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3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF  
FPO San Francisco 96602

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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code A03D)  
Via: (1) Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF, (Attn:  
AC of S, G-3)  
(2) Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force  
(3) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force Pacific  
Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 October 1968 to 31 October 1968  
Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2A  
(b) FMF PACO 5750.8  
(c) DIVO 5750.1B  
Encl:  (1) 3d Reconnaissance Battalion Command Chronology  
1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a), (b), and (c),  
enclosure (1) is submitted.  
2. Unclassified upon removal of enclosure (1).

  
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY  
1 October to 31 October 1968

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PART I  
ORGANIZATIONAL DATADESIGNATION

3d Reconnaissance Battalion

COMMANDER

LTCOL D.R. BERG

12 July-31 October 68

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Company	1STLT	R.M. HARDEN	19 AUG 68-31 OCT 68
Company A	1STLT	C.W. KING	24 AUG 68-29 OCT 68
	1STLT	G.L. JOINER	29 OCT 68-31 OCT 68
Company B	1STLT	A.W. NOSAL	19 OCT 68-24 OCT 68
	1STLT	J.F. BUCHLI	24 OCT 68-31 OCT 68
Company C	CAPT	B.E. DAVIS	19 SEP 68-31 OCT 68
Company D	CAPT	J.H. COURTER	29 SEP 68-31 OCT 68
Company E	1STLT	C.W. MYLLYMAKI	28 JUL 68-02 OCT 68
	1STLT	R.O. WEDDLE	02 OCT 68-16 OCT 68
	1STLT	T.E. WATSON	16 OCT 68-31 OCT 68

ATTACHED UNITS

3d Force Reconnaissance Company CAPT W.F. SNYDER 10 MAY 68-31 OCT 68

LOCATION1-31 OCT 68 - Quang Tri - 3d Reconnaissance Battalion and attached  
3d Force Reconnaissance Company

Executive Officer	LTCOL	J.L. FOWLER	10 SEP 68-23 OCT 68
	MAJOR	F.L. GOULD	23 OCT 68-31 OCT 68
Operation Officer (S-3)	MAJOR	F.L. GOULD	10 SEP 68-31 OCT 68
Intelligence Of- ficer (S-2)	1STLT	J.F. BUCHLI	29 SEP 68-20 OCT 68
	1STLT	R.D. WEBB	20 OCT 68-31 OCT 68
S-4 Officer	CAPT	V.F. MAHER	19 AUG 68-30 OCT 68
	NONE ASSIGNED		30 OCT 68-31 OCT 68
Adjutant	WO	H.E. ENOS	29 JUL 68-31 OCT 68

Average Monthly Strength (Includes 3d Force Reconnaissance Company)

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## PART II

## NARRATIVE SUMMARY

Co. A. During the reporting period, Company A conducted 29 patrols averaging 3.8 days with an average of 6.8 men per patrol. The company made 11 sightings of 40 enemy and 6 contacts with 49 enemy resulting in 6 enemy KIA(C). There was 1 USMC WIA. The company also captured numerous documents. The Company fired 10 artillery missions of 115 rounds. The company also utilized 4 air strikes.

Co. B. During the reporting period, Company B conducted 17 patrols averaging 3.2 days with an average of 7.6 men per patrol. The company made 16 sightings of 42 enemy and 7 contacts with 18 enemy resulting in 2 enemy KIA(C). There was 1 USMC WIA. The company captured some documents and munitions. The company fired 8 artillery missions of 126 rounds. The company also utilized 3 air strikes.

Co. C. During the reporting period, Company C conducted 27 patrols averaging 3.5 days with an average of 7.6 men per patrol. The company made 13 sightings of 73 enemy and 6 contacts with 8 enemy resulting in 4 enemy KIA(C). There was 1 USMC KIA and 2 USMC WIA. The company fired 9 artillery missions of 481 rounds. The company also utilized 6 air strikes.

Co. D. During the reporting period, Company D conducted 23 patrols averaging 3.8 days with an average of 6 men per patrol. The company made 5 sightings of 9 enemy and 6 contacts with 21 enemy resulting in 2 enemy KIA(C) and 1 NVA P.O.W. There was 1 USN WIA. The company captured numerous documents. The company fired 8 artillery missions of 186 rounds.

Co. E. During the reporting period, Company E conducted 24 patrols averaging 3.6 days with an average of 6.6 men per patrol. The company made 8 sightings of 60 enemy and 2 contacts with 3 enemy resulting in 1 enemy KIA(C). The company fired 5 artillery missions of 101 rounds. The company also utilized 3 air strikes.

3d Force Recon Co. During the reporting period, 3d Force Recon Company conducted 16 patrols averaging 3.9 days with an average of 5.8 men per patrol. The company made 18 sightings of 45 enemy and 7 contacts with 59 enemy resulting in 10 enemy KIA(C). The company fired 24 artillery missions of 733 rounds. The company also utilized 8 air strikes.

