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THIRD MARDIV SITREP NUMBER EIGHTY-SEVEN AS OF 011600Z AUG 65

1. THIRD MARINE DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS. PATROLLING AND SMALL UNIT ACTIONS RESULTED IN LIGHT VIET CONG CONTACTS IN BOTH THE LANANG TAOR AND IN THE CHU LAI TAOR. FRIENDLY TROOPS SUSTAINED ONE KIA AND SEVEN WIA. THE VC SUSTAINED ONE KIA CONFIRMED.

A. HUE-PHU BAI TAOR. COMPANY L, 3RD BATTALION, 4TH MARINES CONDUCTED SIX SQUAD PATROLS IN THE VICINITY OF (YL 828087). NO VC CONTACT.

B. DA NANG TAOR.

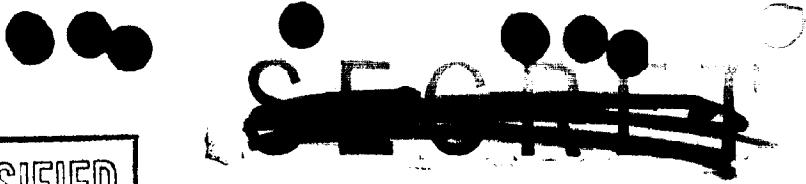
(1) THIRD MARINES CONDUCTED SQUAD AND PLATOON PATROLS IN THE NORTHERN AND NORTHWESTERN PORTIONS OF THE TAOR. THERE WERE NO VC CONTACTS.

(2) (A) 1ST BATTALION, 3D MARINES CONTINUED PLANNING AND PREPARATIONS FOR A JOINT OPERATION TO BEGIN 2 AUGUST.

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(B) 2D BATTALION, 3D MARINES CONDUCTED PATROLSAND AMBUSHES FORWARD OF THEIR DEFENSIVE POSITIONS. 190 F76  
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(C) 10TH BATTALION, 12TH MARINES. FIRED THIRTY-FOUR HARRASSING AND INTERDICTION MISSIONS AND FOUR ILLUMINATION MISSIONS. AMMUNITION EXPENDED: SEVENTY-EIGHT ROUNDS 105MM HE, FOUR ROUNDS 105MM ILLUMINATION.

(D) NAVAL GUNFIRE. THE USS STOUGHTON (LSD 566) AND THE USS CRAIG (DD 885) FIRED TEN HARRASSING MISSIONS DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD. AMMUNITION EXPENDED: 5"/38 CALIBER-421 ROUNDS HE, 18 ROUNDS WP, 7 ROUNDS ILLUMINATION.

(2) NINTH MARINES. 2ND BATTALION SUSTAINED ONE KIA AND FOUR WIA DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD, ALL BY SMALL ARMS FIRE, IN THE SOUTHEASTERN PORTION OF THE TAOR. AIR STRIKES, ARTILLERY AND MORTARS WERE EMPLOYED AGAINST SUSPECTED VC HIGHLIGHTS IN (AT 994673), CAM NE (1) (AT 983692) AND CAM NE (2) (AT 987687).

(A) 1ST BATTALION, 9TH MARINES (REMOVED) CONTINUED TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR THE LANANG AIR BASE.

(B) 2ND BATTALION, 9TH MARINES. COMPANY H SUSTAINED ONE KIA AND TWO WIA AND COMPANY F SUSTAINED TWO WIA IN SEPARATE PATROL ACTIONS IN THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE BATTALION TAOR. THE CASUALTIES FROM COMPANY H WERE SUSTAINED ~~XXXX~~ VICINITY (AT 995684). THE CASUALTIES FROM COMPANY F WERE SUSTAINED VICINITY (BT 028668). NO CONFIRMED VC CASUALTIES.

(3) 12TH MARINES. L BATTERY AND THE 8" HOWITZER BATTERY (-) FIRED FORTY-EIGHT HARRASSING AND INTERDICTION MISSIONS. AMMUNITION EXPENDED: 66 ROUNDS 155MM HE, 20 ROUNDS 8" HE. BATTERY L (F.L) DISPLACED FROM (AT 946761) TO

  
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JOIN THE BALANCE OF BATTERY L AT (AT 977711). THE 8" BATTERY DISPLACED FROM (AT 985746) TO (AT 962708). BOTH DISPLACEMENTS WERE EFFECTED TO ENABLE THEM TO REINFORCE THE FIRES OF 1ST BN, 12TH MARINES IN SUPPORT OF THE 3D MARINES OPERATION SCHEDULED FOR <sup>AND</sup> 2, 3 AUG 65.

(4) 3RD RECONNAISSANCE BATTALION. CONTINUED TO MAN OP'S ON LONG DEN MOUNTAIN, MARBLE MOUNTAIN AND OP HOTEL (AT 961745).

(5) 3RD ENGINEER BATTALION. COMPLETED 2ND BATTALION, 9TH MARINES MINEFIELD DETECTION AND CLEARING OPERATIONS; CONTINUED WORK ON ROADS FROM (AT 950750) TO (AT 990746), (AT 986745) TO (AT 997738), (AT 956751), (AT 943767) (AT 941754) TO (AT 911743); CONTINUED WORK ON DIVISION CP BUNKER; OPERATIONS AT ALL WATER POINTS AND A NUMBER OF SMALLER ENGINEER PROJECTS.

