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1. In accordance with references (a), (b), and (c), enclosure (1) is submitted herewith.

(3) A/ARPT (OPHUTAH)

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

3rd Battalion, 1st Marines

1 March - 31 March 1966

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SECTION I.

ORGANIZATIONATL DATA

3rd Battalion, 1st Marines FPO, San Francisco, 96602

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1 - 31 March 1966

COMMANDING OFFICER

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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STAFF ASSIGNMENTS

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Capt R. L. BAGGETT
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Capt L. H. GONZALES
Capt M. C. PEASE
Maj M. W. MCCOURY, JR.
Capt J. R. SKRMETTA
lstLt J. D. WITHERSPOON
1stLt F. J. SCHNACKENBERG
Lt(MC) C. V. DESHAZO
Lt(CHC) K. LOEFFLER

S-1 (1-15 March) S-1 (16-31 March) S-2 S-3 S-4 (1-2 March) S-4 (3-31 March) Communication Officer Air Liaison Officer Supply Officer Motor Transport Officer Medical Officer Chaplain

UNIT COMMANDERS

Capt J. J. ST. CLAIR
Capt T. B. LECKY
Capt M. C. PEASE
Capt L. H. GONZALES
Capt J. T. SEHUISTER
lstLt S. H. GREGORY
Capt C. W. LATTING

H&S Company
Company I
Company K (1-2 March)
Company K (3-31 March)
Company L (1-17 March)
Company L (18-31 March)
Company M

COMMAND POST LOCATIONS

Chu Iai, Quang Tin Province Quang Ngai Province Chu Iai, Quang Tin Province Quang Ngai Province Chu Iai, Quang Tin Province

Contract Contract Contract

1 - 3 March 1966 4 - 7 March 1966 8 - 20 March 1966 21 - 24 March 1966 25 - 31 March 1966



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Map references for period 1 - 3, 8 - 20, 25 - 31 March 1966: Vietnam, 1:50,000, AMS Series L701, Sheets 6757 II, 6757 III, 6757 IV

Map references for period 4 - 7, 21 - 24 March 1966: Vietnam, 1:50,000, AMS Series 1701, Sheets 6756 I, 6756 II, 6756 IV

AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

OFFICERS		ENLI	STED
USMC	31:	USMC	931
USN	3	USN	41



SECTION II: PERSONNEL/ADMINISTRATION

A. Summary. During the period covered by this report, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines, in addition to concreting normal operations within assigned tactical area, participated in Operations UTAH and TEXAS. These extensive commitments compounded administrative problems; consequently, a maximum effort was required in order to expedite the volume of administrative work that had accumulated during operations.

B. Significant Events

- 1. Effective 1 March 1966, Battalion Landing Team 3/1 was deactivated, which, in turn, resulted in the administrative loss of mineteen USMC officers, 356 USMC enlisted, and one USN enlisted.
- 2. In an effort to vary individual rotation tour dates, on 12 and 13 March, the Battalion joined 209 enlisted Marines; and, in turn, on 15 March, transferred 103 enlisted Marinez to other battalions.
- 3. During the period 1 31 March, the Battalion sustained fifty-eight men killed in action and 148 wounded in action. The resultant decrease in manpower necessitated a change of the combat readiness category of the Battalion to C-2.
- C. Problem Areas/New Developments. Two rifle companies and Headquarters and Service Company are located in the Battalion Command Post area vicinity coordinates BT 525091, while the remaining two companies are deployed on the islands of Ky Hoa, vicinity coordinates grid square 5013 and Ky Kuan, vicinity coordinates grid square 4809. Accordingly, the administrative sections of these companies are established on the islands. This situation has presented some difficulty in the timely submission of required reports, mainly because of the difficulty in communicating with these companies. Steps are being taken at the present time to transfer administrative sections to the vicinity of the Battalion Command Post.

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1. Battalion chargeable strength (end of period):

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U. S. Navy	3	40

E. Discipline, Iaw and Order. Good discipline was maintained within this command; however, there has been an increase in judicial proceedings during this period. Violations of Article 113 (Misbehavior of Sentinel), Uniform Code of Military Justice, has been the basis for the majority of the referrals to Special Courts-Martial. The following statistics for the period are submitted:

1. Courts-Martial

Pending

Summary None Special 12

Completed

Summary None Special 3

2. Non-Judicial Punishment

Battalion Commanders 4 Company Commanders 8

F. Morale, PX, Postal Affairs, Liberty

- 1. The morale of this organization continues to be excellent. Many things have influenced the morale; of significance were:
 - a. Two major combat operations in rapid succession,
- b. Improvement of living conditions within the Battalion and separate company areas; particularly notoworthy was the digging of wells within company positions located on the islands of Ky Hoa and Ky Xuan.
- The nightly showing of motion pictures to Headquarters and Service Company and the two rifle companies in the Battalion Command Post area.
 - 2. Adverse factors include:
 - a. Inadequate beer rations for Battalion personnel.





- b. Sporadic mail services
- c. Inadequate PX facilitates.
- G. Chaplain's Activities and Tobals
 - l. General

SERVICES	HOURS OF SERVICES	ATTENDANCE
Sunday Weekday	27 60	515 638
Total	87	1153

- 2. In addition, fifteen communion services were held and 117 men received communion at these services. Fifty-two hospital calls were made and fifty interviews were conducted. Also, six Memorial Services were conducted at which 487 Marines attended. A Chapel Choir has been formed and is now functioning.
- 3. The Charlain accompanied the Battalion on Operations UTAH and TEXAS, holding evening prayer service with the men. Additionally, he samisted and ministered to the wounded on the battlefield.



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SECTION III. INTELLIGENCE

A. Summary of Enemy Activity

L. General

- a. During March, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines participated in Operation UTAH and Operation TEXAS and conducted one company-size operation against the Viet Gong/PAVN forces. These operations totaled eight days.
- b. With the exception of the first three days of March, enemy contact was daily. The most significant contacts and actions occurred during Operations UTAH and TEXAS and are as follows:

(1) Operation UTAH

- panies I, L, and M engaged elements of the 21st North Vietnamese Regiment at vicinity coordinates BS 554838. The engagement lasted for a period of approximately eight hours against enemy forces who occupied classic defensive positions in depth, were well-armed and equipped, and defended occupied positions in strength. With nightfall on 5 March, enemy resistance slackened, though every effort was made to maintain contact, and, on 6 March, the objective was subjected to extensive air/artillery preparation following which, it was immediately assaulted. No contact was made during assault.
- (b) Following the assault of the objective area, a detailed search and clear operation was conducted resulting in the location of an extensive tunnel and underground bunker network, the examination of which indicated that the area was a possible battalion or regimental command post. Subsequent examination of captured documents confirmed this indication, identifying the unit and command post as being that of the 21st North Vietnamese Regiment. The tunnel complex was destroyed on 7 March with an expenditure of 5000 pounds of C-4.
 - (c) Enemy casualties, as a result of Operation UTAH, totaled 102 confirmed KTA with 109 possible KTA.

(2) Operation TEXAS

(a) At 211805H, Company K and the 2nd Strike Company, 2nd ARVN Division, commenced assigned search and destroy mission through the village of Xuan Hoa (1), vicinity coordinates BS 505805, and adjacent areas. While advancing on the objective,





both units came under a steadily increasing volume of small arms fire, delivered from well-concealed and entrenched positions located just inside a tree line and bamboo fencework that encircled the entire hamlet. Despite the heavy volume of fire, Company K and 2nd Strike Company continued their advance and remained in close contact for approximately two hours. During this period, an airborne observer reported two platoons of VC withdrawing from Xuan Hoa (1) to the north, and the 2nd Strike Company reported approximately one VC platoon withdrawing from the hamlet to the southeast. Both targets were engaged by artillery and armed HULEs with forty VC KIA (possible) reported as a result of supporting fires.

- (b) By nightfall, Company K had advanced to a point approximately 150 meters into the hamlet; and the 2nd Strike Company had advanced to and secured its assigned objective and established a roadblock at vicinity coordinates BS 507802. At this point, the enemy broke contact and withdrew under pressure. Results of contact were twenty-seven VC KIA (confirmed), forty VC KIA (possible) by supporting arms, ten VC KIA (possible) by ground action, and twenty VC WIA (possible).
- (c) Examination of captured weapons, material, and documents indicated that the enemy engaged was Main Force VC, probably two platoons of the 1st VC Regiment, fighting as a rear guard.

B. Recapitulation of Enemy Activity

1. Contacts. With the exception of Operations UTAH and TEXAS, a total of twenty-three separate VC contacts were made during March. These contacts reflect incidents where fire was either received, delivered, or exchanged. Specific details are delineated in the Chronological Marrative of Significant Events, Section IV, paragraph C.

2. Enemy Losses

a. Personnel

VC KIA (Confirmed) VC KIA (Possible)	references de la companya de la com La companya de la co	130 159
VCS VCG		7
VC WIA (Possible)		6 36



b. Weapons and Equipment Destroyed or Captured

CHICOM Light Machinegun	3
CHICOM Sub-Machinegun	13
CHICOM Heavy Machinegun	1
CHICOM Rifle	4
CHICOM Pistol	. 2
CHICOM Grenades	53
57mm Recoilless Rifle	1
82mm Mortar	1
U.S. Claymore Mines	3
.U.S. M-14 Mines	8
U.S. M-1 Rifle	1
U.S. Browning Automatic Rifle	1
Non-Electric Blasting Caps	50
Electric Blasting Caps	60 ·
U.S. M-605 Firing Devices	9
Time Fuze	25 Feet
Detonating Cord	20 Feet
THICOM TWI	4 Pounds
Assorted U.S. and CHICOM Small Arms	2,000 Rounds
Ammunition	

c. Large quantities of documents were recovered from enemy dead or found abandoned on the battlefield during Operations UTAH and TEXAS. All were processed through normal intelligence channels.

C. Weather and Terrain

- 1. Weather, Weather throughout March was predominately clear and hot. Rainfall occurred on 10, 11, and 27 March. Weather had no effect on operations with the exception that there was an increased number of heat casualties due to extreme temperatures and high humidity, predominately from new personnel joined from CONUS. See Section II, paragraph B.2.
- 2. Terrain. The Battalion operated in terrain ranging from flat and sandy in its assigned TAOR, to rice paddies and low hills that typified the terrain in the objective areas of Operations UTAH and TEXAS. Terrain posed no serious problems. Troops moved entirely by helicopter or foot during both operations and by foot or LVT within the TAOR.

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SECTION IV. OPERATIONS/TRAINING

A. Operations

- 1. During the period 1 3 March, the 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines assumed the responsibility for Air Base Security of MAG-12 Air Strip by relieving the previously established Air Base Defense Coordinator and Security Company from the 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines. Company I and Company K were assigned this mission to include external security of the RMK construction facility and the Chu Iai Combat Base Class V Dump located from vicinity coordinates BT 556044 to BT 563043. In accordance with verbal instructions from the Commanding Officer, 1st Marines, the two remaining rifle companies and a command group were placed and maintained on six-hour alert.
- 2. On 4 March, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines was directed to prepared for immediate deployment by helicopter to area of operations to be designated. The alert eventually included all four rifle companies in addition to a command group. The Battalion, after being alerted, was placed under operational control of Task Force Delta. Company K which was passed to direct operational control of Task Force Delta.
- 3. By Ohl500H, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines commenced helilift into designated zone vicinity BS 55\h875. There was negative enemy contact during helilift into landing zone. Immediately following the landing, Company M and Company L, in accordance with assigned Battalion mission, commenced movement to establish designated blocking positions while Company I and Command Group Alpha remained vicinity landing zone. There was no significant enemy contact during the night.
- 4. Commencing at first light on 5 March, the Battalion (-) advanced in southward direction with two companies abreast, and at 051030H, contact with enemy forces vicinity coordinates BS 555838 and BS 552834 was established.
- 5. By O51100H, both Company M and Company L were heavily engaged in respective zone of action.
- 6. Company L engaged what was considered to be approximately one platoon on objective (this estimate was later revised upward and is now considered to be closer to a company). We were in well-prepared positions, spider traps, and had heavily mined and booby-trapped entire area. Company L remained in heavy, close contact including heavy automatic weapons fire and grenades for approximately three hours and, in

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conjunction with 1st ARVN Airborne Battalion, cleared objective of all VC resistance by deliberate, systematic search and destroy of objective area which required engaging and "rooting" individual VC from prepared positions.

- 7. Company M was heavily engaged for approximately three hours in objective area centered coordinates BS 855857. Initial estimate of enemy strength was considered to be a VC company this estimate was later revised upward and it is now estimated that VC on objective was closer to battalion (-) size and contained a battalion or regimental headquarters. VC were entrenched in depth in well-prepared positions with excellent fields of fire and employed 60mm mortars, .50 claiber machineguns, 57mm recoilless rifles, a large number of automatic weapons, and grenades. Company M, after engaging VC, aggressively assaulted and penetrated VC positions, and at 1330H, Company I was passed through Company M in effort to increase pressure on VC. At 051330H, Company I, after passing through Company M, continued the assault on objective centered vicinity coordinates BS 855857 and remained in heavy contact for approximately three hours.
 - 8. Every effort was made to maintain contact throughout the night and, at 061030H, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines commenced massive air and artillery preparation rires. At 1245H, preparation fires were ceased and assault of objective was commenced. There was no enemy contact during assault. At vicinity coordinates BS 555838, a vast, interconnecting, well-developed cave complex was discovered that required 5000 pounds of C-4 to destroy; in addition, 300 meters of entrenchments and wire fortifications vicinity coordinates BS 555839 to BS 554834 and two overhead bunkers suitable as command posts bunkers for large headquarters were discovered.
 - 9. Subsequent to the incidents mentioned above, there was no enemy contact, and, on 7 March, the 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines was helilifted from the area of operations to the Chu Lai Combat Base.
 - 10. This engagement--Operation UTAH--was characterized by heavy, close contact and constituted the most significant action yet experienced by this Battalion.
 - 11. Following Operation UTAH and upon the return of the Battalion to the Chu Lai Combat Base, the 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines was directed by Commanding Officer, 1st Marines to assume responsibility of tactical area of responsibility previously assigned to 1st Battalion, 4th Marines, and, at 090800H, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines commenced orderly, tactical exchange of areas with 1st Battalion, 4th Marines.

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- During the ensuing period 9 21 March, the operations of this Battalion were characterized by aggressive combat patrols and ambushes together with appropriate civic action projects throughout the assigned tactical area of responsibility.
- 13. In addition to the foregoing, the 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines was required on several occasions to assume responsibility for security of the MAG-12 Air Strip or portions thereof in order to augment or replace 1st Battalion, 4th Marines elements as required by the operational commitments of the 1st Battelion, 4th Marines.
- 14. At 200330H, S-3, 1st Marines clerted 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines to be prepared to provide by 201030H; a command group and two reinforced companies in area to be designated. Accordingly, Command Group Alpha, Company K; and Company M were placed on immediate alert, and, at 211135H, Commanding Officer, lst Marines directed that alerted forces would be staged and prepared for helilift from MAG-36 Helicopter Rad not later than 211330H。
- 15. Concurrent with the staging of those elements, the Commanding Officer and S-3, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines, together with Helicopter Unit Commander, were helilifted to Binh Son, vicinity coordinates BS 600922, for detailed operational briefing by Commarding Orficer, 7th Marines during which L-Hour was estab-Lished as 211590H, but later delayed to 211600H. At same briefing, Commanding Officer, Task Force Delta passed operational control of 2nd Strike Company, 2nd ARVN Division to Commanding Officer, 3rd Battalion, Ist Marines.
- 16. The helilift of 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines commenced approximately 211600H with Company M being the initial element lifted into the zone followed, in turn, by Command Group Alpha, Company K, and 2nd Strike Company. Negative enemy contact in zone; however, helicopters received small arms fire in approach and retirement lanes vicinity grid square BS 4881.
- 17. During lift, a helicopter enroute to landing zone, with heliteam from Company K embarked, crashed and burned either as a result of small arms fire or engine failure vicinity coordinates BS 196813. 3rd Platoon, Company M was immediately dispatched to crash site. One WTA, critically burned, was the only survivor and was evacuated by helicopter. All other crew members and the heliteam from Company K were killed in the crash. Friendly casualties were nine KIA, six from Company K.
- 18. After landing, Company K and 2nd Strike Company commenced attack of assigned objective which was the Hamlet of Kuan Hoa (1), vicinity coordinates BS 505805 and adjacent areas.

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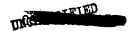
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- 20. On 22 March, Company K continued detailed, systematic search and destroy mission through Village of Xuan Hoa (1) and 2nd Strike Company advanced on Hill 22, vicinity ccordinates BS 515802. During search of village, Company K systematically cleared each trench and tunnel and then destroyed same by demolitons.
- 21. After securing both objectives and after receipt of Task Force Delta Frag Order 6-66, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines continued search and destroy operations to east in assigned zone without further enemy contact.
- 22. By 222015H, night positions were established as follows: Battalion Command Post at coordinates BS 531791; Company K deployed in perimeter from coordinates BS 530789 to BS 531792 to BS 329791 to BS 529794; Company M and 2nd Strike Company in perimeter from coordinates BS 537785 to BS 537780 to BS 536789 to RS 537785. Executed aggressive night patrol and ambush plan; again, negative enemy contact.
- 23 On 23 March, after receipt of Task Force Delta verbal frag order, commenced advance south in zone of action to establish blocking positions vicinity coordinates BS 538766 and BS538772,

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and by 231830H, secured assigned blocking positions and established night positions with Battalion in perimeter from coordinates BS 533766 to BS 538766 to BS 539771 to BS 537768. Executed aggressive night patrol and ambush plans with negative enemy contact.

24. On 25 March, again there was negative enemy contact, and, by 241000H, as directed by Task Force Delta Frag Order 10-56, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines commenced helilift of 2nd Strike Company to Quang Ngai and Battalion elements to MAG-36 Helicopter Pad. Lift was completed by 241230H and 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines passed to operational control of 1st Marines. Total friendly losses numbered seventeen KIA and thirty-eight WIA, including one KIA and three WIA sustained by attached ARVN unit. Total VC losses were established at twenty-seven KIA (confirmed), fifty KIA (possible), one VCS, and twenty VC WIA (possible).

25. During the remainder of March, operations were limited to one company (reinforced) search and destroy operation conducted on Hoa Xuan Island located vicinity grid square ET 4215, and scheduled small unit patrol and ambush actions/civic action projects within assigned tactical area. The company (reinforced) search and destroy operation mentioned above was scheduled for the period 28 - 31 March, but after only one day was cancelled due to unscheduled operational commitments which required 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines to provide a command group and one company reinforced by one company from 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines to assume responsibility for 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines tactical area of responsibility. This commitment was of short duration and terminated on 30 March.

B. Training

- 1. During the month of March, the Battalion conducted training as prescribed by Regimental Bulletin 1500 of 19 February 1966. Emphasis was placed on field fortifications, basic communications, scouting techniques, map reading for rifle platoons, and physical conditioning to acclimate replacements. Crew-served weapons training consisted mostly of gun drill to develop efficiency and teamwork among the crews with newly arrived replacements.
- 2. The Land Mine Warfare School operated by Company A, lst Engineer Battalion was utilized by the Battalion throughout the month. A total of forty-eight Marines attended the two-day course of instruction.
- 3. On-the-job training was conducted continuously during all Battalion operations. Detailed critiques on all phases







of operations were held by subordinate units. In this manner, lessons learned were developed in an effort to profit from operations conducted and to improve future operations.

C. Chronological Narrative of Significant Events

MARCH

BIT 3/1 deactivated effective Oll635H, and S-3, 3/I, briefed by S-3, 1st Mar, concerning future mission of Battalion. In addition, at Oll800, received verbalfrag order from CO, 1st Mar, to maintain Battalion (-) on six-hour alert to include three companies and command group.

At 012200, S-3, 1st Mar, notified 3/1 to be prepared to place one company on two-hour standby.

In accordance with verbal instructions received from CO, 1st Mar, as amplified by S-3, 1st Mar, at Ol2OOOH, 3/1 provided one company (rein) on a two-hour alert and a command group plus two additional companies (rein) on a six-hour alert. Company M was placed on two-hour alert and Command Group Alpha, Company L, and Company K were placed on six-hour alert.

Major personnel changes were effected to include transfer of Capt PEASE from Company K to S-4; Capt GONZALES from S-4 to Company K.

At 021835H, 3/1 received 1st Mar 0p0 343-66 and 1st Mar Frag Order 3-66 and immediately commenced required planning to execute assigned mission.

At 021835H, in compliance with 1st Mar 0p0 343-66, Company I was designated as 1st Marines Regimental Reserve.

At 030900H, 3/1 assumed responsibility for Air Base Defense of MAG-12 Air Strip by relieving previously established Air Base Defense Coordinator and Security Company from 2/7. Company I (Rein) and Company K (-) (Rein) occupied security positions in accordance with initial situation overlay.

At 031200H, the 1st Platoon, Company K relieved platoon from Company H, 2/7, and assumed responsibility for security of vital RMK construction facilities as required by assigned mission.

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- At 031330H, Company I effected liaison with Headquarters Company, 7th Mar, concerning assumption of responsibility for security positions on south and southwest sides of Class V Dump from vicinity BT 556044 to vicinity BT 563043 which have been previously manned by the Composite Security Platoon, Headquarters Company, 7th Mar. Physical relief effected 031830H.
- At Oh1015H, GO, 1st Mar directed 3/1 to place two rifle companies (rein) and a command group on immediate alert for helilift to area of operations to be designated. Command Group Alpha. Company L, Company M, two sections of 81mm mortars, and two attached engineer squads were alerted as required.

At 041030H, CO, 1st Mar, directed 3/1 to establish helicopter landing zone for alerted forces. Loading zone was established vicinity coordinates BT 556052.

At Ohllooh, CO, 1st Mar, directed 3/1 to alert remaining two companies, one of which was to move by truck at Ohl2OOH and operate as security for a convoy and security for Task Force Delta Command Post. Company K and Company I were alerted, and Company K was directed to provide convoy security and Task Force Delta Command Post security. The requirement for convoy security was later increased to include a platoon (rein) from Company L.

At O41215H, Company K (Rein) with platoon from Company I departed Chu Lai by truck as convoy security and changed operational control to Task Force Delta.

At Ohl310H, 3/1 received initial Task Force Delta Frag Order and CO, 3/1, issued the Battalion Frag order to wit: Land Company M (Rein) to secure the landing zone followed in trace by Company I (Rein) and Company I (-) (Battalion Reserve). After landing, Company L advance by best possible route and occupy blocking positions vicinity coordinates BS 545856. Company I (-), after landing, assume responsibility for landing zone security. Company M, after being relieved of landing zone security advance by best possible route and occupy blocking positions vicinity BS 567861. Companies L and M are to conduct extensive ambushing and patrolling along likely routes of egress from south of east-west grid line 85 to the north and northeast.







At Ohl350H, CG, Task Force Delta arrived 3/1 Command Post and authorized CO, 3/1, to increase heli-lifted forces to include remaining company (-). Company I (-) was directed to commence movement to helicopter loading zone.

At O41500H, 3/1 (-) commenced helilift into designated landing zone vicinity BS 554875 with Company M being the initial element lifted into landing zone followed in turn by Gommand Group Alpha, Company I (Rein), and Company I (-). Negative enemy contact during helicopter landing.

At Oh1645H, 3/1 (-) landed in zone and established Command Post vicinity coordinates BS 555873; Company L commenced movement to establish blocking positions vicinity coordinates BS 536855, BS 546856, and BS 550858; Company M commenced movement to establish blocking positions vicinity coordinates BS 568861, BS 563853, and BS 577861; Company I (-) deployed in perimeter vicinity Battalion Command Post at coordinates BS 555873.

At Oh1815H, completed helilift into landing zone except for platoon (-) from Company I, which was delivered into landing zone at first light on 5 March.

At Ohl830H, vicinity coordinates BS 569863, Company M challenged two VC on trail, engaged with five rounds small arms. One VC observed to fall after engaged, but was not captured. Result of engagement, one VC WIA.

At 041850H, Company M established designated blocking positions.

At 041900H, vicinity coordinates BS 545857, Company L located one mine made from 3.5-inch rocket round. Mine destroyed. No friendly casualties.

At Oh1912H, Company L established designated blocking positions.

At 042100H, Company M observed weapons suspected of being .50 caliber machinegun firing from vicinity coordinates BS 569845 at helicopter. Fired 81mm mortar mission on suspected machinegun location; rounds were on target; machinegun ceased firing.





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At 042330H, received Task Force Delta Frag Order 170-66 which directed 3/1 to conduct search and destroy operations to south and southeast. Issued 3/1 Frag Order 16-66.

During night and early morning 4-5 March, negative enemy contact.

5 At 050545H, 1st ARVM Airborne Battalion requested 3/1 (-) to fire 81mm mortar mission vicinity coordinates BS 551842. Request approved by Task Force Delta; four rounds 81mm mortar fired. Results unconfirmed.

At 050650H, vicinity coordinatess BS 568862, Company M exploded one anti-personnel mine; unknown type. One friendly WIA sustained.

At 050730H, remainder of Company I landed in landing zone. One friendly non-evac WIA sustained as result of small arms directed at helicopters from vicinity grid square BS 5588.

Task Force Delta issued verbal frag order to recrient direction of search and destroy operations in order to relieve pressure on 1st ARVN Airborne Battalion. 3/1 immediately issued required verbal frag order and commenced movement to south and to area where 1st ARVN Airborne Battalion was engaged. The Battalion was deployed with Company L on right and Company M on left. Company I (Battalion Reserve) in trace.

At 051030H, Company M spotted what appeared to be seven camouflaged VC vicinity coordinates BS 555837. Company M deployed reserve platoon and engaged. Remainder Company M and Company L continued to advance toward 1st ARVN Airborne Battalion position in effort to relieve pressure and to effect link-up. Shortly thereafter, the reserve platoon, Company M was heavily engaged and Company M was directed to deploy and reinforce. Company L continued advance to effect link-up with ARVN Forces vicinity coordinates BS 553836, and received light opposition on right flank.

At 051100H, both Company M and Company L were heavily engaged in respective areas.

