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Section I

Organizational Data

1. Reporting Unit: 2nd Bn, 1st Marines (Rein)

H&S Company

Company "E"

Company "F"

Company "G"

Company "H"

Arty Ln Tm, 1st Bn, 11th Mar

3 FO Tm's, 1st Bn, 11th Mar

Det, 2nd Plat, Co B, 1st Engr Bn

Viet Ln Tm

2. Command Posts: 1-12 Aug 1966 - GIA LE (YD 806167)
12-31 Aug 1966 - DA NANG (BT 015627)

3. Period Covered: 1-31 August 1966

4. Commanding Officer: LtCol J.D. SPAULDING, USMC

5. Executive Officer: Maj W. F. HOHMANN, USMC

6. Executive Staff:

S-1 1-29 Aug 1966 1stLt S.E. IPSON, USMC
30-31 Aug 1966 WO J.L. THOMPSON, USMC

S-2 1-30 Aug 1966 MSgt B.A. SPENCER, USMC
31 Aug 1966 SSgt J.D. SILCOX, USMC

S-3 Maj D.Z. BOYD, USMC

S-4 1-18 Aug 1966 Capt R.A. LARSON, USMC
19-31 Aug 1966 Capt E.J. BANKS, USMC

7. Unit Commanders:

H&S Company

1stLt B.P. KLINKER, USMC

Company "E"

1-25 Aug 1966
26-31 Aug 1966

1stLt G.P. LEVEMDIS, USMC
Capt T.M. PRATT, USMC

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Company "F"

1-25 Aug 1966
26-31 Aug 1966

1stLt D.W. PICKERSGILL, USMC
Capt G.A. DEEGAN, USMC

Company "G"

1stLt C.C. KRULAK

Company "H"

1-16 Aug 1966
17-31 Aug 1966

1stLt J.B. GILES, USMCR
Capt D.L. WISEMAN, USMC

d. Average Monthly Strength During the Period:

OFF	USMC	30	USN	2
ENL	USMC	846	USN	54

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SECTION II

PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

1. Personnel

a. Number of replacements received:

- (1) Marine Officers - 6
- (2) Marine Enlisted - 106
- (3) Navy Enlisted - 8
- (4) Navy Officers - 1

b. Personnel received via Division/Regimental transfers:

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

c. Number of personnel rotated:

- (1) Marine Officers - 3
- (2) Marine Enlisted - 136
- (3) Navy Officers - 1
- (4) Navy Enlisted - 1

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

- (1) WIA - Marine Enlisted - 60
Navy Enlisted - 3
- (2) KIA - Marine Enlisted - 7
- (3) DOW - 0
- (4) Humanitarian/Emergency Transfers - Marine Enlisted - 2,
- (5) Number of personnel dropped while sick - Marine Officers - 2; Marine Enlisted - 41

e. R&R Trips - 7

f. Special Services Activities: Special Services activities for the first 2 weeks of August consisted of 8 movie showings and distribution of game kits and playing cards. Upon arrival in the DA NANG area, paperback books became plentiful, movies were shown each night, and game kits and playing cards were distributed.

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) Silver Star - 3

(b) Bronze Star with Combat "V" - 20

(c) Navy Commendation with Combat "V" - 11

(2) The following awards were received. None.

c. Promotions

(1) 4 sergeants promoted to staff sergeant.

(2) 3 privates first class to lance corporal.

(3) 3 privates promoted to private first class.

d. Postal: Air parcel post and letters arrive 7 times a week.

e. Disbursing: Disbursing service, for the first 2 weeks of August, was provided by the 4th Marines. Upon moving to the present location, disbursing service was provided by the 3rd Marine Division. The move to the DA NANG area interrupted the normal 2-week pay period; however, at the end of the move, all personnel were paid.

f. Post Exchange: During the first 2 weeks of August, PX facilities consisted of 1 truck load of luxury items; however, in the DA NANG area, a PX van is available in the Battalion area 6 days a week.

g. Legal and Discipline: During the reported period, 1 Battalion Commander's Office Hours was held. None, at this time, are pending.

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h. Chaplain

- (1) Name of Chaplain - James E. DOFFIN, Jr. Lt CHC, USN
- (2) Chaplain support and number of Masses: Catholic coverage by Father Tom KENNY, 9th Marine Regiment. Father KENNY held 5 masses with a total attendance of 93 men.
- (3) Number of Services conducted by Battalion Chaplain.
A total of 8 services with a total attendance of 139 men.
- (4) Personnel counseled - 18.
- (5) Significant events. A memorial service for personnel lost during Operation HASTINGS.
- (6) Facilities. Living quarters and office space is adequate. Divine services are held in the Officer and Staff NCO mess hall.

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SECTION III
INTELLIGENCE

1. Enemy Situation.

a. The enemy situation was as follows:

(1) GIA LE: (1-12 July 1966) The enemy continued to harass vehicular traffic along National Route # 1 with sniper fire. There was increased employment of mines and booby traps throughout the TAOR.

(2) DA NANG Area: (13-31 August 1966) The enemy continued the heavy employment of mines/booby traps and moderate sniping at vehicles and friendly installations. Small units (up to squad size) have on several occasions attempted to set daylight ambushes using long range small arms fire.

b. Enemy units which operated near our TAOR:

(1) GIA LE: The 810th battalion operated in the southern portion of the TAOR with local and main force guerrilla bands.

(2) DA NANG

(a) The R-20th Battalion with a strength of 500 men is located vicinity grid square AT 8854. Equipment includes 4-81mm mortars, 6-60mm mortars, 3-57 RR, 3 machine guns and 3 B40's.

(b) The Q-15 Company with a strength of 100 men is located in the vicinity grid square BT 0061. Equipment includes 1-81mm mortar, 1-60mm mortar, 1-57RR, and 3 machine guns.

(c) The 70th Battalion with a strength of 500 men is located in the vicinity grid square BT 0549. Equipment includes 3-81mm mortars, 4-60mm mortars, 4-57RR, 5 light machine guns and 2-12.7mm machine guns.

(d) Unidentified battalions are located in the vicinity grid squares BT 0055 and AT 9657.

c. The enemy initiated several incidents during the period 1-12 August in the GIA LE area:

(1) 031800H A lone USMC vehicle heading north on Route # 1 was fired upon by an estimated 3 VC in the vicinity YD 825181. The incident resulted in 2 Marine KIA's. Area was searched by a CAC unit with negative results.

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(2) 041300H - Approximately 25 VC in black PJ's were observed in the vic YD 814106. An artillery mission was called in on the area and a patrol was dispatched to sweep the area. Results were negative.

(3) 081130H - Two vehicles were fired upon in the vic YD 820182 by automatic weapons fire. A man was observed running to the southeast and was taken under fire. A CAC unit swept the area with negative results.

d. Enemy initiated incidents for the period 13-31 August.

(1) 131900H - Tanks attached to H Company made contact with 9 VC in the vic of BT 025553. Tanks saturated the area with 11-90mm rounds resulting in 2 KIA (confirmed) and 5 WIA (probable).

(2) 131130H - H/1 patrol engaged an estimated platoon size unit in the vic BT 012582 resulting in 2 VC KIA (probable).

(3) 141030H - H/2 patrol engaged 3 VC in the vicinity BT 029589. Enemy was fired upon with small arms, 60 and 81mm mortars resulting in 3 VC KIA (probable).

(4) 151205H - G/1 received sniper fire from across the SONG KY LAM River vic BT 985539. The sniper was observed in a tree and fired upon. Sniper was seen to fall from the tree, but body could not be confirmed due to being across river. Incident resulted in 1 VC KIA (probable).

(5) 161945H - F/3 patrol took one VC sniper under fire in a tree line vic BT 041549. The patrol swept the area and found traces of blood indicating 1 VC WIA (probable).

(6) 200930H - A patrol from H Company received sniper fire from a hut vic BT 047572. When fire was returned the sniper ran from the hut and was hit by small arms fire. Area was swept, but the body could not be found; results were 1 VC WIA (probable).

(7) 220940H - H Company patrol engaged 3 to 4 VC in the vic BT 022585 with small arms fire results were 1 VC WIA (confirmed).

(8) 231250H - H Company patrol was fired upon by a sniper vic BT 025575. The sniper was observed and taken under fire. The sniper was seen to stagger and fall, but no body was found during sweep of the area; results were 1 VC WIA (probable).

(9) 232000H - M&G Company lines using infra-red sniper scope, spotted one VC in front of their lines. VC was fired upon and fell to the ground. Area was swept at first light and 2 blood trails were found; results were 1 VC WIA (probable).

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(10) 291640H - The resupply helicopter for Hotel Company was fired upon with small arms in the vicinity BT 046561. Helicopter took no hits.

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

(1) GIA LE (1-12 August) - None

(3) DA NANG (13-31 August) - KIA: 4 (confirmed), 11 (probable); WIA: 3 (probable); 2 VCS and 1 VCC.

f. Significant trends during period:

(1) The VC political cadres during the last two weeks of August have projected their propaganda toward the disruption of the coming elections.

(2) Enemy movement within the TAOR has increased during the latter part of the month.

(3) Small enemy units (4-5 man) have increased the tempo of limited "hit and run" contacts. This has apparently resulted from their being recently equipped with newer (automatic) weapons than previously.

g. Enemy situation at the end of period: The tactics employed have remained basically the same throughout the period.

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SECTION IV

Operations and Training

1. Task Organization

2nd Bn (Rein), 1st Marines

2nd Bn, 1st Marines

HE S Co (-)(Rein)

HE S Co
Arty Ln Tm, 1st Bn, 11th Mar
81mm Mort Plat (-)
Det, 2nd Plat, Co B, 1st Engr Bn
Viet Ln Tm

Co E (Rein)

Co E
FO Tm, 1st Bn, 11th Mar
FO Tm, 81mm Mort Plat
Det, 2nd Plat, Co B, 1st Engr Bn
Det, Med Plat

Co F (Rein)

Co F
FO Tm, 1st Bn, 11th Mar
FO Tm, 81mm Mort Plat
Det, 2nd Plat, Co B, 1st Engr Bn
Det, Med Plat

Co G (Rein)

Co G
FO Tm, 1st Bn, 11th Mar
FO Tm, 81mm Mort Plat
Det, 2nd Plat, Co B, 1st Engr Bn
Det, Med Plat

Co H (Rein)

Co H
FO Tm, 1st Bn, 11th Mar
FO Tm, 81mm Mort Plat
Sec, 81mm Mort Plat
Det, 2nd Plat, Co B, 1st Engr Bn
Det, Med Plat

2. Command Post Locations

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a. For period 1-12 August 1966: GIA LE (YD 806167).

b. For period 13-31 August 1966:

(1) 2nd Bn, 1st Marines at BT 015627

(2) H&S Company at BT 105627

(3) Company "E" at BT 015627

(4) Company "F" at BT 015627

(5) Company "G" 10-30 August 1966 at AT 982564
31 August 1966 at BT 015627

(6) Company "H" 11-28 August 1966 at BT 025567
28-31 August 1966 at BT 042579

3. Attachments

a. Det, 2nd Plat, Co B, 1st Engr Bn

b. Viet Ln Tm

c. Arty Ln Tm, 1st Bn, 11th Mar

d. 3 FO Tm, 1st Bn, 11th Mar

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. Patrols: 8 Company, 39 platoon, 44 squad search and-clear patrols; 56 platoon, 128 squad and 2 fire team security patrols were employed.

b. Ambushes: 1 platoon and 147 squad ambushes were utilized.

c. Listening Posts/Outposts: A total of 207 LP's/OP's were employed.

6. Special Operations

a. Amphibious Operations: None.

b. Combined Operations: None.

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c. Psychological Operations

(1) Significant Actions. On 16 August, the Commanding Officer of 2/1 spoke, through an interpreter, to the inhabitants of the hamlet of VIEN TAY. The theme of his speech concerned the ways in which the villagers could aid the Marines and the benefits they would gain by doing so. At the time the villagers appeared responsive to the idea.

(2) Material Distributed. On 31 August, a leaflet drop was made in two (2) areas within 2/1's TAOR. Along Route #1, from coordinates BT 055592 and 1,000 meters on each side of the highway, 120,000 leaflets were dropped. The theme of these leaflets was that the Marines were here to help the people of Vietnam. The second area, in which the drop was made, was grid squares BT 0161, 0261, 0160, 0260, 0159, and 0259. The theme of these leaflets (of which there were 20,000) told of the "CHIEU HOI" program. Twenty thousand safe contact passes were dropped in this area also.

d. River Operations. See After Action Report, Operation SWANNEE (Tab C to Appendix 2).

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

a. During the reporting period neither NBC Warfare nor equipment peculiar to it were employed.

b. No NBC Warfare training was conducted.

c. All items of NBC equipment authorized by T/E are on hand and operational.

8. Problem Areas. No significant problem areas were encountered during the period.

9. Sequential Listing of All Contact, General Description of Scheme of Maneuver and Results Attained:

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(1) 1 August - At 0425H H&S lines reported a trip flare set off in front of the lines vicinity BT 086567; fired machine guns and threw 2 grenades. Nothing further was observed. At 0830H 1/3/12 and 2/1 commenced displacement by helicopter to DONG HA. The movement was completed at 1330H. At 1500H 2/1 less H Company departed DONG HA by Rough Rider for GIA LE arriving at 1935H.

(2) 2 August - At 1230H H Company arrived from DONG HA via Rough Rider.

(3) 3 August - At 1800H 2 men KIA by sniper fire while driving north along Highway # 1. Casualties evacuated to A-Med and vehicle returned to 2/1 MT.

(4) 4 August - At 1100H OP 225 reported approximately 8 VC in black clothing moving southeast (approximate location vicinity YD 814106.) OP 225 called artillery mission. At 1330H F Company patrol dispatched to check area with negative results.

(5) 5 August - At 1000H OP 225 observed 5 VC constructing what appeared to be mortar aiming stakes. At 1150H 4th Marines requested clearance to fire on subject VCS at YD 816117. At 1230 F Company patrol sent to sweep area of VCS with negative results. At 2105H artillery fired illumination at suspected movement vicinity GS YD 8116. At 2230H G/2 patrol heard movement and fired illumination with negative results.

(6) 6 August - At 1620H G/2 patrol found a grenade at YD 790119 lying on its spoon in a tank trail. Booby trap was blown in place. At 1630H several rounds of sniper fire received by 1/4 vicinity YD 828182. One VCS was apprehended; U.S. M-26 grenades were found in his possession. VCS turned over to CIT at PHU BAI. At 2020H G/2/A found trip wire just after leaving patrol base vicinity YD 790116.

(7) At 0700H G/2 traced the trip fire (first found at 062020H) to a stick type grenade (Chicom) tied to a bush at YD 790116. The grenade was detonated in place by the Engr's with G/2 patrol. At 1630H G/3 patrol located two M-1A1 anti-tank mines at YD 810103; mines were destroyed in place by Engr's. At 1750H 4th Mar S-2 notified 2/1 of 20 unidentified personnel dressed in black PJ's; no weapons were observed. G/3 patrol, located in their PPB at YD 798109, was notified of the sighting and an immediate search was conducted with negative results. At 1840H G/3 received two small arms rounds from vicinity YD 790112. A 4.2" fire mission was called and patrol swept the area with negative results.

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(8) 8 August - At 0800H G/3 patrol completed sweep of area from which sniper fire was received at 071840H in vicinity of YD 790106 with negative results. At 1130H two vehicles received a burst of automatic fire at the junction of Highway # 1 and GIA LE road YD 820182. Fire was returned in the direction of the sniper and one man was seen running away in a southeasterly direction. At 1730H G/1 patrol located a pressure release type mine on trail at YD 782128. Mine was constructed from a 50mm round. Engineer detachment with G/1 patrol destroyed the mine in place.

(9) 9 August - At 2255H H Company lines reported 4 men struck by lightning. Battalion surgeon reports all men in satisfactory condition.

(10) 10 August - At 0732H Golf Company departed GIA LE area (YD 805145) by motorized convoy enroute to DA NANG (vic BT 012632). At 1600H 4th Marines relayed message that Company G had arrived at 2nd Bn, 9th Marines CP (vic BT 012632); Company G OpCon to CO, 2nd Bn, 9th Marines.

(11) 11 August - At 1203H Hotel Company departed 2/1 CP via Rough Rider to DA NANG arriving at 1630H; Company H now OpCon 2/9.

(12) 12 August - At 1155H H&S Company, Company F and heavy command group departed the GIA LE area by motorized convoy, enroute to 2nd Bn, 9th Marines area, chop OpCon to 9th Marines at 1500H and arrived at 2nd Bn, 9th Marines area at 1800H. At 1900H a tank attached to H/2 patrol sighted 9 VC walking in a westerly direction down the river bank. VC wore khaki uniforms, packs and had weapons. Tanks opened fire with .50 Cal and saturated the area. Results 2 VC KIA (confirmed) and 5 VC KIA (probable).

(13) 13 August - At 0320H F/2/A patrol returning from ambush site detonated a booby trap located 4 to 5 feet above the ground and rigged with a trip wire resulting in 3 U.S. WIA's; med evac was completed at 0800H. At 1100H H/1 patrol at BT 012585 received a very heavy volume of fire from an estimated VC platoon located vicinity BT 005575. Patrol returned fire with small arms and 60mm fire and called in an artillery mission on suspected VC position. Results: 2 VC KIA (probable). At 1115H E Company departed GIA LE by motorized convoy enroute to 2/1 (BT 015627) arriving at 1805H. At 1200H 2nd Bn, 1st Marines assumed operational control of 2nd Bn, 9th Marines TAOR. At 1300H H/1 patrol located a 155-shell rigged as a mine at BT 023571; detachment of engineers blew it in place. At 1500H F/1 patrol tripped a M16A1 tomato can mine which was placed in a tree at BT 001634. The mine did not detonate, but fell out of the tree smoking. It was blown in place by the engineers. At 1010H one truck (M422) from 3rd platoon, Co A,

3rd Motors enroute on Anderson Trail (vic BT 028640) received one round of sniper fire from an unknown direction resulting in 1 U.S. WIA. Vehicle continued moving and returned fire with 20 7.62mm rounds and 30 .45 Cal rounds in the area of the suspected sniper round. At 1800H H&S bunker (BT 018629) received one sniper round from vicinity BT 020633; There were no casualties.

(14) 14 August - At 0800H H/2 patrol at BT 029591 received sniper fire from tree line vicinity BT 028586; Patrol called in an 81mm mortar fire mission and ten rounds were expended. The area was swept with negative results. At 1040H H/2 patrol received sporadic sniper fire from vicinity BT 022589; an 81mm mortar fire mission was called and patrol swept area with negative results. At 1115H the 1st Mar. Regt. requested assistance in searching for a MIA in vicinity BT 055635. E Company alerted 2 platoons. At 1130H 1st Marines notified S-3 to stand down on assistance requested: MIA was changed to KIA. At 1305H E/3 was sent with FO team to conduct a sweep of village in vicinity BT 048638. Direction of sweep was from northwest to southeast. At 1320H 1st Bn, 1st Marines reported sighting 4 to 5 VC in vicinity BT 041638; artillery mission was called and a sweep of the area was conducted by 1st Bn, 1st Marines with negative results. At 1430H E/3 began sweep of village. At 1530H E Company lines at BT 015628 received one sniper round from an unknown direction; a visual reconnaissance of suspected area was conducted with negative results. At 1625H E/3 located a suitcase in the village containing khaki clothes. Investigation revealed the clothing belonged to an ARVN. E/3 completed sweep of the village with negative results and returned to Bn CP. At 1700H G/2 patrol at BT 000679 sighted a group of VC carrying an estimated 10 rifles and 2 or 3 automatic weapons at BT 006575. Patrol laid down a base of fire and assaulted the village at BT 001582. It swept through village without incident, but upon reaching north end the patrol received a short burst of automatic weapons fire. One squad was dispatched to continue the search to the north toward the area of suspected enemy positions; results of the sweep were negative. At 1805H G/2 patrol called an artillery mission on suspected VC positions at BT 001582 with good effect on target. At 1930H F Company at BT 000620 received approximately 30 rounds of automatic weapons fire from vicinity BT 004617. Company returned fire with 200 rounds of automatic fire and 6 rounds of M-79. Area was swept with negative results. At 2025H G/2 patrol moving to their PPB at BT 000580 received 2 sniper rounds from an unknown direction; a visual reconnaissance of the area was conducted with negative results.

(15) 15 August - At 0625H F Company began movement from their position (AT 999620) enroute to Bn CP in conjunction with Operation SWANNEE arriving at 0705H. At 0625H H/1 and H/2

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commenced movement from Company CP (BT 025576) to vicinity BT 070550 to act as river security for Operation SWANNEE, arriving at 1010H. At 0700H E/1 (Rein) and E/2/A (Rein) departed CP by motorized 'convoy' to vicinity BT 091555 (arriving at 0830H) and effected relief of 1st Bn, 1st Marines. E Company elements then provided security on both sides of river west of the bridge to line from BT 075543 to BT 081553. G Co commenced movement on foot to new PPB's located at BT 005560, AT 990545 and AT 980560 arriving at new positions at 0850H; platoons commenced providing security of north bank from AT 977568 to BT 014559 in conjunction with Operation SWANNEE. At 0910H F Company departed Bn CP by motorized 'convoy' to assume command of river survey at bridge (BT 091552) and arrived at 0935H. At 0911H E/1 at bridge (BT 091552) notified 2nd Bn, 1st Marines that the LCM would be delayed for approximately 60 minutes due to difficulty in loading. At 1010H hourly position report submitted to 1st Marines. At 1050H 1/1 notified 2/1 of ARVN moving across river on eastern edge of TAOR from vicinity BT 046633. At 1145H G/1 at AT 990546 received sniper fire from across the river in vicinity AT 985539. Platoon returned fire with small arms and sniping ceased. At 1205H G/1 sighted the VC sniper in a tree vicinity AT 995539 and took him under fire; sniper seen to fall out of the tree; results 1 VC KIA (probable). At 1236H F Company at bridge BT 091552 was directed by the Hydrographic Survey Team to postpone river sweep until 160625H. At 1300H G/1 patrol began shifting to new position vicinity AT 983554, arriving at position at 1705H. At 1806H firing heard at Bn CP and the following was monitored on the radio: ARVN convoy (consisting of 1 PC and 1 6x6 truck) was ambushed vicinity BT 038632 by an unknown number of VC located in the vicinity BT 038628. VC sprung the ambush with small arms fire and suspected 60mm mortars; fire may have been returned by the ambushed ARVN. VC broke contact and moved east and west from ambush position. Artillery fire was called on suspected enemy position. 2/1 security patrol on Anderson Trail set up a blocking position along south side of trail and 1 platoon from E Company placed on alert status. Two med-evacs were requested and ARVN continued south on Highway # 1 to ARVN position. At 1710H blocking position/local security on Anderson Trail secured from blocking position. At 1830H G/2 in PPB (BT 005560) received approximately 20 rounds of sniper fire from vicinity BT 006565; an artillery mission was called and sniper fire ceased. At 1923H G Company requested an artillery mission on automatic weapons firing in vicinity BT 015572; firing ceased.

(16) 15 August - At 0725H F Company commenced movement to rendezvous with LCM in order to commence refueling of the LVTs. At 0755H G Company CP security position (vic BT 015527) sighted approximately 4 unidentified persons running from rock to rock in vicinity BT 035627. Sentry fired one warning round in the air, then fired 2 rounds of small arms directly at persons who appeared to be hiding in rocks. Unidentified persons fled into

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the tree line and disappeared. Due to LVT's stuck on sand bars, mechanical problems with LVT's and only 1 remaining hour of favorable water conditions for LCM, it was decided to remain in present position in order to refuel LVT's, set in defensive positions for the night and organize to move out at first light. At 1515H a tank from 3rd Platoon, Co B 3rd TK Bn approaching the main security gate (BT 016627) received 6 rounds of sniper fire from an unknown direction; fire was not returned because the location of the sniper could not be determined. At 1610H Comm Wire team working on lines from Bn CP area to HA DONG Bridge, received one sniper round. Fire came from an unknown direction. No casualties. At 1915H H/2 with tanks attached (vic BT 025538) observed 50 VC wearing mixed uniforms and helmets moving at BT 025558. Tanks fired 11-90mm rounds with good coverage of target. A sweep of the area was not conducted due to the distance from location and security mission assigned. At 1945H F/3 patrol located in vic BT 041549 sighted one VC in tree line and opened fire; area was searched and patrol found 1 shower shoe with blood on it; no body was located. Results: 1 VC KIA (probable). At 2100H H/2 patrol located at BT 025558 received 10-12 carbine sniper rounds in their position from vic BT 021562; attached tanks returned fire with .30 Cal automatic fire; sniper fire ceased. At 2130H G/2 at BT 003656 reported receiving 20 incoming round of small arms fire plus 1-60mm mortar round (dud) from suspected position vic BT 006563. At 2150H H Company located BT 032575 received numerous sniper rounds from unknown directions; H Company returned fire with small arms and 10-60mm mortar rounds; sniper fire ceased.

(17) 17 August - At 0110H F Company at BT 037555 and BT 046556 received approximately 12 rounds of suspected 60mm mortar muzzle flashes were seen in the vic BT 030155. Company returned fire with approximately 200 rounds of .50 Cal machine gun fire; mortaring ceased and VC broke contact in an unknown direction. At 0140H a listening post on H&S lines at BT 015627 reported hearing someone cough and movement in the vic BT 016630. An 81mm illumination mission was fired. Results were negative. At 0635H one Marine at Bn CP listening post vic BT 012627 sighted 1 unidentified person carrying a rifle at BT 012630; sentry fired 3 rounds of automatic fire at suspected VC, who jumped into bushes. H&S Company dispatched a fire team to sweep the area. Team returned at 0730H and reported locating only fresh foot prints. At 1045H E Company (BT 024567) reported helo with CO 2/1 aboard received sniper fire from vic BT 024579; area was saturated with small arms and mortar fire; a sweep of the area was conducted with negative results. At 1740H one Marine from F Company stepped on a punji trap at vic AT 999546; Marine was med-evacuated to C-Med at DA NANG at 1830H. At 1850H med-evac helo received enemy fire from vic BT 024579; helo returned fire with M-60 machine gun. Two tanks with H/3/A

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were dispatched to suspected area. Two structures suspected of harboring sniper (vic BT 024579) destroyed by 90mm cannon fire. Med-evacs from F and H Companies successfully evacuated from respective areas at 1830H. At 1800H F Company located 1 M6A1-tomato can mine at AT 998546; mine was armed with 3 prongs sitting above the ground and was covered with "C" Ration cans, stacked "TEE PEE" style. Engineers disarmed mine and F Company will retain it for forwarding to Bn S-2. At 1805H HES Company wire team returning to Bn CP from checking land line to and from HA DONG Bridge (AT 991642) received 1 round of sniper fire from an unknown direction; a visual reconnaissance of the area produced negative results. At 2210H G Company heard noises at vic AT 999561 and dispatched a squad to investigate. G/2/A sighted a squad of VC, called in 81mm illumination and assaulted the VC with semi and automatic fire. VC retreated into dense tree line. G/2/A swept area with negative results; due to dense foliage bodies may be hidden.

(18) 18 August - At 0005H G/2/A patrol at AT 999561 sighted an estimated VC squad at same coordinates; patrol took VC under fire with small arms and called in 60mm and 81mm mortar rounds of illumination. VC broke contact and retreated into densely wooded area; area was searched with negative results. At 0615H G/3 began sweep of area (vic AT 999561) and discovered 2 pools of blood and many trails of blood through elephant grass through the tree line; the patrol swept the tree line and found more blood trails, but no bodies. Between the hours 0920H and 1050H H Company patrols located and exposed caches of rice (approx 500 to 600 lbs) vic BT 028532 and received mortar and small arms fire from 7 different positions around cache site; fire was returned with 7 rounds of 81mm mortar fire, automatic and semi-automatic fire at the vicinity of suspected VC. The patrol searched the area with negative results. H/2/A was dispatched to Route #14 to check population and found several houses with abandoned clothes and 5-50 lbs bags of rice in vic BT 035582. H/1/A patrol received heavy semi and automatic fire from a few houses vic BT 035582. Fire was returned with heavy volume of small arms fire and M-79 rounds; two structures were ignited by M-79 rounds. A more thorough search was conducted of the abandoned hamlets in the vic BT 030580 with negative results. At 1430H H Company at BT 035582 located documents, and a cache of rice; maps and documents will be forwarded to S-2 at first opportunity. At 1700H H/2/A and ARVN troops sent to investigate rice caches at BT 0305081 encountered sniper fire while searching area. H/2/A and ARVN forces with 2 OMTOS returned fire with automatic fire and 4 106mm RR rounds; an abandoned hut was burned by 106mm rounds and no further contact was encountered. Search of the area was conducted with negative results. ARVN stated rice appeared to belong to PF's and returned to their CP without taking further action. At 1505H F/2/A patrol at AT 992627 received 8-10 sniper rounds from a house in vic AT 992628; patrol returned fire with small arms and M-79 rounds; swept area with negative results. Between

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the hours of 2050H and 2107H H/1/A patrol received two rounds of sniper fire from vicinity BT 025579; returned fire and returned to CP vicinity BT 025575. H/1/A again departed friendly lines by an alternate patrol route and received automatic fire from the vicinity BT 024573. H/1/A called and adjusted 5 rounds of 60mm mortar fire on suspected enemy position; results unknown-- due to darkness. A sweep of the area at first light had negative results. H/3/A fire team LP observed squad size unit moving along treeline at BT 027580 and opened fire with 20 rounds automatic fire, then returned to CP.

