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From: CO, 4th Mar, 3d Mar Div (Rein), FMF
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF

Subj: After Action Report, Operation Beaver

1. The basic letter was submitted prior to announcement of a Division policy concerning adverse criticism of Vietnamese. Accordingly, the correspondence is re-classified as "CONFIDENTIAL-NOFORN".
2. Recommendations (a) and (c) of paragraph 1. h. (3) are concurred in. It is recommended no further action be taken on paragraph (b).

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3rd Marine Division (Rein) (Attn: G-3)
Via: Commanding Officer, 4th Marines (Attn: S-3)
Subj: After Action Report, Operation 211-66 (CO BI THANH
TAN/BEAVER)

Ref: (a) Regt O 3120.1A
(b) CO, 4th Mar FRAG O 13-66 msg 221455Z May 1966

Encl: (1) 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines Operation Order 211-66
(CO BI THANH TAN/BEAVER) with original copy only.

1. In accordance with reference (a) the following report is
submitted on the subject operation.

a. Intelligence

(1) The Area of Operation was bounded by the SONG
BO River in the east, the piedmont in the south, in the west
the SONG O LAU River and the low rolling hills to the north.
The eastern portion of the valley and north of the CO BI -
THANH TAN Road, hamlets, cultivated fields, and rice paddies
were predominate terrain, obstacles: stands of pines and hard
pod trees engulfed the hamlet area and along the many streams
which flow throughout the valley.

(2) South of the HOA MY Trail and the CO BI-THANH
TAN Road junction the area is characterized by extremely
heavy underbrush and a brushwood canopy (10-20 feet) becoming
a heavy forest with a canopy of 50-100 feet at the base of
the piedmont. North of the CO BI-THANH TAN Road (parallel
to the HOA MY Trail) the area was characterized by low hills
covered with brush 4-5 feet high.

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(3) North of the CO BI-THANH TAN Road in the rice paddy area foot movement was limited to the trails and paddy dikes while vehicular movement was restricted to the main CO BI-THANH TAN Road. The terrain paralleling the HOA MY Trail was unrestricted for both foot and vehicular movement whereas south of the Trail all movement was restricted to existing trails.

b. Enemy. Contact with the enemy consisted of several incidents of sniper fire, mining of the HOA MY Trail and tank trails, the capture of four VC, three VCS, one VC KIA (BC) and one VC WIA (possible), and the destruction of numerous spider and fighting holes, trench networks and covered shelters. A total of 8400 pounds of rice was extracted from the area and delivered to the PHUONG DIEM District Chief.

c. Operations.

(1) 1 June - At 0001H, Operation BEAVER commenced. At 0645H Command Group ALPHA departed by helicopter to HILL # 51 to control a Combined Operation. At 0708H "I" Company departed their CP to establish a blocking position. At 0810H "F" Company provided 2 platoons and a Command Group on a fifteen minute stand-by in support of Operation BEAVER. At 0841H "E" Company landed in LZ HANNA, then prepared to move to a designated blocking position. At 0832H "G" Company landed in LZ HANNA and prepared to move out to designated blocking position. At 0837H A Tank from "C" Company, 3rd TK Bn hit a mine in the vicinity of YD 502272. The charge was estimated to be 100 pounds of explosives. The left road wheels were destroyed. Two marines of "I" Company were WIA. At 0842H "E" Company reported at YD 576249 and continued sweeping to the blocking position. At 0945H "E" and "G" Companies ordered to conduct search and destroy operations to the designated Limit of Advance. At 1055H, "I" Company reported tanks were receiving sniper fire from vicinity of YD 485270. Tanks immediately opened fire in the vicinity of suspected sniper fire; results unknown. At 1102H, "E" Company found a Chicom grenade in a house in the vicinity of YD 568248. The grenade was not booby trapped. At 1132H, "E" Company reported arriving at the Limit of Advance. At 1150H, "G" Company now deployed in blocking position. At 1320H, "E" Company was ordered to move to their designated blocking position. At 1415H, "G" Company ordered to commence withdrawal to their Command Post. At 1534H, "F" Company ordered to secure from 15 minute stand-by alert. At 1535H, "H" Company commenced withdrawal to their Command Post. At 1630H, Command Group ALPHA returned to Battalion Command Post. At 1752H, all units had returned to their respective Command Posts, results of daytime activities and resources removed by Vietnamese Nationals and RF/PF Units: 23 Water Buffalo, 29 Ducks, 23 Chickens, 11 Pigs, 300 kilograms of rice and an unknown amount of peanuts.

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At 2145H E-2-B in ambush at GC YD-556274 reported 1 VC walked into their ambush site. E-2-B fired 20 rounds of 7.62. Results: 1 VC KIA - captured 1 cartridge belt, 1 grenade and a camouflage cover. At 2210H, "G" and 3/12 lines on the LSA perimeter at YD 533314, observed one unidentified person camouflaged as a bush moving across the tanks tracks. Lines opened fire with approximately 50 rounds of small arms. Area was searched with negative results.

(2) 2 June - At 0030H, "G" and 3/12 observed movement to the south of their position at YD 520310, fired approximately 10 rounds of small arms and 2 hand illumination grenades with negative results. At 1755H, "F" Company apprehended 2 VCS at YD 533291 walking down the road with other civilians. VCS were turned over to ITT for interrogation. At 1925H, Regimental Sniper Team assigned to "F" Company were attempting to get into a position to observe village to determine if movement in the village at YD 549281 was civilian or VC. While moving down the trail the sniper team activated a booby trapped grenade. Results were 2 marine WIA's.

(3) 3 June - At 1040H, A routine patrol from "F" Company were searching houses at YD 551278 and discovered approximately 1800 pounds of rice. The rice was bagged and helo-lifted to PHUONG DIEN District Headquarters.

(4) 4 June - At 0030H, "E" Company lines at YD 528313 received an unknown number of carbine rounds from an unknown direction, all friendly units were alerted.

(5) 5 June - At 1550H, H-3 patrol sighted 7 to 10 VC in village at coordinates YD 537263 and YD 564245. H-3 requested an artillery mission and results were unobserved. At 1548H "F" Company received sniper fire from YD 538254. A squad searched the area with negative results.

(6) 6 June - At 1430H, "F" Company apprehended 2 VCS at YD 548295, both of military age, had no ID cards and carried documents. VCS and documents were turned over to ITT for interrogation. At 1700H, "F" Company received sniper fire into their CP at YD 542297 from the vicinity of YD 538294. Results of sniper fire was 1 marine WIA. 2 Squads from "F" Company searched in the vicinity of YD 538294 and made contact with 2 VC. Squads immediately opened fire and VC fled in an unknown direction. Results of contact: 1 VC KIA (probable) - captured 1 bandolier of carbine ammunition.

(7) 7 June - At 0930H, "F-1" patrol received 15 rounds of carbine fire from a concealed position in the vicinity of YD 543284. Patrol returned fire with 20 rounds of small arms and 2 WP 3.5 rocket rounds. A search of the area was conducted with negative results. At 1015H, "H"

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Company (-) mounted tanks and received 3 incoming rounds of suspected 82mm mortar fire. Tanks returned fire with 13-90mm rounds at the suspected area of YD 473276. Two persons were sighted fleeing the area. A search of the area was conducted with negative results.

(8) At 091155H Operation BEAVER terminated.

d. Artillery

(1) 1 June - Prep fires were fired prior to 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines move to "BEAVER" (CO BI-THANH TAN) Operational Area, and prep fires were fired in support of the units before they moved into their blocking positions. A total of 1269 rounds were fired in support of this phase of Operation BEAVER. 15 of the missions were observed.

(2) 2 & 3 June - Missions were fired in support of Recon and the Aerial Observer. A total of 178 rounds were expended and two observed missions were called.

(3) 4 June - Two observed missions were conducted and a total of 183 rounds were expended.

(4) 5 June - 310 rounds were expended and 11 observed missions were conducted.

(5) 6 June - 485 rounds were expended and 6 observed missions were called.

(6) 7 June - 445 rounds were fired and 1 observed mission was called.

(7) 8 June - 394 rounds were fired and 7 observed missions were called.

e. Personnel

(1) The personnel strength of the 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines and supporting units was as follows:

<u>USMC Officers</u>	<u>USMC Enlisted</u>
37	985
<u>USN Officers</u>	<u>USN Enlisted</u>
3	48

(2) Friendly Casualties.

(a) Battle Casualties. 7

(b) Non-battle Casualties.- 39

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The high number of non-battle casualties is attributed to the constant high temperatures and to normal attrition for non-battle medical reasons.

(3) Discipline, Law and Order. No problems encountered.

(4) Burial and Graves Registrations. None

(5) Morale. Morale was maintained at a high degree due to the low number of the battle casualties, the length of the operation was short in duration, the objectives were reasonable and realistic.

f. Logistics. No logistical problems were encountered.

(1) The logistical support activities proved extremely successful and this was due primarily to the conscientious leadership displayed by the LSA Commander.

(2) Overland transportation was utilized where possible to free helicopters for operational support. This was made possible by the mine-sweeping conducted by the Combat Engineers, which allowed continuous surface logistical support throughout the majority of each day's action.

(3) Careful monitoring of support capabilities and preplanned procurement allowed this organization to have "On Hand" the necessary material to meet operating needs.

g. Communications. Movement to the Operation Area from the HUE-PUU BAI Combat Base was conducted with a minimum disruption in communications. Command elements evolved normal command echelonment during this displacement.

(1) Radio. Normal internal and external circuits were maintained in support of this operation with the emphasis being placed on the Regimental Tactical Net (FM) and the Battalion Tactical Net (FM). To assist in the maintenance of the Regimental Tactical Net, due to the distance, a relay station was established by Regiment at PUU BAI on Hill 180. The Regimental Command Circuit was only activated when the radio relay circuit was interrupted.

(2) Radio Relay. Upon arriving in the operation area the already existing radio relay circuits, left by 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines were expanded from two channels to five. This allowed for two common user channels, Battalion to Regiment S-3 Hotline, Battalion to Regimental FSOC Hotline and a covered teletype circuit. Due in part to, distance and an unfavorable terrain profile, the radio relay voice circuits were not at all clear as would normally have

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have been desirable. However, these circuits were believed adequate and released personnel and radio equipment for other tasks. The teletype circuit was definitely hampered by a lack of operation terminal equipment at the Regimental terminal and radio interference from 8th Radio Research (USA) at the PHU BAI Complex. The combination of these two problem areas constituted an unsatisfactory teletype circuit during this operation.

(3) Wire. As the Battalion Command Post and the LSA were combined into one area, this battalion assumed the maintenance responsibilities of both unit wire systems. Wire was also effectively employed to the base camps of the Rifle Companies. These lines were from two to three thousand meters in length and required minimum trouble shooting time.

h. Lessons Learned.

(1) Item # 1. Inadequate Vietnamese (ARVN) support for Marine/ARVN Combined (MAC) Operations in connection with Operation BEAVER.

(2) Discussion. Operation BEAVER emphasized a mission which included Search and Destroy, VC Denial of the lowlands, etc. The mission had in addition to the above, a critical requirement of resources control which included the withdrawal of all foodstuffs, animals and any other resources that might be of use to the VC. In this connection a coordinated operation utilizing an ARVN Battalion, PF's and intelligence unit from the PHUONG DIEN District, was initiated.

Lengthy detailed conferences were conducted on the Sub-Sector level with the Army Advisor and the District Chief on matters of ARVN/Vietnamese participation. Marine support on this aspect of operation BEAVER, included fixed wing support, helilifts of 2 Marine Rifle Companies, LZ prep by artillery, a Search and Destroy Operation by a third Marine Rifle Company, overhead support by a Tank Platoon, engineer sweep teams, and a displacement by helicopter of a Battalion Command Group. The ARVN agreed to provide 10 trucks, 4 H-37 helicopters and RF & PF personnel to conduct Search mission and to provide security for the civilian personnel who were escorted into the CO BI-THANH TAN Area for the purpose of collecting personal effects and food stuffs, animals and such other personal type items.

The above operation was highly successful from the stand point of Marine Corps participation and a complete bust on the part of the ARVN. The complete failure of the District Chief to provide support (trucks, helicopters); lack of control over the PF's in accompanying civilians

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through the hamlets; and the absence of any Search effort contributed primarily to the above. The PF's advanced only to a point of the first hamlet in which they remained throughout the operation. Upon termination of the day's activities, there was evidence of looting/pillaging on the part of the PF's by the number of chickens, ducks and other food stuffs which they had taken for personal consumption.

In addition to the above, the District Chief's inability to control the local merchants overcharging the Marines for local products (eg, ice, cokes) indicated an obvious unwillingness to cooperate. The above comments are more meaningful in light of the fact that the entire resources control operation was conducted only after the insistence of the District Chief.

(3) Recommendation.

(a) That future Marine/ARVN Operations in this area have assurance from the 1st ARVN Division/Province Chief that the ARVN Support will be forthcoming.

(b) That the obvious lack of concern for the overcharging of Marines in the PHUONG DIEN District be brought to the attention of the CG, "I" Corps in view of the spiraling inflationary trends.

(c) That all future Marine/ARVN Operations regardless of size have Province/Sector level liaison.

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To: Commanding Officer, 4th Marines

Subj: Command Chronology, submission of (U)

Ref: (a) 4th MarRegO 3120.3B

Encl: (1) Command Chronology for the period 1-31 July 1966

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

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SECTION I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. REPORTING UNIT: 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines (Rein)

H&S Company
Company "E"
Company "F"
Company "G"
Company "H"
Artillery Liaison Tm, 1/11
3 FO Tm's, 1/11
Det, 2nd Plat, Co B, 3rd Engr Bn
3 Sniper Tm's, 4th Marines
Det, 3rd SP Bn
Det, Co A, Recon Group "B"
Det, Comm Co, Hq Bn
Det, B Co, 3rd MT Bn
NGF SPOT Team, Hq Btry, 3/12

2. COMMAND-POSTS: 1-31 July : Rear CP - GIA LE (YD 806167)
1-15 July : Forward CP - DONG HA (YD 243602)
16-31 July : See After Action Report,
Operation HASTINGS (Tab C to
Appendix II)

3. PERIOD COVERED: 1 - 31 July 1966

4. COMMANDING OFFICER: 1 - 8 July LtCol R. T. HANIFIN, JR
USMC
9 - 31 July LtCol J.D. SPAULDING
USMC

5. EXECUTIVE OFFICER: 1- 4 July: Unassigned
5 - 26 July: Major J. COLIA USMC
27 -31 July: Major W.F. HOHMANN, USMC

6. EXECUTIVE STAFF:

S-1 1 - 29 July 1stLt. E.T. CLARK USMC
30 - 31 July 1stLt. S.E. IPSON USMCR
S-2 1 - 22 July 1stLt. D.W. PICKERSGILL
USMC
23 - 31 July MSgt D. A. SPENCER
USMC
S-3 1 - 4 July Major J. COLIA USMC
5 - 31 July Major D.Z. BOYD USMC
S-4 1 - 29 July 1stLt M.R. CHAMBERLIN
USMCR
30 - 31 July Capt R.A. LARSEN USMC

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7. UNIT COMMANDERS:

H&S Company	1 - 9 July	Capt A.J. SIBLEY USMC
	10 - 31 July	1stLt R.P. KLINER USMCR
Company "E"	1 - 29 July	Capt R.A. LARSEN USMC
	30 - 31 July	1stLt G.P. LEVENDIS USMC
Company "F"	1 - 22 July	Capt J.R. SPENCE USMC
	23 - 31 July	1stLt D.W. PICKERSGILL USMC
Company "G"	1 - 17 July	Capt R.E. LAVAN, JR USMC
	18 - 31 July	1stLt C.C. KRULAK USMC
Company "H"	1 - 31 July	1stLt J.R. GILES USMCR

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SECTION II

PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

1. PERSONNEL

a. Number of replacements received:

- (1) Marine Officers - 9
- (2) Marine Enlisted - 114
- (3) Navy Officers - 0
- (4) Navy Enlisted - 1

b. Personnel received via Division/Regimental transfers:

- (1) Marine Officers - 6
- (2) Marine Enlisted - 139

c. Number of personnel rotated:

- (1) Marine Officers - 4
- (2) Marine Enlisted - 20
- (3) Navy Officers - 1
- (4) Navy Enlisted - 1

d. Number of Personnel lost through attrition other than rotation:

- (1) WIA - Marine Enlisted - 38
- (2) KIA - Marine Officers - 2; Marine Enlisted - 14
Navy Enlisted - 3 (includes attachments).
- (3) DOW - Marine Enlisted - 1
- (4) Humanitarian/Emergency Transfers - 1 USN Officer.
1 Marine Enlisted
- (5) Number of personnel dropped while sick - 38
Marine Enlisted

e. R&R Trips: 85

f. Special Services Activities: Due to Operation HASTINGS special service activities were limited. Total movie showings: 45. Game kits and playing cards were distributed.

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2. ADMINISTRATION

a. Personnel Accounting: No difficulties were encountered.

b. Awards

(1) The following awards were processed and recommended to higher headquarters for action:

- (a) Navy Cross - 1
- (b) Silver Star - 5
- (c) Bronze Star with Combat "V" - 14
- (d) Navy Commendation with Combat "V" - 8

(2) The following awards were received:

- (a) Bronze Star with Combat "V" - 1
- (b) Navy Commendation with Combat "V" - 1
- (c) Purple Heart - 13

c. Promotions

(1) 1 staff sergeant and 1 gunnery sergeant were commissioned second lieutenants.

- (2) 9 sergeants promoted to staff sergeant.
- (3) 51 lance corporals were promoted to corporal.
- (4) 120 privates first class to lance corporal.
- (5) 45 privates to private first class.

d. Postal: Air Parcel and letters arrive 5 to 6 times a week.

e. Disbursing: Disbursing service continues to be provided by the 4th Marines. Operation HASTINGS interrupted the normal 2-week pay period; however at the termination of the operation, all personnel involved were paid.

f. Post Exchange: Due to Operation HASTINGS, PX facilities were not available to the majority of the battalion. However, an adequate number of sundry packs was supplied to ensure that each individual had all essential items.

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g. Legal and Discipline: During the reported period, no disciplinary action was taken, nor is any pending.

h. Chaplain

(1) Name of Chaplain: Lt Thomas B. HANDLEY, CHC, USNR

(2) Chaplain support: Cdr J. POWELL, CHC (Catholic) conducted seven masses with two hundred and ten men attending.

(3) Services conducted. Twelve Protestant services were conducted with two-hundred and seventy-four men attending. Memorial services for Recon Group "B" were conducted with forty-seven men attending.

(4) Number of personnel receiving counselling: Eleven.

(5) Significant activities

(a) During the period 1-14 July 1966, the chaplain provided protestant services for the U.S. Air Force at DONG HA.

(b) During 7-31 July 1966, the Chaplain participated in Operation HASTINGS.

(c) The Chaplain ministered to the wounded and dead of "I" Company, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines as they passed through 2nd Bn, 1st Marines position.

(6) Facilities: Due to field operations, there are no permanent facilities.

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SECTION III
INTELLIGENCE

1. Enemy Situation

a. The enemy situation was as follows:

(1) During 1 - 6 July there was negative VC activity in the immediate DONG HA - CAM LO Area. Local guerrillas operating in the adjacent areas (ARVN areas of responsibility) harassed vehicular traffic on Route # 1 with occasional sniper fire. VC elements in the guise of civilians, moved throughout the area in order to gain intelligence data on friendly unit dispositions and methods of operation. Reconnaissance teams, operating to the north and southwest of the CAM LO area (YD 0065 to YD 0864 and YD 0546 respectively) established contact with the enemy units. On several occasions recon teams could not be inserted because of enemy activity in the LZ (YD 0065 to YD 0864 grids). The size of enemy units varied in number from an estimated squad to company size units.

(2) For the enemy situation during the period 7 - 31 July: See After Action Report, Operation HASTINGS (Tab C to Appendix II).

b. Enemy units which operated near our TAOR:

(1) DONG HA:

(a) Four local guerrilla platoons with an estimated strength of 30-40 men each were located west of Route # 1 between DONG HA and QUANG TRI.

(b) One Local Force Company was located in the vicinity of grid square YD 2062 with an estimated strength of between 70 to 90 men.

(2) CAM LO: One Local Force Company operated north of the SONG CAM LO River in the vicinity of THON AN THAI (YD 1361) with an estimated strength of 90 to 100 men. Equipment included several machine guns (type unknown), 1 - 60mm mortar and both automatic and semi-automatic weapons.

(3) Operation HASTINGS, See After Action Report, Operation HASTINGS (Tab C to Appendix II).

c. The enemy initiated one incident during the period 1 - 6 July in the DONG HA - CAM LO area:

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(1) A battalion wire team with a Foxtrot Company squad for security received 2 rounds of small arms fire on 6 July from the vicinity of YD 187588. Small arms fire by the security squad forced the VC to break contact and withdraw.

d. For enemy initiated incidents during the period 7 - 31 July see the After Action Report, Operation HASTINGS (Tab C to Appendix II).

e. Summary of Enemy Casualties, Prisoners, and Captured Equipment

(1) DONG HA/CAM LO (1-6 July). None.

(2) Operation HASTINGS (7 - 31 July). See After Action Report (Tab C to Appendix II).

f. Significant trends during period:

(1) During the period 1 - 6 July there was no significant change in the enemy activity in the DONG HA/CAM LO Area.

(2) During the period 7 - 31 July a positive upsurge of both overt and covert enemy activity was encountered. See the After Action Report, Operation HASTINGS (Tab C to Appendix II).

g. Enemy situation at the end of the period: See After Action Report, Operation HASTINGS (Tab C to Appendix II).

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SECTION IV

OPERATIONS AND TRAINING

1. Task Organization

2nd Battalion, 1st Marines (Rein)

H&S Co (-)(Rein)

H&S Co
Det, HST
Viet Liaison Tm
Arty Liaison, 1/11
NG Spot Team
81mm Mort Plat (-)
106mm RR Plat

Co E (Rein)

Co E
FO Tm, 81mm Mort Plat
FO Tm, 1/11
Sniper Tm, 4th Marines
Det, Med Sect,
Det, 2nd Plat (-), Co B, 3rd Engr Bn

Co G (Rein)

Co G
FO Tm, 81mm Mort Plat
Det, Med Sect,
Det, 2nd Plat (-), Co B, 3rd Engr Bn

Co H (Rein)

Co H
FO Tm, 1/11
FO Tm, 81mm Mort Plat, H&S Co
Sniper Tm, 4th Marines
Det, Med Sect,
Det, 2nd Plat (-), Co B, 3rd Engr Bn

Det, 3rd SP Bn (LSA)

HST, 3rd SP Bn
EOD Tm, 4th Marines
Det, Ration Sec, FLSU-2
Det, ASP, FLSU-2

Det, Comm Co, Hq-Bn, 3rd MarDiv

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Det, B Co, 3rd MT Bn

2nd Plat (-), Co B, 3rd Engr Bn

Btry H (Rein), 3rd Bn, 12th Marines

Btry W, 1st Bn, 11th Marines

2. Command Post Locations

a. For period 1-6 July 1966:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------|
| (1) 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines | YD 243806 |
| (2) H&S Company | YD 243600 |
| (3) Company "E" | YD 242600 |
| (4) Company "F" | YD 124586 |
| (5) Company "G" | YD 806168 |
| (6) Company "H" | YD 243806 |
| (7) "H" Btry (Rein), 3/12 | YD 123586 |
| (8) Det, Co A, Recon Group BRAVO | YD 243602 |

b. For period 7 - 31 July 1966: See After Action Report, Operation HASTINGS (Tab C to Appendix II).

3. Attachments

a. For period 1 - 6 July 1966:

Det, Co A, Recon Group BRAVO
3 Sniper Tms, 4th Marines
2nd Plat, Co B, 3rd Engr Bn
Det, Co B, 3rd MT Bn
Det, Comm Co, Hq Bn, 3rd MarDiv
Btry "H" (Rein), 3rd Bn, 12th Marines

b. For period 7 - 31 July 1966: See After Action Report, Operation HASTINGS (Tab C to Appendix II).

4. Control. Control of the battalion was exercised from the command post throughout the entire period. Wire and radio communications continue to be used equally to exercise control of the subordinate units.

5. Close Combat

a. Operations Conducted

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- (a) Patrols: 46 Squad patrols were conducted.
- (b) Ambushes: 60 squad ambushes were employed.
- (c) Listening Posts/Outposts: 113 listening posts/outposts were employed.

(2) For period 7 - 31 July 1966, See After Action Report, Operation HASTINGS (Tab C to Appendix II).

6. Special Operations

- a. Amphibious Operations: None
- b. Combined Operations: See After Action Report, - Operation HASTINGS (Tab C to Appendix II).
- c. Psychological operations: See After Action Report, Operation HASTINGS (Tab C to Appendix II).
- d. River Operations: None.

7. Nuclear, Biological, Chemical and other types of Warfare

- a. During the reporting period, neither NBC Warfare nor equipment peculiar to NBC Warfare were employed by this battalion.
- b. No NBC Warfare training was conducted.
- c. All items of NBC Equipment authorized by T/E are on hand and are operational.

8. Problem Areas. No significant problem areas were encountered during the period 1-6 July 1966. See After Action Report, Operation HASTINGS (Tab C to Appendix II) for period 7 - 31 July 1966.

9. Sequential listing of all contacts, general description of scheme of maneuver and results attained:

a. 1 July - At 1005H 4th Marine Regiment directed 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines (Rear) to prepare "H" Company for move by motorized convoy from GIA LE to PHU BAI airfield and then by fixed wing to DONG HA. At 1350H "H" Company departed GIA LE by convoy. At 1530H Elements of "H" Company arrived at DONG HA airfield. At 1822H a platoon from Recon Group "B" was inserted by helo at YD 082644. At 1835H Recon Platoon in contact with approximately 50 VC, requested extraction from HLZ. At 1923H Recon Platoon extracted successfully. At 1925H 4th Marine Regiment directed 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines (Rear) to prepare one platoon for the mission of security for

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4th Marines Radio Relay on Hill 285, the platoon to be heli-lifted from LZ HANNA (GIA LE) at 020700H and to be under OpCon of 4th Marines. 3rd Platoon "G" Company was assigned the mission. There were 6 squad size patrols, 10 squad size ambushes, 20 outposts, and 20 listening posts employed. Three scout sniper teams from 4th Marines were assigned to this battalion.

b. 2 July - At 0640H 4 helo's arrived at LZ HANNA to lift 3rd Platoon, "G" Company to Hill 285; lift was completed at 0745H. At 1825H 1st Platoon, Recon Group BRAVO inserted at YD 080623 and made contact with an unknown number of VC in vicinity of YD 080623 while attempting to enter LZ. Insertion was compromised because of VC near the LZ. Fixed wing aircraft were requested to conduct an air strike. Results of air strike: 1 VC KIA (confirmed). There was one recon platoon insertion, and one extraction; six squad size patrols, 9 squad size ambushes, 18 outposts and 18 listening posts were employed; three scout sniper teams from 4th Marines were assigned to this battalion.

c. 3 July - At 2305H "E" Company noted suspected enemy movement in vicinity of YD 125584; the area was illuminated with negative results. There was one recon platoon insertion, one extraction; seven squad size patrols, 11 squad size ambushes, 20 outposts, and 20 listening posts were employed; three scout sniper teams from 4th Marines were assigned to this battalion.

d. 4 July - There were two recon platoon insertions and two extractions; nine squad size patrols, 10 squad size ambushes, 18 listening posts and 18 outposts were employed; three scout sniper teams from 4th Marines were assigned to this battalion.

e. 5 July - At 1115H recon unit observed 12 VC moving north dressed in green camouflaged uniforms carrying racks and weapons in vicinity XD 998571. Artillery fired 20-155mm rounds on target. A UN-1E gun ship flew over the area to make a damage assessment and received ground fire; the UN-1E returned fire with 2.75" rockets. Results of Action: unknown; however, it was estimated that the majority of the VC were either KIA or WIA. At 1330H CH-46's on recon flight took small arms fire from an unknown number of VC in vicinity of YD 055503. Fire was returned with .50 cal and 7.62mm. UN-1E gun ship was requested and expended 2.75" rockets and 7.62mm rounds. Results of contact: casualties undetermined and target area left in flames. At 1715H recon unit heard one carbine round about 200 meters west of their position (XD 994454) which was believed to be a signal; at the time of the carbine shot, the unit heard movement of 10-15 VC from the east; then another carbine shot was heard from east and movement from the west.

Recon unit requested extraction from LZ in vicinity of YD 896548. As the CH-46's passed over the VC position 8-10 thermite grenades were dropped igniting the entire area; as the helos were turning out of the area, they drew small arms fire. UH-1E gun ships were called in and expended 6000 rounds of 7.62, 72 rounds of 2.75" rockets and 400 20mm rounds into the target. Recon unit was successfully extracted at 1845H with negative casualties. It was believed VC were attempting to surround and attack the recon unit's OP. Results of the air strike: Thermite fires uncovered a long trench with gun positions. VC casualties could not be estimated due to the fire. There were two recon platoon insertions and two extractions: nine squad size patrols, 10 squad size ambushes, 19 outposts, and 19 listening posts were employed; three scout sniper teams from 4th Marines were assigned to this battalion.

f. 6 July - At 1300H "F" Company received 2 sniper rounds from vicinity of YD 187588; fire was returned with 40 rounds of small arms and VC broke contact in an unknown direction. There were 2 recon platoon insertions and extractions; nine squad size patrols, 10 squad size ambushes, 18 outposts and 18 listening posts were employed; three scout sniper teams from 4th Marines were assigned to this battalion.

g. During the period 7 - 31 July, See After Action Report, Operation HASTINGS (Tab C to Appendix II).

10. Training. Due to operational commitments, only a minimum of training was conducted. However, all replacement personnel received a three-day indoctrination course dealing with life in the field, weapons familiarization, Vietnamese customs, etc. In addition, all H&S personnel and a percentage of rifle company personnel FAM fired their weapons in the field.

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SECTION V

LOGISTICS

1. Supply. Items are arriving from FLSU # 2 on a continuing basis. A Criti-Pak, coupled with better supply support, has enabled this battalion to reduce the number of 2nd Echelon Comm/Elect items on deadline and to eliminate the critical status of individual equipment except with regard to first aid kits.

2. Maintenance. Seventy-Four Tactical Equipment Repair Orders were submitted to FLSU-2 during the month and 41 were completed. The following is a breakdown by section of the work order submitted and completed.

	<u>Submitted</u>	<u>Completed</u>
a. Ordnance	50	29
b. Communications	10	5
c. Motor Transport	5	2
d. Supply	9	5

3. Food Services. Food services personnel and facilities encountered no difficulties during the reporting period.

4. Cantonment and Camp Facilities Development. No problems were encountered.

5. Transportation and Roads. Roads between PHU-BAI Combat Base and the battalion field command post are in satisfactory condition. No transportation difficulties were encountered during the reporting period.

6. Fiscal. During the month of July, the battalion obligated \$26,337.55 for stock fund account items.

7. Water. During the period, the water point was located in this battalion's command post and no water problems were encountered.

8. Motor Transport. Preventative maintenance is being performed on a continuing basis. Presently, one M-422A1 is deadlined for 3rd echelon repair at FLSU # 2 and one has been "X" coded and turned into FLSC "A".

9. Embarkation. This organization has maintained a satisfactory embarkation posture. No embarkation or debarkation occurred during this reporting period.

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10. Hospitalization and Evacuation. Continued support has been provided by Collecting and Clearing Company "A", with additional support provided by Collecting and Clearing Company "D". The Battalion Aid Station treated a total of 397 patients during the month.

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SECTION VI

COMMUNICATION - ELECTRONICS

1. General

a. Upon arrival at DONG HA, the Battalion Communications Platoon established and maintained both internal and external communications circuits. Initially, wire communications were established between the Battalion Command Post and the U.S. Air Force at DONG HA; this allowed for two telephone channels to HUE, PHU BAI, and DA NANG. These channels were not considered acceptable due to technical difficulties with which the Air Force was unable to cope.

b. In order to expand the external communications system, a Communication Central, TSC-15, was activated to provide a voice and teletype circuit between DONG HA and the Fourth Marines at PHU BAI. This system proved to be very unstable and, therefore, not acceptable. Initially, the problem lay in insufficient equipment to establish the teletype circuit. Additional equipment was obtained from the 4th Marines. However, after one more equipment failure insufficient equipment remained to continue this circuit. Both technical and equipment assistance was requested from 3rd MarDiv; this was quickly received and efforts were again made to reestablish the circuit. After repeated unsuccessful efforts to establish a stable and reliable circuit to PHU BAI, it was decided to establish this circuit direct to the Third MarDiv at DA NANG. Although the circuit was becoming more dependable and acceptable, an unusual number of equipment failures began to occur. Additional equipment and technical assistance were employed at both terminal units until the equipment problems began to settle down. On or about 14 July the problems with this circuit apparently were resolved. From this point on the only difficulty encountered was with frequencies and was not considered to be beyond acceptable limits. It should be noted that experience with the high frequency, single side band communications equipment in and around the PHU BAI area has constantly been unacceptable. It has always been easier to establish and maintain this type of radio communications with DA NANG than with PHU BAI. No satisfactory explanation of this phenomenon can be advanced.

c. On 16 July, the battalion went to the field to participate in Operation HASTINGS; a normal combat command post communications system was operated during the period 16-31 July with no unusual problems.

c. The delivery of the Radio Sets, AN/PRC-25 was anticipated during the period 1-31 July 1966. However, only the two vehicular mounted radios, AN/MRC-109, have been received.

2. Radio. Normal operations, except as noted above.
3. Wire. Normal operations.
4. Radio Relay. Not applicable.
5. Message Center. Normal operations.
6. Problems encountered. Noted in paragraph b above.

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SECTION VII

FIRE SUPPORT COORDINATION

1. During period 1-6 July 1966, "H" Btry 3/12, reinforced with 2 howitzers from "M" Btry 4/12 were in direct support of the battalion and provided fire support from their positions at CAM LO for the reconnaissance effort to the west. In addition, they were available to provide defensive fires for the airfield at DONG HA. The battery was considered effective in supporting the reconnaissance insertions/extractions.

