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THIRD MARDIV SITREP NR 56 AS OF 011600Z JUN 65

1. THIRD MARINES HAD SUDDEN AND EXPLOSIVE VC CONTACT WHEN THE DA NANG AFIELD WAS ATTACKED AT APPROX 0130H BY AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF VC UTILIZING 81MM MORTARS, 57MM RECOILLESS RIFLE, GRENADES AND SMALL ARMS. THE ATTACK RESULTED IN FIVE AIRCRAFT TOTALLY OR PARTIALLY DESTROYED, 1 USAF SERGEANT KIA AND 3 USMC WIA. NO VC CASUALTIES COULD BE CONFIRMED.

A. 1ST BN, 3D MAR CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPNS IN THE SOUTH CENTRAL PORTION OF THE TAOR. A PLAT PATROL MADE CONTACT WITH 20 VC AT 0635H VIC (AT 878700). ONE VC WAS WOUNDED AND HIS MAS CARPINE CAPTURED BEFORE THE VC BROKE CONTACT AND DISPERSED. AT 0850H AS THE PATROL PURSUED THE VC SA FIRE WAS RECD FM (AT 875720) BUT THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES. BETWEEN 0900H AND 1455H THE VILLAGE OF HOI VUC (AT 8771) WAS SWEEP AND 2 VCS CAPTURED. 1 MARINE WAS WIA VIC (AT 875706) BY A PUNJI TRAP BUT MED EVAC WAS NOT REQUIRED. NIGHT AMBUSH PSNS WERE SET UP VIC (AT 897672). IN ENSUING FIREFIGHT 3 VC WERE KIA OR WIA BUT BODIES WERE LEFT WHEN THEY FELL IN HOPES OF AMBUSHING MORE VC WHO MIGHT COME BACK TO RETRIEVE THEM. NO FRIENDLY CASUALTIES. AMBUSHES CONTINUE AT END OF REPORTING PERIOD.

B. 2D BN, 3D MAR WAS ALERTED FOR POSSIBLE DEPLOYMENT IN SUPPORT OF AFIELD DEFENSE UNITS AND TOOK PSNS ALONG HWAY 1 BETWEEN (AT 994770) AND (996779) TO

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GUARD AGAINST ATTACK ON THE AFLD FM THE NW. THIS DEPLOYMENT SECURED AT DAYBREAK WITHOUT INCIDENT. ONE PLAT MOVED TO VIC HILL 393 (A T 885757) TO EFFECT JUNCTURE WITH RECON BN OP THAT HAD REPORTED BEING SURROUNDED BY VC. BOTH UNITS RETURNED WITHOUT INCIDENT. OTHER SQUAD SIZE PATROLS THROUGHOUT BN AREA HAD NO VC CONTACT EITHER.

C. 1ST BN, 9TH MAR AFLD DEF FORCE WAS ATTACKED BY SMALL ARMS FIRE, 81MM MORTARS, 57MM RECOILLESS RIFLES AND GRENADES AT APPROX 0130H. DURING 3-4 MINUTE MORTAR ATTACK ON THE AFLD UNKNOWN NUMBER OF VC CUT THEIR WAY THROUGH PROTECTIVE WIRE AND FENCES ON SE SECTOR OF THE FIELD. IN RESULTING FIRE FIGHT WITH AFLD SECURITY PERSONNEL 3 MARINES WERE KIA. THE VC BROKE CONTACT AND WITHDREW TO THE SE AS SOON AS THE REACTION FORCE ARRIVED AT THE THREATENED SECTOR. A TOTAL OF FIVE USAF PLANES, THREE C-130'S AND 2 F-102'S WERE BADLY DAMAGE OR DESTROYED DURING THE ATTACK. AT FIRST LIGHT CO B, REINFORCE WITH AMTRACS AND A RECON CO BEGAN A COORDINATED SEARCH AND CLEAR OPERATION ALONG BOTH SIDES OF THE SONG CAU DO RIVER TO THE S AND SE OF SA NANG AFLD. AS THE OPERATION PROGRESSED THROUGHOUT THE DAY LOCAL POPULAR FORCES REPORTED FINDING 7 ROUNDS OF 81MM MORTAR AMMO, 14 EMPTY MORTAR PACKAGES AND A HAND GRENADE AT (BT 017737). ONE VC WAS CAPTURED BY THE LOCAL FORCES IN VIC (BT 027728). OPERATIONS CONTINUED UNTIL 1530H WITHOUT FURTHER RESULTS AND UNITS RETURNED TO THE AFLD. 3 LVTS BECAME STUCK ON ROCKS IN SONG CAU DO RIVER AS THE TIDE WENT OUT AND REMAINED VIC (BT 016717). SECURITY FORCES WERE LEFT WITH THE LVT'S FOR THE NIGHT AND ATTEMPT WILL BE MADE TO FREE THEM AS THE TIDE COMES IN AGAIN.

D. 3D BN, 4TH MAR LANDED CO L AT (YD 885040) BY HELO AND CONDUCTED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPNS FROM THERE TO (YD 885040) DURING THE DAY. THERE WAS NO VC CONTACT AND CO L RETURNED TO ITS PSN AT (YD 833120). ONE PLAT OF THE ATTACHED RECON CO WAS LIFTED TO GS (YD 8918) AND CONDUCTED RECON PATROL

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TO (YD 954140) WITHOUT VC CONTACT. AMBUSH PSNS ESTAB FOR THE NIGHT HAVE NOT REPORTED ANY VC CONTACTS AT THE END OF THE REPORTING PERIOD.

E. 1ST BN, 12TH MAR FIRED 8 H AND I MISSIONS, 3 WILL ADJUST, 2 ILLUM AND 1 PREP MISSION DURING THIS PERIOD. AMMO EXPENDED WAS AS FOL:

105MM	60 RDS
155MM	100 RDS
107MM	29 RDS

DURING THE ATTACK ON DA NANG AFID CMC WAS ALERTED BUT COULD NOT OBTAIN A FIX BEFORE MORTAR BOMBARDMENT ENDED.

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2. 4TH MARINES CONDUCTED THIRTEEN PATROLS AND ESTABLISHED FOUR AMBUSHES DURING REPORTING PERIOD.

A. 1ST BN, 4TH MARINES CONTINUED PLT SEARCH AND DESTROY OPN ON KY XUAN ISLAND, MOVING FROM (BT 485110) TO (BT 500092), RESULTING IN THE CAPTURE OF FIVE VC. RETURNED TO CP AT 011340H.

B. 2D BN, 4TH MARINES CONTINUED PATROLLING FWD OF DEFENSIVE PSNS, AND DISPATCHED A REIN SQD THIS EVENING TO ESTABLISH AN AMBUSH VIC (BT 521021). NO VC CONTACTS DURING REPORTING PERIOD.

C. 3D BN, 3D MARINES CONTINUED PATROLLING FWD OF DEFENSIVE PSNS. NO CONTACT THROUGHOUT REPORTING PERIOD.

D. CO B, 3D RECON BN DISPATCHED A PLT PATROL FOR THREE DAY OPN TO SW SECTOR OF TAOR. ENCOUNTERED 8 MAN VC SQD VIC (BT 473000). FIREFIGHT DEVELOPED RESULTING IN THREE VC KILLED, TWO USMC WIA, ONE SHOULDER WPN AND ONE DOCUMENT CAPTURED.

E. MISCELLANEOUS: LTGEN KRULAK, CG FMFPAC, ACCOMPANIED BY MAJGEN WALT, CG THIRD MARDIV, VISITED 4TH MARINES. LTCOL MUIR RELIEVED LTCOL HALL AS CO, 3D BN, 3D MAR.

3. THIRD RECON BN CONTINUED OPNS ON DONG DEN MOUNTAIN (BT 838828), AI VAN PASS AREA, HILL 393 AND CONTINUED TO SUBMIT REPORTS OF ACTIVITY IN SW SECTOR OF TAOR.

4. THIRD ENGR BN COMPLETED CONSTRUCTION OF WIRE ENCLOSURE TO HOUSE CAPTURED VC AND CONTINUED TO IMPROVE MLR ROAD NET.

5. INTENTIONS

A. THIRD MARINES WILL CONTINUE PATROLLING IN ALL AREAS AND SEARCH AND CLEAR OPNS IN SOUTH CENTRAL REGION OF TAOR. AT PHU BAI 3/4 WILL PROVIDE COMPANY SIZE BLOCKING PSN FOR COORD SWEEP TO BE CONDUCTED BY REGIONAL FORCES ALONG SONG TA TRACH RIVER.

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B. FOURTH MARINES. TO CONTINUE IMPROVEMENT OF DEFENSIVE POSNS AND CONDUCT AGGRESSIVE PATROLLING WITHIN ASSIGNED TAOR.

C. THIRD RECON BN. NO CHANGE.

D. THIRD ENGR BN. NO CHANGE.

E. A TOTAL OF 15 PATROLS AND 9 AMBUSHES ARE PLANNED FOR 3D MARDIV UNITS DURING NEXT 24 HOURS.

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THIRD MARDIV SITREP NR 57 AS OF 021600Z JULY 65

1. 3D MAF CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY (PMS W/REIN HIT IN 3 PORTIONS OF THE T.A.R. TODAY'S ACTIVITY ACCENTED IN 2VC CONTACTS. THE CAPTURE OF A WOUNDED VC WOMAN, APPREHENSION OF 1 VC AND 11 USMC CASUALTIES. SECURITY FORCES AT DA HANG AND HUNG INCREASED 50% AND THERE WAS ONE VC CONTACT ON THE PERIPHERY OF THE T.E. MIGHT OF 1-2 JUL. NO KNOWN CASUALTIES ON EITHER SIDE. IN THE HUE PHU-SAI T.A.R. THERE WAS ONE FAIR VC CONTACT THAT RESULTED IN 1 USMC KIA.

A. 1ST BN, 3D MAR. AT 0155H ONE OF THE SQUADS PATROLLING IN 3 SECTION OF THE T.A.R. REPORTED 5-10 VC IN THE GENERAL AREA OF THEIR IC/SIT AT (AT 896673) AND THAT THEY SMELLED WHAT APPEARED TO BE CS GAS. AT 0215H AFTER SEARCHING THE LOCAL AREA A U. S. MANUFACTURED CS GAS CARTRIDGE WAS FOUND. VC HAD DEPARTED AND THERE WAS NO CONTACT. AT 0615H A SEARCH OF THE AREA VIC (AT 896673) WAS MADE FOR 3 VC THAT HAD BEEN SHOT DURING AN U.S. RECAPTURED IN LAST SITREP. NO BODIES WERE FOUND, BUT 2 BAGS CONTAINING FOOD AND COOKING UTENSILS AND NUMEROUS BLOOD TRAILS WERE LOCATED. AT 0745H ONE VCS WAS PICKED UP VIC (AT 942675). AT 0830H TWO SQUADS RECD HEAVY SA FIRE FROM VIC (AT 942678). FIRE WAS RETURNED W/M-79'S, 3.6'S AND SA. AREA WAS SWEPT AND WOUNDED VC WOMAN CAPTURED IN A HOUSE THAT VC HAD BEEN FIRING FROM. THERE WAS NO FURTHER VC ACTIVITY DURING THE RECAPTURE PERIOD. NIGHT DEFENSIVE/ATTACK IC/SIT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED VIC (AT 887710).

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B. 2ND BN, 3D MAR CONDUCTED THREE SQUAD SIZE PATROLS IN MAIN CONTACT. **HAS BEEN SENT**

ONE PATROL MOVED GENERALLY FM (AT 846797) TO (AT 846810) AND BACK. THE SECOND PATROLLED FROM (AT 866800) TO (AT 923793). THIRD PATROL WENT FM N CP (AT 946775) TO (AT 915775) AND RETURNED. REMAINDER OF THE BN CONTINUED WORK ON NEW BLR POSITS.

C. 1ST BN, 9TH MAR CONTINUED DEFENSE OF DA NANG AFIELD W/3 RIFLE CO'S

PLAS H&S CO (-). AT 0016H POST #4 (BT 015744) ^{FIRE ON SUSPECTED}

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VC EAST OF THEIR POSIT. VC ~~DISAPPEARED~~

WHEN FIRED ON BY POSTS 3 AND 4 WITH M-79'S AND SMALL ARMS. ~~RECEIVED~~

D. 3D BN, 4TH MAR PARTICIPATED IN A COORDINATED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION INVOLVING 1 USMC CO AND 4 REGIONAL FORCE PLTS. CO L ESTAB BLKCHNG POSIT FROM (YD 800089) TO (YD 808096) WHILE RF PLTS SWEEP THE N SIDE OF SONG TA TRACH RIVER FM W TO E TOWARD CO L. CONTACT WAS MADE W/5 VC AT 0620^H VIC (YD 789096). VC BROKE CONTACT AND ESCAPED. THEIR FILE WAS RETURNED. 1 USMC KIA. THERE WERE 2 PLT SIZE AND 2 BCO SIZE RCOOP PATROLS CONDUCTED IN THE N AND SE PORTIONS OF THE TARGET W/ NO CONTACT OR SIGNIFICANT SIGHTINGS.

E. 1ST BN, 12TH MAR HAD A FLT OF ~~TRY~~ AT COORD (AT 94627606) AND THE HOUTAR TRY VIC H/2/3 (AT 897804). ALL OTHER TRY'S WERE IN THEIR PRIMARY POSITS. 10 H&I MISSIONS WERE FIRED AT SUSPECTED AVENUES OF APPROACH, AS WELL AS 2 EC* ISTRATIONS AND 1 "WILL ADJUST" MISSION. TOTAL ROUNDS EXPENDED WERE 40 RDS OF 105MM AND 60 RDS OF 155mm. ONE ADJUSTED MISSION WAS FIRED AT APPROX 20VC VIC (AT 873671) USING THE AN/TPS-21 TO ~~AT LOCATION AND SUBJECT~~ **HAS BEEN SENT** ~~THE VC~~. INDICATIONS WERE THAT THE VC DISPERSED AS ROUNDS LANDED ON TARGET. SWEEP OF THE TARGET AREA IN THE ^{MORNING} ~~INDICATION~~ ^{CAVE NO} INDICATION OF CASUALTIES INFLICTED NONE EVER.

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U. S. ARMY, 4TH INFANTRY. COMPANY F RECEIVED ONE KIA. COMPANY Y. DEFENSIVE PSN

C. 3D IN, 3D MARINES CONDUCTED SQD SIZED PATROLS FORWARD OF ITS DEFENSIVE
POSITIONS AND STRENGTHENED DEFENSIVE POSITIONS THROUGHOUT ASSIGNED SECTOR. NO
CONTACT.

E. CO B, 3D REG BN. PLATOON PATROL FIRED UPON SIX VC (BT 484001) AT 020828H.
DISPERSED. UNKNOWN.
VC CASUALTIES UNKNOWN. NO FU WHEN VC CONTACT.

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3. THIRD REGIMENT CONTINUED TO OPERATE ON CP/ ^{LP} AT **HAS BEEN SENT** ^{AN CP/1P}
 HAS ESTABLISHED VIC (AT 959745). ONE PLATOON CONTINUED TO PATROL IN ^{AN} PASS
 VIC (AT 9692). NO VC SIGHTING OR CONTACT DURING THIS PERIOD.

4. THIRD ENGL BN. PROVIDED ENGINEER SUPPORT TO 1ST BN, 3D MARINE, AND 2D BN,
 3D MARINE IN CONSTRUCTION OF MIA LOCATIONS. CONSTRUCTION CONTINUED ON THE
 CLASS V DUST.

5. DEFENSE:

A. THIRD REGIMENT WILL CONTINUE AGGRESSIVE PATROLLING OPERATIONS THROUGHOUT
 THE TACOS. ORGANIZING OF DEF POSITS AROUND DA NANG AREA AND DEFECTION
 OF PROXIMAL AREAS WILL CONTINUE.

B. FOURTH MARINES. IN CONTINUE IMPROVEMENT OF DEFENSIVE POSNS AND
 CONDUCT AGGRESSIVE PATROLLING AHEAD TACK.

C. THIRD REGIMENT BN. NO CHANGE

D. THIRD ENGL BN. NO CHANGE

E. THERE ARE 23 PATROLS AND 9 AMBUSHES PLANNED FOR 3d MAR DIV AREAS
 DURING THE NEXT 24 HOURS.

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1. 3D MARINES CONDUCTED FIVE PATROLS AND EIGHT ADVANCES WITH ~~ONE~~ CONTACTS. 1ST BN 3D MARINES CONTINUED OPERATIONS BY ONE REINFORCED PLATOON IN SOUTHERN PORTION TACH. 2D BN, 3D MARINES OPERATED VICIN THESE AREAS ACCIDENTALLY LUNDED BY P.F. AT LE MY. 3D BN, 4TH MARDIV CONTINUED THE COMPANY OPERATION IN TACH WITH ONE CONTACT. ALL UNITS CONTINUED TO IMPROVE DEFENSIVE POSITIONS ON MMR.

A. 1ST BN, 3D MARINES CONTINUED OPERATIONS IN THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF TACH WITH ONE REINFORCED PLATOON OF CO A. PATROL BASE ESTABLISHED VIC (AT 888712) AT 030240H AND REMAINED THERE UNTIL 030945H. TWO VCS WERE APPREHENDED BY A PLATOON AT 030208H VIC (AT 872712). THE PLATOON MOVED SOUTHEAST TO VIC (AT 875702) AT 031021H AND CONTINUED EAST FOR 4000 METERS TO VIC (AT 901688) UNTIL DARKNESS AND THEN MOVED SOUTH TO VIC (AT 900680) AT 032300H. THREE SQUAD SIZE ADVANCES WERE ESTABLISHED AT THAT TIME VIC (AT 900680) (AT 904673) AND (AT 908668) WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. THE REMAINDER OF THE BATTALION CONTINUED CONSTRUCTION OF MMR.

B. 2D BN, 3D MARINES CONTINUED TO MAINTAIN ONE PLATOON (GTIN) OF CO G IN MOBILE CONTACT BASE NEAR LE MY COMPLEX. THE PLATOON DISPLACED AT 030756H FROM (AT 840797) AND AT 1021H THE PLATOON MOVED VIC (AT 848812) AND ONE PLATOON LATER MOVED TO NORTH BRIDGE UNTIL 1600. AT THAT TIME THE

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PLATOON WAS RELIEVED BY ANOTHER PLATOON OF CO G AND RETURNED TO THE CP.

MOBILE PLATOON LOCATED VIC (AT 867819). AT 030905H, CO H PICKED UP ONE

VICTIM (AT 899825) WHO HAD BEEN ACCIDENTALLY

WOUNDED BY RF FIRES LAST NIGHT. THE BATTALION SURGEON TREATED THE

WOUND AND A DEEPEN LEG AND WHEN SHE WAS HELI-EVACUATED TO DA NANG.

ONE CO H MACHINE WAS INJURED VIC (AT 899802) WHILE FURNISHING GROUND TO

CLEAR FIELDS OF FIRE. THE WOUND WAS SUPERFICIAL, AND THE MACHINE

WAS EVACUATED ON THE SAME HELICOPTER AS THE INJURED WOMAN.

C. 3RD BN, 4TH BATTALION. CO L CONDUCTED ONE COMPANY HELI-LIFT AT 030630H FROM (YD 815091) TO (YD 841145) AND CONDUCTED TWO SEARCHED SIZED PATROLS WITH NEGATIVE CONTACT. AT 031330H A REACTION FORCE FROM CO M WAS HELICOPTER LIFTED TO VIC (YD 908087) TO CONDUCT SEARCH TO NORTH AND EAST OF LZ. THIS OPERATION WAS CONDUCTED ON INFORMATION GIVEN BY DISTRICT CHIEF OF HU BAI THAT A VILLAGE VIC (AT 908087) WAS BEING USED AS A GUERRILLA BASE CAMP. AT 031508H ONE RD SA FIRE RECEIVED FROM AN UNKNOWN SOURCE. A SEARCH OF THE SUSPECTED AREA PRODUCED ONE SET OF BLACK PAJAMA AND A SET OF GREEN UTILITIES IN A HUT VIC (YD ⁹¹⁵⁰⁸⁵~~908085~~). AT 031705H THE COMPANY WAS HELI LIFTED BACK TO THE CP. CO, 3RD BN CAN BE CONDUCTED A PATROL IN EASTERN SECTOR OF TACR WITH NO CONTACT.

D. 1ST BN, 9TH BATTALION CONTINUED TO IMPROVE DEFENSIVE POSITIONS TO PERFORM AND ~~THE~~ MISSION OF DEFENSE OF DA NANG AIRFIELD.

E. 1ST BN, 12TH BATTALION FIRED 9 H&I MISSIONS, 2 WA MISSIONS, 1 RTTY RIGHT, 1 RTTY LEFT AND 2 PRECISION REGISTRATIONS. TOTAL ROUNDS EXPENDED BY TYPE 10 mm 10HE, 155mm 8HE, 4.2" 47 HE, 4 ILLUM AND 24 WP. ALL BATTERIES ARE IN PRIMARY POSITION EXCEPT ONE PLATOON OF RTTY L WHICH

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DISPLACED TO VIC (AT 94627606) AND BTRY H TO VIC (AT 897799).

2. FOURTH MARINES CONDUCTED FIVE SQUAD SIZE, TWO PLATOON SIZE, AND TWO CO (-) SIZE PATROLS AND ONE AMBUSH, ~~CONDUCTED~~ ~~CONDUCTED~~.

A. 1ST BN, 4TH MARINES. CO B REMAINED ON HILL 51 AFTER RELIEVING CO A 2 JULY. AT 030635H CO B HELD FOLLOWING POSITIONS (BT 433056), (BT 445054), AND (BT 445064). VILLAGE (BT 445055) AND KY LANG (1) (BT 435055) SEARCHED WITH S/A FIRE INCLUDING ATR 4FMS RECEIVED FROM (BT 432057) AND (BT 429059) AT 031010H. CO D WITH P.F. PLATOON ATTACHED (DETACHED CO F AT PATROL VIC KY LANG 02). TWO USMC KIA 030950H AT (BT 444045) AND TWO MORE KIA AT 031335H. ALL COS RETURNED TO F.S. BY 031515H.

B. 2ND BN, 4TH MAR. CO E CONDUCTING REIN SQD SIZE PATROL AND AMBUSH FROM 031630H TO 040530H IN (BT 5200), (BT 5100), (BT 5201) AND (BT 5101) CO F CONDUCTING TWO REIN SQD SIZE COMBAT PATROLS AND ONE AMBUSH FROM 031600H TO 040400H. REIN PLAT (F CO G) HELILIFTED AT 030930H INTO VIC HILL 410 (BS 480999) TO CONDUCT EXTENSIVE DAY/NIGHT PATROLS FOR NEXT TWO DAYS. CO G (-) HELILIFTED TO VIC (BS 499990) FOR COMBAT PATROL. NO VC CONTACT.

C. 3D BN, 3D MARINES CO I AS JOINED ONE PLAT TO CP'S 1,2, AND 3 VIC (BS 560996), (BT 572017) AND (BT 585026). CO I INSPECTED BY BN C.O. AND CONDUCTED PLAT OFFENSIVE TACTICS TRNG TO REAR OF CO POSITIONS. CO L AT 030500H REPORTED T IF FLARE FIRED VIC DONG YEN (BT 535033). ILLUM AND PATROL IN AREA WITH NEG RESULTS.

D. 3D BN, 12TH MARINES. BTRY H DISPLACED AT 030530H TO (BT 5077805371). IN POSITIONS AT 030550H LAID ON AZ 4900 HILLS. NINE MISSILES FIRED: 5 HA AND 4 HAI WITH A TOTAL OF 133 RDS FIRES.

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3. 3D RECON BN CONDUCTED FOUR GROUND RECON MISSIONS. TWO HELICOPTER AND TWO ROAD RECON DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD. ITS NEGATIVE CONTACT. CO A LAD ONE THUNDERING AND CLEARING A HELICOPTER LZ ON DONG BEN MOUNTAIN VIC (AT 836826). CO A PLACED TWO TEAMS IN AREA AT APPROX 030900H AND EXTRACTED ONE TEAM. CO D CONTINUED TO OPERATE NORTH OF TACH IN AI VAN PASS AREA. ELEMENTS CO A, H&S AND REMAINDER CO D CONDUCTED ROAD RECON TO SOUTHWEST UNREAR OF TACH FROM 030001H UNTIL 03140H. A ROAD RECON WAS CONDUCTED AT 031500H. 1ST PLT, CO D OCCUPIED LP/CP TO NORTH OF TACH AT 031630H. RELIEVING 3D PLT VIC (AT 900885). 1ST PLATON, CO A OCCUPIED LP/CP TO WEST OF TACH AT 031630H VIC (AT 836756). H&S CO WILL CONTINUE OPERATIONS AT CP HOTEL ON HILL 327.

4. 31 ENGBN CONTINUED ASSISTANCE IN DEMO AND FIELD FORTIFICATIONS FOR 2D BN, 3D MARINES. SUPPORT RENDERED TO 3D RECON BN IN CLEARING LZ ON DONG BEN MOUNTAIN. CONSTRUCTION CONTINUED ON ROADS THROUGHOUT TACH AND DIVISION CP UNREAR.

5. INTENTIONS

A. 3D MARINES WILL CONTINUE TO IMPROVE HELI POSITIONS IN TACH. 1ST BN, 3D MARINES WILL CONTINUE ONE PLATON, CO A OPERATIONS IN SOUTHERN PORTION TACH UNTIL 041600H AND THEN RETURN TO BN CP. 2D BN, 3D MARINES WILL CONTINUE PATROLLING WITH ONE PLATON CO G IN MOBILE COMBAT LANE WEST OF LE MY COMPLEX. CO E (-) WILL CROSS CA DE SANG IN LVT'S AT 041300H ONE PLATON WILL RETURN AT NIGHT AND ONE PLATON WILL REMAIN IN LAY OUT POSTURE, FOR A 3 DAY PERIOD. 3D BN, 4TH MARINES WILL CONTINUE OPERATIONS BY CO L BY HELILIFT FROM VIC (YD 84115) TO (YD 889086) AT 040630H. 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES WILL CONTINUE TO IMPROVE AIRFIELD DEFENSIVE POSITIONS. CO A 3D TB BN WILL CONDUCT ~~DEVELOPING~~ EXERCISES AT HOA CAM TRAINING

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CENTER FROM 041300H TO 041600H. CO A 3D TANK BN WILL CONDUCT A DRIVING AND COMEX ALONG HIGHWAY 1 TO CA DE SONG BRIDGE AND RETURN ON 4 JULY 1965.

B. 1STBN 4TH MARINES WILL CONDUCT SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION ON PENINSULA CENTERED VIC (BT 445110): TENT D-DAY 6 JULY 1965. OPERATION WILL BE COMBINED LVT AND HELICOPTER LIFT OF TROOPS TO AREA WITH LVT'S USED IN PATROL AND BLOCKING ROLE AFTER MARINES DISEMBARK TO SEARCH.

3D BN, 3D MARINES WILL CONDUCT SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION VIC (BT 6200) AND (BT 6201) WITH TWO RIFLE CO'S REIN BY ENGR, TANKS AND LVT'S. TENTATIVE D-DAY 5 JULY 1965. ONE CO LAND BY LVT AND LCM OVER BEACH RED VIC (BT 630023) AT H - HOUR, SEIZE AND OCCUPY POS FROM (BT 630018) TO (BT 623020). ONE CO LAND BY HELICOPTER IN LZ ROUGE VIC (BT 640005) AT L-HOUR, SEIZE HIGH GROUND TO SOUTH OF E/W GRID LINE CO AND ESTABLISH POS FROM (BT 630011) TO (BT 634000). BOTH CO'S CONDUCT COORDINATED METHODICAL SEARCH USING PF'S AND PAT'S IN ASSIGNED ZONE TO SONG TRA BONG. FIRE SUPPORT WILL CONSIST OF ONE ARTY BTRY IN DIRECT SUPPORT. TWO SECTIONS OF 81MM MORTAR PLAT AND GAS. PREP FIRES IN HLZ AND CONCENTRATIONS ON KEY TERRAIN FEATURES WILL BE PLANNED.

C. 3D RECON BN WILL CONTINUE DEEP PATROLS AND OP/LP'S.

D. 3D ENGR BN. NO CHANGE

E. CIVIC ACTION.

1. MEMBERS OF H&S CO 2/3 DISTRIBUTED FOOD-STUFFS AND USED CLOTHING TO VILLAGERS IN LE MY AREA.

2. THE 3/4 ADJUTANT VISITED DR BANK, A LEADING BUDDHIST LAYMAN,

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 AT THE AMERICAN CONSULATE AT HEE. THEY VISITED A BUDDHIST HOSPITAL
 AND ORPHANGE AND A MEETING ARRANGED WITH 3/4 CHAPLAIN AND BUDDHIST
 BISHOP. ALTHOUGH BUDDHISTS ARE MORE NUMEROUS IN COUNTRY, THEY ARE
 LESS ACCESSIBLE AND ATTEMPT WILL BE MADE TO EQUALIZE BENEFITS TO
 COMMUNITY REGARDLESS OF CREED OR RELIGION.

F. THERE ARE 18 PATROLS AND 5 AMBUSHES PLANNED FOR THE 3D MARDIV
 AREA DURING NEXT TWENTY-FOUR HOURS.

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THIRD MARDIV SITREP BR 59 AS OF 041600H 4 JULY 1965

1. 3D MARINES

A. 1ST BN, 3D MAR CONTINUED COMBAT PATROLLING OPERATIONS IN S
 PORTION OF TAOR. 2 VC WAS CAPTURED AT 0700H VIC (AT 906668). MAN WAS
 ARMED W/ 45 CAL PISTOL AND WAS CARRYING APPROX 8-DAY SUPPLY OF RICE.
 IMMEDIATE INTERROGATIONS INDICATED HE WAS A POLITICAL INSTRUCTOR EN ROUTE
 TO A VC MEETING VIC GS (AT 8565) TO BE HELD AT 1200H. BASED ON HIS
 INFO AN ARMED AERIAL RECON OF THE AREA BOUNDED BY GS (AT 8263), (8763),
 (8762) AND (8262) WAS MADE FOLLOWED BY AN AIR STRIKE AND AN ARTY
 MISSION. RESULTS ARE STILL UNKNOWN. 1 USMC KIA AT 1210H BY A MINE
 VIC (AT 897675). WOUND WAS SERIOUS AND MED EVAC WAS MADE. DURING THE
 AFTERNOON AND EVENING PATROLS MOVED THROUGH COORDS (AT 870663) AND
 (AT 908670) W/ NO VC CONTACT. THREE SQUAD SIZE AMPUSHED NEAR ESTAR
 VIC (AT 908670) AND NO CONTACTS WERE REPORTED AT THE END OF THE REPORTING
 PERIOD.

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B. 2D BN, 3D MAR CONTINUED TO MAINTAIN A ROUTE PLATOON PATROL
 BASE VIC (AT 852819). SQD SIZE PATROL MOVED FROM THERE TO (AT 865779)
 AND ACH /C SIGHTING ANY VC. AT 1215H TWO PLT OF CO E CROSSED THE CA
 DE SONG RIVER BY LVT AND SWEPT THE VILLAGE OF TROUNG DINH (AT 8883).
 AT 1308H THREE VC WERE SEEN VIC (AT 874835) AND TWO MORE VIC (AT 873834).

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THEY WERE TOWER UNDER FIRE BY 81mm GUN IN AND ARTY 1/1000 TO 1/1000. AFTER COMPLETION OF THE VILLAGE SWEEP PATROL ACTION CONTINUED VIC (AT 896837) AND NE OF THERE AS WELL AS THE HILL PASS VIC (AT 900803).

1. 1ST BN, 9TH MAR CONTINUED IMPROVEMENT OF FIELD DEFENSIVE POSITIONS. AT 0852H TWO SHOTS WERE HEARD BY THE PERIMETER SECURITY FORCE. NOTHING REVEALED NOTHING.

2. 30 BN, 4TH MAR CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPS IN THE AREA. AT 0630H CO L WAS REINFORCED TO (YD 889086) WHERE A TANK/BASE WAS DESTROYED AND THREE PATROLS DISPATCHED FOR LOCAL PATROLLING. THERE WAS NO VC CONTACT DURING THE DAY AND A PLT SIZE NIGHT AMBUSH POSSE WAS SET VIC (YD 892086). SQUAD SIZE RECON PATROLS WENT FROM THE PC OF ANVA TO (YD 906152) AND TO (YD 885173). THERE WAS NO VC CONTACT MADE DURING THIS PERIOD.

3. 1ST BN, 12TH MAR HAD ALL BTRYS IN THEIR PRIMARY POSITIONS EXCEPT THE NGUYEN BTRY VIC (AT 901806) AND ONE PLT OF BTRY L (AT 9062506). 10 WEZ MISSIONS, 6 "WILL ADJUST" AND 3 FIRE FOR EFFECT MISSIONS WERE FIRED DURING THIS PERIOD. ALSO EXPENDED WAS: 105MM HE - 3 RDS, 155MM HE - 2 RDS, 155MM WP - 10 RDS, 8" HE - 10 RDS, 4.2" HE - 34 RDS FOR A TOTAL OF 124 RDS FIRED.

2. FOURTH MARINES. CONDUCTED SEVENTEEN S&D SIZE, ONE PLT AND ONE COMPANY PATROL DURING REPORTING PERIOD. FOUR AMBUSHES WERE CONDUCTED WITH NEG RESULTS.

A. 1ST BN, 4TH MARINES CONTINUED LOCAL PATROLS IN VICINITY OF DEFENSIVE POSITIONS.

B. 2ND BN, 4TH MARINES REPORTED LIGHT PROBE INTO CO F DEFENSIVE POSN VIC (AT 525038) AT 040001H. CO F FIRED IN DIRECTION OF PROBE, DISPERSING THE INTERDISPERS. AT 0025H CO F RECD 5-6 ROUNDS OF INCOMING SA VIC (BT 525038) ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~. RETURNED FIRE AND OBSERVED TWO VC APPARENTLY

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MORTALLY WOUNDED ON THE TACTICAL WIRE. COPIES HAD BEEN RECOVERED BY VC PRIOR TO FIRST LIGHT EVEN THOUGH AREA WAS OFTEN ILLUMINATED AND COVERED BY FIRE THROUGHOUT REMAINDER OF NIGHT.

C. THIRD RECON BN PATROLLED IN VICINITY OF DEFENSIVE POSNS W/C DOCUMENTED VC CONTACT THROUGHOUT REPORTING PERIOD.

D. THIRD ENGINE BN W/ TWO BATTALIONS REMAINING 49 BNS.
 3. THIRD ENCL IS DESPATCHED CP/LP TEAM TO (AT 821786) BY 041345H. TEAM LOCATED AT DONG DEN MOUNTAIN REPORTED NO UNUSUAL SIGNATURES. ALL VMS DANE FROM CONTACTS IN DEN OF VILLAGE, FORT AND SURROUNDING AREAS (AT 9089) W/ NO SIGNATURES.

4. THIRD ENGINE BN CONTINUED DEVELOPING AND IMPROVING ROAD WEST OF DA NANG DEFENSIVE POSN. BN CONTINUED WITH CONSTRUCTION OF CLASS V DUMP AREAS AND DIVISION OF POST.

5. ATTENTION:

A. THIRD MARINES WILL CONTINUE COMBAT PATROL/SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN BOTH TAOR'S. ONE PLT OF CO E WILL REMAIN NORTH OF THE CA DE SONG RIVER AS A LAY OUT UNIT WHEN THE OTHER PLT RETURNS TO THE S SIDE OF THE RIVER. 1/9 WILL RESUME LOCAL PATROLS IN THE DA NANG APLD VIC.

B. FOURTH MARINES: SEARCH AND DESTROY CPNS SCHEDULED TO BE CONDUCTED BY 1/4 N 6 JUL ON PENINSULA VIC (BT 445110) CANCELLED. 3/3 CPN IN E SECTOR OF TAOR WILL BE CONDUCTED 5 JULY IS DESCRIBED IN MY SITREP NR 58.

C. THIRD RECON BN PLANS TO CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE OPNS IN SW SECTOR OF TAOR AND CONTINUE OPNS IN HAI VAN PASS AND DONG DEN MOUNTAIN AREAS.

D. THIRD ENGR BN: NO CHANGE

E. CIVIC ACTION. IN 1/3'S AREA DAILY SICK CALL FOR THE VIETNAMESE IS BEING HELD AT THE ROAD JUNCTION LOCATED (AT 9072). RECENTLY RECEIVED MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND USED CLOTHING HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO THE COMPANY LEVEL FOR PEOPLE TO PEOPLE PROJECTS IN THEIR AREAS.

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P. A TOTAL OF 20 PATROLS AND 8 AMBUSHES ARE PLANNED FOR THIRD
MARINE UNITS DURING THE NEXT 24 HOURS.

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THIRD MARDIV SITREP PR 60 AS OF 051600Z JULY 65

1. THIRD MARINES. CONDUCTED 8 PATROLS AND 7 AMBUSHES WITH ONE CONTACT.
 WORK CONTINUED ON HER POSITIONS IN TACR. COMBINED ARVN/USMC PATROLS WERE
 CONDUCTED NORTH AND SOUTH OF THE DA NANG AIRFIELD WITH NO CONTACT.

A. 1ST BN, 3D MARINES CONTINUED PATROLLING IN SOUTHERN PORTION OF TACR
 WITH ONE REINFORCED PLATOON OF CO A. AMBUSH BY PLATOON BOUNDED ONE VC VIC
 (AT 871664) AT 050700H. VC ESCAPED BUT BLOOD STAINS, B. DING GLASSES AND A
 MESSAGE REGARDING GRAIN DELIVERY WERE FOUND. PLATOON OF HAS CO DEPARTED BATTALION
 TALION CP AT 050821H AND PROCEEDED SOUTHWEST TOWARD HOI VUC TO CHECK ARTY
 FIRING CONDUCTED LAST NIGHT VIC (AT 919705). NO EVIDENCE FOUND AT IMPACT AREA
 AND PATROL CONTINUED TO VIC (AT 875706) WHERE ONE RD SNIPER FIRE HECD AT
 051425H. AT 051538H THE PATROL DEPARTED HOI VUC FOR BATTALION CP, ARRIVING
 THERE AT 1900H.

B. 2D BN, 3D MARINES CONTINUES TO MAINTAIN ONE PLATOON, CO E IN "LAYOUT"
 POSITION ALONG NORTH BANK OF CA DE SCNG VIC (AT 896848). PLATOON CONDUCTED TWO
 SQUAD SIZE PATROLS. NO CONTACT. ONE PLATOON CO G CONTINUED OPERATION AS A
 MOBILE PATROL BASE VIC (AT 832785). CO H REPORTED MOVEMENT TO FRONT, MARINE
 THREW GRENADE AT 050305H VIC (AT 895805) WITH NO RESULTS

C. 3D BN, 4TH MARINES. CO K WAS TRUCKED TO VIC (YD 841155) AND CONDUCTED
 COMPANY SIZED SWEEP TO VIC (YD 806092) AT 050755. NO CONTACT. ONE PLATOON

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CO C, 3D RECON BN PATROLLED FROM BATTALION CP AT 050700H TO VIC (YD 890000) AND RETURNED AT 051105H WITH NO CONTACT, A SECOND PLATOON PATROL OF CO C, 3D RECON DEPARTED AT 050735H AND RETURNED AT 051030H TO (YD 876180). NO CONTACT. COMPANY M ASSIGNED DUTIES AS AIRFIELD DEFENSE COMPANY. CO L WAS TRUCKED BACK TO CP FROM (YD 889086) AT 050845H AND ASSUMED BATTALION CP DEFENSE. CO I HELILIFTED ONE PLATOON TO THE BATTALION CP ON HILL 225 RELIEVING A PLATOON OF CO M. REMAINING TWO PLATOON CO I ASSIGNED AS RESERVE AND REACTION COMPANY. NEGATIVE CONTACT DURING REPORTING PERIOD.

D. 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES. DISPLACED BATTALION CP AND CO A, C, L, AND H&S(-) TO DA NANG AIRFIELD. BATTALION CP OPENED AT 051730H VIC (AT 003748). CO B(-) REMAINED IN DEFENSIVE POSITIONS VIC (AT 973753). TWO PATROLS WITH ARVN CONDUCTED VIC AIRFIELD PERIMETER FROM 05001H TO 050053H AND 050054H TO 050217H. NO CONTACT. *CONTINUE TO IMPROVE AIRFIELD DEFENSES.*

E. 1ST BN, 12TH MARINES FIRED ONE PRECISION REGISTRATION, 20 H&I AND 3 WA MISSIONS DURING REPORTING PERIOD. TOTAL ROUNDS FIRED BY TYPE AND CALIBER WERE: 105MM, 20 RDS HE; 155MM, 24 RDS HE, 12 RDS WP; 4.2" 80 ED HE AND 7 RDS WP.

2. FOURTH MARINES. HIGHLIGHT TODAY WAS THIRD BN, THIRD MAR SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION IN NORTHEAST PORTION OF TRUNG PHAN PENINSULA. LIGHT VC CONTACT WITH SMALL FIRE THROUGHOUT THE DAY. SIX VCS CAPTURED. LVT PREVIOUSLY REPORTED DESTROYED IN AREA RECOVERED AND TOWED BACK TO CO A, FIRST AMTRAC BN CP. ONE PLATOON FROM 2D BN, 4TH MARINES HELILIFTED TO VIC HILLS 385 AND 410 (BT 4700) AND (BT 4900) FOR TWO AND A HALF DAY PATROL.

A. FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES CONDUCTED SCHEDULED PATROLS AND PREPARED FOR OPERATION LULU.

B. SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES HELILIFTED ONE PLATOON CO F TO HILLS 385 AND 410 VIC (BT 4700) AND (BT 4900) FOR TWO AND A HALF DAY OPERATION AT 050930H. AT 050008H TRIP FLARE SET OFF AT (BT 517043). ILLUM FIRED AND FRAG GRENADE THROWN WITH NEG RESULTS. AT 040001H TANK FIRED SEVERAL BURST. 30 CAL ^{AT} ~~105~~ ¹⁰⁵ ~~THREE~~ ^{THREE} ~~MM~~ ^{MM} MOVING VIC (BT 515041). NEG RESULTS.

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CO 3D BN, 3D MARINES. AT 0550H L CO 3D FLT, ONTOS AND TANKS DEPARTED
 3/3 CP. DEPLOYED ALONG WESTSIDE SONG TRA BONG RIVER. AT 052600H
 LVT'S DEPARTED 3/3 CP WITH CO K. AND CMD GROUP. AT 0540H OUTPOST
 (BT 624009) A MARINES TRIPPED AN M26 GRENADE BOBBY-TRAP. OTHER ENEMY
 TRAPS IN AREA. 11 WIA, ONLY 4 EVAC OTHERS NOT SERIOUS.
 AT 0725 L CO 3D FLT VIC BT 614009 RECEIVE SNIPER FIRE COULD NOT LOCATE
 SNIPERS. ARTY COMMENCED PREP FIRES. AT 0726 KILO LANDED ON RED BEACH.
 AT 0730 KILO OCCUPIED 1ST OBJECTIVE. AT 050720H CO I LANDED IN LZ. V C
 (AT 630001). AT 050730H CO K RECEIVED AUTOMATIC WPNS FIRE VIC (BT 623014)
 AT 050741H CO I ON HILL VIC (BT 645004). AT 0745 THE 2D WAVE OF CO I IN
 LZ. AT 050741H CO I NO CONTACT. ENGR MINE CLEARING TEAM REQUESTED AT 0730
 ARRIVED 3/3 FWD CP MOVED TO CO K CP VIC (BT 623007). AT 050835H CO I
 IN LOS ON HIGH GROUND EAST OF RIVER. AT 050900H CO K RECEIVED SMALL ARMS
 FIRE FROM VIC (BT 615009). ENEMY RETREATED BEFORE REQUESTED ARTY
 MISSION WAS FIRED. AT 050910H CO I COMMENCED SWEEP FROM SOUTH. AT 0915H
 CO L REPORTED CATTLE (BT 550024). MAN WOMAN AND CHILD WERE TENDING CATTLE
 SENT A 5 MAN PATROL TO INVESTIGATE. AT 0925H VIC (BT 547020). 5 MAN
 PATROL RECEIVED 1 ROUND SMALL ARMS FIRE. NEG RESULTS ON INVESTIGATION.
 CO K LOCATED AT PL REAR AT 0930H. PL REAR (BT 623003) (BT 122000)
 (BT 602017). CO K LEFT ELANK BEING FIRED AT FROM VIC (BT 628004)
 AT 0940H. AT 0944H CO I LOCATED VIC (BT 628003) VILLAGE RINGED WITH
 CAVES AND TUNNELS; INSTRUCTED TO DESTROY SAME AND SAVE ALL FOOD CACHES.
 CO I AND CO K JUNCTURE VIC (BT 637009). AT 1002H CO I LOCATED VIC
 (BT 628007) AND (BS 638996) CO I CP (BS 636999). ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
~~XX~~ CO I PICKED UP 6 VCS IN HILL (BT 628003). AT 1100H SWEEP CONTINUES
 CAVD BLOWING CONTINUES NO CONTACT. AT 1240H CO I LOCATED (BT 623003).
 AT 1300H ARTY FIRED AT 20 VC VIC (BT 650005). EXCELLENT EFFECT ON
 TARGET. NEG SURVEILLANCE AT 1500H PREPARATION TO MOVE BURNED OUT
 LVT FROM 29 JUNE BEGUN. AT 1530H MOVE COMMENCED. AT 1620H BACK LOAD
 COMMENCED. AT 1643H CO I LIFT COMPLETED.

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RETURNED TO 1ST BATTALION, 1ST CP. TRENCHES, SMOKE, AND NOISE ALL DAY; OVER 900 LBS DE'G VS D ON EXTENSIVE VC TUNNELS, CAVES, ETC.

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ONE USMC KIA BY SNIPER 050820H ON FIBA. PLATOON ATTEMPTED TO FIND SNIPER NEG RESULTS.

3. 3D RECON BN. CONTINUED TO OPERATE LP/OPS AND PATROL THROUGHOUT THE TAOR WITH NO CONTACT. ONE MOTORIZED PATROL CONDUCTED AROUND DA NANG AIRFIELD, DEPARTING AT 050001H AND RETURNED AT 050120H. ONE MAN FROM CO D INJURED AT 050950H BY OBSTRUCTION OVERHANGING ROAD.

4. 3D ENGR BN. CONTINUED SUPPORT OF 3D RECON BN IN CLEARING OF IZ ON DONG D HILL, SUPPORT OF 2D BN, 3D MARINES, IN DEMO AND FIELD FORTIFICATIONS, EVACUATION OF DIVISION CP BUNKER, ROAD CONSTRUCTION THROUGH CUT TAOR, AND INSTALLATION OF LIGHTS ON AIRFIELD PERIMETER FOR 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES.

5. INTENTIONS.

A. 3D MARINES WILL CONTINUE TO PATROL AND IMPROVE MLR IN TAOR.

1ST BN, 3D MARINES. CO A'S REINFORCED PLATOON WILL DEPART VIC (AT 918 26) AT 060600H AND RETURN TO BATTALION CP AT 062000H. ONE PLATOON CO B WILL MOVE TO FORWARD AREA IN TAOR. 2D BN, 3D MARINES WILL CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN ONE PLATOON VIC (AT 860793) AS MOBILE COMBAT BASE. ONE PLATOON CO E WILL REMAIN IN LAY OUT POSITIONS ON NORTH BANK OF CA DE SONG VIC (AT 397848). 3D BN, 4TH MARINES WILL HELILIFTED CO F AT 060630H FROM (YD 806092) TO (YD 815091) AND CONDUCT SNEAK FROM THERE TO VIC (YD 841082), AND REMAIN THERE FOR THE NIGHT. CO C, 3D RECON BN WILL CONDUCT TWO SQUAD SIZE PATROLS. 81MM MORTARS WILL DISPLACE 4 GUNS TO VI (YD 874123) AND CONDUCT FIRE. 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES WILL CONTINUE TO IMPROVE AIRFIELD DEFENSIVE POSITIONS AND PATROL WITH ARVN ^{OUTSIDE} PERIMETER OF FIELD.

NO OTHER CHANGES. 10 DAY OF FIRST BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES (OPERATION

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LULU DIV REFINED SITREP 58 PLAN 6 JULY. THIRD DIV, THIRD MAR WILL CONDUCT
 COINTEGRATED OPERATION 8 JULY WITH THREE USMC CO AND SECOND BATTALION, FIRST
 REGIMENT, ARVN, IN TRUNG PHAN PENINSULA. THREE USMC CO'S AND ARVN IN LAND SIMU-
 LTANEOUSLY 080630H; ONE USMC CO OVER BEACH RED (BT 6202), ONE USMC CO LAND LZ
 RED (BS 6497), ONE USMC CO LAND LZ WHITE (BT 6697), ONE USMC CO LAND LZ BLUE
 (BS 6702), AND ARVN ON LAND LZ ORANGE (BT 6604). LVT LANDED CO ESTABLISH LANDING
 POS IN CONTACT IN ZONE. HELICOPTER LANDED USMC CO'S SWEEP SOUTH TO NORTH IN
 ASSIGNED ZONE, PROGRESSING BY PHASE LINES ON ORDER UNTIL WATER LINE OF VULG TUNG
 QUAT IS REACHED. FIRST IN CONDUCT SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION EAST SIDE XANG HUI
 (BT 662028), DAU CAI (DS 675995) ^{MAG 12 PROVIDES R4} HAVOC CO RT, CAS AIRBORNE ALERT/ON GROUND ALERT.
 C. 3D RECON BN WILL CONTINUE TO PATROL IN WEST AND NORTH AREAS OF TACR. ^{CALL} IR-
 LAL RECON PLANNED AT 061030H OVER TACR.

D. 3D BTRON BN. NO CHANGE.

E. CIVIC ACTION. 4 JULY THE 1ST BN 4TH MARINE BATTAL TREATED 150 PERSONS
 FROM ~~EXTRA~~ KY PHA VILLAGE AT COORD ^{(BT} 509121. A RETURN TEL IS PLANNED FOR 16
 JULY. TRAVEL TO THE VILLAGE IS BY JUNK FORCE AND THIS IS THE FIRST TIME WORKERS
 HAD BEEN IN THE AREA.

TWO BARRELS OF DIESEL FUEL AND 25 GALLONS OF OIL HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO KY
 PHA VILLAGE TO REPAIR THE ^{VIC (BT 146007)} BUILDERS ASSIGNED TO CLEAR LAKE FOR THE NEW HALET
 RUNNING.

F. THERE ARE 20 PATROLS AND 6 AMBUSHES PLANNED BY THE 3D MARDIV DURING THE
 NEXT 24 HOURS.

LATE ENTRY: 1 VC KIA, FOUND IN FRONT OF CP 1 WITH BAR AND MAGAZINE. EXACT
 TIME OF DISCOVERY UNKNOWN.

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THIRD MARDIV SITREP NR 61 AS OF 061600Z JUL 65

1. THIRD MARINES CONDUCTED 7 PATROLS AND 4 AMBUSHES WITH NEGATIVE CONTACT DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD. THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE PERIOD COVERED WAS THE DISPATCH OF THE REACTION FORCE TO THE VIC (BT 135555) TO SECURE A DOWNED ~~UNRE~~ ^{ONE} AIRCRAFT BY COMPANY (-) OF 1ST BN, 9TH MAR. THIS OPN WAS COMPLETED AT 061705H. WORK CONTINUED ON THE AIRFIELD PERMEITER AND THE MLR PSNS.

A. 1ST BN, 3D MAR CONTINUED WORK ON MLR AND PATROLLING IN SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE TAOR. A REPORT WAS RECD FROM THE DANANG SPECIAL SECTOR OF 100 VC VIC (AT 995685) AT APPROX 061535H AND 210 VC LOC VIC (AT 957670) AT THE SAME TIME. AN OLE WAS DESPATCHED TO VIC (AT 957670) WITH NEG SIGHTINGS. ARVN FIRED ARTY ON VC LOCATED VIC (AT 995685) WITH UNK RESULTS. ONE PLAT CO A RETURNED TO COMPANY CP AT 060650H AFTER CONDUCTING THREE NIGHT AMBUSHES WITH NO CONTACT. TIME OF RETURN WAS 060835H.

B. 2D BN, 3D MARINES CONTINUES WORK ON MLR. ONE PLAT, CO E CONTINUES "LAYOUT" PSN NORTH OF CA DE SONG IN VIC (AT 896848). AT APPROX 060003H CO H RECD SEVERAL RDS SA FIRE INTO RIGHT FLANK. NEG FURTHER CONTACT. AN/TPS-21 PICKED UP EST 2 VC VIC (AT 93356770) AT APPROX 060230H. A ARTY FIRE MISSION WAS FIRED ON TARGET AND ADJUSTED BY S-2 OF HIEU DUC DISTRICT.

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ROUNDS COMPLETE AT 060257H. NO SURVEILLANCE. CO G DEPARTED CP AT 060916H TO REPLACE CO H AT IRON BRIDGE RIDGE. RELIEF WAS COMPLETED AT 061135H. A PATROL OF CO G CHECKED THE MSR FOR MINES USING ENGINEER MINE DETECTORS FROM 060900H TO 061030H WITH NEG RESULTS.

C. 3D BN, 4TH MAR. CO K HELILIFTED FROM NIGHT PSN VIC (YD 841082) TO VIC (YD 873077) AND CONDUCTED SWEEP TO VIC (YD 841082) WITH NO CONTACT. CO C, 3D REG BN CONDUCTED TWO SQD SIZE PATROLS FROM CP TO VIC (YD 904153) AND THE OTHER TO (YD 908150). THESE PATROLS DEPARTED AT 060820H AND RETURNED AT 061020H. THERE WAS NO CONTACT.