(19) 19 August - At 0010H three rounds M-79 were fired by H/1 at continued digging noises vicinity BT 027578; noises ceased. At 0030H digging noises continued. H Company continued harassment of area with M-79 and 60mm mortar fire throughout the night. At 0130H noises ceased. At 0950H F/3/A patrol moved in a southwest direction toward suspected enemy position at AT 993626 from which sniper fire was received earlier; one Marine stepped on a punji trap at AT 994663 and was med-evaced at 1150H. At 0956H E/2/B at BT 015625 received an undetermined number of rounds of sniper fire from vicinity BT 017623; a fire team was dispatched to search out the area with negative results. At 1010H F Company at AT 999546 received 3 rounds of sniper fire; returned fire with 100- .50 Cal, 1-105mm and 100 rounds small arms. Sniper fire hit LVT radiator; LVT commenced movement to better position to return sniper fire and broke a track. At 1030H E/2/A found 2 satchel charges with 2 feet of trip wire across trail. EOD personnel blew charges in place. At 1050H H/1/A ambush patrol at BT 018582 received 30 to 40 rounds of sniper fire from an estimated 2 snipers from vicinity BT 016583. Patrol returned fire with 150 rounds of small arms fire and 2 rounds of M-79. Harassing sniper fire ceased and patrol continued to ambush site. At 1310H Bn CP (BT 015627) received 3-4 sniper rounds throughout the CP area; diverted E/2/A patrol toward suspected enemy position in vicinity BT 010625; patrol sighted one man heading toward treeline at BT 011619. A search of the area was conducted and located 1 bunker with tunnel entrance; a smoke grenade was thrown into the entrance with negative results. At 1440H a column of two OTTER's conducting a resupply of F and G Companies with security had lead vehicle strike mine at AT 989578. Track on right side of vehicle blown off; vehicle seriously damaged and 4 Marine WIA's resulted. One OTTER and security team continued on mission of resupply to Golf Company CP. Recovery operations of damaged OTTER to commence at first light 20 August 1966.

(20) 20 August - At 0713H E Company was directed to execute Op O 216-66 with 1 platoon (E/3). At 0730H G Company commenced sweep as directed by FRAG ORDER; at 0800H G Company reported to be in vicinity AT 983577 and was instructed to hold at that position until further notice. At 0817H G Company was instructed to take up security positions along Route # 14 and hold that position. At 0930H 2 LVT's moving east on Route # 14

received sniper fire from vic BT 043572. Fire was returned; one VC running from hut was seen to fall; area was swept and traces of blood found. At 1005H H/3 at BT 011584 received 5 to 10 well-placed sniper rounds from across the river vic BT 013582 resulting in 2 U.S. WIA; fire was returned with small arms, M-72 and M-79's. Patrol continued original assigned mission. Med-evac completed at 1125H. At 1145H G/2 discovered a hole in the road vicinity AT 997577; it is believed hole was caused by a mine due to the fact that pieces of flesh and bone were found in area. From appearance of area it was determined that casualty was either a civilian or VC who was planting a mine in the road. At 1220H F/2 at AT 989642 received sniper fire from vicinity of GS AT 9964; F/2 did not return fire due to unknown position of sniper. At 1300H H/3 at BT 018591 received light sniper fire from vicinity BT 019589. Unit returned fire with 4-60mm mortar rounds; sniper fire ceased. Area was swept with negative results. At 1500H H/3 received heavy small arms fire from 7 structures vicinity BT 021385. Small arms fire and 18 rounds of 81mm mortars were returned; sniper fire ceased. Area was swept with negative results. At 1610H vicinity AT 990586 as G/2 patrol was advancing on search and destroy mission, a mine (suspected to be a 105mm round with pressure-type firing device) was detonated resulting in 5 U.S. WIA's (one subsequently DO). All were med-evaced at 1730H.

(21) 21 August - At 0730H H/3 at BT 025538 received light sniper fire from vic BT 023583; small arms and M-79's fire was returned; sniper fire ceased and patrol continued its mission. At 0900H H/1 with CP group located 1 M-26 grenade without fuze at BT 025577 and blew it in place. At 1000 H/1 patrol received fire from vic BT 025583 from 5 buildings located at BT 028583. Returned small arms fire and grenades and a man was seen running away into the tree line. Area was searched with negative results. At 1045H wire team received 5 rounds of sniper fire from vic BT 003634. ONTOS returned fire and probably wounded 1 VC. At 1100H F/2 patrol vic AT 995637 fired at a sniper who was shooting at 2 ONTOS at BT 004635. The patrol continued after the sniper broke contact. At 1120H a squad from H/1 at BT 025580 received 7-8 rounds sniper fire from vic BT 027582. Small arms fire was returned and sniper fire ceased. M-1 ball ammunition was found at sniper's position upon search. At 1340H F/2 patrol in the vic AT 995624 observed 2 VC with weapons at AT 993628. VC were taken under small arms fire and fled. During the engagement a member of the patrol tripped a grenade-type mine which detonated and caused 2 WIA's; one was evacuated. At 1600H communication wire section discovered 3 mines in the vic BT 009635. Mines were rendered safe. They consisted of one M-26 grenade (lying on spoon, with pin pulled, under a piece of cardboard) and 2 VC anti-personnel mines rigged with trip wires. During the period 0850-1915H E/1 patrol received several sniper rounds from vic

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BT 012615. No fire was returned since sniper's position could not be determined exactly. They swept the apparent location and received fire from the right flank (in the vic BT 012613) and also from rear (in the vic BT 015618). An 81mm mortar mission was called and small arms fire was returned. Area was swept and several VC were observed running into distant tree line; one was armed with a rifle. One document was found and returned to S-2.

(22) 22 August - At 0130H H/3/A in LP (vic BT 029979) observed 6 persons and area was illuminated. Surveillance of the area was continued throughout the night. At 0720H H&C Company mine sweeping detail on Anderson Trail discovered 1 block type mine with 50 to 60 pounds of TNT in the vic BT 031641. Mine was blown in place. At 0730H H/3 received sniper fire from vic BT 023583. Small arms and M-79 rounds were returned. Sniper fire ceased and patrol continued its mission. At 0940H H/1 (BT 022585) received semi-automatic fire from an estimated 2-3 VC in the vic BT 019856. Fire was returned with 150-200 small arms 5 rounds of 81mm mortar. Results of contact; 2 U.S. MIA which were med-evacuated; 1 VC KIA (confirmed) and 1 VC KIA (probable). At 1100H E/2 at BT 017623 received 1 sniper round from vic BT 016624; fire was returned with 75 rounds of 7.62 and 25.30 Cal. Area was swept with no active results. At 1100H G Company captured 1 VCC at AT 983552 who disclosed the location of 14 VC and weapon cache at vic AT 990550. G Company plus 2 tanks swept area with negative results and VCC was evacuated by helo to ITT. At 1107H H/1 patrol at BT 026592 received heavy sniper fire from vic BT 029530; small arms and M-79 rounds were fired in return. Sniper fire ceased and patrol continued its mission. Between the hours 1430H and 1505H H Company CP (BT 024576) received sniper fire from BT 028578 and BT 027580. No fire was returned because sniper exact position could not be determined. At 1530H a squad size patrol from E Company at BT 030621 located a nylon fishing line stretched across the trail. Line was traced with negative results and patrol continued its mission. At 1525H E/2 at BT 019607 received approximately 25 rounds of sniper fire from the east across the river. Fire was returned with 70 rounds of small arms. However, movement to the area was impossible due to river barrier. At 1530H E/2 at BT 019607 received 15-20 rounds sniper fire from vic BT 014607. Fire was returned with 2 106mm RR rounds, 4 81mm mortar rounds and 100 rounds of small arms. However, movement to the area was impossible due to river barrier. At 1720H two Marines from E/2 at BT 017618 stepped on punji stakes while returning to CP. Medical aid was given and injured men walked back to CP.

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(23) 23 August - At 0940H G/2/A activated a M16A1 mine vicinity AT 982568. As corpsman was administering first aid to the wounded, one wounded Marine detonated a second M16A1 mine; results were 2 KIA and 11 WIA. At 0950H H/3 patrol at BT 039685 received light sniper fire from vicinity BT 039585; patrol returned fire and VC broke contact in unknown direction. Area was swept and a blood trail was found. Several young Vietnamese men were noted lounging within the swept area; ID cards were checked and none were on the black list. At 1100H H/1 located 1 VC grenade with an electrical cord running from it (vicinity BT 014577) into a nearby rice paddy; grenade was destroyed in place and patrol continued. At 1100H one corpsman with E/3 at BT 034624 detonated a mine consisting of one 7.62mm tracer round; round went through his foot and the individual was helo/med-evaced. At 1130H H/1 patrol apprehended one Vietnamese male in hut (vic BT 013578) with an empty demolition bag; VCS was turned over to District Headquarters. At 1250H Hotel Company CP (BT 125573) received heavy semi and automatic weapons fire from vicinity BT 025575. Area was swept and two tunnels were closed with grenades. One VC was observed fleeing into the tree line (vic BT 028579) and was fired upon by patrol; VC appeared to stagger before disappearing into tree line. At 1558H Hotel Company CP received sniper fire from vicinity BT 025579; VC broke contact into tree line two of the VC were females. Area was swept with negative results. At 1600H a resupply column of OTTERS returning from Hotel Company struck a mine estimated to be 40-60 lbs TNT. One OTTER was almost completely destroyed and 5 WIA's resulted. Four Marines were med-evaced and 1 returned to BAS. At 2120H Tanks attached to Golf Company at AT 977567 forced a boat ashore on opposite bank by fire. Subsequent M-79 fire resulted in a large secondary explosion (2 VC KIA probable). At 2120H Golf Company CP (AT 982563) observed activity in the tree line at AT 985564. Area was illuminated and 3 VC were sighted. Small arms and .50 Cal fire were employed resulting in three secondary explosions (3 VC KIA probable).

(24) 24 August - During the hours of 232000H and 240035H H&S Company manning the CP perimeter observed 1 VC in the vicinity BT 009630 by means of infra-red sniperscope. VC was taken under fire and seen to fall. A reinforced squad size patrol was dispatched with a sniperscope to locate the body. At this time more images were observed in the tree line in the same vicinity carrying what appeared to be a body. They were taken under fire with small arms and M-79 rounds. Area was searched at first light and only footprints were found. At 0845H H&S security patrol in vicinity BT 028635 received one sniper round from vicinity BT 024634. Fire was not returned

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due to the presence of civilians in the area: however, area was searched with negative results. At 1017H G Company completed sweep of area of contact the night before (vic BT 982563) and located three holes with dried blood. At 1440H F/2 patrol at AT 999625 received automatic fire from an undetermined number of VC from vicinity AT 995628. Fire was returned with small arms and area was swept with negative results. Contact results: 4 non med-evac WIA's. At 2035H Golf Company CP (AT 982564) received 2 rounds of sniper fire from vicinity AT 980568. Fire was not returned since the sniper's exact location was not known.

(25) 25 August - At 1010H one member of H/3 activated a VC grenade-mine at BT 037594 resulting in 1 U.S. WIA. H/3 -- began receiving light sniper fire from vicinity BT 037594 while awaiting the arrival of med-evac helo; patrol returned fire with small arms and 81mm mortars and the VC broke contact in an unknown direction. A search of the area was conducted with negative results and the med-evac was completed without further incidents. At 1040H E/2/A patrol at BT 023623 received 15-20 rounds of sniper fire from vicinity BT 022618; fire was returned with semi and automatic weapons fire. VC broke contact in an unknown direction and area was swept with negative results. At 1110H H/3 at BT 025594 received heavy small arms fire from the vicinity BT 030594 and BT 030596 resulting in 1 U.S. WIA. 81mm mortar mission was called and the area was swept with negative results. At 1240H F/2 patrol at AT 998629 received sniper fire from the vicinity AT 993624. Small arms fire was returned and sniper fire ceased. Area was swept with negative results. At 1315H 2/1 CP (BT 015628) received 10 rounds of sniper fire from an unknown direction; fire was not returned since the sniper's position was not known. At 1315H E/1/A patrol at BT 029621 received automatic weapons fire from vicinity BT 029619 resulting in 1 U.S. WIA. Small arms fire was returned and the area was swept with negative results. At 1715H 81mm mortar section in the Bn CP at BT 015628 received small arms fire from the southeast vicinity BT 025625; all units were alerted.

(26) 26 August - At 1115H F/3/A patrol observed 2 VC at BT 007623; VC were taken under fire with small arms and area was searched. Blood was found throughout the area. Results: 1 VC KIA (probable). At 1220H F/1/A patrol at BT 012615 moving southwest, tripped a booby trap of an unknown nature resulting in 1 U.S. WIA (non med-evac). At 1245H E/1 patrol received semi and automatic weapons fire from an unknown number of VC in the vicinity BT 018616; fire was returned with all organic weapons and VC broke contact in an unknown direction: area was swept with negative results. At 1455H E/1 patrol received approximately 200 rounds of automatic weapons fire from an unknown number of VC from the vicinity BT 014614 resulting in 1 U.S. WIA; fire was returned with all organic weapons and VC broke contact. At 1625H E/1 patrol found 1 M16A1 "Tomato Can" mine at BT 010619; mine was rendered inactive and returned to Bn CP.

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(27) 27 August - At 1030H H/3 patrol in an LVT crossing the river at BT 015559 sighted 6 sampans at BT 015556; 10 VC were sighted jumping into river after discarding equipment into the river. VC were taken under fire with small arms and sampans were sunk after a thorough search was conducted; results of contact 1 VC WIA (probable). At 1130H Echo Company located at BT 000611 received approximately 140 rounds of machine gun fire from vicinity AT 999619; fire was returned with small arms and 81mm mortar fire mission. Area was swept with negative results. At 1320H a tank meeting Golf Company's resupply convoy struck a mine at AT 984584 resulting in 5 U.S. WIA's and destroyed the tank tread; mine was estimated to contain 60 lbs of explosives. At 1420H Echo Company at BT 000611 received semi and automatic weapons fire from vicinity AT 999608; fire was returned with small arms and 81mm mortar fire. Area was swept with negative results.

(28) 28 August - At 0930H E/3 moving at coordinates BT 024626 received 30 rounds of automatic fire from BT 028625; fire was returned with 20 M-79 rounds and heavy volume of small arms fire. Area was swept and patrol apprehended a 50 year old Vietnamese woman who had no ID card. Suspect was turned over to CIT. At 1400H H/3 patrol at BT 046557 received 10 rounds of small arms fire from BT 014253. Patrol returned fire with 60mm mortar, M-72 and M-60 machine gun fire. Results unknown. At 1630H H Company CP (BT 042581) received 6 rounds sniper fire from vicinity BT 042581; fire was returned with small arms and 60mm mortars. Area was searched with negative results.

(29) 29 August - At 0014H G Company CP lines (AT 983566) observed 2 VC in front of perimeter lines; 4 rounds of M-79 were fired and 1 VC was seen to fall; the other ran into the tree line. A search of the area was conducted at first light with negative results. Contact results: 1-VE WIA (probable). At 0700H H/3 (BT 046561) requested a med-evac for 1 Vietnamese female who was shot by the local VC at vicinity BT 045567; Vietnamese was med-evac at 0735H. At 0900H E/1 at BT 020626 was fired upon by automatic weapons from vicinity BT 029620. Fire was returned with 8 M-79 rounds, a heavy volume of machine gun fire and an 81mm mortar mission was called. A sweep of the area was conducted with negative results. Between the hours of 0930H-1115H E/1 moving south received heavy automatic and small arms fire at BT 030619 from vicinity BT 028619. Patrol called for 81mm mortars in addition to all organic weapons. Swept VC position and continued receiving heavy automatic fire from across the river vicinity BT 030617. 81mm mortar and artillery missions were called on the area. Due to extraction of wounded and obstacle of the river, results were unknown. At 1000H F/1 at BT 013612 received 8-10 rounds of small arms fire from 3 VC in the vicinity BT 013609; fire was returned with small arms, M-60 and 4 M-79 rounds. Area was swept with negative results. At 1010H H/3 at BT 046556 received sniper fire from estimated 4-5 VC from vicinity BT 043556. An 81mm mortar fire mission was called and fire was returned with small arms fire. Results are unknown due to sniper being across the SONG DIEN

River. At 1100H as the resupply convoy to Golf Company was passing AT 992578 a mine exploded after the 4th truck. It was believed to contain 25 pounds of explosive and to have been detonated electrically. Area was swept and no trace of wire was located. No damage occurred to truck or personnel. At 1310H F/1 at BT 003610 was fired upon by .50 Cal and small arms fire from vicinity BT 003609. Fire was returned with 4 M-79 rounds and 25 7.62mm rounds. Med-evac was called for 2 U.S. WIA. Upon completion of med-evac patrol continued mission. At 1425H Foxtrot Company reported a recon helo at BT 003609 received approximately 25 rounds small arms fire: helo surveyed area with negative results. At 1500H H/3 at (BT 046561) received 2 rounds of sniper fire at resupply helo from vicinity BT 043556. No fire was returned due to lack of firm target. Resupply was completed without further incident.

(30) 30 August - At 0715H F/2 patrol moving in vicinity AT 998637 had one member of patrol step on punji stake. Man was med-evac'd and patrol continued on its assigned mission. At 0840H road security for Anderson Trail received several rounds of sniper fire from BT 032642; fire was not returned due to unknown position of sniper. Area is under close surveillance. At 1500H Echo Company patrol in vicinity BT 030620 received auto and semi-automatic fire from BT 030617; fire was returned with approximately 100 rounds of small arms and 10 60mm mortar rounds; an 81mm mortar fire mission was called and at end of mission area was swept with negative results. At 1700H 2/1 received information from 9th Marines that uniformed VC moving in groups of 2 or 3 were seen carrying packs and weapons in vicinity of AT 995615. It was noted that all groups were heading in a northeast direction. Fire mission for 9th Marines, who could observe the VC, was cleared by 2/1; mission was never fired. Additional reports stated group of 100 VC in vicinity AT 995625. At 1805H 2/1 took over fire mission and fired artillery and 81mm mortars against VC position. Artillery and 81's expended 41 105mm rounds, 12 155mm rounds, and 84 81mm rounds on target and it was reported by 9th Marines that rounds had good effect on target at last observed position of VC. F/2 reported after barrage had ceased that 20 Vietnamese people were seen moving from smoking hamlet at coordinates BT 008639 to hamlet at coordinates BT 001635. Due to darkness and scattering of VC units, no friendly units were dispatched to check area, but all 2/1 units were alerted. At 2235H Echo Company reported 2 VC had approached to within 25 meters of their patrol base perimeter at BT 038632. Fire was returned with 30 rounds of M-14 rifle fire and both VC's were observed to fall; area was searched at first light with negative results.

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(31) 31 August - At 0030H Echo Company at BT 038632 observed 1 VC moving across rice paddy dike 200 meters in front of friendly lines; fire was directed at VC with 3 M-79 rounds. Results believed to be negative but area will be checked at first light. At 1100H H/1/A received sniper fire from vicinity BT 027589; fire was returned with small arms and 4 M-79 rounds. Sniper fire ceased and patrol continued assigned mission. At 1718H F/2 reported 10 Vietnamese people working in field across railroad tracks at AT 993635. Since F/2 had not observed these people at this location at that particular hour before and in that immediate area numerous punji traps had been found, Bn CP instructed F/2 to dispatch a unit to advance on and observe people. Bn CP had 81's prepare fire mission to cover area of suspicious activity if investigating unit came under fire. Patrol noticed movement in treeline and 3 M-79 rounds were fired and minor injury to one Vietnamese person resulted. F/2 corpsman treated person as unit conducted a thorough search of area. Although nothing suspicious was uncovered the area remained under close surveillance throughout the night. At 2020H H/3 on advice from PF platoon commander at their position (vic BT 046560) requested artillery mission on suspected VC platoon at BT 042553. The mission was fired and it was reported that the 38 105mm howitzer rounds had excellent coverage of target but due to target being on south side of SONG KY LAM River, area was not searched for effect of concentration.

10. Training. On the job training in billet MOS's continued to receive the major emphasis during this reporting period. In addition, the battalion embarked on a concerted effort to send all personnel to the Land Mine Warfare School conducted by 3rd Engr Bn; at the present time 75 men a week are completing the 2-day school. All newly joined personnel also undergo a three-day orientation program to acquaint them with life in the field, Vietnamese customs, etc., in addition to affording them the opportunity to "FAM fire" their assigned weapon.

11. PF/RF Liaison and Training.

a. On 20 Aug 1966 liaison was made with RF Company stationed at BT 443620. One rifle squad reinforced with a corpsman, S-2 scout, and interpreter was stationed with RF unit to provide the necessary liaison and to assist the unit in its training. In addition to its military oriented activities, the squad has been conducting a very successful MED CAP program.

b. Each rifle company has been assigned an area of responsibility encompassing one or more villages. A close working relationship has been developed between the Company Commanders and the village chiefs. The Marine units are working with local RA/PF's in the conduct of their operation and training. Additionally, the Marines are conducting a rather small scale, but very successful Civic Action program within these villages. At the present time this program has been in effect only a few days; however, considerable progress has already been made and there is every reason to believe that we should enjoy continued success.

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SECTION V

LOGISITCS

1. Supply. With the battalion's move from PHU-BRI to the DA NANG area, the source of supply changed from FLSU # 2 to FLSG-A. No problems in resupply were encountered.

2. Maintenance. Ninety-one Tactical Equipment Repair Orders were submitted to FLSG-A during the month and forty-seven were completed. The following is a breakdown by section of the work orders submitted and completed:

	<u>Submitted</u>	<u>Completed</u>
Motor Transport	11	0
Ordnance	51	33
Communications	17	4
Supply	12	10

3. Food Services. Food services personnel and facilities encountered no difficulties during the reporting period. The battalion is currently receiving two A ration meals and one B ration meal daily. Fresh salad is available one meal a day.

4. Cantonment and Camp Facilities Development. Fifty-four tropical huts are presently being utilized in addition to 48 GP tents. A request has been submitted to the Division Engineer for construction of 35 additional tropical huts to replace much of the GP tentage. When this has been completed, the camp will be in good posture to face the coming monsoon rains.

5. Transportation and Roads. Roads between DA NANG and the battalion field CP are in satisfactory condition at present. However, the dirt road leading from Highway # 1 to the battalion CP (a distance of approximately 1 1/2 miles) will become impassable during the monsoon rains. A road repair request has been submitted to the Division Engineer to correct this situation.

6. Fiscal. During the month of August, the battalion obligated \$49,352.25 for stock fund account items.

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

8. Motor Transport. Preventative maintenance is being performed on a continuing basis. Presently, five M274's are deadlined for 3rd echelon repair at FLSG-A.

9. Embarkation. The battalion embarkation posture remains satisfactory. No embarkation or debarkation occurred during this period.

10. Hospitalization and Evacuation. There were 38 cases of Malaria diagnosed during the month of August. The battalion incurred 57 combat casualties and 7 KIA's during this time and 697 Marines were treated at the BAS. The Civil Affairs medical support section treated 3,545 local Vietnamese civilians. An improvement in sanitation has been made in the Battalion CP with the enlargement of drainage pits, a grease pit, and repairs to screening.

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COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

1. General. During the month of August, the major efforts of the battalion communications platoon were devoted to inventory and preventative maintenance programs following Operation HASTINGS; preparation and movement from PHU-BAI to DA NANG; and the establishment of the new command post at DA NANG.
2. Radio. On 11 August this organization received its new AN/PRC-25 FM family radio which replaced the AN/PRC-10's, AN/PRC-6's and AN/PRC-38. These new radios were immediately inventoried, operationally checked, and issued to the rifle companies.
3. Wire. No major difficulties were encountered as this organization assumed an existing wire system from 2nd Bn, 9th Marines. It has been noted, however, that we are experiencing more wire cutting incidents now than were experienced in the PHU BAI TAOR.
4. Message Center. No difficulties were encountered in the message center operations.
5. Supply and Maintenance Support. With the introduction of the new FM family radios there should be no difficulties in this area in the foreseeable future.

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SECTION VII

FIRE SUPPORT COORDINATION

1. Artillery Liaison Officer:

1-20 August 1966 2ndLt J. ROACH, USMC
20-31 August 1966 2ndLt J.E. FLANAGAN, USMC

2. Significant Events.

a. During the period the battalion was at GIA LE, 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines provided artillery support from the PHU-BAI Combat Base. Organic 81mm mortars fired a total of 15 rounds of illumination on 3 missions during this period.

b. After the battalion displaced to its present position south of DA NANG, 1st Battalion, 11th Marines and "L" Battery 4th Battalion, 12th Marines provided artillery support. Artillery fired 157 rounds on 15 observed and unobserved missions. During the same period organic 81mm mortars fired 445 rounds on 27 missions. The battalion averaged 55 artillery and mortar M&I's per night.

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SECTION VIII

AIR SUPPORT

I. Detailed summary of Air Operations during the period:

- 6 August - Used 2 H-34's to evacuate 1 VCS
- 7 August - Used 2 H-34's med-evac 1 U.S. (heat cas), pickup at G/1 patrol (YD 795117).
- 13 August - Used 2 H-34's for med-evac of 2 US WIA and 2 U.S. Ill-pick up LZ CRA'DAD. Used 2 H-34's to med-evac 1 U.S. Ill-pickup at G CP (AT 989583).
- 16 August - Used 2 H-34's to med-evac 1 U.S. WIA (H CP (BT 045558).
- 17 August - Used 2 H-34's to med-evac 2 U.S. WIA. 1 WIA at Hotel Company (BT 026575), 1 U.S. WIA at F Company (AT 999596); 2 H-34's for Aerial Recon for C.O. 2/1, F Co C.O. and G Co C.O.; 2 H-34's to resupply G Company (AT 982568) and F Company (BT 048550).
- 18 August - Used 2 H-34's to resupply G Company (AT 982563) and F Company (AT 997548); 2 H-34's to resupply F Company (AT 997548).
- 19 August - Used 2 H-34's to resupply F Company (AT 999547) and G Company (AT 982563); 2 H-34's to med-evac 2 U.S. WIA (AT 989578).
- 20 August - Used 2 H-34's to med evac 1 VN Civ (BT 012568); 2 H-34's to med evac 1 U.S. WIA (BT 013584); 2 H-34's to med evac 4 U.S. WIA and U.S. KIA (AT 990583).
- 21 August - Used 1 L-19 to support F Company (AT 990590); 2 H-34's to med evac 2 U.S. WIA at F Company; 2 H-34's to med evac 2 U.S. WIA from LZ CRA'DAD.
- 22 August - Used 1 L-19 A/O for Company H Artillery Spot (BT 0329); 2 H-34's to med evac 1 U.S. WIA from H Company (BT 022585).
- 23 August - Used 2 H-34's to med evac 5 U.S. WIA from G Company (BT 231020); 2 H-34's to med evac 1 U.S. WIA from E/3; 2 H-34's to med evac 2 U.S. WIA from G Company; 2 H-34's to med evac 2 U.S. KIA from G Company; 2 H-34's to med evac 5 U.S. WIA from H Company.

- 24 August - Used 1 H-34; 1 HU1E to med evac 3 U.S. Ill (BT 044637); 2 H-34's to med evac 1 U.S. WIA from E Company (BT 054626); 2 H-34's to resupply G Company (AT 982564)
- 25 August - Used 1 H-34, 1 HU1E to med evac 1 U.S. WIA from H/3 position (BT 028594); 1 H-34, 1 HU1E to med evac 1 U.S. WIA from H/3 position (BT 025594); 2 H-34's to resupply G Company (AT 982564); 2 H-34's to med evac 1 U.S. WIA E Company (BT 029621); 2 H-34's to med evac 1 U.S. WIA F Company (BT 002628); 2 H-34's to med evac 1 U.S. WIA F/2 position (AT 990641).
- 26 August - Used 2 H-34's for aerial recon for E Co C.O.
- 27 August - Used 2 H-34's to med evac 4 U.S. WIA G Company (AT 984584); 1 H-34, 1 HU1E to med evac 1 RVN Civ from E/L position (BT 043620).
- 29 August - Used 2 H-34's to med evac 1 VN Civ from H/3 position (BT 046561); 2 H-34's to med evac 2 U.S. WIA E/L position; 2 H-34's for aerial recon for F Co C.O.; 2 H-34's to med evac 2 U.S. WIA from F/1 position (BT 003612); 2 H-34's to med evac 1 VN Civ from E/L (BT 043620).
- 30 August - Used 2 H-34's to med evac 1 U.S. WIA from F/2 position (AT 994645); 1 L-19 to recon BT 000612 reported troops; 2 H-34's to med evac 1 U.S. Ill (BT 045613); 1 L-19 to recon GS's AT 9961 and AT 9962 reported troops; 2 H-34's to med evac 1 U.S. Ill from E/L position (BT 045613).