2. For the period 7-31 July, see After Action Report, Operation HASTINGS (Tab C to Appendix II).

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SECTION VIII

AIR SUPPORT

1. Detailed summary of Air Operations 1-6 July 1966

- 1 July Two CH-46's and one UH-1E used for reconnaissance overflight.
- Three CH-46's and one UH-1E used for reconnaissance platoon insertion.
- Three CH-46's and one UH-1E used for reconnaissance extraction.
- Two F-4's used as helicopter escort and as air support against enemy troops.
- Two UH-34's used for medical evacuation of one U.S. Ill.
- 2 July Two CH-46's and two UH-1E's used for reconnaissance overflight.
- Three CH-46's and two UH-1E's attempted reconnaissance platoon insertion and were unsuccessful.
- Two A-4's used as landing zone CAP and as air support against enemy troops.
- 3 July Three CH-46's and two UH-1E's used for reconnaissance platoon insertion.
- Two VF's used as landing zone CAP and conducted and air strike against an area target.
- Three CH-46's and two UH-1E's used for reconnaissance platoon extraction.
- Two VF's used for helicopter escort.
- 4 July Two CH-46's and two UH-1E's used for reconnaissance overflight.
- Three CH-46's and two UH-1E's used for reconnaissance platoon insertion.
- Two VF's used for landing zone CAP and conducted an air strike against an area target.

5 July Two UH-1E's used for air support for a reconnaissance platoon.

Two CH-46's and two UH-1E's used for reconnaissance overflight.

Two CH-46's used for medical evacuation of three Vietnamese civilians and one U.S. Ill.

Three CH-46's and two UH-1E's used for extraction of a reconnaissance platoon.

Two VF's used for helicopter escort and as air support against enemy troops.

Two A-4's conducted air strike against enemy troops.

6 July Two CH-46's and two UH-1E's used for reconnaissance overflight.

One CH-46 used for administrative flight for pay officer.

Three CH-46's and two UH-1E's used for insertion of a reconnaissance platoon.

Two F-8's used for landing zone CAP.

Two UH-1E's used for radio relay.

2. For period 7 - 31 July, see After Action Report, Operation HASTINGS (Tab C to Appendix II).

SECTION IX

MEDICAL/DENTAL AFFAIRS

1. Medical Officers

- a. Battalion Surgeon: Lt Allen S. PIRNIOUE (MC) USNR
- b. Assistant Battalion Surgeon: Lt G.M. BRENNOCK
1-12 July 1966
Unassigned
13-31 July 1966

2. Hospital Corpsmen - 52

- a. E7 - 3
- b. E6 - 6
- c. E5 - 10
- d. E4 - 23
- e. E3 - 10

3. Significant Events: Participated in Operation HASTINGS.
(See After Action Report, Operation HASTINGS (Tab C to Appendix II)).

4. Medical Trends: 12 cases of Malaria were admitted during the month.

5. Number of Combat Casualties Treated: Fifty-six marines were treated for combat injuries.

- a. KIA - 18
- b. WIA - 38

6. Number of Non-Battle Patients Treated: 397 men were treated at the Battalion Aid Station.

7. Preventive Medicine and Sanitation: The field sanitation program is being employed with good results.

8. Civil Affairs Medical Support: None.

9. Problem Areas: None encountered.

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CIVIL AFFAIRS-PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE ACTIVITIES

1. Significant Activities: None.
2. Material Distributed: None.
3. Special Civic Action Projects: None.
4. Apparent results of Civil Affairs Program: Not applicable.
5. Psychological War Operations: See After Action Report, Operation HASTINGS (Tab C to Appendix II).

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TABULATION OF REFERENCES

(a) MAPS: VIETNAM; 1:50,000 Edition NSG, Series L701, Sheets
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TABULATION OF DOCUMENTS

- Tab A ✓ Operations Journal 1-31 July 1966
- B ✓ Operations Order 215-66
- C ✓ After Action Report, Operation HASTINGS

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From: 010001H July 1966
To: 012400H July 1966

FROM	TO	TIME	MESSAGES
E	S-3	0545	All LP's to "F" Company, all secure.
F	S-3	0640	"F" Company back in area, one OP out with phone.
Regt	S-3R	0950	(LT GRANT) issued orders to prepare "H" Company for move to DONG HA by fixed wing aircraft.
Regt	S-3R	1005	Prepare "H" Company to proceed to PHU BAI by convoy for further transportation to DONG HA.
H	S-3	1115	"H" Company is ready to depart GIA LE.
E	S-3	1227	Request you contact regiment and find out the status on the mail for our snipers.
Regt	S-3R	1245	Have "H" Company prepared to load on 6x6 trucks at 1310H.
H	S-3R	1340	"H" Company now boarding 6x6 trucks.
H	S-3R	1350	"H" Company now departing the GIA LE Area enroute to PHU BAI Airport.
H	S-3F	1530	Arriving at CP at DONG HA.
2/4	S-3	1630	On call artillery for tonight's activities - YD 800160 and YD 800152.
Recon	S-3	1822	Landed in LZ (YD 082644).
Recon	S-3	1835	In fire fight with approximately 50 VC.
Recon	S-3	1835	Request extraction from LZ.
F	S-3	1845	Sparrow Hawk standing by.
Recon	S-3	1850	Helo on station to extract personnel.
Arty	S-3	1852	Arty standing by for fire mission.
Recon	S-3	1923	Extraction of Recon successfully completed.
S-3R	S-3F	1925	3rd Plat, G Co., OpCon 4th Marines at 020700H given the mission of providing security for Hill 285. Hill south of CO BI THANH TAN west of PK-17 - airlift tomorrow morning.
Air	S-3	1925	Air strikes completed.
Regt	S-3R	2000	3rd Plat, G Company will be at LZ HANNA at 020700H for helo lift to 4th Marines Radio Relay at Hill 285.
H	S-3F	2210	All Comm personnel from Regiment arrived - also team for F.O.
Regt	S-3R	2030	Illuminate LZ HANNA for helo - assignment of FAC Team to go with 3rd Platoon, G Company to Hill 285.
S-3R	S-3R	2145	FAC Team arrived at LZ HANNA.

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From: 020001H July 1966
To: 022400H July 1966

FROM	TO	TIME	MESSAGES
S-3R		0640	4 Helo's arrived at LZ HANNA for pick-up of 3rd Plat, G Company and 4th Mar FAC Tm
S-3		0745	Lift completed.
S-3R		0745	3rd Plat, G Company OpCon 4th Marines.
Regt	S-3R	0845	ARVN Arty will be conducting artillery practice at the following coordinates - YD 600130, YD 830180, YD 830100 and YD 800100 on 7, 8, and 9 July 1966. 3/12 Ammo dump will be exploding ammo from 0800-1600 4 July on boundaries YD 830160, YD 830150, YD 840140 and YD 840150.
Regt	S-3R	1245	On 3 July the Vietnamese ordnance company will explode 3 tons of old ammo in grid square YD 8316.
Recon	S-3F	1825	Recon insertion commenced - insertion compromised, extraction from LZ commenced. Air strikes called: 1 VC KIA confirmed - KIA from air.
*2/4	S-3R	1755	Primary Password compromised - secondary in effect.
*S-3R	H&S	1758	Passed information on primary password being compromised.
*E	S-3F	1930	Patrol E3C - IP-YD 123587/CP1-YD116584/CP2 - YD 114589/Ambush/CP3 YD 112591/Ambush/CP 4 YD 116590/Ambush/ TOD 022000 - TOA # 1 022100H - TOD # 1 022300H - TOA # 2 - 022330 TOD # 2 - 030200 - TOA # 3 - 030230 TOD # 3 030530/ TOR IP - 030600.
CAC-7	S-3R	2308	Two Cpl's staggered into CAC-7's lines, both intoxicated, will hold them until morning. Names Cpl HARRIS and Cpl MORTONSON, both from F Company, 2nd Bn, 1st Marines.
Recon	S-3F	2308	SPOT REPORT A - 1st Plat, A Co, 3rd Recon Bn B - 021825H C - FR: YD 080623 EN: YD 080623 D - At 021825H 1st Plat inserted was activated upon attempting to enter LZ. Insertion was compromised. VC sighted in the insertion LZ. E - Fixed wing a/c on station conducted air strikes called by air at 1825H. One enemy KIA confirmed by air. F thru H - None. I - One confirmed J thru ? - None.

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From: 030001N July 1966
To: 032400H July 1966

FROM	TO	TIME	MESSAGES
Recon	S-3	0600	Departed CP for insertion point.
Recon	S-3	0644	Have made insertion as planned successfully.
Recon	S-3	0900	Someone is blowing a whistle close to Recon.
Recon	S-3	0910	Now moving to OP # 1.
Recon	S-3	0914	Recon heard a police type whistle being blown as helo flew over.
*Recon	S-3	0825	1 man walking to other side of LZ.
*Recon	S-3	0835	VC talking about 200 meters from LZ and near edge of LZ.
Recon	S-3	0935	Recon patrol hears signal once again at same location.
*Arty	S-3	0900	Arty ready for fire mission.
*Air	S-3	0900	Pilots briefed and ready to go. Pilots now on standby.
Recon	S-3	0955	Recon patrol is still moving with negative results.
Recon	S-3	1030	VC noises and voices are being heard by stream and for about 200 meters upstream. Recon thinks VC are looking for Recon personnel.
Recon	S-3	1040	Recon present position 027645. All secure, have reached OP # 1.
Convoy		1040	Convoy departed CP for CAM LO.
Cmdr	S-3		
Recon	S-3	1210	Recon is approximately 600 meters north of YD 003655. The VC are starting to surround them.
Air	S-3	1215	Request fixed wing for recon.
Radio		1217	As helicopters tried to set down entire village vicinity YD 600120 were ringing bells. Same thing happened last night when insertion was tried. Believed to be early warning device.
Recon	S-3	1230	Moving to LZ for extraction of patrol.
	S-3	1230	Request for fixed wing to help in the extraction of recon.
S-3	Regt	1230	Recon requested extraction from RZ "A" - fixed wing a/c have been requested and approved. There has not been any contact however, plan's are being made to extract recon at this time.
S-3	Regt	1325	Extraction successfully completed at 1320. No Contact.
H&S	S-3R	1330	Flames are burning trash near flame throwers.
H&S	S-3R	1340	Flames are through burning trash.

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FROM	TO	TIME	MESSAGES
F	S-3R	1630	All helo's will leave 2/1 CP 0700-0730 daily for 2/1 forward CP. Request you have all equipment going forward available for pick up. All other equipment leaving Forward will go by fixed wing other than helo's to PHU BAI. This CP will advise prior to all departures.
E	S-3	1900	Patrol E3C IP-YD 124588/CP1 - YD 116590/ CP 2 Amb - YD 104591/CP3-Amb - YD 109588/TOP 032000 TOR 040530.
S-3	E	1920	Request confirmation on OP's 2 & 3. They are out of the operating area.
E	S-3	1945	Patrol E3B has been coordinated with ARVN District Chief, it will be a CAC type patrol.
*Regt	S-3F	1537	Imperative you provide this Headquarters with all information available concerning Recon. Your message failed to provide. Request by this headquarters and higher authorities.
E	S-3	2305	Possible movement in vicinity of YD 1255584. fired illumination - no sighting.

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From: 040001H July 1966
 To: 042400H July 1966

FROM	TO	TIME	MESSAGES
E	S-3	0020	Patrol E3C came in because of bad radio - going out in reverse route with new radio.
S-3	E	0715	Has your E1A patrol left as planned at 040500H. ANS: Negative.
Convoy	S-3	0830	Wire team convoy of 2 trucks leaving for CAM LO
Convoy	S-3	0945	Position report at YD 194590.
F	S-3	1015	Convoy located at YD 150586.
Convoy	S-3	1115	Position location at YD 144590.
S-2F	S-3	1145	SPOT REPORT A - 2/1 B - 040800H C - YD 120470, YD 142472, YD 150460 D - ARVN AO observed VC at above coordinates. VC were not moving. They were in a grove of trees. VC in groups of 60 men. Largest group consisted of 100 men. E - ARVN called artillery mission on target - results were unknown. F thru Q - Unknown or Negative.
Convoy	S-3	1150	Convoy has reached destination.
Recon	S-3	1748	Recon listed for insertion point.
Recon	S-3	1812	Insertion completed.
S-3	Regt	1906	Insertion of Recon successful.
Recon	S-3	1910	All secure now at coordinates XD 999551.
2/1	1st	2209	Change of Commands 1. Ref a, advise of ASG LtCol J.D; SPAWIDING 045438 as CO this organization. 2. Based on known operations this time, plan to conduct change of command ceremony at DONG HA Base at 1000 - 9 July. Due to location subordinate units, ceremony will be limited to approximately one platoon from each company. 3. Request CO, First and Fourth Marines issued invitations to respective CG, further reconfirmation of attendance and ETA of quests in order to plan for appropriate transportation, etc.
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From: 050001H July 1966
 To: 052400H July 1966

FROM	TO	TIME	MESSAGES
F	S-3	0307	FIA patrol lost radio contact at approximately 2230H with F CP. F CP is trying to regain contact.
F	S-3	0415	F Co lost radio contact with F3A patrol.
F	S-3	0500	Regained radio contact with F3A patrol.
Radio		1055	Info: Huey's aerial reconned area, trail runs from burned out area down to and across river intersection runs east and southeast, and south and southwest, it is well used.
Relay Recon			
Recon	S-3	1107	Request Gun ships.
S-3	Regt	1159	SPOT REPORT
			A - 2/1
			B - 051030H
			C - See para D
			D - ARVN estimate 2 VC companies moved into GS YD 0653 during the hours of darkness (4-5 July). One ARVN Company established contact with an unknown number of VC - at 050600H vicinity YD 072528. VC employing small arms fire only. ARVN company pulling into blocking position vicinity YD 087516 to YD 091525. At 051000H, 100 VC were observed vicinity YD 080521. Contact still in effect, small arms fire (approximately 25-30 rounds) was received in Bn CP from vicinity YD 103512, ARVN estimate that 1 VC Bn (400 men) are in the D-5 area.
S-3	Regt	1230	SPOT REPORT
			A - Recon Unit
			B - 051115H
			C - FR: YD 005552 EN: XD 998571
			D - Observed 12 VC moving north dressed in green camouflaged uniforms carrying packs and weapons. Fired 20 155mm rounds on target, excellent effect on target. WP-1E aircraft flew over area to make damage assessment and received ground fire, fired 2.75" rockets in return.
			E - Believe majority of VC either "IA or VIA.
			F thru N - None.
			O - Target of opportunity profitably engaged.

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FROM	TO	TIME	MESSAGES
S-3	Regt	1247	ARVN 4th Bn, 2nd Regt have been helilifted-into D-5 which now has both 4/12 and 3 1/2 (-) in the immediate area. S/A fire previously received has ceased. Fixed wing on station and arty continue to fire. ARVN suffered 10 KIA and 11 WIA on initial contact.
Recon S-3		1330	SPOT REPORT A - Recon Unit B - 051330H C - YD 055503 D - CH-46's on recon overflight took small arms fire from unknown number of VC. Returned fire with 50 Cal and 7.62. - Called UH-1E gun ships on target. UH-1E's expended 2.75" rockets and 7.62 rounds. Target area left in flames, observed 1 VC and fired on target. E - VC dressed in kahki vicinity YD 058488. VC casualties undetermined. F thru H - None O - VC were moving when spotted possibly escaping from D-5 area.
Recon S-3		1755	Request to be extracted.
Recon S-3		1715	On tracks to our old password (GUITAR). request alternate (ADVER) believed compromised.
Recon S-3		1750	Definite movement N and N.E. of our position. Carbine shots believed to be signals. Stand by for possible retraction.
S-3	E	1754	Request information surrounding circumstances concerning civilian Vietnamese on last med-evac chopper.
E	S-3	1800	Three civilians badly burned by friendly napalm in the D-5 area, civilians were carried to E Companies lines (CAM LO). District chief stated these civilians were loyal subjects and that they would be evacuated.
S-3	Regt	1805	Informed them of extraction of Recon Group B.
S-3		1850	Extraction of Recon Group B.
Recon S-3		2030	SPOT REPORT A - Recon B - 051835H C - EN: XD 994547 D - At approximately 1715H patrol heard one carbine round about 200 meters to the west. Heard movement of 10-15 VC from the east then heard one carbine round from the east and movement coming from the west. VC seemed to be coordinating movement on patrols position.

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Patrol withdrew and called for extraction. 2 carbine rounds were fired when patrol was about 100 meters from LZ. Extraction was completed at 051845H in vicinity XD 896548.

E - As 2nd CH-46 passed over VC position 8-10 thermite grenades were dropped starting the entire area on fire. Helo's made turn out of area and drew fire. They continued turn and returned fire with .50 cal. VC shot back, appeared to be a large platoon or possibility of a small company firing. Crew chief of lead a/c reported a large sounding weapon firing from the ground, possibly .50 Cal. Recon man with a/c fired an M-79 into .50 cal flashes, flashes ceased. CH-46's climbed out and UH-1E's commenced firing passes. One UH-1E took one hit from ground fire. Both UH-1E's fired all ordnance, 6000 rounds 7.62 and 28 2.75" rockets. UH-1E called in fixed wing which expended 16 5" rockets, 12 500 lb napalm tanks 72 2.75" rockets, 400 rounds 20mm. Fires uncovered a long well dug trench and gun position. All ordnance on target. Artillery expended 6 rounds 155's in area after a/c left. VC casualties not observed.

F thru N - None

O - VC were attempting to attack recon patrol.

P - Ordered extraction.

Q - Patrol successfully extracted, VC probably destroyed.

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FROM	TO	TIME	MESSAGES
S-3	E	0350	E Co did not submit an overlay for E2C patrol. Called for the coordinates and got them.
S-3	F	0513	F Co did not submit an overlay for H3A patrol. Called for the coordinates.
S-3	F	0535	F Co was calling in H2C as H3A which gave the impression of another patrol.
ARVN	S-3	0915	At 051900H, ARVN unit captured one northern VC in D-5 area.
ARVN	S-3	0915	ARVN units had two contacts this morning. Friendly casualties were 1 KIA, 4 WIA and enemy casualties were 1 KIA and 1 WIA (VCC) at YD 076524 and YD 075526.
ARVN	S-3	1230	0630 contact was made at YD 076524, then lost contact at same location. Estimated platoon of VC at YD 076530. At YD 070524 received small arms fire from squad size unit. Received automatic fire at YD 070530, no estimate of number. VC KIA 2-3 (unconfirmed) 1 (confirmed) 1 crew served weapon and 8 individual weapons captured. Friendly casualties 5 KIA and 14 WIA. Last contact 1045H.
F	S-3	1300	SPOT REPORT A - F Company B - 061245H C - YD 187588 D - Received 2 sniper rounds. E - Returned 40 rounds small arms, VC broke contact and fled. F thru Q - None.
Convoy			
Cndr	S-3	1620	3 vehicle convoy to CAM LO now departing.
Recon	S-3	1645	Now inserting and moving out.
Recon	S-3	1712	Patrol still moving.
Recon	S-3	1920	Still moving.
Recon	S-3	1937	All secure, harbor site.
Comm	S-3	2005	Request 1 fireteam for ice run security. Comm will provide radio at 071100H.
S-3	E	2015	Request you send us details on E3C patrol. We have no idea where you are.
E	S-3	2020	That E3C was a mistake. It was E3A.
Recon	S-3	2030	Whistling on both sides, east and west.
Recon	S-3	2050	One man shooting, sounds like elephant around stream. Stream junction near pad.

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E	S-3	2110	Lost contact with E3B patrol. Will contact you when we have regain contact with patrol.
ARVN	S-3	2125	The army found a radio in the mountains by use of a homing device, believed to be a VC radio. Coordinates where found YD 020510.
Recon	S-3	2032	Reports what they think is friendly mortar fire.
S-3	E	2240	How many patrols did you originally have scheduled for tonight. Reply: We had three E3A, E3B and E3C. E3B returned to lines because loss of comm, E3A still is out as scheduled; we will send you details on E3C.
E	S-3	2320	Heard movement at coordinates YD 128584, swept area with negative results.
E	S-3	2335	Cannot find table 6 of shackle sheets, they sent coordinates with table one. We did not have table 1 so we requested they use table five and we both used table five.

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FROM	TO	TIME	MESSAGES
E	S-3	0001	E Co submitted patrol E3C by shackle table 5 TOD 062000 TOR 070530 Ck Pt # 1 - YD 109577 Ck Pt # 2 - YD 110589 (Amb) TOA 2100 TOD 2300 Ck Pt # 3 - YD 110589 (Amb) TOA 2330 TOD 0200 Ck Pt # 4 - YD 116589 (Amb) TOA 0230 TOD 0500
Recon	S-3	0815	Present location YD 069468
ARVN	S-3	1215	AA gun positions at YD 038634. 16-18 guns in groups of 4 and they are manned. Arty called in on these positions.
S-3	Regt	1800	Called to S-3, add this to SITREP 071800H. Recon planning parachute jump at S.E. corner of airfield runway at DONG HA at 08:100H.
ARVN	2/1	1830	Med-evac request. 1 seriously wounded U.S. Sgt, 16 ARVN wounded.
ARVN	S-3	1945	1 U.S. wounded Sgt taken to THU BAI, 16 ARVN taken to QUANG TRI. ARVN fired into area vicinity GS 0652 causing these casualties.
S-3	Regt	2300	New subject, med-evac assist to U.S. Advisors resulting from suspected ARVN Arty fire vic area GS YD 0652, a. 1 U.S. Advisor confirmed WIA evac to A-Med. b. 20 N/U.S. confirmed ARVN WIA and 2 confirmed ARVN KIA evac to QUANG TRI. All aircraft and crews have returned to DONG HA area.
S-3	F	2345	Can you give us any info on the sporadic .50 Cal firing we can hear from this CP. See if you can check it out for us.
F	S-3	2355	I think that firing came from the ARVN's down on the road.

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To: 082400H July 1966

FROM	TO	TIME	MESSAGES
Recon	S-3	1010	Recon extraction successfully completed. Regiment informed.
F	S-3	1528	H-2 patrol is returning to this position with 8 VCS, 1 with some .45 Cal and .30 Cal rounds.
Recon	S-3	1700	Recon has not been inserted due to heavy ground fire at XD 991064. Spot Report to Regiment DTC 081030H.
Air	S-3	1825	1 CH-46 is downed and on fire at YD 090501, 240 degrees, 11 miles from DONG HA.
S-3	TACP	1828	Fixed wing aircraft requested ASAP.
S-3		1835	Part of Sparrow Hawk has been lifted.
CH-46	S-3	1840	Receiving no fire in area where down helo is located
Recon	S-3	1840	Referring to the helo that burned, 3 or 4 men were left in, do not know whether they got out or not. 6 people came back, 2 are going to A-Med, 1 for facial burns.
Air	S-3	1915	The downed helo is a total wreck nothing left of it.
S.H.	S-3	1925	24 of Sparrow Hawk went out, one did set down, others kept circling, 14 are yet to come back on one of the 46's. Sparrow Hawk returned at 1937H.
S-3		2005	Fixed wing air strikes were put in at coordinates YD 085479 and YD 095485 they were controlled by Air Force AO # 54.
Recon	S-3	2100	The practice parachute jump has been canceled.
F	S-3	2145	F Company request illumination.
E	S-3	2330	SPOT REPORT A - E6B Patrol B - 082310H C - Ch Pt # 1 (YD 117590) D - VC fired approximately 25 rounds upon left flank of patrol. E - Returned fire, approximately 150 rounds of small arms. F thru N - Negative.
E	S-3	2330	Patrol E6B has made contact and moved itself 200 meters north of Ck Pt # 1.
2/1	S-3	2340	Report E6B SPOT REPORT and position north of Ck Pt # 1 called in.

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FROM	TO	TIME	MESSAGES
F	S-3	0108	Reports no radio contact at present time with either F3A or F1A patrols. Will keep S-3 informed.
F	S-3	0120	Regained contact with F1A but still have no contact with F3A.
F	S-3	0200	Have contact with all patrols.
Recon	S-3	0605	Insertion commenced.
Recon	S-3	0615	Insertion completed.
ARVN	S-3	0616	LAN SON 288: was reported at 0400H that 170 - rounds of mortars were received on ARVN positions on Objective # 1, negative casualty report.
H	S-3	0635	H Co will have 1 platoon, 44 men and 1 officer on stand by.
Recon	S-3	0710	Request extraction. (Reason unknown).
Recon	S-3	0715	Extraction has been completed successfully.
S-3	E	0719	18 persons, five women observed at 080705H vicinity YD 590142. No weapons seen. Report from Huey's 4 were in khaki.
Recon	S-3	0725	The reason for extraction was, VC activity in LZ.
Recon	S-3	0750	Recon will have parachute jump at 2100H with 10 men vicinity of the SW end of runway.
Recon	S-3	0900	SPOT REPORT: (Initial) A - Recon B - 090700H C - EN: YD 092593 D - Recon Tm inserted at 0600H and set ambush on well used trail about 0630H. A 4 man point of a large VC patrol came down the trail apparently tracking the team. Team sprang the ambush, killing 4 VC. Team called UH-1E's on station for extraction and moved toward LZ. E - VC patrol deployed and followed team in hot pursuit. VC patrol held fire until team threw smoke to mark LZ. Firing between team and VC patrol then became intense. Team extracted, UH-1E's delivered fire on VC. Arty called and AO adjusted by Huey's. F thru H - ? I - 4 J-M - 0

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N - None captured. VC wore camouflaged uniforms and rainhats. Lead VC carried automatic rifle with drum magazine on top. Second VC carried non descript automatic rifle.

O - Well trained and equipped VC force, observed insertion and was looking for Recon Team.

P - Extracted team, continuing supporting arms coverage of area.

Q - None.

ARVN S-3 1810 B Company 2nd ARVN Regt had contact with VC at their night time position. Captured 1 VC a high official. He revealed plans the VC had to attack B Company tonight.

ARVN S-3 1900 Three elements of LAM SON 288 positions for tonight are YD 037546 and YD 042545.

ARVN S-3 2020 Suspected VC Regt positions at YD 045586 and YD 115603.

Recon S-3 2020 Parachute jump by 10 men from Recon has started.

F S-3 2150 F Co patrol says that there is firing 1 1/2 miles to the left of them.

S-3 Regt 2155 Planned Recon insertions time 100600 to 101500. July 1966. Area Covers: -XD 920620, XD 950620, XD 950600, and XD 920060 - LZ's in - XD 9346CB and out XD 928611.

ARVN S-3 2225 TPQ VC staging area at YD 011579, XD 935576, YD 027611, YD 053605 clear by ARVN LtCol KHUY, one flight on each target 500# bombs or heavier prior to 0500H tomorrow.

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From: 100001H July 1966
To: 102400H July 1966

FROM	TO	TIME	MESSAGES
Recon	S-3	0010	Recon requested that S-3 pass on a message from Division for them. Sgt PECAREL at Division requested that Recon submit to Division a SITREP on Recon Operations for the next 24 hours.
Comm	S-3	0025	Teletype is up on CW on M-147 - 1 5/5/5 with Regiment and 2/1 Rear.
Recon	S-3	0600	Helos are Airborne to make Recon insertion.
Recon	S-3	0615	Insertion successful at 100615H.
S-3	E	0635	Are you running any day patrols. Ans: Neg.
Recon	S-3	0639	Recon patrol: No contact. The patrol reports they hear people around them.
S-3	Regt	0735	Recon patrol reports ambush still at HLZ. Have sighted two runners heading east. All secure at 100715H.
F	S-3	0750	2 bridges south of QUANG TRI have been freshly blown about 100 meters apart on Highway #1. Pilots report bridges blown at GS 3650.
S-3	Regt	0800	Msg 100750H sent to regiment.
2/1	Regt	0805	Recon patrol has been extracted successfully and now enroute to this CP. Details will follow:
S-3	Regt	0910	-O- msg # 100750H called into Division for relay to Regiment. Regiment rogered for 2 -O- 0925H.
F	S-3	1000	F Co is at E Co's position.
Convoy	S-3	1240	Passed through QUANG TRI.
S-3	Regt	1310	ROUGH RIDER arrived this CP.
Regt	S-3	1350	Activate your KAR-3.
S-3	Regt	1400	Do not have KAR-3 Schakle Sheets.
Note:			ARVN returned to CAM LO.
*Tanks	S-3	1330	2nd Plat, B Company, 3rd Anti-Tank Bn OpCon 2nd Bn, 1st Marines effective 101330H.
Air	S-3	1425	2 code 7's (Col and above) and an Aide arriving at this CP.
S-3	Lt	1425	Made arrangements to FAM fire small arms of Recon personnel at the DONG HA Range.
S-3	JOHNSON		
S-3	2nd ARVN		
	Regt	1848	Request Lt WESTFALL to submit information on the LAM SON 288 area. (He will call us back).

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S-3 Regt 1920 In reference to message sent at 1520 USMC Liaison Officer to 2nd ARVN Regt advises that LAM SON 288 has terminated. Time of termination and new disposition will follow when available (Has been sent).

E S-3 1950 Be advised patrol call signs have been changed to: E6A to FA; E6B to FB; E6C to FC.

S-3 F6 2010 Request information on F"C" patrol by Schakle.

ARVN S-3 2010 LAM SON 288 terminated all units returned to respective areas.

Maj BOYD S-3 QUANG TRI 2132 From Maj. BOYD at QUANG TRI be advised that our Commanding Officer will not be able to meet the province chief because he won't be there.

S-3 F 2230 Foxtrot called coordinates of new F "C" patrol.

G.O. S-3 2230 At 2025 received 2 incoming rounds of 82mm (suspected).

2/1 F S-3 Regt 2240 Referring to message at 2025H, Fox of patrol receiving two mortar rounds, possibly 82mm details to follow as availability occurs.

S-3 Regt 2243 SPOT REPORT
 A - 2/1 "F" Company
 B - 102025H
 C - FR: YD 130585
 D - Two rounds incoming landed outside perimeter.
 E - Artillery fired mission at possible mortar position.
 F thru N - Negative
 Q - Believe to be 82mm mortar rounds.
 Division is down on teletype. Will notify when back up.

Comm S-3 2245 SitRep # 9 by teletype and carrier sent to Regt.

S-3 Regt 2400

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From: 110001H July 1966

To: 112400H July 1966

FROM	TO	TIME	MESSAGES
S-3	Regt	0615	The planned Recon patrol insertion has been successful: Time 110615H. Message has been sent at this time.
Regt	S-3	0650	Convoy to DONG HA cancelled. Will try and send Golf Company to DONG HA by fixed wing.
S-3	Regt	0705	AO Report: Bridge at YD 460400 out: Northern supports destroyed during night.
Recon	S-3	0820	Recon commenced FAM fir at 0820H.
Recon	S-3	0905	Recon finished FAM fire at 0900H.
Recon	S-3	1000	SITREP. All secure, no contact.
Recon	S-3	1130	SITREP. All secure, no contact.
Comm	S-3	1220	SITREP and Recon's SITREP have been sent.
Air	S-3	1300	Scramble pilots. Recon is in fire fight.
	S-3	1314	Scrambled aircraft lifted at this time.
S-3	E	1315	1 platoon and command group from E Company put on stand-by. Engineers blasting in CP area.
Air	S-3	1323	Recon extracted at 1323H.
S-3	Regt	1327	SPOT REPORT A - Recon Group BRAVO B - 111300H C - Unknown at this time. D - Recon in fire fight with unknown number of VC - more to follow ASAP. E - Recon successfully extracted at 1323H. F thru Q - Unknown
S-3	S-3	1425	Carrier with weekly overlay and original copy of 111200H SITREP departed DONG HA.
S-3	Regt	1440	Your 110400Z Clear.
Comm	S-3	1500	Has been sent on SITREP DTG 110410Z
S-2	Regt	1646	SPOT REPORT A - Recon Group BRAVO B - 111255H C - FR: XD 889560 EN: XD 889558 D - Observed 5 VC approximately 200 meters from recon's position. Fired small arms in attempt to wound and effect capture. Gunships made 3 strafing runs. Did not reach VC in time to capture. 2 VC KIA (probable). E - Team extracted 2 hours ahead of schedule. F thru I - None J - 2 VC KIA (probable)

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			K thru N - None
			O - VC were bivouaced in area.
			P - Strafing area. Extraction commenced.
			Q - 2 VC WIA (probable) Team safely extracted.
S-3	Comm	1810	SITREP to Regiment delivered at 1810H.
S-3	Regt	1940	"Has Been Sent" on SITREP # 14.
S-3	Regt	2000	Message sent - "C" Company completed move at 1730H.
F6	S-3	2000	F "C" Mar/PAT
			Patrol TOD 1930
			TOA 2015
			TOA 2115
			TOD 0015
			TOA 0100
			TOD 0300
			TOA 0330
			TOA 0400
			TOD 0400
			TOR 0530
			IP - YD 123587; CP # 1 - YD 121594; CP # 2 -
			YD 104593 / Amb # 1; CP 3 - YD 109589 / Amb
			# 2; CP 4 - YD 112593 / Amb # 3.
G	S-3	2110	Golf LP fired green star cluster because he lost communications with lines. LP returned to lines.
ARVN	S-3	2200	Bridge at YD 223261 destroyed.
S-3	Regt	2310	SPOT REPORT
			A - Relayed Bn LNO from ARVN Sources.
			B - 112200H
			C - YD 223661
			D - Unknown number of VC have blown bridge on Route # 1. Extent of damage unknown at this time. VC have withdrawn from the immediate bridge area but possibly remaining in the area close by.
			E - Artillery mission called for
			F thru Q - Unknown.
SH	S-3	2310	Sparrow Hawk is going out to check the lines at the air strip.
G	S-3	2310	Golf Company called saying that G3A patrol is in position. S-3 requested to know what kind of position and where at.
G	S-3	2312	Golf Company called saying a LP was what they got into position. S-3 requested that Golf send position by schackle.
G	S-3	2320	Lt KRULAK said that he would send them in the clear because the line was internal.

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G	S-3	2327	The Golf Co LP is at YD 252596 and they will stay until 0330H.
SH	S-3	2355	Sparrow Hawk is going to check the lines. (Inside the perimeter, not perimeter holes).

