERVICE (Name, rank, service number, branch of service and award recommended)

None

26. EYEWITNESSES (Name, rank, service number, branch of service - Attach statements as required)

None

27. SUMMARY OF ACTION (Include dates, assignment, location, weather, enemy and friendly strength and disposition, casualties, action justifying the award - When Medal of Honor is recommended append free hand sketch of area.)

During his tenure as Regimental Administrative Chief, Gunnery Sergeant BROWN performed a myriad of duties inherent to a combat committed unit. He coordinated the daily administration details between the battalions and Division Headquarters to insure efficient continuity, timeliness and accuracy of the work. This was accomplished with outstanding professionalism and alacrity despite the wide dispersion of the units involved, and difficult communications. Gunnery Sergeant BROWN also supervised the complex R&R progress for the Regiment. Due to his constant diligence, the number of personnel failing to report for a flight was kept to a minimum. Another important function, that of casualty reporting, was coordinated by Gunnery Sergeant BROWN. This extremely difficult matter was also made to work smoother through his efforts of constant, close supervision of liaison personnel at the various casualty collection centers. In his administration of the rotating/replacement of personnel, he displayed keen insight and sound judgement of personnel assignments. Establishing necessary reporting procedures he was able to keep abreast of the impending changes and requirements in the battalion's

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personnel needs, thereby insuring timely replacements. Additionally, he maintained close vigilance on the processing of the numerous reports which are required, once again exhibiting sound professional knowledge in the field of statistics. By closely monitoring each report, he insured their promptness and accuracy. During a period when experienced personnel of the Regimental Liaison office had been rotated back to GUSM, Gunnery Sergeant BISHOP was faced with the task of training new personnel to become qualified clerical personnel and in the office routine. He accomplished this in a minimum of time without any disruption of normal work procedures. Gunnery Sergeant BISHOP's attention to duty, tireless effort and his high professional standards contributed materially to the smooth workflow enjoyed by this organization.

29. I certify that the facts contained herein are known to me.

NAME, RANK, TITLE OF ORIGINATOR

SIGNATURE

E. W. GREGORIUS, 1st Lt, Adjutant

30. FIRST ENDORSEMENT

From: Commanding Officer, 1st Marines

Date: 3 FEB 1968

To: Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

Via: (1) Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF

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1. Forwarded, readdressed.

2 ☒ Basic recommendation is concurred in.

☐ Recommend modification of recommendation (See attached sheet)

☐ Approval not recommended for the following reason(s):

S. S. WILKES

(Signature)

31. FORWARDING ENDORSEMENTS BY VIA ADDRESSEE(S)

VIA	RECOMMENDATION	DATE RECEIVED	DATE FORWARDED	RANK, SIGNATURE AND TITLE
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32. DISPOSITION OF BASIC RECOMMENDATION BY AWARING AUTHORITY

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MARINES SAC CONTROL NO 0014-68

From: Commanding Officer

To: Commanding General, Third Marine Division (Rein), FME

Subj: Combat Operations After Action Report (Operation NEOSHO II)

Ref: (a) 3d MarDiv O 3100.1D

(b) 1st Marines message 231147Z January 1968

1. Code Name. Operation NEOSHO II.2. Dates of Operation. 210001H January to 242400H January 1968.3. Location. Camp Evans Area of Operation and Base area 174 in Phong Dien District, Thua Thien Province.4. Task Organization

1st Marines (-) (Rein)

Col ING

Hq Co, 1st Marines

1st Lt KELLY

Det Radio Relay and Const. Co, 7th Comm Bn

LtCol MITCHELL

1st Bn, 9th Marines

1st Lt DAVIS

AT Co (-), 1st Tank Bn

Capt BUTLER

Co A (-), 1st Engr Bn

Capt SHARKEY

Co A (-) (Rein), 1st SP Bn

Lt Cmdr HAMILTON

Co B (-), 1st Med Bn

Capt DAVIS

Co B (-), 1st MT Bn

5. Supporting Forcesa. Helicopters. Helicopter support during the operation was generally responsive to demand.(1) Supply. A total of 77,555 lbs of cargo was moved. Nine missions and sixty four sorties were flown.(2) Troop Movement. A total of 2131 Marines and 570 refugees were transported by helicopter. Nine missions and 364 sorties were flown.(3) Medevac. 5 Medevac missions and 20 sorties were flown.

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11 persons were evacuated by helicopter.

(4) Other Types

	<u>Mission</u>	<u>Sorties</u>
C&C	2	8
Admin	1	8
POW	1	4
Recon	3	12

b. Fixed Wing

(1) Airborne Observer. Airborne Observers flew 7.9 hours in support of the operation.

(2) Close Air Support. No close air support sorties were flown. TPQ-10 drops expended 8000 lbs of ordnance.

c. Artillery And Naval Gunfire

(4) Artillery support for the 1st Marines was provided by 1st Battalion (-) (Rein), 11th Marines, Battery "A", 1st Battalion (-) (Rein), 11th Marines located at YD 534315, Battery "B", 1st Battalion (-) (Rein), 11th Marines located at YD 538321, and 4.2 inch Mortar Battery, 1st Battalion (-) (Rein) located at YD 536315, were in place at the start of the operation. Four 155mm Howitzers, (chopped from 3d Battalion, 12th Marines) were assigned to the Mortar Battery, 1st Battalion (-) (Rein) and were located at YD 536315. On 23 January, 1st Battalion (-) (Rein), 11th Marines, assumed OpCon of Mortar Battery, 3d Battalion, 12th Marines. At 2245H, while firing on a suspected enemy battalion, Battery "B", 1st Battalion (-) (Rein), fired its 100,000 rounds. Total rounds fired during Operation NEOSHO II were as follows:

	<u>HE</u>	<u>WP</u>	<u>ILL</u>	<u>SMK</u>	<u>MISSIONS</u>
4.2 Mortar	21	1	22	7	
105mm	2,018	31	39	1	443
155mm How	220	3	1	8	
Total	2,259	37	62	15	533

(2) No naval gunfire support was utilized during Operation NEOSHO II.

6. Intelligence

a. Estimated enemy strength, location and situation anticipated in the objective area was as follows:

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Tri-Thien-Hue Military Region Headquarters	900 Base Area 114
Headquarters, 6th NVA Regiment	300 Base Area 114
800 Bn (NVA)	350 Base Area 114
806 Bn (NVA)	350 Base Area 101*
810 Bn (Thua Thien Provincial Mobile Bn)	400 Base Area 114
C-113 (Phong Dien Company)	100 Phong Dien District

*806 Bn, although reportedly in Base Area 101 at the commencement of NEOSHO II, has traditionally operated in Thua Thien Province and its early return to this area was expected.

Enemy activities in NEOSHO II area had consisted of light enemy contacts, sniping and harassing in the vicinity of rice transportation routes and approaches to Base Area 114--particularly in the Co Bi Thanh Tan area. Enemy intentions, as ascertained through agent reports and prisoner interrogation suggested that the enemy would attack in force before TET at one or more of the following: Quang Dien District Headquarters, Phong Dien District Headquarters, Phong Dien Resettlement Area, Pho Trach Bridge, An Lo Bridge, PK-17 and Huong Dien District Headquarters. Camp Evans was also occasionally mentioned as a target, presumably for a harassing or diversionary attack. As intelligence developed during NEOSHO II, the probability of ground attack on Quang Dien District Headquarters, with possible mortar attacks on other targets increased. An enemy battalion, probably the 806th was reported in the vicinity of Quang Dien on 21 January, the second day of NEOSHO II.

B. Contact in the objective area was extremely light. Presence of the 800th Bn in Base Area 114 was reconfirmed by POW interrogation. No significant enemy initiated activity occurred in the AO. Enemy efforts to interdict Route #1 were intensified, however, including extensive mining efforts and daylight sniping at small vehicles travelling alone or in pairs.

7. Mission. 11st Marines (-) (Rein) conducts search and destroy operations in Phong Dien District, and conducts patrols and ambush operations to interdict enemy lines of communications, maintains direct liaison with Phong Dien District chief and 1st Infantry Division (ARVN). Forces in adjacent areas, provides support as requested to 1st Division (ARVN) conducting unilateral or combined operations in Phong Dien District and maintains SPARROW HAWK platoon for rapid reaction. In addition, 1st Marines (-) (Rein) conducts extensive psychological operations, in assigned area of operations.

8. Concept of Operation. 1st Marines (-) (Rein) with one Battalion conducts search and destroy operations throughout NEOSHO II area of operations, conducts patrol and ambush operations to interdict enemy lines of communication, established and maintains company patrol base on Hill 51, YD 550282, and a platoon (Rein) on Hill 674, YD 515219, and maintains SPARROW HAWK at Camp Evans on thirty (30) minute alert.

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a. 1st Battalion, 9th Marines

(1) Conduct search and destroy operations in assigned sector of Area of Operations.

(2) Conduct patrol and ambush operations in assigned sector of operations.

(3) Establish and maintain a company patrol base vicinity of Hill 51, YD 550283.

(4) Establish and maintain a platoon (Rein) position on Hill 674, YD 515219.

(5) Maintain SPARROW HAWK Reaction Force in accordance with CG 3rd Marine Division Operation Order 2-67 (SPARROW HAWK).

(6) Maintain Reaction Force of one (1) platoon (Rein) a section of AT Co, 1st Tank Bn, and a detachment of 3d MT Bn (Otters) on thirty minutes alert for rapid reaction to reinforce/counter attack in support of Phong Dien District/ARVN units.

(Utilize SPARROW HAWK Forces, reconstitute SPARROW HAWK immediately upon employment).

(7) Conduct extensive Psychological Operations in assigned sector of area of operation.

b. AT Company, 1st TK Battalion

(1) Direct Support.

(2) Provide one platoon direct support 1st Battalion, 9th Marines.

c. Company A (-), 1st Engineer Battalion

(1) Direct Support.

(2) Conduct daily mine sweeps north on National Route 1 from YD 519347 to YD 623303.

(3) Be prepared to conduct mine sweeps south on National Route 1, as directed.

d. Company A (-), 1st Shore Party Battalion.

(1) Direct Support.

(2) Establish and maintain LSA at Camp Evans.

(3) Provide support to detachment, FLSC-A as directed.

e. Company B (-), 1st MF Battalion

- (1) Direct support.

f. Company B (-), 1st Medical Battalion

- (1) Direct support.

- (2) Establish collecting/clearing facility at Camp Evans.

9. EXECUTION

a. 21 January 1968: Commencing 210001H, 1st Marines (-) (Rein) conducted Operation NEOSHO II, in accordance with CG, 3d Marine Division message 180508Z January 1968, maintaining a company patrol base on Hill 51, YD 550223, a reinforced platoon OP on Hill 674, YD 515219, and conducting small unit combat patrols, OP's and LP's and ambushes with the NEOSHO AO.

- (1) At 211100H, vic YD 536320, Marine detonated unknown type explosive device. Result, one USMC KIA MedEvac.

- (2) At 211400H, Colonel S. S. HUGHES assumed command of the 1st Marines (-) (Rein), from Colonel H. E. ING Jr., Camp Evans, Phong Dien RVN.

b. 22 January 1968, 1st Marines (-) (Rein) continued to conduct Operation NEOSHO II, maintaining a company patrol base on Hill 51, a platoon (Rein) OP on Hill 674, and conducting extensive small unit patrols, OP's, LP's and ambushes within the area of operations.

- (1) At 220800H, vic YD 600285, elements of D/1/9 received ten rounds of sniper fire from estimated two VC at YD 602282. Fire returned immediately and enemy position assaulted. Result, one VC KIA Confirmed and miscellaneous documents and individual equipment recovered.

- (2) At 221005H, vic YD 601262, Marine detonated unknown type explosive device. Result, three USMC KIA MedEvac and one USMC KIA Minor.

- (3) At 221140H, 1st Marines (-) (Rein) directed by CG, 3d Marine Division to helolift 1/9 from Camp Evans to Khe Sahn.

- (4) At 221447H, commenced lifting 1/9(-) to Khe Sahn. Companies A, B and D making initial lift. Company C/1/9 continues to provide company patrol base on Hill 51 and platoon OP on Hill 674.

- (5) At 221541H, BLT-2/4 commenced landing at Camp Evans from amphibious shipping as replacement forces for 1/9.

(6) At 221852H, helolift of Command Group and Companies A, B and D, 1/9 terminated. OpCon 1/9(-) chopped to 26th Marines at 221900H. (1st Marines message 221115Z refers). Helolift of BLT-2/4 continues.

(7) Commencing 221700H, and terminating 221845H, 380 refugees were helolifted from Khe Sahn to Camp Evans. Refugees were billeted the night and fed by 1st Marines.

(8) At 222315H, helolift of BLT-2/4 terminated until first light. Command Group and Companies G and H currently ashore.

c. 23 January 68: 1st Marines (-) (Rein) continued operation NEOSHO II with C/1/9 maintaining Company patrol base on Hill 51, and a reinforced platoon OP on Hill 674. C/1/9 awaiting relief of elements of BLT-2/4 at which time the Company will be helolifted to Khe Sahn. Helolift of elements of BLT-2/4 to Camp Evans continued.

(1) At 231105H, Company H/2/4 relieved elements of C/1/9 on Hills 51 and 674 and commenced maintaining Company patrol base on Hill 51 and reinforced platoon on Hill 674.

(2) At 231125H, helolift of BLT-2/4 completed. Company F/2/4 remains aboard amphibious shipping as Fleet Reserve Reaction Force. Assumed OpCon BLT-2/4.

(3) Commencing 231122H, helolifted C/1/9 and elements of H and S Company 1/9 to Khe Sahn. Lift completed 231432H. Chopped OpCon C/1/9 to 26th Marines 231450H.

d. 24 January 68: 1st Marines (-) (Rein), continued to conduct Operation NEOSHO II, with BLT-2/4 maintaining a company patrol base on Hill 51, a reinforced platoon OP on Hill 674, and conducting small unit combat patrols, OP's and LP's and ambushes within the AO. 1st Marines (-) (Rein) continued preparations to Chop OpCon to 1st MarDiv/Task Force XRay at 2400H. No significant contacts.

(1) At 242400H, Operation NEOSHO II terminated in accordance with CG, 3d MarDiv message 240350Z January 1968.

(2) At 250001H, 1st Marines (-) (Rein) chopped OpCon to 1st Marines Division/Task Force XRay in accordance with CG, 3d MarDiv message 240350Z January 68 and CG, 1st MarDiv message 241345Z January 1968.

10 Results:

a. USMC Personnel Losses

(1) KIA 0

(2) WIA Medevac 4

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(3) WIA Minor 1

b. Enemy Loses

(1) NVA KIA 0

(2) VC KIA (C) 1

c. No close air support missions were conducted during NEOSHO II. Surveillance was conducted in all observed fire missions during the Operation.