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SECTION IX
MEDICAL/DENTAL AFFAIRS

1. Medical Officer - Lt Allan S. PIRNIOUE, MC USNR.
2. Hospital Corpsmen - 53
 - E-7 3
 - E-6 7
 - E-5 9
 - E-4 24
 - E-3 10
3. Significant Events: Participated in Operation SWANNEE (See After Action Report (Tab C to Appendix 2)).
4. Medical Trends: 57 cases of diarrhea were treated during the month and 38 cases were diagnosed as Malaria.
5. Number of Combat Casualties Treated: Fifty-seven Marines were treated for combat injuries:
 - a. KIA - 7
 - b. WIA - 57
6. Number of Non-Battle Patients Treated: 697 men were treated at the Battalion Aid Station.
7. Preventative Medicine and Sanitation: Overall, sanitation is considered to be very good. Rodent control measures are now in progress. Considerable improvement has been noted in the entire messing area, particularly, in drainage pits, interior cleanliness, the construction of a grease pit, repair of screening and additional containers for cleaning gear.
8. Civil Affairs Medical Support:
 - a. Number of persons treated: 3,545
 - b. Amount, by type, of medicine dispensed is as follows:
 - 10 bt Calamine Lotion, phenolated
 - 11 Tubes, Hydrocortisone oint, 1%
 - 12 Jars Nitrofurazone oint.
 - 3,500 ck soap
 - 6 bt Aspirin tabs 1000's
 - 10 bt APC tabs 1000's
 - 1 bt Chlorpheniramine syrup 1 gal.
 - 60 tubes Oxytetracycline ophthalmic oint

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10 cans Diarrhea Tablets, 1000's
4 Btls Sulfasuxazole tabs, 1000's
2 Btl Erythromycin tablets, 4 gr.
19 Btl Oxytetracycline oral suspension
22 Rolls adhesive plaster
2 box Band-aids 100's
50 Btl Procaine Pen. 1,500,000 u
12 Pts piprazine syrup
6 Btl tetracycline tablets 100's
1 Lb cotton purified
4 Box Tongue Depressors, wood
10 Box Water for injection

9. Problem Areas: None

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SECTION X

CIVIL AFFAIRS ACTIVITIES

1. Significant Activities. Civil Affairs Activities have been largely limited to medical aid given to the Vietnamese civilians. Since 14 August, the Battalion's Corpsmen have treated 2,374 people.

2. Material Distributed. Through the daily MedCap, 2/1 has distributed approximately 1,000 bars of soap in addition to the medicine mentioned in Section IX, Medical/Dental Affairs.

3. Special Civil Affairs Projects. At this time, 2/1 has not completed any special projects. However, there have been discussions with the District Chief concerning the construction of a school in the village of VINH HA. The District Chief has also expressed hope that 2/1 can supply tin for the roof and lumber for desks in order to complete a school in the hamlet of PHONG NGU (1).

4. Apparent Results. The most readily apparent result of 2/1's Civil Affairs Program is the increase in the daily MedCap activities. The first five days during which the battalion was in this area, corpsmen treated an average of sixty-one people daily. At the present time, two hundred civilians are being treated every day. On 22 August, approximately seventy (70) families came to the Bn CP requesting permission to resettle in the area. They were given our approval, subject to the approval of the District Chief.

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TABULATION OF REFERENCES

1. MAPS: VIETNAM, 1,50,000, AMS L701, Sheets 6640 IV and 6658 I

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TABULATION OF DOCUMENTS

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Tab A	✓	Operations Journal 1-31 August 1966
B	✓	Operation Order 216-66
C	✓	After Action Report, Operation SWANNEE
D	✓	Operation Order 217-66
E	✓	Omitted
F	✓	Bn Order 4640.1 w/ch # 1
G	✓	Bn Order 8020.1
H	✓	Bn Bulletin 1540 w/ch # 1

* Tabs A - H are submitted with original copy only.


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From: 010001H August 1966
To: 012400H August 1966

FROM	TO	TIME	MESSAGES
E	S-3	0010	All secure.
E,F,G,H	S-3	0107	All secure.
E,F,G,H	S-3	0200	All secure.
E,F,G,H	S-3	0300	All secure.
E,F,G,H	S-3	0500	All secure.
H&S	S-3	0425	H&S lines report a trip flare set off in front of their lines. H&S lines fired the machine gun and threw 2 grenades, nothing else was observed.
E,F,G,H	S-3	0500	All secure.
2/1	TFD	0505	SITREP # 95 has been sent.
Bn TAC	S-3	0655	All daylight activities are in.
S-3	TFD	0830	2/1 units departing Operation HASTINGS.
S-3	TFD	1330	All 2/1 units at DONG HA Airfield.
S-3	TFD	1500	2/1 minus H Co departed DONG HA for GIA LE via convoy.
S-3	Regt	1835	2/1 (-) arrived GIA LE.
E	S-3	2155	E Co in position on lines and all communications working.
H&S	S-3	2200	All communication lines are in, except left side.
FSCC	S-3	2210	Request not to fire 4.2" M&I's because water is getting into tubes and are leary of short rounds.
FSCC	4.2"	2212	Request your people relay to 3/12, message of your request.
S-3	Comm	2230	Report that H&S and G Co lines are out.
Comm	S-3	2310	H&S comm lines back in service.
E,F,G,H	S-3	2400	All secure.

SYNOPSIS

1 August - At 0425H H&S lines reported a trip flare set off in front of the lines vicinity ID 186567. Fired machine gun and threw 2 grenades. Nothing further observed. At 0830H 1/3/12 and 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines commenced displacement by helicopter to DONG HA. The movement was completed at 1330H. At 1500H 2/1 less H Co departed DONG HA by Rough Rider for GIA LE; arrived base camp at GIA LE at 1835H. At 2155H E Co position providing security for 4.2" mortar and 155mm Howitzer Btry. 2/1 lines manned by F and H&S Companies.


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E,F,G,H	S-3	0100	All secure.
E,F,G,H	S-3	0200	All secure.
E,F,G,H	S-3	0300	All secure.
E,F,G,H	S-3	0400	All secure.
E,F,G,H	S-3	0500	All secure.
E,F,G,H	S-3	0600	All secure.
H	S-3	1230	H Co has arrived from DONG HA at 1230H.
M.T.	S-3	1855	5 vehicles are still checked out of the motor pool.
M.T.	S-3	2030	All vehicles returned except for E Co which will be out all night.
E,F,G,H	S-3	2100	All secure.
E,F,G,H	S-3	2200	All secure.
E,F,G,H	S-3	2300	All secure.
E,F,G,H	S-3	2400	All secure.

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SYNOPSIS

2 August - At 1230H H Co arrived from DONG HA via Rough Rider.
 G Co assumed responsibility for portion of lines by 1500H.
 There were 10 listening posts employed.


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E, F, G, H	S-3	0100	All secure.
E, F, G, H	S-3	0200	All secure.
E, F, G, H	S-3	0300	All secure.
E, F, G, H	S-3	0400	All secure.
E, F, G, H	S-3	0500	All secure.
E, F, G, H	S-3	0600	All secure.
Engr	S-3	0710	4 men from H Co plus Det, Engr's completed a sweep of the GIA IE Road to junction Highway #1 for mines with negative findings. Operation HASTING has terminated.
Regt	S-3	1200	
WELCH	S-3	1815	P.D. WELCH from 2/1 M.T. reported that PFC HURD from M.T. and Cpl CLINTON a mess cook are KIA's at A-Med. WELCH, GRAY, CHANDLER are remaining at A-Med tonight. HURD and CLINTON were proceeding north on Highway #1 when 2-3 VC fired on them in their vehicle. The vehicle ran off the road. 18 expended cartridges were found near culvert where VC fired at vehicle and passengers. The vehicle has been pulled out of the rice paddies and is now back at this position.
M.T.	S-3	1900	
E, F, G, H	S-3	1900	All secure.
E, F, G, H	S-3	2000	All secure.
E, F, G, H	S-3	2100	All secure.
E, F, G, H	S-3	2200	All secure.
E, F, G, H	S-3	2300	All secure.
E, F, G, H	S-3	2400	All secure.

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SYNOPSIS

3 August - At 0710H 4 men from H Co plus Det, Engr's completed a sweep of the GIA IE road to junction Highway #1 for mines; negative results. Daytime patrols had negative contact. At 1800H 2 men KIA by sniper fire while driving north along Highway #1. Casualties evacuated to A-Med and vehicle returned to 2/1 M.T. There were 7 squad patrols, 6 squad ambushes and 15 listening posts employed.


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E, F, G, H	S-3	0100	All secure.
E, F, G, H	S-3	0200	All secure.
E, F, G, H	S-3	0300	All secure.
E	S-3	0306	E Co lost contact with E/1/A patrol.
E, F, G, H	S-3	0400	All secure.
E, F, G, H	S-3	0500	All secure.
E, F, G, H	S-3	0600	All secure.
Regt 3	S-3	0640	Request to know the company the men were from that were involved in sniper/ambush incident that took place on 3 August 1966.
S-3	Regt	0700	Informed Regt that the men in the sniper/ambush were from H&S Co.
Engr	S-3	0720	Engr's have completed road sweep for mines.
	S-3	0730	All 2/1 patrols are in.
OP 225	S-3	1100	Info: OP 225 observed approximately 8 VC in black clothing moving in southeasterly direction. It is not known if they are armed.
Bn TAC	S-3	1420	C.O. departing the area for PHU BAI.
Bn TAC	S-3	1425	C.O. is at CAC-7.
Bn TAC	S-3	1615	C.O. is at CAC-8.
Bn TAC	S-3	1625	C.O. departed CAC-8 enroute to Bn C.P.
Bn TAC	S-3	1645	C.O. has arrived this CP.
	S-3	1700	Following artillery mission called by OP 225 on 25 suspected VC wearing black clothing in vicinity YD 814106, F Co tank/infantry patrol swept area with negative results.
E, F, G, H	S-3	1800	All secure.
E, F, G, H	S-3	1900	All secure.
E, F, G, H	S-3	2000	All secure.
E, F, G, H	S-3	2100	All secure.
E, F, G, H	S-3	2200	All secure.
E, F, G, H	S-3	2300	All secure.
E, F, G, H	S-3	2400	All secure.

SYNOPSIS:

4 August - 0712H 4 men from F Co plus Det. Engr's completed a sweep of the GIA LE road to junction Highway # 1 for mines. Negative results. At 1100H OP 225 reported approximately 8 VC in black clothing moving southeast, approximate location vicinity YD 814106. OP 225 called artillery mission. At 1330H F Co patrol dispatched to check area with negative results. There were 2 platoon and 8 squad patrols, 7 squad ambushes and 15 listening posts employed.

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E,F,G,H	S-3	0100	All secure.
E,F,G,H	S-3	0200	All secure.
E,F,G,H	S-3	0300	All secure.
E,F,G,H	S-3	0400	All secure.
E,F,G,H	S-3	0500	All secure.
E,F,G,H	S-3	0600	All secure.
S-3	Regt	0820	SPOT REPORT A - 2/1 B - 041700H C - YD 814106 D - Approximately 25 VC in black PJ's spotted by OP 225 at 041300H vic YD 814106. E - Arty mission called in. A reinforced squad from 2/1, with tan's swept area with negative results. F thru ? - Negative. C.G. departed Bn area.
Bn TAC	S-3	1000	
Regt-3	S-3	1000	Info: At YD 810114 OP 225 observed 5 VC constructing what looked like aiming stakes. They also might be part of a heavy wpns platoon which is reported to consist of 75mm guns, 57mm RR and 81mm mortars.
Arty	S-3	1100	Arty conducted FAM fire exercise at local range; finished firing at 1045H.
2/1	Regt	1150	Regt requested a fire mission cleared by 2/1; fire mission was cleared at YD 816117.
S-4	S-3	1355	Engineers are blowing holes near the road.
F	S-3	1430	F patrol checked area of suspected VC activity with negative results.
S-3	S-3	1700	Swimming detail has returned.
M.T.	S-3	1830	M.T. reports all vehicles in the compound except 2 106 mules on the lines and E Co mite at E Co area.
All units	S-3	2000	All secure.
All units	S-3	2100	All secure.
S-3	All	2100	Be advised, advance party is not leaving 8 August.
Arty	S-3	2105	Fired an illumination flare at suspected movement vic GS 8116.
All units	S-3	2200	All secure.
G	S-3	2230	G/2 patrol heard movement, fired illumination with negative results.
E,F,G,H	S-3	2300	All secure.
All units	S-3	2400	All secure.

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SYNOPSIS:

5 August - At 0715H 4 men from H Company plus Det. Engineers completed a sweep of the GIA IE road to junction Highway #1 for mines, with negative results. At 1000H OP 225 observed 5 VC constructing what appeared to be mortar airing stakes. At 1150H 4th Marines requested clearance to fire on subject VCS at YD 816117. At 1230H F Co patrol sent to sweep area of VCS with negative results. At 2105H artillery fired fired illumination at suspected movement vicinity CS YD 8116. At 2230H G/2 patrol heard movement and fired illumination with negative results. There were 3 platoon and 3 squad patrols, 7 squad ambushes and 17 listening posts employed.


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All units	S-3	0100	All secure.
All units	S-3	0200	All secure.
All units	S-3	0300	All secure.
All units	S-3	0400	All secure.
All units	S-3	0500	All secure.
All units	S-3	0600	All secure.
Engr	S-3	0710	4 men from E Co and Det. Engr's swept GIA IE road to junction Highway #1 with negative results.
M.T.	S-3	0920	PFC BOWERS from 2/1 M.T. proceeding to PHU BAI noticed 1 6x6 truck, 1 radio jeep and 1 jeep off road in vicinity of sniper incident on 3 Aug. The 6x6 truck was 5-6 feet off the road with the front end at a 45 degree angle in the grass facing northeast. When PFC BOWERS returned from PHU BAI the radio jeep was there with other jeep but 6x6 truck was gone. G/1 entered friendly lines.
G	S-3	1056	Engr's are going to blow a hole near the road.
Engr	S-3	1430	Ltd reported receiving fire on Highway #1.
FSOC	S-3	1700	G/2 patrol found 1 hand gr nade and will submit report.
G	S-3	1710	G/2 patrol reported a hand grenade found lying on its spoon in a tank trail at coordinates YD 790119. Patrol blew the grenade in place.
G	S-3	1722	SPOT REPORT A - G/2 patrol B - 061620H C - YD 790119 D - Found a VC grenade lying on its spoon in a tank trail at above coordinates. E - Patrol blew grenade in place. F - Negative.
G	S-3	1855	F/3 patrol departing CP.
F	S-3	1900	G/2/A patrol is now leaving PPB (YD 790117).
G	S-3	1930	G/2/B patrol is now leaving PPB.
G	S-3	1943	H/1/A patrol is now leaving CP, all secure.
H	S-3	1950	G/2/A patrol found trip wire just after leaving PPB. Have sent one man back for engineer to check it out, will advise.
G	S-3	1953	Patrol followed possible trip wire until the wire ran into heavy brush and could no longer be traced. Will search again in the morning. Continuing patrol on alternate route.
G	S-3	2020	SPOT REPORT A - 2/1 B - 061630H C - FR: YD 828178 En: YD 828182
S-3	Regt	2055	

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D - Several rounds of sniper fire from the rice paddy near 1/4 vehicle.
E - Personnel in the 1/4 vehicle stopped 2 2/1 vehicles to aid in search of the rice paddy for the sniper. One VCS, NGUWEN NGA was apprehended in the rice paddy. One of the 1/4 personnel tore the rice bundles apart and found one U.S. M-26 grenade in each bungle. The rice was not newly cut, had turned brown. VCS was brought into 2/1 CP with further disposition to CIT at PHU BAI.

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F-K - None.
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M - None.
N - 2 M-26 grenade (U.S. type)
O-Q - None.
G-2-A patrol at ambush site. (YD 786119)
All secure.
All secure.
H-1-A patrol at ambush #1 (YD 800155)
All secure.
F-3 patrol now at ambush #2 (YD 815116)
All secure.

G-2-A S-3 2100
F, H S-3 2100
All units S-3 2200
H S-3 2215
G, H, E S-3 2300
F-3 S-3 2320
E, 106's S-3 2350

SYNOPSIS

6 August. At 0715H 4 men from E Co plus Det. Engr's completed a sweep of the GIA LE road to junction Highway # 1 for mines; negative results. At 1620H G/2 patrol found a grenade at YD 790119 lying on spoon in a tank trail. Booby trap blown in place. At 1630H several rounds of sniper fire received by 1/4 from vicinity YD 828182. One VCS was apprehended; U.S. M-26 grenades were found in his possession. VCS turned over to CIT at PHU BAI. At 2020H G/2/A patrol found trip wire just after leaving patrol base vicinity YD 790116. Unable to trace out due to darkness; will do so at first light. There were 3 platoon and 8 squad patrols, 7 squad ambushes and 17 listening posts employed.

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FROM	TO	TIME	MESSAGE
F, G, H	S-3	0010	All secure.
All units	S-3	0100	All secure.
All units	S-3	0200	All secure.
All units	S-3	0300	All secure.
H	S-3	0345	All secure.
106's	S-3	0345	All secure.
G, H	S-3	0400	All secure.
G	S-3	0500	All secure.
G, H	S-3	0555	All secure.
G	S-3	0635	G/2 began tracing the trip wire found at 062020H, located at (YD 790116), will advise S-3.
G	S-3	0700	Aforementioned trip wire led to a VC mine located at (YD 700116). Engr are blowing the mine in place.
Engr	S-3	0718	Referring to 0630H. Sweep has started on road.
Engr 2/1	S-3 Regt	0815 0815	Road sweep completed. Negative results. SPOT REPORT
			A - 2/1
			B - 062029H - 070700H
			C - YD 790116
			D - At 062020H G patrol found a trip wire leading into thick brush but were unable to trace thru thick brush because of darkness. At 0700H patrol traced trip wire to a VC mine hooked to a bush at YD 790116.
			E - Mine was detonated in place by G/2 patrol.
			F - thru Q - Negative.
F	S-3	0940	F/2/A departing CP # 2.
G	S-3	1015	G/2 patrol at CP # 5 (YD 810548).
F	S-3	1030	F/2/A patrol at CP # 3 (YD 827112).
G	S-3	1030	G/2 patrol returned to CP.
F	S-3	1310	G/3 departed CP.
G	S-3	1325	G/3 patrol at CP # 1 (YD 810141).
G	S-3	1505	G/3 patrol at CP # 2 (YD 816125).
F	S-3	1535	F/2 patrol at CP # 2 (YD 834119).
F	S-3	1555	F/2 patrol at CP # 3 (YD 827112).
G	S-3	1605	G/3 patrol at CP # 3 (YD 810112).
F	S-3	1640	F/2 patrol at CP # 4 (YD 834123).
*G	S-3	1630	SPOT REPORT
			A - G/3 patrol
			B - 071630H

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			C - YD 810103
			D - G/3 patrol found 2 anti-tank mines.
			U.S. M-141 type.
			E - Engr Det blew mines in place.
			F thru Q - Negative
F/2	S-3	1655	F/2 patrol has returned to CP.
Regt	S-3	1750	20 people in black clothing spotted at vic YD 799109. G Co patrol notified and now checking area.
Regt-2	S-3	1750	20 people spotted at YD 790109, no weapons observed heading in southerly direction.
S-3	B MT	1830	Request to know if any vehicles are still out that may be connected to the beach party.
S-3	Tanks	1840	Tanks placed on standby to aid G/3 patrol receiving sniper fire from YD 790109.
G	S-3	1845	Golf patrol receiving sniper fire at YD 790112.
F	S-3	1900	F/3 has departed the CP at YD 811154.
Shore Party	S-3	1900	The beach party is still at the beach.
S-3	COC	1900	S-3 told them to remain at the beach.
	HUE		S-3 request that COC check for two vehicles that might be in their area and may have been involved in an accident.
Arty	S-3	1900	Referring to 1845H. 4.2" mission was called in on YD 790112.
G	S-3	1920	SPOT REPORT

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			A - G/3
			B - 071840H
			C - YD 790112
			D - G/3 set in PPB YD 798109 for approximately 3 minutes; at that time PFB received 2 rounds of sniper fire at the CP (carbine). Called in 4.2" mission at coordinates. Elements from G/3 sent in to sweep area with negative results; at this time the 40-overhead dropped red smoke in same general area as the sniper fire came from; then 4.2" was called in after red smoke; again element from G/3 will be sent into search area. Results will be forwarded when 4.2" mission is completed.
Arty	S-3	1938	4.2" mission called in at YD 790112 by Golf again.
G	S-3	2000	Negative results on second sweep.
F	S-3	2005	F/3 at CP PT YD 821137.
S-3	Regt	2053	Called SPOT REPORT to Regt.
			A. G/3
			B. 071840H
			C. EN: YD 790112
			D. At 071840H G/3 patrol received small arms at YD 790112, a 4.2 mission was called in and G/3 element made sweep

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E S-3 2135
G S-3 2135
E, H S-3 2200
F S-3 2215
E S-3 2220
E S-3 2233
L S-3 2236
Comm S-3 2255

H S-3 2300
F S-3 2303
106's S-3 2303
C.O. SP 2/1 C02305

F S-3 2315
S-3 B 1T 2352
F/3 S-3 2353

with negative results; at this time a AO overhead dropped a red smoke grenade in general position of VC. A second 4.2 mission was called in, one G/3 element swept with negative results; then two more 4.2" fire missions were called in. No sweeps were conducted due to darkness.

E - Blocking position established, 75M plotted at sniper area for night firing, will sweep at first light.

F thru Q - Negative

E/3/3 LP in position at YD 791104.

G/3/A ambush in position at YD 791113.

All secure.

All secure.

E/3/B patrol at CK PT # 1 (YD 821148).

E/3/B patrol at CK PT # 2 (YD 825154) (Amb).

H/1/A patrol at CK PT # 1 (YD 788165).

Flames line will be back in about 15 minutes.

All secure.

All secure.

All secure.

Subj muster of 2/1 personnel this position as reported by OIC Beach party.

H&C-2 marines, 1 corpsman, F-8 marines, G-1 officer, 11 marines, 1 corpsman. 3rd Motors 1-marine. Request you relay to 3rd Motors if appropriate.

F/2/C patrol leaving CK PT # 1 (YD 828131).


Informed them that driver and vehicle would be back in the morning.

F/3 patrol at CK PT # 3 (YD 839138).

SYNOPSIS:

7 August - At 0720H 4 men from F Co plus Det. Engr's completed a sweep of the GIA IE to junction Highway # 1 for mines; negative results. At 0700H G/2 traced the trip wire (first found at 062020H) to a stick type grenade (Chicom) tied to a bush at YD 790116. The grenade was detonated in place by the Engineers with G/2 patrol. At 1630H G/3 patrol located two M-1A1 anti-tank mines at YD 810103; mines were destroyed in place by Engineers. At 1750H 4th Mar S-2 notified 2/1 of 20 unidentified personnel dressed in black PJ's; no weapons observed. Personnel sighted in vic YD 790109 heading in a southerly direction. G/3 patrol located in their PPB at YD 798109 was notified of the sighting. An immediate search was conducted of the suspected area with negative results. At 1840H G/3 received 2 small arms rounds from vic YD 790112. A 4.2" fire mission was called and patrol swept the area with negative results. AO on station sighted the sniper and dropped a red smoke grenade in the same area.

A second 4.2" mission was called. A sweep of the area was conducted with negative results. At 1940H two additional 4.2" missions were called on the same location, but no subsequent sweeps were conducted due to darkness. G/3 established an ambush in vicinity of YD 792102 and R&I's were called in on sniper's position throughout the night. There were 3 platoon and 8 squad patrols, 7 squad ambushes and 17 listening posts employed.


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FROM	TO	TIME	MESSAGES
All units	S-3	0100	All secure.
All units	S-3	0200	All secure.
F-3	S-3	0245	F/3 patrol at Ck Pt 3/ambush (YD 838127).
All units	S-3	0300	All secure.
H	S-3	0345	H/1/A patrol at Ck Pt 3 (YD 799163).
All units	S-3	0400	All secure.
E	S-3	0445	E/3/3 returned to friendly lines.
All units	S-3	0500	All secure.
F	S-3	0537	F/3 leaving Ck Pt 3 (YD 838127).
All units	S-3	0600	All secure.
F	S-3	0620	F/3 returned to friendly lines.
G	S-3	0650	G/3/A and G/3/B have returned to PBB (YD 798109)
C.O.	S-3	0735	C.O. 2/1 departing CP.
Engr	S-3	0745	Road sweep completed.
C.O.	S-3	0752	C.O. 2/1 has reached destination.
S-3	Regt	0815	SPOT REPORT A - G/3 patrol B - 080800H C - En: YD 790106 D - Reference Spot Report 071840H Line E, G patrol swept area with negative results. Now departing destination and returning to CP.
C.O.	S-3	0930	Now departing destination and returning to CP.
F	S-3	0940	F/3 departed CP.
F	S-3	0957	F/3 patrol at Ck Pt 1 (YD 829139).
F	S-3	1010	F/3 patrol reported that tank developed oil leak, will be delayed.
C.O.	S-3	1010	C.O. 2/1 has arrived this CP.
F	S-3	1025	F/3 patrol returning to CP because tank has mechanical difficulty.
G	S-3	1045	G/3 has mounted tanks enroute to this CP.
F	S-3	1046	F/3 patrol has returned to this CP.
G	S-3	1130	G/3 patrol has returned to this CP.
Regt	S-3	1400	Two sniper teams attached to 2/1. One team each was attached to G and F Companies.
S-3	Regt	1401	SPOT REPORT A - 2/1 B - 081130H C - YD 819184 D - Two vehicles received a burst of automatic small arms fire as they turned off Highway #1 on to the GIA LE road (YD 820182). The fire came from southeastern direction. E - The vehicles stopped and returned fire in the direction the sniper fire came from. - One man was seen running away to the south-east. F-2 - Negative.

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FROM	TO	TIME	MESSAGES
G	S-3	1405	G/1 patrol departed CP.
F	S-3	1410	F/3/A patrol departed CP.
F	S-3	1435	F/3/A patrol at Ck Pt # 1 (YD 829136).
G	S-3	1435	G/1 patrol at Ck Pt # 1 (YD 800146).
F	S-3	1520	F/3/A patrol at Ck Pt # 2 (YD 829116).
G	S-3	1522	G/1 patrol at Ck Pt # 2 (YD 792139).
F	S-3	1600	F/3/A patrol has returned to CP.
G	S-3	1730	SPOT REPORT

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			A - G/1 patrol
			B - 081710H
			C - YD 782128 (PPB)
			D - Found pressure release type mine constructed on one 60mm mortar round on trail.
			E - Mine blown in place by engineers.
			F thru Q - None.
F	S-3	1915	F/3/A patrol left CP.
E	S-3	2000	H/1/A patrol left CP.
H	S-3	2007	H/1/A patrol at Ck Pt # 1 (YD 798162).
G	S-3	2030	G/1/A patrol at ambush site (YD 784121).
All units	S-3	2100	All secure.
E	S-3	2102	E/1/B patrol departed CP.
E	S-3	2135	E/1/B patrol at Ck Pt # 1 (YD 821147).
All units	S-3	2200	All secure.
All Units	S-3	2300	All secure.
F	S-3	2320	Shot illumination to check out area of lines with negative results.
H	S-3	2347	H/1/A negative contact at YD 799161.
All units	S-3	2400	All secure.

SYNOPSIS:

8 August - At 0745H 4 men from H&S co plus Det Engineer's completed a sweep of the CIA LE road to Junction Highway # 1 for mines; negative results. At 0800H G/3 patrol completed sweep of area from which sniper fire was received at 071840H in vicinity of YD 790106 with negative results. At 1400H 2/1 was assigned two scout sniper teams from 4th Marines, one team assigned to G Co and the other to F Co. At 1130H two vehicles received a burst of automatic fire at the junction of Highway # 1 and CIA LE road (YD 820182). Fire was returned in the direction of sniper fire and one man was seen running away in a southeasterly direction. At 1730H G/1 patrol located a pressure release type mine on trail at YD 782128. Mine was constructed from a 60mm round. Engineer detachment with G/1 patrol destroyed the mine in place. There were 3 platoon and 8 squad patrols, 8 squad ambushes, and 17 listening posts employed.

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FROM	TO	TIME	MESSAGES
All units	S-3	0100	All secure.
H	S-3	0145	H/1/A patrol at Ck Pt 2 (YD 801146).
All units	S-3	0200	All secure.
All units	S-3	0300	All secure.
E	S-3	0300	E/1/B patrol at Ck Pt 1 (YD 822147).
All units	S-3	0400	All secure.
E	S-3	0410	E/1/B patrol at Ck Pt 2 (YD 827149).
H	S-3	0455	H/1/A patrol at Ck Pt 3 (YD 788164).
All units	S-3	0500	All secure.
H	S-3	0507	H/1/A patrol has returned.
All units	S-3	0600	All secure.
E	S-3	0620	E/1/B patrol has returned.
	S-3	0635	4 men security team from G Co reported into S-3, were ordered to report to motor pool to commence road sweep.
G	S-3	0637	G-1 patrol has left their OPB to return to friendly lines.
F	S-3	0645	F/3/A patrol has returned.
Engr	S-3	0740	The road to Highway #1 has been swept with negative findings.
G	S-3	0940	G/2 patrol departed CP.
G	S-3	1010	G/2 patrol at Ck Pt 1 (YD 805150).
G	S-3	1020	G/2 patrol at Ck Pt 2 (YD 783132).
F	S-3	1030	F/1/A patrol at Ck Pt 1 (YD 810127).
F	S-3	1100	F/1/A patrol at Ck Pt 4 (YD 829131).
F	S-3	1105	F/1/A patrol has returned.
G	S-3	1110	G/2 patrol at Ck Pt 4 (YD 789142).
G	S-3	1237	G/2 patrol has returned.
Regt 2	S-3	1400	AO sighting - 1 trench unoccupied 50 meters long running north to south vic YD 786104; sighting time 091312H.
F	S-3	1630	F/2/A patrol has returned.
F	S-3	1830	F/1/A patrol has departed.
F	S-3	1950	F/1/A patrol at Ck Pt 1 (YD 820126).
F	S-3	2015	F/1/A patrol at Ck Pt 2 (YD 825111).
F	S-3	2030	F/1/A patrol at Ambush site (YD 834124).
H	S-3	2032	H/1/A patrol has departed.
E	S-3	2055	E/2/B patrol has departed.
All units	S-3	2100	All secure.
All units	S-3	2200	All secure.
H	S-3	2215	H/1/A patrol at ambush site (YD 891173).
E	S-3	2255	E/2/B patrol at Ck Pt 1 (YD 825155).
All units	S-3	2300	All secure.
S-3	E	2340	Request to know info on the green star cluster and hand illumination.