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To: 122400H July 1966

FROM	TO	TIME	MESSAGES
S-3	Regt	0043	SITREP as of 112400H - Negative contact-all secure.
SH	S-3	0045	Sparrow Hawk has returned from checking the lines.
SH	S-3	0135	Sparrow Hawk enroute to check out the lines.
SH	S-3	0150	Sparrow Hawk has returned from checking the lines.
Regt	S-3	0220	Regt request to know more information about the extent of damage done to the bridge.
SH	S-3	0225	Sparrow Hawk enroute to check out the lines.
SH	S-3	0235	Sparrow Hawk has returned from checking the lines.
G	S-3	0237	G3A (LP) has returned to CP.
ARVN	S-3	0408	In D-5 area ARVN received 8-10 mortar rounds with 10 (2 KIA and 8 WIA) casualties will keep you advised. Bring Med-evac.
Recon	S-3	0612	Recon insertion unsuccessful due to VC in LZ. Enroute to CP.
S-3	Regt	0615	Recon insertion unsuccessful due to VC in LZ. Returning to this CP. 120615H more information to follow.
S-3	Regt	0638	Reference my 112220Z; Correction insertion-partially successful. Two men in LZ attempting to extract.
S-3	Regt	0649	Extraction of the two recon men successful. Extraction now completed, more information to follow.
S-3	F	0759	Be advised 2 Ontos will arrive your position sometime today.
*S-3	Regt	0748	1st Plat, 1st ForRecCo Plan insertion: TOD 121800H to TOR 140900H, vicinity YD 0660. Details to follow this PM by courier.
S-2	S-3	0830	SPOT REPORT A - Recon B - 120605H C - FR: XD 997648 EN: 989655 D - While attempting to insert Recon, the lead chopper received small arms fire from 5 to 6 VC moving toward HLZ. Two men from recon had inserted when chopper lifted out of HLZ. The two recon that were inserted moved to XD 99648 without further incident, and were extracted at 120648H without incident.

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			E - Recon team extraction completed without casualties.
			F thru N - Unknown or Negative
			O - VC have extensive OP system in area with troops to further follow up sightings.
			P - Extracted team - F-4 a/c dropped 4 napalm and fired rockets. UH-1E's fired 1000 rounds of 7.62 and 5 rockets.
F	S-3	0930	We have 1 VCS. Instructed F Co to bring VCS to CB.
F	S-3	0931	F-4 convoy has stopped - Engineers checking road.
S-3	Regt	0940	A - Reference Recon inserts scheduled for this date.
			1. Insert time for Recon changed from 121830H to 121730H. Location unchanged.
F	S-3	1049	VCS has been taken to ARVN Compound where S-2 representative has them.
DM3A	S-3	1043	0500H 1 VC Bn spotted at YD 005485 in area of YD 1559, YD 1561, YD 2063, YD 2361. 1 Battalion VC were located. All villagers in these areas have left there villages.
F	S-3	1100	VCS from F Company identified by village chief friendly - released.
Comm	S-3	1205	F "B" patrol departed for "F" Co Area.
Recon	S-3	1400	Recon successfully inserted.
S-3	Regt	1425	OP HASTINGS
			1. Recon successfully inserted at 121400H.
S-3	Regt	1510	Recon in at 121425H.
Comm	S-3	1540	Convoy arrived at CM LO, negative contact.
S-3	Regt	1925	OP HASTINGS
			(1) Night Sticker (Recon at 121900H).
			(2) Recon insert unsuccessful. VC in LZ.
			(3) Details to follow.
S-3	Regt	1930	OP HASTINGS. Recon (Quiz Game), all secure at 121900H.
S-3	Regt	1940	D-5 Area received about 10 rounds of mortars, unknown size. "H" Btry fired mission, Unknown results. All seems quiet now.
E	S-3	2100	Echo Company, All secure.
S-3	Regt	2105	Flare Ship dropping flares in D-5 area, all secure.
2/4	S-3	2130	We are presently located 400 meters southwest your position 1 "G" 2/4 and Command Group.
S-3	G	2345	There will be a Bn CO's briefing at 2/1 CP 130800H. Company Commanders will attend, Officers from Command Group to attend also.
	2/4		2/4 Command Group and "G" Company 2/4 now at this CP.
S-3	Regt	2350	Rounds received at D-5 at 121940H - 3 75mm RR 15 82mm mortar; ARVN losses - 2 KIA 5 MIA Enemy losses: Unknown

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To: 132400H July 1966

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ARVN	S-3	0025	ARVN report bridge at YD 223660 under attack and request artillery in conjunction with ARVN artillery. Mission fired.
H	S-3	0033	Request illumination at YD 238592. Suspected enemy movement.
ARVN	S-3	0036	End of mission on YD 223660. India Battery fired 20 rounds in support of mission. ARVN reports VC did destroy bridge.
H	S-3	0044	Cease fire on illumination mission. Negative sighting.
S-3	Regt	0110	SPOT REPORT A - ARVN B - 120025H C - YD 223660 D - Reported bridge at YD 223660 under attack and requested artillery support. India Battery (Polish India) fired 20 rounds in support of mission. E - ARVN reported bridge destroyed by VC. F thru Q - Unknown
S-3	Regt	0410	SPOT REPORT # 3 into Regiment. A - Echo 2/1 B - 130300H C - FR: YD 244604 EN: 251601 D - At 0300 Echo 2/1 received 7 incoming small arms rounds from a sniper. Rounds appeared to be coming from Highway # 1, vicinity of YD 251601. The sniper kept shifting his position and firing at random. E - No fire was returned, will check area at first-light. F thru ? - Negative.
F	S-3	0430	Foxtrot Company lost radio contact with F "C" patrol.
SH	S-3	0453	Sparrow Hawk Platoon have gone to chow.
Div	S-3	0513	Request information about the insertion yesterday, need the TOR on both of them. Also designation for the one today.
2/1	Div	0618	A. Operation HASTINGS 1. QUIZ GAME TOR 131030H 2. NIGHT STICKER TOR 140900H 3. GROUCHO MARX to be inserted 130550H TOR 131600H.

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4. Both QUIZ GAME and NIGHT STICKER all secure.
5. For information PARTY LINE attempted insertion at 121730H unsuccessful. Due to VC obstructions in LZ. Mission aborted at 121900H.
6. Above information furnished 4th Marines yesterday.

E S-3 0637 Negative results on the checking of the area in which Echo Co received the sniper fire.
 2/1 Regt 0640 Operation HASTINGS: NIGHT STICKER and QUIZ GAME all secure. Negative contact at 130615H.
 2/1 Regt 0640 Operation HASTINGS. GROUCHO MARX inserted successfully at 130635H.
 TT S-3 0645 Messages: SITREP and information to Regt and Div have been sent.
 S-3 Regt 0700 Operation HASTINGS
 A. My 121645H

1. Additional patrols read in three columns:

Code Name	Insert Coord/DTG	Extract DTG
GROUCHO MARX	YD 0062/131400H	YD 0062/140900H
PARTY LINE	YD 0258/131730H	YD 0258/150900H
FIELD CLERK	YD 0252/140200H	YD 0252/141500H
INDIAN	YD 0950/140600H	YD 0848/161100H
FIELD CLERK	YD 0958/150500H	YD 0959/151530H

S-3 Regt/ 0900 Commencing extraction of NIGHT STICKER 130912H, information to follow.
 S-3 Regt/ 0920 Be advised Sparrow Hawk is being helolifted into Recon HILZ at 130920H.
 S-3 Regt 0930 Request rotation of one sniper team - Recon makes request - send sniper team to 2/1 position ASAP.
 SH Regt 0940 Sparrow Hawk has landed at LZ.
 SH S-3 0941 Sparrow Hawk called for artillery.
 Regt S-3 0945 Div 6 and Regt 6 enroute to DONG HA.
 E S-3 0950 E-2 has not made contact but are sweeping the area.
 E S-3 1030 Returned no contact - returning to link up with Recon. Meet at bottom of hill.
 Recon S-3 1030 Recon extraction was successful at 131030H.
 SH S-3 1135 Awaiting extraction, no contact.
 SH S-3 1148 Has been successfully extracted at 1148H.
 S-3 Regt 1235 SITREP # 21 called into Regiment by phone: 100 villagers moving southeast along road.

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Recon	S-3	1430	A. Operation HASTINGS 1. Inserted Recon Team vicinity YD 0062 at 141420H. 2. Code Name -- GROUCHO MARX II.
Recon	S-3	1525	Position report - YD 005635.
Recon	S-3	1530	Recon requested extraction as scheduled.
Regt	S-3	1630	Regimental forward CP located at YD 132592.
Recon	S-3	1630	Recon extracted successfully.
S-3	Regt	1745	SITREP # 22 Sent in.
Recon	S-3	1835	GROUCHO MARX II is surrounded by VC. Sparrow Hawk on standby for extraction.
S-3		1838	Line to Sparrow Hawk is out.
S-3	F	1840	Request information on patrol F6A, coordinates, times of check points by Schakle.
S-3		1910	F6A is with Sparrow Hawk, standing by with the Helo's.
2/1	F	1910	Information received from 2nd ARVN Regt who received it from a division agent. ARVN rating (B/"). One unidentified Bn (located in hamlet MAI LOC YD 1151) with Bn CP located vicinity YD 127497. They have the mission of mortaring CAN LO. Unidentified Bn is armed with 2 - 82mm, 3 - 60mm mortars, and 1 - 57mm RR.
Recon	S-3	1920	30 VC in the immediate vicinity of Recon's position of YD 035634.
SH	S-3	1920	Sparrow Hawk is launched.
Regt	S-3	1922	FR: Regt S-3 thru Capt DAIG to 2/1 S-2 304th Division on Route # 1 presumed to be moving south within march of 324th (being in support of the 324th, Rating F/6).
F	S-3	1930	F6C is being ran by Golf Company since it is in their CP - YD 133593. F3A YD 149587 F3B YD 182587.
S-3	F	2000	Request clarification and confirmation of F6A, F6B, F6C, F3A and F3B.
F	S-3	2005	Request to cancel F6A, was made and approved by S-3 at 130900H.
	S-3	2005	Sparrow Hawk returning to CP.
Recon	S-3	2010	VC seem to be pulling away from GROUCHO MARX. GROUCHO MARX may not have been detected by VC.
Div	S-3	2115	Division requests information on the insertions of Recon.
2/1	TFD	2145	3/4 patrol sighted large number of VC moving - near them. Sparrow Hawk was alerted and air-borne. The patrol was not detected so Sparrow Hawk did not land and returned to this CP.

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S-3	Regt	2146	A. Operation HASTINGS
S-3	F	2148	1. Change insertion time of Recon Team. Request information on F6B, and F6C by schackle.
Regt	S-3	2148	Request information on the date time group of 131503H.
Recon	S-3	2150	SPOT REPORT A - Recon B - 130600H - 131620H C - FR: XD 933605 D - Negative sighting or contacts, no artillery or air missions called in support, one well used trail runs along stream northwest to southeast. Trail about 3 feet wide and cannot be observed from air. E thru Q - Negative.
Recon	S-3	2150	Negative contact - all secure.
Comm	S-3	2208	Golf's patrol F6C did not depart CP.
S-3	Regt	2240	SPOT REPORT called into regiment (Recon SPOT REPORT).
Regt	S-3	2330	Convoy due at 2/1 position on the 13th was held back, will arrive sometime on the 14th.

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To: 142400H July 1966

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F	S-3	0214	Spot Report: A - F-3-B patrol B - 140010H C - YD 182587 D - 4 to 6 VC attempting to infiltrate lines along river bank to cause possible damage to bridge. E - No more infiltration of lines. F-N - None. O - Trying to infiltrate through lines, possibility of trying to destroy bridge. P - Fired 10 to 15 rounds followed by friendly patrol. Q - No more infiltration.
S-3	Regt	0340	Called in F-3-B patrol Spot Report.
Recon	S-3	0545	PRIMNESS on the ground.
Recon	S-3	0600	Inserted recon patrol (INDIAN) vicinity D-5.
S-3	Regt	0650	Inserted Recon patrol PRIMNESS at 140554H at W 924529 EZ B. Insertion successful.
Recon	S-3	0900	Spot Report: A - Recon B - 140230H C - YD 035583 D - Definite motorized movement northeast of this position Azimuth 30 degrees from sound would estimate 1500 meters in distance. Party Line also reported VC within 15 meters of his position during the night, description of VC not possible. E-N - None. O - This is the second Recon element in this area to report vehicular movement during the night. P-Q - None.
Regt	S-3	0920	Be advised there is a recoilless rifle and carbine laying on the airfield near terminal. Request you pick it up.
TFD	S-3	0930	Effective 141100H all 6 hour SITREP's will be submitted to this Headquarters at 1100, 1700, 2300 and 0500.
TFD	S-3	0950	At 140900H wounded Vietnamese Woman reported 2-3 VC Companies located vicinity YD 206603. ARVN artillery fired a mission in this area last night which caused the women's wounds.
S-3	Recon	0955	Helo Recon has be deferred, will advise when flights can be made.
S-3	Recon	0955	To Recon S-3, your 140954H, negative.
Recon	S-3	0955	Request to know from S-3, if Recon is chopped OpCon from 2/1 to Recon. Request to this ASAP.
Recon	S-3	1005	GROUCHO MARX II successfully extracted at 1000H.

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Info	S-3	1010	Meeting at 2nd ARVN Regt cancelled for all personnel.
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S-3	Regt	1040	ARC LIGHT
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A - YR 140600H

1. Strikes 110, 109, and 113 are clear.
2. Strike III - Not clear at this time, friendly troops vicinity 0255585. Will be extracted about 141700H.
3. Request you advise time of strikes so can plan Recon activities.

Recon	S-3	1055	All secure, negative contact.
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TFD	S-3	1120	Briefing for unit commanders will be conducted this CP at 141600H. Request C.O. 2/1 coordinate transportation from DONG BA Base.
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S-3	TFD	1530	1. Be advised that Recon C.O. is on way to your CP. Please advise 2/1 when you take over OpCon of Recon.
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Recon	S-3	1650	Recon extraction completed at 1610H.
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S-3	Regt	1700	SITREP #26 called in.
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Recon	S-3	1800	PRINCESS extracted at 141707H.
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Radio	S-3	1808	2/1 CommO now leaving Task Force DELTA CP.
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S-3	Regt	1826	PRINCESS extracted at 141707H.
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Recon	S-3	1830	Add to TPQ YD 046595, results PARTY LINE debrief.
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TFD	S-3	1830	OpCon Recon chopped to TF DELTA.
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TFD	2/1	1900	TF DELTA has assumed Fire Support Coordination.
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TFD	2/1	2005	AO will leave 3 overlays at 2/1 CP. Request 2/1 distribute 1 each to other 2 battalions.
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Recon	S-3	2150	Request you have Recon hear contact Recon on 38.7.
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TFD	2/1	2305	Operation HASTINGS FRAG ORDER 2-66.
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A. FRAG ORDER 1-66.

1. All units execute Ref A commencing at 150800H.
2. Missions are modified as indicated on overlay issued separately and as stated in all briefings this afternoon.

S-3	Regt	2400	SITREP #27 has been sent.
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To: 152400H July 1966

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S-3	Regt	0500	SITREP #28 submitted.
S-3	Note	0510	1st TPQ
S-3	Note	0540	2nd TPQ
S-3	Note	0555	3rd TPQ
TFD	S-3	0600	-S- 1 VC Bn at YD 075665 unconfirmed, 141830H reported by 1st ARVN Division C-2.
S-3	TFD	1100	SITREP #29 submitted.
S-3	TFD	1200	Op HASTINGS - F Company 2/1 now located at this CP.
S-3	TFD	1300	Op HASTINGS - SITREP for 1300H submitted.
TFD	S-3	1320	Have 1 platoon ready to go in operating zone in 15 minutes stand-by at airfield. Helo's will pick them up.
S-3	TFD	1340	F-1 checking into net.
TFD	S-3	1350	Hold in LZ until further notice, place one company on stand-by.
TFD	S-3	1400	Launched F-1.
TFD	S-3	1445	F-1 landed in LZ.
S-2	TFD	1455	Information from Sector S-3 Advisor QUANG TRI who obtained it from government agent. 13 July, one VC Regiment vicinity YD 268698, 280725, 278704, rating C/3 by ARVN Advisor.
TFD	2/1	1635	151635H alert 1 Company for possible lift to 3/4.
S-3	TFD	1645	Information relayed by Ln), documents found on dead VC at coordinates YD 081485 this morning by ARVN units. VC Battalion defending XD 988559, XD, 959589, XD 985610 and YD 010575.
S-3	TFD	1700	Co E (Rein) ready at 1730H southeast end of airfield.
S-3	TFD	1730	SITREP #30 submitted.
E-2	2/1	1745	E-1 now boarding helicopters.
E-6	2/1	1740	E-6 now boarding helicopters.
2/1	TFD	1806	1 - 2/1 INTSUM #1 2 - 150800H-151800H 3 - Summary of enemy contact. a. Ground. Negative contact.
S-3	TFD	1835	Be advised E-1 returned to this CP and holding head count now, will advise ASAP. (Note: E-1 is missing 12 men).
TFD	F-1	1906	Request to know if other helo flew out of your area. Reply: unknown.
1st ARVN			
TACP	S-3	1918	USMC made contact vicinity YD 050633, one helo CH-46 shot down, KIA 14. Time of contact 1800H.
F-1	TFD	1922	Have returned to CP and am checking out of the net.
Control S-3		2104	1 UH-1E received automatic weapons fire 500 meter northeast of the control tower.

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TFD	2/1	2200	DTG 152005H, VC Challenge and Password system from 1-16 July. Obtained from captured documents: On even days: Challenge 3 Whistles Password 2 Whistles On odd days: Challenge 2 Whistles Password 1 Whistles
S-3	TFD	2230	H Company, Sparrow Hawk relieved by one platoon G Company.
TFD	2/1	2300	At 0615H briefing for pilots at tower, land in IZ YD 066655, commencing at 0730H, zone secure. Remain in IZ until situation develops. Unit in zone will leave as 2/1 arrives. 2/4 leaves earlier to meet with 3/4. FRAG ORDER 2-66.

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TFD	2/1	0020	<p>FRAG ORDER 3-66</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2/4 move to join 3/4 commencing at 0630H. Upon link-up C.O. 3/4 coordinates in area. 2/1 land at LZ YD 066655 commencing at 0730. Remain in LZ until receipt of additional order. Prepare to move to 2/4 on order. 3/4 remain in present location. Upon link-up with 2/4 coordinate operation in area. Secure area in order to evac casualties. Upon evac of casualties and that equipment to be evacuated, additional orders will be issued.
S-3	TFD	0445	SITREP #32 as of 160500H. All secure.
S-3	Note	0620	2/1 G Company departed CP at GIA LE for DONG HA.
S-3	Note	0730	E and F Companies left off, for LZ ROBIN.
S-3	Note	0900	Lift of 2/1 completed.
S-3	Note	0945	CP Group arrived on Hill 100.
3/4	S-3	1015	<p>SPOT REPORT #20 Initial</p> <p>A - 3/4 I Co</p> <p>B - 160830H</p> <p>C - FR: YD 042647 EN: YD 042647</p> <p>D - Area suspected movement fired on during darkness.</p> <p>E - Area searched, which revealed 2 VC KIA dressed in khaki uniforms which were killed by small arms.</p> <p>F-H - None.</p> <p>I - 2</p> <p>J-L - None.</p> <p>M - 1 carbine, 7 chicom guns.</p> <p>N - Assorted 782 gear</p> <p>O - VC approaching 3/4 CP to probe position or move thru area along extending trails.</p> <p>P - VC taken under fire.</p> <p>Q - 2 WIA.</p>
3/4	S-3	1030	<p>SPOT REPORT #11 Final</p> <p>A - 3/4 K Co</p> <p>B - 160930H</p> <p>C - FR: YD 035541 EN: YD 038640</p> <p>D - K Co had 50 to 75 VC, VC Opened fire upon their right firing position from 360 degrees.</p> <p>E - VC taken under fire by small arms grenades and M-79.</p> <p>F - 0</p> <p>G - 5</p> <p>H - 0</p> <p>I - Confirmed 25 and probable 25</p> <p>J - 0</p> <p>K - 1 WIA</p> <p>L - None.</p>

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M - 7 ChiCom Automatic rifles, 1 .50 Cal., 6w armor shields and extra barrel, 2 light machine guns, 2 7.62 Chinese carbines, 2 ChiCom guns.

N - Negative.

O - Troops believed to be coming to this position for ammunition and medical supplies from M Cache or moving from area on existing trails.

P - Opened up.

Q - See above.

E S-3 1040 E Co received 2 rounds of sniper fire at YD 057654.

F S-3 1100 F Co is now in position.

E S-3 1100 E Co is set in. H Co is at E Co CP.

S-3 1125 C.O. 2/1 left CP for Task Force DELTA CP.

H S-3 1130 H Co is in process at this time of getting into position will advise when in.

F S-3 1130 F Co pulling in their lines to avoid fire (weeds) in front of them.

S-3 TFD 1130 Operation HASTINGS
SITREP #33 as of 161200H.

A. CP YD 867656
E Co YD 065656
F Co YD 072652
G Co YD 245597
H Co YD 0656553
H&S YD 0655655

B. Commenced helo lift at 160730H to LZ ROBIN. Lift was completed at 160900H. Now set up in defensive position.

C. None.

D. None.

E. Be prepared to commence short range patrols, and be prepared for subsequent lift on order by TFD.

F. No change.

2/4 S-3 1130 VC in tree line at YD 047655.

S-3 E 1137 E Co be advised to move away from fire (weeds and trees).

E S-3 1137 E Co has moved.

S-3 TFD 1145 Have brush fire burning in area, shifting lines slightly to avoid same. Referring to 0900 2/4 G Co killed two VC at YD 053656. Friendly KIA's and WIA's, none, VC KIA confirmed 2.

2/4 S-3 1152 2/4 request to 3/4 to fire 60mm mortars, request denied because too close to friendly lines.

Comm S-3 1205 SITREP #33 has been sent.

S-3 H 1215 Be advised to saddle up, be prepared to move to LZ ROBIN on order.

S-3 1240 Bn CP has moved out of CP at YD 067654.

S-3 1355 Bn CP has moved to new CP

Regt 3/4 1400 Initial interrogation of VCC indicates 7th Bn of 90th Regt in area. VCC captured at 160837 by 3/4 at YD 038640.

S-3 S-4 1400 F Co needs 30 cans of water next resupply.

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2/4	TFD-2	1430	FINAL SPOT REPORT #4
S-2			<p>A - G Co, 2/4</p> <p>B - 161345H</p> <p>C - YD 040652</p> <p>D - Found 2 ChiCom weapons, 1 7.62 carbine, 1 ChiCom automatic also located 35 boxed 127mm ammunition, weapons were abandoned.</p> <p>E - Forwarded weapons to ISA. Blew ammo in place, sending 1 box ammo to ISA.</p> <p>F-L - None.</p> <p>M - 1 ChiCom carbine 7.62, 1 7.62 automatic</p> <p>N - Same as delta</p> <p>O - None.</p> <p>P - Forwarded weapons to ISA, blew ammo in place.</p> <p>Q - None.</p>
2/4	TFD	1450	<p>Unit locations.</p> <p>2/4 CP YD 045650</p> <p>2/4 E YD 043649</p> <p>2/4 G YD 042649</p> <p>2/4 H YD 042652</p>
S-3	TFD	1520	<p>CP now located at YD 064660</p> <p>F Co from YD 060659 to 064664</p> <p>H Co from YD 063657 to 067662</p> <p>E Co from YD 060659 to 067660</p> <p>Night time activities will follow.</p>
3/4	2/1	1535	2/4 Unit arrived this CP.
TFD	2/1	1540	<p>1/1 Command CP arrived DONG HA at 161320H assumed OpCon of same at that time. D Co 1/1 arrived at 161430H, currently located at DONG HA. At 161515H Chopped OpCon 2/1 G Co to 1/3. H Co LP coordinates 067664, 067659, and 064656. F Co LP (3).</p>
2/4	TFD	1730	<p>SPOT REPORT</p> <p>A - E Co, 2/4</p> <p>B - 161500H</p> <p>C - YD 054655</p> <p>D - 1st platoon spotted 2 VC carrying ammunition.</p> <p>E - Opened fire with 10 rounds of 7.62.</p> <p>F-H - None.</p> <p>I - 1</p> <p>J-M - None.</p> <p>No documents, captured 2 boxes of 20mm antiaircraft rounds.</p> <p>Be advise that as of 161730H 43 VC KIA, 40 VC KIA probable.</p>
3/4	TFD	1745	
2/4	TFD	1810	<p>SITREP #9 as of 161700H</p> <p>A. 2/4 EP and 2/4 H Co CP</p> <p>B. 2/4 units continue movement to make link up with 3/4. 2/4 G Co made physical contact with 3/4 I Co at 1350H.</p> <p>C. At 1610H 2/4 G Co received fire from via YD 047657 2/4 G received 1 WIA.</p> <p>D. Captured 4 semi-automatic weapons.</p> <p>E. 2/4 units will set in night defense positions.</p>

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F. FR: 2 WIA EN: 3 KIA confirmed
5 WIA 2 KIA probable.

E S-3 2020 Spotted lantern light at azimuth 225.

E S-3 2050 OP's are in position.

S-3 Note 2053 1st volley incoming.

E S-3 2105 2 serious wounded coming in from E. Co. Men from CP 2.
Rounds have been landing inside lines.

H S-3 2107 E Co all secure and all accounted for.

F S-3 2107 F Co reports no activity in its area.

Arty S-3 2109 Arty in on target (azimuth 180 degrees, 800 meters).

Arty S-3 2111 Arty 500 meters front left flank.

Arty S-3 2112 3rd Arty barrage on target.

HAS S-3 2113 WIA serious (3 serious, 2 undetermined) total E Co
1 WIA (not serious), 81's.

E S-3 2118 E Co received 40 rds front, 10 rds left flank and 6 rds
vicinity of CP (56 rounds total).

F S-3 2130 LP 1 and 2 report activities in front of position.
Called for mortar fire.

H S-3 2145 Hear noises at YD 065657. Req artillery fire.

3/4 TFD 2150 3/4 completely surrounded by intense small arms fire.

H S-3 2200 Still hear noises and talking at YD 065657.

F S-3 2215 Arty mission suspended, F Co moving back out.

E S-3 2230 HAS BEEN SEEN 162221H. E Co reports observing white
light (possibly lantern) burning steadily until arty
concentration fire. Light seen on azimuth 225 degrees
from our position, range approx 4000 meters. Believed
to be possible CP vicinity of YD 019653.

2/1 2/4 2125 Report seeing white light at coordinates YD 047655.

2/1 TFD 2245 SPOT REPORT (INITIAL)

A - 2/1

B - 162053H

C - YD 064659

D - 2/1 units received incoming mortar rounds of unknown
caliber. There was a total of 2 volleys, estimated
90 to 95 rounds were received. Arty missions were
called in with unknown effect. Mortars fire ceased
at 162150H.

E - Unknown effect of artillery.

F - 1

G - 7

H-N - None.

O - None at this time.

P - Called in arty mission on suspected enemy mortar position.

Q - Unknown at this time.

TFD S-3 2300 Building in vicinity of your new area contains some
civilians. Rules of engagement apply. Notify TACA.

S-3 S-3 2315 First med-evac helo lifted in and out. Med-evac completed
except for 1 WIA and 1 KIA.

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3/4	S-3	0009	161115H FRAG ORDER 6-66 Line 1. 3/4 and 2/4 continue to conduct search and destroy operations in area, detailed guidance will be given during staff visit. Line 2: At 170850H. 2/1 commence landing in LZ at XD 964561 and conduct search and destroy operations. Assume OpCon Whiskey Battery at 170600H.
S-3	TFD	0038	SITREP #35 as of 162400H A. No change. B. See Spot Report 162254. C. See Spot Report 162245. D. None. E. Continue night time activities. F. 2 KIA, 13 WIA and 12 MIA.
TFD	S-3	0235	Request latest sitrep
S-3	TFD	0500	SITREP #36 as of 170500H. A. No change. B. Continued night time activities. C. None. D. None. E. Preparing to depart area by helo. F. No change.
S-3	TFD	0747	Commencing helo lift.
S-4	S-3	0810	Has everything helo lifted out.
S-3	TFD	0850	Helo lift is almost completed.
G	S-3	0850	E Co is holding security position.
H	S-3	0855	Elements of H Co are here.
S-3	3/4	0855	Two companies have landed.
S-3	TFD	0900	Be advised Recon team at XH 978558 can observe and adjust artillery for your concentration 475.
F	S-3	0910	CP located at YD 980565.
E	S-3	0910	Sending patrol across river to check out area.
H	S-3	0915	All of H Co is in.
S-3	TFD	0920	Helo lift completed all units are in. New CP location YD 984563.
Recon	S-3	0930	Recon Team has a fire mission at YD 969552.
S-3	E	0935	Request to know how far you went past the river.
E	S-3	0936	300 meters.
S-3	E	0939	Have they crossed highway and in the houses.
E	S-3	0939	Have not crossed highway but are in the houses.
S-3	E	0939	Request to know if E Co has any troops at YD 969552. Reply: Negative.
S-3	Arty	0940	Negative on clearance.
Recon	S-3	0941	Be advised recon to be in GS XD 9560 and 9660 from 171300H to 201230H contact on 49.6.

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E	S-3	0945	E Co CP YD 988559.
H	S-3	0945	H Co Cp YD 985556.
E	S-3	0953	1 platoon at YD 985564, 2nd platoon at YD 990561, 3rd platoon at YD 998564.
E	S-3	1000	E Co has returned from checking village.
H	S-3	1005	H Co reports front lines coordinates from YD 983564 to YD 984565.
Recon	S-3	1008	Recon is sniping on house spotted at YD 969552 (3 VC in house).
S-2	TFD	1020	1. INTSUM #4. 2. 161800H to 170600H. 3. Summary of enemy activities. (1) 162053H 2/1 received (E Company) 54 rounds of 82mm, last round landed at 162108H. Arty mission called on suspected VC mortar position vicinity YD 067654. Results unknown but mortar fire ceased. (2) 161230H F Co LP reported noises vicinity YD 061665. Arty mission called, results unknown. (3) On checking impact area of mortar attack, fin assembly found in 2/1 81mm mortar position (YD 066659) as with from furrow 205 degrees also fin assembly found YD 067662 as with of furrow 207 degrees. Craters were approx 1 Ft by 1 Ft with fuze and fin assembly 4 to 5 inches deep furrow from fin assembly 4 to 6 Ft long.
TFD	2/1	1035	Referring to message of 1012H, request to know when you want 4.2 moved to your position.
2/1	TFD	1035	Request your message 171010H, It is requested that 4/2 battery be moved to this position ASAP.
F	S-3	1040	F Co lines coordinate at YD 972568.
Recon	S-3	1047	At XD 981561 Recon accidentally dropped a basket of explosives and M-79 rounds.
S-3		1100	Recon C.O. and visitor (ALO) came to this position.
S-3		1100	ALO and Recon C.O. left this position.
TFD	2/4	1106	ARC light in one hour.
S-3	Regt	1125	as soon as possible request to know coordinates of recon teams position. Message was sent at 1140H.
E	S-3	1153	E Co patrol has departed IP.
E	S-3	1210	Security squad to recover demolition for engineers that arrived at Bn CP.
F	S-3	1220	Emergency clothing supply, jacket: small 5, medium 6, large 1, and trousers: small 22, and medium 11.
S-3		1228	Whickey Btry has arrived at this position.
Regt	14	1258	Will have air strikes going to your northeast from present time until 1900H. Areas involved are YD 0060, YD 0160, YD 0260. If they interfere with you, please advise.
TFD	2/1	1330	Reference your SPOT REPORT Line B, 162053H, request resubmit line C ASAP.
TFD	2/1	1332	Request latest SITREP.

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H	S-3	1332	Night activities. Posit 1 - XD 995582 Posit 2 - XD 987597 Posit 3 - XD 984575 Posit 4 - XD 989576
S-3	F	1350	Recon team to inserted 171330H at XD 953597. CP to be located at XD 960600.
F	S-3	1350	Helos fired overhead of F Co.
S-3	TFD	1354	Have patrol at coordinates XD 992579 (H Co 171406H).
TFD	2/1	1357	Expect psychological warfare broadcasting your area. Request you report sound quality on ground to Regiment.
S-3	TFD	1407	Reference your message about SPOT REPORT 162053H. Line C is as follows: YD 064659.
F	S-3	1410	Night Activities: Ambush 2030 to 0530 F-1 XD 972520 F-2 XD 925523 F-3 XD 968560 IP's 2015 to 0545 1. XD 975568 2. XD 980572 3. XD 974563
F	S-3	1425	F Co security team in search for basket, dropped by Recon, returned with negative results.
TFD	2/1	1445	1. Helo pilots at 171400H observed 36 VC at YD 962597 VC wore black or green uniforms and carried weapons. 2. Helo pilots at 171400H also observed 6 groups of 5 men each on high ground at YD 964597. No weapons observed.
H	S-3	1545	H Co front lines left to right YD 987576 to YD 984578.
H	S-3	1622	All patrols have return to CP.
F	S-3	1622	SPOT REPORT (INITIAL) A - F-2 patrol B - 171430H C - YD 975574 D - Sniper was observed in a tree by patrol. E - Patrol fired approximately 40 rounds of small arms 3 rounds of 81mm. Target obscured by rain. Patrol advanced to make contact with negative results. Patrol was again dispatched after rain stopped. Patrol returned with negative results. F-N - Negative.
F	S-1	1630	F Co PDS remains same except for 1 man for Admin reasons and 2 L 50's.
H	S-1	1635	PDS remains same and FAC Team (1 & 3).
TFD 14	14	1900	Request TPQ clearance on following XRAY Grid ASAP. 1. 9559 2. 9659, 3. 9759, 4. 9760, 5. 9660.
14	14D	1708	Your 171620H cleared to drop in designated grid squares.
F	2/1	1713	F Co lines all secure.
Recon	2/1	1720	Night Sticker requests no fire grid squares for tonight.
14	S-3	1730	Request clearance for TPQ targets in GS 0060, 0160, 0059, 0159, request answer ASAP.
Recon	S-3	1755	We have no shackle except local assigned by Recon C.O., either send clear or request shackle copy from Recon C.O.

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2/1	TFD	1810	SITREP #38 as of 171800H submitted.
S-3	Recon	1810	No fire within following square without prior clearance XD 9659, YD 0059, YD 005, XD 9655.
2/1	14	1817	Cleared to drop in GS 0060, 0160, 0159, negative clearance on 0059. Reference your 171620H, my 171700H not cleared to drop in 9759.
TFD	2/1	1845	Int. arrival FAC #3 with PRC-41. Int. 41 with FAC and ALO. Advise ASAP.
2/1	E F	1900	All 2/1 units notified of LP's and ambushes.
S-3	G H	1908	FAC # 3 arrived with PRC-41.
TFD	2/1	2012	FRAG ORDER 7-66. 1. 3/4 and 2/4 execute verbal instructions of TFD. 2. 2/1 continue assigned search and destroy operations in assigned area of operations. 3. 1/3 continue mission of supplying security for trans- portation and for Task Force DELTA CP and maintain Sparrow Hawk. Chop OpCon of 1/3 B to POLISH as of 171200H. 4. Today continue mission of TF reserve. 5. POLISH Assume OpCon of 1/3 BRAVO and continue assigned mission.
TFD	2/1	2320	At 150800H a 3rd Recon Bn platoon at YD 082485 observed and fired on 5 VC resulting in 3 VC KIA and 1 map case with maps and documents captured, initial screening of documents indicated VC KIA from 5th Bn, 812th Regiment, 324 NVA Division.
TFD	2/1	2252	Following message received from 2/1 S-1 with request for reply; emergency leave L.B. HART 2201976, 2/1 G Co message American Red Cross verifies death of stepfather from cancer. Funeral, 19 July, subject and stepfather close and lived same home. Reply 2/1 S-1, relayed to 2/1 rear and cleared by the C.O.

