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COMMAND CERONOLOGY

1 March through 31 March 1966

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PART I

1. Reporting Unit: 1st Battalion, 1st Marines
2. Command Post: PHU BAI, RVN, Coordinates (YD 810156).
3. Period Covered: 1 March - 31 March 1966
4. Date of Submission: 3 April 1966
5. Average Monthly Strength:

	USMC	USN
Officers	31	3
Enlisted	922	53

6. Commanding Officer: LtCol H. A. HATCH
7. Principal Staff:

S-1	1stSgt E. B. MCGINNIS
S-2	1st Lt. B. F. X. AHEARN
S-3	Maj F. S. JOHNSON
S-4	Capt D. L. CARTWRIGHT
CommO	Capt H. M. GRIFFIN

8. Subordinate Units:

Co A	Capt M. E. P DOMINGUEZ
Co B	Capt J. J. ORVATIS
Co C	Capt R. G. NEAL
Co D	Capt J. C. TULLY
H&S Co	Capt H. M. GRIFFIN

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9. Mission Assigned. 1st Bn, 1st Marines conducts aggressive patrolling and ambushing within its TAOR, to locate, fix, and destroy enemy forces and materiel in the area; and conducts unilateral and/or combined operations with US and/or RVN forces beyond the boundaries of the TAOR. Concurrently, the battalion conducts operations in a manner to strengthen support of the civilian population for Marine and GVN efforts.

10. Background.

a. On 1 March, the battalion (-) was placed in 3d Marine Division reserve. Its area of routine operation was limited to that immediately surrounding DA NANG (MARBLE MOUNTAIN) cantonment area which housed it, with the anticipation that the battalion would be maintained in a high state of readiness for rapid employment as directed by the Commanding General, 3d Marine Division. One rifle company was detached and placed under OPCON of the Commanding Officer, 3d Marines, for employment in a similar fashion.

b. Within four hours of its assumption of this status, deployment of the battalion began. Within two days, elements of the battalion were committed in both the HUE-PAU BAI and CHU LAI enclaves.

c. By mid-month, the battalion (still minus the rifle company OPCON 3d Marines) had reassembled at PHU BAI, and commenced daily operations within an assigned TAOR. Since the battalion was not directly involved in the defense of a vital installation, its units were called upon, on several occasions during the remainder of the month, to demonstrate readiness for rapid employment outside of the assigned TAOR. Only one rifle company was actually committed to a combat operation outside the TAOR during this period, although two rifle companies and a battalion command group, on another occasion, moved to the PHU BAI airfield to stand by for airlift to CHU LAI.

d. For approximately ten days, while Co K, 3d Bn, 3d Marines was placed under OPCON of the battalion, the TAOR was divided into four company-sized areas of responsibility. It was re-divided into three AOR's when Co K was returned to its parent organization in the DA NANG enclave. All "semi-permanent" facilities were maintained in the vicinity of the battalion command post,

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to permit maximum freedom of movement for each company within its assigned area. Companies were rotated within the TAOR periodically, to increase overall familiarity with the terrain and to equalize use of the facilities located at the battalion command post.

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1. PERSONNEL

a. Replacements. During this reporting period, the battalion received the following personnel as replacements.

(1) Officers	0
(2) Enlisted	57

b. Rotation. The following number of personnel were rotated to CONUS.

(1) Officers	•
(2) Enlisted	27
(3) USN Enlisted	2

c. Personnel lost through attrition other than rotation.

(1) WIA	7
(2) WIA NE	2
(3) KIA	1
(4) Died Non Battle	1
(5) USMC Non Battle Casualty	5
(6) USN Non Battle Casualty	3
(7) Unsuitability Discharge	1
(8) Inter Division Transfer	8

d. R&R. The following number of personnel were assigned R&R quotas to the locations indicated.

(1) Hong Kong	3
(2) Saigon	4
(3) Tokyo	2

e. Special Services. The following items were received from Division Special Services.

(1) Popcorn popper	1
(2) Game kits	18
(3) Decks of playing cards	250
(4) Dart Games	10
(5) Football games	7
(6) Swoft Socks (pair)	30
(7) Softballs (doz)	4

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2. ADMINISTRATION.

a. Personnel Accounting. Orders on personnel rotating to CONUS are not being received. Of a total of 84 personnel rotating to CONUS in April only 4 sets of orders have been received as of this date.

b. Awards.

(1) The following awards were processed and forwarded to higher headquarters for action.

(a) Silver Star	4
(b) Bronze Star	4
(c) Navy Commendation Medal	3

(2) 47 Purple Heart Awards were received by this command, and presented/forwarded to the personnel concerned.

(3) 1 Bronze Star Medal and 4 Navy Commendation Medals were presented.

(4) Nine persons were awarded meritorious mast.

c. Promotions. During this reporting period, the following promotions were effected.

(1) To Captain	1
(2) To Sergeant	17

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3. Intelligence.

a. Enemy situation at the beginning of the period. Upon arrival at the PHU BAI enclave, the 2d Battalion, 1st Marines was engaged with the 810th Viet Cong Battalion in the PHU THU District, northeast of the PHU BAI perimeter. The action resulted in 122 confirmed VC KIA and over seventy (70) individual and crew-served weapons captured. Periodic reports were received by G-2, 1st ARVN Division, indicating that VC Main Force units were deploying to the edge of the jungle area adjacent to the rice growing lowlands. Such a move indicates that the VC are preparing to conduct operations in the lowland area to procure a major part of the forthcoming rice harvest. A rallier report received during early March related that the 95th Regiment of the 325th North Vietnamese Division participated in the attack on ASHAU Special Forces Camp (Y0494834). The presence of the 95th Regiment of the 325th Division in the 11th DTA has not been confirmed. The possible presence of the 95th Regiment increases the number of regimental units to three. Listed below is the reported organization of the regimental units operating in THUA THIEN and QUANG TRI Provinces:

95th NVA Regiment (Probable)

4th Battalion
5th Battalion
6th Battalion

1st Provisional Viet Cong Regiment (Confirmed)

802d Battalion
804th Battalion
(1) Unidentified NVA Battalion

6th Provisional Viet Cong Regiment (Probable)

800th Battalion
806th Battalion
808th Battalion
812th Battalion (Unconfirmed)

b. Enemy initiated incidents during the period.

(1) Incidents reported during March are listed below and compared with February.

	<u>MARCH</u>	<u>FEBRUARY</u>
Engagements	6	4
Mine Incidents	22	41
Harassing Fire	5	33
Sniper Fire	1	2
Mortar Fire	1	
Ground Fire	2	

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(2) Enemy activity within the TAOR centered on the VI DA - VO XA Hamlet area located in GS's (YD7811) and (YD7810). These hamlets have long been known to be way-station areas for troops and supplies passing between the jungle area of NAM HOA District and the rice lands of HUONG THUY and PHU THU Districts to the northeast. The VC warning system in the village has enabled them to avoid contact with friendly forces operating in the area. Viet Cong suspects apprehended in the village have given extensive information concerning VC activity but to date this information has been of little use because of limited contact. In an attempt to discourage friendly troops from operating in the VI DA - VO XA area, the VC have utilized mines and booby traps. The VC in this area have not shown the sophistication in this type warfare that was common to VC forces in the DANANG enclave. This fact has enabled friendly forces to detect a greater number of mines/booby traps than in previous months. The following table compares mining incidents of February and March:

	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>
Total Mining Incidents	41	22
% of Mines Detected	50%	68%
No. of Casualties	40	8

(3) 2 March 1966, ARVN and Marine forces engaged the 810th VC Battalion in PHU THU District, northeast of the PHU BAI Critical area. This action resulted in over 120 VC KIA and in excess of 70 individual and crew-served weapons captured. After sustaining heavy casualties the 810th Battalion withdrew southeast to the vicinity of BICH MA Mountain (ZC619250)

(4) 9 March 1966, 1st ARVN Division reports that ASHAU Special Forces Camp (YC494834) was under mortar and ground attack by an estimated (2) VC Battalions. (2) North Vietnamese soldiers who rallied to the camp several days prior to the attack stated that the participating VC forces were elements of the 325th NVA Division, specifically the 95th Regiment. This report is unconfirmed. After three days of continual attack the camp was abandoned. The Viet Cong employed extensive anti-aircraft weapons along all approaches to the area in preparation to engage airborne reinforcements.

(5) 122003H, A Company ambush vicinity (YD790103) fired on (2) armed VC resulting in (1) possible WIA. During a search of the killing zone fire was exchanged with (3) additional VC with negative results. When the ambush pursued the fleeing VC, (1) VC was sighted and taken under fire on a foot bridge vicinity (YD791105). The search of the area continued and 4-5 VC were engaged in a hut vicinity (YD791105). The VC

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fled when fired on, leaving a M16-36 rifle, (4) ChiCom grenades, (1) M-26 grenade, ammunition and clothing behind. A search of the area revealed blood indicating 3-4 VC KIA.

(6) 131630H, a mine sweep team discovered (1) AT mine with a booster charge of 10 pounds of TNT at (YD815169). During the next two days (2) additional AT mines were found in the same area.

(7) 151915H, C Company observed (3) rounds incoming 60mm mortar fire at (YD794113). Charlie-6 believes the rounds came from the West and were directed at Charlie Company's old CP site.

(8) 211005H, a Marine 6X6 truck detonated an AT mine at (YD807-106) causing extensive damage to the right front of the vehicle. No casualties resulted from the incident.

(9) 22 March, 1st ARVN Division reports (1) VC Battalion dispersed at the following coordinates: (YD756068), (YD754064) and (YD753068). (C-3 rating).

(10) 231915H, Charlie - 2 ambush patrol received 8-10 rounds automatic carbine fire from (YD790099). Fire was returned with negative results.

(11) 282330H, Charlie - 3 patrol returning to its patrol base at (YD793107) surprised an estimated 15-20 VC. The patrol sighted the VC when it gave a prearranged signal to enter the base area. The VC reacted by throwing TNT charges at the Marines. The Marines returned fire and pursued the VC into a heavily vegetated area south of the base camp prior to losing contact. One USMC KIA and one WIA resulted. Blood and bandages found in the area of the incident revealed that the VC suffered an estimated one KIA and four WIA. The following equipment and weapons were captured: (1) M16-49 SIG; (3) 30 round magazines; (2) ChiCom grenades; (13) 1 pound blocks of TNT with fuzes; (1) ChiCom mine and 87 rounds of 9mm ammunition.

c. Summary of enemy casualties, captured, and equipment captured during the period.

(1) Viet Cong Losses (Personnel)

(a) KIA - 3 (probable)

(b) WIA - 9

WIA - 2 (possible)

(c) VCC - 0

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- (d) VCS - 25
- (2) Viet Cong Losses (Weapons)
 - (a) One M1S-36 rifle
 - (b) One MAT-49 SMG
- (3) Viet Cong Losses (Miscellaneous)
 - (a) Seventeen Man Traps
 - (b) Seventeen Maylayan Whips
 - (c) Seventy-seven Rounds 7.62 Ammunition
 - (d) Twelve Panjii Traps
 - (e) Seventeen AP Mine/Booby Traps
 - (f) Six AT Mines
 - (g) Seven ChiCom Grenades
 - (h) Two Cartridge Bolts
 - (i) Twenty Pounds TNT
 - (j) Two K-50 Magazines
 - (k) One Set Binoculars
 - (l) Five Fifty Foot Ropes
 - (m) One Fifty Foot Rope Ladder
 - (n) Eighty-seven Rounds 9mm Ammunition
 - (o) Thirteen One Pound TNT Charges With Fuzes
 - (p) One Tunnel

d. Significant trends noted during the period. Reports of enemy movements indicated that the Main Force VC units have deployed to the eastern edge of the jungle area. This move was anticipated because of the forthcoming rice harvest and the VC need for an abundance of rice to support present forces. The effectiveness of the VO XA - VI DA area as a way-station has been lost due to the continual operation of friendly forces in the area. To avoid contact with friendly forces the VC have withdrawn across the SONG TA TRACH River to the DINH MON area (YD7811).

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e. Enemy situation at the end of the period. During the latter part of the month VC forces avoided significant contact with friendly forces within the TAO. The VC have relied on harassing fire and the employment of explosive devices to inflict casualties on friendly units. Contact was made with a VC Battalion in HUONG DIEN District of THUA THIEN Province on 20 March. Interrogation of VCC revealed the VC unit to be the K-500 Battalion (unconfirmed) and the K-105 Company (confirmed Main Force). Another report stated that a VC Company had entered PHU THU District of THUA THIEN Province to recover weapons hidden by the 810th Battalion after it was engaged by ARVN and USMC units in early March. This is highly probable as few large caliber weapons, 81mm mortars and 57 recoilless rifles, were captured by friendly forces. Analysis of the present deployment of VC forces and reports indicate that Main Force VC units will enter the rice growing lowlands of THUA THIEN and QUANG TRI to procure rice.

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4. ~~Training~~. A combination of factors—the great amount of "field time" logged in by rifle companies within their respective AOR's and the unusually large amount of time spent by the battalion in deploying units or preparing for their deployment outside the TAOR—precluded formal training during the month. While they were in an "alert" status, rifle companies conducted informal classes in the general military subjects, with emphasis on map reading, compass work, and subjects most applicable to the current situation. Companies conducted "fam-firing" exercises for organic weapons within their AOR's when conditions permitted. Newly joined personnel continued to receive thorough indoctrination in those matters pertinent to combat in Vietnam—as they were processed through their respective company administrative echelons prior to joining their units in the field.

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5. Special Operations. Operation TROY (See After-Action Report 4-66--Part II: Supporting Documents).

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6. Nuclear, Biological, Chemical, and other Special Types of Warfare. None conducted during this reporting period.

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7. Command and Control.

a. At the close of the reporting period, the battalion was task organized as shown below:

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

H&S Co (-) (Rein)

H&S Co (-)
LmTm, Btry C, 12th Marines

Co A (Rein)

Co A
FO Tm, Btry C, 12th Marines
Det, Med Plat, H&S Co
Det, Comm Plat, H&S Co

Co B (Rein)

Co B
FO Tm, Btry C, 12th Marines
Sec, 81mm Mort Plat, H&S Co
Det Med Plat, H&S Co
Det Comm Plat, H&S Co

Co C (Rein)

Co C
FO Tm, Btry C, 12th Marines
Det, Comm Plat, H&S Co
Det, Med Plat, H&S Co

81mm Mort Plat (-)

106RR Plat

b. Command Posts

(1)	1st Bn, 1st Marines	(YD 810156)
(2)	H&S Co	(YD 810156)
(3)	Co A	(YD 810156)
(4)	Co B	(YD 822071)
(5)	Co C	(YD 793120)

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c. Attachments and Detachments.

(1) Attachments. The following units were placed under operational control of 1st Bn, 1st Marines for the periods indicated:

Co E 2d Bn, 1st Marines	2-3 March	(Operation TROY)
Co F 2d Bn, 9th Marines	2-3 March	(Operation TROY)
Co K 3d Bn, 3d Marines	3-24 March	

(2) Detachments.

(a) Co D remained under OPCON 3d Marines during the entire reporting period.

(b) A 40-man detachment from FES Co remained under OPCON 3d Bn, 9th Marines from 11 March through the end of the reporting period, to assist in security of the DA NANG (MARBLE MOUNTAIN) containment area.

d. Control.

(1) On two occasions during the reporting period, the battalion formed command groups A and B, in anticipation of operational commitments. Command group B was not committed outside of either battalion command post area.

(2) During operations within its TAOR, the battalion was controlled from a command bunker within the battalion command post area. Wire and radio were the means of communication must used.

e. Problem Areas. It was determined that additional support, in the form of artillery liaison personnel and air liaison personnel--with appropriate communications equipment--would be required if command groups A and B were to be deployed simultaneously.

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8. Communication-Electronics.

a. Wire. The battalion established its C. P. in the HUE/PHU BAI area on 12 March 1966. Wire communications were installed to all staff sections and key offices. Task Group Foxtrot installed two metallic trunk lines to the 1st Battalion 1st Marines.

b. Radio. On establishing the C. P., radio communications were established with Task Group Foxtrot on both HF and Fm. Fourth Marines assumed net control at 280800 March.

c. Radio Relay. None

d. Message Center/Teletype. From the time this was established until 28 March the message center operated without a transmitting and receiving section. All messages were delivered by courier to Task Group Foxtrot. On 28 March a covered circuit was established with the Fourth Marines. This circuit is superimposed over land line.

e. Maintenance and Supply. Normal operations.

f. Problems Encountered. None

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9. Close Combata. Operations Conducted

<u>SIZE</u>	<u>SEARCH&CLEAR</u>	<u>PATROLS</u>	<u>AMBUSHES</u>	<u>LP'S</u>	<u>SCT/SNP</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Fire Team	0	0	0	100	0	100
Squad	0	308	241	0	0	0
Platoon	9	0	0	0	0	0
Company	0	0	0	0	0	0
Battalion	0	0	0	0	0	0
Combined	0	0	0	0	0	0

b. Significant Events

(1) 1 March - At 1100H, the battalion closed its command post at (AT 953723) and reverted to 3d Marine Division Reserve. Simultaneously, Co D was chopped to 3d Marines for employment in the 1st Bn, 3d Marines area. 2d Bn, 3d Marines assumed responsibility for the TAOR formerly belonging to 1st Bn, 1st Marines. 1st Bn, 1st Marines reopened its command post at 1525H at (BT 068712). At 1730H, Co A (Rein) commenced an airlift to PHU BAI, chopping to 3d Marines upon arrival. During this period, in conjunction with perimeter security of its new command post site, the battalion manned one roadblock and three 24-hour observation/listening posts.