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C. CHU LAI TAOR

(1) FOURTH MARINES. SCHEDULED PATROLS CONDUCTED IN TAOR WITH ONE INCIDENT OF SNIPER FIRE. AT 011720H THREE MARINES EMPLACING TRIP FLAKES WIA BY VC HAND GRENADE THROWN INTO POSITION.

(A) FIRST BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES. COMPANY B (-) ESTABLISHED NIGHT PATROL BASES IN WESTERN EXTREMITY OF TAOR AT (BT 419079). NIGHT AMBUSHES SET OUT WITH NEGATIVE CONTACT. AMBUSHES SECURED AT FIRST LIGHT AND PATROLLING BEGUN. ONLY VC CONTACT WAS INEFFECTIVE LONG RANGE SNIPER FIRE VICINITY (BT 402083) AT 011100H. COMPANIES A, C, AND D PATROLLED FORWARD OF MLR POSITIONS WITH NEGATIVE CONTACT. H&S COMPANY PROVIDED PROVISIONAL RIFLE SQUAD FOR LVT WATERBORNE PATROL VICINITY (BT 5011).

(B) SECOND BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES. COMPANY E (-) PATROL SECURED AT 010900H WITH NEGATIVE CONTACT. ALL COMPANY F, G, AND H NIGHT PATROLS RETURNED TO MLR WITHOUT CONTACT.

(C) THIRD BATTALION, THIRD MARINES. COMPANY M CONDUCTED A SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION ON THE PENINSULA EAST OF THE SONG TRA BON RIVER WITH NEGATIVE CONTACT. COMPANIES I, AND L PATROLLED FORWARD OF MLR. COMPANY K REMAINED REGIMENTAL RESERVE UNTIL RELIEVED BY COMPANY M AT 011000H. AT 011720H, WHILE THREE MARINES FROM COMPANY I

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WERE SETTING OUT TRIP FLINES NEAR OP#1 (BS 556996) A GRENADE THROWN BY VC KILLED ALL THREE. VC WERE FIRED UPON AND SUBSEQUENT INVESTIGATION SHOWED BLOOD ON THE GROUND. WIA'S TREATED AND RETURNED TO DUTY.

(D) THIRD BATTALION, TWELFTH MARINES FIRED 213 ROUNDS HE, 46 ROUNDS GP, AND 7 ROUNDS ILLUM FOR A TOTAL OF 43 MISSIONS.

D. QUI NHON TAOR

(1) BATTALION LANDING TEAM TWO SLASH SEVEN.

DAY SLASH NIGHT PATROLLING AND AMBUSHES CONDUCTED BY ALL COMPANIES IN THEIR SECTORS OF TAOR. PROBES CONSISTING OF TWO GRENADES AND SNIPER FIRE RECEIVED DURING NIGHT WITH NO EFFECT. PATROLS WILL CONTINUE NORTH OF BATTALION CP INCLUDING ONE MECHANIZED NIGHT PATROL FROM CP TO (CR 003254) TO (CR 033256).

E. SUMMARY

(1) MAJOR UNIT ACTIONS - NONE

(2) SMALL UNIT ACTIONS: 77

(A) NIGHT CONTACTS: 1

(B) DAY CONTACTS: 4

(C) TOTAL CONTACTS: 5

(D) ACTION WITHOUT CONTACTS: 72

(E) BOX SCORES: 56

| PROVINCE/COORDINATES   | DATE/TIME | ACTION    | FRIENDLY UNIT LOSSES | ENEMY UNIT LOSSES |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------------------|-------------------|
| QUANG TIN/(BT 411072)  | 011700H   | PATROL    | NONE                 | ONE WIA           |
| QUANG NGAI/(BS 556996) | 011720H   | PREP PSNS | 3 WIA                | UNK               |
| QUANG NAM/(AT 991695)  | 312335H   | PATROL    | NONE                 | EST 5 WIA         |

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| PROVINCE/COORDINATES  | DATE/TIME | ACTION | FRIENDLY<br>UNIT LOSSES | ENEMY<br>UNIT LOSSES |
|-----------------------|-----------|--------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| QUANG NAM/(AT 995684) | 010810H   | PATROL | 1 KIA, 2 WIA            | UNK                  |
| QUANG NAM/UNK         | 011920H   | RECON  | 1 WIA                   | NONE                 |
| QUANG NAM/(BT 028668) | 011930H   | PATROL | 1 WIA                   | UNK                  |

(2) PLANS SUMMARY

## (A) HUE-PHU BAI TAOR. AT 020800H COMPANY

I WILL BE LIFTED TO DANANG TO MAN POSITIONS IN THE 1ST BATTALION, 3RD MARINES AREA FOR THE DURATION OF OPERATION

BLAST OUT I. COMPANY K WILL MOVE A PLATOON TO OP 225, GS (YS 8408)

(B) DANANG TAOR(1) 1ST BATTALION, 3RD MARINES WILL COMMENCE

PHASE I OF OPERATION BLAST OUT I AT 020700H. OPERATION BLAST OUT I WILL BE A TWO-DAY, TWO-PHASE SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION IN THE SOUTHWESTERN PORTION OF THE TAOR IN THE AREA GS (AT 9565) TO (AT 9765) TO (AT 9860) TO (AT 9459) EMPLOYING ELEMENTS OF THE 3D MARINES, 3D RECON BATTALION, 4TH ARVN REGIMENT AND ~~REXXON~~ SUPPORTING UNITS.

