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Encl: ✓(1) January 1968 Command Chronology
✓(2) January 1968 Situation Reports

✓(3) A/ARpt Opns County Fairs

1. In accordance with references (a), (b) and (c), enclosures (1)
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 January 1968 to 31 January 1968

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PART I
ORGANIZATION DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein) 1-4 Jan: LtCol Robert L. SHUFORD

5-31 Jan: LtCol Robert E. HAEBEL

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Company, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion 1-31 Jan: Capt Michael R. GARDENER

Company "A", 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion 1-31 Jan: Major William H. KEITH

Company "B", 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion 1-25 Jan: Capt Charles R. SMITH Jr.

26-31 Jan: Major Joseph F. MOLINEAUX

Jr.

ATTACHED UNITS1st Plt, Company "B", 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion OPCON 3d Amphibian
Tractor Battalion (Rein)2. PERIOD COVERED/LOCATION: 1-31 January 1968: Da Nang, Viet Nam3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

1-31 Jan: Major Raymond R. BERLING

S-1

1-31 Jan: 1stLt Bernard G. BOWYER

S-2

1-31 Jan: 1stLt John D. JURCZAK

S-3

1-31 Jan: Major Pat S. GALLIGAN

S-4

1-31 Jan: Major Frank C. CEACE

S-5

1-31 Jan: 1stLt Denton A. DOVE

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC	
OFF	ENL
26	562

USN	
OFF	ENL
3	10

OTHER	
OFF	ENL
None	None

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PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the reporting period the Battalion continued its support of the 5th and 7th Marine Regiments and 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines. Technique of employment consisted of one platoon in support of each infantry Battalion in the DaNang TAOR, except 2/7 which is supported by a section and 3/5 which has no LVT's. On 14 January 1968 the 4th Platoon of Company "B" and the Company Command Group (-) was dispatched to join the 3rd Platoon of Company "B" at the 2nd ROKMC Brigade Headquarters, vicinity of Hoi An. On 17 January 1968 two LVTEL's were dispatched for the support of the 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines. On 18 January 1968 five LVTP5A1's of Company "A" were dispatched by LSU for the support of Task Force X-Ray.

During the reporting period the Battalion participated in two county fair type operations with Popular and ARVN Forces in the Battalion AOR. The results of these operations are included in the Intelligence Summary and attached Situation Reports.

On 30 January 1968 the Battalion provided one LVTP5A1 Platoon and two Provisional Infantry Platoons for direct support of the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines. The results of the Battalions participation during the support of 3/5 are included in the Intelligence Summary and attached Situation Reports.

During the reporting period the Battalion had an average of 58 LVT's committed daily in general support of the First Marine Division. The missions and the number performed by the Battalion were: resupply (129), patrol (73), waterway denial and river patrol (4), blocking force (16), county fair (6), Med Evac (15), MedCap force (1), reaction force (26), search and destroy (10), security (52), administrative (11), recovery (19), mine sweep (31), troop movement (22). During the reporting period the LVTEL's fired 6 line charges. Vehicle utilization averaged 8.4 hours per day, carrying an average of 23 persons and 751 pounds of cargo per day.

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PART III
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. TOPICS

a. Personnel and Administration

(1) The personnel status as of 31 January 1968 was category II with a projection of remaining in a low category II provided projected replacements arrive on schedule.

(2) During the reporting period 1 Marine Corps Officer, 1 Navy Officer, 63 Marine Corps Enlisted and 0 Navy Enlisted rotated to CONUS. 1 Marine Corps Officer, 2 Navy Officers, 54 Marine Corps Enlisted and 2 Navy Enlisted replacements were received.

(3) During the reporting period the Battalion had the following casualties: -0- KIA and 28 WIA

(4) During the reporting period the Battalion had 4 extensions of overseas tours, 1 extension of enlistment, 6 new enrollments in MCI Courses and maintained a savings bond participation of 65%.

(5) There were no significant administrative problems encountered during the reporting period.

b. Intelligence

(1) Battalion S-2 conducted normal administrative and combat intelligence operations during the reporting period. An area intelligence estimate was completed and forwarded to Division G-2 on 16 January 1968.

(2) The Battalion had 11 LVT's mined during the reporting period. In seven days from the 14th to the 21st seven LVT's detonated enemy mines. Of the 11 LVT's, seven were repairable and four were combat losses.

(3) During the reporting period the Battalion had a total of 19 contacts. They consisted of 11 mining incidents, 5 sniper incidents and 3 ambushes.

(4) Two booby traps were uncovered by the Battalions patrols during the reporting period. They were as follows:

(A) A stake driven into the ground with propaganda leaflets attached. The stake was booby trapped with one M26 grenade which detonated instantaneously when the stake was moved.

(B) A point man using a probe found a punji pit covered with a woven bamboo top that was covered over with dirt. Inspection revealed a trip wire inside the pit. A grappling hook was used to uncover the pit which contained one 81 MM mortar round that was rigged.

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as a booby trap. The pit and mortar round were destroyed.

(5) During the reporting period the Battalion participated in two county fair type operations with Popular and ARVN Forces in our AOR. The results of these operations are as follows:

(A) Operation commencing 180600HJan68 and terminating at 190700HJan68 produced the following: fifteen illegal residents, twenty-six Viet Cong suspects (3 of which wore clothing of Buddhist Monks), eleven draft dodgers and one confirmed VC who was an infrastructure chief with an additional duty as a finance officer.

(B) Operation commencing 261745HJan68 and terminating 271000HJan68 produced the following: four VC suspects, one draft dodger, and one K-50 magazine containing twenty-nine rounds. Magazine was given to AmTrac Blocking Force by a Vietnamese child. Child was given a reward of 200 piasters.

(6) On 30 January 1968 the Battalion provided two provisional infantry platoons and one LVTP5A1 Platoon for support of the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines at coordinates 050720. The LVT's and infantry platoons were used to sweep and as a blocking force. During the operation the Battalion accounted for 6 VC KIA and 12 probable VC KIA. The Battalion apprehended 132 suspects, 9 of which were confirmed VC. The following weapons and equipment were captured: 10 AK-47 rifles, 5 SKS 7.62 MM rifles, 1 caliber 38 pistols, 1 caliber 45 pistol, 2 30 caliber (US) carbines, 1 M14 rifle, 1 M16 rifle, 2 K-50 rifles, 1 7.62 MM Degtyarev Squad Light Machine Gun, 3 B-40 rockets, 11 Chinese Communist 60 MM mortar rounds, 2 US 60 MM mortar rounds, 10 M-26 grenades, 65 Chinese Communist and VC (Homemade) grenades, assorted web gear, assorted papers and documents and approximately 2,000 rounds of assorted ammunition.

(7) During the reporting period the Battalion conducted in excess of 130 squad size patrols, and 20 platoon size patrols within our AOR. Squad size operations were conducted during daylight and darkness with platoon size operations being mainly at night.


c. Training

(1) Formal training was conducted throughout the reporting period in conjunction with operational commitments. Troops attended classes on the following subjects:

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- (a) Map reading and use of a compass
 - (b) Conduct of patrols
 - (c) Operations against guerilla forces
 - (d) Mines and booby traps
 - (e) M-16 Training; care, cleaning and firing
 - (f) Weapons safety, training; individual and crew served weapons
 - (g) Personal Response
 - (h) Marijuana indoctrination


(2) OJT and normal maintenance procedures were conducted during the reporting period.

(3) On 20 January 1968 a one hour class was held for all sergeants and above on NCO Fitness Reports.

d. Battalion personnel attended the following schools during the reporting period:

- (1) Embarkation Instruction (1stMarDiv)
 - (a) One Enlisted 2-5Jan68
- (2) Embarkation Course (Enlisted) (Okinawa)
 - (a) One Enlisted 6Jan-6Feb68
- (3) Embarkation Course (Officer) (Okinawa)
 - (a) One Officer 6Jan-6Feb68
- (4) NCO Leadership School (1stMarDiv)
 - (a) One Enlisted 8-20Jan68
 - (b) One Enlisted 29Jan-10Feb68

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(5) SNCO Leadership School (1stMarDiv)

(a) One SNCO 15-20Jan68

(6) NCO Leadership School (Okinawa)

(a) One Enlisted 13Jan-12Feb68

(7) Officers Leadership School (1stMarDiv)

(a) One Officer 29Jan-3Feb68

(8) Crypto Security Course (Japan)

(a) One Enlisted

(9) Land Mine Warfare (1stMarDiv)

(a) Six Enlisted 28Jan-1Feb68

(10) Motor Transport Maintenance Assistance Course (1stMarDiv)

(a) One Enlisted 27Jan-29Jan68

(11) Personal Response Course

(a) Two Officers

e. Special Operations

(1) Enclosure (2) contains the Battalion's Situation Reports for 1 - 31 January 1968.

f. Logistics

(1) Significant Events: The most significant problem facing the logistical posture of the Battalion during January occurred as the result of enemy mine activity and the resulting loss of operational LVT's. During the reporting period, 11 LVT's were damaged of which 4 are being coded out as combat losses. At one point, 7 LVT's were damaged in 7 days. The frequency of these mining incidents placed a heavy burden on maintenance personnel and compounded the short supply of critical suspension repair parts. The current skills required to repair these vehicles has reached a high level but the nature of equipment required, availability of necessary repair parts to effect repair and the location of the LVT's at the time of the mining incidents are key factors in the time-length required to restore the LVT's to operational status.

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(2) Maintenance Situations: In order to preclude the Battalion attaining a C-3 status as a result of increased deadline, the following steps were taken and are in effect:

(A) All LVT components at 3d echelon repair at FLC were nominated for Red Ball during the period.

(B) Additional maintenance personnel were obtained from Ordnance Maintenance Company, 1st Force Service Regiment.

(C) Welding equipment that became deadlined was placed on Red Ball.