Company L engaged what was considered to be approximately one platoon on objective (this estimate was later revised





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upward and is now considered to be closer to a company). WC were in well-prepared positions and spider traps. The entire area was heavily mined and booby-trapped. Company L remained in heavy, close contact including heavy automatic weapons fire and grenades for approximately three hours and, in conjunction with 1st ARVN Airborne Battalion, cleared objective of all VC resistance by deliberate, systematic search and destruction of objective area which required engaging and "rooting" ||individual VC from prepared positions | Results of operations: Thirty-three VC KIA (confirmed), fifty-five VC KIA (possible), six WIA (possible), and a number of CHICOM automatic weapons and other items of equipment. Friendly casualties sustained were ten KIA and twenty WIA. Company L, after clearing objective, consolidated positions, linked-up with and turned over objective to 1st ARVN Battalion. Following this, Company L displaced

to vicinity 3/1 Command Post.

Company M, after deploying to reinforce reserve platoon and after initial contact, was heavily engaged for approximately three hours on objective centered coordinates BS 558857. Initial estimate of enemy strength was considered to be a VC company. This estimate was later revised upward and it is now considered to be a WC battalion (-) and contained a battalion or regimental headquarters. VC were entrenched in depth in well-prepared positions with excellent fields of fire and employed 60mm mortars, .50 caliber machineguns, 57mm recoilless rifles, a large number of automatic weapons and grenades. Company M, Vafter engaging VC, aggressively assaulted and penetrated VC positions, and at 1330H, Company I was passed through Company M in effort to increase pressure on VC. Results of Company M's contact were fifty-nine VC KIA, fifty VC KIA (possible), and a large number of captured weapons, and other major items of equipment. Friendly casualties sustained were fifteen KIA and forty-six WIA.

At 051330H, Company I, after passing through Company M, continued the assault on objective centered vicinity coordinates BS 558857 and remained in heavy contact for approximately three hours. Results of Company I's contact were nine VC KIA, four VC KIA (possible), four WIA (possible). Friendly casualties sustained were seventeen KIA, thirty-four WIA.

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At 051630H, 3/1 (-) was directed by Task Force Delta to maintain Company I in present positions while 5th ARVN Airborne Battalion made contact with and passed through or to the south of Company I, at which time, Company I would retract to the north for new mission. At about this time, contact decreased to sporadic small arms fire and Company I maintained positions as directed.

O51900H, the 5th ARVN Airborne Battalion advisor informed 3/1 that physical contact with Company I would not be established. In response to this, the CO, 3/1, requested permission to retain Company I in present positions rather than retracting to the north in effort to maintain contact with VC, and further requested that all friendly units be withdrawn to safe distance while massive air and artillery preparation of objective was conducted which, in turn, would be followed by continued assault of objective by Company I and Company L followed in trace by Company M. While awaiting approval, Company I maintained occupied positions. There was no enemy contact during period.

At 051700H, Provisional Rifle Platoon, previously requested by 3/1, was delivered to coordinates BS 554875. Platoon was not able to join 3/1 and was directed to remain in present positions until first light at which time scouts would be dispatched to guide the platoon to 3/1 Command Post.

At first light, four scouts were dispatched to guide previously mentioned Provisional Platoon to 3/1 Command Post. While enroute, scouts engaged four VC vicinity coordinates BS 558856. Results of engagement were two VC WIA and one VC WIA (possible).

At 060800H, Task Force Delta approved CO, 3/1, request and at 061030H, 3/1 commenced massive air and artillery preparation fires. At 1245H, preparation fires ceased and assault of objective was commenced. There was no enemy contact during assault. Results of operations included capturing a number of weapons, documents, and other items of equipment; recovery of a number of friendly KIAs who could not be recovered on the previous day; and at vicinity coordinates BS 555838, discovery of a vast, interconnecting, well-developed cave complex that required 5,000 pounds of C-4 to destroy; 300 meters of entrenchments and wire fortifications vicinity coordinates BS 555839 to





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6 BS 554834; two overheaded bunkers suitable as command post bunkers for large headquarters.

At 061430H, CG, Task Force Delta arrived vicinity cave complex and after inspecting the complex, directed CO, 3/1, to remain in objective area as long as required to conduct thorough search of complex following which the complex would be destroyed.

At 061130H, Company K, 3/1, CHOF OPCON from 1/7 to 3/1 and joined 3/1 vicinity Command Post.

During the night of 6 February and the following day, enemy contact was negative.

7 At 070830H, Company M commenced destruction of cave complex utilizing 5,000 pounds of C-4 in accomplishing the task.

At 071000H, Company L, as directed by CG, Task Force Delta, was CHOP OPCON to 1/7.

At 071130H, CG, Task Force Delta, directed retraction of 3/1 (-) from area of operations to Chu Iai after destruction of cave complex.

At 071300H, Company I and Company K were retracted from area of operations by helicopter and commenced assumption of defensive positions on airfield.

At 071545H, Company L arrived at Chu Lai Airfield and CHOP ORCON to 3/1. Company L resumed previous positions vicinity coordinates BT 557052 at 071630H.

At 071800, after completion of destruction of cave complex, Command Group Alpha and Company M were retracted from area of operations by helicopter.

At 071830H, Command Group Alpha and Company M arrived at Chu Iai and assumed former positions vicinity coordinates BT 557045.

At 081100H, 3/1 was alerted to a change in tactical areas whereby 3/1 and 1/4 would exchange tactical areas. Coordination between units commenced immediately.





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At 081900H, based upon verbal instructions from CO. 1st Marines, a planning conference between 3/1 and 1/4 was conducted in order to insure an orderly, tactical exchange of TAORs. This plan provided for Company M, 3/1, to relieve Company A, 1/4, in its TAOR commencing at 091230H and for the relief of Company B, 1/4, in its TAOR by Company L, 3/1, at approximately 091230H. The 1/4 units, in turn, would relieve Company I and Company K in security positions at MAG-12 Air Strip.

At 082000H, 3/1 received change number one to 1st Mar 0p0 343-66 which confirmed verbal instructions received from CO, 1st Mar, concerning exchange of TAORs with 1/4 and assigned the following mission:

- a. Occupy and defend in assigned sector to protect and defend the vital areas in the 1st Mar TAOR.
- b. Conduct combat/recon patrols and ambushes throughout assigned sector during day and night with priority to nighttime operations.
- c. Provide external security to the IAAM Battery located on Ky Hoa Island (BT 5115).
- d. Maintain combat patrol bases on Ky Hoa, Ky Xuan, and Hoa Xuan Islands.
- e. Conduct and maintain surveillance of seaward approaches within assigned sector to repel landings and prevent infiltration.
- f. Be prepared to conduct unilateral and/or coordinated operations with RVNAF within and beyond the periphery of assigned sector.
- g. Be prepared to provide one company to be employed as directed by this Headquarters
- At 090800H, 3/1 commenced exchange of TAORs with 1/4 in accordance with the mutually developed plan as set forth 081900H. Relief to be completed by 091800H.

At 092015H, Company M, 3/1, established front line positions vicinity coordinates BT 486104 to BT 487103 to BT 488102 to BT 486102 to BT 486104.





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At 092020H, Company L, 3/l, established front line positions vicinity coordinates BT 509132 to BT 506130 to 506127 to BT 508126 to BT 511127.

At 092045H, Company M, 3/1, commenced patrolling in assigned sector.

At 092100H, Company L, 3/1, commenced patrolling in assigned sector.

At 101125H, CO, 3/1, was directed by CO, 1st Mar, to assume responsibility for security positions on Ky Hoa Peninsula, Chu Iai Airfield, FMK Installation, and Class V Dump in order to relieve 1/4 who were being alerted for operations. Required preparations for orderly relief were immediately initiated and company commanders concerned were briefed as to responsibilities.

At 101200H, Company I, 3/1, commenced relief of 1/4 units manning airfield security positions with two platoons and Class V Dump security positions with one platoon.

At 101200H, Company K, 3/1, commenced relief of 1/4 unit responsible for security of Ky Hoa Peninsula, RMK Installation, and for providing Sparrow Hawk Squad.

At 101430H, units effected relief of 1/4 positions.

11 At 110900H, S-3, lst Mar, advised 3/1 that 1/4 would resume responsibility for security of assigned TAOR to include Chu Iai Airfield, Ky Hoa Peninsula, RMK Installation, and Class V Dump. Relief of positions was initiated immediately and effected by 111230H.

At 111000H, CO, 1st Mar, issued verbal frag order directing 3/1 to be prepared to reassume responsibility for 1/4 TAOR, on order.

At 111555H, 1st Mar directed 3/1 to execute relief of 1/4 in accordance with verbal frag order of 111000H. 3/1 immediately initiated relief of 1/4.





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- 11 At 111830H, units effected relief of 1/4 positions.
- 12 At 120850H, S-3, 1st Mar, directed 3/1 to be prepared to be relieved in place by 1/4 in former 1/4 TAOR.
 - At 120915H, 1/4 commenced relief of 3/1 positions.
 - At 121135H, reflef cancelled and 3/1 retained responsibility for 1/4 TAOR.

At 122245H, Company K, 3/1, received twenty rounds small arms fire vicinity coordinates BT 517076. Company K returned fire with five rounds M=79, fifteen M-ll rounds. Results unconfirmed.

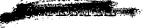
At 130140H, the waterborne security patrol, designated "Sea Lion" at vicinity coordinates BT 500115, apprehended two Vietnamese in a fishing boat for violation of the curfew; one, an older man, the other, a young boy. After apprehension, they were delivered to Junk Fleet Headquarters and turned over to the Popular Forces.

At 130650H, 3/1 was advised by S-3, lst Mar, that Company C and Company D, 1/4, would reassume security responsibilities for Chu Lai Airfield Defense, RMK Installation, and the Class V Dump, relieving Company I and 3rd Platoon, Company K, 3/1. S-3, lst Mar, further advised 3/1 to maintain one company as Regimental Reserve with one platoon on fifteen-minute alert for protection of downed helicopters and to continue to maintain one "Sparrow Hawk" Squad at MAG-36.

At 130800H, relief of lines commenced and was completely effected by 131200H. Company I was assigned as Regimental Reserve located at 3/1 Command Post, with 2nd Platoon, Company I on fifteen-minute alert. Company K maintained responsibility for "Sparrow Hawk" Squad. 1st Platoon, Company M remained as Battalion Reserve.

14 At 140230H, vicinity coordinates BT 477144, the 1st Plateon, Company L received one incoming hand grenade. Twenty rounds of automatic weapons fire was returned. Enemy not sighted; could not establish direction of withdrawal or clothing. Area was searched. Results: no enemy casualties, no friendly casualties.

At 140400H, vicinity coordinates BT 490131, the waterborne security patrol from H&S Company apprehended six



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- 14 VCS for violation of curfew. VCS had proper identification and were released to the Popular Forces unit at Chu Lai Sand Ramp.
- 15 At 151515H, S-3, 1st Mar, advised 3/1 to prepare 3rd Platoon, Company I (the fifteen-minute alert platoon from Regimental Reserve) reinforced FAC Team and FO Team for helilift to grid square BT 3613 to aid in extraction of Recon Group Alpha, 3rd Recon Battalion, which was pinned down by an estimated ten VC at vicinity coordinates BT 364133. At 151530H, 3rd Platoon, Company I was prepared for lift, standing by at Landing Zone Firefly. At 151545H, CO, 3/1, placed the remainder of Company I on full alert for contingencies as may be directed by CO, 1st Mar. At 151605H, S-3, 1st Mar, advised 3/1 that mission was cancelled, but to retain the platoon in the landing zone in stand-by alert. At 151615H, S-3, 1st Mar, advised 3/1 to have alert platoon standdown. The platoon was advised and returned to company positions.

At 152230H, vicinity coordinates BT 483139, ambush patrol, Company L reported four VC in hedgerow adjacent to the ambush site. VC were challenged and fled. Ambush fired forty M-14 rounds, received two carbine rounds in return. Results: One VC WIA, carried away by others.

At 152355H, vicinity coordinates BT 528085, OMTOS machine gunner observed three figures near defensive wire. The figures were challenged. When figures failed to halt, gunner fired short burst. Results: One VC WIA (possible).

At 160900H, S-3, lst Mar, advised 3/1 to provide one reinforced rifle company with FAC Team to 2/4 prepared for deployment to areas of operations to be designated; further directed that the company report to Hill 69 at vicinity coordinates BT 468068 not later than 161500H.

At 161325H, Company I displaced to Hill 69 as directed.

At 161730H, Company L, 3/1, received information from the village chief of New Life Village, vicinity coordinates BT 503134, that there was a possible 100 VC massing on Fish Island, vicinity coordinates BT 475125





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- 16 and that a possibility existed that the VC intend to attack Company L positions on Ky Hoa Island. The following security measures were initiated: The Sea Lion Patrol was directed to cover the area of crossing from Fish Island to Ky Hoa; the companies were placed on 10% alert, and the Battalion Reserve, 1st Platoon, Company M, together with required LVTs, were alerted for possible employment to reinforce the islands of Ky Hoa and Ky Xuan; the night fire plan has been reviewed and revised to satisfy the situation. No contact was reported from Company L.
- At 170630H, Company K's position, Check Point "Charlie", 17 vicinity coordinates BT 518082, received a report from two Vietnamese carpenters that there was a VC ambush in the area between Check Point "Charlie" and Route #1. A squad from Company K, after being cautioned to the possibility that this information might be a means to ambush the squad itself, was immediately dispatched; and an aggressive, meticulous search of the area was conducted with negative results.
- 18 At 180400H, vicinity coordinates BT 505114, Sea lien Patrol from H&S Company, 3/1; apprehended four Viet-mamese males in boat as curfew violaters. Identifica-1 (Par 19) tion cards were in order. The boat and Vietnamese MARGH were taken to the village of An Hai, vicinity coordinates BT 514114 and released to the village chief. 3,5
 - At 181715H, Company 1, 3/1, CHOF OFCON to this Battalion upon completion of operations with 2/4. Company I designated Regimental Reserve with one platcon on fifteen minute alert in accordance with 1st Mar Opo 343-66.
- At 190415H, the Sea Lion Patrol from HRS Company, 3/1, apprehended four Vietnamese as curfew violators at 19 vicinity coordinates BT 490118. Identification papers were in order. Individuals were released to Popular Forces in village of An Hai.
- 11 T At 191300H, Company L received a report from Vietnamese civilians that three boats were apparently in difficulty at vicinity coordinates BT 502153. Helicopter support was requested through S-3, 1st Mar. At 191700H; a Marine helicopter rescued one Vietnamese and evacuated to B-Med. Seven other Vietnamese, identified as being from the

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island of Hoa Xuan, centered at rid square of 1315, were washed ashore. They require limited medical assistance, which was administered and then were interrogated by the S-2; 3/1, concerning Hoa Xuan and the WC located thereon, full win which they were released to the wellare chieffer as Mar.

At 192300H, Company M reported that an ambush observed five figures—three with rifles, one with a large sack—at vicinity coordinates BT 481112. Ambush fired on figures, received two rounds in return. Two men fell, then recovered and fled area. The area was illuminated with 81mm and searched with negative results.

At 200330H, S-3, 1st Marine advised 3/1 to be prepared to provide a dominant group and two reinforced companies with FAC Teams for immediate deployment for combat operations by 201030H. In addition, 3/1 was directed to provide one reinforced platoon with FAC Team and artillery FO Team and PRC-25 to MAG-36 by 200800H to be employed as security force for downed helicopters and other contingency missions. This platoon is to be provided by one of the two companies placed on alert. The Sparrow Hawk mission is suspended during this alert.

200630H, S-3, 1st Mar, advised 3/1 to be prepared to CHOP OPCON of alerted companies to designated battalions and to be prepared to assume OPCON of additional companies, on order.

At 211115H, S-3, 1st Mar, advised 3/1 to prepare two reinforced rifle companies and a command group for immediate deployment for operations in area to be designated; units to helilift from MAG-36 Airfield at 211330H, Company K and Company M were alerted together with Command Group Alpha. CO, 3/1, with the S-3 departed at 211115H for briefing on operations by CO, 7th Mar, at Bihn Son, vicinity coordinates BS 600922. Subsequent to this briefing, liaison was effected with Commanding Officer and senior advisor of 2nd Strike Company, 2nd ARVN Division, which had been assigned OPCON to 3/1, and a recon was made of designated landing zone.





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21 All alerted elements of 3/1 were staged at MAG-36 Helicopter Pad by 211330H, prepared for helilift. Hift commenced approximately 211600H with Company M being the intial element lifted into the zone followed in turn by Command Group Alpha, Company K, and 2nd Strike Company. Negative enemy contact in zone; however, helicopters received small arms fire in approach and retirement lanes vicinity grid square BS 4881.

During lift, a helicopter enroute to landing zone with heliteam from Company K embarked, crashed and burned either as a result of small arms fire or engine failure vicinity coordinates BS 496813. 3rd Platoon, Company M was immediately dispatched to crash site. One WIA, critically burned, was the only survivor and was evacuated by helicopter. All other crew members and the heliteam from Company K were killed in the crash. Friendly casualties were nine KIA, six from Company K.

At 211805H, Company K and the 2nd Strike Company commenced assigned search and destroy mission through village of Xuan Hoa (1), vicinity coordinates BS 505805 and adjacent areas. While advancing on the objective, both units came under a steadily increasing volume of small arms fire delivered from well-concealed and entrenched positions located just inside a tree line and bamboo fencework that encircled the entire hamlet. Despite the heavy volume of fire, Company K and 2nd Strike Company continued their advance and remained in close contact for approximately two hours. During this period, an airborne observer reported two platoons of VC withdrawing from Xuan Hoa (1) to north and 2nd Strike Company reported approximately one VC platoon withdrawing from hamlet to southeast. Both targets were engaged by artillery and armed HULEs with forty VC KIA (possible) reported as a result of supporting fires.

By nightfail, Company K had advanced to point approximately 150 meters into the hamlet, and the 2nd Strike Company had advanced to and secured assigned objective and established roadblock vicinity coordinates BS 507802. At this point, enemy broke contact and withdrew under pressure. Results of contact were twenty-seven VC KIA (confirmed), forty VC KIA (possible) by supporting arms, ten VC KIA (possible) by ground action,





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twenty VC WIA (possible); five weapons captured together with a large amount of demolitions and other miscellaneous equipment. Friendly casualties sustained were seventeen KIA and thirty-four WIA.

At 212115H, a hand grenade was thrown into Company K positions at coordinates BS 506807. Grenade did not explode. Fifteen rounds were fired in direction from which grenade was thrown. No confirmed VC casualties. No friendly casualties.

By 212300H, night positions were established as follows: Battalion Command Post at coordinates BS 495807; Company K deployed in perimeter from coordinates BS 505806 to BS 504805 to BS 506806 to BS 505807; Company M deployed in perimeter from coordinates BS 496806 to BS 494803 to BS 497803 to BS 495804; 2nd Strike Company deployed in perimeter from BS 506802 to BS 508802.

At 220630H, a patrol from Company M was again dispatched to the scene of the helicopter crash in effort to establish final casualty identification and to insure destruction of any friendly weapons or other sensitive equipment. The patrol was engaged by the VC; fire was immediately returned. One friendly WIA was sustained as result of contact. There were no confirmed VC casualties, however.

At 220700H, Company K continued detailed, systematic search and destroy mission through village of Xuan Hoa. Company M was held in reserve prepared to support Company K, and 2nd Strike Company advanced on Hill 22, vicinity coordinates BS 515802. During search of village, Company K systematically cleared each trench and tunnel and then destroyed same by demolitions.

At 220925H, Hill 22 and village of Xuan Hoa were secured.

At 221015H, Company M received ten rounds of small arms fire from extreme range. Fire returned with small arms and 60mm mortars. No friendly casualties; no VC casualties confirmed.

At 221300H, additional material captured by Company K as result of search of Xuan Han (1) included three claymore mines, eight U.S. M-14 mines, twenty-five feet of time fuze, twenty feet of primer cord, fifty non-electric





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blasting caps, sixty-five electric blasting caps, nine M-605 firing devices, 1,000 rounds of assorted small arms ammunition, thirty-five full packs and numerous documents.

At 221505H, received Frag Order 6-66 from Task Force Delta directing continuation of search and destroy operations to east in assigned zone. 3/1 immediately commenced search and destroy operations with 2nd Strike Company and Company M abreast and Company K (Battalion Reserve) in trace. Conducted artillery preparation of initial objective, Hill 65, vicinity coordinates BS 523792, and secured objective by 221620H without incident or contact. Continued search and destroy operations without contact to east securing night positions by 221820H.

By 222015H, night positions were established as follows: Battalion Command Post at coordinates BS 531791; Company K deployed in perimeter from coordinates BS 530789 to BS 531792 to BS 529791 to BS 529794; Company M and 2nd Strike Company in perimeter from coordinates BS 537785 to BS 537780 to BS 536789 to BS 537785. Executed aggressive night patrol and ambush plan; negative enemy contact.

At 222220H, received Task Force Delta Frag Order 8-66 directing 3/1 to hold in present positions until receipt of overlay assigning new boundary, to be delivered the morning of 23 March; further directing that one platoon of 2nd Strike Company was to CHOP OPCON and be helilifted to 2/4; lift to be completed by 231000H.

23 All units effected resupply of rations and ammunition during morning.

At 231100H, received verbal frag order from Task Force Delta to commence advance south in TAOR and to establish blocking positions vicinity coordinates BS 538766 and BS 538772. Immediately commenced advance to south, as directed, with Company K and Company M abreast and 2nd Strike Company (Battalion Reserve) in trace. Planned artillery preparation of objective was cancelled because of steady flow of helicopters across gun-target line.

By 231830H, secured assigned blocking positions and established night positions with Battalion in perimeter





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from coordinates BS 533766 to BS 538766 to BS 539771 to BS 535773 and the Command Post located vicinity coordinates BS 537768. Executed aggressive night patrol and ambush plan; negative enemy contact.

At 232045H, received Task Force Delta Frag Order 10-66 directing 3/1 to commence, at first light, deliberate search and destroy operations in inhabited area in assigned zone of action between grid line 78 and the river to the south. The frag order further directed the Battalion to be prepared for helicopter lift to Ky Ha Peninsula commencing at 241030H.

24 At 240830H, Company K completed search and destroy of inhabited areas as directed by Task Force Delta Frag Order 10-66. Negative enemy contacts.

At 241000H, loading zone was established and secured vicinity coordinates BS 531774, and at 241100H, commenced helilift of 2nd Strike Company to Quang Ngai and Battalion elements to MAG-36 Helicopter Pad. Lift was completed by 241230H and 3/1 CHOP OPCON to 1st Mar.

At 211330H, Company M commenced movement to Island of Ky Xuan. Company K was designated Regimental Reserve.

At 241600H, 3rd Platoon (Rein), Company I departed for 2/4 positions on Hill 69 for employment at that position in accordance with verbal orders of 5-3, 1st Mar.

At 241800H, Company M had resumed positions on the island of Ky Xuan at vicinity coordinates BT 487103. 2nd Platoon, Company L departed Ky Xuan and at 241800H, rejoined Company L on the island of Ky Hoa at vicinity coordinates BT 517154. 2nd Platoon, Company M was designated Battalion Reserve at this Command Post.

At 250612H, at vicinity coordinates BT 522199, two hand grenade booby traps were detonated within the Junk Fleet Compound resulting in four RVN Navy WIAs. U.S. Navy advisor not present at time.

At 250950H, vicinity coordinates BT 487113, a MEDCAP Team from Marine Air Control Squadron-7 received two rounds of small arms fire from unknown location. Fire was not returned. No friendly casualties. No enemy casualties.







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25 At 251600H, 2nd Platoon, Company K CHOP OPCON to 1/4 for designated duties as Chu Lai Airfield Security.

At 252100H, vicinity coordinates BT 527105, a listening post from 1st Platoon, Company I heard an explosion approximately ten meters in front of position, a patrol was immediately dispatched to aggressively search the area. No fire was returned. No friendly casual ties. No enemy casualties.

26 At 261935H, at vicinity BT 515118, Det, 1st AmTrac Battalion at the Chu Iai Splash Point observed fifty to seventy-five rounds of automatic weapons fire being directed toward the village of Sam Linh at vicinity coordinates BT 505105. Source of fire was not a 3/1 unit. Company L was directed to dispatch a patrol to vicinity coordinates BT 515118. In addition, the waterborne security patrol was deployed to the same area. The two patrols made physical contact in the objective area and commenced a detailed search of the area. In questioning the villagers, it was found that the fire had originated from a RVN Junk Fleet boat near the shore. The U.S. Navy advisor to the Junk Fleet was contacted and knew nothing of any firing by Junk Fleet boats. The waterborne security patrol checked their area of responsibility for Junk Fleet boats and personnel for possible information with negative results.

At 262115H, MAG-36 position, vicinity coordinates BT 52311L, received two incoming hand grenades. 81mm illumination fired; no enemy sighted. Friendly units sustained no casualties.

At 262300, listening post, vicinity coordinates BT 528102, witnessed an explosion of unknown origin fifty meters in front of their position. Fire team patrol was dispatch to investigate, but were unable to discover any enemy activity.

27 At 271900H, 2nd Flatoon, Company K CHOP OPCON from 1/4 to 3/1. Concurrently, 2nd Flatoon, Company M CHOP OPCON to 1/4 for designated duties as Chu Iai Airfield Security.





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The waterborne security patrol, Sea Lion, sighted three VCS walking in water vicinity coordinates BT 474134.

VCS were ordered to halt. Challenge was disregarded; warning shots were fired and VCS continued to disregard warning. Three additional warning shots were fired.

One VCS was hit by ricochet; other two escaped. Corpsman treated wounded VCS and turned him over to B-Med.

VCS had no identification papers. No friendly casual-

At 280925H, vicinity coordinates BT 530085, three VC fired ten rounds at Company I positions when challenged. Fire was returned with small arms and automatic weapons. VC withdrew under fire to the north and west while continuing to fire on friendly positions with small arms and possible one automatic weapon. Six hand grenades were thrown into friendly positions. Forty-one 81mm mortar illumination rounds were fired in support. No friendly casualties. No enemy casualties confirmed.

At 280915H, Company K commenced search and destroy operations on the island of Hoa Kuan.

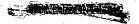
At 280925H, vicinity coordinates DT 412150, Company K received six rounds of small arms fire. Fire was returned with small arms. Enemy fire ceased. No friendly casualties. No confirmed enemy casualties.

At 281005H, vicinity coordinates DT 414159, Company K received five rounds of small arms fire. Fire was returned with small arms and area was searched. No friendly casualties. No enemy casualties confirmed.