11. Administrative Matters

a. Supply. During this operation, units were sustained through their own assets. No utilization of FLSG-A, Phu Bai was necessary.

b. Maintenance. Only 1st and 2d echelon maintenance programs were conducted when time was available.

c. Communications

(1) The Regimental Communications Platoon displaced into the 4th Marines CP at Camp Evans and assumed guard of all existing radio, radio relay, telephone and teletype circuits. The radio frequencies under regimental control remained at the geographical location for the 1st Marines use while Battalion frequencies remained with the using unit.

(2) During the period of time that the 1st Air Cavalry Division was assuming control of the Evans AO, the Regimental Communications Platoon provided communications support for that unit. Prior to the departure of the final elements of the 1st Marines from Camp Evans to Phu Bai, control of the AN/TRC-97 attached to the 1st Marines was turned over to the 1st Air Cav.

(3) No unusual communications difficulties were encountered during NEOSHO II Operations.

12. Special Equipment And Techniques. Negative.

13. Commanders Analysis

a. Comment. Between 221700H and 221845H January 68, 380 refugees were helolifted from Khe Sahn to Camp Evans with virtually no forewarning to the 1st Marines. Although in the midst of lifting out 1/9 to Khe Sahn and receiving BLT-2/4 from amphibious shipping, the 1st Marines S-1, S-4 and S-5 were able to designate an area for the refugees, wire it off, erect sufficient tentage to house them and to obtain sufficient staples to sustain them for the night. Liaison was immediately made with CCORDS representatives and arrangements made for transport of the refugees

to the center at Quang Tri RVN. A Rough Rider convoy was organized and at 230930H, the refugees departed Camp Evans for Quang Tri.

Recommendation. Although this situation was handled expeditiously and efficiently, it was apparent to the 1st Marines that no plan had existed or had been established at any level for such an eventuality. Sufficient staples were not on hand to sustain the refugees for more than 24 hours. Organizations should maintain a contingency plan with the necessary supplies and equipment on hand for the handling and processing of refugees on short notice.

b. Comment. The tensure of 1st Marines (-) (Rein) at Camp Evans lasted from 20-28 January 1968; However, during this short period of time it became evident that with the requirement to conduct tactical operations and at the same time control, maintain and administrate a permanent camp the size of Evans, the ability of the organizations staff to fully plan and support tactical operations would be degraded over a prolonged period of time. The problems of utilities, trash, maintenance of roads and all the facets of running a camp became increasingly evident during the short stay of the 1st Marines.

Recommendation. That in an encampment, such as Camp Evans, a separate entity be organized to establish, coordinate and operate the camp itself in support of the tactical units aboard, thereby relieving the staffs of tenant units of a great many administrative burdens inherent in the running of a camp which detract from the support troop operations in the field.

c. Comment. Upon arrival at Camp Evans, fire support coordination procedures followed those established by the 4th Marines. Ground clearance from ARVN units for fire missions was obtained by going through the Phi Bai FSCC. This process showed itself to be time consuming and appeared unnecessary. Permission was requested and obtained for 1st Marines to effect direct liaison and direct communications with District and Province Headquarters and ARVN units in the area for purpose of coordinating ground fires and speeding up the time required to clear fires. This procedure was successful.

Recommendation. That other Marine units, when dealing through a "third party" for fire clearance from adjacent ARVN units, give thought to effecting direct liaison as outlined above.

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To: Commanding General, U. S. Military Assistance Command, Vietnam
Via: Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force

Subj: Combat Operations After Action Report (Operation OSCEOLA)

Ref: (c) MACV Dir 355-8

1. Readdressed and forwarded in accordance with reference (c).
2. The commander's recommendations contained in paragraphs 13 and 14 have been noted. Operation OSCEOLA was the first sustained operation conducted in the Quang Tri area. Succeeding operations in the same area have benefited greatly from the comments/recommendations contained in this report.

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 Ref: (a) 3d MarDiv O 3100.1D
 (b) 1st Marines (-) (Rein) Operation Order 301-67 (Operation OSCEOLA)

1. Code Name: Operation OSCEOLA.
2. Dates of Operation: 201800H October 67 to 202400H January 68.
3. Location: Quang Tri City area and Base Area 101 in Quang Tri and Than Thien Provinces. The specific area is reflected in Annex C (Operation Overlay) to reference (b).
4. Task Organization

1st Marines (-) (Rein)

Col ING

Hq Co, 1st Marines

1st Lt KELLY

7th ITT (-) FMF PAC

Det Radio Relay and Const Co, 7th

Comm Bn

1st Battalion, 1st Marines (-) (Rein)

LtCol GRAVEL

1st Battalion, 3d Marines (-) (Rein)

LtCol GOODALE

AT Co (-), 1st Tank Bn

1st Lt DAVIS

Co A (-), 1st Engr Bn

Capt BUTLER

Co A (-) (Rein), 1st SP Bn

1st Lt SHARKEY

Co B (-), 1st Med Bn

LtCmdr HAMILTON

Co B (-), 1st MT Bn

1st Lt ZERENDA

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5. Supporting Forces

a. Helicopters. Helicopter support during the operation was minimal because of a general overcommitment of helicopter assets. However, helicopters were available in emergency situations and when dictated by the maneuver scheme.

(1) Supplies. 327,988 lbs of supplies were delivered during the operation.

(2) Troop Movements. A total of 4651 troops were carried by helicopter during Operation OSCEOLA. Of this total, 210 were medevacs.

(3) Medical Evacuations. During the operation, 175 medevac missions were completed and 692 sorties were flown.

(4) Other

<u>Type</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>Sorties</u>
C&C	3	7
Recon	59	224
Admin	31	142
POW	2	8

b. Fixed Wing

(1) Airborne Observers. Airborne Observers flew a total of 75.3 hours. Coverage was generally responsive to requests.

(2) Close Air Support. During the operation, 53 sorties were flown, all under TAC (A) control. A total of 726,000 lbs of ordinance was expended by close air support and TPQ-10 drops.

(3) Other. Flareships and spookies were available but reaction time was generally slow. Thirty minutes to an hour usually elapsed before the aircraft arrived on station.

c. Artillery

(1) Direct support was provided by 1st Battalion (-), 11th Marines, with Batteries "A" and "B", and the 4.2 mortar battery. General support artillery was available through the 12th Marine Regiment at Dong Ha.

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(2) While ARVN artillery was not utilized, the weapons of the 11th Artillery Battalion was available if required. These consisted of six 1-5 howitzers at La Vang, two 155mm howitzers at Quang Tri Citadel, and two 105mm and two 155mm howitzers at Hai Lang.

(3) The batteries of the 1st Battalion (-), 11th Marines, occupied primary positions (cantonment positions) as follows:

Hq Battery	YD 333503
Battery "A"	YD 335503
Battery "B"	YD 313543
4.2 Mortar Battery	YD 337497

On 31 October, three howitzers from Battery "B" were displaced to YD 294538 to support search and destroy operations in the vicinity of Hill 80 (YD 247443) returning to the primary position on 2 November.

On 19 November, 3 howitzers from Battery "A" were displaced to YD 338489 to support helicopter extraction after search and destroy operations in the vicinity of YD 360435, returning to primary position the same day.

On 8 December, Battery "A" displaced to YD 332469 to support a three day search and destroy operation in the vicinity of Hill 80 (YD 247443), returning to primary position on 12 December.

On 29 December, Battery "B" displaced to Camp Evans and was replaced by Battery "I", 3d Battalion, 12th Marines.

On 6 January, Battery "A" and the 4.2 Mortar Battery moved to Camp Evans, with Battery "G", 1st Bn, 12th Marines, occupying Battery "A"'s former position.

On 15 January, two 155 howitzers from 3d Bn, 12th Marines, were in position at YD 335502 and ready to fire.

On 20 January, the final elements of Hq Battery and the 1st Marines FSCG moved to Camp Evans.

(4) Breakdown of missions fired and rounds expended.

	<u>HE</u>	<u>SMK</u>	<u>WP</u>	<u>ILL</u>	<u>MISSIONS</u>
4.2"	4220	0	457	359	747
105mm	39303	354	1169	310	6743
175mm	60	0	0	0	6
155mm	404	0	5	15	203
Total	43987	354	1631	684	7699

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(5) Communications were established between the 1st Marines FSCC and the Tactical Operations Center, Quang Tri Sector Headquarters, to provide rapid means of liaison and coordination of fire support.

(6) Artillery support for this operation was considered excellent. Naval gunfire. No naval gunfire support was utilized for the operation because the assigned Area of Operations was out of range for the 5" guns of destroyers, and no targets were encountered to justify use of 8" guns.

6. Intelligence

a. Estimated enemy strength, location, disposition and situation anticipated in the objective area was as follows:

9th NVA Regiment	2515	Base Area 101
2d Bn	585	Vic YD 3742
4th Bn	600	Base Area 101
7th Bn	600	Base Area 101
5th NVA Regiment	1030	
808 (K-8) Bn	300	Vic YD 3757
814 (K-14) Bn	300	Hai Lang District
416 (K-16) Bn	300	Vic YD 3734
H-99 Company	80	Vic YD 427518
Tricu Phong Company	65	Vic YD 2245

At the commencement of Operation OSCEOLA, the enemy was considered to be reorganizing for a fall offensive aimed at Quang Tri City. His earlier plan for an attack on the city was believed to have been thwarted by Operation MEDINA, ARVN Operations on the "Street Without Joy" and the fact that USMC units were stationed in Ia Vang and Ai Tu areas in strength unknown at that time to the enemy. Primary source of information was S-2 Advisor to Quang Tri Sector, and MLCV and Third Marine Division Area Studies.

b. No contact with the 9th NVA Regiment was made during Operation OSCEOLA. Continued presence of its command elements deep in Base Area 101 was reported in low-level agent reports which also indicated that the Commander of the 9th NVA served as the military advisor to the Quang Tri-Thua Thien inter-provincial committee. There was no contact with any battalion of the 9th NVA and a possibility of its having combined with the main force battalions to replenish their depleted ranks exists. Contact with main force battalions was limited to the 808 (K-8) Battalion in the vicinity of YD 3742. ARVN operations on the coastal plain and agent reports suggested that the 808 and 416 Battalions alternated operations on the coast for the purpose of impeding RD efforts and gathering supplies.

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The 814 Battalion was neither reported nor encountered during Operation OSCOLA. The B99 Company operated in the area indicated and was engaged by RVN forces in the vicinity during January. The Trieu Phong Company was not encountered during Operation OSCOLA at any point in the Area of Operations. Operations in the area of its accepted location revealed no evidence of its base camp in that area, and the unit is believed to be concentrated in the Trieu Phong Plain where it conducts harassing attacks on the RD Teams, PF's and bridge security elements, and assists main force units when they move out of the Hai Lang Forest.

Low-level agent reports consistently report a build-up of newly infiltrated NVA units in the western section of Base Area 101 and in the Ba Long Valley. No confirmation of the presence of new units has been obtained, but most frequently mentioned NVA units are the 95C Regiment and the 90th NVA Regiment, together with unidentified NVA artillery units. Elements of the 6th NVA Regiment, normally accepted as being in Thua Thien Province are also mentioned periodically by agents as having moved into the Hai Lang Forest or on the Hai Lang Plains/"Street Without Joy" area. Such reinforcements would be necessary if the enemy is to persist in his often stated intention of military penetration of Quang Tri City.

c. Local VC Actions:

(1) Among hamlets in the AO reported by RVN officials to be VC controlled were the hamlets of Nhu Le (YD 3147), Nhan Bieu (2), (YD 3150) and Thuong Phuoc (YD 3048). These hamlets, lying close to the center of the AO along the Thach Han River were the nearest access for the VC to the City of Quang Tri for political and economic purposes. All three were reported to be way-stations along a VC logistic and liaison route, and Nhan Bieu was in close proximity to the important Quang Tri Bridge on Highway #1, and within mortar range of all USMC fixed positions in the AO. Access routes to all three hamlets were found to be mined. Warning shots normally signalled the movement of friendly troops into the area, and sniping incidents were common.

(2) Nhu Le, focal point of the most serious mining incidents, was cordoned and searched on 27 November 1967. The cordoning company then moved into the hamlet, and a USMC unit remained there continuously since that time. Local governmental structure had become totally inactive, and is being re-introduced. USMC or GVN military forces in the hamlet will be necessary however, until the VC infrastructure has been totally eliminated. Occupation of Nhu Le has, however, resulted in a dramatic reduction in sniping, mining and harassment in that section of the AO. The local VC hamlet defensive platoon has apparently withdrawn from the Nhu Le area after initially attempting harassment of the Marines in the hamlet.

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(3) Nhan Bieu, believed to be the hamlet which harbored the enemy forces which mortared Quang Tri Air Base on 15 December, was occupied on 19 December and has been occupied continuously except 30 December to 5 January when forces were not available to leave in the hamlet. Like Nhu Le, this hamlet appears to have been totally VC controlled, and devoid of even the vestiges of RVN control. The hamlet of Thuong Phuoc, just south of Nhan Bieu is the final remaining VC controlled hamlet in the center of the Area of Operations. A local VC self-defense force platoon provides its defense force. This force apparently operated in both Nhan Bieu and Thuong Phuoc. Although mining in this area is not extensive, sniping is encountered whenever the hamlet is approached. Recent agent reports indicate that the local VC forces are being reinforced and re-organized south of Thuong Phuoc for the purpose of increasing harassment of USMC forces north of the Song Thach Han.

(4) Within the Area of Operations, the hamlets along the Nhung River, the small hamlet of Tan My (YD 2947), and such of the population as remains in the area leased for base development west of Quang Tri Airfield complex remain essentially under VC influence. In addition, VC influence in the area around Phu Long hamlet (YD 3447) is considerable, although RVN government structure has not been eradicated.

d. Increased construction of the Quang Tri Air Base and adjacent base camp construction has increasingly attracted the attention of the VC. Whereas at the commencement of OSCEOLA contacts and reports of enemy north of the Song Thach Han were relatively infrequent except in the vicinity of Mai Cau which was being relocated to make room for construction, it is currently common to encounter fire throughout the area and incidents of automatic weapons fire are increasing. Low-level agent reports confirmed by other sources indicate the presence of NVA reconnaissance elements operating in the vicinity of the abandoned village of Tan Vinh (YD 2354) and reconnaissance inserts in that area have made frequent contact with small units of NVA. The location of an NVA or VC unit of battalion strength in the western portion of the AO, north of the Thach Han River appears increasingly probable.

e. Monsoon weather encountered during OSCEOLA was relatively mild, with 16 inches of rainfall in October as the maximum encountered. No flooding occurred in the AO. Trafficability was as anticipated in the terrain analysis contained in Appendix B to the OSCEOLA Operation Order.