(2) 2 March - At 0700H, Co C and battalion command group A departed for airlift to PHU BAI and participation in Operation TROY (See After-Action Report-Operation TROY; Part III-Supporting Documents). Co B and H&S Co (-) continued to man one roadblock and three 24-hour observation/listening posts in conjunction with perimeter security of the command post site.

(3) 3 March - At 1900H, Operation TROY was sedured. Co A, Co C, and battalion command group A, together with Co K, 3d Bn, 3d Marines, remained under OPCON of Task Group FOXTROT at PHU BAI. At the DA NANG command post site, Co B commenced squad-sized security patrols (one day and one night) outside the perimeter, in addition to the roadblock and observation posts already manned by Co B and H&S Co (-).

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(4) 4 March - No change in situation.

(5) 5 March - At 0830H, Co B (Rein) departed the DA NANG command post site for airlift to CHU LAI. Co C and Co K each provided four rifle squads for duty with the Combined Action Company, 2d Bn, 1st Marines within the PHU BAI TAOR. H&S Co (-) continued to man the roadblock and observation/listening posts at the DA NANG command post site.

(6) 6 March - No change in situation.

(7) 7 March - At 1330H, Co C was placed under OPCON of 2d Bn, 1st Marines, assuming responsibility for a portion of the 2d Bn, 1st Marines perimeter at PHU BAI. H&S Co (-) conducted squad-sized security patrols (day and night) outside the DA NANG command post perimeter, in addition to manning the roadblock and observation/listening posts previously established.

(8) 8 March - At 1030H, Co B was airlifted from CHU LAI, and returned to OPCON of 1st Bn, 1st Marines. Co K, 3d Bn, 3d Marines, was chopped to OPCON 2d Bn, 1st Marines effective 2000H. H&S Co (-) maintained its schedule of security patrols, roadblock, and observation/listening posts in securing the DA NANG command post perimeter.

(9) 9 March - Co C, returned to OPCON of 1st Bn, 1st Marines, moved to establish a patrol base vicinity (YD 808161); commenced patrolling and ambushing in the area. Co A commenced a move to vicinity (YD 790113) in preparation for a daylight search and destroy operation on 10 March. Co K, 3d Bn, 3d Marines was returned to OPCON of 1st Bn, 1st Marines. H&S Co (-) continued its scheduled security patrols, roadblocks, and observation/listening posts in defense of the DA NANG command post perimeter.

(10) 10 March - At 1130H, Co A completed its search and destroy operation in the village vicinity (YD 790105). Results: Spotted two VC in green uniforms and took them under fire. VC ran toward the river vicinity (YD 790104). Co A swept the immediate area and found numerous caves (In one cave found a sack with one green uniform, one "black pajama" type uniform, and documents). The company also found 15 man traps, 10 panji traps, and numerous panji stakes, which were destroyed in place.

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The only villagers found in the area were two old men, seven women, and three children. They were questioned, but had no information of value. Co C continued patrolling and ambushing in its area. Co B assumed responsibility for a portion of the 2d Bn, 1st Marines perimeter. During this period, the battalion conducted a total of: three platoon-sized search and destroy operations; three squad-sized daylight patrols; four squad-sized night patrols; and four squad-sized ambushes.

(11) 11 March - H&S Co (-) closed the DA NANG command post at 0330H and moved by motor convoy to PHU BAI (YD 808165); commenced preparation for displacement of the 1st Bn, 1st Marines command group to that site the following day. A 40 man security detail from H&S Co, augmented by the 3d Bn, 9th Marines, was left behind to guard the DA NANG command post cantonment area. Co A conducted another search and destroy operation, which was completed at 1545H. Results: approximately one thousand pounds of rice husks found in an old abandoned house vicinity (YD 795097); one sniper platform, one 60mm mortar case, five 50-foot ropes, one rope ladder, and 60 rounds of 7.62 ammunition---found vicinity (YD 797098); in the same area, the company located and destroyed one tunnel approximately 25 feet long and three one-man fighting holes. During the sweep, one dud M16 (Bouncing Betty) mine (U.S. manufacture) was tripped at (YD 790104). The mine was new and appeared to have been recently emplaced. Nine VCS were apprehended and forwarded to ITT for questioning. At 1835H, a squad-sized patrol from Co A located one U.S.-manufactured AT mine (M1A1), with eight pounds of TNT booster charge on a trail vicinity (YD 798108). In same location, one CHICOM AP mine (with trip wire previously broken) was found. Engineers removed the mines and forwarded them through intelligence channels for study. During this period, elements of the battalion conducted a total of five day patrols; five night patrols; and seven squad-sized ambushes.

(12) 12 March - At 1500H, the 1st Bn, 1st Marines command post opened at (YD 870156). At 0830H, a squad-sized patrol from Co A apprehended one VCS vicinity (YD 792099). The VCS, who was found sleeping in an otherwise abandoned hut, was sent to ITT for questioning. At 1650H, a squad-sized patrol from Co A found and destroyed two grenade-type booby traps vicinity (YD 787118). At 1710H, the same patrol tripped a CHICOM grenade rigged with trip wire. Three Marines were wounded by fragments from the explosion and evacuated from the scene by helicopter. At 2003H, a squad-sized patrol ambushed two VC vicinity (YD 792103).

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One VC was believed hit, although this could not be verified in the darkness. As the squad searched the killing zone, they exchanged fire with an estimated three additional VC, armed with carbines, in the same area. No friendly casualties. Enemy casualties unknown. The VC broke contact, and the Marines were unable to regain it. During this period, elements of the battalion conducted four day patrols; three night patrols; and four squad-sized ambushes.

(13) 13 March - At 0100H, a squad-sized patrol from Co A fired on one VC near a foot bridge at (YD 791108). The VC fled south, dropping a K-50 magazine and a CHICOM grenade on the trail. The patrol continued pursuit, and surrounded a hut vicinity (YD 791105)--opening fire on an estimated four to five VC who ran from the hut. A subsequent search of the area revealed blood inside and outside the hut and abandoned weapons and equipment, indicating that the VC inside had been hit by Marine fire. Found were: one MAS-36 rifle; four CHICOM grenades; one M26 grenade; 17 rounds of 7.62 ammunition; eight sets of black pajamas; one khaki uniform; one set of utilites; four pairs of sandals; one pair of binoculars; one bag of medical supplies; two cartridge belts; 100 pounds of rice and assorted grains; flashlight batteries; toilet articles; and one plastic rain cape. It is probable that three to four VC were wounded in the encounter. At 1630H, a road sweeping team found an anti-vehicular mine (U.S. manufacture--WWII type) in a shallow hole (the top of the mine was approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ inch below the surface of the road) at (YD 815169). The mine contained approximately six pounds of TNT. The firing pin was cocked but a small percussion cap was missing from the firing mechanism--preventing the mine from being armed. The mine was removed and forwarded to Co A, 3d Engineer Bn, for study. During this period, the battalion conducted five day patrols; 10 squad-sized night patrols; and eight squad-sized ambushes.

(14) 14 March - In a three-way switch of rifle company areas of responsibility (See Frag Order -66; Part III-Supporting Documents) Co A opened its command post vicinity (YD 810156); Co C opened its command post vicinity (YD 794119); and Co K opened its command post vicinity (YD 849085). The Co B command post remained in position vicinity (YD 811060). At 1550H, a road sweeping detail found an anti-vehicular mine (U. S. manufacture--WWII type) at (YD 815169). A three-pound booster charge (TNT) had been in place for a long time. The dirt which covered the mine was loose, however--indicating that someone had checked recently to verify the placement of the mine. The mine

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was recovered and forward to Co A, 3d Engineer Battalion, for study. During this period, the battalion conducted two platoon-sized daylight search and destroy operations, nine squad-sized night patrols, and six squad-sized ambushes.

(15) 15 March - At 1936H, Co C received three to five incoming 60mm mortar rounds at (YD 794113). No casualties. The fire appeared to have come from west of the SONG TA TRACH river, but the source could not be pinpointed. Artillery H&I fire in the area of the suspected mortar position was increased. During this period, the battalion conducted one platoon-sized daylight search and destroy operation; nine squad-sized daylight patrols, nine squad-sized night patrols; and ten squad-sized ambushes.

(16) 16 March - At 1330H, a squad-sized patrol from Co C found 200 panji stakes (in two traps), 15 Malayan Whips, one Bouncing Betty mine, and two CHICOM grenades booby trapped with trip wire vicinity (YD 789119). The traps were destroyed in place by an engineer team. At 1340H, another patrol (squad-sized) from Co C tripped a booby trapped grenade vicinity (YD 792104). Two Marines wounded by the explosion were evacuated by helicopter from the scene. During the MEDEVAC, the patrol received 30 to 50 rounds of small arms fire from the west. The patrol returned fire with 50-60 rounds of small arms fire and swept the east bank of the SONG TA TRACH river with negative results. One Marine was wounded in the exchange of fire and subsequently evacuated by helicopter. At 2220H, a squad-sized patrol from Co C fired on a VC wearing a helmet, vicinity (YD 784134). The VC appeared to be hit as he attempted to run, for he fell to the ground and began to crawl toward a hut in the area. When the patrol arrived at the hut, they apprehended a 40 year-old male, who was breathing heavily, as though he had been running. The VCS, who was not believed to be the man originally taken under fire, was sent to ITT for interrogation. During this period, the battalion conducted 11 squad-sized daylight patrols, nine squad-sized night patrols, and 14 squad-sized ambushes.

(17) 17 March - In a two-company switch of areas of responsibility, (See Frag Order 2-66), the Co A command post opened at (YD 811060) and the Co B command post opened at (YD 810156). At 0840H, a platoon from Co C, engaged in a search and destroy operation, tripped one CHICOM grenade rigged with trip wire vicinity (YD 790136).

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The grenade was hidden in brush. One Marine was wounded by fragments, but not seriously enough to require evacuation. At 1115H, the same platoon discovered and disarmed one booby trap during the search and destroy operation at (YD 791112). The trap was bowl shaped, three inches in diameter, and buried four inches deep. The trap had a pressure-type firing device. No casualties. During this period, the battalion conducted three platoon-sized daylight search and destroy operations; five squad-sized daylight patrols; 11 squad-sized night patrols; eight squad-sized ambushes; and one continuous (day and night) squad-sized reconnaissance patrol.

(18) 18 March - During this period, the battalion conducted 11 squad-sized daylight patrols; eight squad-sized night patrols; 13 squad-sized ambushes; and one continuous (day and night) squad-sized reconnaissance patrol, with negative contact.

(19) 19 March - At 0230H, a squad-sized patrol from Co C tripped a grenade-sized booby trap at (YD 809117). The device detonated approximately 25 meters to the rear of the last man in the patrol. The delay was believed to be caused by a slow burning fuze. No casualties. During this period, the battalion conducted 10 squad-sized daylight patrols; 11 squad-sized night patrols; seven squad-sized ambushes; and established four fire team-sized listening posts.

(20) 20 March - At 1205H, a Co C observation post spotted a Vietnamese wearing a khaki uniform, with a green "Ike" jacket (no headgear) vicinity (YD 790102). The man fired two rounds of small arms fire at the observation post from a range of 100 meters. The Marines returned fire and searched the area. Fresh blood and a homemade, friction type mine (cast iron cylinder with fuze on top) were found. The VC was apparently in the process of planting the mine when he was discovered. No friendly casualties. One VC KIA (probable). During this period the battalion conducted 10 squad-sized daylight patrols; 11 squad-sized night patrols; 11 squad-sized ambushes; and seven fire team sized observation/listening posts.

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(21) 21 March - At 1005H, a USMC 2½ ton (6x6) truck, moving south vicinity (YD 807160), moved to the right side of the road in order to allow another vehicle to pass. The right front wheel of the truck detonated an anti-vehicular mine. The crater was three feet in diameter and 1½ feet deep. Two Vietnamese females were spotted running from the scene, and were apprehended and sent to ITT for interrogation. A search of the area produced a fuzing device, approximately 25 meters of wire running north from the scene of the explosion, and four BA-30 batteries, with a metal plate on top—about 50 meters away from the crater. The right front of the truck was damaged, but no personnel casualties resulted. During this period, the battalion conducted nine squad-sized daylight patrols; 11 squad-sized night patrols; six squad-sized ambushes; and established three fire team-sized listening posts. Co C returned to the battalion command post from its area of operations, in response to an increased alert condition.

(22) 22 March - At 1100H, Co C and battalion command group A departed the battalion command post for the PHU BAI airfield, in response to a one-hour alert condition. Co K was helilifted from its area of operations to the airfield. Two platoons from Co B, 3d Reconnaissance Bn, reported to battalion command group B to conduct patrols and establish observation posts within the 1st Bn, 1st Marines area of responsibility. The alert status was relaxed and Co C, Co K, and command group A returned to the battalion area at 1500H. During this period, the battalion conducted seven daylight squad-sized patrols; twelve squad-sized night patrols; nine squad-sized ambushes; and established three fire team-sized listening posts.

(23) 23 March - At 1915H, a squad from Co C, enroute to an ambush site, received eight to ten rounds of automatic carbine fire vicinity (YD 793098). The squad returned fire with small arms and two M79 rounds. The area was searched with negative results. No casualties. During this period, the battalion conducted five squad-sized daylight patrols; six squad-sized night patrols; two platoon-sized daylight reconnaissance patrols, which established a total of five observation posts during the day; and five squad-sized night ambushes.

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(24) 24 March - At 1400H, Co K, 3d Bn, 3d Marines departed the 1st Bn, 1st Marines area to revert eventually to OPCON of its parent organization. At 1215H, a squad-sized patrol from Co C found one CHICOM grenade, rigged with trip wire, on a trail vicinity (YD 793097). A marker, consisting of three pieces of bamboo formed into a triangle, was discovered by the patrol approximately 100 meters before it found the trap. The grenade was disarmed without incident. During this period, the battalion conducted nine squad-sized daylight patrols; nine squad-sized night patrols; and six squad-sized ambushes.

(25) 25 March - At 0415H, A squad-sized patrol from Co B was returning from an ambush site when the patrol leader heard a tapping noise in some brush. A searching fire team briefly glimpsed a fleeing figure at a distance of 20 yards. Two grenades were thrown by the patrol. The area was checked with negative results. During this period, the battalion conducted eight squad-sized daylight patrols; 17 squad-sized night patrols; 22 squad-sized ambushes; and established seven fire team-sized observation/listening posts.

(26) 26 March - During this period, the battalion conducted eight squad-sized daylight patrols; nine squad-sized night patrols; 19 squad-sized ambushes; and established seven fire team-sized observation/listening posts with negative enemy contact.

(27) 27 March - Co A and Co B exchanged areas of responsibility with a series of helilifts commencing at 1400H. During this period, the battalion conducted three squad-sized daylight patrols; 13 squad-sized night patrols; one squad-sized night reconnaissance patrol; 20 squad-sized ambushes; and established seven fire team-sized observation/listening posts with negative enemy contact.

(28) 28 March - At 2330H, a squad-sized patrol from Co C was hit with 12 explosions, initially thought to be mortar fire, but later determined to be one-pound TNT charges at (YD 793107). Patrol opened fire on VC revealed by the light of the initial explosions. The VC withdrew under fire, without returning fire. An estimated 15-20 VC was involved. Contact was not regained. The explosions caused one USMC KIA; one USMC WIA. A search of the area revealed pieces of human flesh, trails of blood leading from the area, and bloody bandages.

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Estimated one VC KIA, four VC WIA. Captured material included one French MAT-49 SMG; one MAT-49 magazine; two K-50 magazines; 13 one-pound blocks of TNT with fuzes; two CHICOM grenades; one CHICOM mine; and 87 rounds of 9mm ammunition. During this period the battalion conducted six daylight squad-sized patrols; 17 squad-sized night security patrols; one squad-sized night reconnaissance patrol; three squad-sized daylight ambushes; and 24 squad-sized night ambushes. In addition, the battalion established 10 fire team-sized listening posts.

(29) 29 March - At 0730H, a reconnaissance patrol from the battalion S-2 section (OPCON Co B) sighted two VC on an OP vicinity (YD 809043). An artillery fire mission was called with good effect on target. Estimated two VC KIA. During this period, the battalion conducted five squad-sized daylight patrols; 11 squad-sized night security patrols; one squad-sized reconnaissance patrol; 16 squad-sized ambushes; and established 10 fire team-sized listening posts. In addition, Co A provided a two-platoon blocking force for a sweep operation conducted by an ARVN training battalion within the 1st Bn, 1st Marines TACR.

(30) 30 March - During this period, the battalion conducted six squad-sized daylight patrols; 15 squad-sized night security patrols; one squad-sized reconnaissance patrol; 23 squad-sized ambushes; and established 10 fire team-sized listening posts, with negative enemy contact.