FROM	TO	TIME	MESSAGES
H	S-3	2340	H/1/A patrol leaving ambush site.
H	S-3	2345	H Co had a man that was struck by lightning, a runner was sent to BAS.
H	S-3	2346	H Co reports 4 men hit by lightning, 1 man struck seriously.
All units	S-3	2400	All secure.

SYNOPSIS

9 August - At 0740H 4 men from G Company with detachment, of engineers completed a mine sweep of the GIA IE road to junction with Highway #1. There were negative results. At 1630H all 2/1 daylight activities returned to Bn CP; negative contact with the enemy. At 2255H H Company lines reported 4 men struck by lightning. A runner from H Company was dispatched to BAS. Battalion surgeon reports all men in satisfactory condition. A follow-up report will be made. There were 3 platoon and 8 squad patrols, 8 squad ambushes and 17 listening posts employed. Two scout sniper teams assigned from 4th Marines remain assigned to this Battalion.


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FROM	TO	TIME	MESSAGES
E	S-3	0015	E Co report: no one from E Co lines fired the green star cluster or hand illumination.
BAS	S-3	0015	All four men are going to be alright; one is being treated for burns. The doctor will look at them in the morning.
All units	S-3	0100	All secure.
All units	S-3	0200	All secure.
H	S-3	0200	H/1/A patrol at Ck Pt 2 (YD 798158).
E	S-3	0245	E Co lost comm with the patrols.
All units	S-3	0300	All secure.
E	S-3	0355	H/1/A patrol departing night position #2 (YD 798158).
All units	S-3	0400	All secure.
E	S-3	0525	E/2/B patrol left Ck Pt 1.
H	S-3	0530	H/1/A patrol has returned.
Engr	S-3	0530	9 men from Engineers began road sweep of the GIA LE road to junction Highway #1 for mines with no comm. Did not notify S-3.
F	S-3	0545	F/1/A patrol departed ambush site B.
F	S-3	0545	F/1/A patrol has reached Ck Pt 4 (YD 799169).
E	S-3	0557	E/2/B patrol has returned.
All units	S-3	0600	All secure.
F	S-3	0600	F/1/A patrol has returned.
S-3	H	0600	Request you get your mine sweep security team up to S-3.
Engr	S-3	0615	Road sweep completed, negative findings.
S-3	S-3	0630	H Co security team arrived S-3. No Engineer mine sweep team. Engineer team from H Co utilized.
S-3	Tanks	0650	One tank from attached tank platoon going to sweep the road with Engineer team and H Co security team to follow.
Tank	S-3	0730	Road is clear.
S-3	S-3	0732	G Co and convoy departed GIA LE enroute to DA N. NG.
F	S-3	0845	F/2/A patrol has departed.
F	S-3	0907	F/2/A patrol at Ck Pt 1 (YD 822137).
F	S-3	0915	F/1/C patrol has returned.
E	S-3	0925	E/3/A patrol has departed.
F	S-3	0930	F/2/A patrol at Ck Pt 2 (YD 824123).
E	S-3	0940	E/3/A patrol at Ck Pt 1 (YD 822151).
F	S-3	0945	F/2/A patrol at Ck Pt 2 (YD 810110).
F	S-3	1040	F/2/A patrol at Ck Pt 4 (YD 799135).
Comm	S-3	1100	C.O. has departed.
Comm	S-3	1130	C.O. at destination.
F	S-3	1130	F/2/A patrol has returned.
Comm	S-3	1310	C.O. is enroute to this CP.

FROM	TO	TIME	MESSAGES
Comm	S-3	1335	C.O. has returned to this CP.
F	S-3	1400	F/2/B patrol departing CP.
F	S-3	1505	F/2/B patrol at Ck Pt 2 (YD 808112).
F	S-3	1530	F/2/B patrol at Ck Pt 3 (YD 822121).
Regt	S-3	1600	G Co and convoy arrived DA NANG, OpCon, 9th Marines.
F	S-3	1600	F/2/S patrol at Ck Pt 4 (YD 823138).
F	S-3	1605	F/2/B patrol has returned.
F	S-3	1915	F/2 left CP.
F	S-3	2032	F/3/C patrol departed Ck Pt 1 (YD 792134).
H	S-3	2025	E/1/A patrol has departed.
E	S-3	2059	E/3/B patrol has departed.
All units	S-3	2100	All secure.
H	S-3	2145	E/1/A patrol at ambush 1 (YD 798158).
E	S-3	2147	E/3/E patrol at Ck Pt 1 (YD 813147).
All units	S-3	2200	All secure.
F	S-3	2215	F/2/C patrol at ambush A (YD 815125).
All units	S-3	2300	All secure.
All units	S-3	2400	All secure.

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SYSOPSIS

10 August - At 0530H nine men from engineers departed area to conduct a road sweep for mines on the GIA LE road to the junction of Highway #1, sweep completed at 0615H with negative results. At 0630H all 2nd Bn, 1st Marines night-time activities (patrols/ambushes and listening posts) returned to respective CP's; negative contact with the enemy. At 0650H a second road sweep of the GIA LE road was conducted with one tank; sweep completed at 0730H; negative results. At 0732H Company H departed the GIA LE area (vic YD 805145) by motorized convoy enroute to DA NANG (vic BT 012632). At 0830H the Battalion Surgeon reported that the four men who were struck by lightning at 092345H, are in satisfactory condition; one man was treated for burns and all others returned to duty. At 0925H 2nd Bn, 1st Marines daylight activities (combat patrols) commenced. At 1600H 4th Marines notified 2nd Bn, 1st Marines S-3 that Company G had arrived at 2nd Bn, 9th Marines CP (vic BT 012632). Company G OpCon to CO, 2nd Bn, 9th Marines. At 1630H 2nd Bn, 1st Marines daylight activities returned to CP; negative contact with the enemy. At 2100H all night time activities (patrols/ambushes) commenced. There were 3 platoon and 8 squad patrols, 8 squad ambushes and 17 listening posts employed. Two scout sniper teams assigned from 4th Marines remain assigned to this battalion.

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FROM	TO	TIME	MESSAGES
H	S-3	0005	H/1/A patrol at Ck Pt 2 (YD 803147).
All Units	S-3	0100	All secure.
All Units	S-3	0200	All secure.
All Units	S-3	0300	All secure.
F	S-3	0345	F/2/C patrol departed Ck Pt 3 (YD 821137); now enroute to ambush "B"
All Units	S-3	0400	All secure.
H	S-3	0435	H/1/A is now entering their 2nd night ambush (YD 799158).
All Units	S-3	0500	All secure.
F	S-3	0500	F/2/C patrol departing ambush "B" enroute to friendly lines.
E	S-3	0510	E/3/B patrol has returned.
F	S-3	0510	F/2/C patrol has returned.
Engr	S-3	0555	Road sweep has commenced.
All Units	S-3	0600	All secure.
Engr	S-3	0705	Line sweep is completed with negative results.
Engr	S-3	0710	Sweep team is now back in the Bn CP area.
All Units	S-3	0800	All night activities are in.
F	S-3	0801	F/3/A patrol departing CP.
F	S-3	0820	F/3/A patrol at Ck Pt 1 (YD 812137).
F	S-3	0900	F/3/A patrol at Ck Pt 2 (YD 811120).
F	S-3	0915	F/3/A patrol at Ck Pt 3 (YD 813155).
Comm	S-3	1020	C.O. departed area.
F	S-3	1030	F/3/A patrol at Ck Pt 5 (YD 805145).
Comm	S-3	1100	C.O. arrived destination.
H	S-3	1205	H Company departed Bn area on convoy enroute to DA NANG.
Comm	S-3	1210	C.O. is back in the Bn area.
F	S-3	1300	F/3/B patrol at Ck Pt 1 (YD 825127).
F	S-3	1400	F/3/B patrol at Ck Pt 2 (YD 812113).
F	S-3	1430	F/3/B patrol at Ck Pt 3 (YD 796125).
F	S-3	1540	F/3/B patrol at Ck Pt 4 (YD 805137).
F	S-3	1540	F/3/B patrol has returned.
E	S-3	1555	E/1 patrol has returned.
Regt 3	S-3	1630	H Co has arrived DA NANG.
F	S-3	1915	F/3/C patrol has departed.
F	S-3	1925	F/3/C patrol at Ck Pt 1 (YD 805149).
F	S-3	1955	F/3/C patrol at ambush "A" (YD 797140).
E	S-3	2005	E/1/B patrol has departed.
All units	S-3	2100	All secure.
E	S-3	2100	E/1/B patrol at Ck Pt 1 (YD 816161).
USG	S-3	2122	USG patrol has departed.
F	S-3	2125	F/3/C has departed ambush "A".
S-3	S-3	2130	Saw a hand grenade illumination at vic coord YD 808168.

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FROM	TO	TIME	MESSAGES
S-3	E, F	2136	Req to know if your lines fired the illum. Reply: negative.
S-3	E	2150	Req to know if your lines have been using hand illum. Reply: our lines believed they heard movement and fired illum with negative results.
FSCC	S-3	2155	Reported Btry did not fire hand illum. Also reported Btry had bogey station which was cutting out all transmissions.
All units	S-3	2200	All secure.
F	S-3	2222	F/3/C patrol at Ck Pt 2 (YD 802128).
S-3	E	2225	S-3 gave a negative on the illum requested by E Co because the round will land on the CP.
S-3	E	2227	Request E Co use 81 illum.
S-3	F	2227	F Co being alerted of the illum being fired for E Co.
S-3	E	2240	E Co illumination at YD 804156 has been cleared by S-3.
S-3		2245	Illumination fired and was short; adjustments are being made.
H&S	S-3	2246	H&S patrol leaving Ck Pt 1 (YD 797177).
All units	S-3	2300	All secure.
F	S-3	2309	F/3/C patrol reached Ck Pt 3 (YD 815126).
H&S	S-3	2309	H&S patrol at Ck Pt 2 (YD 793165).
H&S	S-3	2345	H&S patrol departing Ck Pt 2 enroute to friendly lines.
F	S-3	2400	F/3/C patrol at Ck Pt 4 (YD 826129).
All units	S-3	2400	All secure.

SYNOPSIS

11 August - At 110555H 9 men from engineers commenced mine sweep of the GIA LE road to junction of Highway #1. Road sweep completed at 110705H with negative results. At 110800H all night patrols were in with negative contact. At 110805H all day patrol were out. At 111203H H Co departed 2/1 CP via Rough Rider to DA NANG. H Co arrived DA NANG at 111630H, OpCon 2/9. At 111900H All daylight activities were in and night activities commenced. There was 1 platoon and 1 squad size patrol and 5 listening posts employed.

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FROM	TO	TIME	MESSAGES
HES	S-3	0033	HES patrol has returned.
All units	S-3	0100	All secure.
F	S-3	0107	F/3/C patrol at Ck Pt 5 (YD 822140).
F	S-3	0137	F/3/C patrol at Ambush "B" (YD 811141).
E	S-3	0145	E/1/B patrol at Ck Pt 1 (YD 816161).
F	S-3	0145	F/3/C patrol has returned.
All units	S-3	0200	All secure.
All units	S-3	0300	All secure.
All units	S-3	0400	All secure.
All units	S-3	0500	All secure.
All units	S-3	0600	All secure.
Engr	S-3	0635	Engr have begun sweep to clear road.
E	S-3	0635	E/1/B patrol has returned.
Engr	S-3	0710	Engr have completed sweep of road to Highway 1.
Comm	S-3	0730	C.O. departed area.
Comm	S-3	0800	C.O. arrived PHU BAI.
Comm	S-3	1100	C.O. departed PHU BAI.
Comm	S-3	1115	C.O. arrived GIA LE.
Convoy	S-3	1155	Convoy ready to go, now departing GIA LE.
Cmdr			
Note	S-3	1500	Chopped OpCon to 9th Marines.
Note	S-3	1800	Arrived at 2nd Bn, 9th Marines area.
All units	S-3	2100	All secure.
All units	S-3	2200	All secure.
All units	S-3	2300	All secure.
All units	S-3	2400	All secure.

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SYNOPSIS

12 August - At 0635H 9 men from Engineer platoon commenced mine sweep of the GIA LE road at junction of Highway #1. Road sweep completed at 0710H with negative results. At 0635 all night time activities (patrols, ambushes and listening posts) returned to respective CP's. Company E daylight activities (patrols and outposts) commenced at 0830H. At 1155H HES Company, Company F and heavy command group departed the GIA LE area by motorized convoy, enroute to 2nd Bn, 9th Marines area; Chop OpCon to 9th Marines at 1500H and arrived at 2nd Bn, 9th Marines area at 1800H. At 1900H a tank attached to H-2 patrol sighted 9 VC walking in a westerly direction down the river bank. VC wore khaki uniforms, packs and had weapons. Tanks opened fire with .50 Cal. and saturated the area. Results 2 VC KIA (confirmed) 5 VC KIA (probable). B Company conducted 4 listening posts within the GIA LE area.

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From: 130001H August 1966
To: 132400H August 1966

FROM	TO	TIME	MESSAGES
All units	S-3	0100	All secure.
S-3	F	0110	FRAG ORDER. Prior to 130600Z commence movement to vic 003629 and establish company patrol base, avoid trails and open areas when possible, at no time traverse trail running from BT 000634 to BT 010634.
All units	S-3	0200	All secure.
All units	S-3	0300	All secure.
F	S-3	0320	Squad patrol returning from ambush site, detonated cap device located 4 to 5 feet from ground rigged with trip wire. Resulting in 3 U.S. KIA.
All units	S-3	0400	All secure.
All units	S-3	0500	All secure.
All units	S-3	0600	All secure.
G	S-3	0600	All LP's have returned.
F	S-3	0800	Med-evacs have been completed.
F	S-3	0850	F patrol departing CP.
H&G	S-3	0850	Yankee/1 patrol at end of road setting up security.
H	S-3	0900	H Co at junction waiting resupply.
H	S-3	1000	H/1 patrol at Ck Pt 1 (BT 014558).
F	S-3	1005	F Co has linked up with sweeping elements at BT 000620; continuing on mission IAV with FragO.
S-3	F,G,H	1006	By 131200H, submit to S-3 all planned activities for period 131800H-141800H.
S-3	F,G,H	1008	Submit to S-3 today's activities ASAP.
G	S-3	1009	Received day and night activities for 14 Aug.
C.O.	S-3	1120	G.O. 2/I departing area enroute to H Co CP (BT 024577).
H	S-3	1140	SPOT REPORT A - H/1 patrol B - 131100H C - FR: BT 012585 D - H/1 patrol received heavy volume of small arms fire from estimated VC Platoon. E - Called artillery mission on suspected enemy position. F - Negative.
S-3A	S-3	1148	S-3A and shotgun departed area to check out reports of Vietnamese man killed by mortar round the preceding night.
S-3A	S-3	1150	S-3A returned to Bn CP.
G	S-3	1155	G/1 patrol has departed.
H.T.	S-3	1221	Convoy reached F Co position for resupply.
H.T.	S-3	1230	Convoy on way back from F Co position.
H	S-3	1245	H/1/A patrol has returned.

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F	S-3	1300	F/2 patrol has departed.
F	S-3	1555	SPOT REPORT A - F B - 131500H C - BT 001634 D - Patrol tripped M16A1 mine stuck in tree. The mine was in good condition. When tripped it fell out of tree smoking. E - Could not disarm mine so blew in place. F-Q - Negative.
F	S-3	1620	F/3 patrol at Ck Pt 3 (BT 012634).
F	S-3	1625	F/3/A patrol at Ck Pt 4 (BT 007630).
F	S-3	1700	FDS report for 13 Aug in the field, passed to S-1.
A	S-3	1705	SPOT REPORT A - A Co. 3rd Plat, 3rd Motors. B - 131610H C - BT 028640: enemy position unknown D - Heading east on Anderson trail, received one sniper round from the right. E - Vehicle remained moving east, fired approx 20 7.62 rounds and 30 rounds 45 Cal., Vehicle continued a hundred meters, turned around and returned to the CP. On return trip in the same area as before opened fire in the area on the sniper, fired approx 20 rounds 7.62 and 20 rounds 45 Cal. F - None. G - 1 H-Q - Negative.
S-3	Regt	1715	Referring to 1610 message, sent to Regt.
S-3	RECT	1725	SPOT REPORT A - H-1 patrol B - 131300H C - BT 023571 D - Found booby trapped 155 shell. E - Blew round in place. F-Q - Negative.
S-3	Regt	1726	SPOT REPORT A - H-1 patrol B - 131100H C - FR: BT 012582 EN: BT 008680 D - Heavy enemy automatic weapons fire, estimated platoon size unit. E - Returned fire with small arms and 60mm. F-H - None I - 2 (probable) J-Q - Negative.
S-3	Regt	1730	SPOT REPORT A - H-2 patrol B - 121900H C - BT 025533

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			D - Tank sighted 9 VC walking along river bank heading west; VC wore kakhi uniforms, packs and weapons.
			E - Tanks opened fire and saturated area.
			F-H - None.
			I - 2 (Confirmed)
			J - 5 (Probable)
			K - Negative
F	S-3	1740	F/3 patrol has returned.
S-3	Regt	1810	SPOT REPORT
			A - H&S
			B - 131800H
			C - FR: BT 018629 EN: BT 020633
			D - Received 1 round of small arms fire, hit dirt in front of bunker.
			E-2 - Negative
S-3		1800	Security detail is heading back.
S-3	H,G	2003	Request to know how many tanks and LVT's you have at your position; also what units they are from. Request this information ASAP.
H	S-3	2004	2 tanks and no LVT's.
G	S-3	2004	2 tanks and no LVT's.
S-3	9th Mar	2105	14 Aug daylight activities have been submitted to 1st and 9th Marines (G,F,H day of 14 Aug).
F	S-3	2125	F/1/A patrol reached night time position 1 (BT 000630).
F	S-3	2126	F/1/B patrol at night time position (BT 004634)
S-3	G,H	2205	Request you submit day and night activities of 15 August by 140900H at the latest.
All units	S-3	2300	All secure.
F	S-3	2350	F/3/A patrol has returned.
S-3	All Co's	2355	FRAG ORDER for period 141200H-151200H Aug 66
			1. E Co provide road sweep security platoon upon completion platoon maintain security for Anderson Trail. Conduct platoon search and destroy operations per verbal instructions of S-3.
			2. F Co continue to provide HIA DONG Bridge security. Patrol activity previously submitted for period approved. Conduct search and destroy operations in area. Be prepared to conduct operations on order south of Grid Line 61.
			3. G Co patrol activity previously submitted for period approved. Conduct search and destroy operations in area paying particular attention to area south of Route 4.
			4. H Co patrol activity previously submitted for period approved. Conduct search and destroy operation in area paying particular attention to area south of Route 4. Eastern boundary now extends from BT 95658 south along critical terrain feature to

FROM TO TIME MESSAGES

BT 080555. Be prepared for operations in this area.

5. All units develop trail networks, avenues of approach, built up areas, and streams. Submit detailed reports to S-3 ASAP by courier or resupply runs.
6. Detailed overlay of operating areas to be issued 14 August 66.

All units S-3 2400 All secure

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SYNOPSIS

13 August - At 0110H 2nd Bn, 9th Marines issued a FRAG ORDER to F Co, 2nd Bn, 1st Marines: Prior to 130600H commence movement to vicinity BT 003629 and establish a Company Patrol Base. Avoid trails and open areas when possible. At no time traverse trail running from BT 000634 to BT 010634. At 0320H F/2/A patrol returning from ambush site detonated a booby trap located 4 to 5 feet from the ground rigged with a trip wire. Results 3 U.S. MIA's, med evac completed at 0800H. At 0830H all night time activities (patrols/ambushes and listening posts) returned to respective CP's. At 0830H mine sweep of Anderson Road conducted with negative results. At 1100H H/1 patrol at BT 012585 received a heavy volume of small arms fire from an estimated VC platoon located vicinity BT 005575. Patrol returned fire with small arms and 60mm fire and called in an artillery mission on suspected VC position. Results 2 VC KIA (probable). At 1115H E Co, 2nd Bn, 1st Marines departed CIA LE by motorized convoy enroute to 2nd Bn, 1st Marines (BT 015627), arriving at 1805H. At 1200H 2nd Bn, 1st Marines assumed operational control of 2nd Bn, 9th Marines TAOR. At 1300H H/1 patrol located a 155 shell booby trap at coordinates BT 023571; detachment of engineers blew the booby trap in place. At 1500H F/1 patrol tripped a M16A1 tomato can mine which was placed in a tree at BT 001634. The mine did not detonate, but fell out of the tree smoking. Mine was blown in place by detachment of engineer's. At 1610H one mighty mite from 3rd Platoon, Co A, 3rd Motors enroute on Anderson Trail (vic BT 028640) received one round of sniper fire from an unknown direction. Vehicle continued moving and returned fire with 20 7.62 rounds and 30 .45 Cal rounds in the area of suspected incoming sniper round. Vehicle turned around and returned to Bn CP. Results 1 U.S. MIA. At 1800H H&S bunker (BT 018629) received one round of sniper fire from vicinity BT 020633; negative casualties. At 1900H all daylight activities returned to respective CP's and night time activities (patrols/ambushes and listening posts) commenced. There were 2 platoon and 5 squad patrols, 4 squad ambushes and 2 listening posts.

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From: 140001H August 1966
To: 142400H August 1966

FROM	TO	TIME	MESSAGES
F	S-3	0030	F/2 patrol has returned. F/C patrol in night position (BT 003672).
All units	S-3	0100	All secure.
All units	S-3	0200	All secure.
F	S-3	0230	F/C patrol has returned.
F	S-3	0300	F/D patrol set in night position (AT 999624)
All units	S-3	0300	All secure.
All units	S-3	0400	All secure.
SgtMajor	S-3	0410	Sgt Major called to explain a sound, like sniper fire from approximately 0400 to 0405. Reason for the sounds were a cartridge belt caught fire causing cartridges to go off one at a time, no one was injured, the fire was put out.
All units	S-3	0500	All secure.
All units	S-3	0600	All secure.
H	S-3	0610	H/3/B patrol has returned.
H	S-3	0613	H/3/A patrol has left there night position.
H	S-3	0620	H/3/A patrol has returned.
106's	S-3	0645	106's is starting there sweep.
H	S-3	0710	H/2 patrol has departed.
H	S-3	0715	H/1 patrol has departed.
H	S-3	0800	H/2 patrol receiving heavy sniper fire from Ck Pt 1 (BT 028586). 81mm requested.
H	S-3	0800	SPOT REPORT A - H/2 patrol B - 140800H C - EN 029581 D - H/2 patrol receiving sniper fire from treeline vicinity BT 028586. E - 81mm mortar fire mission called. F - Negative.
Note	S-3	0800	2/1 chopped OpCon to 1st Marine Regiment.
106's	S-3	0830	Anderson Trail is clear for traffic.
H	S-3	0910	H/1 patrol at Ck Pt 2 (BT 043585).
H	S-3	0916	H/1 patrol at Ck Pt 3 (BT 033577).
F	S-3	0915	F/1 patrol at Ck Pt 4 (BT 009627).
H	S-3	1040	H/2 patrol sporadic sniper fire vicinity BT 022589, fired 81mm mortar mission in suspected area.
H	S-3	1125	H/2 patrol at Ck Pt 4 (022599).
H	S-3	1140	H/3 patrol has departed.
H	S-3	1145	H Co mine sweep completed with negative results.
*Regt	S-3	1115	Request assistance to look for 1 MIA. E Co put on stand-by with 2 platoons ready to go.

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Regt	S-3	1130	Stand down on commitment for assistance, MIA is KIA.
H	S-3	1200	H/1 patrol has returned.
F	S-3	1210	F/1/A patrol has returned.
Convoy	S-3	1211	Convoy has returned.
2/1	Regt	1245	Dispatching reinforced platoon with arty FO forward to conduct sweep of area vicinity 048638. Direction of sweep from north west.
F	S-3	1300	F/2 sending out short patrols.
Otter	S-3	1305	Otter departed CP with E-Co.
G	S-3	1320	1/1 patrol spotted 4-5 VC in vicinity BT 051638 - Arty mission being fired
Otters	S-3	1320	Otter dropped off E Co. Troops returning to CP vicinity 036634.
1/1	S-3	1330	Fire mission completed - troops moving in.
H	S-3	1350	H/3 CK PT 2 (BT 014574)
H	S-3	1420	H/3 CK PT 3 (BT 018579)
S-3	F	1430	Continue operations in assigned area. Submit day & night time activities no later than 0900H S-3 will advise if there is a conflict with other units.
E	S-3	1430	E/3 now in position North of village
1/1	S-3	1440	We are moving our units east to the river and across - it will take 15 minutes then move thru villages
E	S-3	1525	E/3 Now entering village.
E	S-3	1540	A - 2/1 B - 141530H C - Friendly (BT 015628) enemy unknow. D - Received 1 sniper round in CP. E - Conducting visual reconaissance from CP. F - Q Negative
106'S	S-3	1600	All secure
G	S-3	1545	G patrol & 2 tanks left to meet otters.
G	S-3	1615	G/3/A Rondevous point.
E	S-3	1625	E/3/A found suitcase with kahki clothes in it. will submit report.
F	S-3	1635	F/3 Returned.
G	S-3	1715	A - G/2 B - 141700H C - Enemy (BT 006575) Friendly (BT 000579) D - G/2 patrol spotted group of VC, estimated 10 rifles, 2 or 3 Automatics. E - G/2 Laying down base of fire and will assault village. F - Q negative.
S-3	H,G	1737	Request verifacation of No. of tan's attached to your unit. G-has 2, H- has 2.
E	S-3	1805	ALL of Echo's elements returned to Battalion CP.
H	S-3	1820	Reports heavy automatic firing at (BT 013567)

FROM	TO	TIME	MESSAGE
G	S-3	1822	Golf swept thru village (PT 001582) and upon reaching the other side of village, received short automatic burst from the north. One squad sweeping north to check it out.
H	S-3	1824	Hotel is sending 2 tanks to investigate firing heard at (BT 013567).
H S-3	S-3 Regt: S-3	1825 1835	Ontos just passed Hotel's CP. A - G/2 B - 141820H C - EN: (BT 001582) FR: (BT 005575) D - Golf 2 swept thru village and upon reaching other side of village, received 2 short automatic weapon's burst from the north. E - One squad is moving north to check out area. F - Q Negative
G	S-3	1830	Requested Arty to fire mission at Coordinates (YD 001582); Receiving automatic fire; 5 rounds WP expended.
S-3	F, G, H	1845	Effective immediately the following thrust lines are effective. TLA - 0265 TIR - 0062 C - 0460 D - 9957 E - 0355
Arty	S-3	1905	Golf requested Arty mission at coordinates (BT 001582). Suspect VC positions: 8 heat rounds fired effectively on target.
H	S-3	1923	H/2/A departing CP
H&G	S-3	1925	H&G Patrol for road security returned Battalion CP W/2 Ontos.
G	S-3	1926	Golf reports negative results on sweep of Spot Report 141700H
H	S-3	1930	H/2/B departing CP
F	S-3	1930	A - P Co B - 141700H C - FR (BT 000620), EN (BT 004617) D - Received 30 rounds automatic weapon fire. E - Returned fire with 200 rounds automatic fire and 6 - 79mm rounds. F - Q Negative
F	S-3	1935	F/2 at Ha Dong Bridge is hearing small arms fire 300 meters west of bridge; position (AT 989641); across the river. Request to know of any friendlies in area.

