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Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1 - 30 April 1968

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(b) FMFPasO 5750.8
(c) DivO 5750.2B

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

1. In accordance with reference (a), (b), and (c), enclosures (1) and (2) are submitted.

2. Upon removal of enclosures (1) and (2) this letter is downgraded to Unclassified.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 April 1968 to 30 April 1968

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PART I
ORGANIZATION DATA

1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDS

3D Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein) 1-30 Apr: LtCol Robert E. HAEBEL

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Company, 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion 1-30 Apr: Capt Charles R. SMITH Jr.

Company "A", 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion 1-30 Apr: Major Raymond R. BERLING Jr.

Company "B", 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion 1-30 Apr: Major Joseph F. MOLINEAUX Jr.

ATTACHED UNITS

1st Plt, Company "B", 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion OPCON to 3d
Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein)

2. PERIOD COVERED/LOCATION: 1 - 30 April 1968, DaNang, Viet Nam

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	1-30 Apr: Major Frank C. CHACE Jr.
S-1	1-30 Apr: 1stLt James J. MCCABE
S-2	1-30 Apr: Capt William J. PFISTER Jr.
S-3	1-30 Apr: Capt Barteld A. VREDEVELD
S-4	1-30 Apr: Major Frederic M. VANN
S-5	1-30 Apr: 1stLt John D. JURCZAK

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>OTHERS</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the reporting period the Battalion continued its role of direct support of the 7th Marine Regiment, 3d Battalion 27th Marines, 2d ROK Marine Brigade, Task Force X-Ray, and 1st Engineer Battalion. Technique of employment consisted of one platoon in support of each infantry battalion in the DaNang TAOR with a section in support of 3/7 at An Hoa and a section in support of Task Force X-Ray and the 1st Engineer Battalion (OPERATION WOODPECKER). The Company Command Group (-), Company "B", 3D Amphibian Tractor Battalion and 2nd and 3rd Platoons of Company "B" continued their role of direct support of the 2nd Republic of Korea Marine Brigade, vicinity of Hoi An.

During the month the Battalion conducted two platoon size cordon and search operations within our AOR. Elements of the 1st MP Bn, 5th CIT, and 277th Psyops Company were in direct support. The results of these operations are contained in attached situation Reports.

The Battalion had an average of (61) vehicles committed daily in general support of the First Marine Division. The missions and frequency of specific tasks performed during the month were: resupply (64), patrol and minesweep (29), blocking force (13), Med Evac (14), Med Cap Force (2), reaction force (5), search and destroy (19), ambush (3), security (21), administrative (32), recovery (9), troop movement (58). Vehicle utilization averaged (5.9) hours per day, carrying an average of (8) persons and (740) pounds of cargo per day. In addition, the LVTEL's fired (28) line charges during the month.

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PART III
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. TOPICS

a. Personnel and Administrative

(1) The personnel status as of 30 April 1968 was category II with the expectation of reaching Category I on or about 1 June.

(2) Two (2) Marine Corps Officers, zero (0) Navy Officers, fifty-six (56) Marine Corps enlisted and one (1) Navy Enlisted rotated to CONUS. One (1) Marine Corps Officer, zero (0) Navy Officer, fifty-six (56) Marine Corps Enlisted and one (1) Navy Enlisted replacements were received.

(3) The Battalion had the following casualties:

three (3) KIA and thirteen (13) WIA

(4) The Battalion had nineteen (19) extensions of overseas tours, 3 new enrollments in USAFI Courses, and maintained a Savings Bonds participation of 75%.

(5) One (1) meritorious combat promotion to sergeant was received, and thirteen (13) Purple Hearts were received by members of the Battalion.

b. Intelligence

(1) Battalion S-2 conducted normal administrative and combat intelligence.

(2) The Battalion had eight (8) LVT's and two (2) trucks mined during the month of April. Five (5) LVT's were repairable and three (3) were combat losses. Of the two (2) trucks that were mined, one (1) was evacuated for repair, and the other was a combat loss.

(3) The Battalion had a total of thirty-two (32) contacts. These contacts consisted of the following: eight (8) LVT's damaged, six (6) from enemy mines, two (2) from RPG rounds; two (2) trucks damaged by mines; two (2) sniper incidents; one (1) ambush; and two (2) booby traps. The latter consisted of M-26 grenades with trip wires attached.

(4) The Battalion apprehended (15) detainees. Nine (9) were turned over to 5th CIT, five (5) turned over to 19th ITT, and one (1) turned over to Special Forces. Of these detainees, one (1) female was confirmed V.C.