(31) 31 March - At 1607H, a squad-sized patrol from Co C found one homemade booby trap on a trail at (YD 798098). The trap had a TNT filler in a light metal container, with a fuze device which appeared similar to a blasting cap. The device was rigged with a trip wire, stretched across the trail. The booby trap was destroyed in place by the patrol, with negative casualties. During this period, the battalion conducted six squad-sized daylight patrols; 13 squad-sized night security patrols; one squad-sized reconnaissance patrol; 19 squad-sized ambushes; and established 10 fire team-sized listening posts.

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10. FIRE SUPPORT AND FIRE SUPPORT COORDINATION

a. On 16 March 1966, a liaison team and three FO teams from "C" Battery, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines relieved the present teams assigned to 1st Battalion, 1st Marines. There have been no difficulties in meeting operational requirements of the battalion.

(1) 81mm Mortar Platoon fired 387 harrassing and interdiction missions.

(2) Artillery fired a total of 719 harrassing and interdiction missions.

(3) During the month, 3 illumination missions were fired by artillery.

(4) One HE mission was fired during the month by artillery in support of battalion operations.

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11. LOGISTICS

a. Supply

(1) Large scale HST operations have been accomplished throughout the month with all companies dependent upon helicopter resupply.

(2) A tent repair contact team evaluated and repaired two GP tents invoiced to this unit by 3d Battalion, 9th Marines. The team Coded X 32 GP tents.

(3) An office machine repair contact team made on the spot repairs to those typewriters requiring maintenance.

(4) All of the Battalion's 81mm Mortar mounts have been retightened this month. Ordnance equipment in general has required little maintenance with the exception of the M-79 grenade launcher. Eight grenade launchers have been evacuated to third echelon repair facilities within the reporting period. Two M-79 grenade launchers have been returned.

(5) Four hundred sets of tropical utilities have been received during the month of March, but requirements still exist for eight hundred sets. Jungle boots have been received in sufficient quantity to outfit over 90% of the Battalion.

(6) Ration Supplement Sundry Packs have also been issued to units qualifying under the established criteria.

b. Maintenance

(1) M-274 (Mechanical Mule) D/L Rate 6% (2 of 30)

(2) M-422 (Mighty Mite) D/L Rate 0% (0 of 20)*

* This unit received 14 new M-422A1's this month as replacements for the M-422 Mighty Mite.

c. Food Service

(1) At present, this unit operates one battalion mess.

(2) Ration supplements such as dehydrated soups, coffee, sugar, bread, etc. are supplied to the companies in the field.

d. Cantonment and Camp Facilities. At present this unit has no cantonment. Cantonment requirements are being prepared for submission to Division.

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e. Transportation. Fifteen, 6X6 trucks from "A" Company, 3d Motor Transport Battalion were allocated to this unit upon arrival at Hue/Phu Bai. To date an average of six trucks per day have been utilized for logistic support of this unit, with the remaining trucks being utilized for support of other units in the Hue/Phu Bai area.

f. Water. The 3d Engineer Battalion established a water point within the new battalion CP, providing 6000 gallons of potable water per day. A shower point was also established.

g. CP Displacement. The month of March was one of two displacements for this unit.

(1) The first move began the morning of 27 February 1966 and was completed on 2 March. Problems encountered were:

(a) The bridge between DaNang and DaNang East was closed for repair requiring use of the ferry.

(b) 3/9 occupied the new 1/1 CP location until 1 March 1966 requiring all equipment to be staged outdoors.

(c) Condition of the cantonment vacated by 3/9 was as follows:

1. Screening ripped and missing from several strongbacks.
2. Electrical wiring missing.
3. Police of the area was very poor.
4. Numerous strongbacks were in a poor state of maintenance.

(2) On 9 March 1966, the battalion received orders to move to the Hue/Phu Bai area. Division directed that all CP tents would be taken off the strongbacks. Forty-One trucks were provided by Division Motor Transport for displacement. Hampered by darkness and rainfall, loading commenced at approximately 2000, on 10 March 1966 and was completed at 0130, 11 March 1966. The convoy staged on Highway 1 in the 1st Battalion, 3d Marines area and departed for Hue/Phu Bai at 0630 on 11 March 1966 arriving at its destination at 1330, 11 March 1966.

(3) Upon arrival at Hue/Phu Bai the battalion immediately moved into position and set up CP tents for H&S Billeting, storage and operating spaces for Battalion Staff and support sections. The CP was completely set up within four hours after arrival at the new location.

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12. AIR DEFENSE. None.

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13. COMBAT AIR SUPPORT

a. During the month of March the battalion was extensively supported by the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing. The battalion (-) was air lifted by both fixed wing and helicopter from the DA NANG complex to the PHU BAI complex. Upon arrival in the PHU BAI TAOR the battalion participated in operation TROY. Two companies were helilifted into the operational area (See After Action Report 4-66). Other support during the operation consisted of medevacs and resupply along with area reconnaissance missions since the battalion has been assigned to its present TAOR.

b. Marine aviation has supported the battalion with six medevacs, 35 resupply, four troop lifts, and three unit commander missions. Helicopters proved to be the only efficient means to move troops deep into the TAOR. Nearly all resupply to the companies operating within their assigned AOR's has been accomplished by helicopters due to the lack of roads, and the distance involved.

c. Army aviation supported the battalion with four E.E. missions during the reporting period.

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14 Medical and Dental Support(Surgical)

a. Names of Surgeons:

Battalion Surgeon: J.E. BOCKER LT MC USN

Assistant Surgeon: R.E. REID LT MC USNR

- b. Significant Events: The BAS was established and routine sick call commenced on 1 March 66 at the new CP site at Marble Mountain, Da Nang. Advance party left CP for Phu Bai on 2 March and the BAS and rear echelon followed on 11 March. The BAS was established at the new CP site on 11 March and has functioned well for the remainder of the month.
- c. Medical Trends: There has been no specific trend in the area of infectious disease. Several cases of amebic dysentery were encountered this month, a disease not seen before in the battalion. The number of cases of venereal disease was 23.
- d. Number of Combat Casualties Treated: The number of minor combat casualties treated at the BAS was 4. The majority of the casualties were evacuated by helicopters to medical companies of the 3rd Medical Battalion. The total number of combat casualties for the month of March was 10 WIA'S and 2 KIA'S.
- e. Number of Non-Battle Casualties Treated: 744 treatments were administered to the men of this battalion for minor injuries and illnesses during the month of March.
- f. Preventative Medicine and Sanitation: Malaria prophylaxis was obtained by the administration of one (1) Chloroquine-Primaquine tablet per man per week. Sanitation inspection was held weekly and action on discrepancies was avidly urged.
- g. Civil Action Medical Support Rendered: Due to the mobility of the battalion this month and the absence of friendly villages in our present TACR only 3 Vietnamese civilians were treated. A program is underway to establish a dispensary in a nearby village.
- h. Schooling Conducted: Eight (8) one hour lectures on venereal disease were presented with total attendance of approximately 140 men.
- i. Problem Area: The only problems encountered this month are the fact that approximately 40% of the medical supplies have not been received as of 31 March since our move to Phu Bai. Supplies for field sanitation are still lacking and the normal logistic support channels in this area are not adequate.

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15. Chaplain Support.

a. Battalion Chaplain - Lt. JOHN J. SCANTON, CHC,
USNR, 685194.

- (1) Support from - Chaplain DUNFS - 3/9
Chaplain HUNDLEY - 2/1

b. Services Conducted.

- (1) Protestant - Sunday - five, 68 attending.
Weekday - two, 28 attending.
- (2) Catholic - Sunday - nine, 297 attending.
Weekday - fifteen, 105 attending.

c. Counselling. During the reporting period forty-six men were counselled. Religious instructions were given to six men.

d. Significant activities.

- (1) Moved from DA NANG to PHU BAI enclave.
- (2) Two memorial services.
- (3) Heard one hundred seventy confessions.
- (4) Assisted in the Red Cross cases.
- (5) Catholic coverage at A Med for nine days.
Visited fifty six patients, four Last Rites.
- (6) Attended Staff Meetings nightly and the
Division Chaplain's meeting twice.
- (7) Books and reading materials made available
to troops.

e. Facilities.

- (1) Present situation - GP tent for services at
battalion CP.
- (2) Transportation - By mite and helo available.

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16. CIVIL AFFAIRS/MILITARY GOVERNMENT/COMMUNITY RELATIONS
(S-1/CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER). None conducted.

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Ref: (a) Maps: VIETNAM; 1:50,000 AMS Series, L701, Sheets
6658IV, 6659III, 6659II and 6658I

Task Organization: No change

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy situation. See current ISUMS.
- b. Friendly situation. No change, except:
 - (1) 1st Plat, Co 1, 3d Bn direct support 2d Bn, 3d Marines on order.
 - (2) 1st Plat, Co A, 3d AT Bn direct support 2d Bn, 3d Marines on order.
 - (3) Btry A, 1st Bn, 12th Marines direct support 2d Bn, 3d Marines on order.
- c. Attachments and detachments. Plat, 168th Co, 52d Bn, ARVN detached.

2. MISSION. When relieved in TAOR by 2d Bn, 3d Marines, 1st Bn, 1st Marines (-) moves administratively to vicinity DA NANG EAST (BT 070711); assumes mission as 3d Marine Division Reserve. One company (Rein) moves administratively to (AT 939782); reverts to OPCON 3d Marines.

3. EXECUTION.

- a. Concept of operation. 1st Bn, 1st Marines assists 2d Bn, 3d Marines in relief of lines, conducting joint patrols/ambushes and establishing joint measures for local security. When 2d Bn, 3d Marines has established necessary control facilities—and at a time mutually agreed upon by the Commanding Officers, 1st Bn, 1st Marines, and 2d Bn, 3d Marines—2d Bn, 3d Marines assumes responsibility for 1st Bn, 1st Marines TAOR and 1st Bn, 1st Marines commences administrative move to new positions. Division Reserve and OPCON 3d Marines status will be assumed immediately upon relief by 2d Bn, 3d Marines.
- b. Co A (Rein)
 - (1) Assist Co H, 2d Bn, 3d Marines in relief of lines and familiarization with area of responsibility.

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(2) Upon relief, assume two-hour alert posture.

c. Co B (Rein):

(1) Assist Co B, 2d Bn, 3d Marines in relief of lines and familiarization with area of responsibility.

(2) Upon relief, assume six-hour alert posture.

d. Co C (Rein):

(1) Assist Co C, 2d Bn, 3d Marines in relief of lines and familiarization with area of responsibility.

(2) Upon relief, assume six-hour alert posture.

e. Co D (Rein):

(1) Assist Co D, 2d Bn, 3d Marines in relief of positions and familiarization with area of responsibility.

(2) Upon relief, revert to OPCON 3d Marines. Prepare to move administratively to (AF 939782) and execute subsequent missions as directed.

f. 81mm Mortar Plat:

(1) Assist 81mm Mortar Plat, 2d Bn, 3d Marines with fire planning and area familiarization.

(2) Upon relief, revert to general support, 1st Bn, 1st Marines.

g. 106mm Plat: General support

h. Coordinating instructions.

(1) The effective time of the shift of responsibility for the TACR will be announced in the clear to all companies by the code word PLAYBOY followed by the DTG.

(2) 1st Bn, 1st Marines units continue preparing operational plans until relief is effected.

(3) 1st Bn, 1st Marines units provide guides for incoming units down to squad/section level.

(4) 1st Bn, 1st Marines units leave rear echelons in position for approximately 24 hours after relief is effected. The minimum composition of rear echelons is as follows:

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- (a) One FT Leader per rifle squad.
- (b) RT Guide per platoon.
- (c) One officer or qualified SNCO per Co Hdqtrs.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. Instructions issued separately.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS ELECTRONICS.

a. Communications-electronics. No change.

b. Command.

- (1) 1st Bn, 1st Marines command post (tentative):
BT 070711).
- (2) Each company report command post closing and reopening.

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1. Make the following pen change to Operation Order 6-66
 - a. Change Operation Order 6-66 to read 7-66.

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H&S Co 1/1	(1)
Co A 1/1	(1)
Co B 1/1	(1)
Co C 1/1	(1)
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PHU BAI, RVN
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Operation Order 44-66

Ref: (a) Maps: VIETNAM 1:50,000 AMS Series L701,
Sheets 6560 III
(b) Task Group Foxtrot Opn Order 1-66
(c) Task Group Foxtrot Frag Order 1-66

Time Zone: H

Task Organization

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

H&S Co (-) (Rein), 1/1

Arty In Tm, 1/12

Co A (Rein), 1/1

FAO Tm, 1/1

Arty FO Tm, 1/12

Det, Med Plat, H&S Co, 1/1

Det, Co A, 3d Eng Bn

Co B (Rein), 1/1

Det Med Plat, H&S Co, 1/1

Co C (Rein), 1/1

Arty FO Tm, 1/12

8mm Mort Sec, H&S Co, 1/1

Det, Med Plat, H&S Co, 1/1

Lt Col HATCH

Capt GRIFFIN

Capt DOMINQUEZ

Capt ORAVITS

Capt NEAL

7. SITUATION.

a. Enemy forces. Current ISUMS.

b. Friendly forces.

(1) TG FOXTROT defends vital area HUE - PHU BAI.

(2) 2d Bn, 1st Marines conducts operations in assigned zone of operation.

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(3) 4th Bn, 12th Marines provides one battery in direct support of 1st Bn, 1st Marines.

(4) FMAW provides fixed wing and helicopter support.

2. MISSION. 1st Bn, 1st Marines conducts search and destroy operations in assigned zone of operation.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operations. Annex A (Operation Overlay) to Operation Order 46-66.

b. FAS (-) (Rein). 1/1.

(1) Provide personnel for convoy security as required.

(2) Establish a communication relay station on Hill 180 (YD 856134).

(3) Provide communication support and command post facilities.

c. Go A (Rein). 1/1.

(1) Annex A (Operation Overlay) to Operation Order 46-66.

(2) At 091830H, March 66, depart IP (YD 885136) and move by motor march to check point 1. Proceed from check point 1 to check point 4 by foot march.

(3) Conduct search and clear operations in assigned AOR.

(4) Report crossing check points.

d. Go B (Rein). 1/1. Be prepared to conduct search and destroy operations in 1st Bn, 1st Marines zone of operation on order.

e. Go C (Rein). 1/1.

(1) Annex A (Operation Overlay) to Operation Order 46-66.

(2) At 090900H March 66 depart IP (YD 885136) and move to (YD 820181) by motor march. Establish patrol base vicinity (YD 810160).

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(3) Conduct search and destroy operations in 1st Bn, 1st Marines zone of operation north of grid line 14.

(4) Provide Security for engineer road sweep teams as required.

f. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Effective short shackle - WHISKEY CUP.

(2) Thrust Line X - YD 7811; Thrust Line Z - YD 8112.

(3) Rules of engagement as set forth in 3d Mar Div Opn Order 343-65.

(4) Captured rice will not be destroyed without authority of this Headquarters.

(5) Particular care will be taken to avoid destruction or damage of buildings or objects of religious, cultural or historical significance.

(6) Reports

(a) Submit SITREPS to this Headquarters every hour on the hour.

(b) Spot reports will be submitted upon enemy contact, change of unit locations or situation.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. Administration in accordance with SOP.

b. Submit request for logistical support to this Headquarters.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

a. Communication-Electronics. Annex A to reference (b).

b. Command Post Locations.

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- (1) 1st Bn, 1st Marines - YD 885136.
 - (2) Companies report command locations as established.