(D) Battalion maintenance assets were pooled to remove from deadline those LVT's with the least damage and priorities for repair were established.

(E) All supply items required were resubmitted as Priority 02 "Walk-throughs".

(F) Selective interchange policy was followed.

(G) A Battalion Maintenance team has been formed to concentrate on repair of mined vehicles thereby utilizing the best skills available.

(3) Although all measures have been taken to remain in C-2, this posture is directly related to the frequency of mining incidents and resultant combat losses. This Battalion remains 20 LVT's short of authorized T/E.

g. Civic Action

(1) During the reporting period a water pump was purchased from local sources for the Church of Christ Orphanage in DaNang. The Battalion S-5 has sufficient plumbing equipment on hand to complete the shower system in the orphanage in the near future, tactical situation permitting. The orphanage was given ten pounds of food, 35 pounds of clothing, 200 bars of soap and approximately fifty toys during the reporting period. TET toys, food, clothing and school supplies will be delivered to the orphanage as soon as the tactical situation permits. On 14 January 1968 nine volunteers from the Battalion worked at the orphanage erecting a tower and tank for the shower and a septic tank for the shower run-off.

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(2) The following is a daily chronology of significant S-5 activities:

(a) 18-19Jan68, a County Fair Operation with Hoa Vang Sub Sector. S-5 supplied 1,000 pounds of rice, 700 gallons of water and two GP tents for PSYOPS. The 244th PSYOPS Company showed 3 hours of pro-government films and cartoons.

(b) 23Jan68, a ceremony was held to celebrate the closing of the Nui Kim Son School for TET. The 244th PSYOPS Company showed 2½ hours of cartoons and pro-government films at the EM Club.

(c) 24Jan68, 250 toys were given to the village chief of Nui Kim Son for distribution to children for TET.

(d) 27Jan68, a County Fair Operation with Hoa Vang Sub Sector. S-5 supplied 700 gallons of water.

(3) During the reporting period 7 villagers of Nui Kim Son were evacuated to the USAID Hospital, 3 adults, 3 children and 1 baby. 738 persons were treated, 3,925 bars of soap, 2 loads of fire wood, 650 toys, 60 pounds of food and 105 pounds of clothes were distributed. The repairing and paving of the road through the village of Nui Kim Son is approximately 20% complete.

h. Communications

(1) The Communications Section was inspected by the First Marine Division Inspection Team on 29 January 1968. The overall rating was satisfactory with minor discrepancies present. No significant problem areas were encountered.

(2) The final modification of LVT's of the Battalion to the VRC radio system was completed on 26 January 1968 enabling LVT's to have an increased radio range and improved communication facilities with the addition of a radio circuit solely for the use of embarked infantry units. LVT's now have the capability of monitoring three radio circuits at one time or transmitting on any one of ten pre-set channels.

(3) On 17 January 1968 the battalion converted to the Division wire circuit from radio relay, improving the battalions telephone/teletype communications. The battalion gained a direct circuit to III MAF and two circuits to the First Marine Division in addition to the teletype circuit.

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CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. Subordinate Unit Commands' Chronologies are incorporated in this report.

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SITREP 01 010001HJAN68 TO 022400HJAN68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS:

A. AT 012105HJAN68 AT COORD 079692 SQUAD SIZE PATROL RECEIVED ONE (1) ROUND SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM SNIPER AT COORD 079692. ONE (1) USMC WAS WIA EVAC. SQUAD RETURNED ONE M26 HAND GRENADE. NEG RESULTS.

B. AT 021520HJAN68 AT COORD 883824 LVTP5 (3-A-02) DETONATED JERRY MINE. MINE ESTIMATED 45-50 POUNDS. TRACTOR TOWED TO HILL 190 FAH COMPOUND. TWO USMC WIA (ONE EVAC).

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
5. CASUALTIES: USMC
3 WIA (2 EVAC)

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 SITREP 02 030001 TO 042400HJAN68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: NONE
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: CORRECTION TO SITREP 010001HJAN68 TO 022400HJAN68:
 PART 3 A. AT 012105 AT COORD 079692 SQUAD SIZE PATROL WAS SETTING IN
 A HASTY AMBUSH. UNKNOWN TO THE PATROL THE POINT MAN WHO WAS SUPPOSED
 TO BE LOCATED WITH THE FIRST FIRE TEAM STRAYED APPROXIMATELY 30 METERS
 IN FRONT OF THE AMBUSH. THE PATROL SPOTTED MOVEMENT OF THE POINT MAN
 WHO MISTAKING HIM FOR A VC THREW ONE M-26 GRENADE AND FIRED ONE ROUND
 5.56MM HITTING THE POINT MAN IN THE ARM AND BACK. MARINE WAS A MED
 EVAC. IN AN ATTEMPT TO CONCEAL THE NATURE OF THE INCIDENT THE PATROL
 LEADER SUBMITTED A FALSE SPOT REPORT. REALIZING HIS ERROR THE PATROL
 LEADER THEN CORRECTED HIS ERRONEOUS SPOT REPORT THE NEXT AFTERNOON.
 AN INFORMAL INVESTIGATION IS BEING CONDUCTED INTO THE CIRCUMSTANCES.
5. CASUALTIES: NONE

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SICREP 03 050001 TO 052400HJAN68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS:

A. AT 050800HJAN68 AT COORD 079699 U. S. NAVY 6X6 TRUCK DETONATED ENEMY MINE ESTIMATED AT FORTY (40) POUNDS. SENT DOCTOR AND AMBULANCE TO ASSIST. EIGHT (8) USN WERE KIA (EVAC) (2 MAJOR & 6 MINOR). TRUCK WAS DESTROYED.

B. AT 051400HJAN68 AT COORD 093688 LVTP5 (3-B-44) DETONATED ENEMY MINE WHILE PATROLLING. LVT WAS DESTROYED. LVT TOWED TO FUDGECAKE CP. NO CASUALTIES. MINE ESTIMATED AT 75 POUNDS.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. AT 041320HJAN68 24 LVTP5 & 2 LVT E-1 DEPARTED THIS CP FOR STAGING IN PREPARATION FOR OPERATIONS WITH 5TH MARINE REGIMENT. VEHICLES STAGED AT 2/3 CP.

B. AT 051400HJAN68 LTCOL ROBERT E. HAEBEL RELIEVED LTCOL ROBERT L. SHUFORD AS COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE 3D AMPTRON.

5. CASUALTIES: USN 8 USN (6 MINOR & 2 MAJOR)

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 SITREP 04 060000Z TO 062400ZJAN68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: NONE
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: AT 061258ZJAN68 AT COORD 081714 THREE NUNGS FROM ARMY SPECIAL FORCES CAMP WERE SWIMMING AND WERE CAUGHT IN A RIP TIDE. THREE U. S. ARMY PERSONNEL ATTEMPTED TO RESCUE THE NUNGS WITH AIR MATTRESSES. UPON REACHING THEM, ALL SIX WERE PULLED OUT TO SEA AND TO THE SOUTH. WHEN THEY WERE SEEN BY FUDGECAKE PERSONNEL TWO LVT'S WERE DISPATCHED FROM FUDGECAKE OP TO THE SCENE. ONE LVT WITH FIVE FUDGECAKE PERSONNEL ABOARD ENTERED THE SURF WHILE THE OTHER LVT REMAINED AS BEACH RESCUE. AFTER SEVERAL PASSES THROUGH THE SURF THE LVT SUCCEEDED IN PICKING UP THREE U. S. ARMY PERSONNEL AND TWO NUNGS. ALL PERSONNEL WERE RETURNED TO SHORE. ONE NUNG WAS PRESUMED TO HAVE DROWNED.
5. CASUALTIES: CIVILIAN
 1 DROWNED (NON BATTLE)

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SITREP 04 070001 TO 072400HJAN68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: AT 070045HJAN68 AT COORD 086702 THREE M-26 GRENADES WERE THROWN BY ONE VC FROM INSIDE PERIMETER WIRE AT BUNKER #6 ON OCEANSIDE OF PERIMETER. TWO OF THE THREE MEN ON BUNKER RECEIVED MINOR WOUNDS. SENTRY ON WATCH OBSERVED ONE VC AND FIRED 18 ROUNDS WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS AFTER THE VC HAD THROWN THE 3 GRENADES NARROWLY MISSING THE SENTRY. SQUAD SIZED REACTION FORCE WITH SENTRY DOG SWEEP AREA WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. AT 070700HJAN68 AN ADDITIONAL SWEEP WAS CONDUCTED OF THE AREA IMMEDIATELY SURROUNDING BUNKER #6. FIVE M-26 GRENADES WERE FOUND RIGGED WITH COMM WIRE IN A SAND BAG SO AS TO BE USED AS A BOOBY TRAP. AT 070135 BATTALION WENT ON 100% ALERT DUE TO QUEBEC ONE, GOLF 6 AND GOLF 7 RECEIVING SMALL ARMS FIRE. NEW LIEF HAMLET RECEIVED TWO M-26 GRENADES FROM UNKNOWN NUMBER OF VC. ACTION CEASED AT 0720. BATTALION SECURED FROM ALERT AT 0730.
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
5. CASUALTIES: USMC
2 WIA

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SITREP 05 000001 TO 082400HJAN68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: AT 072200HJAN68 AT COORD 076708 ONE M-26 HAND GRENADE WAS THROWN AT FIRE TEAM SIZE ROAD PATROL BY VC LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 50 METERS SOUTH OF ABOVE COORD. PATROL RETURNED 40 ROUNDS 5.56MM./NEGATIVE RESULTS. NO CASUALTIES.
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: AT 071900HJAN68 FUDGECAKE RECEIVED MESSAGE FROM GOLF 6 STATING THAT 10 POPULAR FORCES PERSONNEL WERE REMOVED BY HOA-VANG DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS. AT 072100HJAN68 FUDGECAKE SENT RIFLE SQUAD TO REINFORCE GOLF 6.
5. CASUALTIES: NONE