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(5) The Battalion conducted 130 squad size patrols within our AOR. Ninety (90) patrols were conducted during hours of darkness and forty (40) during daylight hours.

c. Training

(1) Formal training and OJT was conducted in conjunction with Operational commitments. Troops attended classes on the following subjects:

- (a) Map reading and use of a compass
- (b) Weapons safety training; individual and crew served weapons
- (c) Mines and booby traps
- (d) Marijuana and LSD
- (e) Riot Control Agents
- (f) Land Mine Warfare
- (g) M16A1

d. Battalion personnel attended the following schools:

- (1) Multi Fuel Instruction
 - (a) Ten (10) enlisted 27-29Apr68
- (2) Basic Infantry Weapons Repair (Okinawa)
 - (a) One (1) enlisted 27Apr-12May68
- (3) Vietnamese Language School (Okinawa)
 - (a) One (1) enlisted 6Apr-6May68
- (4) Division Embark School
 - (a) One (1) enlisted 1-4Apr68
- (5) Land Mine, Demolitions & Booby Traps School
 - (a) Six (6) enlisted 7-10Apr68
 - (b) Six (6) enlisted 24-27Apr68
- (6) Vietnamese Language School (III MAF)
 - (a) One (1) enlisted 16Mar-13Apr68
- (7) Vietnamese Language School (III MAF)
 - (a) One (1) enlisted 21Apr-19May68

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- (8) Basic Infantry Weapons Repair (Okinawa)
 (a) One (1) enlisted 14Mar-4Apr68
- (9) Basic Organic Supply School
 (a) One (1) enlisted 7-11Apr68
- (10) NCO School
 (a) One (1) enlisted 1-13Apr68
- (11) SNCO School
 (a) One (1) enlisted 7-13Apr68
- (12) NCO School
 (a) One (1) enlisted 15-27Apr68
- (13) Officer Leadership School
 (a) One (1) Officer 22-27Apr68
- (14) NCO School
 (a) One (1) enlisted 29Apr-11May68
- (15) KY 28/38 Maintenance Training Course (MAW)
 (a) One (1) enlisted 7-13Apr68
- (16) KY 28/38 Maintenance Training Course (MAW)
 (a) One (1) enlisted 21-27Apr68
- (17) Mobile Instruction Team 2 hours M16A1, 1 Hour
 Land Mine Warfare.

e. Special Operations

(1) Enclosure (2) contains the Battalions Situation Reports for 1-30 April 1968.

f. Logistics

(1) Suspension components (torsion arms, road wheel assemblies, track, capbolts, track pins) continue in short supply. During this quarter 112 LVT's are scheduled for conversion from the LVTP5 to LVTEL suspension system. It is estimated that the complete conversion will take approximately two months, assuming that all of the required component parts are on hand. Eight LVTP5's were damaged in April. Five were repaired and three were evacuated. One LVTEL, damaged by a mine in March, is being repaired by this Battalion. Thirteen R & E LVT's and four combat replacement LVT's were received in April. The current T/E deficiency is twenty (20) LVTP5's.

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(2) The Battalion average 9 LVT's deadlined daily during April, all were 2nd and 3rd echelon.

(3) One M543, 5 ton wrecker was destroyed by a mine on 3 April 1968. The primary use for this vehicle is for removing and installing LVT engines for outlying units. A temporary loan of a wrecker, until a replacement is received, has been requested and approved. Maintenance problems are being experienced with the M49 water tanker due to high usage. These vehicles are constantly on the road to provide the Battalion with water. The Battalion has T/E deficiencies of two M35's, two M38's, one M543, and one MRC 83.

g. Civic Action

(1) Daily Med-Caps were held during the reporting period in addition to Med-Caps held in conjunction with three sweep operations. 698 people were given medical treatment, and 21 people were given dental treatment. 41 plague shots and 127 miscellaneous type shots were administered to Vietnamese civilians.

(2) Material assistance given to the people is as follows: 100 lbs. of clothing, 390 lbs. of assorted food and 31 lbs. of soap. Fifty-two well rings costing 13,148 \$ VN were provided for use by local civilians for the construction of seven wells. 21 bags of cement were given in conjunction with the well rings to aid in construction. Ten refugees from the local area were hired to build a stone retaining wall for our Battalion. Construction of the wall, labor and materials cost 31,000 \$ VN. Money collected for the Tet aggression relief project was used to pay for labor and materials all of which were obtained from the local populus. Twenty barrels to be used for trash receptacles were given to the Hamlet of Nui Kim Son.

(3) Plans are under way to rebuild a school in our area. Material is being stockpiled for this project which will get under way in May. Requests for materials for 4 more wells have been received.

(4) The people in the area seem to be much more co-operative and friendly to the Marines. During the month there was an increase in the amount of ordnance turned in to Marines by local civilians.

h. Communications

(1) Personnel

(a) A Comm Tech Chief remains a shortage in this section. This month brought about a number of personnel changes due to rotation. Seven new radio operators were joined. The new personnel were sent to Land Mine and Booby Trap School at 1st Engineers and are currently undergoing special communications training to acquaint them with Amtrac communications.

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(2) Equipment

(a) Major T/E shortages are one (1) AN/MRC-83 and bench mount equipment AN/VRC-12. A new AN/MRC-109 was received this month.

(b) Evaluation of the communications system in the Amphibian Tractor was conducted this month. Problems have been encountered due to lack of access to the control units for the tractor crew chief. This is due to the fact that he is required to man the machine gun on the cupola. This position greatly limits his use of the communications system. An extension of the control system is currently being developed by this section to improve the system. A UER is also being written covering this problem area for further evaluation.

(3) Maintenance

(a) Second echelon maintenance checks were conducted on Bravo Company radio equipment.

PART IV

CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS ARE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS.