H&S Co. During the reporting period, the Scuba section conducted 15 Scuba missions in support of the 3d Marine Division, 1 mission in support of 2 Army LCU's, and 1 mission in support of the Vietnamese Popular Forces, Quang Tri. For the sixth consecutive month, this section cleared and helped defend the Quang Tri River Bridge by maintaining a three man Scuba team continuously at the Bridge. The company reactionary force conducted 1 sweep along the Quang Tri River. They captured numerous medical supplies. The reactionary force was called out once when heavy contact was made by a Recon team in the Quang Tri area.

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a. Combat Missions Assigned. The 3d Reconnaissance Battalion and the attached 3d Force Reconnaissance Company conducted reconnaissance operations, Stingray Operations, and other operations as directed within the Division Area of Responsibility (3d MarDiv 1-67).

b. Significant Operations conducted. Units of this Battalion have participated in operations Kentucky, Lancaster II, Napoleon/Saline, Scotland II, NanKing, and Trousdale North/South. Units of this battalion have also participated in operations Rich, Pioneer I, Pioneer II and Vernon in support of the 1st Bde 5th Mech Inf Div, USA.

c. Casualties Inflicted on the enemy. During this reporting period, there were 25 enemy KIA(C). The Battalion captured numerous documents, munitions, and medical supplies, and 1 NVA P.O.W.

d. Casualties Sustained. The Battalion sustained 1 USMC KIA and 3 USMC WIA, and 1 USN WIA, during this period.

e. New Techniques Employed. Nothing Significant to report.

f. Command Relations. Nothing Significant to Report.

g. Equipment. Nothing Significant to Report.

h. Logistics. Nothing Significant to report.

i. Civic Action. All personnel joining the Battalion were given a class in the Personal Response program by the Battalion Sergeant Major.

j. Administration. Nothing Significant to Report.

k. Personnel. 2 October 1968, 1STLT R.O. WEDDLE, USMC assigned duty as Company E, Commanding Officer, vice, 1STLT C.W. MULLYMAKI, USMC.  
16 October 1968, 1STLT T.B. WATSON, USMC, assigned duty as Company E, Commanding Officer, vice, 1STLT R.O. WEDDLE, USMC.  
20 October 1968, 1STLT R.D. WEBB, USMC, assigned duty as S-2 Officer, vice, 1STLT J.F. BUCHLI, USMC.  
23 October 1968, MAJOR F.L. GOULD, USMC, assigned duty as Bn Executive Officer, vice, LTCOL J.L. FOWLER, USMC.  
24 October 1968, 1STLT J.P. BUCHLI, USMC, assigned duty as Company B, Commanding Officer, vice, 1STLT A.W. NOSAL, USMC.  
29 October 1968, 1STLT G.L. JOINER, USMC, assigned duty as Company A, Commanding Officer. vice, 1STLT C.W. KING, USMC.

1. Weather. During the month of October, the weather for the most part was fair with a small decrease in temperature and a significant increase in precipitation. The temperature ranged from a low of 70°F to a high of 100°F. Wind velocity decreased from September to an average of 15 knots. Operations during the middle of the month were hampered by the increased precipitation.

m. Fire Support. The Battalion's Reconnaissance teams directed 64 fire missions for a total of 1742 rounds.

n. Air Support. The Battalion's Reconnaissance teams utilized 24 air strikes on targets of opportunity. (This does not include the fixed wing strikes employed for initial insertions in an unsecure zone).

o. Activation/Deactivation/Redesignation. Nothing significant to report.

p. Training. Training was conducted on a continuous basis. Newly joined personnel are instructed via the Battalion Training and Familiarization School in all aspects peculiar to reconnaissance, weapons, demolition, artillery, etc. An informative orientation class on Vietnam is conducted by the Battalion Sergeant Major. The M-16 Rifle is fam-fired and zeroed during the period. Company training is conducted along these same lines, but on a more detailed level pursuant with the experience gained in combat. Eleven personnel graduated from the U.S. Navy Scuba School in the Phillipines. Ten Personnel graduated from the U.S. Army Recondo School in Nha Trang, Vietnam, during the reporting period. Schools were conducted at the location given:

<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>PERSONNEL</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
SCUBA SCHOOL	11	Subic Bay
RECONDOSCHOOL	10	Nha Trang
MOTION PICTURE SCHOOL	1	Da Nang
SNCO SCHOOL	1	Quang Tri

q. Communication. The following Radio Relay sites are being manned by the Battalion during this reporting period:

<u>NAME DESIGNATOR</u>	<u>GRID</u>	<u>AFEA</u>
FIGHTING MAD	YD304533	AI TU
FOXTROT	YD001484	VANDERGRIFT COMBAT BASE
GOLF	YD009455	CA LU
OSCAR	YD336692	CUA VIET
PAPA	YD068547	CAMP CARROLL
ROMEO	XD844455	KHE SANH
SIERRA	XD978559	THOM SON LAM
TANGO	YD247597	DONG HA
VICTOR	YD135646	C-2

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r. Intelligence Summary.

Enemy activity decreased substantially during the month of October in the Northern I Corps area. Reconnaissance patrols continued to make significant sightings. Reconnaissance patrols continue to make numerous sightings and contacts around Gio Linh and Cua Viet. Activity north of Ca Lu continues to increase as does activity in the Khe Sanh area. The Khe Sanh activity indicates an increase in enemy infiltration from Laos with Route 926 as a major infiltration route. There also has been an increase in activity in the Da Krong Valley. Reconnaissance sightings and contacts west of Quang Tri Combat Base also indicates a continued increase of enemy activity in this area.