At 281230H, vicinity coordinates BT 422161, Company K located a cow shed with false floor. Inside were four VCS. They were ordered out, but refused to comply. One hand grenade was thrown into cave under flooring. Cave was searched. Three males and one female, believed to be a VC nurse, were found. Three VC were WIA. One was KIA. WIAs were evacuated to B-Med. No friendly casualties. Captured equipment included one VC medical record book, one greenish khaki uniform, and a medicine cache. Equipment and documents evacuated with enemy casualties.

At 281300H, vicinity coordinates BT 426158, Company K apprehended four VCS found in well-hidden tunnel complex.

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Tunnel was blown by engineers upon completion of search. VCS underwent initial tactical interrogation and were evacuated as transportation became available.

At 281318H, vicinity coordinates BT 422158, Company K received four rounds of small arms fire from vicinity coordinates BT 422157. Fire was returned and the area searched with negative results. No friendly casualties. No confirmed enemy casualties.

At 281700H, Company K had two Marine's step in a punji stake pit at vicinity coordinates ET 434161.

One man was evacuated, the other did not require evacuation.

At 282300H, at coordinates DT 439155H, Company K ambush, opened fire on movement to rear of ambush. During confusion, two members of ambush were hit by own fire. Casualties were evacuated by helicopter to B-Med for treatment.

At 290045H, 1st Marines directed 3/1 to provide a Command Group and one company to assume 2/7 TAOR due to deployment of 2/7. Accordingly, Command Group Bravo and Company I were directed to prepare for movement to 2/7 TAOR. Company K was directed to cease operations and to retract from the island of Hoa Xuan at first light in order to relieve Company I in manning security positions on Ky Ha Peninsula. Command Group Bravo and Company I commenced movement to 2/7 Command Post at 290630H and completed movement prior to 290910H. Company K completed retraction to Ky Ha Peninsula prior to 290845H and assumed responsibility for designated security positions.

At 292015H, Company K security patrol Pauline, advancing southwest on the trail at coordinates BT 522087, encountered a Vietnamese proceeding down the trail toward the patrol. The point of the patrol fired two rounds. The individual was hit by shrapnel from the headlight of the bicycle he was riding. He was later identified as a local villager and Popular Forces member. He was taken to 3/1 BAS and treated. He was later taken to B-Med for X-Ray, but was in good condition.

At 292114H, Patrol Cardinal, Company K, was advancing westerly when point spotted four VC crossing rice paddy vicinity coordinates ET 518107. Patrol received four rounds small arms fire from VC and patrol engaged enemy





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- 29 with twenty rounds small arms fire. VC withdrew. At the same time, movement was heard on the other side of road and the patrol threw hand grenades into suspected position. Search conducted with negative results.
- 30 At 301124, Sparrow Hawk Squad, stationed at MAG-36 Airfield, was launched vicinity of 2/4 TAOR for blocking force. Fifteen VC were suspected of working in this area. Mission was canceled and squad was retracted at 301600H.

At 301300H, Command Group Bravo and Company I, after being relieved of responsibility for 2/4 TAOR, returned to this Command Post. At 301430H, Company I immediately commenced relief of security positions manned by Company K on Ky Ha Peninsula. In addition, Company I assumed responsibility for Sparrow Hawk mission stationed at MAG-36 Airfield. Company K, after being relieved of Ky Ha Peninsula security, was designated Regimental Reserve with one reinforced rifle platoon on fifteenminute alert status for employment, on order, as security for disabled helicopters.

At 310415H, at vicinity coordinates IT 524093, a security post of H&S Company observed an unidentified individual outside the protective wire. The individual was challenged and immediately took evasive action. The sentry fired two rounds of small arms fire with negative results. No friendly casualties. No enemy casualties.

At 311120H, S-3, 1st Mar, advised 3/1 to be prepared to provide, on order; one reinforced rifle company for relief of Company C, 1/4, as Chu Iai Airfield Security. Company K was alerted and immediately commenced preparations for compliance with above. This mission was subsequently cancelled.

At 311300H, S-3, 3/1, attended a meeting with Chu Iai Vital Area Defense Coordinator. At this meeting, 3/1 was relieved of security responsibility for the Ky Ha Peninsula by Headquarters Battalion, 1st Mar Div security elements. 3/1 retains responsibility for security of the Chu Iai Sand Ramp, Sparrow Hawk mission, and defensive positions in and about the Battalion perimeter.



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At 311600H, Headquarters Battalion, 1st Mar Div Security elements commenced relief of Company I positions on Ky Ha Peninsula. Relief of lines was complèted by 312010H. Company I was designated Regimental Reserve with 1st Platoen, Company I, on fifteen-minute alert status for employment, on order, as security element for disabled helicopters.



SECTION V. LOGISTICS

A. Significant Events

- 1. During the period covered, the supported strength of the Battalioh was about 1000 men.
- 2. From 4 March to 7 March, this Battalion participated in Operation UTAH, and from 21 March to 24 March, Command Group Alpha, Company K, and Company M participated in Operation TEXAS. On 29 30 March, Command Group Bravo and Company I reinforced by Company F, 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines occupied and assumed responsibility for 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines TAOR while that unit participated in Operation INDIAMA.
- 3. On 9 March, the Battalion Command Post was displaced to the command post formerly occupied by 1st Battalion, 4th Marines. Concurrently, the Battalion assumed responsibility for defense of the Ky Ha Peninsula. With the displacement of the Battalion Command Post, it became necessary to renovate the area vacated by 1st Battalion, 4th Marines and considerable effort was expended during the month on required construction projects.

B. Supply

1. Procurement

- a. During March, funds were obtained with which to procure locally produced items needed by the Battalion. These items included: matting, poles, ash trays, table cloths and comfort items. Funds for the purchasing of light fixtures have become available and these materials have been ordered by the Force Logistic Support Group (FISG) supporting Chu Lai Combat Base.
- b. Normal requisitions continue to be processed through normal channels. Problem areas include clothing (both regular and "jungle" type), some blank forms, selected ordnance parts, and engineering material used for the building of temporary camps. Shortages of Class IV items have been a problem in the past, but these items are now becoming readily available.
- 2. Warehouse and Storage. No general problems exist in this area. A need has arisen for security containers for selected items. This requirement will be met by the use of "Conex Boxes" as they become available.

3. Operations

a. During Operations UTAH and TEXAS, supply personnel





were used to consolidate and submit requests in the field. As these requests were filled and delivered via helicopter, the material was then delivered to the using units. This material included ammunition, MCIs, and high usage Class I, Type I and Type II items.

- b. Supply personnel were located at the medical service unit supporting these operations to collect items of equipment returning with evacuated Marines from this unit.
- 4. Special Requirements. With the current mission of this Battalion, unit distribution has been effected to certain companies. This is accomplished using amphibious tractors. This system insures most efficient utilization of men and equipment.
- 5. Support from Higher Echelons. The support this organization has received during the month of March has been satisfactory in the majority of instances. Problem areas have existed, none of which have been insurmountable, and, it is significant to note, that support is continually improving.

C. Transportation

1. Organic

- a. Organic vehicles were not atilized in operations during the period covered; however, all vehicles were utilized in support of the Battalion's mission within the Chu Lai Combat Base.
- b. In addition to the normal maintenance of vehicles, the motor transport section constructed a dispatcher's office, a maintenance shop, and constructed towers for overheading wire within the Battalion Command Post.

2. Support Vehicles

- a. Close liaison with motor transport support units has led to considerable improvement in vehicular support. All required support commitments have been met as promptly as possible and no significant problems have been encountered.
- b. Helicopter support was utilized only on operations conducted outside the Chu Lai Combat Base and satisfied Battalian operational requirements.
- c. 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines tactical area of responsibility includes the islands of Ky Hoa and Ky Xuan. Upon occupying these two islands, one platoon of LVTs was placed in direct support of the Battalion and was utilized for the administrative and





logistical support requirements of the two companies placed on the respective islands. In addition, LVTs were utilized once tactically for a company-size search and destroy operation on the island of Hoa Xuan, also within the Battalion's Tactical Area.

D. Maintenance

- 1. Communications second echelon maintenance has been somewhat hampered by the heavy operational commitments and the extensive work load placed on the communications section during the relocation of the Battalion Command Post.
- 2. Motor transport second echelon maintenance has been performed expeditiously in spite of a shortage of some parts within the Chu Lai Combat Base.
- 3. Higher echelon maintenance on vehicles has been slowed down by the anticipated replacement of M-274s and M-422s.
- E. Deadlined Combat Essential Equipment. The following is a listing of deadlined combat essential equipment at the end of the reporting period.

1. Communication-Electronics

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2. Motor Transport

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<u>Ordnance</u>
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M-79 Grenade Launcher 1117 M-79 Grenade Launcher 2984
M-79 Grenade Launcher 3208:
M-79 Grenade Launcher 0919
M-79 Grenade Launcher 1071

F. Embarkation. No embarkation activities took place during the period covered.

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SECTION VI. COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

A. General

- 1. During the month of March, the Communications Platoon, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines, was engaged in establishing communications within the Battalion Command Post and the Battalion's tactical area of responsibility, as well as supporting Operations UTAH and TEXAS. In addition, the platoon assumed the communications system of the 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines while that unit was committed to Operation INDIANA.
- 2. The major problems encountered during this period were in the areas of installation and maintenance of equipment and will be discussed under the appropriate paragraph below.
- 3. The Communications Platoon—equipment and personnel—wise—is combat ready, and has proven it is fexible enough to operate two command groups in combat operations.

B. Equipment

l. Radio

- a. Three AN/PRC-10s were lost during Operation DOUBLE EAGLE when they were evacuated from the forward area back to the Beach Support Area; however, on 27 March, these were located in the Chu Iai Combat Base and returned.
- b. One AN/PRC-6 was also lost during Operation DOUBLE EAGLE while Company L was engaged in the crossing of the Song Tra Cau River. The 3rd Platoon radio operator was wounded and dropped the set. Due to the close proximity of the enemy and the heavy fire being received, it was not recovered. The Battalion is currently processing the necessary papers to drop this set from its account.
- c. The Battalion is now missing one of its original AN/PRC-47 radio sets (serial number 438). During Operation DOUBLE EAGLE, three of the original radios were evacuated. Two of these sets were returned, and the set presently missing has been temporarily replaced by 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines set (serial number 1220). Every effort is being mad to recover the lost set.

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- d. During the month of March, there was an average of thirty-four AN/PRC-10s, sixteen AN/PRC-6s, one AN/PRC-47, and two AN/PRC-25s in use daily. During this period, an average of two AN/PRC-10s and eight AN/PRC-6s were deadlined daily. The AN/PRC-41, three AN/PRC-47s, and one AN/PRC-25 were deadlined during the month.
- 2. Wire. During the month of March, there was an average of four telephones TA-1, three telephones TS-10, two telephones EE-8/312, and seven SB-22 line packs deadlined daily.

3. Equipment Deadlined as of 31 March 1966

ITEM	QUANT ITY	ECHELON
AN/PRC-6 PU-348 ID-292 H-33	10 1 1 7	2 3 3
TA-22	į	3
TA-222 TA-312	3 1	3 3

4. Equipment Missing as of 31 March 1966

TTEM	QUANTITY
Telephone TA-312 Telephone EE-8 Telephone TA-1 Telephone TS-10	1 3 4 19
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5. Wire Installed During March

ITEM	QUANTITY
Telephone Cable WD-1/TT	63 Miles
Electrical Wire	4,992 Feet

C. Security Violations. On 20 March 1966, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines Frag Order 19-66 was transmitted in the clear over the Battalion Tactical Net which gave dates, time, and places of a future operation. The particular operation was not carried out, however, and therefore no damage resulted. Corrective action has been taken to eliminate this happening in the future.

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D. Message Traffic

1.	Administrative CLASSIFIED UNCLASSIFIED)'
•	Incoming 231 417	
	Outgoing 7	÷
2.	Combat Operations	
	Incoming 0 503	

E. Personnel Status

1. On 31 March 1966, the communications personnel in the Battalion numbered eighty-nine; however, of the total, there were seven non-effective personnel.

2. Personnel Changes During March

MOS	TRANSFERRED	JOINED	HOSPITALIZED	RETURNED TO DUTY
2511	1	2		
2531		3.		
2533	6 .	7	3	1
2539		1		
2541	1	2 ?		•
2543	1	- 3		
TOTAL	. 9 .	18	3	1

F. Operations/Training

1. Training

a. During the month of March, cross-training for message center and radio personnel in wire procedures was conducted. The instruction was on-the-job training.

b. A total of thirty hours of application/demonstration was held for eight radio operations and four message center men.

c. On 11 and 12 March, two Marines attended a Engine Generator Course held by 3rd Marine Division.

2. Operations

a. A command post location at vicinity coordinates BT 538072 was constructed during the first ten days of March.



Telephone lines were installed on poles throughout the Command Post with land lines/trunks installed to the Air Field Defense Area. In addition, the Command Post was completely wired for 110-volt three-phase electrical power.

b. During the period 10 - 12 March, the Command Post location was moved to vicinity coordinates BT 524089. In the new position, the telephone and power lines, although installed, had to be rerouted and reinstalled due to high. antenuation and line loss. Long locals to the islands of Ky Xuan and Ky Hoa had to be reworked as did the majority of the lines to the peninsula units and the Peninsula Command Bunker on Ky Ha Peminsula. On 31 March, approximately seventy-five percent of the wire had been repaired or reinstalled and approximately eighty percent of the Command Post had electricity from the new system. Radio remotes and a wire system were installed in the Battalion Combat Operations Center and was approximately sixty percent completed on 31 March. All pole lines within the Command Post area have been fabricated from six 155mm gun canisters and, as of 31 March, there were fifteen fabricated and installed.

G. Combat Operations. The Communications Platoon participated in Operation UTAH (4 - 8 March) and Operation TEXAS (21 - 24 March), and supported Command Group Bravo and two rifle companies relocated in 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines tactical area during Operation INDIANA (29 - 30 March).



SECTION VII. FIRE SUPFORT COORDINATION, NAVAL GUNFIRE

A. Artillery

l. General. During March, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines was employed in Operations UTAH and TEXAS, both of which involved extensive use of artillery fire support.

2. Significant Events

- a. During Operation Utah, on the morning of 6 March, artillery was utilized to prepare a hill complex at vicinity coordinates BS 555837, the Battalion objective. Marking rounds were fired to mark the objective area for air strikes. As the air strike was completed, more than eighty rounds of artillery fire commenced, falling on the objective with good accuracy and target coverage. In regards to both the air and artillery preparation of the objective area, it should be noted that fortifications and entrenchments in the objective area were not destroyed, nor, in some cases, was there any appreciable effect.
- b. During Operation TEXAS, two artillery missions, in addition to harrassing and interdiction fires, were requested. The initial mission requested was the preparation of Hill 65 at vicinity coordinates BS 523792. A total of ninety-seven rounds was expended on the target with good accuracy and effective results. The second mission provided for the preparation of a hill and village complex vicinity coordinates BS 525793. This mission was not completed due to the violation of a SAV-A-PIANE by helicopters. It should be noted that this violation greatly impaired the effective utilization of supporting arms fires.

3. Statistical Summary

a. Number of Missions Fired in Support. 146.

b. Types of Missions

(1) Unobserved Missions

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(2) Observed Missions

Targets of Opportunity	2
Registrations	2
Illumination	2
Marking	٦

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c. Weapon and Ammunition Expended

	HE	ILLUM	$\overline{\mathtt{WP}}$	HC SMOKE	TOTAL .
105mm How 155mm How	1084	20	6	6	1116
Total	7097	24	6	6	1150

B. <u>Naval Gunfire</u>. Both Operation UTAH and Operation TEXAS were located in areas too distant from the coast to present appropriate targets for naval gunfire.

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SECTION VIII. AIR SUPPORT - DEFENSE

A. Air Support

- 1. During the month of March, the air support requirements of the 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines consisted primarily of those in conjunction with Operation UTAH and Operation TEXAS. On both operations, helicopter support was excellent, providing for the rapid deployment of forces on immediate request as well as the orderly retraction of the Battalion upon completion of the operations. In addition, all medical evacuation and resupply missions were timely in responsiveness to requests.
- 2. The use of close air support was limited to two missions during Operation UTAH, both in order to prepare the Battalion objective, vicinity coordinates BS 555837. Close air ran a total of six sorties and delivered fifteen 250-pound bombs, seventy-six 2.76-inch rockets, and fifteen napalm bombs. These air strikes were preplanned and were requested over the Tactical Air Request Net. The reaction time was satisfactory; however, the attack was characterized by a forty percent failure in napalm bombs to ignite and inaccuracy of the bombing and napalm runs. The attack could only be rated as fifty percent effective. In regards to this massive preparation of the objective, it should be noted that fortifications and entrenchments in the objective area were not destroyed and, in fact, were not appreciably affected.

3. Air Support Requests

a. Helicopter

(1) Resupply

Mission Requests 5
Missions Completed 5

(2) Evacuation

Mission Requests 17
Missions Completed 17

(3) Tactical

(a) Recon

Mission Requests 0 Missions Completed 0

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(b)	Troop	Lifts
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Mission Requests	
Missions Completed	
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(c) Gunships

Mission :	Requests	3
Missions	Comple ted	2

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b. Fixed Wing Transport. None.

c. Tactical Air Support

(1) Air Strikes

Mission	Requests	
	S Completed	

2 (One Ground Controlled)

(2) Helicopter Escort

Mission	Requests	
Missions	Completed	

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B. Air Defense. The defense measures employed by the Battalion were passive. No organic weapons were employed for active air defense.

C. Problem Areas

- 1. On Operation UTAH, a problem developed wherein resupply helicopters, either as a result of being misinformed as to requesting unit or misinformed as to correct coordinates of requesting unit, insisted on orbiting the Battalion Command Post at night which, as a natural consequence, tended to compromise the Battalion Command Post.
- 2. During Operation TEXAS, the preparation of an objective by artillery was delayed in excess of forty minutes and eventually cancelled after only one round was fired due to the constant flow of helicopter traffic across the gun-target line with a total disregard of published SAV-A-PLANES.

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SECTION IX. MEDICAL/DENTAL AFFAIRS

A. Patient Load

- 1. During the month of March, a total of 561 patients were seen at daily sick call for an average of mineteen patients per day.
- 2. An average of four in-patients per day were treated in the Battalion Aid Station.
- 3. From 4 7 March, the Battalion Aid Station supplied medical support for Operation UTAH. Total wounded treated during this operation was 102.
- 4. From 21 24 March, the Battalion Aid Station supplied medical support for Operation TEXAS. Total wounded treated during this operation was thirty-eight plus twenty-three non-battle casualties.
- B. MEDCAP. Field operations permitting, daily sick calls were held in the Battalion's area of responsibility by company corpsmen and the Battalion Aid Station. A total of 1233 Vietnamese civilians were treated as a result of MEDCAP program.
- C. Sanitation. Chief problems of garrison sanitation were related to the establishment of messing and toilet facilities in the new camp; however, existing problems are currently being resolved.
- D. Personnel. On 1 March, there were two Medical Officers and forty Hospital Corpsmen assigned for duty. On Operation UTAH, five corpsmen were wounded in action and evacuated. Subsequently, six corpsmen were transferred to the Battalion from Company B, 3rd Medical Battalion and two corpsmen were permanently detached from the Battalion (one to shore duty CONUS and one to 3rd Service Battalion). During Operation TEXAS, three hospital corpsmen were lost to the Battalion (one WIA, one non-battle casualty, one KIA). Total personnel on board at the close of the month: two Medical Officers and thirty-six Hospital Corpsmen.

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SECTION X. CIVIL AFFAIRS

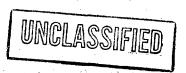
A. General. The civic action program is comprised of MEDCAP, CARE and $\overline{\text{USAID}}$, and various Self-Help projects. These projects were carried out in the villages of Ky Ha (BT 5210), Ky Xuan (BT 4910), and Ky Hoa (BT 5013).

B. Significant Events

- 1. Medical/Dental. The Battalion MEDCAP team treated 1,233 villagers in the 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines assigned TAOR, and approximately fifty in operational areas during Operation UTAH and Operation TEXAS.
- 2. Self-Help. 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines personnel deployed on Ky Kuan and Ky Hoa have assisted villagers in rebuilding destroyed homes, repairing dikes, and building drainage ditches.
- 3. <u>USAID</u>. On 30 March, 600 sheets of galvanized tin roofing were distributed to forty families on Ky Xuan to replace roofs destroyed by combat actions last year. This distribution was made through the village chief with appropriate ceremony.

C. Problem Areas

- 1. Lack of interpreters at Battalion level remains a handicap in executing the civil affairs program.
- 2. Adequate medical supplies for March were not made available.



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SECTION XI PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE ACTIVITIES

A. General

- 1. Throughout Operation UTAH, loudspeakers were utilized extensively from observation aircraft to invite VC and PAVN troops to surrender to Marine and ARVN forces.
- 2. In conjunction with the Republic of Vietnam Government's "Open Arms" program, the area of operations for Operation UTAH and Operation TEXAS were covered with safe conduct passes urging the VC to surrender and extending promises of just and fair treatment.
- 3. Tangible results of these programs were not readily obvious or apparent.
- 4. It is considered worthy of note that requests for psychological warfare support requires a greater lead time than feasible, as most operations are conducted in response to immediate tactical requirements; consequently, the use, as well as results of psychological warefare activities conducted, was not as profitable as possible; however, a concerted effort is being made to better utilize available assets and to increase responsiveness to immediate situations.



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011800H TO 021800H

SITREP was not submitted during this period as 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines had no assigned mission or a tactical area of responsibility.

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SITEEP FOR PERIOD 021801H TO 031800H

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

3rd Battalion, lst Marines maintains one company (rein) on a two-hour alert and a command group plus an additional two companies (rein) on a six-hour alert in accordance with verbal instruction received from Commanding Officer, 1st Marines at Ol2O3OH. Company M remains on two-hour alert and Command Group Alpha, Company L, and Company K remain on six-hour alert.

At 021835H, the 3rd Battalien, 1st Marines received 1st Marines Operation Order 343-66 and 1st Marines Frag Order 3-66 and immediately commenced required planning to execute assigned mission.

At 021835H, in compliance with 1st Marines Operation Order 343-66, Company L was designated as 1st Marines Regimental Reserve.

At 030900H, 3rd Battalien, lat Marines assumed respensibility for Air Base Defense of MAG-12 air strip by relieving previously established Air Base Defense Coordinater and Security Company from 2nd Battalien, 7th Marines. Company I (Rein) and Company K (*) (Rein) occupied security positions in accordance with initial situation everlay. Relief effected by 031200H.

At 031200H, the 1st Plateon, Company K, relieved plateon from Company H, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines and assumed responsibility for security of vital RKM construction facilities as required by assigned mission.

At 031330H, Company I effected liaison with Headquarters Company, 7th Marines concerning assumption of responsibility for security positions on south and southwest sides of Class V Dump from vicinity BT5560hh to vicinity BT5630h3 which have been previously manned by the Composite Security Platoon, Headquarters Company, 7th Marines. Physical relief will be effected 031830H.

Projected plans for ambush/patrol actions are limited to local security ambushes/patrols and will be delineated in detail in subsequent SITREP (Plans Summary) after scordination with units occupying positions within 3/1 TAOR.

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At 031830H, Company I effected relief of Composite Security Platoon, Headquarters Company, 7th Marines and assumed responsibilities for security positions on south and southeast sides of Class V Dump from vicinity BT 5560kk to vicinity BT 5630k3.

At OhiO15H, 3rd Battalien, lst Marines was advised by S-3, lst Marines to place two companies and a command group on immediate standby for possible helilift to Task Force Delta Area of Operations to be designated. Companies L and M alerted with Command Group Alpha, two sections of Slmm Mortars and two squads of Engineers.

At Ohlo30H, S-3, 1st Marines advised 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines to establish helicapter landing zone for the two companies and Command Group Alpha. Landing zone was established at BT 556052.

At Ohllooh, Company I and K was alerted; Company K to be prepared to move out by truck at 1200H and operate as convoy seucrity and C. P. Security for Task Force Delta. S-), lat Marines advised 3rd Battalien, lat Marine that lat Battalion, ath Marines would assume responsibility for Airfield defense, security of vital RMK installation, and Class V Dump.

At Ohl2h5H, Company K departed airfield by trucks with one platoon from Company I for area of operations.

At Ohl310, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines was advised by S-3, 1st Marines to commence helilift of two companies and Command Group as soon as possible. Landing zone in area of operations established to be BC 554875. Mission to establish blocking positions area of east-west grid line 85 in accordance with orders of Commanding General, Task Porce Delta.

At Ohl350H, Commanding General, Task Force Delta arrived this C. P.; adivace Commanding Officer, 3rd Battalian, 1st Marines to move remainder of Company I to helicopter landing some vicinity BT 556052 for healilift with remainder of Battalian. Commanding General, Task Force Delta departed 1h00H. Company I notified and move commenced Callish. Command Group Alpha departed for landing some for lift to area of operations.

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SITREP was not submitted during this period as 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines was committed to Operation UTAH, and SITREPs were submitted to Task Force Delta.



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At OBLSH, 3/1 Mear was notified by S-3, let Marines that 3/1 (-) was returning from area of Operation Utah by helicopter at 1300H.

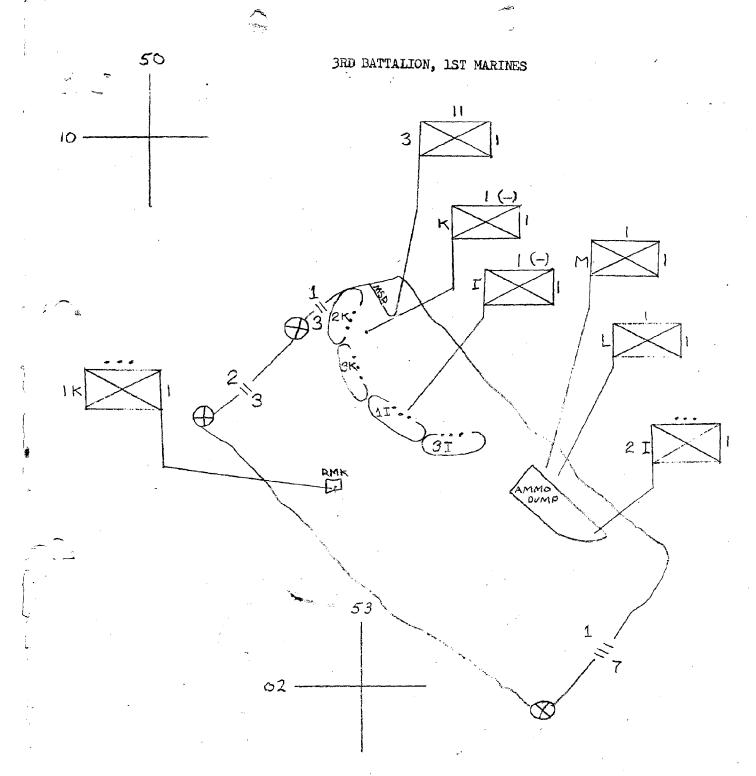
Companies I and E will resume macurity positions proviously established for Airfield Defense, BHE installation, and Class V Dump.