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1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS:
 - A. AT 092145H JAN 68 AT COORD 077698 A VC THREW ONE HAND GRENADE AT SQUAD SIZE PATROL WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. PATROL FIRED ONE ROUND AT THE VC AS HE RAN TOWARDS HAMLET. PATROL GAVE CHASE BUT LOST THE MAN. PATROL ENTERED HAMLET: FOUND ONE MAN BREATHING HARD JUST OUTSIDE OF A HOUSE. MAN WAS DETAINED AND TURNED OVER TO 13TH ITT AT 2/3. MAN WAS TURNED LOOSE AS AN INNOCENT CIVILIAN.
 - B. AT 100800Z JAN 68 MINE SWEEP TEAM AT COORD 078695 RECEIVED TWO ROUNDS OF SNIPER FIRE FROM COORD 078695. NO CASUALTIES. NO ACTION WAS TAKEN. TWO UNARMED VIETNAMESE MALES WERE SEEN RUNNING FROM THE AREA.
 - C. AT 101145H JAN 68 AT COORD 078695 QUEBEC ONE RECEIVED FIVE ROUNDS OF SNIPER FIRE FROM COORD 078695. NO CASUALTIES. NO ACTION TAKEN.
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
5. CASUALTIES: NONE

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1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: NONE
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. AT 120000HJAN68 VILLAGERS FROM AN TRA(1) BROUGHT ONE MALE VC SUSPECT TO QUEBEC ONE CP. SUSPECT HAD GUNSHOT WOUNDS. SUSPECT WAS TURNED OVER TO FUDGECAKE 2 AND QUESTIONED BY AN INTERPRETER. SUSPECT CLAIMED TO BE A FISHERMAN. SUSPECT SAID HE WAS SHOT WHILE IN HIS BOAT AT 101700HJAN68 AT COORD 078690 ON THE SAN CAN BIEN RIVER. INTERPRETER STATES MAN WAS NOT A FISHERMAN AS HE HAD SOFT HANDS WITHOUT CALLUSES. SUSPECT WAS TAKEN TO NSA HOSPITAL. 13TH ITT NOTIFIED.

B. AT 121435HJAN68 AT COORD 085703 PERIMETER BUNKER REPORTED THAT AN INJURED VIETNAMESE WOMAN HAD BEEN BROUGHT TO THEIR POSITION BY TWO VIETNAMESE WOMEN. AN AMBULANCE WAS DISPATCHED AND THE INJURED WOMAN AND COMPANIONS WERE BROUGHT TO FUDGECAKE BAS. IT WAS DISCOVERED THAT THE WOMAN HAD A BULLET WOUND IN HER RIGHT SIDE AND WAS IN CRITICAL CONDITION. WOUNDED WOMAN WAS TAKEN TO NSA HOSPITAL BUT DIED ENROUTE.

5. CASUALTIES: NONE

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SITREP ~~08 130001~~ TO 142400HJAN68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
- CONTACTS:

A. AT 141340HJAN68 AT COORD 129629 LVTP-5 (3-B-44) DETONATED ENEMY MINE ESTIMATED AT 60 POUNDS WHILE MOVING FROM FUDGECAKE CP TO BRAVO 3 CP. LVT RECEIVED PORT SIDE HULL DAMAGE AND # 1 AND 2 ROAD WHEELS DESTROYED. TWO MINOR CASUALTIES (NO MED EVAC'S). LVT ~~ENGINE~~ TOWED TO BRAVO 3 CP.

B. AT 141350HJAN68 AT COORD 129629 LVTP-5 (3-B-45) DETONATED ENEMY MINE ESTIMATED AT 60 POUNDS WHILE MOVING FROM FUDGECAKE CP TO BRAVO 3 CP. LVT HAD # 1 AND 2 ROAD WHEELS DESTROYED ON PORT SIDE. LVT ~~ENGINE~~ TOWED TO BRAVO 3 CP. TWO MINOR CASUALTIES (NO MED EVAC'S).

C. AT 141510HJAN68 AT COORD ~~080605~~ POINT MAN FROM FUDGECAKE SQUAD SIZE PATROL USING A PROBE DISCOVERED A COVERED PUNJI PIT. PIT WAS UNCOVERED AND CONTAINED ONE 81 MM MORTAR ROUND. TRIP WIRES WERE FOUND INSIDE PIT. DESTROYED BOOBY TRAP AND PIT WITH ONE (1) M-26 HAND GRENADE. NO CASUALTIES.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: AT ¹⁴151215HJAN68 THE COMPANY COMMAND GROUP (-) AND THE 4TH PLATOON OF COMPANY "B" DEPARTED FUDGECAKE CP ENROUTE TO JOIN THE 3RD PLATOON OF COMPANY "B" AT 1ST ROKMC BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS AT NOI AN. COMPANY "B" (-) WILL BE IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF THE 1ST ROKMC BRIGADE. SUPPORT WILL CONSIST OF COMPANY HEADQUARTERS (-), 3RD AND 4TH PLATOONS WITH A TOTAL OF 2 LVTP-5 (CMD) 20 LVTP-5 AND 2 LVT-1. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS WILL BE PROVIDED BY THIS HEADQUARTERS AS REQUIRED. LVT'S ARRIVED AT 141755HJAN68 AND WILL PROVIDE REQUIRED SUPPORT COMMENCING IMMEDIATELY.
5. CASUALTIES: USMC VEHICLES DAMAGED ENROUTE WILL BE REPAIRED BY
4 WIA NE CONTACT TEAM ASAP.

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 SITREP 09 150001 TO 152400Z JAN68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: AT 151720Z JAN68 AT COORD 079697 U. S. NAVY PUBLIC WORKS THREE (3) TON TRUCK HIT ENEMY MINE 200 METERS NORTH FROM QUEBEC ONE ON OLD FRENCH ROAD. MINE WAS ESTIMATED AT 50 POUNDS, PLASTIC TYPE. MINE WAS COMMAND DETONATED. WIRES WERE FOUND AT SCENE. VIETNAMESE CIVILIAN WORKERS WHO RECEIVED MINOR INJURIES REPORTED SEEING SEVEN OR EIGHT VC WITH WEAPONS GOING SOUTH FROM THE SCENE OF THE EXPLOSION. PERIMETER BUNKER AT QUEBEC ONE CONFIRMED THIS. VC REPORTEDLY FIRED ONE M-79 ROUND AT RESCUE PARTY BEFORE HEADING SOUTH TOWARDS AN TRA (1). FUDGECAKE SENT CORPSMEN AND AMBULANCE TO SCENE AND CALLED ANDREW FOR BIRD DOG OBSERVATION AIRCRAFT. AIRCRAFT OBSERVED AREA IN IMMEDIATE VICINITY WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. ONE VIETNAMESE CIVILIAN WORKER WAS KILLED, FIVE VIETNAMESE WORKERS WERE INJURED AND ONE U. S. NAVY PERSONNEL WAS WOUNDED. WOUNDED AND DEAD WERE TAKEN TO NSA HOSPITAL. EOD CAME TO SCENE TO SEARCH FOR POSSIBLE OTHER MINES. MINED VEHICLE DESTROYED AND COULD NOT BE TOWED FROM SIGHT AT PRESENT. EOD PLACED BOOBY TRAPS ON MINED VEHICLE.
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
5. CASUALTIES: NONE

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 SITREP ~~010 160000~~1 TO 172400Z JAN 68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS:

A. AT 170845Z JAN 68 AT COORD 928625 LVTP-5 (3-A-18) DETONATED ENEMY MINE ESTIMATED AT 50 POUNDS WHILE ON MINE SWEEP. MINE IS BELIEVED TO BE OF A NEW TYPE OF EXPLOSIVE PLACED IN A BOX TYPE MINE WHICH A MINE SWEEP WILL NOT DETECT. EXPLOSIVE SUBSTANCE IS HARD, BLOCK SHAPED AND WHITE LIKE GRANITE IN COLOR. LVT HAD NUMBER ONE THRU NUMBER FOUR ROAD WHEEL ASSEMBLIES BLOWN OFF. LVT WAS SHORT TRACKED AND RETURNED TO HILL TEN UNDER ITS OWN POWER. TWO USMC RECEIVED MINOR WOUNDS.

B. AT 170900Z JAN 68 AT COORD 098554 SEVEN LVT'S CONDUCTING TROOP MOVEMENT RECEIVED APPROXIMATELY 350 ROUNDS OF SEMI-AUTOMATIC AND AUTOMATIC SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM AN UNKNOWN SIZE ENEMY FORCE LOCATED AT COORD 098550. LVT'S RETURNED APPROXIMATELY 300 ROUNDS OF CAL .50 AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE. ONE USMC WAS WOUNDED AND MED EVAC, THREE KOREAN MARINES WERE ALSO WOUNDED (MINOR).

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
5. CASUALTIES: USMC
3 WIA (1 EVAC)

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 SITREP ~~010~~ 16~~00~~01 TO 1724~~00~~01 JAN68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS:

A. AT 17~~08~~45HJAN68 AT COORD 928625 LVTP-5 (3-A-18) DETONATED ENEMY MINE ESTIMATED AT 5~~0~~ POUNDS WHILE ON MINE SWEEP. MINE IS BELIEVED TO BE OF A NEW PLASTIC TYPE OF EXPLOSIVE PLACED IN A BOX TYPE MINE WHICH A MINE SWEEP WILL NOT DETECT. EXPLOSIVE SUBSTANCE IS HARD, BLOCK SHAPED AND WHITE LIKE GRANITE IN COLOR. LVT HAD NUMBER ONE THRU FOUR ROAD WHEEL ASSEMBLIES BLOWN OFF. LVT WAS SHORT TRACKED AND RETURNED TO HILL TEN UNDER ITS OWN POWER. TWO USMC RECEIVED MINOR WOUNDS.