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f. The attitude of the population in areas of government control and in contested areas was friendly but essentially passive. No information of significance was volunteered by civilians, with the exception of the Hoi Chanhs. Response to the Rewards Program for ordnance turned in, however, was intense. 370 major items of ordnance were turned in, as well as several thousand rounds of small arms ammunition. Local response to all Civic Action projects was good and no efforts to undermine them was encountered. The Area of Operations has several thousand North Vietnamese Catholic Refugees who relocated here in 1954. These people for the most part are strongly anti-communist. They have little land and rely mostly on trades and crafts for livelihood. Several projects to employ these people were developed and were well-received. Although the area has a large Catholic minority which is extremely influential, Buddhists form the majority of the population. The Buddhist leadership appears to feel somewhat alienated from the government, and may consider that the Americans favor the Christian groups over the Buddhists and, indeed, are hostile to Buddhism because of the religious prejudice. Efforts to counter this attitude have met with some success. Assistance to English Language Classes in Quang Tri City high schools was readily accepted. It is noted that the governments' mobilization program is greatly resented by high school students, but their attitude toward Americans is generally good.

7. Mission. 1st Marines (-) (Rein) conducts search and destroy operations, provides for defense and security of vital installations, establishes combat base in vicinity of La Vang maintains an active ground surveillance program, and conducts spoiling attacks throughout assigned area of operations to detect and destroy infiltrating NVA forces. 1st Marines continues coordination with 1st ARVN Division and local GVN forces in adjacent areas and provides support as approved by CG, 3d Marine Division to 1st ARVN Division by conducting unilateral or combined operations. Further, 1st Marines remains prepared to provide reaction forces up to and including one infantry battalion with a Regimental Command Group prepared to establish and operate a Task Force Headquarters to provide assistance to US/GVN forces as directed.

8. Concept of Operations. 1st Marines (-) (Rein) with two infantry Battalions conducts search and destroy operations in assigned area of operations, interdict enemy lines of communications and deprive enemy access to populated area through aggressive patrol activity. Provides defense and security to vital installations and combat bases within area of operations, and supports GVN low level structures (Province, District Headquarters, etc.) by providing reaction force to assist as directed. (See Reference (b)).

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a. Northern Sector Battalion

- (1) Conduct search and destroy operations in assigned sector to locate and destroy NVN/VC forces.
- (2) Provide for defense and security of the Quang Tri Combat Base.
- (3) Maintain active ground surveillance program and conduct offensive operations in sector to detect and destroy infiltrating forces.
- (4) Occupy night blocking/screening positions with forces as determined by Commanding Officer Northern Sector Battalion.
- (5) Maintain security National Route 1 as included in assigned sector. Be prepared to provide security for engineer maintenance and upgrading efforts.
- (6) Maintain one rifle platoon (Rein) as SPARROW HAWK reaction force with remainder of one rifle company (Rein) prepared for follow up.
- (7) Be prepared to provide necessary security for Rough Rider operations.
- (8) Be prepared to provide support to 1st ARVN Regiment operations as directed.
- (9) Be prepared to provide assistance in defense of Quang Tri Provincial GVN facilities.
- (10) Be prepared to displace one rifle company to southern sector AO to provide blocking/screening positions at such time as Southern Sector Battalion is committed elsewhere in 3d Marine Division AO.
- (11) Be prepared to conduct such other operations as may be directed.

b. Southern Sector Battalion

- (1) Conduct search and destroy operations in assigned sector to locate and destroy NVN/VC forces.
- (2) Maintain active ground surveillance program and conduct offensive operations in sector to detect and destroy infiltrating forces.
- (3) Occupy night defensive positions with forces as determined by Commanding Officer, Southern Sector Battalion.

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(4) Establish one infantry platoon vicinity YD 334502 during hours of darkness to provide flank security.

(5) Be prepared to execute by air or motor transport, movement anywhere within the 3d Marine Division Area of Operations within twelve hours.

(6) Be prepared to provide necessary security for Rough Rider operations.

(7) Be prepared to provide support to 1st ARVN Regiment as directed.

(8) Be prepared to provide assistance in defense of Quang Tri Provincial/CVN facilities.

(9) Be prepared to conduct such other operations as may be directed.

c. AT Co (-), 1st TK Battalion

(1) Direct support.

(2) Provide one AT Section in direct support each Battalion.

(3) Occupy firing positions vicinity YD 334502 as directed.

(4) Be prepared to conduct offensive operations.

d. Co A, 1st Engineer Battalion

(1) Direct support.

(2) Provide one platoon in direct support to each Battalion.

(3) Be prepared on order to conduct engineer combat support operations.

e. Co A (-) (Rein), 1st SP Battalion

(1) Direct support.

(2) Establish ISA vicinity coordinates YD 339507.

(3) Be prepared to provide helicopter support teams in direct support of each battalion.

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f. Co B (-), 1st Med Battalion

- (1) Direct support.
- (2) Establish collecting/clearing station vicinity Regimental Headquarters.

g. Co B, 1st MT Battalion

- (1) Direct support.
- (2) Provide motor transport support as directed.

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9. Execution

a. 20 Oct 67: 1st Marines (-) (Rein) commenced Operation OSCOLA at 1800H in accordance with CG 3d MarDiv messages 200555Z, 201345Z and 201355Z October 1967, concentrating on extensive combat patrols, search and destroy operations, small unit ambushes, OP's and LP's to accomplish its mission, as outlined in paragraph 7 above. Operation Liberty II, which commenced at 200600H October 67 in accordance with CG 3d MarDiv message 131103Z October 67 and consisted of screening/security activities in support of GVN elections, continued concurrently.

b. 21 October 1967: 1st Marines (-) (Rein) continued Operation OSCOLA and Liberty II conducting combat patrols and security operations in support of local GVN elections. No significant contacts with VC/NVA forces; however, following contacts resulting in casualties occurred:

- (1) At 210740H, vic YD 261544, Marine stepped on punji stake. Result one USMC WIA Medevac.
- (2) At 210930H, vic YD 273509, Marine detonated ChiCom grenade rigged as mine. Result one USMC WIA Medevac.
- (3) At 211201H, vic YD 276541, elements of B/1/1 received A/W and S/A fire resulting in one USMC WIA Medevac. Fire returned immediately, area swept, negative sign of VC activity or casualties. This was a short lived action; VC broke contact almost immediately.
- (4) At 211300H, vic YD 298493, elements of A/1/1 received 50 rounds S/A fire resulting in one USMC WIA Medevac. Returned fire, swept area, no sign of VC casualties. This was another brief encounter, with VC breaking contact almost immediately after initial burst of fire.

(5) At 211545H, vic YD 354467, Marine detonated unknown type mine, result one USMC KIA Minor.

c. 22 October 67: 1st Marines (-) (Rein) continued Operation OSCEOLA and LIBERTY II, conducting combat patrols and small unit ambushes, OP's, and LP's. 1st Marines (-) (Rein) continued defense Quang Tri Combat Base.

(1) At 220200H, vic YD 283523, Marine detonated three ChiCom grenades rigged as mine. Results one USMC KIA and two USMC WIA Medevac.

(2) At 220830H, vic YD 314498, elements of A/1/1, observed two VC. Unit opened fire killing two VC. While searching area, unit found and killed one additional VC, bringing total to three VC KIA confirmed. No friendly casualties. Action was brief, initiated and controlled by USMC unit. VC had no opportunity to break contact.

(3) At 220920H, vic YD 299465, elements of F/2/1 received 20 rds S/A fire, resulting in one USMC KIA. Returned fire immediately and swept area. Negative sign of VC casualties. Contact again over in a matter of minutes with the VC breaking contact immediately after initial burst of fire.

(4) At 220945H, vic YD 345475, Marine detonated ChiCom grenade rigged as mine. Results one USMC WIA Minor.

(5) From 221045H to 221200H, Marines from E/2/1, detonated two anti-personnel mines resulting in two USMC WIA Medevac.

(6) At 221600H, vic YD 309457, Marine detonated anti-personnel mine resulting in one USMC WIA Medevac.

(7) At 221745H, vic YD 365444, Marine detonated anti-personnel mine resulting in one USMC WIA Medevac.

d. 23 October 67: Operation LIBERTY II terminated at 1800H. 1st Marines (-) (Rein) continued Operation OSCEOLA, conducting small unit combat patrols, ambushes, LP's and OP's in accomplishing its mission. 1st Marines (-) (Rein) continued defense Quang Tri Combat Base.

(1) At 231215H, vic YD 347441, Marine detonated ChiCom grenade rigged as mine. Result one USMC WIA Medevac.

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(2) At 231230H, vic YD 275542, elements C/1/1 received 150 rounds S/A fire resulting in one USMC KIA and four USMC WIA Medevac. Fire returned immediately, unit maneuvered and swept area. Negative sign of VC casualties. Action short lived, with VC breaking contact almost immediately. This fact is becoming standard for VC initiated contacts.

(3) At 232101H, vic YD 336485, Marine detonated M-26 grenade rigged as mine. Results one USMC WIA Minor.

e. 24 October 67: 1st Marines continued Operation OSCEOLA, conducting extensive combat patrols, search and destroy operations, small unit LP's, OP's, ambushes and defense of the Quang Tri Combat Base in accomplishing its mission. Companies A and B, 1/1 and Company E/2/1 made preparations to conduct cordon and search operation in coordination with ARVN forces vic YD 3850, (Than Thuong XA) in accordance with 1st Marines Frag Order 81-67.

(1) At 241610H, vic YD 314457, Marine detonated box type mine of approximately 20 pounds TNT. Results are one USMC KIA and two USMC WIA Medevac.

f. 25 October 67: 1st Marines (-) (Rein) continued Operation OSCEOLA. Companies A and B, 1/1, and Company E/2/1 moved into cordon positions around the hamlet of Than Thung XA, YD 3850, as part of combined ARVN/ARVN Cordon search operation. Remainder of 1st Marines continued to conduct extensive combat patrols, ambushes, LP's, OP's and defense of the Quang Tri Combat Base.

(1) At 251215H, vic YD 298489, elements of C/1/1 observed one VC fleeing from their location. Fired S/A, searched area and found one VC KIA confirmed and one carbine.

(2) At 251800H, Companies A and B, 1/1 and E/2/1 terminated cordon and search operation at Than Thung XA, YD 3850. Results of this joint ARVN/USMC operation: 12 VC KIA confirmed, 15 Detainees, 5 POW's, 7 individual weapons captured. These items not included in 1st Marines cumulative casualties.

g. 26 October 67: 1st Marines (-) (Rein) continued Operation OSCEOLA, conducting extensive patrols, ambushes, LP's and OP's throughout AO. At 1400H, Company E/2/1, Company D/1/1 and Command Group 2/1, chopped OpCon to 4th Marines for Operation GRANITE in accordance with 1st Marines Frag Order 82-67, 1st Marines continued defense Quang Tri Combat Base.

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(1) At 260700H, vic YD 306477, elements of G/2/1 successfully ambushed ten VC. Results 5 VC KIA confirmed, 4 VC KIA probable, 1 VC POW and two individual weapons captured. No friendly casualties resulted.

(2) At 261215H, vic YD 346476, Marine detonated unknown type mine. Result one USMC WIA Medevac.

i. 27 October 67: 1st Marines (-) (Rein) continued Operation OSCEOLA, conducting extensive combat patrols, ambushes, LP's and OP's. Command Group 2/1, Companies H/2/1 and D/1/1 remained OpCon 4th Marines for Operation GRANITE. At 271600H, A/1/1 chopped OpCon to 1st Amtrac Battalion for defense of USMC installation at Cua Viet. 1st Marines continued defense Quang Tri Combat Base.

(1) At 271400H, vic YD 313458, Marine detonated unknown type mine. Result two USMC WIA Medevac.

i. 28 October 67: 1st Marines (-) (Rein) continued Operation OSCEOLA, conducting extensive patrols, ambushes, LP's and OP's. Defense of Quang Tri Combat Base continued. Command Group 2/1, H/2/1 and D/1/1 remained OpCon 4th Marines for Operation GRANITE. A/1/1 remained OpCon 1st Amtrac Battalion at Cua Viet.

(1) At 280015H, vic YD 347470, Marine detonated mine resulting in three USMC WIA Medevac.

(2) At 280330H, three LP's of Company E/2/1 at vic YD 315457 and 312458 heard movement to north. LP's threw M-26 grenades and received 70 rounds S/A and A/W fire, four incoming grenades and eight incoming M-79 rounds. LP's returned 100 rounds S/A fire, five M-26 grenades and 10 rounds M-79. Artillery mission fired and flare plane on station. VC broke contact as two reinforced squads were dispatched from CP to search area. Results: one USMC KIA, seven USMC WIA Medevac, two VC KIA confirmed and four VC KIA probable.

(3) At 281745H, vic YD 295550, elements of B/1/1 observed nine VC with weapons. Unit opened fire with small arms and immediately maneuvered and swept area. Results one VC KIA confirmed. Blood trails and drag marks also found.

j. 29 October 1967: 1st Marines (-) (Rein) continued Operation OSCEOLA. Command Group 2/1 and H/2/1 and D/1/1 remain OpCon 4th Marines for Operation GRANITE. A/1/1 remains OpCon 1st Amtrac Battalion at Cua Viet. 1st Marines continued defense of Quang Tri Combat Base.

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(1) At 291245H, vic YD 262542, Marine detonated ChiCom grenade rigged as mine. Results one USMC WIA Medevac.

(2) At 291243H, vic YD 302461, elements of E/2/1 observed three NVA with weapons. Unit opened fire with small arms. Results two NVA KIA Confirmed and one individual weapon captured.

(3) At 292220H, vic YD 335415, elements of E/2/1 heard movement. Called in one round 105mm W. Saw one VC fall and heard screams. Continued fire mission with HE for effect. Area searched. Results one VC KIA Confirmed.

k. 30 October 67: 1st Marines (-) (Rein) continued Operation OSCEOLA conducting aggressive combat patrols, ambushes, LI's and OI's throughout AO. Defense of Quang Tri Combat Base continued. Command Group 2/1, H/2/1, and D/1/1 remained OpCon 4th Marines for Operation GRANITE. A/1/1 remained OpCon 1st Amphib Bn at Cua Viet.

(1) At 301200H, vic YD 347320, Marine detonated M-26 grenade rigged as mine. Result two USMC WIA Minor.

(2) At 301400H, 1st Marines assumed OpCon Command Group 2/1 and H/2/1 and D/1/1 from 4th Marines.

l. 31 October 67: 1st Marines continued Operation OSCEOLA conducting combat patrols, ambushes, LI's and OI's throughout AO. A/1/1 remained OpCon to 1st Amphib Battalion at Cua Viet.

(1) At 310930H, elements of B/1/1 observed 4-5 VC in camouflaged uniforms. Unit took VC under fire and physically pursued. Unit received approximately 100 rounds S/L fire resulting in one USMC Medevac. Area swept with negative sign of VC casualties.

(2) At 311200H, assumed OpCon Command Group and Companies E and F, 2/4. Assumed mission of defense of Quang Tri Combat Base.