(2) 2ND BATTALION, 3D MARINES MAINTAINS TWO MOBILE COMBAT BASES VICINITY GS (AT 9180) AND (AT 9780).

(3) 1ST BATTALION, 9TH MARINES WILL CONTINUE <sup>TWO COMPANIES</sup> TO CONSOLIDATE NEWLY OCCUPIED POSITIONS, ON MLR

(4) 2ND BATTALION, 9TH MARINES WILL CONTINUE TO CONSOLIDATE NEWLY OCCUPIED POSITIONS AND CONDUCT NORMAL AGGRESSIVE PATROL ACTIVITY.

(5) DURING THE NEXT 24 HOURS UNITS OF THE 3D MARINE DIVISION WILL CONDUCT 45 PATROLS AND 6 AMBUSHES.

(6) CHU LAI TAOR. ON 2 AUGUST 1965, ALL UNITS

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OF ~~FOURTH~~ MARINES WILL CONDUCT PATROLS ONLY IN THEIR TAOR'S. PATROLS WILL BE LIMITED IN SCOPE DUE TO LIMITED HELICOPTER AVAILABILITY GROWING OUT OF COMMITMENTS TO MAJOR OPERATIONS IN OTHER TAOR'S.

(D) QHI NHON TAOR, BLT TWO SLASH SEVEN WILL CONDUCT PATROLS THROUGHOUT TAOR INCLUDING AREA ALONG ROUTE ONE TO THE NORTH OF BN CP.

3. CIVIL ACTION

A. HUE-PHU BAI TAOR. NONE REPORTED

B. DANANG TAOR

(1) THIRD MARINES

(A) 1ST BATTALION, 3D MARINES. NONE REPORTED.

(B) 2ND BATTALION, 3D MARINES. AT A MEETING BETWEEN BATTALION REPRESENTATIVES, THE VILLAGE CHIEF OF HOA LOC GS (AT 9076), AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE POLITICAL ACTION TEAM, IT WAS DECIDED THAT THE POLITICAL ACTION TEAM WOULD DRILL TWO WELLS, RENOVATE A HUT FOR THE VILLAGE CHIEF'S OFFICE AND SET UP A SCHOOL IN HOA LOC. MARINES WILL ASSIST IN RELOCATING FAMILIES FROM THUY TU (AT 9185) TO HOA HIEP (AT 9080) AND HOA LOC GS (AT 9076).

(2) NINTH MARINES. 2D BATTALION, NINTH MARINES TREATED TWENTY-EIGHT PEOPLE AT THE BATTALION AID STATION (BT 005715)

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1. THIRD MARINE DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS. PHASE I OF OPERATION

BLAST OUT I WAS CARRIED OUT WITH NOTABLE SUCCESS. THE VC  
 SUFFERED NINE CONFIRMED KIA, OVER 100 VCS WERE APPREHENDED,  
 3 FRENCH RIFLES, SEVERAL GRENADES AND A QUANTITY OF AMMUNI-  
 TION WERE CAPTURED. SEVERAL BUILDINGS, TUNNELS, CAVES AND  
 TRENCHWORKS WERE DESTROYED. THERE WERE NO MARINE CASUALTIES  
 IN THIS OPERATION.

A. HUE-PHU BAI TAOR. CO I, 3D BN, 4TH MARINES RETURNED FLOWN  
 TO DA NANG TO MAN DEFENSIVE POSNS IN THE 1ST BN, 3D MAHNGH ANG.  
 (NORMAL) AGGRESSIVE PATROLLING ACTIVITY WAS CARRIED OUT IN THE  
 BATTALION TAOR.

B. DA NANG TAOR

(1) THIRD MARINES. CARRIED OUT A REGIMENTAL SEARCH  
 AND DESTROY OPERATION IN THE SOUTH-CENTRAL PORTION OF THE DA  
 NANG TAOR IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN ELEMENT OF THE 5TH ALVN REGI-  
 MENT AND ASSIGNED SUPPORTING UNITS.

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(A) 1ST BN, 3D MARINES. AT 020600H, THE 3D MARINES COMMENCED OPERATION BLAST OUT I. AFTER AN ARTILLERY PREPARATION OF LZ RED (AT 9164), LZ WHITE (AT 9363) AND LZ YELLOW (AT 9561), THE HELICOPTER LANDINGS COMMENCED. 3D RECON BN (-) LANDED IN LZ RED AND WHITE AT 0540H. 1ST BN, 3D MARINES (-) LANDED IN LZ <sup>WITH</sup> YELLOW, THE LIFT COMPLETED BY 0730H. UPON LANDING, THE INFANTRY UNITS MOVED SOUTHWEST IN THEIR RESPECTIVE AREAS OF OPERATION. THE 3D MARINES GP GROUP THEN LANDED IN LZ YELLOW. MADE LIAISON WITH THE 4TH ARVN REGIMENTAL COMMAND GROUP AND CO-LOCATED A GP IN THE VIC OF (AT 959612). BY 1300H, ELEMENTS OF 1ST BN HAD PENETRATED AS FAR SOUTHWEST AS (AT 960604) AND AS FAR WEST AS (AT 933610). ELEMENTS OF 3D RECON BN SECURED PSNS AT (AT 945628), (AT 929609) AND (AT 915647). THEN, OPERATING ACCORDING TO PLAN, THE ELEMENTS OF 1ST BN GENERALLY REVERSED COURSE AND DROVE NORTHEAST. THE 3D MARINES COMMAND POST IS LOCATED IN THE VIC OF HILL 55, GS (AT 9762) WITH THE RIFLE COMPANIES IN DEFENSIVE/AMBUSH PSNS AS FOLLOWS: CO A (AT 955619), CO B (AT 922610) AND CO C GRID SQUARE (AT 9762). 3D RECON BN IS DEPLOYED AT (AT 915645), (AT 937653) TO (AT 937646) TO (AT 933646) AND (AT 933653). IN ADDITION TO THE MARINE ACHIEVEMENTS STATED ABOVE, THE ARVN HAD 15 VC KIA BY A UH-1B STRIKE, 1 VC KIA BY SA FIRE, 6 VCS CAPTURED AND 2 ARVN WIA.