B. AT 17~~09~~00HJAN68 AT COORD ~~09~~8554 SEVEN LVT'S CONDUCTING TROOP MOVEMENT RECEIVED APPROXIMATELY 35~~0~~ ROUNDS OF SEMI-AUTOMATIC AND AUTOMATIC FIRE FROM AN UNKNOWN SIZE ENEMY FORCE LOCATED AT COORD ~~09~~855~~0~~. LVT'S RETURNED APPROXIMATELY 3~~00~~ ROUNDS OF CAL .~~30~~ AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE. ONE USMC WAS WOUNDED AND MED EVAC, THREE KOREAN MARINES WERE ALSO WOUNDED (MINOR).

C. AT 1718~~30~~HJAN68 AT COORD ~~07~~57~~00~~⁵ FUDGEBAKE FIRE TEAM SIZE ROAD PATROL RECEIVED APPROXIMATELY

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40 ROUNDS OF SEMI-AUTOMATIC SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM APPROXIMATELY SIX TO EIGHT VC LOCATED AT THE EAST END OF MARBLE MOUNTAIN AT COORD 075705. PERIMETER BUNKERS AT FUDGECAKE CP RECEIVED APPROXIMATELY 30 ROUNDS OF SEMI-AUTOMATIC SMALL ARMS FIRE, CAP GOLF SIX RECEIVED APPROXIMATELY 20 ROUNDS OF SEMI-AUTOMATIC SMALL ARMS FIRE. VILLAGE PATROL AND BUNKERS RETURNED APPROXIMATELY 20 ROUNDS 5.56MM. AT 172000H JAN 68 PERIMETER BUNKER AND VILLAGE ROAD PATROL AT COORD 075708 RECEIVED 10 ADDITIONAL SEMI-AUTOMATIC ROUNDS OF SMALL ARMS FIRE. BUNKER AND ROAD PATROL RETURNED APPROXIMATELY 10 ROUNDS 5.56MM. BATTALION WAS PLACED ON 100% ALERT AT 171910H JAN 68. REACTION SQUAD WAS DISPATCHED AT 171900H JAN 68 TO FLANK VC POSITION ON EAST END OF MARBLE MOUNTAIN. VC BROKE CONTACT AT DARK PRIOR TO ARRIVAL OF REACTION SQUAD. REACTION SQUAD ORDERED TO TAKE UP AMBUSH POSITION AT EAST END OF MARBLE MOUNTAIN. SCHEDULED PATROLS DELAYED BY ATTACK WERE DEPLOYED AT 172030H JAN 68. NO CASUALTIES.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: COMMENCING AT 180600H JAN 68 ELEMENTS OF 3DANTRE WILL CONDUCT A JOINT COUNTY FAIR TYPE OPERATION WITH HOA VANG SUB SECTOR BY BLOCKING THE AREA SURROUNDING MARBLE MOUNTAIN, NUI KIM SON VILLAGE, BT 075705, ASSIST IN THE COLLECTION AND SCREENING OF LOCAL INHABITANTS, AND DIRECTLY SUPPORT PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS WHILE SEARCH TEAMS COMPOSED OF QC, SENTRY DOGS, POPULAR FORCES NATIONAL POLICE AND MP'S FROM THE FIRST MILITARY POLICE BATTALION SEARCH CHIN STRAP MOUNTAIN, COORD 075710, AND SURROUNDINGS FOR TUNNELS AND CAVES HIDING VC, THEIR WEAPONS,

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AND/OR SUPPLIES. THIS OPERATION WILL LAST
APPROXIMATELY TWENTY FOUR HOURS. SIGNIFICANT
EVENTS/DEVELOPMENTS WILL BE REPORTED AS THEY
OCCUR.

5. CASUALTIES: USMC
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SITREP 011 180001Z TO 182400ZJAN68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: AT 181025ZJAN68 AT COORD 123637 LVTP-5 (3-B-33) DETONATED ENEMY MINE ESTIMATED AT 70 POUNDS WHILE ON SECURITY MISSION. MINE WAS PRESSURE DETONATED AND LVT WAS THE FOURTH VEHICLE IN COLUMN. AREA WAS SEARCHED FOR ADDITIONAL MINES AND SECURITY WAS SET UP. LVT WAS TOWED TO 1ST ROKMC BRIGADE CP. NO CASUALTIES. LVT HAD NUMBERS 7, 8, & 9 ROAD WHEEL ASSEMBLIES BLOWN OFF, A FUEL CELL RUPTURED AND HULL DAMAGE ON PORT SIDE IN THE VICINITY OF THE ENGINE COMPARTMENT.
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
 - A. AT 171030ZJAN68 TWO LVTE-1'S DEPARTED FUDGECAKE CP FOR SUPPORT OF 3/7. LVTE-1'S ARRIVED AT 3/7 CP AT 171300ZJAN68. AT 180815ZJAN68 LVTE-1'S DEPARTED FOR PHO LAC #6 TO DESTROY ABANDONED 2/5 COMBAT BASE. OPERATION SHOULD TAKE APPROXIMATELY FOUR DAYS.
 - B. AT 181000ZJAN68 FIVE (5) LVT P-5'S OF CO "A" DEPARTED FUDGECAKE CP FOR SUPPORT OF TASK FORCE X-RAY, LVT'S ARE PRESENTLY AT NSA DOCKS AWAITING TRANSPORTATION BY LCU.
 - C. COUNTY FAIR TYPE OPERATION REPORTED ON SITREP 010 COMMENCED AT 180000ZJAN68. AS OF 181700ZJAN68 THIS OPERATION HAS PRODUCED THE FOLLOWING: ONE CONFIRMED VC WHO IS AN INFRA-STRUCTURE CHIEF WITH ADDITIONAL DUTY AS A FINANCE OFFICER; SEVENTEEN VC SUSPECTS WHO HAD EITHER IMPROPER ID OR PAPERS AND RELATIVES WHO WERE KNOWN VC; SEVEN DRAFT DODGERS; FIFTEEN ILLEGAL RESIDENTS. THREE OF THE VC SUSPECTS WORE CLOTHING OF BUDDHIST MONKS AND ONE WAS A KNOWN DRAFT DODGER. SEVERAL CAVES WERE ALSO FOUND.
5. CASUALTIES: NONE

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 SITREP 012 190001 TO 192400ZJAN68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE

3. CONTACTS: AT 182100ZJAN68 AT COORD 917834 TWO LVT'S ON REACTION FORCE CAME UNDER HEAVY AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE AND M-79 FIRE FROM VC LOCATED AT COORD 917834. LVT'S RECEIVED APPROXIMATELY 3000 ROUNDS OF AUTOMATIC SMALL ARMS FIRE AND FIFTEEN ROUNDS OF M-79 FIRE. LVT'S ASSAULTED THE ENEMY POSITION FIRING APPROXIMATELY 3,500 ROUNDS CAL .75 AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE AND 2,000 5.56MM. ASSAULT PRODUCED TWO VC KILLED (CONFIRMED), ONE AK-47 RIFLE, AND TWO MISCELLANEOUS PACKS CAPTURED. NO CASUALTIES TO LVT PERSONNEL.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. AT 190120ZJAN68 AT COORD 081700 PERIMETER BUNKER APPREHENDED ONE ELDERLY VIETNAMESE WOMAN WHO WAS WALKING ON THE BEACH. WOMAN HAD NO IDENTIFICATION AND WAS DETAINED AT FUDGECAKE CP. DETAINEE WAS TRANSPORTED TO 19TH ITT AT 190930ZJAN68 FOR INTERROGATION.

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B. COUNTY FAIR OPERATION REPORTED ON SITREP 010
TERMINATED AT 190700H JAN 68. AN ADDITIONAL NINE
VC SUSPECTS WERE FOUND AND FOUR DRAFT DODGERS
WERE FOUND FOR A TOTAL OF TWENTY SIX VC SUSPECTS
AND ELEVEN DRAFT DODGERS.

5. CASUALTIES: ENEMY:
2 VC KIA

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SITREP 013 200001 TO 202400 JAN 68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: AT 191700 JAN 68 TWO LVTP5A1'S WERE DISPATCHED FROM THE FIRST BOKMC BRIGADE CP TO AID FOUR LVTP5A1'S WHICH HAD BROKEN TRACK AND BECAME MIRRED IN THE MUD AT COORD 142526. AT 191700 JAN 68 AT COORD 111529 LVTP5A2 (3-B-46) DETONATED ENEMY MINE. MINE WAS ESTIMATED AT FIFTY POUNDS. LVTP5A1 WAS THE SECOND VEHICLE IN COLUMN. SECURITY WAS SET UP AND LVTP5A1 WAS TOWED TO FIRST BOKMC BRIGADE CP. LVTP5A1 HAD NUMBER ONE AND TWO ROAD WHEEL ASSEMBLIES BLOWN OFF AND THIRTY FIVE BLOCKS OF TRACK DESTROYED. ONE USMC WAS WOUNDED AND MED EVAC.
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: AT 191915 JAN 68 AT COORD 075708 FUDGESAKE FIRE TEAM SIZE ROAD PATROL APPREHENDED ONE VIETNAMESE MALE WHO WAS ROAMING AROUND HAMLET AFTER CURFEW. DETAINEE WAS TURNED OVER TO THIRTEENTH IFF FOR INTERROGATION.
5. CASUALTIES: USMC
1 WIA (EVAC)

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SITREP 014 210001 TO 212400Z JAN68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS:

A. AT 211125H JAN68 TWO LVTP5A1'S WERE DISPATCHED FROM THE FIRST ROKMC BRIGADE CP TO AID LVTP5A1'S WHICH WERE STUCK AT COORD 140528. AT 211145H JAN68 LVTP5A1 (3-B-49) WAS FOLLOWING ROKMC SWEEP TEAM DOWN TRAIL AT COORD 125525 WHEN THEY APPROACHED A HAMLET. ON EITHER SIDE OF THE TRAIL AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE HAMLET STOOD TWO PILLARS. THE MINE SWEEP TEAM SWEEPED THE AREA AROUND AND BETWEEN THE PILLARS WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. LVTP5A1 (3-B-49) ENTERED THE AREA BEHIND THE SWEEP TEAM AND DETONATED A MINE ESTIMATED AT FIFTY POUNDS. MINE EXPLODED EITHER UNDER OR IN THE PILLAR HITTING THE LVTP5A1 BROADSIDE. THE LVTP5A1 HAD NUMBERS ONE, TWO AND THREE ROAD WHEEL ASSEMBLIES BLOWN OFF, IDLER WHEEL ON PORT SIDE DESTROYED, RAMP ASSEMBLY DAMAGED, THIRTY BLOCKS OF TRACK DESTROYED AND THE HULL HIPPED ON THE PORT SIDE. THREE USMC WERE WOUNDED AND MED EVAC. SECURITY WAS SET UP AND DAMAGED LVTP5A1 WILL BE TOWED BACK TO FIRST ROKMC BRIGADE CP.