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PART III  
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF  
SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

OpO 1112-68 (1C3) 020945H Oct 68 (040359Z). Team sighted approximately 24 enemy in the treeline and around the HLZ. Team and crew fired SAF and the mission was aborted.

OpO 194-D-68 (1C1) 031400H Oct 68 (040407Z). Team observed 4 enemy approximately 75 meters North/East of LZ. Team also observed fighting holes and bunkers in the area. Team was extracted with negative fire incidents.

OpO 197-D-68 (2C2) 051050H Oct 68 (061700Z). Team while being inserted, observed 7 enemy running from bunkers and firing SAF at the Heli. Team and crew fired SAF and mission was aborted.

OpO 195-D-68 (3C3) 031335H-051445H Oct 68 (061700Z). Team observed 2 NVA moving towards their position. Team initiated contact with SAF. Team was extracted with gunships, receiving SAF during extraction.

OpO 1120-68 (2C1) 031630H-061500H Oct 68 (080301Z). Team heard large amount of movement and engaged with M-79 and grenades. Team was extracted with negative fire incident.

OpO 1161-68 (2D1) 110830H-131130H Oct 68 (161157Z). Team captured 1 P.O.W. and then heard a larger amount of movement in the surrounding area. Team initiated SAF and was extracted with negative fire incidents.

OpO 216-D-68 (1C3) 141500H-181500H Oct 68 061700Z. Team made contact with approximately 3 NVA. A Reaction Force was sent to aid the team, and the Reaction Force received a large amount of SAF. Team returned to VCB.

OpO 1174-68 (3B3) 201630H Oct 68 (230705Z). Team while being inserted, received SAF/AWF from a 360° around helo. Team estimated fire to be an NVA Platoon. Team and crew returned fire and mission was aborted.

OpO 2020-68 (3A2) 241130H Oct 68 (250307Z). Team while being inserted, received AWF/SAF while about 300 ft off the ground. Heli climbed up and mission was aborted.

OpO 2035-68 (3B3) 261400H-270840H Oct 68 (061700Z). Team received one sniper round and 1 burst of an AK-47, resulting in 1 USMC WIA. Team was extracted with negative fire incidents.

OpO 2041-68 (3A3) 271630H Oct 68 (061700Z). Team heard movement of approximately 6 enemy. Team received SAF from around them. Gunships and Fixed Wing came on station. After runs were made, team was extracted. Heli took SAF on extraction.

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OpO 206-D-68 (2C2) 280930H Oct 68 (061700Z). Team after being inserted heard running toward team. Gunships came on station and received SAF. Team was extracted and saw numerous muzzle flashes on the side of the hill upon extraction.

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PART IV  
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

✓(1) Patrol Order	1112-68 of 040359Z	October 68	(1C3)
✓(2) Patrol Order	194-D-68 of 040407Z ✓	October 68	(1C1)
✓(3) Patrol Order	197-D-68 of 061700Z ✓	October 68	(2C2)
✓(4) Patrol Order	195-D-68 of 061700Z ✓	October 68	(3C3)
✓(5) Patrol Order	1120-68 of 080301Z ✓	October 68	(2C1)
✓(6) Patrol Order	1161-68 of 161157Z ✓	October 68	(2D1)
✓(7) Patrol Order	216-D-68 of 061700Z ✓	October 68	(1C3)
✓(8) Patrol Order	1174-68 of 230705Z ✓	October 68	(3B3)
✓(9) Patrol Order	2020-68 of 250307Z ✓	October 68	(3A2)
✓(10) Patrol Order	2035-68 of 061700Z ✓	October 68	(3B3)
✓(11) Patrol Order	2041-68 of 061700Z ✓	October 68	(3A3)
✓(12) Patrol Order	206-D-68 of 061700Z ✓	October 68	(2C2)
✓(13) Msg 070635Z	Subj: Recon Debriefing Report OPO 1099	7 Oct 1968	
✓(14) Memo, 3120, Subj: Task Organization Report	29 Oct 1968		

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DTG 040359 2 OCT 68

FM: THIRD RECON BN  
TO: CG THIRD MAR DIV  
CG XXIV CORPS

15/04 OCT

INFO: FIRST AIR CAV DIV USA  
FIRST BDE FIFTH INF DIV USA  
TASK FORCE HOTEL  
FOURTH MARINES  
TWELFTH MA RILES  
MAG THREE NINE  
PROVINCE ADVISOR QUANG TRI  
THIRD FORCE RECON CO

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1. RECON TEAM: BATTALION 103  
SPOT REPORT IN LIEU OF PAROLE REPORT:

(6 MEN)

OCT 1112-68

THEY WERE BEING INSERTED AT XD945396 BY HALO AND SAW MOVEMENT IN THE TREELINE  
WHEN THEY WERE A FEW FEET OFF THE GROUND. THERE WERE (12) S. S. Y. IN THE TREELINE  
AND ALSO (12-15) ENEMY AROUND A BUNKER. THE CREW FIRED SAF ON THE  
ENEMY. MISSION WAS AFGO.