(B) 2D BN, 3D MARINES. CONTINUED TO MAINTAIN TWO MOBILE COMBAT BASES VIC GS (AT 9177) AND (AT 8780). CO C PROVIDED TWO PLATOONS TO MAN DEFENSIVE PSNS IN THE 1ST BN AREA. ONE VCS (WIFE OF A KNOWN VC) WAS APPREHENDED AT THE 1A MY DISPENSARY.

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(a) 1ST BN, 12TH MARINES DIVISIONAL BTRY IS POSITIONED TO FIRE 90MM AT 022050H AND THE MORTAR BTRY DIVISIONAL BTRY (AT 971621) AT 020615H TO SUPPORT 3D MARINES OPERATION MAEST OUT MISSIONS FIRED: 4 REGISTRATION

PART 3 82 HARRASSING AND INTERDICTION  
1 LANDING-ZONE PREPARATION  
(15 CONCENTRATIONS)

AMMUNITION EXPENDED:

105MM 743 ROUNDS HE

8 ROUNDS SMOKE, GREEN

155MM 296 ROUNDS HE

8" HOWITZER 46 ROUNDS HE

(D) NAVAL GUNFIRE. THE USS CALIFORNIA (CG-3) FIRED 13 UNOBSERVED HARRASSING AND INTERDICTION MISSIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE 3D MARINES OPERATION. AMMUNITION EXPENDED: 60/67 = 176 ROUNDS HE.

(2) NINTH MARINES. CO F AND CO G EACH RECEIVED A FEW ROUNDS OF SA FIRE WITHOUT SUSTAINING ANY CASUALTIES.

(A) 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES. COMPANIES A AND C CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR THE DA NANG AIR BASE. CO B OCCUPIES THE VILLAGE OF HOA THO (BT 007724) AND CO D OCCUPIES THE VILLAGE OF HOA QUONG (BT 032731).

4TH 2D BN, 9TH MARINES. CO F OCCUPIES PSNC IN THE VIC OF (BT 036693). CO G OCCUPIES PSNC IN THE VIC OF (AT 992694).

PART 3 (3) 12TH MARINES. 1 BTRY AND THE 8" HOWITZER BTRY WERE ASSIGNED THE MISSION OF REINFORCING THE TIDES OF 1ST BN, 12TH

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MARINES DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD.

(4) 3D RECON BN (-) SUPPORTED THIRD MARINES IN OPERATION BLAST OUT I. OP'S MAINTAINED ON DONG <sup>DEN</sup> MOUNTAIN (AT 8382), MARBLE MOUNTAIN (BT 0770) AND ON HOTEL (AT 8875). NO SIGNIFICANT SIGHTINGS.

(5) THIRD ENGINEER BATTALION. TWO COMBAT ENGINEER LAZER-1 CREWS AND TWO PLATOONS PARTICIPATING AS DEMOLITION TEAMS ATTACHED TO THIRD MARINES FOR OPERATION BLAST OUT I. CONSTRUCTION OF ASP #2 AND IMPROVEMENT OF ASP #1 CONTINUED. 120,315 GALLONS POTABLE AND 3000 GALLONS OF RAW WATER DISTRIBUTED.

C. CHU LAI TAOR

(1) FOURTH MARINES. SCHEDULED PATROLS CONDUCTED BY ALL UNITS THROUGHOUT TAOR WITH NEGATIVE VC CONTACT.

(A) 1ST BN, 4TH MARINES. CO B (-) MAINTAINED CARGO BAUS AT (BT 419079) AND ESTABLISHED AMBUSHES 42° (BT 432073) AND (BT 425087). OTHER RIFLE COMPANIES CONDUCTED PATROLS AND AMBUSHES.

(B) 2D BN, 4TH MARINES. ALL COMPANIES CONDUCTED PATROLLING SECTORS OF TAOR'S WITH NEG VC CONTACT.

(C) 3D BN, 4TH MARINES. PATROLS AND AMBUSHES CONDUCTED AS SCHEDULED WITH NEG VC CONTACT.

(D) 3D BN, 12TH MARINES. FIRED A TOTAL OF 299 ROUNDS. 46 MISSIONS FIRED, INCLUDING 43 H&I MISSIONS.

D. QUI NHON TAOR

(1) BLT 2/3. CONTINUED EXTENSIVE DAY AND NIGHT PATROLLING THROUGHOUT THE TAOR. NEGATIVE VC CONTACT.

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(1) MAJOR UNIT ACTIONS - ONE

(2) SMALL UNIT ACTIONS - 68

(A) NIGHT CONTACTS: 0

(B) DAY CONTACTS: 0

(C) TOTAL CONTACTS: 0

(D) ACTION WITHOUT CONTACTS: 68

(3) PLANS SUMMARY

(A) HUE-PHU BAI TAOR. GO K-1110, BR BRITISH 0700

(TD 863079) AND CONDUCT SQUAD PATROLS FROM PHASE I AREA.