B. AT 211720H JAN68 AT COORD 122529 LVT'S WERE TOWING DAMAGED LVTP5A1 (3-B-49) TO FIRST ROKMC BRIGADE CP WHEN LVTP5A1 (3-B-410) WHICH WAS FOLLOWING IN TRACE OF LVT (3-B-49) DETONATED ENEMY MINE ESTIMATED AT FIFTY POUNDS. MINE WAS PROBABLY COMMAND DETONATED. SECURITY WAS SET UP AND LVT'S WILL REMAIN AT COORD 122529 UNTIL 22JAN68 WHEN THEY WILL RETURN TO FIRST ROKMC BRIGADE CP. TWO USMC WERE WOUNDED AND ONE ROKMC WAS WOUNDED. ALL WERE MED EVAC. LVTP5A1 HAD STARBOARD SKIRT BULGED, STARBOARD IDLER DAMAGED, FIFTEEN BLOCKS OF TRACK DESTROYED, NUMBERS ONE AND TWO ROAD WHEEL ASSEMBLIES BLOWN OFF. LVTP5A1 (3-B-410) IS REPAIRABLE.

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4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: AT 211550Z JAN 68 AT COORD 083693 FUDGECAKE SQUAD SIZE PATROL APPREHENDED ONE VIETNAMESE MALE WHO HAD A QUESTIONABLE IDENTIFICATION CARD. DETAINEE WAS BROUGHT TO FUDGECAKE CP AND WILL BE TURNED OVER TO THIRTEENTH ITT ON 22 JAN 68.

5. CASUALTIES: USMC ROKMC
5 WIA (EVAC) 1 WIA (EVAC)

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FM THIRD AMTRBN
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 SITREP 015 220001 TO 222400HJAN68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: NONE
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. AT 221225HJAN68 AT COORD 072700 FUDGECAKE CHECK POINT ON MSR ROAD (ROUTE THIRTEEN) APPREHENDED ONE VIETNAMESE MALE WHO HAD TWO ID CARDS WITH DIFFERENT PICTURES ON EACH CARD. DETAINEE WAS BROUGHT TO FUDGECAKE CP AND WILL BE TURNED OVER TO THIRTEENTH ITT.

B. AT 221815HJAN68 AT COORD 080695 ONE ELDERLY VIETNAMESE WOMAN CAME TO THE GATE AT SEA ANCHOR COMPLAINING THAT MARINES HAD BROKEN HER DISHES AND CRUSHED HER MELONS. SENTRY ON GATE RECOGNIZED THE WOMAN AS ONE WHO WAS PASSING OUT PROPAGANDA ON 26 DEC 1967. WOMAN WAS DETAINED AND WILL BE TURNED OVER TO THIRTEENTH ITT.

5. CASUALTIES: NONE

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SITREP 016 230001 TO 232400HJAN68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: NONE
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. AT 231200HJAN68 THE THIRD AMTRN CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION HOSTED APPROXIMATELY TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY VIETNAMESE SCHOOL CHILDREN FROM NUI KIM SON TO CELEBRATE THE CLOSING OF THE VILLAGE SCHOOL IN PREPARATION FOR TET. THE BATTALION CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION GAVE OUT TWENTY SCHOOL KITS TO THE OUTSTANDING STUDENTS, THIRTY GALLONS OF HOOL AID AS REFRESHMENT AND THE FIRST MARINE DIVISION PROVIDED A PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS TEAM. THE PSYOPS TEAM SHOWED ONE HOUR OF CARTOON FILMS AND ONE HOUR OF PRO-GOVERNMENT OF RVN FILMS.

B. AT 231400HJAN68 AT COORD 087691 FUDGECAKE SQUAD SIZE PATROL FOUND A STAKE WITH PROPAGANDA LEAFLETS ATTACHED. THE PATROL LEADER ATTACHED A GRAPLING HOOK TO THE STAKE AND PULLED THE STAKE DOWN. THE STAKE WAS BOOBY TRAPPED WITH ONE M-26 HAND GRENADE. THE GRENADE DETONATED INSTANTANEOUSLY. THE AREA WAS CHECKED FOR OTHER BOOBY TRAPS WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. THE STAKE WAS APPROXIMATELY THREE FEET HIGH. THERE WAS

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NO WAY OF TELLING HOW DEEP THE GRENADE WAS BURIED OR HOW IT WAS DETONATED. IT IS SIGNIFICANT TO NOTE THAT THE VC, AFTER HAVING PLACED SEVERAL STAKES OF THIS TYPE WITH PROPAGANDA LEAFLETS ATTACHED IN OUR AOR HAVE STARTED TO PLACE BOOBY TRAPS ON THE STAKES. THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES TO FUDGECAKE PERSONNEL.

5. CASUALTIES: NONE

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 TO CG FIRST MAR DIV
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 SITREP 017 240945Z TO 252400Z JAN68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS:

A. AT 240945Z JAN68 AT COORD 113608 LVT'S MOVING IN COLUMN RECEIVED A HEAVY VOLUME OF AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE FROM AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF VC LOCATED TWO HUNDRED METERS EAST OF ABOVE COORD. TROOPS WERE DEPLOYED FOR SECURITY, FIRE WAS RETURNED AND AREA WAS SEARCHED AND SWEEPED FOR MINES. ONE CARTRIDGE POUCH WAS FOUND, ONE LAAW, ONE 175 MM ROUND RIGGED AS A MINE FOR COMMAND DETONATION AND TWO 159MM ROUNDS RIGGED AS MINES FOR COMMAND DETONATION. THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES TO LVT PERSONNEL. MINES WERE DESTROYED IN PLACE.

B. AT 242215Z JAN68 GOLF SIX REPORTED THAT A VC HAD THROWN A HAND GRENADE INTO A HOUSE LOCATED IN NEW LIFE HAMLET OCCUPIED BY FOUR POPULAR FORCES PERSONNEL. THE GRENADE KILLED THE NCOIC OF THE LOCAL PF UNIT, WOUNDED THE ASSISTANT NCOIC, KILLED ONE OTHER PF AND WOUNDED ANOTHER. POPULAR FORCES PERSONNEL THEN PANICKED AND BEGAN FIRING INDISCRIMINATELY. VC BROKE CONTACT WITH NEW LIFE HAMLET AT 242230Z JAN68 FUDGECAKE CP RECEIVED APPROXIMATELY 260 ROUNDS OF SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF VC AT THE BASE OF MARBLE

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MOUNTAIN LOCATED AT COORD 074705. RETURNED APPROXIMATELY 210 5.50MM AND 50 ROUNDS CAL .30. GOLF SIX ALSO RECEIVED ROUNDS AT THIS TIME AND CALLED FOR A GUNSHIP AND TWO FLARE SHIPS. AT 242248HJAN68 GUN SHIP ON STATION FIRED A SHORT BURST ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF MARBLE MOUNTAIN AND AT 242304HJAN68 A FLARE TANK FROM GOLF SIX BURNED THE NORTH AND SOUTH SIDES OF MARBLE MOUNTAIN. LAST INCOMING ROUNDS WERE RECEIVED BY FUDGECAKE AT 250002HJAN68. NO USMC CASUALTIES.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE

5. CASUALTIES: NONE

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FM THIRD AMTRIN
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 SITREP 018 260001 TO 262400HJAN68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NOCHANGE
3. CONTACTS: AT 251930HJAN68 AT COORD 117624 LVT'S MOVING XXX IN COLUMN WHILE IN SUPPORT OF ROOMG OPERATIONS RECEIVED APPROXIMATELY TWENTY ROUNDS OF AUTOMATIC SNIPER FIRE FROM AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF VC LOCATED AT COORD 121624. LVT'S RETURNED APPROXIMATELY FIVE HUNDRED ROUNDS CAL .30 AND CONTINUED THE ROAD MARCH. NO USMC CASUALTIES.
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
 - A. AT 241800HJAN68 5 LVT'S AND A REINFORCED SQUAD DEPARTED FUDGECAKE CP FOR SUPPORT OF OPERATION NOAH. LVT'S PROVIDED A BLOCKING FORCE FROM COORD 044718 TO 050723. OPERATION SECURED AT 251200HJAN68 AND LVT'S RETURNED TO FUDGECAKE CP AT 251400HJAN68. THERE WERE NO CONTACTS DURING THE OPERATION.
 - B. COMMENCING AT 261745HJAN68 ELEMENTS OF THIRD AMTRIN WILL CONDUCT A JOINT COUNTY FAIR TYPE OPERATION WITH HOA VANG SUB SECTOR BY BLOCKING THE AREA FROM COORD 066703 WEST TO COORD 062714 WITH A REINFORCED INFANTRY PLATOON AND FIVE LVT'S. FUDGECAKE PERSONNEL WILL ASSIST PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS WHILE SEARCH TEAMS COMPOSED OF QC, SENTRY DOGS, POPULAR FORCES NATIONAL POLICE AND MP'S FROM FIRST MP BN SEARCH THE AREA OF COORD 063714, 071710, 071703 AND

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066702 FOR TUNNELS AND CAVES HIDING VC, THEIR
WEAPONS AND/OR SUPPLIES. THIS OPERATION WILL
LAST APPROXIMATELY TWENTY FOUR HOURS.
SIGNIFICANT EVENTS WILL BE REPORTED AS THEY OCCUR.