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From: 180000H July 1968
To: 182400H July 1968

FROM	TO	TIME	MESSAGES
F	S-3	0215	One of the OP's thought they heard voices - in front of them, fired a few rounds. Negative results.
F	S-3	0215	Lost radio contact with patrol.
S-3	TFD	0510	SITREP # 40 submitted.
H	S-3	0535	Receiving small arms fire and mortar fire on right flank, request illumination at XD 993583, Azimuth 30°.
E	S-3	0535	Troops heard movement in front of lines, fired illumination with negative results.
H	S-3	0538	LP # 1 has pulled back into its lines:
H	S-3	0540	Adjustment at this position XD 995585, Azimuth 45°, receiving small arms, .50 cal, mortars at this position.
H	S-3	0545	Our mortars were right on target - stirred up movement to close to lines. Will continue fire. Hotel taking small arms fire.
F	S-3	0555	All units of F Company and H&S Company, all secure.
H	S-3	0605	H-1 patrol has definitely killed 2 VC at OP # 1.
G	S-3	0610	Referring to 0605H E-1 patrol let site.
H	S-3	0622	Hotel Company has 1 VC machine gun.
H	S-3	0620	At YD 995584 VC squad or platoon spotted moving. Mortar called in on them.
H	S-3	0636	Drop 100, fire for effect.
H	S-3	0638	Vicinity of XD 995585 VC - went in and found machine gun with blood on it, saw squad and called mission.
H	S-3	0642	Squad departing to the area (underneath canopy) to check out results of fire mission.
E	S-3	0647	Request overlay of patrol route.
2/1	TFD	0707	1. 2/1 INTSUM # 6.
Recon	2/1	0730	PARTY LINE inserted at XD 902506 will remain until 210700H. They will request fire missions or support from 2/1.
S-3	E,F,H	0735	Desire to make maximum use of supporting arms during today's activities. Request you utilize your FO's to maximum.
F	2/1	0740	Patrol 18 July F1B, reinforced squad, -TOD 0730 TOR 1130, CP # 1 - XD 968558, CP # 2 - XD 970563, CP # 3 XD 975570.
F	2/1	0740	F1B departed F Co's CP.
E	2/1	0750	Received 3 day patrol overlays from E Co - E1, E2 and E3.

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H	2/1	0827	<p>SPOT REPORT - Final -</p> <p>A - H Co 2/1</p> <p>B - 180515N to 180700H</p> <p>C - XD 992578</p> <p>D - 1st Platoon, H Company received 4 rounds of mortar and small arms fire. Returned fire and called in mortars. Swept area.</p> <p>E - Captured 1 machine gun, 500 rounds of ammo, and articles of 782 gear, much blood in area.</p> <p>F thru H - None</p> <p>I - 2 (probable)</p> <p>J thru L - None</p> <p>M - 1 MG 7.62mm</p> <p>N - 500 rounds linked 7.62, web gear</p> <p>Q - Negative</p>
TFD	2/1	1020	<p>Expect psychological war aircraft in your area. Request on sound quality from ground.</p>
E	S-3	1053	<p>SPOT REPORT - Initial-</p> <p>A - E-3 Patrol 2/1</p> <p>B - 181045H</p> <p>C - XD 999558</p> <p>D - Caught reinforced VC squad of about 15 men on trail eating chow.</p> <p>E - Fired on VC and pursued.</p> <p>F thru H - Negative</p> <p>I - 1</p> <p>J thru L - Negative</p> <p>N thru N - Unknown this time have not checked body.</p>
TFD	2/1	1100	<p>3 men from helo crash still unidentified. One of these from 2/1. Prior notification NOK request check be made that 214973Z. SCHLOEMER is not with unit.</p>
E-3	S-3	1112	<p>Add to SPOT REPORT of 181045H E patrol is - pulling back to the following coordinates - XD 995558, will call artillery on VC located in vicinity XD 998448.</p> <p>G - 4 - nature unknown</p>
2/1	TFD	1113	<p>Has been sent - Initial SPOT REPORT of E-3 2/1.</p>
E-1	S-3	1115	<p>SPOT REPORT - Initial -</p> <p>A - E-1 patrol, 2/1</p> <p>B - 181100H</p> <p>C - Vicinity XD 996545</p> <p>D - VC snipers fired on patrol with automatic weapons.</p> <p>E - Returned fire and pursued. Sweeping Area. Plan to call in artillery.</p>

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			G - 1 serious, cannot land med-evac helo's, All other portions negative.
E-2	S-3	1122	Position as of 1100 - XD 984546
2/1	TFD	1134	Additional SPOT REPORT to E-3 patrol sent to TFD.
E	S-3	1140	Request 2 gunships.
E-3	S-3	1250	I - Two additions to SPOT REPORT M - 1 chicom machine gun and 1 .30 Cal MG E - Have assaulted VC position and are sweeping thru and pursuing VC. F - None F thru H - None I - 2 probable J & L - negative M - 1 - 7.62mm N - 500 rounds of 7.62 linked O thru Q - Not Applicable
		0835	H-1 patrol 2/1 - IP XD 991580; CP # 1 - XD 999580, CP # 2 - XD 994584, FF - XD 990580 TOD 0830 TOR 1100
2/1	TFD	0850	Clearance for Air strike in GS's YD 0159 and YD 0160 - OK'd for 1 hour (until 180950)
2/1	TFD	0855	At 0830H Air strike appeared to be conducted vicinity XD 9555. This is within our FCL. Request verification.
S-3	H	0900	Air strikes have been cleared to drop in GS's.
E	S-3	0903	E-2 & E-3 patrols have departed 332, Coia CP.
2/1	TFD	0920	Patrols E-1, E-2, E-3, F1B, and H-1 called in.
S-3	E, F, H	1010	Advise that effective 1130 right boundary this Battalion is 01 Grid Line. Adjust Plans accordingly.
P	S-3	1011	Afternoon activities - patrol F-2 and F1B submitted.
2/1	TFD	1020	SPOT REPORT A - Hotel Company, 2/1 B - 180515H to 180815H C - See para D D - 1. 1st Platoon "H" Company 2/1 received 4 rounds of 81mm/82mm mortar rounds between 0515 and 0700, and approximately 350 rounds of incoming small arms fire (semi and automatic fire) from vicinity XD 993585. Fire mission called. 2. 180620H approximately 1 squad NVA observed moving north along stream vic XD 995585, fire mission called. E - Hotel Unit that swept area captured 1 machine gun (vicinity XD 982578) and 500 rounds of 7.62 (long), from description - 2. gun, it could be a DPM - Bipod w/carry-

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ing handle, looks similar to BAR. ammo. was linked. Flash hider on muzzle. Assorted articles of web gear in area. Much blood in area in the vicinity of XD 982582. A company or battalion size camp site with numerous fighting holes; bomb shacks, tables, chairs, and altar. Estimate last occupied 2 days ago. Fire mission assessment - Excellent, right on target - 1 bunker vicinity XD 985594 constructed of logs, bamboo, and dirt with connecting trench, a second bunker, same construction vicinity XD 982578 appeared to be home or HMG position. Both had been previously destroyed by air.

E 2/1 1300
E S-3 1355
2/1 TFD SPOT REPORT

E-2 Returned to friendly lines.
All med-evac evacuated.
at 1400

A - H-1 patrol, 2/1
B - 181100H - 181130H
C - EN: XD 995584

D - Located suspected Command Bunker at XD 995584. Bunker was approximately 10 x 11 x 12 with 6 fighting holes around it at XD 994584. Found 1 ammo bunker 10 x 10 x 4. 7 new boxes of 81 or 82mm mortars, places for 6 rounds, 10 rounds each box. The number of boxes reads 075-B-51-DZ. (Chi Characters) 10 meters west of ammo bunker 28 x 8 shelters built off of ground. Signs around it are of recent use. Found one ripped uniform jacket, in vicinity of this shelter. Numerous trails leaving area to high ground to the east.

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14 S-3 1410

E thru Q - None.
Evac all E-1 units off hill - Air on station, artillery standing by. 13 KIA - 5 heat casualties, 2 VC KIA.

H S-3 1420

1 heat casualty picked up after E Companies Evac's.

Arty S-3 1420

Firing concentration on Hills.

Air S-3 1440

Air strikes have started, fixed wing and gunships at vicinity XD 996545.

E-3 S-3

1 Russian 7.62 machine gun with armor plate.
3 bodies - fully clothed - mixed uniforms
3 boxes of ammo - 750 rounds
7 sticks of TNT
4 shovels - picks 4

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Cleaning equipment for machine gun
Confirmed NV Army
2 canteens, medical supplies, assorted Web gear.
2 hammocks, 1 poncho, camouflaged covers, 1 pair boots - 1 pr sandals, assorted papers and documents, pictures - money.
Regt S-3 1643 Advise if possible that additional members of 2/1 "B" Company or attached personnel were aboard crashed helo; remains of persons believed totaled 10 at A-Med list of 10-2/1 and 2 Engineers was provided this headquarters. Wing advises all crew members are accounted for. Advise ASAP.

F S-3 1737 Day activities - 19 July - FLA Squad - R3 Flat.

H S-3 1815 SPOT REPORT
A - H Company 2/1
B - 181800H
C - XD 979588
D - 67 VC moving inside the tree line
E - Fire mission called. VC moved back into canopy. VC KIA or WIA unknown.
F thru Q - Unknown.

H S-3 1820 SPOT REPORT
A - H Company 2/1
B - 181800H
C - XD 977585 to XD 977589
D - 8 AA positions at XD 977585; old and burned off. Trench line leading to living area reported this morning. Also found OP at XD 977589. Can view entire area to south. H-3 feels position still being used. Tree line this area shows use within last 40 hours.
E thru Q - None.

H S-3 1835 SPOT REPORT
A - H Company, 2/1
B - 181430H
C - XD 977591
D - Discovered 7 fresh fighting holes at XD 977591 unfinished. Estimate 2 hours old at maximum.
E thru Q - None.

2/1 TFD 1900 2/1 Foxtrot two daytime patrols made no contact at 181855H. All patrols returned to CP.

H S-3 2110 At XD 989583 Hotel 2/1 00 # 4 heard sound of heavy enemy movement. OP fired small arms and throw grenades.

H S-3 2135 Noises ceased.

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H	S-3	2140	Referring to H-3 Patrol submitted by S-3 at 1900H. FOR 1907H - TOD 191600H. IF - XD 985580, CF # 1 - XD 985585, CF # 2 XD 978587, CF # 3 - XD 981576.
S-3	Regt	2150	SPOT REPORT on the action of Hotel Company 2/1 submitted to TEP.
H	S-3	2153	Hotel Company 2/1 has contact on their right flank, request illumination their CF # 1, heard heavy movement around stream bed and around the canopy at XD 985583.
H	S-3	2200	OP # 1 sighted 4 NVA, 30 meters in front of them, fired, NVA ran and fell into the bush. Request illumination to check out area.
S-3	Regt	2200	Psy War plane broadcast heard fair to good vicinity XD 984564 at 182155H and 182205H.
H	S-3	2217	All of 81 rounds are duds, going back to 4.2's.
F	S-3	2307	Textrot Company 2/1 reports negative contact with F1C and F3C patrols. F2B patrol is coming into CF because of accidental discharge which wounded 1 man.
Regt	S-3	2317	FRAG ORDER 10-56 1. All units continuing mission as assigned in 7-66.
F	S-3	2335	F2B patrol member accidentally wounding self in foot will be alright for duration of night. Patrol did continue on mission.
S-3	A/12	2355	Request you fire H&I fires assigned at the rate of at least one every five minutes throughout the night.
S-3	E, F, H	2400	FRAG ORDER 1. Adees conduct search and destroy mission within assigned area. 2. Submit overlays to S-3 no later than 190800H.

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From: 190001H July 1966
To: 192400H July 1966

FROM	TO	TIME	MESSAGE
F	S-3	0053	Foxtrot Company 2/1 requests helo lift at first light for man who accidentally shot himself.
S-3	Regt	0115	SPOT REPORT A - Foxtrot Company, 2/1 B - 190030H C - KD 984564 D - Marine on patrol F2B was accidentally wounded in foot - returned to company CP and treated and will be evacuated at first light. E - Foot wound by gunshot. F thru N - None. O thru Q - None.
Comm	S-3	0135	SPOT REPORT "F2B" submitted to Regt. Ment.
F	S-3	0135	F2B patrol returned to patrol route and now in night time position.
E	S-3	0142	Reference your message on firing at position at 0115H. Echo Company 2/1 and men from H&S Company reinforcing lines. H&S personnel thought they heard something and fired two bursts of automatic fire.
H	S-3	0242	Hotel Company 2/1 spotted movement in area KD 990583, requested illumination. Negative sighting.
H	S-3	0255	Tables 15 thru 19 of KAC-138 compromised.
TFD	2/1	0445	Use table 31 in lieu of Table 19.
TFD	2/1	0620	Reference my 190450H. Use Table 25 vice 31.
TFD	2/1	0820	FIELD CLERK is in the area YD 002601, YD 003610, YD 034600, and YD 034610. Restricted fire until 191800H.
E-2	S-3	0902	E Company 2/1 leading elements departing CP.
2/1	TFD	0905	At 190800H commenced prep fires at YD 000559 and KD 997558 in support of 2/1 Echo Co. 190840H commenced prep fires at KD 968570 and KD 976573 in support of Foxtrot Co, 2/1.
E	S-3	0944	Leading elements of Echo Company 2/1 at KD 996562.
E	S-3	1010	Going to blow dud grenade.
E	S-3	1045	Leading elements at KD 990550 - Ck Pt # 1 - finished prep fires for Echo Company 2/1, now firing at suspected CP at YD 004553.
E	S-3	1100	Found VC Aid Station at YD 002550, believed there were VC WIA's in aid station yesterday.
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2/1	TFD	1140	
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SPOT REPORT

A - E Co 2/1

B - 191100H

C - YD 002559

D - Have located VC aid station with litter and bloody bandages - believed to have been used to treat yesterday's VC casualties - also found entrenching tools and a pitch fork.

E - Negative contact, continuing on with patrol.

F thru ? - None.

E Company's position now at YD 006553.

F-3 departing CP.

E Company 2/1 has made contact.

SPOT REPORT

A - E Company 2/1

B - 191220H

C - YD 004552

D - Patrol found 4 log topped bunkers. Bunkers contained several bags of rice (approx 30 lbs). One bunker appeared to be a make shift operating room. A flashlight had been rigged in the overhead to shine down on a make shift operating table. A doctors medical kit was also found containing scissors, forceps, tourniquets, bandages, drugs, and many other medical supplies.

E - Patrol will destroy installations and return medical supplies to the CP to be evacuated to your position.

SPOT REPORT

A - E Company 2/1

B - 191250H

C - YD 002551

D - 3 NVA fired on lead elements and withdrew

E - leaving packs.

E - Company now pursuing NVA.

F thru ? - Negative.

Front lines at YD 005560.

Additional night activities for 2/1 have been sent.

E-1, 2/1 and all LP's and ambushes departed E Companies lines.

ARVN will land in vicinity YD 993514 at 201200. The area originally assigned to you on temporary bases is returned to their control effective 200800H.

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Front lines at YD 005560.

Additional night activities for 2/1 have been sent.

E-1, 2/1 and all LP's and ambushes departed E Companies lines.

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E	S-3	1200
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F	S-3	1200
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E	S-3	1253
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2/1	TFD	1255
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2/1	TFD	1305
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E	S-3	1500
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2/1	TFD	2015
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E	S-3	2035
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TFD	S-3	2100
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Recon S-3 2100 Recon reported lights in houses at XD 969551.
 S-3 TFD 2120 4. 2's are going to fire mission on houses.
 TFD S-3 2120 All 2/1 LP's and ambushes are in position
 at 2120H.
 1. Resupply priority are -R- and emergency.
 Request same ASAP results in fast delivery.
 2. -P- should be used only when necessary
 and when items are requested in approximately
 2 hours. Emergency requests utilize Med
 Evac.
 3. Request requiring heavy lifts of many
 helos must be seen as -R-
 S-3 2310 Resupply by helo's completed.

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From: 200001H July 1966

To: 202400H July 1966

FROM	TO	TIME	MESSAGES
TFD	S-3	0043	FRAG ORDER 11-66 1. 1/1 commence landing at YD 054620 LZ CROW at 201100H. Conduct search and destroy operations in assigned zone with emphasis on natural corridors. 2. 3/5 continues present operations in assigned area. 3. 1/3 continue present operations of maintaining security and being Sparrow Hawk. 4. 3/4 and 2/4 continue mission assigned at 191000H verbally by TFD-6. 2/1 continue present mission in assigned zone overlay. (issued separately) designating boundary will go into effect 201000H vice 200730H.
E	S-3	0225	We are not secure, our OP's have not checked in as of yet, will notify S-3.
E	S-3	0311	All secure except for ELA Ambush, will notify S-3.
E	S-3	0330	ELA ambush close to ELB. Negative contact with ELA but will leave ambush out.
S-3	TFD	0515	SITREP # 48 has been sent.
E	S-3	0600	ELA - ELB have returned to "E" Co CP, 2/1.
E	S-3	0634	All "E" Co 2/1 LP's have returned to CP.
F	S-3	0636	All ambushes are now returning to our CP.
H	S-3	0636	All ambushes and LP's returned to "E" Co 2/1 CP.
2/1	TFD	0750	All night activities secured. All patrols, LP's and ambushes have returned to areas.
H	S-3	0700	Planned day activities - 200700H to 201600H H-1 IP XD 992579, CP # 1 XD 998577, CP # 2 XD 007587, CP # 3 XD 997583; H-3 IP XD 992579 CP # 1 XD 995685 CP # 2 XD 992596 CP # XD 993584
F	S-3	0730	Foxtrot Company's, 2/1 planned day activities 200900 - 210900H E-1 Patrol - CP # 1 - XD 973575, PPB XD 974578 CP # 3 XD 975577
2/1	TFD	0913	Daylight activities called into TFD.
E	S-3	0913	E Company now moving out.
2/1	TFD	0915	Patrol positions called into TFD. Leading elements of "E" Company, 2/1 on Highway # 9 going up the hill - sent to TFD at 0920H.
E	S-3	0935	"E" Co 2/1 at Ck Pt # 1.

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E	S-3	0940	"E" Co 2/1 now holding at CP # 2 - waiting for prep fires.
TFD	2/1	1012	Operation HASTINGS commenced 150800H - TFD OpCon same.
E	S-3	1125	SPOT REPORT A - E Co 2/1 B - 201120H C - XD 987547 D - Discovered foxholes and 1 bunker. E - Continuing search. F thru G - sent to TFD addition to line D - found leather belt with star on buckle, canvas found attached with blood in it believed left from contact with 2/1 "E" on the 18th.
E	S-3	1155	"E" Co 2/1 at YD 002552 - Trail fades out and ends. Will return to check point # 2 to fire supporting arms. Send to TFD.
H	S-3	1155	"H" Co, 2/1 entered canopy - lost contact - neg contact prior to entering canopy.
2/1	TFD	1159	SITREP has been sent.
E	S-3	1245	Now blowing bunkers that we reported earlier.
E	S-3	1315	"E" Co, 2/1 now back at CP. Has been sent to TFD. Addition to SPOT REPORT of 1120H Line E - Have blown bunkers, now back at CP Negative contact.
F & H	S-3	1210	Still in canopy - negative contact.
F & H	S-3	1600	F & H Companies, 2/1 patrols returned to respective CP's.
TFD	2/1	1657	Notify this CP of coordinates of blocking unit ASAR - coordinates with 3/5, their Bn TAC M-24.
TFD	2/1 2/9	1648	Remain at your present positions until further notice - assume mission of TF reserve. Request to know if your entire unit is in and what time arrived.
H	S-3	1730	H Co, 2/1 now entering canopy.
2/1	TFD	1742	SITREP # 50 has been sent.
*2/1	TFD	1732	Assumed OpCon of "M" Co 3/4 at 1710H.
F	S-3	1740	F Co, 2/1 ambush at XD 965580.
M	S-3	1840	M Co, 3/4 is in position.
2/1	TFD	2019	SPOT REPORT A - H Company, 2/1 B - 201845H C - XD 995594 D - Fired upon 2 NVA moving north E - Fired small arms, NVA broke contact and fled. F thru G - None - 2/1 sent SPOT REPORT to TFD.

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2/1	TFD	1940	Sent TFD position report of 2/1.
2/1	TFD	1940	Sent TFD an addition to position report.
2/1	TFD	2020	Additional night activities of 3/4 M Co. have been sent.
F	S-3	2100	F3 was ambushed. 1 of the 4 men was hit 3 times.
S-3	TFD	2130	SPOT REPORT A - Foxtrot Company, 2/1 B - 202105H C - XD 995585 D - Foxtrot, 2/1 made contact with NVA E - Artillery fire mission called, Foxtrot proceeding to join 2/1 Hotel Company F - 1 G - 2 H - Negative I thru Q - Unknown
TFD	S-3	2135	Will get the KAC-138 to you as soon as we can, probably about 1200H tomorrow.
F	S-3	2137	Referring to 2120H., Foxtrot linked up with F3 and are proceeding towards Hotel Company, 2/1.
S-3	TFD	2150	Position Report E3A at CP # 1 - YD 202145 E1A at CP # 1 - YD 202040 E2A at CP # 1 - YD 202145
S-3	TFD	2203	Addition to SPOT REPORT D - 2/1 Foxtrot requested Artillery cease fire because rounds were hitting too close.
F	S-3	2209	FAC Team has 1 WIA and 1 KIA with him and is alone, separated from patrol.
H	S-3	2210	Hotel requests flare ship.
E	S-3	2216	Echo Company, 2/1, all secure.
F	S-3	2217	Foxtrot Company, 2/1 is still trying to link up with their forces.
Comm	S-3	2223	Communications with 3/4 platoon very weak
	S-3	2235	A man in 106's thought he heard movement, threw a hand grenade, didn't get down in time and was struck in the face by fragments, corpsman treated him and he is back on duty.
H	S-3	2237	Hotel requested to use the flare ship.
S-3	TFD	2240	Correction to SPOT REPORT 202105H Change para F to read - 3 Change para G to read - 2
H	S-3	2300	Foxtrot Company requested that the flare ship stop and 81's cease fire because of revealing their own movement.
H	S-3	2300	F-3 still has not made contact with F2. F3 has squad out to locate F2.

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H	S-3	2323	Hotel Company, 2/1 requested illumination from 4.2's.
S-3	TFD	2340	SFOT REPORT A - Hotel Company 2/1 Ambush site # 2 B - 202220H C - XD 992592 D - Heard movement, fired small arms, called for illumination. E - Negative F - Q - Negative
H	S-3	2345	F Company (Rear), 2/1 has negative communications with F-3 patrol and has no idea where they are at at the present time.
S-3	TFD	2400	SITREP # 51 has been sent.

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From: 210001H July 1966
To: 212400H July 1966

FROM	TO	TIME	MESSAGES
TFD	S-3	0020	FRAG ORDER 11-66 1. 3/5 - continue search and destroy operations in assigned zones. Co "L" and "M" sweep towards 2/1. 2. 3/4 continue assigned missions, execute further instructions given by TFD-67
TFD	S-3	0027	2/1 Golf to be used as lead unit today - continue assigned mission, conduct search and destroy operations in area # 4. 2/4 conduct assigned mission to search out area. 3. 2/1 continue assigned mission of search and destroy and block for 3/5 units. 4. 1/3 continue to provide security for CP, Artillery and DONG HA. Execute verbal instruction involving 3/4 at 211200H.
S-3	TFD	0028	SPOT REPORT A - 2/1 Hotel Co Amb Site # 2 B - 202220H C - XD 992592 D - Heard movement, fired small arms, called for illumination. E thru Q - Negative.
S-3	TFD	0029	SPOT REPORT A - Hotel ambush site #12 B - 202350H C - XD 992592 D - Killed 1 NVA in position who was bare footed, shirtless and without weapon. E - None F thru H - None I - 1 J thru Q - Negative.
S-3	TFD	0030	Addition to SPOT REPORT 202105H A - Foxtrot Company, 2/1 B - 202105H C - XD 995585 D - During initial contact F-3 became separated from F2 and Command Group at 210005H. Radio contact was established between the two groups. F3 is proceeding to join rest of Foxtrot Company. E - Upon link up with Foxtrot will proceed to Hotel 2/1 position. F thru Q - No change.

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S-3	H	0100	Informed Hotel Company, 2/1 H&I's are proceeding.
S-3	H	0110	1st round of H&I's has begun.
S-3	H	0112	2nd round of H&I's fired.
S-3	H	0115	3rd round of H&I's fired.
H	S-3	0155	Reference to 0030H - F3 is moving up stream to join with Foxtrot Company, 2/1.
F	2/1	0232	Foxtrot Company, 2/1 requested illumination.
F	S-3	0310	F3 and F14 have made physical contact. Both proceeding to make contact with F6, 2/1.
F	S-3	0323	All Foxtrot (2/1) units in contact with each other, now proceeding to locate Hotel Company, 2/1 guides.
F	S-3	0455	Foxtrot Units are now all tied in. They are going to set up their own CP security along trail beneath the canopy. They request continuous illumination until they are set in position. Will link with Hotel Company 2/1 at first light.
2/1	TFD	0520	SITREP # 52 - 210500H has been sent; also sent was Foxtrot's message of 0455H.
F	S-3	0630	Foxtrot Company, 2/1 on the move to Hotel Company's 2/1 position.
S-3	H-3	0635	Request you insure that 3/4 S-3 is aware of and alert for the return of F-1 2/1 between 210700H and 210900H.
2/1	TFD	0805	2/1 F and 2/1 E have physically linked up at 210730H and H Company is in position.
S-3	M	0900	Be prepared for platoon patrol from H 2/1 to enter your position shortly from the north.
S-3	R.H.	0904	Be aware that E Company 2/1 has ambush located at XD 999565 and XD 985549 effective 210830H.
S-3	TFD	0920	E Company 2/1 now departing area.
2/1	TFD	1022	3/5 has visual contact with Hotel Co 2/1. Will have physical link up shortly at Hotel's position.
2/1	TFD	1025	SPOT REPORT A - F Company 2/1 B - 211015H C - Unknown D - Sounds of firing coming from Foxtrot's position, more to follow. E thru Q - Negative
F	S-3	1030	SPOT REPORT A - F3, 2/1 B - 211025H C - Unknown D - Unknown number of NVA took F3 under fire as they were moving into their defensive positions.

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			E - F3 patrol returned fire and is attempting to locate NVA.
			F - 1 KIA
2/1	TFD	1122	G thru Q - Unknown at this time.
H	S-3	2015	SITREP # 53 has been sent.
H	S-3	2030	Request illumination.
			6 MIA's - receiving rounds from a .50 caliber, 2 mortar rounds in our position at XD 994596.
2/1	TFD	2030	SPOT REPORT sent to TFD.
M 3/4	S-3	2035	All 3/4 units in position.
H	S-3	2030	SPOT REPORT
			A - H Company 2/1
			B - 212020H
			C - XD 992594
			D - LP reported receiving small arms fire
			E - Called in illumination.
			F thru Q - Negative
F	S-3	2105	Foxtrot Company 2/1 taking shrapnel in CP from fire mission at XD 976562 - 6 men moving toward CP.
S-3	H&S	2115	H&S Company alerted of the 6 men.
S-3	E	2115	Echo Company 2/1 alerted of the 6 men.
1/3	S-3	2116	3/4 Mike Company reports - has no men at XD 976562.
H	S-3	2117	At XD 995594 heavy movement along stream bed moving north to south.
S-3	H&S	2120	Request any reports of movement.
H	S-3	2120	Hotel is going to talk artillery down valley.
M	S-3	2125	M Company 3/4 at XD 996584 - friendly patrol.
M	S-3	2126	3/4 M Company has no communications with the patrol.
M	S-3	2127	3/4 K Company have people on trail.
H	S-3	2137	SPOT REPORT
			A - Hotel Company 2/1
			B - 212030H
			C - Present location
			D - Received approximately 6 rounds mortar fire, 150 rounds heavy caliber small arms from unknown number NVA, appear to have NVA on all sides.
			E - Negative
			F - 1
			G - 7
			H thru Q - Unknown
Artillery			At XD 995589.
M	S-3	2142	At XD 992582 - 6 NVA came in contact with 3/4 Mike Company, fired upon them, NVA retreated down hill.

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S-3	TFD	2147	SPOT REPORT 2120H and 212115H has been sent.
H	S-3	2148	Hotel Company taking incoming mortars from their north, trying to locate.
H	S-3	2149	At XD 995605 AZ 4000 fire mission.
S-3	81's	2154	At XD 995586 enemy movement, fire mission.
H	S-3	2155	Coordinates of fire mission XD 995586 - good results, fire for effect.
H	S-3	2200	Request left 100 - fire for effect.
H	S-3	2201	Request left 100 - change to left 50 - fire for effect.
H	S-3	2204	Left 100 Add 100 - fire for effect.
TFD	S-3	2208	1. Effective 220700H the following Grid Squares are assigned to 3/5, YD 0063 and YD 0163.
H	S-3	2210	Hotel Company 2/1 reports no incoming mortars at present.
H	S-3	2212	Hotel Company 2/1 requests end of mission.
F	S-3	2212	NE of Hotel Company 2/1 on left flank is where FO reports mortar flashes.
81	S-3	2215	92 rounds expended.
H	S-3	2220	Hotel Company 2/1 reports possible W-T for exit of NVA at XD 990584.
M2	S-3	2223	Mike Company 3/4 reports movement in brush at XD 992582.
H	S-3	2224	Hotel Company 2/1 OP # 1 reports heavy running at XD 995600.
TFD	3/5	2225	If you concur request upon conduct air strikes with 1000 or 2000 pounds with delayed fuses in Grid Squares YD 0262 Hill 314 if unable, request you clear air strikes for TACA control time designated - 0700-0900 aircraft already advise 500 feet.
H	S-3	2240	At XD 997604 heavy NVA movement.
F & H	S-3	2241	Heavy NVA movement at XD 997604.
S-3	TFD	2250	SPOT REPORT 212223H A - 3/4 Mike Company B - 212235H C - XD 992582 D - Mike Company 3/4 reports heavy movement and digging sounds in brush at XD 992582. E - Called artillery/mortar fires. F thru Q - Negative 250 rounds left.
81mm Plat	S-3	2250	
S-3	TFD	2251	SPOT REPORT 2230H A - 2/1 Hotel Company B - 212224H C - XD 995600 D - Hotel OP # 1 reports heavy running at XD 995600.
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			54- request upon conduct air strikes with 1000 or 2000 pounds with delayed fuses in Grid Squares YD 0262 Hill 314 if unable.

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S-3	TFD	2254	<p>E - Artillery/mortar fire called. F thru Q - Negative or Unknown SPOT REPORT 212240H A - 2/1 B - 212240H C - 2/1 Area D - Steady reports of heavy movement by all units indicates large NVA unit attempting to move thru this area. E - Making maximum use of Artillery/Mortars. F thru Q - Unknown SPOT REPORT 212223H, 212230H, and 212240H sent.</p>
Comm	S-3	2307	
H	S-3	2310	At YD 0329 AZ 4300 spotted green light in area.
S-3	TFD	2310	<p>Enemy movement appears to be generally East to West in attempt to avoid blocking force. Area to NW this Battalion wide open; recommend priority TPQ 9560 along likely avenue of withdrawal from this area.</p>

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From: 220001H July 1966
To: 222400H July 1966

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S-3	TFD	0038	Referring to message at 2113H. Reference your request for coordinates of SPOT REPORT 211025H.
S-3	TFD	0039	Addition to SPOT REPORT 212020H. A - Hotel Company 2/1 B - 212030H C - XD 994596 D - Hotel Company 2/1 is receiving .50 Cal and 2 mortar rounds from XD 995605. E - Artillery fire mission being called. F - 0 G - 6 H thru Q - Unknown Message sent at 2035H.
S-3	TFD	0040	SPOT REPORT 212115H A - 3/4 B - 212115H C - XD 976562 D - 3/4 Mike-3 reports observing 6 men maybe more moving toward this area. E - Fire mission called. F thru Q - Negative.
S-3	TFD	0042	SPOT REPORT 2230H A - Hotel Company 2/1 B - 21224H C - XD 995600 D - Hotel 2/1 OP # 1 reports heavy running at XD 995600. E - Artillery/Mortar fire called. F thru Q - Negative Message sent at 2250H
S-3	TFD	0045	Enemy movement appears to be generally east to west in attempt to avoid blocking force. Area to NW this Battalion wide open. Recommend priority TPO XD 9560 along likely avenues of withdrawal from this area. Message sent at 2255H.
S-3	TFD	0048	SPOT REPORT 212300H A - Hotel Company 2/1 B - 212300H C - XD 992594 D - Received 15 mortar rounds on position. There is still movement under the canopy to the west of our position. NVA movement in stream bed to our north.

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S-3 TFD 0050
E - Called for fire missions on entire stream bed with excellent results.
F thru Q - Negative
Message sent at 0020H.
SPOT REPORT - Final-
A - 2/1
B - 220030H
C - XD 984564
D - At 2100H Echo Company, H and 3/4 Mike Companies were probed. Heavy attack was mounted against 2/1 F and H Companies laid small arms and mortar fire on suspected enemy positions and areas from which movement was heard were taken under intense 4.2 mortar and artillery fire. The attack was mounted from all directions by an unknown number of NVA's. Enemy activities gradually subsided and they broke contact at 220030H.
E - Enemy attack subsided.