COMMENT: THE PAROLE LEADER SAID THAT THE HILL LOOKED AS IF IT HAD BEEN  
CUT BY HAND. HE DIDN'T BELIEVE IT HAD BEEN DONE THE JOB OF CLEARING THE HILL.  
THERE ALSO WAS A HOLE IN THE CENTER OF THE HILL THAT LOOKED AS IF IT HAD  
BEEN DUG BY S TOOLS.

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INFO-ROUTINE

DIG 040407 2 OCT 68

11/04 OCT

FM: THIRD RECON BN  
TO: CG THIRD MAR DIV  
CG XXIV CORPS

INFO: FIRST AIR CAV DIV USA  
FIRST BDE FIFTH LIGH INF USA  
TASK FORCE HOTEL  
NINTH MARINES  
TWELFTH MARINES  
THIRD MARINES  
MAG THREE NINE  
PROVINCE ADVISOR UANG TRI  
THIRD FORCE RICCA CO

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1. RECON TEAM: FAIRDALE 101 (7 MEN) OPO-194D-68  
SPOT REPORT IN LIEU OF CONTROL REPORT:

034000Z MAR 1968 AT XD904476, UPON INSERTION TH SPOTTED (4) NVA APPROX 75-100 MEMBERS IN OF 12, ENTIRE FORCE GREEN UTILITIES BUT TH COULD NOT OBSERVE ANY OTHER GEAR OR WEAPONS BECAUSE ENEMY WAS IN FIGHTING HOLES. (AREA MAY BE BOoby TRAPPED) TH WAS EXTRACTED WITH NEGATIVE FIRE INCIDENTS. THERE IS ALSO A BUNKER LOCATED AT THIS POSITION.

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INFO:ROUTINE

DTG: \_\_\_\_\_ Z OCT 68

FM: THIRD RECON BN  
TO: CG THIRD MARDIV  
CG XXIV CORPS

INFO: FIRST AIR CAV DIV USA  
FIRST BDE FIFTH INF DIV MECH USA  
TASK FORCE HOTEL  
NINTH MARINES  
TWELFTH MARINES  
FOURTH MARINES  
MAG THREE NINE  
PROVINCE ADVOSOR QUANG TRI  
THIRD FORCE RECON CO

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RECON DEBRIEFING REPORT

1. RECON TEAM: AMERICAN BEAUTY 2C2 (10 MEN) OPO 197-D-68  
051050H TEAM WAS BEING INSERTED AT (XD910563) WHEN ABOUT 6' FT OFF THE  
GROUND, ABOUT 7 NVA JUMPED UP FROM BUNKERS, AND FIRED SMALL ARMS. IT APPEARED  
TO BE AN OLD INFANTRY POSITION THAT THE NVA HAD MOVED INTO. THE ENEMY WERE WEARING  
GREEN UTILITIES WITH UNKNOWN WEAPONS. TEAM AND CREW, RETURNED FIRE, MISSION WAS  
ABORTED.

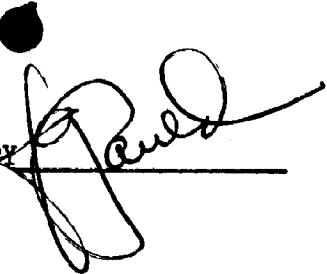
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INFO: ROUTINE

DTG: 2 OCT 68

FM: THIRD RECON BN  
TO: CG THIRD MAR DIV  
CG XXIV CORPS

INFO: FIRST AIR CAV DIV USA  
FIRST BDE FIFTH INF DIV MECH USA  
TASK FORCE HOTEL  
NINTH MARINES  
TWELFTH MARINES  
FOURTH MARINES  
MAG THREE NINE  
PROVINCE ADVOSOR QUANG TRI  
THIRD FORCE RECON CO.

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1. RECON TEAM: MOLE SKIN 2C3 7 MEN OPO 195-D-68
2. DATE INSERTED/EXTRACTED: 031335/051445H (49 HRS)
3. ROUTE: FM (XD844481) TO (XD828482) TO (XD827484) TO (XD822484) TO (XD826483)  
UL 8249 LR 8447
4. TERRAIN: ELEPHANT GRASS 4-6 FT. CAMOBY 20-35 FT ALONG THE STREAM, STEEP HILLS
5. HLZ'S: ENTIRE GRIP CAN BE USED AS HLZ.
6. ENEMY: 051120H TM AT (XD828482) RECEIVED A BURST OF SMALL ARMS FIRE, TM  
HEARD VOICES TO THEIR WEST.  
051230H TM AT (XD827484) SPOTTED 4 NVA/VC HEADING WEST ON A TRAIL. NVA  
STARTED MOVING TOWARDS THE TM, AO CAME ON STATION AND THE ENEMY SCATTERED.  
ENEMY WORE GREEN UTILITIES, HEAVY PACKS AND UNKN TYPE OF WEAPON. AO MADE  
STRAFING RUNS OVER THE AREA AND TOOK SMALL ARMS FIRE.  
051350H TM AT (XD827484) SPOTTED 2 NVA MOVING UP A HILL, TM INITIATED FIRE WITH  
M-79 AND M-16. TM WORKED UP A FIRE AND RELAYED THIS INFO TO ROMEO TO HAVE IT  
FIRED AFTER EXTRACTION, EXTRACTION HEL'S COME ON STATION AND EXTRACTED THE TEAM.  
GUNSHIPS RECEIVED FIRE.
7. OTHER INFO: TM BELEIVES THAT THE ENEMY IN THIS AREA FEELS SECURE.