At 1915H, the Executive Officer, 3/1, Company K, and Company I arrived at Chu Lai Airfield and commenced assumption of defencive positions on mirfield. The Command Group and Company H remain in Tack Force Delta's area of operations. Time of return unknown. Company L is under OFCON of 1/7, disposition unknown.

At 1530H, Compenies I and I had resumed positions for hirfield Security.

At 1555, Company L arrived at Chm Lai Airfield and GHOP OFCON to 3/1. Company L will resume previous positions visitity operdisates HF557052.





SITUATION OVERLAY

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MEGATITE SUPPLET

At 071830M, Command Group Alfa and Company H returned to the Cha Lai Englass. Company H resumed former positions wisinity accordinates BY 557054.

At OSLICON, Ind Battelion, lot Marines was alerted to a change in TAORs whereby 3/1 and 1/4 will exchange TAORs. Condition between units communed immediately.

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SITERP FOR PERIOD 0818018 TO 0918008

MARKTINE SURVAKE

- L. At 081900M, based upon verbal instructions from Commanding Officer, let Harines a planning conference between 3rd Battalion, let Harines and let Battalion, bits Harines was conducted in order to insure an orderly, tastical exphange of TAOMs. This plan provided for Company M, 3/L, to relieve Company A, 1/L, in its TAOM commonsing at 070000M and for the relief of Company B, 1/L, in its TAOM by Company L, 3/L, at approximately 091230M. The 1/L write, in turn, would relieve Company I and Company E in security positions at HAG-12 air strip.
- 2. At 002000H, 3rd Battalien, let Harines received Change Rusber One to let Harines Operation Order 143-66 which confirmed verbal instructions received from Commanding Officer, let Marines concerning emphases of TAORs with let Bestalies, bth Horines and accigning the following missions.
- a. Occupy and defend in sesigned sector to protect and defend the vital areas in the let Harinas TAGA.
- b. Conduct contextresonaiseence petrols and embushes throughout emaigned sector_during daytime and mighttime with priority to nighttime operations.
- c. Provide external security to the LAM buttery located on IT HM Taland (ST 5115).
- d. Haistein combat patrol bases on XI HGA, XI KGAK, and HGA
- e. Conduct and maintain survaillance of sessuard approaches within assigned sector to regal landings and prevent infiltration.
- Be prepared to comback unilateral and/or occidenated operations with RVMLF within and beyond the periphery of assigned occiors:
- g. Be prepared to provide one company to be employed as directed by this Headquarters.

]. At 090500H,]rd Rettalion, let Marines commenced exchange of TAGRs with let Battalion, but Marines, in accordance with the methodily developed plan as set forth in paragraph L. above. Relief to be completed by 1800H.



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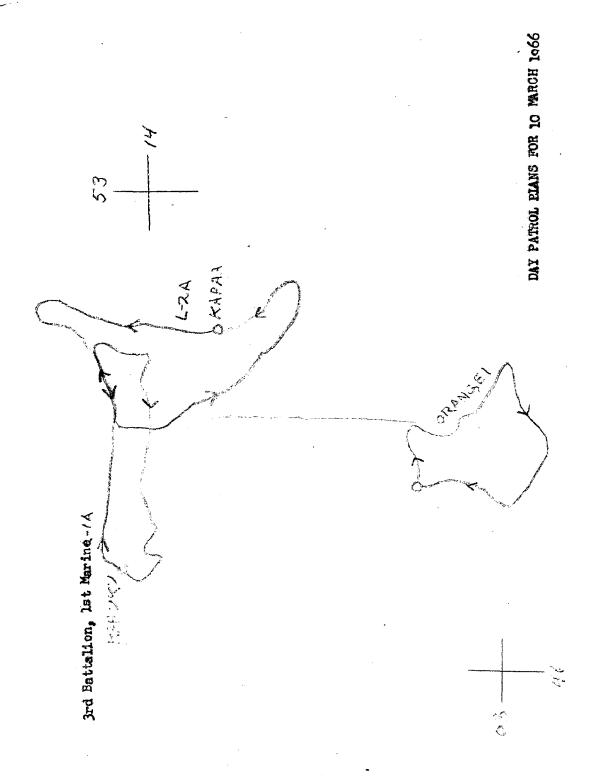
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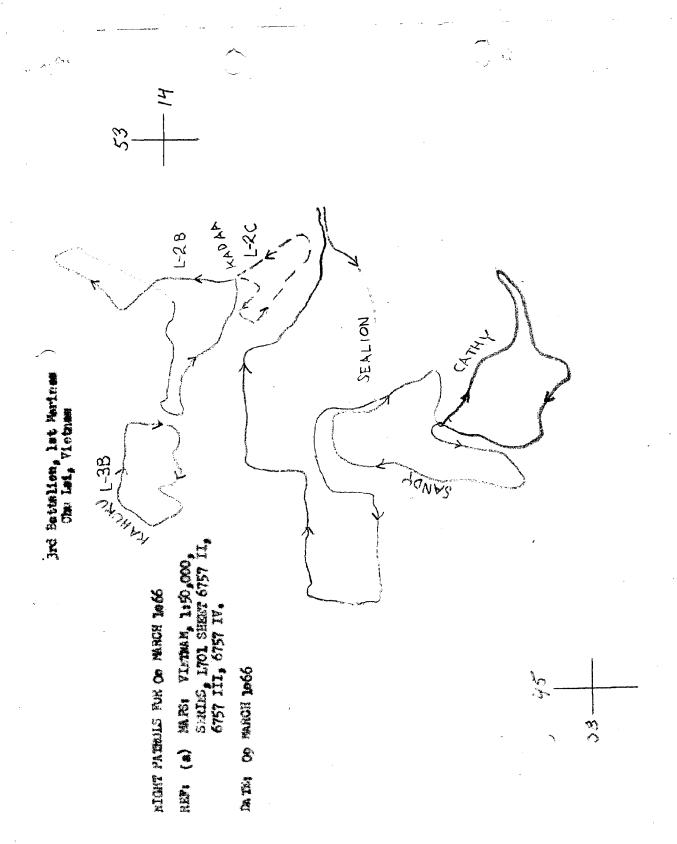
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- 2. 186 Congany. Provide four Marines and one radio operator for the waterborne patrel. Report to S-3 Water Officer for briafing at 1930%. Report to S-6 Officer for debriafing at 0530%.
- 3. Company L. KANNEU (MY &7711/4) is a patrol base manned 24 hours a day by one platoon (rule) with one machine gam squad (.50 cabibor, and a section of dism mertars).
- be There will be me deviation from scheduled patrol routes without prime patification and approval of Battalion S-1.







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STIREP FOR PERIOD OPISOUS TO 101800M

MARATIVE SUPLANT

- 1. At 1011254, Commanding Officer, 3rd Battalien, let Marines was directed by Executive Officer, let Marines to accume responsibility for security positions on Ly See Pengusula, Chu Lai Airfield, MK Installation, and Class V Dump in order to relieve let Mattalien, but Marines was were being elected for operations.
- 2. Enquired preparations for orderly relief were immediately initiated and company commanders consurred were briefed as to responsibility.
- 3. At 101200H, Company I, 3/1, command relief of 1/4 units manning airfield security positions with two plateons and Class V Dump security positions with one plateon.
- h. At 101200H, Company E, 3/1, commenced relief of 1/h unit responsible for security of Ey Hea Pouinsula, MMK Installation, and for providing Sparrow Heat Squad.
- 5. Units offested relief of 1/h positions by 101430H.



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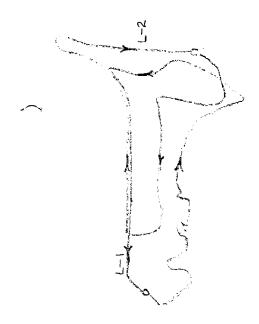
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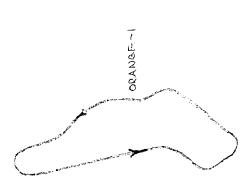
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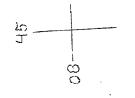
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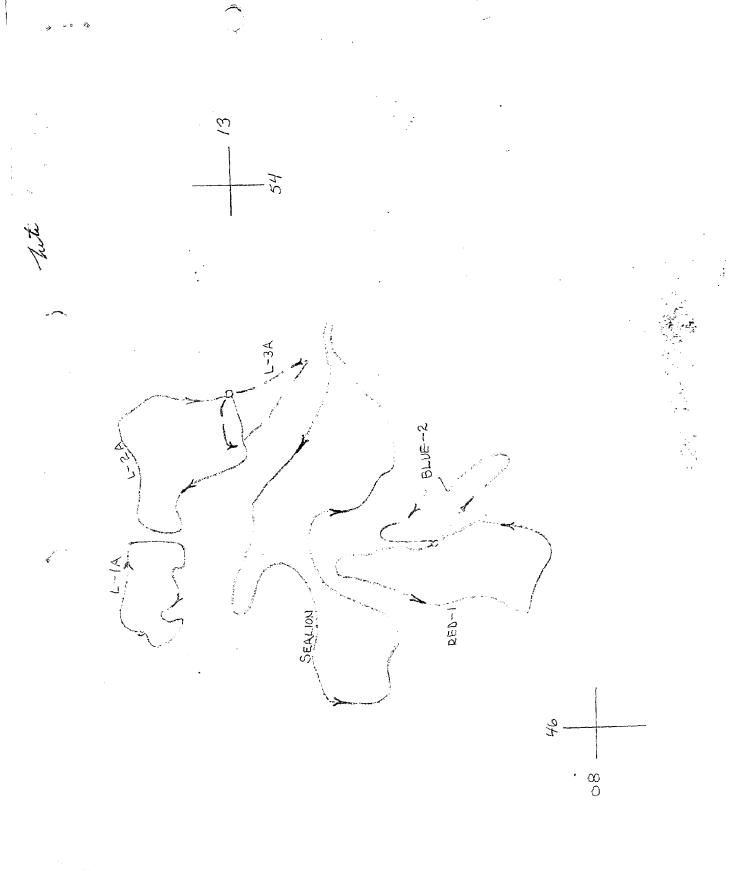


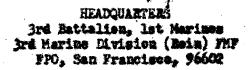












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SITREP FOR PERIOD 101800H TO 111800H

MANATIVE SUMMARY

- 1. At 11090H, S-3 let Marines advised 3rd Battalien, let Marines that let Battalion, 4th Harines would resume responsibility for security of assigned TAGR to include Chu lei Airfield, Ly Hea Peninsula, MK-Installation, and Class V Dump.
- 2. Relief of position was initiated immediately and effected by 111230H.
- 3. At 111000H, CO, let Marines issued verbal Frag Grder directing 3rd Battalien, let Marines to be prepared to assume responsibility for let Battalien, bth Marines TAOM on Order.
- h. At 111555H, 1st Harines directed 3rd Battalien, 1st Marines to execute relief of 1st Battalien, bth Marines in accordance with verbal Frag Order of 111000H. 3rd Battalien, 1st Marines immediately initiated relief of 1st Battalien, 4th Marines.



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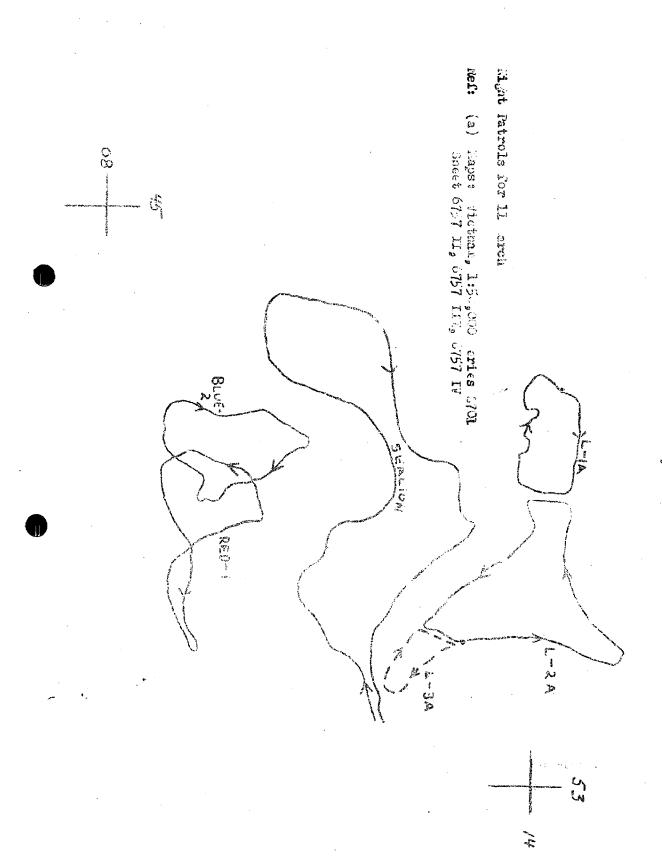
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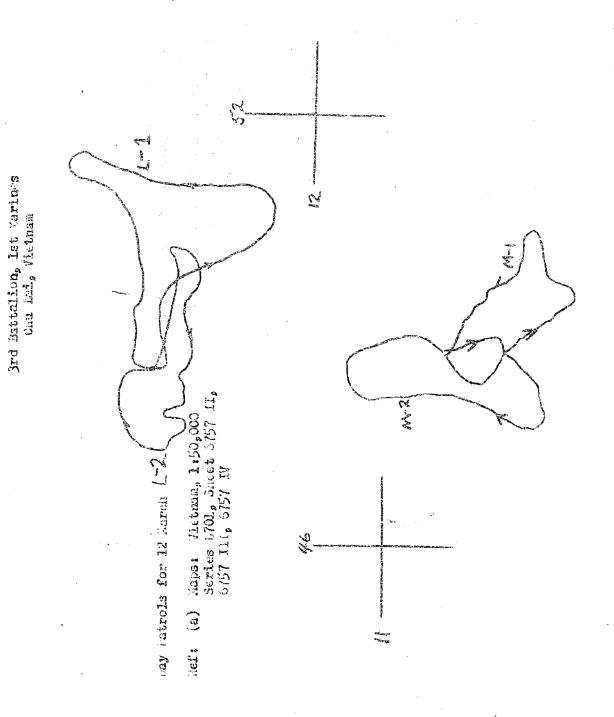
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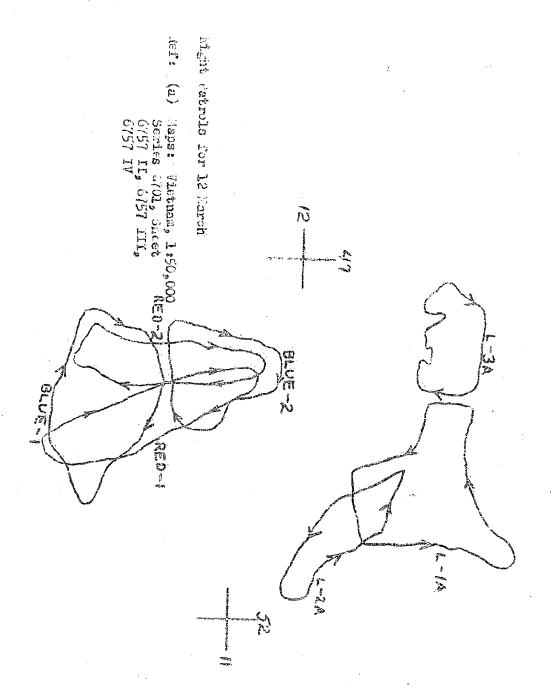
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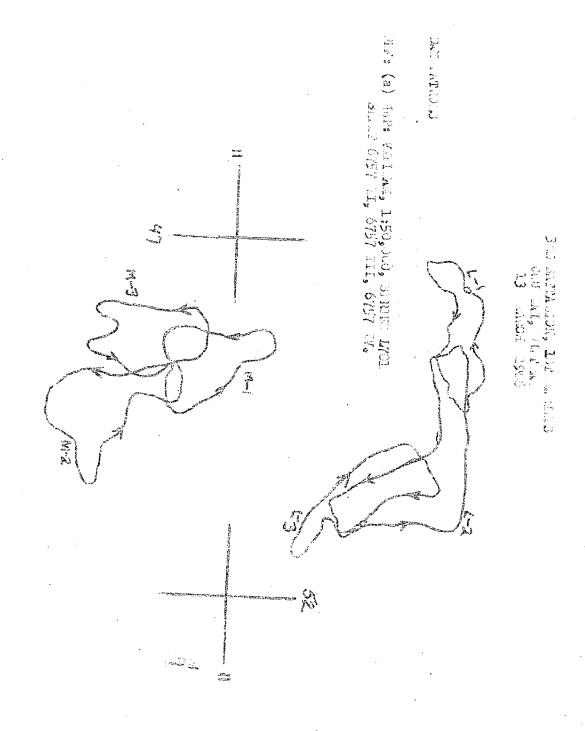


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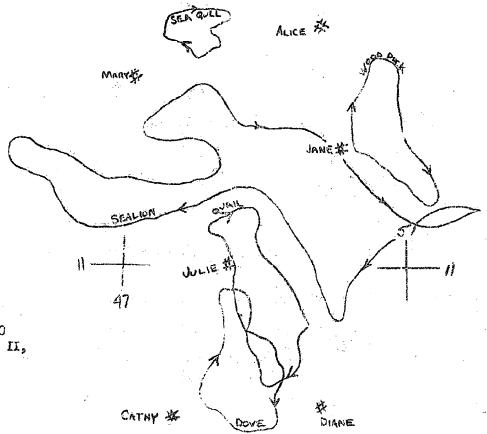
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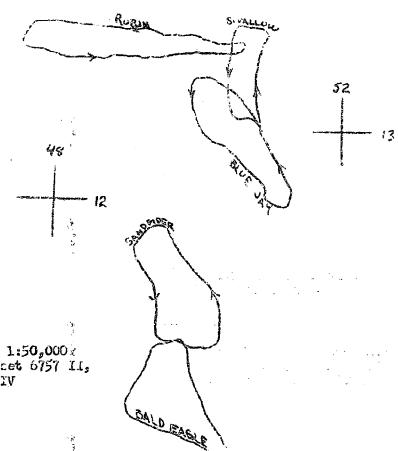
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Night Patrols for 14 March

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SITEEP FOR PERIOD 122400N TO 132400H

MARKITIVE SUMMARI

- 1. At 1301hOH, the waterborne security patrol, designated "See Men" at vicinity coordinates 27 500115 apprehended two Victnamese in a fishing best for violation of the curfew; one an older man, the other a young bay. After apprehension, they were delivered to Junk Float Headquarters and turned over to the Poyelar Forces.
- 2. At 13065CH, 3rd Battalion, let Marines was advised by 8-3, let Harines that Company C and Company D, let Battalien, 4th Marines would reassume assurity responsibilities for Chu lei Airfield Defense, RMK installation and the Class V Dump, relieving Company I and 3rd Plateen, Company K, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines. 8-3, let Marines further advised, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines to maintain one company as Regimental Reserve with one plateen on 15-minute alert for protection of desmed helicopters and to continue to maintain one "Sperrow Hawk" Squad at MAG-36.
- 3. Relief of lines as indicated in peragraph 2 above commenced at 130800H and was completely effected by 131200H. Company I was assigned as Regimental Reserve located at 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines Command Post, with 2nd Platoon, Company I on fifteen-minute alert. Company I maintained responsibility for "Sparrow Hand" Squad. 1st Platoon, Company H remained as Battalian Roserve.



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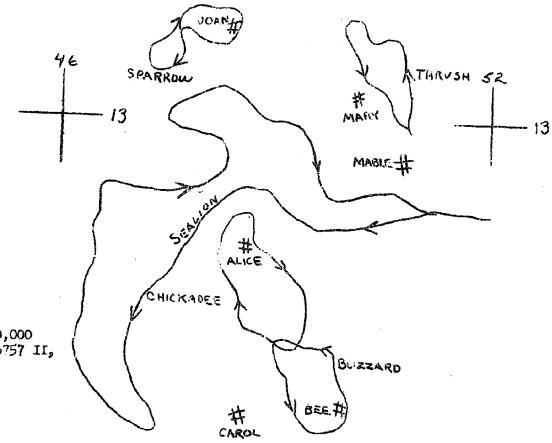
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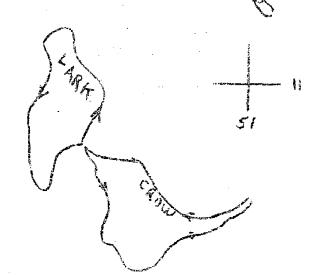
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3rd Battalion, 1st Merines
3rd Merine Division (Rein) FRF

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SIZER FOR PERIOD 132400H to 142400H

FPO. San Francisco, 96602

BARBATIVE SUKARY

1. At 110230H, vic coord BT 1771his, the 1st Plt, Company L received one incoming bandgrounds. Thenty rounds of entomatic weapons fire was returned. Enemy not sighted. Could not establish direction of mithdrawal or clothing. Area searched. Results: No enemy casualties; no friendly essentities.

2. At 150500H, via coord BT 590131, the waterborne security patrol from MAS Company apprehended six VCS for violation of corfes. VCS had proper identification and were released to the Popular Forces unit at Chu Lei Sand Resp.



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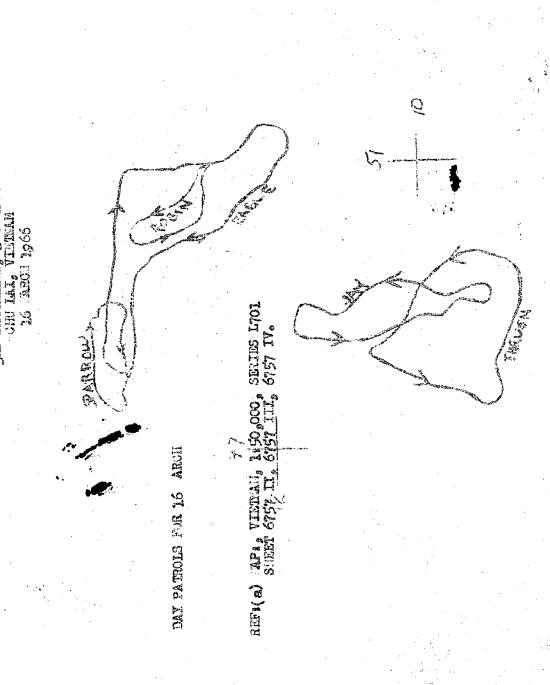
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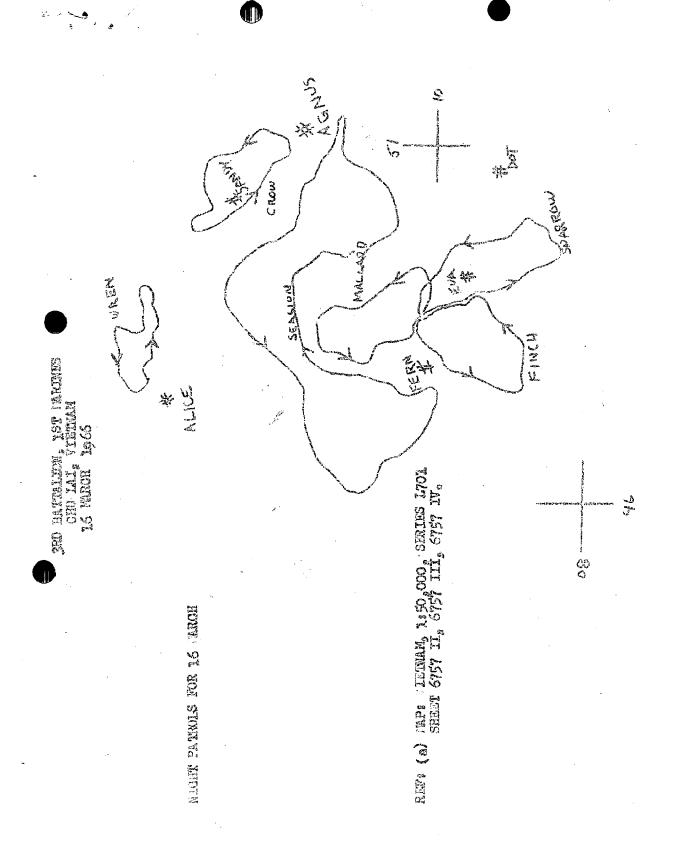
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SITREP FOR PERIOD 11/21/00H TO 15/21/00H

NAGRATITE

- A. Contacts. Negative.
- B. Miscellaneous
- 1. At 1515168, S-3, 1st Marines advised 3rd Battaline, 1st Marines to propers 3rd Plateon (Bein) Company I, (The fifteen minute alert Plateon from Regimental Reserve) with PAC Team and FC Team for helilift to grid square BT 3613 to aid in extraction of Recommainsance Group Alpin, 3rd Recom Battalian, which was pinned down by an estimated ten FC at vicinity coordinates BT 36133. At 151530M, 3rd Plateon, Company I was propered for lift, standing by at LT Firefly. At 151545M, CO, 3rd Battalian, 1st Marines placed the remainder of Company I on full alert for contingencies as may be directed by CO 1st Marines. At 151605M, S-3, 1st Marines advised 3rd Battalian, 1st Marines that mission was cancelled, but to retain the plateon in the LE in stand-by alert. At 151615M, S-3, 1st Marines advised 3rd Battalian, 1st Marines to have alert plateon stand-down. The plateon was advised and returned to Company positions.