(B) DA NANG TAOR.(1) 1ST BN, 3D MARINES WILL CONTINUE INTO  
PHASE II OF OPERATION BLAST OUT I.(2) 2D BN, 3D MARINES WILL MAINTAIN 2-PLATOON  
MOBILE COMBAT BASES AT (AT 9179), (AT 9180) AND (AT 8678), (AT  
8779), (AT 8679) AND (AT 8778).(3) 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES WILL CONTACT A COMPANY  
SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION VIG (BT 0666) (BP 0766) TO (BT 0670)  
(BT 0770).(4) 2D BN, 9TH MARINES WILL CONTINUE TO CONDUCT  
IMMEDIATE RECENTLY OCCUPIED TERRAINS AND CONDUCT NORMAL LOGISTIC PATROL  
ACTIVITY.(5) (C) CHU LAI TAOR. 4TH MARINES WILL CONDUCT PATROLS  
AND AMBUSHES THROUGHOUT THE TAOR.(D) QUE NHON TAOR. PATROLS AND AMBUSHES WILL BE  
CONDUCTED INCLUDING MOTORIZED PATROLS ON HIGHWAY 1A.(E) DURING THE NEXT 24 HOURS UNITS OF THE 3D MARINES  
WILL CONDUCT 23 PATROLS AND 6 AMBUSHES.~~SECRET~~

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2. TRUNG ANHQA. CICK CALL HELD IN HAMLET OF YEN BAO (AT 935718) BY MEDICAL OFFICER, 9TH MARINES WITH AN ASSIST OF MEDICAL CORPSMAN AND OTHER PERSONNEL OF THIRD ANTI-TANK BN. ANTI-TANK BN MARINES DONATED CANDY FOR PRESENTATION TO CHILDREN. TREATMENT WILL RECEIVED; ATTITUDE OF VILLAGERS FRIENDLY. 2D BN, 9TH MARINES TREATED 52 VIETNAMESE PATIENTS AT BATTALION AID STATION. THIRTY PATIENTS WERE TREATED AT ST. VINCENT ORPHANAGE. THE LE MY DISPENSARY OPERATED BY 2D BN, 3D MARINES TREATED 102 PEOPLE. THE 1ST BN, 12TH MARINES HOSTED A PARTY FOR FELLOW ARTILLERYMEN OF THE 34TH ARVN ARTY BN AND THEIR FAMILIES. APPROXIMATELY 350 CHILDREN ATTENDED. THE THIRD MARDEV BAND PRESENTED A HALF-HOUR CONCERT AND ICE CREAM WAS SERVED TO ALL ATTENDING.

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THIRD MARDIV SITREP NUMBER EIGHTY-NINE AS OF 031600Z AUG 65

1. THIRD MARDIV HIGHLIGHTS. OPERATION BLAST OUT I WAS COMPLETED

TODAY WITH AN ADDITIONAL FOUR VC BEING KILLED, ONE VC WOUNDED, ONE VC CAPTURED UNHARMED AND FOURTEEN VCS APPREHENDED. THE TOTAL VC LOSSES FOR THIS TWO DAY OPERATION WERE THIRTEEN KILLED, ONE WOUNDED, ONE CAPTURED ALIVE. 125 VCS WERE APPREHENDED; APPROX TWO DOZEN GRENADES AND THREE RIFLES WERE CAPTURED, AND NUMEROUS CAVES, BUNKERS AND TRENCHLINES WERE DESTROYED BY DEMOLITIONS. USMC CASUALTIES IN THIS OPERATION WERE THREE WIA BY SMALL ARMS AND ONE WIA WHO STEPPED ON A PANJI STAKE.

A. HUE-PHU BAI TAOR. NORMAL PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITY WAS CONDUCTED DURING THIS PERIOD WITHOUT INCIDENT OR VC CONTACT.

B. DA NANG TAOR.

(1) THIRD MARINES. OPERATION BLAST OUT I WAS COMPLETED DURING THIS PERIOD WITH OUTSTANDING RESULTS. DURING THIS OPERATION, AN AREA APPROX 9000 METERS BY 7000 METERS WAS SEARCHED AND VC ACTIVITIES THEREIN DESTROYED BY INFANTRY, ARTILLERY, TANKS, AMTRACS, CLOSE AIR SUPPORT, ENGINEERS AND RECONNAISSANCE UNITS.

(A) FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES. CO B WAS HELILIFTED AT FIRST LIGHT FROM THE EAST SIDE OF THE SONG YEN RIVER TO THE