(3) At 311500H, Command Group and Companies F and H, 2/1 and C/1/1 commenced motor foot march from 2/1, CT (YD 334496) to night positions vic YD 311479 in preparation for river crossing operation at first light in connection with search and destroy operation Hill 80, (YD 247444) in accordance with 1st Marines Frag Order 83-67.

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(4) At 311300H, vic YD 290523, elements of B/1/1 received eight incoming mortar rounds and S/A fire resulting in two USMC WIA Medevac. Artillery mission called, as well as air strikes. Area searched with negative sign of VC casualties. VC again broke contact after initial firing.

(5) At 311445H, aerial observer controlled four flights of fixed wing vic YD 283523 and YD 280528. Results one VC KIA Confirmed.

m. 01 November 67: 1st Marines (-) (Rein) continued Operation OSCEOLA, conducting extensive patrols, ambushes, LP's and OP's throughout its AO. Defense of the Quang Tri Combat Base continued. Command Group 2/1 and Companies F and H, 2/1 and C/1/1 moved from night positions and maneuvered to river crossing site in preparation of executing my Frag Order 83-67. A/1/1 remained OpCon 1st Amtrac Battalion at Cua Viet.

(1) At 010110H, vic YD 320471, Company C/1/1, OpCon 2/1 received one incoming grenade while set in night defensive position. Grenade answered with S/A fire, M-79 rounds and ten M-26 grenades. Area searched with negative sign of VC casualties. Result, one USMC WIA Minor.

(2) At 010900H, vic YD 299465, while elements of C/1/1 were moving toward river crossing site, Marine detonated two explosive devices of unknown size and type. Results, one USMC WIA Medevac.

(3) At 010945H, vic YD 275466, Command Group and Companies F and H, 2/1 and C/1/1 commenced river crossing operation in execution of 1st Marines Frag Order 83-67. Based upon recent intelligence reports that the area in the vicinity of Hill 80 (YD 247444) was possibly used as a storage site for rockets and logistics caches and a harbor site for NVA forces, 1st Marines organized a one battalion size search and destroy operation in that area. 2d Battalion (-) (Rein) was tasked with the mission of conducting a river crossing vic YD 275466, and conducting a search and destroy operation in vicinity of Hill 80 to capture or destroy rocket and logistics caches, and to locate and destroy enemy forces in the area.

(4) At 011000H, vic YD 296543, Marine detonated pressure type mine of unknown size. Result, two USMC WIA Medevac. While attempting to treat wounded, a third Marine detonated another mine. Result, one additional USMC WIA Medevac.

(5) At 011156H, vic YD 272523, Marine detonated M-26 grenade rigged as mine. Result one USMC WIA Medevac.

(6) At 011445H, vic YD 292528, Marine detonated M-26 grenade rigged as mine. Result two USMC WIA Medevac.

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n. 02 November 67: 1st Marines continued Operation OSCEOLA, conducting combat patrols, ambushes, LP's and OP's within AC. 2/4 continued defense Quang Tri Combat Base. 2/1 (-) (Rein) continued to conduct search and destroy operation vicinity Hill 80 (YD 247444). A/1/1 remained OpCon 1st Amtrac Battalion at Cua Viet.

(1) 2d Battalion, 1st Marines (-) (Rein) completed search and destroy operation vicinity Hill 80 at 021536H. All units returned to respective command posts. The operation had established the complete absence of VC forces or rocket and logistic caches in the area.

(2) At 021905H, vic YD 289542, elements of E/2/4, heard voices and observed one armed VC. Unit opened fire with S/A fire immediately and swept area. Result, one VC KIA Confirmed, one individual weapon captured.

(3) At 021945H, vic YD 308478, elements of E/2/1, moving toward area of night operations, were challenged by VC. VC were immediately taken under fire. Area was searched. Results, one VC KIA Confirmed, one individual weapon captured. Blood trails and drag marks found indicating additional VC casualties.

o. 03 November 67: 1st Marines continued Operation OSCEOLA, conducting extensive patrolling, ambushes, LP's and OP's within area of operation. 2/4 continued defense of Quang Tri Airfield. A/1/1 remained OpCon 1st Amtrac Battalion at Cua Viet.

(1) At 030905H, Companies E and G, 2/1 chopped OpCon to 1st Battalion, 1st Marines in accordance with 1st Marines Frag Order 84-67. This action taken as result of receipt CG, 3d MarDiv message 281137Z, October 67, tasking 1st Marines with a requirement to provide one Battalion (-) (Rein) as part of a larger force for a multi-battalion search and destroy operation in the Cam Lo-Con Thien area (Operation LANCASTER).

(2) At 031500H, vic YD 271538, elements of E/2/4, received approximately 140 rounds S/A fire. Unit returned fire, called artillery mission and searched area. Negative sign of VC casualties. Result one USMC WIA Medevac.

(3) At 031600H, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines (-) (Rein), chopped OpCon to 3d Marines, in accordance with my Frag Order 84-67, in connection with multi-battalion search and destroy operation (LANCASTER) in the Cam Lo-Con Thien area.

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(4) At 03140H, vic YD 310472, elements of H/2/1, enroute to area of night operations, received 6-7 incoming grenades. Unit returned fire with S/A and M-26 grenades. Searched area with negative signs of VC casualties. Results, four USMC WIA Medevac.

p. 04 November 1967: 1st Marines continued to conduct Operation OSCEOLA, conducting aggressive patrols, ambushes, OP's and LP's in AO. 2/4 continued defense Quang Tri Combat Base. A/1/1 remained OpCon 1st Amtrac Battalion at Cua Viet. 1/1 (-) (Rein) remained OpCon 3d Marines in connection with Operation LANCASTER.

(1) At 040700H, 1st Marines (-) (Rein) commenced "Operation Mine Find". This was an operation organized as a result of a complete analysis of the enemy mining operations encountered by 1st Marines since arriving in the Quang Tri area, and was conceived with the idea that Marines searching only for mines and not conducting concurrent operations to destroy enemy forces would discover more of these weapons and suffer less casualties in the process. Small areas of 1000 meters square are assigned to one rifle company reinforced with all the Regiment's available engineer mine detector Teams (7-10 depending on other mine sweep requirements). The Company establishes security positions around the "Sweep Area" to allow searching units to operate with full concentration on locating mine and explosive devices without concern for enemy attack. This is designed as a continuing program, meant to be revised and improved as developed. It is accompanied by a more complete troop indoctrination program in the area of mines/explosive devices to further reduce friendly casualties from mines.

(2) At 040710H, vic YD 307544, elements of H/2/4 observed one VC carrying weapon. Scout Sniper opened fire with R-700, killing the VC. One VC KIA. Confirmed.

(3) At 041715H, vic YD 297557, snipers attached to E/2/4 observed four VC crossing open area. Sniper opened fire with five rounds from R-700. Hit and observed two VC fall, one carrying a weapon. Area searched, found one VC KIA. Confirmed, and drag marks, blood trail indicating additional VC casualties.

q. 05 November: 1st Marines continued Operation OSCEOLA, conducting extensive patrols, ambushes, OP's and LP's within AO. 2/4 continued defense of Quang Tri Combat Base. A/1/1 remained OpCon 1st Amtrac Battalion at Cua Viet. 1/1 (-) (Rein) remained OpCon 3d Marines in connection with Operation LANCASTER. Operation "Mine Find" continues.

(1) At 050045H, vic YD 354458, elements of C/1/1 received one incoming M-79 round from unknown enemy position. Area searched, no further sign of VC activity. Result two USMC WIA Medevac.

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(2) At 051815H, vic YD 337498, Marine detonated M-26 grenade rigged as a mine. Results, one USMC WIA Medevac.

(3) At 052215H, vic YD 319463, elements of F/2/1 received one incoming hand grenade. Responded immediately with S/A fire and M-26 grenades. Searched area with negative sign of VC casualties. Result, one USMC WIA Medevac.

f. 06 November 67: 1st Marines (-) (Rein) continued Operation OSCEOLA, conducting extensive patrols, ambushes, OP's and IP's within AO. 2/4 continued defense Quang Tri Combat Base. A/1/1 remained OpCon 1st Amphib Battalion at Cua Viet. 1/1 (-) (Rein) remained OpCon 3d Marines in connection with Operation LANCASTER. 1st Marines provided reaction force for Rough Rider Convoy. Operation "Mine Find" continues.

(1) At 060820H, vic YD 275544, Marine detonated M-26 grenade rigged as mine. Result two USMC WIA Medevac.

g. 07 November 67: 1st Marines (-) (Rein) continued Operation OSCEOLA, conducting extensive patrols, ambushes, OP's and IP's within AO. 2/4 continued defense Quang Tri Combat Base. A/1/1 remained OpCon 1st Amphib Battalion at Cua Viet. 1/1 (-) (Rein) remained OpCon 3d Marines in connection with Operation LANCASTER. 1st Marines provided reaction force for Rough Rider Convoy. Operation "Mine Find" continues.

(1) At 070730H, vic YD 303477, elements of C/1/1 observed ten armed VC moving in open area. Attached Scout Snipers opened fire, supported by S/A and S/A fire from C/1/1. Two VC hit and observed falling by Snipers. Area searched, results two VC KIA Confirmed.

(2) At 070750H, vic YD 303477, Marine detonated unknown type explosive device rigged as mine. Result five USMC WIA Medevac.

(3) At 071200H, A/1/1 chepped OpCon from 1st Amphib Battalion to 1st Marines. Returned to 1/1 (Rein) Command Post.

(4) At 071600H, vic YD 313480, elements of G/2/1 observed one Vietnamese male running along a trail at YD 313477. Marines shouted in English and Vietnamese for individual to halt. Warning shot also fired. Individual failed to halt, was shot with S/A fire. Body searched for evidence of ID card. Result one VC KIA Confirmed.

t. 08 November 67: 1st Marines (-) (Rein) continued Operation OSCEOLA, conducting extensive patrols, OP's, IP's and ambushes within AO. 1/1 (-) (Rein) remained OpCon 3d Marines in connection with Operation LANCASTER. Operation "Mine Find" continued. 2/4 continued defense of Quang Tri Combat Base.

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(1) At 080700H, 1st Marines (-) (Rein) commenced a Regimental wide five day combat orientation program, designated to bolster in-country training by emphasizing those subjects most needed by the 1st Marines in the conduct of daily operations against the insurgent Viet Cong forces. The subjects include: ambushes, and ambush techniques; immediate action drills; combat patrols and patrol orders; patrol debriefings; five paragraph order; intelligence subjects; buddy aid, field sanitation and personal hygiene; Medevac procedures; forward observer procedures; scouting and patrolling/day and night movement; camouflage and concealment; river crossing techniques; offensive and defensive operations; land navigation; revolutionary development; personal response/conduct of US Marines in Vietnam; mines, booby traps and explosive devices; familiarization, fam-firing M-16; employment of organic weapons.

v. 09 November 67: 1st Marines continued Operation OSCEOLA, conducting extensive search and destroy operations, patrols, OP's, LT's and ambushes within AO. Operation "Mine Find" continued, as well as Regimental five day Orientation School. 1/1 (-) (Rein) remained OpCon 3d Marines in connection with Operation LAMCASHER. 2/4 continued defense of Quang Tri Combat Base.

(1) At 091130H, vic YD 272538, Marine detonated unknown type explosive device rigged as a mine. Result, two USMC WIA. Medevac.

(2) At 090930H, elements of F/2/1 departed command post to exploit report from Provincial Reconnaissance Unit of a possible Chieu Hoi, based on letter received by IRU Advisers stating that individual wished to give himself up, that he was a financial commissioner, and had information of VC. Pick up point was designated as "Tan My Hill" vic YD 299474, either 9-10 November 67. Unit from F/2/1 made no contact with alleged Chieu Hoi.

(3) At 091515H, vic YD 318469, elements of F/2/1 observed VC observation post at YD 318463. Artillery mission called with one round falling short. Result one USMC WIA. Medevac.

(4) At 091830H, vic YD 297556, elements of E/2/4 received S/A sniper fire from rear while crossing river. Fire returned immediately, VC broke contact. Area searched with negative sign of VC casualties. Result two USMC WIA. Minor.

(5) At 091945H, vic YD 294554, elements of E/2/4 received S/A fire from estimated VC platoon. Fire returned immediately, artillery and mortar fire delivered on enemy location. Result, two USMC WIA. minor, three VC KIA. Confirmed and blood trails and drag marks found indicating additional VC casualties.

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(6) At an unknown hour on the night of 09 November, TFQ-10 Target submitted by 1st Marines was hit by four TFQ-10 strikes. A total of 35,000 pounds of ordnance was dropped. Two secondary explosions reported by DASC.

v. 10 November 67: 1st Marines (-) (Rein) continued Operation OSCEOLA conducting extensive patrols, search and destroy operations, ambushes, OI's, and LI's within AO. 2/4 continued defense of Quang Tri Combat Base. Operation "Mine Find" continued and 1/1 (-) (Rein) remained OpCon 3d Marines in connection with Operation LANCASTER.

(1) At 100600H, 3d Marines chopped OpCon 1st Battalion, 1st Marines (-) (Rein) to 9th Marines for Operation KENTUCKY.

(2) At 100930H, 1st Marines (-) (Rein) conducted appropriate ceremonies in observance of the 192d anniversary of our Marine Corps.

(3) At 100930H, S-2, 2/1 elements of C/1/1 and representatives of Vietnamese National Police returned to vicinity of Tam My Hill (YD 299465) to again attempt to recover Chieu Hoi who promised to surrender either 9 or 10 November. At 1105H, Chieu Hoi was found accompanied by his wife; both were returned to 2/1 Command Post for interrogation.

(4) At 101750H, vic YD 308457, Marine detonated unknown type explosive device. Result, two USMC WIA Medevac.

11 November 67: 1st Marines continued Operation OSCEOLA, conducting extensive patrols, ambushes, OI's and LI's within AO. 2/4 continued defense of Quang Tri Combat Base. Operation "Mine Find" continued. 1/1 (-) (Rein) remained OpCon 9th Marines in connection with Operation KENTUCKY.

(1) At 110300H, vic YD 325435, elements of F/2/1 received one incoming grenade. Returned fire immediately with S/A and M-26 grenades. Area searched, no sign of VC casualties. Result, one USMC WIA Minor.

(2) At 110700H, based upon information received from new Chieu Hoi indicating presence of large cache supplies, including 20 tons rice, vic GS 3042, 3142, 3043, Command Group 2/1 and Companies F, 2/1 and C/1/1 supported by ARVNATC Company, 2d Troop, 7th Squadron, commenced two day search and destroy operation to locate these caches.

(3) At 111201H, vic YD 285545, Marine tripped ChiCom grenade rigged as mine. Result, one USMC WIA Medevac.