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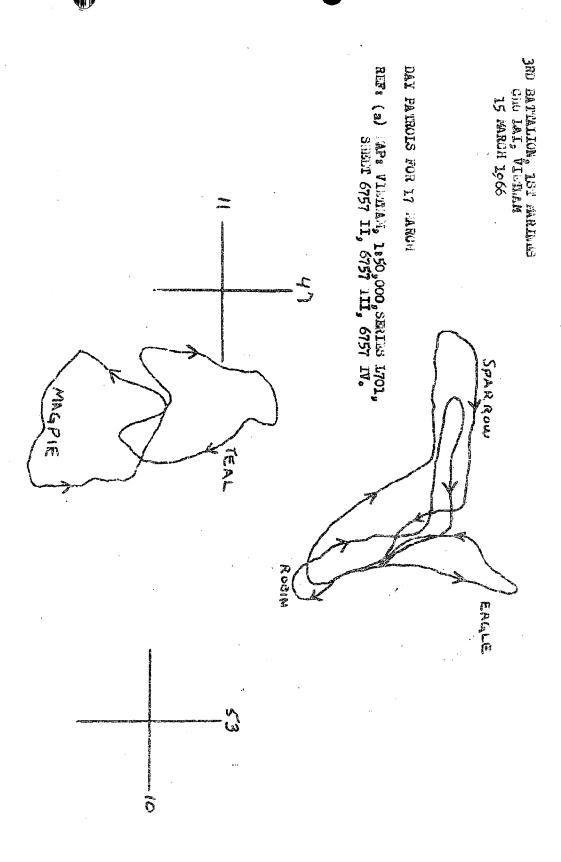
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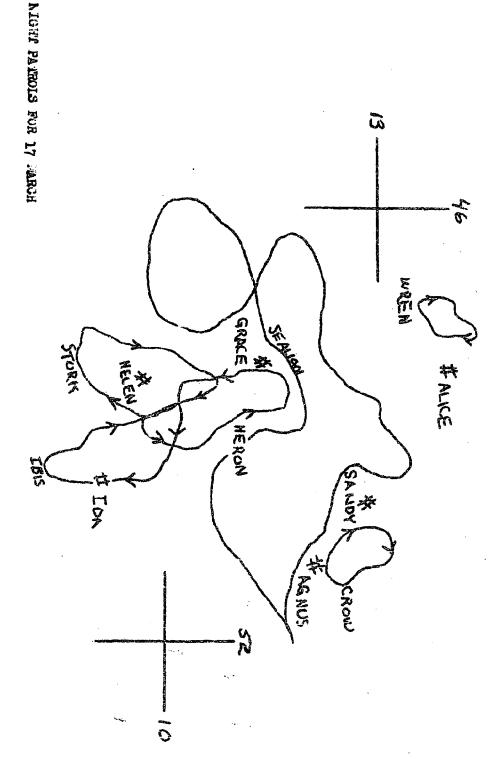
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SITREP FOR PARIOD 152400H TO 162400H

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l. At 160030H, 5-3, 1st Marines advised 3rd Battalies, 1st Marines to be prepared to provide one reinferred rifle company with FAC Team for possible deployment.

At 160900H, S-3, let Harines advised 3rd Battalien, let Marines to provide one reinfered rifle company with an FAC Team to 2nd Battalien, with Marines, prepared for deployment to area of operations to be designated; further directed that the company report to Bill 69 at vicinity soortinates MT 468068 MRT 161500H.

At 160905M, Company I_a 3rd Battalian, lat Marines was advised to propers for deployment.

At 1613258. Company I displaced to Rill 69 as directed.

2. Company L, 3rd Battalion, let Harines, at 161730H received information from the Village Chief of New Life Village at vicinity coordinates BT 50313h that there was a possible 100 W messing on Fish Island, vicinity excitates BT 575125 and that a possibility exists that the W intend to attack Company L positions on Ky Hee Leland. The following security measures have been initiated: the Sca Lien patrol has been directed to cover the area of crossing from Fish Island to Ky Hee; the companies have placed on 1866 alors, and the Settalion Reserve, let Platoen, Company H, together with required LYTE have been alorted for possible employment to reinforce the islands of Ky Hee and Ky Iman; the night fire plan has been reviewed and revised to satisfy the situation.

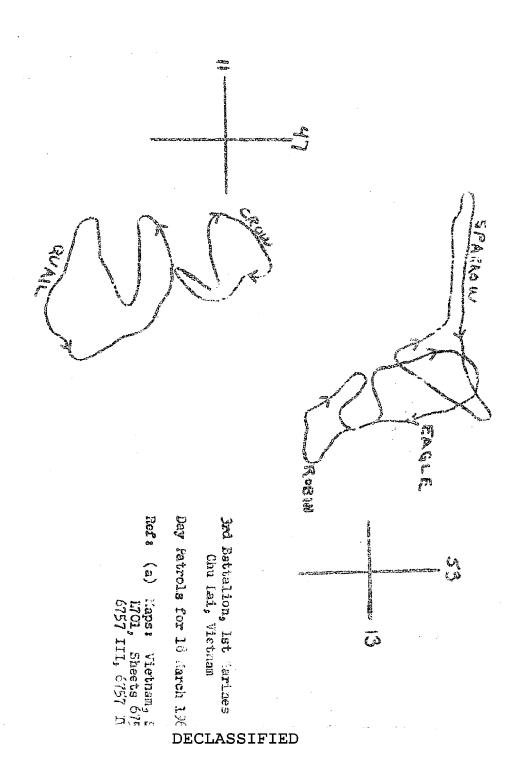
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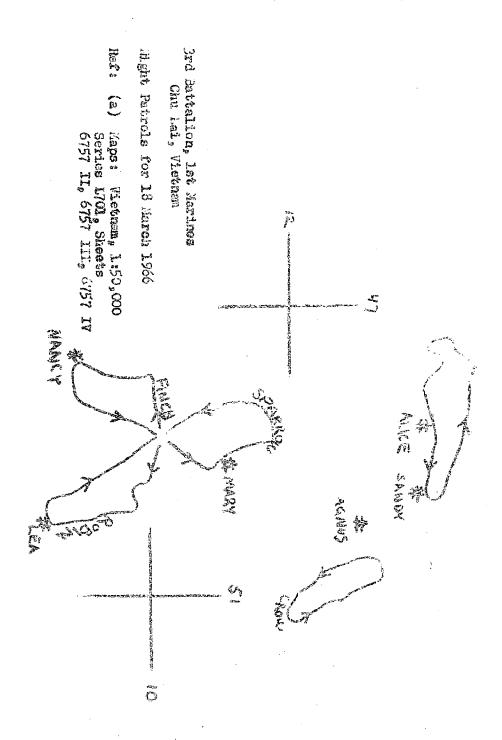
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OPERATIONS	IRMANS	SUMMARY

ORGANIZATION: 3rd BN 1st REGI CHU LAI TAOR
PERIOD: 15 1800H TO 16 1800H TO 1066

16 March 1966 DATE

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TYPE ACTION	FIRE TEAM DAY/NIGHT	SQUAD DAY/NIGHT	PLATOON DAY/NIGHT	COMPANY#1 DAY/NIGHT	BATTALION #1 DAY/NIGHT
SCOUT SNIPER (SS)	A B				
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PLANS SUMMARY

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PPO, San Francisco, 96602

3/SPC/wjw 17 March 1966

SITMEP FOR PERIOD 1624,00H TO 1724,00H

MARATIVE SUPLARY

A. Contacts, None.

B. Miscellaneous

- 1. At 170630H, Company K's position at Check Point "Charlie", vicinity coordinates ST 518002 received a report from two Victnessess carpenters that there was a WC ambush in the area between Check Point "Charlie" and Swate 1. A squad from Company K, after being cautioned to the possibility that this information might be means to ambush the equal itself, was immediately dispatched; and an aggressive, meticulous search of the area was conducted with negative results.
- 2. At 171400H, 5-3, 1st Marines advised 3rd Battalien, 1st Marines that COMUSHACV would personally pay a visit to 3rd Battalien, 1st Marines area at 181330H, and desires to address all available efficers, staff H70m, and men of the Battalien who participated in Operation UTAH. At 171730H, 5-3, 1st Marines was advised by 3rd Battalien, 1st Marines of planned preparations for the visit of COMUSHACV, and preparations commenced.
- 3. At 1721hOH, S-3, let Marines advised Jrd Battalion, let Marines that the playmed visit of CONUSMACV to 3rd Battalion, let Marines area is cancelled.



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ORGANIZATION: BN PERIOD: 2600H		H TO 1900		<u> 17 %</u>	arch 1966 DATE
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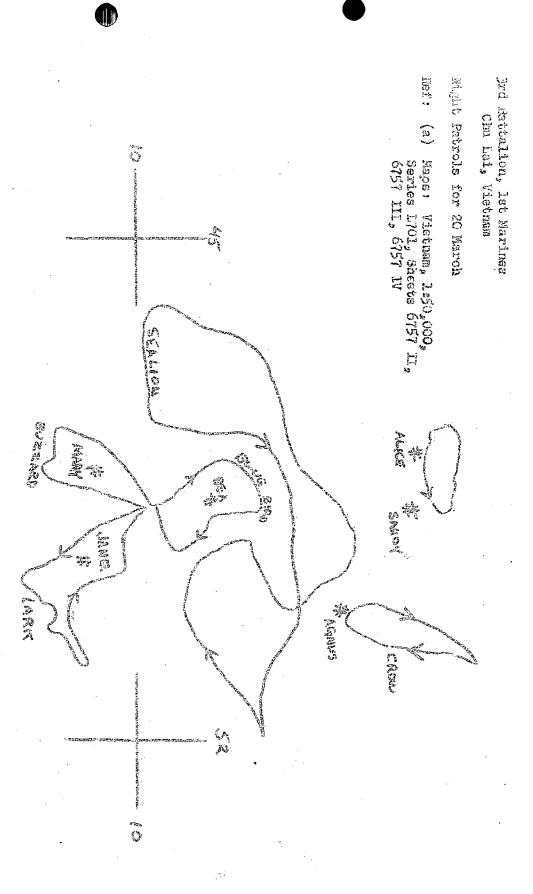
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SITREP FOR PERIOD 172400H TO 182400H

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

A. Contacts

1. At 180kOOH, vicinity coordinates BT 505llh, Scalion Patrol from HAS Co, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines apprehended four Victnamese males in boat as curfew violaters. Identification cards were in order. The boat and Victnamese were taken to the village of An Hai vicinity coordinates BT 514llk and released to the village chief.

B. Miscellaneous

- 1. At 181600, Company L. 3rd Battalien, 1st Marines reported displacement of C. P. to new location, vicinity coordinates BT 517154, on the island of My Hea.
- 2. At 181715H, Company I, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines CHOP OPCON to this Battalion upon completion of operations with 2nd Battalion, bth Marines. Company I designated Regimental Reservo with one plateon on fifteen mirate alert in accordance with 1st Marine OP Order 3h3-66.
- 3. At 1820hOH, Company L, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines observed a native beat at vicinity coordinates BT hh5176 firing at a C-130 aircraft. Illumination was called, but upon arrival, nothing was observed. The beat apparently had left the area. On call fires for the area have been established.

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ORGANIZATION: 3rd BN 1st REGT CHU LAI TAOR

PERIOD: 18 1800H March TO 19 2600Hwar TO 1966

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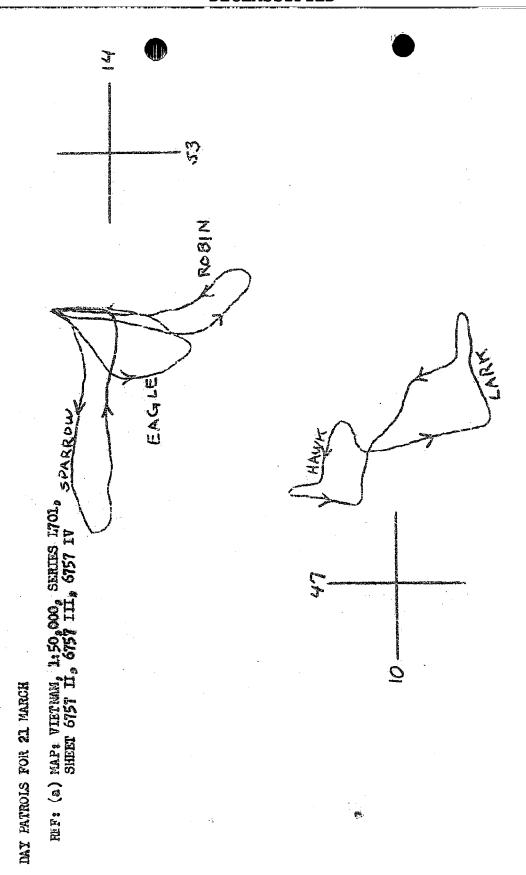
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	M	SQD	Hawk	210650	211115	487103	SEC
	M	SQD	LARK	211315	211745	487103	SEC
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3/SPC/wjw 19 March 1966

NARRATIVE SUMMARY - SITREP FOR PERIOD 1824008 TO 192400H

A. Contacts

1. At 190415H, the Sea Lien Patrol from BiS Company, 3rd Battalion, let Marines apprehended four Vietnamese as curfew violators at vicinity coordinates BT 190118. Identification papers were in order. Individuals were released to Fopular Forces in village of Am Hei.

B. Miscellaneous

- 1. At 19163CH, 3rd Battalion, let Marines issued Frag Order 18-66 directing Company L to conduct a plateon reinferred—to include a Popular Forces element—search and destroy operation of "Fish Island" contered vicinity coordinates BT h76125 to commone at first light 20 March 1966. It further directs that the Med Cap Team accompany plateon and administer required medical assistance to the hamlet inhabitants.
- 2. At 191300E, Company L received a report from Victnamese civilians that three beats were apparently in difficulty at vicinity coordinates BT 502153. Helicopter support was requested through 3-3, let Marines. At 191700E, a Harine helicopter research one Victnamese and evacuated to B-Ned. Beven other Victnamese, identified as being from the island of Iwam Vinh Thanh centered at grid square BT 1315, by the village chief of Ky Hea, were washed ashere. They required limited medical assistance, which was administered and interrogated by the S-2, 3rd Battalien, let Harines concerning Eman Vinh Thanh and the VC legated thereon, fellowing which they were released to the village chief of Ky Hea.

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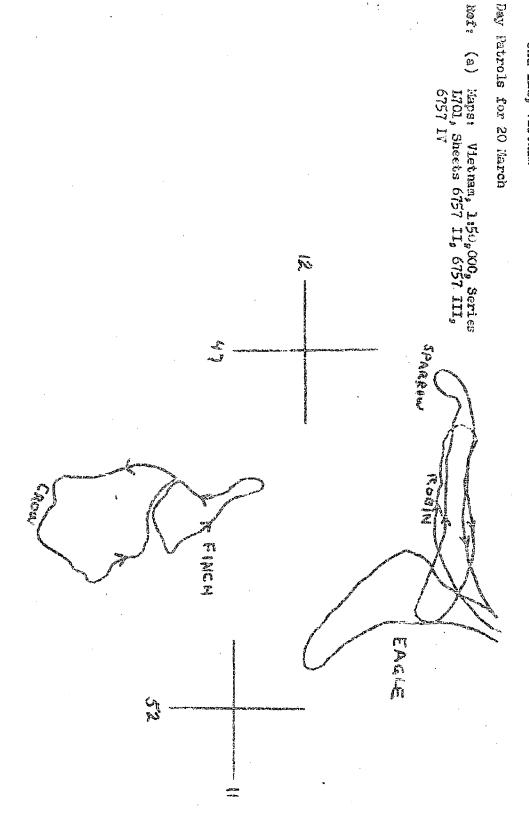
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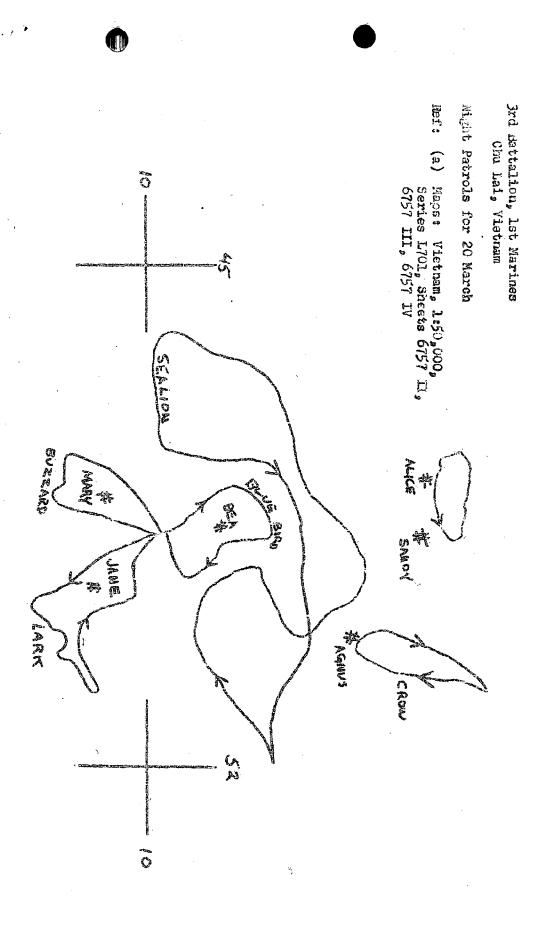
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3rd Battalion, 1st Marines Chu Lai, Vietnam

Day Patrols for 20 March







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SITREP FOR PERIOD 192400H TO 202200H

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

A. Contacts. Negative contacts during period.

B. Miscellaneous

- 1. At 200330, Se3, let Marines advised 3rd Battalion, let Marines to be prepared to provide a command group and two reinforced companies with FAC teams for immediate deployment for combat operations by 201030H. In addition, 3rd Battalion, let Marines was directed to provide one reinforced plateon with FAC team and artillery FO team and PRC-25 to MAC-36 by 200800H to be employed as security force for downed helicopters and other contingency missions. This plateon is to come from one of the two companies placed on alert. The Sparrow Hawk mission suspended during this alert.
- 2. At 200630H, 5+3, 1st Marines advised 3rd Battalien, 1st Marines to be prepared to CHOP OFCON of alerted companies to OFCON of designated Battalions and to be prepared to assume OFCON of designated companies on order.
- 3. At 210730H, two plateens from Company M will CHOP OPCON to 1st Battalion, 4th Marines for defense of MAC-12 airfield as directed by S-3, 1st Marines at 201900H.

C. Training

1. Formal training conducted during the week of 1h March to 20 March 1966 included the following:

COURSE	HOURS	ATTENDING
Land Mine Warfare School,	14	28
Company A, lat Engineer		
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2. Slim mortar sections will commence conduct of one hour of gun drill daily on Monday, 21 March, and one hour of class-room lecture/demonstration/application mortar training daily on Tuesday, 22 March 1966. At least two hours per week of gun drill will be conducted at night.



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1. At 211115H, S-3, let Marines advised 3rd Battalion, let Marines to prepare two reinferced rifle companies and a command group for immediate deployment for operations in area to be designated; units to helilift from MAG-36 Airfield at 211330H. Company K and Company N were alerted together with Command Group Alpha. 3rd Flateon, Company I relieved two plateons of Company H on Chm Lai airfield security duty. CO, 3rd Battalion, let Marines with the S-3 departed at 21115H for briefing on operations. At 211300M, Command Group Alpha, Company K and Company H were at MAG-36 Airfield smaiting helilift to area of operations. Subsequently, the lift commonand. At 211910H, 3rd Flateon, Company I returned to this C.P. after being relieved by designated elements of 7th Marines on Chu Lai Airfield and was designated Regimental Bescript.

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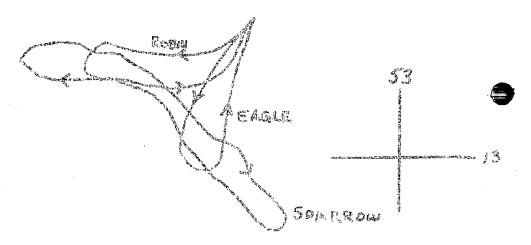
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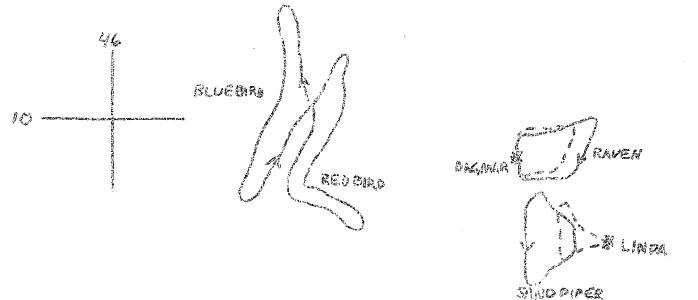
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SITEP FOR PERIOD 2221,000 TO 232200H

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B. Miscellaneous

le At 230215H, 5-3, let Marines savised 3rd Hattalien, let Marines (Mear) that the Chu Lai Airfield was undergoing a mortar attack. All 3rd Battalien, let Marine units were alerted and placed on 100% slart. The 3rd Plateen, Campuny I, Regimental Reserve, was alerted and made preparation for possible deployment. All patrols were elected and checked for possible information relative to the mortar attack, with negative results.

2. At \$36500H, S-3, lot Marines advised 3rd Battalies, let Marines (Rear) to propere the Regimental Reserve Flateen for Search and Destroy Operations in swathmestern portion of TAOR, to commence at first light. 3rd Flateen, Company I, made preparations and commenced operations at 230645H. The southwestern portion of the TAOR was searched to the point of common boundary with 1st Battalies, 4th Marines. The mearch and destroy operation was concluded at 231015H with negative results.

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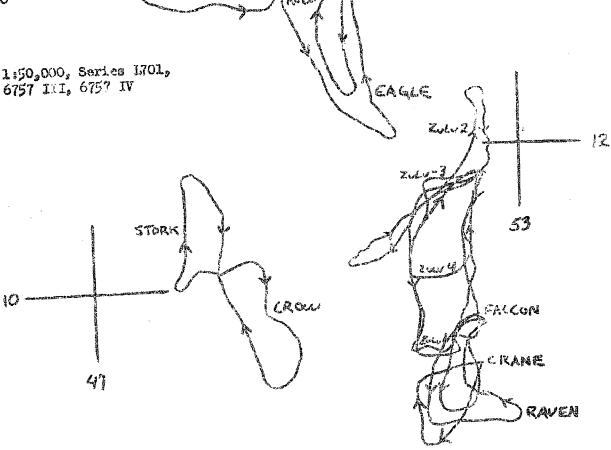
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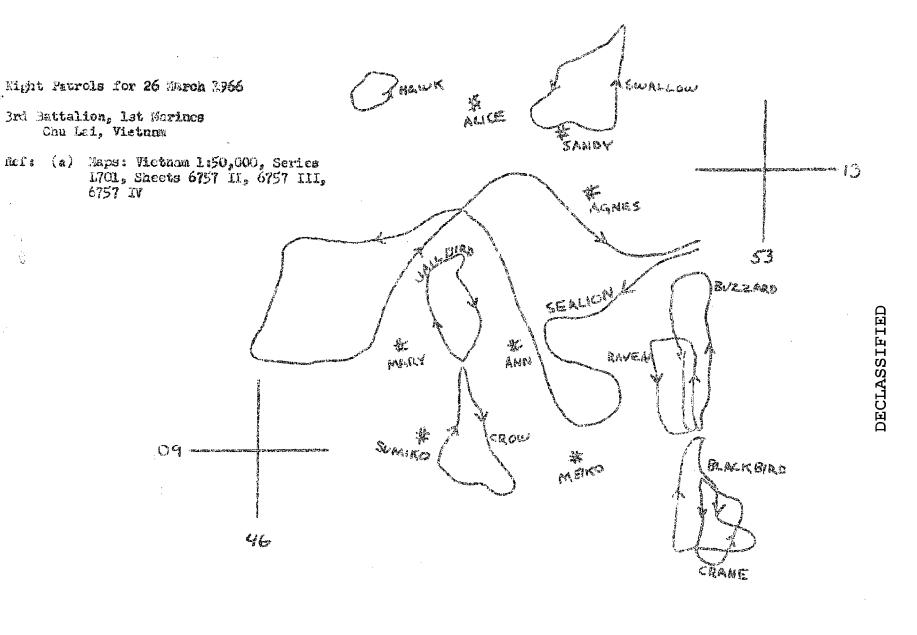
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At Shiform, 3rd Flatoon (Sein), Company I departed for 3rd Battelion, bith Marines positions on Mill 69 for employment at that position in accordance with verbel orders of 5-3, 1st Marines.

At 251800H, Company M had recomed positions on the island of By Near at vicinity coordinates OF 587103. 2nd Platoon, Company L deported By Eman and at 251800H rejained Company L on the island of By Hea at vicinity coordinates OF 517154.

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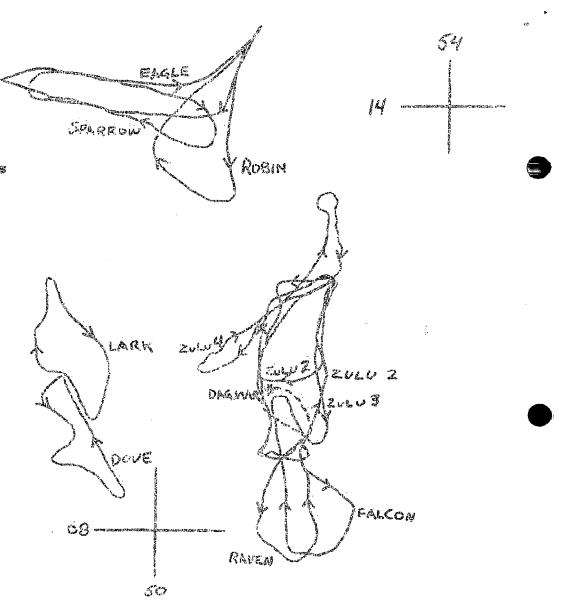
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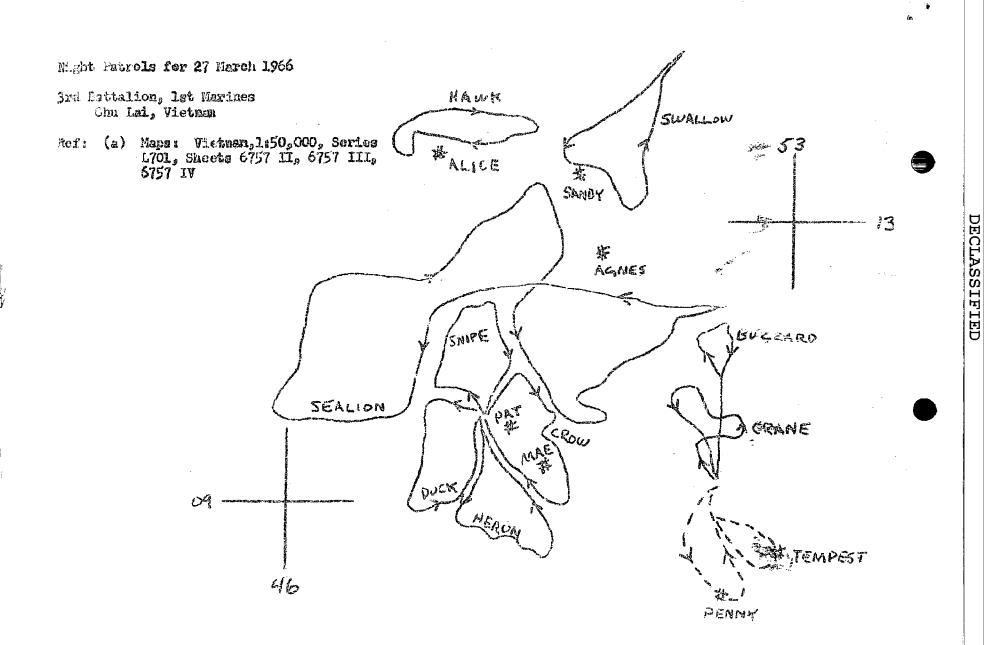
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- 2. At 250950H, vicinity overdinates 27 L87113, a HEDGAP Team from Harine Air Control Squadren-7 received two rounds of small arms fire from unknown location. Fire was not returned. So friendly casualties. No enemy casualties.
- 3. At 252108H, vicinity coordinates ET 527105, a listening post from lot Flatoca, Company I had an explesion approximately ten meters in front of position. A petrol was immediately disputched to aggressively search the area. He fire was returned. He friendly convaltion. He enemy carnalties.
- B. Histolianowns. At 251600H, 2nd Platoon, Company I CHOP OFCOE to lat Mattalian, with Marines for designated duties as Chu lai Airfield Security.