D. 1ST BN, 9TH MAR CONDUCTED TWO NIGHT PATROLS WITHIN 200 METERS OF AFLD PERMETER WITH ARVN FORCES. THE FIRST PATROL COMMENCED AT 052300H AND RETURNED AT 060040H AND WAS CONDUCTED TO THE SOUTHEAST OF THE AFLD. THE SECOND PATROL WAS TO THE NORTHEAST AND CONDUCTED BETWEEN 060415H AND 060600H. NEG CONTACT FOR BOTH PATROLS. AT 060901H A UH1E HELICOPTER WAS REPORTED DOWN VIC (BT 135555) AND RECEIVING SA FIRE. CO D WAS ALERTED TO PROVIDE TWO PLATOONS (REIN) REACTION FORCE. AT 061000H THE CO^{ED} BEGAN HELILIFT TO AREA OF DOWN^{ED} CHOPPER. TWO F4B WERE ON STATION TO SUPPORT THIS OPN. BY 061030H THE HELILIFT WAS COMPLETED AND SHORTLY THEREAFTER SA FIRE WAS RECD FROM THE EAST. AN AIRSTRIKE WAS CALLED ON THE AREA AND A SQD SWEEP TO THE EAST WITH NEG RESULTS. AT 061200H A SQD CONDUCTING THE SWEEP REPORTED FINDING A LONE HUT, WHOSE OCCUPANTS FIRED UPON THE MARINES ARRIVAL. ONE CARBINE AND 3500 LBS OF CORN WERE FOUND IN THE HUT. LIAISON WAS ESTABLISHED WITH HOI AN AND THE REPORTED THEY COULD NOT PICK UP THE CORN. THREE ADDITIONAL HELICOPTERS REQUESTED BY CO D AND THE CORN LANDED AT THE BATTALION CP AT 061705H. AT APPROX 061705H THE UH1E WAS LIFTED BY ARMY H-37 TO THE DA NANG BASE.

E. 1ST BN, 12TH MAR FIRED 19 H AND 1 MISSILES AND ONE WILL

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MISSION DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD. TOTAL RDS EXPENDED BY TYPES WERE
105 HE *2.58 WP 12, ILLUM 4* NO CHANGE IN PSNS.

F. CO A 3D TK BN. ONE PLAT PLACED IN DS 2D BN 3D MARINES AT
061200H.

2. 4TH MARINES. FIRST BN, 4TH MARINES EXECUTED
SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION OF PENINSULA CENTERED AT ~~BT 445110~~ (BT 445110) OF
HIGHWAY NR 1. OPN ALMOST CANCELLED DUE KNOWLEDGE THAT LOCAL VILLAGE
CHIEF IN AREA HAD REVEALED DETAILS TO VILLAGERS. RESULTS SATIS-
FACTORY, *4* VC KILLED, *1 WIA* *after* 52 VCS IN CUSTODY AND *4* WEAPONS
TAKEN. NOT ONE MARINE CASUALTY ENSUED. 2ND BN, 4TH MAR AND 3D BN, 3D
MAR CONDUCTED PATROLS AND 3D BN, 3D MAR RECONNOITERED AREA OF NEW EXPANDED
MLR.

A. 1ST BN, 4TH MAR. THE PREDAWN CLANK OF AMTRACS LAUNCHED A HIGHLY
SUCCESSFUL OPN LULU AT 060500H. WITH 1ST PLAT, CO A AND ENGINEERS FROM
CO B 3D ENGR BN ABOARD, THE TRACTORS RACED FROM THEIR PSN ON KY XUAN
ISLAND TO SECURE A HELO LZ, VIC (BS 442096). FOUR PF PLAT MOVED INTO
PSN AT THIS TIME, TWO TO THE NW AND TWO SE OF THE LZ. AT 0600H, CO *(1-)*
TOOK TO THE WATER IN FOUR LVT FROM PSN VIC (BT 521118), SWIMMING
TO TAKE UP BLOCKING PSN FROM VIC (BT 440119) TO VIC (BT 455114).
TRACTORS THEN REENTERED THE WATER TO PATROL EAST, NORTH AND WEST
PENINSULA TO STOP ALL BOAT TRAFFIC. THE STAGE WAS NOW SET FOR
AT 0715H, CO B SWARMED INTO THE SECURED LZ BY HELOLIFT AND PREP
MOVE OUT IN SWEEP OF THE WEST HALF OF PENINSULA. THEY WERE FOR
CLOSE ORDER BY CO D, PREPARED TO TAKE THE EAST HALF. AFTER CO
WITH PF FORCES, LED BY DISTRICT CHIEF, THE ENTIRE FORCE MOVED O
0800H ON AN AXIS FROM VIC (BT 444097), NNE TO VIC (BT 448115).
CO A KILLED 1 VC AND CAPTURED 2 VCS FLUSHED BY THE ADVANCING FOR

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FOUND 4 WEAPONS AND KILLED 1 VC ABOUT THE SAME TIME. IN THE MORNING, 1ST PLAT, CO A WITH ENGINEERS, PROCEEDED TO VILLAGE VIC (BT 420000) TO CONDUCT A SWEEPING ACTION. THIS ACTION WAS COMPLETED ABOUT 1200 HRS WHICH THREE TUNNELS WERE DESTROYED BY DEMO VIC (BT 434090). ON THE PENINSULA, CO B AND CO D CONTINUED THEIR RELENTLESS SWEEPING ACTION ASSISTED BY PF. TWO MORE VC WERE KILLED AND AN ADDITIONAL 50 WERE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY. THE OPERATION SECURED AT 2037, ALL PRESENT ARE ACCOUNTED FOR, NO FRIENDLY CASUALTIES. *1 later PTH WIN.*

B. 2D BN, 4TH MAR REPORTED NO VC NIGHT ACTIVITY IN THEIR SECTOR OF TAOR. CO E OCCUPIED NEW PSN (BT 506032), (BT 496036), (BT 487031), (BT 522019), AND (BT 510024). PATROLLING CONTINUED THROUGHOUT SECTOR WITH NEG CONTACT.

C. 3D BN, 3D MAR MANNED OP NR 1, NR 2, AND NR 3 (BT 560996) (BT 572017) AND (BT 583026). BN C.O. INSPECTED CO K AND CO L PSNS.

D. 3D BN, 12TH MAR. BTRY H DISPLACED FROM (BT 546046) TO (BT 507059) FOR SUPPORT OF ABOVE 1ST BN, 4TH MAR ^{OPERATION} BTRY LAID AND READY TO FIRE AT 060145H. TOTAL MISSIONS FIRED EIGHT. WA - ONE AND 7 H AND I.

3. 3D RECON BN CONTINUES OP/LP ON DONG DEN MOUNTAIN (AT 838825). OP HOTEL AT (AT 959745). HELO RECON OF QUANG NGAI, CHU LAI AREA CONDUCTED BY BN CO.

4. 3D ENGR BN. CONTINUED SUPPORT OF RECON BN IN CLEARING HELO LANDING ZONE ON DONG-DEN MOUNTAIN. (AT 834829). PROVIDED TWO MINE CLEARANCE TEAMS TO SECOND BN THIRD MARINES FOR MINE CLEARANCE AS NECESSARY IN AREA OF BEACH 2. CONTINUED SUPPORTING 2D BN, 3D MAR IN DEMOLITIONS AND DESTRUCTION OF FIELD FORTIFICATION. PROVIDED ONE OFFICER AND NINE MEN FOR SECURITY OF INOPERATIVE TD-18 BULLDOZER AT (AT 943766). AT 052315H DETAIL RECEIVED SA FIRE AND ONE RD MORTAR FIRE FROM EST FIVE VC FIRING FROM (AT 943768).

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FIVE RETURNED WITH RIFLES AND M-60 MACHINE GUN. INCIDENT LASTED APPROX ONE MINUTE. NO USMC CASUALTIES AND NO CONFIRMED VC CASUALTIES.

5. INTENTIONS

A. BLT 2/9 AND BLT 2/7 WILL LAND COMMENCING APPROX 060900H OVER BEACH TWO (AT 953812).

B. BLT 2/7 WILL CHOP TO CG 3D MAR DIV UPON CLOSING RVN.

C. 3D MARINES WILL CONTINUE WORK ON MLR PSNS. 1ST BN, 3D MAR WILL CONDUCT SWEEP BY TWO PLATOONS, CO E IN AREA OF (AT 914693) AT 0700H. 2D BN, 3D MAR WILL CONDUCT ONE COMPANY SWEEP NORTH FROM VIC (AT 9482) TO COVER LANDING OF 9TH MARINES. CO H WILL SWEEP NORTH EAST FROM THEIR CP TO VIC HOA O (AT 9382). CO K WILL DESPLACE TO BEACH 2 AREA VIC (AT 953812) AND REMAIN OVERNIGHT. TANKS AND ONTOS WILL SUPPORT THIS OPN. 3D BN, 4TH MAR WILL MOVE ONE PLATOON TO VIC (YD 840055) AND ANOTHER TWO PLATOONS TO VIC (YD 820055) AND CONDUCT "HAMMER AND ANVIL" OPN. UPON COMPLETION OF THIS OPN THE COMPANY WILL HELO LIFT TO VIC (YD 889087) FOR NIGHT. CO C, 3D RECON BN WILL ESTABLISH TWO OPS VIC (YD 815091) AND (YD 812022) AND CONDUCT LOCAL PATROLS IN THE AREA. I WILL DESPLACE 3 GUNS TO VIC (YD 875122) TO PROVIDE SUPPORT TO CO

D. 4TH MARINES. NO CHANGE.

E. 3D RECON BN. CONTINUE PATROLLING THROUGHOUT TAOR.

F. 3D ENGR BN. NO CHANGE.

G. CIVIL ACTIONS. AT 060800 A TEAM OF TWO OFFICERS AND 1 COMPANY FROM HQ BN VISITED THE HAMLET OF HOA PHAT (AT 995749) WHERE 24 WERE LEFT HOMELESS IN A FIRE LAST NIGHT. 3 SEVERELY BURNED PERSONS TREATED. FOOD AND CLOTHING IS BEING COLLECTED FOR DISTRIBUTION TO THE PEOPLE.

H. THERE ARE 17 PATROLS AND 5 AMBUSHES SCHEDULED BY 3D MAR DIV DURING THE NEXT 24 HOURS.

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THIRD MARDIV SITREP NR 62 AS OF 071600Z JUL 65

1. 3D MARINES. CONDUCTED 6 PATROLS AND 10 AMBUSHES DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD IN ADDITION TO CONTINUING SEARCH AND DESTROY OPNS IN S PORTION OF THE TAOR AND SWEEPING/SECURING RED BEACH 2 AREA FOR LANDING OF ADDITIONAL 3D MARDIV ELEMENTS. DURING TODAY'S OPNS 10 VC WERE CAPTURED AND 4 MARINES WERE WIA BY AN ELECTRICALLY DETONATED EXPLOSIVE DEVICE. ONE LATER DIED OF HIS WOUNDS.

A. 1ST BN, 3D MAR HAD 2 PLAT SIZE AMBUSHES VIC (AT 908698) AND (AT 917702) DURING NIGHT OF 6-7 JULY. NEITHER HAD ANY VC CONTACT. BTWN 0700-0830H A VILLAGE VIC (AT 914693) WAS SWEEP W/NEGATIVE VC CONTACT. AT 0930H 4 MARINES WERE WIA VIC (AT 898683). THE FOUR WERE ACTING AS POINT FIRE TEAM WHEN CAUGHT IN THE BLAST OF AN ELECTRICALLY DETONATED EXPLOSIVE DEVICE. THE EXPLOSION LEFT A CRATER 27 INCHES IN DIAMETER. PIECES OF SHRAPNEL AND WIRE WERE FOUND IN THE CRATER. ALL 4 WIA'S WERE EVAC BY HELICOPTER BUT 1 DIED OF WOUNDS. THERE WERE NO VC CONTACTS DURING THE REMAINDER OF THE DAY AND 6 SQD SIZE AMBUSHES WERE ESTAB FOR THE NIGHT S OF BINH THAI (AT 883713).

B. 2ND BN, 3D MARINES RAN 2 COMPANY SWEEPS JUST PRIOR TO FIRST LIGHT. ONE ORIGINATED IN THE LE MY FORT AREA AND THE OTHER AT THE BN CP (AT 946774). BOTH TERMINATED IN THE RED BEACH 2 - HWY 1 AREA W/O VC CONTACT. THE BN

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CONTINUED TO FURNISH SECURITY OVER RED BEACH 2. CO F CONDUCTED 2 25-MAN PATROLS. ONE WAS W/O INCIDENT BUT THE SECOND CAPTURED 10 VC IN THE VILLAGE OF MY SON (AT 878764). ALL 10 WERE ON THE ARVN "WANTED" LIST OF VC.

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C. 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES CONTINUED IMPROVEMENT OF AFLD SECURITY PSNS AND THE AFLD PERIMETER LIGHTING SYSTEM. AT 0630H A SQD PATROL INVESTIGATING A VCS WHO HAD RUN ~~XX~~ INTO A GROUP OF TREES VIC (AT 998761) HAD 1 ROUND FIRED AT IT FROM AN UNKNOWN LOCATION. THE SUSPECT WAS NOT CAUGHT AND THERE WAS NO FURTHER CONTACT. DURING THE AFTERNOON, ANOTHER PATROL WENT AROUND THE S HALF OF THE AFLD TO A RANGE OF APPROX 1500 METERS BUT HAD NO VC CONTACTS. AT 2052H A SENTRY ON THE SW SECTOR OF THE AFLD PERIMETER SAW 2 MEN ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF HIWAY 1 CLIMB UPON THE ROOF OF A HOUSE THERE AND COMMENCE OBSERVING AFLD ACTIVITIES FROM BENEATH A PONCHO. SENTRY OBSERVED MEN THRU SNIPERSCOPE. SQUAD OF MARINES W/INTERPRETER WENT TO INVESTIGATE BUT FOUND NO SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY UPON ARRIVING AT THE HOUSE IN QUESTION.

D. 3D BN, 4TH MAR ESTAB PLAT SIZE BLOCKING PSN VIC (YD 840005). CO (-) THEN SWEEPED FROM (YD 852055) TO (YD 842044) AND THEN N INTO THE BLOCKING PSN. THERE WERE NO VC CONTACTS DURING THIS OPN. THE CO WAS HELILIFTED TO (YD 889087) AND ESTAB NIGHT DEF PSNS THERE. PLAT OF THE ATTACHED RECON CO PATROLLED TO N AND NE OF THE BN CP, ALSO W/NEG RESULTS.

E. 1ST BN, 12TH MAR MAINTAINED SAME FIRING PSNS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED. THERE WERE 10 H AND I MISSIONS AND 7 WILL ADJUST MISSIONS FIRED DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD. AMMO EXPENDED WAS: 105MM - 10 HE; 155MM - 10 HE; 107MM - 124 HE AND WP.

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2. MARINES. CONDUCTED 10 SQD SIZE PATROLS AND PLAT SIZE PATR.

EFFORTS WERE GENERALLY DIRECTED TOWARD THE IMPROVEMENT OF DEFENSIVE PSNS.

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A. 1ST BN, 4TH MAR CONDUCTED SQD SIZE PATROLS DURING THE EARLY MORNING, 7 JULY ON THE YUNG DUNG QUAT PENINSULA VIC (AT 5210). NO VC CONTACT. REMAINDER OF REPORTING PERIOD WAS DEVOTED TO IMPROVEMENT OF DEFENSIVE PSNS.

B. 2ND BN, 4TH MAR CONDUCTED SQD SIZE PATROLS DURING THIS PERIOD WITH NO VC CONTACT. AT 0400H, DURING 81MM ILLUMINATION MISSION, G/2/4 REPORTED VC ACTIVITY ON EDGE OF DEFENSIVE PSNS VIC (BT 513059). ENSUING FIRE FIGHT SCATTERED VC. INSPECTION AT FIRST LIGHT INDICATED ONE VC KILLED.

C. 3D BN, 3D MAR CONDUCTED TWO SQD SIZE PATROLS AND CONTINUED TO IMPROVE ITS DEFENSIVE PSNS. NO VC CONTACT.

D. 3D BN, 12TH MAR CONDUCTED ONE REGISTRATION AND THREE H AND I MISSIONS. TOTAL ROUNDS EXPENDED - 8.

3. 3D RECON BN ESTABLISHED 2 AMBUSH PSNS DURING THE NIGHT OF 6-7 JULY VIC (AT 875655). THERE WAS NO VC CONTACT DURING THE NIGHT AND THE TWO TEAMS MOVED OUT AT FIRST LIGHT TO ESTAB OP'S AT (AT 869645) AND (858664). AT 0940H THE LATTER PSN WAS FIRED UPON BY 4-6 VC FROM A RANGE OF APPROX 300 METERS. VC BROKE CONTACT WHEN THE OP RETURNED FIRE. DURING PURSUIT OF THE VC A POOL OF BLOOD WAS FOUND NEAR THE VC FIRING PSN AND A DRUM, PACK, PAIR OF SHOES AND HELMET WERE RECOVERED. AT COORD (AT 867666) THE PATROL FOUND A SUSPECTED VC ENCAMPMENT CONSISTING OF 3 HUTS USED AS LIVING QUARTERS AND A MESSHALL. COOKING UTENSILS WERE FOUND AT A NEARBY SPRING. THE ENCAMPMENT SHOWED SIGNS OF VERY RECENT OCCUPANCY BUT NO VC WERE LOCATED DURING THIS ACTION. RECON TEAMS WERE SWITCHED ON DONG DEN MT VIA HELO AND A HELO RECON OF THE S AND SW PORTIONS OF THE TAOR WAS MADE W/O INCIDENT.

4. 3D ENGR BN CONTINUED WORK ON CLEARANCE OF HELI-PAD ON DONG DEN MT. 3 MINE CLEARANCE TEAMS WORKED WITH 2/3 IN PROVIDING SECURITY OF RED BEACH 2

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AREA F THE LANDING ADDITIONAL 3D MAR DIV ELEMENT CONSTRUCTION OF CATCHMENT BASIN (AT 960748) AND 3D MAR WATER POINT WERE COMPLETED. THERE WERE NO VC CONTACTS DURING THIS PERIOD.

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5. INTENTIONS

A. 3D MARINES WILL CONTINUE COMBAT PATROL OPNS THROUGHOUT BOTH TAORS AND WILL CONTINUE IMPROVEMENT OF AFLD DEF PSNS AND LIGHTING SYSTEM.

B. 4TH MARINES. CONTINUE WORK ON MLR PSNS. 3/3 WILL CONDUCT CPN IN EASTERN SECTOR OF TAOR AS SCHEDULED.

C. 3D RECON BN. NO CHANGE.

D. 3D ENGR BN. NO CHANGE.

E. THERE ARE 20 PATROLS AND 14 AMBUSHES SCHEDULED WITHIN 3D MARDIV AREAS DURING THE NEXT 24 HOURS.

6. CIVIC ACTIONS. 120 PEOPLE WERE TREATED TODAY AT THE LE MY MEDICAL STATION AND ANOTHER 40 AT THE DISPENSARY SET UP IN HOA PHAT (AT 9876).

2000 LBS OF CORN TAKEN FROM A VC CACHE YESTERDAY WAS GIVEN TO THE HOA VANG DISTRICT HSQ FOR DISTRIBUTION. ~~100 LBS OF CLOTHING~~, 500 LBS OF DRY MILK AND 500 LBS OF RICE AND SUGAR WERE GIVEN TO THE VILLAGE OF AN NGAI TAY (AT 908781).

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THIRD MARDIV SITREP NR 63 AS OF 081600H JULY 65

1. THIRD MARINES CONDUCTED TEN PATROLS AND NINE AMBUSHES DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD. THERE WAS NO VC CONTACT, ALTHOUGH SNIPER FIRE WAS OCCASIONALLY FIRED AT PATROLS IN THE S PORTION OF THE DA NANG TAOR.

A. 1ST BN, 3D MAR HAD SIX SQUAD SIZE AMBUSHES DURING THE NIGHT OF 7-8 JUL W/NEG CONTACT. SPORADIC SNIPER FIRE WAS RECD AT THE AMBUSH SITE VIC (AT 885696) BUT THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES. THE TWO PLT^{PATROL} FROM CO B WHICH HAD BEEN PATROLLING IN S PORTION OF THE TAOR RETURNED TO THE BN AREA AT 1114H AND WERE REPLACED AT 2000H BY TWO PLTS FM CO D. ONE PLT PATROLLED TO GS (AT 8870) AND ESTAB THREE SQD AMBUSHED IN THAT AREA. OTHER PLT PATROLLED TO GS (AT 8967) AND ESTAB THREE SQD AMBUSHED THERE. DURING DAY LIGHT HOURS ONE SQUAD FM CO A CONDUCTED A ROUTE RECON FM THE CO CP (AT 923732) TO (924707) TO (942690) TO (948704) AND BACK TO THE CP. PATROL WAS MADE W/O INCIDENT.

B. 2D BN, 3DIAR SENT A TWO SQD PATROL TO THE VIC OF MY SON (AT 8776) WHICH HAS BEEN AN ACTIVE VC AREA. THE PATROL MADE SKETCHES OF THIS AREA AND RETURNED W/O INCIDENT. ANOTHER TWO SQD PATROL MOVED DOWN THE E SIDE OF THE MLR NEAR SLEEPING EACH VILLAGE TO THE S AS FAR AS (AT 917792). AGAIN NO VC WERE ENCOUNTERED. A PLT SIZE PATROL FM CO H (AT 946774) WENT W AS FAR AS

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(BAT 8675) AND RETURNED, ALSO W/C INCIDENT. FIVE SQD SIZE AMBUSHES HAVE BEEN ESTAB IN THE BN AREA IN GS (AT9082), (8982), (8977), (9077) AND (8981). NO CONTACT REPORTED AT END OF THIS PERIOD.

C. 1ST BN, 9TH MAR CONTINUED WORK ON DA NANG AFLD DEF POSITS AND DISPATCHED THREE LOCAL PATROLS OUTSIDE THE PERIMETER OF THE AFLD. ONE PATROL WENT S OF THE FIELD AND TWO WENT N. ALL THREE RETURNED W/C ESTABLISHING VC CONTACT.

D. 3D BN, 4TH MAR. ~~WENT TO~~ SWEEP THE AREA FROM (YD 88908X) TO (885060) COMMENCING AT FIRST LIGHT. THEY RETURNED TO THEIR STARTING POINT AND WERE LIFTED TO (YD 827086). NIGHT POSITS WERE ESTAB VIC (YD 817086). BTRY 1 DISPLACED THREE WPNS TO (YD 877123) IN SUPPORT OF THIS OPNS BUT THERE WAS NO VC CONTACT. ARTY HAS NOW RETURNED TO THE BN CP AREA. THE ATTACHED RECON CO ESTAB OP'S VIC (YD 807081) AND (814090). CO'S L & M CONDUCT D LOCAL SECURITY PATROLS VIC OF THE BN CP AND HUE-PHU BAI AFLD. THERE WAS NO VC CONTACT DURING THIS PERIOD.

E. 1ST BN, 12TH MAR FIRED 20 H&I AND 2 FIRE FOR EFFECT MISSIONS DURING THIS PERIOD. THE 2 FIRE FOR EFFECT MISSIONS WERE REQUESTED BY THE DA NANG SPECIAL SECTOR. TARGET WAS 80 VC REPORTED TO E NORTH OF THE CA DE SO'G RIVER. NO SURVEILLANCE WAS GIVEN. AMMO EXPENDED WAS: 105mm - 16HE, 155mm - 79HE, 8" - 20 HE.

2. 4TH MARINES. THE MOST SIGNIFICANT OPN CONDUCTED DURING THIS PERIOD WAS A SEARCH AND DESTROY OPN IN THE AREA EAST OF THE SONG TRA BONG RIVER VIC (BT 6500). THIS OPN WAS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED IN 3D MARDIV SITREP NR 60 AS A COMBINED USMC-ARVN OPN. ARVN FORCES WERE WITHDRAWN DUE TO A PRIORITY COMMITMENT IN ANOTHER AREA AND THE OPN WAS CONDUCTED SOLELY BY THE 3D BN, 3D MAR. DURING THIS PERIOD 10 PATROLS AND 6 AMBUSHES WERE CONDUCTED.

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A. 1ST BN, 4TH MAR. PATROLLING WAS COMPOSED OF REPORTS IN AND AROUND THE MLR AND A SQD SIZE WATERBORNE PATROL CONDUCTED BY C/1/4 VIC (BT 520128) SOUTH ALONG COSTAL WATERS TO (BT 499077). PATROL DEPARTED AT 080001H AND RETURNED 080600H. NO VC CONTACT BY THESE PATROLS.

B. 2D BN, 4TH MAR CONDUCTED PATROLS THROUGHOUT THIS PERIOD IN VIC OF THEIR MLR. H/2/4 AT 2150H REPORTED 6 VC CAPTURED VIC (BT 521044) AND AT 2200H REPORTED 8 VCS CAPTURED AT SAME AMBUSH LOCATION.

C. 3D BN, 3D MARINES. CONDUCTED A BN(-) OPN IN THE AREA EAST OF THE SONG TRA BONG RIVER VIC (BT 6500) TO THE EASTERN COAST LINE. A PREDAWN LANDING OF RECON ELEMENTS AT 0425H TO OCCUPY OBSERVATION POSTS ON HILL VIC (BT 665045) INITIATED THE OPN. ABOUT AN HOUR LATER LVT'S MADE A FEINT TOWARD THE BEACH VIC (BT 630023) AND RETURNED TO BASE. ARTY PREP FIRES WERE PLACED ON HELO LANDING ZONES RED VIC (BS 647974), WHITE VIC (BS 669980) AND BLUE VIC (BS 680978) COMMENCING AT 0550H. AT 0627H 1ST HELO WAVE TOUCHED DOWN IN LZ LANDING MIKE, KILO, LIMA AND INDIA COMPANIES FROM WEST TO EAST. AT 0725H LAST WAVE LIFTED OFF FOR LZS. ALL COMPANIES UPON LANDING MOVED NORTH PARELLEL TO THE EASTERN COAST AND THE SONG TRA BONG RIVER ATTACKING PARALLEL TO THE CORRIDORS. M/3/3 REPORTED CAPTURING A VCS AT 0825H VIC (BS 648974). AT 0846H NAVAL GUNFIRE WAS REQUESTED FROM THE USS GALVESTON TO AID IN DESTROYING CAVES ^{vic (BT 671011).} AT 0914H M/3/3 REPORTED RECEIVING HEAVY SMALL ARMS AND MORTAR FIRE FROM VIC (BS 635969). AIR STRIKES WAS REQUESTED AND DELIVERED AT 1020H. SA WERE SILENCED. M/3/3 MACHINE GUNS FURTHER KILLED 2 VC IN THIS AREA. AT 0957H M/3/3 ADJUSTED 81MM MORTAR FIRE ON THE VILLAGE OF THUNG HOA VIC (BS 634973). M/3/3 REPORTED SA FROM VIC (BT 627973). M/3/3 SWEEPS AREA REPORTS AT 1105H REPORTS 4 VC KILLED AND TWO WEAPONS CAPTURED. AT 1630H TWO SAMPANS REPORTED TO HAVE FIRED ON I/3/3 VIC (BT 673049) AND (BT 690059). USS GALVESTON INTERCEPTED SAMPANS. BOARDING PARTY REVEALED NOTHING UNUSUAL. SAMPANS RELEASED.

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M/3/3 REPORTS RECEIVING SMALL ARMS FIRE VIC (BT 622008) AT 1750H. REPORT
 ONE USMC KIA. I B/3 RECEIVED 3 WIA VIC (BT 644044) AT 1730H. COMPANIES
 PROCEEDED TO LZ BLACK VIC (BT 642022) AND LZ ORANGE (BT 642053). OPERATION
 COMPLETED AT 1935H. MARINE CASUALTIES: 1 KIA, 8 WIA. BREAKDOWN: 3 BY
 FRAG GRENADE, 3 BY PUNGI STICKS AND TWO GUNSHOT WOUNDS. NON-BATTLE CASUALTIES
 INCLUDED 40 HEAT CASUALTIES AND 1 ANKLE INJURY. VC CASUALTIES INCLUDED
 6 KILLED AND 14 CAPTURED.

D. 3D BN, 12TH MARINES. CONDUCTED 15 WILL ADJUST MISSIONS AND 4 H&I
 MISSIONS FOR A TOTAL OF 172 ROUNDS EXPENDED.

1. BLT 2/7 COMPLETED THE RELIEF OF BLT 3/7 AT 071800H. INITIAL POSITIONS
 WERE ESTABLISHED AS FOLLOWS: ~~BLT 2/7~~ GP VIC (GC 073213); CO G VIC (GC 049205)
 TO VIC (GC 052200); CO H VIC (GC 052199) TO VIC (GC 055195); H&S CO VIC (GC 073187)
 TO VIC (GC 075187). CO E CONDUCTED SEARCH AND CLEAR OPERATIONS VIC (GC 190040)
 ABOUT 080200H. NO VC CONTACT. CO H PROBED BY ESTIMATED 20 VC ACCOMPANIED
 BY SPORADIC SMALL ARMS FIRE. ENEMY WITHDREW UNDER FRIENDLY ILLUMINATION.
 ONE MARINE WIA.

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4. 3D RECON BN REPORTED NEGATIVE VC CONTACT DURING THIS PERIOD. OPERATIONS INCLUDED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF OP/LP'S VIC (AT 869655) AND VIC (AT 862649) BY CO A, WITH NORMAL OPERATIONS CONTINUING AT DONG DEN MTN VIC (AT 8382).

5. 3D ENGR BN CONTINUED WORK ON CLEARANCE OF HELIPAD ON DONG DEN MTN. VIC (AT 8382). ADDITIONALLY, FIELD FORTIFICATIONS WERE ERECTED FOR 2d BN. 3D MARINES AND THREE ENGINEER MINE CLEARANCE TEAMS COMPLETED ASSIGNED MISSION IN RED BEACH SECURITY OPERATION. THERE WERE NO VC CONTACTS DURING THIS PERIOD.

6. INTENTIONS.

A. 3D MARINES WILL CONTINUE NUMEROUS AND EXTENSIVE PATROL OPERATIONS THROUGHOUT BOTH TAOR'S. THE CMR TEAM WILL TEST AND EXERCISE THE RADAR'S TRACKING CAPABILITIES DURING FRIENDLY FIRE MISSIONS.

B. 4TH MARINES TO CONDUCT EXTENSIVE PATROLLING THROUGH OUT THE TAOR AND TO FURTHER IMPROVE PRESENT DEFENSIVE POSITIONS.

C. BLT 2/7 NO CHANGE

D. 3RD RECON BN NO CHANGE

E. 3D ENGR BN NO CHANGE

F. THERE ARE 31 PATROLS AND 17 AMBUSHES SCHEDULED BY 3D MARDIV UNITS DURING THE NEXT 24 HOURS.

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THIRD MARDIV SITREP NR 64 AS OF 091600Z JULY 65

1. THIRD MARINES CONDUCTED THIRTEEN PATROLS AND SEVENTEEN AMBUSHES DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD WITH ONE CONTACT. DUE TO A COMMUNICATIONS FAILURE A REPORT OF A VC CONTACT ^{AT 082030H} WAS DELAYED UNTIL 091000H OF AN AMBUSH SQUAD WHICH CONTACTED TWO VC VIC (AT 879700) AT 082030H RESULTING IN TWO VC KILLED.

A. 1ST BN. 3D MARINES CONTINUED TO OPERATE IN SOUTHERN PORTION OF TAOR WITH TWO PLATOONS OF CO D. THERE WERE TWO VC CONTACTS, ONE DELAYED IN REPORTING DUE TO COMM DIFFICULTIES DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD. AT 082030H A SQUAD AMBUSH PATROL MOVING INTO POSITION SPOTTED TWO VC MOVING TOWARDS THEM. THE SQUAD MELTED INTO THE BUSHES VIC (AT 879700) AND AT A RANGE OF FIVE FEET AMBUSHED AND KILLED THE VC. TWO RIFLES, ONE AN '03 AND ONE AN M-1 ALONG WITH DOCUMENTS, AMMO AND GRENADES WERE TAKEN FROM THE BODIES. TWO VC WERE APPREHENDED VIC (AT 922708) AT 091030H AS THE SQUAD WAS RETURNING TO THE PATROL BASE WITH THE TWO DEAD VC. AT 091530H ONE SQUAD ^{FROM} CO D MADE CONTACT WITH THREE VC VIC (AT 892677) WHO RAN UPON SIGHTING THE MARINES. ONE VC WAS OBSERVED TO FALL WHEN RIFLE FIRE WAS LAID ON THESE THREE ENEMY. THIS MAN CRAWLED INTO THE BRUSH AND DURING THE SEARCH OF THE AREA NEGATIVE CONTACT WAS MADE. ONE OF THESE VC WAS ARMED WITH A RIFLE. AMBUSH SITES WERE ESTABLISHED VIC (AT 872692), (AT 898671) AND (AT 898675).

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3. 2D BN, 3D MARINES CONTINUED TO MAINTAIN A MOBILE COMBAT BASE WEST OF LE MY. THE BATTALION CONTINUED PATROLS IN THEIR AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY.

C. 3D BN, 4TH MARINES CONTINUED TO OPERATE CO K IN SOUTHERN PORTION OF TACR. THE COMPANY MOVED FROM VIC (YD 817086) TO VIC (YD 823070) AT FIRST LIGHT AND ESTABLISHED A PATROL BASE. A TWO PLATOON SWEEP WAS CONDUCTED TO VIC (YD 815067). CO K WAS THEN HELILIFTED AT 091045H TO VIC (YD 817091) FOR THE NIGHT. CO C, 3D RECON BN CONDUCTED TWO SCOUTING PATROLS DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD WITH NO CONTACT. ~~ENEMY~~ ^{FOR MINES} FROM VIC (YD 841157) TO (YD 833120) FOUND ONE AT MINE VIC (YD 841148).

D. 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES CONTINUED TO IMPROVE DEFENSIVE POSITIONS AROUND DANANG AIRFIELD. DAY AND NIGHT PATROLS WERE CONDUCTED OUTSIDE THE PERIMETER FENCE WITH NO CONTACT. THE LIGHTING SYSTEM IS UNDOING REPAIRS AND DEFOLIATION AROUND THE FENCE CONTINUES.

E. 1ST BN, 12TH MARINES FIRED 24 H&I, 3 WA AND 4 PRECISION REGISTRATION MISSIONS. THE H&I FIRES WERE TO REINFORCE ARVN FIRES TO THE SOUTH AND SOUTH-EAST OF DANANG. TOTAL ROUNDS BY TYPE EXPENDED: 105MM 68 ROUNDS, HE; 155MM 63 ROUNDS, HE; 4.2" 56 ROUNDS, HE, AND 2 WP ROUNDS.

2. 4TH MARINES. MOST SIGNIFICANT ACTION TODAY WAS THE FIRST BATTALION FOURTH MARINES RESPONSE TO THE SNEAK ATTACK ON THE RVN NAVAL JUNK BASE AT (BT 500135) BY AN ESTIMATED ONE HUNDRED VIET CONG. WORD OF THE ATTACK WAS RECEIVED FROM A VIETNAMESE JUNK FLEET COMMANDER WHO WAS WOUNDED IN THE ATTACK AND REPORTED TO CO B, 3D MED BN FOR TREATMENT. HE STATED THAT HE THOUGHT THAT ^{THE U.S. NAVAL ADVISOR} ~~LT BROWN, USN~~ ^{RVN NAVY} AND MR. CHUNG WERE STILL ON THE ISLAND. COA A (-) WAS LOADED IMMEDIATELY IN FOUR LVT'S AT (BT 518116) AT 0910H AND STORMED ASHORE AT (BT 455135) AT 1010H. CO A RAN INTO HEAVY VC AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE AND MORTAR FIRE, BUT WITH EFFECTIVE USE OF SUPPORTING ARMS WERE

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ABLE TO CONTINUE THE ADVANCE. THEY WERE LATER REINFORCED BY PF TROOPS AND CO B, 1/A IN A COMBINED SEARCH AND DESTROY SWEEP OF THE ISLAND. AT 1710H CO B DISCOVERED THE BODIES OF THE U.S. NAVY ADVISORS AND 16 BODIES OF RVN NAVY MEN. ALSO CAPTURED 10 VCS AND FOUND BODIES OF FOUR ADDITIONAL DEAD VC. BY DUSK THE MARINES HAD SUSTAINED 3 KIA AND 11 WIA, BUT HAD KILLED 9 VC AND CAPTURED SIXTY-THREE VCS. SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES SPENT THE DAY PATROLLING AND PREPARED TO ASSIST 1/4 IF NECESSARY. THIRD BATTALION, THIRD MARINES PATROLLED AND IMPROVED THEIR POSITIONS. A PLT (REIN) SEARCHED FOR TWO MARINES MISSING FROM MAG-12 WHO WERE REPORTED BY THE DISTRICT CHIEF AS ^{HAVING BEEN} MURDERED BY VC AND BURIED IN THE AREA (PS 6199).

A. 1ST BN, 4TH MARINES REACTED TO THE VC ATTACK ON THE JUNK FLEET HEADQUARTERS BY DISPATCHING CO A (-) AT 0910H FROM (BT 518116) AND LANDING THEM OVER THE BEACH AT (BT 455135) AT 1010H. BY 1100H CO A'S POSITION WAS AT (BT 459140). AT THIS TIME NINE VC WERE REPORTED CARRYING MORTAR BASE PLATE (BT 475123). AN ARTILLERY FIRE MISSION WAS CALLED WHICH ^RDISPERSED THE GROUP. AT 1115H FOUR LVT'S DETACHED TO LIFT 80 PF PERSONNEL FOR JUNCTURE WITH CO A. MEANWHILE CO A CAPTURED ONE VCS AND ^{INDIVIDUAL}FOUR WEAPONS AT (BT 465142). BY 091139H CO A HAD ADVANCED TO NORTH-SOUTH GRID LINE (BT47) ADVANCING THROUGH SPORADIC SA FIRE AND HAD CAPTURED 14 VCS. AT 1200H CO A RECEIVED HEAVY AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE FROM HILL 12 (BT 477146). INCOMING MORTAR FIRE RECEIVED ALSO. ARTILLERY MISSION CALLED IN. TWO UH1E MISSIONS COMPLETED AND ONE AIR STRIKE PROVIDED BY MAG-12. BY 1350^H CO A HAD SUFFERED 2 KIA AND 11 WIA. THIRD PLT, CO B LANDED AT (BT 485117) AT 1134H. BY 1220H THIS PLT HAD CAPTURED FOUR VC AND THREE VCS. AT 1220^H CO A RECEIVED FIRE FROM THREE AUTOMATIC WEAPONS ON HILL 16 (BT 489142). AT 1330H EIGHTY PF TROOPS LANDED BY LVT (BT 473142) AND JUNCTURE WITH CO A. AT 1444H CO A AND PF LOCATED AT NORTH-SOUTH (BT 489) AND ORDERED TO ADVANCE TO NORTH-SOUTH (BT 495) AND HOLD AT THAT LINE. AT 1450H THE FIRST AND SECOND PLTS OF CO B ^{WAS EFFECTED.}

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SMASHED IN LVT'S AT (BT 117115) AND LANDED AT (BT 517117) AND COMMENCED TO SWEEP NORTH FROM THAT POINT. AT 1520H FOUR VCS OBSERVED SWIMMING TO ISLAND AT (BT 488136). A SQUAD FROM CO A SEARCHED THE ISLAND WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. CO B CONTINUED SWEEP AND CAPTURED TEN VCS AND RECOVERED FOUR DEAD VC (FROM ART'Y FIRE) IN GRID SQUARE (BT 4712). AT 1710H CO B ADVANCED THROUGH THE JUNK BASE AT 500130 AND FOUND 16 DEAD BODIES PLUS BODIES OF BOTH USN ADVISORS, LT. WILLIAM L. BROWN, USN AND LEON STEIN BM1, USN. CO A CONTINUED ADVANCE TO GRID (BT 5015) ABOUT 2015H CO A WITHDRAWN. CO B (BT- POSTED TWO PLTS, CO HQ, FAC AND FO TEAM AT (BT 509149) TO REMAIN ON ISLAND OVER NIGHT. AT 2230H FOUR LVT'S WERE STUCK AT (BT 495130). TROOPS REMAIN WITH LVT'S.

B. 2ND BN, 4TH MARINES CONTINUED CONSTRUCTION OF POSITIONS ON FIBA. ROUTINE PATROLLING WITH NEGATIVE VC CONTACT.

C. THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES. CO I MANNED OP'S #1, 2, AND 3 (BS 50996) (BT 572017) AND (BT 583026). AT 1120H A PLT (REIN) DEPARTED WITH MISSION TO SEARCH FOR TWO MARINES MISSING SINCE 8 JULY FROM MAG 12. SEARCH WAS CENTERED IN VIC (BS 610991) WHERE MARINES WERE REPORTED AS KILLED AND BURIED. REALIGNMENT OF MLR COMMENCED BY OTHER COMPANIES.

D. 3D BN, 12TH MARINES. AT 0950H, BARY H DISPLACED VIC (521505) IN SUPPORT OF 1/4 OPERATIONS. TOTAL NUMBER OF MISSIONS DURING PERIOD, TEN, NUMBER OF ADJUSTED MISSIONS ON ENEMY TARGETS, SIX, NUMBER OF H&H MISSIONS, 4, NUMBER OF REGISTRATIONS/CHECK RDS, 0. SUMMARY OF SURVEILLANCE: 8" PLT FIRED ON 50 JUNKS EMBARKING TROOPS, VIC (409140) BETWEEN 0645H TO 0750H. RDS WERE ON TARGET, NO SURVEILLANCE. BETWEEN 0800H AND 0900H THE 8" PLT FIRED ON VC'S IN TREE LINE VIC (40551432). RDS ON TARGET, NO FURTHER ACTIVITY OBSERVED. TOTAL AMMO EXPENDED: 105mm 34HE, 10 WP, 5 ILLUM, TOTAL 49. 107mm - 0. 155mm HE 12, TOTAL 12, 8" HE 42. TOTAL 41. TOTAL RDS EXPENDED 102.

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3. 2ND BATTAL, 2TH MARINES, CO B (REIN) CONTINUED TO MOVE BY HELICOPTER WITH ARMED ESCORT TO LZ AT (CR 020200) TO CONDUCT SEARCH AND CLEAR OPERATIONS AND OCCUPY KEY TERRAIN IN AREA 1500 METERS SOUTH OF LZ. RECON PLT CONTINUES RECON OF AREA NORTH OF HILL 344 (CR 32233). BN IN GENERAL CONTINUED CONSOLIDATION OF POSITIONS.

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4. 3D RECON BN REPORTED NEGATIVE VC CONTACT DURING THE PERIOD CONCERNED. OPERATIONS INCLUDED CONTINUED RECONNAISSANCE FROM CP/LP'S VIC (AT 869655) AND VIC (AT 862649) AND DONG DEN MOUNTAIN. THERE WAS ONE ROAD RECON AR UNL DANANG AIR BASE FROM 09001H TO 090400H. THREE SCOUT DOGS AND HANDLERS WERE PICKED UP FOR USE ON PATROLS COMMENCING 10 JULY 1965. THERE WAS ONE HELICOPTER RECON CONDUCTED TO DIA LUC DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS.

5. 3D ENGR BN CONTINUED RAFT OPERATION ACROSS DANANG RIVER, CLEARING DONG DEN HILL OF/LP AREA AND WORK ON ROADS AND BRIDGES IN TAOR.

6. INTENTIONS

A. 3D MARINES WILL CONTINUE TO IMPROVE MLR POSITIONS AND ^{CONDUCT} EXTENSIVE PATROLS. 1ST BN 3D MARINES WILL REPLACE TWO PLATOONS CO D WITH TWO FROM CO A AND CONTINUE TO OPERATE IN SOUTHERN PORTION OF TAOR. 2D BN 3D MARINES WILL CONTINUE TO PATROL EXTENSIVELY. 3D BN 4TH MARINES WILL MOVE INTO BLOCKING POSITIONS IN SUPPORT OF ARVN SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION ACROSS THE SONG TA TRACH RIVER. COMPANIES WILL BE POSITIONED AS FOLLOWS: CO M (-) VIC (YD 802074) CO I VIC (YD 803090), AND CO K VIC (YD 792102). BTRY I WILL DISPLACE THREE GUNS TO VIC (YD 832135). CO L (-) WILL PROVIDE SECURITY FOR CP/CP VIC (YD 812079). ONE HEAVY SECTION OF ONTOS WILL PROVIDE SECURITY FOR THE DISPLACED ARTILLERY. THREE FLAME TEAMS AND ONE HEAVY SECTION 81MM MORTARS WILL ALSO PROVIDE SUPPORT TO THIS OPERATION. 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES WILL CONTINUE TO IMPROVE DEFENSIVE PERIMETER OF AIRFIELD.

B. 4TH MARINES. NO CHANGE

C. 2D BN, 7TH MARINES. CONTINUE TO IMPROVE DEFENSIVE POSITIONS AND CONDUCT LOCAL PATROLS.

D. 3D RECON BN. CO D WILL DEPART FOR RECONNAISSANCE OPERATIONS IN EASTERN PORTION OF TAOR.

E. 3D ENGR BN. NO CHANGE

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1. 1. HQ CC 3D MARINES: ONE OFFICER AND 2 CORPSMEN, ASSISTED BY A VIETNAMESE NURSE, TREATED 62 PERSONS IN HOA PHAT VILLAGE ON HIGHWAY ONE IN VICINITY OF 992756.
2. 2/3: LE MY DISPENSARY IN VICINITY OF 902818 TREATED 123 PERSONS. ONE NAVY DOCTOR, TWO CORPSMEN, TWO MALE VIETNAMESE NURSES AND TWO FEMALE VIETNAMESE NURSES OPERATED TODAY.
3. 3/4: BN TRAVELLING AID STATION TREATED 164 PERSONS AT TUH TAN VILLAGE IN VIC OF 905152. CIVILIAN NURSES TRAINED BY BN CORPSMEN ASSISTED IN PATIENTS' CARE.
4. 1/9: TRAVELLING MEDICAL TEAM TREATED 10 PERSONS IN VICINITY OF 034736 AND FIVE PERSONS IN VIC 016720.
5. COL FRANK E. GARRETSON'S 9TH MARINES GAVE 37,000 PIASTRES TO THE VICTIMS OF THE 7 JULY FIRE AT HOA PHAT (996745).
6. NAVY CORPSMAN FROM HQCO, HQEN TREATED AGAIN THE THREE CIVILIANS WHO HAD SUSTAINED SERIOUS BURNS IN THE 7 JULY FIRE AT HOA PHAT (996745).
7. LIAISON WAS MADE WITH THE CARE REPRESENTATIVE FROM SAIGON AND PLANS HAVE NOW BEEN MADE TO REQUISITION SUPPLIES FROM THAT ORGANIZATION.
8. THERE ARE 29 PATROLS AND 10 AMBUSHES SCHEDULED BY 3D MAR DIV UNITS DURING THE NEXT 24 HOURS.

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COMPANY A, 3D BATTAL BN. ONE PLT IN SUPPORT OF 2/3 CONDUCTED A SEARCH AND SCOUT OF THE HIDE PLATS IN GS (AT9379), (AT9380), (AT9479) AND (AT9480). THREE SPALL BARRS AND LIKE STRUCTURES WERE DESTROYED IN THE VIC OF (AT942800) (AT 942800) AND (AT 94303). THE HUTS APPEARED TO BE HIDING PLACES AND WERE WELL HIDDEN IN THE THICK FOREST. THREE HAND CARRIED DUMMY WEAPONS, RES. BEING A HAND GUN, A M. 16 AND A RIFLE WERE FOUND ALONG WITH A CLOTH BOMB.

HIDDEN IN A BARR. SEVERAL PAPER DOCUMENTS WERE ALSO FOUND. **SECRET**
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THIRD MARDIV SITREP NR 65 AS OF 101600Z JUL 65

1. THIRD MARINES. CONDUCTED 17 PATROLS AND 13 AMBUSHES DURING THIS PERIOD. THERE WAS NO DIRECT CONTACT W/VC ALTHOUGH THEY WERE SIGHTED AT A DISTANCE IN THE DA NANG TAOR. IN THE PHU BAI TAOR THE BN(-) MOVED INTO BLOCKING PSNS ALONG THE SONG TA TRACH RIVER ON THE W EDGE OF THE TAOR FOR AN ARVN SEARCH AND DESTROY OPN CONDUCTED ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE RIVER. TWO MARINES WERE WOUNDED, 1 BY A FUNJI STAKE AND 1 BY A MINE, AND 1 ONTOS WAS DAMAGED BY A MINE BUT THERE WAS NO DIRECT CONTACT W/VC DURING THE OPN. 1 WOUNDED VC WAS CAPTURED AFTER THE OPN HAD ENDED AND IS PRESUMED TO HAVE BEEN WOUNDED BY ARVN FORCES.

A. 1ST BN, 3D MAR CONTINUED PATROL OPNS IN THE S PORTION OF THE TAOR WITH TWO PLATS FROM CO D. THERE WAS NO CONTACT BY ANY OF LAST NIGHT'S AMBUSHES AND THE TWO PLATS PATROLLED BACK TO THE BN AREA DURING THE MORNING. DURING THE AFTERNOON AND EVENING 2 PLATS FROM CO D PATROLLED S AND ESTAB 6 SQD SIZE AMBUSH PSNS FOR THE NIGHT VIC (AT 934677), (902676), (904681), (907696) AND (914696). NO VC CONTACT WAS REPORTED AT THE END OF THE REPORTING PERIOD.

B. 2D BN, 3D MAR ESTAB A SECOND PLAT SIZE MOBILE BASE *IN THE N. PORTION OF THE TAOR*. CO G NOW HAS ONE SUCH BASE W OF THE MSR AND CO E HAS ONE E OF THE MSR. AT 1145H CO G'S MOBILE COMBAT BASE SIGHTED 5

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ARMED VC AT (AT 862791) MOVING S. THE VC DISAPPEARED IN HEAVY UNDERBUSH BEFORE CONTACT COULD BE ESTAB. CO F SENT 2 SQD SIZE PATROLS W TO THE MY SON WILLAGE AREA AND SEARCHED FOR REPORTED MINES LAID VIC (AT 883769). NO MINES WERE FOUND AND HAD APPARENTLY BEEN REMOVED BY THE VC SOMETIME PRIOR TO THE ARRIVAL OF THE PATROLS. CO G HAD A SQD SIZE RECON PATROL IN THE AREA OF GS (AT 8980) TO LOCATE A SUITABLE AMBUSH SITE. THERE WAS NO VC CONTACT DURING THIS PERIOD.

C. 1ST BN, 9TH MAR CONDUCTED 3 LOCAL SECURITY PATROLS AROUND THE DA NANG AFLD. EACH PATROL WAS SQD (REIN) SIZE. TWO MORNING PATROLS COVERED THE AREAS E, W, AND S OF THE FIELD. THE AFTERNOON PATROL COVERED THE AREA NW OF THE FIELD. THERE WAS NO VC CONTACT.

D. 3D BN, 4TH MAR HELILIFTED ELEMENTS OF 3 CO'S FM THE BN CP AREA TO BLOCKING PSNS AT (YD 802074), (YD 803090) AND (YD 812079). CO K MOVED ON FOOT FRM (YD 817091) TO A BLOCKING PSN AT (YD 792102). BTRY I DISPLACED 3 GUNS TO (YD 832135) AND A HEAVY SECTION OF ONTOS TO (YD 832135) TO SUPPORT THIS OPN. AT 0630H ONE OF THE ONTOS STRUCK A MINE AT (YD 832135). SEVERELY DAMAGING THE ENTIRE RIGHT SUSPENSION. THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES HOWEVER. BLOCKING PSNS WERE OCCUPIED THROUGHOUT THE DAY WHILE 2 ARVN BNS RAN A SEARCH AND DESTROY OPN ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE SONG ^{TA} TRACH RIVER. AT 0840H 1 MARINE WAS WOUNDED BY A PUNJI STAKE AND ANOTHER MARINE WAS WOUNDED BY A MINE BOTH VIC (YD 799070). 1 WOUNDED VC WAS CAPTURED AT 1500H VIC (YD 799071). HE CLAIMED TO BE LOCAL GUERRILLA WHO HAD BEEN OPERATING IN THAT AREA FOR A LONG TIME. BY THE END OF THE REPORTING PERIOD CO K HAD BEEN HELILIFTED TO (YD 833120). WHERE A PATROL BASE WAS ESTAB, AND ALL OTHER UNITS HAD RETURNED TO THE BN CP/AIRFIELD AREAS.

E. 1ST BN, 12TH MAR FIRED 9 H&I AND 5 REGISTRATION MISSIONS DURING THIS PERIOD, EXPENDING 55 RDS OF 105MM, 32 RDS OF 155MM AND 1 RD OF 8" AMMO.

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2. 4TH MARINES. DURING THIS PERIOD 1/4 CONDUCTED PATROLS COMPLETING THE PREVIOUS REPORTING PERIODS OPNS. FURTHER EFFORTS WERE CONDUCTED BY THE 3D BN, 3D MAR TO LOCATE THE BODIES OF TWO MISSING MARINES.

A. 1ST BN, 4TH MAR. CONDUCTED PATROLS IN THE VIC NORTH AND SOUTH OF KY HOA, VIC (BT 5013). AT 1105H CO D FOUND ONE DEAD VC AND THREE AUTO WPNS VIC (BT 478140). TOTAL VC KILLED IN THIS ACTION FOR PREVIOUS PRD -13. DURING PATROL ACTION VIC (BT 4714) TO (BT 5013) CO D CAPTURED 46 VCS. AFTER INTERROGATION ALL WERE RELEASED AS FRIENDLY. CO B PATROLS LOCATED AND DESTROYED CAVES VIC (BT 510150) AND (BT 508148).

B. 2ND BN, 4TH MAR. CONDUCTED PATROLS FWD OF THEIR DEF PSNS. NO VC CONTACT.

C. 2D BN, 3D MARINES. AT 1345H INFORMATION WAS RECEIVED FROM THE POLICE CHIEF AT BUI THOUH LUM VIC (BS 588978) THAT TWO MEN LOCATED AT VILLAGE MY HUE VIC (BS 612982) WERE AWARE OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES CONCERNING THE MISSING MARINES. AT 1700H CO I HELILIFTED INTO THIS AREA. 13 VCS WERE CAPTURED. NUMEROUS TUNNELS, CAVES AND BOBBY TRAPS WERE ENCOUNTERED. NO USMC CASUALTIES. AT 1835H CO K MOVED E OF THE SONG TRA BONG RIVER. OBSERVED 8 VC WITH AUTO WPNS VIC (BT 622018). FOUR 81MM MORTARS ROUNDS WERE FIRED SCORING DIRECT HITS SCATTERING THE GROUP. ONE VC WAS OBSERVED BEING DRAGGED AWAY. CO K WILL REMAIN IN THIS AREA CONDUCTING PATROLS THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT.