(4) At 111600H, vic YD 310421, elements of C/1/1, OpCon to 2/1 conducting two day search and destroy operation, discovered vat containing 300 pounds of salt. Permission requested and granted to destroy salt in place.

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x. 12 November 67: 1st Marines (-) (Rein) continued Operation OSCEOLA. 2/1 (-) (Rein) continued two day search and destroy operation exploiting Chieu Hoi information of large rice/supply caches. 2/4 continued defense Quang Tri Combat Base. Remaining units conducted patrols, CI's, LI's and ambushes within AO. 1/1 (-) (Rein) remained OpCon 9th Marines in connection with Operation KENTUCKY.

(1) At 120700H, 1st Marines commenced Phase 2 of Operation "Mine Find". In addition to the tactical search for mines, a military and civilian incentive program was initiated as follows:

(a) Military: Any Marine discovering a mine will be granted four days R&R in country. No restriction on the number of R&R's a Marine could obtain in this manner.

(b) Civilian: 1st Marines S-2, S-3 and S-5 initiated a concentrated PsyOps campaign utilizing aerial broadcasts, leaflet drops and "advertising" by Marines during local MedCaps. etc. to induce the local populace to assist in reducing the availability of explosive weapons to the VC by turning ordnance items into Marines for reward.

(2) At 121145H, vic YD 312419, elements of 2/1 (-) (Rein) discovered ten tons of rice. Authority to destroy in place granted by CG 3d MarDiv. 2/1 (-) (Rein) continues search for additional caches.

(3) At 121250H, vic YD 309417, elements C/1/1, OpCon 2/1 (-) (Rein) discovered five tons of rice. Rice destroyed.

(4) At 121335H, vic YD 305417, elements of 2/1 (-) (Rein) discovered additional two tons of rice and four individual weapons. Rice destroyed, weapons returned to 2/1 Command Post.

(5) At 121950H, 2/1 (-) (Rein) returned to Command Post and secured two day search and destroy operation. Overall results: Seventeen tons rice and 300 pounds of salt, found and destroyed. Four individual weapons were captured.

y. 13 November 67: 1st Marines (-) (Rein) continued Operation OSCEOLA, conducting extensive patrolling, ambushes, CI's and LI's within AO. 2/4 continued defense of Quang Tri Combat Base. Operation "Mine Find" continued. 1/1 (-) (Rein) remained OpCon 9th Marines in connection with Operation KENTUCKY. 2/4 made preparations to conduct one day battalion (-) (Rein) search and destroy operation in accordance with 1st Marine Frag Order 89-67. No significant contacts.

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(1) At 131600H, chopped OpCon A/1/1 to 2d Bn, 4th Marines in preparation for 2/4 one day search and destroy operation in accordance with my Frag Order 89-67.

z. 14 November 67: 1st Marines (-) (Rein) continued Operation OSCEOLA. 2/1 conducted extensive patrols, ambushes, LP's, and OP's within its sector of AO. A/1/1 occupied defensive positions at the Quang Tri Combat Base, relieving 2/4 units on line for participation in search and destroy operation in accordance with my Frag Order 89-67. 1/1 (-) (Rein) remained OpCon, 9th Marines in connection with Operation KENTUCKY. Operation "Mine Find" continued.

(1) At 140400H, 2d Battalion, 4th Marines (-) (Rein), commenced one day search and destroy operation vic area bounded by GS YD 2449, 2454, 2754, 2749. Recent intelligence reports indicated the presence of an unidentified NVA Battalion with this area, armed with 122mm Rockets and 82mm mortars. Mission of 2/4 (-) (Rein) to locate and destroy rocket storage and launching site and enemy forces within assigned OA.

(2) At 141400H, vic YD 285553, elements of A/1/1 located and searched a deserted house and discovered two Russian Carbines, two cartridge belts, one gas mask, 50 rounds of ammo, tape, four time fuzes, $\frac{1}{2}$ pound TMT, one M-26 grenade, NVA ID card, two boxes 5.56 rounds and 200 pounds rice. All items returned to Battalion S-2.

(3) At 141440H, vic YD 287553, Marine detonated ChiCom grenade rigged as mine. Result, three USMC WIA Medevac.

(4) At 141710H, vic YD 287560, Marine detonated ChiCom grenade rigged as mine. Result one USMC WIA Medevac.

(5) At 141830H, 2/4 (-) (Rein) secured from one day search and destroy operation. OA free of all NVA/VC forces and caches. A/1/1 chopped OpCon to 1/1 (Rear).

aa. 15 November 67: 1st Marines (-) (Rein) continued Operation OSCEOLA, conducting extensive small unit patrols, search and destroy operations, ambushes, OP's and LP's within AO. 2/4 continued defense of Quang Tri Combat Base. 1/1 (-) (Rein) remains OpCon 9th Marines in connection with Operation KENTUCKY. Operation "Mine Find" continues. No significant contacts.

(1) At 151720H, vic YD 338496, Marine detonated ChiCom grenade rigged as mine. Result one USMC WIA Medevac.

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bb. 16 November 67: 1st Marines (-) (Rein) continued Operation OSCEOLA, conducting extensive combat patrols, search and destroy operations, ambushes, OP's and LP's. 2/4 continued security for the Quang Tri Combat Base. Operation "Mine Find" continues. 1/1 (-) (Rein) continued OpCon 9th Marines in connection with Operation KENTUCKY.

(1) At 160645H, vic YD 300474, elements of F/2/1 observed two armed VC carrying packs and cartridge belts. Unit opened fire. VC fled directly into second F/2/1 unit occupying lookout position. Block force opened fire, hitting both VC. Area searched, found one VC KI. Confirmed and blood trail indicating additional VC casualty.

(2) At 161117H, 2/1 chopped OpCon of C/1/1 to 1/1 (Rear). C/1/1 and A/1/1 commence preparations for displacement to Con Thien.

(3) At 161200H, 1st Marines assumed OpCon of G/2/4. Chopped OpCon to 2/4 at 1201H.

(4) At 161400H, 1st Marines conducted memorial services for Major General B. A. HOCHMUTH, U. S. Marine Corps.

cc. 17 November 1967: 1st Marines (-) (Rein) continued to conduct Operation OSCEOLA, conducting extensive combat patrols, OP's, LP's and ambushes. 2/4 continued to provide security for the Quang Tri Combat Base. 1/1 (-) (Rein) remained OpCon 9th Marines in connection with Operation KENTUCKY. Operation "Mine Find" continued.

(1) At 170400H, vic YD 375495, elements of G/2/1 (Rear) received one incoming grenade in perimeter defensive position. Result one USMC WIA Minor.

(2) At 171145H, vic YD 292525, elements of E/2/4 received small arms fire from unknown number of VC. Fire returned immediately, area swept with negative sign of VC casualties. Result, two USMC WIA Medevac.

(3) At 171230H, vic YD 319470, Marine detonated ChiCom grenade rigged as a mine. Result, one USMC WIA Medevac.

(4) At 171235H, vic YD 293528, elements of E/2/4 discovered 105mm round. Engineers set time fuze to destroy in place; however, round detonated prematurely. Results, two USMC WIA Medevac.

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dd. 18 November 67: 1st Marines (-) (Rein) continued Operation OSCEOLA, conducting extensive patrols, OP's, LP's and ambushes within AO. 2/4 continued security of Quang Tri Combat Base. 1/1 continued preparation for movement to Con Thien, remaining under the OpCon of 9th Marines. No significant contacts.

(1) At 181100H, Command Group and Companies A and C, 1/1 departed by truck for Cam Lo, in connection with relief of 1/9 at Con Thien.

cc. 19 November 67: 1st Marines continued Operation OSCEOLA, conducting extensive search and destroy operations, OP's, LP's and ambushes within the AO. 2/1 (-) (Rein) made preparations to conduct one day search and destroy operations in accordance with 1st Marines Frag Order 90-67. 2/4 continued security of the Quang Tri Combat Base. 1/1 remained OpCon to 9th Marines in connection with Operation KENTUCKY and relief of 1/9 at Con Thien. Operation "Mine Find" continued.

(1) Continuing intelligence reports received from low level agents strongly indicated that the Bot Lo area, YD 3643, 3543, was a rest area for enemy forces passing from Hai Lang Forest area to the lowlands north of Route #1. A recent VC rallier indicated a knowledge of a 12 ton rice cache in the area, and agreed to lead a search force to its location. Based on this information, 2d Battalion (-) (Rein), with a command group and Companies F and H, commenced a one day search and destroy operation in the Bot Lo area at 190758H, when initial assault elements were helolifted into the objective area. The one day operation secured at 191727H, with an end result one NVA KIA confirmed. No caches were found; however, the operation did verify the presence of the K-8 NVA Battalion in the vicinity, as well as the presence of well defined trail network well used by enemy forces and supply columns.

(2) At 191630H and 191830H, elements of G/2/1 conducting search and destroy operations vic YD 363444 and YD 363439, discovered the following items of ordnance rigged as mines: 8 ChiCom grenades, two 81mm mortar rounds, one 65mm mortar round, two 105mm rounds, one M-26 grenade, three homemade mines, one Z-10 mine. All items rendered ineffective and destroyed with C-4.

(4) 1st Marines continued Operation "Mine Find". Since its inception on 4 November 1967, and since the extensive PsyOps program commenced on 12 November, the following items of ordnance have been turned in by Vietnamese for rewards, as of 192400H: two claymore mines, seven M-26 grenades, one ChiCom grenade, four 60mm mortar rounds, fourteen 81mm mortar rounds, 26 rounds M-79, one 82mm mortar, M-2 grenade, one 105mm round, two illum grenades, two Z-10 mines, one 57mm RR round, one 75mm howitzer round, one mine with fuze for M-16 mine, and several hundred rounds of small arms ammo. A total of 13,300 piasters has been paid in the way of reward.

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ff. During the period 20-22 November, 1st Marines (-) (Rein) continued Operation OSCEOLA, conducting extensive patrols, LP's and CP's within the AO. 2/4 continued to provide security for the Quang Tri Combat Base. 0900H, Companies B and D, 1/1 displaced from Quang Tri to Con Thien in connection with relief of 1/9. 1/1 (-) (Rein) remains OpCon to 9th Marines. Operation "Mine Find" continued. No significant contacts.

(1) At 210710H, vic YD 323441, Marine detonated a ChiCom grenade rigged as mine. Result, one USMC WIA Medevac.

gg. 23 November 67: 1st Marines (-) (Rein) continued Operation OSCEOLA, conducting extensive combat patrols, ambushes, CP's and LP's within the AO. 2/4 continued to provide security for the Quang Tri Combat Base. 1/1 remains OpCon to 9th Marines at Con Thien. Operation "Mine Find" continued.

(1) At 230230H, vic YD 316554, Marine detonated unknown type explosive device. Result, three USMC WIA Medevac.

(2) At 231145H, vic YD 285525, Marine detonated unknown type explosive device rigged as a mine. Results, one USMC WIA Medevac, one USMC WIA Minor.

(3) At 232320H, vic YD 346473, Marine detonated box type mine of unknown size. Result, three USMC KIA and one USMC WIA Medevac.

hh. During the period 24 November to 26 November 67: 1st Marines continued Operation OSCEOLA conducting extensive search and destroy operations, ambushes CP's and OP's within the AO. 2/4 continued defense of the Quang Tri Combat Base. 1/1 remained OpCon to 9th Marines at Con Thien. Operation "Mine Find" continued.

(1) At 241345H, vic YD 284544, elements of G/2/4 received small arms fire from concealed bunker positions. Fire returned immediately, bunker assaulted and destroyed with grenades. No evidence of VC casualties. Result, one USMC WIA Minor.

(2) At 250915H, vic YD 281518, elements of G/2/4 received heavy volume of automatic weapons fire from estimated platoon of VC. Fire returned immediately. Elements maneuvered under arty mission and searched area. Negative sign of VC casualties. Result, one USMC KIA.

(3) At 261505H, vic YD 297528, Ontos attached to G/2/4 detonated box mine of unknown size. Ontos destroyed, two USMC WIA Medevac.

(4) At 261735H, vic YD 532455, Marine detonated ChiCom grenade rigged as a mine. Result, three USMC WIA Medevac.

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ii. 27 November 67: 1st Marines (-) (Rein) continued Operation CSCEOLA, conducting a regimental size cordon and search operation extensive patrols, ambushes, LP's and CP's within AO. 2/4 continued defense of the Quang Tri Combat Base. 1/1 remained OpCon 9th Marines at Con Thien.

(1)

(a) Continuing intelligence reports from low level agents, coupled with repeated VC initiated incidents involving 1st Marines units indicated that the hamlet of Nhu Lo YD 312473 and Thuong Thuec YD 307484 are definite beds of VC activity, with strong infrastructures present and at least one VC platoon operating from each hamlet.

(b) Based upon the information, commencing at 270400H, 1st Marines (-) (Rein) executed its Frag Order 92-67 by establishing a cordon around Nhu Lo with Command Group and Companies E and F, 2/1 and a cordon around Thuong Thuec with Command Group and Companies E and G. 2/4.

(c) In conjunction with the 1st Marines cordon, commencing 270900H, four Regional Force Companies commenced detailed searches of both hamlets, two companies per hamlet. The cordon/search operation terminated at 271430H, with net results as follows: six USMC WIA Medevac, one RVN WIA Medevac, three VC KIA Confirmed, thirteen VC Captured, seventeen detainees, and three individual weapons captured. USMC contacts/results are listed below.

1. At 270645H, vic YD 317493, Marine detonated unknown type explosive device resulting in four USMC WIA Medevac.

2. At 271430H, vic YD 305494, as elements of 2/4 commenced departure of cordon site, a heavy volume of automatic weapons fire was received. Fire was returned and the area was immediately swept with negative sign of VC casualties. Result two USMC WIA Medevac.

3. Commencing 271430H, upon completion of the cordon/search operation, 2/1 established a permanent company patrol base in the vicinity of Nhu Lo. This action was taken as a result of 1st Marines plans to maintain continuous operations within and around the hamlet in order to deny the enemy access to and use of the hamlet as a resting place and harbor site.

(CONTACTS NOT INVOLVED WITH CORDON OPERATIONS)

(2) At 271290H, vic YD 328420, Marine detonated an M-26 grenade rigged as a mine. Result one USMC WIA Medevac.

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(3) At 271515H, vic YD 295494, elements of E/2/4 returning from cordon operations received a heavy volume of small arms fire. Fire returned immediately, enemy position was assaulted and swept. Negative sign of VC casualties. Result two USMC WIA Medevac.

(4) At 271530H, vic YD 303467, elements of E/2/1 observed three VC carrying weapons and field glasses. VC immediately taken under fire with small arms and area swept. Result, one VC KIA confirmed, one AK-47, one pair 6x60 binoculars and miscellaneous items of individual equipment recovered.

jj. During the period 28 to 30 November 1967, 1st Marines (-) (Rein) continued Operation OSCEOLI, conducting extensive patrols, search and destroy operations, OP's and IP's and ambushes within the AO. 2/4 continued to provide security for the Quang Tri Combat Base. 1/1 remained OpCon to 9th Marines at Con Thien. Operation "Mine Find" continued.