5. CASUALTIES: NONE

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SITREP 019 270001 TO 272400ZJAN68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: AT 271120ZJAN68 AT COORD 063661 LVT (3-B-12) ON RESUPPLY MISSION TO TU-BAU DETONATED AN ENEMY MINE ESTIMATED AT FORTY POUNDS. SECURITY WAS SET UP AND APPROXIMATELY FIFTY ROUNDS OF SMALL ARMS FIRE WAS RECEIVED FROM AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF VC LOCATED ON THE FLANKS OF THE LVT AT ABOVE COORD. LVT RETURNED APPROXIMATELY 100 ROUNDS 5.56MM AND M-48 TANK RETURNED APPROXIMATELY 200 ROUNDS CAL .30. ONE FUDGECAKE USMC RECEIVED MINOR WOUNDS AND ONE ANDREW USMC WAS WOUNDED AND MED EVAC. ACTION RESULTED IN ONE VC KIA AND THREE M26 GRENADES CAPTURED. DAMAGED LVT WILL BE RETURNED TO FUDGECAKE CP. LVT RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING DAMAGE: TO STARBOARD SIDE: NUMBERS EIGHT AND NINE ROAD WHEEL ASSEMBLIES BLOWN OFF, FUEL CELL RUPTURED AND FOUR SMALL HOLES IN THE HULL. LVT DID NOT BURN.

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4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. COUNTY FAIR OPERATION REPORTED ON SITREP #18 SECURED AT 271200HJANG68. OPERATION PRODUCED THE FOLLOWING: FOUR VC SUSPECTS AND ONE DRAFT DODGER. ONE AK-50 MAGAZINE BOX CONTAINING TWENTY NINE ROUNDS WAS TURNED OVER TO FUDGECAKE BLOCKING FORCE BY A VIETNAMESE CHILD. CHILD WAS GIVEN A REWARD OF 200 PIASTERS. THERE WERE NO CONTACTS OR CASUALTIES. FIRST MARDIV PSYOPS TEAM PLAYED FOUR HOURS OF PRO-GOVERNMENT TAPES AND SHOWED THREE HOURS OF CARTOONS AND PRO-GOVERNMENT FILMS. ONE THOUSAND GALLONS OF WATER WAS SUPPLIED FOR THE USE OF THE VILLAGERS.

B. AT 271200HJANG68 A SEMI-FORMAL LUNCHEON WAS HELD AT THE 3DANTHOM OFFICERS CLUB FOR THE VIETNAMESE EMPLOYEES, KIT CARSON SCOUTS, INTERPRETER AND LOCAL OFFICIALS FOR A JOB WELL DONE IN COMMEMORATION OF THE OCCASION OF TET. BEER, COKE, TET CAKES AND TET ENVELOPES WITH APPROPRIATE AMOUNTS OF MONEY WERE GIVEN TO THE THIRTY SIX VIETNAMESE PRESENT.

5. CASUALTIES:

USMC
1 KIA

VC
1 KIA

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FM THIRD AMTRBN
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 SITREP 020 280001 TO 292400HJAN68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: AS 281250HJAN68 AT COORD 107587 LVTP5 (3-B-31)
 RETURNING FROM RESUPPLY MISSION DETONATED AN ENEMY
 MINE ESTIMATED AT TWENTY POUNDS. SECURITY WAS SET
 UP, AREA SEARCHED FOR ADDITIONAL MINES WITH NEGATIVE
 RESULTS AND THE DAMAGED LVT WAS TOWED BACK TO SECOND
 ROKMC BRIGADE CP. LVT RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING DAMAGE:
 NUMBERS ONE AND TWO ROAD WHEELS BLOWN OFF ON STAR-
 BOARD SIDE AND TRACK BROKEN. NO USMC CASUALTIES.
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: AT 282340HJAN68 AT COORD 088694
 FUDGECAKE SQUAD SIZE PATROL FOUND A PUNJI PIT THAT
 WAS BOOBY TRAPPED WITH ONE M26 GRENADE. PIT WAS DESTROYED
 WITH ONE M26 GRENADE. AREA WAS CHECKED FOR FURTHER
 BOOBY TRAPS WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. NO USMC CASUALTIES.
5. CASUALTIES: NONE

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SITREP 21 300001Z JAN 68 TO 302400Z JAN 68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE

3. CONTACTS: AT 302315Z JAN 68, PC-16 REPORTED SINKING SIX US BOATS WHILE IN SUPPORT OF SWEEPING OPERATION AT VICINITY OF COORDINATES 050720 INTERMITTENT SHIPER FIRE RECEIVED THROUGHOUT THE DAY AND EVENING.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: AT 300830Z JAN 68 FUDOSCAKE WAS ASKED TO PROVIDE TWO PROVISIONAL INFANTRY PLATOONS AND ONE LVTP5 PLATOON FOR DIRECT SUPPORT OF TERRAPIN AT 300925Z JAN 68 TWO INF PLTS AND ONE LVTP5 PLT DEPARTED CP FOR OBJECTIVE AREA COORD 050720Z AT 301000Z JAN 68 FUDOSCAKE PROVIDED TWO 2 1/2 TON 6X6 TRUCKS AND A REACTION SQUAD TO ASSIST ARVN AT COORD 052698 WITH APPROXIMATELY 150 DETAINEES ROUNDED UP AS A RESULT OF EARLY MORNING SWEEP. REACTION SQUAD AND TRUCKS PROVIDED SECURITY FOR DETAINEES AND ACTED AS A SWEEPING FORCE FOR ADDITIONAL SWEEP. SWEEP FOUND 4 VIETNAMESE KIA AND 2 VIETNAMESE KIA AT COORD 045702 WITH APPROX 150 ROUNDED UP AS A RESULT OF EARLY MORNING SWEEP. REACTION SQUAD AND TRUCKS PROVIDED SECURITY FOR DETAINEES AND ACTED AS A SWEEPING FORCE FOR ADDITIONAL SWEEP. PEOPLE WERE APPARENTLY HIT BY HELICOPTER FIRE NIGHT BEFORE. ARVN RETAINED CUSTODY OF DETAINEES. FUDOSCAKE REQUESTED AND RECEIVED INTERPRETERS FROM 13TH ITT. AT 301030Z PROVISIONAL PLATOONS AND LVTP5 PLATOON WERE IN ASSIGNED BLOCKING POSITION. AT 301425Z JAN 68 A RESUPPLY RUN WAS MADE WITH ANOTHER REACTION SQUAD AND A SECTION OF LVTP5'S. RESUPPLY RUN CARRIED 13TH ITT TO PCY6 AT BLOCKING POSITION COORD 050720 TO INTERROGATE AN ADDITIONAL 132 VC SUSPECTS. REACTION SQUAD AND 13TH ITT RETURNED FUDOSCAKE CP WITH 61 MALES AND 55 FEMALES AND 26 VIETNAMESE CHILDREN AT 301815Z JAN 68. AS OF 310055Z JAN 68 13TH ITT IDENTIFIED 3 VC CAPTAINS AND 3 HAVLET GUERRILLAS OUT OF THE 132 DETAINEES HELD AT THIS CP. 13TH ITT ALSO IDENTIFIED THE VC UNIT AT COORD 055720 AS THE Q 15TH CO AND THE B 75TH CO. PLATOONS REMAIN IN SUPPORT OF TERRAPIN. NO CASUALTIES TO FUDOSCAKE PERSONNEL.

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SITREP 22 310001HJAN68 TO 312400HJAN68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: AT 300830HJAN68 FUDGECAKE WAS ASKED TO PROVIDE TWO PROVISIONAL INFANTRY PLATOONS AND ONE LVTPL5 PLATOON FOR DIRECT SUPPORT OF TERRAPIN AT 300900HJAN68. TWO INF PLTS AND ONE LVT PLT DEPARTED FUDGECAKE CP FOR OBJECTIVE AT COORD 050720. AT 301000HJAN68 FUDGECAKE PROVIDED TWO 2 1/2 TON TRUCKS AND A SQUAD TO ASSIST ARVN AT COORD 052698 WITH APPROXIMATELY 150 DETAINEES ROUNDED UP AS A RESULT OF AN EARLY MORNING SWEEP. SQUAD AND TRUCKS PROVIDED SECURITY FOR DETAINEES AND ACTED AS A SWEEPING FORCE FOR AN ADDITIONAL SWEEP. SWEEP FOUND FOUR VIETNAMESE KIA AND TWO VIETNAMESE WIA AT COORD 045700. APPROX 150 VCS ROUNDED UP AS A RESULT OF EARLY MORNING SWEEP. PEOPLE WERE APPARENTLY HIT BY HELICOPTER FIRE THE NIGHT BEFORE. ARVN RETAINED CUSTODY OF DETAINEES. FUDGECAKE REQUESTED AND RECEIVED INTERPRETERS FROM THIRTEENTH ITT. AT 301032HJAN68 FUDGECAKE INF BATOONS AND LVT PLT WERE IN ASSIGNED BLOCKING POSITION. AT 301425HJAN68 A RESUPPLY MISSION WAS MADE WITH A REACTION SQUAD AND A SECTION OF LVT'S. RESUPPLY RUN CARRIED THIRTEENTH ITT TO FC YANKEE SIX AT BLOCKING ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ POSITION AT COORD 050720. TO INTERROGATE AN ADDITIONAL 132 VCS. REACTION SQUAD AND 19TH ITT RETURNED TO FUDGECAKE CP WITH 61 MALES, 55 FEMALES AND 26 VIETNAMESE CHILDREN AT 301815HJAN68. 13TH ITT IDENTIFIED 3 VC CADRE AND 3 HAMLET GUERRILLA'S OUT