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

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SITREP 049 010001 TO 012400HMMAPR68

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

A. AT 312100ZAPR68 AT COORD 076704 FC SQUAD SIZE PATROL FOUND ONE M26 HAND GRENADE RIGGED AS A BOOBY TRAP ACROSS A RICE PADDY TRAIL AT ABOVE COORD. A GRAPPLING HOOK WAS USED TO DETONATE BOOBY TRAP IN PLACE. NO CASUALTIES.

B. AT 011130ZAPR68 AT COORD 083688 FC SQUAD SIZE PATROL APPREHENDED THREE VIETNAMESE WITHOUT IDENTIFICATION CARDS. DETAINEES WERE TAKEN TO 9TH ITF FOR INTERROGATION.

5. CASUALTIES: NONE

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FM THIRD AMTRBN
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SITREP 050/020001 TO 022400HAPR68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
 2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
 3. CONTACTS: NONE
 4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: AT 021000HAPR68 AT COORD 088691 WAGE EARNER SQUAD SIZE PATROL PARTICIPATING IN A COUNTY FAIR TYPE OPERATION IN AN TRA (2) AT ABOVE COORD APPREHENDED SIX MALE VIETNAMESE FOR QUESTIONING. REDWOOD PERSONNEL IN SUPPORT COUNTY FAIR OPERATION BROUGHT DETAINEES TO WAGE EARNER OP FOR TRANSPORTATION TO REDWOOD CP. DISPOSITION OF DETAINEES UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME. 277TH PSTOPS CO SUPPORTED COUNTY FAIR OPERATION BY BROADCASTING ~~REXPERIMENT~~ ON THE CHIEU HOI PROGRAM AND ~~EX~~ MEDICAL ASSISTANCE. 150 PRO GOVERNMENT LEAFLETS WERE ALSO DISTRIBUTED. FIFTY VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS WERE TREATED AT A MED CAP HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE OPERATION. A DENTCAP WITH THE OPERATION PERFORMED 14 EXTRACTIONS. NO CASUALTIES.
 5. CASUALTIES: NONE
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FM THIRD AMTRBN
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SITREP 051 030001 TO 032400HAPR68

1/ UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE3. CONTACTS:

- A. AT 021825HAPR68 AT COORD 056644 LVTP5A1 (3-B-18) DETONATED AN ENEMY LAND MINE ESTIMATED AT THIRTY POUNDS WHILE ON A RESUPPLY RUN. SECURITY WAS SET UP, AREA SEARCHED FOR ADDITIONAL MINES WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. NO CASUALTIES. DAMAGED LVT WA TOWED TO SANDFORD CP. FOUR VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS WERE SEEN RUNNING FROM VICINITY OF COORD 058644 IMMEDIATELY AFTER DETONATION OF MINE BY LVT. ONE OF THE FOUR CIVILIANS WAS APPREHENDED AND TAKEN TO SANDFORD CP. LVT RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING DAMAGE (PC, SIDE): NUMBERS THREE, FOUR AND FIVE ROAD WHEELS DAMAGED.
- B. AT 030111HAPR68 AT COORD 103583 WAGE BANNER BRAVO TWO RECEIVED APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN 81MM MORTAR ROUNDS AND SMALL ARMS FIRE/WHILE IN A DEFENSIVE POSITION/ FROM VC AT UNKNOWN COORD. ONE WAGE BANNER USMC WA (MINOR).

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C. AT 031220Z APR 68 AT COORD 085583 WAGE EARNER M-543 WRECKER WITH M-35 6X6 IN TOW WAS ENROUTE FROM VICINITY OF COORD 106581 TO WAGE EARNER OP WHEN IT DETONATED AN ENEMY LAND MINE ESTIMATED AT ONE HUNDRED POUNDS. ROSEMONT PERSONNEL IN AREA SPOTTED WRECKER AND REPORTED INCIDENT IMMEDIATELY TO WAGE EARNER BRAVO FIVE WHO DISPATCHED TWO LVT'S FROM COORD BT06581 TO COORD BT085583 TO ASSIST IN RECOVERY AND MED EVAC OPERATIONS. TWO KIA AND 1 WIA (EVAC) TAKEN TO NSA. FIVE WIA'S (EVAC) ~~(LXND)CKKX~~ TAKEN TO FIRST MED BN. ONE WIA DOW AT FIRST MED BN. WRECKER BURNED, M35 RECEIVED MODERATE DAMAGE. BOTH VEHICLES TOWED TO COORD 106581.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: AT 030550Z APR 68 AT COORD 077707 WAGE EARNER SQUAD SIZE PATROL APPREHENDED ONE VIETNAMESE MALE WHO WAS OUT BEFORE CURFEW WAS SECURED. DETAINEE WAS BROUGHT TO WAGE EARNER OP AND QUESTIONED BY INTERPRETER. ~~NAM~~ DETAINEE TOLD INTERPRETER CONFLICTING STORIES AND WAS TURNED OVER TO NINETEENTH ITT FOR FURTHER QUESTIONING.