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ANNEX:

A - Operation Overlay

DISTRIBUTION:

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Co A 1/1	(1)
Co B 1/1	(1)
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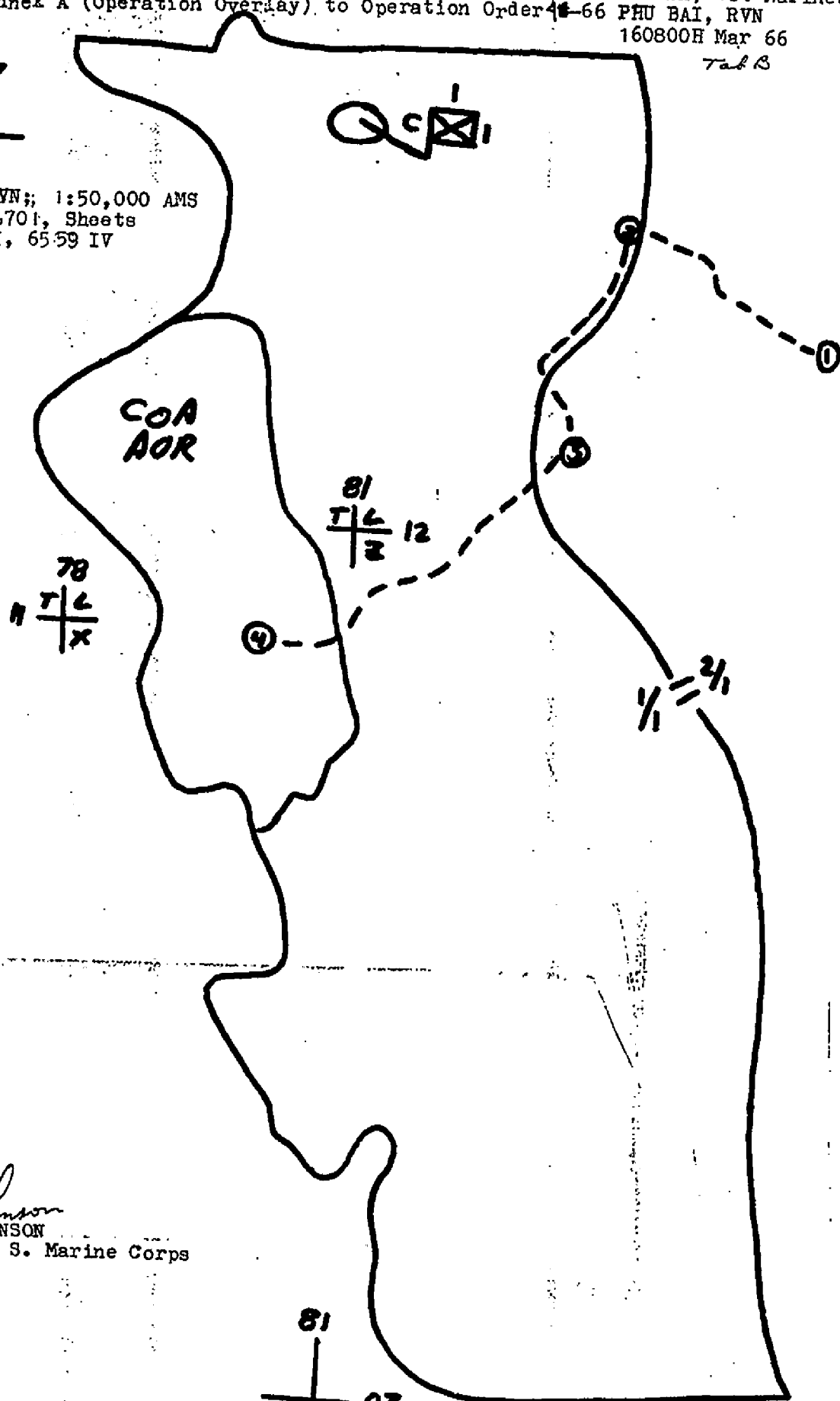
Annex A (Operation Overlay) to Operation Order 4-66

1st Bn, 1st Marines
PHU BAI, RVN
160800H Mar 66

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To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division
Via: Commanding Officer, 3d Marines

Subj: Combat Operation After-Action Report 4-66

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Encl: (1) Operation Overlay
(2) Sequence of Events

1. Code Name. TROY

2. Date of Operation. 021230H - 031900H March 1966

3. Location. THUA THIEN Province. PHU LOC District.
See enclosure (1).

4. Control or Command Headquarters.

a. 021230H - 031100H Mar 66...3d Marines Col FISHER

b. 031100H - 031900H Mar 66...Task Group Col FISHER
FOXTROT

5. Task Organization.

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

H&S Company (-), 1st Bn, 1st Marines Capt GRIFY

Arty Ln Tm, 1st Bn, 12th Marines

Co A (Rein) 1st Bn, 1st Marines Capt DOMI

Arty FO Tm 4th Bn, 12th Marines

FAC Tm, 1st Bn, 1st Marines

Det Comm Plat, 1st Bn, 1st Marines

Det Med Plat, 1st Bn, 1st Marines

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Co E (Rein) 2d Bn, 1st Marines

Capt LARSON

Arty FO Tm, 4th Bn, 12th Marines
FAC Tm, 1st Bn, 1st Marines
Det Comm Plat, 2d Bn, 1st Marines
Det Med Plat, 2d Bn, 1st Marines

Co F (Rein) 2d Bn, 9th Marines

Capt RECKTELS

Arty FO Tm, 2d Bn, 12th Marines
Det Comm Plat, 2d Bn, 9th Marines
Det Med Plat, 2d Bn, 9th Marines

81mm Mort Plat (-), 1st Bn, 1st Marines GYSgt MOORE

6. Supporting Forces.

- a. Artillery - 4th Bn, 12th Marines: general support.
- b. Air - FMM-163. Provided:
 - (1) Helilift for two rifle companies (Rein).
 - (2) Resupply/reconnaissance missions.

7. Intelligence.

a. Operation TROY was initiated to locate and destroy elements of the 810th VC Battalion, which had exfiltrated from PHU THU District subsequent to engagement by USMC and ARVN forces on 1-2 March 1966. Elements of the Combined Action Company (2d Bn, 1st Marines) engaged an unknown number of VC during the early hours of 2 March in the vicinity of YD 9407, indicative of possible exfiltration attempts by elements of the 810th Battalion.

b. Since no contact was made with VC forces during Operation TROY, it is believed that any remnants from the 810th Battalion which had moved through the area had made good their escape into the jungled highlands to the north.

c. Because of the fast movement of the sweep forces and the short duration of the operation, no Civil Affairs/Psy War operations were planned or conducted. Although the inhabitants of the area exhibited fear of VC units which have operated in their vicinity, their attitude toward Marines was helpful and friendly in many respects.

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8. Mission. 1st Battalion, 1st Marines conducts search and destroy operations within assigned area to capture and/or destroy enemy personnel, equipment, and fortifications.

9. Concept of Operation. (See enclosure (1) (Operation Overlay)). Companies A and E (-), designated initially as sweep companies, were helilifted into position to commence the operation. Co F, designated initially as the blocking force, was moved by truck to positions along the road leading northwest from TROY BRIDGE (YD 967062). One platoon from Co E, located at TROY BRIDGE at the commencement of the operation, continued its previously assigned mission of providing bridge security. On the second day of operations, Co A continued to sweep the western portion of the assigned area; Co F assumed the sweep mission in the eastern portion; and Co E reverted to Battalion reserve, occupying positions in the vicinity of (YD 960062).

10. Execution.

- a. See enclosure (2) (Sequence of Events).
- b. A verbal operation order was received at 021100H. The operation commenced at 021230H with the helilift of two rifle companies.
- c. There were no contacts with enemy forces during this operation.

11. Results.

- a. Negative friendly or enemy casualties.
- b. Negative materiel losses.

12. Administrative Matters.

- a. Because of the brief planning phase, no administrative plan or order was published.
- b. At the beginning of the operation, each Marine carried a basic load of ammunition and two meals, combat, individual. Resupply was accomplished by helicopter.
- c. Motor transportation was provided by FLSU 2. One rifle company and H&S Company (-) were positioned by truck convoy at the beginning of the operation. All units were returned to PHU BAI by truck at the close of the operation.

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13. Special Equipment and Techniques. None.

14. Commander's Analysis. Because of the brief planning phase of the operation, all orders were issued verbally. An uncomplicated scheme of maneuver and adherence to standard procedures compensated for the lack of time to brief unit commanders. No significant difficulties were encountered.

15. Recommendations. None.

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SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- 021200H- Co F moves by truck into blocking positions.
- 021230H- Commence helilift of Co A and Co E.
- 021230H- Co F in blocking position.
- 021305H- Helilift (Co A, Co E) complete.
- 021310H- Battalion Command Group and 81mm Mortar Plat
(-) displace to (YD 956069).
- 021335H- Co A, Co E commence sweep.
- 021600H- Co A reaches night position vicinity (YD 948059).
Negative contact.
- 021750H- Co E reaches night position vicinity (YD 958056).
Negative contact.
- 022106H- Ambushes (squad-sized) established at following
coordinates:
- YD 951059
 - YD 948060
 - YD 944057
 - YD 943057
 - YD 949057
 - YD 948056
 - YD 944051
 - YD 947057
- 030840H- Negative contact during the night. Co A,
Co E commence sweep.
- 030940H- Co E completes sweep. Negative contact.
Co E moves to TROY BRIDGE; reverts to
battalion reserve.
- 031031H- Co A vicinity (YD 943065). Commencing sweep
to northwest.
- 031140H- Co A vicinity (YD 938074). Co F has begun
sweep from blocking position, currently vicinity
(YD 979075).

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- 031220H- Co A vicinity (YD 940076). Co F vicinity (YD 980077). Co E remains in reserve.
- 031325H- Co A vicinity (YD 952073). Co F vicinity (YD 979078).
- 031425H- Co A vicinity (YD 959079). Co F sweeping south from (YD 978078).
- 031520H- Co F completes sweep vicinity (YD 965065). Co A still sweeping vicinity (YD 959075).
- 031615H- Sweep complete. Negative contact.
- 031900H- All units return to PHU BAI.

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FROM: 020001H March 66

TO: 022400H March 66

TIME IN	OUT	NO.	DTG.	MESSAGE/INCIDENT
0710		1	020710	1st Battalion command group departed Marble Mountain.
0740		2	020740	Arrived DANANG Air Base
0825		3	020825	Departed Air Base
0950		4	020950	Arrived PHU BAI, chopped to 3d Marines
1100		5	021100	Received mission Operation TROY Task Organization: 1/1 command group, Co A 1/1, Co E 2/1 and Co F 2/9.
1230		6	021230	PA-P: Company A helo lifted.
1255		7	021255	PE-P: Echo is departing airfield.
1255		8	021255	PF-P: Company F at 955067.
1305		9	021305	PE-P: Echo landed at LZ
1305		10	021305	PA-P: Alpha at 941034.
1310		11	021301	PA, E, F-P: All secure. Alpha in LZ (YD 941034). Foxtrot moving into position. Command group now displacing. Echo in LZ.
1335		12	021335	PA, E-P: Have commenced sweep.
1345		13	021345	Command group arrived at blocking position.
1355		14	021355	Command post set up (YD 956069).
1400		15	021400	PA, F-P: Echo moving through village. Foxtrot digging in. Alpha negative contact.
1417		16	021417	PE-P: Villagers say there was five VC in village yesterday.
1420		17	021420	PA-P: Moved across rice paddy have 1 heat casualty. Request med evacuation at 948048).
1420		18	021420	PA-P: Thrust line message: Down point (4) left point (3).
1430		19	021430	PA, E, F-P: CP located 956069.
1450		20	021450	PA, E-P: Sweep proceeding to rapidly. Ensure deliberate and through search of area.

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FROM: 020001H March 66

TO: 022400H March 66

TIME IN	OUT	NO.	DTG.	MESSAGE/INCIDENT
1448		21	021448	PE-P: Located (YD 957045).
1420		22	021420	PA-P: Location correction Down point 0.1, left .4
1458		23	021458	PE-P: Villagers say there were 5 VC in village yesterday heading north. Village (YD 961044).
1459		24	021459	P2-P: Villagers vicinity of Pilsner CP stated that VC held a propaganda meeting the night of 1 March 1966.
1503		25	021503	P4-PA: Resupply request.
1510		26	021510	PA,E,F-P: Alpha on move, negative contact. Echo found dried blood (YD 958049) conducting search. Foxtrot digging in.
1510		27	021510	Guide has been turned over to Echo Company.
1515		28	021515	P Baily-P: CP will proceed to your position on first available transportation.
1515		29	021515	PA,E,F-P: All secure. Have reached holding point. Will hold until units conduct deliberate search of built up area on right flank.
1530		30	021530	Pilsner CP located TL 2 right .6, up 1.9.
1530		31	021530	PA-P: Resupply request.
1538		32	021538	P-P4: Resupply request.
1600		33	021600	PA,E,F-P: Alpha coordinates L.2 up .9. Echo still checking houses in village. Position right 9 drop 2. Foxtrot in position observing elements 2000 meters to our front.
1624		34	021634	PA-P4: Resupply coordinates.
1630		35	021630	PA,E,F-P: All secure. Alpha is at (YD 948049) will remain at this position for the night.. Echo

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FROM: 020001H March 66

TO: 022400H March 66

TIME IN	OUT	NO.	DTG.	MESSAGE/INCIDENT
1630		36	021630	will sweep until abreast of Alpha PF-P: All 3 platoons dug in on both sides of railroad track. Most of platoon tied in with squad from Echo, one proceeding toward bridge, will do same. Friendly troops 1500 meters West of railroad tracks. No enemy contact.
1655		37	021655	PA-P: Change in resupply.
1700		38	021700	P-P4: Resupply request.
	1700	39	021700	P3: Request to know if friendly units will be operating in western portion of Pilsners AOR tomorrow. If so, request unit to come up on Pilsner TAC net today to make necessary coordination.
1712		40	021712	PE-P: Setting in for night at right point 8 add point 6. Will establish ambush vicinity TLC right 1.4, right .8 drop 5, right .3 drop 6.
1713		41	021713	PE-P4: Resupply request.
1722		42	021722	PA,E,F-P: All secure. Echo moving into night position, reconnaining ambush sites.
1825		43	021725	PA-P: Ambush coordinates for tonight.
1725		44	021725	PE-P4: Resupply request.
1735		45	021735	PE-P: Are in night position.
	1736	46	021736	P3-PE: Will notify on resupply.
1800		47	021800	PE-P: Ambushes for tonight.
1835		48	021835	P3: Received approximately 6 incoming rounds from a south- eastern direction (carbine)
1840		49	021840	Scat C-P: OP coordinates.
1842		50	021842	P3: Received approximately 10 rounds from same direction as last.

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FROM: 020001H March 66

TO: 022400H March 66

TIME IN	OUT	NO.	DTG.	MESSAGE/INCIDENT
1845		51	021845	PA-P: New ambush coordinates for tonight.
1812		52	021812	PA,E,F-P: All secure. Negative enemy contact.
1830		53	021830	PA-P: Resupply request.
1840		54	021840	Scat C-P: CP location.
1910		55	021910	PA,E,F-P: All secure. Negative enemy contact.
1915		56	021915	Situation remains same. Negative contact.
1930		57	021930	PF-P: All secure.
1935		58	021935	PA,F-P: Resupply completed.
2000		59	022000	PE-P: Resupply request.
1950		60	021950	Recon-P: Recon location for night.
2000		61	022000	PA,E,F-P: All secure.
2020		62	022020	P3: Situation remains same. Negative enemy contact.
2045		63	022045	P6-P: Aerial recon tomorrow. Area reveals large portion under water. Limited to boat travel only.
2100		64	022100	PA,E,F-P: All secure.
2105		65	022105	P3: Situation remains same. Negative enemy contact.
2155		66	022155	PA,E,F-P: All secure.
2215		67	022215	P3: CP locations for night time.
2220		68	022220	P3: Situation remains same. Negative enemy contact.
2300		69	022300	PA,E,F-P: All secure.
2310		70	022310	P3: Situation remains same. Negative enemy contact.

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FROM: 030001H March 66

TO: 032400H March 66

TIME IN	OUT	NO.	DTG.	MESSAGE/INCIDENT
0001		1	030001	PA,E,F-P: All secure.
0005		2	030005	P3: Situation remains same. Negative enemy contact.
0100		3	030100	PA,E,F-P: All secure.
0105		4	030105	P3: Situation remains same. Negative enemy contact.
0200		5	030200	PA,E,F-P: All secure.
0205		6	030205	P3: Situation remains same. Negative enemy contact.
0300		7	030300	PA,E,F-P: All secure.
0300		8	030300	P3: Situation remains same. Negative enemy contact.
0400		9	030400	PA,E,F-P: All secure.
0410		10	030410	P3: Situation remains same. Negative enemy contact.
0500		11	030500	PA,E,F-P: All secure.
0500		12	030500	P3: Situation remains same. Negative enemy contact.
0550		13	030550	PA,E,F-P: All secure.
0600		14	030600	P3: Situation remains same. Negative enemy contact.
0700		15	030700	PA,E,F-P: All secure. Alpha ready to move as soon as helos arrive.
0710		16	030710	PE-P: Received resupply as requested.
0715		17	030715	P3: Situation remains same. Negative enemy contact.
0730		18	030730	Request reinforced platoon from company C ASAP to relieve units presently at Troy bridge. Platoon to come up on TAC net.
0751		19	030751	PE-P4: Request transportation to pick up Echo company at 1000 at coordinates (YD 960067).
0800		20	030800	PE-P: Leading elements moving out.

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FROM: 030001H March 66

TO: 032400H March 66

TIME IN	OUT	NO.	DTG.	MESSAGE/INCIDENT
0800		21	030800	Butter-P: Charlie will remain here. Echo will remain under your OPCON for entire operation. No vehicles available.
0800		22	030800	PA,E,F-P: Alpha moving out. Echo leading elements moving out searching village.
0800		23	030800	P3: Situation remains same. Negative contact. Alpha and Echo commencing sweep.
0845		24	030845	PE-P: Have reached limit of advance.
0850		25	030850	P3-PE: Assume reserve status. Echo platoon at Troy bridge reverts to your OPCON. Mission for security of bridge assigned to Echo company.
0851		26	030851	PA-P: Continuing sweep to northwest.
0900		27	030900	PA,E,F-P: All secure. PE 300 meters from highway 1.
0910		28	030910	P3: All secure. Negative contact. Alpha sweeping to northwest. Echo has completed sweep and is presently in reserve with one platoon at Troy bridge.
0930		29	030930	PF-P: Foxtrot moving to position to commence sweep.
1005		30	031005	PA,E,F-P: All secure. Alpha is at 943065 now proceeding north westerly direction.
1015		31	031015	PF-P: Commencing sweep.
1010		32	031010	P3: All secure. Negative enemy contact.
1034		33	031034	PF-P: Continuing sweep. Notify Pilsner when sweep is completed.
1042		34	031042	P-ScatG: Alpha will sweep to northwest as far as 935074 to 938077.