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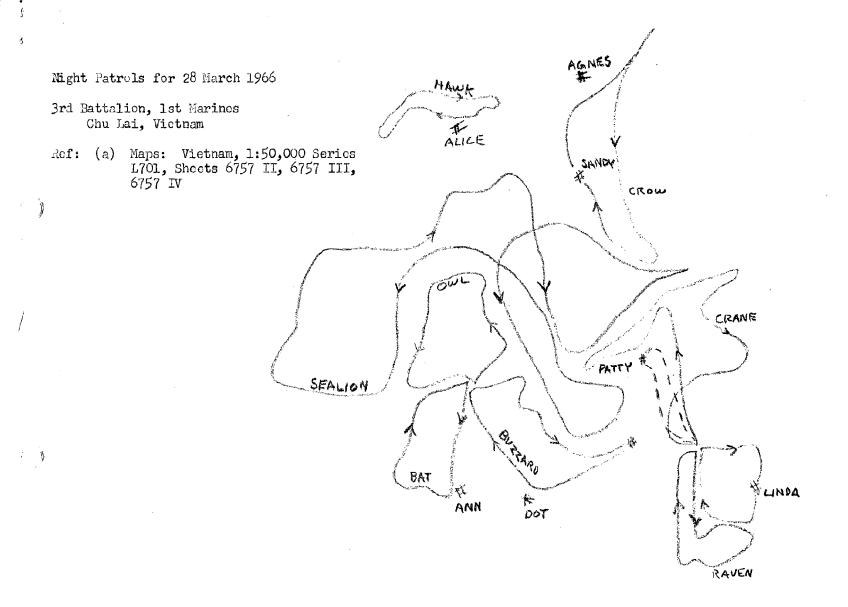
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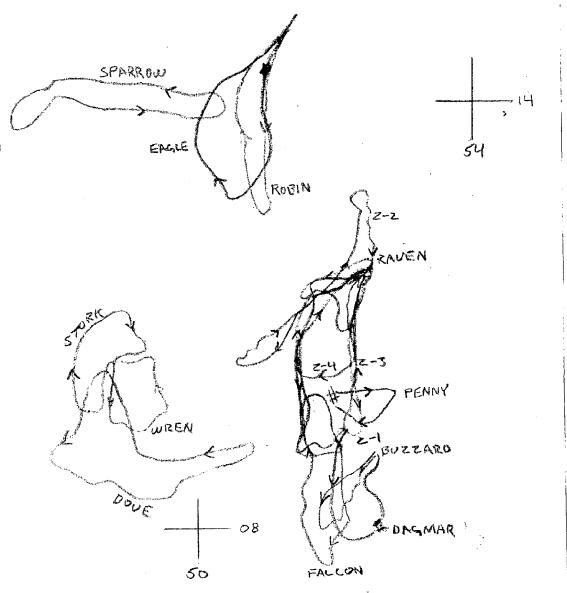
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B. Miscellaneous. At 261935% at vicinity coordinates 57 515118, Detachment, let Amphibian Tractor Sattalies at the Chm let Splach Point observed 50 to 75 rounds of automatic wampens fire being directed temeric the village of San Linh at vicinity coordinates 57 505105. Source of fire was not a 3rd Bettalian, let Marines Unit. Company L was directed to dispatch a patrol to vicinity coordinates 57 515118. In addition, the waterborne security patrol was deployed to the same area. The two patrols made physical contact in the objective area and communed a detailed coarch of the area. In questioning the villagers, it was found that the fire had originated from a NVN Junk Fleet beat near the phase. The U.S. Many Advisor to the Junk Fleet was contacted and known nothing of any firing by Junk Fleet beats. The waterborne security patrol is presently checking area of responsibility for Junk Fleet beats and personnel for possible information.

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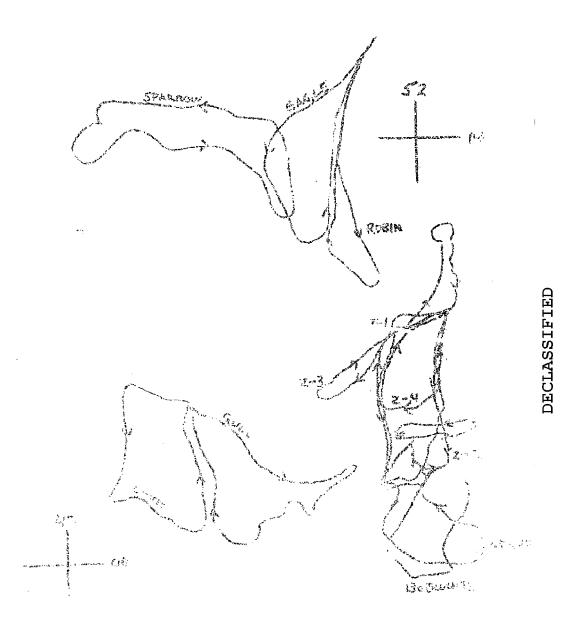
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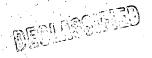
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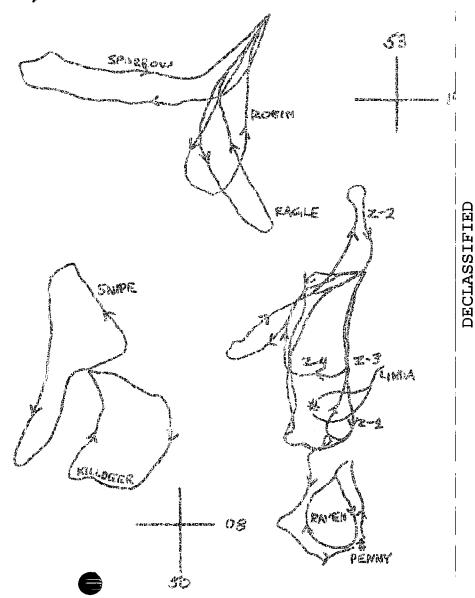
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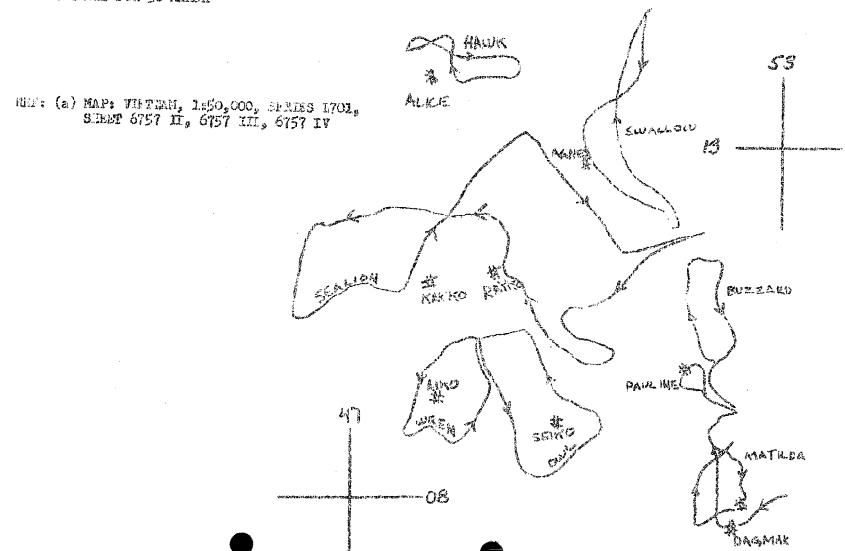
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MARMATIVE SUMMARY

A. Contents

- L. At 250700H, vicinity secretaries BT LThl3h the waterborne meanity petrol, "See Lion" mighted three PCS walking in meter. PCS were entered to halt. Challenge was disregarded, warning shots was fired and PCS continued to disregard warning, three additional warning shots were fired. One PCS was hit by receipt other two excaped. Corporan treated wounded PCS and turned him over to 3-Hed. PCS had no identification papers. He friendly exemplation. One wounded PCS.
- 2. At 200215, visinity coordinates MT 530085 three TC fired ten rounds at Company I positions when abellouged. Fire was returned with small arms and extensive unspens. TO withdraw under fire to the north and west while continuing to fire on friendly positions with small arms and possibly one extensis weapon. Six hand grandes were threse into friendly positions. Forty-one Size Hertar illustration rounds were fired in support. To friendly casualties. He enough casualties confirmed.
- 3. At 200725H, vicinity spordinates M M.2150, Company K received six rounds of small area fire. Fire was returned with small area. Every fire opposed. He friendly executions. He energy casualties confirmed.
- k. At 281005H, visinity secretaries BT hills, Company K received five rounds of small arms fire. Fire was returned with small arms and area was searched. No friendly casualties. No enemy casualties confirmed.
- 5. At 281230H, visinity coordinates ST 422161, Company K leasted a cow shed with falce floor. Inside were four VCS. They were ordered out but refused to comply. One hand grounds was thrown into cave under flooring. Cave was searched. Three nales and one female, believed to be a VC marso, were found. Three VC were WIA. One VC KIA. VIAs were evacuated to B-Med. He friendly expualtion. Captured equipment included one VC medical record back, one greenish khaki uniform, and a medicine cache. Equipment and documents evacuated with energy capualties.
- 6. At 231,000, visibity coordinates of 25158, Company K approbanded four WS found in well hidden termed complex. Turnel was blown by engineers upon completion of search. WS underwent initial tectical interregation and will be executed as transportation becomes evaluable.
- 7. At 261316H, visinity coordinates M &22158, Company K received four rounds of small arms five from vicinity scordinates BY &22157.

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1. At 200915%, Company K commenced search and destroy operations on the island of New Yuan. Throughout the day, aggressive and thorough search and destroy operations were carried out. Encoy contacts and results are as cited in paragraph A, above. At 281630%, Company K established Command Post for the night at vicinity coordinates BT h3516G. Front lines were established from BT h3616O to h3616O to h36161 to h35159. Company K intends to conduct extensive and comprehensive patrol actions within their assigned TAOR.

2. At 281700H, Company K had two personnel step in a punji stake pit at visinity coordinates 27 kjul61. One man evacuated. One man not evacuated.

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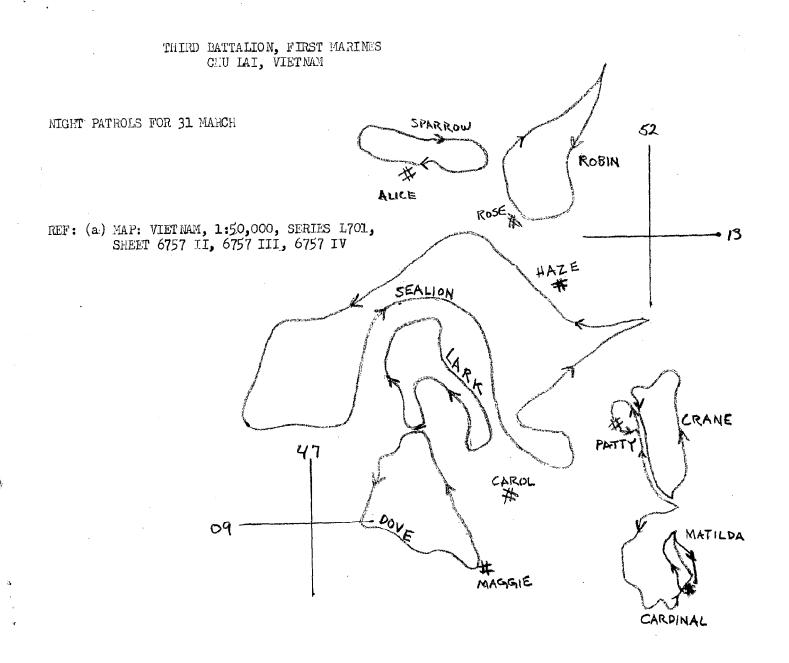
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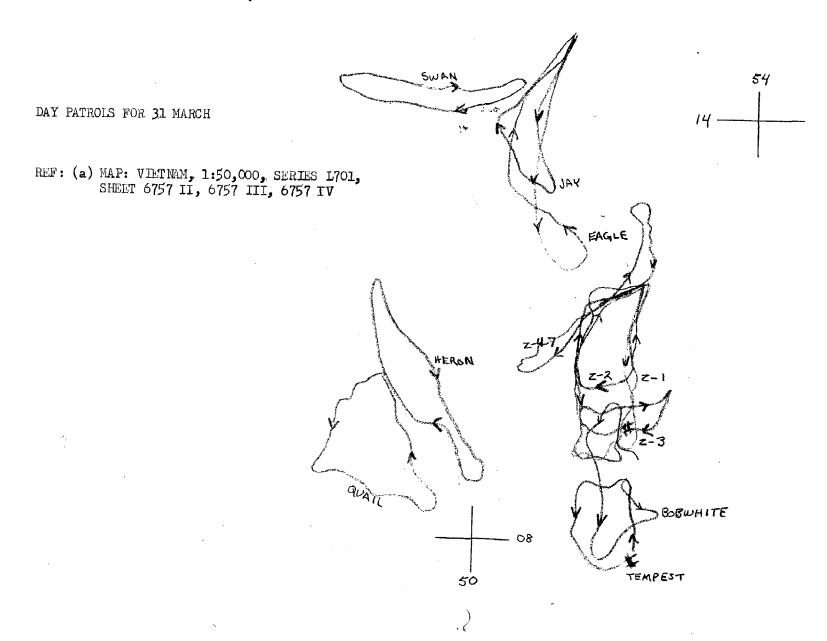
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Sed Sattalion, 1st Marines Let Marine Division (Sain) PMF PFO, San Francisco, 96602

> 3/JTJ/wjw 29 March 1966

SITERY FOR PERIOD 282500H TO 292200H

MARATIVE SURPLANT

A. Contacts. Segative.

2. Missellaneous

- 1. At 202300H at coordinates HS 139155, Company E mobush, during company (reinforced) speration on Hea Enem (Orid Square 1315), spend fire on movement to rear of ambush. Buring confusion, two members of makesh were hit by eva fire. Committee were evacuated by believyter to S-Med for treatment.
- 2. At 2900656, let Marines directed Jrd Mattalian, let Marines to provide a comment group and one company to assume 2nd Battalian, 7th Marines TAOR due to deployment of 2nd Battalian, 7th Marines. Accordingly, Command Group Myses and Company I were directed to propare for newmont to 2nd Battalian, 7th Marines TAOR. Company K was directed to come operations and to retract from the island of Nos Duan at first light in erder to relieve Company I in manning measurity positions on Ky No Ponimumia. Command Group Myses and Company I semmented movement to 2nd Battalian, 7th Marines Command Fost at 2906308 and completed movement prior to 290858 and measured responsibility for designated security positions.
- 3. At 292015H, Company K security putrel Penline, advancing southwest on the trail at security security, becommored a Victomese advancing down the trail toward the patrol. The point of the patrol fixed two rounds. The individual was hit by skrapnel from the headlight of the bisycle he was riding. He was later identified on a local killagor and Popular Perces member. He was taken to lad lattalion, let Marines HAS and treated for strapmal wounds. He was later taken to f-Med for I-Ray, but was in good condition.

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* 70 includes waterbarne security patrol.

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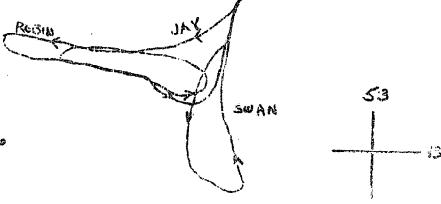
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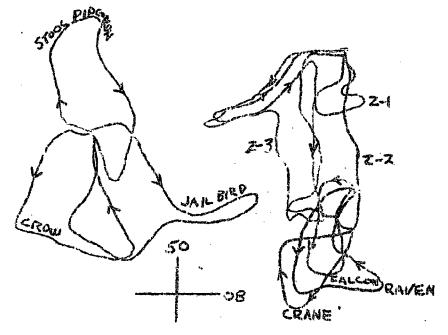
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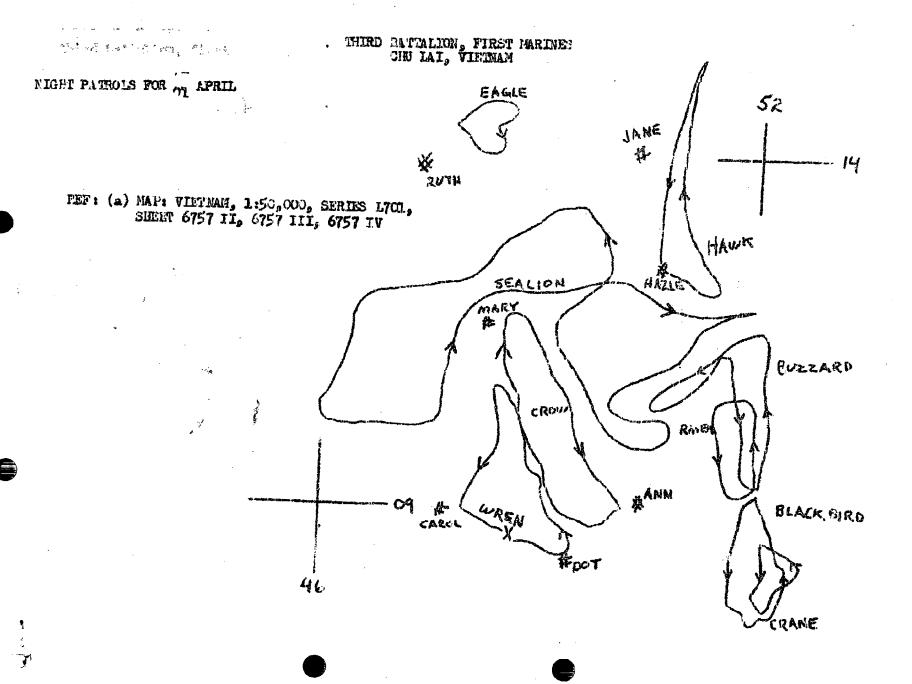
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HEADQUARTERS 3rd Sattalion, let Marines 1st Marine Division (Sois) PMY FFC, San Francisco, 96602

> 3/8FC/wjw 30 March 1966

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A. Contacts. Megative.

B. Miscellanous. At 301300H, Command Group Brave and Company I, after being relieved of responsibility for 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines TAOR, returned to this Command Post. At 301k30H, Company I immediately commenced relief of security positions mammed by Company K on Ky He Ponisoula, In addition, Company I assumed responsibility for Sparrow Hark mission stationed at MAG-36 sixfield.

Company K, after being relieved of Ky He security mission by Company I, was designated Engineertal Reserve with one reinforced rifle plateen on fifteen-mission slart status for employment, on order, as security for disabled helicopters.

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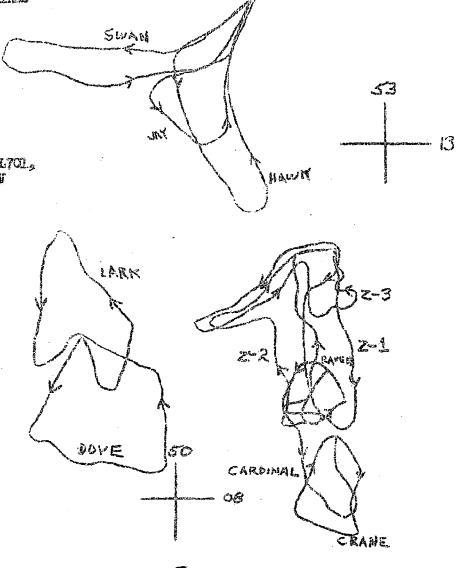
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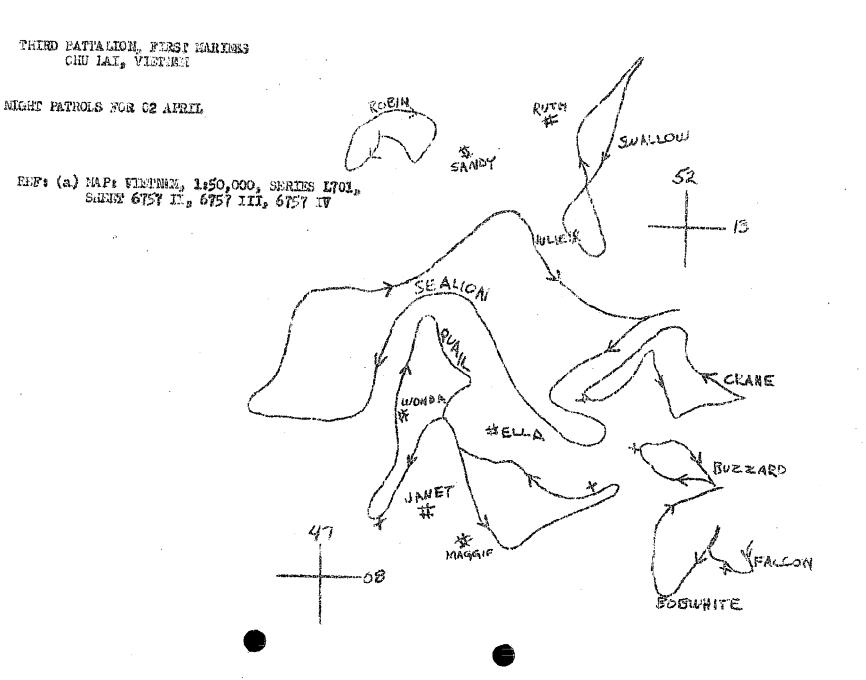
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FPO, San Francisco, 96602

3/3PC/mjw 31 March 1966

SITHEP FOR PERIOD 302400H TO 312200H

MARATIVE SUMMARY

A. Contacts. At 310ki5H, at vicinity coordinates HT 52k093, a security post of HAS Company observed an unidentified individual outside the protective wire. The individual was chellenged and imadistely took evenive action. The sentry fired two rounds of small arms fire with magnitude secults. No friendly casualties. He ensure equivalence.

2. Kiseellaneous

- l. At 311200, 8-3, lot Marines adviced 3rd Battelies, lat
 Marines to be prepared to provide, on order, one reinforced rifle
 company for relief of Company C, lat Battelies, ich Marines as
 Chu Lei Airfield Security. Company K was alcried and immediately
 commenced preparations for compliance with the above. This
 mission was subsequently cancelled.
- 2. At 311308H, S-J, 3rd Battalion, let Marines attended a meeting with Chu lai Wital Area Defence Coordinator. At this meeting, 3rd Sattalion, let Marines was relieved of security responsibility for the By Ha Peninsula by Mandguarters Battalion, let Marine Division security elements. 3rd Battalion, let Marines retains responsibility for security of the Chu lei Sand Samp, Spayrow Hark Mission, and defensive positions in and about the Sattalion perimeter.
- 3. At 311600H, Hendquarters Battalion, let Marine Division security elements commanned relief of Company I positions on Ky Ha Peninsula. Heliaf of lines was completed by 312260H.
- h. Company I was designated Regimental Repairs with let Platoon, Company I on fifteen mirate elect spitus for employment, an order, as security element for distilled balicoptors.