D. 3D BN, 12TH MARINES. FIRED 2 WILL ADJUST MISSIONS AND 15 H&I MISSIONS. TOTAL RDS EXPENDED 143.

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3. BLT 2/7. CONTINUED TO IMPROVE PSNS AND CONDUCT PATROLS IN THE CENTRAL
 UIC (GC 043182), Co F UIC (GC 054195), Co G
 SECTOR OF THE TAOR. PRESENT CO LOCATIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS: CO E VICA (GC
 073213) CO H VIC (GC 012202), BTRY H/3/11 VIC (GC 073213) AND 2ND PLT, 80
 C, 1ST RECON BN VIC (GC 032233). DURING THE LAST PERIOD A PORTION OF THE
 WAS DISPLACED FORWARD TO UIC (GC 013198). REINFORCEMENTS OF 2/7 CP
 2/7 CP ARE IN VIC (GC 073213). VC ATTEMPTED A PROBE OF CO E PSN VIC
 (GC 042190) ^{FIRING} SMALL ARMS FIRE AND FOUR MORTAR ROUNDS. A VC MORTAR
^{LATER} ROUNDA INFLECTED ONE MARINE WIA VIC OF CO K PSN. PATROLS WERE CONDUCTED
 WITHOUT VC CONTACT.

4. 3D RECON BN. REPORTS NEGATIVE VC CONTACT DURING THIS PERIOD. OPNS
 INCLUDED CONTINUED OBSERVATION FROM PREVIOUSLY ESTABLISHED OP/LP'S.

5. 3D ENGR BN. CONTINUED RAFT OPNS ACROSS THE DA NANG RIVER. A MINE
 CLEARING TEAM WAS PROVIDED IN SUPPORT OF 2D BN, 3D MAR NORTH OF LE MY RIVER.

6. INTENTIONS

A. 3D MARINES. WILL CONTINUE EXTENSIVE PATROL OPNS IN THE DA NANG TAOR.
 IN THE HUE-PHU BAI TAOR ONLY LOCAL SECURITY PATROLS WILL BE CONDUCTED.
 THERE ARE NO MAJOR OPNS PLANNED FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS.

B. 4TH MARINES. PATROLS WILL BE CONDUCTED FORWARD OF EACH BNS MLR TO
 INCLUDE AMBUSHES IN EACH AREA. CONTINUED PREPARATION OF DEFENSIVE PSNS WILL
 BE ACCOMPLISHED. 3D BN, 3D MAR WILL MAINTAIN ONE CO IN THE AREA EAST OF THE
 SONG TRA BONG RIVER CONDUCTING SEARCH AND DESTROY ^{OPERATIONS.}

C. BLT 2/7. NO CHANGE.

D. 3D RECON BN. NO CHANGE.

E. 3D ENGR BN. NO CHANGE.

F. PEOPLE TO PEOPLE

(1) 3D MARINES. TWO CORPSMEN FROM 3D TANK BN AND TWO DOCTORS FROM
 9TH RLT TREATED A 22 MONTH OLD GIRL WHO HAD SUSTAINED A GRENADE WOUND 7
 MONTHS AGO AND IS SUFFERING FROM INFECTIONS. THERE IS STILL SHRAPNEL IN
 THE GIRL'S STOMACH AND THE CASE IS GOING TO BE FOLLOWED. THIS BABY GIRL
 IS A MEMBER OF A FAMILY BEING MOVED ^{UP} TO THE LOCATION OF THE 3D TANK BN.

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THE TREATMENT OF THE CHILD CONVINCED THE FAMILY TO MOVE VOLUNTARILY. VIC OF COORD 005716. 9TH MAR RLT DOCTORS TREATED 4 CHILDREN TODAY FOR RELATIVELY SERIOUS INJURIES INCLUDING GANGRENE, CUTS, AND 1 SERIOUS INFECTION IN VIC OF COORD 011725. COORDINATION WAS MADE WITH VILLAGE CHIEF OF PHAT FOR APPROPRIATE DISTRIBUTION OF MONEY GIVEN TO VICTIMS OF FIRE ON 7 JULY AT THAT VILLAGE BY THE 9TH RLT. DISTRIBUTION OF THE MONEY WILL BE MADE TOMORROW. ONE THIRD BARREL OF SOAP (SMALL BARS), ONE THIRD BOX OF SMALL BAND-AIDS, AND 10 CARTONS OF VITAMINS FOR CHILDREN RECEIVED FROM "CARE" WERE DISTRIBUTED TO 4TH MARINES TODAY. SIMILAR DELIVERIES WILL BE MADE TOMORROW TO 3^{MAR} INCLUDING SUPPLIES FOR 3/4 AT PHU BAI. CO F, 2/3 DISTRIBUTED 100 LBS OF B RATIONS TO HOA TAN VILLAGERS IN VIC OF 898779. CO F, 2/3 MESS SERGEANT INSTRUCTED ABOUT 30 VILLAGE LADIES AT HOA TAN VIC 898779 IN THE ART OF COOKING AND PREPARING "B" RATIONS. FATHER CHIEN, VIETNAMESE CATHOLIC PRIEST, WILL SAY MASS TOMORROW FOR MEMBERS OF CO F, 2/3 IN VIC 898779. H&S CO TOOK CLOTHING OUT TO VILLAGERS AT AN NGAI TAI IN VIC 898771 AND WERE WARMLY WELCOMED. CO G, 2/3 DISTRIBUTED FOOD MATERIALS AND THREAD PURCHASED WITH MONEY CONTRIBUTED BY MEMBERS OF THAT COMPANY TO THE VILLAGERS IN VIC 900802. WHILE DOING THIS, THE CO RECEIVED CERTAIN INTELLIGENCE WHICH HAS BEEN REPORTED TO G-2. FATHER CHIEN REPORTED TO BN CDR, 2/3 THAT VC TROOPS MIGHT BE PREPARING AMBUSH FOR MARINES AT WATER HOLE IN VICINITY OF 898771. THIS ALSO HAS BEEN TRANSMITTED TO G-2. PLANS HAVE BEEN MADE TO HAVE THE MC BAND PLAY FOR THE VILLAGERS AT LE MY VIC 898821 ON SUNDAY, 18 JULY. IT HAS BEEN REPORTED BY VILLAGE CHIEF THAT MORE THAN 2,000 PERSONS ARE ANXIOUSLY AWAITING THIS. COORDINATION IS BEING MADE WITH OTHER STAFF SECTIONS TO ASSURE MAXIMUM UTILIZATION OF EVENT. ALSO ON 25 JULY, PLANS ARE BEING MADE FOR MC BAND TO PLAY AT OPENING OF NEW CHU LAI VILLAGE FOR MORE THAN 2500 DISPLACED PERSONS IN THE ^{MAR} AREA.

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(2) 4TH MARINES. SIXTEEN BOXES OF CLOTHING FROM CAMP H.M. 8 ITH WERE RECEIVED AND WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO DISPLACED PERSONS IN THE CHU LAI AREA. EIGHT BOXES OF VITAMINS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AND WILL BE USED IN MEDCAP OPNS. TWO CORPSMEN INSTRUCTORS ASSISTED THE DISTRICT MEDICAL ASSISTANT IN TREATING ELEVEN INJURED CITIZENS FROM THE KY HOA AREA WHO WERE OVERRUN BY VC ON 9 JULY.

G. DURING THE NEXT REPORTING PERIOD UNITS OF THE THIRD MARDIV WILL CONDUCT 21 PATROLS AND 12 AMBUSHES.

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THIRD MARDIV SITREPTAS OF 111600Z JUL 65.

1. THIRD MARINES CONDUCTED 12 PATROLS AND 10 AMBUSHES WITH NO VC CONTACT DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD.

A. 1ST BN, 3RD MARINES CONTINUED THE TWO PLATOON OPERATION IN THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE TAOR. AT 111130H IN THE VIC (AT 955716) ONE SHOT WAS FIRED AT A MARINE IN A DISABLED 6 X 6 TRUCK. FIRE WAS RETURNED WITH ONE ESTIMATED VC WOUNDED. A SEARCH OF THE AREA WAS CONDUCTED WITH NO RESULTS.

B. 2ND BN, 3RD MARINES CONTINUED TO PATROL TO THE EAST AND WEST OF THE LE MY COMPLEX. CO G CONTINUED TO MAINTAIN THE MOBILE COMBAT BASE VIC (AT 878789). ONE PLATOON, CO E CONTINUED TO SWEEP THE SAND FLATS EAST OF LE MY.

C. 3RD BN, 4TH MARINES CONTINUED TO OPERATE CO K IN WESTERN PORTION OF PHU PAI TACR. ONE PLATOON CO K HELILIFTED TO BN CP AT 111045H. CO K SWEEPED FROM VIC (YD 841156) AT 111600H TO VIC (YD 841156) WHERE THEY REMAINED FOR THE NIGHT. CO C, 3RD RECON BN CONDUCTED ONE HELILIFT PATROL LANDING VIC (YD 891069) AND SWEEPING TO VIC (YD 880130). THIS PATROL DEPARTED AT 111330H AND RETURNED AT 111730H AND HAD NO CONTACT

D. 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES CONDUCTED LOCAL DAY AND NIGHT PATROLS TO NORTH

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AND SOUTH OF DANANG AIRFIELD WITH NO CONTACT. REPAIRS OF THE LIGHTING SYSTEM AND IMPROVEMENT OF INDIVIDUAL POSITIONS CONTINUES.

E. 1ST BN, 12TH MARINES FIRED 20 H&I MISSIONS AND 3 PRECISION REGISTRATION MISSIONS DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD. AMMO EXPENDED BY TYPE AND CALIBER: 105MM, 20 RDS HE; 155MM, 26 RDS HE; 8", 24 RDS HE AND 4.2" RDS HE.

2. 4TH MARINES. TWO COMPANIES FROM 3RD BN, 3RD MARINES CONDUCTED SEARCH AND DESTROY MISSION; ONE IN AREA EAST OF THE SONG TRA BONG RIVER. AND ONE IN AREA IMMEDIATELY WEST OF SONG TRA BONG RIVER.

A. 1ST BN, 4TH MARINES MAINTAINED ROADBLOCK AT (BT 498066) AND OP ON HILL 69 (BT 466068). OP RECEIVED INCOMING WP GRENADE AT 0235H. NO CASUALTIES. SQUAD SIZE PATROLS CONDUCTED WITH NEGATIVE CONTACT.

B. 2ND BN, 4TH MARINES. ALL COMPANIES CONDUCTED DAY AND NIGHT PATROLS WITH NO VC SIGHTINGS OR CONTACT.

C. THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES. CO K RELIEVED CO M AS REGIMENTAL RESERVE. CO L (-) SWEEP VILLAGES (BT 5797) (BT 5897) (BT 5997) (BT 6098) AND (BT 6198) WITH MISSION OF SEARCHING FOR TWO MARINES MISSING FROM MAG 12 (PREVIOUSLY REPORTED). NO FURTHER INFO ON MISSING MARINES. ONE PLATOON OF CO L ESTABLISHED BLOCKING POSITION AT 1330H (BS 614984). CAPTURED ~~SEVEN~~ ^{SEVEN} (BS 615985). ~~APPEARED THAT WEAPONS WERE THROWN IN RIVER. VCS WERE ON SAND BAR AND WHEN FIRED ON, DROPPED WEAPONS AND TRIED TO ESCAPE BY RIVER. SEARCH FOR WEAPONS NEGATIVE. BUT WILL CONTINUE.~~ CO M LIFTED BY HELICOPTER TO SEARCH AND DESTROY MISSION EAST OF SONG TRA BONG RIVER. (BT 6297) (BT 6298) (BT 6398) AND (BT 6399). THREE ROUNDS SA FIRE RECEIVED FROM VC (BT 637990). SEARCH DID NOT DISCLOSE SNIPER. ~~AT 1140H~~ ^{AT 1140H} AT 1455H ONE USMC WIA (BT 624983).

D. 3RD BN, 12TH MARINES FIRED TWO H&I MISSIONS AND EXPENDED 4 ROUNDS.

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3. 9TH MARINES CONTINUED TO IMPROVE CP AREA AND PREPARE DEFENSIVE POSITIONS. A REACTION COMPANY, CO G CONDUCTED A SWEEP TO SUPPORT CO D, 3RD RECON BN PATROL VIC (AT 990684).

A. 2D BN, 9TH MARINES COMMITTED CO G AS A REACTION FORCE TO SUPPORT CO D, 3D RECON BN AT 111158H VIC (AT 008692). THIS COMPANY MOVED SOUTH FROM VIC (AT 999709) AND SWEEP THE VILLAGE OF DUONG SON #1. P CO (-) WAS RECONSTITUTED AS THE REACTION COMPANY AND ONE PLATOON CROSSED THE RIVER FROM VIC (AT 992705) IN LVTS TO VIC (AT 995699) AT 111428H. CO G HAD FIRE FIGHT VIC (PT 000683) AT 111640H. ONE 60MM MORTAR ROUNDED BOOBY TRAP WAS LOCATED AT SAME COORDINATES. CO G HAD 4 WIA VIC (AT 995673) DURING OPERATION. THERE WERE 7 VCS CAPTURED. *CO G AND 2 PLTS, 8005 3544 L REMAIN VIC (BT 009695) OVERNIGHT.*

4. 3D RECON BN, 1ST PLATOON, CO D CONDUCTED PATROL IN AREA SOUTH OF SONG CAU DO RIVER. THE PLATOON RECEIVED SNIPER FIRE FROM 990682. OE-1B REQUESTED. AS PLATOON ADVANCED, A VC WITHDREW TO WEST. LAST SIGHTING BY OE-1B WAS VIC (AT 992682). VC FIRED ON OE-1B FROM (AT 000690) BUT NO HITS WERE RECEIVED. ONE USMC WIA (AT 993693). VC VILLAGE (AT 999687) HEAVILY ENTRENCHED WITH BOOBY TRAPS AND PUNJI TRAPS. 60MM MORTAR ROUNDED AS BOOBY TRAP FOUND IN VILLAGE (AT 996690). CO D ESTIMATED CONTACT AS ONE VC PLATOON. ONE VC POSSIBLY WIA.

5. 3D ENGR BN CONTINUED ROAD, AND BRIDGE REPAIRS AND CONSTRUCTION IN TAOR. PROVIDED MINE CLEARANCE TEAM TO MAG-11 TO CHECK AREA WHERE MAG-11 IS GOING TO OCCUPY. CONTINUED TO CLEAR HELIPAD ON SONG DEN MOUNTAIN. CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES ON CP BUNKER. RECON AND TOPO SKETCH MAP FOR NEW THIRD MARINES CP AREA.

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6. 2ND BN, 7TH MARINES IN QUI NHON RECEIVED HARASSEMENT AND PROBING TYPE ACTION FROM VC THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT AND EARLY MORNING. CO E RECEIVED TWENTY ROUNDS OF MORTAR FIRE, BUT ALL IMPACTED FORWARD OF POSITION AND NO CASUALTIES INCURRED. CO F RECEIVED PROBES THROUGHOUT NIGHT IN THREE OR FOUR MAN STRENGTHTH. CO G RECEIVED A THREE MAN PROBE - NO FIRE EXCHANGED ALTHOUGH VC YELLED ATTEMPTING TO DRAW FIRE. CO H CONTINUED PATROLLING AND OCCUPIED KEY TERRAIN AROUND NEW BN CP (CR 018196). BTRY H (CR 015197).

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7. INTENTIONS

A. 3RD MARINES WILL CONTINUE EXTENSIVE PATROLLING IN TACOR. THERE WILL BE A SWEEP FROM VIC (AT 0669) TO RIVER LINE VIC (AT 9669) BY ONE COMPANY F 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES. 1ST BN, 3RD MARINES WILL RETURN CO A FROM SOUTHERN PORTION OF TACOR FOR A THREE DAY PERIOD. CO A, 3RD RECON BN WILL OPERATE IN THAT AREA DURING THIS PERIOD OF TIME. 2ND BN, 3RD MARINES WILL CONTINUE TO OPERATE ONE PLATOON OF CO G IN MOBILE COMPANY BASE VIC (AT 882733) AND ONE PLATOON OF CO E VIC (AT 92794). CO H WILL RELIEVE CO G IN PLACE TOMORROW AND CO G WILL THEN RELIEVE CO F. CO F WILL REVERT TO BN RESERVE. 3D BN, 4TH MARINES WILL PLACE CO I IN FORWARD AREA OF TACOR, COMMENCING AT 120000H BY HELILIFTING ONE PLATOON TO VIC (YD 895) ONE PLATOON TO (YD 890070) AND ONE PLATOON VIC (YD 902061). THE COMPANY WILL CONDUCT A HAMMER AND ANVIL OPERATION WITH ONE PLATOON IN BLOCKING/POSITION VIC (YD 910090). THE REMAINING TWO PLATOONS WILL SWEEP NORTH AND EAST TO THE AREA OF PHUOC LAN NACO VIC (YD 909086). UPON COMPLETION OF THIS OPERATION THE COMPANY WILL LIFT TO VIC (YD 90156) TO ESTABLISH NIGHT POSITIONS THERE. CO E WILL ASSUME MISSION OF BN RESERVE AND REACTION COMPANY. CO K WILL SEND ONE PLATOON TO OP ON HILL 225. CO G, 3RD RECON BN WILL CONDUCT A SQUAD SIZE SECURITY PATROL W/PF SQUAD LOCATED VIC (YD 9011). 106s WILL TEST FIRE WEAPONS ON HILLS TO IMPROVE DEFENSE. 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES WILL CONTINUE TO IMPROVE AIRFIELD DEFENSE AND CONDUCT LOCAL DAY AND NIGHT PATROLS AROUND THE DANANG AIRBASE.

B. 4TH MARINES. CO C (REIN) 1ST BN, 4TH MAR TRUCK MOVED TO (PT 470079) AT 120700H TO CONDUCT COMBAT PATROL IN AREA SOUTH WEST OF HILL 9 (BT 469069) WITH PF SQUAD ATTACHED.

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CO D (REIN) WILL BE HELIFTED AT 130800H TO (BT 442093), EST PATROL BASE AT
(BT 448064) FOR LOCAL PATROLLING AND AMBUSHES UNTIL 141500H. CO F (-)
WILL CONDUCT SEARCH AND DESTROY MISSION, (BT 5295, 5396, AND 5400) 130700H
TO 141700H.

FROM VIC (BT 0069) TO VIC (AT 9869)
ONE PLAT
CO B
9TH MARINES WILL CONDUCT SWEEP USING ONE CO 1ST BN 9TH MARINES
AND WITH CO G & ~~F~~ REMAINING IN PRESENT POSITIONS. CO B WILL PROVIDE
BLOCKING FORCE VIC (AT 992702). CO D, 3RD RECON BN WILL SCREEN LEFT
FLANK DURING SWEEP.

3RD RECON BN WILL SCREEN LEFT FLANK OF SWEEP OPERATION
CONDUCTED BY 9TH MARINES. PATROLLING WILL CONTINUE TO WEST AND SOUTH
OF TCR.

3D ENGR BN-NO CHANGE

THERE ARE 30 PATROLS AND 6 AMBUSHES SCHEDULED DURING THE NEXT
REPORTING PERIOD.

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8. PEOPLE TO PEOPLE

A. 1/3. THE DISTRICT CHIEF OF THE HUE DUC, THE VILLAGE CHIEFS AND POPULAR FORCE PLATOON COMMANDERS FROM HOA KCC AND HOA PHU AND THE NATIONAL POLICE CHIEF OF THE HUE DUC WERE THE GUESTS OF THE 1/3 BATTALION COMMANDER AND HIS STAFF FOR DINNER. COMPANY A TREATED 80 PEOPLE AT PHUC HUNG (724925). KHU HA (7491) AND DAI KA (742943) AND DISTRIBUTED UNDERCLOTHING AND SHORTS TO THE PEOPLE OF THE THREE HAMLETS. THE BATTALION DOCTOR TREATED AN ADDITIONAL 40 PERSONS AT PHUC HUNG; COMPANY A RECEIVED AN INTELLIGENCE REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT CHIEF OF HUE DUC AS A RESULT.

B. 2/3. THE BATTALION S-2 AND THE CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER SURVEYED TWO NEW WELL SIGHTS AT HOA KCC (7792) WITH MR. LU THE VILLAGE CHIEF; REQUEST FOR DRILLING ASSISTANCE IS BEING FORWARDED TO DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS BY THE POLITICAL ACTION TEAM. MR. LU INVITED THE BATTALION S-2 TO SPEAK WITH TWO VC DEFECTORS WHO ENTERED THE BATTALION TAOR WITH REFUGEES; PLANS ARE IN PROGRESS TO ENTICE MORE DEFECTORS. THE VILLAGE HOA TAN 900795 WAS ALSO VISITED AND MR. NAM, THE VILLAGE CHIEF AGREED TO INITIATE DISPOSAL OF TRASH FROM THE DAILY POLICE CALL BY THE PEOPLE THEMSELVES; A JOB FORMERLY DONE BY MARINES. MR. NAM ALSO OFFERED TO HAVE A LAUNDRY SERVICE FOR THE BATTALION ESTABLISHED IN THE VILLAGE. ONE COMPANY WILL TEST THE PROPOSED LAUNDRY SERVICE MONDAY. LE MY FIELD DISPENSARY TREATED 150 LOCAL PERSONNEL.

C. 1/9. TWO BATTALION CORPSMAN ACCOMPANIED COMPANY A ON A PATROL AND TREATED 7 PEOPLE AT 002778 AND 20 PEOPLE AT 998775 NEAR THE VILLAGE OF XUAN HOA.

D. 3RD TANKS HAVE REQUESTED ^{ITIONED} 12 BAGS OF CEMENT ON THE OPEN MARKET AND WILL PRESENT THE SAME TO THE FAMILY REQUESTING THE CEMENT AS A CONDITION TO A REQUISITE MOVE IN THE 9TH MARINES TAOR MONDAY MORNING.

E. 9TH MARINES ON BEHALF OF COLONEL GARRETSON PRESENTED TO THE CHIEF BUDDIST MONK AND SENIOR CATHOLIC PRIEST OF THE HOA PLAT MONIES DONATED BY

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THE 9TH MARINES REGIMENT TO AID THE VICTIMS OF THE RECENT FIRE. REPRESENT-
ATIVES OF THE 9TH MARINES WERE INVITED TO A FORMAL DISTRIBUTION OF THE
MONIES TO THE INJURED FAMILIES TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

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ONE KIA AND

CO A, 1ST BN, 3RD MARINES HAD 4 MIA VIC (AT 926668) AT 112055H FROM
ELECTRICALLY DETONATED DEVICE. CO A ALSO UNDER FIRE FROM 2 SNIPERS,
ONE WITH AUTO WEAPON AT 11230H. AT 112315H, CO A HAD 1 MORE WIA
VIC (AT 926668). ONE WIA DOW AT 112350H.

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THIRD MARDIV SECREP NR 627 AS OF 12 JUL 65

THIRD MARDIV CONDUCTED 10 PATROLS AND 17 AMBUSHES WITH ONE COMBAT
 DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD. JUST AFTER MIDNIGHT A CO 1ST BN 3D MARINES
 COMPLETED HELOEVAC FROM VIC (AT 926668) AT 120025H OF 4 WIA, 1 KIA AND
 1 DOW. TWO TRUCKS OF 2D BN 3D MARINES STOPPED ON ROUTE 1 VIC (AT 960788)
 RECEIVED SMALL ARMS FIRE AT 120445H. NO CASUALTIES AND THE TRUCKS DEPARTED.
 ONE VCS APPREHENDED VIC (XD 895065).

A. 1ST BN 3D MARINES CO A (-) CALLED FOR HELOEVAC VIC (AT 926668)
 FOR 4 WIA, 1 KIA AND 1 DOW RECEIVED DURING PREVIOUS PERIOD. AT 120025H
 THE HELICOPTER EVACUATION HAD BEEN COMPLETED. CO A (-) MOVED TO VIC
 (AT 907687) AND REMAINED THERE OVERNIGHT. ONE AMBUSH SQUAD REMAINED IN
 POSITION VIC (AT 905698) AVAILABLE FOR CONTACT WITH NO CONTACT. THE SEARCH
 CO A (-) OF GRID SQUARE (AT 9267) WAS CANCELLED. AT 120736H ONE DOW
 WAS WIA BY MINE, VIC (AT 906698) WAS EVACUATED BY HELO FROM CO A (-).
 CO A (-) RETURNED TO BN CP POSITION AT 120850H.

B. 2D BN 3D MARINES CONTINUED TO PATROL THROUGHOUT THEIR PORTION
 OF THE TACR. AT 120445H, TWO TRUCKS STOPPED ON ROUTE 1 VIC (AT 960788)

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RECEIVED SMALL ARMY FIRE. TRUCKS DEPARTED AREA AND CASUALTIES WERE
SUFFERED. A TWO PLATOON SWEEP AND BLOCK OPERATION BY CO F ^(S) BEGAN
AT 120200H VIC (AT 8675). THE PLATOONS WERE IN PLACE BY 120645H AND
THE SWEEP BEGAN WITH ONE PLATOON BLOCKING AND ONE PLATOON SWEEPING. ONE
CIVILIAN WITHOUT ID CARD WAS APPREHENDED BUT RELEASED WHEN CLAIMED BY
THE VILLAGE CHIEF. CO H RELIEVED CO G WHICH IN TURN RELIEVED CO F.
THIS RELIEF WAS COMPLETED AT 121035H.

C. 3D BN 4TH MARINES. AT 120700H CO K MOVED TO THE BN CP AS RESERVE/
REACTION COMPANY. AT 120730H ONE PLATOON ^{Co K} HELILIFTED TO HILL 225 AND
RELIEVED A PLATOON FROM CO I. CO I ASSUMED THE MISSION OF THE REACTION
COMPANY AND HELILIFTED ONE PLATOON TO VIC (YD 877095), ONE PLATOON TO VIC
(YD 890070) AND ONE TO VIC (YD 902061) AT 120800H. THE 1ST PLATOON
ESTABLISHED A BLOCKING POSITION VIC (YD 910090) WITH THE 2D PLATOON SWEEP-
ING FROM VIC (YD 890070) TO VIC (YD 910090). THE 3D PLATOON WAS SCHEDULED
TO SWEEP TO THE BLOCKING POSITION VIC (YD 910090) HOWEVER, THE PLATOON ONLY
MOVED TO VIC (YD 905065) AND REMAINED THERE UNTIL 121100H WHEN ONE MARINE
WAS DISCOVERED MISSING. HE WAS FOUND UNHARMED AT 121245H. BOTH THE 2D AND
3D PLATOONS SWEEP TO VIC (YD 910090) WITH NO CONTACT. AT 121200H CO I
HELILIFTED TO VIC (YD 842145) AND APPREHENDED ONE VCS AT 121700H. THE VCS
WAS TURNED OVER TO DONG DA TRAINING CENTER, WHICH LATER RELEASED HIM. CO
C, 3D RECON BN CONDUCTED ONE SQUAD SIZED PATROL WITH RF TROOPS FROM 121500H
TO 120200H TO THE VIC (YD 897157) ^{WITH NO CONTACT}. CO M SENT TWO SQUADS WITH MEDICAL TEAM
TO THE PAT FROM 120400H TO 121115H.

D. 1ST BN 9TH MARINES CONTINUES TO IMPROVE ALL-AROUND DEFENSE. ALL RECON
PATROLS WERE CONDUCTED. ONE WHICH ENCOUNTERED AN ARVN AT VIC (AT 895000)
AT 120135H. THE RF TROOPS WITH THE PATROL ANSWERED THE CHALLENGE. THE
DETERMINED THAT ANOTHER ARVN AN USE WAS LOCATED VIC (AT 897700).

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THE ~~PATROL~~ AVOIDED, AND CONTINUED THE ~~PATROL~~, TERMINATING AT 120235H. NO VC CONTACT. AT 120800H, CO B PLUS FOUR AND FAC DEPARTED BN CP UNDER OPCON 2D BN 9TH MARINES.

E. 1ST BN 12TH MARINES FIRED 10 H&I MISSIONS DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD. THERE WERE 19 ROUNDS OF 105 HE EXPENDED.

2. 4TH MARINES CONDUCTED PATROLS WITHIN THEIR TAOR.

A. 1ST BN 4TH MARINES. CO C LANDED BY LVT AT (BT 475089) AT 120800H. SNIPER FIRE FROM VIC (BT 457055) CAUSED ONE USMC WIA (BT 457051) AT 1055H. AT 1120H ONE PLATOON SWEEP KY SANH (1) VIC (BT 455055) FROM THE SOUTHEAST TO THE NORTHWEST AND SEIZED HIGH GROUND WEST OF THE VILLAGE. VILLAGE WAS SEARCHED AND 1000 POUNDS OF RICE IN ONE HOUSE WAS SEIZED. RICE WAS LIFTED OUT BY HELICOPTER AT 1446H.

B. 2D BN 4TH MARINES CONDUCTED SEVERAL PATROLS INCLUDING ONE MECHANIZED (TANK AND LVT) PATROL TO SEARCH THICKLY VEGETATED HILL AREAS STARTING AT (BT 509028) THROUGH (BT 503040). NEGATIVE VC CONTACT.

C. 3D BN 3D MARINES. CO I REMAINS IN AREA EAST OF SONG TRA BONG RIVER. AT 1308H, 15 ARMED TROOPS WERE OBSERVED AT (BS 665032). AIR STRIKE BY MAG 12 ON TARGET. SURVEILLANCE NOT AVAILABLE.

D. 9TH MARINES. ~~12TH~~ COMPANIES F AND G BLT 2/9 OCCUPIED A PERIMETER DEFENSE DONG SON I COORDINATES ^(AT 998687) COMPANY B, 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES MOVING VIA HIGHWAY 1A, CROSSED INITIAL POINT (RAILWAY BRIDGE- COORDINATES (AT 998707) AND PROCEEDED SOUTH AND SOUTHEAST TO THE LOD (COORDINATES ^{AT} (993683) TO ^{AT} (996691) FOR PLANNED SWEEP OPERATION. LOD WAS CROSSED AT 0900 HOURS AND COMPANY DE GAN ITS SWEEP IN WESTERLY DIRECTION. B COMPANY ON ARRIVAL DONG SON I MOVED THROUGH AND AROUND COMPANIES C AND F AND CONTINUED DURING THIS OPERATION, COB SUSTAINED THREE KIA AND FOUR WIA. THEIR ATTACK DUE WEST THROUGH KAM NI VILLAGES 1 & 2 (AT 991689). COMPANY D THIRD RECON BN WITH TWO PLTS LEFT PATROL BASE (AT 998707) ⁰⁶⁰⁰ ~~0600~~ ⁰⁶⁰⁰ ~~0600~~ AND MOVED COORDINATES (AT 992700) TO VIC YIEN NE #3 (AT 996680). AT 0830 HOURS THE THIRD RECON PLT WHICH HAD REMAINED IN THE OVERSIGHT DEFENSIVE

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POSITION WITH COMPANIES G AND F REJOINED THEIR COMPANY. MOVING WEST-
~~TERMIN DIRECTION~~ ADVANCED
~~THE COMPANY~~ ~~ADVANCED~~ AROUND THE LEFT FLANK OF B COMPANY 1/9
 CLEARING THE AREA FROM YIEN NE #2 TO KAM NE #3 (AT 962682). RECON
 COMPANY REMAINED AT VIC KAM NE #3 FROM 1230 HOURS UNTIL 1630 HOURS.
 UNIT RETURNED TO PATROL BASES (AT 998707) FOLLOWING A REVERSE ROUTE
 THROUGH THE AREA WHICH THEY HAD PREVIOUSLY SWEPT. LIGHT SNIPER FIRE WAS
 ENCOUNTERED ENROUTE. ARRIVED PATROL BASE 1805 HOURS. ~~DURING THE OPERATION~~
~~COMPANY D SUSTAINED THREE KIA AND FOUR WIA. 2/9 HAD TWO WIA DURING~~
~~THE OPERATION.~~ ^{ESTIMATED} THERE WERE ESTIMATED 22 VC KILLED. AT THE CONCLUSION
 OF SWEEP OPERATION D COMPANY EMBARKED IN LVTS VIC (AT 965688)
 AND MOVED TO VIC FRIDGE (AT 998707) WHERE THEY WERE TO BE ENROUTE
 TO GO ON AIRFIELD. THREE LVTS WERE STUCK IN MUD AT THE CLOSE OF THE
 REPORTING PERIOD.

4. 43d RECON BN. COMPANY D IN SUPPORT OF 2d BN, 9TH MARINES ESTABLISHED
 BLOCKING AND AM USN POSITIONS VIC COMPANY G DURING THE NIGHT 11-12 JULY.
 AT 120830H HCO D COMMENCED PATROLLING ON LEFT FLANK OF 2D BN, 9TH MAR
 ONE USMC WIA VIC (AT 989670) AT APPROX 120845H. CO D WAS SEARCHING
 VILLAGE VIC (AT 989670) AT APPROX 120900H WHEN TWO USMC WERE KIA. THE
 VILLAGE VIC (AT 987677) WAS REPORTED CLEARED AT APPROX 120910H. SNIPER
 FIRE WAS RECEIVED FROM VIC (AT 992675) AT 120935H. CO D CLEARED VILLAGE
 VIC (AT 985677) AND ONE VIETNAMESE WOMAN DISCOVERED DEAD AT 121035H.
 THIS COMPANY LOCATED VC MINE FIELD VIC (AT 974680) AND SUFFERED TWO KIA
 IN THAT AREA AT 121210H. ANOTHER WIA SUSTAINED AT 121225H VIC (AT 974682)
 SNIPER FIRE RECEIVED FROM FRONT AND LEFT REAR AT 121321H. CO D APPREHENDED
 ONE WOUNDED VC AT 121445H VIC (AT 977676). VC LATER DIED AT 121515H. AS
 COMPANY MOVED BACK TO PATROL BASE ALONG RAILROAD TRACK, TWO MORE VIET
 AS CO D MOVED BACK. CO A, OPERATING IN LAI BUC DISTRICT LANDED VIC
 (AT 978582) AT APPROX 121700H AND PROCEEDED WITH TO VIC (AT 978582)

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121915H WERE VC ATTACKED AND PINNED DOWN THE PLATOON. DURING THE
 FIVE FIGHT ~~WAS~~ ^{COMPANY C.D. KIA} ~~COMPANY C.D. KIA~~ AND THREE KIA. AT 122025H THE PLATOON
 WAS EVACUATED BY HELICOPTER FROM LZ VIC (AT 922590) TO DANANG. CO
 FIRST SGT AND THREE MEN REMAIN AT LAI LUC FORD.

5. THIRD ENGINEER BN CONTINUED GENERAL CONSTRUCTION AND COMBAT ENGINEER
 SUPPORT OF DIVISION. CLASS 60 RAFT CONTINUED ^{TO OPERATE} ~~CONTINUED~~ DANANG RIVER ON
 A 24 HOUR BASIS MAKING 29 ROUND TRIPS.

6. 2D BN 7TH MARINES CONDUCTED PATROLS AND RECONNOITRED NEW
 POSITIONS. CO H CAPTURED FOUR VC; TWO MALE, AND TWO FEMALE
 (CR 009199) AT 120230H. VC HAD IN POSSESSION TWO GALLIES,
 SIX MAS, 36 MAGAZINES, AND TWO TEN ROUND CLIPS, ONE GRENADE,
 1500 PIASTRES AND LARGE QUANTITY OF RICE.

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INTENTIONS

A. 3D MARINES WILL CONTINUE PATROLLING THROUGHOUT DA NANG AND PHU HAI TACRS. 1ST BN 3D MARINES CONTINUES PREPARATION FOR TWO COMPANY SWEEP OF LA CHAO (3) AND LA DONG (3) VILLAGES. 2D BN 3D MARINES CONTINUES EXTENSIVE PATROLLING AROUND THE LE MY COMPLEX. 3D BN 4TH MARINES WILL HELILIFT CO I AT 130530H TO VIC (YD 842145) AND IN CONJUNCTION WITH CO K CONDUCT A SWEEP OPERATION IN VIC (YD 801130). CO I WILL RETURN TO BN CP WHEN OPERATION IS COMPLETED. CO I WILL ^{MOVE} ~~REMAIN~~ TO VIC (YD 866069) AFTER THE OPERATION AND REMAIN THERE OVERNIGHT. ONE PLATOON, CO C, 3D RECON BN WILL DISPLACE BY HELICOPTER ^{IN} ~~IN~~ SUPPORT OF THE OPERATION. BTRY I WILL DISPLACE 3 GUNS TO VIC (YD 878122) WITH ONE SECTION FROM ONTOS FOR SECURITY. 1ST BN 9TH MARINES WILL CONTINUE TO IMPROVE DEFENSE OF THE DA NANG AIRFIELD AND PATROL DAY AND NIGHT AROUND THE PERIMETER.

B. 4TH MARINES. INTENSIVE PATROLLING WILL CONTINUE. CO I WILL RELIEVE CO L IN THE AREA WEST OF THE SONG TRA HONG RIVER.

C. 9TH MARINES. CO G AND CO F ⁹⁹⁶⁶⁹⁰ ~~(-)~~ WILL REMAIN AT VIC (AT 95) FOR THE NIGHT. REGIMENT WILL CONTINUE TO IMPROVE CP LOCATIONS.

D. 3D RECON BN. ~~CONTINUE PATROL~~ ^{CONTINUE PATROL/OP/LP}

ACTIVITY IN TADR.

E. 3D ENGR BN. NO CHANGE.

F. 2D BN 7TH MARINES. CO H WILL OCCUPY NEW BASE OF OPERATIONS (CR 005166), TO CONDUCT DEEP PATROLLING AND AMBUSHES. CO F WILL BE HELILIFTED VIC BN CP AS BN RESERVE AND MOBILE REACTION FORCE. CO G WILL MOVE ONE PLATOON (HIN) TO HILL 344 (CR 034232) AND EXTEND AREA OF OPERATION ALONG RIDGE DOMINATED BY HILL 562 (CR 051202) TO INCLUDE

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POSITION PREVIOUSLY OCCUPIED BY CO F.

6. THERE ARE 28 PATROLS AND 8 AMBUSHES PLANNED BY THE 3D BATTAL FOR THE NEXT REPORTING PERIOD.

8. PEOPLE TO PEOPLE.

A. HQ CO. THE CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER, 2 CORPSMEN, AND MRS THANG, THE VILLAGE NURSE OF HOA PHAT, TREATED 40 PEOPLE IN THE HAMLET OF TONG VU SU (AT 993746). A BOX OF CHILDRENS VITAMINS AND NUMEROUS BAND-AIDS AND SMALL BARS OF HOTEL SOAP WERE GIVEN TO EACH OF 2 VILLAGE AID STATIONS IN HOA PHAT. EACH OF THESE AID STATIONS HAS A TRAINED NURSE, BUT THE SUPPLIES OBTAINED THROUGH DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS MONTHLY ARE TOTALLY INADEQUATE, USUALLY BEING EXPENDED WITHIN ONE TO TWO WEEKS.

3/4 = SICK CALL WAS HELD AT THUY PHU (YD 913118) BY A DOCTOR. 4 CORPSMEN AND THE 2 POPULAR FORCES CORPSMEN TRAINED BY 3/4. TWO HUNDRED PEOPLE WERE TREATED. THE DIVISION CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER VISITED MR. BAT, THE VILLAGE CHIEF OF THUY PHU, AND GAVE HIM A PICTURE OF THE CHIEF WITH LICHEN KRULAK, TAKEN WHEN THE LATTER VISITED THUY PHU (YD 905115) AND THUY HOA (YD 913163), WHERE SIMILAR PROGRAMS ARE BEING UNDERTAKEN BY 3/4.

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5. THE HOA VANG DISTRICT CHIEF HAS BEEN INVITED TO ATTEND THE PAND CONCERT AT LE MY ON 18 JULY AND HAS ACCEPTED. REPORTS INDICATE THERE WILL BE MORE THAN 6000 VIETNAMESE AT THE THREE CONCERTS. SPECIAL SECURITY MEASURES ARE BEING PLANNED.

6. 1/4 RECOVERED 1000 POUNDS OF RICE WHILE ON A SEARCH AND CLEAR OPERATION. LIAISON HAS BEEN MADE WITH THE 800 PERSONS COMPLETELY TURNED OUT IN THE ATTACK ON THE JUNG STATION IN VICINITY OF COORDINATES 4914. PLANS HAVE BEEN MADE TO GET OTHER RELIEF SUPPLIES FOR THESE REFUGEES.

7. 3/3 CONDUCTED A MED CAP OPN IN VINH AN (1) & (2) VICINITY COORDINATES (BT 612012) FOR 150 PERSONS.

8. 4TH REG CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER MET WITH LE VAN ANH CHIEF OF TRI BINH (5) VICINITY COORDINATES (BT 570970) CONCERNING STARTING MED CAP OPN. 3/3 PLANS TO BUY BLACK BOARDS FOR THE SCHOOL IN THIS VILLAGE.

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THIRD MARDIV SITREP NR 68 AS OF 131600Z JUL 65

1. THIRD MARINES CONDUCTED 17 PATROLS AND 14 AMBUSHES DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD. NONE OF THESE HAD VC CONTACT. IN THE HUE-THU DAI TACH A 2 COMPANY SEARCH AND DESTROY (PD) WAS CONDUCTED JUST OUTSIDE THE NORTHWEST PORTION OF THE TACH THAT RESULTED IN 1 VC KILLED, 1 WEAPON CAPTURED, AND 1 USMC KIA BY A MINE.

A. 1ST BN 3D MAR HAD 2 SQUAD SIZE PATROLS AND 4 AMBUSHES IN THE GENERAL VIC OF THE MLR POSITION COMMENCING AT 2000H. THESE MEASURES BEING EMPLOYED TO THwart VC INFILTRATION AND MINE LAYING ATTEMPTS. PATROLS COVERED THE AREAS (AT 926715) TO (AT 934710) AND (AT 943712) TO (AT 952707). SQUAD AMBUSHES WERE ESTABLISHED AT (AT 956718), (AT 915748), (AT 926735) AND (AT 915730). NO VC INCIDENTS REPORTED.

B. 2D BN 3D MAR HAD 2 SQUAD SIZE PATROLS, FROM (AT ~~917823~~) TO (AT 917829) AND FROM (AT 917823) TO (AT 920832). 9 SQUAD SIZE AMBUSHES WERE ESTABLISHED THROUGHOUT THE BN AREA BUT NEITHER AMBUSHES NOR PATROLS HAD ANY VC CONTACTS.

C. 1ST BN 9TH MAR. CO B (-) RETURNED TO 1/9 CPON AFTER PARTICIPATING IN CPMS WITH 2DBN 9TH MAR AND REMAINING OVERNIGHT WITH WIRED AMTRACS VIC (AT 973690) TO PROVIDE SECURITY. DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD 8 SECURITY PATROLS WERE CONDUCTED AROUND THE DA NANG AIRFIELD. THE ONLY INCIDENT OCCURRED AT 0145H WHEN ONE OF THESE PATROLS APPREHENDED A VCS VIC (BT 015730).

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D. 3D BN 4TH MAR. AT 0635H CO K (-) AND CO I FORMED A LINE EXTENDING FROM (YD 809155) TO (YD 827155) AND SWEEP SOUTH TO A PLATOON BLOCKING POSITION THAT WAS ESTABLISHED BETWEEN GRID SQUARE (YD 8212) AND (YD 8013). PTRY I WITH A HEAVY SECTION OF ONTOS DISPLACED TO (YD 878122) TO SUPPORT THIS OPERATION. AT 0900H, 1 MARINE WAS WOUNDED BY A LAND MINE VIC (YD 810143). AT 1000H 1 VC WAS KILLED VIC (YD 805132) AND 1 CHICOM K-50 SUBMACHINEGUN, 3 MAGAZINES AND 73 ROUNDS OF AMMO CAPTURED. THE SWEEP CONTINUED PAST THE BLOCKING POSITION TO (YD 795125) WITHOUT FURTHER INCIDENT. 5 SECURITY PATROLS WERE CONDUCTED AROUND THE BN CP AND AI FIELD AREAS AND THE ATTACHED RECON COMPANY ESTABLISHED A PLATOON AMBUSH VIC (YD 830120) AT 1900H WITHOUT ANY FURTHER VC CONTACTS.

E. 1ST BN 12TH MAR HAD ALL STRYS IN THEIR PRIMARY POSITION EXCEPT 1 PLATOON OF PTRY L WHICH DISPLACED TO (AT 901774) AT 1300H. THE PLATOON OF PTRY L WHICH HAD BEEN AT (AT 94627606) RETURNED TO ITS PRIMARY POSITION AT 1515H. 24 HAI AND 1 PRECISION REGISTRATION MISSION WERE FIRED. AMMO EXPENDED WAS: 105MM - 13 HE AND 12 WP; 155MM - 40 HE AND 24 WP; 8" - 16 HE.

2. 4TH MARINES. ROUTINE PATROLLING CONDUCTED WITH NO SIGNIFICANT VC CONTACT. IMPROVEMENT WAS CONTINUED ON DEFENSIVE POSITIONS. JUNK FLEET LOCATED AT KY HON VIC (BT 505123) ^{displaced} TO AN HAI, VIC (BT 516116) JUST FORWARD OF ALPHA 1/4 VLR. MOVEMENT COMPLETED AT 1205H. DURING THIS PERIOD ² COMPANY (-) SIZE, 1 PLATOON SIZE, AND ¹² SQUAD SIZE PATROLS, COUPLED WITH 4 AMBUSHES, WERE CONDUCTED.

A. 1ST BN 4TH MAR CONTINUED PATROLLING IN THEIR SECTOR. NO VC CONTACT. 81MM ILLUMINATION WAS FIRED DURING THE NIGHT WITHOUT RESULTS.

B. 2D BN 4TH MAR PATROLS CONDUCTED WITHOUT VC CONTACT. TWO NIGHT AMBUSHES ESTABLISHED FROM 122100H TO 130600H AT VIC (BT 529044) AND VIC (BT 529049). NO VC CONTACT.

C. 3D BN 3D MAR. CO I DEPARTED BY LVT AT 0820H FOR SEARCH AND DESTROY MISSION

IN AREA EAST OF SONG TRA BONG RIVER. AT 1030H, FOOT PATROL CAPTURED 1 VCS AT VIC (BT 650028). CO F IN REGIMENTAL RESERVE.

D. 3D BN 12TH MAR CONDUCTED 12 H&I MISSIONS. TOTAL ROUNDS EXPENDED - 12.

3. 9TH MARINES. MAINTAINED 2 COMPANIES IN DEFENSIVE POSITIONS SOUTH OF THE SONG TUY LOAN RIVER VIC GRID SQUARE (AT 9968), (AT 9969) AND (BT 0069) DURING THE NIGHT OF 12 AND 13 JULY. ALSO CONTINUED WORK THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT TO FREE LVT'S WHICH WERE Mired AT (AT 979699). DURING THE DAY THE VILLAGE OF DUONG SON (1) GRID SQUARE (AT 9968) WAS SWEPT BY ONE RIFLE COMPANY.

A. 2D BN 9TH MAR. CO F AND CO G REMAINED SOUTH OF THE SONG TUY LOAN RIVER. SPORADIC SNIPER FIRE WAS RECEIVED IN CO F AREA BETWEEN 130000H AND 130530H BUT NO CASUALTIES RESULTED. COMMENCING AT 0905H CO F (-), WITH A PLATOON OF IT SWEPT THE VILLAGE OF DUONG SON (1). MANY TUNNELS, FIGHTING HOLES AND VC DOCUMENTS WERE FOUND BUT THERE WAS NO VC CONTACT. VILLAGERS CLAIMED THE VC HAD MOVED OUT OF THE VILLAGE DURING THE NIGHT. A DEAD BOY AND A WOUNDED MAN WERE FOUND IN THE VILLAGE AS THE RESULT OF A VC BOOBY TRAP. THE WOUNDED MAN WAS HELO EVAC TO DA NANG AIRFIELD FOR TREATMENT. /

B. NEW CP LOCATIONS: CO F (BT 001691), CO G (AT 992688) AND CO H (AT 998723)

4. BLT 2/7 CONDUCTED ONE PLATOON PATROL, 3 SQUAD PATROLS, SET UP 2 AMBUSHES AND ESTABLISHED ONE OP. NO VC CONTACT. IMPROVEMENT WAS CONTINUED ON DEFENSIVE POSITIONS.

5. 3D RECON BN CONTINUED TO OPERATE THREE OP/LPS DURING THIS PERIOD. 2D PLATOON CO A CONTINUED PATROL OPERATION IN RACR-3 AND AT 1305H WERE REPORTED VIC (AT 867686). NO UNUSUAL INCIDENTS TO REPORT.

6. 3D ENGR BN CONTINUED CONSTRUCTION OF HELO PAD FOR 3D MED BN. MINE SWEEPING AND DEMOLITION TEAMS WERE PROVIDED FOR 2D BN 9TH MARINES. DITCHING MACHINE

CONTINUED DIGGING EMPLACEMENTS FOR 9TH MARINES.

7. PEOPLE TO PEOPLE

A. 3D MARINES. CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER WENT TO HOI AN (BT 065582) TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE USOM PROVINCE DIRECTOR FOR ENROLLING LOCAL WOMEN IN A NURSE TRAINING PROGRAM. 30 PEOPLE WERE GIVEN MEDICAL TREATMENT AT AN AID STATION WHICH HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED IN THAI AN (AT 932715). VITAMINS, BAND-AIDS AND SOAP FROM THIS STATION ARE BEING DISTRIBUTED THROUGHOUT 1/3'S AREA. 2/3'S LE MY DISPENSARY TREATED 134 PERSONS TODAY. IN 1/9'S AREA THE CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER MADE ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE VILLAGE CHIEF OF XUAN HOA (AT 995778) FOR AN AID STATION TO BE ESTABLISHED IN THAT VILLAGE. 120 PEOPLE WERE TREATED AT A STATION SET UP TODAY IN BINH THAI (BT 013722).

B. 4TH MARINES. LIAISON HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED WITH THE DISTRICT CHIEF, WHEREBY ALL OF THE PERSONS DISPLACED BY MARINE OPERATIONS IN THE CHU LAI AREA, WHO HAVE NOT PREVIOUSLY BEEN COMPENSATED, WILL RECEIVE THEIR MONEY AT 0800 TOMORROW. THE 2D BN 4TH MARINES AND CG B 3D ENGR BN STARTED DIGGING THE FIRST OF 16 WELLS IN THE CHU LAI HAMLET VIC (BT 502060). 3D BN 12TH MARINES MEDCAP TEAM OF ONE DOCTOR AND 3 CORPSMAN VISITED THE LY TIN DISTRICT DISPENSARY VIC (BT 469080) AND TREATED 150 PEOPLE.

C. 9TH MARINES. CORPSMEN TREATED APPROXIMATELY 32 PERSONS, MOSTLY SMALL CHILDREN IN THE TANK BN CP AREA (AT 981707). ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AID STATION IN THE VILLAGE OF PHONG HAO (AT 984706) COMMENCING TOMORROW. THE MONEY CONTRIBUTED TO THE VICTIMS OF THE HOA PHAT VILLAGE FIRE ON 7 JULY BY THE 9TH MAR WAS DISTRIBUTED TO THE FAMILIES TODAY BY A CATHOLIC PRIEST, A BUDDHIST MONK AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NGOT. LOCAL OFFICIALS SET UP THE CEREMONY AND INSISTED ON THE MARINE REPRESENTATIVE BEING PRESENT. AS A TOKEN OF

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APPRECIATION THE VILLAGE OFFICIALS GAVE A COPY OF THE RECEIPT, SIGNED PERSONALLY BY EACH FAMILY INVOLVED, TO THE 9TH MARINES. ALL THE CASH THAT WAS DONATED WAS GIVEN DIRECTLY TO THE VICTIMS OF THE FIRE.

8. INTENTIONS

A. 3D MARINES WILL CONDUCT A ~~SWEEP~~ OF THE SAND FLATS WEST OF HIGHWAY 1 VIC GRID SQUARE (AT 9280) AND (AT 9380) WITH A PLATOON OF TANKS AND 2 SQUADS OF INFANTRY. PREPARATIONS ARE UNDERWAY FOR A SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION TO BE CONDUCTED SOUTH OF THE SONG CAU DO RIVER.

B. 4TH MARINES. CO A (-) 1/4 WILL CONDUCT A PATROL IN THE NORTHERN AREA OF THE TACR. CO G (-) 2/4 WILL CONDUCT A SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION IN THE CENTER OF THE TACR TOWARD THE WESTERN VICINITY. 3D BN 3D MARINES WILL CONTINUE TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS EAST OF THE SONG TRA BONG RIVER.

C. 9TH MARINES WILL REINFORCE CO F AND CO G WITH CO E AND CONTINUE CONSOLIDATING AND CLEARING DUONG SON VILLAGE AREAS.

D. BLT 2/7. CO H (-) WILL CONDUCT A SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION ON THE VILLAGE OF PHU TEI VIC (GR 026163). AREA IS SUSPECTED TO CONTAIN TWO VC SQUADS.

E. 3D RECON BN. NO CHANGE

F. 3D ENGR BN. NO CHANGE

G. THERE ARE 31 PATROLS AND 17 AMBUSHES PLANNED FOR 3D MARDIV AREAS DURING THE NEXT 24 HOURS.

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AT APPROXIMATELY 2100H THE SHORE PARTY BN CO REPORTED SMALL ARMS FIRE BEING RECEIVED AT RED BEACH 2 AREA (AT 940014). FIRE CAME FROM SNIPERS WHO COULD NOT BE LOCATED IMMEDIATELY. BEACH WAS OCCUPIED BY SHORE PARTY PLATOON AND RIFLE PLATOON FROM 2/9 AS UNLOADING OPS WERE BEING SECURED. AT ^{2105H} 2100H THERE WAS 1 USMC KIA ^{during firefght} ~~AND 1 AMERICAN~~. SECTION OF TANKS WAS DISPATCHED FROM 2/3 AND BRAVO 1/12 FIRED ILLUM MISSION. TANKS ARRIVED AT RED BEACH AT 2241H AND POUND VC, ESTIMATED AT SQUAD SIZE UNIT, FIRING AUTOMATIC WEAPONS AND SMALL ARMS. VC FIRING CEASED WHEN TANK CHANGED AUTOMATIC WEAPONS POSITIONS AND TANK SEARCHLIGHT ILLUMINATED THE AREA. HELO EVAC REQUESTED FOR CASUALTIES AS VC BROKE CONTACT. U.C. CASUALTIES *unknown*

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THIRD MARDIV SITREP NR 69 AS OF 141600Z JULY 65

1. THIRD MARINES INCREASED AMPUSH ACTIVITY IN THE VIC OF THE MSR AND RESUMED PATROL OPNS IN THE S UTHCENTRAL PORTION OF THE DANANG TAOR. SIN PLT MOBILE COMBAT BASES OPERATED IN THE NE AND NW AREAS OF THIS TAOR AS WELL, BUT THERE WAS NO VC CONTACT TODAY. AT PHU BAI A COMPANY SIZE COMBAT PATROL OPERATED IN THE SE PROTION OF THAT TAOR, ALSO W/O VC CONTACT. THERE WAS A TOTAL OF 10 PATROLS AND 14 AMPUSHES DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD.