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S-3 TFD 0050
F - 2
G - 13
H thru N - Unknown
Q - NVA seem to be trying to destroy our blocking position vicinity XD 9950 in order to slip-out in a westerly direction.
P - Prepared and ready to fire mortars.
Q - Unknown
SPOT REPORT - Final -
A - 3/4 Mike Company
B - 212300H
C - XD 992582
D - Sighted 6 NVA, fired 5 rounds M-70, observed NVA retreating in northerly direction, at same time heard heavy movement to northwest and in front of our position. Also metal on metal clankings like mortar tubes.
E - Requested 81mm fire mission. Fired 6 missions until no further movement. Will search area at first light.
F - 0
G - 4
H thru Q - Negative
Hotel requested med-evac for 3 people.
FINAL SPOT REPORT has been sent.
The helo is on its way to our position.
Request to know situation at your position at the present time.

H S-3 0100
S-3 TFD 0120
H S-3 0122
TFD S-3 0134

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E	S-3	0140	Med-evac completed.
2/1	TFD	0245	2/1 all secure. Continuing H&I fire.
F	S-3	0245	Foxtrot has established contact with two platoons. Casualty count - 1 MIA - non med evac.
F	S-3	0315	All units up with exception of ambush.
2/1	TFD	0510	SITREP # 56 - has been sent - 220500H.
TFD	2/1	0525	Reference your SPOT REPORT 212300H. Request to know what size incoming mortar rounds.
2/1	TFD	0540	Incoming mortar rounds either 81 or 82mm.
F	S-3	1035	Made contact at XD 985601.
2/1	TFD	1140	SITREP # 57 has been sent.
- - -	- - -	- - -	Fire mission at XD 984599 - - - - -
2/1	TFD	1140	SPOT REPORT A - Mike 3/4 1st Platoon B - 221120H C - XD 991578 D - Man found a dud round from a 2.75 rocket. He picked it up, examined it, then threw round down trail, when the round came in contact with the ground it exploded. E & F - None. G - 6 H thru J - None
M	S-3	1200	SPOT REPORT A - M2A 3/4 B - 220800H to 221200H C - XD 978585 D - Approximately 8 fighting holes found with trash spread over hill (C-rats, paper, etc) on hill XD 982588 approximately 30 fighting holes running along path on ridge from East to West. The hill has been bombed extensively and most of the hill destroyed. 1 dead VC found - XD 994582. Estimated time of death 1-2 weeks - Russian made 7.62, magazine holds 30-50 rounds. Found on person and 1 pickaxe. Body had no documents on person - no ID or markings on clothing. E - Hacked way to XD 990555. F thru L - 1 VC KIA about 1 week old. M thru O - Negative
F	S-3	1345	SPOT REPORT sent to TFD also A - F-2 2/1 B - 1040H C - XD 998604 D - Patrols point ran into 3 to 6 NVA. E - Patrol returned fire, NVA broke contact.

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F - 0
G - 2
H - 0
I - 1 possible
J - 1 possible
K - 0
L thru N - Negative

O - Believed to be a small number of NVA moving back to mountain canopy.
P - Patrol returned fire. Called in 81mm mortars, had excellent coverage of target area. Believed to have killed one, wounded one, thick canopy was reason they could not get body count. Now continuing patrol

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SPOT REPORT

A - Foxtrot Patrol, 2/1

B - 221300H

C - YD 993594

D - Patrol found fresh tracks and fresh spider traps in old base camp area.

PDS for 22 July has been sent.

S-1 TFD 1400

F S-3 1401

In regards to message above Ps. No Warfare plane on station over CS 61 above 2/1 position believed to be a lucrative area for this type of operation.

TFD All 1405

Stations

As of 221200H 2/1's sector is within coord YD 9266 to YD 032668 to YD 0565 to YD 0564 to YD 0264. 1/1's northern and northwest boundary now runs from YD 0263 to YD 0264 to YD 0564. 1/3's boundary includes entire area to east of 2/4's FCL remains the same with respect to 1/1 and 3/5, overlay will arrive.

N S-3 1416

SPOT REPORT

A - 1-1 Patrol, 2/1

B - 220700H to 221300H

C - XD 993595 to XD 998576

D - Found 1 pair kahki trousers at YD 995585 at 0915, found 4 VC bodies in deep fresh graves at XD 997578. Bodies were recently killed also found numerous tunnels and trenches at XD 993588 used within last 48 hours. Tunnels well searched and cleared.

E thru H - None

I - 4

J thru Q - None.

Gulf Company 2/1 is in their new CP.

Hotel Company's 2/1 patrol had negative results.

G S-3 1425

H S-3 1426

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S-3	All 2/1 Units	1435	All enemy KIA's, MIA's and captives be reported as NVA KIA, NVA MIA, and NVA captives unless there is evidence that the individual is a VC.
H	S-3	2030	SPOT REPORT A - H 2/1 patrol 1A B - 222015H C - XD 995594 D - Approximately 10 NVA's coming from south moving north along stream bed. Marine unit spotted NVA movement; 2 NVA spotted marine unit. NVA held up. Marine unit sprung ambush and NVA opened fire with grenade and small arms. Marines broke contact and pulled back to CP.
			E thru H - Negative I - 2 probable J thru Q - Negative
3/5		2051	Now under mortar attack - "M" Btry responded to their call at XD 998603 - Hotel 2/1 spotting.
H&S	S-3	2055	Golf-3, 2/1 passing through H&S lines.
F	S-3	2100	Foxtrot 2/1 in ambush position.
S-3	H&S	2117	Illumination being fired at and northwest of your position.
H	S-3	2119	H Company, 2/1 took two incoming mortar rounds. Rounds landed 20 meters outside of their lines. Foxtrot 2/1 believes the NVA are moving the mortars to deceive position with sporadic fire. Hotel saw flashes to their direct front when LIMA 3/4 was getting mortared.
S-3	H	2131	Be advised that artillery is firing a mission H&I concentration 1 thru 5 in front of lines at the edge of canopy.
S-3	3/5	2145	Hotel Company 2/1 is located vicinity XD 996597 to YD 000598 observed flashes from XD 998603 AZ 0700.
3.5	S-3	2150	3/5 units located as follows: 2 units spotted H - YD 324623; K - YD 028612; I - YD 019607. L - YD 005600.
3/5	S-3	2203	3/5 units located as listed above.
F	S-3	2205	F-3, 2/1 at 222140H. C - Enemy and friendly coordinates XD 986598. D-E & F - Sprang - ambushes on suspected 3-4 NVA. Ambush compromised and returned to CP, will search area at first light. F thru H - 1. F unknown. L thru Q - Unknown.
TFD	S-3	2215	Items you requested will arrive in 30 minutes working party will be required.
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S-3	TFD	2215	SPOT REPORT A - 2/1 F-3 Patrol B - 222104H C - XD 986598 D - 2/1 F-3 patrol in ambush-fired at 3-4- suspected NVA. Ambush compromised and returned to CP. E - NVA disappeared. F thru - Negative.
S-3	E, F, G & H	2220	FRAG ORDER # 1 Echo Company on 23 July conduct Company size search and destroy mission along stream bed running north from vicinity XD 998577 to vicinity XD 992595. Seek out and destroy all NVA elements along patrol route. Pay particular attention for feeder trails to the east from trail and mark stream. Search and destroy harboring sites via XD 994586, XD 995589, and XD 997582. Upon arrival XD 992595 remain within canopy and effect relief of Foxtrot on position conduct search and destroy missions in area. Echo 6 2/1 conduct helo and ground recon of area commencing 230700H, be prepared to move patrol out at 230800. Attach 2/1 H guides located at 2/1 G position before searching out stream bed. Upon arrival 2/1 F position have guides report to parent unit. F Co 2/1, upon relief by E Co 2/1 will conduct sweep along trail/stream bed to south. Upon arriving CP area assume responsibility for security southern sector CP area. Conduct search and destroy missions to the west, south and east of CP area remaining north and west route # 9. At the time of relief ensure that AN/PRC-25 is turned over to Echo Company, 2/1. Class-5 will be arriving in about 35 minutes. Have HST come up on logistical net. SITREP # 59 has been sent along stream bed. FRAG ORDER 13-66 reference FRAG ORDER 12-66 1. 1/1 continue to conduct operations in accordance with reference (a), if forces available conduct operation in vicinity 0263 as discussed verbally with TFD morning of 22 July. 2. 2/1 continue to conduct operation in accordance with reference (a). 3. 3/5 continue operations in assigned area in accordance with reference (a). Area commencing 230700H, be prepared to move patrol out at 230800. Attach 2/1 H guides located at 2/1 G position before searching out stream bed. Upon arrival 2/1 F position have guides report to parent unit. F Co 2/1, upon relief by E Co 2/1 will conduct
TFD	S-3	2330	
Comm	S-3	2353	
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			4. 2/4 notify this headquarters if prepared to execute order contained in reference (a).
			5. 3/4 continue to provide defense for TFD CP in coordination with ARVN units in area. Maintain platoon in Sparrow Hawk status. During daylight hours.
			6. 3/5 continue to conduct operations in accordance with reference (a):
S-3	TFD	2400	7. 2/9 remain as TFD reserve.
			HST doesn't have adequate antenna to come up on logistical net (message sent at 2358).
COMEN	S-3	2400	Echo and Golf Companies, 2/1 - Roger on FMCG ORDER from Major ROYD.

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From: 230001H July 1966
To: 232400H July 1966

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S-3		0040	Part of Class 5 arrived this position.
S-3		0040	Foxtrot and Hotel, 2/1 received PRAG ORDER 1 from Maj. BODY.
S-3		0112	Part of Helo resupply commencing.
E	S-3	0120	OP # 1 and ELA patrol has had no comm since they departed. Sending runner to E2 and then E2 will send a man out that knows where OP # 1 is.
G	S-3	0120	Golf-6 request to know what helos are for.
S-3	G	0120	Helos are ammunition resupply for 4.2 and 81.
S-3	G,H,F & E	0130	Artillery reassuring H&I's.
S-3		0131	Armo resupply completed.
S-3	-do-	0137	81's resuming H&I's.
S-3		0200	Helos landed to resupply artillery.
TFD-3	S-3	0240	Has the following on position right now 269-C-223, 271C-704, request to stop until 0630H because of elevator trouble. Will this amount be sufficient for now.
2/1	TFD-3	0250	Curtailment of armo lift until 0630H approved. Reference your 230237H.
S-3	81's	0300	Increase H&I fire to 1 round/minute.
S-3	TFD	0500	SITREF # 60 has been sent.
S-3	81's	0500	Reduce H&I fire to 1 round/2 minutes.
H	S-3	0510	4.2 duds landing approximately 50 meters in front of lines.
S-3	81's	0547	Cease fire of 81 H&I's.
E	S-3	0800	E Company 2/1 now moving out.
2/1	TFD	0805	2/1 daylight activities posted to TFD.
H	S-3	0830	H-1 in blocking position.
S-3	TFD	1100	SITREF # 60 has been sent.
E	S-3	1130	E Company 2/1 linked up with F Company 2/1 - proceeding to F Company's position.
G	S-3	1220	SPOT REPORT A - G Company 2/1 B - 231220H C - XD 967572 D - Patrol observed two men in kahki uniforms vicinity XD 967592. E - 106mm RR and 81mm fired on area - fire mission observed. F thru H - Negative J thru Q - Unknown

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E	S-3	1300	E Company 2/1 now in position.
F	S-3	1317	Foxtrot Company 2/1 is on the move.
H	S-3	1325	Hotel Company 2/1 receiving 2 mortar rounds (81 or 82) from south of their position and automatic weapons firing.
H	S-3	1344	Hotel Company 2/1 ceased receiving mortars, conducting crater analysis.
S-3	TFD	1345	SPOT REPORT A - Hotel Company 2/1 B - 231320H C - XD 997596 D - Hotel received 2 rounds of 82mm mortars and some automatic weapons fire. E - 4.2 mortar fire called on suspected enemy location by Echo Company 2/1. F thru H - Negative I thru Q - Unknown
H	S-3	1400	From crater analysis the shooting came from AZ 3600.
F	S-3	1400	Foxtrot position at 1400H is XD 997584.
H	S-3	1600	H-3 2/1 arrived at CP.
E	S-3	1635	Echo called for air strikes at 1635H.
2/1	TFD	1640	SITREP # 62 sent to TFD.
H	S-3	1750	SPOT REPORT A - Hotel Company 2/1 B - 231430H C - XD 999595 D - Received 2 mortar rounds from unknown position. Echo 2/1 say they heard guns firing, Echo 2/1 called in artillery mission. E thru Q - None. Crater analysis 3600 mills from this position.
F	S-3	1758	Foxtrot Company now in position - setting in night defensive positions.
G	S-3	1845	SPOT REPORT A - Golf Company 2/1 B - 231750H C - YD 000578 D - Golf Company sighted smoke as from a cooking fire at YD 000578. E - 4.2 mortar fire mission called. F thru Q - Unknown
H	S-3	1900	SPOT REPORT 2/1 A - H-3 2/1 B - 230800H to 231700H C - XD 994588 to XD 982588 D - NVA base camp at XD 993589 - platoon size with numerous spider holes and

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E S-3 2046
C S-3 2210

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TFD S-3 2231
TFD S-3 2234

TFD S-3 2235

TFD S-3 2236
TFD 10 10 2245

S-3 E,F,G 2251
H, 81's

cooking areas. Four 81mm mortar positions at XD 988588. 100 to 150 spider holes along ridgeline. Area has been abandoned about 6 days ago.

E - Area searched and destroyed.

F thru M - Negative

N - 1 empty 60mm mortar can - 1 shovel - 1 camouflaged ring - 2 brush hats - 1 shoulder pad - 1 bloody shirt with 5 bullet holes.

O - NVA evacuated this area and are now occupying ridgeline at XD 960615 to YD 000618, this is not feasible for large movement of troops.

Hotel Company 2/1 in position.

Echo Company 2/1 in position.

SPOT REPORT

A - Golf Company 2/1

B - 232130H

C - XD 995580

D - One of Golf's position on west flank spotted 2 or 3 NVA moving towards - Grid North. Threw 1 Frag grenade - negative results. Will sweep area at first light.

E thru Q - Negative.

SPOT REPORT 232130H sent at 2213H.

Addition to Night Activities - G LP at XD 979568 - F LP at XD 986564, XD 983560, XD 986559. Amb 1 A XD 981552 and # 2 at XD 995560.

1. Request information regarding location 2nd ARVN Airborne Battalion elements. Further request authority to fire on Ridge line running generally NE from vicinity XD 990549 if there are no ARVN units on position.

To NS Grid Line 96 in regard to 231940H.

1. All units continue operations in same area, conduct detailed search and destroy mission and attempt to capture personnel.

You are authorized to fire on ridge running from XD 990549 to YD 009564.

Request information copy your DTG 200010Z.

Do not understand your use of 4825, request clarification.

FRAG ORDER for 24 July 1966

1. Echo Company conduct platoon sized patrols of area, paying particular attention to draws, streams and trails. Main effort to North and West. Do not become over extended.

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2. Foxtrot Company conduct extensive patrolling activity in area paying particular attention to area to East in vic XD 995565 and on to 01 Grid Line.
 3. Golf Company commence helo lift at 0800 to vicinity XD 997597 from present position. It is anticipated that there will not be sufficient aircraft to complete in one lift. Move will be tactical by H-34's. Upon arrival at LZ relieve Hotel Company on position. Conduct extensive patrolling to North and West in at least platoon strength. Coordinate with 2/1 Echo-6. 2/1 Golf-6 should be in early lift to effect necessary coordination/recon. First and third platoons with command group will be lifted first, 2nd platoon last. Compute on basis of 6-man helo teams.
 4. Hotel Company will be relieved on position in increments by 2/1 Golf commencing at 0800. 2/1 Hotel-6 depart in last lift to provide as much assistance as possible in paragraph 3 pertain. Utilize helos on return trip for lift. On completion helo lift occupy positions and conduct extensive search and destroy mission in assigned area.
 5. 4.2's and 81mm mortars. Commencing at 0730H heavy prep fires will be placed on area of LZ. FSCC will control.
 6. ALO provide for helo lift and fixed wing support. Control aircraft within area. Provide close air strikes north GL 60 to be controlled by 2/1 Echo FAC team.
 7. All units attempt to capture prisoners.
 8. Prior to 0700H Echo and Hotel ensure that FSCC informed of all patrol routes and schedules. Necessary to control prep fires and air strikes. Echo and Hotel patrols do not leave company areas prior to 0800H.
- SPOT REPORT
- A - Hotel 2A, 2/1
 - B - 232300H
 - C - XD 995595
 - D - H2A patrol made contact with 3 to 4 NVA at above time, NVA moving south to north along stream bed. Fired 150 rounds and threw one grenade at NVA. Machine gun jammed and H2A returned to CP. Received 1 enemy grenade.

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			E - 2 probable NVA KIA
			F thru H - None
			I - 2 probable
			J - Unknown
			K thru Q - None.
H	S-3	2400	Referring to message at 2345H. Received 2 incoming mortar rounds by stream bed.

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From: 230001H July 1966
To: 232400H July 1966

FROM	TO	TIME	MESSAGES
S-3	TFD	0010	SPOT REPORT of H2A sent to TFD.
H	S-3	0014	At 2340H Hotel Company 2/1 took 3 incoming rounds of mortars.
G	S-3	0014	At 2345H all secure, same for F Company.
H	S-3	0210	SPOT REPORT
H	S-3	0210	SPOT REPORT
			A - Hotel 2/1
			B - 232330H to 240015H
			C - XD 998593
			D - LP # 3 made contact with approximately 30 NVA moving northeast, after hearing them coming for 1 hour. Opened fire with approx 45 rounds of small arms and grenades. Believe LP # 3 killed 3-4 NVA, they returned to CP approx 232345H. Received two mortar rounds which landed outside lines coordinates 998593. Did not see where rounds came from. Received two more rounds in same area. Approximately 2400H and 0005H booby trap planted at coordinates XD 998598 tripped. Area was swept by fire. Negative assessment. Fire missions now in progress.
			E - None at present time.
			F thru H - None
			I - 3 or 4 probable
			J thru Q - None
S-3	All 2/1	0307	FRAG ORDER for 24 July has been sent to all units. DECLASSIFIED
2/1	TFD	0500	SITREP # 64 sent to TFD.
2/1	TFD	0550	INITIAL SPOT REPORT
			A - H Co 2/1
			B - 240545H
			C - XD 997596
			D - 2/1 Hotel reports receiving small arms fire and mortar fire.
			E - 4,2's fire mission HE and illumination called.
			F thru Q - Unknown
F	S-3	0607	All units returned to CP.
H	S-3	0600	Hotel SPOT REPORT
			A - H Co 2/1
			B - 0545H

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C - YD 003602
D - Unknown number of NVA opened fire on our position with 200 to 300 rounds of small arms fire. Returned fire with grenades at first, then opened up with small arms and machine gun fire. Now firing mortars and providing our own illumination.
H S-3 0655 E thru Q - Unknown or Negative. Found 3 bodies NVA at XD 999598, 4 weapons, 6 grenades, 5 full magazines. Hotel now in contact at XD 995594.
E & F S-3 0700 Received E Day patrol 0830-1400.
H S-3 0855 F3 Day patrol 0800-1300.
SPOT REPORT
A - 240655H Hotel Company 2/1
B - 0655H
C - XD 995594
D - Made contact with 2 NVA at XD 995594
E - Are pursuing south along stream toward G Company's 2/1 ambush site.
F thru Q - Unknown or Negative at present time.
E S-3 0930 E1 2/1 patrol leaving CP, F-3 at CP #1.
G S-3 1137 Covering force in ambush at XD 994593, OP at YD 00593
S-3 H 1250 Chaplain and escort have arrived at Bn CP safely.
F S-3 1306 Foxtrot 2/1 has lost comm with Fl - F3 is back at CP.
Arty S-3 1306 At approx XD 987605, Echo 2/1 is receiving fire.
S-3 TFD 1330 SPOT REPORT
A - Echo-3 2/1
B - 241300H
C - about XD 989605
D - 2/1 Echo patrol ran into 3 NVA on trail
E - Patrol initiated physical pursuit, still pursuing.
F thru H - Negative.
I - 2
J thru L - Negative
M - Two weapons - one automatic, one semi-automatic and combat equipment.
N - Negative - shifted E-1 to following coordinates XD 989605.
E S-3 1350 Position report of Echo 2/1 patrol's taking action on NVA - E1A XD 989600, E2A XD 989600 E3A XD 988607.

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E3A	S-3	1415	E3A 2/1 patrol at XD 995605-
H3	S-3	1420	Day activities for 25 July - H1 patrol 250645 - 251600 - Night activities 24-25 July - H3 ambush - LP # 1 and 2 & 3 H3A Day ambush received.
2/1	TFD	1655	SITREP sent to TFD.
G	S-3	2052	Now in position.
S-3	TFD	2250	SITREP # 67 sent to TFD.
F	S-3	2310	Foxtrot has lost comm with FLE.
Arty	S-3	2400	Request to fire mission in XD 997648. Permission granted.

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From: 250001H July 1966

To: 252400H July 1966

FROM	TO	TIME	MESSAGES
F	S-3	0110	F Co all secure, F Co has lost comm with F-1-B patrol and F-2-B patrol.
TFD	S-3	0155	FRAG ORDER 15-66 1. 1/1 be prepared to support L Co, 3/5 or move to LZ CROW. 2. 2/1 continue operations in assigned sector. 3. 1/3 continue search and destroy operations in northeast to vicinity of GS YD 0767 then be prepared to move to south-east towards vic GS YD 0865. 4. 2/4 move to vic GS YD 0565 to establish positions and be prepared to support 1/3. 5. 3/4 continue assigned mission of providing security. 6. 3/5 continue operations in area of present contact. Plan to move Company M toward the south rather than west as previously discussed. 7. 2/9 continue mission of TFD Reserve.
2/1	E, F, G H, 81, 4.2	0240	FRAG ORDER for 25 July. 1. All companies conduct search and destroy operations within assigned sectors. 2. E Co pay particular attention to trails and other avenues of approach leading to north and northwest. Uncover trail network in this direction and especially stream moving west and north from XD 988600. Mine as appropriate maintain proper records. 3. F Co investigate stream (and any associated trail network) running generally north from YD 009569 being careful not cross GL 01. 4. G Co scout stream running southwest from XD 997604. Uncover and investigate any associated trail networks. Mine as possible, keeping proper records. 5. H Co sweep high ground to front as far north as GL 59. Search out GS YD 0058 for trails, harboring area, etc. Find and mine main trail junction vicinity XD 995585. Maintain proper records. 6. All patrols to be in strength and not to exceed range of support. G.O.s insure coordination with adjacent units. Make every effort to capture prisoners.
TFD	2/1	1740	1 Btry 3/12 now under 2/1 OpCon.
H-6	S-3	2000	2 booby traps tripped at XD 998578.
H	S-3	2016	SPOT REPORT A - H Co 2/1 B - 252000H C - XD 998578 D - Unknown source tripped 2 early warning devices vic XD 998578. E - Units alerted for possible enemy activity in this area. F - Q - Negative.

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H&S	S-3	2250	Referring to incident at 2224, 2 men from 106's fired two small arm rounds then threw illumination at something that came up on their LP #1, they came back to I Btry GP, reported incident, then went back to their positions.
S-3	All Units	2/12300	FRAG ORDER for 26 July 1966.
			1. E Company when relieved by F Co will occupy that unit's present position. Assume responsibility for southern portion of 2/1 TAOR, conduct search and destroy operations in assigned area paying particular attention to those portions of GS 0056 and 0057 lying north of Route #9.
			2. F Co commencing at 0800H land in designated LZ and relieve E Co position. Prepare 6 men helo teams. Expand operations initiate by E Co continuing emphasis to north and west to uncover trail systems, conduct search and destroy missions in assigned area.
			3. G Co continue assigned mission.
			4. H Co continue assigned mission.
			5. Company C.O.'s ensure closest coordination with adjacent units.
			6. All units conduct patrolling activity for strength that they are not over extended.
			7. Make every effort to capture a prisoner.
2/1	TFD	2340	SITREP #71 has been sent.
TFD	S-3	2344	FRAG ORDER: 16-66
			1. 1/1 proceed to DONG HA, CAM LO then to DONG HA.
			2. 2/1 continue operations in assigned area.
			3. 1/3 continue to conduct operations in assigned area.
			4. 2/4 carry out verbal order relayed by TFD S-3 evening of 25 July.
			5. 3/4 continue assigned mission of GP security.
			6. 3/5 continue present operations pending additional instructions from this headquarters.
			7. 2/9 carry out verbal orders relayed by TFD on evening of 25 July.

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 To: 262400H July 1966

FROM	TO	TIME	MESSAGES
S-3	S-3	0025	4.2's, E, F, G, H received the C.O. 2/1 FRAG ORDER.
F	S-3	0118	F Co lost comm with F1A and F3A patrols, all secure otherwise.
Arty	S-3	0147	105's received C.O. 2/1 FRAG ORDER.
S-3	TFD	0503	SITREP #72 has been sent.
F	S-3	0630	All F Companies patrols have returned.
S-3	TFD	1130	SITREP #73 has been sent.
F	S-3	1330	SPOT REPORT A - F-1 patrol B - 261315H C - XD 988594 D - OP spotted 3 men running over hill to southwest following mortar registration. E - Fired 15, 60mm mortar registration rounds. F-Q - Negative.
S-3	TFD	1620	SITREP #74 has been sent.
S-3	S-3	2027	All 2/1 patrols in position.
14	S-3	2145	2/4 running airstrikes from YD005602 to XD 021608, from 270615H to 270700H.
F	S-3	2150	SPOT REPORT A - F Co B - 262125 C - BR: XD 987599 EN: XD 578594 D - F-3 patrol received 5 rounds of 60mm incoming mortar fire from suspected positions to the southwest at above coordinates. E - E Co firing 81mm concentrations. F-Q - Negative.
S-3	TFD	2200	Sent SPOT REPORT of F-3.
H	S-3	2208	Referring to 2200H H Co shot a green star cluster when they thought they heard something in the bushes.
S-3	E, F, G,	2215	FRAG ORDER for 27 July 1966.
	H, 81's,		1. Commencing 270700H 2/1 moves overland from present position via GS XD 0161 to positions via GS YD 9659, 9759 and 9859. Order of march will be L, K, and M. Light Command Group lands 271030H via XD 964587 by helo. 2/1 will support from present position. When 3/5 in position FCL will be changed to follow 58 northing and 03 easting; at that time 2/1 G and F Companies be prepared to displace on order by helos to LZ's to be designated. Prep fires within 2/1 zone will be controlled by 2/1 and provided by I Btry 3/12 and 4.2 Btry 1/11, prior to 270800H all companies will remove all booby traps placed north of GL 58. At 271015H 2/1 F Co will control air strikes via XD 975602.
	4.2, 105		
	2/4		

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2. F Co and G Co do not patrol north of position other than to remove booby traps. Within assigned areas conduct and provide platoon, sized patrols to search and destroy to west and south. All patrols return, to company base not later than 271200H for control purposes. Plan afternoon patrols.

3. H Co: Conduct search and destroy operations in platoon size to south and west paying particular attention to ES XD 9957. Ensure removal of booby traps noted paragraph 1. Check out streams and trails in area. Retain one platoon as 2/1 Bn Reserve.

4. E Co: conduct platoon size search and destroy operations vicinity XD 99055 to YD 005560. Find good LZ and Company Base Camp.

5. 4.2, 1/11, 81's (2/1), 105 (3/12); provide fire support from present positions. 4.2's and 105's give priority to 3/5's fire. Be prepared to conduct two or more missions simultaneously.

6. Due to close proximity of friendly troops, all units take particular care before engaging by fire. All C.O.'s coordinate closely with adjacent units. Make every effort to take prisoners. Companies submit daytime activities not later than 270430H.

S-3 TFD 2310 SITREP #75 has been sent.

TFD S-3 2337 FRAG ORDER 17-66

1. Overlay hand delivered afternoon of 26 July is in effect at 270700H.

2. 1/1 conduct patrols and ambush order in assigned area.

3. 2/1 continue operations in assigned area. Move units in accordance with adjusted boundaries.

4. 1/3 at 270800H commence attack to seize Objective 1 and 3.

5. 2/4 Displace to PHU BAI, retain mission as TFD Reserve. Surface move commences at 0700H, airlift commences at 0800H.

6. 3/4 continue assigned mission of providing security and Sparrow Hawk.

7. 3/5 move to and commence operations in new assigned sector

8. 2/9 at 270800H commence attack to seize objectives 2 & 4.

S-3 F,H,E,G 2345 FRAG ORDER 27 July has been sent.

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From: 270001H July 1966
To: 272400H July 1966

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Arty	S-3	0045	I Btry has received 2/1 FRAG ORDER.
Arty	S-3	0105	4.2 Btry and 81's received 2/1 FRAG ORDER.
F	S-3	0135	Request coordinates of new PCL. Reference FRAG ORDER for 27 July. All patrols return prior to 271200H. Plan or do not plan patrols past 272100H. Daytime activities for F Co change patrol TOD 270800 TOR 271200H.
S-3	TFD	0500	SITREP #76 has been sent.
4.2	S-3	0519	Gun crew reports large secondary explosion at GG XD 957567.
2/1	TFD	0640	SPOT REPORT A - 4.2 Btry B - 270519 C - FR: XD 957567 D - Gun crew firing H&I reports observing explosion at GG XD 957567. E - Q - Negative.
S-3	S-3	0640	All units report all night activities secured.
H	S-3	0800	H-1-A patrol at Ck Pt 1.
E	S-3	0836	E-2 patrol departed lines.
H	S-3	0930	H-1 patrol at Ck Pt 2.
3/5	2/1	0930	3/5 I, L, K Companies on the move, no change from yesterday's plan, will send unit position ASAP.
2/1	TFD	1040	SITREP #77 has been sent.
F	S-3	1215	F Co has two people who are ill. We request that they be lifted to 2/1 CP and be examined by doctor. They won't be able to walk out.
S-3	F	1225	Request that the men have basic allowance of ammunition at least; flack gear, 3 meals, and to stage the excess gear with G Co position in LZ, move out south.
S-3	G	1226	Commence the move as in FRAG ORDER after F Co moves. The excess gear will be stowed in suitable LZ at G Co position.
F	S-3	1240	Gear to be helo lifted; 104 flack jackets, 73 water cans, 3 cases M-79 rounds, 27 cans 7.62 ammo, 26 cases 60mm rounds, 4 cases hand grenades, 2 cases 3.5 rockets, 3 cases claymores, 3 boxes papa flares, 6 boxes batteries (BA-279), 1 roll comm wire.
TFD	S-3	1255	Please be advised that an extensive Psy War Campaign is being conducted with leaflets and tape broadcasts. It is imperative that all safe conduct passes be honored and be passed to this headquarters with reports.
S-3	3/5	1300	At 271300H F Co displaces overland to vicinity XD 9855 S Co follows in trace. Excess gear will be lifted out by helos. Will keep you advised.
S-3	F, E, H, G	1305	An extensive Psy War Campaign is being conducted with leaflets and tape broadcasts. It is imperative that all safe conduct passes be honored and serial No be passed to this headquarters with reports.
3/5	S-3	0836	Tab A to Appendix II
2/1	TFD	1240	
S-3	S-3	1215	

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H&S	S-3	1325	H&S request to FAM fire, permission granted.
3/5	TFD	1330	3/5 CP located at XD 979586. Passed info to E, F, G, and H Co's
E	S-3	1345	E Co firing 60mm mortars on the ridge to the south of the CP.
F	S-3	1350	All F Co is under the canopy.
E	S-3	1525	E Co leading elements at E Co positions.
G	S-3	1535	Last elements entering the canopy.
F	S-3	1610	F Co passing 3/5 units.
2/1	TFD	1620	SITREP #78 has been sent.
G	S-3	1620	G Co passing through H-1 position, still moving.
2/1	TFD	1900	SPOT REPORT A - 2/1 helo resupply B - 271900H C - YD 010575 D - Helo on both in bound and out bound flights this position received small arms fire from unknown number of NVA located in crater. Fire mission called in on target area. E - Helo returned fire at NVA on outbound flight. F-Q - Negative.
TFD	S-3	2110	FRAG ORDER 18-66 A. 1. 1/1, 2/1 and 3/5, continue operations in assigned areas. 2. 1/3 continue assigned mission cease objective 3. 3. 2/4 continue mission of TFD Reserve. 4. 3/4 continue to provide security. 5. 2/9 continue operation in assigned area and cease objective 4.
H	S-3	2218	H Co shot a green flare, thought they heard, then saw 2 men with rifles walking along the river. LP came back in, and are now sent back out and in position.
S-3	TFD	2325	SITREP #79 has been sent.

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From: 280001H July 1966
To: 282400H July 1966

FROM	TO	TIME	MESSAGES
G	S-3	0110	G Company received one mortar round in front of their lines.
Arty	S-3	0216	4.2's reports an explosion observed on side of hill behind CP. Believed to over near water hole side. 81's report negative short round.
H&S	S-3	0315	50 meters below highest peak Hill 100, H&S reports an explosion; possibly 60mm round.
S-3	S-3	0340	An explosion was heard, sounded like inside outer perimeter, either 60mm or grenade. E Co heard it and is checking it out.
E	S-3	0340	Explosion at 0340 sounded like a grenade, not definite about position. Not thrown forward of E Co lines.
H	S-3	0430	SPOT REPORT A - H Co B - 280420H C - XD 978572 D - LP heard a chipping noise, sounded like bamboo clicking very close to his position and fired into the area. E - Noises stopped. F-Q - Negative. Will check at first light.
2/1	TFD	0500	SITREP #80 has been sent, also H Co SPOT REPORT.
2/1	TFD	1100	SITREP #81 has been sent.
1/3	TFD	1100	SITREP #52 of 281100H A. 1/3 CP moving to YD 091619, Bravo at YD 089619, A Co at YD 079638 preparing to move vic objective 3 D Co moving from YD 093637 toward objective 3. B. Conducted search and destroy operations in assigned zones C and D. E. Will continue search and destroy operation in assigned zones consolidating positions in objective 3. F. FR: 2 KIA, 7 WIA. EN: 39 KIA confirmed 1 KIA probable one NVA WIA.
S-3	10	1353	Request a radio operator at 1400H for the FAM fire.
H&S	S-3	1400	H&S FAM fire personnel proceeding to firing point 1b
S-3	S-3	1425	H&S starting to FAM fire.