(1) At 281230H, vic YD 372454, elements of G/2/1 received approximately 50 rounds small arms fire. Fire returned immediately and area searched. Result one VC KIA confirmed and blood trails found indicating additional VC casualties.

(2) At 281230H, four M-42 vehicles (Twin 40mm Guns) arrived at the Quang Tri Combat Base, under command of 1st Lieutenant R. D. SFOVILL, USA, of Battery "A" (-), 1/44th Artillery.

(3) At 301030H, vic YD 265534, elements of L/2/4 received small arms fire from an estimated VC squad. Fire returned immediately and physically pursued enemy. Area searched, result one VC KIA confirmed and one grease gun recovered.

(4) At 301025H, vic YD 298465, Marine detonated a box mine of unknown size results one USMC KIA, one USMC WIA Medevac.

(5) At 301045H, vic YD 369440, Marine detonated Z-10 mine rigged with trip wire. Result one USMC WIA Medevac.

(6) Terminating 302400H, November 67, the 1st Marines "Mine Rewards" program which commenced on 12 November, showed every indication of being a success. During this period 240,000 leaflets were air dropped and 9½ hours of aerial broadcasting were conducted. A total of 251 items of ordnance have been turned in since the commencement of the program. Breakdown of items as follows:

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22 M-26 Grenades
 3 ChiCom Grenades
 1 AT Mine
 1 Z-10 Mine
 1 Claymore Mine
 50 M-79 Rounds
 27 60mm Mortar Rounds
 71 81mm Mortar Rounds
 5 57mm RR Rounds
 1 75mm RR Round.
 8 105mm Rounds
 1 4.2 Mortar Round
 2 3.5 Rocket Rounds
 1 82mm Mortar Round
 1 M-16 Mine
 9 Plastic Mines
 1 40mm Round
 1 57mm Round
 1 155mm Round

Hundreds of rounds of small arms ammo.

Prior to the beginning of the program only 54 pieces of ordinance had been delivered to the 1st Marines.

Mc. During the period 01 to 04 December 67, 1st Marines (-) (Rein) continued Operation OSCEOLA, conducting extensive company and platoon sized search and destroy operations, ambushes, LT's and OP's within the AO. 2/4 continued defense of the Quang Tri Combat Base and 1/1 remained OpCon to 9th Marines at Con Thien. Operation "Mine Find" continued and company search and destroy operations in the Nhu Le hamlet area continued.

(1) At 011030H, vic YD 258548, elements of B/2/4 received fifteen rounds small arms fire from unknown number of VC. Fire returned immediately, area swept. No sign of VC casualties. Result one USMC KIA Medevac.

(2) At 030845H, vic YD 373420, elements of G/2/1 observed seven NVL moving in a westerly direction. NVL were immediately taken under fire with small arms. Result, one VC KIA confirmed, one NVL captured (IOW) and several blood trails found indicating additional casualties.

(3) At 040730H, vic YD 259513, elements of E/2/4 observed two VC and immediately took them under fire. Area searched, result, one VC KIA confirmed.

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(4) At 041430H, vic YD 265543, Marine detonated unknown type explosive device rigged as a mine. Result, two USMC WIA Medevac.

11. 05 December 67: 1st Marines (-) (Rein) continued to conduct operation OSCEOLA, conducting extensive search and destroy operations, OP's, LI's and ambushes within the AO. 2/4 continued defense of the Quang Tri Combat Base and 1/1 remained OpCon to 9th Marines at Con Thien. Operation "Mine Find" continued and the company operations continued in vicinity of Nhu Lo.

(1) At 050135H, vic YD 314484, estimated VC squad attacked E/2/1 night defensive position with 2-3 rifle grenades, four hand grenades and small arms fire. Three VC were observed withdrawing 2-3 minutes after initial attack. Small arms fire and grenades returned immediately, 60mm, 81mm and artillery fire mission called. Area searched. Results, four USMC WIA Medevac, eight USMC WIA Minor, one VC KIA Confirmed, one AK-47 recovered and blood trails found indicating additional VC casualties.

(2) At 052120H, vic YD 313482, elements of E/2/1 in night M position were attacked by unknown number of VC with small arms fire. LP requested permission to break contact and return to company defensive perimeter. However, fire fight continued and area was swept quickly by reaction force. No evidence of VC casualties. Results, one USMC KIA and two USMC WIA Minor.

12. 06 December 67: 1st Marines (-) (Rein) continued Operation OSCEOLA, conducting extensive combat patrols, LI's and OI's and ambushes within the AO. 2/4 continued defense of the Quang Tri Combat Base and 1/1 remained OpCon to 9th Marines at Con Thien. Operation "Mine Find" continued, as well as company operations in the Nhu Lo area.

(1) At 060735H, vic YD 279535, Marine detonated a ChiCom grenade rigged as a mine. Result, one USMC WIA Medevac.

(2) At 060900H, commensurate with continuing tactical operations in the area of Nhu Lo hamlet (YD 312478) and a heavy program of civic action, psychological operations, aerial leaflet drops and broadcasts designed to establish/foster a GVN attitude within the hamlet, civil affairs and Psy Ops personnel succeeded in re-establishing the hamlet chief in Nhu Lo, along with his village elders.

(3) At 061500H, vic YD 266512, elements of G/2/4 observed two VC, 800 meters from their positions. Scout Sniper team manning blocking position immediately took VC under fire. Area searched, result, one VC KIA confirmed.

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nn. 07 December 67: 1st Marines (-) (Rein) continued Operation OSCAROLI, conducting extensive combat patrols, LF's and OP's and ambushes within the AO. 2/4 continued defense of the Quang Tri Combat Base, and 1/1 remained OpCon to 9th Marines at Con Thien. Operation "Mine Find" continued, as well as the tactical/civil affairs/TsyOps operations in Nhu Lo.

(1) At 070200H, vic YD 355465, elements of H/2/1 received one M-26 grenade and numerous satchel charges from approximately 8 to 10 VC. Immediately returned fire with small arms, grenades, claymore mines. Searched area. No bodies found but numerous blood trails and drag marks found indicating numerous enemy casualties. Result, two USMC KIA and three USMC WIA Medevac.

(2) At 070835H, vic YD 274526, elements of G/2/4 received approximately 40 rounds small arms fire from estimated VC squad. Small arms fire and 60mm mortars fired immediately, area swept. Discovered two separate sets of blood trails and drag marks indicating VC casualties. Result, one USMC WIA Medevac.

(3) At 071000H, vic YD 281534, elements of G/2/4 reinforced with scout sniper team observed twelve VC at YD 277531. Sniper took VC under fire, observed 2 VC fall. Bodies did not move as remainder of VC dispersed. Results, two VC KIA confirmed.

oo. 08 December 67: 1st Marines (-) (Rein) continued to conduct Operation OSCAROLI conducting extensive search and destroy operations, and small unit LF's, OP's and ambushes within the AO. 2/4 continued defense of the Quang Tri Combat Base and 1/1 remained OpCon to 9th Marines at Con Thien. Operation "Mine Find" continued, as well as the tactical/civil affairs/TsyOps operations at Nhu Lo.

(1) At 081030H, vic YD 247554, elements of E/2/4 observed ten VC. VC taken under fire with small arms, 81mm mortars and artillery. Area searched. Large pieces of bloody shrapnel were found as well as blood trails and drag marks, indicating several VC casualties. During search of area, Marine detonated unknown type explosive device. Result one USMC WIA Medevac.

pp. During the period 09 through 14 December 67: 1st Marines (-) (Rein) continued to conduct Operation OSCAROLI, conducting extensive combat patrols, and small unit LF's, OP's and ambushes within the AO. 2/1 (-) (Rein) with a command group and Companies F and G, 2/1 and H/2/4 conducted a three day search and destroy operation in the vicinity of Hill 80 (YD 247444). 2/4 continued defense of the Quang Tri Combat Base and 1/1 remained OpCon to 9th Marines at Con Thien. Tactical/civil affairs/TsyOps operations continued to Nhu Lo and Operation "Mine Find" continued.

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(1) At 090730H, vic YD 333478, Marine detonated unknown type explosive device rigged as a mine. Result, one USMC KIA Medevac.

Early in the first week of December 1967, low level agent reports indicated the possibility of rocket storage sites and logistic caches in the vicinity of Hill 80 (YD 247444). Also, agent reports and recent operations in the area revealed evidence of enemy presence and strong possibility of ordnance storage areas. Commencing 091022H, 2d Battalion (-), 1st Marines with Command Group and Companies F and G, 2/1 and H/2/4 conducted a helicopterborne assault against the Hill 80 complex in accordance with 1st Marines Brag Order 93-67. The operation consisted of a three company assault on the objective, with the entire force conducting detailed and methodical search and destroy operations throughout the objective area in attempts to locate these caches, destroy them and destroy NVA/VC forces located in the objective area. The operation terminated at 121458H. The non-presence of any logistic caches or enemy forces was verified.

(3) At 092230H, vic YD 355470, elements of H/2/1 received one incoming hand grenade, resulting in one USMC KIA Minor.

(4) At 121330H, vic YD 266542, elements of G/2/4 observed two VC with automatic weapons. Artillery mission called, area swept. Results one VC KIA Confirmed, one M-47 recovered.

(5) At 121300H, vic YD 354474, Marines detonated M-26 grenade rigged as a mine. Results, one USMC KIA Medevac.

(6) Commencing 140600H, 2d Battalion, 1st Marines assumed mission of Division Reserve in accordance with CG, 3d Mardiv messages 130647Z and 130651Z Dec 67.

qq. 15 December 67: 1st Marines (-) (Main) continued Operation CSC-30H, conducting extensive combat patrols, LP's, CP's and ambushes within the AO. 2/4 continued defense of the Tung Tri Combat Base. 1/1 remained OpCon to 9th Marines at Con Thien. 2/1 continued mission Division Reserve. Operation "Mine Find" continued, as well as the tactical/civil action operations in the hamlet of Thu Le.

(1) At 151345H, a reconnaissance insert vic YD 273533, reported engagement with and pursuit by a force of 20-25 NVA/VC and requested emergency extraction. At 151400H, a reaction force (BATTALION) from 2d Battalion, 4th Marines was lifted by helo from LZ vic YD 320490. Armed UH1's escorting the troop lift received small arms fire and covered the LZ area with a heavy volume of machine gun and rocket fire. At 151447H, BATTALION touched down at YD 273534 and commenced movement toward recon insert. NVA/VC were taken under fire and assaulted, but broke contact and fled. At 151530H, BATTALION linked up with recon insert and returned by foot march to the 2/4 CL, YD 310549.

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(2) At 151000H, vic YD 286544, Marine tripped M-26 grenade rigged as a mine. Result, one USMC KIA, two USMC KIA Medevac.

(3) At 152223H, the Quang Tri Combat Base received 50-60 rounds of incoming 82mm mortar fire. Puffball flashes were spotted, reported and recorded. At 152225H, commenced firing 50 cal machine gun at mortar flashes from tower in 1st Marines CP, YD 338508. At 152230H, commenced firing counter battery fire. A total of 541 artillery rounds fired. Casualties were two USMC KIA, twenty-nine USMC KIA Medevac and twelve USMC KIA minor. One CH-46 and three M-34's were damaged.

xx. During the period 16 December to 18 December 67, 1st Marines (A) (Rein) continued Operation CORDOBA, conducting extensive search and destroy operations and small unit IFF's and CI's and ambushes. 2/4 continued defense of the Quang Tri Combat Base and 1/1 remained OpCon to 9th Marines at Con Thien. 2/1 continued mission of Division Reserve. Operation "Mine Mind" continued, as well as the tactical/civil action operations in Nhai Le hamlet.

(1) At 161300H, vic YD 285528, elements of E/2/4 received small arms sniper fire from estimated VC squad, at a distance of 100 meters. Fire returned immediately and area searched. No evidence of VC casualties. Results, one USMC KIA Medevac.

(2) At 161525H, vic YD 286525, elements of E/2/4 received small arms fire from unknown number of VC. Fire was returned immediately, small arms and 60mm mortars. Area searched, no evidence of enemy casualties. Results, one USMC KIA Medevac.

(3) At 161730H, assumed OpCon Company E/2/4 from 1st Airborne Battalion changed OpCon to 2/4 at 161731H.

(4) At 171745H, vic YD 287542, elements of G/2/1 discovered parts of two MIA bodies, assorted military equipment and fresh blood trails. Investigation revealed that the body remnants and blood trails were result of H and I fires during the night of 16 December 67. Results, two MIA KIA confirmed.

(5) At 172100H, vic YD 299474, elements of G/2/1 searched a suspected VC dwelling. One male VC approximately 35 years old was found and apprehended and taken outside house to be interrogated by Kit Carson Scout. Man broke away and ran. Kit Carson Scout shot and killed him. Results, one VC KIA confirmed.

(6) At 180515H, vic YD 352479, Marine tripped M-26 grenade rigged as mine. Result, one Marine KIA Medevac.

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ss. During the period 19 through 20 December 1967: 1st Marines (-) (Rein) continued Operation CROCUS, conducting extensive combat and security patrols, LF's, CI's, and ambushes within the AC. 2/4 continued to provide security for the Quang Tri Combat Base and 1/1 remained OpCon to 9th Marines at Con Thien. 2/1 continued mission of Division Reserve. Operation "Tine Find" continued and the tactical/civil action operations continued in the hamlet of Nhu Le. 1st Marines (-) (Rein) commenced a second tactical/civil action/Psy Ops operation similar to Nhu Le in the hamlets of Than Nhon Bieu, YD 315505 and Than An Don, YD 326514.

(1) Commencing 190900H, 2d Battalion, 4th Marines established one rifle company in a combat patrol base in the vicinity of Than Nhon Bieu (2) hamlet YD 315505 and Than An Don hamlet YD 326514. These areas were VC dominated and the enemy operated freely in these hamlets. The mortar attack on Quang Tri Combat Base on 15 December 67 originated from this area. Extensive search and destroy operations have commenced and will be continued throughout the area. Additionally, in conjunction with these tactical operations, an extensive civil affairs/PsyOps program was commenced with the goal of returning the citizens of these hamlets to a pro GVN attitude.

(2) At 200900H, vic YD 305495, elements of B/2/4 received small arms sniper fire from unknown number of VC. Fire returned immediately, small arms and artillery. Area searched, no sign of VC casualties. Result, three USMC KIA Medevac.

(3) At 200915H, vic YD 305495, elements B/2/4 received heavy volume of small arms harassing fire from unknown number of VC small arms fire returned immediately, and arty missions fired. Area searched, no evidence of VC casualties. Result, three USMC KIA Medevac.