A. 1ST BN, 3D MARINES. A REIN PLT FROM CO B RESUMED PATROL OPNS IN THE SOUTH-CENTRAL PORTION OF THE TAOR. BY NIGHT FALL THE PATROL HAD REACHED (AT 882713) AND ESTAB A PATROL BASE THERE. A SQD SIZE PATROL FM CO D DEPARTED THEIR CP AREA AT 2000H AND HAD REACHED (AT 941718) AT LAST REPORT. FOUR SQD AMBUSHED AND TWO FIRE TM AMBUSHES HAVE BEEN ESTAB IN LOCATIONS NEAR THE MSR TONIGHT. NO VC CONTACT WAS REPORTED THIS PERIOD.

18 OF 31 / B. 2ND BN, 3D MAR CONDUCTED THREE PATROLS AND ESTAB FIVE AMPUSHES. /NEG VC CONTACT DURING THI. PERIOD. A SQD FROM CO F AND A PLT OF TANKS CONDUCTS A SWEEP OF GS (AT 9380) AND (AT 9381) IN A COORD TANK INF CPN. SUSPECTED VC CAMP SITES WHICH HAD BEEN DESTROYED EARLIER IN THE WEEK SHOWED NO SIGNS THAT ANY ATTEMPT HAD BEEN MADE TO RE-BUILD

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7. DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD IT WAS REPORTED A SPEAKER (LNU) FOR TWO SIGHTED DESTRUCTION DEVICE EMPLOYED AT THE SOUTHERN BRIDGE (AT 900806) HAD BEEN STOLEN ON 13 JULY.

C. 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES CONDUCTED FIVE SECURITY PATROLS AROUND PERIMETER AREAS OF THE DANANG AFLD W/O DISCOVERING ANY VC ACTIVITY. A FLAME TANK WAS USED TO BURN OFF UNDERBUSH THAT HAD GROWN UP AROUND THE FENCE ON THE W SIDE OF THE AFLD. TWO LAND MINES WERE DETONATED DURING THIS PROCESS.

D. 3D BN, 4TH MAR CONDUCTED A COMPANY SIZE COMBAT PATROL VIC (YD 882066) (YD 866053). NO VC ACTIVITY WAS SIGHTED AND THREE PLT AMBUSH POSITIONS WERE ESTABLISHED AT THE LAST COORDINATE. THE ATTACHED RECON COMPANY IS CONDUCTING SECURITY PATROLS VIC (YD 897154) W/POPULAR FORCES. PATROLS ARE NOT SCHED TO RETURN UNTIL 150200H, BUT NO VC ACTIVITY HAS BEEN REPORTED YET. THE ONLY VC CONTACT FOR THIS PERIOD OCCURRED AT 1414H WHEN THE OP ON HILL 225 (YD 8408) SIGHTED 3VC AT (YD 843071). ARTY AND 106MM RR'S FIRED, KILLING ONE VC AND WOUNDING THE OTHER TWO. THE WOUNDED VC ESCAPED BEFORE A SOD SENT TO CAPTURE THEM COULD REACH THE AREA, HOWEVER.

E. 1ST BN 12TH MAR FIRED 40 PREPLANNED FIRE FOR EFFECT MISSIONS ON AREAS OF REPORTED VC ACTIVITY AND ONE PRECISION DESTRUCTION MISSION ON A BUNKER AT (AT 920703). AMMO EXPENDED WAS 105MM - 20HE; 155MM - 60HE; 8" - 35 HE. IT WAS REPORTED BY THE LOCAL DISTRICT CHIEF, FM INFO GATHERED FM VILLAGERS IN THE AREA, THAT THE MISSION FIRED BY BTRYS B AND L ON 5 JUL ON VC DETECTED BY THE TPS - 21 RESULTED IN 50-60 VC KILLED. FIRING DATA ON THIS MISSION WAS CONTINUALLY CHANGED AS THE VC CHANGED DIRECTION SEVERAL TIMES TO ESCAPE. AFTER FOUR VOLLEYS THE TPS - 21 INDICATED THAT INDIVIDUALS WERE SCATTERING IN ALL DIRECTIONS. A FINAL FIVE VOLLEYS WERE FIRED WITH RANGE AND DEFLECTION SPREADS TO

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TO COVER THEIR MOVEMENTS.

2. 4TH MARINES. DURING THIS PERIOD THREE COMPANY SIZE, EIGHT PLT SIZE, SIX SQUAD SIZE PATROLS AND THREE AMBUSHES WERE CONDUCTED. FIFTEEN ~~OF~~ THESE PATROLS WERE CONDUCTED AT NIGHT. NO VC CONTACT. ✓

A. 1ST BN, 4TH MARINES. THE 1ST PLT CO A, 3D AMTRAC BN TOGETHER WITH 1/4 CONDUCTED A PATROL VIC (BT 5111) TO PREVENT JUNKS FROM LANDING FORWARD OF THE 1/4 MLR. NO VC CONTACT.

B. 2D BN, 4TH MARINES. CO G CONDUCTED A CO (-) SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS FROM VIC (BT 4902), TO VIC (BT 4704), TO VIC (BT 5104). ADDITIONAL PATROLS WERE CONDUCTED. NO VC CONTACT.

C. 3D BN, 3D MAR. CONTINUED TO CONDUCT SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS EAST OF THE SONG TRA BONG RIVER. NO VC CONTACT.

D. 3D BN, 12TH MARINES. FIRED 18 MISSIONS, 19 RDS.

3. 9TH MARINES HAD NO VC CONTACT DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD. THE ONLY PATROLS CONDUCTED WERE LOCAL SECURITY PATROLS AROUND POSITION PERIMETERS.

A. 2D BN, 9TH MARINES. CO'S F AND G REMAINED IN VIC DUONG SON (1) (AT 9968) THROUGHOUT THIS PERIOD. THE VILLAGE WAS THOROUGHLY SEARCHED AGAIN AS CONSOLIDATION ~~BY~~ THE VILLAGE CONTINUED. NO VC ACTIVITY WAS FOUND.

B. NEW CP/OP LOCATIONS.

(1) OP (AT 998706)

(2) CO H, CP (AT 989722)

4. BLT 2/7 NO SITREP AVAILABLE DUE TO POOR COMMUNICATIONS

5. 3 D ENGR BATTALION. CONTINUED TO IMPROVE AND CONSTRUCT HELI PADS FOR THIRD MED ^{COM MA} BN AND THIRD RECON BN ON DANG DEN MTN. PLANNING COMMENCED FOR REPLACEMENT AND REPAIRS OF BRIDGES ON BY PASS ROAD FROM VIC (AT 985745) TO (AT 998739). A RECON OF BRIDGE SITES FOR 2/9 WAS CONDUCTED.

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CONTINUED GP AND PATROL ACTIVITY IN SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE TAOR. THE AREA COVERED TODAY INCLUDED GS (AT 8769), (AT 8770) AND (AT 8869). THERE WAS NO VC CONTACT BUT ONE MAN WAS WOUNDED AT 1025H BY THE EXPLOSION OF AN UNKNOWN DEVICE. PLT OF CO D BEGAN OPN IN VIC (AT 0369) TO (AT 0472). NO SIGNIFICANT SIGHTINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED AND THERE HAVE NOT BEEN ANY VC CONTACTS AS YET.

7. PEOPLE TO PEOPLE

A. 3D MARINES. 487 PERSONS WERE GIVEN MEDICAL TREATMENT THROUGHOUT THE REGIMENTAL AREAS TODAY

B. 4TH MARINES. INITIAL WELL-DRILLING PROJECT FOR VILLAGERS IS NOW 80% COMPLETE.

C. 9TH MARINES. A MEDICAL TEAM WAS PROVIDED FOR THE ORPHANAGE LOCATED IN DUONG SON (1) VILLAGE (PT 005692).

8. INTENTIONS

A. 3D MARINES. IN ADDITION TO NORMAL PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES A COORDINATED SWEEP OF HAO O (AT 9382) WILL BE MADE BY A PLT OF COMPANY E IN CONJUNCTION W/ARVN AND PF.

B. 4TH MARINES

(1) 1ST BN, 4TH MARINES. CO A, 1/4 WILL CONTINUE THEIR PATROL IN THE NORTHERN SECTOR OF THE TAOR. THIS COMPANY PATROL WILL RETURN B LVT FROM VIC (BT 4312) ABOUT 151130H.

(2) 2ND BN, 4TH MARINES. DURING THE NIGHT OF 14 JULY THE BATTALION WILL CONDUCT FOUR SQUAD SIZE AMBUSHES. CO E WILL CONDUCT A CO (-) S ARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION BEGINNING AT 150700 TO BE CONDUCTED IN THE SOUTH CENTRAL TAOR VIC (BT 5200).

(3) 3D BN, 3D MAR. LOCAL PATROLCING WILL BE CONDUCTED. CO M WILL RELIEVE CO K IN THE CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION EAST OF THE SONG TRA DONG RIVER.

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- C. SAN HAYNES. CO E WILL REINFORCE CO F AND CO G OF THE DUANG SON
(1) AREA.
- D. 3D ENCE PN. NO CHANGE
- E. 3D REYONGEN. NO CHANGE
- F. THERE ARE 23 PATROLS AND 12 AMBUSHES PLANNED FOR 3D WAR DIV AREAS
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THIRD MARDIV SITREP NR 70 AS OF 151600Z JUL 65

1. THIRD MARINES CONDUCTED 20 PATROLS AND 15 AMPHISES WITH ONE VC CONTACT DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD. ONE PLATOON SIZED PATROL OF CO B, 1ST BN, 3D MARINES MADE CONTACT WITH SIX VC VIC (AT 862718) AT 151340H. FOUR VC ATTEMPTED TO ESCAPE AND THREE WERE KILLED, ONE WOUNDED AND TWO APPREHENDED DURING THE ACTION. 2ND, BN, 3D MAR MAINTAINED TWO ^{PLATOON SIZED} MOBILE COMBAT PATROL BASES, ONE WEST AND ONE EAST OF LE MY. THE EASTERN PLATOON SWEEPED THE VILLAGE OF HOA-O WITH NEGATIVE CONTACT. CO I, 3D BN, 4TH MARINES CONDUCTED A HELILIFT TO A PATROL BASE VIC (YD 828087) AND PATROLLED TO THE SOUTH AND WEST WITH NO CONTACT. THE 1ST BN, 9TH MAR CONTINUED DAY AND NIGHT PATROLS AROUND THE PERIMETER OF THE DA NANG AIRFIELD.

A. 1ST BN, 3D MARINES. ONE PLATOON FROM CO B WHICH WAS INTRODUCED INTO THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE DA NANG TAOR DURING THE PREVIOUS REPORTING PERIOD MADE CONTACT WITH SIX VC AT 151340H VIC (AT 865733). 3 VC WERE KILLED AND ONE WOUNDED AS TWO SURRENDERED. AT 151507H THIS PLATOON MOVED INTO A NIGHT POSITION VIC (AT 861717).

B. 2D BN, 3D MARINES MAINTAINED TWO PLATOON SIZED MOBILE COMBAT PATROL BASES EAST AND WEST OF LE MY. THE ONE IN THE WEST OPERATED IN VIC (AT 8681), (AT 8680) AND (AT 8780) WITH ITS PATROL BASE VIC (AT 873807). IT HAD NO CONTACT.

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THE PATROL OPERATING TO THE EAST CONDUCTED 2 SQUAD SIZE PATROLS IN THE MORNING HOURS WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. AT 151300H, THIS PLATOON ^{CONDUCTED} A SEARCH OF HOA-O VIC (AT 936825) WHICH TERMINATED AT 151750H WITH NEGATIVE CONTACT. THE PLATOON RETURNED TO THE MOBILE PATROL BASE VIC (AT 915825) FOR THE NIGHT.

C. 3D BN, 4TH MARINES CONDUCTED 5 NIGHT SQUAD SIZED SECURITY PATROLS AROUND THE CP AND AIRFIELD WITH NO CONTACT. ALL RETURNED ^{AT DAWN} CO I WAS HELMLIFTED AT 150730H FROM VIC (YD 890078) TO VIC (YD 828087). AT 150915H A SECTION OF 81MM MORTARS WAS LIFTED IN TO REINFORCE THE COMPANY. TWO PLATOON SIZE RECON PATROLS WERE DISPATCHED FROM THIS LOCATION, ONE TO VIC (YD 828075) AND THE OTHER TO (YD 815085). BOTH RETURNED WITH NO CONTACT.

D. 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES. POST #16 AT 150350H REPORTED THREE BURSTS OF AUTOMATIC FIRE FROM BASE AREA. INVESTIGATION DETERMINED THAT A SENTRY FROM MAG-11 HAD FIRED THE SHOTS. THERE WAS NO DAMAGE OR INJURY. BURNING OF THE UNDERBRUSH ALONG THE OUTER FENCE OF THE DA NANG AIRBASE CONTINUES.

E. 1ST BN, 12TH MARINES FIRED A TOTAL OF 31 H&I MISSIONS, 7 PREPLANNED FFE MISSIONS, AND 2 WA MISSIONS DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD. ROUNDS EXPENDED BY TYPE AND CALIBER WERE: 105MM - 18 RDS HE, 1 RD ILLUM; 155MM - 44 RDS HE, 4 RDS WP; 8" - 14 RDS HE. MORTAR BTRY DISPLACED FROM VIC (AT 896799) TO VIC (AT 945755) AT 151704H.

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2. 9TH MARINES CONTINUED PATROLLING ACTIVITY WITH NO ENEMY CONTACT IN TAOR EXCEPT TWO INSTANCES OF INEFFECTIVE SNIPER FIRE WHICH CEASED WHEN FIRE WAS RETURNED.

A. 1ST BN, 4TH MARINES. AT 1000H CO A RETURNED FROM AN OVERNIGHT CO PATROL; AT 1007H ONE LVT THREW A TRACK WHICH WAS REPAIRED AND THE TROOPS RETURNED AT 1430H WITHOUT INCIDENT. CO C MAINTAINS A PLATOON (REIN) OUTPOST AT A BRIDGE (AT 498066) AND A PLATOON CP ON HILL 69 (BT 468068). NEGATIVE CONTACT.

B. 2D BN, 4TH MARINES CONDUCTED SQUAD SIZE PATROLS AND NIGHT AMBUSHES WITH NEGATIVE RE CONTACT.

C. 3D BN, 3D MARINES. CO I RECON PATROL RECEIVED SMALL ARMS FIRE AT 0600H FROM HOUSE AT COORD (BS 524998). FIRE WAS RETURNED AND SNIPER FIRE CEASED. NO FRIENDLY CASUALTIES. CO M RELIEVED CO K IN AREA EAST OF THE SONG TRA BONG RIVER. CO M 1600H LOCATION (BT 657046). CO K REVERTED TO REGIMENTAL RESERVE.

D. 3D BN, 12TH MARINES FIRED 11 H&I MISSIONS AND EXPENDED 36 ROUNDS.

3. 9TH MARINES CONTINUED PREPARATION OF POSITIONS.

A. 2D BN, 9TH MARINES WITH CO F AND CO G (-) CONTINUED SEARCH AND CLEAR OPERATION IN VILLAGE OF DONG SON (1) VIC (AT 998688). ONE REGIONAL FORCE PLATOON, A SIX MAN SECURITY TEAM FROM DANANG SPECIAL SECTOR AND PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE TEAM OF POPULAR FORCES SUPPORTED THE OPERATION. AT 151900H, DEFENSIVE PERIMETER WAS ESTABLISHED AROUND THE VILLAGE. THERE WAS NO CONTACT IN DONG SON (1). AT 151745H A REACTION FORCE CONSISTING OF TWO PLATOONS FROM CO H AND ONE FROM CO E WITH A COMMAND GROUP FROM H&S CO WERE ALERTED TO BE HELILIFTED TO VIC (BT 120535) TO PROTECT A DOWNED HELICOPTER. THIS FORCE

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DEPARTED AT 151840H AND ARRIVED AT 151855H. AT 151945H ONE USMC KIA BY
 SHIPER FIRE. THE COMPANY DEPARTED AT 152047H. AND ~~ARRIVED~~ ^{CLOSED} AT THE BATTALION
 CP AT 152250H.

B. 2D BN, 12TH MARINES FIRED TWO ROUNDS 105MM ILLUM DURING THE REPORTING
 PERIOD. THIS WAS AN INTERDICTION MISSION. BTRY M AND THE 107MM MORTAR PLATOON
 STAGED FOR DEPLOYMENT TO PHU BAI. HEADQUARTERS BTRY SENT SURVEY PARTIES TO HILL
 327 AND MARBLE MOUNTAIN TO CONDUCT A TARGET AREA SURVEY. OPS WERE OPERATED
 FROM 151100H TO 151530H AT VIC (BT 074781) AND (AT 979737).

4. BLT 2/7. ONE CO MOVED BY FOOT AND HELO TO ENCIRCLE PHU TAI (4) AND
 CONDUCT VILLAGE SEARCH. SIX SUSPECTED VC WERE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY. ONE
 REINFORCED PLATOON MOVED BY MOTORIZED - MECHANIZED COLUMN FROM BLT 2/7 CP
 TO PHU TAI (4) TO CLEAR ROUTE 1 FROM (CR 007200) TO (CR 028160). SIX PATROLS
 AND TWO AMBUSHES WERE CONDUCTED WITHOUT CONTACT. CO E ESTABLISHED A NEW
 BASE OF OPERATION AT COORD (CR 043169) AND CONTINUED TO CONDUCT PATROLS AND AMBU-
 SHES ACTIVITY IN ARE. OF RESPONSIBILITY. CO F SENT A PLATOON REINFORCED
 IN A MOTORIZED - MECHANIZED COLUMN TO CLEAR ROUTE 1 FROM COORD (CR 007100)
 TO (CR 028160) WITH NO CONTACT. SUPPORTED BY ARMED UH1B. PLANNED
 ARTILLERY SUPPORT PROVED UNNEEDED AND WAS NOT USED. THIS PLATOON WILL
 REMAIN OVERNIGHT WITH CO H. CO H AFTER MOVING BY HELO AND FOOT TO SEARCH PHU
 TAI (4) (CR 028160) CONDUCTED A VILLAGE SEARCH. SIX VCS PICKED UP. CO REMAINS
 VIC OF VILLAGE TO SUPPORT OPERATIONS TO SOUTH. CO G CONDUCTED PATROLS. CO E
 CONDUCTING TWO PATROLS FROM PATROL BASE (CR 043168). CO H CONDUCTED AMBUSHES.
 5. 3D RECON BN CONTINUED TO MAN A SQUAD SIZE OP ON DONG DEN MT (AT 838828)
 AND OP HOTEL (AT 961746). 2D PLT, D CO ESTABLISHED DAYLIGHT OP ON MARBLE MT
 (BT 074709), WITH DRAWING AT 151800H. ENROUTE TO MARBLE MT, THE PLT RECEIVED
 SMALL ARMS FIRE AT 150845H FROM VILLAGE AT (BT 068705) AND SUSTAINED 1 WIA, ~~WIA~~

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HEO LATER DIED OF WOUNDS. PLT LATER RECEIVED SNIPER FIRE FROM VIC (BT 067697) EST. 4 VC KILLED AND 4 WOUNDED. AND SUSTAINED ANOTHER WIA. 3D PLT, D CO CONDUCTED A PATROL ALONG EAST BANK OF CAU DO RIVER FROM (BT 030715) TO (BT 037734) WITHOUT CONTACT.

6. 3D ENGR BN. DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, CONDUCTED A BRIDGE RECON FOR 2D BN, 9TH MARINES. CONSTRUCTION CONTINUED ON HELIPAD FOR 3D MED BN. CLAS 60 RAFT OPERATED ON 24 HOUR BASIS ACROSS THE DA NANG RIVER. ROAD CONSTRUCTION CONTINUED VIC (AT 985745) TO (AT 998737) AS WELL AS AT ASP #2 AND TO THE 3D MED BN. CONSTRUCTION CONTINUED ON CP COMMAND BUNKER.

7. PEOPLE TO PEOPLE

A. 1/3. TWO CORPSMEN TREATED 30 PEOPLE AT VIEN KIEN VILLAGE (AT 944711) CO PANY D DISTRIBUTED ~~300 POUNDS OF BULGAR WHEAT~~ TO THE PEOPLE OF VIEN KIEN VILLAGE. 2/3. THE DISPENSARY AT LE MY TREATED 94 PEOPLE. 3/4. ONE DOCTOR AND 3 CORPSMEN TREATED 306 PEOPLE AT THUY TAN VILLAGE (YD 905150).

B. 4TH MARINES. 3D BN, 3D MARINES MEDICAL SECTION CONDUCTED SICK CALL FOR APPROXIMATELY 250 INHABITANTS OF TRI BINH VILLAGE VIC (BS 568976). ALTHOUGH THE TREATMENT WAS LIMITED, IT WAS WELL RECEIVED. IN ADDITION TO MEDICAL TREATMENT, CANDY, TOYS, SOAP, AND ~~DEED~~ WAS DISTRIBUTED.

C. 9TH MARINES CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER CONTACTED THE VILLAGE ~~AT THE~~ ~~CHIEF~~ CHIEF ON HIGHWAY 1 IN REGARDS TO ESTABLISHING A MEDCAP STATION IN THE VICINITY OF (AT 998708). AN INTERPRETER WAS ~~SENT~~ SENT TO 3D TANK BATTALION TO ASSIST IN SETTING UP AN AID STATION FOR THE VILLAGERS IN THAT AREA, (AT VIC OF ~~997686~~ (987707)). A CIVILIAN LAUNDRY WILL PICK UP LAUNDRY AT THE REGIMENTAL CP BEGINNING 16 JULY 1965. SICK CALL WAS HELD IN THE VILLAGE OF DONG SON (VICINITY OF ^{AT} 997686) TODAY BY 2D BN, 9TH MARINES. ABOUT 50 PATIENTS WERE SEEN. PEOPLE WITH COMPLICATED PROBLEMS LIKE FEVERS AND FAILING EYESIGHT COULD NOT BE HELPED BECAUSE OF TRANSLATION DIFFICULTIES AND LACK OF EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES.

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H. INSTRUCTIONS

A. 2D MARINES. 3D PLATOON, CO B WILL TERMINATE PATROL ACTIVITY IN THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF DA NANG TAOR AT 161400H. 2D BN, 3D MARINES CO F WILL RELIEVE CO G VIC (AT 903775). CO G WILL RELIEVE CO E AT LE MY FORT VIC (AT 898821) AND CO E WILL BECOME BATTALION RESERVE. 3D BN, 4TH MARINES, CO I WILL CONDUCT 3 PLATOON SIZED PATROL TO VIC (YD 831119), EACH DEPARTING THE COMPANY PATROL BASE VIC (YD 828087) SO THAT ONE PLATOON IS CONSTANTLY ON PATROL WHILE THE OTHER TWO OCCUPY THE PATROL BASE. C CO, 3D RECON BN WILL CONDUCT ONE RECON PATROL FROM OP, HILL 225 (YD 848080) TO A DISTANCE OF 1500 METERS TO THE SOUTH. 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES WILL CONTINUE TO BURN UNDERBRUSH VIC PERIMETER FENCE AND TO IMPROVE INDIVIDUAL POSITIONS AROUND DA NANG AIRFIELD.

B. 4TH MARINES WILL CONDUCT 14 PATROLS AND 4 AMBUSHES IN THE NEXT 24 HOURS. 1ST BN, 4TH MARINES COMMENCING AT 170800H WILL CONDUCT AN LVT BORNE CO (REIN) COMBAT PATROL FROM DISMOUNT POINT (BT 440089) TO HILL 51 (BT 4477064). REMAIN AT HILL 51 AND CONDUCT NIGHT COMBAT PATROLS AND AMBUSHES. 3D BN, 3D MARINES WILL CONDUCT TWO CO (REIN) SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION IN HAMLETS OF HAY NINH (1) AND (2) AND VINH AN (1) AND (2) VIC (PT 6001).

C. 9TH MARINES WILL CONTINUE SEARCH AND CLEARING OPERATIONS IN DONG SON # 1 WITH TWO COMPANIES SUPPORTED BY A PLATOON OF RF. A SWEEP OF PHONG LE (2) IS PLANNED WITH A POPULAR FORCE PLATOON IN THE NEAR FUTURE. AN ~~AMPHIBIOUS~~ AMPHIBIOUS LANDING IS PLANNED SOUTH OF MARBLE MOUNTAIN WHEN ADDITIONAL FORCES ARE AVAILABLE. THIS OPERATION WILL BE A SEARCH AND CLEAR OPERATION.

D. BLF 2/7. ON 17 JULY, CO E WILL MOVE ONE PLATOON TO HIGH GROUND VIC (CR 043130). CO H WILL MOVE SOUTH 17 JULY VIA ROUTE ONE TO ENCIRCLE CU MONG VILLAGE (CR 033129) AND CONDUCT VILLAGE SEARCH.

E. 3D RECON BN WILL ESTABLISH TWO TEAM SIZED OPS, AT 160600H VTC HILL 327 AND MARBLE MOUNTAIN FOR A TWO DAY PERIOD.

F. 3D ENGR BN. NO CHANGE

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LATE ENTRY:

3D BN, 4TH MARINES. AT 2117H CO G OBSERVED FOUR VC PROCEEDING NORTH VIC (BT 509045). TANK CREW SPOTTED VC AND 100 RDS 30 CALIBER AND FOUR M-79 WERE FIRED. RECEIVED TEN ROUNDS CARBINE FIRE IN RETURN. AREA SEARCHED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

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1. 3d MARINES HAD NO VC CONTACTS FROM LAST NIGHT'S AMBUSHES AND CONDUCTED ROUTINE PATROL ACTIVITIES DURING THE DAY, ALSO W/O VC CONTACT. DURING THE LATE AFTERNOON TWO PLTS OF CO D, 1/3 BEGAN PATROLLING TOWARD THE S PORTION OF THE TAOR. WITHIN TWO HOURS THEY MADE CONTACT W/VC ARMED W/CARPINES AND ONE LMG. TWO MARINES WERE WOUNDED BEFORE THE VC BROKE CONTACT.

A. 1ST BN, 3d MARINES. THE PLT FROM CO B RETURNED FROM PATROL OF THE W TAOR AREA AT 1110H W/O CONTACT. TWO PLTS FM CO D LEFT THE CO AREA AT 1600H AND BEGAN PATROLLING S TOWARD (AT 9262). AT 1805H ONE OF THE PLTS BEGAN RECEIVING SA FIRE FM UNK NR OF VC ARMED W/CARPINES AND ONE LMG VIC (AT 942687). THE VC BROKE CONTACT QUICKLY WHEN THE PATROL RETURNED FIRE. AP PROX 250 RDS OF SA WERE FIRED BY THE VC PLUS ONE RD BELIEVED TO BE 60mm MORTAR. TWO MARINES WERE WOUNDED BUT NOT SERIOUSLY. THERE WERE NO CONFIRMED VC CASUALTIES. NO FURTHER ACTIVITY HAS BEEN REPORTED.

B. 2ND BN, 3d MARINES CONTINUED TO MAINTAIN PLT SIZE MOBILE COMBAT

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1000S EAST AND WEST OF THE DE MY COMPLEX. IN ADDITION TO THESE, THREE SQD SIZE PATROLS WERE CONDUCTED IN THE BN AREA TODAY W/C VC CONTACT. A REPORT WAS RECEIVED THAT A VC PLT WAS OPERATING IN THE AREA BETWEEN (AT 9082) AND (AT 9479) W/THE MISSION OF MINING THE MSR IN THAT GENERAL AREA. PATROLS FAILED TO LOCATE THE VC AND A SWEEP OF THE MSR HAD NEG RESULTS. EIGHT SQD AMBUSHES WERE ESTABLISHED IN THE BN AREA TONIGHT.

C. 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES CONDUCTED SEVEN SQD SIZE SECURITY PATROLS OF THE DA NANG AFIELD PERIMETER, THREE DURING THE DAYTIME AND 4 AT NIGHT. THERE WAS NO VC ACTY REPORTED. 05

D. 3D BN, 4TH MARINES CONDUCTED A CO SIZE SWEEP FM (YD 825084) TO YD 831119 W/C VC CONTACT. SIX OTHER PATROLS OF SQD SIZE VIC (YD 8508) AND THE AFIELD AREA REPORTED NO CONTACT EITHER. THE ATTACHED BROWN COMPANY IS PATROLLING TONIGHT W/LOCAL PF FORCES, BUT HAS REPORTED NO CONTACT. (PLT SIZE AMBUSH POSIT IS ESTAB AT (YD 815119)).

E. 1ST BN, 12TH MAR FIRED 47 MISSIONS DURING THIS PERIOD. 20 WERE PRE-PLANNED FIRE FOR EFFECT MISSIONS AND THE REST H&I. AMMO EXPENDED WAS: 105mm-34 HE; 155mm-40HE; 8"-20 HE.

F. 4TH MARINES CONDUCTED TWO COMPANY SIZE, SEVEN PLT SIZE, THREE SQD SIZE PATROLS AND SET UP FOUR SQD AMBUSHES. TEN OF THESE PATROLS WERE CONDUCTED AT NIGHT. THIS PATROLLING YIELDED NO SIGNIFICANT ENEMY CONTACT. CONTINUED EFFORTS WERE EXPENDED ON THE IMPROVEMENT OF DEFENSIVE PSNS.

G. 1ST BN, 4TH MAR. GENERAL PATROLLING WAS CONDUCTED BOTH FORWARD OF THE MSR AND TO THE REAR OF DEFENSIVE PSNS. AMBUSHES WERE SET UP AT VIC (BT495105), (BT 493103) AND (BT 464071). NO VC CONTACT.

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1. 2D BN, 4TH MARINES. CO E (-) CONDUCTED A SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION FROM (BT 5101) TO (BT 5499). TWO AMMUSHES WERE SET UP AT VIC (BT 538044) AND (BT 524055). NO VC CONTACT.

2. 3D BN, 3D MARINES. CO M WAS ENGAGED IN A SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION ^{NW} ~~OF~~ ^{vic (BT 6101)} OF THE SONG TRA BONG RIVER AT 0850H TANKS IN A BLOCKING PSN WEST OF THE SONG TRA BONG RIVER SIGHTED A VC WITH WEAPON PROCEEDING SOUTH VIC (BT 620013). A SHORT BURST OF LOCAL MG FIRE WAS FIRED FROM THE TANK. RESULTS OF FIRE UNKNOWN. NO FURTHER CONTACT.

3. 3D BN, 12TH MARINES FIRED 16 H&I MISSIONS EXPENDING 16 ROUNDS.

4. 9TH MARINES CONTINUED SEARCH AND CLEAR OPNS IN DUONG SON (1) AND DEVELOPMENT OF DEFENSIVE POSITS. SPORADIC SNIPER FIRE WAS RECD THRU THE NIGHT OF 15-16 JUL AND 16-17 JUL. TWO VC SNIPERS WERE SHOT DURING THIS PERIOD AND TWO MARINES WERE KIA, NEITHER SERIOUSLY.

5. 2D BN, 9TH MARINES ALONG W/A PF COMPANY CONTINUED TO OCCUPY THE AREA AROUND DUONG SON (1) (AT 9968). SPORADIC SNIPER FIRE WAS RECD THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT FROM THE DIRECTION OF DUONG SON (2) (AT 9967) AND CAM NE (2) (AT 9868) AT 152045H A SNIPER WAS OBSERVED ^{BY MEANS OF} ~~WAS~~ A SNIPESCOPE AND SHOT AT (AT 995686). THIS WAS NOT ESTABLISHED UNTIL DAWN LIGHT WHEN A PATROL SENT TO THAT AREA FOUND A DRIED POOL OF BLOOD, AN ABANDONED RUCKSACK AND A SUPPLY OF LINKED AMMO THERE. DURING THE DAY CO F PROVIDED ^U ~~SECURITY~~ ^{SECURITY} FOR A PF PLT WHILE THEY MADE ANOTHER THOROUGH SEARCH OF THE VILLAGE OF DUONG SON (1). NEG RESULTS. ANOTHER SNIPER WAS SPOTTED IN A TREE (AT 995680) AND WAS SHOT OUT OF IT. VILLAGERS WERE OBSERVED CARRYING THE BODY AWAY. AT APPROX 1205H TWO MARINES WERE WOUNDED SLIGHTLY, ONE BY PUNJI STAKE AND THE OTHER BY A SNIPER ROUNDT THAT RECOILED OFF HIS FLAK VEST AND HIT HIS ARM.

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4. PLT 2/7 CONDUCTED SEVEN PATROLS AND THREE AMBUSHES WITHOUT VC CONTACT. LVT PLT CONDUCTED A BEACH RECON VIC (CR 092132). NO VC CONTACT.

5. 3D R CON BN CONTINUED MAINTENANCE OF CP'S ON DONG DEN MT (AT 8382) HILL 327 (AT 9673) AND MARBLE MT (AT 026710). AT 1530H A PLT FM GO A WAS HELILIFTED TO THE SOUTH CENTRAL PORTION OF THE TAOR AND ESTAB TWO MORE CP'S AT (AT 915650) AND (AT 909651). THERE WERE NO VC CONTACTS AND NO SIGNIFICANT SIGHTINGS REPORTED TODAY.

6. 3D ENGR BN CONDUCTED A RECON OF BRIDGES FOR 2/9. COMMENCED CONSTRUCTION ON REQUIRED BRIDGES ON 2/9 MSR. CONTINUED IMPROVEMENT OF MSR ^{GO} ~~FM~~ (AT 986745) TO (AT 998737).

7. PEOPLE TO PEOPLE.

A. 3D MARINES. 25 LBS OF DRY MILK WAS DISTRIBUTED TO THE VILLAGE OF HOA LAG AND INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN ⁵ ~~THE~~ VILLAGERS ON HOW TO UTILIZE IT. 50 PEOPLE FROM THE VILLAGE WERE ALSO GIVEN NEEDED MEDICAL TREATMENT. IN DU PHUONG 100 ⁵³ LBS OF WOMEN'S CLOTH~~ING~~ AND 50 LBS OF RICE, ^SUGAR AND POWDERED MILK WERE DIST. STOCK CALL WAS HELD FOR 200 PERSONS.

8. INTENTIONS.

A. 3D MARINES WILL CONTINUE COMBAT PATROL OPNS IN S PORTION OF DA HANG TAOR. BEGINNING TOMORROW THE AREA AROUND RED BEACH. TWO (AT 9581) WILL BE SWEEPED EVERY OTHER DAY BY 1/9 AND TWICE A WEEK BY 2/3.

B. 4TH MARINES WILL CONDUCT PATROLLING FORWARD OF MLR PSN S. ADDITIONAL EFFORT WILL BE PLACED ON ~~THE~~ IMPROVEMENT OF DEFENSIVE POSITIONS. MOST SIGNIFICANT OF THESE OPERATIONS WILL BE A

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1. 2ND MARINE BATTALION OPERATION CONDUCTED IN THE NORTHERN TAOR
ON CO D (REIN) 1/4.

2. 2ND MARINES WILL RETAIN TWO COMPANIES IN PERIMETER
DEFENSE OF DUONG SAN (1). A SWEEP OF THE VILLAGES OF PHONG LE
(CR 0070) AND CAM NAM WILL BE MADE IN CONJUNCTION W/REGIONAL
FORCES. A COMBINED PATROL OF THE NORTH BANK OF THE SONG
CAM DO RIVER WILL BE MADE W/ARVN FORCES

3. BUA 2/ CO F (REIN) WILL CONDUCT A SWEEP OF VILLAGE
THONG, VIC (CR 033130). A PLT OF CO C 1ST RECON WILL ESTAB-
LISH A SERIES OF FOUR CP/LIS ALONG HIGHWAY #1 VIC (CR 0019) TO
VIC (CR 0117).

4. 3D ENG BN. NO CHANGE

5. 2D RECON BN. NO CHANGE

6. DURING THE NEXT REPORTING PERIOD, 33 PATROLS AND 12
AMBUSHES WILL BE CONDUCTED BY UNITS OF THE THIRD MAR DIV.

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2. THIRD MARINES CONDUCTED 16 PATROLS AND 9 AMBUSHES WITH 4 VC CONTACTS DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD. 1ST BN 3D MARINES CONDUCTED PATROLLING WITH TWO PLATOONS OF CO D OPERATING IN THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE DA NANG TAOR. THIS UNIT HAD ALL FOUR VC CONTACTS. DURING THE DAY A TOTAL OF 11 VC WERE KILLED BY CO D (-) AND SUPPORTING ARMS DIRECTLY SUPPORTING THIS COMPANY.

3. 1ST BN 3D MARINES CONTINUED PATROL ACTIVITY WITH TWO PLATOONS OF CO D. AT 170630H THE PLATOONS COMMENCED MOVEMENT SOUTH FROM LAST NIGHT'S AMBUSH SET UP IN VIC OF GRID SQUARE (AT 941600). THE COMPANY (-) ARRIVED VIC (AT 930637) AT 170755H AND THEN MOVED EAST TO VIC (AT 944630). AT 170850H THE PATROL TURNED NORTH AND AT 171009H THE LEAD PLATOON ENCOUNTERED 3 OR 4 VC WHILE SWEEPING THE VILLAGE OF PHU SON (3) VIC (AT 949640). ONE VC WAS ARMED WITH AN AUTOMATIC WEAPON. THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES TO EITHER SIDE DURING THIS CONTACT. THE COMPANY (-) SWEPT THE VILLAGE AT 171020H AND CONTINUED THE PATROL AS PLANNED. AT 171100H, SNIPER FIRE WAS AGAIN ENCOUNTERED WITH 1 USMC KIA AND 3

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WIA FROM THE EXPLOSION OF AN M16A1 MINE IN THE VIC OF (AT 952665) THIS MINE WAS DETONATED AS A 3.5" ROCKET SQUAD WENT INTO POSITION AMONG SOME ROCKS. AN EMERGENCY HELICOPTER EVAC LIFTED OUT THE WOUNDED AT 171150H. THE PLATOONS MOVED OUT TO THE NORTH AND AN-CHORED BOOBY TRAP, THIS TIME BELIEVED TO BE A HAND GRENADE, CAUSED ONE TWO USMC WIA, AT 171350H IN THE VIC OF (AT 952678). BY THE TIME THE POINT OF THE PATROL HAD REACHED VIC (AT 949677), THERE AND AT THIS TIME THE REAR PLATOON WAS TAKEN UNDER SNIPER AND ARTILLERY FIRE FROM VIC (AT 950667). THERE WERE AN ESTIMATED 18-20 RDS OF 60MM MORTAR FIRE WHICH CAUSED 2 USMC WIA. THESE WOUNDED WERE HELICOPTERED TO DA NANG. ARTILLERY AND AIRSTRIKES WERE CALLED IN ON VIC (AT 950667) FOLLOWED BY A SWEEP BY THE COMPANY (-). AT THIS TIME 11 VC LEAD WERE DISCOVERED. TWO WERE KILLED BY RIFLE FIRE, FOUR BY ARTILLERY AND FIVE BY AIRSTRIKES. CO D HAD 1 KIA AND 7 WIA (6 MINOR WOUNDS).

B. 1ST BN 3RD MARINES CONTINUED TO MAINTAIN TWO MOBILE COMBAT POSSES FIRST AND WEST OF THE LE MY COMPLEX. CO H WAS LOCATED VIC (AT 851753) AND PATROLLED TO VIC GRID SQUARE (AT 86770). CO E WAS LOCATED VIC (AT 926796) AND PATROLLED VIC GRID SQUARE (AT 9179) (AT 9180), (AT 9270) AND (AT 9280). AT 171242H, CO E PATROL RETURNED TO THE CO E CP VIC (AT 916797). THIS PATROL WAS REPLACED BY A PLATOON OF CO G. AT 171630H, CO G WAS RELIEVED BY CO F IN THE VIC (AT 903775). CO G RELIEVED CO E AT THE LE MY FORT (AT 898821) AND REVERTED TO BATTALION RESERVE IN THE VIC (AT 945773). CONSTRUCTION OF DEFENSIVE POSITIONS CONTINUES. NO CONTACT.

C. 3D BN 4TH MARINES CONTINUED OPERATIONS BY CO I FORWARD POSITION

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THE 840 BAI TAOR. AT 170755H THE COMPANY WAS HELILIFTED FROM VIC (YD 820419) TO VIC (YD 868095). BETWEEN 171100H AND 171500H THREE SQUAD SIZED PATROLS WERE CONDUCTED TO VIC (YD 894086), (YD 856107) AND (YD 392103). AT 171600H THE COMPANY MOVED TO VIC (YD 866096) FOR THE NIGHT. THERE WAS NO CONTACT DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD.

D. 1ST BN 9TH MARINES REPORTED SEVERAL RDS OF SMALL ARMS FIRE AT POST 72 VC (AT 999735). AT 170030H A SQUAD DISPATCHED AT 162300H RETURNED AT 170030H HAVING APPREHENDED 9 VCS VIC (AT 999735) WHERE THE RDS WERE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN FIRED FROM. CONSTANT PATROLS WERE MAINTAINED TO THE NORTH AND SOUTH OF THE DA NANG AIRFIELD. IMPROVEMENT OF INDIVIDUAL POSITIONS AROUND THE AIRFIELD CONTINUOUS.

E. 1ST BN 12TH MARINES FIRED FORTY MISSIONS AS FOLLOWS: WA 2; PRELIMINARY 18; INTERDICTION 11; AND HARRASSING 9. ROUNDS EXPENDED BY TYPE/CALIBER WERE: 105MM 14 RDS HE; 155MM 34 RDS HE; AND 30 10 RDS HE.

F. 4TH MARINES. ONE COMPANY FROM EACH BATTALION TOOK TO THE FIELD IN THE MORNINGS HEAT OF CHU LAI TODAY TO CONTINUE THE AGGRESSIVE HUNT FOR VC, THEIR SUPPLIES, AND TRENCH AND TUNNEL SYSTEMS.

G. 1ST BN 4TH MARINES. COMMENCING AT 170715H, CO D EXECUTED "OPERATION FLASH" MOVING BY LVTS TO (BT 476082) CROSSING THE BEACH (BT 473077) AT 170800H ON SCHEDULE AND MOVED INLAND TO (BT 471079) WHERE THEY WERE JOINED BY THE ONTI OF 1ST PLT, CO B 30 MINUTES AT 170815H. COLUMN PROCEEDED TO DISMOUNT POINT (BT 440089) AT WHICH POINT THE TROOPS PROCEEDED ON FOOT. AT 170930H TWO USMC

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CO D'S 7 HAND GRENADE RIGGED AS A BOOBY TRAP VIC (BT 433088).
 CO D PROCEEDED ALONG ROUTE DESTROYING NUMEROUS TUNNELS AND CAVES
 BUT WITH NEGATIVE VC ~~CONTACT~~ CONTACT. AT 171815H DISPOSITION FOR
 THE NIGHT WAS AS FOLLOWS: ONE PLATOON (BT 434080), ONE PLATOON
 AND DITIS (BT 435079), ONE PLATOON AND 81MM MORTAR SECTION AT
 (BT 436081). OTHER COMPANIES IN THE 1ST BATTALION ASSUMED CO D'S
 DEFENSIVE POSITION AND CONDUCTED PATROLS.

3. 1ST BATTALION MARINES CONDUCTED SEVERAL OVERNIGHT PATROLS AND
 ASSIGNED ONE CO (-) PATROL BY CO G IN NORTHWEST SECTION OF THE
 AREA. REPORTED AT 170630H. NEGATIVE CONTACT.

4. CO I DEPARTED IN LVT'S TO PENINSULA EAST OF SONG TRA BONG
 AREA TO CONDUCT A SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION, LANDING AT (BT 619
 150) AT 170745H. ONE USMC KIA AND 4 WIA AT 170815H (BT 622018)
 A BOOBY TRAP ENCOUNTERED IN THE DENSE UNDERGROWTH. ~~SEE~~ SEVERAL
 OTHER BOOBY TRAPS EXPERTLY PLACED IN THICK VEGETATION WERE
 DISCOVERED BY ALERT PERSONNEL AND RENDERED SAFE. AT 171500H CO I
 FIRST GATED APPROXIMATE VC SUPPLY AREA (BT 635990) WITH NEGATIVE
 RESULTS. OTHER COMPANIES CONDUCTED NUMEROUS NIGHT AND DAY COMBAT
 PATROLS.

5. 1ST BATTALION MARINES CONDUCTED NIGHT DEFENSE OF DUONG SON (1) WITH
 COMPANIES (-), F, AND G (-). SPORADIC SMALL ARMS AND 60MM
 MORTAR FIRE WAS RECEIVED FROM ABOUT 162300H TO 170230H, INFLECTING
 1 USMC WIA, MODERATELY SERIOUS. THE SMALL ARMS FIRE CAME FROM THE SOUTH
 AND WEST AND SOME FROM WITHIN THE VILLAGE ITSELF. THE MORTAR FIRE
 APPEARED TO COME FROM VIC CAM NE (2) TO THE WEST. TFS-21 PICKED
 UP TARGETS THREE AT (AT 991681). MG AND 3.5 INCH ROCKET FIRE

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WAS DIRECTED AGAINST TARGETS WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS. COMPANIES F AND G (-) PROVIDED SECURITY FOR DAYLIGHT SEARCH OF DUONG SON (1) BY EF PLATOON OF THE 504TH RF CO. JOINT CO E - RF SWEEP OF PHONG DE (ET 0070) PLANNED FOR TODAY WAS CANCELLED. A REINFORCED SQUAD ^{CO F WITH 4TH RF CO. FROM} FROM HOA CAM TRAINING CENTER PATROLLED ALONG THE NORTH BANK OF THE CU DO RIVER THIS AFTERNOON ~~IN~~ IN GRID SQUARES (AT 9770), (9870) AND (9970), WITH NEGATIVE CONTACT. ECHO BTRY, 2/12, FIRED AT HIS ILLUMINATION VIC DUONG SON (1).

1. EL 2/7 TANK PLATOON DISPLACED TO FORWARD CP. AT FIRST LIGHT BATT'S MADE DIVERSIONARY LANDING. CO F WAS HELOLIFTED TO LZ VIC CU LONG. VILLAGE DESERTED. CO E DESIGNATED AS NEW BLT RESERVE AND MOVED TO BN CP AREA.

2. 2D PLATOON (-), CO A, 3D AMTRAC BN CONDUCTED DIVERSIONARY LANDING AND BEACH BECON AT (CR 091131) AT 170540H AND RETURNED TO BN (HMR) (R068209) AT 071000H.

3. ONE PLATOON (REIN) CO F AT 170620H WAS HELOLIFTED TO LZ (CR 034129) TO SECURE HIGH GROUND ABOVE CU HONG (R034130) AFTER DIVERSIONARY LANDING WAS MADE AT (CR 043099). CO F (-) WAS LANDED BY HELICOPTER ON HLZ (CR 034110) AND MOVED NORTH ON ROUTE ONE TO CU HONG (R034130). CONDUCTED THOROUGH SEARCH OF VILLAGE WHICH WAS COMPLETELY DESERTED. FOLLOWING EVIDENCE FOUND OF VERY RECENT OCCUPATION: BOOBY TRAP MADE OF TWO PIECES OF WOOD AND TWO 45 EX BRASSER HANDS; PUNJI TRAPS; AND, MANY LETTERS. ONLY VC CONTACT WAS ONE BLIND SMALL ARMS FIRE RECEIVED IN HLZ.

4. CO G RELOCATED ONE PLATOON PATROL BASE FROM (CR 032225) TO (CR 027231). ~~REIN~~

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4. CO E DESIGNATED AS BLT RESERVE AND MOVED FROM (CR 043168) TO AREA OF BLT CP (CR 018197). MISSION OF EXTERNAL CP^{SECURITY} AND RAPID REACTION FORCE ASSIGNED.

5. 2D PLATOON, CO B, 1ST TANK BN DISPLACED FROM BLT (REAR) CP (CR 073213) TO BLT CP (CR 018197). ROAD RECON CONDUCTED ALONG ROUTE ONE SOUTH OF BLT CP FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE OPERATIONS.

6. SQUAD SIZE PATROL CONDUCTED FROM 171100H TO 171700H BY CO H. NO CONTACT. PLATOON (REIN) AMBUSH ESTABLISHED (CR 035144) NIGHT 16 JULY. ONE USMC EVAC WITH PUNJI WOUND. PLATOON ACTED AS BLOCKING FORCE FOR CO F SEARCH OF CU LONG.

7. 31 INCON BN CONTINUED TO MAN OP'S ON THE PROMINENT TERRAIN FEATURES AT THE FRINGES OF THE TAOR.

8. 3D INGR BN COMPLETED INSTALLATION OF HELO PAD FOR 3D MED BN AND BRIDGING FOR 2D BN 9TH MARINES. SIX MINE SWEEP TEAMS SUPPORTED 2D BN 9TH MARINES. CLGES 60 RAFT CONTINUES TO OPERATE ACROSS DUNG LONG RIVER. CONTINUED ROAD AND BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT WITHIN THE TAOR. CP BUNKER CONSTRUCTION WAS CONTINUED DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD.

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7. PEOPLE TO PEOPLE

A. 3D MARINES

(1) 1/3. THE BATTALION CHAPEL FUND SENT A 7 YEAR OLD GIRL HER MOTHER AND A BATTALION GUNNERY SERGEANT TO SAIGON ~~MY~~ NAVAL HOSPITAL. THE CHILD IS TO UNDERGO A DOUBLE CLEFT LIP OPERATION. THE CHILD LIVES AT (AT 992740).

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(2). 2/3. THE DISPENSARY AT LE MY TREATED 103 PEOPLE.

(3). 3/4. THE BATTALION CA OFFICER MET WITH VILLAGE CHIEF OF THUY PHU (YD 942118) AND THUY LOUNG (YD 873176) AND ANSWERED QUESTIONS ON POLICIES AND ACTIONS OF BATTALION MARINES. RECEPTION WAS WARM AND CORDIAL.

(4). 1/9. WHILE ON PATROL, COMPANY D TREATED ONE CHILD. ONE DOCTOR AND 2 CORPSMEN TREATED 12 PEOPLE AT (BT 023736). A BATTALION AID STATION AT (BT 015734) TREATED 200 PEOPLE. ONE DOCTOR AND 5 CORPSMEN WERE PRESENT AND MOST OF THOSE PEOPLE TREATED WERE FROM THANH AI.

3. 4TH MARINES. NOTHING TO REPORT.

2. 9TH MARINES. TREATED 18 PATIENTS AT DUONG SON (1) VIC (AT 999683) AND 61 PATIENTS AT 2/9 BAS.

1. 2D BN 7TH MARINES. NOTHING TO REPORT

3. INTENTIONS

1. 3D MARINES WILL CONTINUE EXTENSIVE PATROLLING IN THE DA NANG AND PHU BAI TAORS. CO D 1ST BN 3D MARINES WILL REMAIN IN THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF DA NANG TAOR UNTIL 181400H WHEN THEY WILL RETURN TO THE BN CP. 2D BN 3D MARINES WILL CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN TWO MOBILE COMBAT BASES EAST AND WEST OF LE MY. CO I 3D BN 4TH MARINES WILL CONTINUE TO PATROL IN FORWARD PORTION OF PHU BAI TAOR. 1ST BN 9TH MARINES WILL CONTINUE PATROL ACTIVITY AROUND DA NANG AIRBASE INCLUDING A COMPANY SWEEP SOUTH FROM THE AIRFIELD TO THE RIVER ON 18 JULY 65.

2. 4TH MARINES. 1ST BN 4TH MARINES, CO D WILL CONTINUE OPERATION FLUSH ~~W/TH COMPANY~~ TO NORTH ON EAST BANK OF SONG TAU RIVER TO (BT 422093), MOVE EAST TO CHECK CAVES (BT 427090)

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AND MOVE TO (BT 140080) FOR LVT PICKUP. 2/4 CO H (-) WILL CONDUCT A DAY OPERATION FROM 180630H TO 181700H. FOUR SQD (REIN) SIZED NIGHT COMBAT/AMBUSH PATROLS WILL BE CONDUCTED ON NIGHT OF 18 JULY. 3/3 CO K WILL DEPART AT 180800H BY EHICOPTER FOR THE TRUNG PHAN PENINSULA. AGGRESSIVE LOCAL PATROLS WILL CONTINUE IN THE EASTERN PART OF BACH. NIGHT AMBUSHES RANGING FROM FIRE TEAM TO SQD SIZE WILL BE PLACED IN FRONT OF MTR.

3. 9TH MARINES WILL MOVE 8 LVTP-5'S OF CO B, 1ST AMTRAC BN TO RR BRIDGE (AT 098707) PRIOR TO FIRST LIGHT. SIX LVT'S WILL SUPPORT AN 18 JULY 69 OPERATION BY 1/9, AND TWO WILL OPERATE A RIVER CHECK POINT VIC RR BRIDGE.

4. RECON BN. CONTINUE OP/LP AND PATROLLING.

5. 3D ENGR BN. NO CHANGE

6. 2D BN 7TH MARINES. ALL UNITS CONTINUE DEEP DAY/NIGHT PATROLLING. EMPHASIS WILL BE PLACED ON RECON OF BEACH AREA (CR 092133) WHERE SUSPECTED VC BURIAL GROUND IS LOCATED.

7. DURING THE NEXT REPORTING PERIOD 39 PATROLS AND 13 AMBUSHES WILL BE CONDUCTED BY UNITS OF THE THIRD MARDIV.

MISSION PAGE 4 - PARAGRAPH 3. 9TH MARINES. CONTINUES TO CONSOLIDATE POSITIONS IN VIC OF LUONG SON (1) VILLAGE, CONDUCTED TWO PATROLS JOINTLY WITH RV UNITS, IMPOUNDED THE RR BRIDGE AT (AT999699), AND RECONSTRUCTED ALONG THE NORTH BANK OF CAU DO RIVER VIC (AT9770) FOR LVT ENTRANCES TO THE RIVER.

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THIRD MARDIV SITREP NR 73 AS OF 181600Z JUL 65

1. THIRD MARINES CONDUCTED 29 PATROLS AND 18 AMBUSHES DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, WITH NEGATIVE CONTACT. 2/3 ESTABLISHED A RING AROUND LE MY WITH ~~THREE~~ COMPANIES OUT TO MORTAR RANGE, IN CONNECTION WITH SEC OF DEFENSE VISIT. THE SEC OF DEFENSE VISITED DISPENSARY AND NORTHERN BRIDGE AT LE MY. CO I, 3/4 CONTINUED PATROL BASE OPNS IN THE EAST-CENTRAL PART OF THE HUE-PHU BAI TAOR. 1/9 SWEPT TO THE SOUTH OF DA NANG AB, AP: REHENDING 16 VC SUSPECTS.