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FROM: 030001H March 66

TO: 032400H March 66

TIME	IN	OUT	NO.	DTG.	MESSAGE/INCIDENT
0931			35	031031	Scat C-P: My position 924088. Request to know how close sweep to northwest will be to my position.
1000			36	031100	1/1 chopped to TG Foxtrot.
1103			37	031103	PE-P: Intelligence report on VC command post at 980077.
1113			38	031113	P2-PA: Send detail to 949068 to pick up maps on the way.
1125			39	031125	P14-Mutter: Request AO to cover sweep of PF at TLZ right 3.0 add 2.8. Suspects VC if present will use boats to vacate area.
1126			40	031126	PF-P: Furute point of advance is 979075.
1127			41	031127	PA,E,F-P: All secure.
1130			42	031130	P-Mutter: All secure. Negative enemy contact.
1130			43	031130	PA-P: Our pick up is 954067.
1205			44	031205	PA,E,F-P: All secure. Sweep completed.
1215			45	031215	P-Mutter: All secure. Negative enemy contact.
1230			46	031230	P4-Mutter: Transportation request.
1240			47	031240	PA-P: Commencing sweep.
1300			48	031300	PA,E,F-P: All secure.
1305			49	031305	P4-Mutter: Resupply request.
1310			50	031310	P-Mutter: All secure. Negative enemy contact.
1350			51	031350	PF-P: Have completed sweep as far as rice paddy area. Are returning to IP.
1415			52	031415	PA,E,F-P: All secure.
1422			53	031422	P4-Mutter 4: Request status on resupply.

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FROM: 030001H March 66

TO: 032400H March 66

TIME IN	OUT	NO.	DTG.	MESSAGE/INCIDENT
1620		66	031620	P4-Mutter 4: Coordinates for pick up.
1645		67	031645	P2-Mutter 2: VN civilian reports seeing 2 armed VC vicinity 964075 at 031500H. PE's vicinity of Pilsner CP have searched area with negative results.
1700		68	031700	PA,E,F-P: All secure. Alpha on trucks moving back.
1712		69	031712	Mutter-P: OPun return to this position to Mutter. Foxtrot to mutter and assume OPCON of warehouse at PC.
1722		70	031722	P-Mutter: All secure. Negative enemy contact.
1712		71	031712	Mutter-P: Upon return to this location chop to mutter Foxtrot to mutter and assume OPCON of Warehouse Kilo at Pilsner Charlie.
1715		72	031715	PE-P: Trucks have arrived.
1805		73	031805	P-Mutter: All secure. Negative enemy contact.
1820		74	031820	PE-P: Have arrived at CP.
1825		75	031825	P3: Departed CP 956069.
1915		76	031915	P3: Arrived at 2/1 CP.
1945		77	031945	Mutter-P: Warehouse Kilo and Pilsner Charlie your OPCON as of 1920. Mutter assuming OPCON of Echo. Echo chopped to 2/1

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FROM: PILSNER
TO: MOTHERHOOD

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FRAG ORDER 1-66

REF: A. OPERATION OVERLAY (ISSUED SEPARATELY)

PILSNER CONTINUES PATROLS, AMBUSHES, AND SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN TAOR. BOUNDARIES OF COMPANY AOR'S INDICATED IN REF A. ARE EFFECTIVE UPON RECEIPT OF THIS ORDER.

PILSNER ALPHA: RETURN TO PILSNER CP BY 141300H; ASSUME MISSIONS CURRENTLY ASSIGNED TO PILSNER CHARLIE. SUBMIT RETURN ROUTE, TO INCLUDE CHECKPOINTS, ASAP. INITIAL PLANS FOR OPERATIONS IN NEW AOR WILL BE PREPARED BY THIS HEADQUARTERS.

PILSNER BRAVO: CONTINUE CURRENT MISSION.

PILSNER CHARLIE: DEPART CURRENT LOCATION AT 140800H. ESTABLISH PATROL BASE IN AOR TWO. CONDUCT PATROLS, AMBUSHES, AND SEARCH AND DESTROY MISSIONS WITHIN AOR. SUBMIT ROUTE OF ENTRY (TO INCLUDE CHECKPOINTS) INTO NEW AOR, AND LOCATION OF TENTATIVE COMPANY PATROL BASE. PREPARE PLANS FOR PILSNER ALPHA IN AOR ONE FOR NIGHT OF 14-15 MAR 66, AND SUBMIT TO THIS HEADQUARTERS.

PILSNER KILO: AT 131400H, HELILIFT ONE PLATOON TO HILL 225; ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS POSITION FROM MUTTER. REPORT TO THIS HEADQUARTERS WHEN RELIEF HAS BEEN EFFECTED. AT 140900H, HELILIFT REMAINING ELEMENTS OF KILO TO HILL 225. ESTABLISH PATROL BASE, AND CONDUCT PATROLS, AMBUSHES, AND SEARCH AND DESTROY MISSIONS WITHIN AOR THREE.

PILSNER WHISKEY: AT 141000H, HELILIFT ONE SECTION TO HILL 225 FOR ATTACHMENT TO PILSNER KILO EFFECTIVE UPON ARRIVAL AT DESTINATION.

ADDRESSEES WILL COMMENCE PLANNING FOR OPERATIONS UPON ARRIVAL IN RESPECTIVE AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY. PLANS WILL BE PREPARED FOR TWENTY-FOUR HOUR PERIODS FROM 1801H TO 1800H, AND SUBMITTED FORTY-EIGHT HOURS IN ADVANCE. DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION TO THIS HEADQUARTERS IS 1400H DAILY

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DTG: 14 1200H Mar 66

FROM: PILSNER
TO: MOTHERHOOD

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FRAG ORDER 2-66

REF: A. OPERATION OVERLAY (ISSUED SEPARATELY)

PILSNER CONTINUES ASSIGNED MISSION WITHIN TAOR.

PILSNER ALPHA: COMMENCING 170801H HELILIFT TO AOR FOUR;
ASSUME MISSION OF PILSNER BRAVO; PREPARE AOR ONE PLANS
FOR PILSNER BRAVO THROUGH 182359.

PILSNER BRAVO: COMMENCING 170815H HELILIFT TO AOR ONE;
ASSUME MISSIONS OF PILSNER ALPHA. SELECT LZ TO ACCOMODATE
04 HELICOPTERS AND REPORT LOCATION TO THIS HEADQUARTERS.
SUBMIT AOR FOUR PLANS FOR PILSNER ALPHA THROUGH 172359H

PILSNER CHARLIE: NO CHANGE.

PILSNER KILO: NO CHANGE.

ALL UNITS SUBMIT CHANGES IN CP LOCATIONS AS THEY OCCUR.

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DTG: 191300H MAR 66

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FRAG ORDER 3-66

REF: A. OPERATION OVERLAY (ISSUED SEPARATELY)

1. PILSNER CONTINUES ASSIGNED MISSION WITHIN TAOR.
2. BOUNDARIES INDICATED BY REFERENCE A. EFFECTIVE 21 MARCH 66.
3. PILSNER ALPHA: ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR OP CROW 21 MARCH 66. HELILIFT FOR ADVANCE PARTY (APPROXIMATELY FOUR MEN) FROM PILSNER ALPHA CP TO OP CROW SCHEDULED FOR 20 MARCH 66. TIME: TBA. TIME FOR ONE PLATOON HELILIFT TO OP CROW ON 21 MARCH: TBA.
4. PILSNER BRAVO: ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR AOR ONE BY 221200H MAR 66.
5. PILSNER CHARLIE: ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR AOR ONE BY 221200H MAR 66.
6. PILSNER KILO: PREPARE TO RELEIVE PILSNER ALPHA ADVANCE PARTY ON 20 MARCH 66.
7. ADDRESSEES WILL REFLECT ANNOUNCED CHANGES IN PLANNING. PLANS THROUGH 222400H MARCH DUE AT THIS HEADQUARTERS BY 201400H MARCH 66.

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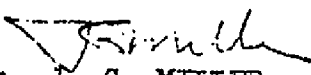
1. EFFECTIVE 21 MARCH 66 PILSNER KILO REVERTS TO OPCON WAREHOUSE. TIME: TBA.

2. PILSNER TAOR TO BE DIVIDED INTO THREE SECTORS. SEE OPERATION OVERLAY (ISSUED SEPARATELY).

3. INITIAL ASSIGNMENTS

PILSNER ALPHA: AOR III
PILSNER BRAVO: AOR II
PILSNER CHARLIE: AOR I

4. REFLECT CHANGES IN PLANNING.

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DTG: 210800H Mar 66

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FRAG ORDER 5-66

1. CANCEL MY FRAG ORDER 4-66.
2. AOR BOUNDARIES REMAIN AS PRESENTLY ASSIGNED.
3. PILSNER ALPHA, CHARLIE AND KILO CONTINUE OPERATIONS IN ASSIGNED AOR.
4. PILSNER BRAVO OPCON MUTTER.
5. PILSNER YANKEE ASSIGNED AOR I
6. PLANS THROUGH 232400H MARCH DUE 211400H MARCH 66.

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DTG: 241200H Mar 66

FROM: PILSNER
TO: PILSNER ALPHA, PILSNER CHARLIE

FRAG ORDER 6-66

1. EFFECTIVE 1800H 25 MARCH PILSNER T/AOR DIVIDED INTO THREE SECTORS. BOUNDARY BETWEEN AOR I AND AOR II FROM 784133 TO 795125 TO 818146 ALONG ROAD TO 827124 TO 830125. BOUNDARY BETWEEN AOR II AND AOR III FROM 801087 ALONG STREAM TO 806093, 829075, 841090 THEN TO 851093.
2. INITIAL ASSIGNMENTS: AOR I PILSNER BRAVO, AOR II PILSNER CHARLIE, AOR III PILSNER ALPHA.
3. CONDUCT AGGRESSIVE PATROLS THROUGHOUT AOR.
4. ON 27 MARCH PILSNER ALPHA ASSIGNED AOR I; PILSNER BRAVO ASSIGNED AOR III. MOVEMENT BY HELO. TIME TBA.
5. SUBMIT 48 HOUR PLANS IAW AOR ASSIGNMENTS.

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DTG: 291400H MAR 66

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TO: MOTHERDOD

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FRAG ORDER 7-66

1. FOLLOWING ASSIGNMENTS EFFECTIVE 01 APRIL 66.

PILSNER ALPHA: AOR II

PILSNER CHARLIE: AOR I

2. PILSNER BRAVO CONTINUE MISSION IN AOR III.

3. PILSNER YANKEE ASSUME MISSION OF CP SECURITY DURING
CHANGE OVER.

4. REFLECT NEW ASSIGNMENTS IN PLANNING.

5. TIMES OF MOVEMENT: TBA.

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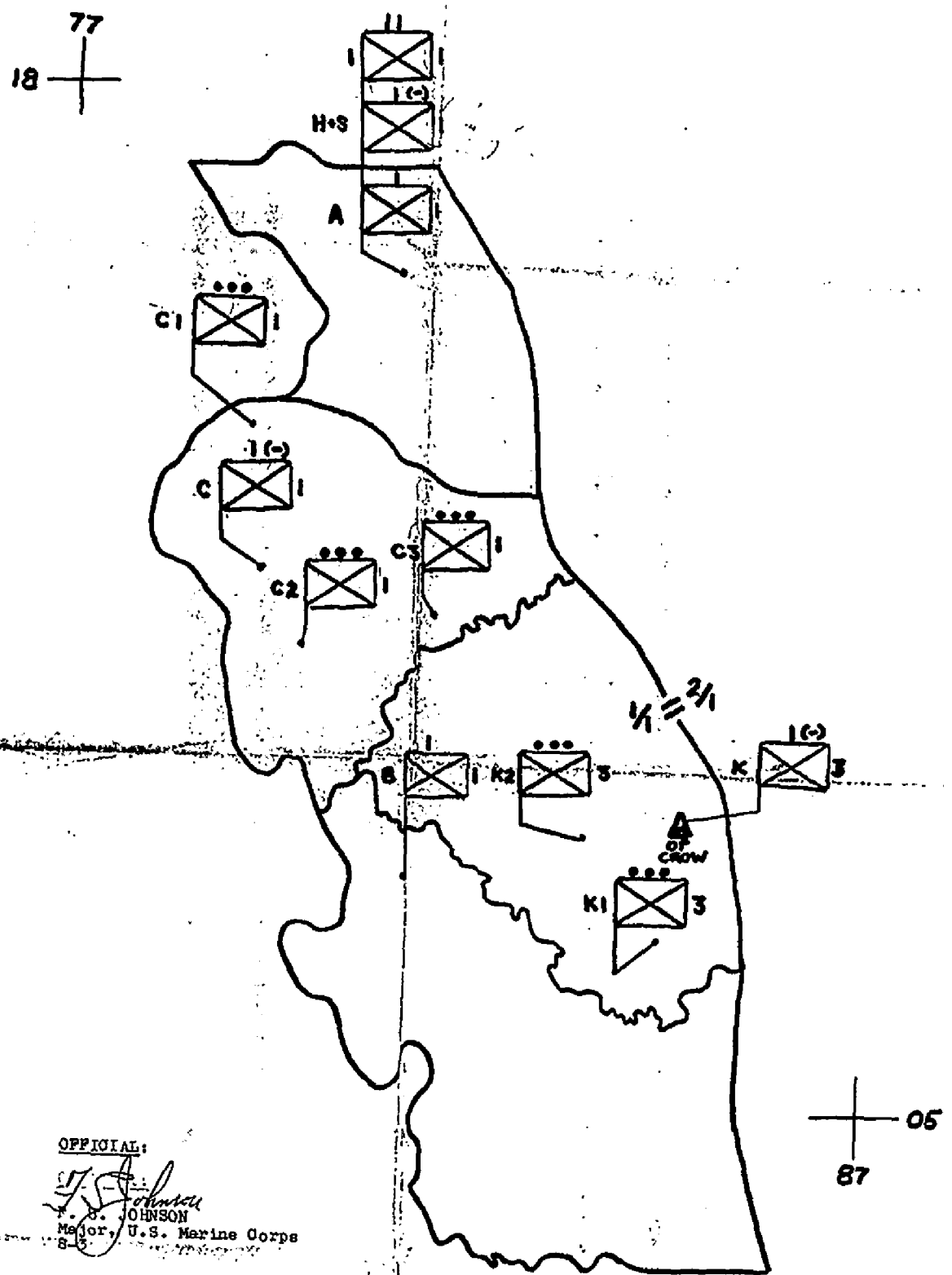
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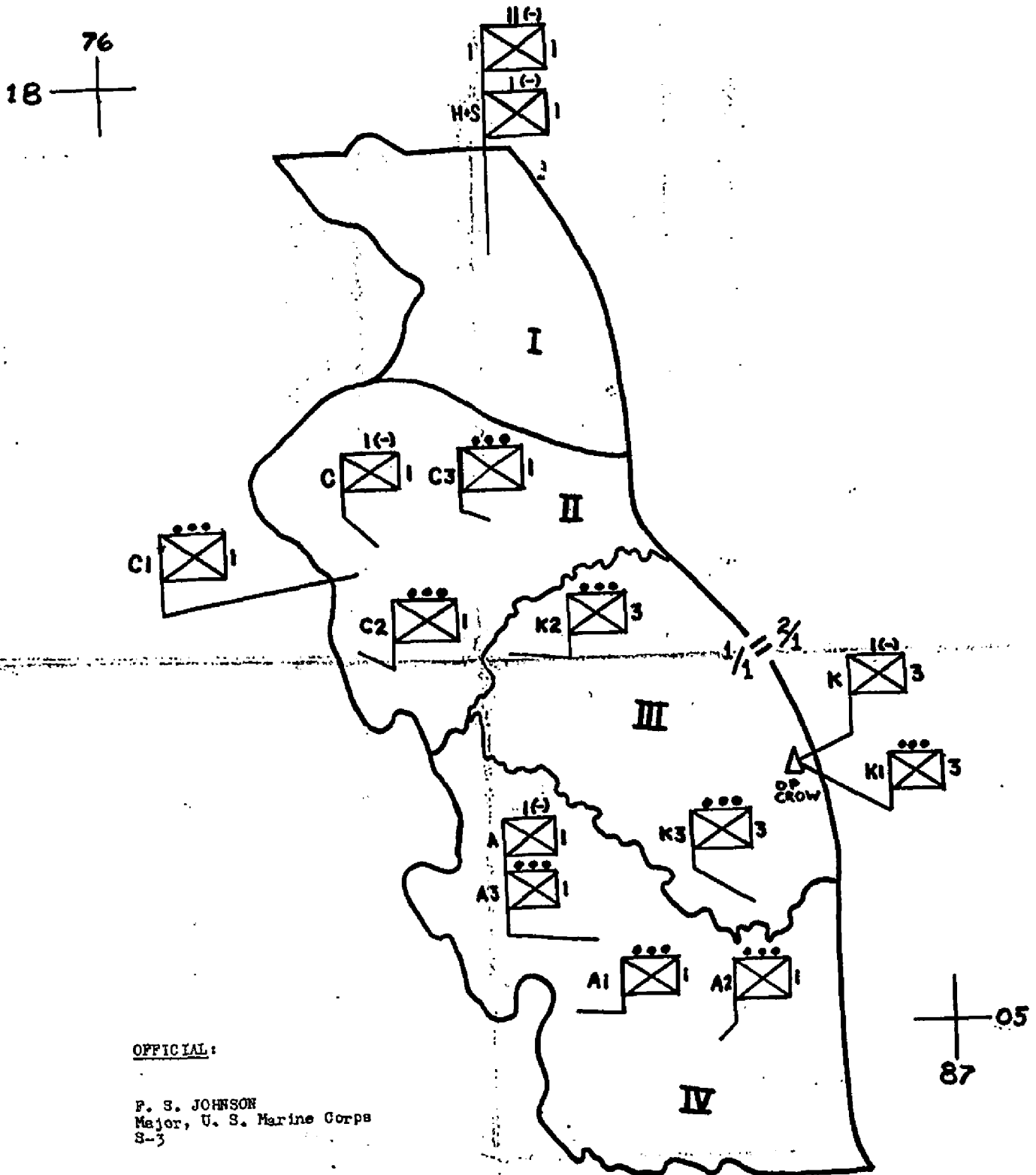
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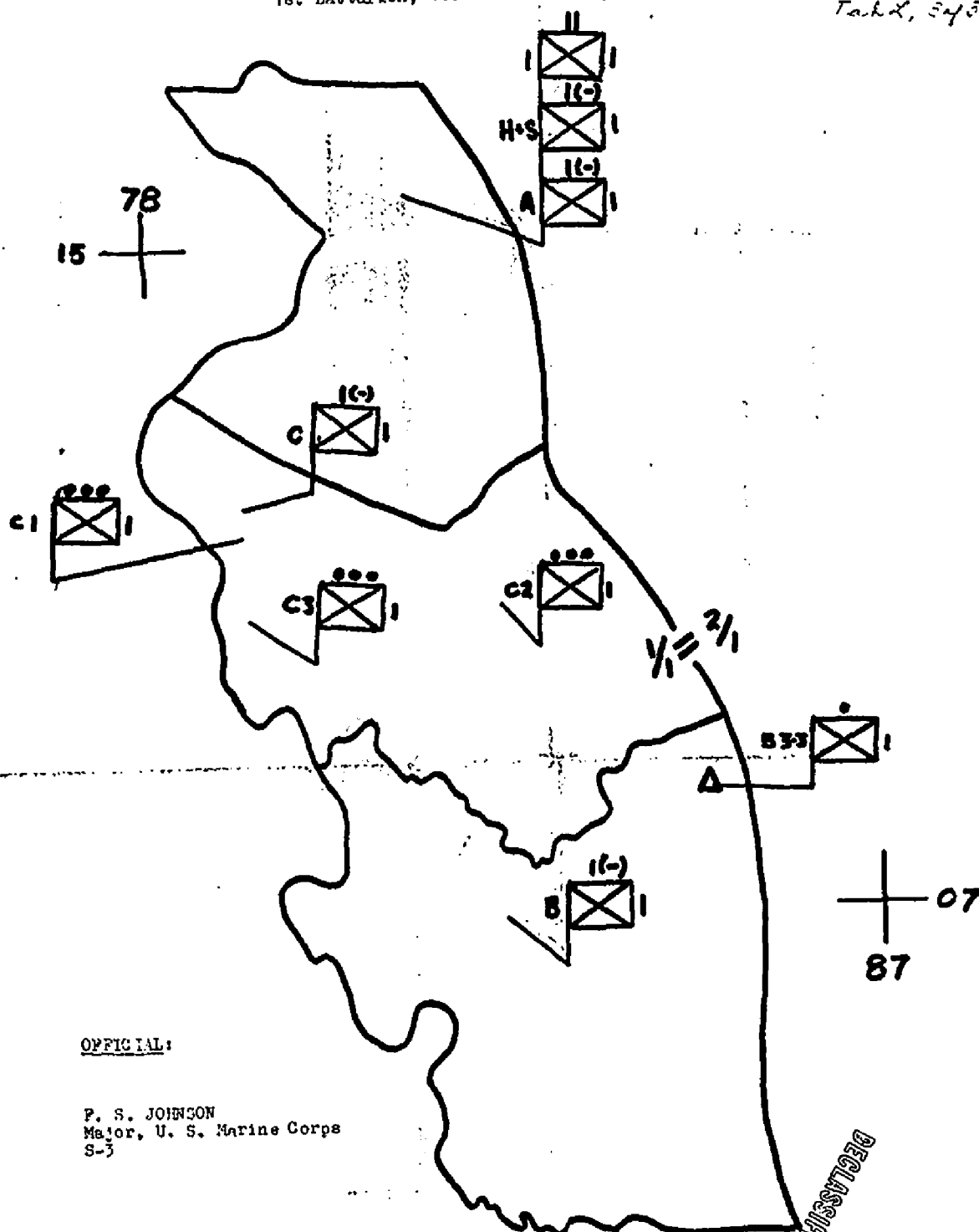
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HEADQUARTERS
1st Battalion 1st Marines
3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
FPO San Francisco, 96602