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S-3	E	1445	WARNING ORDER: Be prepared to move entire Company by helo. on 1 hour's notice, to area vicinity CS XD 9152 to conduct search and destroy operations.
2/1	TFD	1650	SITREP #82 has been sent.
S-3	S-3	1700	All daylight activities returned to respective CP's.
S-3	TFD	2125	SPOT REPORT A - H Co B - 2821COH C - FRAG XD 974565 EN: XD 969573 D - H Company received small arms fire from vicinity XD 969573. E - H Co fired 60mm mortars into the vicinity of suspected NVA. F - None.
H&S	TFD	2205	Referring to incident at 2135H; Two holes spotted 5 men, challenged them, men began to run, took the men under fire, results unknown
Arty	S-3	2205	I Btry fired to the southwest.
H	S-3	2205	H Company received 3 incoming grenades.
S-3		2210	Had small fire in stream bed next to E Co lines which was started by trip flare.
I Btry	S-3	2220	I Btry received M-79 rounds, E Co was notified to come to I Btry position. E Co replied with M-79.
H	S-3	2244	H-2 patrol sprung ambushes, results unknown.
S-3	TFD	2300	SPOT REPORT A - 2/1 B - 282215H C - No change. D - 2/1 is receiving small arms and mortar fire. Appears NVA maybe attempting to infiltrate Arty positions. E - Mortar fire missions in progress. F - Q Negative.
F	S-3	2305	F Co has just received 1 incoming mortar round.
S-3	TFD	2307	SITREP #83 has been sent.
TFD	S-3	2307	FRAG ORDER 19-66 1. 1/1 continue operations in assigned area. 2. 2/1 continue operations in assigned area. 4.2 Btry 1/11 will move to DONG HA at 291200H. 3. 1/3 continue operations in assigned area. 4. 3/4 continue assigned mission. 5. 3/5 conduct operations in accordance with verbal instructions. 6. 2/9 continue movement to CAN LO, movement will then be made to DONG HA.

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SPOT REMOVAL

A - H. Co. 2/1
B - 282245H
C - XD 977572
D - 2/1 H. Co, 2 ambush at XD-977572 has made contact with NVA.

E - Engaging with small arms and mortar fire.
F-2 - Unknown

Arty 8-3 2330 I Btry spotted 1 man 40 meters in front of an OP south-southwest at their position at base of hills, took man under fire with small arms and threw 12 hand grenades, fired 18 M-79 rounds, completely saturated area with unknown results.

F S-3 2330 F Co reports that the incoming mortars was one of their own men that threw a grenade.

H&S S-3 2335 Man thought that he saw something around the stream bed, fired two rounds, results unknown.

S-3 E, F, G, 2355 FRAG ORDER, FOR 30 July.
H. 81's 1. All units continue search and destroy

1. All units continue search and destroy operations in assigned areas.
2. In addition E Co be prepared to detach on order one platoon to report to LSA C.O. upon arrival at DONG HA. Be prepared to move commencing 200000H.
3. 81mm mortar platoon provide fire support on order.

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To: 292400H July 1966

FROM	TO	TIME	MESSAGES
S-3	TFD	0001	FINAL SPOT REPORT A - 2/1 B - 282125H to 282312H C - No change. D - At 282125H 2/1 H Co received small arms fire and grenades by undetermined number of NVA's. At 282205H I Btry 3/12 made contact as 2 or 3 NVA's attempted to infiltrate I Btry lines. At 282220H 2/1 H Co lines hit by small arms and grenades by undetermined number of NVA's. At 202312H 2/1 H Co ambush #2 made contact with undetermined number of NVA's, at XD 977572. E - All attempts were met with vigorous small arms, mortar fire. I Btry used M-79 fire on infiltrators.
Arty	S-3	0010	I Btry thinks that they might have a incoming mortar or grenades.
Comm	S-3	0020	The majors FRAG ORDER Has been sent to G, H, E, F.
Arty	S-3	0020	I Btry received sniper fire from the ridge.
S-3			106's silenced the sniper.
S-3		0030	105's are getting into the action with direct fire. Beautiful effect.
S-3	TFD	0055	INITIAL SPOT REPORT A - 2/1 B - 290030H C - XD 997561 and XD 973561 D - I Btry receiving small arms fire from 6 to 8 NVA's E - Returning fire with small arms, 106's and Arty. F-H - Negative I-Q - Unknown. Amend para G of previous SPOT REPORT to read 1 Non-Evac WIA.
S-3	E, F, G, H		FRAG ORDER for 29 July 1966. 1. My warning order 281630H cancelled. 2. E, F, G, H Company continue search and destroy operation in assigned area. Activities to be at least in platoon strength. 3. 4.2 1/11 and I Btry 3/12: provide fire support on order. 4. 4.2 1/11 provide fire support on order. Be prepared on order to move to DONG HA on order at 291200H.
S-3		0107	FRAG ORDER for 29 July 1966 has been sent to all stations.
2/1	TFD	0500	SITREP #84 has been sent.
H&S	S-3	0540	106's lines fired a couple of small arms at suspected enemy movement.
H&S	S-3	0540	106's reports hearing someone walking across front of their position. Fired at noises with unknown results.
S-3		0700	All night activities have returned to CP.

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FROM	TO	TIME	MESSAGES
2/1	TFD	0751	Has been sent on H Co FINAL SPOT REPORT. A - H Co B - 281230H C - XD 973568 D - OP received 8-10 carbine rounds and one grenade. OP returned fire with automatic fire and 2 grenades. OP pulled back to lines. E - H Co fired 20-30 rounds 60mm in activity area. F-Q - None.
			2nd Report A - H Co B - 282230H C - XD 975570 D - H2A ambush was sprung on unknown number of NVA coming from north to south. H2A fired on movement. 2-3 NVA got up and ran. Patrol returned to lines followed by grenades. E-Q - Negative.
2/1	H	0940	3/5 will move into your area from the north at 290945H.
2/1	3/5	0940	All 2/1 units informed of your move. Request you keep 2/1 informed of progress.
E	S-3	1306	E Co position is XD 971539.
G	S-3	1314	G-3 patrol at Ck Pt 3 found trail not recently used. Another trail running east and west that runs into this trail. They will investigate.
H&S	S-3	1320	The pool is open for swimming but not for drinking.
E	S-3	1430	No NVA inhabitation. Thick vegetation, Negative enemy contact.
F	S-3	1430	1. Platoon patrol 290700H - 291300H 2. Search and destroy along patrol route developed and investigated all main tracks, and side tracks. 3. a. Negative contact with enemy. b. One main trail was found extending from XH 993543 to YD 000546. 2 side trails were found and followed until they died out. The first branched at XD 997544 and ended in vicinity of YD 001543. The second branched at XD 999546 ended YD 000545. All trails were in poor condition with extreme undergrowth partially blocking all trails. Movement was extremely slow and laborious. Two small holes were found in vicinity of XD 998544, but were months, maybe years old. Recommend area be avoided in future.
G	S-3	1430	G-2 patrol followed prescribed patrol route at Ck Pt 2. We found trail leading upstream. Trail did not appear well used. One side trail ran towards Hill 146. appeared not well used. No enemy sighting or contacts.

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FROM	TO	TIME	MESSAGES
H	S-3	1430	SPOT REPORT
			A - H Co patrol
			B - 291400H
			C - XD 962571
			D - There are about 10 thatched huts in area. Appeared not too well used. Recently cultivated area non-productive. No sign of enemy activity, due to no water in area. Appears not to have been inhabited for 2-3 years.
			E - We burned all huts, no tunnels found.
			F-N - None.
H	S-3	1500	Present position XD 963575. Chopped OpCon 4.2 1300H.
2/1	TFD	1650	SITREP #86 to TFD.
TFD	2/1	2040	Chop OpCon I Btry 3/12 effective 292040H.
H	S-3	2113	H-1 patrol is at XD 991579 and have two LP's, one 150 meters forward of XD 991579 and one 150 meters rear of XD 991579.
TFD	S-3	2115	1. I Btry 3/12 Op Con 2/1 has coordinating authority for local 12 Marines security and all other matters requiring local coordination. 2. 3/5 time 291300H other items will be discussed tomorrow 2/1 E Co unit time 0900H 2/1 position as before. Message sent at 292120H.
S-3	TFD	2152	Additional night activities submitted.
TFD	S-3	2240	FRAG ORDER 20-66 1. 1/1 commence move to arrive at CAM LO no later than 061200 additional move will be made to DONG HA. 2. 2/1 continue operations in assigned area E, G, H, O, units report to LSA C.O. upon arrival for instructions. 3. 1/3 conduct patrol activities in assigned area keeping alert for NVA personnel desiring to surrender. 4. 3/4 continue assigned mission. 5. 3/5 continue with plans as previously discussed. 6. 2/9 be prepared to commence displacement at 300630H chop OpCon to reappoint upon departure.
S-3	TFD	2310	SITREP #87 has been sent.
S-3	3/5	2311	Recommend following route for move, from 3/5 CP to XD 989584 follow natural avenue to XD 992578 where guides will meet.

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From: 300001H July 1966
To: 302400H July 1966

FROM	TO	TIME	MESSAGES
S-3	TFD	0012	SPOT REPORT
			A - H-2-A Patrol info: 3/5
			B - 292307H
			C - XD 975570
			D - Ambush heard noises and sprang ambush against an unknown number of suspected NVA, results unknown.
			E - Will check at first light.
			F-Q - None.
H&S	S-3	0205	Watch for suspected movement on side of this hill.
2/1	TFD	0515	SITREP #88/300500H has been sent...
S-3		0630	All company night activities returned to respective CP's.
M 3/5	2/1	0653	3/5 M Co will be entering our area from north approximately 300900H.
E	S-3	0700	Received E Co daylight activities.
G	S-3	0710	Received G Co daylight activities.
M 3/5	2/1	0712	M Co is moving out. Will be at 2/1 position in a couple of hours.
F	2/1	0725	F-2 patrol has departed CP.
S-3	H	0726	Be advised M Co 3/5 will be passing through your position approximately 0830H this morning.
S-3	H	0735	Be sure all your units are notified of M Co 3/5 passing through H Co position.
BAS	S-3	0750	Bring empty water cans to LSA where there will be a mile from 0900-1630. BAS does not want people to use stream water for drinking.
F	S-3	0755	F-2 patrol at Ck Pt #1.
F	S-3	0831	New personnel have arrived F Co CP.
2/1	TFD	1005	SITREP #89 sent to TFD.
G	S-3	1045	G-2, 200 meters off of trail, think they heard noise like radio background.
E	S-3	1140	Desire to make area north of 60 GL free fire effective 301145H, any objections. Reply: negative.
E	S-3	1302	E-3 patrol returned to friendly lines.
S-3		1330	ISRAEL General has departed Bn CP to look the lines over.
S-3	F	1350	General DULAN of ISRAEL Army led SAINI Campaign 1956 to visit F Co position.
TFD 10	S-3	1415	KAC 138 Table 31 will be used for day 31.
G	S-4	1425	G Co did not receive all supplies ordered.
F	S-3	1423	F-2 patrol has returned to CP.
S-3	H&S	1430	H&S given permission to start controlled burning.
S-3		1500	3/5 departed area.
G-2	S-3	1630	G-2 patrol entering CP.
2/1	TFD	1630	SITREP sent to TFD.
TFD	2/1	2000	Your northern boundary will run from YD 0360 west to XD 937600.

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FROM	TO	TIME	MESS GCS
S-3		2020	All night time activities have departed respective C's
H&S	S-3	2130	OP by the swimming hole, manned by 81's saw four men walking (two groups of two each).
S-3	E	2130	E Co alerted of possible movement.
S-3	H	2130	H Co alerted of possible movement.
H	S-3	2143	H Co is receiving rocks in the holes, returning with illumination, mortars are being called in on suspected NVA.
TFD	S-3	2143	FRAG ORDER 21-66 1. 1/1 commencing at 310630H move to DA NANG chop OpCon to 1st Marines upon departure. 2. 2/1 continue operations in assigned zone. E Co element will lift at 310900H 3. 1/3 move to CAM LO arriving at approximately 311400H further move will be made to DONG HA. 4. 2/4 assume responsibilities for defense of DONG HA maintain company as rapid reaction force to include Sparrow Hawk continue mission of TF reserve. 5. 3/4 assume OpCon of 3/4 I Co upon arrival. Continue mission of providing security for defense and coordination.
S-3	TFD	2245	SITREP #91 has been sent.
S-3	E, F, G, H		FRAG ORDER for 31 July 1966
	& 81's	2247	1. All units continue search and destroy operation in assigned area in accordance with verbal instructions of C.O. 2/1. 2. In addition E Co detach one platoon to lift at 310900H upon arrival DONG HA report to 1st C.O. for further instructions. 3. 2/1 81's provide fire support on order. All stations alerted.
TFD	S-3	2252	At 2300H switch TCM-432 via M-459 Regt TAC.
S-3	TFD	2330	A. I Btry 3/12 B. XD 981562 C. 302300H D. Outpost received 2 grenades and several rounds of small arms from an apparent small group of NVA. E. Answered with small arms. F-Q - None. Will check at first light.
Arty	S-3	2342	At approximately 2315H I Btry was probed by 5 to 6 NVA. Received 2 grenades and approximately 20 rounds small arms incoming, no friendly casualties or damage to equipment. NVA retreated to the North west. No apparent damage to either side. All is quiet now.

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From: 310001H July 1966
 To: 312400H July 1966

FROM	TO	TIME	MESSAGES
E	S-3	0210	OP #2 had 4 to 5 NVA in front of hole, OP threw grenades and NVA retreated.
E	S-3	0212	OP #2 returning to OP position.
2/1	TFD	0257	SPOT REPORT A - E Co OP #2 B - 310210H C - XD 985564 D - E Co OP #2 sighted 4 or 5 NVA's at XD 985559. E - OP threw hand grenades and withdrew to CP, now returned to investigate.
2/1	TFD	0452	SITREP #92 has been sent.
S-3		0620	All 2/1 night time activities returned to respective CP.
S-3	0912	0912	All 2/1 day time activities have departed CP's.
2/1	TFD	1110	SPOT REPORT A - 2/1 B - 302130H C - Vicinity of XD 985564 D - 3 man listening post on northend of pe water heard and saw an unknown number of personnel across the river. E - LP reported incident, area searched at first light, area was trampled down, no foot prints due to rocky ground. F-Q - None.
BnComm	S-3	1110	Receiving Japanese voices over Bn TAC.
S-3		1315	The C.O. has left the Bn CP to go to G Company.
TFD	2/1	1500	Request C.O. 2/1 and I Btry C.O. report their location. Notify when available for pickup and will send help.
2/1	TFD	1650	SITREP #93 sent to TFD.
S-3		2050	All units of 2/1 in night time position.
TFD	S-3	2106	FRAG ORDER 22-66 1. 2/1 execute verbal instructions of TFD C.O.. 2. 1/3 commence move to DA NANG at 010630H. Report to 3rd Marines upon departure. 3. 2/4 continue assigned mission. 4. 3/4 continue assigned mission.
S-3	E-3	2120	FRAG ORDER for 1 August 1966. 1. At 010900H be prepared to move to DONG HA. Upon arrival report to LSA C.O. for further instructions.
S-3	F, G, H	2230	FRAG ORDER for 1 August 1966. 1. Concept: Commencing 010830H August 3/12 I Btry commences movement to DONG HA. Commencing 011100H August 2/1 commences move from vicinity XD 984563 to DONG HA. Order of move: G, H&S, F, and H. All supplies and

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Equipment will be carried except ammunition in excess of basic allowance, which will be expended prior to move, and water cans which will be held lifted from positions not later than 010000H. Upon arrival DONG HA 2/1 takes position vicinity YT 249600.

2. Execution

- A. G Co move at any time to arrive assembly area vicinity XD 985562 not later than 010945. Be prepared to lift commencing 011100 from LZ XD 982561, upon arrival DONG HA establish LZ security vicinity XD 249600. In first lift provide for 3 man 2/1 advance party.
- B. H&S less light command group, stage vicinity XD 981563 not later than 011000. Be prepared to lift off following F Co.
- C. F Co move at such time as to arrive assembly area vicinity XD 96560 not later than 011030H. Be prepared to lift out following H&S.
- D. Command Group follows F Co.
- E. H Co moves at such times as to join entire unit in LZ vicinity XD 983564 not later than 011045H. H Co FAC control unit lift in one wave.
- F. 2/1 advance party on arrival destination dispose 2/1 units in assigned area and establish CP.
- G. All units plan 7 man heliteams, but be prepared to go to 6 if necessary. Waves will consist of 10 birds.
- H. Ammunition in excess of basic allowance will be expended. Resupply of rations will be at destination. All now on positions will be issued.
- I. All personnel will remain in assigned area at destination. 2/1 remains in field. 2 August 2/1 arrived CIA LE.

S-3	H	2250	Reference My FRAG ORDER for 1 August.
			1. Check FAC Team OpCon 2/1 E-3 to report not later than 010830H.
			2. Provide for 3 man TACP in computing heliteams to be lifted last.
S-3	TFD	2312	SITREP #94 has been sent.
TFD 14 14		2312	FAC plus TACP required for Rough Rider escort. Place with your escort being lifted out tomorrow morning. Acknowledged.
TFD 14 14		2315	Have FAC lift out tomorrow at 0900H with 35 troops.

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Operation Order 215-66 (Operation HASTINGS)

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6361 I & II and 6461 III & IV

(b) TF DELTA 122310Z

(c) 4th MarOpO 301-66

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Task Organization: Annex A (Task Organization)

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces.

(1) Strength and Dispositions.

(a) Marine Area of Operations.

1. Headquarters 324B NVA Division, strength unknown.
2. 90th Regiment, 324B NVA Division, strength approximately 1500 men.

(b) Objective Area.

1. Headquarters 324B NVA Division, strength unknown.
2. 7th Bn., 90th Regiment, 324B NVA Division, strength approximately 600 men.

(c) Forces Capable of Reinforcing Present Units Within 24 Hours.

1. 803rd Regiment, 324B NVA Division, strength approximately 1500 men.
2. 812th Regiment, 324B NVA Division, strength approximately 1500 men.

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3. 8th and 9th Battalions 90th Regiment, 324B NVA Division, strength approximately 900 men.

4. 4th Battalion, 270th NVA Brigade, strength unknown.

5. 304th NVA Division, strength unknown (present location north of the DMZ).

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6. Unknown number of Local Force and Guerrilla units located in the northern sector of QUANG TRI Province.

(2) Arms and Armament.

(a) Supporting Arms.

Weapons in the support companies organic to the 324B NVA Division include an unknown number of 57mm RR, 75mm RR, and 82mm RR; 81mm, 82mm and 60mm mortars; 12.7mm and .50 Cal machine guns (AA). (The 120mm mortar is normally organic to a division but it is not known whether they have been infiltrated with the 324B NVA Division).

(b) Individual Weapons.

Normal arms can be expected to be but not limited to the AK-47 SMG, SFS Assault Rifle, and the RPD LMG.

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) See Annex B (Operation Overlay).

(2) 3rd Marine Division continues assigned mission.

(3) 1st MAW provides air support.

(4) 1st ARVN Division conducts operations to the East in conjunction with Operation HASTINGS.

(5) ARVN Airborne TF conducts operation to the South.

(6) 4th Marines provide coordination and control.

(7) 3rd Bn, 4th Marines searches for CP of 324th Division vicinity YD 0564 and on order establish blocking position vicinity YD 036641 to prevent enemy movement through area.

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- (8) 2nd Bn, 4th Marines lands vicinity YD 0866 after completion of helolift of 3rd Bn, 4th Marines and commences search and destroy operations to the southwest towards blocking position of 3rd Bn, 4th Marines.
- (9) A Battalion to be designated to provide security for DONG HA and CAM LO installations.

2. MISSION

2nd Bn, 1st Marines constitutes TF DELTA reserve: Be prepared on order to conduct Search and Destroy Operations in area designated by TF Commander: 2nd Bn, 1st Marines initially provides security to installations at DONG HA and CAM LO until relieved on 15 July.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation:

- (1) 2nd Bn, 1st Marines ~~initially~~ provides installation security with two companies at DONG HA and two companies at CAM LO while continuing its assigned mission of supporting the recon effort. When relieved constitutes Regimental reserve and will be prepared for employment in the TF DELTA - Zone of Action: Conduct Search and Destroy Operations and establish blocking positions as directed with three companies abreast and one company in Battalion reserve.

(2) Company E

- (a) Continue to provide Sparrow Hawk and DONG HA perimeter defense in Zone of Action until relieved on 15 July.
- (b) Be prepared to move on order from DONG HA by helo as leading assault company.
- (c) Conduct Search and Destroy Operations and be prepared to establish blocking position as directed.

(3) Company F

- (a) Company F (-) provide local security for TF DELTA C.P. at CAM LO until relieved on 15 July.
- (b) Until relieved on 15 July, provide two reinforced squads to augment defense of bridges # 7 and # 10 along route # 9. Coordinate

through CAM LO District Chief and Subsector Advisor.

- (c) Be prepared for movement by helo to assembly area vicinity of airfield at DONG HA.
 - (d) Be prepared for movement from assembly area DONG HA or directly from CAM LO as second assault company.
 - (e) Conduct Search and Destroy Operations in area of operations and be prepared to establish blocking position as directed.
- (4) Company H.
- (a) Provide DONG HA perimeter defense in zone.
 - (b) Be prepared to move on order from DONG HA by helo as third assault company.
 - (c) Conduct Search and Destroy Operations in area of operations and be prepared to establish blocking position as directed.
- (5) H&S Company.
- (a) Provide heavy Command Group. **DECLASSIFIED**
 - (b) Upon movement of battalion constitute rear area and provide for its security.
- (6) 81mm Mortar Platoon. Be prepared to attach section to designated rifle companies; Gen. Support.
- (7) Battalion Reserve: Company G.
- (a) Assist in security of artillery positions located at CAM LO until relieved on 15 July.
 - (b) Be prepared to assume mission of Companies E, F and H or such other mission assigned.
- (8) Coordinating Instructions.
- (a) D-Day. 15 July 1966.
 - (b) L-Hour. To be designated.
 - (c) W-Hour. To be designated.

- (d) Unclassified name: HASTINGS.
- (e) Fire Support Coordination. In accordance with Annex F to reference (b).
- (f) Air Support. In accordance with Annex F to reference (b).
- (g) Rules of Engagement remain the same.
- (h) Estimated duration of operation. 7-10 days minimum.
- (i) Company E will be left flank company.
- (j) Company F will be right flank company.
- (k) Company H will be center company.
- (l) Company G will be Battalion Reserve.
- (m) LZ will be marked with yellow smoke and must be secured.
- (n) Movement control will be by Phase Lines when established.
- (o) All personnel will have Helicopter Manifest Cards.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

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a. Administration.

- (1) Personnel Daily Summaries. Will be submitted to this Headquarters daily by 1630 as of 1600. The Personnel Daily Summary will contain the name, initials, and rank of each individual who becomes a casualty during the reporting period.

- (2) Centralization of SRB's and Health Records.

Upon activation of Task Force DELTA, companies will be prepared, upon order, to transport SRB's and Health Records in mount out boxes to a place to be announced by Task Force DELTA. One clerk from each company will accompany the records. This will allow centralization of data required for casualty reporting.

b. Personnel.

- (1) Combat Casualty Reporting.

- (a) A Combat Casualty Card will be submitted to S-1 by the Battalion Aid Station for each WIA and KIA.
- (b) Companies are responsible for submitting to Bn S-1 Combat Casualty Cards on WIA and missing personnel as soon as the situation will permit.
- (2) Religious Service. Chaplains activities will be as scheduled and coordinated by the Battalion Chaplain. A Chaplain of Protestant and Catholic faiths will be available at the evacuation point.
- (3) Information Services. ISO personnel will be available to the Battalion.
- (4) Collection Point. A collection point for VC captives or ralliers will be located in the vicinity of the Command Post. Captives will be carefully searched, bound securely, and blind folded. Bindings will ensure security, - but will not be such as to cut off blood circulation, cut, injure, or otherwise cause pain. Captives will not be treated in anyway that is, could be, or might be mistaken to be torturous. Provisions of the Geneva Convention will be complied with.

5. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

a. Supply.

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- (1) Unit distribution.
- (2) Prescribed load.
- (a) Class I. Five (5) MCI meals and fuel (triozane), 2 canteens (filled) plus ample supply of water purification tablets, salt tablets, and malaria tablets.
- (b) Class II. Batteries for 2 days.
- (c) Class III. None.
- (d) Class IV. None.
- (e) Class V. Basic Allowance.
- (3) Uniform and Equipment. Utilities, marching pack, T/O weapon, helmet w/cover green side out, body armor at discretion of each individual. A card indicating individual's name, rank, and serial number will be placed in the pack.

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(4) Resupply. Request for all classes by 1100 daily for the following day. Designate time of latest acceptance and coordinates of landing zone as soon as known. Submit requests in accordance with Regt O 4000.1 (Logistics SOP for Field Operation). Automatic resupply of rations and water will take place if specific request not received by designated time.

(5) Captured Material. Return to CP via normal S-2 channels.

b. Evacuation and Hospitalization.

(1) Evacuation. Evacuation of all marine casualties will be to DELTA Med, located with LSA at DONG HA where emergency surgical facilities will be available. Request medical evacuation through Battalion Tactical Net.

(2) Hospitalization. Initially to Company A, 3rd Med Bn. After 16 July facilities of USS REPOSE will be utilized.

(3) Civilian casualties. Evacuation to DELTA Med if critical, then to civilian hospital in QUANG TRI.

(4) Weapons and equipment of Marine Medical Battalions will be tagged for collection at the LSA.

(5) Personnel. VCC and VCS will be evacuated by most expeditious means to CAM LO for screening and interrogation.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS

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a. Radio Nets. Required radio nets will be as follows:

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|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| (1) Regimental TAC Net. | 50.05 (M455) |
| (2) Regimental Command Net. | 43.0 (M451) |
| (3) HST Logistics Net. | 38.4 (M355) |
| (4) Regimental Command (HF) | (M25) as required |

b. Wire. Wire will be limited to Command Post installations and wire to rifle companies as situation allows.


c. Message Center. Crypto Aids will be prepared and made ready for issue by 141200H. These items can be picked up at the Battalion Message Center.

d. All rifle companies will insure that front line marking panels are carried.

e. Command Posts.

(1) Task Force DELTA	YD 1259
(2) 4th Marines (Rear)	YD 885734
(3) LSA	YD 242601
(4) 2nd Bn, 1st Marines	YD 243602

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL J. D. SPAULDING


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ANNEXES:

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Annex A (Task Organization) to Operation Order 215-66

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1st Lt. KLINKER

H&S Co
Det, HST
Viet Liaison Tm

Co E (Rein)

Capt LARSEN

Co E
FO Tm, 3rd Bn, 12th Mar
FO Tm, 81mm Mortar Plat,
H&S Co
Sniper Tm, 4th Marines
Det, Med Plat, H&S Co
Det, 2nd Plat (-), Co B,
3rd Engr Bn
FAC Tm

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Co F (Rein)

Capt SPENCE

Co F
FO Tm, 3rd Bn, 12th Mar
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3rd Engr Bn

Co H (Rein)

1st Lt GILES

Co H
FO Tm, 3rd Bn, 12th Mar
FO Tm, 81mm Mortar Plat,
H&S Co
Sniper Tm, 4th Marines
FAC Tm
Det, Med Plat, H&S Co
Det, 2nd Plat (-), Co B,
3rd Engr Bn

Det, HQ Tm, 3rd Bn, 12th Mar

1stLt MILLER

81mm Mortar Plat

GySgt LAVAN

106mm RR Plat (-)

Sgt HOLT

2nd Plat (-), Co B, 3rd
Engr Bn

2nd Lt CULLERS

Bn Reserve - Company G

Capt LAVAN

Co G
FO Tm, 3rd Bn, 12th Mar
FO Tm, 81mm Mortar Plat,
H&S Co
Det, Med Plat, H&S Co
Det, 2nd Plat (-), Co B,
3rd Engr Bn

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(Operation HASTINGS)

1. Code Name: Operation HASTINGS: A combined arms multi-battalion search and destroy operation.

2. Dates of Operation: 071600H July-031200H August 1966.

3. Location: QUANG TRI Province.

4. Control/Command Headquarters:

Task Force DELTA

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9 July-3 August 1966

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Company "H"

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5. Task Organization:

2nd Bn, 1st Marines

H&S Company

Company "E"

Company "F"

Company "G"

Company "H"

"H" Btry, 1st Bn, 11 Mar

"H" Btry (Rein), 3rd Bn, 12 Mar

2nd Plat, B Co, 3rd AT Bn

Det, Recon Group "B"

Det, 3rd SF Bn

Det, 2nd Plat (-), Co B, 3rd Engr Bn

Det, Comm Co, Hq Bn, 3rd MarDiv

3 Sniper Tm's, 4th Marines

Det, 1st Radio Bn, 3rd MarDiv

Viet Liaison Tm

Det, B Co, 3rd MT Bn, 3rd MarDiv

6. Supporting Forces

a. During the period 7-14 July 1966, "H" Btry, 3rd Bn, 12th Marines reinforced with 2 howitzers of "H" Btry, 4th Bn, 12th Marines provided direct artillery support from their position at CAM LO. Their mission was to support reconnaissance efforts west of DONG HA and to provide defensive fires for the air field at DONG HA. During this period, the battery fired 2000 rounds on 250 observed and unobserved missions and was considered effective in their support. With the arrival of Task Force DELTA "H" Battery joined the other batteries of 3rd Bn, 12th Marines (Rein) in general support of the Task Force for the remainder of the operation.

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b. In addition, during the period 17-29 July 1966, 4.2 Mortar Battery, 1st Battalion, 11th Marines was in direct support of this battalion from positions located within the Bn CP (XD 983563). During the period, the battery fired 6500 rounds on 670 observed and unobserved missions. Initially, the battery's response to fire missions was considered slow; however, the more the battery fired, its response became quicker and more accurate.

c. During 29 July-1 August general support was provided the Task Force by 3rd Bn, 12th Marines (Rein). "I" Battery was located at the 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines Command Post with a mission to support Task Force DELTA with longer range fires than could be provided by the batteries located at CAM LO.

d. The night of 21-22 July 1966 was one of the most active for the FSCC and the battalion's supporting arms. At 2115H "H" Company reported receiving small arms fire from the north and the 4.2" mortar battery was called upon to silence it. Several minutes later "H" also reported very heavy movement and running to their south along a north-south stream and trail network which connected with "I" Company, 3rd Bn, 4th Marines to the south. The 81's were given the fire mission of sweeping along the trail between the two companies and expended approximately 100 rounds. Both of these missions were ended by 2210H. At 2220H "H" again reported movement on all sides and "I" Company, 3rd Bn, 4th Marines reported additional movement and digging sounds in the trail network to their north. The 4.2's began sweeping back and forth along the northern ridgeline while the 81's covered the west flank of "H" and the trail north of "H". Until about 0030H, the 4.2's and 81's were firing almost continuous missions at the heavy movement, VC small arms firing positions, and suspected mortar positions. Several times the batteries were required to fire several different missions simultaneously. During these peaks, all radio circuits available were utilized to adjust the fire. Several times there were two missions on the artillery net, one on battalion tactical net, and one or more over the 81's net-all being conducted simultaneously. Missions were called and adjusted by 81 FO's, artillery FO's, and company commanders. The FSCC fired unobserved missions at possible escape routes and mortar positions whenever there was a break in observed missions. This multiple use artillery agencies and available radio circuits permitted considerable flexibility in meeting simultaneous threats to the battalion. However, the conduct of fire missions on the Battalion Tactical Net tended to tie this net up somewhat.

e. During the entire operation the Battalion was dependent upon helicopters for personnel movement and resupply. Generally, the support was satisfactory; however, more often than not the helicopters could not be relied upon to meet the pick-up time requested. Fixed wing, when requested, was responsive. However, 40-60 minutes were often required from the time of request until the aircraft were on station. The following is a detailed

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Summary of air operations during the period 7 July - 3 August 1966:

- 7 July Two CH-46's and 2 UH-1E's used for reconnaissance overflight.
Two UH-1E's used for radio relay.
One CH-46 used for med evac of one US Ill.
- 8 July Three CH-46's and 2 UH-1E's used for reconnaissance platoon extraction.
Two VF used for helicopter escort.
Two CH-46's and 2 UH-1E's used for reconnaissance overflights.
Three CH-46's and 2 UH-1E's used for insertion, immediate extraction, reinsertion, and again immediate extraction of recon platoon.
Two CH-46's used to lift reaction force.
Four VF's used for LZ CAP.
One CH-46 and 2 UH-34's used for two med evac's for 3 WIA's.
Two A-4's and 4 VF's conducted air strikes against enemy troops controlled by USAF OI-E.
- 9 July Four UH-1E's used to insert recon team.
Two F-4's conducted air strike against automatic weapons emplacement controlled by two UH-1E's.
Two F-4's used for landing zone CAP and conducted air strike against an area target.
Two UH-1E's used for radio relay.
Four UH-1E's used for extraction of a reconnaissance team.
Two UH-1E's used for battalion commander's reconnaissance.
Two UH-1E's used for two reconnaissance overflights.
Two CH-46's used for eleven man parachute jump and night reconnaissance overflight.

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10 July Four UH-1E's used to insert a reconnaissance team.

Two UH-1E's used for radio relay.

Two VF's used for landing zone CAP.

Four UH-1E's used for reconnaissance team extraction.

Four VF's used for air support against enemy troops.

Two UH-1E's used for two reconnaissance overflights.

Two F-4's controlled by an Air Force O1-E conducted an air strike against enemy bunkers.

Two Air Force flare aircraft on station all night.

Three sorties of A-4's with flares were on station for possible illumination missions.

11 July Four UH-1E's used for reconnaissance team insertion.

Two VF's used for landing zone CAP and conducted air strike against enemy structures.

Two UH-1E's used for radio relay.

Four UH-1E's used for reconnaissance team extraction.

Two UH-34's used for reconnaissance overflight.

Two CH-46's and two UH-1E's used for reconnaissance overflight.

One CH-46 used for medical evacuation of one U.S. Ill.

12 July Four UH-1E's used to insert reconnaissance team and immediately extract them.

Two A-4's used for landing zone CAP.

Two CH-46's and two UH-1E's used to insert a reconnaissance platoon.

Two UH-34's used for reconnaissance overflight.

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Two CH-46's and two UH-1E's used to insert a reconnaissance platoon.

Two VF's used for landing zone CAP and conducted air strike against suspected enemy troop position.

Two UH-34's used for night reconnaissance team.

13 July Four UH-1E's used to insert a reconnaissance team.

Two VF's used for landing zone CAP and conducted air strike against area target.

Two UH-1E's used for radio relay.

Two VF's were controlled by two UH-1E's and conducted air strike against area target.