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WEST SIDE. THE COMPANY LANDED VIC (AT 9363) AND CONDUCTED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS NORTHWARD TO ■■■ GRID LINE SIXTY-SIX DURING THE DAY. CO A AND CO C, OPERATING ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE SONG YEN RIVER IN ■■■ ZONE APPROX 4000 METERS RIDE, PARALLELED CO B'S MOVEMENT TO THE NORTH. SUPPORTING ELEMENTS OF THE THIRD RECON BN MAINTAINED A RECON SCREEN TO THE WEST AND CONDUCTED RIPARIAN RECON OF THE SONG YEN RIVER WITHIN THE BATTALION'S ZONE OF ACTION. ONE VC WAS KILLED AND ANOTHER WOUNDED ~~AT~~ 1335H WHEN RECON PERSONNEL WORKING ALONG THE SONG YEN RIVER FOUND THEM HIDING IN A CLEVE AT (AT 957630). THREE MORE VC WERE KILLED BY THE RECON UNIT AT 1420H VIC (AT 953627) WHEN TWO LARGE TUNNELS WERE DESTROYED BY DEMOLITIONS. DURING THE INFANTRY BATTALION'S OPERATIONS AN UNCOUNTED NUMBER OF VC BUNKERS, TUNNELS, CAVES, TRENCHES, AND FIGHTING HOLES WERE FOUND AND DESTROYED BY <sup>LVT-1'S</sup> BOTH DEMOLITIONS AND ■■■■■ USING THEIR MINE-CLEARING BLADES. TWO MARINES FROM THE BN H&S CO WERE WOUNDED BY A BOOBY TRAP AND ONE FROM CO B WAS WOUNDED BY A PANJI STAKE DURING THE DAY'S OPERATIONS. BY 1635H ALL BN OBJECTIVES HAD BEEN SECURED AND THE VARIOUS UNITS <sup>BLAST</sup> IN ■■■■■ OUT I BEGAN RETURNING TO THEIR RESPECTIVE CP'S. AS TROOPS WERE BEING HELILIFTED FROM ■■■ LZ VIC (AT 960658), A SNIPER BEGAN FIRING AT THE HELICOPTERS AS THEY WERE DEPARTING THE LZ. ONE MARINE WAS WIA AS A RESULT OF THIS. UNITS REMAINING ON THE GROUND FLUSHED THE SNIPER AND CAPTURED HIM ALIVE.

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(B) SECOND BN, THIRL MARINES. CONDUCTED NIGHT PATROLS TO EACH OF ITS TEN AMBUSH SITES AND MAINTAINED DAYLIGHT PATROL ACTIVITIES FROM EACH OF ITS TWO PLATOON SIZE MOBILE COMBAT BASES. THERE WAS NO VC ACTIVITY REPORTED DURING THIS PERIOD.

(C) FIRST BN, T.ELFTH MARINES. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ FIRED NINE OBSERVED MISSIONS, SIXTY\*ONE HARRASSING MISSIONS AND FO~~URTY~~THREE INTERDICTION MISSIONS DURING THIS PERIOD. AMMO EXPENDED WAS: 105MM - 151 HQ; 155MM - 162 HE; 8" - TWELVE HE.

(2) NINTH MARINES. CONDUCTED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN CAM NE (1) AND (2), (AT 9868) AND (AT 9869), WITH ONE COMPANY SUPPORTED BY LVT'S.

(A) FIRST BN, NINTH MARINES. CONTINUED TO PROVIDE DA NANG AIR BASE SECURITY FORCES FROM CO'S A AND C. EIGHT PATROLS WERE CONDUCTED AROUND THE AIRFIELD WITHOUT INCIDENT, BUT AT 030350H A SENTRY ON POST IN THE SOUTHEAST SECTOR OF THE AIRFIELD PERIMETER WAS SHOT TWICE FROM VIC (AT 997735). A PLATOON PATROL WAS DISPATCHED TO THIS AREA AND SEARCHED APPROX TWENTY HOUSES WITHOUT FINDING ANY WEAPONS OR AMMO. AT 030800H CO L AND A PLATOON OF REGIONAL FORCES MOVED UP THE SONG CAU DO RIVER BY LVT AND LANDED AT (AT 970697). FROM HERE THEY DEPLOYED ON LINE AND MOVED WEST TO EAST THROUGH THE VILLAGES OF ~~ONE~~ CAM NE (1) AND (2) AT 031100H. THE LVT'S PRECEDED THE DISMOUNTED INFANTRY, SINCE SMALL ARMS FIRE WAS RECEIVED FROM BOTH VILLAGES AS SOON AS THE COMPANY CROSSED THE LINE OF DEPARTURE. THIS SCHEME OF MANEUVER WAS USED THROUGHOUT THE OPERATION. <sup>WITH THE</sup> LVT'S CLEARING BOOBY-TRIPPED AND MINED AREAS BY DRIVING THROUGH THEM AS WELL BREAKING DOWN FENCES, HEDGEROWS AND

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HOUSES FROM WHICH FIRE WAS BEING RECEIVED. BY 031800H ALL FORCES WERE WITHDRAWN FROM THE AREA. FOUR MARINES WERE WOUNDED DURING THE OPERATION, WHILE THE VC LOSSES AMOUNTED TO FIFTEEN KILLED, TWENTY WOUNDED AND FIVE CAPTURED.

(B) SECOND BN, NINTH MARINES. RECEIVED SPORADIC SHELL AND FIRE FROM VIC (AT 988690) BUT HAD NO DIRECT VC CONTACT DURING THIS PERIOD. ~~FINAL~~ PREPARATIONS WERE MADE FOR THE SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION TO BE CONDUCTED IN THE AREA SOUTH OF MARBLIT (BT 075710) ON FOUR AUGUST. **SECRET**

(C) SECOND BN, TWELFTH MARINES. FIRED FOUR H&I, ONE ILLUMINATION, THREE SMOKE AND TWO "KILL ADJUST" MISSIONS IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF THE NINTH MARINES. AMMO EXPENDED WAS: 105MM, TWENTY-THREE HE; SEVEN ILLUM; NINETY-FOUR SMOKE AND FORTY-FIVE WP. THE ADJUSTED MISSIONS WERE FIRED ON TWO VC MORTAR EGUNS AT (AT994694) AND A VC ASSEMBLY AREA AT (AT 982664). BOTH TARGETS WERE KILLED. ~~EXCELENT~~ COVERED AND VC WERE OBSERVED RUNNING FROM THE ASSEMBLY AREA AFTER IT WAS HIT.