A. 1ST BN, 3D MAR CONTINUED TO IMPROVE DEFENSIVE PSNS AND MAINTAIN SURVEILLANCE ALONG THE BN MSR. CO D (-) RETURNED TO ITS PSNS ON THE FEBA AT 180920H, ARRIVING WITHOUT INCIDENT.

B. 2ND BN, 3D MAR WAS INVOLVED WITH SEC OF DEFENSE VISIT. ~~THREE~~ COMPANIES SWEPT THE AREA AROUND LE MY AND ESTABLISHED PSNS OUT TO 3500 METERS, AS SECURITY AGAINST MORTAR ATTACK DURING THE SECRETARY'S VISIT. AS ADDITIONAL SECURITY ~~THREE~~ ONE PLATOON ESTABLISHED SURVEILLANCE FROM VIC (AT 900840) ACROSS CA DE RIVER. THE HON MR. MACNAMARA ARRIVED LE MY ABOUT 180930H, VISITED DISPENSARY AND SITE OF ATTACK ON NORTHERN LE MY BRIDGE. VILLAGERS PRESENTED HIM WITH HOME-MADE GIFTS. TWO PLATOONS CONTINUED COMBAT

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C. 3RD BN, 4TH MAR KEPT CO I IN THE SOUTHEAST PORTION OF HUE-PHU BAI TAOR. THE CO SHIFTED ITS PATROL BASE TO VIC (YD 891095). CO C, 3D RECON BN WITH LOCAL PF PATROLLED FROM VIC (YD 831118) TO VIC (YD 817099), WITH NEGATIVE CONTACT. SEVEN SQD SIZE PATROLS WERE CONDUCTED FROM MLR DURING THE DAY. PLT OF CO K CONTINUED PATROL ACTIVITY FROM OP ON HILL 225 (YD 848086).

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D. 1ST BN, 9TH MAR DISPATCHED CO B AT DAYBREAK ON A SWEEP OF ACFT APPROACH TO SOUTH OF DA NANG AB, WITH LOD FROM VIC (BT 002731) TO VIC (BT 021739). THE LOA VIC (BT 008711) TO VIC (BT 026729) WAS REACHED BY 180759H. THE OPN RESULTED IN 16 VC SUSPECTS APPREHENDED, INCLUDING ONE ARVN DESERTER. DEFENSIVE PSNS AROUND AIR BASE WERE IMPROVED, INCLUDING WORK ON WIRING OF LIGHTS ALONG AIRBASE BOUNDARY. NINE NIGHT AND TWO DAY SQD SIZE PATROLS WERE CONDUCTED VIC AIRBASE, WITH NEGATIVE CONTACT.

E. 1ST BN, 12TH MARINES FIRED 47 MISSIONS DURING THE PERIOD, AS FOLLOWS: 3 REGISTRATION, 18 FFE (UNOBSERVED), 26 HARRASSING. FFE AND HARRASSING MISSIONS ALL HOURS OF DARKNESS. BY CALIBER/TYPE, AMMO EXPENDED WAS: 105MM, 47 HE; 155MM - 42 HE; 8-INCH - 24 HE.

2. 4TH MARINES. VC ACTIVITY WAS ~~PRACTICALLY NONEXISTENT~~ ^{VERY LIGHT} IN THE CHU LAI TAOR. 1ST BN CONTINUED OPN FLUSH IN THE NORTHERN PORTION OF THE TAOR. A CO SIZE SEARCH AND DESTROY OPN WAS CONDUCTED IN THE PENINSULA EAST OF THE SONG TRA BONG RIVER. JUNKS FIRED ON BY BAR AND INTELLIGENCE RECEIVED INDICATING VC ACTIVITY (BT 476146). ONE COMPANY DISPATCHED AT 181545H

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LANDED AT (BT 482138) AT 181630H. NEGATIVE CONTACT.

1761 A. 1ST BN, 4TH MAR. AT 180500H CO D CONTINUED OPN FLUSH. AT 180735H SNIPER FIRE WAS RECEIVED FROM AN UNDETERMINED LOCATION RESULTING IN ONE USMC WIA. AT 180855H MORE SA FIRE RECEIVED FROM (BT 415083). FIRE WAS INACCURATE. A SQD WAS DISPATCHED IMMEDIATELY TO SEARCH THE AREA WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. NO FURTHER CONTACT. CO B LANDED BY LVT ON ISLAND (BT 482138) AT 181630H AFTER REPORTS RECEIVED OF VC ACTIVITY ON ISLAND AND JUNK WAS FIRED ON BY VC WITH AUTO WPNS AT 181233H FROM (BT 476146). NEGATIVE VC CONTACT. CO B(-) REMAINS OVERNIGHT ON ISLAND (BT 476144).

B. 2ND BN, 4TH MAR. AT 180115H CO G RECEIVED TWO RDS OF CARBINE FIRE FROM (BT 605047). NO FURTHER CONTACT.

C. 3RD BN, 3D MAR. CO K RELIEVED CO I ON THE PENINSULA TO THE EAST OF THE SONG TRA BONG RIVER. AT 180145H ILLUMINATION WAS FIRED WHEN MOVING FIGURE OBSERVED AT (BT 553008). M-79 ROUND FIRED WITH NEG RESULTS. VC PROBED OP NR 1 (BT 560996) AT 180210H; AREA ILLUMINATED AND M-60 FIRED WITH NEG RESULTS.

D. 3RD BN, 12TH MAR. FIRED ONE WA AND NINETEEN H AND I MISSIONS. TOTAL RDS EXPENDED. 146.

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3. 9TH MARINES. DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD COMPANIES F AND G (-) REINFORCED BY A PLATOON OF THE 504 RF CO AND 2ND PLATOON, CO C, 3D AT BN CONTINUED OPNS IN DUONG SON (1). DURING THE NIGHT SNIPER FIRE AND ROCKET DEVICES WERE FIRED OVER THE DUONG SON (1) AREA. 3.5 INCH ROCKETS AND MGS WERE FIRED AT ENEMY PERSONNEL WITH AN ESTIMATED 9 WOUNDED VC. CO E OCCUPIED DEFENSIVE PSNS VIC (AT 991723) TO VIC (AT 897724). ONE PLATOON CO E REINFORCED

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BY 6 LVTS SUPPORTED AN OPN BY 1/9 BY ESTABLISHING A BLOCKING FORCE VIC (AT 0172) ON THE SONG CAN DO.

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A. 2D BN 9TH MARINES. CONTINUED TO OCCUPY DUONG SONG (1) WITH CO F, CO G (-), A PLATTON OF THE 504 RF CO, AND CO C, 3RD AT BN. SNIPER FIRE WAS RECEIVED FROM THE VILLAGES TO THE SOUTH VIC (AT 996678) AND WEST VIC (AT 992689) DURING THE NIGHT. DURING THE PREVIOUS REPORTING PRD AT 172100H TWO ROCKET DEVICES WERE FIRED OVER CO G'S PSNS. CO G FIRED ^{ONE} 3.5 INCH WP ROUND AND MGS ON PERSONNEL SIGHTED ESTIMATING 9 WOUNDED WITH NO FRIENDLY CASUALTIES. CO E ESTABLISHED NEW DEFENSIVE PSNS VIC (AT 991723) TO VIC (AT 987724). A BLOCKING FORCE CONSISTING OF THE 1ST PLATOON, CO H AND A DETACHMENT OF SIX LVTS ESTABLISHED BLOCKING PSNS ON THE SONG CAN DO VIC (AT 006707), (AT 010709) (AT 021718), (AT 023722), (AT 006707), (AT 031727) AND (AT 032731) BETWEEN 180600H UNTIL 180830H WITH NEGATIVE CONTACT. ONE PATROL WAS CONDUCTED DURING THE HOURS OF DARKNESS WITHIN DUONG SON (1) IN COMPANY WITH SIX PF SOLDIERS. THIS PATROL IS BELIEVED TO HAVE PREVENTED SNIPER FIRE FROM WITHIN DUONG SON (1). ONE OP ESTABLISHED BY A SQD OF CO G WITH A TPS-21 VIC (AT 993684).

B. BLT 2/7. SEARCH OF CU MONG (CR 034129) COMPLETED WITH NO CONTACT. FIVE PATROLS AND TWO AMBUSHES CONDUCTED. CO E COMPLETED ESTABLISHMENT OF EXTERNAL SECURITY OF BLT CP. OTHER COMPANIES CONDUCTED DAY AND NIGHT PATROLS AND AMBUSHES. NEG ENEMY CONTACT.

5. 3D RECON BN. CONDUCTED FIVE RECON MISSIONS IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE DA NANG TAOR. 1ST PLATOON, CO A TERMINATED ITS PATROL AND WAS HELILIFTED FROM LZ PEACOCK AT 181300H. THE

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BN CP. THE 3D PLATOON CO^A RELIEVED THE 1ST PLATOON AT 181630H TO CONTINUE RECON PATROL IN SOUTHERN PORTION OF TAOR. AT 181840H SNIPER FIRE WAS RECEIVED VIC (AT 886666) RESULTING IN 1 USMC WIA. FIRE WAS RETURNED AND CONTACT BROKEN WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. THE WIA WAS HELO EVACUATED AT APPROX 181905H TO DANANG.

6. 3D ENGR BN. ONE MINE SWEEP TEAM COMMITTED TO 2ND BN, 9TH MAR. HIGH PRIORITY WAS GIVEN TO WORK ON DISPLAY AND PRACTICAL APPLICATION DEVICES FOR LAND MINE WARFARE SCHOOL TO BE CONDUCTED TO REFRESH AND RE-EMPHASIZE PERSONNEL ON ENEMY MINE AND BOOBY TRAP TECHNIQUES.

7. PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE

A. 3D MARINES

(1) 2/3. THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE AND HIS PARTY VISITED LE MY AND THE LE MY DISPENSARY. THE PARTY MET MR. LU, VILLAGE CHIEF OF LE MY AND WERE GIVEN HANDMADE LOCAL GIFTS FROM LE MY VILLAGE IN A CEREMONY AT (AT 898813). THE 3D MARINE DIVISION BAND PLAYED 3 CONCERTS AT PHU THUONG (AT 905764), LE MY (AT 898813) AND AN NGIA TAY (AT 907785). TOTAL ATTENDANCE OVER 1,000 PEOPLE. THE BN CMDR AND STAFF HOSTED A DINNER AND BAND CONCERT FOR VILLAGE CHIEFS, MR. NAM (AN NGIA TAY) AND MR. LU (LE MY), HAMLET CHIEFS, VILLAGE POLICE CHIEFS AND POPULAR FORCE CMDRS. THE THIRD MARINE DIVISION BAND PROVIDED ENTERTAINMENT.

B. 9TH MARINES

(1) 2/9 OPERATED TWO MEDCAP STATIONS^{ONE} IN DUONG SON (1) WHICH TREATED 29 PATIENTS AND IN THE 2/9 BAS, WHICH TREATED 49 PATIENTS.

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C. 2D BN, 7TH MARINES. ENGR PLATOON MADE CONTACT WITH

LOCAL OFFICIALS TO COORDINATE PLANS FOR SINKING A WELL AT
QUI HNA VIC (CR 067173).

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(1) 1/3 ^{WILL} HELILIFT ~~ONE~~ ONE PLATOON FROM CO C AT 1400H TO
VIC (AT 8669), ESTABLISH ~~A~~ A PATROL BASE AND CONDUCT ~~LOCAL~~ LOCAL
RECONNAISSANCE PATROLS AND NIGHT AMBUSHES.

(2) 2/3 CONTINUES TO MAINTAIN TWO PLATOON SIZE COMBAT
PATROL BASES EAST AND WEST OF LE MY. CONTINUE IMPROVEMENT OF
INDIVIDUAL PSNS. CO F WILL SEND A SQD EACH TO (AT 892774) AND
(AT 904765).

(3) 3/4. CO I WILL RETURN TO BN CP AND ASSUME HIGHWAY
DEFENSE. CO M WILL BE HELILIFTED TO (YD 830119), ESTABLISH A
PATROL BASE AND SEND THREE SQD SIZE RECON PATROLS AROUND PERIPHERY
OF THE BASE. CO K WILL BECOME THE AFLD DEFENSE COMPANY. CO L
WILL PROVIDE THE REACTION FORCE. ONE PLATOON OF CO L WILL RELIEVE
THE PLATOON OF CO K ON OP 25 (YD 848086). ONE PLATOON OF CO
C, 3D RECON BN WILL BE HELILIFTED TO (YD 888068) AND PATROL BACK
TO BN CP. ONE SQD OF CO C, 3D RECON BN WILL MOVE FROM THE BN CP
TO (YD 863181) AT FIRST LIGHT, THEN LINK-UP WITH A SECOND SQD
WHICH WILL BE HELILIFTED TO (YD 915116) AND MOVE NW TO THE
LINK-UP WITH THE 1ST SQD. AFTER LINK-UP, BOTH SQDS WILL RETURN
TO THE BN CP.

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(4) 1/9. RECIEVE THE 1ST PROVISIONAL AIRFIELD DEFENSE
COMPANY AND FAMILIARIZE RELIEF COMPANY WITH THE AFLD DEFENSE
SYSTEM. CONTINUE REPAIR OF FENCE LIGHTING SYSTEM AND IMPROVE-
MENT OF INDIVIDUAL PSNS.

(5) CO A, 3D TANK BN. THE COMPOSITE PLATOON, CO A WILL

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RELIEVE THE 1ST PLATOON, CO A AT 2/3. THE 1ST PLATOON WILL PROCEED TO THE AFLD AND RELIEVE THE 1ST PLATOON, CO B. 1ST PLATOON, CO B WILL RETURN TO CP AREA. ALL RELIEFS TO BE EFFECTED ON 19 JULY.

B. 4TH MARINES. 2ND BN, 4TH MAR WILL CONDUCT TWO CO (-) PATROLS. BOTH PATROLS WILL BE HELILIFTED TO DEPARTURE POINT AND ONE PATROL WILL REMAIN OVERNIGHT. TWELVE OTHER PATROLS AND FOUR AMBUSHES PLANNED FOR NEXT 24 HOURS.

C. 9TH MARINES. WILL CONTINUE TO OPERATE IN DUONG SON (1) AND WILL CONDUCT PATROLS WITHIN THE VILLAGE AREA.

D. BLT 2/7. CO F WILL PROVIDE A PLATOON MINUS TO TRAVEL BY HELO AND LVT TO BEACH AT (CR 091135) TO INVESTIGATE SUSPECTED VC BURIAL GROUND FROM ACTION IN OUR TAOR. APPROVAL HAS BEEN GRANTED BY LOCAL POLICE CHIEF AND A MEDICAL TEAM WILL ACCOMPANY THIS UNIT. RECON PLAT WILL RAPPELL INTO HIGH GROUND VIC (CR 026131) TO CLEAR LZ AND PATROL TO W. LOOKING FOR OTHER POSSIBLE LZ'S FOR FUTURE OPNS IN THIS AREA.

E. 3D RECON BN. WILL RELIEVE THE OP/LP ON DONG DEN MOUNTAIN ON 19 JULY 65. THE PATROL OPERATING IN THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE DA NANG TAOR WILL CONTINUE AS PLANNED.

F. 3D ENGR BN. NO CHANGE.

G. THERE ARE 33 PATROLS AND 12 AMBUSHES SCHEDULED DURING THE NEXT REPORTING PRD WITHIN THE 3D MARDIV AREA.

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THIRD MARDIV SITREP NR 74 AS OF 191600Z JUL 65

1. THIRD MARINES. CONDUCTED 7 PATROLS AND ESTAB 21 AMBUSH PSNS DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD WITH NEG VC CONTACT. PATROLLING ACTY S OF THE SONG TUY LOAN RIVER WAS RESUMED BY C/1/3 AND PATROLLING OF THE RED BEACH 2 AREA WAS COMMENCED BY G/2/3.

A. 1st BN, 3D MAR HELI-LIFTED ELEMENTS OF CO C TO (AT 869691) AND BEGAN PATROL OPNS FROM THERE TO THE SOUTH AND WEST. A PATROL BASE WAS ESTAB VIC (AT 861688), AND NIGHT AMBUSH PSNS WERE SET AROUND IT. THE REMAINDER OF THE BN CONTINUED IMPROVING DEF PSNS AND MAINTAINED SURVEILLANCE OF THE MSR TO PREVENT THE VC FROM MINING OR BOOBY TRAPPING IT. RECENT INTELLIGENCE REPORTS HAVE INDICATED THAT THE VC ARE PLANNING TO DO THIS.

B. 2D BN, 3D MAR CONTINUED TO MAINTAIN PLAT SIZE MOBILE COMBAT BASES E OF THE MSR (AT 917810) AND W OF IT (AT 868811). SQD PATROLS OPERATED OUT TO A RADIUS OF 2000 METERS FROM EACH OF THESE BASES BUT HAD NEG CONTACT. 2 SQDS FM CO E SWEEPED THE MSR IN THE BN AREA AND ONE SQD FM CO G PATROLLED RED BEACH 2 AREA, ALL W/O FINDING ANY INDICATIONS OF VC ACTY. 15 SQD SIZE AMBUSH PSNS HAVE BEEN ESTAB THROUGHOUT THE BN AREA TONIGHT BUT NO VC CONTACT HAS BEEN REPORTED YET.

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C. 1ST BN, 9TH MAR CONTINUED IMPROVEMENT OF THE DA NANG AFLD DEFENSE SYSTEM, CONCENTRATING ON RE-WIRING OF THE ELECTRICAL SYSTEM AROUND THE PERIMETER. 8 SQD SIZE PATROLS WERE CONDUCTED IN THE AREAS AROUND THE AFLD PERIMETER W/NEG VC CONTACT. 93 PER CENT OF THE FIRST AFLD DEF. CO REPORTED TO 1/9 TODAY AND IS OCCUPYING NIGHT SECURITY PSNS W/THE BN TONIGHT FOR PURPOSES OF FAMILIARIZATION.

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D. 3D BN, 4TH MARINES. CO I RETURNED TO THE BN CP - AFLD AREA AT 0600H AND WAS REPLACED BY CO M WHICH WAS HELILIFTED TO (YD 833118) AT 0630H. 3 SQD SIZE PATROLS WERE CONDUCTED BY CO M DURING THE DAY W/NEG CONTACT AND NIGHT PSNS WERE ESTAB VIC (YD 829094). 5 SQD SIZE PATROLS WERE ALSO CONDUCTED IN THE BN CP - AFLD AREA DURING THIS PRD BUT NO VC ACTY WAS DISCOVERED. 2 SQD AMBUSHES AND 3 PLAT AMBUSHES HAVE BEEN ESTAB IN THE TAOR TONIGHT BUT NONE HAS HAD VC CONTACT YET.

E. 1ST BN, 12TH MAR FIRED 30 H AND I AND 2 WILL ADJUST MISSIONS DURING THIS PRD. AMMO EXPENDED WAS: 105MM - 12 HE AND 4 ILLUM; 155MM - 18 HE; 8" - 6 HE. THE ADJUSTED MISSIONS CONSISTED OF COORDINATED HE AND ILLUM FIRED ON SUSPECTED VC MOVEMENTS ALONG TRAILS. THE SURVEILLANCE GIVEN WAS GOOD EFFECT ON TARGET AREA.

2. 4TH MARINES. CONDUCTED PATROLS THROUGHOUT THEIR TAOR. SIGNIFICANT VC CONTACT WAS MADE BY PATROLS FROM CO B, 3D RECON

BN AND CO M, 3D BN, 3D MAR. UNITS CONDUCTED 3 CO SIZE, 3 PLT SIZE, 9 SQD SIZE PATROLS AND 2 AMBUSHES. 13 OF THESE OPERATIONS WERE CONDUCTED AT NIGHT.

A. 1ST BN, 4TH MARINES PRIMARY EFFORT WAS DIRECTED TOWARD THE SWEEP OF KY HOA ISLAND VIC (BT 5210). THREE PLATOONS OF CO B REMAINED IN DEFENSIVE PSNS VIC (BT 483141) DURING THE NIGHT.

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AT 0700H CO A (-) MOVED BY LVT TO CO B PSNS LINKING UP AT 0900H. BOTH COS BEGAN A SWEEP OF THE ISLAND E AND THEN S. AT 1030H VIC (BT 496137) ONE PF PLT JOINED THIS SWEEP. AT 1110H A SHOT GUN (12 GAUGE) AND AN UNDETERMINED AMOUNT OF AMMUNITION WAS FOUND VIC (BT 493138). AT 1145H VIC (BT 500143) CO A, ELEMENTS OF CO B, AND PF PLT CONTINUED S WHILE ONE PLT OF CO B SWEEPED NORTH. AT 1250H UNITS SWEEPING S FOUND TWO 75MM PROJECTILES VIC (BT 498132). AT 1200H PLT CO B COMPLETED SWEEP TO NORTHERN TIP OF ISLAND. AT 1800H ALL ELEMENTS PARTICIPATING IN KY HOA SWEEP HAVE RETURNED INSIDE 1/4 MLR WITH NO FURTHER VC CONTACT.

B. 2D BN, 4TH MAR. CONDUCTED PATROLS FWD OF THEIR MLR. ^{BEING DIVERTED TO CO B 30 MILES} DUE TO ~~A LACK OF~~ HELICOPTERS ^(SOUTH AND WESTERN AREA TAKE) OPN 18065 AND OPN FOR CO H WERE CANCELLED. ^{22 July} OPN 18065 IS RESCHEDULED FOR ~~18065~~. THERE WAS NO REPORTED VC CONTACT DURING THIS PERIOD.

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C. 2D BN, 3D MAR. CO K OCCUPIED PSNS VIC (BT 536057) AS REGIMENTAL RESERVE AFTER BEING RELIEVED BY CO M. CO M DEPARTED AT 0805H BY LVT FOR THE TRUNG PHON PENINSULA VIC (BT 6301) AND LANDED AT 0855H VIC (BT 637024) RELIEVING CO K. AT 0910H CO M MOVING SOUTH, DISCOVERS, SEARCHES AND DESTROYS CAVES VIC (BT 624018). AT 1034H CO M MOVED VILLAGERS OUT OF SOUTRA (1) VIC (BT 622018) AND CONDUCTED A THOROUGH SEARCH OF VILLAGE. RECEIVED SNIPER FIRE DURING SEARCH VIC (BT 623016) FROM ESTIMATED 4 VC. AREA OF SNIPER FIRE SWEEPED. NEG RESULTS. CO M CONTINUED ALONG ASSIGNED ROUTE AND AT 1415H AT VILLAGE TAN HY (1) VIC (BT 625010) RECEIVED SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM VIC (BT 630003). AT 1425H HEAVY SMALL ARMS FIRE RECEIVED FROM VIC (BT 623013). CO M RECEIVED 1 KIA AND 1 WIA REPORTED AT 1435H. AT 1500 TWO PLATOONS OF COMPANY L DEPARTED BY LVT FOR

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VIC OF COMPANY M. AFTER LANDING AND MOVING INLAND, COMPANY L ENGAGED 4 VC IN FIREFIGHT VIC (BT 620014) AT 1630H. ONE VC KILLED. ONE MARINE WIA. AT 1710H COMPANY L LINKED WITH COMPANY M. COMPANY L RETURNED BY LVT WITHIN MLR AT 2010H. CO M CONTINUED A SWEEP OF THE AREA APPREHENDING 2 VCS. AT 2115H COMPANY WENT INTO NIGHT DEFENSIVE POSITIONS VIC (BT 637000).

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D. CO B, 3D RECON BN. CONDUCTED A SWEEP AND SEARCH OPERATION IN THE NORTHERN SECTOR OF THE TAOR VIC (BT 4208). THIS OPERATION CONSISTED OF A REINFORCED PLATOON LANDING BY HELICOPTER VIC (BT 424087). AT 1430H CONTACT WAS ESTABLISHED VIC (BT 413077) WITH 7 VIET CONG. ENSUING FIRE FIGHT RESULTED IN VIET CONG CASUALTIES; 3 KILLED, 2 CAPTURED (BOTH WOUNDED, ONE LATER DIED) AND TWO ESCAPED (ONE WOUNDED). TWO WEAPONS WERE RECOVERED CONSISTING OF ONE M1 AND ONE CARBINE. PATROL RETURNED INSIDE MLR ABOUT 1830H. NO FURTHER CONTACT. NO MARINE CASUALTIES.

D. 1ST BN, 12TH MARINES. CONDUCTED 21 H AND I MISSIONS EXPENDING 141 ROUNDS.

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9. 9TH MARINES. MAINTAINED 2 COMPANIES IN THE DUONG SON (1) AREA (AT 9968) AND ESTAB A CHECK POINT ON THE SONG TUY LOAN RIVER WITH LVT'S TO MONITOR ALL RIVER TRAFFIC. ONE SQD PATROL WAS CONDUCTED IN THE DUONG SON (1) AREA WITH NEG CONTACT.

A. 2D BN, 9TH MARINES MAINTAINED CO F AND CO G AROUND DUONG SON (1). DURING THE NIGHT SPORADIC SNIPER FIRE WAS RECD FM (AT 992690) AND (AT 994679). THERE WERE NO CAS AS A RESULT OF THIS FIRE AND FIRING CEASED WHEN 3.5 INCH ROCKETS WERE FIRED IN RETURN. DURING THE DAY ALL UNITS WORKED ON IMPROVING DEF PSNS AND THERE WAS NO VC CONTACT. CO H (-) RELIEVED CO F IN DUONG SON AREA AT APPROX 1300H.

B. CO B (-), 1ST AMTRAC BN MOVED 2 LVT'S DURING THE NIGHT TO THE BRIDGE AT (AT 998707) AND ESTAB A RIVER CHECK POINT THERE. NO BOATS WERE ENCOUNTERED BUT A RAFT CONTAINING APPARENT VC PROPAGANDA MATERIAL WAS RECOVERED AT 1000H. MATERIAL WAS TURNED OVER TO THE REGIMENTAL S-2.

4. BLT 2/7. CONDUCTED TWO NIGHT SQD PATROLS AND TWO NIGHT AMBUSHES. PLT CO E MOVED BY HELICOPTER AND LVT TO VIC (CR 018197) AT 0800H TO ATTEMPT LOCATION OF VC BODIES. NEGATIVE RESULTS. AT 0927H FIRE TEAM (CO F HIT BY SMALL ARMS FIRE VIC (CR 041114). FIRE TEAM) RETURNED FIRE AND THREW GRENADES. VC SCATTERED. ARTILLERY FIRED MISSION. NO CONFIRMED VC KILLED. ONE MARINE WIA.

5. 3D RECON BN. CONTINUED OPERATIONS OF OP/LP'S AND LOCAL PATROL ACTIVITY IN THE NW, CENTRAL AND SW PORTIONS OF THE DA NANG TAOR. THERE WERE NO SIGNIFICANT SIGHTINGS MADE DURING

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THE REPORTING PERIOD AND ONLY 1 ENEMY CONTACT REPORTED.
 AT 1655H A VC ARMED W/2 FRAG GRENADES WAS KILLED WHILE TRYING
 TO APPROACH THE OP LOCATED VIC (AT 862665). THERE WERE NO
 USMC CASUALTIES.

6. 3D ~~ENGINEER~~ BN. A MINE SWEEP TEAM WAS COMMITTED TO OPNS
 WITH 2/9. SIX OF SEVEN CLASS V DUMP BUNKERS DUG INTO THE
 HILLS AND REVETTED. CONTINUED WORK ON MOVING RADIO VANS
 AND CONSTRUCTION OF GENERATOR SHEDS FOR COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT
 CO. FIFTEEN MEN ATTENDING LAND MINE WARFARE SCHOOL.

7. PEOPLE TO PEOPLE

A. 3D MARINES. APPROX 160 VILLAGERS WERE GIVEN MEDICAL
 TREATMENT THROUGHOUT THE REGIMENTAL AREA TODAY. THIS INCLUDED
 A YOUNG BOY IN THE VILLAGE OF PHUC HAU (AT 925728) WHO HAD BEEN
 GORED BY A WATER BUFFALO. 50 BARS OF SOAP DONATED BY MEMBERS
 OF CO A, 1/3, WERE GIVEN TO VILLAGERS IN THAT AREA, AS WERE
 SOAP, TOWELS AND TEE SHIRTS IN CO B'S AREA.

B. 9TH MARINES. 43 PERSONS WERE GIVEN MEDICAL TREATMENT
 IN THE VILLAGE OF DUONG SON (1), AS WERE ANOTHER 74 PEOPLE AT
 2/9'S BN AID STATION.

C. 2D BN, 7TH MARINES. SENIOR PLT MADE LIAISON WITH LOCAL
 OFFICIALS IN VILLAGE OF GUI HOA VIC (CR 067173) FOR CONSTRU-
 CTION OF WELL. PROJECT TO BEGIN ON 19 JULY 1965.

8. INTENTIONS

A. 3D MARINES. WILL ROTATE PLATOONS VIA HELO FOR PATROL
 OPNS IN THE S PORTION OF THE DA NANG TAOR. THE TWO MOBILE COM-
 BAT BASES WILL CONTINUE TO OPERATE IN THE N PORTION OF THE TAOR
 AND A SEPARATE PLAT WILL PATROL TO THE VILLAGE OF MY SON (AT
 8776) TWO PLATS AND 9 LVT'S WILL FORM BLOCKING PSNS ON LAND

AND ALONG THE TOURANE AND SONG TUY LOAN RIVERS FOR A COORDINATED SWEEP (OPN) TO BE CONDUCTED ON THE PENINSULA E OF DA NANG AFLD (AT 0374-0474) BY RVN REGIONAL AND POPULAR FORCES.

B. 4TH MAR. PATROLS WILL CONTINUE FWD OF THE MLR IN EA AREA. CO G(-) WILL CONDUCT A SEARCH AND SWEEP OPN VIC (BT 4804). CO L WILL JOIN CO M AT 200730H IN ACCOMPLISHING SWEEP OF VILLAGE SUN TRA (2) VIC (BT 625015).

C. 9TH MARINES. NO CHANGE

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D. 2D BN, 7TH MAR. WILL CONDUCT PATROLS GENERALLY IN THE SOUTH SECTION OF THE TAOR ESTABLISHING OP/LP IN THIS AREA.

E. 3D REGON BN. CONTINUE OPNS OF OP'S IN NW, CENTRAL AND SW SECTORS OF DA NANG TAOR. LOCAL PATROLS TO BE CONDUCTED VIC OF OP'S IN SW SECTOR.

F. 3D ENGR BN. NO CHANGE

G. THERE ARE 29 PATROLS AND 22 AMBUSHES PLANNED WITHIN 3D MARDIV AREAS DURING THE NEXT 24 HOURS.

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THIRD MARDIV SITREP NUMBER SEVENTY-FIVE AS OF 201600Z JULY 65.

1. THIRD MARINES. COMBAT PATROL OPERATIONS IN THE NORTHEAST, NORTHWEST AND SOUTHERN PORTIONS OF THE DA NANG TAOR WERE CONTINUED. IN THE SOUTHEAST SECTOR OF THE DA NANG TAOR CO D, FIRST BN, 9TH MAR PARTICIPATED IN A COORDINATED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION WITH TWO PLATOONS OF POPULAR FORCES. THERE WERE TWENTY PATROLS CONDUCTED AND NINETEEN AMBUSHES ESTABLISHED DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD. NO VC CONTACT WAS REPORTED.

1 A. 1ST BN, 3D MARINES. A PLATOON OF COMPANY C CONTINUED
2 PATROL AND AMBUSH OPERATIONS IN THE SOUTH-CENTRAL PORTION OF THE DA NANG TAOR UNTIL 201300H, WHEN IT SECURED A LANDING ZONE AT (AT 896696) AND WAS RELIEVED BY ANOTHER PLATOON FROM COMPANY C. THIS PLATOON PATROLLED TO (AT 872705) AND RETURNED TO (AT 864669) WHERE A NIGHT AMBUSH POSITION WAS ESTABLISHED. THERE WAS NO VC CONTACT DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD.

B. 2ND BN, 3RD MARINES. COMPANY E CONDUCTED TWO SQUAD SIZE PATROLS ALONG THE MAR FROM 200555H TO 200630H. COMPANY F CONDUCTED A PLATOON (-) PATROL TO THE VILLAGE OF MY SON (AT 8676)

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AND RETURNED. FOUR SQUADS FROM COMPANY F COMMENCED MOVEMENT INTO BLOCKING POSITIONS NORTH AND SOUTH OF HUA NINH (AT 884779) FOR AN IDENTIFICATION CHECK OF ALL RESIDENTS TO BE HELD AT FIRST LIGHT OF 21 JULY. THE PLATOON SIZE MOBILE COMBAT BASE FROM COMPANY G RETURNED TO THE COMPANY CP AT 201500H AND WAS REPLACED IN THE NORTHEASTERN SECTOR OF THE TAOR BY A POPULAR FORCE PLATOON. THIS POPULAR FORCE PLATOON WILL OPERATE IN THAT AREA FOR THE NEXT THREE DAYS. THERE WAS NO VC CONTACT DURING THIS PERIOD.

C. 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES. COMMENCING AT 200600H COMPANY

1. L CONDUCTED A COORDINATED OPERATIONS WITH TWO PLATOONS OF
 2. POPULAR FORCES IN THE PENINSULAR AREA SOUTHEAST OF THE LA
 3. NANG AIRFIELD VIC GRID SQUARES (AT 0374)-(AT 0375) AND (AT 0473)
 (AT 0475). THE COMPANY, REINFORCED BY LVT'S PROVIDED BLOCKING POSITIONS WHILE THE POPULAR FORCES PLATOONS MOVED NORTH ALONG THE WEST BANK OF THE TOURANEE RIVER. THE LVT'S PREVENTED ANY RIVER TRAFFIC FROM ESCAPING, AS ALL BOATS WERE BEACHED AND SEARCHED IN A PRE-DESIGNATED SEARCH AREA. NINE MEN WHO WERE REFERRED TO AS "DRAFT LODGERS" WERE APPREHENDED BY THE POPULAR FORCE AS A RESULT OF THIS OPERATION. TEN SQUAD SIZE SECURITY PATROLS WERE CONDUCTED AROUND THE PERIMETER OF THE LA NANG AIRFIELD DURING THIS PERIOD. EIGHT OF THESE WERE CONDUCTED AT NIGHT. THERE WERE NO VC CONTACTS DURING THIS PERIOD.

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L. 3D BN, 4TH MARINES (HUE-PHU BAI). FIVE SQUAD SIZE SECURITY PATROLS WERE CONDUCTED IN THE BN CP-AIRFIELD AREA BY COMPANIES I, K AND H&S. COMPANY M WAS HELILIFTED TO (YD 873078)

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AT 200900H AND PATROLLED TO (YD 891069). A COMPANY NIGHT DEFENSE POSITION WAS ESTABLISHED AT (YD 889087) AND A PLATOON AMBUSH POSITION ESTABLISHED AT (YD 895084). ELEMENTS OF COMPANY C, 3D RECON BN CONTINUED TO OPERATE WITH LOCAL POPULAR FORCES AND HAVE ESTABLISHED A PLATOON AMBUSH POSITION WITH THEM AT (YD 888185). NO VC CONTACT HAS BEEN REPORTED DURING THIS PERIOD.

E. 1ST BN, 12th MARINES FIRED THIRTY-FOUR MISSIONS DURING THIS PERIOD. THESE INCLUDED ONE PRECISION REGISTRATION, TWO "WILL ADJUST", FOURTEEN UNOBSERVED "FIRE FOR EFFECT" AND SEVENTEEN H&I MISSIONS. THE FIRE FOR EFFECT MISSIONS WERE EXECUTED ON VC OP'S, CAMPSITES AND BIVOUAC AREAS BETWEEN 200010H AND 200450H. AMMO EXPENDED WAS: 105MM-16HE; 155MM-26HE; 107MM-10HE AND 53 LLUM.

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2. FOURTH MARINES CONDUCTED PATROLLING THROUGHOUT THE TAOR.

THIS PATROLLING CONSISTED OF THREE COMPANY PATROLS, TEN PLATOON PATROLS, FOUR SQUAD PATROLS AND FOUR AMBUSHES. THIRTEEN OF THESE PATROLS WERE CONDUCTED DURING THE HOURS OF DARKNESS. NO CONTACT WITH THE VC WAS REPORTED THROUGHOUT THE TAOR.

A. 1ST BN, 4TH MARINES. SQUAD SIZE PATROLS WERE CONDUCTED DURING THE HOURS OF DARKNESS JUST FORWARD OF MLR POSITIONS FROM VIC (BT 5007) NORTH TO VIC (BT 5212). NO VC CONTACT. SECRET

PLATOON OF COMPANY C WAS HELILIFTED, FOLLOWING A TEN MINUTE ARTILLERY PREPARATION, INTO LANDING ZONE VIC (BT 423070) AT 201030H TO CONDUCT A PATROL IN THE WESTERN AREA OF THE TAOR. THE PATROL MOVED SOUTHWARD TO VIC (BT 426063) REPORTING THIS

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LOCATION AT 201400H. AT THIS TIME THE PATROL MOVED NORTHWEST TO ASSIGNED PICKUP POINT VIC (BT 453087). AT 201715H THIRD PLATOON OF COMPANY C SUSTAINED ONE KIA BY PUNJI STICK VIC (BT 440070). UNIT WAS PICKED UP AT ASSIGNED PICKUP POINT AND RETURNED INSIDE UNIT MLR AT 201910H. PATROL REPORTED NEGATIVE VC CONTACT.

B. 2D BN, 4TH MARINES. AMBUSHES WERE ESTABLISHED VIC (BT 519026), (BT 483023), AND (BT 533042). NO VC CONTACT. ALL COEPLIES REPORTED NEGATIVE VC NIGHT ACTIVITY IN THEIR SECTORS.

C. 3D BN, 3D MARINES. COMPANY I OCCUPIED TRAFFIC CHECK POINTS VIC (BT 553013) (BS 560996) AND (BT 583026). NO VC CONTACT. COMPANY M REMAINED IN POSITION DURING THE NIGHT EAST OF THE SONG TRA BONG RIVER VIC (BT 637000). AT 200755H COMPANY L DEPARTED THEIR COMPANY DEFENSIVE POSITIONS BY LVT TO JOIN COMPANY M. AT 200815H COMPANY L LANDED AT VILLAGE TAN HY (1) AND VIC (BT 619016). COMPANY M HAD MOVED TO VILLAGE TAN HY (1) UPON COMPANY L LANDING, BOTH COMPANIES CONDUCTED A SEARCH OF THIS VILLAGE. EVIDENCE OF NIGHT DIGGING WAS FOUND. AT 201155H COMPANY M DEPARTED BY LVT FROM VIC (BT 620014) AND RETURNED INSIDE THE THIRD BATTALION MLR. NO VC CONTACT WAS REPORTED. COMPANY L CONTINUES TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS EAST OF THE SONG TRA SONG RIVER VIC (BS 6299).

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D. 3D BN 12TH MARINES. CONDUCTED THREE WELL ADJUST MISSIONS, TWO REGISTRATIONS AND TWENTY-TWO H&I MISSIONS FOR A TOTAL OF TWENTY-SEVEN MISSIONS. A TOTAL OF 135 ROUNDS WERE EXPENDED.

3. 9TH MARINES. NO OPERATIONS WERE CONDUCTED DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD. DEFENSIVE POSITIONS WERE MAINTAINED VIC

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DUONG SON 91) (AT 9968) AND THE LVT CONTROLLED RIVER CHECK
POINT CONTINUED TO OPERATE (AT 998707).

A. 2D BN, 9TH MARINES CONTINUED TO OCCUPY DEFENSIVE POSITIONS VIC DUONG SON 91) WITH COMPANY F AND COMPANY G. FIVE ROUNDS OF SMALL ARMS FIRE WERE RECEIVED BY COMPANY G AT 200030H FROM (AT 991690). NO CASUALTIES RESULTED FROM THIS FIRE. THE USS STOLLARD (DL-566) FIRED ILLUMINATION UPON REQUEST OF THE BATTALION, EXPENDING FIFTEEN ROUNDS OF AMMO. MISSION ENDED 200200H. AT APPROXIMATELY 201100H COMPANY E (-) RELIEVED COMPANY G IN POSITION FROM (AT 998683) TO (AT 993654). COMPANY G TOOK UP POSITION FROM (AT 991723) TO (AT 987724).

B. COMPANY B (-), 1ST AMTRAC BN CONTINUED OPERATION OF THE SONG TUY LOAN RIVER CONTROL POINT AT (AT 998707). AT 200400H NINE LVT'S WERE DETACHED TO 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES FOR AN OPERATION BEING CONDUCTED BY THEM. THESE LVT'S RETURNED AT 200740H.

4. 2D BN, 7TH MARINES. NO SITREP AVAILABLE.

5. 3D RECON BATTALION CONTINUED OPERATION OF OP'S IN THE NORTHEAST, CENTRAL AND SOUTHEASTERN PORTIONS OF THE DA NANG TAOR. THERE WAS NO VC ACTIVITY DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD AND NO SIGNIFICANT SIGHTINGS WERE REPORTED.

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2 6. 3D ENGINEER BN CONDUCTED NINE CLEARING OPERATIONS FOR THE
3 2D BN, 9TH MARINES. CONTINUED CONSTRUCTION OF STRONG BACK TENTS FOR FIRST AMTRAC BATTALION. POURED CONCRETE DECK FOR 3D TK BN GALLEY.

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7. PEOPLE TO PEOPLE. A TOTAL OF 312 VIETNAMESE WERE GIVEN MEDICAL TREATMENT IN THE VILLAGES OF DAI LA (AT 922742), PHU HA (AT 910738), PHUC HUNG (AT 925725), LE MY AND AT AN ORPHANGE

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LOCATED JUST SOUTHEAST OF DA NANG. FIFTEEN POUNDS OF OLD CLOTHING, ONE CAN OF COTTONSEED OIL AND ONE HUNDRED POUNDS OF NAVY BEANS WERE ALSO DISTRIBUTED TO VILLAGERS AT (AT 945695). SHOVELS WERE LOANED ~~TO THE PEOPLE~~ TO THE PEOPLE OF HAO TINH (AT 934721) IN ORDER TO ASSIST THEM IN RELOCATING 150 GRAVES.

8. INTENTIONS.

A. 3D MARINES WILL COMPLETE THE SEALING OFF OF HUA NING (AT 884779) AND INSPECT THE I.D. PAPERS OF ALL PERSONS THEREIN ON 21 JULY. THIS OPERATION WILL INVOLVE TWO PLATOONS OF COMPANY F, 2D BN, 3D MARINES.

B. 4TH MARINES. OPERATIONS MULBANK CONSISTING OF TWO SEPARATE PATROLS WILL BE CONDUCTED ON 21 JULY 1965 IN THE WESTERN AREA OF THE TAOR. ONE PLATOON, COMPANY D, 1ST BN, 4TH MARINES WILL CONDUCT A PATROL VIC (BT 4208) WHILE THE REMAINDER OF COMPANY D WILL CONDUCT A PATROL VIC (BT 4606) WESTWARD.

PATROLLING IN OTHER AREAS WILL CONTINUE FORWARD OF THE M.R.

C. 9TH MARINES WILL CONTINUE TO OCCUPY SECURITY POSITIONS AROUND DUONG SON (1) WITH TWO COMPANIES AND WILL BEGIN COORDINATION OF COMBAT PATROL ACTIVITIES IN THIS AREA WITH DA NANG SPECIAL SECTOR HQ.

D. 2D BN, 7TH MARINES. NO SITREP AVAILABLE.

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E. 3D RECON BN WILL CONTINUE OPERATIONS OF OP'S IN THE NORTHWESTERN AND SOUTHWESTERN PORTIONS OF THE DA NANG, TAOR. PLANS ARE BEING MADE FOR ESTABLISHING SIMILAR OPERATIONS IN THE CENTRAL-WESTERN PORTION OF THE TAOR.

F. 3D ENGINEER BN WILL CONTINUE ENGINEER EFFORTS IN GENERAL SUPPORT OF THE DIVISION. HAS BEEN SENT

G. THERE ARE THIRY PATROLS ANL SEVENTEEN AMBUSHES PLANNED FOR THIRD MARDIV AREAS DURING THE NEXT TWENTY-FOUR HOURS.

H ADDITIONAL ITEM. 3D MARLIV FSCC REPORTS THAT NAVAL GUNFIRE WAS CONDUCTED INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF THE TAOR AT DANANG AND WITHIN THE TAOR AT CHU LAI. THE INITIAL MISSION WAS COMPLETED BY THE USS STOLDARD., AT 200420H IN SUPPORT OF ARVN ACTIVITIES VIC (AT 9089). FIRE WAS ADJUSTED BY THE NAVAL GUNFIRE SPOT TEAM ATTACHED TO 2D BN, 3D MARINES, ON SUSPECTED ASSEMBLY AREA-TWO VC COMPANIES. AIR OBSERVER SURVEILLANCE AT 201530H REPORTS NO ACTIVITY IN AREA. MEDIUM DAMAGE TO FOREST. TOTAL ROUNDS EXPENDED-ONE HUNDRED. FURTHER NAVAL GUNFIRE WAS CONDUCTED VIC (AT 985865) AND (AT 882845). TOTAL ROUNDS EXPENDED WERE TWENTY-TWO. THE USS OKLAHOMA CITY FIRED FOUR MISSIONS IN THE CHU LAI TAOR. MISSIONS CONDUCTED BY NAVAL GUNFIRE SPOT TEAM 3D BN, 3D MARINES VIC (BT 660040), (BT 664050), (BT 663047), (BT 661041) TOTAL ROUNDS EXPENDED-FOURTY-TWO.

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THIRD MARDIV SITREP NUMBER SEVENTY-SIX AS OF 210600Z JULY 65

1. THIRD MARINES. CONDUCTED NINETEEN PATROLS AND TWENTY-TWO AMBUSHES WITH NO CONTACT. 1ST BN, 3D MARINES CONTINUED TO MAINTAIN ONE PLATOON IN THE SOUTHWEST PORTION OF DA NANG TAOR. 2D BN, 3D MARINES' IDENTIFICATION CHECK OF HUA NINH (AT 884779) WAS CONDUCTED WITH THE APPREHENSION OF TWO VCS. 3D BN, 4TH MARINES CONDUCTED A THREE PLATOON OPERATION WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES CONTINUED TO IMPROVE AIRFIELD DEFENSE AND PATROLLING EXTENSIVELY WITH NEGATIVE CONTACT.

A. 1ST BN, 3D MARINES. CO C CONTINUED TO MAINTAIN ONE PLATOON IN THE SOUTHWEST PORTION OF THE TAOR WITH NEGATIVE CONTACT. AT 210900H A PLATOON OF CO C RELIEVED ANOTHER PLATOON IN PLACE AT (AT 889699). THE BATTALION CONTINUED EXTENSIVE LOCAL PATROLS AND AMBUSHES IN THE BATTALION AREA. **SECRET**

B. 2D BN, 3D MARINES. COMMENCING AT 210600H CONDUCTED A TWO PLATOON OPERATION IN THE HAMELE OF HUA NINH (AT 884779) WITH TWO SQUADS TO THE NORTH AND TWO SQUADS TO THE SOUTH OF THE VILLAGE IN BLOCKING POSITIONS. ALL IDENTIFICATION OF VIETNAMESE WERE CHECKED AND TWO WOMEN WERE APPREHENDED, ONE

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A WIFE OF A KNOWN VC AND THE OTHER ON A LIST OF KNOWN VC. A VIETNAMESE BOY WAS KILLED WHEN THE FISHING NET HE PULLED IN DETONATED AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE WHICH RESULTED IN HIS DEATH AND THE INJURY TO A VIETNAMESE WOMAN. THE HELICOPTER CALLED TO EVACUATE THE WOMAN WAS FIRED ON BY SMALL ARMS FIRE NORTH-EAST OF THE LE MY DISPENSARY AS IT DEPARTED THE AREA.

C. 3D BN, 4TH MARINES. COMMENCED A THREE PLATOON PATROL FROM VIC (YD 889089) BACK TO THE BATTALION CP TERMINATING AT 210815H WITH NEGATIVE CONTACT. LOCAL SECURITY PATROLS CONTINUED WITH NO CONTACT.

D. 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES CONTINUED EXTENSIVE PATROLLING AROUND THE DA NANG AIRFIELD WITH NO CONTACT.

E. 1ST BN, 12TH MARINES. FIRED ONE BARRAGE MISSION, 4 WA MISSIONS, 10 HARRASSING AND 6 INTERDICTION MISSIONS. AMMO EXPENDED BY TYPE/CALIBER - 105MM 67 RDS HE, 22 RDS WP; 155MM 16 RDS HE, 20 RDS WP.

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2. 4TH MARINES. CONDUCTED SCHEDULED PATROLS AND OPERATIONS IN THE CHU LAI TAOR WITH UNUSUALLY LIGHT VC CONTACT.

A. 1ST BN, 4TH MARINES. CO A, B, AND C CONDUCTED PATROLS AND MANNED OP'S IN THEIR SECTION OF THE TAOR WITH NEGATIVE VC CONTACT. CO D (-) CONDUCTED COMPANY SIZE COMBAT PATROL MOVING BY TRUCK CONVOY TO (BT 467070) AT 211223H. A CAVE AND TUNNEL NETWORK WAS FOUND (BT 454067) AND DESTROYED BY A DEMOLITION TEAM. A VCS WITH A MIRROR WAS APPREHENDED AT 211230H AT (BT 454067). ONE PLATOON OF CO D REINFORCED WITH AN ARTY FO TEAM (AT (BT 426082)). SNIPER FIRE WAS DIRECTED AT THE HELO AND A FAC TEAM LANDED AT 210945H BY HELICOPTER FROM HILL VIC (BT 417004). THE PLATOON CHANGED THE HILL AND RECEIVED NO

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FURTHER FIRE UNTIL 211400H AT WHICH TIME SA FIRE RECEIVED FROM ACROSS STREAM (BT 420093). FIRE CONSISTED OF ONE AUTO WPN AND ONE .30 CALIBER. ARTY MISSION CALLED; ROUNDS ON TARGET AND FIRING CEASED.

B. 2ND BN, 4TH MARINES. CONDUCTED PATROLS AND SET IN AMBUSH SITES AT (BT 535000)(BT 533008)(BT 512001) AND (BT 519999). NEGATIVE VC CONTACT.

C. 3D BN, 3D MARINES. FRAG GRENADE THROWN FROM (BS 554017) INTO CO I POSITION AT 210210H. MARINES FIRED AT VC RUNNING AWAY AND SEARCHED AT FIRST LIGHT WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. CO I ~~REINFORCED~~ HELILIFTED TO PENINSULA EAST OF SONG TRA BONG RIVER AT 210745H. HLZ (BS 676986). TWO 60MM MORTAR ROUNDS RIGGED AS PRESSURE TYPE MINES FOUND BY ALERT MARINES AT (BS 676986). EOD TEAM RENDERED MINES SAFE; REPORT WILL FOLLOW. ONE USMC WIA BY SNIPER FIRE (BS 662966). FIRE WAS RETURNED BUT NO FURTHER VC CONTACT. CO I AT (BS 650995) AT 211630H. OVERNIGHT PATROL BASE AT (BS 657984).

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D. 3D BN, 12TH MARINES. BATTERY C DISPLACED AT 210540H FROM (BT 55200432) TO (BT 59480053) TO SUPPORT CO I. BATTERY LAID ON AZIMUTH 2200 MILS AND READY TO FIRE AT 210640H. TOTAL MISSIONS: 32 - ROUNDS EXPENDED: 214

3. 9TH MARINES. CONTINUED TO DEFEND DONG SON (1). CONTINUED OPERATIONS WITH CO E (-) AND CO F REINFORCED BY ELEMENTS OF AT PLATOON AND 106 RR RIFLES OF H&S CO. DURING THE PREVIOUS REPORTING PERIOD SIX ROUNDS SA FIRE WERE RECEIVED FROM A HOUSE VIC (AT 992683). A 3.5 INCH ROCKET WP WAS FIRED RESULTING IN FOUR VC RUNNING FROM THE HOUSE. ONE VC WAS HIT BY RIFLE FIRE.

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AT 202021H ILLUMINATION REVEALED FOUR VC IN THE SAME AREA.
NO CASUALTIES TO EITHER SIDE. ONE PATROL CONDUCTED VIC CAM
HOA (1) VIC (AT 966705). AT 211022H RECEIVED ONE RD SNIPER
FIRE. NO FURTHER CONTACT. A RIVER RECON PATROL WAS CONDUCTED
TO DETERMINE LVT ENTRY POINTS ON RIVER. ~~BY 2000, 3d PLATOON, CO H~~
~~HAD OCCUPIED PHONG LE (1) AT (AT 994698) WITHOUT RESISTANCE,~~
~~ON THE BONG BEN RIVER SOUTH OF THE RIVER AT THE BONG BEN RIVER~~
FOLLOWING APPROVAL BY DA NANG SPECIAL SECTOR OF EXPANDED
OPERATIONS BY 9TH MARINES IN DA NANG TADR. (SEE PARA
8. C. (INTENTIONS) BELOW.

4. BLT 2/7. (SEE BELOW)

5. 3D RECON BATTALION. CO A COMMENCED CLEARING A FORWARD
OP SITE WHICH WILL BE MANNED DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS (AT 822827).
SECOND PLATOON CONDUCTED THREE MOTORIZED PATROLS OF THE DA
NANG AIRFIELD COMPLEX COMMENCING AT 202300H AND TERMINATING
AT 210143H. NEGATIVE CONTACT. AT 211630H THE SECOND AND THIRD
PLATOONS WILL MOVE BY MOTORIZED CONVOY TO RED BEACH 2 VIC
(AT 957792) TO SET UP BASE CAMP AND A BLOCKING POSITION TO
COVER POSSIBLE AVENUE OF APPROACH FROM NORTH.

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6. 3D ENGR BATTALION. SUPPORTED 2ND BN, 9TH MARINES OPERA-
TIONS WITH TWO MINE DETECTOR TEAMS. CLASS 60 RAFT CONTINUED
OPERATIONS ON A 24-HOUR BASIS. RAFT MADE FIVE ROUND TRIPS
DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD. MAXIMUM EFFORT CONTINUED ON
GRADING, CAPPING, AND WATERING DOWN BYPASS ROAD AROUND HILL
327 AND ROAD TO HILL 268. WORK ALSO PROGRESSED ON DAI LA ROAD,
WITH EST COMPLETION OF 4 AUG 1965. ISSUED 128,160 GALLONS OF
POTABLE WATER; 21,500 GALLONS OF RAW WATER. CONSTRUCTION
CONTINUED ON DIVISION CP BUNKER.