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4 Mar 1966

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marines (Attn: S-4)

Subj: LOGSUM #14

Ref: (a) ForceO 4000.1B

Encl: (1) Subject Report

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.

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Tab M

LOGSUM #14

PERIOD: 18 Feb 66 to 2 Mar 66

1. Unit Designation. 1st Battalion 1st Marines
2. Logistics Increments. N/A
3. Location. (069714) Maps: INDOCHINA: 1:50,000, Sheet 6695 II, Series L701.
4. Date of Arrival. 29 August 11965
5. Logistics Units Enroute from POE. None
6. Supply and Distribution
 - a. General Status. Support is adequate for the accomplishment of the commands assigned mission.
 - b. Problem Areas.

(1) The Battalion's initial issue of tropical utilities was not sufficient to outfit each Marine with two sets as authorized. Many sets have become unserviceable and replacements have not been received to refurbish the dwindling stock. Twelve hundred sets are necessary to satisfy existing demands.

(2) Operating stocks of consumable office supplies and stationary are at a low level. Replenishment has not been sufficient to satisfy demands; Requisitions have been submitted for all shortages.

(3) Messhall cleaning supplies have not been received in sufficient quantity to ensure proper sanitation. Requisitions submitted are as follows:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QTY</u>	<u>DDD</u>	<u>DOCNO.</u>	<u>PRI</u>
Brooms	6	5274	61671	17
	23	5284	62075	17
Scouring	145	5262	61392	17
Powder	72	5274	61661	17
	127	5285	62079	17
GI Cans	20(30 gal)	5269	61599	17
	24(24 gal)	5269	61598	17

(4) Upper Torso Body Armor Status

- (a) 1195-T/E
- (b) 1122-On hand serviceable*
- (c) 72-Short
- (d) 92-Evacuated to R&D in past 20 days
- (e) 126-Total received in past six months

*An estimated 10% of the body armor on hand will become unserviceable in the next 20 days. Replacements are on requisition.

(2) Tropical Jungle Boots are being received in small amounts each month. At this time approximately 80 Marines of this battalion do not have Jungle Boots.

7. Maintenance.

a. General Status

<u>Item</u>	<u>D/L 2d ech</u>	<u>D/L 3d ech</u>	<u>Avail</u>
Trk, Util, $\frac{1}{2}$ T, M-422	0	0	20
Trk, Util, $\frac{1}{2}$ T, M-274	0	4	26
Radio, AN/PRC-10	3	3	34
Radio, AN/PRC-6	2	6	35
Radio, AN/TPS-21	0	2	0
Rifle, M-14	0	47	836

8. Development of Logistics Units

a. This unit is able to logistically support all organic elements with limited support from higher echelons.

b. Units Supported.

- (1) 1st Battalion 1st Marines
- (2) Hdqtrs, 1st&2nd Plts, Company "B", 3d Tank Battalion (Billeting, Food)

9. Base Development. This unit is presently formulating plans for the improvement of all logistic facilities within the cantonment.

10. Organic Engineer Projects. N/A

11. Medical

a. General Status. Good

b. Evacuation Status. During the reporting period the following casualties were evacuated.

- (1) Battle-16
- (2) Non-Battle-4

12. Embarkation.

a. General Status. N/A

b. Significant Problem Areas. N/A

13. Port Operations.

a. Port Capabilities in M/T. N/A

b. M/T Cleared Through Port or Over Beach During Period. N/A

c. Significant Problem Areas. N/A

14. Advance Planning. Plans are being formulated for the improvement of the cantonment.

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13 Mar 1966

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, 3d Marines (Attn: S-4)

Subj: LOGSUM #15

Ref: (a) Forc 4000.1B

Encl: (1) Subject Report

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.

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LOGSUM #15

PERIOD: 3 Mar 66 to 15 Mar 66

1. Unit Designation. 1st Battalion, 1st Marines, 3d Marine Division
2. Logistics Increments. N/A
3. Location. (811155) Maps: INDOCHINA: 1:50,000, Sheet 6560 II, Series L701
4. Date of Arrival. 29 August 1965
5. Logistics Units Enroute from POE. None
6. Supply and Distribution.
 - a. General Status. Support is adequate for the accomplishment of the Command's assigned mission.

b. Problem Areas

(1) Demands for individual equipment continue to overwhelm supply availability. Specific problem items include canteen cups, canteen covers, field mess gear, tent pins, and pre-made pouches. Requisitions for shortages in these areas have been submitted on priority 02.

(2) Upper Torso Body Armor has deteriorated in quantity. Replacement stocks have not been received in sufficient quantity to satisfy requirements.

(3) This unit inherited an initial issue of jungle utilities from another battalion upon deployment. The quantity received was not sufficient to completely outfit this battalion, and after six months in the Republic of Viet Nam a large number of utilities have become unserviceable. At this time, eight hundred sets are required to furnish two sets per man in the battalion. Four hundred sets were received during the month of March.

(4) Operating stocks of consumable office supplies and stationary are at a low level, and replenishment has not been sufficient to satisfy demands. Requisitions have been submitted for all shortages.

7. Maintenance

a. General Status

<u>Item</u>	<u>D/L 2d ech</u>	<u>D/L 3d ech</u>	<u>Avail</u>
Trk, Util, 4T, M-422	0	0	20
Trk, Plat, 4T, M-274	0	0	29*
Radio, AN/PRC-10	3	3	34
Radio, AN/PRC-6	2	3	38
Rifle, M-14	0	40	798**

*One coded x by FLSC.

**Forty-Five invoiced to 2/1 on 12 Mar 66.

8. Development of Logistics Units.

a. Logistic Capabilities. This unit is able to logistically support all organic elements with limited support from higher echelons.

b. Units Supported.

(1) 1st Battalion 1st Marines

9. Base Development. New CP location has no strongbacks. Plans for cantonments are being developed for submission to higher headquarters.

10. Organic Engineer Projects. N/A

11. Medical

a. General Status. Good

b. Evacuation Status. During the reporting period the following casualties were evacuated.

(1) Battle-5

(2) Non-Battle-0

12. Embarkation

a. General Status. N/A

b. Significant Problem Areas. N/A

13. Port Operations

a. Port Capabilities in M/T. N/A

b. M/T Cleared Through Port or Over Beach During Period. N/A

c. Significant Problem Areas. N/A

14. Advance Planning. N/A

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY FOR PERIOD 281800H FEBRUARY TO 021800H MARCH 1966

1. ENEMY SITUATION

Agent rpt 021417H: Villagers at (YD961044) state there were 5-VC in the village area on the night of 1 March 1966. The VC departed the village heading North.

Agent rpt 021420H: Villagers vicinity (YD955064) stated the VC held a propaganda meeting at (YD955064) on the night of 1 March 1966.

2. ENEMY ACTIVITY

UNIT: DTG: COORDS: ACTIVITY:

Echo 021530H YD958048 Found blood on road at (YD958048). Blood was old and dry. The people in the area claimed to know nothing about the blood.

3. ENEMY LOSSES. None reported.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY FOR PERIOD 021800H TO 081800H MARCH 1966

1. ENEMY SITUATION

Agent rpts 031103H: Villagers at Troy Bridge reported that there is a VC Command Post at (YD980077). VC are dug in trenches and foxholes. It is believed that the VC escaped by boat. (S-2 Comment: Area checked with negative results).

Agent rpts 031638H: A VN civilian reported sighting 2 armed VC vicinity (YD964075) at 031500H. PF in that area searched the area with negative results.

2. ENEMY ACTIVITY. None reported

3. ENEMY LOSSES. None reported

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY FOR PERIOD 081800H TO 091800H MARCH 1966

AO rpts 090900H: AO received heavy small arms fire from vicinity (YD7841-06). Fire came from a 1000 meter area from an estimated 4 AW's. An air strike was called in; results are unknown.

Task Group Foxtrot 2 rpts 091200H: Report that the ASHAU Special Forces Camp at (YC494834) was under attack by an unknown number of VC. The attack commenced at 090200H with mortar fire; small arms fire was received throughout the day. Estimated 2 VC Bn's believed to be the 6th and 8th Bn's (6th Bn subordinate to the 95th VC Regiment and the 8th Bn subordinate to the 101st VC Regiment). An AA weapon is located vicinity GS (YC4988), an AA weapon and 81mm mortars located vicinity GS (YC5981), 1 company with 12.7 AA weapon at GS (YC6081) and 1 company with an 81mm mortar located GS (YC6081). A C-47 Aircraft was shot down vicinity GS (YC4690). AO received small arms fire from along valley (RAO LAD) NW of ASHAU.

2. ENEMY ACTIVITY. None reported

3. ENEMY LOSSES. None reported


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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY FOR PERIOD 091800H TO 101800H MARCH 1966

1. ENEMY SITUATION

Agent rpts 092100H: (1) VC Co located in village vicinity coordinates (YD790-113) and (YD790103). Report non-rated.

Task Group Foxtrot rpts 092110H: The following information concerns enemy units possibly present in the ASHAU Valley area: the 95th VC Regt was located in SW QUANG TRI Prov/LAOS in October 1965. The 302d Bn is subordinate to the 101st VC Regt. In October 1965 the 6th Bn, 95th Regt was redesignated the 810th Bn.

Task Group Foxtrot rpts 092145H: 3d MarDiv G-2 states the following report was received from 2 NVA deserters; from 2d Co, 6th Bn, 325th Div; the 6th Bn trained with the 95th Regt and that training was completed in December 1965. In February 1966 the battalion along with the 5th and 8th Bn's moved to THUA THIEN Prov. The 95th Regt Hq is located vic GS (YC5388) as well as the 6th Bn. The attack on ASHAU had been rehearsed since December 1965 and was planned to take place on 11 March 1966. Each battalion has a strength of 600 men and the Regt has a strength of 2000.

Task Group Foxtrot rpts 100034H: ASHAU Special Forces camp under heavy attack.

Task Group Foxtrot rpts 100205H: ASHAU receiving heavy mortar fire and the VC are trenching to within 100 meters of the fort. Requested airstrike and reinforcements at first light.

Task Group Foxtrot rpts 100335H: ASHAU under full scale attack; weather overcast.

Task Group Foxtrot rpts 100425H: ASHAU radio operator believes that he is the only one alive. He requested a TAC AN run. Request denied by Saigon at 1005-00H but later approved at 100510H. Camp still receiving mortar fire and small arms fire.

AO rpts 100900H: AO received automatic weapons fire from (YD783106). Arty mission called with good effect on target.

AO rpts 100945H: AO sighted 2-VC vic (YD790103).

Task Group Foxtrot rpts 101245H: ASHAU reported that north wall holding out, the rest of camp overrun. VC were withdrawing north to old bunkers. Possibly Main Force of VC still south of camp. Were still asking for reinforcements. Could not land in or around the camp. Bn size attack was made from the south. Airstrikes were renewed on the south end of the camp.

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Task Group Foxtrot rpts 101500H: AA positions: (YC440930), (YC483890), (YC512-882), (YC501863), (YC502859), (YC500810) and (YC533793). There are 7-8 MG's in each of these positions; (YC502858) and (YC501862).

2. ENEMY ACTIVITY

UNIT: DTG: COORDS: ACTIVITY:

Alfa 101130H YD790104 Results of Alfa Co sweep: Spotted 2-VC in green uniforms and took them under fire. VC ran toward river (YD790104). Alfa swept the immediate area and found numerous caves (in one cave found a sack with one green uniform, one pajamas type uniform and documents believed to be of no importance; will forward same). Also found 15 man traps, 10 panji traps and numerous panji stakes; destroyed same. Noticed a marked lack of villagers in village at (YD790105). Total number of 2 old men, 7 women and 3 children. Same were interrogated with negative results.

3. ENEMY LOSSES. Found numerous caves, 2 uniforms and documents. Destroyed 15 man traps, 10 panji traps and numerous panji stakes.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY FOR PERIOD 101800H TO 111800H MARCH 1966

1. ENEMY SITUATION

Senior Advisor, NAM HOA Sector rpts 101810H: Reports 500 VC at (YD797109). Report non-rated.

2. ENEMY ACTIVITY

UNIT: DTG: COORDS: ACTIVITY:

Charlie 111245H YD795097 Charlie Co found approximately 1000 pounds of rice husks in an abandoned house vicinity (YD795097).