5. CASUALTIES: USMC

3 KIA 5 WIA (EVAC) 1 WIA (minor)

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FM THIRD AMTRBN
TO CG FIRST MAR DIV

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SITREP 052 040001 TO 052400HAIR68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
 2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
 3. CONTACTS: NONE
 4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: AT 051130HAIR68 AT COORD 076697 3D AMTRBN SQUAD SIZE PATROL APPREHENDED ONE VIETNAMESE MALE WHO APPEARED TO BE OLDER THAN HIS BIRTH CERTIFICATE INDICATED. CERTIFICATE INDICATED DETAINEE WAS FOURTEEN YEARS OLD. 3D AMTRBN INTERPRETER QUESTIONED DETAINEE AND SAID HE WAS OLDER THAN CERTIFICATE INDICATED. DETAINEE WAS BROUGHT TO 3D AMTRBN CP FOR TRANSPORTATION TO 19TH ITT AT 3/27 GP. ~~NETX~~ A SEARCH OF DETAINEES HOUSE REVEALED ONE MEDICINE VIAL AND TWO NEEDLES. CONTENTS OF VIAL UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME. VIAL AND NEEDLES FORWARDED TO 19TH ITT WITH DETAINEE.
 5. CASUALTIES: NONE
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FM THIRD AVTREN
TO CG FIRST MAR DIV
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SIRIP #53 #67#1 TO 1624#1APR68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: NONE
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: AT 1606#1APR68 FOUR (4) SQUADS FROM 3D AVTREN WITH TWO (2) SQUADS FROM FIRST MP BATTALION CONDUCTED A BLOCK AND SWEEP OPERATION IN THE HAMLET OF THO SON (COORD #657#7). SUPPORTING UNITS INCLUDED DETACHMENTS FROM 5TH CIT AND 27TH PSTOPS CO. 235 MEN WOMEN AND CHILDREN WERE PROCESSED AND INTERROGATED BY 5TH CIT. APPROXIMATELY 5# CHILDREN WERE TREATED AT A MED CAP HILL IN CONJUNCTION WITH THIS OPERATION. AN INTENSIVE SEARCH WAS MADE OF SEVERAL CAVES LOCATED IN A HILL AT THE NORTHERN LIMITS OF THE HAMLET WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. NO CONTACTS, NO CASUALTIES.
5. CASUALTIES: NONE

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SITREP/93 (ADDITION) ~~060001~~ TO ~~102001~~ HAPR68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
 2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
 3. CONTACTS: AT ~~101600~~ HAPR68 AT ~~HHHHXX~~ COORD ~~070715~~ 3D AMTRBN ^{/WAS/} M-37/PROCEEDING SOUTH ON MSR AT ABOVE COORD. IN VICINITY OF TRASH DUMP ONE (1) M26 GRENADE WAS THROWN INTO THE CAB OF THE TRUCK. GRENADE FAILED TO DETONATE. DRIVER THREW THE GRENADE OUT OF THE TRUCK. GRENADE STILL DID NOT DETONATED DRIVER RETURNED TO AMTRAC CP AND REPORTED THE INCIDENT. A FIRE TEAM WAS DISPATCHED TO SEARCH THE AREA OF ABOVE COORD. FIRE TEAM SEARCH ~~NUMBER~~ PRODUCED NEGATIVE RESULTS. NO CASUALTIES.
 4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
 5. CASUALTIES: NONE
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SITREP 053 (ADDITION) 060001 TO 102400HAPR68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: NONE
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: AT 101805HAPR68 3D AMTRBN RECEIVED A MESSAGE FROM 3/27 THAT AN M-37 TRUCK WAS BEING AMBUSHED AT COORD 093684. TWO (2) LVT'S WITH A SQUAD SIZE REACTION FORCE WERE DISPATCHED TO ABOVE COORD. TRUCK WAS FOUND WITH RPG AND SMALL ARMS DAMAGE. TRUCK WAS BURNED AND AN APPARENT TOTAL LOSS. TRUCK SERIAL # IS 303151 AND BEARS TACTICAL MARKINGS OF SEVENTH COMM BATTALION. SEVENTH COMM BN HAS BEEN NOTIFIED. TWO USMC KIA WERE MED EVAC BY HELICOPTER PRIOR TO ARRIVAL OF AMTRAC REACTION FORCE. ~~XXXXXXXX~~ WRECKAGE WAS TOWED TO AMTRAC CP. NO CASUALTIES OR CONTACTS TO AMTRAC PERSONNEL.
5. CASUALTIES: ~~NONE~~ NONE

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FM THIRD AMTRCN
TO CG FIRST MAR DIV
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SITREP #54 110001 TO 122400HAPR68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: AT 121345HAPR68 AT COORD 987838 LVTP5A1 (3-A-21) DETONATED AN ENEMY LAND MINE WHILE ON A TROOP MOVEMENT. MINE WAS ESTIMATED AT FIFTY (50) POUNDS. SECURITY WAS SET UP, AREA SEARCHED FOR ADDITIONAL MINES WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. MINE IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN COMMAND DETONATED AS LVT WAS THE SECOND VEHICLE PROCEEDING IN A COLUMN. TWO (2) USMC WIA (EVAC). WIA'S WERE FROM 2ND PLT, H CO, 2/7. NO CASUALTIES TO AMTRAC PERSONNEL. LVT RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING DAMAGE TO PORT SIDE: SPROCKET BLOWN OFF, SIX BLOCKS OF TRACK BLOWN OFF, HULL SPLIT IN THE MIDDLE AND PORT STERN ~~SECTION~~ AREA, TWELVE INCH HOLE AT SEAM NEAR PORT SPROCKET AND FOUR INCH HOLE AT MIDDLE STERN.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE