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ME 080301 200T 66

FM: THIRD RECALL  
TO: CG THIRD MARDIV  
CG EXW COMPT

INFO: FIRST ADG CIV DEF USA  
FIRST BDE FWDL TECM INF USA  
TASK FORCE BOOMI  
NINTH DIVISION  
T-SIXTH GARDE  
MIG THREE NINE  
PROVINCIAL ADVISOR QUANG TRI  
THIRD FORCE BIDON CO

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1. ROOM TEA N ISLANDS 201 (8 MEN) OPO 1120-68

2. D-2000 INSERTION/EXTRACTIO, 031630H/061500H (72 HOURS)

3. T-2000: SIGHT ON IS WITH T IN UNDERBRUSH, GOOD COVER AND CONCEALMENT, GOOD OP STN IS AT YD033631 OFFERS 360 VIEW, YD046635 OFFERS NW VIEW. UL9846 181044.

4. ROUTE FM Q D055637 TO (YD047636) TO (YD046635) TO (YD033631)

5. H-2000: NURSES WALKED OUT AREA.

6. ENEMY 0320H STN AT YD046635 HEARD MOVEMENT 360 AROUND THEIR POSITION, APPROX 10-50 METERS AWAY, TH ALSO OBSERVED TWO FLASHLIGHTS APPROX 20 METERS AWAY.

0400H STN AT YD046635 CALLED FIREMISSION ON SUSPECTED ENEMY POSITIONS AT YD042631. TH OBSERVED MOVEMENT WHERE ARMY HAD IMPACTED AND 100 METERS N OF IMPACT AREA TH ADJUSTED ARMY TO N AND FIRED 105 RDS WITH GOOD COVERAGE OF TARGET AND UNKNOWN RESULTS.

041030H STN AT YD046635 CALLED A.O. ON STATION. AO TOOK INTENSIVE SAF/AW FROM 360 AROUND TH'S POSITION, A.O. RAN F/W ON SUSPECTED ENEMY POSITIONS WITH EXCELLENT TARGET COVERAGE AND SAF/AW CEASED.

042400H STN AT YD046635 DETECTED MOVEMENT OF A POSSIBLE ENEMY SQUAD AT YD033631.

051600H STN AT YD033631 OBSERVED MOVEMENT AT 50 METERS FROM N AND W OF THIS POSITION. TH'S RING 1100 FIRE MISSION OF 179 RDS WITH EXCELLENT COVERAGE OF TARGET AND UNKNOWN RESULTS.

061500H STN AT YD033631 HEARD MOVEMENT 30 METERS NW OF THIS POSITION, TH'S RING 1100 FIRE MISSION OF 179 RDS, UNKNOWN CEASED.

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7. OTHER INFO: 0400CH TH HEARD A TRUCK ENGINE WITHIN 1000 METERS TO THE  
SE OF TH'S POSITION TH WAS AT YD046635.

0501CH TH AT YD046630 HEARD A GASOLINE TRUCK ENGINE RUNNING APPROX 1000  
METERS TO THE SE OF TH'S POSITION IN A VALLEY, THE ENGINE RAN FOR 15 MINUTE  
PERIODS ALL NIGHT.

0605CH TH AT YD033630 HEARD A DIESEL ENGINE FOR 20 MINUTES TO THE SW OF  
TH'S POSITION, RAN UNKNOWN.

YD047636 TH FOUND 32 BUNKERS AND FIGHTING HOLES, BUNKERS WERE COVERED WITH  
SMALL LOGS AND FROM 8-12 INCHES OF METAL, THEY SEEMED TO BE APPROX 2 WEEKS  
OLD. ENEMY IS ALSO USING OLD INFANTRY POSITIONS FOR NIGHT CAMPS.

YD053635 TH FOUND A COMPANY SIZE CAMP SITE IN AN OLD INFANTRY POSITION,  
THERE WERE BOTTLES SCATTERED AROUND THE AREA WITH RUBBER STOPPERS, WHICH MAY  
HAVE BEEN BOoby TRAPPED.

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INFORMATION

DTG 161500Z OCT 68

FM: THIRD RECON BN  
TO: CG THIRD MAJ DIV  
CG XIV CORPS

INFO: FIRST AIR CAV DIV USA  
FIRST BDE FIFTH MECH INF USA  
TASK FORCE HOTEL  
NINETH MARINES  
TENTH MARINES  
M-67 THREE NINE  
PROVIDE ADVISOR DANG TRAI  
THIRD FORCE RECON CO