(4) At 201350H, vic YD 309501, elements of B/2/4 received eight rounds small arms sniper fire. Fire returned immediately, area searched. No evidence of VC casualties. Result one USMC KIA Medevac.

tt. 21 December 67: 1st Marines (-) (Rein) continued Operation CROCUS, conducting extensive combat patrols, CI's, LF's and ambushes within the AC. 2/1 continued mission Division Reserve. 2/4 continued defense of the Quang Tri Combat Base and 1/1 remained OpCon to 9th Marines at Con Thien. Tactical/civil affairs operations continued in the hamlet of Nhu Le, Than Nhon Bieu and Than An Don.

(1): At 210730H, vic YD 354473, Marine detonated a Z-10 mine, resulting in one USMC KIA Medevac.

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(2) At 210755H, vic YD 277519, elements of H/2/4 received 30 rounds small arms fire from estimated VC squad at YD 276518. Fire returned immediately with small arms, 60mm mortars and artillery. Area searched with negative evidence of VC casualties. Results, one USMC KIA.

(3) At 210945H, vic YD 349472, Marine detonated pressure type mine of unknown type. Result, one USMC KIA minor.

(4) At 211400H, vic YD 283523, elements of H/2/4 while pursuing a VC sniper, received a heavy volume of automatic weapons fire from estimated VC platoon at YD 282524. Fire returned immediately with small arms, mortars and artillery and a platoon, supported by ortos maneuvered in attempt to seal off and destroy the VC. VC broke contact and fled. Area searched with negative evidence of enemy casualties. Results, one USMC KIA, five USMC MIA Medevac.

(5) At 212400H, 2/4 assumed mission of Division Reserve from 2/1. 2/1 continues preparations to relieve 1/1 at Con Thien.

un. During the period 22 through 25 December 67: 1st Marines (-) (Rein) continued Operation CROCIDA, conducting extensive combat patrols, ambushes, IP's and OP's within the AO. 2/1 relieved 1/1 at Con Thien and chopped OpCon to 9th Marines. 2/4 continued to provide security for the Quang Tri combat Base and continued mission of Division Reserve. The tactical/civil action operations in Nhu Le, Than Phien Bieu and Than Phien Don continued. 1st Marines (-) (Rein) observed the Christmas cease fire from 241800H to 251800H.

(1) At 221045H, Command Group and Companies B and F. 2/1 displaced from the 1st Marines AO via truck convoy in connection with relief of 1/1 at Con Thien. OpCon of 2/1 chopped to 9th Marines at 221100H.

(2) At 220900H, vic YD 299499, elements of B/2/4 observed seven armed VC several hundred meters away and immediately took them under fire. Area swept and searched with negative sign of VC casualties. Result two USMC MIA Medevac.

(3) At 220915H, vic YD 298482, elements of B/2/4 observed four VC and took them under fire and swept area immediately. Apprehended one female armed with sub machine gun and one male armed with an AK-47. Both weapons and detainees turned over to Regimental A-2.

(4) At 221630H, assumed OpCon elements of FTS Company. 1/1 and Companies B and C. Units arrived in 1st Marines area of operations at 221655H and established CJ at YD 334496.

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(5) At 240330H, vic YD 305479, elements of C/1/1 observed boat in river with six passengers. Boat and occupants taken under fire immediately with small arms and M-79 fire, observed through starlight scope. Boat destroyed and four occupants were observed sinking with the boat. Two remaining occupants were observed on river bank dragging each other away. Area searched at first light, large blood pools and drag marks found on the river bank. Results, four VC KIA Confirmed.

(6) At 231030H, Companies G and H, 2/1 displaced from 1st Marines AO by truck convoy in connection with relief of 1/1 at Con Thien.

(7) At 231620H, remainder of USMC Company 1/1 and Companies A and B arrived in 1st Marines AO from Con Thien. Assumed OpCon 231620H.

(8) At 232040H, vic YD 314477, elements of C/1/1 received 25 rounds small arms fire from unknown number of VC 100 meters to the north. Fire returned immediately and area searched. No sign of enemy casualties. Result, one USMC KIA Minor.

(9) At 241010H, vic YD 295525, elements of H/2/4 received 20 rounds of small arms sniper fire. Fire returned immediately and area searched. Discovered two VC KIA Confirmed and blood trails and drag marks indicating additional VC casualties. Recovered one AK-47 and one model 98 German Hauser.

vv. During the period 26-27 December 69: 1st Marines (-) (Rein) continued Operation OCEANO, conducting extensive search and destroy operations, and small unit C's, I's and ambushes within the AO. 2/1 remained OpCon to 9th Marines at Con Thien. 2/4 continued mission of Division Reserve and continued to provide security for the Quang Tri Combat Base. The tactical/civil action operations in Phu Le, Than Hahn Bieu and Than An Don continued. Operation "Fine Find" continued.

(1) At 260800H, Regimental civil affairs and PsyOps personnel succeeded in reinstating the hamlet chiefs and elders in the hamlets of Huan Bieu and An Don. Redcaps were begun and older council meetings established.

(2) At 272115H, vic YD 312504, elements of H/2/4 received 50 rounds of automatic weapons fire and two grenades from unknown number of VC located 100 meters away. Fire returned immediately and area searched. No evidence of VC casualties. Result three USMC KIA Minor.

(3) At 272220H, vic YD 292477, elements of C/1/1 observed six VC in boat moving northeast toward Quang Tri challenged boat with negative results. Opened fire with small arms and M-79 fire. Boat destroyed and four bodies observed sinking. Result, four VC KIA Confirmed.

ww. During the period 28 through 31 December 67: 1st Marines (-) (Rein) continued Operation GOCBIA, conducting extensive search and destroy operations, and small unit C's, E's and ambushes within the AC. 2/1 remained on to 9th Marines at Cam Chien. 2/4 continued mission Division Reserve and continued to provide security for the young Tri Combat Base. 1st Paratro chopped OpCon two companies 1/1 in support of 4th Marines operation 28 to 31 December, and commenced observance of the New Years Truce at 311800H. Operation "Line Find" and the tactical/civil affairs operations in Phu Ua, Phan Bieu and An Don continued.

(1) At 280145H, vicinity YD 293476, elements of C/1/1 observed a boat with five occupants moving down the river. Challenged boat twice with negative results. Opened fire with small arms and M-79. Boat hit and destroyed, four bodies and boat observed sinking. Result, four VC KIA confirmed.

(2) At 230715H, vic YD 349715, Marine detonated M-10 mine. Result, two USMC KIA Medevac.

(3) At 280800H, chopped OpCon Companies B and D, 1/1 to 4th Marines. Helolifted Companies B and D to Camp Evans at 280845H in support of 4th Marines operation.

(4) At 291300H assumed OpCon 1/3 (-) with Command Group and Companies B and D, in connection with relief of 2/4.

(5) At 300945H, vic YD 280537, elements of G/2/4 received 30 rounds automatic weapons fire. Fire returned immediately and searched area with negative evidence of VC casualties. Result one USMC KIA Medevac.

(6) At 311400H, assumed OpCon Companies B and D, 1/1 from 4th Marines chopped to 1/1 at 311401H.

(7) At 311800H, 1/1 assumed mission of Division Reserve from 2/4 and 1st Marines (-) (Rein) commenced observance of the New Year's cease fire.

(8) As of 312400H, the tactical/civil action operations in Phan Bieu and An Don continued to show success. Local government has been established in each hamlet, and elder council meetings have been held. No contacts have been made with VC elements in and around the hamlets since 24 December 67. Redcap response had increased from 50 on 26 December to 300 on 29 December, and there has been one instance wherein a hamlet turned three VC explosive devices over to Marines. The operations temporarily suspended this date due to the pending displacement of 2/4 and back of one rifle company from 1/3.

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(9) As of 312400H the tactical/civil action operations in Phu Le continue, and extensive search and aerial broadcasts continue. During the period 22-31 December 67 no less than six boats, carrying VC attempting to flee the pocket during hours of darkness were observed, and attacked, resulting in nine VC KIA Confirmed. This activity occurred after several weeks of relative inactivity. It is considered that the VC became desperate at the continued presence of Marines and were attempting to extricate themselves.

(10) Operation "Line Find" continues. As of 312400H, explosive devices recovered by Marines number over 300. Devices recovered by civilians total 370.

xx. 01 January 68: 1st Marines (-) (Rein) continued Operation CSORGLA, conducting small unit C's, L's, ambushes and security patrols as defensive measures during the cease fire. 2/4 continued to provide security for the Quang Tri Combat Base, until 011200H, when relieved by 1/3. 1/1 continued mission Division Reserve. 2/1 remained OpCon to 9th Marines at Con Thien. Operation "Line Find" continued as well as the tactical/civil action operations in Phu Le. 1st Marines continued to observe the New Year's cease fire.

(1) At 011200H, assumed OpCon of Company A/1/3 and changed to 1/3. 1/3 assumed mission of 2/4 and commenced providing security for the Quang Tri Combat Base. 2/4 remained at YD 310549 awaiting transportation to board amphibious shipping.

(2) At 011830H, via YD 334496, Marine detected two ChiCom grenades rigged as a mine. Result, two USMC KIA Redevac.

yy. During the period 02 through 04 January 68: 1st Marines (-) (Rein) continued Operation CSORGLA, conducting extensive search and destroy operations throughout the AC, and small unit C's, L's and ambushes, upon termination of the cease fire at 020600H. 1/3 continued to provide security for the Quang Tri Combat Base. 1/1 continued mission of Division Reserve and 2/1 remained OpCon to 9th Marines at Con Thien. 2/4 continued to await transportation to board amphibious shipping. Operation "Line Find" and the tactical/civil action operation in Phu Le.

(1) At 020600H, changed OpCon of 2/4 to CG 3d MarDiv.

(2) At 021020H, via YD 281471, elements of C/1/1 observed thirteen VC in green uniforms, with packs and cartridge belt. Snipers took VC under fire and artillery mission called with excellent coverage of target. Search of area indicated one VC KIA Confirmed.

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(3) At 030840H, vic YD 355460, Marine detonated unknown type explosive device rigged as a mine. Result, one USMC KIA Redevac.

(4) At 031510H, vic YD 358469, Marine detonated unknown type explosive device rigged as a mine. Result, one USMC KIA Redevac.

(5) At 040830H, vic YD 354471, Marine detonated M-26 grenade rigged as mine. Result, one USMC KIA Redevac.

(6) At 041415H, vic YD 262523, recon team in support of 1st Marines observed twelve NVA. Took NVA under fire immediately with small arms. Area searched. Results two NVA KIA Confirmed, two AK-47's and one pistol recovered along with two grenades, one pair binoculars, and miscellaneous items of clothing and equipment.

zz. 05 January 68; 1st Marines (-) (Rein) continued Operation CACOLA, conducting extensive search and destroy operations and small unit CP's, L's and ambushes within the AO. 1/1 continued mission of Division Reserve, 2/1 remained OpCon 9th Marines at Con Thien and 1/3 continued to provide security for the Quang Tri Combat Base. Operation "Mine Find" continued, and the operations in Nhu Le continued. The tactical/civil action operations in An Don and Nhan Bieu were reestablished.

(1) Commencing 050800H, elements of 1/3 with two platoons and Command Group and one RF platoon from Mai Linh District Headquarters moved into the area of Nhan Bieu and An Don hamlet to establish a combat patrol base and reestablish the extensive tactical/foxOps operations that were terminated 31 December 67. After link up with the RF platoon, hamlet chiefs and elders. The provisional company moved to its CP location, YD 315505 and commenced operations.

(2) At 051250H, vic YD 300508, elements of B/1/3 received heavy automatic weapons fire from estimated VC squad at YD 293508. Fire returned immediately and area searched. Results, one USMC KIA Redevac, one VC KIA Confirmed. One AK-47 and miscellaneous items of clothing were recovered.

aaa. During the period 06 through 08 January 68, 1st Marines (-) (Rein) continued to conduct Operation CACOLA, conducting extensive combat patrols, search and destroy operations and small unit CP's, L's and ambushes within the AO. 1/1 continued mission Division Reserve, 2/1 remained OpCon 9th Marines at Con Thien and 1/3 continued to provide security for the Quang Tri combat Base. Operation "Mine Find" and the tactical/civil action operations in Nhu Le, Nhan Bieu and An Don continued. 1st Marines finalized plans and preparations for commencement of displacement to Camp Evans in support of Operation CACOLA.

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(1) At 071440H, vic YD 293470, Marine detonated a explosive device of unknown type. Result, one USMC KIA Medevac.

(2) At 080350H, vic YD 313479, Marine detonated ChiCom grenade rigged as a mine. Result, one USMC KIA Medevac.

(3) At 081645H, vic YD 349462, Marine tripped I-26 grenade rigged as mine. Results one USMC KIA Minor.

bbb. During the period 09 through 11 January 68: 1st Marines (-) (Rein) continued Operations CURETOL, conducting extensive combat patrols, search and destroy operations and small unit (4's, 12's and ambushes within the AO. 1st Marines commenced the initial movement of elements to Camp Evans in connection with Operation CURETOL. 1/1 continued mission Division Reserve. 2/1 remained CpCom 9th Marines at Con Thien and 1/3 continued to provide security for the Quang Tri Combat Base. Operation "Fine Mind" and the tactical/civil action operations in Huu Lo, Phan Bieu and An Son continued.

(1) At 090800H, initial elements of 1st Marines (-) (Rein) displaced from La Vang to Camp Evans in connection with Operation CURETOL.

(2) At 091700H, vic YD 299476, elements of C/1/1 observed five NV at YD 299481. Scout Sniper took NVA under fire immediately and 81mm mortar mission called. Sniper hit one NVA twice and saw him fall. Two other NVA were hit directly by 81mm mortar round and were blown into the air. Secondary explosion was also observed. Results, three NVA KIA Confirmed.

(3) At 100940H, vic YD 284523, Marine detonated 105mm M1 round rigged as mine with pressure type detonator. Result, one Marine KIA Medevac.

(4) At 101025H, vic YD 275526, elements of B/1/3 received 30 rounds automatic weapons fire from YD 275526. Fire returned immediately with small arms and artillery. Area searched, no sign of enemy casualties. Result, two USMC KIA Medevac.

(5) At 111430H, vic YD 296474, elements of C/1/1, observed six VC wearing camouflage utilities moving in brush at YD 300407. Scout Snipers took VC under fire with M-700. Observed one VC drop. Result one VC KIA Confirmed.

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ccc. During the period 12 through 19 January 68: 1st Marines (-) (Rein) continued Operation CHECKERS, conducting extensive platoon and company size search and destroy operations and small unit CF's, LP's and ambushes within the AO. 1/1 continued mission of Division Reserve. 2/1 remained OpCon to 3rd Marines at Con Thien and 1/3 continued to provide security for the Quang Tri Combat Base. Operation "Mine Find" and the tactical/civil action operations in Phu Le, Nam Phu and An Don continued. Plans, preparations and movement of elements of 1st Marines (-) (Rein) to Camp Evans continued, in connection with Operation CHECKERS.