5. CASUALTIES: NONE

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B. AT 122130H APR 68 AT COORD 078694 AMTRAC SQUAD SIZE PATROL WAS PROCEEDING TO THEIR AMBUSH SITE. FOUR (4) VC RAN ACROSS THE FRONT OF THE PATROL AT ABOVE COORD. FIRST FIRE TEAM OF PATROL FIRED APPROXIMATELY 35/5.56MM. VC DISAPPEARED HEADING SOUTH ON A TRAIL. PATROL FOUND ONE (1) BLOOD TRAIL AND FOLLOWED IT UNTIL IT DISAPPEARED. WHEN BLOOD TRAIL DISAPPEARED, PATROL CONTINUED ON ITS MISSION. ONLY ONE (1) OF THE FOUR (4) VC SIGHTED APPEARED TO BE ARMED. NO CASUALTIES TO AMTRAC PERSONNEL.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE

5. CASUALTIES: NONE

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TO CG FIRST MAR DIV
BT
SITREP/95 130001 TO 132400 HAPN68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: AT 131310 HAPN68 AT COORD 052516 LVTP5A1 (3-B-36) WAS HIT BY ONE (1) RPG BOUND FIRED FROM VICINITY OF ~~ENEMY~~ COORD 052517. LVT WAS ON A SEARCH AND CLEAR OPERATION WITH A BMC UNIT. BOUND ENTERED BELOW CREW CHIEF'S SEAT ON STARBOARD SIDE. LVT IS STILL OPERATIONAL. BMC ESTABLISHED SECURITY AND SEARCHED AREA WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. TWO AMTRAC PERSONNEL WIA (EVAC). LVT RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING DAMAGE: HOLE TORN ON STARBOARD SIDE FORWARD, RADIO AND ELECTRICAL LINES WERE CUT.
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
5. CASUALTIES: USMC
2 WIA (EVAC)

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SITREP 056 140001 TO 142400HAPR68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: AT 141510HAPR68 AT COORD 081692 3D
AMTRAC BN SQUAD SIZE PATROL RECEIVED APPROXIMATELY
60-70 ROUNDS OF AUTOMATIC SMALL ARMS WEAPONS XXXX
FIRE FROM UNKNOWN SIZE VC FORCE LOCATED AT COORD
080691. PATROL RETURNED APPROXIMATELY 100 ROUNDS
5.56MM. AREA OF COORD 080691 CHECKED WITH NEGATIVE
RESULTS. ONE USMC WIA (EVAC). TWO LVT'S WERE
DISPATCHED WITH A SQUAD SIZE REACTION FORCE TO
MED EVAC WIA. ONE AMTRAC SQUAD SIZE PATROL WAS
RE-ROUTED TO COORD 081692 TO ASSIST THE FIRST SQUAD.
APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN MINUTES AFTER CONTACT WAS
MADE WITH VC SQUAD ~~1XX~~ OBSERVED SIX ARMED VC
MOVING SOUTHWEST FROM THEIR POSITION. VC WERE

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ALL ARMED AND WEARING MIXED KHAKI UNIFORMS. THE VC WITHDREW AS TWO LVT'S WERE APPROACHING. PATROL FIRED APPROXIMATELY 125 ROUNDS OF 5.56MM AT THE WITHDRAWING VC WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS.

B. AT 140900HAPR68 AT COORD 043515 LVTP5A1 (3-B-38) WAS HIT BY ONE RPG ROUND WHILE ON A SWEEP OPERATION WITH KMC FORCES. ROUND WAS FIRED FROM THE VICINITY OF COORD 044516. AREA WAS SEARCHED BY KMC PERSONNEL WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. RPG ROUND STRUCK LVT ON STARBOARD SIDE ABOVE NUMBER FIVE ROAD WHEEL. ROUND WAS DEFLECTED BY TRACK. VEHICLE IS STILL OPERATIONAL. ROUND CAUSED THE FOLLOWING DAMAGE: TWELVE INCH BY TWELVE INCH HOLE BLOWN IN STARBOARD ~~SKIRT~~ SKIRT. NO CASUALTIES.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. AT 141345HAPR68 IN THE VILLAGE OF NUI KIM SON AN UNDETERMINED VEHICLE STRUCK TWO VIETNAMESE NATIONALS.

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AN INVESTIGATION IS BEING CONDUCTED BY 3D AMTRAC BN TO DETERMINE THE VEHICLE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ACCIDENT. ONE VICTIM WAS TREATED AT BAS AND RETURNED TO VILLAGE. ONE VICTIM WAS TREATED AT NSA AND SHOULD RETURN TO THE VILLAGE WITHIN TWENTY FOUR HOURS.

B. AT 141845HAPR68 AT COORD ~~080~~692 AMTRAC SQUAD SIZE PATROL APPREHENDED TWO TEENAGE VIETNAMESE FEMALES. A PLASTIC BAG OF DOCUMENTS WERE FOUND ON THE GROUND IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF ABOVE COORD. DETAINEES WERE BROUGHT TO AMTRAC CP. A KIT CARSON SCOUT SAID TWO OF THE DOCUMENTS WERE VC MESSAGES. ID PAPERS OF THE SUSPECTS WERE INVALID. DETAINEES WILL BE TURNED OVER TO FIFTH CIT ON 15APR68. THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE TAKEN FROM THE DETAINEES: TWO VC MESSAGES, THREE ID PAPERS (BELIEVED TO BE FORGERIES), AND TWO THOUSAND PIASTERS.