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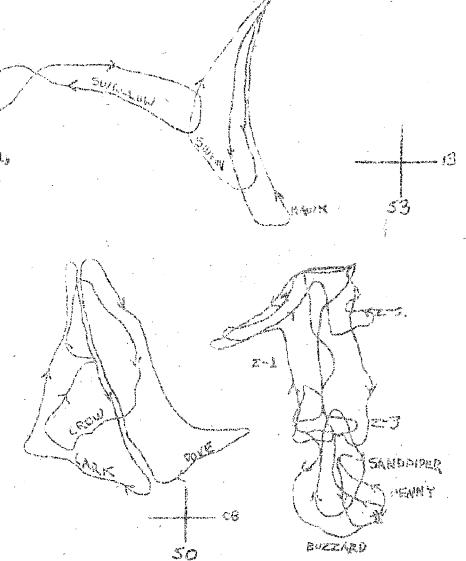
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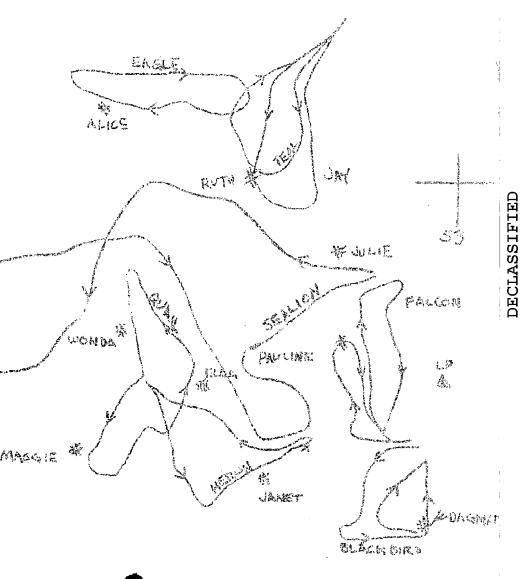


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HEADQUARTERS
3rd Battalion, 1st Marines
3rd Marine Division (Rein) FMF
FPO, San Francisco, 96602

3/WDF/rhc 3100 11 March 1966

From: Commanding Officer

o: Commanding General, Task Force Delta

Subj: Combat Operations After Action Report

Ref: (a) 3rd Marine Division Order 3100.1B

- 1. Code Name. Operation UTAH (Search and Destroy Operation).
- 2. Date of Operation. O41500H 071830H March 1966.
- 3. Location. Quang Ngai Province, Republic of Vietnam.
- 4. Command Headquarters

3rd Battalion, 1st Marines

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Company I, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines

Capt T. B. LECKY

Company K, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines

Capt L. H. GONZALES

Company L, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines

1stLt S. H. GREGORY

Company M, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines

Capt C. W. LATTING

5. Task Organization. (Upon Commencement of Operations)

3rd Bn, 1st Mar (-)

LtCol YOUNG

Co I (Rein)

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Capt LECKY

1st Sec, 81mm Mortar Pit

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# Co M (Rein)

Capt LATTING

Co M Det, H&S Co FAC Tm' 4th Sec, 81mm Mortar Plt Det, Med Plt 2nd Sqd, 3rd Plt, Co A, 1st Engr Bn FO Tm, Btry C, 1st Bn, 11th Mar

Supporting Forces. Forces utilized in support of 3rd Battalion. 1st Marines during Operation UTAH included the following: 1、大学工具建设的

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- a. MAG-36 provided twenty-eight helicopters for lift of Command Group Alpha and two reinforced rifle companies and one company (minus) from loading zone vicinity coordinates 37556052 to landing zone vicinity coordinates BS554875. The commitment which was initiated by Task Force Delta, was an immediate request and was not preplanned. At Ohl310H, after receipt of verbal frag order from Task Force Delta, liaison was effected with MAG-36, and L-Hour, which Task Force Delta had directed to be as soon as possible, was established as 041500H due to the fact that sufficient helicopters would not be available prior to that time. The helilift was executed successfully and without incident, and the number of helicopters available did provide for a rapid build-up in the landing zone.
- b. The only other major helicopter support provided was for retraction from the area of operations to Chu Lai which was conducted in two echelons. The first commencing at 071300H when Company I and Company K were retracted, and the second commencing at 071800H when Command Group Alpha and Company M were retracted. Again, the number of helicopters was sufficient; they arrived on schedule; and the lift was successfully executed.
- c. In addition to the helicopters required for the major lifts, extensive use was made of helicopters for medical evacuation and resupply during Operation UTAH. Almost without exception, the support provided was more than satisfactory. The sole problem developing from isolated instances where in resupply helicopters, either as a result of being misanformed as to requesting unit or misinformed as to correct coordinates of requesting unit; insisted on orbiting the Battalion Command Post at night which, as a natural consequence, tended to compromise the Battalion Command Post. Specific noteworthy items concerning helicopter support included:





- (1) Rapid evacuation of medical emergencies both day and night.
- (2) Less dependence on landing lights at night.
- (3) Use of loadmasters to assist battalion HST personnel in organizing loading zone.
- d. In addition to helicopter support, close air and artillery were utilized to prepare the Battalion objective vicinity coordinates BS555837 on the morning of 6 February. This included an intense two and one-half hour combined air and attillery preparation. Marking rounds were fired by the artillery to mark the target area for the air strike. As the air strike lifted, artillery fire was directed into the target area, with more than eighty rounds being fired on the objective with good accuracy. Close air ran a total of six sorties and delivered fifteen 250-pound bombs, seventy-six 2.75-inch rockets, and fifteen napalm bombs. The air strike which was preplanned was requested over the tactical air request net; the reaction time was satisfactory; however, the attack was characterized by a 40% failure in napalm to ignite, and the attack could only be rated as 50% effective. In regards to this massive preparation of the objective, it should be noted that fortification and entrenchments in the objective area were not destroyed and, in fact, were not appreciably affected.

# 7. Intelligence

a. Enemy Forces Anticipated in Objective Area. Initial intelligence received via land-line communications from 1st Marines indicated that a helicopter and a fixed wing airplane were down vicinity coordinates BS538818 and that the area was under intense hostile fire. This intelligence was received at 1010 on 4 March. At 1020, a second communication from 1st Marines indicated that an estimated VC battalion was believed to be located in grid square 5482. This was the intelligence picture when the 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines commenced lifting out from Chu Lai to the objective area.

### b. Enemy Forces Actually Encountered

- (1) General. Command Group Alpha, Company L, Company M, and Company I (-) landed in landing zone vicinity coordinates BS554873. Companies L and M immediately moved into assigned blocking positions and held those positions throughout the night. No enemy contact was reported during this period. Commencing at first light on 5 March, Companies L and M started a southward advance making contact with enemy units vicinity coordinates BS555838 and 552838. This contact was maintained throughout the day and into the night when the W forces broke contact.
- (2) Strength. Based on examination of uniforms, captured documents, weapons, and interrogation of unit commanders, NCOs, wounded Marines, and civilians living in the area, it is estimated that the enemy forces consisted of one battalion, comprising both PAVN and Main Force VC troops. Weapons included heavy and light machinegums, 82mm





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and 60mm mortars, 57mm recoilless rifles, submachineguns, rifles, pistols and grenades.

(3) Disposition. Enemy forces were deployed in depth around two hills located at BS552836 and 556838.

# (4) Personnel and Equipment Losses

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<b>(</b> b)	Weapons and Major Items of	Equipmen	<u>n<b>t</b></u>		
	CHICOM Light Machinegun	3			
	CHICOM Heavy Machinegun	1			
	57mm Recoilless Rifle	1			
	82mm Mortar (tube)	1			
•	60mm Mortar (baseplate)	1			
	CHICOM Submachinegun (assault carbine) 12				
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	CHICOM Pistol	2			
	CHICOM Grenades	53			
	Power Unit (Possible detonating device)				
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#### c. Terrain

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(1) Cover and Concealment. Outstanding from enemy point of view and fair from friendly troops point of view. An extensive cave, bunker and trench network plus bamboo fences, sugar cane, trees and rolling terrain afforded best possible cover and concealment.





- (2) Obstacles. No substantial man-made obstacles were encountered although the hill located vicinity coordinates BS552838 was extensively mined with various anti-personnel devices. No punji stakes were found.
- (3) Critical Terrain Features. The large hill located at BS552838 and the small hill at BS559838 dominated the battlefield.
- (4) Observation and Fields of Fire. Outstanding observation was afforded the enemy from the hills noted in subparagraph 3.c, above. Fields of fire were laid enfilading approaches to the VC positions along bamboo fences and hedge rows. Friendly observation was masked by these same fences and tree cover in the area. Friendly long-range observation from hills vicinity coordinates BS560848 and 566849 was good.
- (5) Avenues of Approach. Because of the disposition of friendly units, the avenues of approach into the objective on 5 March were limited to the trails and open area to the North. By moving on foot and carrying minimum equipment, the terrain presented no obstacles and movement was rapid and relatively easy.
- d. Other. Villagers interrogated on 6 and 7 March indicated that approximately 100 WC entered the area one month ago and started entrenching the area. This detachment Left after about ten days but the VC returned on 27 February in force and resumed defensive preparations. A detailed search of the battlefield on 6 and 7 March revealed five individual graves. It is believed that mass burial of VC bodies was accomplished in two deep tunnels which had been filled-in. Bodies littering battlefield on 5 March were missing on 6 March.

# 8. Mission

- a. The initial mission assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines was established in a frag order received from Task Force Delta by land-line communications. Specifically, it assigned the following mission:
- (1) Commence helilift of two companies and command group as soon as possible.
- (2) After landing in zone, vicinity coordinates BC 554875, establish blocking positions north of east-west grid line 85.
- (3) Coordinate with MAG-36 for helilift and to establish L-Hour.
- b. Subsequent to receipt of the aforementioned frag order, Commanding General, Task Force Delta arrived 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines Command Post briefed the Commanding Officer, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines on the disposition of friendly forces and authorized the commitment of an additional rifle company.

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c. Changes to the initial mission were established by means of daily frag orders issued by Task Force Delta.

9. Concept of Operation. The initial concept of operations provided for landing Company M (Rein) to secure the landing zone followed in trace by Company L (Rein) and Company I (-)(Battalion Reserve). After landing, Company L advance by best possible route and occupy blocking positions vicinity coordinates BS 545856. Company I (-), after landing, assume responsibility for landing zone security. Company M, after being relieved of landing zone security, advance by best possible route and occupy blocking positions vicinity BS 567861. The concept further provided for extensive ambushing and patrolling along likely routes of egress from south of east-west grid line 85 to the north and northeast.

### 10. Execution

# a. Oh February

- (1) At OhlO15H, Commanding Officer, 1st Marines directed 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines to place two rifle companies (rein) and a command group on immediate alert for habilift to area of operations to be designated. Simultaneously, Command Group Alpha, Company I, Company M, two sections of Cham Mortars and two attached engineer squads were alerted as required.
- (2) At 111030H, Commanding Officer, 1st Marines directed 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines to establish helicopter landing zone for alerted forces. Loading zone was established vicinity coordinates BT 556052.
- (3) At Olllooh, Commanding Officer, 1st Marines directed the 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines to meet remaining two companies, one of which was to move by truck at Oll200H and operate as security for a convoy and security for Task Force Delta Command Post. Company K and Company I were alerted, and Company K was directed to provide convoy security and Task Force Delta Command Post security. The requirement for convoy security was later increased to include a platoon (rein) from Company I.
- (4) At Ohl245H, Company K (Rein) with platoon from Company I departed Chu Lai by truck as convoy security and was CHOPPED OPCON to Task Force Delta.
- (5) At Oul310H, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines received Task Force Delta Frag Order (see paragraph 9 above) and immediately initiated required liaison with MAG-36.
- (6) At Ohl350H, Commanding General, Task Force Delta arrived 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines Command Post and authorized Commanding Officer, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines to increase heli-

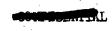




lifted forces to include remaining company (-). Company I (-) was directed to commence movement to helicopter loading zone.

- (7) At 041500H, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines (-) commenced helilift into designated landing 20 ne vicinity BC 554875 with Company M being the initial element lifted into landing zone followed in turn by Command Group Alpha, Company L (Rein), and Company I (-). Negative enemy contact during helicopter landing.
- (8) After landing in zone, and at Ohl645H, 3rd Battalion, lst Marines (-), established Command Post vicinity coordinates BS 555873; Company L commenced movement to establish blocking positions vicinity coordinates BS 536855, BS 546856, and BS 550858; Company M commenced movement to establish blocking positions vicinity coordinates BS 568861, BS 563853, and BS 577861; Company I (-) deployed in perimeter vicinity Battalion Command Post at coordinates BS 555873.
- (9) At Oh1815H, completed helilift into landing zone except for platoon (-) from Company I which was delivered into landing zone at first light on 05 February.
- (10) At Oh1830H, vicinity coordinates BS 569863, Company M challenged two VC on trail, engaged with five rounds small arms. One VC was observed to fall after engaged, but was not captured. Result of engagement, one VC WIA.
- (11) At Oh1850H, Company M established designated blocking positions.
- (12) At Ohl900H, vicinity coordinates BS 545857, Company L located one mine made from 3.5-inch rocket round. Mine destroyed. No friendly casualties.
- (13) At Oh1912H, Company L established designated blocking positions.
- (14) At 042100H, Company M observed weapon suspected of being .50 caliber machinegun firing from vicinity coordinates BS 569845 at helicopter. Fired 81mm mortar mission on suspected machinegun location; rounds were on target; machinegun fire ceased.
- (15) At Oh2330H, received Task Force Delta Frag Order 170-66 which directed 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines to conduct search and destroy operations to south and southeast. Issued 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines Frag Order 16-66.
- (16) During night and early morning of O4 O5 February, negative enemy contact.









# b. 05 February

- (1) At 050545H, 1st ARVN Airborne Battalion requested 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines (-) to fire 81mm mortar mission vicinity coordinates BS 551842. Request approved by Task Force Delta; four rounds 81mm mortar fired. Results unconfirmed.
- (2) At 050650H, vicinity coordinates BS 568862, Company M exploded one anti-personnel mine; unknown type. One friendly WIA sustained.
- (3) At 050730H, remainder of Company I landed in landing zone. One friendly non-evac WIA sustained as result of small arms directed at helicopters from vicinity grid square BS 5588.
- (4) Task Force Delta issued verbal frag order to recrient direction of search and destroy operations in order to relieve pressure on 1st ARVN Airborne Battalion. 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines immediately issued required verbal frag order and commenced movement to south and to area where 1st ARVN Airborne Battalion was engaged. The Battalion was deployed with Company L on right and Company M on left. Company I (Battalion Reserve) in trace.
- (5) At 051030H, Company M spotted what appeared to be seven camouflaged VC vicinity coordinates BS 555837. Company M deployed reserve platoon and engaged. Remainder Company M and Company L continued to advance toward 1st ARVN Airborne Battalion position in effort to relieve pressure and to effect link-up. Shortly thereafter, the reserve platoon, Company M was heavily engaged and Company M was directed to deploy and reinforce. Company L continued advance to effect link-up with ARVN Forces vicinity coordinates BS 553836, and received light opposition on right flank.
- (6) At 051100H, both Company M and Company L were heavily engaged in respective areas.

Company L engaged what was considered to be approximately one platoon on objective (this estimate was later revised upward and is now considered to be closer to a company). VC were in well-prepared positions, spider traps, and had heavily mined and booby-trapped entire area. Company L remained in heavy, close contact including heavy automatic weapons fire and grenades for approximately three hours and, in conjunction with 1st ARVN Airborne Battalion, cleared objective of all WC resistance by deliberate, systematic search and destroy of objective area which required engaging and "rooting" individual VC from prepared positions. Results of operations, thirty-three WC KIA (confirmed), fifty-five VC KIA (possible), six WIA (possible), and a number of CHICOM automatic weapons and other items of equipment (see paragraph 7 - Intelligence). Friendly casualties sustained were ten





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KIA and twenty WIA. Company L, after clearing objective, consolidated positions, linked-up with and turned over objective to 1st ARVN Battalion. Following this, Company L displaced to vicinity 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines Command Post.

Company M, after deploying to reinforce reserve platoon and after initial contact, was heavily engaged for approximately three hours on objective centered coordinates BS 855857. Initial estimate of enemy strength was considered to be a VC company - this estimate was later revised upward and it is now estimated that VC on objective was closer to battalion (-) size and contained a battalion or regimental headquarters. VC were entrenched in depth in well-prepared positions with excellent fields of fire and employed 60mm mortars, .50 caliber machineguns, 57mm recoilless rifles, a large number of automatic weapons, and grenades. Company M, after engaging VC, aggressively assaulted and penetrated VC positions, and at 1330H, Company I was passed through Company M in effort to increase pressure on VC. Results of Company M contact were fifty-nine VC KIA, fifty VC KIA (possible), and a large number of captured weapons and other major items of equipment (see paragraph 7 - Intelligence). Friendly casualties sustained were fifteen KIA and forty-six WIA.

- (7) At 051330H, Company I, after passing through Company M, continued the assault on objective centered vicinity coordinates BS 855857 and remained in heavy contact for approximately three hours. Results of Company I contact were nine VC KIA, four VC KIA (possible), four WIA (possible). Friendly casualties sustained were seventeen KIA, thirty-four WIA.
- (8) At approximately 051630H, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines (-) was directed by Task Force Delta to maintain Company I in present positions while 5th ARVN Airborne Battalion made contact with and passed through or immediately to south of Company I, at which time, Company I would retract to the north for new mission. At about this time, contact decreased to sporadic small arms fire and Company I maintained position as directed.
- (9) At approximately 051900H, the 5th ARVN Airborne Battalion advisor informed the 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines that physical contact with Company I would not be established. In response to this, the Commanding Officer, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines requested permission to retain Company I in present positions rather than retracting to the north in effort to maintain contact with VC; and further requested that all friendly units be withdrawn to safe distance while massive air and artillery preparation of objective was conducted which, in turn, would be followed by continued assault of objective by Company I and Company L followed in trace by Company M. While awaiting approval, Company I maintained occupied positions. There was no enemy contact during period.



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(10) At 051700H, Provisional Rifle Platoon, previously requested by 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines was delivered to coordinates BS 554875. Platoon was not able to join 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines because of distance separating it from the Battalion and was directed to remain in present positions until first light at which time scouts would be dispatched to guide the platoon to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines Command Post.

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- (1) At first light on O6 February, four scouts were dispatched to guide previously mentioned Provisional Platoon to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines Command Post. While enroute, scouts engaged four VC vicinity coordinates BS 558856. Results of engagement were two VC WIA and one VC WIA (possible).
- (2) At 060800H, Task Force Delta approved Commanding Officer, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines request and at 061030H, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines commenced massive air and artillery preparation fires (see paragraph 6 Supporting Forces). At 1245H, preparation fires were ceased and assault of objective was commenced. There was no enemy contact during assault. Results of operations included capturing a number of weapons, documents, and other items of equipment (see paragraph 7 Intelligence); recovery of a number of friendly KIAs who could not be recovered on previous day; and at vicinity coordinates BS 555838 discovery of a vast, interconnecting, well-developed cave complex that required 5000 pounds of C-4 to destroy; 300 meters of entrenchments and wire fortifications vicinity coordinates BS 555839 to BS 554834; two overheaded bunkers suitable as command post bunkers for large headquarters.
- (3) The search of the cave complex continued through 06 March.
- (4) At 061430H, Commanding General, Task Force Delta arrived vicinity cave complex and after inspecting the complex, directed Commanding Officer, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines to remain in objective area as long as required to conduct thorough search of complex following which the complex would be destroyed.
- (5) At O61130H, Company K, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines, CHOPPED OPCON from 1st Battalion, 7th Marines to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines and joined 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines vicinity Command Post.
- (6) During the night of 06 February and the following day, enemy contact was negative.

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- (1) At 070830H, Company M commenced destruction of cave complex utilizing 5000 pounds of C-4 in accomplishing the task.
- (2) At 071000H, Company L, as directed by Commanding General, Task Force Delta, was CHOPPED OPCON to 1st Battalion, 7th Marines.
- (3) At 071130H, Commanding General, Task Force Delta directed retraction of 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines (-) from area of operation to Chu Lai after destruction of cave complex.
- (4) At 071300H, Company I and Company K were retracted from area of operations by helicopter.
- (5) At 071800H, after completion of destruction of cave complex, Command Group Alpha and Company M were retracted from area of operations by helicopter.
- (6) At 071830H, Command Group Alpha and Company M arrived at Chu Iai and assumed previous mission.
- 11. Results. Total friendly losses number forty-one KIA and 102 WIA. VC casualties and equipment captured are delineated in detail in paragraph 7 (Intelligence). All areas where air strikes were conducted were searched by ground forces; however, enemy losses killed by air could not be determined due to removal of bodies by the enemy.

### 12. Administrative Matters

a. Supply Requirements and Resupply. Supply requirements were submitted directly to the Shore Party Battalion detachment supporting the operation. These requests were filled at the Force Logistics Support Unit at Chu Lai and flown directly to the Battalion by helicopter. This method included all types of supplies. At the operation site, Battalion personnel received the requested supplies and distributed these to the companies concerned. The supply support given this Battalion was, in most cases, satisfactory except in one instance when an emergency ammunition resupply was delayed for an inordinately extended period. Special items such as the C-4 required to destroy the cave complex were expeditiously delivered.

# b. Equipment and Ammunition

(1) In the operation, selected items of equipment organic to an infantry battalion were not used because of the mission given this Battalion. Included in these items were 106mm recoilless rifles, motor transport equipment, and flame throwers. Equipment

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used included: 81mm mortars, 40mm M-79 grenade launchers, 7.62mm M-60 machineguns, 3.5-inch rocket launchers and individual arms and equipment.

(2) Ammunition initially carried consisted of the Basic Allowance per individual. Resupply of expended ammunition was provided as requested except as noted above. Equipment carried was considered as adequate; however, for future operations of this type, flame throwers will be carried and employed or placed in an "on-call" pre-positioned status.

# c. Maintenance and Salvage

- (1) First echelon maintenance on all equipment was performed in the field by the individuals within the Battalion. Equipment requiring higher echelon maintenance was evacuated back to the Battalion Rear where it was either repaired or evacuated to Force Logistics Support Unit, Chu Lai.
- (2) Battalion personnel at medical and equipment evacuation points conducted salvage operations. In this manner, individual equipment and weapons were recovered by the Battalion for redistribution purposes. This method proved satisfactory.

# d. Treatment of Casualties and Evacuation and Hospitalization

- (1) Medical and surgical first aid was administered to forty-two KIAs, 102 WIAs from hostile action, two POWs, and fifteen civilians.
  - (2) Disposition of casualties were as follows:
    - (a) Eighty-four WIAs were treated and evacuated.
- (b) Eighteen WIAs were treated and returned to duty immediately.
- (c) Two of the eighty-four treated and evacuated were returned to duty during the operation.
  - (d) Two POWs were treated and evacuated.
  - (e) Three civilians were treated and evacuated.
- (3) All evacuees were sent to Company B, 3rd Medical Battalion at Chu Lai via helicopter.
- (4) Hospitalization was provided at Company B, 3rd Medical Battalion and 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines BAS, with some personnel being evacuated to a further medical facility as designated by Company B, 3rd Medical Battalion.



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# e. Medical Evaluation, General

- (1) Medical and surgical treatment (albumin, morphine and first aid measures) was administered to a maximum level by hospital corpsmen despite heavy concentrated hostile fire for prolonged duration.
- (2) Helicopter evacuation was delayed at times more than two hours due to concentrated hostile fire; this undoubtedly increased the mortality and morbidity of the WIAs.
- (3) Thirteen WIAs were seen by the Medical Officer in the rear combat area; of these, three were evacuated to Company B, 3rd Medical Battalion, Twenty-three non-hostile casualties were seen in the rear area by the Medical Officer of which four were evacuated.
- (4) On 7 March, after the battle zone was secured, a search of the area was made for the purpose of seeking out wounded civilians. Four civilians were dicovered that had been wounded, three of which were evacuated by the Medical Officer due to broken lower extremities. Several children were treated by company copsmen for burns due to napalm bombs.
- (5) One medical officer and thirty-nine hospital corpsmen of 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines were utilized on Operation UTAH. One medical officer was deployed to Company B, 3rd Medical Battalion to assist in the treatment of casualties.

# f. Communications

- (1) General. There were no major communication problems encountered during Operation UTAH. 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines command group included fifteen communicators as follows:
  - (a) One Communications Chief
  - (b) One Radio Chief
  - (c) One Message Center Chief
  - (d) Eight radio operators
  - (e) Two wiremen.
  - (f) Two message center men

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(a) All radio nets operated satisfactorily. The antenna RC-292 was utilized wherever possible. The Task Force





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Intelligence Net was not activated during Operation UTAH and it is felt that this lack of direct communications between the Task Force Intelligence Officer and the intelligence officers of the committed battalions delayed the dissemination of intelligence data that was of vital importance to all levels of command. This is particularly critical in operations such as Operation UTAH. It is recommended that the intelligence net be activated on future operations.

- (b) It is also recommended that when helicopters are dispatched to units, instead of entering the unit's tactical net, helicopters utilize the TACP local for contact with the supported unit and guidance to the landing zone.
- (c) In addition, if the helicopter could enter a common FM net, units that require emergency medical evacuation could enter this net and contact any helicopters in the vicinity and advise them as to location, and if the landing zone was safe and clear.
- (3) Supply. Resupply of communications-electronics items was satisfactory. The 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines sent a liaison communications-electronics representative to Force Logistics Support Unit who assisted with replacement of items requested by the 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines from the field.
- 13. Special Equipment or Techniques. 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines used no special equipment and techniques that are not covered elsewhere in this report.

# 14. Commander's Analysis

- a. Based upon this Battalion's experiences during Operation Double Eagle and Operation UTAH, the most apparent comparison was the type enemy engaged and the most effective tactics to be employed to defeat each type. During Operation Double Eagle, the enemy, when engaged, immediately withdrew under fire, and it was necessary to aggressively pursue in order to maintain contact. Additionally, there was no opportunity to fully exploit supporting arms. During Operation UTAH, the enemy engaged was well-armed, well-entrenched with good fields of fire and had to be "rooted" from positions.
- b. The Battalion, based upon the experiences of Operation Double Eagle, after making contact on Operation UTAH, immediately and aggressively closed with and assaulted the VC positions in a concerted effort to maintain contact. This limited full exploitation of supporting arms, and hypothetically resulted in higher friendly casualties. Accordingly, the most obvious lesson learned from Operation UTAH, as well as other recent operations conducted, was the requirement to be prepared for either type of VC contact by





fully exploiting all information collection assets - i.e. scouts, higher, adjacent, and subordinate units, recent aerial reconnaissance to include photography, infra-red, camouflage detection, etc. - in order to insure proper and timely interpretation of WC contacts. This problem, while not without solution, does require extensive and careful, weighted consideration and study with the most immediate solution being more effective use of the aforementioned information collection agencies and the indoctrination and education of troop leaders, at all levels, so that obvious indications of enemy intentions are properly interpretated at the lower levels, as well as higher level, with immediate and appropriate action being initiated on the lowest level possible and coordinated and controlled at the higher levels.

15. Recommendations. Specific recommendations drawn for experience gained from Operation UTAH are delineated in those paragraphs dealing with the problems area (i.e. Communications, etc).

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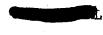
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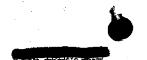
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- 6. Supporting Forces. Forces utilized in support of 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines during Operation TEXAS included the following:
- a. MAG-36 provided twenty helicopters for lift of Command Group Alpha, Company K, and Company M from loading zone vicinity coordinates BT 556052 to landing zone vicinity coordinates BS 495807. Coupled with, but in trace of Battalion elements, the 2nd ARVN Strike Company, under operational control of 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines, was lifted from loading zone vicinity coordinates BS 650728 to same landing zone.