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1. RECON TEAM: SPONGY TIGGLE 2D1 (7 MEN) OPG 1161
2. DATE INSERTED/EXTRACTED: 110830H/31130H (76 HOURS)
3. ROUTE: 8M: (Y0095611) TO (Y0093619) TO (YD092618) TO (YD095609) TO (YD105605) TO (YD095606)
4. TERRAIN: LOW ROLLING HILLS THICK CANOPY 8-10 FT.  
HIGH GOOD COVER AND CONCEALMENT, GOOD OP SITE AT  
(YD092618) SITE OFFERS A 360° VIEW.
5. HAZ: SITE WILL ACCOMMODATE 2 CH-46'S AT COOR.  
(YD092618) BASE APPROX 360°.
6. ENEMY: 130930H TM 01 (YD103607) WAS MOVING S.E. WHEN  
POINT MAN OBSERVED AN L SHAPED BUNKER APPROX. 10 FT.  
DEEP AND 6 FT. WIDE, 12-15 FT. LONG WITH FRESH  
FOOTPRINTS AROUND IT. TM POINT THEN OBSERVED A PR.  
OF SHOES BENEATH A TREE AT ABOVE GRID, TM PT. THEN  
OBSERVED A LADDER LEADING UP INTO THE TREE AND AN  
ENEMY SITTING ON A PLATFORM 20 FT OFF THE GROUND IN  
THE TREE LOOKING DOWN AT THIS POINT, THIS POINT CALLED  
TO THIS ENEMY TO COME OUT OF THE TREE, ENEMY IMMEDIATELY  
THREW HIS HANDS BEHIND HIS HEAD AND BEGAN TO YELL.  
TM THEN HEARD NOISES ALL AROUND THEM ENEMY CAME  
DOWN FROM TREE AND TM SPRAYED THE TREES WITH  
3AP AND TEAM AND P.O.W. MOVED BACK AND SAT UP A  
360° PT (YD102607) TM THEN OBSERVED 2 ENEMY ONE TO  
THE R. AND ONE TO HIS R OF TM, POSIT ENEMY WORE KHAKI  
AND GREEN SHIRTS TM DID NOT ENGAGE THEM ENEMY.  
131100H A.O. CAME ON STATION AND HAD NEGATIVE  
SIGHTING.  
131200H TRANSPORT HELOS CAME ON STATION AND TM WAS  
INFORMED OF NO INCIDENTS.

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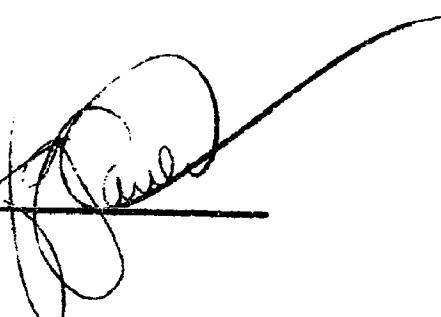
7. OTHER INFO: TM FOUND BOoby TRAPPED 105MM RND AF  
(YD095609) RND WAS NEW AND HAD A BLASTING CAP  
INSERTED INTO THE TIP OF RND WITH WIRE RUNNING INTO  
BUSHES, TM AVOIDED BOOBY TRAP AND CONTINUED MISSION.

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FM: THIRD RECON BN  
TO: CG THIRD MARDIV  
CG XXIV CORPS

INFO: FIRST AIR CAV DIV USA  
FIRST BDE FIFTH INF DIV MECH USA  
TASK FORCE HOTEL  
NINTH MARINES  
TWELFTH MARINES  
FOURTH MARINES  
MAG THREE NINE  
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1. RECON TEAM: BARRISTER 1C3 (6 MEN) OPO 216-D-68
2. DATE INSERTED/EXTRACTED: 141500H/181500H (120 HRS)
3. ROUTE: FM (YD008486) TO (XD985465) TO (XD998469) TO (XD002481)
4. TERRAIN: STEEP HILLS, 4'-12' ELEPHANT GRASS, HEAVY SCATTERED TREELINES.
5. HLTZ'S: NONE
6. ENEMY: 151130H, AT (XD982468) TEAM OBSERVED 3 NVA, WHO WERE OBSERVING WITH FIELD GLASSES AND WRITING NOTES. ENEMY WERE WEARING GREEN SHIRTS, AND TROUSERS, NO COVERS, AND NO WEAPONS. ENEMY THEN MOVED INTO TREELINE, FIRE MISSION WAS CALLED, WITH GOOD COVERAGE OF THE AREA.  
ABOUT 15 MINUTES LATER, AT (XD982468) TEAM CAME IN CONTACT WITH ENEMY, RESULTING IN 2 NVA KIA.
7. OTHER INFO: 171340H, TEAM OBSERVED AT (XD967468) 1 DUG IN MORTAR TUBE, AND NO PERSONNEL, ABOUT 1455H, TEAM OBSERVED 3 NVA, AROUND THE TUBE, FIRE MISSION CALLED, RESULTS, UNKNOW.  
MANY BOOBY TRAPS, IN THE AREA, AROUND (XD980475)

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CG XXIV CORPS**

INFO: FIRST AIR CAV DIV USA  
FIRST BDE FIFTH MECH INF USA  
TASK FORCE HOTEL  
NINTH MARINES  
TWELFTH MARINES  
FOURTH MARINES  
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**RECON DEBRIEFING REPORT**

1. RECON TEAM: BIG SHOT AND GARDEN VALLEY 383 AND 383  
SPOT REPORT IN LIEU OF PATROL REPORT QPO'S 1174-1175

201630H TM WHILE BEING INSERTED AT (YD023667)  
RECEIVED SAF/AWF FROM 360 AROUND HELO. TM EST-  
MATED THAT FIRE CAME FROM AN NVA PLT. HELO ALSO  
RECEIVED FIRE FROM ONE CREW SERVED WEAPON (MACH-  
INEGUN). TM AND CREW RETURNED FIRE AND MISSION  
WAS ABORTED.