(3) THIRD RECON BN. CONTINUED OPERATIONS OF PREVIOUSLY ESTABLISHED OP'S AND SUPPORTED OPERATION BLASTOUT I WITH THE BN(-) UNDER OFCON OF THE THIRD MARINES. NO SIGNIFICANT SIGHTINGS WERE REPORTED BY ANY OF THE OP'S DURING THIS PERIOD.

(4) THIRD ENGR BN. CONTINUED TO PROVIDE TWO PLATOONS PLUS TWO COMBAT ENGINEER LVTS-1 CREWS TO THE THIRD MARINES FOR OPERATION BLASTOUT I. ONE MINE DETECTION/CLEARANCE TEAM ASSISTED SECOND BN, NINTH MARINES BY SLEEPING THE ISR FOR THEM WHILE ANOTHER TEAM ~~RE~~

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FIRST BN, NINTH MARINES IN ITS SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION TODAY. ROLLS WERE IMPROVED TO HILL 268 SUMMIT (AT 968745), THE NEW DIV CP BUNKER (AT 955752), ASP ONE (AT 993733), ASP TWO (AT 943767) AND MSR VIC HILLS 268 -327. A SALVAGED LOW BED TRAILER IS BEING CUT IN ORDER TO CONVERT IT TO A BRIDGE SPAN. 129,450 GALLONS OF POTABLE WATER AND 1,200 GALLONS OF RAW WATER WERE DISPOSED FROM WATER POINTS.

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C. CHU LAI TAOR

(1) FOURTH MARINES. DURING THE PERIOD NUMEROUS PATROLS WERE CONDUCTED THROUGHOUT THE TAOR. ONE PLATOON OF FORCE RECON PERSONNEL ARE CONDUCTING PATROLS EAST OF THE SONG TRA BONG RIVER. ELEMENTS OF FOURTH MARINES CONDUCTED TWO COMPANY PATROLS, THREE PLATOON PATROLS, FIFTEEN SQUAD PATROLS AND ESTABLISHED FOUR AMBUSHES. EIGHTEEN OF THESE PATROLS WERE CONDUCTED DURING THE HOURS OF DARKNESS.

(A) FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINE. PATROLS WERE CONDUCTED FORWARD AND TO THE REAR OF DEFENSIVE POSITIONS. THIRD PLATOON, CO C, ESTABLISHED A COMBAT OUTPOST AT HILL 69 VIC (BT 468068). AT 030130H, A VOICE WAS HEARD VIC (BT 467067). THIS AREA WAS ILLUMINATED AND ONE VC WAS OBSERVED FLEEING DOWN THE HILL. NO FURTHER CONTACT. AT 031900H ONE VC THREW A GRENADE INTO A CO B FOXHOLE VIC (BT 528083), CO B SUSTAINED ONE WIA. THE COMPANY HAD THE ~~A~~ AREA FORWARD OF THE FOXHOLE POSITION SEARCHED, BUT WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. NO FURTHER VC CONTACT REPORTED.

(B) SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES. CONDUCTED PATROLS FORWARD OF THEIR DEFENSIVE POSITIONS. DURING THE NIGHT CO G, ESTABLISHED AN AMBUSH VIC (BT 505054). NO VC ACTIVITY REPORTED.

(C) THIRD BN, THIRL MARINES. DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD PATROLS AND AMBUSHES WERE CONDUCTED FORWARD OF THE DEFENSIVE POSITIONS. <sup>CO M</sup> WAS ASSIGNED TO ALERT POSTURE TO RECOVER THE PLATOON OF FORCE RECON COMPANY OPERATING EAST OF THE SONG TRA BONG RIVER. AT 031905H FORCE RECON PATROL CATBIRD REQUESTED IMMEDIATE RETRACTION FROM VIC (BS 623003). AT 031950H, USING LVT'S, PATROL CATBIRD RETURNED TO ITS POSITIONS WITHIN THE ~~MLR~~ MLR.

(D) ~~THIRD BN, TWELVE MARINES.~~ CONDUCTED ONE WILL

ALJUST MISSION, FOUR REGISTRATION AND TWENTY-FIVE H&I MISSIONS, EXPENDING 257 ROUNDS. INCLUDED IN THE ABOVE ■■■■■ TARGETS WAS A VC BN REPORTED VIC (BT 438023). SURVEILLANCE INDICATED FOUR BUILDINGS DESTROYED, AND THE VC FLEEING. A VC CAMP VIC (BT 466992) ALSO RECEIVED FIRE. NO SURVEILLANCE.

(E) CO C THIRD TANK BN. CONDUCTED H&I MISSIONS IN VIC (BT 3601) AND (BT 3701) EXPENDING TWENTY-SIX ROUNDS.