Three CH-46's and two UH-34's used for forty-man troop lift.

Four A-4's used for helicopter escort and landing zone CAP.

Two UH-34's used for radio relay.

Four UH-1E's used to extract a reconnaissance team.

Four CH-46's and two UH-1E's used to extract reaction force and reconnaissance team.

One CH-46 used for administrative troop lift.

Two CH-46's and two UH-1E's used for reconnaissance overflight.

Four CH-46's used to lift reaction force but did not land them.

Two UH-1E's and two UH-34's used as radio relay.

Two VF's requested but not used.

14 July Four UH-1E's used to insert two reconnaissance teams.

Two F-4's used for landing zone CAP and conducted air strike against two area targets.

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Two UH-34's used for a 35-man administrative troop lift and a ten-man administrative troop lift.

Four UH-1E's used to extract a reconnaissance team.

Two UH-34's used as radio relay.

Two UH-34's used for three reconnaissance flights by unit commanders.

Two A-4's used for helicopter escort and conducted air strike against enemy structures.

15 July Ten CH-46's and two CH-37's used for tactical troop lift but troops were not landed.

16 July Twenty UH-34's and thirteen CH-46's used for tactical troop lift.

Two UH-34's used for medical evacuation of two U.S. Ill and six WIA's.

One UH-1E used to lift battalion commander to task force headquarters.

17 July Two UH-34's used for medical evacuation of two WIA's and one KIA.

Twelve UH-34's and eight CH-46's used for tactical troop lift.

18 July Four UH-34's used to evacuate thirteen WIA's and five heat casualties.

Two UH-34's used to withdraw nineteen men.

Two A-4's controlled by Army Ol-D conducted air strike against suspected enemy troop positions.

Two UH-34's used to lift battalion commander to task force headquarters.

19 July Two UH-34's used for medical evacuation of one WIA.

Two UH-34's used to transport two company commanders to battalion C.P. and back.

Two UH-34's used for courier flight to task force headquarters.

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20 July Eight CH-46's used for administrative troop lift of 110 men.

Air Force flare aircraft utilized for illumination throughout the night.

Two UH-34's used for aerial reconnaissance by battalion commander and company commander.

21 July Two UH-34's used for three medical evacuation missions: four KIA, eight WIA, and one ill.

Two UH-34's used to take battalion commander to task force headquarters.

22 July Two UH-34's used for three medical evacuation missions: 21 WIA, and four KIA.

Two F-4's and two A-4's conducted air strikes against suspected enemy mortar position.

Two UH-34's used to take battalion commander to task force headquarters.

Two UH-34's used for administrative troop lift of 23 men.

Two UH-34's used to take M-60 machine gun from battalion CP to rifle company.

Two VF's conducted air strike against suspected enemy positions.

23 July Two UH-34's used for administrative lift of 10 troops.

Two UH-34's used to take 250 pounds of clothing from battalion C.P. to rifle company.

24 July Two F-4's conducted an air strike against a suspected enemy harboring site.

Eight UH-34's were used to tactically interchange two rifle companies.

Two UH-34's used for medical evacuation of one WIA.

25 July Two UH-34's used for aerial reconnaissance by battalion commander and company commanders.

26 July Four UH-34's used to interchange two rifle companies.

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- One UH-34 used for courier to carry overlay.
- 27 July Two F-4's conducted air strike against suspected enemy positions.
- Two UH-34's used for administrative lift of nine men.
- 28 July Four UH-34's used for administrative lift of 20 men.
- Two UH-34's used for aerial reconnaissance by battalion commander and company commanders.
- Two UH-34's used to lift one staff member to the LSA.
- Two UH-1E's conducted air strikes against area target.
- 29 July Eight UH-34's used to lift 4.2" mortar battery to LSA.
- Two UH-34's used for medical evacuation of two U.S. Ill.
- 30 July Four UH-34's used for administrative lift of 33 men to the LSA.
- One UH-1E used to lift one VIP and one correspondent from battalion C.P. to rifle company.
- Two UH-34's used for administrative lift of three men to the LSA.
- 31 July Ten UH-34's used for administrative lift of 57 men to the LSA.
- Two UH-34's used to lift battalion commander to outlying company.
- Two UH-34's used to lift battalion commander to task force headquarters.
- 1 August Four UH-34's used for administrative lift of 39 men to the LSA.

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Twenty OH-34's and two CH-37's used to lift out artillery battery and three rifle companies with battalion command group to the ISA.

2 August No air activity.

3 August No air activity.

7. Intelligence

a. Terrain

(1) The terrain between DONG HA and CAM LO is primarily a flat and open cultivated area, with populated areas concentrated astride the SONG CAM LO River. North of the 61 grid line the ground begins to form into low rolling hills covered with scrub growth and elephant grass. Commencing with the 10 grid line and continuing west from the piedmont, the terrain rises in a series of razor-back ridgelines to heights of up to 500 meters. The upper slopes of the ridges are covered with dense jungle growth and canopy. Foot movement is limited to the trails and dry stream beds scattered throughout the area.

(2) The area of operation in vicinity XD 9856 was situated in a "T" shaped valley encompassed by a series of razor-back, canopy-covered ridgelines reaching heights of 200 to 400 meters. The SONG THIRINH HIN River, flowing generally in a easterly direction through the area, is joined by the SONG CAM LO River. The SONG CAM LO cuts the western portion of the valley flowing in a southeast direction. Several small streams, originating in the surrounding ridgelines, flow into the SONG CAM LO River. Vegetation in the valley varies from 6-10 foot elephant grass in the southern sector to jungle underbrush on the lower slopes of the hills. Stream lines may be traced by the heavy ribbon of jungle undergrowth and canopy, which ranges from heights of 10 to 30 feet. Upon reaching the 100 meter height, the vegetation becomes heavy to impenetrable; the secondary growth reaches a height of 10 to 20 feet with the canopy climbing to heights of 50 feet and over. Foot movement is limited to existing trails throughout the canopy.

b. Enemy

(1) Indications that the enemy was active in the area of operations became apparent during the first week of July. Recon teams, attempting insertion, encountered groups of VC around the LZ; on several occasions, they met resistance within minutes after landing. The area of recon operations was generally

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in the vicinity of grid squares of YD 0056 and YD 0162. ARVN units, operating in the THON PHUONG AN (D-5) area (YD 0951), established contact with the enemy units up to regimental size. During the period 7-15 July, the combined actions of Marine and ARVN units established the probable routes of infiltration into the Province from the DMZ, occupied defensive areas, and the tentative identification of the enemy unit as being the 324B NVA Division.

(2) On 8 July the VC fired approximately 25 rounds of small arms fire into the left flank positions of an Echo Company ambush in their night time position in the vicinity of YD 117590. One hundred and fifty rounds of small arms fire were returned which resulted in the VC breaking contact.

(3) A sniper, located in the vicinity of YD 151601, - fired 7 rounds of small arms at random into Echo Company positions on 13 July and then withdrew.

(4) A reconnaissance team encountered 4 VC on 9 July while in an ambush position. The VC, in the vicinity of XD 995594, were fired on by the recon team resulting in 4 VC KIA. Before the VC bodies could be searched, 2 additional VC were observed and movement to the west of the recon team was heard. Due to the size of the recon team and the VC movement, extraction was accomplished. Patrol insertions by recon teams on 11, 12, and 13 July were limited to minor contacts and enemy sightings resulting in 4 VC WIA. During overflights and "feints" prior to insertions, moderate to heavy small arms and machine gun fire was encountered.

(5) Contact was not established by the battalion with NVA forces until the night of 16 July when elements of 2/1 received approximately 95 rounds of 81/82mm mortar fire from several guns located in the YD 0565 and YD 0665 grid squares.

(6) The morning of 17 July, the battalion was helo-lifted to the XD 9856 grid square without incident. Contact on 18 July was established by two platoons of Echo Company in separate patrol actions in the vicinity of XD 992549 and XD 998557. An active fire fight ensued in both platoon areas, resulting in 9 NVA KIA (confirmed), 17 NVA KIA (probable), 5 NVA WIA (confirmed), 1 AK-47, and 1 7.62 Goryunov Machine Gun captured in the vicinity of XD 992579. Patrol activity on 18 July by Hotel Company encountered several NVA. The NVA were taken under fire resulting in 1 NVA KIA (confirmed) 2 NVA KIA (probable), and the capture of 1 DPM (IMC) with 500 rounds of ammunition.

(7) During the search and destroy operation on 20 July along the ridgeline in the vicinity YD 003552, Echo Company encountered 3 NVA. Small arms fire by point elements resulted in 1 NVA WIA (confirmed) and the capture of several documents and medical equipment.

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(8) Foxtrot Company, while enroute to their blocking position during the night 20-21 July, were fired on by 2 NVA with automatic weapons. The NVA hit two elements of Foxtrot at different locations along the trail in the vicinity of XD 995585. Small arms fire returned by Foxtrot resulted in 2 NVA KIA (probable). A search of the area the following morning resulted in one AK-47. Patrol activity on 21-22 July by Hotel Company units resulted in the locating of 5 NVA KIA, 4 of which were found in shallow graves. An ambush, initiated by Hotel Company during the night of 22 July, resulted in 1 NVA KIA (confirmed). Foxtrot patrol was fired on by an estimated 3 to 6 NVA during the morning hours of 22 July. The patrol returned fire and when the NVA broke contact, an artillery mission was called on the withdrawing NVA. The fire mission resulted in 1 NVA KIA (probable) and 1 NVA WIA (probable). The ambush set in by elements of Hotel Company during the hours of darkness on 23 July had contact with an estimated 4 NVA. Small arms fire by the ambush resulted in 4 NVA KIA (probable).

(9) On 24 July Hotel Company positions received approximately 200 rounds of small arms fire from an unknown number of NVA probing their positions. After contact was broken and the NVA withdrew, Hotel Company dispatched elements to search the area in the proximity of the probe. The search in the vicinity of YD 000602 resulted in 4 NVA KIA (confirmed), 5 AK-47, 15 magazines, and 7 Chicom grenades. Echo Company patrols and ambushes on the 24th of July established contact with the NVA. A search of the area of contact (XD 989597 to XD 989605) resulted in 3 NVA KIA (confirmed), 2 AK-47, 1 SKS Assault Rifle, 4 hand grenades (stick type) and 4 AK-47 magazines (full) and 90 rounds of loose ammunition.

(10) On 26 July "G" Company observed 3 NVA moving along ridgeline and fired small arms and 60mm mortars at them. The following day (27 July), a Hotel Company patrol searching the area found a blood trail giving evidence of 1 NVA WIA (confirmed).

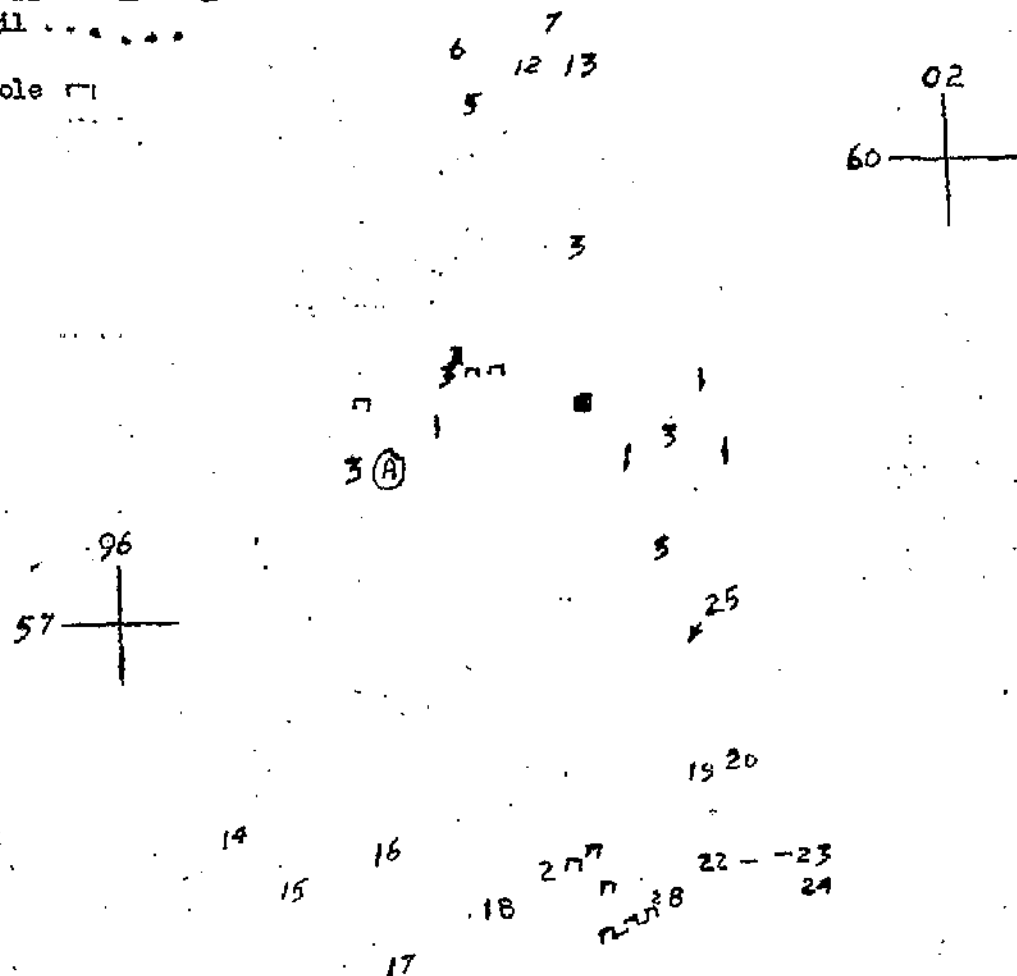
(11) The artillery battery (I/3/12) was probed on two separate occasions during the night of 28-29 July. The first group, estimated between 2-3 NVA, fired approximately 25 rounds of automatic fire into the battery positions. Shortly after midnight, a second probe by an estimated 6-8 NVA fired automatic weapons and threw grenades into the battery positions. On both occasions, small arms and machine gun fire forced the NVA to break contact and withdraw. A possible third group of NVA fired small arms into the Hotel Company positions while a Hotel Company ambush fired on an unknown number of NVA moving near the ambush site. Foxtrot Company patrol on 30 July, searching a NVA bivouac area, found 4 graves, each containing one NVA body.

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Main trail —————
 Secondary trail - - - - -
 Feeder trail
 Bunker ■
 Fighting hole □



1. Cooking (16) oven holes along stream bank
2. Harboring site
3. Fighting holes all along stream and trail
4. Platoon staging area
5. Mortar position
6. Sniper position (XD 986605)
7. Bn size area-bunkers, comm wire
8. Harboring site
9. Harboring site
10. Area NVA moved to along ridgeline
XD 960615 to YD 000618
11. 100-150 spider holes along ridgeline
12. Fighting holes
13. Mortar position
14. 10' canopy
15. Trail visible but not used.
16. All elephant grass 6'-10'
17. All houses destroyed.
18. Intermittent stream.
19. Echo contact (18 July 1966)
20. NVA aid station.
21. Bunkers, fighting holes, trenches.
22. NVA holding station for casualties, medical bunker for operating
23. Contact with 3 VC (19 July).
24. Fortified position, holes.
25. Two water holes.
26. Bridge blown.
27. Trenches in 360' with holes o crest
28. Fortified area-bunkers, fighting holes.
29. 4 - 81/82mm position.

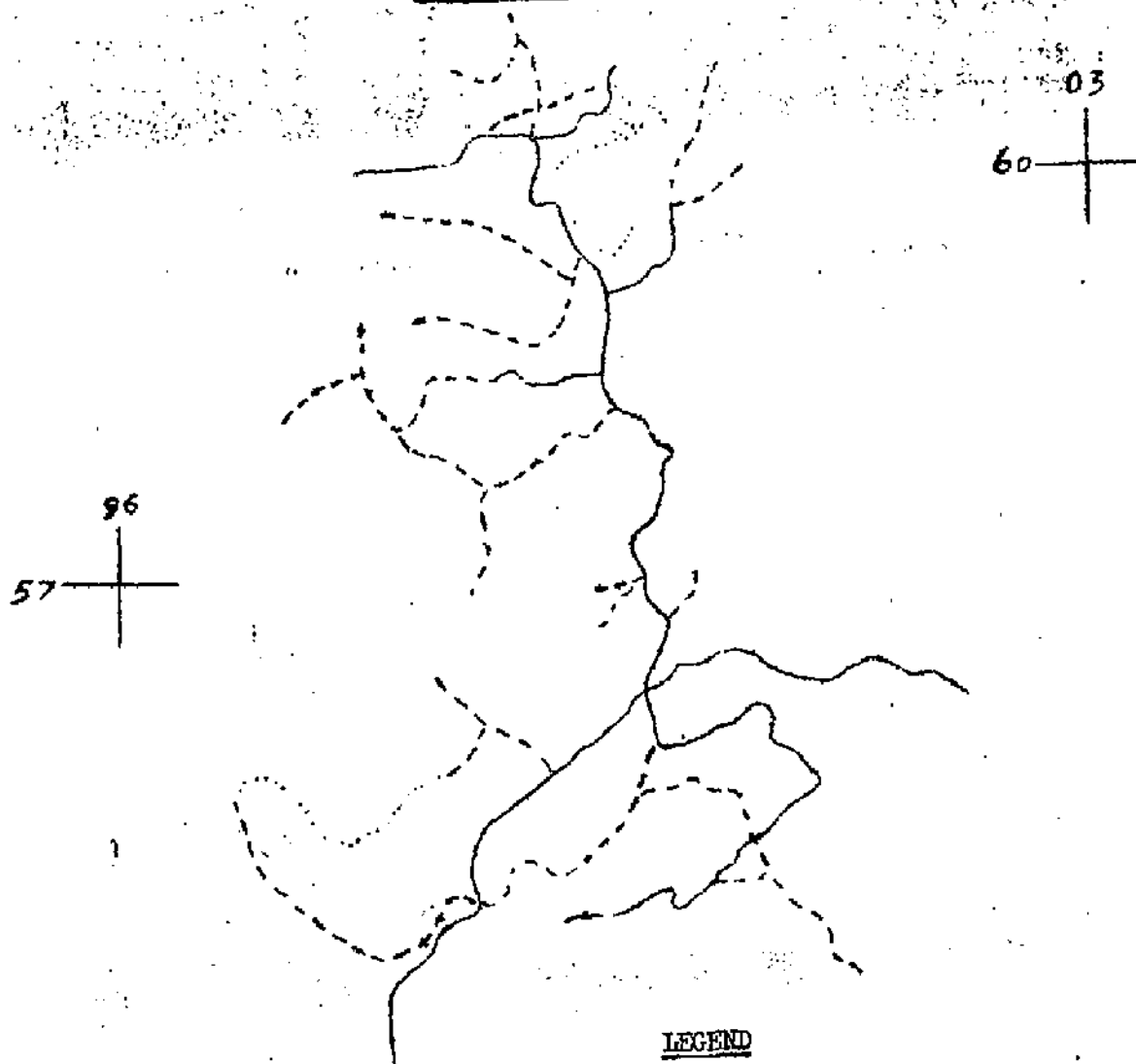
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Main trails (heavily used) ———
Secondary trails - - - - -
Feeder trails

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c. Summary of Enemy Casualties, Prisoners and Captured Equipment:

(1) DONG HA/CAM LO (1-6 July): None

(2) Operation HASTINGS (7-31 July)

(a) NVA KIA (confirmed) 27, (probable) 26

(b) NVA WIA (confirmed) 7, (probable) 1

(c) VCC - 0

(d) VCS - 0

(e) Returnee - 0

(f) Equipment

1. Weapons: 9 AK-47, 1 SKS Assault Rifle, 1 SG-43 (Goryunov) machine gun (Chicom Type 53), 1 DPM (LNG)

2. Equipment: 2540 rounds of ammunition, 12 hand grenades, 3 packs, assorted uniforms (green and light gray), documents, web gear (5 cartridge belts, 3 magazine carriers, 3 grenade carriers).

8. Mission

a. 7-14 July 1966: To conduct recon operations in recon zones designated; provide and maintain a mobile strike force to reinforce/assist in recon extractions; be prepared on order to exploit targets of opportunity, as required; coordinate ARVN artillery within range of recon teams; provide security for ASRAAT site; conduct patrolling and ambush activities; and be prepared to carry out such orders as directed by CO, 4th Marines.

b. 15-16 July 1966: Provide TF DELTA reserve; be prepared on order to conduct search and destroy operations in area designated by TF Commander; initially, provide security to installations at DONG HA and CAM LO until relieved on 15 July 1966.

c. 17 July - 1 August 1966: Displace to vicinity XD 983563, establish blocking positions, and conduct search and destroy operation in zone.

d. 2-3 August 1966: Constitute TF DELTA reserve.

9. Concept of Operations

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a. 7-14 July 1966: Two rifle companies located at DONG HA provide ASRAAT site security and the base of operations for recon activities. One rifle company provide security for the artillery located at CAM LO. Maximum patrol/ambush effort will be made.

b. 15-16 July 1966: Initially, provide installation security with two companies at DONG HA and two companies at CAM LO while continuing assigned mission of supporting recon effort. When relieved on 15 July 1966, constitute TF DELTA reserve; be prepared for employment in the TF DELTA zone of action to conduct search and destroy operations and establish blocking positions as directed with three companies abreast and one company in reserve.

c. 17 July-1 August 1966: Initially, provide blocking position with three companies located vicinity XD 974567, XD 991579, and XD 983563. During the period 20-27 July 1966; 2 companies occupied blocking positions vicinity XD 990598 and XD 993508, one company occupied high ground at XD 974567 and XD 991579, and remaining company, with command group, remained vicinity XD 983563. During the period 28 July-1 August 1966 company blocking positions were shifted to vicinity XD 995549; XD 983563; XD 974567 and XD 991579; and YD 002592.

d. 2-3 August 1966: Constitute TF DELTA reserve from base camp at GIA LE.

10. Execution

a. 7 July - TF DELTA message 071600H directed the commencement of Operation HASTINGS. There was one platoon extraction and one insertion by Det A, Recon Group BRAVO. Nine squad size patrols, 10 squad size ambushes, 18 outposts, and 18 listening posts were employed. Two scout sniper teams were assigned to Recon Group BRAVO and 3 scout sniper teams from 4th Marines were assigned to 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines.

b. 8 July - At 1000H 2nd Platoon, Force Recon Company was successfully extracted by helo at coordinates YD 077469. At 1630H 1st Platoon, "A" Company, Recon Group BRAVO was successfully inserted in RZ "C" at coordinates YD 060495. At 1835H Sparrow Hawk was helolifted to YD 090501 to provide security of a downed CH-46 which was on fire. CH-46 was completely destroyed by fire and Sparrow Hawk returned at 1937H. At 2310H E6B patrol in ambush at YD 117590 received 25 rounds of small arms fire from an unknown direction; the patrol returned fire with 150 rounds of small arms. Area was searched at first light with negative results. There was one extraction and one insertion by Det A, Recon Group BRAVO; nine squad size patrols, 14 squad size ambushes, 18 outposts and 18 listening posts were employed.

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Three scout sniper teams from the 4th Marines were assigned to this battalion and two scout sniper teams were assigned to Det A, Recon Group BRAVO.

c. 9 July - At 0605H recon element was inserted and established an ambush on a well-used trail in vicinity of YD 092593; a 4-man VC point walked into the ambush resulting in 4 VC KIA. The recon team immediately requested extraction because of a large fire fight with a large patrol of VC. Team was extracted under heavy VC contact. UH-1E gun ships were requested and artillery was directed by an AO. Results of contact: 4 VC KIA (confirmed). VC wore camouflaged utilities and rainhats; one VC carried an automatic rifle with a drum magazine on top and a second carried a non-descript rifle. There was one recon platoon insertion and one extraction. Five squad size patrols, 8 squad size ambushes, 18 outposts, and 18 listening posts were employed; three scout sniper teams from the 4th Marines were assigned to this battalion.

d. 10 July - At 1200 E & F Companies completed exchange of position: E Company now at DONG HA and F Company now at CAM LO to provide security for artillery positions. At 2025H "F" Company received 2 rounds of suspected 82mm mortars at YD 130585. Artillery returned fire on suspected mortar positions; the mission was unobserved. There was one recon platoon insertion and one extraction; eight squad size patrols, 9 squad size ambushes, 18 outposts, and 18 listening posts were employed. Three scout sniper teams from 4th Marines were assigned to this battalion.

e. 11 July - At 1255H a recon unit observed 5 VC bivouaced at XD 889558. Recon opened fire with small arms in attempt to wound and capture the VC. Area was strafed by UH-1E gun ships before VC could escape. VC fled in an unknown direction with 2 VC WIA (probable). Sparrow Hawk alerted to assist in recon extraction; however, recon unit extracted without incident at 1323H and Sparrow Hawk not required. At 1730H "G" Company arrived DONG HA from CIA LE. There were one recon platoon insertion and one extraction; eight squad patrols, 9 squad ambushes, 18 outposts, and 18 listening posts. Three scout sniper teams from the 4th Marines were assigned to the battalion.

f. 12 July - Upon landing to insert a recon platoon at 0605H in vicinity of XD 997645, the lead UH-1E received small arms fire from 5 to 6 VC moving towards the LZ from XD 989655. Two men got out of the helicopter and were left when it immediately lifted off; they moved to XD 997648 without further incident and were extracted at 0648H without further contact. F-4 aircraft dropped 4 napalm tanks and fired rockets into the area; UH-1E gun ships fired 1000 rounds of 7.62mm and 5.2.75" rockets. Results unknown as the entire area was aflame.

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At 0759H One AT section displaced to CAM LO, OpCon "P" Company. There was one recon platoon insertion and one extraction: eight squad size patrols, 7 squad size ambushes, 18 outposts and 18 listening posts were employed. Three scout sniper teams from the 4th Marines were assigned to this battalion.

g. 13 July - At 0300H Echo Company vicinity YD 244604 received 7 sniper rounds from vicinity YD 257604. No fire returned as sniper continually shifted his position. Area was searched at first light with negative results. At 0920H Sparrow Hawk was listed to assist in recon extraction. Sparrow Hawk landed and swept area without making contact; successfully extracted at 1148H. Sparrow Hawk again alerted at 1835H to assist recon team at YD 005635 which might have to be extracted. Sparrow Hawk launched at 1920H, but did not land since recon element remained undetected and Sparrow Hawk returned at 2010H. There were 3 daylight recon insertions, 1 nighttime insertion and 2 extractions. Seven squad patrols, 8 squad ambushes, 18 outposts and 18 listening posts were employed. Three scout sniper teams from 4th Marines remain assigned to this battalion.

h. 14 July - At 0010H 4-6 VC attempted to infiltrate F3B patrol's lines along the river at YD 182587 to damage the bridge at that location. F3B fired 10 to 15 rounds of 7.62 and physically pursued the VC. Contact was lost in heavy undergrowth. At 2305H TF DELTA FRAG ORDER 1-66 was received: All units execute Operation HASTINGS at 150800H; 2/1 to be in reserve. There was one recon team insertion and one extraction. Five squad size patrols, 8 squad size ambushes, 18 outposts, and 18 listening posts were employed. Three scout sniper teams from 4th Marines remain assigned to this battalion.

i. 15 July - At 1320H, TF DELTA directed 2nd Bn, 1st Marines to place one platoon on 15 minute stand-by to enter the operating area to provide security for downed helicopter. At 1400H F/1 was launched and landed at 1455H. At 1635H TF DELTA directed that one company (Echo) be alerted for possible lift to 3rd Bn, 4th Marines area vicinity YD 037641. At 1750H E/1 and Echo Command Group boarded CH-46's and departed DONG HA for operating area. At 1800H one CH-46 carrying 12 marines from E/1 and 4 crew members was shot down in vicinity of YD 050654 by a .50 Cal machine gun. Twelve Marines from E/1 and 2 crew members were KIA. At 1835H a second CH-46 with crew and remainder of E/1 returned to DONG HA. There were five squad size patrols, 8 squad ambushes, 9 outposts, and 9 listening posts were employed. Three scout sniper teams from 4th Marines remain assigned to this battalion.

j. 16 July - At 0020H TR DELTA FRAG ORDER 3-66 received: 2nd Bn, 1st Marines to land in LZ at YD 066655 commencing 160730H, remain in LZ for further orders, and be prepared to move to 2nd Bn, 4th Marines on order. At 0620H 2nd Bn,

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1st Mar departed DONG HA CP for the airfield. At 0730H "E" and "F" companies lifted off for LZ ROBIN. At 0900H all units of 2nd Bn, 1st Marines arrived on Hill 100. At 1130H units reported in position: CP at YD 067565, H&S Company at YD 06565, E Company at YD 065656, F Company at YD 072652, H Company at YD 06553, and G Company (in reserve) at YD 245597. Units were directed to commence short range patrols. At 1335H the battalion was forced to shift positions to vicinity YD 064660 due to a grass fire. All lines were tied in following the move. F Company from YD 060659 to YD 060664, H Company from YD 063657 to YD 067662, and E Company from YD 060659 to YD 067660. Night time activities commenced at 1930H. At 2053H - "E" Company and 81mm mortar platoon received 95 rounds of suspected 82mm mortar fire on their position, the last round landing at 2108H. An artillery mission was fired on the suspected VC mortar position in vicinity of YD 067654. Results of artillery fire were unknown, but mortar fire ceased. Friendly casualties: 1 KIA, 7 WIA. There were 9 squad ambushes, 10 outposts and 10 listening posts employed.

k. 17 July - At 0009H TF DELTA FRAG ORDER 6-66 was received: 2/1 commence landing at 0830H in LZ vicinity YD 984561 to conduct search and destroy operations in area and assume OpCon at 170600H of "M" Battery, 1st Bn, 11th Marines. At 0810H all units lifted from LZ ROBIN (YD 066655). At 0923H new CP located at XD 984563. At 0920H all units of 2/1 landed at new location: E Company at XD 988559, F Company at XD 975565 and H Company at XD 985574. At 1228H, 4.2"/1/11 in position at Bn C.P. At 1430H F/2 patrol sighted a VC sniper in a tree at XD 975574; patrol fired 40 rounds of small arms and 3 rounds of 81mm mortar. The area was searched with negative results. At 2012H TF DELTA FRAG ORDER 7-66 was received: 2/1 continue assigned search and destroy operations in assigned area of operation. There were 2 platoon patrols, 4 squad patrols, 8 outposts, and 9 listening/ambushes employed.

l. 18 July - Between 0515H and 0700H H/1 received 4 rounds of 81 or 82mm mortar fire and approximately 350 rounds of small arms fire both semi- and automatic weapons located in the vicinity XD 993585. LP's pulled in and artillery/mortar fire was brought on suspected positions. Mortar fire forced NVA to move and fire was adjusted accordingly. At 0620H one NVA squad was observed moving along streambed vicinity XD 995585; fire mission called. Area of these contacts swept by "M" Company after completion of fire missions. Results of the engagement: Two NVA KIA (probable), 1 DPM machine gun, 500 rounds 7.62mm ammunition, and various articles 782 gear captured. A considerable amount of blood found in the area. At 1045H E/1 on a combat patrol made contact with the security elements of an estimated NVA squad, reinforced with one machine gun, in the

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vicinity XD 996545. Receiving a heavy volume of automatic weapons fire, the platoon deployed and commenced the assault. A combination of heavy undergrowth and the well-positioned enemy machine gun slowed the attack. After calling an artillery mission, the platoon resumed the assault utilizing all its organic weapons and overran the enemy position. Results of the engagement: 3 NVA KIA (confirmed), including 1 officer; 6 NVA KIA (probable), 1 Goryunov machine gun (Chicom type), and 1 AK-47; friendly losses: 1 DOW 8 WIA. At 1100H E/3, also a combat patrol, sweeping eastward along high ground vicinity XD 999558 made heavy contact at close quarters with an estimated NVA platoon reinforced with 2 and possibly 3 machine guns. The NVA opened fire from well concealed, dug-in positions at the edge of the canopy. E/3 returned fire and commenced the assault of the position. Suffering several casualties, E/3 held its position and called in 81mm and 4.2" mortar fire, which was walked down the ridgeline into the enemy position. One round of 4.2" WP forced 4 NVA to break from their position; they were killed by E/3's small-arms fire as soon as they were in the open. As the attack continued about 25-30 NVA were observed moving from the south to reinforce the enemy position. As the direction of their movement would have cut off the main body of E/3 from the covered area where the platoon had assembled its wounded, the platoon moved to cover the wounded and called artillery missions on both enemy threats. At that time due to both heat and battle casualties, the platoon was reduced to an effective strength of 20. The wounded were medevaced and the main body fell back to make full utilization of all supporting arms. Air (including napalm), artillery, and mortar fires were brought to bear against the enemy positions with very effective coverage. A later sweep of the area revealed well-dug-in, mutually supporting positions. Results of the engagement were: Friendly, 8 WIA, 5 heat casualties; 6 NVA KIA (confirmed), 12 NVA KIA (probable). At 1020H H/1 patrol found a company/battalion camp site in the vicinity of XD 982582. There were numerous fighting holes, bomb shelters, tables, chairs, and an altar. It was estimated that this position had been occupied during the past two days. At 1130H the patrol located a suspected command bunker at XD 995584 surrounded by 6 fighting holes. An ammo bunker showing signs of recent use was also found. At 1815H "H" Company sighted 67 NVA moving inside the tree line at XD 979588. A fire mission was called forcing the NVA back into the canopy with unknown casualties. At 2110H "H" OP # 4 heard sound of heavy enemy movement at XD 989588. OP fired small arms and threw grenades; noises ceased. At 2153H "H" OP # 1 heard heavy movement along stream bed and around canopy in vicinity XD 985583. Four NVA were seen 30 meter in front of OP which opened fire. NVA ran and fell into bush. Results unknown. At 2317H Task Force DELTA FRAG ORDER 10-66 received: 2/1 continue assigned mission. At 2335H one member F/2/B patrol shot himself in foot; returned to company area; patrol continued. At

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2400H 2/1 issued FRAG ORDER for 19 July: All units continue assigned missions. There were 7 platoon sized patrols, 9 squad ambushes, 8 outposts, and 10 listening posts employed.

m. 19 July - At 0800H "M" Battery commenced prep fires in support of "E" Company at YD 000559 and XD 997558. At 0840H the battery commenced prep fire in support of "E" Company at XD 968570 and XD 976573. At 1140H "E" Company found a VC Aid station at YD 002559 with stretchers and bloody bandages which were believed to have been used to treat yesterday's casualties. At 1255H "E" Company found 4 bunkers with rice (30 pounds) and a make-shift operating room and medical bag at YD 004552. Bunkers were destroyed and medical supplies returned to CP. At 1305H "E" Company lead elements at YD 002559 were fired on by 3 NVA snipers who fled abandoning packs. The fire was returned and the snipers were pursued with negative results. There were 2 company size patrols, 3 squad patrols, 10 squad ambushes, 10 listening posts and 8 outposts employed.

n. 20 July - At 0043H Task Force DELTA FRAG ORDER 11-66 received: 2nd Bn, 1st Marines continue assigned mission in present zone. At 1120H "T" Company discovered foxholes and 1 bunker at XD 987547 which were destroyed. At 1500H "H" and "F" Companies directed to move overland from present positions to establish blocking position vicinity XD 995596 and XD 990590 respectively. Route of march: along stream bed and trail running generally north from vicinity XD 998570; order of march "H", then "F". 1710H H/3/4 OpCon to 2/1 and in position at XD 974566 with one platoon and company (-) at XD 992578. At 1800H "H" Company in position at XD 995598. At 1845H "H" Company patrol fired on 2 NVA moving north vicinity XD 995594. NVA broke contact and fled to north. At 2105H "F" Company moving along route to new position made contact with unknown number of NVA in the vicinity of XD 995585. The company was split as the contact was made with the center of the column. The contact hit the FAC team, resulting in one friendly KIA and one WIA. The contact was repulsed in hand to hand combat. An artillery mission and a flare ship were requested to assist "F" Company. Contact was lost with F/3 and FAC team. At 2220H "H" Company ambush at XD 992592 heard movement near position, opened fire with small arms and called for illumination with negative results. At 2350H same ambush had one NVA walk into ambush site. Ambush opened fire resulting in 1 NVA KIA (confirmed). There were 2 company patrols, 1 platoon patrol, 2 squad patrols, 8 outposts, 8 squad ambushes and 8 listening posts employed.