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FROM	TO	TIME	MESSAGES
S-3	F/2	1940	No friendlies in that area near your position.
S-3	Regt	1950	Called in Foxtrot's night activities for tonight.
S-3	Regt	2000	Submitted initial and final SPOT REPORT of Foxtrot 141930H as received.
S-3	G	2000	Friendly troops will be located in vicinity at (AT 988629) during times 142100H to 142400H.
S-3	H	2005	Pass to tank Co. Can tanks negotiate terrain feature at BT 006549.
H	S-3	2005	H/2/B Ck Pt # 2 (BT 027572).
H	S-3	2010	H/2/A Ck Pt # 2 (BT 025584).
F	S-3	2010	Foxtrot's pick-up LZ at AT 999623).
G	S-3	2030	SPOT REPORT A - G/2 B - 142025H C - FR: BT 000580 EN: Unknown D - As G/2 moved into PFR, received sniper rounds. E - None. F thru J - None.
S-3	Regt	2032	Submitted G/2 SPOT REPORT of 142025H.
G	S-3	2035	G/2/A, G/2/S and PFR all set in.
G	S-3	2053	All secure.
H&S	S-3	2055	All secure.
H, F/2	S-3	2100	All secure.
All units	S-3	2200	All secure.
All units	S-3	2300	All secure.
All units	S-3	2400	All secure.
S-3	E, F, G & H	2400	FRAG ORDER for Operation SWANTEE. G and H companies from their present positions on north bank of river will - provide security within zone. F Company moves by truck to vicinity BT 091555 to provide security along south bank utilizing attached LVT's.

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SYNOPSIS:

14 August - By 0620H all night time activities (patrols, ambushes and listening posts) had returned to respective CP's; negative contact with the enemy. At 0645H one platoon from E Company with engineer detachment commenced mine sweep of the Anderson Trail to the junction of Highway # 1; sweep completed at 0830H with negative results. At 0710H daylight activities (patrol/outposts) commenced. At 0800H H/2 patrol at BT 029591 received sniper fire from treeline vicinity BT 028586; patrol called in an 81mm mortar fire mission and ten rounds were expended. H/2 patrol swept the area with negative results. At 1040H H/2 patrol received sporadic sniper fire from vicinity BT 022589; an 81mm mortar mission was called and patrol swept area with negative results.

At 1115H 1st Marine Regiment requested assistance in searching for a MIA in vicinity BT 055635. E Company alerted 2 platoons. At 1130H 1st Marines notified S-3 to stand down on assistance requested; MIA changed to KIA. At 1305H E/3 with FO team to conduct a sweep of village in vicinity of BT 048638. Direction of sweep was from northwest to southeast. At 1320H 1st Bn, 1st Marines reported sighting 4 to 5 VC in vicinity of BT 051638; artillery mission was called; a sweep of the area was conducted by 1st Bn, 1st Marines with negative results. At 1430H E/3 in position to begin sweep of village vicinity BT 051638. At 1525H E/3 began sweep of village. At 1530H E Company lines at BT 015628 received one sniper round from an unknown direction; a visual reconnaissance of suspected area was conducted with negative results. At 1625H E/3 located a suitcase in the village containing kahki clothes. Investigation revealed clothing belonged to an ARVN. E/3 completed sweep of the village with negative results and returned to Bn CP. At 1700H G/2 patrol at BT 000579 sighted a group of VC carrying an estimated 10 rifles and 2 or 3 automatic weapons at BT 006575. Patrol laid down a base of fire and assaulted the village at BT 001582. Patrol swept through village without incident, but upon reaching north end of village it received a short burst of automatic weapons fire. One squad was dispatched to continue the search to the north toward the area of suspected enemy positions; results of the sweep were negative. At 1905H G/2 patrol called an artillery mission on suspected VC positions at BT 001582 with good effect on target. At 1923H all night time activities (patrols/ambushes and listening posts) commenced. At 1930H F Company at BT 000620 received approximately 30 rounds of automatic fire from vicinity BT 004617. Company returned fire with 200 rounds of automatic fire and 6 rounds of M-79. Area was swept with negative results. At 2025H G/2 patrol moving to their FPB at BT 000580 received 2 sniper rounds from an unknown direction; a visual reconnaissance of the area was conducted with negative results. At 2349H 2nd Bn, 1st Marines issued FRAG ORDER for Operation SWANNEE: G and H companies from their present positions on north bank of river will provide security for hydrographic survey within zone; F Company moves by truck convoy to vic BT 091555 to provide security along south bank utilizing attached LVT's. There were 1 platoon and 4 squad patrols, 4 squad ambushes, and 5 listening posts during this period.

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2nd Battalion, 1st MarinesFrom: 150001H August 1966
To: 152400H August 1966

FROM	TO	TIME	MESSAGES
All units	S-3	0100	All secure.
All units	S-3	0200	All secure.
G	S-3	0245	Request to leave one element at our present position.
S-3	G	0255	Permission has been granted to leave one element at your present position.
All units	G	0300	All secure.
All units	F	0400	All secure.
F	S-3	0403	F/C patrol has returned.
All units	S-3	0500	All secure.
H	S-3	0515	H/2 patrol at Ck Pt 3 (BT 022581).
F	S-3	0540	F/D patrol has returned.
H	S-3	0545	H/2 patrol has returned.
H	S-3	0555	H/2/B patrol has returned.
G	S-3	0600	G/1/L, G/A and B/B patrols have returned.
All units	S-3	0600	All secure.
Engr	S-3	0615	Road sweep has begun.
F	S-3	0625	F Co has moved out (Operation SWANTEE).
F	S-3	0625	F/A and F/D patrols have returned.
H	S-3	0635	H Co two elements have left to be in position by 0830H.
E	S-3	0700	E Co has departed (Operation SWANTEE).
G	S-3	0707	G/2 has left for their new position at BT 005560.
S-3	Regt	0730	Cancel F/3 and F/1 patrols for 15 August.
Engr	S-3	0810	Road sweep completed to Highway #1.
H	S-3	0815	H/1 position report at AT 990545.
H	S-3	0820	H/1 and H/3 position reported at BT 058583.
E	S-3	0830	E/1 at bridge setting in.
H	S-3	0910	H/1 and H/3 position reported at BT 064572. Estimated time of arrival at objective 0945H.
F	S-3	0910	F Co has departed CP.
E	S-3	0911	E/1 has bridge security set in. Amtracs are refueling and LCM's are taking on supplies which may make it an hour before they are ready to move.
F	S-3	0931	F Co now at bridge.
Convoy	S-3	0940	The convoy has returned to this CP.
E	S-3	0945	Security team at Ck Pt 1.
S-3	Regt	0110	Position reports: E/1 (Rein) at bridge BT 091553, E/2/A (Rein) on LCM at BT 091553, F Co (-) BT 092550 F/2 at HA DONG bridge G Co AT 980564 G/1 AT 990545 G/2 BT 005560 G/3 AT 982564 H Co (-) BT 025576 H/1 and 3 BT 070550
H	S-3	1030	Request info on resupply to our position.
S-3	H	1040	Reference your last, resupply will leave this position in approx 30 minutes enroute to H Co.

FROM	TO	TIME	MESSAGES
S-3	G	1040	Be advised TL DELTA coordinates is AT 9057.
I/1	S-3	1050	Be informed ARVN will be moving west across river about 1100H going to NOI AN.
S-3	Regt	1105	1100H SITREP: No change in positions or status.
H	S-3	1141	F Co delayed movement of troops 90 minutes.
G	S-3	1145	SPOT REPORT A - G Co 2/1 B - 151145H C - FRF AT 990546 EN: AT 985539 D - G/1 received sniper fire from across the river at above coordinates. E - G/1 returned fire with small arms and 81mm mortars. Sniper fire ceased. F-2 - Negative.
G	S-3	1205	Additional info to Line E of above SPOT REPORT VC sniper was spotted and taken under fire and saw him fall from the tree. Add Line I 1 VC KIA (confirmed).
S-3	Regt	1215	Submitted SITREP #1 and G/1 SPOT REPORT.
Comm	S-3	1220	Comm personnel reached terminal field.
Comm	S-3	1225	Comm personnel passed terminal box and now enroute to HA DONG Bridge checking out land line.
F	S-3	1236	River sweep postponed until first light tomorrow.
G	S-3	1300	G/1 shifting position.
E/1	S-3	1427	Departed bridge at BT 091552 enroute to M Co.
S-4	S-3	1510	F Co resupply convoy departed.
S-3	Regt	1750	All units night time activities call in.
Sentry at Rt #1 H&S	S-3	1805	ARVN convoy ambushes approx 700 meters south of our position (Sentry position BT 032643). The convoy received fire from the northwest at BT 038628.
E-6	E	1810	E-6 commands E Co to establish a blocking position south of Anderson Trail to block against VC coming to the south, in position left flank of Route #1.
F	S-3	1840	F/2 request to know if we will have any patrols within 300 meters of their CP.
S-3	F	1840	There will not be any patrols within 300 meters of F/2 CP but are not informed of patrols being run to their west, outside of the TAOR.
Regt	S-3	1856	Request to know F/2 position.
All units	S-3	1900	All secure.
E	S-3	1903	Anderson Road security is moving back to CP
E	S-3	1910	Anderson Road security has returned.
G	Arty	1923	Fire mission requested at BT 013572 Azimuth 1000; will adjust; nature of target; automatic weapons fire.

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FROM	TO	TIME	MESSAGES
M.T.	S-3	1930	Gate guard reports that 3 vehicles have not returned to the CP yet.
Note	S-3	1935	After checking reports from motor transport, the missing vehicles are legally staying the night in DL HUNG.
S-3	M.T.	1940	Secure gate guard.
All units	S-3	2000	All secure.
Regt	S-3	2005	Between 0400 and 0500 three RVN 6x6 trucks will be moving south down Route #1; destination DO MINH 1.
G	S-3	2006	SPOT REPORT A - G B - 151920Z C - FR BT 005560 EM: BT 006565 D - G/2 received approx 20 rounds sniper fire from above coordinance. E - G/2 called in artillery with good effect on target. Sniper fire ceased. F - Negative. G/2 patrol departed. F/1/L patrol has departed.
S-3	Regt	2030	SPOT REPORT A - 2/1 B - 151806Z C - BT 038632 D - In RVN convoy, consisting of 1 personnel carrier and 1 truck were ambushed by an unknown number of VC positioned on both sides of Route #1. The VC sprang ambush with small arms and mortars (the mortar fire mentioned on the radio traffic being monitored). Personnel carrier contained 8 personnel and an unknown number of security personnel in the truck. E - Fire may have been returned by the ambushed personnel. It could not be determined from the conversation being monitored. The VC broke contact and moved to the east and west from the ambush position. Arty fire was called by the unit. 2/1 patrol on Anderson Trail set up blocking position along south side of Anderson Trail and 3 Co placed on alert status. F - Unknown From radio traffic, 2 med evacs were called; the status of individuals unknown. Vehicles continued south on Route #1 to ARVN position.
All units	S-3	2100	All secure.
S	S-3	2132	E/2/A patrol at Ck St 1 (BT 022637).
S-3	F	2140	G Co is conducting study of tide conditions at BT 005555. Results will be given to you, to give to hydrographic people at your location.

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All units	S-3	2200	All secure.
E	S-3	2208	E/2 patrol has departed.
S-3	E	2240	There will be a convoy at this CP between 160900-160930 to pick up E Co personnel.
S-3	All Co's	2245	FRAG ORDER for 16 August 1966. 1. E Co be prepared on order to chop 1 plat OpCon 1/1. Provide 2 squads for road sweep security for Anderson Trail. 2. F, G, and H Companies continue assigned mission Operation SWANTEE.
All units	S-3	2300	All secure.
E	S-3	2320	E/2 patrol arrived at Ck Ft 1 (Ambush site BT 010626).
S-3	E	2345	WARNING ORDER: Upon completion your participation in Operation SWANTEE be prepared on order to conduct platoon operations vicinity BT 038580, BT 048567 and BT 045558. Make plans to close camp vicinity BT 024567 ASAP. Next 72 hours submit requirements ASAP. Details will follow tomorrow.
All units	S-3	2400	All secure.

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SYNOPSIS

15 August - At 0615H one platoon from E Co with det of Engineers began mine sweep of Anderson Trail to junction of Highway #1 sweep completed at 0810H with negative results. At 0625H all night time activities (patrols/ambushes and listening posts) returned to their respective CP's. At 0625H F Co began movement from their position (AT 999620) enroute to Bn CP in conjunction with Operation SWANTEE: arrived Bn CP at 0705H. At 0635 H/1 and E/2 commenced movement from company CP (BT 025576) to vicinity BT 070550 to act as river security for Operation SWANTEE, arriving at 1010H. At 0700H E/1 (Rein) and 32A (Rein) departed CP by motorized convoy to vicinity BT 091555: arriving at objective at 0830H and effected relief from 1st Bn, 1st Marines. Provide security on both sides of river west of the bridge - line BT 075543-BT 081553. G Company commenced movement by foot to new FPS's located at BT 005560, AT 990545 and AT 980560 arriving at new positions at 0850H; platoons commenced providing security of north bank from AT 977568 to BT 014559 in conjunction with Operation SWANTEE. At 0910H F Company departed Bn CP by motorized convoy to assume command of river survey at bridge (AT 091552), arriving at 0935H. At 0911H E/1 at bridge (BT 091552) notified 2nd Bn, 1st Marines the LCM would be delayed for approximately 60 minutes due to difficulty loading. At 1010H hourly position report to 1st Marines. At 1050H 1/1 notified 2/1 of ARVN moving across river on eastern edge of TAOB from vicinity BT 056633. At 1100H commence moving south on westbank. At 1105H hourly situation/position report submitted to 1st Marines; no change in position (reference message 1010H). At 1145H G/1 at AT 990546 received sniper fire

from across the river in vicinity at 985539. Platoon returned fire with small arms fire and 81mm mortar mission was called; sniper fire ceased. At 1205H G/1 sighted the VC sniper in a tree vicinity AT 985539 and took him under fire: G/1 saw the sniper fall out of the tree; results 1 VC KIA (confirmed). At 1215H SITREP #1 submitted to Regiment indicating 1 VC KIA and no change on unit positions. At 1236H F Company at bridge (BT 091552) was directed by the Hydrographic Survey Team to postpone river sweep until 160625H. At 1300H G/1 patrol began shifting to new position to vicinity AT 983554; arriving at position at 1705H. At 1750H all night time activities (patrols/ambushes and listening posts) submitted to 1st Marines. At 1806 firing heard at In CP and the following was monitored from radio: ARVN convoy (consisting of 1 FC and 1 6x6 truck) were ambushed vicinity BT 038632 by an unknown number of VC located in vicinity BT 038628. VC sprung the ambush with small arms fire and suspected 60mm mortars: fire may have been returned by the ambushed ARVN; the VC broke contact and moved east and west from ambush position. Artillery fire was called on suspected enemy position. 2nd Bn, 1st Marines security patrol on Anderson Trail set up a blocking position along south side of trail and 1 platoon from E Company placed on alert status. Two med evacs were requested and ARVN convoy continued south on highway #1 to ARVN position. At 1710H blocking position/local security on Anderson trail secured from blocking position. At 1930H G/2 in PPE (BT 005560) received approximately 20 rounds of sniper fire from vicinity BT 006565; an artillery mission was called and sniper fire ceased. At 1923H G Company requested an artillery mission on automatic weapons firing in vicinity BT 013572; firing ceased. At 2039H all night time activities (patrols/ambushes and listening posts) commenced. At 2245H FRAC ORDER issued: E Company be prepared on order to chop 1 platoon OpCon 1/1; provide 2 squads for road sweep security for Anderson Trail: F, G, and H Companies continue assigned mission of Operation SWANEE. At 2345H a WARNING ORDER was issued to H Co; upon completion your participation in Operation Operation SWANEE, be prepared on order to conduct platoon operations vicinity BT 038580, BT 048567 and BT 045558. Make plans to close camp vicinity BT 024567 ASAP. There were 4 platoons and 6 squad patrols, 7 squad ambushes, and 5 listening posts employed.

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From: 160001H August 1966
To: 162400H August 1966

FROM	TO	TIME	MESSAGES
All units	S-3	0100	All secure.
All units	S-3	0200	All secure.
All units	S-3	0300	All secure.
All units	S-3	0400	All secure.
All units	S-3	0500	All secure.
E	S-3	0515	E/2/B patrol has returned.
E	S-3	0515	E/2/A patrol enroute to CP.
E	S-3	0530	E/2/A patrol has returned.
All units	S-3	0600	All secure.
F	S-3	0630	The truck that was stuck is now moving toward F Co and we will be moving about 0730H.
Regt 3	S-3	0635	If your F Co can do without vehicles, commence your movement.
S-3	G	0637	Passed above message to F Co G.
Engr	S-3	0639	2 Squads (Rein) and Det, Engr's began mine sweep of Andersen Trail to junction of Highway #1.
H	S-3	0645	Has departed PPB for commencement of daylight activities.
F	S-3	0725	F Co is on the move.
H	S-3	0745	H/2 now in position.
S-3	Regt3	0800	POSITION REPORT (OPERATION SWANNEE) H-1 BT 070552 E-1 at H Co CP BT 025576 H-2 BT 025558 E-2 conducting road sweep from BT 015627 to BT 033644 H-3 BT 079553 G-1 AT 990545 E-3 on stand-by in CP. G-2 BT 005560 F Co is still refueling G-3 AT 981563 All G Co units in blocking position.
2/1	Regt3	0800	SPOT REPORT A - G Co B - 160755H C - FR: 015627 EN: 011624 D - CP security position spotted approximately 4 men running from rock to rock. E - Sentry fired 1 warning round in air, men continued to hide and sentry then fired 2 rounds small arms directly at them. 4 men fled through tree line and disappeared. F-Q - Negative. Road sweep completed with negative results. F Co in the water (BT 072546). Position report (Operation SWANNEE) submitted: No change. Resupply convoy enroute to G Co CP. Position report (Operation SWANNEE) submitted: No change. Be aware that there are bunkers and trench lines at BT 068542, running east and southeast; these are new positions. Troops departed trucks, entering Otters. 2 Antennas will report to H Co this afternoon 2/12 will hold school dedication in northern portion of TLOP in Hamlet YEN NE at 1400H. Security will be AT 9866 AT 9966, AT 9865 and AT 9965. Security will be in from 1200 to 1500.
Engr	S-3	0810	
F	S-3	0853	
S-3	Regt3	0900	
Convoy	S-3	0945	
S-3	Regt3	1000	
S-3	F	1000	
Convoy	S-3	1011	
Regt 3	S-3	1030	
Regt 3	S-3	1035	
Wire team	S-3	1100	Wire team has not up with radio team at terminal.

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S-3 REGT3 1100 Position report (Operation SWANNEE).
 E-1 BT 025576 E-3 on stand-by in CP.
 F-1 BT 064559 SOUTH BANK
 F-3 BT 064559
 G-1 AT 990545 H-1 & H-3 BT 064559 NORTH BANK
 G-2 BT 005566
 G-3 AT 981563

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2. Contact Negative.
3. Significant Events: Proceeding at best speed.
4. Casualties: None.

LCM S-3 1130 Present position BT 065562.
 Regt 3 S-3 1200 E/3 OpCon 3/1 for operation they are conducting.
 S-3 Regt 1200 Position report (Operation SWANNEE).
 H-1 & 3 BT 045559 (Northbank) E-1 at BT 025576
 H-2 BT 025558 H Co CP Southbank
 G-1 AT 990545 F1 & 3 lead BT 047551
 G-2 BT 005566 S-3 BT 054557
 G-3 BT 981563 LCM BT 058564

Negative contact; Proceeding at best speed. No casualty

H S-3 1217 H-1 Amtrac stuck in middle of river at BT 043554.
 H S-3 1218 H-3 upon beach at BT 046557.
 S-3 Regt3 1219 SITREP #2 sent to Regiment.
 F S-3 1304 F Co held up at BT 046556 for indefinite period of time.
 Water conditions allow travel to 1500H.
 S-3 Regt3 1310 Position report (Operation SWANNEE) submitted.
 H-1 & 2 BT 043554 F1 & 3 IT 046556
 H-3 BT 046557 LCM BT 049550
 G-1 AT 990545 LVT's with H-1 stuck in middle of
 G-2 BT 005566 river. at aforementioned coordinate.
 G-3 AT 981563 LVT's with F Co experiencing mechanical
 difficulties. Sweep not proceeding at this time.

S-3 Regt3 1400 Position Report (Operation SWANNEE) submitted. No change.
 H S-3 1415 H-3 had med-evac at BT 045558. Man has out hand which
 will not stop bleeding.

H S-3 1430 Med-evac helo lifted.
 S-3 Regt 1500 Due to LVT's stuck on sand bars only 1 hour remaining with favorable water conditions
 for LCM. C.O. 2/1 decided to remain at present position
 in order to refuel. LVT's set in defensive positions for
 the night and organize units to move out at first light.

Wire team S-3 1530 Wire team has return to CP.
 S-3 Regt3 1600 LVT's all on beach, one remains immovable, minor repairs
 being conducted. Refueling and resupplying in progress.
 Defense set in and all secure.

Comm S-3 1630 SPOT REPORT
 A - Comm wire team
 B - 161110H
 C - BT 009635
 D - Wire team was working on lines when they heard round
 crack overhead. Round came from unknown position to
 the south.
 E-Q - Negative.

FROM	TO	TIME	MESSAGES
S-3	Regt3	1600	SPOT REPORT A - 2/1 B - 161545H C - FR: BT 016624 EN: BT 012632 D - A tank from 3rd Plat, Co B, 3rd TK Bn was approaching security gate and received 6 rounds of sniper fire. E - Fire was not returned tank was unable to locate sniper position. F-Q - Negative.
S-3	Regt3	1800	1800 SITREP #3 sent to Regiment along with position report.
S-3	Regt3	1900	Position Report (Operation SWANNEE). F CP BT 045556 E-1 BT 025576 F-3 BT 045556 G-1 AT 990540 F-1 BT 038554/ICM BT 044557 G-2 BT 002565 F-2 AT 989641 G-3 AT 993562 H-1 & 3 BT 045556 H-2 blocking position BT 025558
S-3	S-3	1935	SPOT REPORT A - H/2 B - 161915H C - FR: BT 025558 EN: BT 025538 D - Tanks attached to H/2 patrol observed 50 VC wearing mixed uniforms and helmets moving west. E - Tanks fired 11 90mm rounds on target; good coverage of target. F-H - None I-L - Unknown M-Q - Negative.
S-3	S-3	1940	Anderson Road security is presently heading back to CP.
S-3	All Co's	1941	FRAG ORDER for 17 August 1966: 1. All units continue assigned mission. 2. E Co provide security for road sweep and Anderson Trail 3. F Co be underway at first light. 4. G Co, no change. 5. H Co continue present mission and prepare for future activities.
F	S-3	2010	F/A patrol has departed CP.
E	S-3	2020	Anderson road security has returned.
S-3	Regt	2030	SPOT REPORT A - F/3 B - 161945H C - FR: BT 045556 EN: BT 041549 D - Sighted VC in treeline; shot at him and searched area. Found 1 shower shoe with blood on it. E - Searched area no body was found. F-I - None J - 1 (probable) K-Q - Negative.
S-3	Regt	2115	Submitted F Co ambushes and IP's
H&S	S-3	2115	H&S reported seeing lights outside of lines. Details to follow.
S-3	Regt3	2135	SPOT REPORT A - H/2 B - 162100H C - FR: BT 025558 EN: BT 021562

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			D - H/2 received 10-12 carbine sniper rounds in their position.
			E - Tanks returned fire with 30 Cal; sniper fire ceased.
			F-Q - Negative.
S-3	Regt	2145	SPOT REPORT
			A - G/2
			B - 162120H
			C - PR: BT 002656 EN: BT 006563
			D - G/2 reported 20 incoming small arms rounds plus 1 60mm mortar round that was a dud. G/2 held their fire until they had a good idea of enemy position.
			E-Q - Negative.
All units	S-3	2200	All secure.
81's	S-3	2210	81's reported that the light outside lines earlier was someone going to the head.
S-3	G/2	2245	Reference SPOT REPORT 2.20H: is the dud in your position and request positive identification. Reply: Dud is located near out outpost, will make positive identification at first light.
All units	S-3	2300	All secure.
E/2	S-3	2320	Request 1 round illumination at coordinates AT 988138, suspected enemy movement.
81's	S-3	2335	4.2 expended 3 rounds of ammo for illumination mission requested at 2320H, with negative.
H	S-3	2341	SPOT REPORT
			A - H
			B - 162315H
			C - BT 023575
			D - Numerous sniper rounds fired at H Co CP.
			E - Returned fire with small arms and 10 rounds 60mm mortars
			F-Q - Negative
2/1	H/2	2345	Req to know if you intend to sweep area the VC were sighted at 1915H. Answer: Negative.
S-3	Regt	2400	2400H SITREP #4 sent to Regiment.

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SYNOPSIS

16 August - At 0610H all night time activities (patrols/ambushes and listening posts returned to respective CP's). At 0639H two squads (Rein from E/2 plus a detachment of engineers commenced mine sweep of Anderson Trail to junction with Highway #1; sweep completed at 0810H with negative results. At 0645H H/1 and 2 commenced daylight operations in conjunction with Operation SWANNEE. At 0725H F Company commenced movement to rendezvous with LGM I. At 0755H G Company CP security position (via BT 015627) sighted approximately 4 unidentified personnel running from rock to rock in vicinity BT 015627. Sentry fired warning round in the air, then fired 2 rounds of small arms directly at persons who appeared to be hiding in rocks. Unidentified persons fled into the tree line and disappeared. Hourly situation/position reports in conjunction with Operation SWANNEE submitted throughout period. At 1035H 1st Marines notified 2/1 that 2/12 will hold school dedication in northern portion of 2/1 TAOR in hamlet VEN NE

at 1400; security will be at AT 9866, AT 9966, AT 9865, AT 9965 and in position from 1200 to 1500. At 1130H 1st Marines notified 2/1 that 2 Antraco would report to H Company sometime during the afternoon. At 1130H E/3 OpCon 3rd Bn, 1st Marines in conjunction with 3/1 operation. At 1200H SITREP #2 for Operation SWANNEE submitted to 1st Marines; H/1 and 3 at AT 045559, H/2 at BT 025558, G/1 at AT 990345, G/2 at BT 005566 G/3 at AT 981563, E/1 at BT 025576, H CP Southbank, F/1 and 3 leading elements at BT 047551 and rear elements at BT 054557; LCM located BT 058564 proceeding at best speed available; negative contact. At 1217H H/1 report Antraco was stuck in middle of river at BT 043554; At 1304H F Company reported being held up for an indefinite period at BT 046556. At 1415H H/3 requested a med-evac at coordinates BT 045558 for one man who severely cut his hand. At 1430H med-evac was completed. Due to LVT's stuck on sand bars, mechanical problems with LVT's, and only 1 remaining hour of favorable water conditions for LCM it was decided to remain in present position in order to refuel LVT's, set in defensive positions for the night and organize to move out at first light. At 1545H a tank from 3rd Plat, B Co, 2nd TK Bn approaching the main security gate (BT 016627) received 6 rounds of sniper fire from an unknown direction; fire was not returned because the location of sniper could not be determined. At 1610H Comm wire team working on lines from Bn CP area to H1 DONG Bridge heard a round crack overhead. Fire came from an unknown direction. No casualties. At 1800H SITREP #3 submitted to 1st Marines along with the position report; positions remained the same and situation was all secure. At 1915H H/2 with tanks attached (vic BT 025538) observed 50 VC wearing mixed uniforms and helmets moving at BT 025558. Tanks fired 11 90mm rounds with good coverage of target. A sweep of the area was not conducted due to the distance from location and security mission assigned. At 1941H FRAG ORDER for 17 August issued: All units continue assigned mission; E Company provide security for road sweep and Anderson Trail; F Company be underway at first light; G Company continue assigned mission; H Company continue present mission and be prepared for future activities. At 2010H all night time activities commenced (patrols/ambushes and listening posts). At 1945H F/3 patrol located in vicinity BT 041549 sighted one VC in tree line and opened fire; area was searched and patrol found 1 shower shoe with blood on it, no body was located. Results 1 VC WIA (probable). At 2100H H/2 patrol located at BT 025558 received 10-12 carbine sniper round into their position from vicinity BT 021562 attached tanks returned fire with .30 Cal automatic fire; sniper firing ceased. At 2120H G/2 at BT 002656 reported receiving 20 incoming rounds of small arms fire plus 1 60mm mortar round (dud) from suspected vicinity of BT 006563. Will sweep area at first light and make positive identification of suspected 60mm mortar dud. At 2150H H Company located BT 023575 received numerous sniper rounds from unknown directions; H Company returned fire with small arms and 10 60mm mortars rounds; sniper fire ceased. At 2400H SITREP #4 was submitted to 1st Marines. There were 4 squad ambushes and 1 listening post employed.