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TO: CG THIRD MAR DIV  
CG XXIV CORPS

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INFO: FIRST AIR CAV DIV USA  
FIRST BDE FIFTH MECH INF USA  
TASK FORCE HOTEL  
NINTH MARINES  
THIRD MARINES  
TWELFTH MARINES  
MAG THREE NINE  
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RECON DEBRIEFING REPORT

1. RECON TEAM: DESERT SAND 3A2 (7 MEN) QPO 2020-68
2. SPOT REPORT IN LIEU OF PATROL REPORT

241130H TM WHILE BEING INSERTED AT ID 955455 RECEIVED  
SAF/AA FROM A TREELINE AROUND THE HIZ, TRANSPORT HELO  
WAS APPROX 300FT OFF THE GROUND. GUNSHIPS MADE STRAF-  
ING RUNS ON ENEMY POSITIONS AND MISSION WAS ASCTED

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TO: CG THIRD MARDIV  
CG XXIV CORPS

INFO: FIRST AIR CAV DIV  
FIRST BDE FIFTH INF DIV MECH USA  
TASK FORCE HOTEL  
NINTH MARINES  
TWELFTH MARINES  
FOURTH MARINES  
MAG THREE NINE  
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RECON DEBRIEFING REPORT

1. RECON TEAM: BIG SHOT 3B3 (6 MEN) OPO 2035-68
2. DATE INSERTED/EXTRACTED: 261400H/270840H (18HRS)
3. ROUTE: FM. (YD 090510) TO (YD 093512) TO (YD 108498)  
UL 0951 LR 1149
4. TERRAIN: LOW ROLLING HILLS, 3'-10' ELEPHANT GRASS,  
GOOD COVER AND CONCEALMENT. OP. SITE (YD 108498)  
OBSERVE E.
5. HLZ'S AT (YD 108498) SITE WILL ACCOMODATE 4 CH-46'S,  
SITE IS VALLEY, BEST APPROACH N.-S., TERRAIN OBSTACLES  
TREES.
6. ENEMY: 270730H AT (YD 108498) TEAM RECIEVED ONE  
SNIPER RND. AND 1 DURST OF AK-47, RESULTING IN 1 USMC WIA.  
TEAM RETURNED FIRE AND HEARD MOVEMENT TO THE N.  
TEAM CONTINUED FIRE UNTIL EXTRACTED AT 0840.
7. OTHER INFO: 261700 AT (YD 108502) TEAM FOUND BASE CAMP,  
WITH NUMEROUS BUNKERS AND FIGHTING HOLES. BUNKERS WERE  
5'x5'x4'. TEAM ALSO FOUND A BIG DRUM MADE FROM A  
HOLLOW TREE, 10' LONG, AND 3' IN DIAMETER. AT (YD 109  
501) TEAM FOUND A BIG HOUSE ABOUT 20' WIDE 30' LONG,  
WELL CAMOFLAGED. THIS AREA ALSO HAS MANY PUNJI PITS.

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CG XXIV CORPS

INFO: FIRST AIR CAV DIV USA  
FIRST BDE FIFTH INF DIV MECH USA  
TASK FORCE HOTEL  
NINTH MARINES  
TWELFTH MARINES  
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RECON DEBRIEFING REPORT

1. RECON TEAM: DEERFERN: SPOT REPORT MADE IN LIEU OF PATROL REPORT. 271400H TEAM AT (YD160428) TEAM WAS SETTING INTO AN OP SITE, WHEN 1 OF THE TEAM MEMBERS OBSERVED 1VC/NVA, AT (YD153424) ENEMY WAS MOVING E. TOWARDS THE TEAM, WEARING KHAKI'S, BUSH COVER, NO WEB GEAR, AND CARRYING AN UNKNOWN TYPE WEAPON. TEAM ALSO OBSERVED 4-5 MORE ENEMY BEHIND THE FIRST ENEMY, THESE PEOPLE MOVED TO A STREAM BED AT (YD157426). TM COULD NOT OBSERVE ENEMY AT STREAMBED BECAUSE OF HEAVY CANOPY. TM ATTEMPTED TO CALL IN A FIRE MISSION BUT COULD NOT BECAUSE OF JAMMING ON THE PRIMARY AND SECONDARY FREQUENCIES.