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THE 132 DETAINEES HELD AT THIS OP. 13TH ITT IDENTIFIED THE VC AT ³⁰¹⁷⁰⁰~~210000~~ HJAN68
 UNIT AN COORD 053724 AS THE Q 15TH AND COMPANY AND THE B FCY6 PROCEEDED TO THE
 7TH COMPANY. AT 310315HJAN68 FC YANKEE SIX REPORTED SQUAD HAD ALL FIVE
 THAT VC OVERHALL TERRAPIN'S RIGHT FLANK ON THE ISLAND AND REPORTED BY TERRAPIN
 WERE HEADING FOR THE RIVER. AT 311230HJAN68 FC YANKEE SIX REPORTED THAT A SWEEP WAS IN PROGRESS ON THE
 ISLAND LOCATED AT COORD 053724. AT 311600HJAN68 TO REPORTED TO BE IN PROGRESS
 FUDGECAKE YANKEE SIX REPORTED THE OPERATION WAS ON ISLAND
 TERMINATED AND LVT'S AND PERSONNEL WERE RETURNING
 TO FUDGECAKE OP. AT 311530HJAN68 AT COORD 914603
 LVT ON MED EVAC MISSION WITH ONE TANK RECEIVED FIRE
 FROM UNKNOWN SIZE VC FORCE LOCATED 100 METERS WEST
 OF ABOVE COORD. FIRE WAS RETURNED AND LVT CONTINUED
 ON MISSION. ONE USMC WOUNDED (MINOR).

B. AT 311620HJAN68 FC ALPHA 6 AND FOUR LVT'S DEPARTED
 FC OP WITH 18 FC PERSONNEL TO SEARCH FOR VC KIA'S
 AND WEAPONS AT COORD 044736. AT 311945HJAN68 REPORTED
 PICKING UP 20 VC BODIES, 2 WEAPONS, 1 HAND GRENADE
 & 1 B-40 ROCKET. LVT'S RECEIVED 8 INCOMING MORTAR ROUNDS

C. FOUR FUDGECAKE PERSONNEL WIA (MINOR)

D. SIX VC KIA (CONFIRMED)

E. 12 VC KIA (PROBABLE)

F. FOLLOWING ENEMY EQUIPMENT CAPTURED AT COORD 050720

- 3 1/2 3 AK-47 RIFLES (SERIAL NUMBERS 1005103, 9466639 & 123707)
 3 3/4 3 SKS 7.62MM RIFLES (SERIAL NUMBERS 7054975, 7054527 & 7047638)
 1 1/2 1 US CARBINE (SERIAL NUMBER 7491011)
 1 US RIFLE M-14 (SERIAL NUMBER 851936)
 1 7.62MM DEGTIAREV SQUAD LIGHT MG
 2 K50 RIFLES (SERIAL NUMBERS 367655 & 358302)

1 1/2 1 P-1550

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- 1 M1911A1 US CAL .45 PISTOL (SERIAL NUMBER 1411883)
 1 US RIFLE M16A1 (SERIAL NUMBER 793234)
 3 B-40 ROCKETS 11 CHINESE COMMUNIST 60MM MORTAR ROUNDS
 2 US 60MM MORTAR ROUNDS 7 M26 HAND GRENADES
 2 CARRYING PACKS FOR MORTARS
 9 US RIFLE BELTS 8 GRENADE CARRYING POUCHES
 2 US BATTLE DRESSINGS 15 CHICOM BATTLE DRESSINGS
 1 SHOVEL (HAND) & 2 SHOVEL (HEAD)
 1 MEDICAL KIT W/ASSORTED MEDICINE, NEEDLES, PILLS & INSTRUMENTS
 1 BOOK W/WRITING (INSIDE MEDICAL KIT)
 4 DIARIES
 13 WALLET (1 w/VIETNAMESE ID CARD) CONTAINING ASSORTED PHOTOGRAPHS, CARDS & PAPERS
 5,900 PLASTERS IN NORTH VIETNAMESE, SOUTH VIETNAMESE & LAOTIAN BILLS
 10 WRITING PENS, 1 DOCUMENT CASE, 3 PACKS CIGARETTES, 3 LIGHTERS,
 3 BATTERIES, 1 VINE, 1 CIGARETTE CASE, 4 ROPES, 6 TOOTH BRUSHES
 2 TUBES TOOTH PASTE, 1 BOOK MARKED "AGENDA 1962"
 8 MISCELLANEOUS LOOSE DOCUMENTS, 1 US NAVY WEB BELT
 9 PIECES CAMOUFLAGE PLASTIC, 13 BLASTING CAPS,
 45 CHICOM & VC (HOMEMADE) GRENADES, 661 ROUNDS F/AK-47,
 6 AK-47 MAGAZINES, 187 ROUNDS F/K50, 6 MAGAZINES F/K50
 115 ROUNDS F/BAR, 2 MAGAZINES F/BAR, 2 12 GAUGE SHOTGUN SHELLS
 136 M-16 ROUNDS, 37 CAL .30 CARBINE ROUNDS, 1 CARBINE MAGAZINE
 79 M-14 ROUNDS, 2 M-14 MAGAZINES, 1 98 REMUM ROUND BELT OF
 AMMO FOR 7.62MM DEGTAREV SQUAD LIGHT MACHINE GUN

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4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: AT 311530H JAN 68 VILLAGERS OF NUI KIM SON
 STATED THERE WAS A BATTALION OF VC LOCATED BETWEEN CAP GOLF SIX AND
 CAP GOLF SEVEN.

5. CASUALTIES:

USMC	VC
4 KIA (MINOR)	6 KIA (CONFIRMED)
	12 KIA (PROBABLE)

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- * ADDITIONAL ENEMY EQUIPMENT FOUND AT COORD 844736
 9 SKS 7.62MM RIFLES (909104 + 9184601)
 1 38 CAL PISTOL (785089)

1 30 CAL CARBINE (6956774)

7 AK 47 (9468055, 10055510, 9476474, 10132003, 11073838,
 10124444, 10085606)

3 M26 GRENADES

20 CHICOM GRENADES

1036 AK 47 ROUNDS

22 38 CAL ROUNDS

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1st Marine Division (Rein), FTF
FPO, San Francisco, California, 96602

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, First Marine Division
Subj: Combat Operations After Action Report
Ref: (a) HOA VANG SUB SECTOR, APO, San Francisco, 96337 Operation
Order 1-68 dated 16 January 1968
Encl: (1) HOA VANG SUB SECTOR, APO, San Francisco, 96337 Operation
Order 1-68 dated 16 January 1968

1. Type of Operation. County Fair
2. Dates of Operation. 180600HJan68 to 190700HJan68
3. Location. Quang Nam, Hoa Vang, Nui Kim Son
4. Control or Command Headquarters. Hoa Vang Sub Sector
5. Reporting Officer. J. T. PARKER, Captain, USA, Infantry, Commanding
6. Task Organization
 - a. Control Headquarters: Hoa Vang Sub Sector
 - b. Attachments
 - (1) Infantry Platoon (Rein), H&SCo, 3dAmTracBn
 - (2) CAP Units, Golf 5, 6, and 7
 - (3) 5th Special Forces Group Alpha
 - (4) Mike Force
 - (5) POW Security Force
 - (6) Special Forces, FOB-4
 - (7) Marine Aircraft Group 16 (PSYOP and Civic Action Teams)
 - (8) Vietnamese National Police

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- (9) Vietnamese Popular Forces (w/advisers)
- (10) Co "B", 1st Military Police Battalion
- (11) NSA Scout Dogs and Handlers
- (12) Detachment, 7th PSYOPS Battalion
- (13) Detachment, 1st Marine Division PSYOPS Team

7. Supporting Forces

a. Platoon (-), Co "A", 3d Amph Bn. Four LVT's were effectively employed along the beach as a blocking force from 180600H Jan 68 to 181200H Jan 68.

8. Intelligence

It is estimated that prior to the operation the area that was cordoned and searched contained possibly a squad of guerrillas. This estimate is based on prior contacts plus intelligence information obtained from the village chief and the 5th Counterintelligence Team which works in this area.

One confirmed Viet Cong was captured during the operation. There were no enemy weapons or supplies captured. No enemy units were identified.

The terrain in the area was conducive to an operation of this type. Avenues of escape were effectively blocked before daylight on the day of the operation. The weather was clear and sunny.

In conclusion, it is highly probable that the Viet Cong had prior knowledge of the operation and evacuated the area before its commencement.

9. Mission

a. To conduct a County Fair type operation from 180600 to 190700 by blocking the area surrounding Marble Mountain, BT 075710, collect and screen local inhabitants, and to search the mountain and surroundings for tunnels and caves hiding VC, their weapons and/or supplies and direct a psychological operation towards the people.

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10. Concept of Operation. See enclosure (1).

11. Execution. Planning conferences began as early as 27 December 1967. Final details of the operation were published on 16 January 1968 and presented by Captain J. T. PARKER, USA, Infantry, at a briefing held for all participating units at the FOB-4 Special Forces COC. During the operation there were no significant enemy actions. One confirmed VC was captured who was an infra-structure chief with an additional duty as a Finance Officer. 3dAmTracBn S-5 distributed one thousand pounds of rice, one thousand gallons of water and furnished two GP tents for the use of PSYOPS. 3dAmTracBn treated five hundred Vietnamese at Med Cap's held in conjunction with the operation. 1st Marine Division PSYOPS Team supplied equipment for six hours of pro-government lectures by government representatives. Also, three hours of cartoons, sanitation and pro-government films were shown.

12. Results. Several caves were found, one confirmed VC, 26 VC suspects, who had either improper ID or papers and relatives who were known VC, 11 draft dodgers, fifteen illegal residents. Three of the VC suspects were clothing of Buddhist Monks.