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From: 170001H August 1966

To: 172400H August 1966

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FROM	TO	TIME	MESSAGES
All units	S-3	0100	All secure.
	S-3	0110	Initial and Final SPOT REPORT
			A - F Co
			B - 170030H
			C - FR: BT 037555 and BT 046556 EN: BT 031556
			D - F Co received approximately 12 rounds of 60mm mortar fire at coordinates above. Muzzle flashes were seen at BT 031556.
			E - F Co returned approximately 200 rounds of .50 Cal machine gun fire. Firing ceased.
			F-Q - Negative
H&S	S-3	0140	Request illumination at coordinates BT 016630. Heard coughing approximately 50 meters to right front of perimeter hold #5.
Arty	S-3	0155	Illumination for H&S fired.
S-3	Regt 3	0200	Position report: No change.
All units	S-3	0200	All secure.
All units	S-3	0300	All secure.
S-3	Regt 3	0310	Position report: No change.
All units	S-3	0400	All secure.
S-3	Regt 3	0401	Position report: No change.
S-3	Regt 3	0500	Position report: No change.
All units	S-3	0500	All secure.
H&S	S-3	0610	H&S lines request illumination for suspected enemy movement.
S-3	Regt 3	0612	SITREP #5 has been sent.
S-3	Regt 3	0613	Position report: No change.
All units	S-3	0614	All secure.
H&S	S-3	0620	Disregard request for illumination.
H&S	S-3	0625	A Marine from section D on the western side of perimeter saw a man with rifle 75 meters from Marines position, the Marine fired at him and the man took cover.
F	S-3	0633	F Co had to dispatch a helo to pick up a generator for a downed Antrac; expect to be moving at 0700H.
H	S-3	0635	H/2/B sweep departed their area.
H&S	S-3	0635	Marine at D lines fired 3 rounds of machine gun at unidentified man carrying rifle moving in a southerly direction at coordinates BT 012627. Unidentified person jumped into the brush. H&S will dispatch a fire team to search area out.
Regt 3	S-3	0650	A helo at 0700H will pick up parts and drop them at gasoline dump.
S-3	Regt 3	0655	SPOT REPORT
			A - H&S lines
			B - 170625H
			C - BT 012626 EN: BT 012627
			D - At 170625H a Marine from H&S Co at D lines fired 3 rounds from a machine gun at a VC carrying a rifle moving in a southerly direction at coordinates BT 012627. VC jumped into brush.
			E - H&S will dispatch a fire team to search area out. Sweep team returned to lines at 0820H with negative findings.
			F-Q - Negative.

FROM	TO	TIME	MESSAGES
H&S	S-3	0700	H&S fire team sent out to search area out where VC was fire on at 0625; are searching the area and are shooting into the holes.
S-3	Regt 3	0700	Operation SWANNEE is now commencing.
S-3	Regt 3	0700	Hourly SITREP: H/2/B commenced sweep of their area; LCM commenced movement, Amtracs departing. Amtracs have elements of G Co as security for Amtrac and will move out later.
E	S-3	0710	E Co informed BOC that road sweep commenced at 0615E.
AD	F	0710	AD informed F Co; if you receive more sniper fire, there is a flight of fixed wing A/C on station looking for a target.
Regt 3	S-3	0730	APC for 2/1 is broken down 3 miles from starting point. Call sign is BQQZU 51100
E	S-3	0749	E-2 road sweep security is in position; tank on way back to Bn CP.
S-3	Regt 3	0800	Position report (Operation SWANNEE) <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> <p><u>Southbank</u></p> <p>F-1 BT 043560</p> <p>F-3 BT 042554</p> <p>LCM BT 044552</p> <p>G-1,2,3 No change</p> </div> <div> <p><u>Northbank</u></p> <p>H-1 BT 045560</p> <p>H-3 BT 045553</p> <p>H-2 BT 025558</p> <p>E-1 BT 225576</p> </div> </div>
Engr	S-3	0815	Road sweep completed; road is now opened.
H	S-3	0822	H/2/B has linked up with APC's. Now enroute to F Company position.
H&S	S-3 & Regt 3	0820	Fire team swept area with negative results. Reference SPOT REPORT 170625H.
S-3	Regt 3	0900	Position report for Operation SWANNEE: Due to LVT mechanical difficulties, units are in same position as 0800 position report.
F	S-3	0904	We have one vehicle with mechanical problems and 3 to go across river which have to cross to the south before movement can commence; do not have ETD.
S-3	H/2/B	0917	How does H/2/B attend to get to the south side of the river. Reply: They have reached the river and are looking for a place to cross.
H	S-3	0930	APC are crossing river at coordinates (BT 042570).
S-3	Regt 3	1000	Position report (Operation SWANNEE). Elements of river sweep are in the same positions as the 0900 report states. Still having mechanical difficulties and problems with sand bars. APC's enroute to F Co position; plan to dismount troops, leave security for LVT's and continue operation with APC's and troops on foot. Will keep you advised.
F	S-3	1100	F Co began move.
S-3	Regt 3	1100	Sweep position remains the same as 1000H report; troops are boarding APC's to continue sweep of river. LVT's will move to Route 14 and continue on axis with sweep to provide support if needed; operation has commenced moving.
H	S-3	1110	SPOT REPORT A - H Co B - 171045H C - FR: BT 024579 EN: BT 024576 D - 10 rounds sniper fire, fired at C.O. 2/1 hold. E - Area saturated with mortar and small arms fire. Sweep

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			will be conducted
S-3	Regt 3	1150	F-Q - Negative. Position report (Operation SWANNEE) F-1 & 3 south bank BT 035559. H-1 & 3 north bank BT 032560 LCM - BT 030557 LVT's BT 035559
S-3	Regt 3	1200	SITREP #6 sent to Regt via TT.
S-3	Regt 3	1300	Position Report (Operation SWANNEE) F-1 & 3 southbank BT 024553 H-1 & 3 northbank BT 032560 LCM BT 030558 LVT's BT 031564 G-1,2,3 no change APC BT 024553.
S-3	Regt 3	1400	Position report (Operation SWANNEE) F-1 & 3 BT 008557 H-1 & 3 BT 013568 H-2 BT 026558 LCM BT 011558 G-1,2,3 no change APC 008557 9 LVT BT 012568 3 LVT's BT 007557 2 LVT's BT 002558
S-3	Regt 3	1500	Position Report (Operation SWANNEE) submitted. F-1 & 3 BT 008558 H-1,2,3 BT 026576 E-1 BT 026576 LCM BT 011558 APC BT 008558 LVT's AT 992577, BT 008560 and BT 002559 G-1 AT 990547 G-2 BT 990547 G-3 BT 001560
S-3	Regt 3	1600	Position report (Operation SWANNEE) H Co & E-1 BT 025576 F-1 & 3 BT 006556 LCM BT 005558 G-1 BT 000546 G-2 BT 004559 G-3 AT 991576 LVT BT 004559 APC BT 006556 LVT AT 992577
G	S-3	1601	G-3 with broken down LVT at AT 992577
S-3	Regt 3	1700	Position report (Operation SWANNEE) F-1 & 3 AT 992577 LVT AT 997550 G-2 AT 997550 G-1 AT 990546 G-3 AT 992578 H Co & E-1 BT 025576 LCM AT 998546
F	S-3	1715	Request med-evac for man with wound in left foot from punji stake. LZ at AT 999546.
H	S-3	1735	Emergency med-evac
H&S	S-3	1805	Wire team returning to CP received sniper fire from south west vicinity BT 011638; we did not return fire because could not locate sniper.
H	S-3	1805	H Co at BT 025576 receiving heavy sniper fire at med-evac hole via BT 026576. H Co returned fire with small arms fire and grenades.
H	S-3	1810	Med-evac complete; also picked up another med-evac at AT 8747 from H-2.
M.T.	S-3	1820	A downed mite on Highway #1 close to Regiment; M.T. request permission to tow the vehicle back.
M.T.	S-3	1820	2 vehicles with four people each are going out to pick up downed mite.
Note	S-3	1830	Both med-evac (H & F Companies) are completed and want to C-Med.
S-3	Regt 3	1910	SPOT REPORT A - F Co B - 171730H C - BT 999546 D - One man from F Company stepped in punji trap with left foot. E - Requested med-evac F - None G - 1 H-Q - Negative

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S-3	Regt 3	1900	Position report (Operation SWANNEE). No change.
M.T.	S-3	1925	Two vehicles: a mite and a ambulance are staying in DA NAN tonight making a total of seven people staying. At this time E Company was notified that they could commence moving Anderson Trail security back to CP.
F	S-3	1926	SPOT REPORT A - F Co B - 171800H C - FR: LT 998546 D - F Co found one mine M16A1, tomato can mine. It was planted less than 48 hours ago. Mine was armed with prong cover utilizing "C" rations cans, "TEE PEE" style; checked mine but not booby trapped E - Disarmed, will retain same for S-2. F-M - Negative N - M16A1, one anti-personnel mine.
H&S	S-3	1955	Anderson Trail security from E Co are back at CP.
All units	S-3	2000	All secure.
S-3	Regt 3	2000	Position report (Operation SWANNEE). No change.
H&S	S-3	2040	H&S Co lines report that helo is being fired upon by VC about 1000 meters south of CP in vicinity BT 011865
S-3	Regt 3	2055	All 2/1 night time activities called in.
All units	S-3	2100	All secure.
S-3	Regt 3	2100	Position report (Operation SWANNEE). No change.
S-3	Regt 3	2115	SPOT REPORT A - H Co B - 171805H C - FR: BT 026576 EN: BT 024579 D - Med-evac helo going to H Co CP to evacuate one man with severely lacerate on leg. It infected leg. received fire from BT 024579. H Co returned fire and dispatched two tanks and H/3/4 to BT 024579. E - Firing ceased; two structures suspected to have been used by snipers were destroyed. F-Q - Negative
S-3	Regt 3	2120	SPOT REPORT A - H&S wire team B - 171805H C - FR: BT 011638 EN: Unknown D - Bn wire team on return trip to CP received one round of sniper fire from unknown position. E-Q - Negative
All units	S-3	2200	All secure.
S-3	Regt 3	2200	Position report (Operation SWANNEE). No change.
S-3	All	2207	FRAG ORDER for 18 August 1966. 1. E Co provide mine sweep and Anderson Trail security. Rejoin E/1 upon return to CP. On order provide liaison team for PF's. Conduct day and night patrols/ambushes in W-1 and W-2 areas. 2. F Co continue Operation SWANNEE until relieved. Then move vicinity LT 998554 and establish position. Conduct day and night patrols/ambushes in immediate area. Coordinate with G Company.

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3. G Company continue Operation SWANNEE until relieved. Conduct day and night patrols/ambushes in R-2 area. Coordinate with F Company.

4. H Company continue disestablishment camp. On order cho OpCon E/1 to E Company; conduct day and night patrols/ambushes in S-3 and S-1 areas.

5. All units prepare for operation commencing 19 August. Tomorrow morning we will need a med-evac for an ARVN troops Suspected wloers. LVT's (H-6) requests that S-3 pick up the repair kit ordered at LZ LION and send it to LVT's CP at first light.

F S-3 2215 H&S-1A patrol departed IP.

H&S S-3 2236 C Co 1/1, I Co 3/9, and F Co 2/1 have linked up at this tin

F S-3 2252 Position report (Operation SWANNEE). No change.

S-3 Regt 3 2300 All secure.

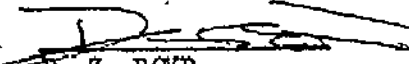
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17 August - At 0110H F Company at BT 037555 and BT 046556 received approximately 12 rounds of suspected 60mm mortars; muzzle flashes were seen in the vicinity of BT 031556. Company returned fire with approximately 200 rounds of .50 Cal machine gun fire; mortaring ceased and VC broke contact in an unknown direction. At 0140H a listening post on H&S lines located at BT 015627 reported hearing someone cough and movement in the vicinity BT 016630. An 81mm illumination mission was fired. Results were negative. At 0635H F Company reported that there would be a delay in commencement of movement of survey team, due to an Antrac requiring generator repairs. At 0615H 2 squads (rein) with a tank from 3rd Plab, Co B, 3rd TK Bn and detachment of engineers commenced mine sweep of Anderson Trail to the junction of Highway #1; sweep completed at 0815H with negative results. At 0635H H/2/B began sweep to link up with ARVN APC unit vicinity BT 056589. At 0635H one Marine at Bn CP listening posts vicinity BT 012627 sighted 1 unidentified person carrying a rifle at BT 012630, listening posts fired 3 rounds of automatic fire at suspected VC, who jumped into bushes. H&S Company dispatched a fire team to sweep the area. Team returned at 0730H and reported locating only fresh foot prints. At 0700H F Company commenced movement. At 0822H H/2/B reported linking up with APC's and enroute to F Company's position (vicinity BT 043560). At 1045H H Company BT 024576 reported helo with C.O. 2/1 aboard received sniper fire from vicinity BT 024579; area was saturated with small arms and mortar fire; a sweep of the area was conducted with negative results. At 1100H H/2/B mounted ARVN APC's and commenced movement to F Company's position; at arriving at F Company at 1215H patrol H/2/B dismounted and provided security for LVT's. At 1531H G/3 reported their patrol and LVT at AT 992546 still moving to objective. At 1735H H Company requested a med-evac for two Marines; one with serious laceration of arm and the other with infected leg. At 1740H one Marine from F Company stepped on a punji trap at vicinity AT 999546; Marines were med-evaced to G-Med at DA NANG at 1830H. At 1805H med-evac helo received enemy fire from vicinity BT 024579; helo returned fire with M-60 machine gun. Two tanks with H/3/A were dispatched to suspected area. Two structures suspected of harboring sniper (vic BT 024579) destroyed by 90mm cannon fire. Med-evacs from F and H Companies successfully evacuated

from respective areas at 1830H. At 1800H F Company located 1 M16A1 tomato can mine at AT 998546; mine was armed with prong cover utilizing "C" rations cans, "TEE PEE" style; checked mine and found it not booby trapped. Engineers disarmed mine and F Company will retain same for forwarding to Bn S-2. At 1805H H&S wire team returning to Bn CP from checking land line to and from HOT DONG Bridge (AT 991642) received 1 round of sniper fire (via BT 011638) from an unknown direction; a visual reconnaissance of the area was conducted with negative results. At 1955H E/2 security returned from Anderson Trail to CP. At 2000H 2/1 night time activities (patrols, ambushes and listening posts) commenced. At 2207H FRAG ORDER for 18 August issued: E Company provide mine sweep and Anderson Trail security; rejoin E/1 upon return to CP; on order provide liaison team for PF's; conduct day and night patrols/ambushes in immediate area, coordinating with G Co. G Company continue Operation SWANNEE until relieved; conduct day and night patrols/ambushes in R-2 area coordinating with F Company; H Company continue disestablishment of camp, on order chop OpCon E/1 to E Company, conduct day and night patrols/ambushes in S-3 and S-1 areas; all units prepare for operation commencing 19 August. At 2210H G Company heard noises at vicinity AT 999561 and dispatched a squad to investigate. G/2/A sighted a VC squad, called in 81mm illumination and assaulted the VC with small arms (semi and automatic fire). VC retreated into dense treeline. G/2/A swept area with negative results due to a dense foliage; bodies may be hidden. G/2/A will sweep area again at first light. At 2252H G Co, 1/9, I Co, 3/9 and F Co, 2/1 linked up at south end of bridge vicinity AT 998546. Hourly position reports and 6 hour SITREP's submitted in conjunction with Operation SWANNEE throughout the period. There were 3 squad patrols and 3 ambushes and 2 listening posts employed.


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From: 180001H August 1966
To: 182400H August 1966

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S-3	Regt	0005	SPOT REPORT A - G/2/A B - 182210H 1 C - RR: AT 999561 EN: AT 999561 D - G/2/A took estimated VC squad under fire at above coordinates and called in 80-81mm mortar rounds of illumination. VC broke contact, retreated to densely wooded area, G/2/A swept area. E - Negative results on sweep, will sweep again at first light. Due to dense terrain there may be hidden bodies. F-Q - Negative.
All units	S-3	0100	All secure.
S-3	Regt3	0100	Position report (Operation SWANNEE). No change.
S-3	Regt3	0200	Position report (Operation SWANNEE). No change.
All units	S-3	0200	All secure.
S-3	Regt3	0300	Position report (Operation SWANNEE). No change.
All units	S-3	0300	All secure.
S-3	Regt3	0400	Position report (Operation SWANNEE). No change.
All units	S-3	0400	All secure.
F	S-3	0436	F/2/A patrol returned to CP with negative results.
S-3	Regt3	0500	Position report (Operation SWANNEE). No change.
All units	S-3	0500	All secure.
H&S/1/A	S-3	0532	H&S/1/A patrol has returned.
F	S-3	0547	F/2 patrol has returned.
S-3	Regt3	0600	Position report (Operation SWANNEE). No change.
S-3	Regt3	0620	SITREP #9 (Operation SWANNEE) has been submitted.
E	S-3	0645	2 squads from E Co plus Det, Engrs commenced mine sweep of Anderson Trail.
S-3	Regt3	0700	Position report (Operation SWANNEE). No change.
E-2	S-3	0715	E/2 security reports road opened. Anderson Trail to Highway is clear.
S-3	Regt3	0800	Position report (Operation SWANNEE). No change.
S-3	Regt3	0804	LCM Op Con 1/9 (Operation SWANNEE).
Regt	S-3	0845	Notify company with APC's that a helo with oil and 1 mechanic will arrive sometime this morning. Regt will notify 2/1 when helo is on the way.
H	S-3	0917	H Co found 500-800 pounds of rice in a house coordinates BT 028582.
H	S-3	1000	H Co road sweep completed.
S-3	Regt3	1000	Position Report (Operation SWANNEE). No change.
S-3	All	1037	WARNING ORDER for 18 August 1966: 1. Phase Line BLUE trail from AT 983582 to BT 011584. Phase Line RED trail from AT 992597 to BT 025598. Phase Line GREEN is SONG LA THO (GL 61). 2. Commencing at 190630H 2/1 conducts unilateral search and destroy and clear operations within TAOR. G and F Companies move north on line from present positions near SONG KY LAM via GL 55 guiding on RR GL 99. H Co provide
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block/screen along SONG CO CA GL 01. E Co blocks along SONG LA THO GL 61 and scouts it out. On arrival SONG 1 THO F Co passes through E Co and continues operations north; G Co then sweeps south back on east side RR. E Company continues operations to E Co remaining north of SONG THANH QUIT. Upon reaching SONG TAM GIAP H Co swings east and south sweeping area west of route 1.

3. Details will follow.

S-3 Regt3 1100 Position report (Operation SWANNEE). No change.
S-3 Regt3 1200 Position report (Operation SWANNEE). No change.
S-3 Regt3 1300 Position report (Operation SWANNEE). No change.
S-3 Regt3 1400 Position report (Operation SWANNEE). No change.
S-3 Regt3 1400 SPOT REPORT

A - H

B - 180920H

C - FR: BT 028532

D - Found exposed cache of rice approximately 500 to 800 lbs received 2 rounds mortar and small arms automatic fire from 7 positions around rice, returned 7 rounds 81mm and automatic fire, searched area with negative results. 180950H H Co dispatched H/2/A to Route 14. Found several houses abandoned with hidden clothes and 50 lbs of rice in each at vic (BT 035582). Dispatched H/2/B to search further. At 181025H H/1/A under light sniper fire, returned fire with semi-automatic weapons. At 181050H H/1/A under heavy semi and automatic weapons fire. 1 hostile round hit M-60 and made it inoperable, returned with semi-automatic fire and M-79's, then continued to day light position. No further contact was made. The M-79 rounds made 2 fires in structures, at BT 035582. At 181115H H/2/ and H/2/B joined to search area vic BT 030580.

E - Several small and large rice and clothing caches were found. Noted 3 suspicious VCS apprehended and released.

F - None.

G - 1

H-M - None

N - Amount of rice still being determined.

O - Possible VC supplies and additional rice in area being searched.

P - Searched 1 day light patrol and added reinforced squad to search abandoned hamlets more thoroughly.

Q - Unknown.

S-3 Regt3 1500 Position report (Operation SWANNEE). No change.
S-3 Regt3 1510 SPOT REPORT

A - H Co

B - 181430H

C - BT 035582

D - Found documents and maps with cache of rice at above coord

E - Maps will be forwarded to you ASAP.

F-Q - Negative

S-3 Regt 1600 SITREP (Operation SWANNEE). No change.

S-3 Regt 1700 Position report (Operation SWANNEE). No change.

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H	S-3	1755	SPOT REPORT A - H Co B - 181700H C - FR: BT 030581 EN: Same D - H/2/A and ARVN troops encountered sniper fire while searching area at above coordinates. Marines and ARVN deployed with 2 Ontos towards sniper fire area and returned automatic fire and 4 106mm rounds. E - Abandoned hut burned but no further contact was made. F-Q - Negative.
*G	S-3	1610	Reference SPOT REPORT 180005H: Line E - Results of final sweep by G/3 discovered a few blood stains on ground, but did not find any VC bodies.
*Regt	S-3	1620	Repair parts for LVT's are still being waited on by helos.
S-3	Regt	1815	Sent H/1/A, H/2/A and E/1/A night activities.
S-3	Comm	1815	Delivered SITREP #11 to message center.
F/2	S-3	1820	SPOT REPORT A - F/2 B - 181505H C - FR: AT 992627 EN: 992628 D - F/2/A moving at above coordinates received 8-10 rounds of sniper fire from house at AT 992628. E - F/2/A returned fire with small arms and 10 M-79 rounds swept area with negative results. F-Q - Negative.
E/2	S-3	1825	Round security enroute to CP from Anderson Trail. MT reports: all vehicles returned to this CP.
E	S-3	1900	E/2 security elements have returned to CP.
S-3	Regt	1925	Sent in G Co night activities and F Companies.
51st ARVN	2/1	1930	MAIN FORCE VC Co HK-15 designation unit moved from vic BT 022600 to present locations of AT 978607 and AT 981608. Unit has 80 men with 5 BAR's and 1 60mm mortar.
S-2	F/2	2010	Be advised of intelligence report from HOA VANG LAC 40 VC vic BT 001645 and AT 995654. 1 squad is detached to BT 018659 on 19-20 August. VC can be expected to initiate action in the Blackwell area/ no indication of type of squad but a possibility that bridge destruction may be their mission. HOA VANG rating B/2.
S-3	All Co's	2100	FRAG ORDER 19 August 1966: 1. Be prepared to execute NV 181000 WARNING ORDER on 20 Aug. Operation Order will be issued 19 August. 2. E Co provide mine sweep and Anderson Trail security. Rejoin E/1 upon arriving CP. Conduct day and night patrol in W-1 and W-2 areas. 3. F Co continue provide LVTH security. First light move to vic AT 995668. Pass LVTH security responsibility to G Co upon joining. Conduct day and night Recon patrols in area coordinating with G Co. 4. G Co assume LVTH security responsibility upon meeting F Co Pass on to 1/9 vic AT 985484. Conduct day and night patrol in area coordinating with F Co.

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			5. H Co continue day and night patrols in S-2 area. Continue dismantle camp. Chop E/1 to E Co via resupply convoy.
			6. All units be advised of necessity of submitting night activities in timely fashion. Late submission delays any H&I's requested.
All units	S-3	2100	All secure.
S-3	Regt3	2100	Position report (Operation SWANNEE). No change.
S-3	Regt3	2130	Sent H&S/1/A patrol.
S-3	H-6	2145	Request H/6 recheck BT 015584, 014567, 026592, and 034582 for possible cancellation of 81mm H&I's due to proximity of patrol.
S-3	Regt3	2200	Position report (Operation SWANNEE). No change.
All units	S-3	2200	All secure.
S-3	G/6	2207	Request G-6 recheck (BT 007577) 81mm H&I's for possible cancellation due to proximity.
H&S	S-3	2210	H&S patrol now leaving CP.
All units	S-3	2300	All secure.
S-3	Regt	2300	Position report (Operation SWANNEE). No change.
S-3	Regt	2300	SPOT REPORT A - H Co B - 182050H - 182107H C - BT 025579 - BT 024573 D - H/1/A received 2 rounds sniper fire, vic BT 025579; returned fire and patrol returned to CP. H/1/A departed CP by alternate route at 182107H and received automatic weapons fire vic BT 024573. H/1/A called and adjusted 5 rounds of 60mm mortars on enemy position. Results unknown. E - Will search area at first light. F - Q Unknown


SYNOPSIS:

18 August - At 0005H G/2/A patrol at AT 999561 sighted an estimated VC squad at ~~8000~~ coordinates; patrol took VC under fire with small arms and called in 80 and 81mm mortars rounds of illumination. VC broke contact and returned into densely wooded area; area was searched with negative results; however, a more thorough search will be conducted at first light. At 0615H G/3 began sweep of area (vic AT 999561) and discovered 2 pools of blood and many trails of blood through elephant grass through the treeline; the patrol swept the treeline and discovered more blood trails, but no bodies. At 0645H 2 squads from E Company provided security for a detachment of engineers conducting a mine sweep of the Anderson Trail for security purposes. At 0840H WARNING ORDER issued to all units: Phase Line BLUE, trail from AT 983582 to BT 011584; Phase Line RED, trail from AT 992597 to BT 025598. Phase Line GREEN is SONG LA THO GL 6L. Commencing at 190630H 2/1 conducts unilateral search and clear operations within TAO. G and F Companies move north on line from present positions near SONG KY LAM via GL 55 guiding on RR GL 99. H Co provides 1 platoon to block/screen along SONG CO C. GL GL. E Co blocks along SONG LA THO GL 6L and scouts it out. On arrival SONG LA THO F Co passes through E Co and continues operations to north; G Co then sweeps south back on east side RR. E continues operations to east remaining north of SONG THANH

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QUIT. Upon reaching SONG TAM GIAP H Co swing east and south sweeping area west of Route 1. Details to follow. Between the hours 0920H and 1050H H Company patrols located and exposed caches of rice (approx 500 to 800 lbs) vic BT 028532, received 2 mortar rounds and small arms fire from 7 different positions around cache site; fire was returned with 7 rounds of 81mm mortar fire, automatic and semi-automatic fire at the vic of suspected VC. The patrol searched the area with negative results. H/2/A was dispatched to Route 14 to check population and found several houses with abandoned clothes and 5 - 50 lbs bags of rice in vic BT 035582. H/1/A patrol received heavy semi and automatic fire from a few houses vic BT 035582. Fire was returned with heavy volume of small arms fire and M-79 rounds; two structures were ignited by M-79 rounds; an M-60 was rendered inoperative due to enemy rounds hitting the weapon. A more thorough search was conducted of the abandoned hamlets in vic BT 030580 with negative results. At 1430H H Company at 035582 located documents, maps, and cache of rice; maps and documents will be forwarded to S-2 at first opportunity. At 1700H H/2/A and ARVN troops sent to investigate rice caches at BT 030581 encountered sniper fire while searching area. H/2/A and ARVN forces with 2 ONTOS returned fire in vicinity of sniper fire with automatic fire and 4 106mm rounds; an abandoned hut was burned by 106mm rounds and no further contact was made; search of the area was made with negative results. ARVN stated rice appeared to belong to PF's and returned to CP without taking further action. At 1505H H/2/A patrol at AT 992627 received 8-10 sniper rounds from a house in vic AT 992628; patrol returned fire with small arms and M-79 rounds; swept area with negative results. At 1825H E/2, Anderson Trail security returned to Bn CP with negative results. At 1930H night time activities (patrols/ambushes, and listening posts) commenced. Between the hours of 2050H and 2107H H/1/A patrol received two rounds of sniper fire from vic BT 025579; returned fire and returned to CP vic BT 025575. H/1/A again departed friendly lines by an alternate patrol route and received automatic fire from vic BT 024573. H/1/A called and adjusted 5 rounds of 60mm mortar on suspected enemy position; results unknown due to darkness; will sweep area at first light. At 2105H FRAG ORDER for 19 August 1966 issued: Be prepared to execute my 181000H WARNING ORDER on 20 August. Operation Order will be issued 19 August. E Co provide mine sweep and Anderson Trail security. Rejoin E/1 upon arrival CP. Conduct day and night patrols in W-1 and W-2 areas. F Co continue to provide security. First light move to vic AT 995568. Pass LVTH security responsibility to G Co upon joining. Conduct day and night Recon patrols in area coordinating with G Co. G Co assume LVTH security responsibility upon meeting F Co. Pass on to 1/9 vic AT 984585. Conduct day and night patrols in area coordinating with F Co. H Co continue day and night patrols in S-2 area. Continue dismantle camp. Chop E/1 to E Co via resupply convoy. All units be advised of necessity of submitting night time activities in timely fashion. Late submission delays any H&I's requested. Hourly Position Reports and 6 hour SITREP's submitted in conjunction with Operation SWANNEE. There were 5 squad patrols and 4 squad ambushes and 3 listening posts employed.