This requirement must be classified as an immediate request rather than preplanned as it was dictated by, and in response to, the immediate tactical situation as it developed during Operation TEWAS, and not as the result of a preplanned introduction of the Battalion into the operation.

Specifically, at 211135H, the Battalion was directed by Commanding Officer, 1st Marines to provide two reinforced rifle companies, together with a command group, prepared to helilift into a landing zone to be designated. These units to be staged at MAG-36 Helicopter Pad, Chu Lai Enclave, not later than 211330H. Concurrent with the staging of alerted units, the Commanding Officer and S-3, together with the helicopter unit commander, were helilifted to Binh Son vicinity coordinates BS 600922 for briefing by Commanding Officer, 7th Marines concerning the lift of the Battalion and for reconnaissance of the landing zone. During this briefing, L-Hour was established as 211500H, but later delayed until 211600H.

The helilift was successfully executed; however, helicopters were subject to small arms fire vicinity grid square BS 4881 during the approach and retirement, and one helicopter, either as a result of small arms fire or engine failure, crashed and burned vicinity coordinates BS 496813 with a total destruction of the helicopter plus the loss of the crew and embarked Marines.

b. In addition to the helicopters required for the major lifts, extensive use was made of helicopters for medical evacuation and resupply. Without exception, the support provided was more than satisfactory. Of specific note concerning provided helicopter support was the timely, effective responsiveness to medical evacuation requests.





While provided helicopter support during Operation TEXAS was more than satisfactory, as substaniated by the foregoing comments, one problem area was noted which is considered of sufficient significance to warrant comment. Specifically, it is the total disregard by helicopters of published SAV-A-PIANES. In the case of this Battalion, the preparation of an objective by artillery was delayed in excess of forty minutes and eventually cancelled, after only one round was fired, due to the constant flow of helicopter traffic across the guntarget line, at an altitude regarded by the aerial observer as precluding the safe firing of the mission.

c. In addition to helicopter support, the only other supporting arm employed by this Battalion during Operation TEXAS was artillery. Two artillery missions, in addition to harrassing and interdiction fires, were requested. The initial mission requested being the preparation of Hill 65 vicinity coordinates BS 523792 on 22 March. A total of ninety-seven rounds was expended on the target with good accuracy and effective results. The second mission provided for the preparation of a hill and village complex vicinity coordinates BS 525793. This mission was not completed due to constant flow of helicopters across gun-target line (see subparagraph b above).

# 7. Intelligence

a. Enemy Forces Anticipated in Objective Area. Intelligence concerning enemy forces in the immediate objective area was "sketchy" prior to arrival in area; however, it was known that the 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines was heavily engaged just to the north of the Battalion objective area. Accordingly, and because of the proximity of this action to the designated landing zone, the 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines lifted out of Chu Lai expecting to be confronted with a sizeable VC force.

#### b. Enemy Forces Actually Encountered

(1) General. Command Group Alpha, Company M, Company K, and the 2nd Strike Company, 2nd ARVN Division, landed in landing zone vicinity coordinates BS 499805 at 211625H with Company M securing the landing zone. Company K and the 2nd Strike Company immediately deployed and prepared to attack assigned objectives. On order, Company K advanced eastward to the hamlet of Xuan Hoa (1) (BS 505805) and the 2nd Strike Company advanced southeast to flank the hamlet and secure a blocking position on the road vicinity coordinates BS 508802. While approaching the hamlet, both units came under a steadily increasing volume of small arms fire delivered from well-concealed and entrenched positions located just inside a tree line that circled the entire hamlet. Both units continued advancing by



fire and maneuver, and by nightfall, Company K had advanced to a point approximately 150 meters into the hamlet, and the 2nd Strike Company had advanced to their assigned objective. At this point, the VC broke contact and withdrew under pressure.

- (2) Strength. Based on the volume of fire received from Xuan Hoa Hamlet, and a subsequent on-the-spot search of entrenchments and fortifications where expended brass indicated fifty-seven different firing points had been used, it is surmised that the enemy force actually engaged was probably two platoons. A search of abandoned equipment indicated that these troops were probably reinforced by a squad of engineers. This estimate of strength does not include approximately three platoons of VC sighted by an aerial observer and the 2nd Strike Company withdrawing to north and southeast from the hamlet. These VC, while not engaged by 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines, were engaged by artillery which inflicted an estimated forty VC KIA. VC weapons employed included V.S. carbines and M-l rifles, CHICOM rifles, and sub-machineguns.
- (3) Disposition. VC forces were deployed in a perimeter around Xuan Hoa Hamlet vicinity coordinates BS 505805.

# ) Personnel and Equipment Losses

# Personnel VC KIA (Confirmed) 27 VC KIA (Possible) 50 VCC 0 VCS 1 VC WIA (Possible) 20 Weapons and Major Items of Equipment CHICOM Sub-machineguns 1 CHICOM Rifle 2 U. S. M-1 Rifle . 1 U. S. Browning Automatic Rifle 1 U. S. Claymore Mines 3

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Xuan Hoa from the landing zone were across open rice paddies. The terrain surrounding the hamlet was similar with no marked differences.

(6) The type and condition of arms and equipment captured indicate that the engaged enemy forces were VC Main Force units, probably from the 1st VC Regiment.

#### 8. Mission

- a. The initial mission assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines was established in a verbal frag order received from Commanding Officer, 7th Marines at briefing conducted at Binh Son, Quang Ngai Province, Republic of Vietnam. Specifically, it assigned the following mission:
- (1) Commence helilift of two reinforced companies and a command group as soon as possible to join 2nd Strike Company at designated landing zone.
- (2) After landing in zone vicinity coordinates BS 495807, commence search and destroy operation southeast through Village of Xuan Hoa (1) vicinity coordinates BS 505805 and establish roadblock vicinity coordinates BS 507802.
  - (3) Coordinate with MAG-36 for helilift.
- b. Changes to the initial mission were established by means of daily frag orders issued by Commanding Officer, 7th Marines and Commanding General, Task Force Delta after operational control was passed to Task Force Delta.
- 9. Concept of Operations. The initial concept of operations provided for landing Company M (Rein) to secure the landing zone followed in trace by Command Group Alpha, Company K, and the 2nd Strike Company, 2nd ARVN Division. After landing, Company K to advance to east to secure Xuan Hoa Hamlet (RS 505805); 2nd Strike Company to advance to southeast to secure a blocking position on road vicinity coordinates RS 507802. The concept further provided for continuation of the operation to east or southeast as directed and for extensive ambushing and patrolling along likely routes of egress from north within assigned zone of action.

#### 10. Execution

#### a. 20 March 1966

(1) At 200330H, S-3, 1st Marines alerted 3rd Battalion,

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	U. S. M-14 Mines	8	
	Non-Electric Blasting Caps	50	
	Electric Blasting Caps	60	
	U. S. M-605 Firing Devices	9	
	Time Fuze	25	Feet
	Detonating Cord	20	Feet
	CHICOM INT	4	Pounds
	Assorted U. S. and CHICOM Small Arms Ammunition	1000	Rounds
	Individual Packs	35	•

#### c. Terrain

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- (1) Cover and Concealment. Outstanding from enemy point of view and poor from friendly point of view. The cover offerred by foliage, fencework, and slightly rising ground, provided the enemy "choice" cover and concealment while friendly approaches to Xuan Hoa were across open rice paddies with cover and concealment being limited to that provided by paddy dikes.
- (2) Obstacles. The fence and trench network surrounding Xuan Hoa was a major obstacle causing friendly troops to slow down and canalize in enemy killing zones. No further significant obstacles were encountered during the operation.
- (3) Critical Terrain Features. The Hamlet of Xuan Hoa itself was critical because of its position astride roads running north and south through the objective area. The excellent cover and concealment already mentioned enhanced this hamlet's position as a critical terrain feature. Hills 65 (BS 523792), Nui Tran (BS 515780), and the hill mass vicinity BS 537785 dominated the surrounding terrain and was subsequently occupied by 3rd Battalion, lst Marines and ARVN troops without incident.
- (4) Observation and Fields of Fire. Outstanding observation and fields of fire were afforded the enemy from positions in Xuan Hoa as indicated in subparagraph c.(I) above. Friendly observation was limited by the same foliage and foncework utilized by the VC. Friendly fields of fire were limited by the same factors.
  - (5) Avenues of Approach. All avenues of approach into



1st Marines to be prepared to provide by 201030H, a command group and two reinforced companies in area to be designated.

(2) At 200630H, S-3, lst Marines advised 3rd Battalion, lst Marines to be prepared to pass operational control of alerted companies to designated Battalion and to be prepared to assume operational control of such companies as may be directed.

# b. 21 March 1966

- (1) At 211135H, Commanding Officer, 1st Marines directed 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines to provide two reinforced rifle companies and a command group for immediate deployment in area to be designated. Further directed that alerted companies would be staged and prepared for helilift from MAG-36 Helicopter Pad not later than 211330H_o
- (2) Concurrent with the staging of alerted elements, the Commanding Officer and S-3, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines together with Helicopter Unit Commander, were helilifted to Bihn Son vicinity coordinates BS 600922 for detailed operational briefing by Commanding Officer, 7th Marines during which L-Hour was established as 211500H, but later delayed to 211600H. Subsequent to this briefing, liaison was effected with Commanding Officer and senior advisor of 2nd Strike Company, 2nd ARVN Division, which had been assigned operational control to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines, and a reconnaissance was made of designated landing zone.
- (3) All alerted elements of 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines were staged at MAG-36 Helicopter Pad by 211330H, prepared for helilift. Lift commenced approximately 211600H with Company M being the initial element lifted into the zone followed in turn by Command Group Alpha, Company K, and 2nd Strike Company. Negative enemy contact in zone; however, helicopters received small arms fire in approach and retirement lanes vicinity grid square BS 4881.
- (4) During lift, a helicopter enroute to landing zone with heliteam from Company K embarked crashed and burned either as a result of small arms fire or engine failure vicinity coordinates BS 496813. 3rd Platoon, Company M was immediately dispatched to crash site. One WIA, critically burned, was the only survivor and was evacuated by helicopter. All other crew members and the heliteam from Company K were killed in the crash. Friendly casualties were nine KIA, six from Company K.
- (5) At 211805H, Company K and the 2nd Strike Company commenced assigned search and destroy mission through Village Kuan Hoa (1) vicinity coordinates BS 505805 and adjacent areas.





While advancing on the objective, both units came under a steadily increasing volume of small arms fire delivered from well-concealed and entrenched positions located just inside a tree line and bamboo fencework that encircled the entire hamlet. Despite the heavy volume of fire, Company K and 2nd Strike Company continued their advance and remained in close contact for approximately two hours. During this period, an airborne observer reported two platoons of VC withdrawing from Xuan Hoa (1) to north and 2nd Strike Company reported approximately one VC platoon withdrawing from hamlet to southeast. Both targets were engaged by artillery and armed HULEs with forty VC KIA (possible) reported as a result of supporting fires.

- (6) By nightfall, Company K had advanced to point approximately 150 meters into the hamlet, and the 2nd Strike Company had advanced to and secured assigned objective and established roadblock vicinity coordinates BS 507802. At this point, enemy broke contact and withdrew under pressure. Results of contact were twenty-seven VC KIA (confirmed), forty VC KIA (possible) by supporting arms, ten VC KIA (possible) by ground action, twenty VC WIA (possible); five weapons captured together with a large amount of demolitions and other miscellaneous equipment. Friendly casualties sustained were sixteen KIA and thirty-four WIA.
- (7) At 212115H, a hand grenade was thrown into Company K positions at coordinates BS 506807. Grenade did not explode. Fifteen rounds were fired in direction from which grenade was thrown. No confirmed VC casualties. No friendly casualties.
- (8) By 212300H, night positions were established as follows: Battalion Command Post at coordinates BS 495807; Company K deployed in perimeter from coordinates BS 505806 to BS 504805 to BS 506806 to BS 505807; Company M deployed in perimeter from coordinates BS 496806 to BS 494803 to BS 497803 to BS 495804; 2nd Strike Company deployed in perimeter from BS 506802 to BS 508802.

#### c. 22 March 1966

- (1) At 220630H, a patrol from Company M was again dispatched to the scene of the helicopter crash in effort to establish final casualty identification and to insure destruction of any friendly weapons or other sensitive equipment. The patrol was engaged by the VC; fire was immediately returned. One friendly WIA was sustained as result of contact. There were no confirmed VC casualties, however.
- (2) At 220700H, Company K continued detailed, systematic search and destroy mission through Village of Xuan Hoa. Company M was held in reserve prepared to support Company K, and 2nd Strike Company advanced on Hill 22 vicinity coordinates BS 515802. During search of village, Company K systematically cleared each trench and tunnel and then destroyed same by demolitions.





- (3) At 220925H, Hill 22 and Village of Xuan Hoa were secured,
- (4) At 221015H, Company M received ten rounds of small arms fire from extreme range. Fire returned with small arms and 60mm mortars. No friendly casualties; no VC casualties confirmed.
- (5) At 221300H, additional material captured by Company K as result of search of Xuan Han (1) included three claymore mines, eight U. S. M-l4 mines, twenty-five feet of time fuze, twenty feet of primer cord, fifty non-electric blasting caps, sixty-five electric blasting caps, nine M-605 firing devices, 1,000 rounds of assorted small arms ammunition, thirty-five fully-packed packs, and numerous documents.
- (6) At 221505H, received Frag Order 6-66 from Task Force Delta directing continuation of search and destroy operations to east in assigned zone. 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines immediately commenced search and destroy operations with 2nd Strike Company and Company M abreast and Company K (Battalion Reserve) in trace. Conducted artillery preparation of initial objective, Hill 65, vicinity coordinates BS 523792, and secured objective by 221620H without incident or contact. Continued search and destroy operations without contact to east securing night positions by 221820H.
- (7) By 222015H, night positions were established as follows: Battalion Command Post at coordinates BS 531791; Company K deployed in perimeter from coordinates BS 530789 to BS 531792 to BS 529791 to BS 529794; Company M and 2nd Strike Company in perimeter from coordinates BS 537785 to BS 537780 to BS 536789 to BS 537785. Executed aggressive night patrol and ambush plan; negative enemy contact.
- (8) At 222220H, received Task Force Delta Frag Order 8-66 directing 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines to hold in present positions until receipt of overlay assigning new boundary, to be delivered the morning of 23 March; further directing that one platoon of 2nd Strike Company was to be placed under operational control of and helilifted to 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines; lift to be completed by 231000H.

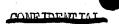
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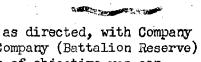
- (1) All units effected resupply of rations and ammunition during morning.
- (2) At 231100H, received verbal frag order from Task Force Delta to commence advance south in TAOR and to establish blocking positions vicinity coordinates BS 538766 and BS 538772.

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Immediately commenced advance to south, as directed, with Company K and Company M abreast and 2nd Strike Company (Battalion Reserve) in trace. Planned artillery preparation of objective was cancelled because of steady flow of helicopters across gun-target line (see subparagraph 6.b.)

- (3) By 231830H, secured assigned blocking positions and established night positions with Battalion in perimeter from coordinates BS 533766 to BS 538766 to BS 539771 to BS 535773 and the Command Post located vicinity coordinates BS 537768. Executed aggressive night patrol and ambush plan; negative enemy contact.
- (4) At 232045H, received Task Force Delta Frag Order 10-65 directing 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines to commence, at first light, deliberate search and destroy operations in inhabited area in assigned zone of action between grid line 78 and the river to the south. The frag order further directed the Battalion to be prepared for helicopter lift to Ky Ha Peninsula commencing at 241030H.

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- (1) At 240830H, Company K completed search and destroy of inhabited areas as directed by Task Force Delta Frag Order 10-66. Negative enemy contact.
- (2) At 21,1000H, legding zone was established and secured vicinity coordinates BS 531774, and at 241100H, commenced helilift of 2nd Strike Company to Quang Ngai and Battalion elements to MAG-36 Helicopter Pad. Lift was completed by 21,1230H and 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines passed to operational control of 1st Marines.
- Results. Total friendly losses numbered seventeen KIA and thirty-eight WIA, including one KIA and three WIA sustained by attached ARVN unit. Total VC losses were established at twentyseven KIA (confirmed), fifty KIA (possible), one VCS, and twenty VC-WIA (possible). Equipment captured during the operation is as set forth in paragraph 7 (Intelligence).

#### 12. Administrative Matters

a. Supply Requirements and Resupply. The Battalion initially carried four meals and one-half gallon of water per man. Supply requirements were submitted directly to Task Force Delta. These requests were filled at the Force Logistics Support Unit at Chu Lai and flown directly to the Battalion by helicopter. This method included all types of supplies except water which was procured from local wells and individually treated due to the difficulty involved in the use of water cans. At the operational site, Battalion personneT received the requested supplies and



distributed same to the using units. The support was satis-

#### b. Equipment and Ammunition

- (1) In this operation, certain selected items of equipment organic to an infantry battalion were not carried because of the mission given this Battalion. Included in these items were 106mm recoilless rifles and motor transport equipment. Organic equipment carried included: 81mm mortars, 10mm M-79 grenade launchers, 7.62mm machineguns, 3.5-inch rocket launchers and individual arms and equipment. In a separate category were flame throwers which, while not carried, were placed on standby in the LSA.
- (2) Ammunition initally carried consisted of a basic allowance per individual. Resupply of expended ammunition was provided as requested, with two exceptions: One exception being ammunition for the 2nd Strike Company which was .30 caliber and had to be procured from Quang Ngai, causing considerable delay in receipt of requested resupply ammunition; the other exception being an instance wherein twice as much 7.62mm linked ammunition was received as was requested. This resulted in the companies carrying more ammunition than was required and unnecessarily increased individual loads.

#### c. Maintenance and Salvage

- (1) First echelon maintenance on all equipment was performed in the field by the individuals within the Battalion, Equipment requiring higher echelon maintenance was evacuated back to the Battalion Rear where it was either repaired or evacuated to Force Logistics Support Unit, Chu Lai.
- (2) Battalion personnel were stationed at medical and equipment evacuation points in order to conduct salvage operations. Despite this procedure, considerable Battalion individual equipment is not being recovered. Corrective action is being initiated and should alleviate this problem.

# d. Treatment of Casualties and Evacuation and Hospitalization

- (1) Medical and surgical first aid was administered to seventeen KIAs, thirty-eight WIAs from hostile action.
  - (2) Disposition of casualties was as follows:
    - (a) Thirty-two WIAs were treated and evacuated.









- (b) Six WIAs were treated and returned to duty.
- (c) None of the thirty-two treated and evacuated were returned to duty during the operation.
- (3) All evacuees were initially sent to Company B, 3rd Medical Battalion at Chu Lai via helicopter.
- (4) Hospitalization was initially provided at Company B, 3rd Medical Battalion; however, all personnel were further evacuated to another medical facility, as designated by Company B, 3rd Medical Battalion.

# e. Medical Evaluation, General.

- (1) Medical and surgical treatment (albumin, morphine and first aid measures) was administered to a maximum level by hospital corpsmen despite heavy concentrated hostile fire for prolonged duration,
- (2) Helicopter evacuation was timely and undoubtedly enhanced WIAs survival.
- (3) One medical officer and seventeen hospital corpsmen of 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines were utilized on Operation TEXAS.

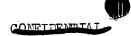
#### f. Communications

- (1) General. There were no major communications problems encountered during the three and one-half days this unit was committed to Operation TEXAS. Specific problems will be discussed under the appropriate headings below.
- (2) Personnel. The communication organization for 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines during Operation TEXAS was as follows:

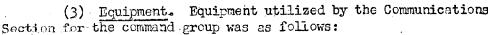
# (a) Communications Section

Communications Officer Radio Chief Assistant Radio Chief Eight Radio Operators Two Message Center Men Two Wire Men

- (b) TACP. Normal personnel T/O.
- (c) 81mm Mortar Platoon. Normal personnel T/O.







# (a) Communications Section

Two Antenna RC-292
One Radio Set AN/PRC-47
Four Radio Sets AN/PRC-25
Six Telephones TA-1/PT
One-fourth Mile of Wire WD-1/PT

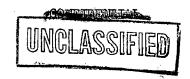
# (b) TASP (Per Team)

One Radio Set AN/PRC-41
One Radio Set AN/PRC-17
One Radio Set AN/PRC-10 (This radio was damaged on the first day of the operation and was replaced by an AN/PRC-25 from the Communication Section).

(c) 81mm Mortar Platoon. Normal.

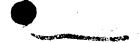
#### .(4) Radio

- (a) For the major portion of the operation, radio communications were satisfactory. The antenna RC-292 was utilized on all FM circuits when the situation permitted.
- (b) Problems which were encountered on radio circuits were as follows:
- 1. The Battalion Tactical Net was only five-tenths (.5) of a megacycle above the Task Force Tactical Net (P). On D-Day, this caused considerable interference between these two circuits due to the high induction/interference characteristic of the radio set AN/PRC-25. The Battalion Tactical Net frequency was shifted to D-198 at L-Hour plus two, and the interference was greatly reduced.
- 2. At times during the night of 20 March, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines was required to relay traffic to Task Force Headquarters through one of the other battalions. This was due to poor receiving and transmitting conditions. 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines was located at coordinates BS 495807. The distance to Task Force Headquarters was approximately 9.6 miles, intervening terrain ran to heights of 183 meters. On the night of 23 March, communications on the Task Force Tactical Net were excellent; nowever, the Task Force Command Net's efficiency began to deteriorate as darkness came and became useless after dark. The frequency used was above fifty magacycles and the same situation was









experienced by 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines during Operation DOUBIE EAGLE - Phase II with frequencies above fifty megacycles.

- 3. Radio communications with single sideband equipment (PRC-47) was marginal. At times, when the Command Post was located on prominent terrain features, the Task Force Command 2 and TAR Nets were marginal at best. The Task Force Tactical 2 was never satisfactory and marginal at best. It is felt that this was primarily due to the frequency employed, as the frequencies on the lower end of the PRC-47 band present antenna loading problems and do not seem to insure communications over an acceptable distance.
- (c) Recommendations for improved radio communications are as follows:
- l. IM frequencies employed over distances greater than five miles during the hours of darkness be below fifty megacycles.
- 2. Single sideband frequencies be utilized that are above 5000KCs, as these frequencies seem to give the distance and quality required; however, it is further recommended that single sideband not be utilized for communications between Regimental or Task Force Headquarters and Battalion, but that an FM command net be established. In this case, the net can be activated at all times and not just during those instances when the tactical situation permits the Battalion Command Post to remain in a fixed position for extended periods. Also by elimination of the PRC-47, the transportation and logistic problems would be decreased.
- (5) Wire. Minimal wire was utilized in Operation TEXAS. Wire communications was employed only during the periods the Battalion Command Post was established during hours of darkress. Wire was kept to a minimum and only the following lines were installed:
  - (a) S-3 to FSCC/81mm Mortar FDC (Hot)
  - (b) S-3 to Air Liaison Officer
- (6) Supply/Maintenance. Resupply and evacuation of equipment operated efficiently. All items requested were received within twenty-four hours.
  - (7) Special Communications Employment. None.
- 13. Special Equipment or Techniques. 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines did not utilize any special equipment or techniques that are not covered elsewhere in this report.



# 14. Commander's Analysis

- a. On Operation TEXAS, as was the case on Operation UTAH, this Battalion engaged an enemy that possessed definite characteristics and employed the following tactics.
- (1) Occupied positions in hamlets that were similar in all respects to adjacent hamlets and would not be the subject of other than ordinary aerial reconnaissance or observation.
- (2) Defended the hamlet from mutually-supporting, well-concealed, entrenched positions that covered all approached to the hamlet.
- (3) Prepared and utilized cave complexes for protection from massive artillery and close air preparation (the Hamlet of Xuan Hoa (1) was subjected to ninety minutes of air/artillery preparation without significant results).
- (4) Permitted friendly forces to close to minimum distance before engaging.
- (5) Made extensive use of bamboo fenceworks/trenches as obstacles and to channelize friendly forces into enfilading fields of fire.
- (6) Maintained contacts until nightfall, broke contact, and withdrew under cover of darkness.

After analyzing the foregoing, certain facts become obvious.

- (1) That normal air/artillery preparation fires will not destroy VC prepared fortifications and entrenchments, and that, if tangible results are to be realized, extensive use of heavy ordnance with delay fuzes must be employed, followed by napalm and/or white phosphorous.
- (2) That more extensive use must be made of chemical irritants to "drive" VC defenders from prepared positions to include delivery by artillery and/or air.
- (3) That artillery and/cr air must be employed to "seal off" defended hamlet during daylight to prevent withdrawal of VC.
- (4) That it is necessary, if the VC are to be prevented from breaking contact and withdrawing under cover of darkness, that patrols and/or ambush positions be established on all routes of egress from hamlets prior to darkness. This does not mean by "sealing off" objective area by other battalion, as is now standard procedure, but rather by establishment of "close-in" ambush positions by the company or battalion engaged. This means each



battalion should have a minimum of three companies. The establishment of these ambushes by cross-country movement, at best, because of time and distance factors or enemy fire, can prove difficult, if not impossible; thus, the solution demands, on occasion, emplacing "close-in" ambush positions by helicopter even though the total air distance traveled might only be a matter of 500 to 1,000 meters.

b. The next most significant observation to be drawn from Operation TEXAS, and the same was applicable for Operation UTAH and DOUBLE EAGLE also, is that, as a general rule, the VC do not defend the "high ground". This observation is significant in terms of selection of helicpter landing zones.

The most critical phase of any helicopterborne assault is the seizure and securing of the landing zone. Thus, it follows that the less enemy combat during the initial phases of the landing, the greater the chances of success and the less loss in terms of men and helicopters.

Accordingly, it is recommended that serious consideration be directed to the selection of "high ground" as helicopter landing zones if the distance from zone to objective is not excessive. This is considered significant due to the fact that in recent operations, selected landing zones—in low flat rice paddies, etc.—have been subjected to intense heavy small arms and mortar fire with a resultant increase in friendly casualties. It is realized, of course, that the use of high ground in most instances will restrict the number of helicopers that can land simultaneously, but it is considered appropriate to note that in the vast majority of helicopterborne assaults—except for the initial wave—helicopters land in sections of two to four. Thus, the use of "high ground" as a landing zone would not appreciably reduce rapid build—up in the zone.

15. Recommendations. Specific recommendations drawn for experience gained from Operation TEXAS are delineated in those paragraphs dealing with the problem area (i.e. Communications, etc).

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