13. Administrative Matters

a. Communications: Communications were excellent.

14. Special Equipment and Techniques

a. Scout Dogs were used effectively in searching both the mountain and the village.

15. Commanders Analysis. Since this command provided only a blocking force and PSYOPS Team for the operation, comments from a command point of view are not considered appropriate. The operation was successful and beneficial to all concerned and certainly contributed to a better understanding between allied forces. They should be continued as a vital part of our operations in this area.

16. Recommendations

a. That 3dAmTracBn be authorized to participate in such future operations.

b. That such operations be conducted in other villages in this area.

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OPERATION ORDER

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1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy - VC guerrillas (Unit designation and strength unknown) may be using caves and tunnels located in Marble Mountain BT 075710 as a supply base and/or a haven during daylight hours. Enemy units in this area have been harassing local units and civilian population using small arms, mortars and rockets and have had minor successes in the past. Morale should be high.
- b. Friendly forces - 2/3 USMC, 3dAmTracBn, CAP's Golf 5, 6, & 7, 5th Special Forces Group Alpha, Mike Force, POW Security, FOB-4, MAG-16.
- c. Attachments - Vietnamese National Police, Popular Force (w/advisors), Hoa Vang District, Co "B", 1st MP Bn, NSA Dog Handlers, 7th PSYOPS Bn.

2. MISSION

To conduct a County Fair Type Operation from 180600 to 190700 by blocking the area surrounding Marble Mountain BT 075710, collect and screen local inhabitants, and to search the mountain and surroundings for tunnels and caves hiding VC, their weapons and/or supplies and direct a psychological operation towards the people.

3. EXECUTION

Area surrounding Marble Mountain will be encircled and blocked by 5th SFGA, 3dAmTrac, CAP's Golf 5, 6, & 7. Local inhabitants will be collected by PF's, National Police and directed to old French Fort, BT 071708 for screening. Caves and tunnels will be searched by teams consisting of QC, Sentry Dog Handlers, PF's, National Police and U. S. MP's. Surrounding hamlet will be searched by PF's and CAP units. Ambushes will be established for night operation by PF's and CAP unit.

- a. 5th SFGA at 0600 hours will establish blocking force's to the north of objective from BT 072711 (3dAmTrac Check Point) to BT 081714 (Beach) following south side of fence line.
- b. 3dAmTracBn at 0600 hours will establish blocking force to the east from BT 081714 to BT 083708 (Beach) with four LVT's and prevent fishing boats from leaving area, also establish a blocking force to the south from BT 073707 (Road) to BT 083708 (Beach), following north side of fence line north of hamlet - Nui Kim Son refugee camp and 3dAmTracBn Compound, but south of fishing hamlet- Son Thuy BT 081715.

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- c. CAP GOLF 5 at 0600 will establish blocking force to the west from BT 073707 (3dAmTracBn Check Point) to BT 0707708 (North West corner of French Fort). At 0800 hours they move blocking force to BT 073707 to BT 072711 (along road).
- c. CAP Golf 6 at 0600 hours will establish blocking force to the west from BT 070708 (south west corner of French Fort) to BT 072711 (tie in with 3dAmTracBn). At 0800 hours will move blocking force position to fishing hamlet and carry out search & clear operation, remaining at hamlet and establishing ambush sites for night operations.
- e. PF's, National Police, PSYOPS Units, QC and Command Hq will assemble at gate (3dAmTrac Check Point). At 0615 hours move to French Fort for segregation into search units. On order those personnel (PF's & National Police) selected will collect population and return them to French Fort BT 071708 for screening by PSYOPS.
- f. The PSYOPS Bn will support the PF's and National Police with P.A. systems during collection and will conduct PSYOPS program on personnel gathered at collection point.
- g. Search teams consisting of QC, National Police, PF's, MP's and Sentry Dog Teams will move from French Fort on order and search caves and tunnels of Marble Mountain.
- h. PF's and two members of National Police on order will move and search hamlets at base of Marble Mountain.
- i. National Police, Village Consul, S-2 Hoa Vang District & 5th CIT will screen inhabitants of area and determine status. VC Suspect's will be moved to separate area for isolation and interrogation.
- j. Points:
1. Only National Police will enter and search pagoda's
 2. All blocking forces will move into position at 0600 hours
 3. Reaction Force available at French Fort
 4. Buddhist Monks will not be forced to leave pagoda's
 5. No items will be removed from hamlet or tunnels without proper notification to Command Post
 6. No fire support to be used on Mountain
 7. A final briefing will be held at 170900 in the Command Bunker, FOB-4.

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

a. Rations

- (1) All units will be responsible for resupply and feeding of their own troops
- (2) 3dAmTracBn to supply rice, water, two tents at French Fort for local inhabitants by 0900
- (3) Hoa Vang District to provide firewood at Fort for local inhabitants

b. Weapons: Unit responsibility to insure all troops properly armed

c. Medical: Hoa Vang District to provide Corpsman to be stationed at CP. Evacuation to be by vehicle to NSA Hospital.

d. Special Equipment: QC, National Police, PF's will insure adequate torches are provided for personnel engaged in search operations.

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL

Capt PARKER, Hoa Vang Sub Sector is Commander of Operation. Command Post will be established at French Fort, BT 071708.

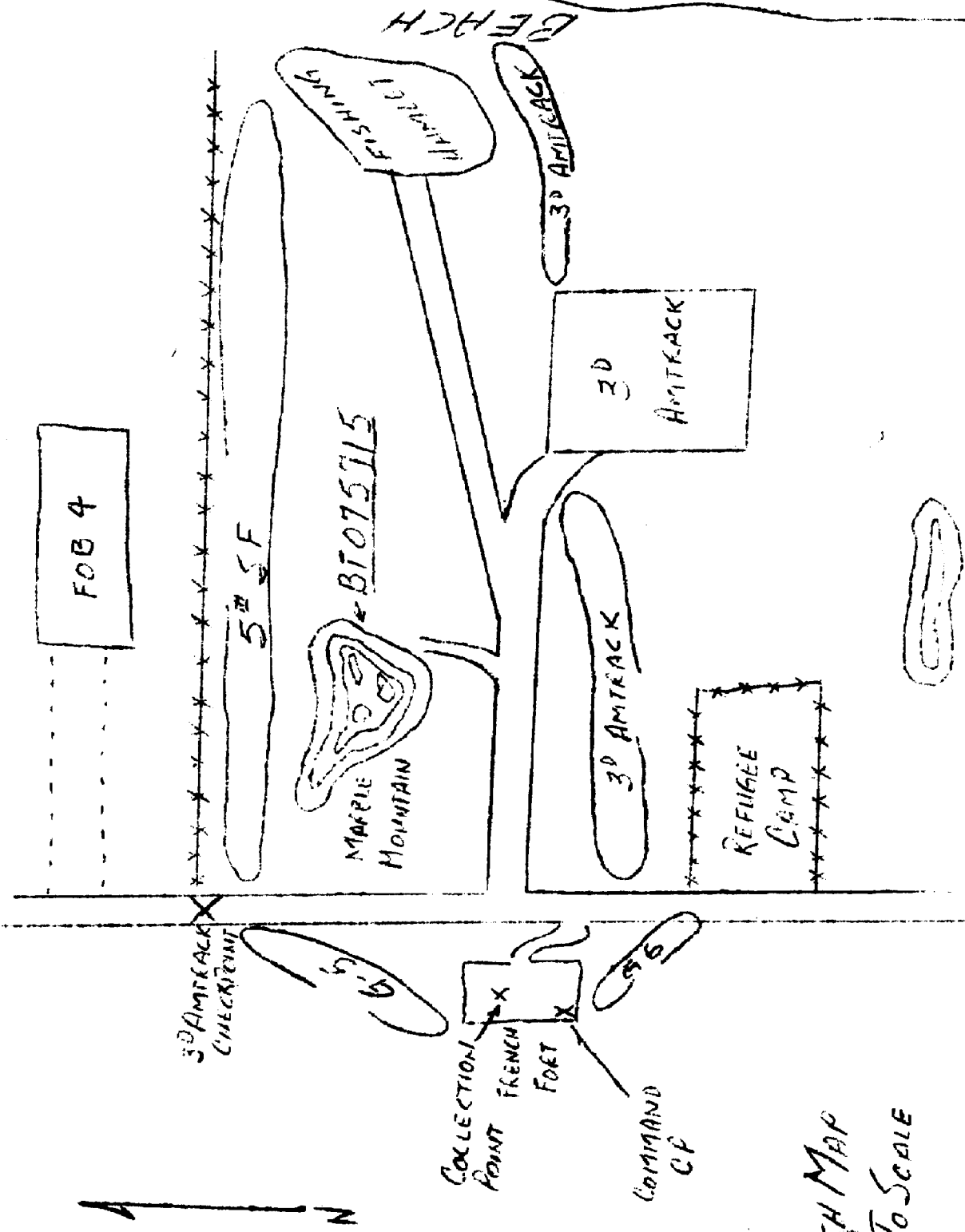
All Units will monitor radio frequency 56.75 beginning 180600 Jan. NCS call sign is JULIET. Key personnel and units are identified as follows:

Capt PARKER	JULIET 26
Lt MELANSON	JULIET 8
WO WOODEN	JULIET 60B
LT KHUONG (ARVN)	JULIET 26X
5thSFQA	
3dAmTracBn	<u>Fudgecake Yankee One</u>
Golf 5	<u> </u>
Golf 6	<u> </u>

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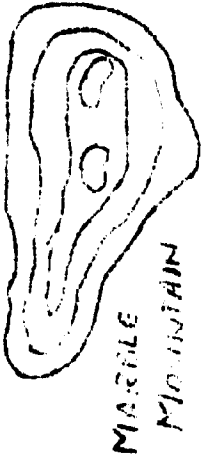
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FENCE LINE



30 LVT
CHECKPOINT



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