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To: 192400H August 1966

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F,G	S-3	0001	All secure
H&S	S-3	0001	H&S/1/A patrol reached CK PT #1 (BT 013631).
S-3	H	0005	Are your ambushes in position.
H	S-3	0006	Both patrols in ambush positions (1T 014572) and (BT 038593)
S-3	F,G	0006	Are your ambushes in position:
F,G	S-3	0006	G/1/A at (AT 996548) G/3/A at (AT 997558) G/3/B at (BT 001561) F/1/A at (BT 001548) F/1/B at (AT 997544)
			ambushes in position and will remain in position until first light.
S-3	Regt	0010	Position report; No change in position. Also notified Regt of 6 hour situation report on TT.
H&S	S-3	0025	H&S/1/A patrol reached ambush position 1 (BT 011630).
S-3	Regt	0100	Position report; No change in position.
H	S-3	0135	All secure
H/1	S-3	0135	SPOT REPORT A - E B - 182241H C - 027758 D H/1 heard digging noises and metal on metal at above cooerdance.. At 2321H, H/3/A fire team LP observed squad sized unit moving along treeline at 027580. Fireteam fired 20 rounds automatic fire and returned to CP. At 190019H three rounds M-79 were fired at continued digging noises. At 027578 noises ceased. At 190030H digging noises continued. E - Unknown F - N - None O - Enemy is probably sitting in small mortars P - To continue harassing area with M-79 and 60mm fire. Q - Unknown
F/2	S-3	0140	All secure
F/2	S-3	0200	All secure
F	S-3	0210	All secure
S-3	Regt	0212	Position Report. No change in positions.
G,F	S-3	0212	All secure

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H&S/1/A	S-3	0222	Patrol leaving ambush site #1, and going to ambush site #2
H	S-3	0225	Hotel All secure and digging noises ceased.
S-3	Regt	0300	Position report. No change in positions.
F,F2,H	S-3	0303	All secure
G	S-3	0315	All secure
H&S/1/A	S-3	0317	Patrol arrived at ambush site #2 (BT 018628).
S-3	Regt	0400	Position report. No change in positions.
All units	S-3	0400	All secure
F/A	S-3	0420	Returned to CP. All secure
H&S	S-3	0452	H&S/1/A patrol has returned.
S-3	Regt	0500	Position report. No change in positions.
All Units	S-3	0500	All secure
All units	S-3	0600	All secure
S-3	Regt-3	0600	Position report. No change in positions.
Note	S-3	0610	Sitrep # 13 of 1906H submitted.
E	S-3	0630	E Company sweep team has left friendly lines.
S-3	Regt	0700	Position report. No change in positions.
S-3	LVT Bn	0700	Request disposition on part for LVT. That is broken down at 999547. Answer - We will have LVT repaired A.S.A.P.
S-3	F/6	0702	S-3 requested disposition on LVT repair. Answer - Still working on it and parts are still not here.
S-3	Regt	0703	Reported disposition of LVT's to Regt S-3: It was reported by LVT Bn that the LVT will be repaired as soon as possible. Stated that the security detail will leave them high and dry if they don't hurry up with repairs.
Eng	S-3	0750	Road sweep completed of Anderson Trail.
S-3	H	0645	Request daylight and night time activities for 19 August 1966.
Regt-3	S-3	0800	Lt. TBOT from Regt-3 informed S-3 that the LVT Bn are making new repair kit - they hope to have it by noon today.
S-3	Regt-3	0900	Position report. No change in positions.
E/2/A	S-3	0915	E/2/A patrol departed friendly lines.
S-3	H	0955	Upon arrival and departure of resupply column notified this station.
S-3	F,G	0955	Request daylight and nighttime activities for, 19 August A.S.A.P.
S-3	F	1005	Would like to know if it is possible to move disabled LVT to north Bank and turn it over to Golf so you can move to your operating area.
F	S-3	1015	Referencing 1005H message. It is impossible to move vehicle.
S-3	H	1020	Has your bridge security unit linked up with survey party.
H	S-3	1023	Answer to your 1020H message. Bridge security has linked up with survey party.

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S-3	Regt	1025	SPOT REPORT A - F. B - 191010H C - FR: 999546 EN: 001545 D - Received 3 rounds of sniper fire, returned fire with 100 rounds, 50 Cal, 1-105 round. 3 M-79 rounds, approximately 100 small arm rounds. E - Are searching out area at this time. F - Q - Negative at this time.
E	S-3	1015	SPOT REPORT A - E/2/B B - 190956H C - Friendly 015625, Enemy 017623. D - Received 8 incoming rounds. No enemy spotted. E - A fire team has been sent out to check area vicinity 017623. F - Q - Negative
H	S-3	1045	Truck for movement to fortification from this location do not have side boards, thus estimate trip to your location. Request S-4 obtain side boards if possible, also E element will return on this truck.
F	S-3	1045	In reference to spot report of 1025H concerning Fortrot, sniper hit LVT radiator puncturing it and LVT moving to better position broke track. Repairs in process will advise you of development.
E	S-3	1100	SPOT REPORT A - E B - 191030H C - 014624 D - E/2/A found 2 patchel charges with 2 feet of trip wire across trail. E - BOD being called to blow in place or disarm. F-Q - Negative
B-3	S-4	1110	Need for side boards on H Company trucks relayed to S-4.
S-3	Regt	1120	Operation SWANNEI position report no change, in positions. PASSED TO Regt 1 LVT has received 1 round sniper fire in radiator while LVT was moving to better position broke track now in process of repairing it.
Convoy	S-3	1135	Arrived at HA DONG with resupply now unloading.
Convoy	S-3	1150	Convoy is bringing men in that stopped on punji stake.
S-3	Regt	1150	SPOT REPORT A - H B - 191050H C - 013582

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			D - H/1A ambush patrol received 30 to 40 rounds small arms fire and automatic fire from approximately 16 snipers; coordinates 016583. H/1A returned 150 rounds small arms fire and 2 rounds M-79.
			E - Unknown
			F - N - None
			O - Harrassing sniper fire.
			P - Continue patrol to ambush site.
			Q - None
			Operation SWANNEE position report no change.
			Notified Foxtrot of Foxtrot gear at tank park.
			Received resupply request.
			Resupply convoy is at H CP.
			Late entry from 0945: H/1A road security at 012568 from 190900 to 191100. H/3/A patrol Ambush at 019567, 042577. Night activities H/2/A & H/1/A.
			Late entry form 0945: G night time activity.
			Are you running any daytime patrols and has the LVT spare part arrived yet.
			Request escort security from G position to F position for resupply run.
			Sent in H/3/A patrol 190830.
			Will supply security team for resupply run to F.
			Due to commitment trucks for your gear will not reach you till tomorrow.
			Position report. No change in positions. H/1/A no change in position.
			Received daytime activities from Foxtrot.
			Resupply vehicles just left H CP.
			Sent F/1/A patrol to Regt.
			Received spot report from F/2.
			SPOT REPORT
			A - F Company, 2nd Platoon. 3rd squad corporal M. 2506.
			B - 19 August, 0950H
			C - Friendly: 994626, Enemy: 993626.
			D - While the squad was moving in a southwest direction toward the enemy location. Noted above the patrol recieved from a house 4-5 sniper rounds.
			E - The squad immediately returned fire then checked the area found nothing and continued on it mission.
			F - None
			G - PFC R. 5148 stepped on punji stake as the patrol continued on its mission at location 994633 up 13. At 191105H Marine evacuated to BAS on supply run at 1140H.
			H - None
			I - None

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S-3	Regt	1200
S-3	F	1215
E/L	S-3	1224
H	S-3	1225
H	S-3	1240
G	S-3	1245
S-3	F	1252
OTTERS	S-3	1255
S-3	Regt	1300
G	S-3	1305
S-3	H	1305
S-3	Regt	1305
F	S-3	1314
H	S-3	1317
S-3	Regt	1320
F2	S-3	1320
F/2	S-3	1325

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			O - Believe there are 1 or 2 farmers conducting sporadic harassing sniper fire in immediate area.
			P - After returning the sniper fire the squad swept the area found nothing and continued on the patrol and its mission.
			Q - In returning the sniper fire, the squad covered the area well, then swept through the spot but encountered no resistance, the sniper disappeared
S-3	Regt	1330	F/2 Spot Report sent to Regt.
S-3	Regt	1335	Spot Report
			A - S-3
			B - 191310H
			C - Friendly: 015627, Enemy: 010623.
			D - Bn CP received 3-4 reported sniper rounds in CP area.
			E - Diverting E/2/A patrol to area of sniper's position.
			F-Q - None
S-3	E	1345	Keep EOD people with patrol to check out sniper area.
S-3	F	1346	Request technical reason why LVT's cannot be towed/pushed to Northbank.
F	S-3	1348	LVT's cannot be moved; damage due to locked track.
E	S-3	1352	E/2/A sending OD people back to CP; F/2/A will continue to search for sniper.
OTTERS	S-3	1400	OTTERS have departed Bn. CP to resupply G&F.
S-3	F	1401	Request submit plan of night time activities.
H&S	S-3	1410	Function fire of 1 M-60 machinegun and 2 M-14 rifles.
S-3	Regt	1410	Position report: No change in positions.
H&S	S-3	1426	Function fire secure.
OTTERS	S-3	1440	OTTERS A Co. 3rd MEB (Initial spot report)
			A - OTTERS
			B - 191440
			C - Friendly: 989578
			D - Resupply vehicles hit mine 989758, 2 WIA; 1 vehicle destroyed, Med-Evac request.
S-3	G	1445	Request you send security element to AT 989578.
E	S-3	1450	E/2/A spotted man and are proceeding to his location. BT 011619.
OTTERS	S-3	1505	Now report 4 WIA after closer check.
OTTERS	S-3	1506	Request retriever to pick up Otter.
S-3	OTTERS	1510	Med-Evac now on way to Otter position.
F	S-3	1511	Received Foxtrot night time activities.
S-3	Rest	1512	Late entry 1448: sent Spot Report, Otters 191440.

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G	S-3	1516	G/2 approximately 500 meters from Otters.
OTTERS	S-3	1517	Med-Evac completed and hole's in the air.
S-3	Regt	1525	Position report. No change in positions.
OTTERS	S-3	1530	Destroyed Otter being left with squad as security and other Otter continuing on to resupply Golf.
F	S-3	1535	F daylight patrol has been extended to 1600H.
S-3	Regt	1540	Final spot report Otters 191440.
			A - OTTERS
			B - 191440
			C - Coordinates 989578
			D - Column of two Otters conducting resupply to Golf and Foxtrot with security had lead vehicle strike an unknown type mine at above coordinates. Track on right side of vehicle blown off and vehicle was seriously damaged.
			E - Med-Evac completed and good Otter with security continued resupply mission. Security was placed on damaged Otter upon completion of resupply, good Otter will tow damaged Otter to G Co CP.
			Recovery operations will commence tomorrow morning.
			F - None
			G - 4
			H - Q. Negative
E	S-3	1553	E/2/A searched treeline, found some houses and on one side found a bunker and a deep tunnel and results were negative. E/2 returning to CP.
OTTERS	S-3	1555	Otters completed resupply of Foxtrot.
H&S	S-3	1556	Supplies for ARVN headquarters departed.
S-3	Regt	1605	Position Report: No change in positions.
F	S-3	1609	F/2 all secure.
E	S-3	1612	E/2/A patrol has returned.
S-3	Regt	1700	Night time activities for following: E/3/A, E/3/B, F/1/A, F/3/B, F/1/C, F/3/D, G/1/A, G/1/B, H/2/A, H/1/A
S-3	Regt	1700	Position Report: No change
S-3	Regt	1715	SPOT REPORT
			A - S-3
			B - 19310H
			C - Friendly: 015627, Enemy: 010625.
			D - Received 3-4 sniper rounds throughout the CP area. Diverted E/2/A patrol towards suspected enemy position.
			E - Patrol sighted one man going into treeline at 011619. Patrol searched area, found 1 bunker with tunnel entrance. They threw smoke grenade into entrance with Negative results.
			F-Q- None
OTTERS	S-3	1720	Otter will return to Golf CP and remain for night. Damaged Otter will remain at coordinates 989578 with security element.

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E/L	S-3	1736	Echo Liaison reports 2 ambushes going out at 1900-2400H, 042616 and 045618. ARVN movement on other side of river #1 Company of the 51st Regt, will stop approximately at 040624.
S-3	Regt	1739	Cancelled F/1/A and F/3/B patrol.
H&S	S-3	1810	Have old man at gate with suspected bullet wound, request interpreter.
Convoy	S-3	1810	Convoy has reached company position.
S-3	F/2	1820	Request to know if we have any F/2 patrols going night of 19 August, if so request to know coordinates and times.
H&S	S-3	1828	All vehicle are in.
Tanks	S-3	1838	At 0700H tanks will be on 3 hour standby for SWANLEE (1/9) still plan to deploy 2 tanks to G and 2 to H.
S-3	E/L	1839	Request to know E/L ambush times.
1/1	S-3	1840	Convoy heading to hill 55.
H&S	S-3	1905	Mine sweep with Echo is back in.
S-3	F/2	1909	Request to know coordinates of CP's and times for 19 August.
F/2	S-3	1910	F/2 LP's and times are as follows LP 988644 from 2015 to 0530H and LP's 992639 from 2015 to 0530.
ENFO		1910	At LIA THO hamlet, no coordinates, Vietnamese, Le Kien, 86 year old man, while outside house cutting grass was shot by marine. Broke femur of left leg, now at BAS.
*F	S-3	1800	Repair parts for LVT's has arrived field expedient, not part that was asked for.
S-3	Regt	1911	Position Report. All units remain in the same positions. LVT's are on the move.
S-3	Regt	1933	F/2 night activities called in to Regt.
1/9	S-3	1935	1/9 Submitting activities to 2/1 (to coordinate) Ambush at 988626 time from 1900H to 2200H.
S-3	H	1950	Request to know if Hotel received resupply.
H	S-3	1952	Negative, will pick up.
F/2	S-3	2003	All secure
E	S-3	2004	E/3/B departed friendly lines.
S-3	Regt	2010	Position report: No change in positions. LVT's across the river.
S-3	Ontos	2050	Request to know if ontos could travel on route 14 without prior sweep, Answer; if necessary.
E	S-3	2055	E/2/A patrol has departed.
E	S-3	2058	In regards to the bunker E/2/A patrol for this morning. It was near a house and is a protective bunker.
S-3	Regt	2101	Position report: No change in positions. LVT's crossing water.
All units	S-3	2101	All secure
E	S-3	2120	E/3/B patrol at ambush site (BT 019626)
F	S-3	2128	F/2/A patrol at (AT 996552).

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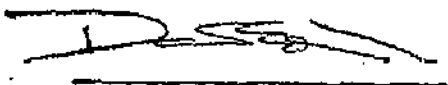
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E	S-3	2031	E/3/A patrol at ambush site (BT 013667).
H	S-3	2100	At 2100H E Co submitted patrol activities for 20-21 Aug.
E/L	S-3	2105	E/L submitted daylight activities of popular forces mine sweep.
S-3	G	2203	Regt informed S-3 that flare ship will light area across river southwest of you. Suspected activity in that area.
S-3	Regt 3	2205	G/1 and G/3 have moved approximately 25 meters south from former position to set up security around LVT's that have crossed river. F Co has crossed river and has set up on north side vicinity AT 996552. LVT with bad part was supplied field expedient a approximately 191800H. Part broke again after LVT had crossed river and was 25 meters south of G/1 and G/3 positions. Also another LVT broke broad trying to tow immovable LVT. LVT commander states that he has notified the LVT Bn Cndr of his problem and feels that new part may get LVT running, however he also feels that due to strain of towing and constant break downs part may also not work. Vehicle may need complete overhaul to get it moving.
E	S-3	2320	E Co ambush and CAC unit, all secure.
S-3	Regt	2400	Position Report: No change in position. SITREP #13 was sent to Regt.

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SYNOPSIS

19 August - (Note that this is a late report). At 1822H H/1 at BT 027758 heard digging noises and metal on metal in vicinity BT 027758; H/3/A fire team LP observed squad size unit moving along tree line at BT 027580; opened fire with 20 rounds automatic fire and returned to CP. At 1900H three rounds M-79 were fired at continued digging noises vicinity BT 027578; noises ceased. At 0030H digging noises continued. H Company continued harassment of area with M-79 and 60mm fire throughout the night. At 0130H noises ceased, apparently caused by harassment of fires of H Co. At 0630H two squads from E Co and a detachment of engineers commenced mine sweep of Anderson Trail to junction of Highway #1; sweep completed at 0750H. At 0700H (Operation SWANNEE) 2/1 requested information on repairs of downed LVT from LVT Bn Commander; repairs to be completed ASAP. At 0706H F Co notified battalion that no repair kit had arrived at F Co position for the completion of repair of LVT. At 0800H Regt 3 notified 2/1 that LVT Bn is constructing a new repair kit for the LVT and it should arrive at F Co position no later than 1200H. At 0915H daylight activities (Patrols/ambushes and outposts) commenced. At 0950H F/3/A patrol moved in a southwest direction toward suspected enemy position at AT 993626 from which sniper fire was received earlier; one Marine stopped on a punji trap at AT 994633; Marine was pod-evaced at 1105H to C - Med.

At 0956H E/2/B located at BT 015625 received an undetermined number of rounds of sniper fire from vicinity of BT 017623; a fireteam was dispatched to search out the area with negative results. At 1010H F Company at AT 999546 received 3 rounds of sniper fire; returned fire with 100-50 Cal, 1-105mm and 100 rounds small arms. sniper fire hit LVT radiator; LVT commenced movement to better position to return sniper fire and broke a track; repairs now in progress. At 1030H E/2/A found 2 patchel charges with 2 feet of trip wire across trail. JOD personnel blew charges in place. At 1050H E/1/A ambush patrol at BT 018582 received 30 to 40 rounds of sniper fire from an estimated 2 snipers from vicinity BT 016583. Patrol returned fire with 150 rounds of small arms fire and 2 rounds of M-79 rounds. Harrassing sniper fire ceased and patrol continued to ambush site. At 1310H Bn CP (BT 015627) received 3-4 sniper rounds throughout the CP area; diverted E/2/A patrol toward suspected enemy position in vicinity BT 010625; patrol sighted one man heading towards treeline at BT 011619. A search of the area was conducted and located 1 bunker with tunnel entrance; a smoke grenade was thrown into the entrance with negative results. At 1440H A column of two Otter conducting a resupply of F and G Companies with security had lead vehicle striken mine at AT 989578. Track on right side of vehicle blown off; vehicle seriously damaged and 4 marine KIA's resulted. Med-Evac was requested and personnel were evacuated at 1517H. One OTTER and security team continued on mission of resupply to Golf Company CP. Recovery operations of damaged OTTER to commence at first light 20 August 1966. At 0630H 2 squad from B Company acting as road security on Anderson Trail secured. At 1930H night time activities (patrol/ambush and listening) posts commenced. Hourly Position Reports and 6 hour SITREP's submitted in conjunction with Operation SWANNEE. There were 4 squad patrol, 3 squad ambushes, and 3 listening posts employed.


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From: 200010H August 1966
To: 202400H August 1966

FROM	TO	TIME	MESSAGES
G,F,A	S-3	0010	All secure
S-3	CommO.	0010	Called CommO. to have phone checked.
H'S	S-3	0010	All secure.
E	S-3	0035	All secure.
F,B,F2	S-3	0110	All secure.
S-3	G,F,G,H	0110	Frags Order for 20 August, 1966 was sent.

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1. Execute my Operation Order 216-66 at 200730 August, as modified below.
 2. Echo provide two platoons for convoy security per verbal instructions 1st Mar. Regt.
 3. Foxrot no change.
 4. Golf continue to provide security for 2 Ontos and 2 tanks moving west to east through area. Be prepared to provide security for LVT Repair Party. Execute Operation Order with 1 platoon initially.
 5. Hotel continue dismantle camp. Swoop Route 14 to Route 1 prior 200000. Provide security at junction Route 14 and Route 1 to accompany LVT G.O. and Repair party through area. Have in place no later than 0800. Be prepared to provide security for 2 Ontos and 2 tanks moving into your area from west. Attached to you upon arrival area. Execute Operation Order 216-66 as planned.
 6. Miscellaneous
 - A. All units ensure whip antennae available for immediate use at fixed radio sites. Recent mortar attacks cut leads and 292 antennae.
 - B. Units ensure extra security precautions next few days as VC may make extra effort for signal victory to celebrate Independence Day, 2 Sept.
- Position report: no change in position.

S-3	Regt.	0110
H'S	S-3	0130
S-3	Regt.	0200
F,G,F2	S-3	0200
S-3	Regt.	0200
E	S-3	0215
H	S-3	0255
F2,F,H,G	S-3	0300

All secure.

Position report: no change in position.

All secure.

Position report: no change.

E/3/B : E/L all secure; negative contact with E/3/A.

Daylight activities due to additional commit

Starts 20 Aug 66 force H/1/A patrol to be secured.

All secure.

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FROM	TO	TIME	MESSAGE
F	S-3	0356	All secure
S-3	Regt	0400	Position Report: No change in position.
F/2,G,H	S-3	0400	All secure
E	S-3	0410	All secure
F	S-3	0411	F/3/B, F/1/A returned CP.
E	S-3	0415	F/3/A left ambush site.
F	S-3	0450	All secure
F/2	S-3	0500	All secure
H	S-3	0500	All secure
S-3	Regt	0506	Position Report: No change in position.
E	S-3	0515	E/3/A arrived friendly lines, E/3/B all secure: after returning to friendly lines:
E	S-3	0540	E/L will come up o. En act while E is convoy security, effective 0700H.
E	S-3	0600	E/L All secure
H & S	S-3	0600	Road Sweep of Anderson Trail to Highway #1, now leaving main gate.
S-3	Regt	0600	Position Report: No change in positions.
E	S-3	0655	E Co. checked into net.
Regt	S-3	0655	You are not required to submit a 6 hour position report, as of 200700H.
E	S-3	0712	Departed CP enroute to Highway #1.
S-3	E	0713	Execute my Operation Order 216-66 effective 200730H August with 1 platoon.
H&S	S-3	0725	Route 1 sentry reports Anderson Trail all secure. Team returning to CP.
Otters	E-2	0725	Be advised Otters will be passing to your position enroute from Hill 55.
S-3	G	0726	Have your tank element contact its tank loader now located at Hill 55. Request he contact LVT Bdr on M-396 at same location. Recommend both elements move together to H Co.
G	S-3	0730	G Co has moved out.
F-2	S-3	0800	Otters at F/2 position.
G	S-3	0800	Position report of G Co sweep at AT 983577.
S-3	F,G,H	0807	Submit hourly SITREP's/Position reports commencing 200800H.
Otters	S-3	0810	Otters in the water enroute to this CP from F/2 position.
H	S-3	0814	H Co position report (1 Plat) BT 044573.
S-3	G	0815	Hold sweep unit in place.
E	S-3	0815	Vehicles arrived embarkation point, will be coming up on convoy net.
S-3	E,F,G	0816	WARNING ORDER
F	S-3	0817	Be prepared for second phase Operation SWANNEE anytime F Co now at AT 998553.
S-3	G	0817	Take position along Route 14 and hold up.
F (rear)	F	0820	Reference my message concerning BRG 2842. Men return to Bn CP on resupply vehicle.
Otters	S-3	0833	Otters returned to this CP.

FROM	TO	TIME	MESSAGES
S-3	Regt	0834	Sweep from Hill # 55 to edge of 2/1 TACR along liberty trail and Route # 14 will not take place until 9th Mar Regt gets estimated time of damaged LVT's arrival at edge of our TACR.
E	S-3	0840	E/3/A and Echo's patrol is not going today.
F	S-3	0903	Position report of Foxtro Company (AT 998559).
Regt	S-3	0910	Request to know if the Operation has commenced.
S-3	Regt	0910	The Operation has commenced.
H	S-3	0915	Called F/2/A patrol (daylight activities) to Regiment.
S-3	S-3	0915	Request you ask LVT Cntr MAX if it is possible to come down Liberty Trail to route # 14 to our TACR. We do not know about mine sweep to our TACR along that route.
S-3	G & H	0915	LVT repair party departs at 0915H.
S-3	G	0916	Request to know position of LVT party.
OTTERS	S-3	0930	Two OTTERS are up and have enough personnel to men them.
S-3	F/2	0935	Request you send F/2/D patrol at 201300H-201630 using TIA.
G	S-3	0937	On Route # 14 moving towards 2/1 TACR is the position of the LVT units.
F	S-3	1000	Position report: BT 001559 holding for 1 hour to search heavy village complex.
G	S-3	1015	At 012568, Golf Company has a Vietnamese woman wounded in the stomach, request a hole med-evac with medical personnel aboard.
H	S-3	1020	SPOT REPORT A - Hotel Company B - 201020H C - FR: BT 011584 EN: BT 013582 D - Receiving heavy small arms fire from above coordinates. E - Two friendly WIA at this time. More information to follow. F - 0 G - 2
S-3	Regt	1025	Called in INITIAL SPOT REPORT DTG 201020H.
H	S-3	1030	Request coordinates of Golf security unit which assumed responsibility for LVT repair unit.
G	S-3	1040	Golf Company requested artillery for receiving sniper fire at BT 007583.
G	S-3	1041	Cancel the fire mission for Golf Company.
Mod-Evac	H	1055	Mod-Evac requested @ N LZ with cover.
ARVN	S-3	1100	ARVN activities (two companies) commencing effective 201100H bounded by GL 00 to the west, GL 04 to the east, GL 64 to the south.
S-3	H	1105	Your platoon's movement to be geared to Foxtro Company as stated in Operation Order. Hold present position.

FROM	TO	TIME	MESSAGES
H	S-3	1125	Med-evac completed at 1105L for Vietnamese woman and two marines.
H	S-3	1125	SPOT REPORT A - H Company B - 201005H C - FR: BT 011584 EN: BT 013582 D - Hotel - 3 received 5 to 10 well placed rounds at above coordinates from across river. At BT 013582 small arms fire returned with M-72 and M-79 fire. E - Unknown F - 1 med-evac G - 1 not evad. H - N - None O - After harassing fire from enemy, continued original assigned mission. P thru Q - Unknown
S-3	Regt	1130	SPOT REPORT called into Regiment.
S-3	G	1130	Hotel Company picked up LVT's at rendezvous point and will take them on out to Route # 1.
H	S-3	1135	H/3 at coordinates BT 013584 request med-evac - heat stroke with severe cramps. Will pop yellow smoke and control by H/3, LZ scoured, will also put 1 WIA on med-evac.
S-3	H	1143	Hotel Company past responsibility for LVT's repair unit to Golf Company at coordinates BT 013568.
S-3	F, F/2 G & H	1145	Request units submit prior to 201200H all day and night activities for 20 August and 21 August. Be sure to report time, patrol designation and coordinates for unit not in current operation.
H	S-3	1200	Med-evac complete.
F	S-3	1200	F Company position is BT 000561 on the road.
G/6	Regt	1250	SPOT REPORT A - G/2 B - 201145H C - AT 997577 D - G/2 discovered a hole in the road at above location. Hole expected to have been made by a mine; around hole we found pieces of flesh and one portion of a knee. E - From appearance of area - one VC KIA F thru Q - None
F/2	S-3	1300	SPOT REPORT A - F/2 B - 201220H C - FR: AT 989642 EN: GS 9964 D - F/2 received 1 sniper round from vicinity (GS AT 9964). E - Did not return fire. F thru Q - Negative

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S-3	Regt	1310	SPOT REPORT A - H/3 B - 201300H C - FR: BT 018593 EN: Unknown D - Receiving periods of light sniper fire. E - Q. None at this time. C.O. departing CP area.
CO	S-3	1315	
S-3	H	1320	Be advised that mod-evacs should be controlled on company TAC or if that not possible use LZ control 49.8.
H	Regt	1400	SPOT REPORT A - Hotel Company B - 201300H C - FR: BT 018591 EN: BT 019589 D - H/3 received light sniper fire from coord BT 019589, returned 4 rounds 60mm mortars. E - Firing ceased. F thru N - None O - None P - Returned H/3 to area abreast of Fortrot.
G	S-3	1445	What is the status LVT repairs and estimated time of completed.
H	Regt	1445	SPOT REPORT A - Hotel Company B - 200930H C - FR: BT 012570 EN: BT 043572 D - LVT's received sniper fire from vicinity at above coordinates. E - .30 Cal automatic fire was returned at hut. man ran from hut and was hit by fire, appeared to be seriously wounded. Upon an investigation more fire was received by LVT. LVT, with drew to Hotel Company's CP. Upon arrival at CP LVT's were directed to return to area of contact. Search was conducted, large traces of blood was found in suspected area of contact. No body was found. F thru H - None I - 1 probable J thru N - None O - VC attempting to flee was instantaneously fired upon. Suspected VC assistance in disappearance of body. P thru Q - None
F	S-3	1500	Position report: (AT 992577).
G/2	S-3	1500	Position report: (AT 992578).
H/3	S-3	1500	Position report: (BT 022589).
S-3	E/L	1515	Request your night time activities for tonight and day time activities for tomorrow.

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FROM	TO	TIME	MESSAGES
LVT	Regt	1525	LVT turned over to 1/9 to return to area.
	S-3	1530	LVT is at our CP. Will be leaving in approximately 10 minutes.
S-3	Regt	1550	SPOT REPORT A - Hotel Company B - 201500H C - BT 021585 D - H/3 returned to proper position encountered heavy sniper fire from approximately 7 structures coordinates BT 021585. H/3 returned small arms fire and adjusted 18 rounds 61mm mortar rounds on sniper. E - Firing ceased. F thru M - None N - None O - Picked way back to position. P - Unknown
F	S-3	1600	Phase line BLUE compromised by F Company (AT 997585)
F	S-3	1600	Return man via resupply helos at approx 1600.
H	S-3	1608	H Company, Unlisted 114, Officers-2, Navy-6, attached: Unl-29, Officer - 0, Navy-84.
G	S-3	1619	Have med-evac coordinates AT 990583. Zone secure marked with yellow smoke, personnel stepped on mine, 4 seriously wounded.
G	Regt	1620	SPOT REPORT A - G Company B - 201610H C - AT 990583 D - 4 men hurt by mine. E - Being med-evac'd. F - None G - 4 H thru N - None
F	S-3	1640	Passed to S-1 at 1645H.
S-3	G	1650	Med-evac helo's are not available, running emergency med-evac, G changing to priority to emergency.
S-3	Regt	1655	SPOT REPORT A - G/2 B - 201610 C - AT 990586 D - G/2 was in the process of spreading out on line to continue sweep with F Company when a large land mine was detonated. Apparently a pressure type device. 5 personnel WIA. Detonated mine was made out of a 155mm shell due to size of explosion.
S-3	G	1700	Med-evac helo's on the way.
G	Regt	1725	Change 5 WIA to 4 WIA to 1 DOW
S-3	H&S	1730	S-3 approved the return of patrol on Anderson Trail - All vehicles returned to MT.