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o. 21 July - At 0030H "F" Company regained radio communications with F/3 and continued efforts to consolidate its position. At 0310H F/3 and FAC team effected physical contact and proceeded to link up with rest of company. At 0455H "F" Company reunited and set in position the remainder of the night. At 0730H "F" Company linked up with "H" Company and began to move into position. Results of "F" Company contact: 3 friendly KIA and 2 friendly WIA. NVA casualties: 2 KIA. At 1025H an unknown number of NVA took F/3 under fire as it was moving into position. F/3 returned fire and attempted to locate NVA with negative results. At 2050H both H and F Companies received automatic weapons fire along entire line. 4.2" and 60mm mortar fired at suspected positions. At 2115H M/3/4 observed 6 NVA moving south from the vicinity of XD 976562. Artillery/mortar fire mission called. At 2117H H Company noted heavy movement moving south in streambed at XD 992595. Artillery fire called to "walk" down valley. At 2142H M/3/4 sighted 6 NVA at XD 992582 and fired 5 rounds M-70 at them. NVA withdrew to north. At same time M/3/4 noted heavy movement to northwest and north. The sound of metal striking metal (suspected mortar position) was also noted. 81mm mortar mission called and movement ceased. This movement to and fro (north and south) along the streambed trail seemed to indicate that an unknown number of NVA were moving back and forth attempting to escape the artillery fire. Mortar/artillery fire was continually adjusted to cut off their escape or drive them into friendly lines. At 2148H H Company received 82mm mortar fire from north. At 2155H H Company directed mortar mission on target at XD 995605 with "F" Company FO observing. At 2210H mortar attack against "H" Company ceased. At 2230H M/3/4 noted movement in brush at XD 992582 and called mortar mission. At 2224H H Company OP # 1 heard sound of people running at XD 995600, OP withdrew and artillery mission called. At 2240H H Company heard heavy NVA movement at XD 997604 and called artillery. At 2310H H Company observed green light similar to mortar aiming stake to rear; light disappeared after mortar mission was fired. At 2320 M/3/4 reported 3 minor WIA's from previous 81mm mortar mission. At 2340H TF DELTA FRAG ORDER 12-66 received: 2/1 continue search and destroy operations in assigned area of responsibility. There were 5 platoon patrols, 2 platoon ambushes, 10 squad ambushes, 9 outposts and 9 listening posts employed.

p. 22 July - By 0030H the attacks against "F" and "H" Companies had gradually subsided. (See paragraph 6d., for discussion of artillery support during this period). From the enemy's action it was apparent that the NVA forces were making a concerted effort to eliminate the blocking positions (XD 990598 and YD 004598) manned by "F" and "H" Companies. As the attack progressed it appeared to become increasingly disorganized giving proof to the success of the battalions' actions. At 0100H H Company requested med evac for 3 WIA's.

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med evac was completed at 0140H. Total casualties for night's engagement: Friendly: 2 KIA and 13 WIA; NVA KIA and WIA, unknown. At 1040H F/2 patrol point came in contact with 3 to 5 NVA at XD 998604. Point opened fire with small arms, NVA broke contact and disappeared into the mountain canopy. An 81mm mortar fire mission was called with excellent coverage of target area. Contact results: 2 friendly WIA's, 1 NVA KIA (probable), and 1 NVA WIA (probable). At 1425H F Co 3/4 replaced on position by G Company, 2/1; M Company 3/4 returned to parent unit. At 2015H H/1/A patrol ambush sighted 10 NVA coming from the south moving north along stream bed in vicinity XD 99559. The patrol opened fire with small arms and grenades. The NVA then broke contact, results: 2 NVA KIA (probable). Artillery fire mission called with unobserved results. At 2225H F/3 patrol in ambush opened fire on 3-4 NVA in vicinity XD 996598, NVA broke contact in unknown direction, and F/3 ambush returned to CP since ambush site was compromised. At 2335H Task Force DELTA FRAG ORDER 13-66 received: 2/1 continue search and destroy operations in area of responsibility. There were 3 platoon patrols, 3 squad patrols, 10 squad ambushes, 8 outposts and 8 listening posts employed.

g. 23 July - During period 0001-0250 emergency resupply of 4.2" and 81mm mortar ammunition effected. At 0800H "B" Company commenced move overland to relieve "F" Company on position; move completed at 1300H and "E" Company position now in vicinity XD 990598. At 1317H "F" Company started movement and was in position vicinity XD 983563 at 1758H. At 1220H "G" Company observed 2 unidentified persons in vicinity XD 967592. 106mm RR and 81mm mortars fired on suspected personnel with unknown results. At 1320H "E" Company received 2 rounds of 82mm mortar and sporadic automatic weapons fire from vicinity XD 997596; 4.2" mortar fires were called on suspected enemy position and enemy mortar and automatic weapons firing ceased. Between the hours of 0800H and 1700H H/3 patrol located a platoon-size NVA camp site in vicinity XD 994588-XD 982588; the site contained numerous fighting holes and cooking areas, in addition to four 81mm or 82mm mortar positions at XD 988588 and 100 to 150 spider holes along the ridgeline. Area searched and destroyed by H/3 patrol. At 2251H 2nd Bn, 1st Marines FRAG ORDER for 23 July was issued: Companies "E" and "F" to conduct platoon size patrols paying attention to draws, stream beds and trails; "G" Company commence helo lift from present position to relieve "E" Company on position in vicinity of XD 997597 and then conduct extensive patrolling to north and west in platoon size patrols. At 2300H H/2/A patrol made contact with 3 to 4 NVA moving south to north along stream bed coordinates XD 995595. H/2/A patrol opened fire with 150 rounds of small arms and threw grenades. NVA returned semi and automatic fire and threw

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1 grenade and then broke contact. H2A machine gun jammed and patrol returned to CP because ambush was compromised. Results: 2 probable NVA KIA. Two platoon patrols, 5 squad patrols, 8 squad ambushes, 8 outposts, and 8 listening posts employed. .1

r. 24 July - At 0001H "H" Company LP # 3 at XD 998593 made contact with approximately 30 NVA. LP opened fire and expended 45 rounds of small arms and 10 grenades. NVA forces broke contact in all directions and LP returned to CP. "H" Company received 4 rounds of suspected 82mm mortars landing at XD 998593. At 0005H booby traps which were planted at XD 998598 were tripped by an unknown source and fire missions from 4.2" Battery were fired at coordinates XD 998593. Negative assessment on fire mission. Results of contact of LP # 3: 4 NVA KIA (probable). At 0545H "H" Company reported receiving heavy small arms fire and mortar fire from vicinity of XD 998596. Fire missions by the 4.2" Battery and illumination by 81mm mortars were called and enemy activities ceased. A search of the area was conducted at first light and 4 NVA KIA (body count), 5 weapons, 7 grenades and 15 full magazines were found at XD 99598. At 1300H E/3 patrol made contact with 3 NVA on trail in vicinity XD 989605, opened fire with small arms, killing 2 NVA, physically pursued and captured 2 weapons and combat equipment. Patrol lost contact with NVA forces and returned to CP. Psy War Broadcast aircraft requested, but mission aborted due to foul weather. There were 4 platoon patrols, 3 squad patrols, 9 squad ambushes, 7 outposts, and 8 listening posts employed.

s. 25 July - At 0155H Task Force DELTA FRAG ORDER 15-66 received: 2nd Bn, 1st Marine to continue search and destroy operations in assigned area. At 0240H 2/1 FRAG ORDER for 25 July sent: all companies conduct search and destroy operations in assigned sectors paying particular attention to trails, draws, and other avenues of withdrawal or approach leading north and northwest; all units are to mine main trails and maintain proper records; all patrols to be in platoon strength. At 1730H "I" Battery, 3rd Bn, 12th Marines arrived at Hn CP and set in gun positions to provide longer range general support for TF DELTA. At 2000H two booby traps were sprung by an unknown source at XD 998578 and all units were alerted for possible enemy activity. At 2300H 2/1 FRAG ORDER for 26 July sent: "E" and "F" Companies exchange positions by helo lift commencing 0800H; upon completion "E" Company conduct search and destroy operations in zone paying particular attention to GS YD 0056 and YD 0057 north of route # 9 and "F" Company expand operations in zone to North and West to uncover trails, etc; "G" and "H" companies continue search and destroy operations in assigned zones; all companies

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employ platoon sized patrols. At 2344H Task Force DELTA FRAG ORDER 16-66 received: 2/1 continue assigned mission. There were 4 platoon patrols, 2 squad patrols, 8 squad ambushes, 7 outposts, and 7 listening posts employed.

t. 26 July - At 0800H "F" Company commenced helilift to relieve "E" Company on position vicinity XD 980598; "E" Company moved into "F" Company's positions vicinity XD 974566 and XD 991579 on the return flights. At 1315H F/1 patrol OP sighted 3 unidentified men running over the hill to the southwest in vicinity of XD 988594. OP fired 15 rounds of 60mm mortars with an unknown effect. At 2125H "F" Company received 5 rounds of suspected 60mm mortars from vicinity XD 578594. 81mm mortars were called on suspected enemy position and enemy mortaring ceased. At 2215H 2/1 FRAG ORDER for 27 July issued: upon arrival 3/5 units in 2/1 zone "F" and "G" Companies be prepared for helilift to LZ's to be designated; "E" and "H" companies continue search and destroy operations in assigned zones. At 2337H TF DELTA FRAG ORDER 17-66 received: 2/1 continue search and destroy operations in assigned areas and move units in accordance with adjusted boundaries. There were 3 platoon patrols, 5 squad patrols, 10 squad ambushes, 10 outposts, and 7 listening posts employed.

u. 27 July - 0930H 3/5 units commenced move into 2/1 zone. At 1225H "F" Company staged excess gear at "G" Company's position and at 1300H commenced overland movement to vicinity XD 9855 along streambed. At 1500H "G" Company commenced movement in trace of "F" Company to new positions vicinity YD 005565. At 1830H all units in position and northern FCL established along GL 58. At 2110H TF DELTA FRAG ORDER 18-66 received: 2/1 continue assigned search and destroy operations. At 2200H 2/1 FRAG ORDER for 28 July issued: All units continue search and destroy operations in assigned areas. There were 2 company patrol's, 3 squad patrols, 9 squad ambushes, 7 outposts, and 8 listening posts employed.

v. 28 July - Between 0216H and 0340H three unexplained explosions (thought to be grenades) occurred near CP. Each investigation proved negative. At 1445H a warning order was issued to "E" Company to be prepared to be helo-lifted to vicinity GS XD 9152 to conduct search and destroy operations. At 290105H warning order was cancelled. Daylight patrols had negative contact. Between the hours of 2125H and 2312H "H" Company at XD 969573, "H" Company ambush # 2 at XD 977572, and "I" Battery 3/12 were probed by an undetermined number of NVA's believed to be attempting to infiltrate their positions. NVA's fired small arms and threw grenades. This was answered with vigorous small arms, mortar, and M-79 fire. NVA broke

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contact in unknown directions. Areas were swept at first light with negative results. At 2307H Task Force DELTA FRAG ORDER 19-66 received: 2nd Bn, 1st Marines to continue search and destroy operations in assigned area; "M" Btry, 1st Bn, 11th Marines moves to DA NANG at 291200H July. There were 1 platoon patrol, 4 squad patrols, 2 platoon ambushes, 7 squad ambushes, 8 outposts, and 8 listening posts employed.

w. 29 July - At 0030H "I" Battery, 3/12 received small arms fire from 6 to 8 NVA's in position at XD 997571 and XD 973561; fire was returned by small arms, 106mm RR and 105mm direct fire. All enemy activity ceased. The areas were swept at first light with negative results. At 0105H 2/1 FRAG ORDER for 29 July issued: all companies continue search and destroy operations in assigned areas; 81's and 105's provide fire support on order and 4.2" be prepared to move to DONG HA at 291200H. Commencing at 0940H 3/5 units moved south into 2/1 zone to be helilifted from 2/1 LZ at 1400H. At 1200H W/1/11 commenced lift from their positions. At 1315H 3/5 elements commenced lift. Daylight patrols had negative contact. At 2240H TF DELTA FRAG ORDER 20-66 received: 2nd Bn, 1st Marines continue operations in assigned area; one platoon to be detached 300900H to provide Rough Rider security and report to C.O. LSA upon arrival at DONG HA. At 2355H 2nd Bn, 1st Marines issued FRAG ORDER for 30 July: all units continue search and destroy operations in assigned areas; "E" Company be prepared to detach one platoon at 300900H to provide Rough Rider security: platoon to report to C.O. LSA upon arrival at DONG HA. There were 3 platoon patrols, 2 squad patrols, 9 squad ambushes, 8 outposts, and 8 listening posts employed.

x. 30 July - At 0900H remaining 3/5 units moved into 2/1 area from north; lifted out at 1300H. Daylight patrols had negative contact. At 2000H 2/1 northern boundary established along 60 GL. Between 2130H and 2342H CP lines probed by several rounds small arms and grenades which were answered with small arms fire; negative results; no friendly casualties. At 2235H Task Force DELTA FRAG ORDER 21-66 received: 2/1 continue operations in assigned area and to be prepared to heli-lift one platoon "E" Company at 310900 to provide Rough Rider security to DONG HA. At 2247H 2/1 FRAG ORDER for 31 July issued: all units continue search and destroy operations in assigned areas; "E" Company detach one platoon effective 310900H to provide Rough Rider security. There were 1 platoon patrols, 5 squad patrols, 8 squad ambushes, 7 outposts, and 8 listening posts employed.

y. 31 July - At 0210 "E" Company saw 4-5 NVA in front of position, threw grenades and NVA retired. Daylight patrols had negative contact. At 2120H 2/1 issued FRAG ORDER for 1

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August 1966: commencing 011000H 2/1 moves by helo to DONG HA and subsequently to GIA LE on 2 August. There were 5 squad patrols, 11 squad ambushes, 9 outposts, and 12 listening posts employed.

a. 1 August - At 0830H commenced helolift of 1/3/12 and 2/1 to DONG HA; 1230H lift completed. At 1500H H&S, G, F and a platoon of E Companies departed DONG HA by Rough Rider for GIA LE arriving at GIA LE at 1830H without incident. All companies - except E Co occupied previous positions on the lines; E Co provided security for 2/4 area and artillery positions. There were 6 outposts, 12 listening posts, 2 company patrols and 1 platoon patrol.

aa. 2 August - At 1230H H Co arrived by Rough Rider from DONG HA. There were 8 outposts and 10 listening posts employed.

bb. 3 August - Operation HASTINGS terminated 1200H in accordance with 3rdMarDiv message 041320Z. There were 3 platoon patrols, 9 squad patrols and 15 listening posts employed.

11. Results

a. Friendly Personnel and Equipment

(1) Personnel strength of participating units during Operation HASTING was as follows:

USMC		USN	
Officers	28	Enlisted	791
Officers	2	Enlisted	44

(2) Friendly Casualties

(a) Battle Casualties - 18 KIA's and 38 MIA's.

(b) Non-battle Casualties (including ill) - 228 (170 were non-evac). Totals include all attached units. 170 36

(3) Discipline, Law and Order: No problems encountered.

(4) Burial and Graves Registration: No problems encountered.

(5) Morale: Normal for an operation of this type and duration.

(6) No friendly equipment was lost during the operation however, considerable personal property and individual equipment stored at DONG HA was lost or destroyed.

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b. Enemy Personnel and Equipment

- (1) NVA KIA Confirmed - 27
- (2) NVA KIA Probable - 26
- (3) NVA WIA Confirmed - 7
- (4) NVA WIA Probable - 1
- (5) Equipment captured: 1 Goryunov MG, 1 DDT, 1 SWS, 9 AK-47, 12 hand grenades, 2540 rounds 7.62, 3 pac's, 5 cartridge belts, 3 magazine carriers, 3 grenade carriers, assorted medical equipment, assorted uniforms, documents, and 10 feet primacord.

c. Air strike assessments. All areas in which air strikes were called by this battalion were searched by ground forces without significant results.

12. Administrative Matters

a. Logistics

(1) No logistical problems were encountered during the operations, mainly due to the outstanding cooperation of the LSA.

(2) All resupply and medical evacuations were accomplished by helicopter.

b. Medical

(1) Battle Casualties: These were for the most party evacuated by helicopter from the site of the casualty to "D" Medical Company, 3rd Medical Battalion located in DONG HA. Some of the minor casualties were seen at the Battalion Aid Station located in the CP and retained in the area or returned to duty.

(2) Non-Battle Casualties: These were seen at the Battalion Aid Station and either treated and returned to duty or evacuated to "D" Medical facility.

(3) Special Problems: The only problem encountered was with the water supply. Seven cases of ear infections (attributed to the water) were treated at the Battalion Aid Station; one of these required evacuation. On approximately the 12th day of the operation the water source (a flowing stream) became cloudy and numerous dead fish were noted.

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This was attributed to H&I artillery fire. The stream was closed as a water point for two days during which time the water cleared. There was no appreciable amount of diarrhea noted.

c. Communications

(1) General. Operation HASTINGS was conducted in two phases by this unit. The first phase consisted of the defensive mission at DONG HA and CAN LO while the second phase was the committing of this unit to the offensive portion of the Operation HASTINGS. As these phases reflect diversified communications requirements, they are covered as such in this report.

(2) Phase One - Defensive mission at DONG HA and CAN LO:

(a) Radio

1. Internal. Internal Battalion communications posed no problems and communications were established in accordance with normal unit operating procedures.

2. External

a. In order to expand the external communications system, a Communications Central, TSC-15, was activated to provide a voice and teletype circuit between DONG HA and the Fourth Marines at PHU BAI. This system proved to be very unstable and, therefore, not acceptable. Initially, the problem lay in insufficient equipment to establish the teletype circuit. Additional equipment was obtained from the 4th Marines. However, after another equipment failure there was insufficient equipment to continue this circuit. The Third MarDiv was requested to provide both technical and equipment assistance, which was quickly received. Repeated efforts to establish a stable and reliable circuit to PHU BAI were unsuccessful, and it was, therefore, decided to attempt to establish this circuit direct to the Third MarDiv at DA NANG. Although the circuit was now becoming acceptable, an unusual number of equipment failures began to occur. Additional equipment and technical assistance were employed at both terminal units until the equipment problems began to be resolved about 14 July. From this point on, the only problem encountered was with frequencies which were not considered to be beyond acceptable limits. It should be noted that experience with high frequency single side band communications equipment in and around the PHU BAI area has always reflected an unacceptable response. It has continually been easier to

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establish and maintain this type of radio communications with DA NANG than to communicate with PHU BAI. As of this time no satisfactory explanation of this phenomenon can be advanced.

b. A secondary external communications circuit was established by laying two trunk lines to the Air Force Switchboard at DONG HA. This provided two telephone circuits to HUE, PHU BAI and DA NANG. Unfortunately, the Air Force was experiencing similar difficulties with their radio telephone circuits and these were not considered reliable.

c. A tertiary means of communication was established with the Fourth Marines at PHU BAI by radio. Again, the high frequency circuit in and out of the PHU BAI Combat Base was not sufficiently reliable to provide 24 hour communications.

(b) Wire. Normal wire communications were established and maintained with no difficulties encountered.

(c) Message Center Operations. This unit provided normal message center facilities for Battalion; later the LSA unit superimposed itself on the Battalion Command Post. It is to be noted that during this operation, the battalion message center maintained two message centers: one at the GIA LE Command Post and one at DONG HA. This dual operational requirement tended to over-extend a small, eight-man section both in personnel and equipment. This problem is best alleviated by having an MOS cross-training program in effect which will allow the utilization of personnel of the other sections in the message center.

(3) Phase Two - Offensive Phase of Operation HASTINGS

(a) Radio

1. Radio communications were established and maintained with a minimum of difficulty.

2. One difficulty noted however, was the tendency to operate the companies to the limits of AN/PRC-25 range. This tended to out-distance the capability of the PRC-10 with the 81mm FO Teams and the PRC-9 of the Artillery FO Teams. Until the receipt of the full T/E allowance of AN/PRC-25's, this will continue to be a problem requiring close attention.

(b) Wire. Limited wire communication was employed during this phase of Operation HASTINGS.

(c) Message Center Operations. (See Phase One).

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13. Special Equipment and Techniques. None employed.

14. Commander's Analysis

a. One serious failing throughout the operation and especially during that phase in which this unit was committed was the complete lack of information flowing down from higher headquarters. No OpSums and only a few IntSums were received. This resulted in this unit operating in a partial vacuum. Daily visits by CG TF DELTA and principal staff members tended to alleviate the situation.

b. No significant difficulties which can not be corrected at the local level were encountered during the operation.

c. Lessons Learned

(1) The 60mm mortar proved invaluable both in the offense and defense. It was useful for providing "reconnaissance by fire" and "prep fires" during a company's advance. It was also very useful in covering avenues of approach into a company's position which were otherwise difficult to cover. Its effectiveness was limited, however, when the unit moved into the canopy.

(2) The use of booby traps - emplaced and removed during the hours of darkness - around a company position were found to be very useful in signaling the approach of the enemy. These can be either prepared items or improvised from flares, hand grenades, etc.

(3) While the canopy restricted all radios, the AN/PRC-25 proved the more reliable. The AN/PRC-10 radio could not be depended on to penetrate the canopy.

(4) It was noted that likely ambush sites along trails appeared to be occasionally marked by small (one foot in length) sticks laid across the trail.

(5) Whenever feasible, giving the company commanders as much freedom of action as possible within his assigned zone provides him considerable choice of movement in the conduct of search and destroy operations. It allows him to capitalize on the unit's strong points and minimize the weakness. This, in conjunction with a coordinated patrol effort, provides excellent coverage of a large area.

Also very useful in covering avenues of approach into a company's position were the prepared and improvised booby traps. These were found to be very effective in signaling the approach of the enemy.

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(2) The use of booby traps - emplaced and removed during the hours of darkness - around a company position were found to be very useful in signaling the approach of the enemy.

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(6) The absolute necessity of responding to any NVA contact with an immediate and large volume of fire was consistently demonstrated throughout the operation.

d. Psychological Warfare Activities were of two types: formal pre-planned broadcasts and leaflet drops from aircraft and improvised signs placed in known NVA harboring areas by one of the rifle companies. The aircraft broadcasts and leaflet drops which were provided by TF DELTA on several occasions during the course of the operation covered the area very well. The broadcasts could be heard rather well and were understandable. The leaflets blanketed the area and many torn-up ones were found throughout. One of the companies improvised signs which they placed throughout the area. No evaluation can be made as to the effectiveness of the Psy War effort inasmuch as no captives were taken by the battalion.

15. Recommendations: The forces participating in this operation now have a good knowledge of the area and the suspected enemy positions within it. As of this date there are already indications that the NVA is flowing back into the vacuum created by the withdrawal of Task Force DELTA forces. Therefore, it is recommended that the long range reconnaissance effort in this area be continued and that at appropriate times and locations Marine infantry battalions with suitable supporting arms be employed in this area to deny the NVA freedom of movement and to keep him off balance.

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1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces.

(1) Strength and Dispositions.

(a) Marine Area of Operations.

1. Headquarters 324B NVA Division, strength unknown.
2. 90th Regiment, 324B NVA Division, strength approximately 1500 men.

(b) Objective Area.

1. Headquarters 324B NVA Division, strength unknown.
2. 7th Bn., 90th Regiment, 324B NVA Division, strength approximately 600 men.

(c) Forces Capable of Reinforcing Present Units Within 24 Hours.

1. 803rd Regiment, 324B NVA Division, strength approximately 1500 men.
2. 812th Regiment, 324B NVA Division, strength approximately 1500 men.

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3. 8th and 9th Battalions 90th Regiment, 324B NVA Division, strength approximately 900 men.
4. 4th Battalion, 270th NVA Brigade, strength unknown.
5. 304th NVA Division, strength unknown (present location north of the DMZ).
6. Unknown number of Local Force and Guerrilla units located in the northern sector of QUANG TRI Province.

(2) Arms and Armament.

(a) Supporting Arms.

Weapons in the support companies organic to the 324B NVA Division include an unknown number of 57mm RR, 75mm RR, and 82mm RR; 81mm, 82mm and 60mm mortars; 12.7mm and .50 Cal machine guns (AA). (The 120mm mortar is normally organic to a division but it is not known whether they have been infiltrated with the 324B NVA Division).

(b) Individual Weapons.

Normal arms can be expected to be but not limited to the AK-47 SMG, SKS Assault Rifle, and the RPD LMG.

b. Friendly Forces.

- (1) See Annex B (Operation Overlay).
- (2) 3rd Marine Division continues assigned mission.
- (3) 1st MAW provides air support.
- (4) 1st ARVN Division conducts operations to the East in conjunction with Operation HASTINGS.
- (5) ARVN Airborne TF conducts operation to the South.
- (6) 4th Marines provide coordination and control.
- (7) 3rd Bn, 4th Marines searches for CP of 324th Division vicinity YD 0564 and on order establish blocking position vicinity YD 036641 to prevent enemy movement through area.

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- (8) 2nd Bn, 4th Marines lands vicinity YD 0866 after completion of helolift of 3rd Bn, 4th Marines and commences search and destroy operations to the southwest towards blocking position of 3rd Bn, 4th Marines.
- (9) A Battalion to be designated to provide security for DONG HA and CAM LO installations.

2. MISSION

2nd Bn, 1st Marines constitutes TF DELTA reserve: Be prepared on order to conduct Search and Destroy Operations in area designated by TF Commander: 2nd Bn, 1st Marines initially provides security to installations at DONG HA and CAM LO until relieved on 15 July.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation:

- (1) 2nd Bn, 1st Marines initially provides installation security with two companies at DONG HA and two companies at CAM LO while continuing its assigned mission of supporting the recon effort. When relieved constitutes Regimental reserve and will be prepared for employment in the TF DELTA Zone of Action: Conduct Search and Destroy Operations and establish blocking positions as directed with three companies abreast and one company in Battalion reserve.
- (2) Company E
- (a) Continue to provide Sparrow Hawk and DONG HA perimeter defense in Zone of Action until relieved on 15 July.
- (b) Be prepared to move on order from DONG HA by helo as leading assault company.
- (c) Conduct Search and Destroy Operations and be prepared to establish blocking position as directed.
- (3) Company F
- (a) Company F (-) provide local security for TF DELTA C.P. at CAM LO until relieved on 15 July.
- (b) Until relieved on 15 July, provide two reinforced squads to augment SF defense of bridges # 7 and # 10 along route # 9. Coordinate

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through CAM LO District Chief and Subsector Advisor.

- (c) Be prepared for movement by helo to assembly area vicinity of airfield at DONG HA.
 - (d) Be prepared for movement from assembly area DONG HA or directly from CAM LO as second assault company.
 - (e) Conduct Search and Destroy Operations in area of operations and be prepared to establish blocking position as directed.
- (4) Company H.
- (a) Provide DONG HA perimeter defense in zone.
 - (b) Be prepared to move on order from DONG HA by helo as third assault company.
 - (c) Conduct Search and Destroy Operations in area of operations and be prepared to establish blocking position as directed.
- (5) H&S Company.
- (a) Provide heavy Command Group.
 - (b) Upon movement of battalion constitute rear area and provide for its security.
- (6) 81mm Mortar Platoon. Be prepared to attach section to designated rifle companies; Gen. Support.
- (7) Battalion Reserve: Company G.
- (a) Assist in security of artillery positions located at CAM LO until relieved on 15 July.
 - (b) Be prepared to assume mission of Companies E, F and H or such other mission assigned.
- (8) Coordinating Instructions.
- (a) D-Day. 15 July 1966.
 - (b) L-Hour. To be designated.
 - (c) W-Hour. To be designated.

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- (d) Unclassified name: HASTINGS.
- (e) Fire Support Coordination. In accordance with Annex F to reference (b).
- (f) Air Support. In accordance with Annex F to reference (b).
- (g) Rules of Engagement remain the same.
- (h) Estimated duration of operation. 7-10 days minimum.
- (i) Company E will be left flank company.
- (j) Company F will be right flank company.
- (k) Company H will be center company.
- (l) Company G will be Battalion Reserve.
- (m) LZ will be marked with yellow smoke and must be secured.
- (n) Movement control will be by Phase Lines when established.
- (o) All personnel will have Helicopter Manifest Cards.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

a. Administration.

- (1) Personnel Daily Summaries. Will be submitted to this Headquarters daily by 1630 as of 1500. The Personnel Daily Summary will contain the name, initials, and rank of each individual who becomes a casualty during the reporting period.
- (2) Centralization of SRB's and Health Records.

Upon activation of Task Force BELLIA, companies will be prepared, upon order, to transport SRB's and Health Records in mount out boxes to a place to be announced by Task Force DELTA. One clerk from each company will accompany the records. This will allow centralization of data required for casualty reporting.

b. Personnel.

- (1) Combat Casualty Reporting.

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- (a) A Combat Casualty Card will be submitted to S-1 by the Battalion Aid Station for each WIA and KIA.
- (b) Companies are responsible for submitting to Bn S-1 Combat Casualty Cards on WIA and missing personnel as soon as the situation will permit.
- (2) Religious Service. Chaplains activities will be as scheduled and coordinated by the Battalion Chaplain. A Chaplain of Protestant and Catholic faiths will be available at the evacuation point.
- (3) Information Services. ISO personnel will be available to the Battalion.
- (4) Collection Point. A collection point for VC captives or ralliers will be located in the vicinity of the Command Post. Captives will be carefully searched, bound securely, and blind folded. Bindings will ensure security, but will not be such as to cut off blood circulation, cut, injure, or otherwise cause pain. Captives will not be treated in anyway that is, could be, or might be mistaken to be torturous. Provisions of the Geneva Convention will be complied with.

5. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

a. Supply.

- (1) Unit distribution.
- (2) Prescribed load.
 - (a) Class I. Five (5) MCI meals and fuel (triozane), 2 canteens (filled) plus ample supply of water purification tablets, salt tablets, and malaria tablets.
 - (b) Class II. Batteries for 2 days.
 - (c) Class III. None.
 - (d) Class IV. None.
 - (e) Class V. Basic Allowance.
- (3) Uniform and Equipment. Utilities, marching pack, T/O weapon, helmet w/cover green side out, body armor at discretion of each individual. A card indicating individual's name, rank, and serial number will be placed in the pack.

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(4) Resupply. Request for all classes by 1100 daily for the following day. Designate time of latest acceptance and coordinates of landing zone as soon as known. Submit requests in accordance with Regt O 4000.1 (Logistics SOP for Field Operation). Automatic resupply of rations and water will take place if specific request not received by designated time.

(5) Captured Material. Return to CP via normal S-2 channels.

b. Evacuation and Hospitalization.

(1) Evacuation. Evacuation of all marine casualties will be to DELTA Med, located with LSA at DONG HA where emergency surgical facilities will be available. Request medical evacuation through Battalion Tactical Net.

(2) Hospitalization. Initially to Company A, 3rd Med Bn. After 16 July facilities of USS REPOSE will be utilized.

(3) Civilian casualties. Evacuation to DELTA Med if critical, then to civilian hospital in QUANG TRI.

(4) Weapons and equipment of Marine Medical Sections will be tagged for collection at the LSA.

(5) Personnel. VCC and VCS will be evacuated by most expeditious means to CAM LO for screening and interrogation.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS

a. Radio Nets. Required radio nets will be as follows:

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|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| (1) Regimental TAC Net. | 50.85 (M459) |
| (2) Regimental Command Net. | 47.6 (M381) |
| (3) HST Logistics Net. | 38.4 (M355) |
| (4) Regimental Command (HF) | (M25) as required |

b. Wire. Wire will be limited to Command Post installations and wire to rifle companies as situation allows.

c. Message Center. Crypto Aids will be prepared and made ready for issue by 141200H. These items can be picked up at the Battalion Message Center.

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d. All rifle companies will insure that front line marking panels are carried.

e. Command Posts.

(1) Task Force DELTA	YD 1259
(2) 4th Marines (Rear)	YD 885734
(3) LSA	YD 242601
(4) 2nd Bn, 1st Marines	YD 243602

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Co E
FO Tm, 3rd Bn, 12th Mar
FO Tm, 81mm Mortar Plat,
H&S Co
Sniper Tm, 4th Marines
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3rd Engr Bn
FAC Tm

Co F (Rein)

Capt SPENCE

Co F
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3rd Engr Bn

Co H (Rein)

1st Lt GILES

Co H
FO Tm, 3rd Bn, 12th Mar
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Det, MG Tm, 3rd Bn, 12th Mar

1st Lt MILLER

81mm Mortar Plat

GySgt LAVAN

106mm RR Plat (-)

Sgt HOLT

2nd Plat (-), Co B, 3rd
Engr Bn

2nd Lt CULLERS

Bn Reserve - Company G

Capt LAVAN

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