(1) At 121215H, vic YD 350402, elements of A/1/1 observed six VC with weapons moving south. Called fire mission and took enemy under fire immediately with small arms fire. Area searched, Result, two VC KIA Confirmed and one AK-47 recovered.

(2) At 121300H, vic YD 224447, recon insert in support of 1st Marines observed two VC with weapons, to their rear. Opened fire with small arms immediately. Result, one VC KIA Confirmed, one AK-47 recovered. On USMC WIA Minor.

(3) At 121510H, vic YD 354461, Marine detonated $\frac{1}{2}$ lb block of TNT rigged as a mine. Result one USMC WIA Medevac.

(4) At 131640H, vic YD 285524, Marine detonated unknown type explosive device rigged as a mine. Result, one USMC WIA Medevac.

(5) At 131815H, vic YD 279518, Marine detonated M-26 grenade rigged as a mine. Result, two USMC WIA Medevac.

(6) At 141235H, vic YD 274545, elements of B/1/3 received 25 rounds small arms fire from estimated VC squad at YD 275542. Result, one USMC WIA Medevac.

(7) At 151930H, vic YD 295471, Marine detonated unknown type explosive device rigged as a mine. Result, three USMC WIA Medevac.

(8) At 152050H, vic YD 030478, elements of B/1/1 observed boat with two occupants moving south on river. Opened fire with small arms and M-79 rounds. Boat destroyed and two bodies observed sinking with debris. Result, two VC KIA Confirmed.

(9) At 160945H, vic YD 299455, elements of C/1/1 observed two VC at YD 299454. Small arms fired. Area searched. Result, two VC KIA confirmed and one carbine recovered.

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(10) At 181730H, vic YD 292472, elements of C/1/1 encountered twelve NVA dressed in khaki uniforms and carrying packs. Opened fire with small arms and swept area. Result, one NVA KIA Confirmed and one PPS Submachine gun recovered.

(11) At 181825H, vic YD 297476, elements of C/1/1 observed ten VC in open and opened fire with small arms, M-79 and 60mm mortars. Area searched. Result, one NVA KIA Confirmed.

(12) At 191600H, vic YD 300550 elements of A/1/3 received heavy volume of small arms fire. Fire returned immediately with small arms and 60mm mortars. Area searched with negative sign of VC casualties. Result, one USMC WIA Medovac.

(13) At 191630H, vic YD 309550, elements of A/1/3 received heavy volume of small arms fire from unknown number of VC. Returned fire immediately. Artillery mission fired. Searched area with negative evidence of enemy casualties. Result, one USMC WIA Medovac.

(14) At 191835H, vic YD 308559, elements of A/1/3 received small arms fire resulting in one USMC WIA Medovac. Fire returned immediately and area searched. Negative evidence of enemy casualties.

ddd. 20 January 68: 1st Marines (-) (Rein) continued Operation OSCEOLA, and continued plans and preparations for completion of displacement to Camp Evans and for turnover of the Quang Tri AO to 3d Marines in connection with Operation CHECKERS. 1/1 continued mission of Division Reserve, 2/1 remained OpCon to 9th Marines at Con Thien and 1/3 continued to provide security for the Quang Tri Combat Base. Operation "Mine Find" continued and the tactical/civil action operations in Nhu Le, An Don and Nhan Bieu continued.

(1) At 200940H, 1st Marines (-) (Rein) completed displacement from Quang Tri to Camp Evans. Command Post at YD 338508 was closed and new CP at YD 536320 Camp Evans was opened. 1st Marines assumed responsibility for the NEOSHO area of operations from 4th Marines, assumed OpCon of 1/9 and chopped OpCon of 1/1 and 1/3 to 3d Marines at Quang Tri. 3d Marines assumed responsibility for OSCEOLA area of operations.

(2) During the period 200941H to 202400H, 1st Marines conducted operations in the NEOSHO area of operations coordinating with 3d Marines for the conduct and completion of Operation OSCEOLA.

(3) At 202400H, Operation OSCEOLA terminated in accordance with CG, 3d Marine Division message 180508Z Jan 68.

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(4) Operation "Mine Find" in the OSCEOLA area of operations terminated with the operation at 202400H. Results of this two pronged program were as follows. 377 pieces of ordnance, rigged as mines, were found by landmines. Ordnance recovered through civilians sources numbered 370 pieces. Break down is as follows:

M-26 Grenades	46
ChiCom Grenade	6
M-2 Grenade	1
17mm Grenade	7
20 Mine	1
2-40 Mine	4
Claymore Mine	1
Trap Flare	13
M-79 Rounds	108
60mm Mortar Rounds	47
81mm Mortar Rounds	85
57mm RR Round	3
75mm How Round	1
105mm Round	19
4.2 Mortar Round	1
82mm Mortar Round	1
Claymore Detonating Device	3
Plastic Mines	9
155mm Round	1
3.5 Rocket Round	4
Flare Rocket Casing	1
40mm Duster Round	1
M-16 Mine	1
LMW	1

The overall results of Operation "Mine Find" in the OSCEOLA area of operation indicated a complete success for the program.

10. Results

a. USMC Personnel Losses

KIA:	17
WIA (Medevac):	162
WIA (Minor):	37
MIA:	0

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b. Enemy Losses

AVA KIA:	14
VC KIA:	61
Detainees:	179
POW, NVA:	3
POW, VC:	1
Civilian Defendants:	0
Innocent Civilians:	132
Individual Weapons	
Captured:	32

c. Air Strikes/Artillery Missions. In those instances wherein close air support was utilized by 1st Marines, surveillance of the area was conducted immediately. However, approximately 6 percent of artillery missions were fired without surveillance due primarily to water barriers and the missions of units involved.

11. Administrative Matters

a. Supply. The supply situation during the course of the operation was adequate. FLSG-B, Dong Ha was our source of supply during the operation. The stockpile of Class I and V at the LSA was reduced to a bare minimum and only built up at temporary intervals for the support of helicopterborne operations.

b. Maintenance. Monsoon rains and the lack of adequate maintenance facilities, ie. hardstands, hampered the 1st and 2d echelon maintenance program. 3d echelon maintenance for motor transport was good because of the cannibalization program at FLSG-B. General supply maintenance was adequate but often equipment evacuated to Da Nang was slow being returned.

c. Casualty Reporting. No problems were encountered in the actual treatment of casualties, their evacuation and/or hospitalization. However, problems were encountered in the reporting of casualties to the 3d Marine Division Casualty Reporting Control Center (CRCC). Failure to submit timely casualty reports and follow up administrative matters was due to the locations of the echelons involved and the overload on telephone communications. This was kept to a minimum by assigning personnel on a temporary duty basis to major points of hospitalization to obtain first hand information and relay it to the administrative echelon responsible for completing casualty reports.

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d. Communications

(1) General. Communications for Operation OSCEOLA was controlled at all times from the Regimental Command Post at La Vang. Communications included sufficient redundancy such that communications were always maintained even though a specific circuit was temporarily out. The direction for Regimental Communication for tactical operations was provided by the Regimental COI (Regt O 02000.1).

(a) Wire and Radio Relay linking telephone subscribers within the 1st Marines (-) (Rein) with each other and with the following trunk circuits available directly from the 1st Marines switchboard:

1st Marine Division (AN/TRC-97)
 3d Marine Division (AN/MRC-62)
 Dong Ha Combat Base (AN/MRC-62)
 Marine Quang Tri Airfield (AN/TRC-27)
 MACV Advisor Compound, Quang Tri (Landlines)

(b) Message center operations were enhanced by direct 60 wpm half-duple, teletype circuits to both 1st Marine Division Headquarters and to 3d Marine Division Headquarters. A substantial degradation of service was noted in teletype communications with 3d Marine Division during the period 1 to 29 January, while the Division CP was moving from Phu Bai to Dong Ha. This degradation appeared to be attributable to insufficient teletypewriter assets at Division available to displace the CP, and resulted in several courier pickups of messages, some of which required action by the 1st Marines prior to the time of courier delivery of the message assigning the task. The regiment provided comm guard for all organic organizations plus five attached companies and the D/S Artillery Battalion, 1/11.

(c) Radio nets operated by the 1st Marines Headquarters were as follows:

3d Marine Division Tactical Net #2 (FM KY-8 secure speech)
 1st Marines Tactical Net #1 (FM)
 1st Marines Tactical Net #2 (FM KY-8 secure speech)
 Rough Rider Convoy Control (FM)
 Rough Rider Convoy Control (HF)
 1st Marine Division RATT Test (HF)
 TACP Local (FM)
 HD/TAR #4 (FM)
 TAD (UHF)

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12. Special Equipment and Techniques

a. Operation "Mine Find" as chronicled in paragraph 9, above, was a most effective means of combating a most effective enemy weapon, explosive devices utilized as mines. Combining the full resources of tactical operations as well as civil action and psychological operations provided the desired results of rendering this enemy weapon virtually ineffective and drastically reducing the number of Marine casualties incurred as a result of mines.

b. The planned and programmed tactical, civil action and psychological operations in the hamlets of Nhu Le, Nhan Bieu and An Don proved the effectiveness of these efforts when combined and coordinated in combatting the insurgent Viet Cong and in accomplishing the desired results of destroying the Viet Cong forces, cutting him off from the people and fostering pro GVN as well as local government attitude among the Vietnamese people.

c. The 1st Marines utilized reconnaissance insert teams to a maximum extent throughout its AO, and found this to be a very effective means of monitoring, interdicting and disrupting enemy movement when organic forces were involved in operations elsewhere within or without the AO. The inserts were also used as flanking screens on battalion and larger size operations and proved effective as screening forces.

d. The 1st Marines insisted on a heavy training program in Counter Mortar firing for its direct support artillery. Constant drills were held both day and night. As a result, when the Quang Tri Combat Base was mortared on the night of 15 December 1967, the one occasion of mortaring during the conduct of OSCEOLA, artillery missions were on the guns, cleared and firing within moments after mortar flashes were observed. The heavy training had accomplished its purpose.

13. Commander's Analysis

a. Comment. As outlined in this report, the combined tactical/civic action and PsyOps operations in Nhu Le, Nhan Bieu and An Don hamlets, pooled the available assets of the command into a concentrated effort to deny the enemy access to these hamlets, or their use as harbor/storage sites, to foster pro-GVN attitudes among the Vietnamese and to further the GVN pacification program in a concrete way. The steps involved in this program are highlighted below.

(1) Troop experience and intelligence garnered from local MACV sources clearly marked the hamlets in question as VC hamlets - rest stations, storage and harbor sites, with strong VC infrastructures.

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(2) Based upon this information, coordinated unilateral operations were conducted with 1st ARVN Division and Provincial forces to cordon off and search the hamlets, making maximum utilization of surprise prior to cordon, and maximum use of PsyOps air leaflet drops and broadcasts prior to search.

(3) Upon completion of the coordinated search operations, Marine units established company patrol bases within the hamlets and conducted extensive search and destroy operations and ambushes within and around the hamlet area. These operations saw a marked decrease in enemy initiated contacts within a very short period of time.

(4) Continuous aerial leaflet drops and broadcasts, coupled with extensive use of Armed Propaganda Teams, made available to the tactical units, were made in an effort to educate the Vietnamese civilians as to the reasons for the presence of Marines, and the benefits of the GVN.

(5) When the point of "no contact" with VC forces was reached, civil affairs and PsyOps personnel, working through Province Headquarters arranged for return of Hamlet chiefs and elders to their respective hamlets. Local government was started, elder meetings held and the civilians became more prone to believe the material being purported by PsyOps personnel.

(6) Civil affairs personnel commenced MedCap and DentCap programs and program of self help for the hamlets. MedCap response multiplied greatly in the matter of a few days. Marines, hamlet chiefs and elders were accepted by the hamlets.

Recommendations. The program outlined above proved successful to the 1st Marines in stamping out VC activity and furthering the pacification plans of the GVN in three hamlets that had previously been totally VC dominated. Such a program, simply designed and effectively carried out could be considered by all units facing the same problems as 1st Marines experienced in Quang Tri.

b. Comments

(1) Operation "Mine Find" was initiated by the 1st Marines on 4 November, with the idea in mind that Marines searching only for mines and not conducting concurrent operations to destroy enemy forces, would discover more of these weapons and suffer less casualties as a result. Small areas of 1000 meters square were assigned to one rifle company reinforced with all the Regiment's available engineer mine detector assets. The company established security positions around the "Sweep Area" to allow searching units to operate with full concentration on locating mines.

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(2) On 12 November the program was bolstered by a dual incentive program.

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(b) Civilian - An extensive PsyOps program was initiated, again in support of tactical operations. In a joint intelligence operations, civil affairs effort a concentrated program of aerial broadcasts, leaflet drops and "advertising" during medcaps was initiated to induce the local populace to turn in explosive devices and ordnance for financial reward.

(3) The program was successful - both from the military and the civilian mine rewards aspects. Combining the full resources of tactical operations and civil affairs/psychological operations provided the desired results of rendering a most effective enemy weapon virtually ineffective and drastically reduced the number of Marine casualties incurred as a result of mines.

Recommendation. That units encountering a large enemy mining effort within their area of operations adopt a program similar to that outlined above.

c. Comment. Upon initially arriving in the Quang Tri area, the 1st Marines encountered very evident dislike from the local Buddhists. The 1st Marines were said to be partial toward Catholics and anti-Buddhist, and innumerable problems were foreseen in this area. However, through a continuing, persistent program of being firm, fair, courteous and impartial, 1st Marines were able to win over the Buddhists - even in the face of two serious incidents caused by Marines desecrating Buddhist temples. We were accepted as friends both of the Buddhists and Catholics - and were not labeled as being for one and against the other. It took an all hands effort but paid off in our relationships with the Buddhists.

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To counter this problem, liaison personnel were assigned to the ARVN firing batteries, and "hot line" communications established, thereby allowing 1st Marines an opportunity to get immediate information on ARVN Fire Missions and H and I fires in order to broadcast the SAV-A-PLANE information. This system of "hot lines" and liaison officers at the firing batteries and the 1st ARVN Regimental Headquarters also cut down the time required to obtain ground clearance for fire missions.

Recommendations. That Marine Units encountering the same problem as 1st Marines, ie, not knowing where adjacent ARVN artillery units are firing, establish liaison procedures similar to those outlined above.

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G-1 George E. Jerns (signature) RSNCOMMENTS: Details of a disagreement on tactics and the decision of the
ADC could have well been omitted or written less specifically.G-2 H. B. Knight (signature)COMMENTS: No significant observations

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COMMENTS: Rec'd 17 April 68 @ The Problem of Supply P 13
were all internal. Unit Supply did not have accurate
stock records or requisitions. Problem was later resolved
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COMMENTS: See attached sheet

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