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G	S-3	1745	Mod-ovno has been completed.
F/2	S-3	1804	All secure.
S-1	G	1810	Request information on casualties.
H&S	S-3	1817	Road security has returned.
G	S-3	1820	G/2 night time position (AT 991583).
F	S-3	1837	F/1/A - AT 997584; change on F/3/B (BT 000587).
ARVN	S-3	1841	1 VC company, estimated strength sighted dressed in assorted clothing carrying 1-60mm, 5 AR at coordinates BT 012604. Possibility a K15B.
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G	S-1	1845	Request made for information on casualties received by Golf company.
G	S-1	1901	Received PDS from Golf company.
H	S-4	1901	Received resupply request from Hotel Company.
S-3	F, G, & H	1905	Information on VC Company sent to F, G, and H companies.
E/L	S-3	1954	This district area has seen company of VC at BT 027603. If firing artillery please inform us.
S-3	E, F, G & H	1957	All units report location of all LP's. Negative reports required.
F, G, & H	S-3	2000	Received LP's for tonight.
F	S-3	2001	F/2 all secure.
S-3	All Units	2015	Intelligence report from district indicate 1 VC company, estimated strength 100. Located in vic. BT 027605 at 201700H. Equipment: 1-60mm mortar, 5-AR's.
E	S-3	2021	Patrol leaving friendly lines.
E	S-3	2030	E/1/A arrived at Ck Pt # 1 (BT 022630)
Rgt	S-3	2035	3rd Arty, 2/12 hit, fire being returned by 81mm.
S-3	Rgt	2045	Called changes and additions to Rgt of 2/1 night activities.
S-3	E/L	2103	Request separate designation and size of your night time activities.
E/L	S-3	2104	Received requested designation and size of their night time activities.
E	S-3	2111	E/2/A arrived at Ck Pt # 2 (BT 026633)
E/L	S-3	2113	Request artillery mission at BT 027605, nature of target: 1 VC Company.
S-3	Rgt	2115	Position report: E OP-BT 015627, F/1 & 3 - AT 997586; G/1 & 3 AT 991583; H CP BT 025576.
E	S-3	2147	E/1/A arrived at Ck Pt # 3 (BT 026637)
All Units	S-3	2200	All secure.
Arty	S-3	2239	Rounds on the way.
S-3	E/L	2239	Rounds on the way -- Rounds completed (E/L fire mission reference 212113H).
F/L	S-3	2240	Repeat fire mission.
E/L	S-3	2242	Hold, don't fire repeat end of E/L fire mission.
All Units	S-3	2300	All secure.

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FROM	TO	TIME	MESSAGES
All Units	S-3	2400	All secure.
S-3	All Units	2400	FRAG ORDER for 21 August 1966.
			1. Continue Op O 216-66 as modified below effective 210630H August.
			2. E Company provide mine sweep and Anderson Trail security. Patrol southern portion area in accordance with Op O 216-66.
			3. F Company - No change.
			4. G Company. Hold present position for passage Foxtro, swing east and then south.
			5. Hotel Company continue dismantle camp if operational commitments permit. Limitation to 1 platoon commitments to Op O 216-66 lifted key movement to Foxtro.
			6. Misc:
			a. Attn: Directed to 1st Mar O 8110.3 pertaining to construction and use of field expedient anti-personnel.
			b. Co's reminded that artillery prep fire is an effective means of sweeping suspected mine fields. Nothing however, is fool-proof. Make full use of all resources.

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SYNOPSIS:

At 0110H FRAG ORDER for 20 August 1966 issued: Execute 2/1 Operation Order 216-66 at 200730H August as modified; E company provide 2 platoons for convoy security as instructed by 1st Mar Regt; F company continue assigned mission (Operation SUMMIT); G company continue to provide security for LVT's with 1 platoon be prepared to provide engineer sweep and security for 2 tanks and 2 AntTacs moving west to east through area, be prepared to provide security for LVT repair party, execute Op O 216-66; Hotel company continue to dismantle camp, sweep route # 14 to route # 1 to accompany LVT commander to repair party through area, be prepared to provide security for 2 AntTacs and 2 tanks moving into your area from the west, execute Op O 216-66 as planned. At 0600H 2 squads of H&S Company, attached tank and a detachment of Engineer's commenced mine sweep of Anderson Trail to junction Highway # 1; mine sweep completed at 0725H with negative results. At 0712H E/1 & 2 departed Bn CP enroute by foot to junction of Highway #1 and Anderson Trail. At 0713H E Company was directed to execute Op O 216-66 with 1 platoon (E/3). At 0730H G Company commenced sweep as directed by FRAG O; At 0800H G company reported to be in via AT 983577 and was instructed to hold at that position until further notice. At 0815H convoy arrived at junction of Highway # 1 and Anderson Trail; embarked 2 platoons of E company; convoy now enroute to designated position. At 0817H G company was instructed to take up security positions along Route # 14 and hold at that position. At 0834H 1st Mar were notified that mine sweep from Hill # 55 to edge of 2/1 TACOR along Liberty Trail and Route # 14 will not take place until LVT's repaired and ready for passing to 9th Marines. At 0930H 2 LVT's moving east on Route # 14.

received sniper fire from vic BT 043572. Fire was returned; one VC sighted running from hut soon to fall, swept area and found traces of blood. At 1005H H/3 at BT 011584 received 5 to 10 well placed sniper rounds from across the river via BT 013582; fire was returned with small arms fire, M-72 and M-79 fire. Results: 2 Ftr WIA; unknown enemy casualties; patrol continued original assigned mission; med-evac completed at 1125H. At 1145H H company passed responsibility of LVT's repair party to G Company at BT 013568. At 1145H G/2 discovered a hole in the road via AT 997577; it is believed hole was caused by a mine due to the fact that pieces of flesh and knee were found in area. From appearance of area it was determined that casualty was either a civilian or VC who was planting a mine in the road. At 1220H F/2 at AT 989642 received sniper fire from vic of GS AT 9964; F/2 did not return fire due to unknown position of sniper. At 1300H H/3 at BT 018591 received light sniper fire from vic BT 019589. Unit returned fire with 4-60mm mortar rounds; firing ceased. Area was swept with negative results. At 1500H H/3 received heavy small arms sniper fire from 7 structures via BT 021385. Small arms fire and 18 rounds of 81mm mortars were returned; sniper fire ceased. Area was swept with negative results. At 1545H 4 LVTN6's departed TACR; OpCon passed to 9th Marine. At 1610H vicinity AT 990586 as G/2 patrol was advancing on search and destroy mission; a mine (suspected to be a 155mm round with pressure-type firing device) was detonated resulting in 5 WIA (one subsequently DDV). All were med-evaced at 1730H. At 1915H Anderson Trail security returned to CP with negative incidents. At 1957H night time activities (patrols/ambushes and listening posts) commenced. At 2400H FRAG ORDER for 21 August 1966 issued: Continue 2/1 Op O 216-66 except as modified: G Company hold present position for passage of F Company. Hotel continue dismantle camp; commit 1 platoon for Op O 216-66. Recommend artillery prep fires for sweeping suspected mine fields; make full use of all resources. There were 4 squad patrols, 5 squad ambushes and 7 listening posts employed.


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From: 210001H August 1966
To: 212400H August 1966

FROM	TO	TIME	MESSAGES
All			
Units	S-3	0100	All secure.
G	S-3	0100	After Golf Company carries out its portion of the ERAG ORDER for 21 August, is Golf Company to return to CP and carry out patrol plans as discuss on 17 August.
H&S,	S-3	0100	All secure.
S-3	G	0115	Affirmative on last, will notify if changed.
E/L,G			
F & H	S-3	0200	All secure.
H&S	S-3	0200	All secure.
F	S-3	0210	F/2 all secure.
E	S-3	0300	E/1 all secure.
E/L,G			
F & H	S-3	0300	All secure.
H	Regt & S-3	0305	H/1/A day patrol cancelled due to increased operation commitments.
H&S	S-3	0315	All secure.
H	S-3	0400	All secure.
E	S-3	0425	E/1/A patrol all secure.
F/1 & F/3	S-3	0430	Both of F Companies ambushes have returned to Company CP.
F/2	S-3	0430	All secure.
E	S-3	0450	E/1/A patrol is now leaving Ck Pt # 3.
F, F/2 & H	S-3	0500	All secure.
E	S-3	0506	E/1/A patrol has reached Ck Pt # 4 (BT 022640).
G & H&S	S-3	0553	All secure.
E	S-3	0523	E/1/A has returned to friendly lines.
F/2 & G	S-3	0553	All secure.
E	S-3	0625	2 squad's "E" Company commenced mine sweep of Anderson Trail with a Det of Engineer's.
G	S-3	0645	One element with G/6 is now moving out.
F	S-3	0657	F/2 all secure.
F	S-3	0725	Fortrot Company is now searching village in vicinity AT 995585.
E	S-3	0735	E/2 has reached junction of Anderson Trail and Highway #1. Attached tank is returning to Bn CP. Road clear of mines.
E	S-3	0740	Request 3 BA-386's and some engineer's at my position this morning.

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S-3	H	0755	Request position report of Hotel Company's elements.
H&S	S-3	0800	H&S reports that road is clear.
F/2	S-3	0805	All secure.
H	S-3	0806	Day and night activities hinge upon further S-3 Operation. Be advised additional platoon and H Company Command will build at 0830H vicinity BT 015585.
E	S-3	0811	E/1 has left friendly lines.
G	S-3	0825	Received Golf Company's daytime activities.
H	S-3	0845	H/1 and H/6 moving north from GP (BT 025576).
H	S-3	0850	SPOT REPORT A - H Company B - 210730H C - BT 025583 D - H/3 received light sniper fire from coord BT 023583. Small arms and M-79 rounds were returned. E - Firing ceased. F - O Negative P - Continued mission. Q - Unknown
S-3	Regt	0900	SPOT REPORT A - Hotel Company B - 210730H C - FR: BT 025583 EN: BT 023583 D - 3rd Platoon, H Company received light sniper fire from coordinates BT 023583. Small arms and M-79 rounds were returned. E - Firing ceased. F - O None P - Continued unit's assigned mission in Battalion Operation. Q - Unknown
S-3	G	0905	Do your tanks still intend to leave your position?, if so when.
S-3	Regt	0910	Ref: SPOT REPORT 210730H, 10 rounds M-79 returned.
E	S-3	0917	E/1 reports finding propaganda leaflets, unable to decipher whether material is PRO or CON. Instructed to bring leaflets to S-2 for deciphering.
S-3	G	0919	Request to know Chaplain's ETA at this headquarters for church services.
G	S-3	0921	Tanks still on standby with G Company, expect to be on Hill # 55 by 1200H.
G	S-3	0924	Ontos will be at this CP at approximately 1015H.
S-3	F	0930	No longer necessary to return ERG 2842. Father has departed area but will return labor day.
H	S-3	0940	10 VC reported by old man in hamlet at coordinates BT 022585.
S-3	S-3	0950	C.O. has departed CP.

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Main Gate	S-3	1000	Reported by sentry: Vietnamese girl claims to know positions of mortars within 100 meters of Bn CP. Bn dispatched a squad of engineer's to accompany girl to mortar positions.
Comm	S-3	1004	Wire Team, departed CP to middle terminal.
S-3	G, H	1005	There will be a high burst registration at juncture 0157 GS between 1000 and 1200 today.
S-3	H	1005	On report of 10 VC, are you checking out area.
H	S-3	1006	Unit of H/3 has been dispatched to area of suspected mortar.
S-3	F, G, & H	1027	Request position report of maneuvering elements.
S-3	H	1037	Request SPOT REPORT regarding booby trap found at approximately 210930H.
H	S-3	1037	Position report: H/1 BT 029588; H/2 BT 025576; H/3 BT 021590.
F	S-3	1038	Foxtro Company commenced move.
Wire Team	S-3	1055	Wire team at terminal box (AT 996634) received sniper fire from an unknown direction, swept area visually and returned to Bn CP.
Wire Team	S-3	1100	After continuing mission, fire resumed in heavier volume, called back to Bn CP.
H&S	S-3	1100	Bn Defense Section DELTA CP reported hearing machine-gun fire approximately 100 meters in front of position.
E	S-3	1110	E/1 in position at AT 015621.
S-3	G & H	1110	Registration at 0157 Grid will commence immediately will notify upon completion.
F	S-3	1111	Request AO in vicinity AT 990590.
Bn Sqd	S-3	1112	Squad on mission to position of reported mortar position at BT 018632 and found 2 canisters of illumination.
F/2	S-3	1115	Reported receiving 4-5 sniper rounds from vicinity BT 005634.
S-3	H	1126	Request you notify us when resupplied.
E	S-3	1120	E Company reports a fire fight in vicinity BT 008616 and requests to know if friendly troops in this area. ANS: Negative.
H	S-3	1122	Received SPOT REPORT from H DTG 210900H.
S-3	Rgt	1126	SPOT REPORT A - H Company B - 210900H C - BT 025577 D - 1st Flat, Hotel Company and CP Group found a M-26 grenade without fuze and blew it in place. E - Continued mission. F thru O - None. Q - Unknown
F	S-3	1126	Fire mission requested at coordinates BT 006996.

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S-3	Rgt	1130	INITIAL SPOT REPORT A - Foxtro Company, 2nd Platoon B - 211115H C - EN: BT 005635 FR: BT 004633 D - Received 4-5 sniper rounds at above coordinates.
Tanks	S-3	1132	LATE ENTRY: 1125H Tanks are being detached from our TACOR.
F	S-3	1135	Negative - Foxtro contact fire fight was directed at 2-ONTOS with wire team.
S-3	Comm	1136	Request squad leader report to BOC ASAP after wire team returns to CP.
H	S-3	1144	Request made to send in Platoon to CP. It was granted. H/1 and H/6 returning to CP.
F	S-3	1145	Mod-Evac request for two people. LZ secure coordinates AT 999595.
AT w/ 31	S-3	1150	ONTOS returned to Bn CP with Wire Team.
F	S-3	1150	Received SPOT REPORT 211100H.
E	S-3	1200	E/1 patrol at BT 014618.
S-3	Rgt	1206	SENT INITIAL SPOT REPORT to Regiment. A - F Company B - 211100H C - FR: AT 996593 EN: AT 998595 and BT 005599 D - Received an undetermined number of small arms rounds at coordinates AT 998595 and automatic fire at BT 005590. E - Returned fire with automatic and semi-automatic fire, 60mm, 81mm and rockets. Are swooping area. F - 0 G - 2
S-3	Rgt	1220	SPOT REPORT (INITIAL) A - Wire Team B - 211045H C - FR: BT 004635 EN: BT 003634 D - Wire team of 5 men with 2-ONTOS received 5 rounds sniper fire from front and 1 round from rear. E - ONTOS returned 250 rounds .30 Cal fire. F thru I - None J - 1 (probable)
F	S-3	1220	Position of maneuvering element prior to fire fire at 1100H was AT 996592.
G	S-3	1225	Received Golf Company's position report (AT 996564).
F	S-3	1230	Mod-Evac completed for F Company's WIA.
G	S-3	1246	Position report: AT 998556 and continuing movement.
H	S-3	1400	SPOT REPORT A - Hotel Company B - 211130H C - BT 025580 D - H/1/A received 7 to 8 rounds sniper fire from coordinates BT 027582. Small arms fire was returned.

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			E - Firing ceased.
			F thru M - None
			N - M1 ball ammo found on paddy diko wrapped in plastic.
S-3	Regt-3	1400	O thru Q - H/1 continuing to Hotel CP.
			SPOT REPORT
			A - Foxrot 2
			B - 211100H
			C - FR; AT 998638 EN: BT 005635
			D - F/2 squads moving in a southwest direction saw 2 ONTOS under fire.
			E - Fired at snipers, continued on mission after snipers broke contact.
S-3	Regt-3	1400	SPOT REPORT
			A - Hotel Company
			B - 211000H
			C - BT 025583
			D - Hotel Company received light sniper fire from structures at coordinates BT 028585, returned with small arms and two grenades, VC seen running away from tree line.
			F thru N - None
			Q - None
			R - Holding ground at BT 025593
S-3	Info	1405	G.O. returned to CP.
Wire	S-3	1405	Half way to destination toward HA DONG bridge TOD 1355H.
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*F/2	S-3	1405	At 1358H F/2/A emergency med-evac at AT 995631.
F/2	S-3	1405	At 1345H 1 shot and 1 stopped on a booby trap, condition serious now report 2 WIA's are walking.
S-1	S-3	1405	At 1355H Golf position reported at AT 985559.
S-3	Regt-3	1410	SPOT REPORT
			A - Foxrot Company
			B - 211100H
			C - FR; AT 996593 EN: AT 998595 and BT 005590
			D - Received several rounds of: BAR, Thompson machine gun and, K-50 sub MG from above coordinates.
			E - Returned fire with 3000 rounds small arms, automatic and MG fire. Swept area with negative results.
			F - Negative
			G - 2
			H thru L - Negative
			M - 1 BAR magazine, 1 M16A1 anti-personnel mine destroyed in place.
F/2	S-3	1420	Med-evac on way for F/2.
H	S-3	1420	Hotel Company resupply reached CP.
G	S-3	1420	G/6 returned to CP.

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F/2	S-3	1420	Med-evac completed. (F/2/A) for one man that stopped in booby trap, other walked back.
H	S-3	1434	H/1 and H/6 making short patrol of village at coordinates BT 036580: TOD 211430H TOR 211630H.
Wire Team	S-3	1440	Wire team found 3 booby traps in place.
F	S-3	1450	SPOT REPORT - on the move at BT 003597.
S-3	H	1500	Request coordinates of tonight's IP's, other than H/1/A and H/2/L.
G	S-3	1515	Received additional night activities for tonight.
E/1	S-3	1516	Engineers with E/1 attempted to blow the booby traps but failed.
S-3	H	1525	H/3 can commence moving to the east as according to the Operation Order.
S-3	E	1530	Request you stop and pick resupply point immediately. Notify us as soon as possible as to location of resupply point to be made by OTTER. Reply BT 002613. F Company present position BT 002613.
E/1/A	S-3	1540	Wire team dug up third mine and are continuing because they are getting readings on mine detector.
F/2	S-3	1602	All secure.
S-3	F	1607	E/1 located at BT 002612 to AT 997608.
ARVN	S-3	1608	Information from villagers indicates VC Company spread via GS BT 0260. Info indicates they stayed there last night and are still in the area. If you decide to take action, request you advise this station.
F	S-3	1635	Position of Foxtro (AT 999608).
E/1	S-3	1655	E/1 is up and down the river and didn't see Foxtro Company cross river, are trying to get radio contact and physical contact.
Wire Team	S-3	1710	Wire team is coming in from middle terminal.
Wire Team	S-3	1730	Wire team is entering CP.
H&S	S-3	1740	Two men injured by accidental discharge of rifle in Echo Company. Med Evac requested.
S-3	H	1744	Have H/3 continue on sweep and recon Hotel CP this evening.
G	S-1	1811	Received PDS from Golf Company.
E	S-3	1816	All vehicles checked in motor pool. Request security element be brought in. Request granted.
E	S-3	1830	E/2 security patrol returned to CP. Received sniper fire from unknown coordinates: results 1 WIA.
E	S-3	1833	Priority of Med-evac - emergency for 1 WIA in E/2 patrol.
S	BAS	1835	Request doctor meet WIA at our main gate ASAP.
H&S	S-3	1843	WIA is at BAS, now receiving attention.

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E	S-3	1854	E/2 is in our CP.
AIO	S-3	1900	Mod-Evac hole on way to your CP.
H	S-3	1900	H/3 returned to Hotel 's CP.
F	S-3	1900	F/1 and F/3 set-in for night at coordinates AT 998620.
F	S-3	1905	F/2 all secure.
AIO	S-3	1906	Hole in LZ for Mod-evac.
AIO	S-3	1906	Mod-evac complete of 3 men.
E	S-3	1907	Echo and all attached units returned to CP.
F	S-3	1914	Received night time activities from Foxtrot
OTHERS	S-3	1915	Returned from resupply run.
S-3	Rgt	1915	SPOT REPORT
			A - E/2
			B - 211340H
			C - FR: AT 995624 EN: AT 993628
			D - As squad patrol was moving south, two VC with weapons were observed in vicinity AT 993628.
			E - VC taken under small arms fire; VC broke contact and fled. As patrol was firing at VC a grenade type booby trap was detonated.
			F - 0
			G - 2 WIA (1 Mod-Evac - 1 Non-evac)
			H thru N - None
			O - Harassing fire
			P - Swept area with negative results.
			Q - None
Wire	S-3	1930	Hot line from Rgt out because of radio relay defect.
F	S-3	1931	F/1 and F/3 CP coordinates at BT 001614.
S-3	Rgt	1937	SPOT REPORT
			A - E/2
			B - 211815
			C - FR: BT 024636 EN: BT 025635
			D - Member on Anderson Trail security patrol shot by single sniper round, apparently fired from nearby village area.
			E - Single sniper's exact position could not be determined, no fire was returned.
			F - 0
			G - 1 mod-evac
			H thru Q - None
IG	S-3	2000	Golf Company all secure.
S-3	Rgt	2000	Sent additional night patrols for E/L for 21 August 1966.
F/2	S-3	2005	F/2 all secure.
E/L	S-3	2017	Received night activities from E/L.
G	S-3	2020	Golf night activities now in position.
S-3	Rgt	2024	SPOT REPORT
			A - Foxtrot Company
			B - 211100H

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C - FR: AT 996593 EN: AT 998000
D - While advancing north on search and destroy mission, company came under extremely heavy automatic weapons fire from unknown number VC.
E - Company returned fire with all organic weapons, called 81mm mortar mission. Swept forward cautiously making use of all resources. VC broke contact and company swept area with negative results. Found and destroyed in place one M1641 AP mine which had been placed by VC to break up marine attack.
F - 2
G thru L - C
M - 1 BAR magazine, 1 M1641 AP mine
N thru Q - None
H S-3 2045 Received day and night activities from Hotel company.
F/2 S-3 2056 All secure.
Rogt S-3 2100 Received word that the termination of SWANNEE is in effect as of 2100H.
G,H S-3 2101 All secure.
S-3 Rogt 2103 SPOT REPORT
A - Communication Section with security
B - 211600H
C - BT 009635
D - Communications wire section with squad security and engineers found 1 M26 grenade covered by cardboard and laying on spoon. Pin had been pulled. At same position discovered two VC personnel mines rigged with trip wires.
E - Three mines were rendered safe.
F thru L - Negative
M - 1 M26 grenade with pin missing and two VC anti-personnel mines.
N thru Q - Negative.
Both patrols have left friendly lines.
F/1 and F/3 all secure.
F/3/B and F/1/A are in night time positions. (BT 001619 and BT 000612 respectively).
Received results of company sweep today.
All secure.
All secure.
All secure.
Late Entry: E/2 returned to CP.
FRAG ORDER for 22 August.
1. Operation Order 216-66 terminates 221200H August 1966.
2. Echo Company conduct extensive patrol activity in WHISKEY Area in accordance with instructions from S-3.

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3. Foxtro Company continue Operation 216-66. Arrive CP not later than 2212 August 1966.
4. Golf Company conduct patrol activity in ROMEO Area.
5. Hotel Company continue dismantling camp. Patrol in SIERRA Area. Conduct in at least Platoon size vicinity trail from BT 020590 to BT 054595. Purpose of patrol to recon future blocking position and be prepared to support Echo Company recon area BT 018608 to BT 025598 after 1200. B₀ prepared to support Golf re-supply with AntTacs.

H	S-3	2305
H&S	S-3	2305
S-3	E	2315
S-3	H&S	2325
S-3	Regt	2340

- All secure.
- H&S/1/A has reached Uk Pt # 1 (BT 012623).
- Sent Echo Company En FRAG ORDER for 22 August 66.
- Sent H&S B₁ FRAG ORDER for 22 August 1966.
- Sent SPOT REPORT E/1.
- A. 1st Plat, Echo Company
- B. 210850E to 211915H
- C. FR: BT 013617 EN: BT 012612 BT 015613
- D. Platoon size patrol was moving south and received several rounds of sniper fire from referenced coordinates. No fire was returned due to not knowing exact location of sniper. Swept sniper's apparent location; received fire from right flank in vicinity BT 012613 and also from the rear vicinity BT 015615. Platoon called 81mm mortar mission and returned fire.
- E. Called for ONIOS support, used ONIOS for sweeping area and observed VC running into distant treeline; one armed with a rifle. Platoon then continued assigned mission.
- F thru M - None.
- N. One document found in house at BT 013614 which was brought to S-2.
- O. Snipers appeared to move ahead of patrol; booby traps and continuous sniping are a hazard. Flank and point security are imperative. Hamlets in this area have old fighting holes and grass covered tunnels which were investigated.
- P & Q. Negative.

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G, H, F/2	S-3	2400
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All secure.

SYNOPSIS

21 August - At 0553H night time activities secured and daylight (search and clear/patrols and outposts) commenced. Mine sweep of Anderson Trail completed at 0735H with negative results. At 0730H H/3 at BT 025538 received light sniper fire from vic BT 023583; small arms and M-79 fire was returned; sniper fire ceased and patrol continued its mission. At 0900H H/1 with CP group located 1 M-26 grenade without fuze at BT 025577 and blew it in place. At 1045H a wire team with 2 ONTOS attached at BT 004635 received 5 rounds of sniper fire from the front and 1 round from the rear; fire was returned with 250 rounds of .30 Cal. fire from the ONTOS. Results were 1 VC WIA (probable). At 1100H F Company at AT 996593 received several rounds of automatic weapons fire from vic AT 998595 and BT 005590. Company returned fire with 3000 rounds of semi and automatic fire; area was swept and 1 M16A1 mine was located and destroyed in place 1 BAR magazine was also found. Contact results were 2 U.S. WIA's which were med-evaced. At 1130H H/1/A at BT 025580 received 7-8 rounds of sniper fire from vic BT 027582; fire was returned with small arms and area was swept finding M-1 ball ammo wrapped in plastic on rice paddy dike. At 1340H F/2 at AT 995624 observed 2 VC with weapons in vic AT 993628. VC were taken under fire with small arms; VC broke contact and fled in an unknown direction. As the squad was firing at VC, a grenade which had been rigged as a mine was tripped resulting in 2 U.S. WIA's, both of which were med-evaced. At 1600H wire team with a security element at BT 009635 located a M-26 grenade and 2 CHICOM grenades which were rigged with trip wires. All were rendered safe and returned to Bn CP. At 1815H E/2 security patrol for Anderson Trail returning to CP received 1 round of sniper fire which caused 1 U.S. WIA. Fire was not returned because sniper's exact position could not be determined. At 1830H daylight activities secured and night time activities (patrols/ambushes and listening posts) commenced. Between the hours of 0850H and 1915H E/1 patrol at BT 013617 received sniper fire from BT 012613 and BT 015615; 81mm fire mission was called in for support when VC were sighted running into tree-line; area was swept with negative results; patrol continued its mission. It found a document in a house at BT 013614, which was returned to S-2. At 2300H FRAG ORDER for 22 August was issued: Bn Operation 216-66 terminates at 221200H; all companies continue with assigned mission. There were 4 squad, 5 platoon, 1 company search and destroy; 1 fire team and 1 squad patrols, 8 squad ambushes and 2 listening post employed.

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S-3 SECTION
2nd Battalion, 1st Marines

From: 220001H August 1966
To: 222400H August 1966

FROM	TO	TIME	MESSAGES
S-3	S-3	0034	Received Thrust Line Coordinates.
G	S-3	0049	All secure.
E/L	S-3	0053	All secure.
H	S-3	0053	All secure.
H&S	S-3	0100	All secure.
F	S-3	0104	All secure.
F/2	S-3	0111	All secure.
H	S-3	0150	Received initial Spot Report from Hotel Company receiving mortar rounds and small arms fire. Request made for air support.
G, E/L	S-3	0155	All secure.
F/2	S-3	0200	F/2 all secure.
H	S-3	0200	Initial Spot Report A - H Company B - 220045H C - BT 025577 D - H Company CP received 3 incoming rounds of 60mm mortars and 20-25 small arms fire from east and west. H/3/A LP at coordinates BT 029579 observed 6 men in vicinity. Illuminated area with 81mm illumination. E thru O - None P - Continued surveillance by LP Q - Unknown
Air	S-3	0210	Holo on way to Hotel CP.
All Units	S-3	0300	All secure.
Air	S-3	0305	Air arrived on station and began their aerial survey.
Air	S-3	0329	We have sighted nothing and are now heading back.
All Units	S-3	0400	All secure.
F	S-3	0415	F/1/A returning to CP.
P	S-3	0425	F/3/B returning to CP.
F, E/L, F/2, H, & G	S-3	0455	All secure.
H&S	S-3	0500	H&S patrol requests 1 round of illumination at AZ 175, 2200 meters out.
H&S	S-3	0530	H&S patrol lost, needed spotter illumination for observation, effect of illumination good. Illumination fired at BT 019619.
G, E/L, F & H	S-3	0545	All secure.

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