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SECRET7. PEOPLE TO PEOPLE.

A. 3D MARINES. ONE OFFICER AND TWO CORPSMEN TREATED FIFTY-SEVEN PEOPLE AT (AT 993746). THE DISPENSARY AT LE MY TREATED 126 PEOPLE. A WOMAN WOUNDED BY AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE WAS TREATED BY 2ND BATTALION, 3D MARINES BATTALION SURGEON AND EVACUATED TO THE ARVN HOSPITAL BY HELICOPTER. A PARTY FOR CHILDREN OF ARVN ARTY PERSONNEL IS IN THE PLANNING STAGES BY PERSONNEL OF 1ST BN, 12TH MARINES.

B. 9TH MARINES. 2ND BN, 9TH MARINES HAS TREATED 76 PATIENTS. ELEVEN PATIENTS WERE TREATED AT DUONG SON (1).

8. INTENTIONS**SECRET**

A. 3D MARINES. WILL WITHDRAW BY HELICOPTER ONE PLATOON FROM CO E, 1ST BN, 3D MARINES. ONE PLATOON WILL DEPART BY FOOT AT 221300H TO ESTABLISH PATROL BASE WEST OF HILL 393 (AT 884777). ANOTHER PLATOON WILL DEPART BY FOOT AT 221600H AND ESTABLISH PATROL BASE VIC (AT 8566). 2D BN, 3D MARINES WILL ESTABLISH A PATROL TO CHECK INDIGENOUS ID CARDS FROM VIC (AT 916766) TO (AT 924766) TO (AT 905768) TO (AT 906763) AND RETURN. A REINFORCED PLATOON WILL GO TO MY SON WITH A SURGEON TO TREAT INDIGENOUS PERSONNEL. A PLATOON FROM COMPANY G WILL PATROL FROM ITS CP TO (AT 885824). THE CO H MOBILE COMBAT OUTPOST WILL PATROL FROM (AT 869792) TO (AT 871798) AND ESTABLISH AN AMBUSH. THE AREA NORTHEAST OF THE LE MY DISPENSARY WILL BE PATROLLED IN A SEARCH FOR SNIPERS. THE 3D BN, 4TH MARINES, WORKING WITH CO C, RECON BN AND THE 918TH REGIONAL FORCES COMPANY WILL ESTABLISH BLOCKING PSNS VIC (YD 931122), (YD 925130) AND (YD 927135). CO M WILL MOVE BY TRUCK

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TO NAMEE NUMBER FIVE AT PHU BAI (YD 925116) AND SEARCH THE AREA THOROUGHLY FOR WPNS, AMMO AND CONTRABAND^{AN} ITEMS. THE MINE DETECTORS OF THE ATTACHED ENGR PLATOON WILL BE EMPLOYED DURING THE SEARCH. ALL YOUNG ADULT MALES WILL BE RETAINED FOR QUESTIONING. THE BN WILL ESTABLISH A FORWARD CP VIC (YD 912119). THE 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES WILL CONTINUE^{TO} IMPROVE^{DEFENSE OF} DA NANG AIRFIELD AND EXTENSIVE PATROLLING AROUND THE AFLD COMPLEX.

B. 4TH MARINES. AT 250600H 1ST BN, 4TH MARINES WILL COMMENCE A THREE COMPANY SEARCH AND CLEAR OPERATION (BT 4905) AND (BT 5004).

C. 9TH MARINES. DEVELOPED A PLAN TO OPERATE IN THE EXPANDED DA NANG TAOR, EAST AND SOUTH OF DA NANG AIRBASE. PLAN ADVANCED BY CO, 9TH MARINES WAS CONCURRED IN TODAY BY CHIEF OF STAFF, I CORPS, AND I CORPS ADV GROUP REPRESENTATIVES. DETAILS OF IMPLEMENTATION LEFT TO 9TH MARINES IN DIRECT COORDINATION WITH DA NANG SPECIAL SECTOR AND HOA VANG SUBSECTOR. THE DESIRABILITY OF COMBINED OPERATIONS SOUTH OF CAN DO RIVER WAS DISCUSSED.

D. BLT 2/7. COMMUNICATIONS FAILURE. SITREP NOT RECEIVED.

E. 3D RECON BN. PATROLLING AND OTHER RECONNAISSANCE MISSIONS WILL CONTINUE.

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F. 3D ENGR BN. NO CHANGE.

G. THERE ARE THIRTY-ONE PATROLS AND THREE AMBUSHES PLANNED FOR THIRD MARDIV UNITS DURING THE NEXT 24 HOURS.

9. LATE ENTRIES

A. BLT 2/7. COMMUNICATIONS FAILURE. SITREP NOT RECEIVED.

B. NAVAL GUNFIRE. AT 212059 USS STODDARD, DD 566, COMMENCED FIRE ON (AT 859844). SIXTEEN ROUNDS ILLUM AND EIGHT RDS

HE. H&I FIRES TO CONTINUE THROUGHOUT EARLY MORNING.

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THIRD MARDIV SITREP NUMBER SEVENTY-SEVEN AS OF 221600Z JUL 65

1. THIRD MARINES CONTINUED TO CONDUCT PATROLS AND NIGHT AMBUSHES THROUGHOUT THE REGIMENTAL SECTOR. THE FIRST BATTALION CONDUCTED A HELIBORNE RELIEF OF A PLATOON ON STATION UTILIZING SMOKE COVER SUPPLIED BY MARINE A-1 AIRCRAFT. THE SECOND BATTALION CONDUCTED PATROLS TO MY SON (AT 878763), THE AREA NORTHEAST OF LE MY (GRID SQUARE AT 9082) AND LOCAL SECURITY PATROLS. THE SECOND BATTALION ALSO ESTABLISHED TWELVE AMBUSHES DURING HOURS OF DARKNESS. THE THIRD BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES CONDUCTED A BATTALION (-) OPERATION EASTERN PORTION OF THE TAOR, UTILIZING THE 918TH REGIONAL FORCES COMPANY IN ADDITION TO MARINE CORPS FORCES. COMPANY M OF THE THIRD BATTALION CONDUCTED AN AREA PATROL ACCOMPANIED BY A VILLAGE CHIEF AND THE DISTRICT CHIEF. NINE VCS WERE APPREHENDED. THE FIRST BATTALION, NINTH MARINES REVERTED TO NINTH MARINES CONTROL.

A. 1ST BN, 3RD MARINES. A PLATOON FROM COMPANY C

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WAS LEFT FROM AN LZ VICINITY (AT 885703) COMMENCING AT 0850H UNDER COVER OF SMOKE PROVIDED BY MARINE A-4 AIRCRAFT. LIFT COMPLETED AT 0928H. BEGINNING AT 1300H, THIRD PLATOON COMPANY A DEPARTED [REDACTED] CP AND PATROLLED SOUTHWEST TO VICINITY GRID SQUARE (AT 8666). THIS PLATOON OCCUPIED A PATROL BASE AT (AT 862664) AT 2000H AND ESTABLISHED AMBUSHES IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA. THE FIRST PLATOON OF COMPANY A LEFT [REDACTED] CP AT 1600H AND PATROLLED TO VICINITY GRID SQUARE (AT 8772) THEN TO (AT 873728) WHERE THEY SET UP AMBUSHES ON AVENUES OF APPROACH. LOCAL AMBUSHES AND PATROLS ALONG THE MLR WERE CONDUCTED.

B. 2D BATTALION, 3L MARINES. COMPANY F PATROLLED INTO GRID SQUARES (AT 9176), (AT 9276), (AT 9071) AND (AT 9076) CHECKING IDENTIFICATION OF INDIGENOUS PERSONNEL. NEGATIVE RESULTS. AT 0600H TWO SQUADS FROM COMPANY E CHECKED THE MSR WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. AT 0855H F COMPANY SENT A PLATOON WITH A DOCTOR TO MY SON (AT 878763) WHERE THE DOCTOR HELD SICK CALL. AT 0855H, COMPANY G SENT A PATROL TO THE NORTH-EAST OF LE MY (AT 9082) TO CHECK FOR SNIPERS. NEGATIVE RESULTS. A PLATOON OF COMPANY G PATROLLED TO VICINITY (AT 885824) AND RETURNED. NEGATIVE CONTACT. COMPANY H PATROLLED TO (AT 871798) AND ESTABLISHED AN AMBUSH. NEGATIVE CONTACT. A PLATOON FROM COMPANY H ALSO PATROLLED FROM (AT 871804) TO (AT 870798).

C. 3L BN, 4TH MAR. AT 220150H A PROBE OF THE MLR WAS DETECTED, ILLUMINATED AND TAKEN UNDER FIRE BY THE ARTILLERY

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(FOUR ROUNDS HE). ONE VC APPARENTLY WOUNDED. COMPANY M SEARCHED HAMLET NUMBER FIVE OF PHU BAI WHILE COMPANY L (-), COMPANY C (-) THIRD RECON BN, AND THE 918TH REGIONAL FORCE COMPANY ESTABLISHED BLOCKING POSITIONS. COMPANY M, ACCOMPANIED BY THE VILLAGE CHIEF AND DISTRICT CHIEF SEARCHED THE HAMLET FOR CONTRABAND. NINE VCS AND A SUITCASE FULL OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES WERE APPREHENDED.

L. 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES. AT 221058H ONE SQUAD APPREHENDED A VCS ON THE NORTH SIDE OF HIGHWAY NUMBER ONE CARRYING POSSIBLE BOMB COMPONENTS. THE BATTALION CONDUCTED FIVE PATROLS IN THE DA NANG AIRBASE AREA. 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES CHOPPED TO 9TH MARINES.

E. 1ST BN, 12TH MARINES. ALL UNITS REMAINED IN THE SAME POSITIONS EXCEPT ONE PLATOON OF THE 8" HOWITZERS WHO DIS- PLACED TO (AT 962713). THE BATTALION FIRED A TOTAL OF TEN HARASSING, THIRTEEN INTERDICTION, FOUR "WILL ADJUST", FOUR UNOBSERVED FIRE FOR EFFECT AND FOUR PRECISION REGISTRATION MISSIONS. AMMUNITION EXPENDED: 105MM: 97HE, 24WP, 6 ILLUM., 155MM: 20 HE, 8": 30 HE, 107MM: 4HE.

F. NAVAL GUNFIRE. NAVAL GUNFIRE CONDUCTED EIGHT H&I MISSIONS, ALL OBSERVED. EXPENDED: 5" 138,56 HE, 35 ILLUMINATION , 30 WP

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2. FOURTH MARINES. OF SIGNIFICANCE IS THE FACT THAT DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD THERE WAS NO VC CONTACT.

A. 1ST BN, 4TH MARINES CONDUCTED DAY AND NIGHT PATROLS INCLUDING ONE WATERBORNE NIGHT PATROL ON LVT'S. PLATOON OUTPOSTS MAINTAINED AT AN TAN BRIDGE (BT 498066) AND HILL 69 (BT 468068).

B. 2ND BN, 4TH MARINES. ALL COMPANIES RAN PATROLS INCLUDING ONE COMPANY (-) PATROL BY COMPANY H.

C. 3RD BN, 3D MARINES. COMPANY I REMAINED IN OVER-NIGHT DEFENSIVE POSITION (BS 686968), AND MOVED NORTH TO (BT 655005) WHERE TWENTY-FIVE VC WERE SEEN AT 220659H. ARTILLERY FIRE REQUESTED AND RECEIVED AT 220707H. ROUNDS ON TARGET; NO SURVEILLANCE. PATROL MOVED NORTHWEST THROUGH TUYET DIEM (6) (BT 650013). COMPANY WITHDREW BY LVT FROM (BT 638024) AT 221215H. COMPANY K HELILIFTED TO (BT 646030) AND PATROLLED AREA EAST OF SONG TRA BONG RIVER. AT 221045H COMPANY WAS SEARCHING (BT 650005) TO (BT 658011) WHERE NUMEROUS CAVES AND TUNNELS WERE DISCOVERED AND DESTROYED.

D. 3D BN, 12TH MARINES FIRED A TOTAL OF 32 MISSIONS AND EXPENDED 115 ROUNDS.

3. 9TH MARINES CONTINUED TO CONSOLIDATE ITS HOLD ON DUONG SON (1) (AT 9968) AND PHONG LE (1) (AT 9969) WITH SECOND BATTALION, 9TH MARINES UNITS. IT ASSUMED OPCON OF 1ST BN. NINTH MARINES AT 221130H JULY 65.

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A. 2D BN, 9TH MARINES KEPT COMPANY E AND COMPANY H (-) IN DEFENSIVE POSITIONS AROUND THE PERIMETER OF DUONG SON (1). THE THIRD PLT OF COMPANY H HELD THE POSITIONS IT TOOK SOUTH OF PHONG LE (1) LAST NIGHT AND ACTED AS A BLOCKING FORCE AS THE SECOND PLATOON, COMPANY H MOVED WITH RE TROOPS ON A SEARCH OF PHONG LE (1) THIS MORNING. COMPANY B, THIRD AMTRAC BN SUPPORTED THE MOVE FROM POSITIONS IN THE CAU LO RIVER. THE SEARCH DID NOT PRODUCE ANY VC CONTACT. COMPANY F HAS ITS PLATOONS AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS: ONE, AT HILL 47 (AT 975705); THE SECOND, AT THE BRIDGE AT (AT 999708); AND THE THIRD PLATOON AT THE AMMO DUMP AT (AT 988732). COMPANY G IS AT (AT 988720). THE TPS-21 PICKED UP MOVEMENT FROM DUONG SON (2) (AT 9967) TWICE DURING THE NIGHT OF 21-22 JULY. EACH INSTANCE WAS ABOUT A FOUR MAN GROUP, ONE MOVING EAST AND THE OTHER NORTH FROM DUONG SON (2). 3.5 INCH ROCKET FIRE (HE AND WP) SCORED HITS AGAINST BOTH GROUPS, BUT VC CASUALTIES WERE NOT CONFIRMED.

B. 2D BN, 12TH MARINES FIRED EIGHT ROUNDS OF HE REGISTRATION (AT 9867). FOR BENEFIT CO, 9TH MAR AND STAFF, SMOKE SCREEN WAS DEMONSTRATED WITH TWENTY-FOUR ROUNDS OF SMOKE VIC (AT 985675)

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 4. ~~BUT~~ BLT SECOND BATTALION, SEVENTH MARINES CONTINUED TO IMPROVE POSITIONS AND PATROLLING AND AMBUSH ACTIVITY. SECOND PLATOON, COMPANY C, FIRST RECON BATTALION CONDUCTED THREE ROAD SECURITY PATROLS BETWEEN BLT CP

(CR 018196) AND VILLAGE OF CU MONG (CR 034130) VIA ROUTE ONE. NEGATIVE CONTACT. OTHER COMPANIES PATROLLED AND AMBUSHES SET UP OVERNIGHT AT (CR 040113), (CR 042120) AND (CR 031128). NEGATIVE CONTACT THROUGHOUT TAOR.

5. 3D RECON BN. COMPANY D (-) DEPARTED BATTALION CP (953746) AT 211800H FOR PATROL BASE VIC RED BEACH TWO (AT 957792). BLOCKING POSITIONS ESTABLISHED FROM (AT 959799) TO (AT 966803) AND REMAINED IN POSITION UNTIL 220650H. NEGATIVE CONTACT. H&S COMPANY CONTINUED OPERATION OF OP HOTEL (AT 959745). FIRST PLATOON, COMPANY A CONTINUED OPERATIONS AT DONG DEN MOUNTAIN (AB 836827).

6. 3D ENGR BN. ~~THIRD ENGINEER BATTALION.~~ MAXIMUM EFFORT CONTINUED ON GRADING, CAPPING, AND WATERING DOWN BY-PASS ROAD AROUND HILL 327 AND ROAD TO HILL 268. CONTINUED DEVELOPING DRAINAGE SYSTEM FOR PROSPECTIVE DIVISION CP SITE. WATER LINE (PLUMBING) INSTALLATION FOR MEDICAL BATTALION COMPLETED. NINETEEN ENGINEER BATTALION PERSONNEL ATTENDING A BATTALION SPONSORED LAND MINE WARFARE SCHOOL. THE SCHOOL EMPHASIZES USE, DETECTION, AND REMOVAL/DISPOSAL OF VIET CONG MINES.

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COMPANY H WILL OPERATE IN THE LONG SON/NGOC SON AREA TWO OR THREE DAYS.

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L. 3D BN, 4TH MARINES. AT 230800H, COMPANY C, THRID RECON BN. WILL HELILIFT A PLATOON AND ESTABLISH TWO OP'S AT (YD 867069) AND (YD 868058), TO RETURN TO BN CP BY 231830H. COMPANY M WILL MOVE TO (YD 820119) AT 1730H AND SET IN A NIGHT POSITION WITH AMBUSHES.

E. 9TH MARINES. ^{AT 230800H} COMPANY L, 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES WILL MOVE TO "A" AREA (SOUTH) OF EXPANDED DANANG TAOR ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ ^{AT 230600H} ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ AND EXTENDING TO VIC (BT 018734). ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ COMPANY OF 2D BN, 9TH MAR WILL SUPPORT RF AND PF UNITS IN A SEARCH OF CAM NAM (BT 0170) AND PHONG LE (2) (BT 0070) ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ IN A PHASED EXTENSION OF 2d BN, 9TH MARINES OPERATIONS INTO HOA CHAU VILLAGE, AS COORDINATED WITH DANANG SPECIAL SECTOR AND HOA VANG SUBSECTOR.

F. 4TH MARINES. 1ST BN, 4TH MARINES COMPANY B (-) WILL LAND BY HELICOPTER (BT 445045) AND CONDUCT A COMBAT PATROL, ^{AND} SET IN FOR NIGHT (BT 435060). 2D BN, ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ WILL CONDUCT A ^{PA} COMPANY (-) NIGHT COMBAT PATROL ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ ^{SEVERAL DAY/NIGHT PLATOON WITHIN ITS SECTOR OF THE TAOR} AND SQUAL PATROLS. 3D BN, 3D MARINES WILL CONTINUE PATROLLING.

G. BLT 217, ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ WILL CONTINUE PATROLLING WITHIN TAOR WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON ROUTE ONE.

H. THIRD RECON BN. COMPANY D WILL CONTINUE BLOCKING POSITIONS (AT 959799) TO (AT 966803) NIGHT OF 22 JULY. COMPANY A WILL CONTINUE OPERATIONS AT LONG DEN MTN (AT 836827) AND ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ ^{ESTABLISH}

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THIRD MARDIV SITREP NR SEVENTY-EIGHT AS OF 231600Z JUL 65

1. THIRD MARINES. CONDUCTED TEN PATROLS AND THIRTEEN AMBUSHES DURING THIS PERIOD. THE ONLY VC CONTACT REPORTED WAS SNIPER FIRE RECEIVED BY A PATROL FROM CO A OF THE FIRST BN WHICH RESULTED IN ONE USMC WIA. CO F AND ONE PLATOON FROM CO H LAUNCHED A THREE-DAY SEARCH AND DESTROY OPN IN THE NORTHWEST SECTOR OF THE TAOR TODAY. NO CONTACT HAS BEEN REPORTED BUT A VC BN ARMED WITH 81MM MORTARS IS REPORTED BY RVN SOURCES TO BE IN THE AREA OF THIS OPERATION.

A. 1ST BN, 3D MARINES. CO A MAINTAINED TWO PLATOONS PATROLLING IN THE SOUTHWEST PORTION OF THE TAOR. AT 231025H ONE PLATOON RECEIVED AUTOMATIC WPNS FIRE FROM APPROX FOUR SNIPERS. AT THIS TIME THE PATROL WAS MOVING ALONG A DENSELY FOLIATE TRAIL VIC (AT 862664) THAT HAD BEEN BOOBY TRAPPED WITH HAND GRENADES IN FIVE PLACES, PREVENTING RAPID DISPERSION. ONE USMC WIA RESULTED FROM THE SNIPER FIRE. DURING THE REST OF THE DAY ONE ARTILLERY MISSION AND TWO AIR STRIKES WERE DELIVERED IN SUPPORT OF THIS PATROL ACTIVITY. NO SURVEILLANCE WAS GIVEN. THE ~~OTHER~~ PLATOON PATROL APPREHENDED THREE VCS VIC (AT 863735) AT 231040H. THE VCS WILL REMAIN WITH THE PATROL UNTIL ITS RETURN ON 24 JULY.

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B. 2D BN, 3D MARINES. TWO SQDS FROM CO E CONDUCTED A PATROL OF THE MSR AT FIRST LIGHT. THERE WAS NO VC CONTACT AND NO EVIDENCE OF MINING WAS FOUND. AT 231600H A PLAT FROM CO H MOVED WEST TO VIC (AT 840806) AND THEN SOUTH FOR APPROX 1000 METERS, WHERE NIGHT PSNS WERE ESTABLISHED. CO G LEFT ITS CP AND MOVED WEST ALSO TO VIC (AT 859750). FROM THESE PSNS A THREE-DAY SEARCH AND DESTROY OPN COVERING THE AREA BETWEEN THE TWO FORCES AND BACK TO THE EAST WILL BE CONDUCTED. AS OF THIS DATE THIS AREA IS REPORTED BY RVN SOURCES TO CONTAIN A VC BN ARMED WITH 81MM MORTARS. NIGHT SQD SIZE AMBUSHES HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED IN THE BN AREA TONIGHT BUT NO CONTACT HAS BEEN REPORTED.

C. 3D BN, 4TH MARINES. CO M RETURNED TO THE BN CP AREA AT 230630H FROM LAST NIGHT'S PSN VIC (YD 827077). DURING THE DAY A LIGHT SECTION OF TANKS AND A LIGHT SECTION OF ONTOS CONDUCTED A MECHANIZED PATROL FROM THE BN CP AREA TO (YD 894074) AND BACK W/O CONTACT. AT 231730H CO M WAS HELILIFTED TO (YD 820119) WHERE NIGHT PSNS WERE ESTABLISHED AND A PLATOON AMBUSH SET IN AT (YD 826119). NO CONTACT HAS BEEN REPORTED.

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D. 1ST BN, 12TH MARINES. FIRED NINETEEN H&I MISSIONS, ONE ILLUM, TWO FIRE FOR EFFECT AND ONE WILL ADJUST MISSION DURING THIS PERIOD. ONE VC OP WAS REPORTED NEUTRALIZED ON THE ADJUSTED MISSION FIRED IN SUPPORT OF CO A, 1ST BN, 3D MARINES. AMMO EXPENDED WAS: 105MM - THIRTY-SIX HE; 107MM - THREE ILLUM; 8" - THIRTY-FOUR HE.

E. NAVAL GUN FIRE. THE USS CRAIG AND USS STODDARD FIRED TWO H&I MISSIONS IN SUPPORT OF 3D MARINES UTILIZING SEVENTY-TWO ROUNDS OF 5"/38 CAL. HE AND SIXTY-FOUR ROUNDS OF ILLUM. BOTH MISSIONS WERE REPORTED TO BE ON TARGET WITH GOOD EFFECT.

2. 4TH MARINES. DURING THIS PERIOD, UNITS OF THE 4TH MARINES CONDUCTED THREE COMPANY PATROLS, THREE PLATOON PATROLS, TEN SQUAD PATROLS AND THREE AMBUSHES. THIRTEEN OF THE PATROLS WERE CONDUCTED

AT NIGHT. PATROLLING AND AMBUSHES WERE CONDUCTED THROUGHOUT THE TAOR WITH ONLY ONE INSTANCE OF VC CONTACT. **SECRET**

SIGNIFICANT PATROLS DEPARTED LATE 23 JULY AND WILL REMAIN OUT APPROX TWENTY-FOUR HOURS.

A. 1ST BN, 4TH MARINES. CONDUCTED AMBUSHES AND PATROLS BOTH FORWARD AND WITHIN THEIR MLR. THE MOST SIGNIFICANT PATROL ACTION BEGAN AT 231500H. CO B (-) ON "OPERATION JOE" HELILIFTED INTO A LANDING ZONE VIC (BT 449043). AT 231635H THE CO RECEIVED SA FIRE VIC (BT 435043). ARTILLERY FIRE WAS CONDUCTED ON THE TARGET SILENCING THE SA FIRE. THE PATROL MOVED FORWARD ~~AND~~ FINDING ONE VC KILLED AS THE RESULT OF THE ARTILLERY FIRE. AT 231740H CO B ~~ATTACHED~~ ENGINEER TEAM BEGAN BLOWING CAVES AND TUNNELS VIC (BT 438043). AT 231830H ONE VCS WAS APPREHENDED VIC (BT 440045) AND ATTACHED ENGR TEAM CONTINUED TO DESTROY CAVES VIC (BT 435053). NO OTHER VC CONTACT HAS BEEN REPORTED WITHIN THE 1ST BN.

B. 2D BN, 4TH MARINES. CONDUCTED PATROLS AND AMBUSHES FORWARD AND INSIDE OF THEIR MLR. NO VC CONTACT REPORTED. CO E (-) DEPARTED ON "OPERATION GRUNT" AT 231600H. PATROL BEGAN VIC (BT 5303) AND ^{BE} WILL ~~CONTINUED~~ TO (BT 4502) DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD.

C. 3D BN, 3D MARINES. CO M CONDUCTED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPNS EAST OF THE SONG TRA BONG RIVER VIC (BS 6498). AT 231310H THE CO MOVED THROUGH THE VILLAGE OF THONG HOA (2) VIC (BS 642973) BLOWING NUMEROUS CAVES AND TUNNELS. AT 1435H ^{CO M} SEARCHED THE VILLAGE OF HOA TAY VIC (BS 646974). NO VC CONTACT REPORTED.

D. 1ST BN, 12TH MARINES. CONDUCTED ONE WILL ADJUST MISSION, NINETEEN H&I MISSIONS AND THREE REGISTRATIONS, EXPENDING 132 RDS.

3. 9TH MARINES. TEN PATROLS WERE CONDUCTED DURING THIS PERIOD WITHOUT VC CONTACT. CO H, 2D BN, 9TH MARINES, IN CONJUNCTION WITH **SECRET**

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POPULAR FORCES CONDUCTED A SEARCH OF CAM NAM (BT 0170) AND PHONG LE (2) (BT 0070). ONE PF SOLDIER WAS KILLED AND ANOTHER WOUNDED ACCIDENTALLY BY CO H AS THIS OPN WAS GETTING UNDER WAY. THE ONLY USMC CASUALTY OCCURED IN THE EARLY EVENING AS A RESULT OF SNIPER FIRE FROM PHONG LE (1) (BT 0070).

A. 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES. CONDUCTED TEN SQD SIZE PATROLS AROUND THE DA NANG AIRFIELD, EIGHT AT NIGHT AND TWO DURING THE DAY. THERE WAS NO VC CONTACT AND NO UNUSUAL ACTIVITY OBSERVED. AT 230830H CO D MOVED FROM THE AFLD TO (BT 025735).

B. 2D BN, 9TH MARINES. CO H PROVIDED BLOCKING FORCES FOR A SEARCH OF CAM NAM AND PHONG LE (2) BY ~~POPULAR~~ FORCES. WHILE MOVING INTO THE BLOCKING PSNS CO H RECEIVED SA FIRE FROM TWO MEN BELIEVED TO BE VC. CO H RETURNED THE FIRE, KILLING ONE MAN AND WOUNDING THE OTHER. IT WAS THEN LEARNED THAT THE TWO MEN WERE POPULAR FORCE SOLDIERS WHO HAD REPORTEDLY BEEN FIRING AT VC WHEN THEIR ROUNDS IMPACTED IN CO H'S PSN. THE SEARCH OPN WAS THEN CONDUCTED FROM 230700H - 231300H WITHOUT FURTHER INCI-^{CO}DNET. ONE PLATOON FROM CO H REMAINED IN PSN SOUTH OF PHONG LE (1) VIC (AT 992698) - (AT 997696) WHILE THE REST OF THE CO RETURNED TO ITS CP (BT 002701). AT APPROX 232000H CO H CP RECEIVED SNIPER FIRE FROM VIC PHONG LE (1) WHICH RESULTED IN ONE USMC WIA. FIRE WAS NOT RETURNED BECAUSE SPECIFIC LOCATION OF SNIPER IN THE VILLAGE COULD NOT BE LOCATED.

C. 2d BN, 12TH MARINES. FIRED FOUR ILLUM MISSI^{ONS} IN SUPPORT OF 2D BN, 9TH MARINES, EXPENDING FORTY-ONE RDS OF 105MM ILLUM.

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D. CO B (-), 1ST AMTRAC BN. ESTABLISHED A BLOCKING PSN WITH FIVE LVT'S ON THE SONG CAU DO RIVER FROM (AT 998706) TO (BT 016716) IN SUPPORT OF THE SEARCH OPN CONDUCTED IN CAM NAM AND PHONG LE (2).

4. BLT 2/7. CONDUCTED TWO SQD PATROLS AND ESTABLISHED FOUR SQD AMBUSHES. CO F REPORTED A SIX TO EIGHT MAN VC PROBE OF THEIR PSN. MSG DID NOT INDICATE TIME AND PROPER LOCATION. CO H ESTABLISHED A FIRE TEAM AMBUSH VIC (CR 03415) FROM 221930H TO 230700H. THEY RECEIVED FIRE FROM THREE TO FIVE VC. (NO TIME INDICATED IN MSG). VC RETREATED WHEN FIRED UPON. NO CASUALTIES. NO FURTHER CONTACT.

5. 3D RECON BN. CO A CONTINUED OPNS OF OP'S ON DONG DEN MT (AT 8382) AND IN RAOR-4 (SOUTHWEST SECTOR OF THE DA NANG TAOR). CO D CONDUCTED OPNS ON THE TOURANE AND SONG CAU DO RIVERS TO BRID SQUARE (AT 9970). OPERATION WAS MADE TO TAKE SOUNDINGS, LOCATE FORDING POINTS FOR TANKS AND DETERMINE ROUTES FOR LCU CROSSINGS. THERE WAS NO VC CONTACT DURING THIS PERIOD ALTHOUGH ARTILLERY MISSIONS WERE FIRED AT VC ASSEMBLY AREAS (BT 947650) AND (AT 867846) AS A RESULT OF OBSERVATIONS MADE BY THE TWO OP'S. NO CONFIRMED SURVEILLANCE IS AVAILABLE FOR EITHER MISSION.

6. 3D ENGR BN. CONTINUED TO SUPPORT 2D BN, 9TH MARINES IN MINE CLEARING OPNS. GENERAL ENGINEER OPNS CONSISTING OF ROAD IMPROVEMENT, LUMBER CONSTRUCTION AND STRONG BACK TENT CONSTRUCTION WAS CONTINUED IN SUPPORT OF UNITS IN THE DA NANG TAOR.

7. PEOPLE TO PEOPLE

A. 3D MARINES. FIFTEEN PERSONS WERE GIVEN MEDICAL TREATMENT

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AND FIFTEEN POUNDS OF WOMEN'S CLOTHING WERE DISTRIBUTED VIC (AT 933721). ANOTHER 107 PEOPLE WERE TREATED AT THE LE MY DISPENSARY. AT HUE-PHU BAI 550 PEOPLE FROM THE VILLAGES OF THUY PHU (YD 895124) AND THUY TAN (YD 911155) WERE GIVEN MEDICAL TREATMENT OVER A TWO-DAY PERIOD. IN HUE THE CATHOLIC AND PROTESTANT CHAPLAINS MET WITH THE BUDDHIST ARCHBISHOP OF HUE AND ESTABLISHED LIAISON WITH THE BUDDHIST MONKS OF THE TAOR. THE BN SURGEON ESTABLISHED A BLOOD DONOR PROGRAM WITH THE HUE NATIONAL HOSPITAL THROUGH WHICH THE BN WILL DONATE BLOOD MONTHLY FOR THE LOCAL CITIZENS.

B. 9TH MARINES. ESTABLISHED MEDCAP STATIONS IN XUAN HOA (BT 0077), PHONG LE (1) AND AT THE 2D BN, 9TH MARINES AID STATION. 188 PEOPLE RECEIVED TREATMENT AT THESE STATIONS DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD.

8. INTENTIONS

A. 3D MARINES WILL MAINTAIN PATROL OPNS IN THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE TAOR, REPLACING THE TWO PLATOONS FROM CO A WITH ONE PLATOON FROM CO D. THE SEARCH AND DESTROY OPN IN THE NORTHWEST AREA WILL CONTINUE WITH CO F MOVING NORTH FROM VIC (AT 8476) AND THE PLATOON FROM CO H MOVING EAST FROM VIC (AT 8378).

B. 4TH MARINES. CO B (-), 1ST BN, 4TH MARINES WILL CONTINUE OPERATION JOE ESTABLISHING AMBUSHES VIC (BT 435060) UNTIL 240300H. AT THAT TIME THE PATROL WILL MOVE WEST TO VIC (BT 4107) AND THEN NORTH TO THEIR PICK-UP POINT (BT 431108) ARRIVING AT APPROX 241600H. CO E (-), 2D BN, 4TH MARINES WILL CONTINUE OPERATION GRUNT WEST TO VIC (BT 4502) AND THEN MOVE EAST TO VIC (BT 5004) ARRIVING APPROX 241100H.

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C. 9TH MARINES. WILL CONCENTRATE ON CONSOLIDATION OF NEWLY ESTABLISHED PSNS DURING THE NEXT TWENTY-FOUR HOURS.

D. BLT 2/7. WILL CONDUCT SQD PATROLS AND AMBUSHES VIC (CR 0323) AND (CR 0016).

E. 3D RECON BN. WILL CONTINUE OPN OF OP'S ON DONG DEN MT AND IN RAOR-4. PREPARATIONS FOR RECON OPNS IN RAOR-D (HAI VAN PASS AREA, NORTH OF THE TAOR) WILL BE COMPLETED. THIS OPN STARTS 25 JULY.

F. 3D ENGR BN. WILL CONTINUE TO PERFORM ENGINEER SUPPORT FOR UNITS WITHIN THE DA NANG TAOR.

G. DURING THE NEXT TWENTY-FOUR HOURS THERE ARE THIRTY-TWO PATROLS AND FOURTEEN AMBUSHES PLANNED FOR 3D MARDIV UNITS.

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 30 RECON - 5
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THIRD MARDIV SITREP NR SEVENTY-NINE AS OF 241600Z JUL 65

1. THIRD MARINES. TWO PLATOONS OF COMPANY A PATROLLED FROM THEIR CP TO VICINITY (AT 875700) WHERE THEY SEARCHED THE VILLAGE OF CAO SUNG (2). NEGATIVE VC CONTACT. AT 241700H ONE PLATOON OF COMPANY D WAS HELILIFTED TO (AT 908648) AND PATROLLED SOUTHWEST TO NIGHT DEFENSIVE/ AMBUSH POSITIONS VICINITY (AT 832632). IN THE SECOND BATTALION SECTOR ONE PLATOON OF COMPANY H SET UP BLOCKING POSITIONS IN THE VICINITY OF (AT 851802). COMPANY F PATROLLED NORTH FROM (GRID SQUARE 8575) TO LINK UP WITH COMPANY H. NEGATIVE VC CONTACT. COMPANY M, THIRD BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN THE SOUTHWESTERN PART OF THE BATTALION TAOR. NEGATIVE VC CONTACT. COMPANIES I, K AND H&S CONDUCTED LOCAL SECURITY PATROLS. THE FIRST BATTALION, TWELFTH MARINES FIRED ELEVEN MISSIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE THIRD MARINES.

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A. FIRST BATTALION, THIRD MARINES. TWO PLATOONS OF COMPANY A JUMPED OFF AT FIRST LIGHT AND CONDUCTED A SEARCH AND CLEAR OPERATION IN THE VILLAGE OF CAO SUNG (2) (AT 875700). NO VC CONTACT. AT 241700H ONE PLATOON OF COMPANY D WAS HELILIFTED TO VICINITY (AT 905650) AND PATROLLED SOUTHWEST TO THEIR NIGHT DEFENSIVE/AMBUSH POSITIONS VICINITY (AT 830630)

B. SECOND BATTALION, THIRD MARINES. AT 240740H COMPANY F COMMENCED A SEARCH AND CLEAR OPERATION FROM QS (AT 8575) NORTH TO VICINITY (AT 851802) WHERE THEY LINKED UP WITH A PLATOON OF COMPANY H WHICH HAD BEEN IN BLOCKING POSITIONS AT THAT POINT. NEGATIVE VC CONTACT.

C. THIRD BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES. COMPANY M CONDUCTED A PATROL FROM (YD 820119) TO (YD 815091) THEN TO (YD 828086) WHERE IT SET UP NIGHT POSITIONS. AT 240630H ONE PLATOON OF COMPANY C, THIRD RECON BATTALION WAS HELILIFTED TO THE VICINITY OF (YD 834068), PATROLLED TO (YD 885067) AND HELILIFTED BACK TO THE BATTALION CP. AT 241330H A MOTORIZED RECON PATROL DEPARTED THE CP, PATROLLED TO THE VICINITY OF (YD 886082) AND RETURNED. NO VC CONTACT.

D. FIRST BATTALION, TWELFTH MARINES. ALL BATTERIES REMAIN IN POSITIONS LAST REPORTED. BATTERY A FIRED FIVE INTERDICTION MISSIONS AND TWO HARRASSING MISSIONS. BATTERY L FIRED ONE INTERDICTION MISSION AND ONE WILL ADJUST MISSION. ~~THE FOLLOWING BATTERIES~~

~~CHINA BATTALION, SECOND MARINES, BATTERY B, BATTERY C, BATTERY D, BATTERY E, BATTERY F, BATTERY G, BATTERY H, BATTERY I, BATTERY J, BATTERY K, BATTERY L, BATTERY M, BATTERY N, BATTERY O, BATTERY P, BATTERY Q, BATTERY R, BATTERY S, BATTERY T, BATTERY U, BATTERY V, BATTERY W, BATTERY X, BATTERY Y, BATTERY Z, BATTERY AA, BATTERY AB, BATTERY AC, BATTERY AD, BATTERY AE, BATTERY AF, BATTERY AG, BATTERY AH, BATTERY AI, BATTERY AJ, BATTERY AK, BATTERY AL, BATTERY AM, BATTERY AN, BATTERY AO, BATTERY AP, BATTERY AQ, BATTERY AR, BATTERY AS, BATTERY AT, BATTERY AU, BATTERY AV, BATTERY AW, BATTERY AX, BATTERY AY, BATTERY AZ, BATTERY BA, BATTERY BB, BATTERY BC, BATTERY BD, BATTERY BE, BATTERY BF, BATTERY BG, BATTERY BH, BATTERY BI, BATTERY BJ, BATTERY BK, BATTERY BL, BATTERY BM, BATTERY BN, BATTERY BO, BATTERY BP, BATTERY BQ, BATTERY BR, BATTERY BS, BATTERY BT, BATTERY BU, BATTERY BV, BATTERY BW, BATTERY BX, BATTERY BY, BATTERY BZ, BATTERY CA, BATTERY CB, BATTERY CC, BATTERY CD, BATTERY CE, BATTERY CF, BATTERY CG, BATTERY CH, BATTERY CI, BATTERY CJ, BATTERY CK, BATTERY CL, BATTERY CM, BATTERY CN, BATTERY CO, BATTERY CP, BATTERY CQ, BATTERY CR, BATTERY CS, BATTERY CT, BATTERY CU, BATTERY CV, BATTERY CW, BATTERY CX, BATTERY CY, BATTERY CZ, BATTERY DA, BATTERY DB, BATTERY DC, BATTERY DD, BATTERY DE, BATTERY DF, BATTERY DG, BATTERY DH, BATTERY DI, BATTERY DJ, BATTERY DK, BATTERY DL, BATTERY DM, BATTERY DN, BATTERY DO, BATTERY DP, BATTERY DQ, BATTERY DR, BATTERY DS, BATTERY DT, BATTERY DU, BATTERY DV, BATTERY DW, BATTERY DX, BATTERY DY, BATTERY DZ, BATTERY EA, BATTERY EB, BATTERY EC, BATTERY ED, BATTERY EE, BATTERY EF, BATTERY EG, BATTERY EH, BATTERY EI, BATTERY EJ, BATTERY EK, BATTERY EL, BATTERY EM, BATTERY EN, BATTERY EO, BATTERY EP, BATTERY EQ, BATTERY ER, BATTERY ES, BATTERY ET, BATTERY EU, BATTERY EV, BATTERY EW, BATTERY EX, BATTERY EY, BATTERY EZ, BATTERY FA, BATTERY FB, BATTERY FC, BATTERY FD, BATTERY FE, BATTERY FF, BATTERY FG, BATTERY FH, BATTERY FI, BATTERY FJ, 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ILLUMINATION AT THE REQUEST OF SHORE PARTY BATTALION. NINE
 ROUNDS WERE DUDS. AT 241010H, BATTERY W COMMENCED DISPLACE-
 MENT TO VICINITY (AT 910754) FOR 4.2" MORTAR TRAINING. NINE
 ROUNDS OF WP AND ONE ROUND OF HE WERE EXPENDED IN TRAINING.
 AT 241412H, BATTERY W RETURNED TO ITS PRIMARY POSITION.
 AMMUNITION EXPENDED: 105MM-14HE, 155MM-16HE, 8"-2HE, 4.2"-9
 WP, 1 HE. MISSIONS BY TYPE: INTERDICTION-6, HARRASSING-2,
 WILL ADJUST-4, FFE-1.

2. FOURTH MARINES. THE FIRST BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES IN
 A COMPANY (-) OPERATION DEMONSTRATED TO THE VIET ^{CONG A} ~~2016~~
 FLAMELESS AMBUSH. THE COMPANY (-) LANDED THE NIGHT OF 23 JULY
 IN A THUNDERSTORM AND UNDER DARKNESS MOVED ABOUT 3000 METERS
 INTO AMBUSH POSITIONS. AT SUNRISE SEVEN ARMED VIET CONG
 APPROACHED THE POSITION AND THE MARINES OPENED FIRE ON THE
 UNSUSPECTING VC KILLING THREE AND CAPTURING ONE CARBINE AND
 ONE FRENCH RIFLE. LATER AT 240715H THE OTHER COMPANY AMBUSH
 POSITION IN A NEARBY LOCATION HEARD SMALL ARMS FIRE AND RUSHED
 TO THE SOUND AND WOUNDED TWO VC. ONE VC WITH A CARBINE WAS
 CAPTURED AND LATER DIED AND THE OTHER ESCAPED IN THE DENSE
 UNDERGROWTH. NO USMC CASUALTIES.

A. FIRST BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES. COMPANY A CONDUCTED
 DAY AND NIGHT PATROLS WITH NEGATIVE CONTACT. COMPANY B (-)
 LANDED BY HELICOPTER AT (BT 449043) ON 23 JULY. DURING DARK-
 NESS THE SECOND PLATOON SET IN AN AMBUSH AT (BT 411070). ~~47~~

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AMBUSH WAS SPRUNG ON SEVEN ARMED VC ~~RESULTING IN THREE~~
VC KIAS.

~~AT 240710H~~ TWO VC WEAPONS (AN M-1 CARBINE AND A FRENCH RIFLE)
WERE CAPTURED. THE FIRST BATTALION ^{IN} AMBUSH POSITION ^{AT (BT 423077)}
HAD NO CONTACT DURING THE NIGHT.

~~AT 240710H~~ ^{PLATOON} HEARD RIFLE FIRE IN VICINITY AND WERE INVESTIGATING. ENCOUNTERED TWO VC.

BOTH VC WERE WOUNDED, ONE DIED AFTER INTERROGATION ~~AND~~ THE OTHER ESCAPED

INTO THE DENSE VEGETATION. NO USMC CASUALTIES IN EITHER ACTION.
COMPANY C MAINTAINED OUTPOSTS AT AM TAN BRIDGE (BT 498066) AND
~~ON~~ ON HILL 69 (BT 468068).

B. SECOND BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES CONDUCTED PATROLS
AND AMBUSHES ~~THROUGHOUT~~ BN SECTION.

C. THIRD BATTALION, THIRD MARINES. COMPANY I REMAINS IN
A DEFENSIVE POSITION ALONG THE MLR. IN ADDITION THEY OCCUPY
OP #1 (BS 560996) AND A ROADBLOCK AT (BT 553013). A PLATOON
SIZE FORCE DEPARTED AT 0900H FOR A 6000 METER FOOT PATROL FOR-
WARD OF THE MLR. NEGATIVE CONTACT. COMPANY K ~~AT 1100H~~ ²⁷ MANS
OP #3 (BT 583026) WITH ONE FIRE TEAM. AT 1100H A PLATOON SIZED
PATROL WAS DISPATCHED PARALLEL TO THE CO I PATROL. COMPANY I
WAS HELILIFTED TO THE PENINSULA EAST OF SONG TRA BON AT 240800H
FROM (BT 565041). AT 240810H THE COMPANY LANDED AT (BT 638004)
AND EFFECTED A RELIEF OF COMPANY M WITHOUT INCIDENT. THE COMPANY
CONDUCTED A SEARCH OF DONG LE(2) (BS 6599) WITH NO CONTACT.
COMPANY M CONDUCTED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS ON PENINSULA EAST
OF SONG TRA BON UNTIL RELIEVED BY COMPANY L. AT 240800H THEY
WERE HELILIFTED FROM (BT 638004) TO (BT 565041). THE COMPANY IS
NOW IN REGIMENTAL RESERVE.

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1. FIRST MARINES. CONSOLIDATED ITS COMPANY-SIZE OCCUPATION OF THE ALFA SECTION OF THE EXPANDED DA NANG TAOR. THE TWO COMPANIES SOUTH OF CAU DO RIVER CONTINUED TO RECEIVE SNIPER FIRE FROM HAMLETS TO THE WEST AND SOUTHWEST.

2. FIRST BATTALION, NINTH MARINES. CONSTRUCTED POSITIONS VICINITY (BT 025735) AND DISPATCHED DAY AND NIGHT PATROLS PRELIMINARY TO EXTENDING THE ELEMENTS OF COMPANY D IN THE ALFA SECTION OF THE EXPANDED DA NANG TAOR. OTHER COMPANIES OF THE BATTALION CONDUCTED TWELVE NIGHT AND TWO DAY PATROLS AROUND THE DA NANG AIRBASE.

3. SECOND BATTALION, NINTH MARINES. COMPANY E RECEIVED AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE AT 241835H FROM TREELINE OF CAM NE (BT 025735) (AT 990694). FIRING CEASED WHEN COMPANY E ANSWERED WITH THREE 3.5 INCH ROCKET ROUNDS.

4. SECOND BATTALION, TWELFTH MARINES EXPENDED TWELVE ROUNDS OF ILLUM ON THREE MISSIONS.

BT 042130 TWO SLASH SEVEN
~~SEVENTH BATTALION, TWELFTH MARINES~~. AT 240630H ELEMENTS FROM COMPANY F MOVED ON FOOT FROM (CR 042130) SOUTH ALONG ROUTE ONE CONDUCTING SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS TO THE LIMIT OF THE TAOR. AMBUSH PLACED AT (CR 041111) 23 JULY REMAINED IN PLACE AS BLOCKING POSITIONS. NEGATIVE CONTACT. OTHER COMPANIES CONTINUED TO PATROL THROUGHOUT TAOR WITH NEGATIVE CONTACT. COMPANY C, FIRST MEDICAL BATTALION ARRIVED TO ESTABLISH THIRTY-FIVE HOSPITAL IN QUI NHON AREA AS PART OF LOGISTIC SUPPORT UNIT.

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5. THIRD RECON BATTALION. SECOND PLATOON COMPANY D ESTABLISHED AN OVERNIGHT BLOCKING POSITION AT (AT 957795). THIRD PLATOON COMPANY A REPLACED FIRST PLATOON, COMPANY ON OP ATOP DONG DEN MOUNTAIN (AT 838828) AT 241000H.

6. THIRD ENGINEER BATTALION. CONTINUED PROVIDING MAXIMUM EFFORT ON CAPING, GRADING, AND WATERING DOWN THE BYPASS ROAD AROUND HILL 327 AND 268. 175 TRUCK LOADS OF LATERITE HAULED FOR A TOTAL OF 1050 CUBIC YARDS. 37,500 GALLONS OF NON-POTABLE WATER DISTRIBUTED ON THE ROAD TO COMPACT AND ALLEVIATE THE DUST PROBLEMS TO SOME EXTENT. BLASTING AND ROAD IMPROVEMENT CONTINUED ON THE DAI LA PASS ROAD. 153,585 GALLONS OF POTABLE WATER AND 50,000 GALLONS OF RAW WATER DISTRIBUTED.

7. PEOPLE TO PEOPLE

A. COMPANY B, FIRST BATTALION, THIRD MARINES TREATED FOURTEEN PEOPLE AT HOA TINH (AT 947701). IN THE SECOND BATTALION, THIRD MARINES AREA, NINETY-EIGHT PEOPLE WERE TREATED BY THE DISPENSARY AT LE MY.

B. SECOND BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES CONDUCTED A MEDCAP VISIT AT TONG PHU (1) (BT 508043). 117 PEOPLE WERE TREATED FOR VARIOUS AILMENTS, PRIMARILY INFECTION, UPSET STOMACH AND WOUNDS.

C. NINTH MARINES. AID STATION OF SECOND BATTALION, NINTH MARINES TREATED TWENTY-TWO CIVILIANS, MOSTLY SKIN DISEASE CASES.

8. INTENTIONS.

A. FIRST BATTALION, THIRD MARINES. ONE PLATOON OF COMPANY

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D WILL PATROL IN GRID SQUARES (AT 8263), (AT 8363), (AT 8463) AND ESTABLISH NIGHT POSITIONS IN THE VICINITY OF (AT 858642). AMBUSHES WILL BE ESTABLISHED ON LIKELY ROUTES OF APPROACH.

B. SECOND BATTALION, THIRD MARINES. WILL CONTINUE SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN THE NGOC SON (AT 8578)/DONG SON (AT 8675) VALLEY. COMPANY F, HAVING COMPLETED ITS SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION FROM GRID SQUARE (AT 8575) NORTH TO GRID SQUARE (8580) WILL PATROL BACK THROUGH THE SAME AREA SEARCHING FOR VC HIDING PLACES, CONTRABAND, AND INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION. A PLATOON OF COMPANY H WILL PATROL FROM (AT 840805) TO (AT 849798) THEN SEARCH AVENUES OF APPROACH TO THE SOUTH. ONE PLATOON OF COMPANY F WILL PATROL GRID SQUARE (AT 8377), (AT 8277) AND (AT 8177).

C. THIRD BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES. WILL CONDUCT A "HAMMER AND ANVIL" OPERATION WITH COMPANIES L AND M AND ELEMENTS OF THE 224TH REGIONAL FORCES COMPANY EMPLOYING A HELILIFT INTO LZ'S AT (YD 899061) AND (YD 91560 1). ARTILLERY WILL FIRE PREPARATION INTO THE LZ'S AND SMOKE WILL BE USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE LANDING. THE REGIONAL FORCES WILL SET UP BLOCKING POSITIONS FROM (YD 893092) SOUTHEAST TO (YD 916084). COMPANIES L AND M WILL PATROL THE EAST AND WEST BANKS OF THE SONG TONG RIVER FROM THE LZ'S TO THE REGIONAL FORCES'S BLOCKING POSITION.

D. THIRD RECON BATTALION. ~~COMPANY D WILL COMMENCE PATROLS IN THE BACH VAN PASS AREA AND CONTINUE BLOCKING POSITIONS VIC RED BEACH #2. COMPANY A WILL CONTINUE OPERATIONS AT DUNG DEN MTN.~~

E. FIRST BATTALION, TWELFTH MARINES. WILL CONDUCT A 107MM FIREX, FIRING POSITIONS AT (AT 933837), IMPACT AREA NORTH OF CA

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F. NINTH MARINES WILL EXTEND PATROL COVERAGE IN ALFA SECTION OF TAOR AND WILL COMMENCE CLEARING PHASE OF QUANG CHAU HAMLETS (1) AND (2), (BT 0069) AND (BT 0068).

G. FOURTH MARINES. FIRST BATTALION WILL CONDUCT A COORDINATED OPERATION WITH UNITS OF THE 6TH ARVN REGIMENT ON THE PENINSULA CENTERED (BT 4416) AND ON THE ISLAND CENTERED (BT 4315). SECOND BATTALION FOURTH MARINES, AND THIRD BATTALION THIRD MARINES WILL CONDUCT DAY/NIGHT PATROLS.

H. BLT TWO SLASH SEVEN WILL CONDUCT PATROLS THROUGHOUT THE QUI NHON TAOR.

I. THERE WILL BE THIRTY-TWO PATROLS AND SEVEN AMBUSHES FOR THIRD MARDIV UNITS DURING THE NEXT TWENTY-FOUR HOURS.

J. LATE ENTRY: THIRL BN, TWELFTH MARINES FIRED TWENTY-FOUR MISSIONS INCLUDING TWO WILL ADJUST AND EXPENDED 194 ROUNDS.

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THIRD MARDIV SITREP NUMBER EIGHTY AS OF 251600Z JUL 65

1. THIRD MARINES. CONTINUED COMBAT PATROL OPNS IN SOUTHWEST PORTION OF DA NANG TAOR. DURING TODAY'S OPN FOUR VC WERE KILLED AND TWO WOUNDED. THE PATROL SUSTAINED TWO USMC WOUNDED. AT PHU BAI A COORDINATED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPN WAS CONDUCTED WITH REGIONAL FORCES. SIX VCS WERE APPREHENDED AS A RESULT OF THIS OPN. THERE WERE NO USMC CASUALTIES. AN ADDITIONAL EIGHT PATROLS AND FOURTEEN AMBUSHES WERE CONDUCTED WITHOUT VC CONTACT.

A. 1ST BN, 3D MARINES. A PLATOON FROM CO L CONTINUED PATROL OPNS IN THE SOUTHWEST PORTION OF THE TAOR. NIGHT AMBUSH PSNS VIC (AT 8462) HAD NO VC CONTACT AND DAYLIGHT PATROLLING CONTINUED TO THE NORTHWEST. THREE VC WERE OBSERVED VIC (AT 833632) AT 251050H AND WERE FIRED UPON. TWO OF THE VC WERE KILLED AND THE THIRD WAS WOUNDED BUT ESCAPED. ONE MARINE WAS KIA BY VC FIRE AND A SECOND WAS KIA BY THE DETONATION OF AN UNKNOWN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE. BOTH MARINES CASUALTIES WERE EVAC BY HELO. AT 251730H THE PATROL SIGHTED FIVE MORE VC ALONG THE TRAIL VIC (AT 842638) AND ENGAGED THEM IN A FIRE FIGHT. TWO MORE VC WERE KILLED AND

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ANOTHER WOUNDED IN THIS ENGAGEMENT. THERE WERE NO USMC CASUALTIES. A NEARBY VC ENCAMPMENT WAS LOCATED AND DESTROYED, RESULTING IN THE CAPTURE OF VARIOUS ARTICLES OF CLOTHING AND SMALL AMOUNTS OF AMMO. NIGHT DEFENSIVE/AMBUSH PSNS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED VIC (AT 8664).