Alfa 111545H YD797098 Results of Alfa Co sweep: In vicinity of (YD797-098) found 1 sniper platform, 1 60mm mortar case, 1 lot M41-275, 5-50 ft ropes, 1 rope ladder and 60 rds M-14 ammunition. In the same area found and destroyed 1 tunnel approximately 25 ft long and 3 man holes. Tripped one dud M-16, Bouncing Betty mine (U.S. make). Mine appeared to be new and recently emplaced. The mine was located at (YD790-104). Vicinity of the same coordinates apprehended 9-VCS for questioning. The VCS were forwarded to ITT. Noticed a marked lack of villagers through out the sweep.

3. ENEMY LOSSES. Found 1 sniper platform, 1 60mm mortar case, 5-50 ft ropes, 1 rope ladder and 60 rds M-14 ammunition. Destroyed 1 tunnel, 3 man holes and 1 Bouncing Betty mine.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY FOR PERIOD 111800H TO 121800H MARCH 1966

1. ENEMY SITUATION. None reported

2. ENEMY ACTIVITY

UNIT: DTG: COORDS: ACTIVITY:

Alfa 111835H YD798108 Located 1 AT mine (M1A1) U.S. with eight pounds of TNT booster charge. Mine was located on tank trail at (YD798108). In the same location was 1 ChiCom AP mine. A trip wire was present but had been previously broken. Engineers removed and forwarded same.

Alfa 120830H YD792099 Apprehended 1-VCS vic (YD792099). The VCS was found sleeping in an abandoned hut. VCS was sent to ITT for questioning.

Alfa 121650H YD787118 Found 2 booby traps at (YD787118); destroyed same. Also found one half block of TNT, U. S. make.

Alfa 121710H YD788118 Tripped a ChiCom grenade booby trapped with trip wire. 3 USMC WIA; evacuated same.

3. ENEMY LOSSES. Found and destroyed 2 booby traps. Also found 2 mines and one half block of TNT. One VCS was also apprehended and sent to ITT.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY FOR PERIOD 121800H TO 131800H MARCH 1966

1. ENEMY SITUATION

Rurger 2 rpts 122020H: Sgt. BAU, PF platoon sergeant, reported that on March 13 or 14, the VC will attempt to employ 2 mines along the road to 1-1 CP. Road concerned is the dirt road left from Hwy #1. The number of VC concerned and the time of their activity is unknown. Information came from a very reliable source.

Agent rpts 122124H: (1) VC Bn located vicinity GIA LONG Tomb area (YD-780115). The battalion is believed to be the 804th Main Force Bn.

2. ENEMY ACTIVITY

UNIT:	DTG:	COORDS:	ACTIVITY:
Alfa	122003H	YD790103	A-3 sprung an ambush on 2-VC armed with carbines. Possibly wounded 1-VC. During the search of the killing zone, the ambush exchanged fire with 3 additional VC in the same area. The VC broke contact and area was searched with negative results. No friendly casualties.
Alfa	130100H	YD791105	A-3 fired on 1-VC near a foot bridge at (YD791108). The VC fled south, dropping (1) K-50 magazine and (1) ChiCom grenade on trail. A-3 continued pursuit, surrounded a hut at (YD791105); opened fire on an estimated 4-5 VC who came from the hut. Subsequent search of the area revealed blood inside and outside the hut and abandoned weapons and equipment, indicating that the VC inside had been hit by Marine fire. Found were (1) MAS-36 rifle, (4) ChiCom grenades, (1) M-26 grenade, 17 rds 7.62 ammo, 8 sets black pajamas, 1 set of khaki, 1 set utilities, 4 pair sandals, 1 set of binoculars, 1 bag of medical supplies, 2 cartridge belts, 100 pounds of rice and assorted grains, flashlight batteries, toilet articles and 1 plastic rain cape. Probable 3-4 VC WIA.

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UNIT: DTG: CO. RDS: ACTIVITY:

Axhandle 1-1 131630H YD815169 Sweeping team discovered (1) anti-vehicular mine (U. S. manufactured; WWII type) in a shallow hole (mine was approximately 1/2 inch below the surface of the road) at (YD815169). Mine contained approximately 6 pounds of TNT. The firing pin was cocked but a small percussion cap was missing from the firing mechanism preventing the mine from being armed. The mine was taken to Axhandle CP for study purposes.

Alfa 131750H YD789103 At approximately 131630H found cloth packs with straps either sewn or tied on; contained clothing in good condition and other miscellaneous articles of no intelligence value. Also found approximately 6 pounds of rice and a wallet containing pictures and a notebook with songs as the contents. Will destroy all except the wallet and the notebook which will be forwarded.

3. ENEMY LOSSES. 5-VC WIA (probable), 1 K-50 magazine, 5 ChiCom grenades, 1 MAS-36 rifle, 1 M-26 grenade, 17 rds 7.62 ammo, assorted uniforms and miscellaneous gear, 1 set binoculars, 1 bag of medical supplies, 2 cartridge belts, 106 pounds of rice, 1 anti-vehicular mine, 1 cloth pack, 1 wallet with pictures and 1 notebook.

4. OTHER FACTORS

	14Mar	15Mar	16Mar	17Mar	18Mar	19Mar	20Mar
SUNRISE:	0656	0655	0655	0654	0653	0652	0652
SUNSET:	1857	1858	1858	1858	1858	1858	1858
MOONRISE:	0109	0204	0256	0345	0429	0511	—
MOONSET:	1229	1320	1412	1506	1557	1647	—
PHASE:	Last	Last	Last	Last	Last	Last	Last

Weather: High 84, Low 73
 Wind: Variable at 5 knots
 Visibility: 7 miles
 Outlook: Fair skies.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY FOR PERIOD 131800H TO 141800H MARCH 1966

1. ENEMY SITUATION. None reported

2. ENEMY ACTIVITY

UNIT: DTG: COORDS: ACTIVITY:

Axhandle A-1 141550H YD815169 Mine sweep detail found (1) U. S. AT mine vicinity (YD815169). The mine had a booster charge of 3 pounds of TNT placed beneath the mine. The firing mechanism was corroded but it appeared that someone had recently dug up the mine to determine if it was still in place.

Bravo 141100H YD800073 B-2 patrol found defensive works through out the area from line drawn from (YD80-0073) to (YD810055) westward to river. None were occupied and had not been for quite some time. A complete report and sketch to be forwarded.

3. ENEMY LOSSES. 1 mine and a large defensive works found.

4. OTHER FACTORS.

	15Mar	16Mar	17Mar	18Mar	19Mar	20Mar
SUNRISE:	0655	0655	0654	0653	0652	0652
SUNSET:	1858	1858	1858	1858	1858	1858
MOONRISE:	0204	0256	0345	0429	0511	—
MOONSET:	1320	1412	1506	1557	1647	—
PHASE:	Last	Last	Last	Last	Last	Last

Weather: High 86, Low 74
Wind: Variable at 5 knots
Visibility: 4-5 miles
Outlook: Ground fog.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY FOR PERIOD 141800H TO 151800H MARCH 1966

1. ENEMY SITUATION

HUONG THUY District Chief rpts 150830H: Report an unknown number of VC were present vicinity (YD824201) on the night of 14 March. The VC told the people to move from the area because of an impending attack on USMC positions. The presence of the VC was confirmed by Sgt BAD a PF in the area. (C-3 rating by Bound 2).

Task Group Foxtrot rpts 151140H: Non-rated, DTG 13-14 March. On the night of 13 March, an unknown number of VC held a propaganda lecture at (YD829175). The following information came from HUONG THUY Village Police Chief: Reported vic French bunker (YD826169), 1 estimated platoon of VC set an ambush on the trail leading NW from that position between 2300H and 2320H. There was sporadic automatic weapons fire heard at the bunker. Believed to be a diversionary action to protect the propaganda lecture as well as an attempt to draw a unit into the ambush. Hamlet Chief of HUONG THUY believes there are extensive tunnels around schools in vicinity of French bunkers. Believed to be 4-VC living around bunkers armed with K-50's and wear white shirts and black shorts.

2. ENEMY ACTIVITY

UNIT: DTG: COORDS: ACTIVITY:

Bravo 151500H YD7907 B-1 patrol operating in grid squares (YD7907), (YD8006) and (YD8005) found extensive defensive works of battalion size. The trench works were old but usable. (See B-1 patrol report).

3. ENEMY LOSSES. Extensive defensive works found.

4. OTHER FACTORS

	16Mar	17Mar	18Mar	19Mar	20Mar
SUNRISE:	0655	0654	0653	0652	0652
SUNSET:	1858	1858	1858	1858	1858
MOONRISE:	0256	0345	0429	0511	---
MOONSET:	1412	1506	1557	1647	---
PHASE:	Last	Last	Last	Last	Last

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Weather: High - 85, Low - 73
Wind: Variable at 7 knots
Visibility: 4-5 miles
Outlook: Fair skies.

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1. 1st Battalion, 1st Marines
2. 151200H to 161200H March 1966
3. Summary of Enemy Activity

UNIT: DTG: COORDS: ACTIVITY:

Bravo	151500H	YD7907	B-1 patrol operating in grid squares (YD7907), (YD8006) and (YD8005) found extensive defensive works of battalion size. The trench works were old but usable. (See B-1 patrol report).
Charlie	151915H	YD794113	Charlie Company received 3-5 rounds incoming 60mm mortar fire at (YD794113). Believed rounds came from west of river but could not determine location of mortars. No reported casualties.

4. N/A
5. N/A
7. N/A
8. N/A

10. Weather and Terrain Conditions: (Period Covered 0600H to 1800H)

High - 86, Low - 73, Wind - 0-10 knots, Visibility - 1-7 miles, Outlook - thunder storms in late afternoon and evening.

Sunrise - 0655, Sunset - 1858, Moonrise - 0256, Moonset - 1412, Phase - last

11. N/A

12. Very little enemy activity through out period covered.

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1. 1stBn, 1stMar
2. 161200H to 171200H March 1966
3. Summary of Enemy Activity

UNIT: DTG: COORDS: ACTIVITY:

Charlie 161330H YD789119 C-1 patrol found 200 panji stakes in 2 panji traps, 15 Malayan Whips, 1 Bouncing Betty mine and 2 ChiCom grenades booby trapped with trip wire vicinity (YD789-119). Engineers to destroy same.

Charlie 161340H YD792104 C-2 patrol tripped a grenade booby trapped with trip wire causing 2 USMC WIA; evacuated same. During the med evac, 30-50 rds of small arms fire was received from the west. Believe fire came from both sides of the river. The patrol returned with 50-60 rds of small arms fire and swept the east bank of the river with negative results. One USMC WIA resulting from the small arms fire received; evacuated same.

Charlie 162220H YD784134 C-1 patrol vicinity (YD784134) sighted an individual on the right flank of the patrol on the high ground. Patrol leader challenged the VCS and the VCS fled. The VCS was fired on and believe hit for the VCS fell to the ground and began to crawl towards a hut in the area. The patrol pursued and upon arrival at the hut apprehended a male approximately 40 yrs old. The man had apparently been running as he was out of breath. The patrol leader does not believe that the man apprehended is the man that was fired on for the man apprehended was bare-headed and the man fired on appeared to have been wearing a helmet. A search of the house revealed 3 pr of Ho Chi Minh sandals. While searching the house the patrol members heard movement to the rear of the house but a search of the area revealed no additional personnel. VCS apprehended was taken to ITT. (1) probable VC WIA by the actions of the individual when fired on.

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3. Summary of Enemy Activity (Con't)

UNIT: DTG: COORDS: ACTIVITY:

Charlie 170835H YD790102 C-2 patrol tripped 1 ChiCom grenade booby trapped with trip wire resulting in 1 USMC KIA, WIA latter to be evacuated.

4. Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Personnel: Conf Prob
KIA WIA KIA WIA VCS VCC
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b. Equipment: 200 panji stakes, 2 panji traps, 15 Malayan Whips, 1 Bouncing Betty mine, 2 ChiCom grenade booby traps and 3 pair Ho Chi Minh sandals.

5. N/A

7. N/A

8. N/A

10. Weather and Terrain Conditions: (Period Covered 0600H to 1800H)

High - 86, Low - 74, Wind - Southeastorly at 6 knots, Visibility - 2 miles in fog and 4 miles in haze, Outlook - cloudy.

Sunrise - 0654, Sunset - 1858, Moonrise - 0345, Moonset - 1506, Phase - last

11. N/A

12. Enemy contacts continue in the VO XA and VI DA areas as a result of friendly operations. It is expected that the mining incidents will increase as operations continue in the area.

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1. 1st Battalion, 1st Marines
2. 171200H to 181200H March 1966
3. Summary of Enemy Activity

UNIT: DTG: COORDS: ACTIVITY:

Charlie 171230H YD790102 G-2 patrol found 1 mine vicinity (YD790-102). The mine consisted of 2 pieces of tin shaped to form a bowl shape. 3-4 inches in diameter inside the bowl was a powder charge. The complete mine was buried 4 inches in the ground. The mine was rigged with a pressure type firing device. Mine was destroyed.

Kilo 171845H YD854072 Pilsner 2 Alfa Scout (recon) patrol found 2 believed booby trapped 81mm mortar rds at (YD854072). The rds were in old craters which appeared to have been filled in with fresh dirt. The primers were still intact so it is probable that the rds are not duds. No trip wires were present. The rds had been placed to appear as duds. Left in place; Engineers to destroy same.

Kilo 181002H YD853073 Pilsner 2 Alfa Scout (recon) patrol found an OP at (YD853073). OP was constructed of sticks lashed in the crotch of a tree. A 105mm crater was 15 meters from the OP. Ten feet from the OP was a camouflaged hole, several strips of civilian clothing, 2 pieces of plastic (one of which had blood on it) and 3 casings for 30 cal. ammunition several weeks old.

Kilo 181020H YD851068 Pilsner 2 Alfa Scout (recon) patrol located a series of positions at (YD851068); over 50 in number. Found 5 old shelters, 3 cooking areas, broken bowls, a 2-3 man sleeping area and an OP in a tree. The camp has not been used in several months. Canopy and undergrowth blocks the view of the camp from sky observation.

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3. Summary of Enemy Activity (Con't)

UNIT: DTG: COORDS: ACTIVITY:

Bound 34 181025H YD854166 Report that at 0930H (YD854166), (2) 4 rd burst of automatic fire was received from an unknown location. An ARVN Police Officer in the area went to investigate same with unknown results.

4. Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Personnel: N/A

b. Equipment: 1 mine, and 2 81mm mortar rds found and destroyed. Also located numerous enemy positions and miscellaneous gear.

5. N/A

7. N/A

8. HUONG THUY District Police Agent rpts 180830H: Report that there was a VC Plt in LOI NONG Hamlet, HUONG THUY District. The plt was armed with (1) BAR, (4) SMG, (25) rifles and (1) pistol. The plt has since moved to THUY VAN Village area (YD7922). The agent stated that a PF Plt from HUONG THUY was checking the area today.

10. Weather and Terrain Conditions: (Period Covered 0600H to 1800H)

High - 88, Low - 73, Wind - Variable at 5-10 knots, Visibility - 5-8 miles in haze, Outlook: No rain forecast, partly cloudy.

Sunrise - 0653, Sunset - 1858, Moonrise - 0429, Moonset - 1557, Phase -- last.

11. N/A

12. No change.

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2. 181200H to 191200H March 1966
3. Summary of Enemy Activity

UNIT: DTG: COORDS: ACTIVITY:

Kilo 181555H YD851064 Pilsner 2 Alfa Scout (Recon) patrol spotted 1 man in dark clothing moving from hill top at (YD851064) in a southwesterly direction to the reverse slope. Contact was lost with same.

Charlie 190230H YD809117 C-3 patrol detonated a possible grenade size booby trap at (YD809117). Detonation occurred 25 yds to the rear of the last man therefore resulting in no casualties. Because of the slow detonation it is believed that the grenade had a slow burning fuze.

4. Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Personnel: N/A

b. Equipment: One possible grenade booby trap.

5. N/A

7. N/A

8. N/A

10. Weather and Terrain Conditions: (Period Covered 0600H to 1800H)

High - 80, Low - 73, Wind - Variable at 7-10 knots, Visibility - 3-5 miles in rain, Outlook - Occasional rain showers.

Sunrise - 0652, Sunset - 1858, Moonrise - 0511, Moonset - 1647, Phase - Last

11. N/A

12. No change.

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1. 1st Battalion, 1st Marines
2. 191200H to 201200H March 1966
3. Summary of Enemy Activity

UNIT: DTG: COORDS: ACTIVITY:

Kilo 191420H YD839064 Pilsner 2 Alfa Scout (recon) patrol found a dud rd approximately 24 inches long and 4-6 inches in diameter. The rd was olive-drab in color. The nose cone was still in tact. The patrol did not know the type of ordnance. Same to be destroyed.

3. N/A
4. Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Personnel: N/A

b. Equipment: N/A

5. N/A

7. Purger 2 rpts 200715H: At 191913H a L19 pilot revealed that at (YD581-460) there were many VC on a hill side. An air strike was made on the VC with unknown results. The pilot believes it was a VC Co in position. The VC wore green khaki uniforms and helmets. One 81mm mortar confirmed. The 1st ARVN Division reported one VC Co at (YD565428) and one Co at (YD585417). There is a possible VC Co at (YD540453).