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5: CASUALTIES: USMC

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SITREP ~~057~~ 150001 TO 152400 HAPR68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: AT 151635HAPR68 AT COORD 958678 LVTP5A1 (3-A-11)
DETONATED AN ENEMY LAND MINE WHILE SUPPORTING 1/7 ON A
~~RE~~ SWEEP AND DESTROY MISSION. MINE WAS ESTIMATED AT
25 POUNDS. LVT WAS WORKING WITH TWO ADDITIONAL LVT'S
IN SETTING UP A NIGHT PERIMETER WHEN MINE WAS DETONATED.
SECURITY WAS SET UP, AREA SEARCHED FOR ADDITIONAL MINES
WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. NO CASUALTIES: LVT RECEIVED THE
FOLLOWING DAMAGE: STARBOARD NUMBER FIVE ROAD WHEEL AND
TORSION ARM BLOWN OFF, SKIRT SLIGHTLY BOWED, NUMBER FIVE
FUEL CELL RUPTURED. LVT IS STILL OPERATIONAL.
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
5. CASUALTIES: NONE

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SITREP 050 160001 TO 172001 HAPR 68

1. REIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: AT 170957 HAPR 68 AT COORD 959677 LWP5A1 (5-4-14) DETONATED AN M161 ANTI-PERSONNEL MINE WHILE SUPPORTING 1/7 ON A FORT AND DESTROY MISSION. MINE WAS ESTIMATED AT FOUR POUNDS. MINE WAS A BOX TYPE AND WAS PRESSURE DETONATED. SECURITY WAS SET UP AND AREA SEARCHED FOR ADDITIONAL MINES WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. LVT WAS NOT DAMAGED AND IS OPERATIONAL. ONE USMC KIA (MINOR).
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
5. CASUALTIES: USMC
1 KIA (MINOR)

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SITREP 059 180001 TO 202400HAPR68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: AT 2000Z HAPR68 AT COORD 035577 LVT5A1 (3-B-33)
DETONATED AN ENEMY MINE WHILE MOVING SUPPORTING KMC FORCES ON
A BLOCKING FORCE MISSION. MINE WAS PRESSURE DETONATED AND
ESTIMATED AT THIRTY POUNDS. LVT WAS THE THIRD VEHICLE IN A
COLUMN OF FIVE LVTs. SECURITY WAS SET UP, AREA SEARCHED
FOR ADDITIONAL MINES WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. FOUR USMC KIA (MINOR).
LVT RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING DAMAGE: NUMBERS ONE AND TWO ROAD
WHEEL ASSEMBLIES BLOWN OFF (STARBOARD SIDE), IDLER DAMAGED, FOUR
FOOT GASH IN FORWARD PORTION OF HULL. VEHICLE WAS SHORT TRACKED
AND CONTINUED ON ITS MISSION.
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
5. CASUALTIES: USMC
2 KIA (MINOR)

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3.B. AT 201620H APR 68 AT COORD 882827 LVTP5A1 (~~AE~~3-A-27) DETONATED AN ENEMY MINE WHILE RETURNING FROM AN LVT RECOVERY MISSION. MINE WAS ESTIMATED AT EIGHTY (80) POUNDS. LVT WAS THE THIRD VEHICLE PROCEEDING IN A COLUMN OF FOUR LVT'S. ^{UP}
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ SECURITY WAS SET^{UP}, AREA SEARCHED FOR ADDITIONAL MINES WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. LVT CAUGHT FIRE AND IS ~~XXXX~~ STILL BURNING. LVT IS BELIEVED TO BE A TOTAL LOSS. LVT WILL BE TOWED TO HILL 190 WHEN FIRE IS OUT. ONE USMC WIA (EVAC).

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE5. CASUALTIES: USMC

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1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: AT 221500H AT COORD ~~087690~~ ECHO - 2-A SQD SIZED PATROL DISCOVERED A GRENADE (M-26) RIGGED WITH TRIP WIRE. TRIP WIRE WAS ATTACHED TO SAFETY PIN AND GRENADE ANCHORED TO GROUND. WIRE WAS STRECHED ACROSS TRAIL AND SECURED TO A STAKE. SEARCHED AREA WITH NEG RESULTS. GRENADE DESTROYED.
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
5. CASUALTIES: NONE

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1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE

3. CONTACTS: AT 230610H AT CLORD 076708 A GROUP OF ELDERLY VIETNAMESE MALES APPROACHED THE THIRD AMTRAC BN VILLAGE PATROL WITH A VIETNAMESE MALE BOUND AND BLIND FOLDED. THE VILLAGERS CLAIMED THE MAN WAS A NVA SOLDIER. SUSPECT WAS HELD UNTIL ARRIVAL OF 5TH CIT PERSONNEL. 5TH CIT REPORTED SUSPECT WAS A MEMBER OF THE FOB-4 SPECIAL FORCES UNIT AND WAS WANTED FOR MURDER OF A FELLOW SOLDIER. SUSPECT WAS RELEASED TO THE CUSTODY OF FOB-4 SPECIAL FORCES PERSONNEL.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE

5. CASUALTIES: NONE

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SITREP 002-05 OF 25 APR 68 TO 2524 00 APR 68

1. INTRODUCTION: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE

3. CONTACTS: AT 2514 00H AT COORD 3D AMTRAC 500 SIZE PATROL OBSERVED SEVEN (7) VIETNAMESE FEMALE 13 WALKING SOUTHEAST. ONE WOMAN WAS OBSERVED DROPPING AN OBJECT INTO THE BUSH WHEN SHE SAW THE PATROL. OBJECT WAS DISCOVERED TO BE A TIN CAN CONTAINING A LETTER TO A MAN SERVING IN A V.C. UNIT. WOMAN WAS DETAINED AND TURNED OVER TO 5TH CBT WITH THE LETTER. THE REMAINING SIX (6) WOMEN WERE RELEASED.

8. AT 2514 15H AT COORD 0777 06 A VIETNAMESE BOY FOUND A M-26 GRENADE BOOBY TRAP. BOY NOTIFIED 3D AMTRAC BN PATROL. SPECIAL DETAIL SHORE PARTY/ENGINEER CHECKED AREA AND FOUND M-26 GRENADE ALONG TRAIL. FIKER HAD BEEN RELEASED BUT FAILED TO DETONATE. GRENADE DESTROYED.

9. VIETNAMESE BOY AWARDED A 145 VN.

C. AT COORD 0856 92 AT 25192 00H APR 68 A SEVEN (7) MAN CAC

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GOLF 6 PATROL WAS AMBUSHED BY APPROX TEN (10) V.C. RECD APPROX 150 RDS AK47, 300 RDS CARBINE. UNK NUMBER TIF 5.56MM FROM EAST SOUTHEAST. PATROL REQUESTED REACTION SQUAD FROM 3D AMTRAC BN MOUNTED TWO LVT'S AND ONE SQUAD AS A REACTION FORCE. PATROL REPORTED CONTACT BROKEN AND RETURNED TO GOLF 6. 3D AMTRAC BN FORCE RECALLED AND NOT DISPATCHED.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE

5. CASUALTIES: NONE

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SITREP 063 AS OF 260001 TO 262400H APR 68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE

3. CONTACTS: AT COORD 0889EEEEEEEE089691 AT 261100H APR 68

APPROX FIVE (5) V.C. AMBUSHED CAC GULF(6) PATROL. PATROL

REC'D APPROX 100 RDS AUTO/SEMI-AUTO FIRE OF UNKNOWN CALIBER

RETURNED 350 RDS 7.62. 35 RDS M-79. 150 RDS 5.56MM. 3D AMTRBN

PLSACED REACTION SQD ON STAND-BY UNTIL CAC COLF (6) RETURNED TO THEIR

C.P.

R-2-5-1 CAC GULF (6) REPORTED AT 261930H THAT THEIR PF PLT LDR

STATED THAT A PLT OF SAPPERS HAD ENTERED THE HAMLET OF TAN LUU

BT 077704. THEIR MISSION IS TO ATTACK 2-5-1 CAC COLF (6) AND

PLSIBLY 3D AMTRBN. THIS WAS CONFIRMED BY AGENTS OF THE VILLAGE

CHIEF OF MI NUI KIM SON (BT078703). THEY ARE REPORTED TO BE ARMED

WITH AK-47'S. 82MM MORTARS AND TO BE WR WEARING GREEN UTILITIES.

CARTRIDGE BELTS AND COVERS BEARING THE LT LETTERS QT. AT 261730H. AN N

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NCO FROM COLF :9. CAC HQ SPOT ED A VIETNAMESE WRARING THE SAME DISCRIB

ED

COLTHING BUT NO WAAPON AND CARRING A GREEN HALMET STAMPED WITH

WITH THE LETTERS 15. QEEEEEEEEET. THE VIETNAMESE WAS WALKING

ALONG THE EDGE OF NUI KIM SON. 3D AMTRBN PATROL REROUTED

THROUGH TAN LUU.

C. 3D AMTRBN BUNKER 7 REPORTED THAT SWIFTBOAT FIRED UPON BEACHED

BARGE AT COORD 091693 AT 262020H. UNABLE TO CHECK AREA AT THIS TIME

WILL CONTACT SWIFT BOATS.

D. AT COORD BT 072702 AT 262030H CAC 2-5-1 COLF (6) REC'D INCOMING

AUTO/SEMI AUTO FIRE. APPROX 75 TO 100 REDS3333EEEEEE RDS. EST. ENEMY

FORCE OF 15V.C. ENEMY E

BROKE CONTAT. RETURNED APPROX 8 M-79 RDS

100RDS 5.56MM. 50 RDS 7.62 LINKED. REC'D 81MM ILLUMINATION FROM

3D AMTRBN. NEG RESULTS.