271600H, TM AT (YD160428), HEARD MOVEMENT OF APPROXIMATELY 6 ENEMY, 50 METERS TO TM'S E, TM MOVED TO (YD159429) AND BEGAN TO RECEIVE SAF/AWF FIRE, FROM TEAMS SW TM RETURNED, FIRE. TM THEN OBSERVED MUZZLE FLASHES AT (YD153424), OF 5-7 WPNS, TM CALLED A FIRE MISSION PUT WAS CHECKFIRED BY A.O. TM CONTINUED TO RECEIVE FIRE, ENEMY THEN SPREAD OUT AND ATTEMPTED TO ENCIRCLE THEM. A.O. RECEIVED SAF, FIXED WING AND GUNSHIPS CAME ON STATION, AND TM CEASED TO RECEIVE SAF. FW MADE BOMB AND NAPALM RUNS. GUNSHIPS RECEIVED AWF FROM (YD160428) AND PROCEEDED TO MAKE ROCKET AND STRAFING RUNS ON ENEMY POSITION, TRANSPORT HELOS CAME ON STATION AND RECEIVED SAF/AWF WHILE EXTRACTING TM.

271230H TM AT (YD157428), OBSERVED A LARGE CLEARED AREA ALONG THE SIDE OF A STREAM. AREA 20 METERS IN LENGTH AND 15 METERS IN WIDTH AND COULD ACCOMODATE 30 PEOPLE. THERE WERE TWO SMALL TRACKS LEADING N. AND W. FROM THE AREA, AREA HAD NOT BEEN USED RECENTLY.

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FM: THIRD RECON BN  
TO: CG THIRD MARDIV  
CG XXXV CORPS

INFO: FIRST AIR CAV DIV USA  
FIRST BDE FIFTH INF DIV MECH USA  
TASK FORCE HOTEL  
NINTH MARINES  
TWELFTH MARINES  
FOURTH MARINES  
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RECON DEBRIEFING REPORT

1. RECON TEAM: AMERICAN BEAUTY 202 OPO 206-D-68 SPOT REPORT MADE IN LIEU OF  
PATROL REPORT.

280930H AT (XD814534) TM AFTER BEING INSERTED HEARD MOVEMENT COMING TOWARD THEM.  
TEAM CALLED GUNSHIPS ON STATION, TEAM THEN HEARD A BURST OF AK-47'S, FIRE AT THE  
GUNSHIPS. EXTRACTION HELO THEN CAME IN AND PICKED UP THE TEAM. AT THIS TIME THE  
TEAM LEADER AND RADIO MAN OBSERVED MANY MUZZLE FLASHES, FROM THE SIDE OF HILL  
AIMED AT THE HELO. MISSION WAS ABORTED.

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TO: CG THIRD ARVN DIV  
CG XXIV CORPS

INFO: FIRST AIR CAV DIV USA  
FIRST BDE FIFTH ARVN DIV USA  
TA 5K FORCE HQ  
NORTH MARLIES  
TWELFTH MARLIES  
MAG THREI 110MM  
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RECON DISEMULATING REPORT

1. REGON THREI: OAK FOREST 3-3 (4 HEN) OP01099  
 2. DATE INVESTIGATED/EXAMINED: 272000H/040430H (120 HOURS)  
 3. ROUTES TM (YD266637) TO (YD251641) TO (YD264655) TO (YD263644)  
 TO (YD267643)  
 4. TERRAINS: SA NAM RIVER, RIVER, COV R AND CROPLAND, NUMEROUS OP'S  
 IN THE AREA. (UL2566) (R2764).  
 5. HAZ'S: NUMEROUS MINEFIELDS IN THE AREA.  
 6. ENVY: 302300H TM OBSERVED (5) MEN WALKING TO N-S. TH HAD PBR  
 FIRE 30 CAL. FIRS N MAN WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. TH WAS EXTRACTED  
 AND CA LED FIRE MISSION WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS. BEFORE EXTRACTION TH  
 OBSERVED (2) BULLY RETURN TO YD269851 WHERE TH FIRST OBSERVED THE  
 (5) ENVY.  
 7. OTHER INFO: TH FOUND TRAIL MARKER MADE OF FOUR PIECES OF DRY BRUSH  
 AT YD254653  
 TM OBSERVED TH ROLL ROLLING E TOW FROM YD253657 TO YD264658  
 032300H TM OBSERVE MAN DIVING AT YD381656 MAN STAYED IN WATER  
 FOR APPROX 45 MINUTES AND TH DID NOT INVESTIGATE FURTHER SINCE MAN  
 APPEARED TO BE A FISHERMAN.

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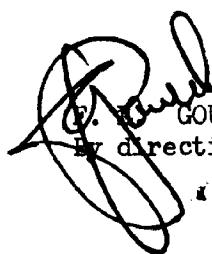
MEMORANDUM

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF, (Attn: AC of S, G-3)  
Subj: Task Organization (Report symbol Div - 3100 - 6)  
Ref: (a) DivO 3100.1D

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following report is submitted:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>USMC/OFF/ENL</u>	<u>USN/OFF/ENL</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
3d Recon Bn (Rein)	(30/910)	(1/50)	Quang Tri
* H&S Company	11/176	1/10	Quang Tri
Company A	4/120	6	Quang Tri
Company B	3/112	7	Quang Tri
Company C	3/109	7	Quang Tri
Company D	3/105	7	Quang Tri
Company E	2/136	6	Quang Tri
** 3d Force Recon Company	4/152	7	Quang Tri
TOTAL	30/910	1/50	

\* 1 Officer and 28 enlisted at Dong Ha and Radio Relays  
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