8. N/A

10. Weather and Terrain Conditions: (Period Covered 0600H to 1800H)

High - 84, Low - 71, Wind - North, at 5-10 knots, Visibility - 7 miles, Outlook - Partly cloudy.

Sunrise - 0652, Sunset - 1858, Moonrise - —, Moonset - —, Phase - Last

11. N/A
12. No change.

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1. 1st Battalion, 1st Marines

201200H to 211200H March 1966

3. Summary of Enemy Activity

UNIT: DTG: COORDS: ACTIVITY:

Charlie 201205H YD790102 OP vicinity (YD790102) observed a man wearing a khaki uniform, a green Ike jacket and no cover approximately 100 meters south of his position. The man fired on the OP with 2 rds of small arms fire. The OP returned fire and searched the area. Upon arrival at the position where the man was spotted, fresh blood and a homemade, friction type mine made of a cast iron cylinder with a fuze on top was found. The man was in the process of implanting the mine when he was taken under fire. The mine to be forwarded.

Charlie 202115H YD788108 C-1 reported hearing what appeared to be wood cutters vicinity (YD788108). C-1 continued to observe the area with negative results.

Bound 34 211005H YD807160 A Marine Corps 6X6 truck heading south moved to the right side of the road in order to allow another vehicle to pass. The right front wheel of the 6X6 truck detonated what was believed to be an AT mine. Crater was 3 ft in diameter and 1 1/2 ft in depth. A fuze device was recovered. The right front of the truck was damaged but negative casualties. Two Vietnamese females were observed running from scene and apprehended same. Presently being interrogated. Search of area produced approximately 25 meters of wire and 4 BA-30 batteries with plate on top. Batteries were found on curve approximately 50 meters from the crater. Wire was lying in a north direction.

4. Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Personnel: One MIA (probable) and two VCS apprehended.

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b. Equipment: One mine

5. N/A

7. Ranger 2 rpts 202200H: 1/4 was engaged with an estimated 2-VC Co's
vicinity GS's (YD5543) and (YD5643). 30 confirmed VC KIA and 20 possible
KIA.

8. N/A

10. Weather and Terrain Conditions: (Period Covered 0600H to 1800H)

High - 88, Low - 73, Wind - Variable at 3-5 knots, Visibility - 3-7
miles in fog and haze, Outlook - Partly cloudy skies.

Sunrise - 0651, Sunset - 1858, Moonrise - —, Moonset - —, Phase -
Last

11. N/A

12. No change.

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1. 1st Battalion, 1st Marines
 2. 211200H to 221200H March 1966
 3. Summary of Enemy Activity. None rptd
 - 3a. The following information is from CG, 3d Marine Division:

The Viet Cong have introduced a new type of hand grenade into the field. The grenade is said to detonate when the spoon is pressed or disturbed. It can be of any type grenade and could be painted red, green or olive drab. Air Force and Army Staff EOD personnel are exerting every effort to obtain technical data on the grenades. As a safety precaution - disturb all.

Mercury switches were recovered when the Viet Cong ammunition plant and storage area was over run in South Vietnam. This is a good indication that mercury switches are being used in RVN. Take mercury switch precautions on any suspected item of ordnance. Movement of ordnance employing mercury switches causes an electrical contact and in turn will detonate the ordnance. Items of ordnance suspected of having mercury switches will be detonated in place.

4. Personnel and Equipment Losses. None rptd
5. None rptd
6. N/A
7. Purger 2 rpts 211240H: Rec'd following via HUE 24 (Quon Dien) at 202000H Mar 66. RF captured 1-VCC at (YD669231), who gave following information: 4-VC companies are located at each of the following coordinates: YD575714; YD583415; YD588416; YD591406. (C-4 rating).

Bearmat COC rpts 211245H: Foxtrot 7 was probed by 1-VCC.
8. N/A
9. N/A
10. Weather and Terrain Conditions: (Period Covered 0600H to 1800H)

None rec'd
11. N/A
12. No change.

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INTELLIGENCE ISUM

1. 1st Battalion, 1st Marines
2. 221200H to 231200H March 1966
3. N/A
4. N/A
5. N/A
6. N/A
7. N/A
8. N/A
9. N/A
10. Weather and Terrain Conditions: (Period Covered 0600H to 1800H)
High - 89, Low - 74, Wind - Variable at 3-5 knots, Visibility - 10 miles,
Outlook - Partly cloudy skies.
Sunrise - 0649, Sunset - 1859, Moonrise - —, Moonset - —, Phase - New.
11. N/A
12. Negative activity throughout the period covered.


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NOTE: STD-150 Reports are no longer required.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

1. 1st Battalion, 1st Marines
2. 231200H to 241200H March 1966
3. Summary of Enemy Activity

UNIT: DTG: COORDS: ACTIVITY:

Boat B-3 231245H YD815115 Observed approximately 9 people digging vicinity (YD815115). The people were dressed in mixed clothing and had baskets.

Kilo 231400H YD794167 Kilo Papa 1 patrol found (1) 105mm illum dud rd at (YD794167). EOD destroyed same.

Charlie 231915H YD793098 G-2 ambush at (YD793098) received 8-10 rds of automatic carbine fire from vicinity (YD790099). The ambush returned with small arms fire and (2) 4-79 rds. Area was checked with negative results. No reported casualties.

4. Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Personnel: N/A

b. Equipment: (1) 105mm illum dud rd destroyed.

5. N/A

6. N/A

7. N/A

8. N/A

9. N/A

10. Weather and Terrain Conditions: (Period Covered 0600H to 1800H)

High - 89, Low - 75, Wind - Variable at 3-5 knots, Visibility - 8-10 miles, Outlook - Partly cloudy skies.

Sunrise - 0648, Sunset - 1859, Moonrise - ---, Moonset - ---, New

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1. N/A

12. No change

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1. 1st Battalion, 1st Marines
2. 241200H to 251200H March 1966
3. Summary of Enemy Activity

UNIT: DTG: COORDS: ACTIVITY:

Charlie 241215H YD793097 C-2 patrol found (1) ChiCom grenade with a short string acting as a pin and booby trapped with trip wire laid across a trail at (YD793097). Disarmed same. Approximately 100 meters in front of the grenade on the side of the trail was a mine marker made of three pieces of bamboo forming a triangle.

Bravo 250415H YD805155 B-1-1 squad was returning to friendly lines from ambush when the patrol leader heard a tapping noise. Movement was heard in some brush. A fireteam was sent back to investigate. A man fled from the brush approximately 20 yds from the fireteam. The fireteam leader only had a glimpse of the man. One grenade was thrown into the brush from which the man fled. The fireteam moved in to check the area and heard movement through the brush again. The fireteam threw another grenade and checked the area with negative results. The area was again checked at first light with negative results.

4. Personnel and Equipment Losses.

- a. Personnel: N/A
 - b. Equipment: (1) booby trapped ChiCom grenade and (1) mine marker.
5. N/A
 6. N/A
 7. N/A
 8. N/A
 9. N/A

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10. Weather and Terrain Conditions: (Period Covered 0600H to 1800H)

High - 86, Low - 73, Wind - Variable at 3-5 knots, Visibility - 10 miles, Outlook - Clear skies.

Sunrise - 0647, Sunset - 1859, Moonrise - 0842, Moonset - 2136, Phase - New

11. N/A

12. No change.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

1. 1st Battalion, 1st Marines
2. 251200H to 251200H March 1965
3. Summary of Enemy Activity: None reported
4. N/A
5. N/A
6. N/A
7. N/A
8. Enemy Movements:
 - a. Purger 3 rpts 251530H: A 3 man VC CP observed at (YD872118) at 2510-25H. The men joined 6 others at (YD869115). The VC moved SSW along a trail.
 - b. 1st ARVN Division rpts 251700H: (Late report - 22 March). Agent reported an estimated VC Bn, well armed, bivouacked vicinity (YD756058), (YD754-064) and (YD758068). C-3 rating.
 - c. Agent rpts 251940H: Reports 1-VC Co vicinity GS (YD8303) at 241000H. No further information available. F-6 rating.
 - d. Monitored report between Payable and Payable Xray at 252155H: Stewed 85 reports that an estimated VC Bn at GS (YD6038). Believe moving toward our location. Believe to have objectives at our location and that of Stewed 85. Unobserved mission fired at the VC location.
9. N/A
10. Weather and Terrain Conditions: (Period Covered 0600H to 1800H)

High - 85, Low - 73, Wind - Variable at 4-6 knots, Visibility - 3-5 miles in rain, Outlook - Scattered rain showers.

Sunrise - 0646, Sunset - 1900, Moonrise - 0921, Moonset - 2230, Phase - New
11. N/A
12. No change.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

1. 1st Battalion, 1st Marines
2. 261200H to 271200H March 1966
3. None reported
4. N/A
5. N/A
6. N/A
7. N/A
8. AO rpts 261506H: Spotted a new zig-zag trench line centered at (YD783-116) running SW and NE. One person working in trench. The AO could not tell if the person was armed.
9. N/A
10. Weather and Terrain Conditions: (Period Covered 0600H to 1800H)
High - 85, Low - 73, Wind - Variable at 7-8 knots, Visibility - 3-5 miles, Outlook - Cloudy skies.
Sunrise - 0645, Sunset - 1900, Moonrise - 1004, Moonset - 2325, Phase - New
11. N/A
12. No change.

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1. 1st Battalion, 1st Marines

2. 271200H to 281200H March 1966

3. Summary of Enemy Activity

UNIT: DTG: COORDS: ACTIVITY:

Bravo 271643 YD808068 Pilsner 2 Alfa Scout (recon) patrol found a ChiCom grenade booby trap along trail vic. (YD808068). Trip wire rusty and was broken. Grenade disposed of in approximately 2 ft. of rico paddy water.

4. Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Personnel: N/A

b. Equipment: (1) ChiCom grenade

5. N/A

6. N/A

7. N/A

8. Hue 24 rpts 271225H: Students now control both bridges across river. Do not let anyone go to Hue until word is passed from this headquarters.

Furgen rpts 280030H: Cedarbird CAC patrol was ambushed by approximately (1) squad of VC at (YD825175). Pay attention to this area if traveling near Hue.

9. N/A

10. Weather and Terrain Conditions: (Period Covered 0600H to 1800H)

High - 85, Low - 74, Wind - Variable at 7 knots, Visibility 4-5 miles, Outlook - Cloudy skies.

Sunrise - 0645, Sunset - 1900, Moonrise - 1004, Moonset - 2325, Phase - New

11. N/A

12. No change.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

1. 1st Battalion, 1st Marines
2. 281200H to 291200H March 1966
3. Summary of Enemy Activity

UNIT: DTG: COORDS: ACTIVITY:

Charlie 282330H YD793107 At 282330H (12) explosions occurred in the vicinity of C-3 patrol base. C-4 patrol returning to the base area had several explosive devices detonated on the flanks of and within the patrol causing (1) USMC KIA and (1) USMC WIA. The explosions were initially reported to be mortar fire but lack of fragments deny this conclusion. In the flash of the initial explosion the two point men of the patrol saw 6-8 VC whom they fired on before being knocked down by subsequent explosions. The VC withdrew without returning fire. A search of the area revealed pieces of human flesh, trails of blood leading away from the area and also found bloody bandages. Estimated (1) VC KIA and (1) VC WIA. Also found (1) French M16-49 SMG; (1) M16-49, 30 rd magazine; (2) K-50 magazines; (13) 1 lb. blocks of TNT w/fuzes; (2) ChiCom grenades; (1) ChiCom mine; and 87 rds of 9mm ammunition. It is believed that the VC force numbered 15-20 men. All material found will be forwarded.

Brown 290730H YD809043 Sighted (2) VC on an OP, vicinity (YD809043). A fire mission was called with good effect on the target. Estimate (2) VC KIA (probable).

4. Personnel and Equipment Losses.

a. Personnel:	<u>Genl</u>		<u>Prob</u>		<u>VCS</u>	<u>VCC</u>
	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>		
	0	4	3	6	0	0

b. Equipment: (1) French M16-49 SMG; (1) M16-49, 30 rd magazine; (2) K-50 magazines; (13) 1 lb. blocks of TNT w/fuzes; (2) ChiCom grenades; (1) ChiCom mine; 87 rds of 9mm ammunition.

5. N/A

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6. N/A

7. N/A

8. N/A

9. N/A

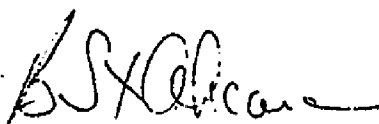
10. Weather and Terrain Conditions: (Period Covered 0600H to 1800H) . . .

High - 84, Low - 72, Wind - Northerly at 5-10 knots, Visibility -
5-6 miles in haze, Outlook - Partly cloudy skies.

Sunrise - 0644, Sunset - 1900, Moonrise - 1149, Moonset - 0024, Phase -
New

11. N/A

12. No change.


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2. 291200H to 301200H March 1966

3. Summary of Enemy Activity

UNIT: DTG: COORDS: ACTIVITY:

Bravo 292053H YD815041 P-2-A LP spotted two (2) individuals emerging from water at (YD815041). Figures entered brush 100 yards from LP location. Contact was lost when figures entered brush. B-5 patrol in area was alerted.

Rathole 300130H YD834162 Ambush fired on a suspected VC plt. at (YD. 834162). VC broke contact headed in a south-westerly direction. Friendly units in area were alerted. No casualties were reported.

4. Personnel and Equipment Losses. None reported

5. N/A

6. N/A

7. N/A

8. None reported

9. N/A

10. Weather and Terrain Conditions: (Period Covered 0600H to 1800H)

High - 88, Low - 76, Wind - calm, Visibility 6-7 miles, Outlook - scattered to partly cloudy.

Sunrise - 0643, Sunset - 1900, Moonrise - 1247, Moonset - 0125, Phase - First.

11. N/A

12. No change.


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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

1. 1st Bn, 1st Marines
2. 301200H to 311200H March 1966
3. Summary of Enemy Activity

UNIT: DTG: COORDS: ACTIVITY:

Bravo 301630H YD814042 Pilsner 2 Alfa Scout (recon) patrol reported possible cave entrance at (YD814042). Arty M&I fires are being plotted in this area.

4. N/A
5. N/A
6. N/A
7. N/A

8. HUE 24 rpts 301415H: Student demonstrators marching on HUE ramp. Marines are moving with as much equipment as possible to MACV.

Afterglow 3 rpts 302205H: A large demonstration is expected in HUE the day of 31 March 1966. There will be no travel in or near HUE until further notice.

9. N/A

10. Weather and Terrain Conditions: (Period Covered 0600H to 1800H)

High - 87, Low - 75, Wind - Variable at 4-5 knots, Visibility - 5-6 miles in haze, Outlook - Partly cloudy skies.

Sunrise - 0643, Sunset - 1900, Moonrise - 1402, Moonset - 0224, Phase - First

11. N/A

12. No change.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

1. 1st Battalion, 1st Marines
2. 311200H March to 011200H April 1966
3. Summary of Enemy Activity

UNIT: DTG: COORDS: ACTIVITY:

Charlie 311605H YD798098 C-3 patrol found a homemade booby trap on a trail at (YD798098). Trap had a TNT filler in a light metal container; fuze device appeared to be similar to a blasting cap. Device was rigged with a trip wire across trail. Device was blown in place. No casualties.

Bravo 011100H YD824069 An eight man detail was descending a hill when one man slipped and grabbed crossed vines which triggered two explosions, one in front and one behind the man. Devices believed to be above ground; a small crater was the result of one of the explosions. Explosions produced white smoke and a no delay type fuze was employed. Explosions sounded louder than M-26 grenades. Bushes along path channelized movement. Multiple fragmentary wounds caused (1) USMC KIA.

4. Personnel and Equipment Losses.

- a. Personnel: N/A
- b. Equipment: (1) homemade booby trap

5. N/A

7. New Identifications

- a. Units: 6th VC Regiment
- b. Personalities: N/A

8. Afterglow 2 rpts 311725H: 1st ARVN Division reports a VC Regiment is located vicinity (YC995920). Sending in sorties. (Rated C-3 by HUE - 24). Also the 6th VC Regiment will join with the 1st VC Regiment and move to attack HUE in conjunction with the 95th VC Bn attacking PHU BAI. (Rated F-5 by HUE - 24).

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Afterglow 2 rpts 010845H: AO reports that in GS's (YD9813), (YD9913) and (YD9013) spotted 150-200 men harvesting rice. There has not been that many people in the area before. Believe men to be VC taking rice. (Follow-up report: Checked the above GS's, people appear to be women and approximately 100 men). AO also reports that in GS's (YD8123) to (YD8423) to (YD8421) to (YD8121) there are approximately 200 males in scattered groups of 10-20-30 harvesting rice. The men are wearing black and green clothing. There are no women or children in the fields; believe men to be VC taking rice.

Afterglow 2 rpts 010956H: HUE - 24 reports that a large demonstration is currently in progress in HUE headed toward a railway bridge at (YD749-212).

9. N/A


10. Weather and Terrain Conditions: (Period Covered 0600H to 1800H)

High - 90, Low - 75, Wind - Southwesterly at 5-8 knots, Visibility - 7 miles, Outlook - Partly cloudy skies.

Sunrise - 0643, Sunset - 1900, Moonrise - 1455, Moonset - 0321, Phase - First

11. N/A

12. No change.


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