4. SIGNIGICANT EVENTS: NONE

5. CASUALTIES: NONE

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SITREP 064 AS OF 270001 TO 272400H APR 68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE

3. CONTACTS: AT 272200H AT COORD BT 071709 PLT VC ENTERED
 NEW LIFE HAMLET AND ATTACKED THE FRENCH FORT WHICH IS MANNED BY
 FFFFFFFF PF'S. V.C. ATTACKED WITH AUTO AND SEMI AUTO WEAPONS AND
 SATCHEL CHARGES. (2) HOUSES WERE BLOWN UP AND VC WITHDREW
 TO THE NORTH. PF'S IN FRENCH FORT RETURNED FIRE. (2-5-1) GOLF
 (6) CAP SUPPORTED PF'S WITH SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM NORTHERN
 BUNKERS. 3D AMTRAC BN PROVIDED ILLUM.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE

5. CASUALTIES: NONE

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SITREP 065 AS OF 280001H TO 282400H APR 68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE

3. CONTACTS: AT COORD 158594 AT 281430H APR 68 LVTP-5 BRAVO-24

DETONATED ANTIPERSONNEL MINE WHILE RETURNING FROM OPERATION

WITH ROK. LVT WAS 5TH IN COLUMN. ROK ESTABLISHED SECURITY

AND AREA SEARCHED FOR ADDITIONAL MINES. NEG RESULTS. BRAVO-24

PRESENTLY BEING REPAIRED. DAMAGE (1) BLOCK OF TRACK AND (1)

ROAD WHEEL.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE

5. CASUALTIES: NONE

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SITREP 066 AS OF 300000H TO 302400 MPR 68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: AT 302025H AT COORD 078708 30 AMTRAC SQUAD SIXED
PATROL FOUND M-26

GRENADE RIGGED WITH TRIP WIRE • BOOBY TRAP WAS
BLOWN IN PLACE • PATROL CONTINUED ON MISSION •

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
5. CASUALTY
5. CASUALTIES: NONE

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SITREP 067 AS OF 010001H TO 012400 MAY 68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: AT 011930H AT COORD 078807 3D AMTRAC BN SQUAD SIZE PATROL FOUND A 3 FOOT HOLE FRESHLY HUG ON TRAIL INTO AN TRA (1). LARGE ROLL OF COMM WIRE AND 3 DIGGING TOOLS WERE LAYING NEAR BY.
4. VIETNAMESE MALES WERE DETAINED AND RETURNED TO THIS CP.
DETAINEES WERE APPREHENDED IN AREA OF HOLE. 5TH CIT WILL QUESTION DETAINEES ON 02 MAY 68
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
5. CASUALTIES: NONE

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SITREP 068 AS OF 020001H TO 022400 MAY68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE

3. CONTACTS: AT 021450H AT COORD 089692 3D AMTRAC BN SQUAD

SI
SIZE PATROL RECEIVED 150 SMALL ARMS ROUNDS FROM ABOVE COORDINATES
RETURNED FIRE AND CHECKED AREA. FOUND THREE GIRLS COVERING TUNNEL
ENTRANCE. GIRLS ESCAPED. RECEIVED (1) GRENADE FROM TUNNEL. PATROL
THREW (2) GRENADES IN HOLE. SEARCHED HOLE AND FOUND (5) VC. (1)
SERIOUSLY WOUNDED (1) MINOR WOUND. REACTION TRACTORS WERE DISPATCHED
AND PICKED UP POW'S AND RETURNED TO CP. TUNNEL WAS BLOWN AFTER
WEAPONS AND AMMO RECOVERED. GRENADES, (2) 3.5 ROCKET ROUNDS, AND
BOX TYPE MINES WERE BLOWN IN TUNNEL. (1) GIRL BELIEVED TO BE
INVOLVED IN COVERING TUNNEL WAS APPREHENDED BY PATROL RETURNING TO
CP. 5TH CIT IS INTERROGATING PRISONERS AT PRESENT.

k. (5) NVA SUSPECTS

1. (1)

n. (6) AUTO-RIFLES

(1) PISTOL

(7) CHI-COMM GRENADES

(2) 3.5 ROCKET ROUNDS

(2) BOX TYPE MINES

AMMO

FOOD

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE

5. CASUALTIES: NONE

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TO CG 1STMA DIV
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SITREP 069 AS OF 030001H TO 032400 MAY68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: NO CHANGE
3. CONTACTS: AT 031840 AT COORD 087692 3D AMTRAC BN SQUAD SIZE PATROL FOUND BOOBY TRAP. DEVICE WAS M-79 ROUND WRAPPED IN PLASTIC EXPLOSIVE. SECONDARY BOOBY TRAP FOUND UNDERNEATH. THIS WAS AN M-26 FRAG GRENADE. BOTH DEVICES WERE RIGGED WITH TRIPWIRES. DEVICES BLOWN IN PLACE
- B. AT 032035 AT COORD 085696 DOG HANDLER TOURING PERIMETER WHEN DOG ALERTED ON VIETNAMESE INSIDE WIRE. DOG HANDLER FIRED AT INDIVIDUAL AND A GRENADE WAS RETURNED. DOG HANDLER SHAKEN UP BUT NOT WOUNDED MAN BEING EVACUATED TO THIS POSITION FOR OBSERVATION. ILLUMINATION WAS CALLED IN AND AREA SEARCHED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS
- C. AT 032110H AT COORD 075698 PARKERBEN (1) OBSERVED 5 VC AT ABOVE COORD. TOOK ENEMY UNDER FIRE WITH SMALL ARMS. RESULTS UNKNOWN
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
5. CASUALTIES: NONE

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