B. 2D BN, 3D MARINES. CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPNS IN THE NORTHWEST PORTION OF THE TAOR WITH CO F AND A PLATOON OF CO E. DURING THIS PERIOD THE AREA BOUNDED BY (AT 8377), (AT 8677), (AT 8375) AND (AT 8675) WAS SEARCHED AND ONE VCS WAS APPREHENDED. THE AREA SURROUNDING RED BEACH TWO, EAST OF HIGHWAY ONE WAS SWEEP BY A RIFLE SQD FROM CO E AND TWO COMPOSITE SQDS FROM H AND S CO DURING THE AFTERNOON WITHOUT INCIDENT.

C. 3D BN, 4TH MARINES. (HUE-PHU BAI TAOR). CO L, CO M, AND CO C, 3D RECON BN CONDUCTED A SEARCH AND DESTROY OPN IN COORDINATION WITH THE 224TH REGIONAL FORCE CO. THE TWO RIFLE COMPANIES WERE HELILIFTED INTO LZ'S ON OPPOSITE SIDES OF THE SONG NONG RIVER, (YD 905057) AND (YD 913059), AND SWEEP NORTH TO BLOCKING PSNS ESTABLISHED BY THE RF CO VIC (YD 815085) AND (YD 905091). LZ'S WERE PREPARED BY ARTY FIRE AND THE LANDINGS WERE CONCEALED BY AERIAL SMOKE LAID ACROSS THE SOUTHERN AND EASTERN BOUNDARIES OF THE OPERATING AREA. THE R. CON CO SCREENED BOTH FLANKS OF THE ADVANCING RIFLE COMPANIES. SIX VCS WERE APPREHENDED DURING THE OPN AND THERE WERE NO USMC CASUALTIES. AT 251345H THE OPN ENDED AND ALL UNITS EXCEPT CO M WERE RETURNED TO THE BN CP-AIRFIELD AREA. CO M PATROLLED TO VIC (YD 873099) AND ESTABLISHED NIGHT DEFENSIVE/AMBUSH PSNS THERE. SECRET

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D. 1ST BN, 12TH MARINES HAD ALL BATTERIES IN THEIR PRIMARY PSNS EXCEPT THE HOWTAR BATTERY, WHICH DISPLACED TO (AT 933837). MISSIONS FIRED WERE FOUR "WILL ADJUST", ONE PRECISION DESTRUCTION AND TWENTY H AND I. THE FOLLOWING AMMO WAS EXPENDED ON THESE MISSIONS: 105MM - THIRTY-EIGHT AND TWENTY-TWO WP; 155MM - FORTY-SIX HE AND EIGHT WP; 8" - EIGHT HE.

2. 4TH MARINES. OPERATION WELD WITH THE 1ST BN, 4TH MARINES (-) AND THE 6TH ARVN REGIMENT (-) AS PARTICIPATING UNITS CONDUCTED A COORDINATED OPN COMMENCING AT 250630H. THIS SEARCH AND DESTROY OPN MOVED SOUTHEAST FROM VIC (BT 4318) TO SECURE THE TRUONG GIANG PENINSULA AND THE ISLAND LOCATED VIC (BT 4215). DURING THIS PERIOD, UNITS CONDUCTED ONE BN OPN, FOUR PLATOON ~~REBOLS~~, FIFTEEN SQUAD PATROLS AND THREE AMBUSHES. FIFTEEN PATROLS WERE CONDUCTED DURING HOURS OF DARKNESS.

A. 1ST BN, 4TH MARINES. THIS UNIT'S PRIMARY EFFORT DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD WAS CENTERED IN COMPANIES A, B AND D IN COORDINATION WITH THE 1ST AND 3D BNS OF THE 6TH ARVN REGIMENT. MARINE UNITS MOVED SOUTHEAST FROM VIC (BT 4318) AND SECURED THE TRUONG GIONG PENINSULA. ARVN UNITS MOVED SOUTHEAST FROM VIC (BT 4216) AND SECURED THE ISLAND. AT 250545H, CO A ^{MOVED} BY LVT FROM VIC (BT 520117), LANDED AT (BT 472148), MOVED INLAND AND ESTABLISHED BLOCKING PSNS VIC (BT 468153) WITH NO VC CONTACT. CO B LANDED BY HELICOPTER IN A LZ VIC (BT 435180), COMPLETING THE LANDING AT 250740H UNOPPOSED. CO D, EMBARKED IN ONE LCM LANDED WITH DIFFICULTY AT 250855H DUE TO TIDE CONDITIONS VIC (BT 434183). AT 250818H, THE 1ST BN, 4TH MARINES COMMAND POST GROUP LANDED BY HELICOPTER AND ESTABLISHED THE

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COMMAND POST VIC (BT 425186). AT 251040H COS B AND L FORMED
ON LINE WITH CO B ON THE RIGHT AND ^{CONDUCTED} SEARCH AND DESTROY OPNS
MOVING ~~IN A~~ IN A SOUTH^{EA}STERLY DIRECTION. AT 251100H
CO D REPORTED FOUR VCS APPREHENDED VIC (BT 437173). ^{IN} THIS
SAME INCIDENT ONE VCS WAS KILLED RESISTING APPREHENSION. AT
251140H, CO D REPORTED APPREHENDING ONE VCS HIDING IN A SNIPER
HOLE VIC (BT 443170). AT 251140H CO B REPORTED TWO VCC AND
ONE FRENCH RIFLE WITH AMMUNITION VIC (BT 443163). AT 251140H
JUNK FLEET FIFTEEN CAPTURED ONE VC VIC (BT 445155). THE ENGR
SQD WITH CO D COMMENCED BLOWING CAVES VIC (BT 443170) AT
251240H. AT 251245H THE 1ST BN COMMAND POST DISPLACED TO
VIC (BT 463154). AT 251343H ONE VCS SHOT IN FOOT BY CO D
WHILE TRYING TO ESCAPE VIC (BT 467150). AT 251430H CO B
COMMENCED WITHDRAWAL BY HELICOPTER FROM VIC (BT 469148).
CO D RETURNED BY LCM AT 251540H AFTER EMBARKING VIC (BT 471148).
CO A REMAINED IN BLOCKING PSNS PROVIDING SECURITY UNTIL COS
B AND L HAD CLEARED THE PENINSULA. AT 251600H 1ST BN COMMAND
GROUP RETURNED TO REGULAR COMMAND POST INSIDE MLR. AT 251654H,
CO A MOVED FROM BLOCKING PSNS TO NORMAL PSNS WITHIN THE MLR.
NO SUPPORTING ARMS WERE USED BY ANY UNITS PARTICIPATING IN THIS
COORDINATED OPN. NO USMC OR ARVN CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED.
TOTAL VC LOSSES AS REPORTED BY THE 4TH MARINES 252155H BY USMC
AND ARVN SOURCES:

	<u>USMC</u>	<u>ARVN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
VC KILLED	1	24	25
VCC	2	30	32
VCS	20		20
WPNS(INDIV)	5	5	10

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ADDITIONALLY ABOUT 18,733 RVN PIASTERS AND ABOUT 158,000 NORTH VIETNAM PIASTERS WERE CAPTURED. TIME AND LOCATION OF CAPTURE HAS NOT BEEN ESTABLISHED. ALSO FOUR SHOT GUNS WERE CAPTURED VIC (BT 442165) AT AN UNDETERMINED TIME. NO OTHER VC CONTACT REPORTED.

B. 2D BN, 4TH MARINES. CO F CONDUCTED TWO NIGHT REINFORCED SQD SIZE PATROLS. AMBUSHES WERE ESTABLISHED VIC (BT 480030) AND (BT 493025). NO VC CONTACT.

C. 3D BN, 3D MARINES. CO I CONDUCTED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPNS EAST OF THE SONG TRA BONG RIVER VIC (BT 6201). GRENADE BOOBY TRAP LOCATED VIC (BT 622017) AT 251050H WAS BLOWN IN PLACE. CO K REPORTED SA FIRE VIC (BT 578034) AT 250245H. FIRE RETURNED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

D. 3D BN, 12TH MARINES. CONDUCTED ELEVEN H AND I MISSIONS EXPENDING 66 ROUNDS.

3. NINTH MARINES. TWELVE PATROLS WERE CONDUCTED DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD BUT THERE WAS NO VC ACTIVITY OBSERVED OTHER THAN SPORADIC SNIPER FIRE AIMED AT MARINE PSNS DURING THE HOURS OF DARKNESS. ONE MARINE WAS WOUNDED AS A RESULT OF THIS SNIPER FIRE. NO OPNS WERE CONDUCTED AS CONSOLIDATION OF CURRENT PSNS CONTINUED.

A. 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES. CONDUCTED TEN SQD SIZE SECURITY PATROLS AROUND THE DA NANG AFLD PERIMETER, EIGHT AT NIGHT AND TWO DURING THE DAY. NO VC ACTIVITY WAS NOTED BY THESE PATROLS.

B. ~~CO H~~ 2D BN, 9TH MARINES. ^{CO H} CONDUCTED A REINFORCED-SQUAD SIZE RECON PATROL OF THE VILLAGE OF QUANG CHAU (1) (BT 0069) ACCOMPANIED BY EIGHT REGIONAL FORCE SOLDIERS. NO EVIDENCE

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OF VC ACTIVITY WAS FOUND IN THE VILLAGE AND THE FIRST TWO PLATOONS OF CO H IMMEDIATELY BEGAN MOVEMENT INTO PSN ON A LINE FROM (BT 016713) TO (BT 008692), WHERE THEY TIED IN WITH CO E TO THE WEST AND THE 594TH REGIONAL FORCE CO TO THE EAST. THE CO H CP MOVED TO (BT 009693). A PLATOON SIZE PATROL WAS CONDUCTED BY CO G THROUGHOUT THE AREA NORTH OF THE SONG CAU DO RIVER AND SOUTH OF THE AFLD DURING THE MORNING OF TWENTY FIVE JULY. NO VC ACTIVITY WAS NOTED. AT 251855H ONE MAN FROM CO E RECEIVED A MINOR SHOULDER WOUND AS A RESULT OF SNIPER FIRE. THE FIRE CAME FROM VIC ~~XXXXXX~~ DUONG SON (2) (AT 993679) AND WAS NOT RETURNED DUE TO THE RISK TO INNOCENT PARTIES INVOLVED IN FIRING INTO A VILLAGE AREA AT NIGHT.

4. BLT 2/7 CONDUCTED FOUR SCL SIZE PATROLS, THREE AMBUSHES, AND NUMEROUS FIRE TEAM PATROLS AND AMBUSHES. FUNJI TRAPS WERE LOCATED ALONG TRAIL FROM VIC (CR 005178) TO (BR 999172). ONE SUSPECTED BOOBY TRAPPED PRC-6 BATTERY LOCATED (BR 999174). ENGR TEAM INVESTIGATION INCOMPLETE AT END OF REPORTING PERIOD. CO H FIRED UPON ARMED VC VIC (CR 018155). VC DISAPPEARED IN THICK UNDERBRUSH. NO TIME OF INCIDENT REPORTED. NO OTHER VC CONTACT.

5. 3D RECON BN. CONTINUED OPN OF OP'S ON LANG DEN MT (AT 8382), IN THE SOUTHWEST SECTOR OF THE TAOR VIC (AT 8963) AND AT (AT 959745). IN ADDITION, A PLATOON FROM CO A MANNED BLOCKING PSNS AT RED BEACH TWO (AT 958792) DURING HOURS OF DARKNESS. THERE WERE NO SIGNIFICANT SIGHTING DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD AND NO VC CONTACTS WERE MADE. AS THE PERIOD ENDED CO D HAD JUST BEGUN MOVEMENT INTO RAOR D, NORTHEAST OF

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THE TAOR, TO RECON HOA SON CHA ISLAND AND THE AREA EAST OF HAI VAN PASS. NO CONTACT HAS BEEN REPORTED.

6. 3D ENGR BN. CONTINUED GENERAL ENGR SUPPORT OF THE DIVISION. CONSTRUCTION CONTINUED ON BUNKERS AND ROADS IN THE VIC OF ASP NUMBER ONE AND ASP NUMBER TWO.

7. PEOPLE TO PEOPLE

A. 3D MARINES. A PLATOON OF MARINES ASSISTED THE PEOPLE OF LE MY IN CUTTING DOWN TREES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW LIFE HAMLET VIC (AT 889805). THE LE MY DISPENSARY TREATED 102 PERSONS AND CONTINUED TRAINING TWO WOMEN AND ONE MAN FROM LE MY IN BASIC NURSING AND FIELD SANITATION. IN THE VILLAGE OF PHOUC DONG (AT 884769) THIRTY-FOUR REFUGEES WERE TREATED BY THE BN SURGEON FROM 2D BN, 3D MAR. REFUGEES IN THIS VILLAGE ARE ALSO RECEIVING FOOD AND CANDY THAT IS FURNISHED BY THE MARINES. THESE ARTICLES ARE BEING GIVEN TO THE VILLAGE OF HOA-THANH (AT 906782) AND THE CITIZENS OF THAT VILLAGE ARE MAKING DIRECT DISTRIBUTION TO THE REFUGEES. AS A RESULT OF THE PEOPLE TO PEOPLE PROGRAM IN THIS AREA AND THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF THE VILLAGE CHIEF OF HOA HIEP (AT 898795) AND THE DISTRICT CHIEF, BEACH MATTING WHICH HAD BEEN STOLEN FROM RED BEACH TWO HAS BEEN RETURNED TO SHORE PARTY BN.

B. 4TH MARINES. CO L HELD SICK CALL FOR THE RESIDENTS OF SONG TRA (1) (BT 622019) DEPARTING AT 251015H. A ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECT SPONSORED BY THE 2D BN, 4TH MARINES BEGAN IN THE VILLAGE OF CHU LAI VIC (BT 505057). INITIAL EFFORTS CONSISTED OF HAULING DIRT WHICH IS DUMPED AND SPREAD BY THE VILLAGERS.

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C. 9TH MARINES. NINETEEN VIETNAMESE PATIENTS WERE TREATED AT THE 2D BN, 9TH MAR AID STATION AND ANOTHER THIRTY SEVEN WERE TREATED IN THE VILLAGE OF PHONG LE (1) (AT 9969). A HEADSTONE HAS BEEN PURCHASED FOR THE GRAVE OF THE POPULAR FORCE SOLDIER WHO WAS ACCIDENTALLY SHOT ON 23 JULY. IT WILL BE PRESENTED TO HIS FAMILY TOMORROW.

8. INTENTIONS

A. 3D MARINES. WILL CONTINUE PATROL OPNS IN THE SOUTH-WEST PORTION OF THE LA NANG TAOR WITH ONE PLATOON. THE SEARCH AND DESTROY OPN IN THE NORTH-EAST SECTOR OF THIS TAOR WILL BE COMPLETED LATE IN THE AFTERNOON OF TWENTY-SIX JULY.

B. 4TH MARINES. WILL CONDUCT ONE COMPANY SIZE PATROL VIC (BT 5700) COMMENCING 261600H. 3D BN, 3D MARINES WILL CONDUCT A TWO COMPANY (-) SEARCH AND DESTROY OPN VIC (BS 6098) COMMENCING AT 260800H.

C. 9TH MARINES. WILL SEARCH THE VILLAGE OF QUANG CHAU (2) (BT 0068) AND WILL THEN EXTEND THE 2D BN, 9TH MAR PERIMETER SOUTH OF THIS VILLAGE.

D. BLT 2/7. WILL CONDUCT TWO SQD SIZED PATROLS AND ESTABLISH FIVE AMBUSHES. NO MAJOR OPNS ARE PLANNED.

E. 3D RECON BN. WILL CONTINUE OP AND RECON OPNS NOW IN PROGRESS AND WILL ESTABLISH A NEW OP ON MARBLE MT (BT 075710).

F. 3D ENGR BN. WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE DIVISION IN GENERAL ENGR OPNS.

G. MAJOR OPERATIONS. THE 2d BN, 4TH MAR WILL CONDUCT A COMBINED OPN WITH THE ARVN OPERATING OUTSIDE THE TAOR VIC (BS 5993). THIS OPERATION IS SCHEDULED TO COMMENCE ON 28

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JULY. NO OPERATION ORDER HAS BEEN RECEIVED TO DATE.

H. DURING THE NEXT TWENTY-FOUR HOURS THERE ARE THIRTY-FIVE PATROLS AND THIRTY AMBUSHES PLANNED FOR 3D MARDIV UNITS.

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THIRD MARINE DIVISION SITREP NUMBER EIGHTY-ONE AS OF 261600Z JUL 65.

1. THIRD MARINES. ONE PLATOON OF THE 1ST BATTALION, WHICH HAD BEEN PATROLLING THE SOUTH WESTERN PART OF THE DA NANG TAOR WAS HELILIFTED OUT AND REPLACED BY ANOTHER PLATOON. THE 2ND BATTALION CONCLUDED ITS 3 DAY OPERATION IN THE NGOC SON/DONG SON VALLEY WITH NEGATIVE VC CONTACT. COMPANY G CONDUCTED 3 SQUAD SIZED PATROLS AND 7 AMBUSHES. COMPANY L, 3D BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES AT HUE PHU BAI ESTABLISHED NIGHT DEFENSIVE/AMBUSH POSITIONS IN THE VICINITY OF (YD 816105). COMPANY M PASSED TO BATTALION RESERVE. THE BALANCE OF THE 1ST BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES CONDUCTED NIGHT SECURITY PATROLS.

A. 1ST BN, 3D MARINES. ONE REINFORCED PLATOON OF COMPANY D PATROLLED FROM THE VICINITY OF (AT 852631) VIA (AT 858634) AND (AT 865640) TO ^{AN} LZ IN THE VICINITY OF (AT 889657) WHERE THEY WERE PICKED UP AND HELILIFTED TO THE COMPANY CP. THE HELILIFT WAS COMPLETED AT 261530H. NEGATIVE VC CONTACT. ANOTHER PLATOON OF COMPANY D DEPARTED AT 261800H ON FOOT FROM (AT 93071), PATROLLED TO (AT 925706) AND ESTABLISHED NIGHT DEFENSIVE POSITIONS IN THE VICINITY OF (AT 915700).

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B. 2D BN, THIRD MARINES. COMPANY F CONCLUDED A THREE DAY SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION IN THE NGOC SON/DANG SON VALLEY, AND LINKED UP WITH A PLATOON OF COMPANY H AT 261015H IN THE VICINITY OF (AT 850776). THE TWO UNITS CLOSED ON THE BATTALION AREA (AT 905777) AT 261245H.

C. 3D BN, FOURTH MARINES. AT 260600H, COMPANY M LEFT ITS NIGHT POSITIONS IN THE VICINITY OF (YD 873099) AND BECAME THE BATTALION RESERVE AT THE BATTALION CP. TWO PLATOONS OF COMPANY L WERE HELILIFTED TO THE VICINITY OF (YD 830120) AND PATROLLED TO (YD 816105), WHERE THEY LINKED UP WITH THE THIRD PLATOON, WHICH HAD PATROLLED TO THAT POINT FROM THE OP ON HILL 225 (YD 850085). THE COMPANY REMAINED IN THAT POSITION (YD 816105) AND ESTABLISHED 5 AMBUSHES IN THE AREA. COMPANIES I, K, AND HAS CONDUCTED NIGHT SECURITY PATROLS IN THE AREA OF THE BATTALION CP AND THE AIRFIELD. NEGATIVE VC CONTACT.

D. 1ST BN, 12TH MARINES. ALL BATTERIES REMAINED IN PRIMARY POSITIONS EXCEPT BATTERY W, WHICH AGAIN DISPLACED TO (AT 933837). BATTERY A FIRED 3 INTERDICTION MISSIONS, A COUNTER-MORTAR-RADAR HIGH-BURST REGISTRATION AND A PRECISION REGISTRATION. BATTERY B FIRED 2 INTERDICTION MISSIONS, 1 HARASSING MISSION AND A PRECISION REGISTRATION. AMMO EXPENDED: 103MM - 67HE. MISSIONS BY TYPE: 3 REGISTRATIONS; 5 INTERDICTION; 1 HARASSING.

2. FOURTH MARINES. PATROLLING CONTINUED THROUGHOUT TAOR. ONLY ONE CONTACT REPORTED WITH VC, WHICH CONSISTED OF INACCURATE SNIPER FIRE AS A COMPANY FROM 3D BN, 3D MARINES CROSSED THE SONG TRA BONG RIVER. 15 PATROLS AND 3 AMBUSHES CONDUCTED IN CHU LAI TAOR.

A. 1ST BN, 4TH MARINES. CONDUCTED FIFTEEN NIGHT PATROLS AND MAINTAINED A PLATOON (REIN) OUTPOST AT HILL 69 (BT 468068) ^{AND A} ~~REIN~~ PLATOON (REIN) OUTPOST AT LY TIN BRIDGE (BT 498066). NEGATIVE VC CONTACT.

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B. 2D BN, 4TH MARINES. AMBUSHES SET AT (BT 5000018), (BT 531010) AND (BT 534045) AND SCHEDULED PATROLS CONDUCTED WITH NEGATIVE VC CONTACT.

C. 3D BN, 3D MARINES. COMPANY I CONTINUED PATROLLING AREA VICINITY (BS 6398) UNTIL 260750H. AT 260800H, COMPANY I CROSSED SONG TRA BONG RIVER FROM EAST TO WEST AND MOVED INTO BLOCKING POSITIONS FROM (BS 605990) TO (BS 615990) IN SUPPORT OF COMPANY L SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION. VC SNIPER FIRED THREE INACCURATE ROUNDS AT LVT'S CROSSING RIVER. AT 261400H COMPANY I COMMENCED RETURN TO MLR. COMPANY L DEPARTED FOR SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION AT 260530H. VILLAGES OF BEN YEN NOI (3) (BS 595976), BEN YEN NOI (1) (BS 600977), BEN YEN NOI (2) (BS 606977), MY HUE (2) (BS 606982) AND MY HUE (3) (BS 604982) SEARCHED. COMPANY L RETURNED TO MLR BY 261400H WITH NEGATIVE CONTACT.

D. 3D BN, 12TH MARINES. FIRED 21 H&L AND 2 REGISTRATION MI SIONS, USING 50 ROUNDS 105MM HE AND 6 ROUNDS WP; 8 ROUNDS 107MM HE AND 8 ROUNDS WP; 32 ROUNDS 155MM HE AND 20 ROUNDS WP; AND 12 ROUNDS 8 INCH HE FOR A TOTAL OF 136 ROUNDS EXPENDED.

3. NINTH MARINES. CONTINUED TO EXPAND ITS OCCUPATION OF THE POPULATED AREA SOUTH OF THE DA NANG AIR BASE. VC SNIPERS, CONCEALED BY A MOONLESS NIGHT, FIRED TWELVE ROUNDS AT POST 8 ON THE WESTERN PERIMETER OF THE AIR BASE. AT DAYBREAK TWO PLATOONS, REINFORCED BY AN RF PLATOON, SEARCHED QUANG CHAU (2) (BT 0068) AND APPREHENDED TWO VCS.

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A. 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES. PATROLLED EXTENSIVELY AT NIGHT ^{NORTH} ~~NORTH~~ AND SOUTH OF THE AIRFIELD, WITH NEGATIVE CONTACT. POST 8 ON THE WESTERN PERIMETER OF THE AIR BASE RECEIVED EIGHT ROUNDS OF SNIPER FIRE AT 260400H AND FOUR ROUNDS OF SNIPER ^{FIRE} AT 260500H. NO CASUALTIES WERE INFLICTED BY THE SNIPER FIRE. FROM PREPARED POSITIONS VIC (BT 0273), COMPANY D DISPATCHED DAY AND NIGHT PATROLS THROUGH HEAVILY CULTIVATED AND DENSELY POPULATED AREAS SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST OF THE AIR BASE.

B. 2D BN, 9TH MARINES. TWO PLATOONS OF COMPANY E AND A PLATOON OF THE 789TH RF COMPANY MOVED FROM AN ASSEMBLY AREA (BT 011691) AT 260600H TO THE SOUTH EDGE OF QUANG CHAU (2) (T 0068). THE HAMLET WAS SEARCHED ^{AND} TWO VCS WERE APPREHENDED AND TURNED OVER TO HOA VANG SECTOR HQS. ^{DURING} ~~DURING~~ THE AFTERNOON, COMPANY E EXTENDED ITS LINES TO THE SOUTH OF QUANG CHAU (2), FROM (AT 996688) TO (AT 995684) TO (BT 003685) TO (BT 008689). COMPANY H (-) NOW OCCUPIES POSITIONS FROM (BT 008690) TO (BT 014702). THIRD PLATOON, COMPANY H, OCCUPIES POSITIONS FROM (AT 991697) TO (AT 997696). A PLATOON OF THE 789TH RF COMPANY IS LOCATED FROM (BT 016703) TO (BT 016715). NEW CP LOCATIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS: COMPANY E (BT 006688); COMPANY H (BT 012690). THE TPS-21 IS NOW LOCATED AT (BT 012690).

4. BLT ~~ONE~~ TWO SLASH SEVEN. EIGHT PATROLS AND THREE AMBUSHES WERE CONDUCTED IN THE QUI NHON TAOR. COMPANY E MOVED BY FOOT AND HELICOPTER AT 260900H FROM RIDGE LINE FROM (CR 051201) TO (CR 055194). COMPANY G HELICOPTERED FROM BLT CP TO POSITION VICINITY (CR 045167) TO ESTABLISH BASE OF OPERATIONS TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR ARVN ROAD SURVEY UNIT SCHEDULED TO OPERATE WITHIN TAOR. COMPANY G REOCCUPIED HILL 562 COMPLEX (CR042190). ELMS OF 106MM RR PLAT CONDUCTED 3 ROAD SECURITY PATROLS FROM VICINITY BLT CP (CR007196) TO CU MONG (CR 033130)

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5. TWELFTH MARINES (-)(REIN). REMAINED ON GENERAL SUPPORT. BATTERY L FIRED 16 HARRASSING/INTERDICTION MISSIONS AND 2 WILL ADJUST (AO) MISSIONS. AMMO EXPENDED: 42 ROUNDS HE. THE 8" BATTERY FIRED 6 HARRASSING/INTERDICTION MISSIONS AND 1 WILL ADJUST (AO) MISSION. AMMO EXPENDED: 22 ROUNDS HE.

6. 3D RECON BN. CONDUCTED FIVE OPERATIONS DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD.

A. A PLATOON OF COMPANY A ESTABLISHED A BLOCKING POSITION IN THE VICINITY OF RED BEACH #2 BEGINNING AT 251905H. RETURNED TO THE BATTALION CP AT 260700H, HAVING MADE NO VC CONTACT.

B. ANOTHER PLATOON OF COMPANY A PATROLLED DONG DEN MOUNTAIN GS (AT 8382) AND REPORTED NO VC CONTACT.

AREA EAST OF HAI LA PASS (AT 935915)

C. TWO PLATOONS OF COMPANY D PATROLLED IN ~~AREA~~ WITH NO VC CONTACTS.

D. THE REMAINING PLATOON OF COMPANY D MADE SOUNDINGS OF THE HON SON CHA RIVER FROM (AT 032735) SOUTH TO (AT 997706).

E. HAS COMPANY MANNED CP HOTEL AT (AT 959745). NO SIGNIFICANT SIGHTINGS REPORTED.

7. 3D ENGINEER BN. THREE MINE DETECTOR TEAMS SUPPORTED SECOND BATTALION, NINTH MARINES. CLASS 60 RAFT CONTINUED OPERATIONS. GRADING AND CAPPING THE BYPASS ROAD AROUND HILLS 327 AND 268 CONTINUED. DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD 41 TRUCK LOADS OF LATERITE WERE HAULED FOR A TOTAL OF 246 CUBIC YARDS. BLASTING AND IMPROVEMENTS OF THE ROAD THROUGH DAI LA PASS CONTINUED. 120,835 GALLONS OF POTABLE WATER AND 10,000 GALLONS OF RAW WATER DISTRIBUTED.

7. PEOPLE TO PEOPLE

A. 3D MARINES.

1. 1ST BN 3D MARINES. COMPANY D TREATED 30 PEOPLE AT (AT 942719).

2. 2D BN, 3D MARINES. THE DISPENSARY AT LE ~~AREA~~ TREATED 133 PEOPLE.

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B. 9TH MARINES. A MEDICAL TEAM OF 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES HELD SICK CALL AT THE ST VINCENT ORPHANAGE NEAR DA NANG AIR BASE. TWENTY-SEVEN CIVILIANS WERE TREATED AT 2D BN, 9TH MARINES AID STATION; AND THIRTY-THREE PATIENTS WERE TREATED AT PHONG LE (1) (AT 9969).

C. 3D ANTI-TANK BN. TREATED 6 PEOPLE FROM THE VILLAGE OF YEN BAC (AT 985708). THERE HAS BEEN A GRADUAL BUT VERY SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE FROM THE THIRD VILLAGE TREATED OVER THE PAST 3 OR 4 DAYS. G-2 BELIEVES IT IS POSSIBLE THE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN ~~THREATENED~~ THREATENED BY THE VIET CONG.

8. INTENTIONS

A. THIRD MARINES. ONE PLATOON OF COMPANY D WILL PATROL FROM THEIR NIGHT DEFENSIVE/AMBUSH POSITIONS TO GS (AT 9169), (AT 9068), (AT 9067) AND (AT 9066), THEN ESTABLISH NIGHT DEFENSIVE POSITIONS IN THE VICINITY OF (AT 893662). COMPANY E WILL PATROL FROM (AT 902777) TO (AT 899821). COMPANY G WILL BECOME THE 2D BN RESERVE AND PROVIDE SECURITY FOR THIRD MEDICAL BATTALION. COMPANY H WILL PATROL IN GS (AT 8676), (AT 8776), (AT 8677) AND (AT 8777). COMPANY E WILL PATROL ~~XXX(XXXXXX)~~ FROM GS (AT 9179) TO (AT 9280). COMPANY L OF THE 3D BATTALION 4TH MARINES WILL PATROL FROM (YD 816105) TO (YD 841082) AND ESTABLISH 5 AMBUSHES IN THAT AREA. COMPANY C, 3D RECON BATTALION WILL PATROL FROM (YD 908060) TO (YD 912098). ONE PLATOON WILL BE HELILIFTED TO (YD 837020) AND PATROL TO (YD 816105). ONE SQUAD WILL ESTABLISH AN OP IN THE VICINITY OF (YD 806088).

B. FOURTH MARINES. WILL CONDUCT A COMBINED SEARCH AND CLEAR OPERATION ON 28 AND 29 JULY WITH FORCES CONSISTING OF THE 2D BN, 4TH MARINES, 3D MARINE BATTALION (REIN), ^{AND} RVN, 3D BATTALION (REIN), 51ST REGIMENT, ARVN. TWO BATTALIONS WILL LAND BY HELICOPTER IN HLZ'S BULL (BS 487913) AND HORSE (BS 494893).

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ARTILLERY SUPPORT WILL BE PROVIDED BY 3D BN, 12TH MARINES AND CAS WILL BE FURNISHED BY FIRST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING. ON 27 JULY PATROLLING THROUGHOUT TAOR WILL CONTINUE.

C. NINTH MARINES. WILL CONTINUE TO PATROL AROUND THE AIR BASE PERIMETER AND THROUGH THE POPULATED REGION SOUTH AND SOUTHEAST OF THE AIR BASE. THE NEW POSITIONS OF THE TWO COMPANIES NOW SOUTH OF CAU DO RIVER WILL BE CONSOLIDATED.

D. BLT TWO SLASH SEVEN. WILL CONTINUE PATROLS AND AMBUSHES.

E. THIRD ECOM BN. COMPANY D WILL CONTINUE OPERATIONS ^{EAST OF HAI VAN PASS (AT 935945)} ~~IN THE AREA~~. COMPANY A WILL HELILIFT A PLATOON SIZED PATROL TO (AT 905634) AT 270630H TO BE RECOVERED ON 29 JULY. COMPANY A ALSO WILL CONTINUE OPERATIONS ON DONG DEN MOUNTAIN. H&S COMPANY WILL CONTINUE TO MAN OP HOTEL AT (AT 959745).

F. THIRD ENGR BN. WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE ENGINEER SUPPORT TO THIRD MARDIV.

G. 1ST BN, 12TH MARINES. WILL CONTINUE PROFICIENCY TRAINING WITH THE 4.2" MORTAR M-30, AND 155MM HOWITZER M-109.

H. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ DURING THE NEXT TWENTY-FOUR HOURS THERE ARE TWENTY-NINE PATROLS AND EIGHT AMBUSHES PLANNED FOR 3D MARDIV UNITS.

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THIRD MARDIV SITREP NUMBER EIGHTY-TWO AS OF 271600Z JUL 65 ^{FIRE-1} ^{DAF-14} ⁵

1. THIRD MARINES. CONDUCTED ONE COMPANY-SIZED PATROL, TWO PLATOON-SIZED PATROLS AND NINE SQUAD-SIZE PATROLS DURING THIS PERIOD. THERE WERE ALSO NINETEEN SQUAD-SIZE AMBUSH PSNS ESTABLISHED DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD. NONE OF THESE ACTIVITIES MADE CONTACT WITH THE VC, HOWEVER.

A. 1ST BN, 3D MARINES. CONTINUED PATROL OPNS IN THE SOUTHWEST PORTION OF THE DA NANG TAOR WITH A PLATOON FROM CO C. DURING THE NIGHT THIS PATROL SET UP THREE AMBUSH PSNS BUT THERE WAS NO VC CONTACT. TWO OTHER AMBUSHES WERE ESTABLISHED FORWARD OF THE MLR IN CO A AND CO B'S ZONES ^{AT} (AT 914736) AND (AT 955719). NO VC CONTACT.

B. 2D BN, 3D MARINES. ESTABLISHED ELEVEN AMBUSHES ON LIKELY AVENUES OF APPROACH TO THE MLR PSNS AND CONDUCTED A PLATOON PATROL TO THE VILLAGE OF MY SON (AT 878763) WITH NEG VC CONTACT. CO E RELIEVED CO G IN PSN AT THE LE MY FORT (AT 898822) AND CO G RETURNED TO THE BN CP TO BECOME THE BN MOBILE RESERVE FORCE. CO E ESTABLISHED A PLATOON-SIZE MOBILE COMPANY

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WAS VIO (AT 9081) AND CO M ESTABLISHED ANOTHER VIO (AT 9081)

C. 3D BN, 4TH MARINES. CONDUCTED A COMPANY-SIZE PATROL, TWO PLATOON PATROLS AND NINE SQUAD PATROLS THROUGHOUT THE PHU BAT TAOR. TWO SQUAD AMBUSH PSNS WERE ESTABLISHED IN THE SOUTHWEST PORTION OF THE TAOR AS WELL AS TWO OBSERVATION POSTS. THERE WAS NO VC CONTACT, HOWEVER.

D. 1ST BN, 12TH MARINES. SUPPORTED THE 3D MARINES FROM ITS PRIMARY PSNS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF BTRY B WHICH DISPLACED TO (AT 9017/6). FOUR "WILL ADJUST" AND NINETEEN H&I MISSIONS WERE FIRED DURING THIS PERIOD. ADJUSTED MISSIONS WERE ALL MISSED ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ ON SUSPECTED VC OP'S. ONE OF THESE WAS STOPPED BY LOSS OF VISIBILITY DURING HEAVY RAINS BUT THE TARGETS WERE ^{NEU} ~~NEUTRALIZED~~ IN THE OTHER THREE CASES. AMMO EXPENDED WAS FORTY-TWO ROUNDS OF 105MM HE AND FOURTEEN ROUNDS OF 155MM VP.

E. NAVAL GUNFIRE WAS EMPLOYED FOR SIX H&I MISSIONS FIRED IN ELEPHANT VALLEY, WEST OF THE NORTHERN PORTION OF THE DA NANG TAOR. 5"/38 CALIBER GUNS OF THE DESTROYER USS JOHN R. CRAIG (DD 885) FIRED 290 ROUNDS OF HE AND FIFTY-TWO ROUNDS OF ILLUM ON THESE MISSIONS. ALL FIRE WAS OBSERVED FROM THE CP ON DONG DEN MT (AT 8382), WHICH REPORTED EXCELLENT COVERAGE OF THE TARGET AREAS WAS ACHIEVED.

2. 4TH MARINES. CO A (-), 1ST BN, 4TH MARINES WAS HELILIFTED INTO A LANDING ZONE, VIO (BT 452049) AND COMMENCED A COMBAT PATROL TO THE WEST. THIS PATROL SUSTAINED FIVE KIA FROM GRENADES EMPLACED WITH TRIPPING DEVICES. CO M, 3D BN, 3D MARINES

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CONDUCTED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPNS EAST OF THE SONG TRA BONG RIVER VIC (BT 6201). DURING THIS PERIOD THREE COMPANY PATROLS, TWO PLATOON PATROLS, THIRTEEN SQUAD PATROLS AND TWO AMBUSHES WERE CONDUCTED.

A. 1ST BN, 4TH MARINES. AT 270740H, CO A HELILIFTED INTO A LZ AT (BT 452049). AS THE FIRST HELICOPTERS TOUCHED DOWN, APPROXIMATELY FIFTY PEOPLE WERE OBSERVED MOVING NORTH FROM VILLAGE VIC (BT 435045). AT 270812H MORE PEOPLE WERE OBSERVED MOVING EAST FROM VILLAGE VIC (BT 445053). CO A MOVED OUT OF LZ AT 270820H. AT 271038H VIC (BT 450053), THE 3D PLATOON TRIPPED WHAT APPEARED TO BE A WIRE ABOUT CHEST HIGH ATTACHED TO A GRENADE. IN THIS INCIDENT THE PLATOON COMMANDER AND PLATOON GUIDE WERE KIA. AT 271050H THE 1ST PLATOON RECEIVED SNIPER FIRE FROM VILLAGE (BT 435045). THE PLATOON RUSHED THE VILLAGE TRIPPING ANOTHER EXPLOSIVE DEVICE AND SUSTAINING ONE KIA. THIS ONE ALSO APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN A GRENADE WITH A VINE ATTACHED AS A TRIPPING DEVICE. SHORTLY THEREAFTER, AT 271108H A SIMILAR DEVICE WAS TRIPPED VIC (BT 433045) WITH THE UNIT SUSTAINING TWO KIA. AN ENGR DETACHMENT WITH ^{ED} MINE DETECTING EQUIPMENT REQUESTED FROM BN ARRIVED BY HELICOPTER AT 271130H. AT 271115H 3D PLATOON RECEIVED FIRE FROM SNIPERS ON HILL VIC (BT 445045). AS THE PLATOON CHARGED THE HILL, THE VC BROKE CONTACT. NO OTHER VC CONTACT REPORTED.

B. 2ND BN, 4TH MARINES. CONDUCTED PATROLS AND AMBUSHES FORWARD AND TO THE REAR OF THEIR DEFENSIVE PSNS. NO **SECRET** CONTACT.

C. 3D BN, 3D MARINES. CO M LANDED AT 270850H VIC (BT 620014) AND MOVED TO SEARCH VILLAGE SONG TRA (1) VIC (BT 622018)

271115H APR 68 DELETED TWO V AT. (BT 6240) ~~SECRET~~ NO FURTHER VC CONTACT REPORTED.

D. 3D BN, 12TH MARINES. CONDUCTED TWELVE H&I MISSIONS AND TWO REGISTRATIONS, EXPENDING 150 ROUNDS.

3. 9TH MARINES. CONDUCTED ELEVEN SQUAD-SIZE PATROLS AROUND THE DA NANG AIR BASE AREA, EIGHT AT NIGHT AND THREE DURING THE DAY. ONE SQUAD-SIZE AMBUSH PSN WAS ESTABLISHED 200 METERS SOUTH OF THE AFIELD. THE ONLY VC CONTACT DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD WAS SNIPER FIRE RECEIVED SOUTH OF THE SONG CAU DO RIVER. THERE WERE NO USMC CASUALTIES AND NO KNOWN VC CASUALTIES.

A. 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES. CONTINUED DEFENSE OF THE DA NANG AIR BASE WITH THREE COMPANIES AND CONSOLIDATION OF CO B'S PSN SOUTH OF THE AFIELD. ELEVEN PATROLS AND ONE AMBUSH WERE CONDUCTED AROUND THE AFIELD AREA BUT NO VC ACTIVITY WAS NOTED.

B. 2D BN, 9TH MARINES. CONTINUED CONSOLIDATION OF PSNS ESTABLISHED SOUTH OF THE SONG CAU DO RIVER. AT 270630R CO B OBSERVED A LARGE FLAG LOCATION ^{EA} ON THE RAILROAD TRACKS VIC (AT 992683) AND SENT A SQUAD TO INVESTIGATE. AS THE SQD APPROACHED, ~~WHENEVER~~ AN EXPLOSION OCCURRED NEAR THE FLAG. NO CASUALTIES RESULTED FROM THIS EXPLOSION. PIECES OF ELECTRICAL WIRING FOUND IN THE AREA OF THE EXPLOSION INDICATED THAT THE FLAG HAD BEEN BOOBY TRAPPED WITH AN ELECTRICALLY DETONATED EXPLOSIVE DEVICE OF SOME TYPE WHICH HAD PROBABLY BEEN FIRED FROM THE NEARBY VILLAGE OF YEN NE (2) (AT 990633). AT 271030R CO B RECEIVED SNIPER FIRE FROM TWO HOUSES LOCATED AT (AT 993679) AND (AT 990683). AT 0700S RETURNED FIRE WITH THREE ROUNDS OF 106MM, DESTROYING BOTH HOUSES AND DAMAGING A BUNKER AT (AT 992688). SNIPER FIRE CEASED. THERE WERE NO USMC CASUALTIES.

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4. REF 2/7. DURING THE MORNING, CO H (-) CONDUCTED A SEARCH OF THE VILLAGE OF CU MONG VIC (CR 035130). NO VC CONTACT. DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD ONE COMPANY SEARCH OPERATION, ONE PLATOON PATROL, ONE SQUAD PATROL AND TWO ABUSSES WERE CONDUCTED. NO VC CONTACT.

5. 3RD RECON BN. CONTINUED OPERATION OF OP'S IN THE NORTH-WEST, CENTRAL, EASTERN AND SOUTHWESTERN SECTORS OF THE DA NANG TAOR. NO SIGNIFICANT SIGHTINGS WERE MADE DURING THIS PERIOD. A PLATOON FROM H&S CO ESTABLISHED A BLOCKING PSN IN THE RED BEACH TWO AREA VIC (AT 963786) AT 272000H BUT HAS HAD NO VC CONTACT. CO D RE-ENTERED THE PENINSULA REGION NORTHEAST OF HAI VAN PASS (RAOR-D) AND RESUMED RECON OF POTENTIAL COASTAL LANDING SITES THERE AT APPROX 272030H.

6. 3D ENGR BN. CONTINUED GRADING AND IMPROVING ROADS IN THE DA NANG AREA WITH EMPHASIS ON ROAD IMPROVEMENT IN THE AREA OF DAI LA PASS VIC (AT 940753). WORK CONTINUED ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF DIVISION CP BUNKER.

7. PEOPLE TO PEOPLE

A. 3D MARINES PROVIDED MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR FIFTY THREE PEOPLE IN THE VILLAGE OF DONG HUOC (BT 003727), TWENTY PEOPLE AT HOA THANH (AT 905781), 150 PEOPLE AT THE LE MY DISPENSARY, 275 PEOPLE AT THUY LOUNG (YD 886169) (PHU BAI) AND TWENTY ONE PEOPLE VIC (AT 945695). THE INTERPRETER ASSIGNED TO CO D, 1ST BN, 3D MARINES IS ASSISTING THE VILLAGE CHIEF OF HOA TINH (AT 942719) IN PREPARING A ROSTER AND CENSUS OF ALL MEMBERS OF THAT

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CO B, 1ST BN, 3D MARINES
ASSISTED THE CHIEF OF A HAMLET LOCATED AT (AT 945695) IN CON-
STRUCTING A HAMLET GUARD HOUSE.

5. INTENTIONS

B. 4TH MARINES. THE 2d BN, 4TH MARINES WILL PARTICIPATE IN OPERATION LIEN KET-4 COMMENCING AT 280730H. THIS COMBINED OPERATION, UNDER THE COMMAND OF CO 4TH MARINES, WILL ALSO INCLUDE 3D BN 51ST ARVN REGT, 3D MARINE BN, RVN AND THE 11TH RANGER BN, RVN. ADDITIONALLY, THIS OPN WILL BE SUPPORTED BY 4TH MARINES ATTACHMENTS. THE COMBINED FORCE WILL CONDUCT SEARCH AND CLEAR OPNS IN THAT AREA SOUTH OF THE 4TH MARINES TACN AND NORTH OF THE SONG TRA BONG RIVER FROM VIC (EG 4990) TO VIC (BS 5795).

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C. 9TH MARINES. WILL CONTINUE CONSOLIDATION OF AREAS NOW OCCUPIED. CO G, 2D BN, 9TH MARINES WILL BE HELILIFTED TO CHU LAI AND PLACED UNDER OICOM OF THE 4TH MARINES DURING THE PERIOD OF THEIR OPN LIEN KET-4.

D. BIT 2/7. ONE PLATOON REINFORCED FROM CO F PRESENTLY LOCATED AT VILLAGE CHU TAI (4) VIC (GR 027160) WILL CONDUCT A SEARCH OPERATION FROM 230700H TO 300700H. THE PATROL WILL CONDUCT OPERATIONS FROM VIC (GR 027160) NORTHWEST TO (GR 027192) THEN MOVING SOUTHWEST TO VIC (GR 074126) AND RETURN.

E. 3D RECON WILL CONTINUE CURRENT OP AND RECON ACTIVITIES AND WILL AGAIN MAN A BLOCKING PSN IN THE RED BEACH TAD AREA.

F. D ENGR BDE WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE ENGR SUPPORT WITHIN THE DA NANG TAOR.

G. THERE ARE 39 PATROLS AND 21 AMBUSHES PLANNED FOR 3D MAR IV AREAS DURING THE NEXT TWENTY FOUR HOURS.

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THIRD MARINE DIVISION SITREP NUMBER EIGHTY-THREE AS OF 281600Z JULY 65

1. THIRD MARINES. FIRST BATTALION AND SECOND BATTALION CONDUCTED AMBUSHES AND PATROLS WITH NO VC CONTACT. TWO COMPANIES OF THE THIRD BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES PROVIDED BLOCKING FORCES FOR A SEARCH AND CLEAR OPERATION BY THE FIRST ARVN DIVISION IN THE VICINITY OF GRID SQUARE (YL 8114) WITH NO VC CONTACT.

A. FIRST BATTALION, THIRD MARINES. AT FIRST LIGHT, THE FIRST BATTALION, COMPANY D, LEFT ITS NIGHT DEFENSIVE/AMBUSH POSITIONS AT (AT 893662) AND PATROLLED BACK TO THE COMPANY C.P. AT 280715H, A PLATOON OF COMPANY B LEFT THE COMPANY C.P. AND MOVED SOUTH TO CROSS THE SONG TUY LOAN RIVER AT (AT 947699), AND PATROL VIA (AT 964698) TO THE VICINITY ^{OF} (AT 966697) WHERE TRENCHES, FIGHTING HOLES AND A NEW TUNJI TRAP WERE DISCOVERED. THE PLATOON PROCEEDED TO (AT 954696), THEN BACK TO THE COMPANY C.P. NO VC CONTACT WAS MADE.

B. SECOND BATTALION, THIRD MARINES. COMPANY E PATROLLED IN GRID SQUARE (AT 9180) AND (AT 9280), RETURNING TO THEIR CP 281700H. AT 282000H COMPANY H DISPATCHED THREE SQUAD SIZED PATROLS TO AMBUSH SITES AT (AT 897798), (AT 983803), AND (AT 890797).

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AT 280600H COMPANY F SENT A SQUAD-SIZED PATROL TO (AT 842768) AND RETURNED. NO VC CONTACTS WERE MADE.

C. THIRD BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES. BY 280700H COMPANY M OCCUPIED BLOCKING POSITIONS AT (YL 840158) AND COMPANY L OCCUPIED THREE PLATOON BLOCKING POSITIONS AT (YL 812113), (YL 810205) AND (YL 798109) FOR ARVN CLEARING OPERATIONS FROM THE NORTH, SOUTH AND WEST OF GRIL SQUARE (YL 8114). THREE SNIPERS IN A HOUSE AT (YL 790100) WERE ~~WRE~~ ^{SILENCED} BY ARTILLERY. COMPANY L THEN MOVED TO A NEW BLOCKING POSITION AT (YL 826150). UPON THE TERMINATION OF THE OPERATION AT 281500H, COMPANY L WAS HELI-DROPPED TO (YL 891077) WHERE THEY ESTABLISHED NIGHT OFFENSIVE POSITIONS AND FIVE SQUAD-SIZED AMBUSHES.

D. FIRST BATTALION, TWELFTH MARINES. FIRED ONE PREPLANNED FFE MISSION, FOURTEEN UNOBSERVED INTERDICTION MISSIONS AND FOURTEEN UNOBSERVED HARASSING MISSIONS. AMMUNITION EXPENDED WAS: 62 ROUNDS 105MM HE.

E. NAVAL GUNFIRE. USS STODDARD (DD 566) FIRED EIGHT HARASSING/INTERDICTION MISSIONS IN SUPPORT OF 2/3. AMMUNITION EXPENDED: 5"/38 GALIBER - 50HE, 70 ILLUMINATION, 24 WHITE PHOSPHORUS.

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2. FOURTH MARINES. OPERATION LIEN KET FOUR COMMENCED AT 280715H WITH THE FOURTH MARINE REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS, SECOND BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES, THIRD MARINE BATTALION RVN, AND THIRD BATTALION, FIFTY-FIRST REGIMENT PARTICIPATING. THE ~~ELEVENTH~~ ^{ELEVENTH} RANGER BATTALION RVN IS IN RESERVE. THIS COMBINED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION MET WITH SCATTERED VC RESISTANCE VICINITY (BS 44991). EFFECTIVE SUPPORT BY ARTILLERY AND AIR, COMBINED WITH ACCURATE SMALL ARMS FIRE RESULTED IN TWENTY-SIX VC KILLED. USMC UNITS SUSTAINED EIGHT KIA. DURING THIS PERIOD OTHER UNITS OF FOURTH MARINES CONDUCTED ONE BATTALION SIZE SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION, TWO PLATOON SIZE PATROLS, EIGHTEEN SQUAD PATROLS AND FIVE AMBUSHES. EIGHTEEN PATROLS WERE CONDUCTED DURING THE HOURS OF DARKNESS.

A. FIRST BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES. COMBAT PATROLLING WAS CONDUCTIVE FORWARD AND TO THE REAR OF DEFENSIVE POSITIONS. AMBUSHES WERE PLACED VIC (BT 425063) AND (BT 452063). AT 280700H, SNIPER FIRE WAS RECEIVED VICINITY (BT 425081). NO CASUALTIES. NO ADDITIONAL VC CONTACTS REPORTED.

B. SECOND BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES. OPERATION LIEN KET FOUR UNDER TACTICAL COMMAND OF COMMANDING OFFICER, FOURTH MARINES CONSISTED OF THE SECOND BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES (-), THIRD BATTALION, FIFTY-FIRST ARVN REGIMENT, THIRD MARINE BATTALION, ELEVENTH RANGER BATTALION, RVN AND ATTACHMENTS OF THE FOURTH MARINES. AT 280400H THE FOURTH MARINES COMMAND POST WAS ^{TO} DISPLACED FORWARD VICINITY (BS 574965). DISPLACEMENT WAS ~~200~~

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COMPLETED
~~MOVING~~ AT 280705H. AT 280445H BATTERY G, THIRD BATTALION,
 TWENTIETH MARINES DISPLACED FORWARD TO VICINITY (BS 5796).
 ARTILLERY SUPPORT FIRES ON THE LANDING ZONES COMMENCED AT 280710H
 AND TERMINATED AT 280725H. ALL THEN ~~PREPARED~~ ^{PREPARED} THE LANDING ZONES
 FROM 280730H TO 280740H. AT 280745H LEADING ELEMENTS OF COMPANIES
 E AND F, REINFORCED, TOUCHED DOWN IN LANDING ZONE BULL, VICINITY
 (BS 488912). AT 280747H, THIRD MARINE BATTALION, RVN BEGAN
 ARRIVING IN LANDING ZONE HORSE, VICINITY (BS 494893). AT
 280822H SECOND BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES COMPLETED LANDING
 AND ~~REMOVED~~ ^{MOVED} EASTWARD. THE THIRD BATTALION, FIFTY-FIRST
 REGIMENT, DEPARTED VICINITY (BS 5796) AND AT 280845H HAD MOVED
 WEST TO VICINITY (BS 540935). AT 280950H SECOND BATTALION,
 FOURTH MARINES HAD MOVED EAST TO VICINITY (BS 496923) AND THE
 THIRD BATTALION, FIFTY-FIRST REGIMENT HAD BEEN ORDERED TO HOLD
 AT VIC (BS 540935). AT 281126H SECOND BATTALION, ^{FOURTH MARINES} REPORTED VC
 CONTACT VICINITY (BS 491922), AT REHEADING TWO VCS AND SUSTAINING
 ONE USMC KIA. AT 281130H THIRD RVN MARINE BATTALION REPORTED
 AN ADVANCE FROM LANDING ZONE HORSE TO (BS 506897). AT 281200H
 SECOND BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES REPORTED VC CONTACT VICINITY
 (BS 498925), KILLING FIVE VC, AND SUSTAINING ONE USMC KIA. TWO
 CARBINES AND ONE M-79 GRENADE LAUNCHER WERE CAPTURED. AT 281320H
 SECOND BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES ENCOUNTERED HEAVY SMALL ARMS
 FIRE FROM VICINITY (BS 496922). 81MM MORTARS FIRED ON THIS
 TARGET AND AN AIR STRIKE WAS CALLED IN. AT 281350H SECOND ~~BATTALION~~ ^{BATTALION}

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FOURTH MARINES REPORTED FIVE VCS APPREHENDED AND FIVE VC
 KILLED VICINITY (BS 489912). ONE SUBMACHINE GUN AND THREE
 HAND GRENADES WERE ALSO CAPTURED. AT 281445H THIRD RVN MARINE BAT-
 TALION WAS LOCATED VICINITY (BS 536906), (BS 536900), AND
 (BS 536894). AT THIS TIME THE THIRD BATTALION, FIFTY-FIRST
 RE
 REGIMENT WAS LOCATED VIC (BS 530927) AND SECOND BATTALION, FOURTH
 MARINES HELD POSITIONS FROM (BS 500920) TO (BS 503912). AT
 281545H THE THIRD BATTALION, FIFTY-FIRST REGIMENT REPORTED
 CAPTURE OF FOUR VCS AND ONE M-1 RIFLE AND LIBERATION OF NINE
 POPULAR FORCE TROOPS. AT 281535H COMPANY F RECEIVED HEAVY
 AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE VICINITY (BS 509919). THE ENSUING FIRE
 FIGHT RESULTED IN ONE VC KILLED, AND ONE MORTAR GUN AND TWO
 BAR MAGAZINES CAPTURED. COMPANY F SUSTAINED THREE KIA. AT
 281803H SECOND BATTALION, FOURTH MARINE ^{BEGAN} RECEIVING HEAVY SMALL
 ARMS FIRE VICINITY (BS 513925) AND AN AIRSTRIKE WAS CALLED IN.
 AT 281700H COMPANY E RECEIVED HEAVY AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE FROM
 VILLAGE BEN YEN (1) VICINITY (BS 513914). COMPANY E ^{ASSAULTED} ~~ASSAULTED~~
 THE VILLAGE, KILLING NINE VC WHILE SUSTAINING TWO USMC KIA AND
 ONE POPULAR FORCE KIA. AT 282015H AN AIRSTRIKE WAS CONDUCTED
 VIC (BS 510917). GOOD EFFECT WAS REPORTED ON THE TARGET OF FIFTEEN
 TO TWENTY VC. AT 282355H THE PRESENT NIGHT DEFENSIVE POSITIONS
 WERE REPORTED AS FOLLOWS: THIRD RVN MARINE BATTALION VIC (BS 539904)
 (BS 540900) AND (BS 541895); COMPANY F SECOND BATTALION, FOURTH
 MARINES VICINITY (BS 509919) AND COMPANY E, SECOND BATTALION,
 FOURTH MARINES VICINITY (BS 513927); THIRD BATTALION, FIFTY-FIRST
 REGIMENT VICINITY (BS 531910). USMC LOSSES - EIGHT KIA.

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LOSSES TO
 VC ~~USMC~~ USMC: TWENTY-SIX KIA, FIVE VCS, ONE SUBMACHINE GUN, ONE
 M79 GRENADE LAUNCHER, TWO CARBINES, ONE BUMP GUN, FOUR
 GRENADES. ^{TO} ARVN: FOUR VCS AND ONE M-1 RIFLE.

C. THIRD BATTALION, THIRD MARINES. COMPANY M
 REMAINED EAST OF THE SONG TAM BONG RIVER CONDUCTING SEARCH AND
 DESTROY OPERATIONS VIC (BT 6300). AT 280651H AN LVTP-FIVE
 PROCEEDING TO RETRACT COMPANY M FROM EAST OF THE RIVER STRUCK
 A VC DEMOLITION CHARGE VIC (BT 606020). LVT CREW SUSTAINED
 FIVE KIA AND THE LVT FIVE BURNED. NO VC CONTACT REPORTED
 DURING PERIOD.

D. THIRD BATTALION, TWELFTH MARINES. AT 281833H A FOR-
 WARD OBSERVER TEAM VIC (BS 558997) SUSTAINED ONE KIA WHEN A
 YOUNG BOY ABOUT NINE YEARS OLD THREW A GRENADE AT HIM. THE
 CHILD ESCAPED. DURING THIS PERIOD, THIRTY-THREE H & I MISSIONS
 AND FIVE PREP MISSIONS WERE FIRED, EXPENDING 176 ROUNDS OF HE.

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3. NINTH MARINES. THE FIRST BATTALION, NINTH MARINES CONTINUED TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR THE LANANG AIR BASE. COMPANY G WAS HELILIFTED TO CHU LAI AND PASSED TO OPCON FOURTH MARINES FOR A PERIOD OF TWO DAYS.

A. FIRST BATTALION, NINTH MARINES. PROVIDED SECURITY FOR THE LANANG AIR BASE.

B. SECOND BATTALION, NINTH MARINES. COMPANY G WAS HELILIFTED FROM THE LANANG AIR BASE TO CHU LAI WHERE THEY PASSED TO OPCON OF FOURTH MARINES FOR EMPLOYMENT ON THE MLR AT CHU LAI. THE HELI^{LIFT}~~LIFT~~ WAS COMPLETED BY 280730H. IN THE LANANG AREA, THE BATTALION ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DEFENSE OF THE THONG LE RAILROAD BRIDGE (AT 998707) FROM THE FOULDER FORCES AT 281800H.

4. BLT 2/7 CONDUCTED ONE PLATOON PATROL, FIVE SQUAD PATROLS AND OCCUPIED TWO OBSERVATION POSTS DURING THE PERIOD. EACH OBSERVATION POST, VIC (CR 014183) AND (CR 006199) WAS MANNED BY ONE SQUAD FROM COMPANY F. BOTH OPS REPORTED VC PROBES DURING THE NIGHT. AT 280300H THE OBSERVATION POST, VIC (CR 014183) REPORTED A TEN TO FIFTEEN MAN VC PROBE WITH GRENADES AND SMALL ARMS. FIRE WAS RETURNED, AND COUPLED WITH 81MM MORTAR ILLUMINATION AND HIGH EXPLOSIVE BOUNDS, THE VC WERE DISPERSED. NO CASUALTIES REPORTED. AT 272100H THE OP VIC (CR 006199) REPORTED RECEIVING SMALL ARMS FIRE. THE ENSUING FIRE FIGHT DISPERSED VC. COMPANY F SUSTAINED ONE KIA. NO VC CASUALTIES REPORTED.

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5. THIRD RECONNAISSANCE BATTALION CONDUCTED ROUTINE OPERATIONS DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD.

A. H&S COMPANY MANNED OP HOTEL (AT 959745). NO VC CONTACT.

B. A SQUAD FROM COMPANY A MANNED THE OP ON LONG DEN MOUNTAIN (AT 837828). NO VC CONTACT.

C. A PLATOON FROM COMPANY A PATROLLED THE VICINITY OF GRIL SQUARES (AT 8960), (AT 9060), AND (AT 901601). ONE VCS SIGHTED.

D. THE FIRST PLATOON OF COMPANY D ESTABLISHED A BLOCKING POSITION AT (AT 963787) FROM 271830 TO 280630H. NO VC CONTACT. BLOCKING POSITION REESTABLISHED AT 281830H.

E. THE SECOND PLATOON OF COMPANY D, MANNING THE OP ON MARBLE MOUNTAIN (BT 075710), SIGHTED TWO VCS AT (BT 065713). ONE MAN ARMED WITH A RIFLE. AT 281524H THREE ROUNDS OF SNIPER FIRE WERE RECEIVED FROM VICINITY OF (BT 074719). NO CASUALTIES.

6. THIRD ENGR BATTALION. CONDUCTED MINEFIELD CLEARING OPERATIONS, ESTABLISHING AN EIGHT FOOT LANE THROUGH AN AVN MINEFIELD VIC (BT 013745). ROAD IMPROVEMENT CONTINUES VIC (AT 940753) LAI LA PASS. GENERAL CONSTRUCTION CONTINUED IN THE VICINITY OF THE NEW DIVISION COMMAND POST.

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7. PEOPLE TO PEOPLE

A. THIRD MARINES. COMPANY B TREATED FIFTEEN PEOPLE AT (AT 945695). COMPANY D TREATED ONE MAN AT (AT 926716). THE DISPENSARY AT LE MY TREATED 111 PEOPLE. THE BATTALION CHAPLAIN HAS ARRANGED FOR A CATHOLIC CHAPEL^{9/14} TO HOLD MASS ON 1 AUGUST IN A VIETNAMESE CATHOLIC CHURCH AT (AT 945696).

B. FOURTH MARINES. THIRD BATTALION, THIRD MARINES DIVIDED THEIR SECTOR WEST OF THE DONG TRA DONG RIVER INTO AREAS FOR CIVIL AFFAIRS COORDINATION. THIRD BATTALION, THIRD MARINES IS COMILING A ROSTER OF VILLAGE AND HAMLET CHIEFS FOR CIVIL AFFAIRS PURPOSES.

C. NINTH MARINES. ELEVEN PEOPLE WERE TREATED AT THE SECOND BATTALION AID STATION, EIGHTY-FIVE PEOPLE WERE TREATED AT THE VILLAGE OF PHONG LE (1) (AT 995696), FORTY PEOPLE WERE TREATED AT THE VILLAGE OF TRUNG TAY (AT 033744) AND TWENTY-THREE PEOPLE WERE TREATED AT THE VILLAGE OF YEN BAC (AT 985708).

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A. FIRST BATTALION, THIRD MARINES. COMPANY B WILL CONDUCT A PLATOON-SIZED PATROL OF GRID SQUARES (AT 9569) AND (AT 9669) FROM 291300H TO 291800H.

B. SECOND BATTALION, THIRD MARINES. COMMENCING AT 290630H A PLATOON FROM COMPANY R WILL DEPART (AT 876747) AND PATROL THE HOA MY AREA, GRID SQUARE (AT 8579). A PLATOON FROM COMPANY E WILL FOLLOW IN TRAIL AT A THIRTY MINUTE INTERVAL, PREPARED TO SUPPORT THE LEAD PLATOON. AFTER REACHING HOA MY THE PLATOON FROM COMPANY E WILL RECONNOITER A ROUTE OVER THE WESTERN SLOPE OF LONG DEN MOUNTAIN ^{IN} GRID SQUARE (AT 8382). A PLATOON OF COMPANY A, THIRD RECON BATTALION, WILL ESTABLISH OPS AT (AT 847735) AND (AT 854785). THE COMPANY H PATROL WEST OF LE MY WILL BE REPLACED BY ANOTHER REINFORCED PLATOON PATROL BY 290600H. COMMENCING AT 290600H, COMPANY F WILL CONDUCT A SQUAD PATROL FROM THE COMPANY CP VIA (AT 902777), (AT 892777), (AT 893786), (AT 901785) AND RETURN TO THE COMPANY CP. ONE PLATOON FROM COMPANY A, THIRD TANK BATTALION WILL CONDUCT A RECONnaissance PATROL IN GRID SQUARES (AT 9180), (AT 9280), (AT 9380) AND (AT 9381) DURING THE AFTERNOON.

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C. THIRD BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES. WILL CONDUCT A HAMMER AND ANVIL OPERATION WITH COMPANY L, TWO PLATOONS OF COMPANY M AND TWO PLATOONS FROM ~~THE~~ COMPANY C, THIRD RECON BATTALION IN THE AREA OF GRID SQUARES (YD 9007), (YD 9005), (YD 9006) AND (YD 9106). ONE PLATOON OF COMPANY C, THIRD RECON BATTALION WILL REMAIN IN GRID SQUARE (YD 9006) AND ESTABLISH AN AMBUSH. COMPANY L WILL MOVE TO (YD 889087) AND ESTABLISH A NIGHT POSITION.

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B. FOURTH MARINES. PRIMARY EFFORT WILL BE DIRECTED TOWARD COMPLETION OF OPERATION LEIN KEY FOUR.

C. NINTH MARINES. THE SECOND BATTALION WILL CONTINUE COMBAT OPERATIONS SOUTH ^{OF} THE SONG CAU LO RIVER WITH COMPANIES E AND H. COMPANY E WILL CONDUCT FIRE TEAM LAYOUTS AT (AT 993684), (AT 003686) AND (AT 992698) FROM 282000H UNTIL ~~290600H~~ 290600H. COMPANY G WILL REMAIN UNDER THE OPCON OF FOURTH MARINES. FIRST BATTALION WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE ~~SECURITY~~ ^{SECURITY} FOR DANANG AIR BASE.

D. BLT 2/7 WILL CONDUCT ONE COMPANY (-) SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION VIC (BR 9920).

E. THIRD RECON BATTALION. COMPANY A WILL RECOVER THE FIRST PLATOON AND COMMUNICATIONS TEAM FROM THE VICINITY OF LAI ^{LOC} ~~205~~, GRID SQUARE (AT 9157) AT 290700H.

F. THIRD ENGR BN. WILL CONTINUE TO CONDUCT ENGINEER OPERATIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE THIRD MARLIV IN THE DANANG TAOR.

G. DURING THE NEXT TWENTY-FOUR HOURS THERE ARE TWENTY-EIGHT PATROLS AND FIFTEEN AMBUSHES PLANNED FOR THIRD MARLIV UNITS.

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1. 3D MARINE DIVISION. DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD, THE COMBINED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION LIEN KET 4 CONTINUED UNDER THE TACTICAL DIRECTION OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER, 4TH MARINES. NO VC CONTACT REPORTED.

A. HUE-PHU BAI TAOR

(1) 3D BN, 4TH MARINES. CONDUCTED A SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION ALONG THE SOUTHEASTERN BOUNDARY OF THE TAOR. CO L SWEEPED THE AREA FROM (YD 904073) TO (YD 903056) WHILE CO M ESTABLISHED BLOCKING PSNS AND SCREENED CO L'S LEFT FLANK. TWO PLATOONS OF THE RECON CO SEARCHED THE SONG HONG RIVER AREA ON A PARALLEL AXIS TO CO L'S MOVEMENT. NO VC ACTIVITY WAS DISCOVERED.

B. DA NANG TAOR

(1) 3D MARINES. HAD NO VC CONTACT DURING THIS PERIOD. EXTENSIVE PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITY WAS CONDUCTED THROUGHOUT THE TAOR, WITH ONE PLATOON SIZE RECON PATROL LAUNCHED ON A THREE DAY OPERATION TO FIND A ROUTE OVER THE WESTERN SLOPE OF DONG

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JED MY (AT 8382).

(A) 1ST BN, 3D MARINES. CONDUCTED TWO PLATOON-SIZE PATROLS AND ESTABLISHED FIVE SQUAD-SIZE AMBUSH POSITIONS. THE DAYLIGHT PATROL OPERATED PRIMARILY IN THE THY HOA AREA (AT 9570). THE SECOND PATROL STARTED OUT AT 291600H AND MOVED WEST FROM GRID SQUARE (AT 9370) TO (AT 8670) WHERE NIGHT AMBUSH POSITIONS WERE SET UP. THIS PATROL WILL REMAIN OUT FOR TWENTY-SIX HOURS. NO VC CONTACT.

(B) 2D BN, 3D MARINES. DISPATCHED PLATOON-SIZE PATROLS FROM CO E AND CO H WHICH JUNCTURED VIC (AT 865793) AND MOVED TOGETHER TOWARD THE NORTHWEST. THE PLATOON FROM CO H PATROLLED THE AREA AROUND HOA MY (AT 8479) WHILE THE PLATOON FROM CO E CONTINUED NORTHWEST TO SEEK A ROUTE OVER THE WESTERN SLOPES OF LONG LEN MT (AT 8382). THIS OPN IS SCHEDULED TO LAST THREE DAYS. CO F BEGAN A TWO PLATOON SIZE PATROL AT 292100H WHICH MOVED SOUTH 3000 METERS FROM THE CO CP (AT 901775) AND THEN TURNED TOWARD MY SON (AT 8776). UPON REACHING THE MY SON AREA THIS PATROL WILL RETURN TO THE CO AREA. IT IS SCHEDULED TO BE OUT UNTIL 301200H. THERE WAS NO VC CONTACT REPORTED DURING THIS PERIOD.

(C) 1ST BN, 12TH MARINES. FIRED TWENTY-SIX H&I AND THREE "WILL ADJUST" MISSIONS DURING THIS PERIOD. OBSERVED MISSIONS WERE FIRED ON SUSPECTED VC OP'S WITH GOOD EFFECT ON TARGETS BEING REPORTED FOR EACH MISSION. AMMO EXPENDED WAS: 105MM - 66 HE, 18 ILLUMINATION AND 28 SMOKE.

(D) NAVAL GUNFIRE PROVIDED BY THE USS JOHN R.

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CHARG (DD-885) AND USS STODDARD (DD-566) WAS USED ON SIX SUSPECTED VC LOCATIONS BETWEEN 282345H AND 290240H. ALL TARGETS WERE LOCATED IN THE EXTREME NORTH AND NORTHEAST PORTIONS OF THE TAOR ABOVE THE CA DE SONG RIVER. AMMO EXPENDED WAS: 260 HE; 75 ILLUM AND 23 WP. ALL AMMO WAS 5"/38 CALIBER.

(2) 9TH MARINES. PLACED A BATTALION (-) ON THE ALERT AT 291227H FOR POSSIBLE DEPLOYMENT IN SUPPORT OF ARVN 2D DIVISION OPERATIONS SOUTHEAST OF THE TAOR. THIS FORCE WAS NOT COMMITTED, HOWEVER, AND THE ORDER TO STAND DOWN WAS GIVEN AT 291800H. THERE WAS NO SIGNIFICANT VC CONTACT REPORTED IN THE 9TH MARINES AREA DURING THIS PERIOD.

(A) 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES. CONDUCTED TWELVE SQUAD SIZE PATROLS AROUND THE DA NANG AIR BASE WITHOUT INCIDENT.

(B) 2ND BN, 9TH MARINES. CONDUCTED FIVE PATROLS IN GRID SQUARES (AT 9968), (BT 0068), (BT 0168), (AT 9969) AND (BT 0169). ONE SQUAD FROM CO E PROVIDED SECURITY FOR ARVN FORCES WHO CONDUCTED A SEARCH OF PHONG LE (1) (AT 9969) AT 290630H. THE ONLY VC CONTACT REPORTED CONSISTED OF SPORADIC SA FIRE RECEIVED FROM THE VILLAGES OF CAM NE (1) AND (2) VIC (AT 9969) AT 291419H AND 291630H. SNIPING CEASED ON EACH OCCASION WHEN FIRE WAS RETURNED WITH 3.5" ROCKET LAUNCHERS AND 106MM RECOILLESS RIFLE. NO CASUALTIES RESULTED FROM THE SNIPING. CO G RETURNED AT 291745H FROM CHU LAI WHERE IT HAD BEEN UNDER OPCON OF THE 4TH MARINES.

(3) 3D RECON BN. CONTINUED OPERATION OF FOUR OP'S PREVIOUSLY ESTABLISHED AND A NEW OP (AT 856784) IN DIRECT

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UNIT OF 2D BN, 3D MARINES. AT 291000H THE OF IN THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE TAOR (RAOR-4) WAS CLOSED AND PERSONNEL RETURNED VIA HELO. THERE WERE NO SIGNIFICANT SIGHTINGS REPORTED TODAY AND NO VC CONTACT. THE SQUAD FROM CO D OPERATING VIC MARBLE MT (BT 072703) RECEIVED TWO ROUNDS OF SNIPER FIRE AT 290850H BUT THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES. AT 291800H A PLATOON FROM CO D SUPPORTED BY A HEAVY SECTION OF TANKS ESTABLISHED A POS ON MARBLE MT FROM WHICH TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR MCB-9 CONSTRUCTION OPNS IN THE DA NANG EAST COMPLEX.

(4) 3D ENGR BN. CONDUCTED MINEFIELD DETECTION AND CLEARING OPNS AT THE FORCE LOGISTICS SUPPORT GROUP COMMAND POST, VIC (BT 003745) TO RELOCATE SEVENTY-FIVE METERS OF BARBED WIRE FENCING. MAXIMUM EFFORT WAS CONTINUED ON ROAD IMPROVEMENTS VIC (AT 940754) AND (AT 988738). WORK CONTINUED ON THE DIVISION CP BUNKER WITH EMPHASIS ON INTERIOR ROADS AND DRAINAGE.

C. CHU LAI TAOR

(1) 4TH MARINES. CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN OPERATION LIEN KET 4, MOVING OUT ON LINE WITH ADJACENT UNITS FROM (BS 515935) TO (BS 549893), THENCE WEST TO HIGHWAY #1 VIC (BS 575-970) TO (BS 595930). NO VC CONTACT. DURING THIS PERIOD UNITS OF 4TH MARINES CONDUCTED ONE BATTALION SEARCH AND DESTROY OPN, ONE COMPANY PATROL, THREE PLATOON PATROLS, THIRTEEN SQUAD PATROLS AND FIVE AMBUSHES.

(A) 1ST BN, 4TH MARINES. CO D (-) WITH ITS FIRST AND SECOND PLATOONS COMMENCED OPERATION DUKE AT 290735H. THIS SEARCH AND DESTROY OPN BEGAN WITH THE FIRST PLATOON LANDING BY

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LVT VIC (BT 438127) AND THE SECOND PLATOON LANDING BY LVT VIC (BT 456102). THE TWO PLATOONS MOVED INLAND, CLOSING ON (BT 446107) AT 290910H. ONE MAN SUFFERED A PUNJI STAKE WOUND AT 291007H VIC (BT 446103). THE CO (-) CONTINUED THE OPN BY MOVING SOUTH TO VIC (BT 434078), ARRIVING AT 291055H. AT 291955H BOTH PLATOONS MOVED INTO NIGHT DEFENSIVE PSNS VIC (BT 433079). FROM THESE PSNS, SMALL PATROLS WILL BE CONDUCTED AND AMBUSHES ESTABLISHED. ADDITIONAL PATROLS AND AMBUSHES WERE OPERATED FORWARD OF THE DEFENSIVE PSNS. NO VC CONTACT WAS REPORTED.

(B) 2ND BN, 4TH MARINES. OPERATION LIEN KIT 4 CONTINUED AT 290830H WITH UNITS MOVING OUT FROM NIGHT DEFENSIVE PSNS. THE 2D BN, 4TH MARINES MOVED WEST FROM VIC (BS 522925); THE 3D BN, 51ST ARVN REGT MOVED WEST FROM VIC (BS 531910) AND THE 3D MARINE BN RVN MOVED WEST FROM VIC (BS 540900), ALL ON LINE TO CONDUCT SEARCH AND DESTROY OPNS TO HIGHWAY #1. THE UNITS REACHED THEIR OBJECTIVES ALONG THE HIGHWAY FROM (BS 575-970) TO (BS 595930) AT 291430H. NO VC CONTACT REPORTED. BTRY G, 3D BN, 12TH MARINES, HAVING MOVED FORWARD AT 290645H INTO VIC (BT 561004) TO SUPPORT THE OPN, DISPLACED AT 291530H TO THEIR NORMAL FIRING PSNS. AT 291540H, EACH INFANTRY BATTALION BEGAN TO RETURN BY VEHICLE TO DEFENSIVE PSNS. AT 291730H, ALL PARTICIPATING UNITS HAD RETURNED TO THEIR REGULAR PSNS.

(C) 3D BN, 3D MARINES. RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM LOCAL VILLAGERS THAT A VC PLATOON WITH WPNS HAD OCCUPIED THE VILLAGES OF HAI NINH (1) VIC (BT 609017) AND HAI NINH (2) VIC (BT 612012). CO K CONDUCTED A NIGHT PATROL IN THIS VICINITY

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SURROUNDING EACH VILLAGE PRIOR TO DAYLIGHT. AT DAYBREAK A THOROUGH SEARCH AND POPULATION CHECK WAS INITIATED IN A EFFORT TO CAPTURE VC. CO K COMPLETED THE SEARCH AT 290845H APPREHENDING TWO VCS. NO VC ACTIVITY REPORTED FOR THIS PERIOD.

(D) 3D BN, 12TH MARINES. DURING THIS PERIOD TWO "WILL ADJUST" MISSIONS, TWO REGISTRATIONS AND THIRTEEN H&I MISSIONS WERE CONDUCTED, EXPENDING 120 ROUNDS.

D. QUI NHON TAOR

(1) BLT 2/7. (NO SITREP AVAILABLE).

E. SUMMARY

(1) MAJOR UNIT ACTIONS

(A) OPERATION LIEN KET 4, SEARCH AND DESTROY OPN.

(B) LOCATION: QUANG TIN PROVINCE (BS 515935) (BS 549893) (BS 575970) (BS 595930).

(C) PARTICIPATING UNITS: HQ, 4TH MARINE REGIMENT; 2D BN, 4TH MARINES; 3D BN, 51ST ARVN REGT; 3D MARINE BN RVN; ATTACHMENTS, 4TH MARINE REGIMENT.

(D) CONTROL HEADQUARTERS: 4TH MARINE REGIMENT.

(E) TIME OF COMMENCEMENT: 280730H.

(F) TIME OF TERMINATION: 291730H

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(G) RESULTS:

FRIENDLY LOSSES

KIA: NONE

WIA: SIX

ENEMY LOSSES

KIA: 17(USMC)

VCS: 5 (USMC)
4 (ARVN)

WEAPONS:

2-CARBINE (USMC)

1-SUBMACHINE GUN (USMC)

1-M79 GRENADE LAUNCHER
(USMC)
1-BURP GUN (USMC)
1-.38 CAL PISTOL (USMC)
4-GRENADES (USMC)
1-M1 RIFLE (ARVN)
1-MAS 36 RIFLE (USMC)

(2) SMALL UNIT ACTIONS

- (A) NIGHT CONTACTS: NONE
(B) DAY CONTACTS: NONE
(C) TOTAL CONTACTS: NONE
(D) ACTIONS WITHOUT CONTACTS: SIXTY-SIX
(E) BOX SCORES: NOT APPLICABLE

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2. PLANS SUMMARY

A. THIRD MARINE DIVISION INTENTIONS

(1) HUE-PHU BAI TAOR. CO L WILL CONDUCT A SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION FROM (YD 889085) BACK TO THE BN CP AREA (YD 885135).

(2) DA NANG TAOR. EXTENDED PATROL OPERATIONS BEGUN TODAY BY 3D MARINES WILL BE CONTINUED.

(3) CHU LAI TAOR. CO D (-) 1ST BN, 4TH MARINES WILL CONTINUE TO PATROL AND ESTABLISH AMBUSHES VIC (BT 433079) AT 300500H. CO H (-) WILL CONTINUE TO PATROL TO VIC (BT 465088). CO B (-) 1ST BN, 4TH MARINES WILL HELILIFT INTO A LZ VIC (BT 447072) AT 311100H TO COMMENCE A TWO DAY EXTENDED PATROL.

(4) QUI NHON TAOR. NO SITREP AVAILABLE.

(5) THERE ARE 36 PATROLS AND 17 AMBUSHES PLANNED FOR THIRD MARDIV AREAS DURING THE NEXT TWENTY-FOUR HOURS.

3. CIVIL ACTION

A. HUE-PHU BAI TAOR. A DOCTOR, TWO COMBATANTS AND TWO LOCAL

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VICTIMS NURSES TRAINED BY THE 3D BN, 4TH MARINES TREATED APPROX 200 PEOPLE AT THE PHU BAI AID STATION (YD 925105).

B. DA NANG TAOR

(1) 3D MARINES GAVE MEDICAL TREATMENT TO SIXTEEN PEOPLE AT THE HAMLET LOCATED (AT 945685). A FOUR-MAN MUSICAL COMBO FROM 1ST BN, 3D MARINES ALSO PROVIDED ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE LOCAL RESIDENTS AT THIS LOCATION.

(2) 9TH MARINES TREATED THIRTEEN VIETNAMESE AT THE 3D BN AID STATION, FORTH IN THE VILLAGE OF CAM NAM (BT 0170) AND THIRTY MORE AT ST VINCENT'S ORPHANAGE.

(3) 3D ANTI-TANK BN TREATED TWENTY ADULTS AND TWENTY-TWO CHILDREN IN THE VILLAGE OF YEN BAC (AT 985708).

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THIRD MARDIV (RVN)
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6-12MAR

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4-3rd ENGR

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2-Comm Spt

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THIRD MARDIV SITREP NR 85 AS OF 301600Z JULY 65.

1. THIRD MARDIV HIGHLIGHTS. DESPITE EXTENSIVE PATROLLING AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES, THERE WAS NO DIRECT VC CONTACT IN THIRD MARDIV AREAS TODAY. TWO MARINES WERE KILLED AND ONE TANK SLIGHTLY DAMAGED IN THE DA NANG AREA BY VC MINES OR EXPLOSIVE DEVICES. THREE MORE MARINES WERE KILLED IN THE AREA WHEN THEY WERE APPARENTLY STRUCK BY LIGHTING AT 301930H VICINITY (AT 969749).

A. HUE-FHU BAI TAOR

(1) THIRD BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES CONDUCTED FIVE SQUAD SIZE SECURITY PATROLS IN THE BATTALION CP-AIRFIELD AND A COMPANY-SIZE COMBAT PATROL FROM (YD 889087) BACK TO THE BATTALION CP AREA.

B. DANANG TAOR

(1) THIRD MARINES CONDUCTED LARGE SCALE PATROLS AND ACTIVITIES IN THE NORTHWESTERN, CENTRAL, AND WESTERN PORTIONS OF THE TAOR. FOUR VCS WERE APPREHENDED AND TWO MARINES WERE KILLED BY A VC EXPLOSIVE DEVICE BUT THERE WAS NO VC CONTACT.

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(A) FIRST BATTALION, THIRD MARINES CONTINUED PATROLLING IN THE EXTREME WESTERN PORTION OF THE FAOZ WITH A PLATOON FROM COMPANY B. THE PATROL WAS RETURNING FROM (AT 8472), GENERALLY ALONG THE SONG TUY LOAN RIVER, WHEN IT APPREHENDED TWO VCS VICINITY (AT 882711) AT 301213H. AS THE PATROL CONTINUED TO MOVE EAST, ONE MARINE WAS KIA AND ANOTHER KIA (LATER DIED OF WOUNDS) AT 301343H BY A VC EXPLOSIVE DEVICE AT (AT885706). TWO MORE VCS WERE FOUND AND APPREHENDED IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF THIS EXPLOSION. THE PATROL RETURNED TO THE BATTALION AREA WITHOUT INCIDENT.

2 (B) SECOND BATTALION, THIRD MARINES CONTINUED THE
3 PLATOON RECON PATROL FROM COMPANY E THAT IS SEARCHING FOR SUITABLE ROUTES OVER THE WESTERN SLOPES OF DONG DEN IT (AT 3382). COMPANY H OPERATED A PLATOON MOBILE COMBAT BASE IN THE AREA WEST OF THE MSR-LE MY COMPLEX AND COMPANY F COMPLETED A TWO PLATOON PATROL THAT BEGAN YESTERDAY. THE PATROL SEARCHED THE VILLAGE OF MY SON (AT 8778) AND RETURNED TO THE ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ COMPANY CP TODAY.

(C) FIRST BATTALION, TALLETH MARINES FIRED TWENTY-TWO HARASSING AND TWENTY - TWO INTERDICTION MISSIONS IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF THIRD MARINES. AMMO EXPENDED WAS EIGHTY ROUNDS OF 105MM HE.

(2) NINTH MARINES CONDUCTED SQUAD SIZE SECURITY PATROLS AROUND THE DANANG AIR BASE, RELOCATED RIFLE COMPANIES IN PREPARATION FOR AN OPERATION TO BE CONDUCTED ON 31 JULY AND PATROLLED THE SONG CAU DO AND SONG VINH LIEN RIVER WITH LVT'S. THERE WAS NO VC CONTACT.

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SQUAD SIZE SQUADS AROUND THE DANANG AIR BASE WITHOUT FACILITY.

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3 (B) SECOND BATTALION, NINTH MARINES CONDUCTED A PATROL
A OF THE SONG CHU LO AND SONG VINH LIEN RIVERS FROM (BT 016717)
VIA (BT 045735) TO (BT 028688) WITH THREE LVT'S AND A REIN-
FORCED RIFLE SQUAD. THE PATROL DETERMINED THAT THIS ROUTE COULD
BE USED FOR RESUPPLYING UNITS THAT WILL BE LOCATED IN THE
SOUTHEASTERN PORTION OF THE DANANG TAOB. IN PREPARATION FOR
AN OPERATION TO BE CONDUCTED TOMORROW, COMPANIES E, F AND G
WERE ASSEMBLED IN THE VICINITY OF THE BATTALION CP (AT 993723)
LEAVING ONLY COMPANY H IN POSITION SOUTH OF THE SONG CHU LO RIVER
VICINITY (AT 997635).

(3) TWELFTH MARINES FIRED THIRTEEN H&I DISCHARGES IN GENERAL
SUPPORT OF THE THIRD MARDIV. TEN WERE FIRED BY LIA BTRY AND
FOUR BY THE 8" HOW BTRY. AMMO EXPENDED WAS FIFTY ROUNDS OF
155MM HE AND THIRTY ROUNDS OF 8" HE. NO SURVEILLANCE REPORTED
GOOD EFFECT ON TARGET AREAS.

(4) THIRD RECONNAISSANCE BATTALION. FOLLOWING OP'S
CONTINUED IN OPERATION: OP HOTEL (AT 959245); LONG DEN MTN
(AT 83821), AND MARBLE MTN (BT 0771). MARBLE MTN OP SIGHTED
FIFTEEN VCS VICINITY (BT 068690) AND SENT A TANK PATROL TO IN-
VESTIGATE. TANK HIT AP MINE DAMAGING TREAD (BT 068690); NO
FURTHER CONTACT WITH VCS.

(5) THIRD ENGINEER BATTALION. CLASS SIXTY RAFT DISASSEMBLED.
MAXIMUM EFFORT CONTINUED ON CAPING ROAD AROUND HILLS 327 AND

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263 (BT 940743) AND (BT 940744), HAULED TO FORT LAI LA PASS (276 CUBIC YARDS) OF LATERITE. ALSO CONTINUED REVENGE OF LAI LA PASS ROAD FROM (BT 940754) TO (BT 940743). 125,340 GALLONS OF POTABLE AND 3,200 GALLONS OF WATER DISTRIBUTED.

C. CHU LAI TRON

(1) FOURTH MARINES. SIXTEEN NIGHT AND THREE DAYLIGHT PATROLS CONDUCTED WITH NEGATIVE VC CONTACT THROUGHOUT TACOR.

(A) FIRST BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES CONDUCTED DAY AND NIGHT ^{PATROL} ~~OUTPOSTS~~ OUTPOSTS ON ANLEU BRIDGE (BT 496088) AND HILL 69 (BT 468068) DISTURBED COMPANY D (-) COMBAT HILL 110 DAY EXTENDED COMBAT PATROL ALONG ROUTE 111 (BT 428076), (BT 438077), (BT 448076) AND SEARCHED VILLAGE VICINITY (BT 452076) WHICH WAS FOUND TO BE DESERTED EXCEPT FOR SCORN PATROL PICKED UP REPTILES VICINITY (BT 458093) AT 3010AM.

(B) SECOND BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES SPENT DAY WORKING ON EQUIPMENT AFTER PARTICIPATING IN OPERATION HEN KAT FOUR. PATROLS CONDUCTED THROUGHOUT THEIR SECTOR OF THE TACOR.

(C) THIRD BATTALION, THIRD MARINES. COMPANY K DEPARTED BY LVT AT 300800H TO PENINSULA EAST OF SONG TRA BONG RIVER LEAVING LT (BT 640026) TO BEGIN SEARCH AND DESTROY ALL COM. NEGATIVE CONTACT. OTHER COMPANIES PATROLLED AREAS IN FRONT OF AREA.

(D) THIRD BATTALION, FIFTH MARINES PERFORMED TWENTY TWO H & I MISSIONS AND CONDUCTED TWO NIGHTS TACOR, INCLUDING 134 ROUNDS OF HE AND TWO ILLUMINATION ROUNDS.

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D. QUI NHON TAOR: SITREP NOT RECEIVED FROM QUI NHON DUE TO COMMUNICATIONS FAILURE.

E. SUMMARY

(1) MAJOR UNIT ACTIONS: NONE

(2) SMALL UNIT ACTIONS:

(A) NIGHT CONTACTS: NONE

(B) DAY CONTACTS: NONE

(C) TOTAL CONTACTS: NONE

(D) ACTIONS WITHIN CONTACTS: NONE

(E) BOX SCORES:

PROVINCE/ COORDINATES	DATE/TIME	ACTION	RESULT	REMARKS
QUANG NAM/AT 885706	30-13-11	2-11-1		

2. PLANS SUMMARY

A. THIRD MARINE DIVISION INTENTIONS:

(1) HUE-PHU BAI TAOR: COMPANY D, THIRD MARINE DIVISION, FOURTH MARINES WILL CONDUCT A "HAMMER AND ANVIL" SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION IN THE SOUTHWESTERN PORTION OF THE TAOR. COMPANY L WILL SCREEN THE AREA EAST OF THE SONG TR TRACH RIVER FROM (YL 8005) TO (YL 7907). A REGIONAL FORCES COMPANY WILL ESTABLISH

THE BLOCKING POSITION ON THE NORTHWEST BANK OF THE RIVER VICINITY

(YL 795075). COMPANY G(-), THIRD RECON BN RECON SCREEN COMPANY

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155MM LEFT FLANK DURING THIS OPERATION. ARTILLERY SUPPORT WILL
BE FURNISHED BY THE MORTAR BTRY WHICH WILL BE HELI~~LIFTED~~

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INTO POSITION AT (YD 820082), AS WELL AS ^{BY} A SECTION OF 105MM
AND A SECTION OF 155MM HOWITZERS LOCATED AT (YD 876122).

(2) LA NANG TAOR

(1) THIRD MARINES WILL SHIFT THE EMPHASIS FROM
EXTENSIVE, LARGE PATROLS TO SHORTER, SMALLER PATROLS AND
~~SMALL~~ UNIT AMBUSHES IN THE VICINITY OF THE CLR. COMPANY E,
SECOND BATTALION, THIRD MARINES WILL CONTINUE ITS PLATOON RECON
PATROL OPERATION ON LONG BEN MT.

(3) NINTH MARINES WILL CONDUCT A COORDINATED SEARCH
AND CLEAR OPERATION WITH COMPANY F, SECOND BATTALION, NINTH
MARINES AND THE 591ST RF COMPANY. THE OPERATION WILL CLEAR THAT
AREA LYING EAST OF HIGHWAY ^{#1} AND BETWEEN THE SONG CAU DO AND VINH
DIEN RIVERS AND ESTABLISH THREE PERMANENT PLATOON POSITIONS VIC-
INITY (BT 023690), (BT 032700), AND (BT 042722).

(3) CHU LAI TAOR: COMPANY B (-), FIRST BATTALION, FOURTH
MARINES WILL BE LIFTED BY HELICOPTER TO (BT 447072) AT 31100H
TO BEGIN A TWO-DAY COMBAT PATROL OPERATION IN THAT AREA.

(4) THERE ARE THIRTY THREE PATROLS AND FIFTEEN AMBUSHES
PLANNED FOR THIRD MARINE AREAS DURING THE NEXT TWENTY-FOUR HOURS.

3. PEOPLE TO PEOPLE

A. LA NANG TAOR

(1) THIRD MARINES. 105 PEOPLE WERE GIVEN MEDICAL TREAT-
MENT AT THE LE MI DISPENSARY TODAY, AND ANOTHER THIRTY FOUR WERE
TREATED AT PHUC HOA (AT 945695). AN EIGHT MAN MUSICAL COMBO

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ENTERTAINED 125 PEOPLE AT THE LATTER VILLAGE WHILE THE CHAPLAIN FROM FIRST BATTALION, THIRD MARINES MET WITH THE VIETNAMESE PASTOR OF THE LOCAL SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH TO DISCUSS VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS.

(2) AT 301000H THE VILLAGE ELDERS OF DUONG SON (1), PHONG LE (1), PHONG LE (2), CAT ^{NAM} ~~SON~~ AND QUANG CHAU (2) MET WITH THE VILLAGERS OF DUONG SON (1) AT THE SCHOOL HOUSE AT DUONG SON VILLAGE. GUESTS ATTENDING INCLUDED THE DISTRICT CHIEF, CAPT. HOA, THE CANTON CHIEF, NGO MIN, AND THE CANTON POLICE CHIEF, MR. HOI. INVITATIONS WERE SENT BY THE VILLAGERS AND PLACES OF HONOR WERE RESERVED FOR THE CO, 9TH MARINES, COLONEL GARRETSON; CO 26BN, 9TH MARINES, LTCOL SCHAMBERG, AND THE FORMER XO, 2/9 (NOW S-2, 9TH MAR) MAJOR BUCK. THE GENERAL TENOR OF THE MANY SPEECHES MADE WAS THAT OF A WELCOME TO THE U. S. MARINE FORCES IN THE AREA SOUTH OF THE BONG CHU DO, A REAFFIRMATION OF U.S. VIETNAMESE SOLIDARITY AND AN AFFIRMATION OF THE PEOPLE'S WILL TO SUPPORT THE RVN IN THE FIGHT AGAINST THE VC. LE QAC ICH WHO HAD SERVED WITH THE VC AS A CORPSMAN AND RECENTLY SURRENDERED IN PHONG LE (1) WAS PRESENTED TO THE ASSEMBLAGE. HE SPOKE ON HIS EXPERIENCE AS A VIET CONG AND WARNED THE VILLAGERS AGAINST AFFILIATING WITH THE VC. WHEN CALLED UPON TO SPEAK, COLONEL GARRETSON RESTATED HIS APPRECIATION FOR THE COOPERATION AND FORBEARANCE OF THE FARMERS DURING OUR OPERATIONS IN THEIR VILLAGE AREAS, ~~AND ALLED THAT MANY ADDITIONAL U.S. FORCES WERE ENROUTE TO BOLSTER OUR ASSISTANCE TO THE RVN IN ORDER TO ATTAIN COMPLETE VICTORY OVER THE VC.~~ THE VILLAGE CHIEFS RESPONDED BY PRESENTING THE CO, 9TH MARINES AND EACH OF HIS FELLOW OFFICERS

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PRESENT WITH AN ELDER'S BLACK TURBAN HAT, AN UMBRELLA, AND A BLACK SILK SMOCK AS A GESTURE OF RESPECT AND FRIENDSHIP.

AFTERWARDS, THE ELDERS AND THE CANTON CHIEF CONDUCTED COLONEL GARRETSON AND HIS PARTY ON A TOUR OF THE VILLAGE PAGODA AND OTHER VILLAGE POINTS OF INTEREST. FRENCH AND VIETNAMESE INTERPRETERS WERE AVAILABLE AND UTILIZED. MEDIA COVERAGE WAS PROVIDED BY INS, CBS AND SAIGON TIMES PHOTOGRAPHERS/REPORTS.

LATE ENTRY: NAVAL GUNFIRE. USS CRAIG (LD 885) FIRED A TOTAL OF 7 MISSIONS IN SUPPORT OF 2/3 BETWEEN 301947H AND 302155H. A TOTAL OF 29 HE AND 132 HE ROUNDS WERE FIRED ON H & I MISSIONS UNDER CONTROL OF NGF SPOT TEAM, WITH REPORTED VERY GOOD EFFECT ON ALL TARGETS. USS STOLLARD (LD 566) COMMENCED FIRING AT 302013H IN SUPPORT OF 2/9. ~~XXXXXXXX~~ AT END OF PERIOD A TOTAL OF 10 ILLUMINATION ROUNDS HAD BEEN FIRED UNDER CONTROL OF NGF SPOT TEAM.

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THIRD MARDIV SITREP NUMBER EIGHTY-SIX AS OF 311600Z JUL 65

1. 3D MARINE DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS. ALTHOUGH A COMBINED
 HAMMER-AND-ANVIL OPERATION WAS CONDUCTED AT HUE-PHU BAI AND
 ALL DIVISIONAL UNITS CONTINUED THEIR AGGRESSIVE AMBUSH AND
 PATROL ACTIVITIES, THERE WERE NO DIRECT CONTACTS WITH THE
 VC DURING THE REPORTED ^{ING} PERIOD. NO CASUALTIES WERE SUSTAINED
 AND NO CONFIRMED CASUALTIES INFLECTED ON THE VC.

A. HUE-PHU BAI TAOR. CO L, 3D BN, 4TH MARINES, IN CON-
 JUNCTION WITH A PLAT OF CO C, 3D RECONNAISSANCE BN AND A
 REGIONAL FORCES COMPANY, RAN A HAMMER-AND-ANVIL OPERATION IN
 THE SOUTHEASTERN SECTOR OF THE PHU BAI TAOR. CO L WAS HELD-
 LIFTED FROM THE BN CP TO (YD 819056) AND CONDUCTED A SEARCH
 AND DESTROY OPN TO THE VIC OF (YD 796064). THE PLAT OF CO C,
 3D RECON BN, PROVIDED SECURITY FOR THE LEFT FLANK OF CO L AND
 CONDUCTED A RECONNAISSANCE/SEARCH OF THE SONG TRA TRACH RIVER.
 THE REGIONAL FORCES COMPANY SET IN BLOCKING POSNS ON THE NORTH-
 WEST SIDE OF THE RIVER IN GS (YD 7907). NO VC CONTACT WAS MADE.

B. LA NANG TAOR

(1) THIRD MARINES CONDUCTED SQUAD AND PLATOON PATROLS

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IN THE NORTHWESTERN, CENTRAL AND WESTERN PORTIONS OF THE TAOR. THERE WERE NO VC CONTACTS.

(A) 1ST BN, 3D MARINES. CONTINUED PLANNING AND PREPARATIONS FOR A JOINT OPN TO BE CONDUCTED NEXT WEEK IN THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE TAOR AND CONDUCTED PATROLS AND AMBUSHES FORWARD OF THEIR DEFENSIVE PSNS.

(B) 2D BN, 3D MARINES. CONDUCTED PATROLS AND AMBUSHES FORWARD OF THEIR DEFENSIVE PSNS.

(C) 1ST BN, 12TH MARINES. FIRED ONE REGISTRATION MISSION AND TWENTY-SEVEN HARRASSING AND INTERDICTION MISSIONS DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD. AMMUNITION EXPENDED: 133 ROUNDS 105MM HE.

(D) NAVAL GUNFIRE. THE USS STODDARD (DD-565) AND THE USS CRAIG (DD-885) FIRED SIX HARRASSING MISSIONS DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD. AMMUNITION EXPENDED:

5"/38 CALBER - 166 ROUNDS HE
16 ROUNDS HE (FIRED FUSE)
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(2) NINTH MARINES. INCREASED THEIR AREA OF TACTICAL CONTROL TO THE NORTHEAST, CLEARING SEVERAL VILLAGES AND SETTING UP THREE PLATOON STRONG POINTS IN THE PROCESS.

(A) 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES. CONTINUED TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR THE DA NANG AIR BASE.

(B) 2ND BN, 9TH MARINES. CO F, 2ND BN, 9TH MARINES EXTENDED THEIR PSNS NORTHEAST TO (BT 044724), CONDUCTING SEARCH AND CLEAR OPNS IN THE VILLAGES OF LO GIANG (BT 025705), HA AP (BT 028714) AND CON GUI HOI (BT 031718) AS THEY MOVED. CO F NOW MANS PLATOON PSNS AT (BT 028693), (BT 037704) AND (BT 044724).

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NO VC CONTACT. CO H RECEIVED FOUR ROUNDS OF GRENADE FIRE FROM THE VILLAGE OF CAN NE (1), GS (AT 9869) AT 302207H. NO FRIENDLY CASUALTIES.

(3) 12TH MARINES. BTRY FIRED FOUR HARRASSING AND INTERDICTION MISSILES, EXPENDING THIRTY-FOUR ROUNDS OF 105MM.

(4) 3D RECONNAISSANCE BN. CONTINUED TO MAN OPS ON DONG DEN MOUNTAIN, MARBLE MOUNTAIN AND OP HOTEL (AT 962745).

(5) 3D ENGR BN. CONTINUED WORK ON THE DIVISION CP BUNKER; ROADS FROM (AT 950750) TO (AT 990746), (AT 911743) TO (AT 941754), (AT 955751) AND AT (AT 943767); THE BRIDGE ABUTMENT AT (AT 496736); TRASH DUMP AT (AT 994736); FOUR GALLERIES HUTS AND SIX GALLEY STRONGBACKS FOR 2ND BN, 3D MARINES; OPS AT ALL WATER POINTS, AND A NUMBER OF SMALLER ENGR PROJECTS.

C. CHU LAI TAOR

(1) 4TH MARINES. DURING THIS PERIOD, UNITS CONDUCTED ONE COMPANY-SIZE PATROL, TWO PLATOON-SIZE PATROLS, NINE SQUAD PATROLS AND ESTABLISHED THREE AMBUSHES. NINE OF THESE PATROLS WERE CONDUCTED DURING THE HOURS OF DARKNESS. NO SIGNIFICANT VC CONTACT REPORTED.

(A) 1ST BN, 4TH MARINES. PATROLS WERE CONDUCTED FORWARD AND TO THE REAR OF DEFENSIVE PSNS. AMBUSHES WERE ESTABLISHED. NO VC CONTACT.

(B) 2ND BN, 4TH MARINES. CO G REPORTED AT 110015H THAT TWO OR MORE PEOPLE WERE SIGHTED FORWARD OF THEIR DEFENSIVE PSNS VIC (PT 522018). ILLUMINATION AND GROUND PLACES WERE USED TO DETERMINE LOCATION OF INDIVIDUALS BUT WITH NO CONTACT.

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ONE INCOMING HAND GRENADE WAS RECEIVED AND SMALL ARMS FIRE WAS RETURNED. LATER, IN THE SAME VICINITY, ONE HAND GRENADE WAS RECEIVED AT 310330H. NO CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED IN EITHER INCIDENT. CO H ESTABLISHED AMBUSH SITES VIC (BT 521003)(BT 534044) AND (BT 521043) FROM 302100H TO 310630H. NO VC CONTACT.

(C) DE BN, 3D MARINES. CONDUCTED PATROLS FOR AREA OF THEIR DEFENSIVE PSNS. ONE PLAT OF CO K REMAINED EAST OF THE BUNG TRA DONG RIVER DURING THE NIGHT AND CONDUCTED ONE SQUAD LAYOUT AND TWO SQUAD AMBUSHES, VIC (BT 622013) AND (BT 621001). NO VC CONTACT REPORTED BY 3D BN UNITS.

(D) 3D BN, 12TH MARINES. CONDUCTED TWENTY-SEVEN H AND I MISSIONS AND TWO REGISTRATIONS, EXPENDING 226 ROUNDS.

(E) CO C, 3D TANK BN. CONDUCTED INDIRECT H AND I FIRE AT (BT 432023), (BT 426022), (BT 422022), (BT 411019) AND (BT 436021), EXPENDING TWENTY ROUNDS.

D. QUI NHON TACH

(1) PLT 2/7. CONDUCTED ONE PLATOON PATROL, FOUR SQUAD PATROLS AND ESTABLISHED THREE AMBUSHES THROUGHOUT THE TACH. NO VC CONTACT REPORTED.

E. SUMMARY

(1) MAJOR UNIT ACTIONS

(A) TYPE OPERATION: SEARCH AND CLEAR

(B) AREA OF OPERATION: THUA THIEN PROVINCE (VI 805057)(YD 802059) TO (YD 797072)(YD 799073)

(C) UNITS PARTICIPATING: L CO, 3D BN, 12TH MARINES;

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(D) CONTROL HEADQUARTERS: 3D BN, 4TH MARINES

(E) TIME OF COMMENCEMENT: 310700H

(F) TIME OF TERMINATION: 311215H

(G) RESULTS:	<u>FRIENDLY LOSSES</u>	<u>ENEMY LOSSES</u>
	NONE	NONE

(2) SMALL UNIT ACTIONS: 64

(A) NIGHT CONTACTS: NONE

(B) DAY CONTACTS: NONE

(C) TOTAL CONTACTS: NONE

(D) ACTION WITHOUT CONTACTS: 64

(E) BOX SCORES: NONE

2. PLANS SUMMARY

A. THIRD MARINE DIVISION INTENTIONS

(1) HUE-PHU BAI TAOR. CO L, 3D BN, 4TH MARINES WILL PATROL IN THE VIC OF (YD 828087). CO M WILL PATROL IN THE VIC OF (YD 841155). CO I WILL BE HELILIFTED TO DA NANG AND OCCUPY POSITIONS OF THE 1ST BN, 3D MARINES. DURING THAT UNIT'S ABSENCE ON THE PROJECTED 2-3 AUGUST OPN.

(2) DA NANG TAOR.

(A) 1ST BN, 3D MARINES WILL CONTINUE PLANNING AND PREPARATIONS FOR A JOINT OPN TO BE CONDUCTED 2 AND 3 AUGUST.

(B) 2ND BN, 3D MARINES MAINTAINS A MOBILE COMBAT BASE IN GS (AT 8778).

(C) CO B, 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES WILL MOVE TO THE VIC OF (BT 007723).

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(D) CO G, 2D BN, 9TH MARINES, WILL RELIEVE CO H

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(3) CHU LAI TAOR. CO B (-), 1ST BN, 4TH MARINES WILL CONTINUE PATROL OPNS VIC (BT 4108). CO G (-), 2ND BN, 4TH MARINES WILL DEPART AT 011800H TO CONDUCT A TWENTY-FOUR HOUR COMBAT PATROL FROM VIC (BT 5301) SOUTH TO (BS 5299) AND NORTH TO (BT 5102).

(4) QUI NHON TAOR. DURING THIS PERIOD BLT 2/7 WILL CONDUCT ONE PLATOON SIZE PATROL, EIGHT SQUAD SIZE PATROLS AND THREE AMBUSHES.

(5) DURING THE NEXT TWENTY-FOUR HOURS UNITS OF THE 3D MARDIV WILL CONDUCT 44 PATROLS AND 9 AMBUSHES.

3. CIVIL ACTION

A. HUE-PHU BAI TAOR. 3D BN, 4TH MARINES TREATED 225 PEOPLE AT THE VILLAGE OF AN NONG (YD 927103).

B. DA NANG TAOR

(1) 3D MARINES

(A) THE 1ST BN, 3D MARINES TREATED EIGHTEEN PEOPLE AT PHU HOA (AT 945695) AND SEVEN PEOPLE AT THE BATTALION AID STATION (AT 952725).

(B) THE 2D BN, 3D MARINES ARRANGED FOR THREE MORE PEOPLE FROM THE VILLAGE OF HOA LOC (AT 922772) AND TWO FROM HOA TAN (AT 906783) TO TRAIN AS NURSES IN THE LE MY DISPENSARY. THE PEOPLE OF HOA LOC HAVE PUT UP BAMBOO POLES ALONG THE MSR FROM THE 2D BN (AT 945774) TO LE MY (AT 898821) TO ELEVATE LAND LINES. A MEETING WAS HELD WITH THE VILLAGE CHIEF OF HOA

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