(F) DETACHMENT, FORCE RECON COMPANY. THIS PLATOON SIZED UNIT IS CONDUCTING FOUR SEPARATE PATROLS EAST OF THE SONG TRA BONG RIVER. AT 031905H PATROL CATBIRD RECEIVED HEAVY SMALL ARMS FIRE VIC (BT 623003) AND REQUESTED IMMEDIATE RETRACTION. TWO PLATOONS OF CO M THIRL BN, THIRD MARINES MOVED BY LVT TO THE RECON POSITION. PATROL WAS PICKED UP AND RETURNED TO POSITION ~~THROUGH~~ THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES MLR AT 031950H. AT 031950H, PATROL SPARROW REPORTED VC ACTION VIC (BS 631974) AND REQUESTED RETRACTION BY HELICOPTER. HELICOPTERS COMPLETED LIFT AT 032010H. NO CASUALTIES REPORTED. NO FURTHER CONTACT REPORTED BY TWO PATROLS STILL EAST OF THE RIVER.

**D. QUI NHON TAOR**

(1) BLT TWO SLASH SEVEN ■ DURING THIS PERIOD ONE PLATOON PATROL, THREE SQUAD PATROLS AND ONE AMBUSH WERE CONDUCTED. NO SIGNIFICANT VC CONTACTS REPORTED.

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E. SUMMARY

- (1) MAJOR UNIT ACTIONS - NONE
- (2) SMALL UNIT ACTIONS: 62
  - (A) NIGHT CONTACTS: 2
  - (B) DAY CONTACTS: 1
  - (C) TOTAL CONTACTS: 3
  - (D) ACTION WITHOUT CONTACTS: [SECRET]
  - (E) BOX SCORES:

| <u>PROVINCE/COORDINATES</u> | <u>DATE/TIME</u> | <u>ACTION</u>              | <u>FRIENDLY UNIT LOSSES</u> | <u>ENEMY UNIT LOSSES</u> |
|-----------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| QUANG TIN/(BT 528083)       | 031900H          | COMPANY DEFENSIVE POSITION | B/1/4<br>1WIA               | NONE                     |

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| QUANG NAM/(BT 998737) | 030350H | AIRFIELD NIGHT DEFENSE | CO A<br>AIRFIELD DEFENSE BN<br>1 WIA | NONE |
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| QUANG NAM (AT 9869) | 031100H | COMPANY PATROL | D/1/9<br>4 WIA | 15 KILLED<br>20 WOUNDED |
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| QUANG NAM (AT 9862-9865-9865-9862) (2) <u>PLANS SUMMARY</u> | 031735H | BN SEARCH + DESTROY | 1/3<br>4 WIA | 5 VCS<br>4 KILLED<br>1 WOUNDED<br>1 CAPTURED |
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(A) HUE-PHU BAI TAOR. CO I AND CO C(-) THIRD RECON BN  
WILL RETURN FROM DA NANG AT APPROX 040830H.

(B) DA NANG TAOR [SECRET]

(1) SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES WILL OPERATE PLATOON  
MOBILE COMBAT BASES FROM BOTH CO E AND CO H. CO F WILL DISPATCH A  
PLATOON(-) RECON PATROL TO ATTEMPT TO LOCATE A SUITABLE STREAM  
CROSSING VIC (AT 879772)

(2) SECOND BN, NINTH MARINES WILL PARTICIPATE IN A  
COORDINATED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION TO BE CONDUCTED IN THE AREA  
SOUTH OF MARBLE MT IN CONJUNCTION WITH ARVN FORCES.

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(C) CHU LAI TAOR DURING THE NEXT TWENTY FOUR HOURS EXTENSIVE PATROLLING WILL BE CONDUCTED IN THE WESTERN SECTOR OF THE TAOR NORTH OF GRID LINE OO.

(D) QUI NHON. BLT 2/7 WILL CONTINUE TO CONDUCT PATROLS AND ESTABLISH AMBUSHES THROUGHOUT THE TAOR.

(E) DURING THE NEXT TWENTY FOUR HOURS UNITS OF THE THIRD MRDIV WILL CONDUCT 38 PATROLS AND 23 AMBUSHES.

3. CIVIL ACTION

A. DA NANG TAOR. FIFTEEN PEOPLE WERE TREATED AT THE 1ST BN, 3D MARINES A&L STATION (AT 950731), ANOTHER 143 AT THE LE MY DISPENSARY AND FORTY-SIX CHILDREN OF THE PHU THUONG ORPHANAGE (AT 905765) WERE ALSO TREATED BY THE 3D MARINES. THE 9TH MARINES PROVIDED MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR 187 PERSONS AT ST VINCENT'S ORPHANAGE, THE 2D BN, 9TH MARINES A&L STATION AND IN THE VILLAGES OF LUONG SON (1) (AT 9968) AND CAM JAM (BT 0170). THE 2D BN, 9TH MARINES HAS STARTED A PROJECT OF BEAUTIFYING THE SCHOOL HOUSE IN LUONG SON (1). THE PROJECT INVOLVES REPLASTERING AND PAINTING OF THE WALLS. ~~AND IS 50 PERCENT COMPLETE.~~

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B. CHU LAI TAOR. 1ST BN, 4TH MARINES CONDUCTED A MEDICAL PROGRAM IN YUEN TRUNG HAMLET VIC (BT 523109). 200 VIETNAMESE WERE TREATED FOR INFECTIORS OF SKIN, EYES AND FOR WORMS. 48 BOXES OF NUTRI-BIO ARE DISTRIBUTED

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6. QUI NHON BLT 2/7 CIVIL AFFAIRS TEAM CONTINUED TO FURNISH  
LIMITED MEDICAL AID TO VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS AND PERFORMED AND FED  
U. S. AIR FORCE FURNISHED RICE TO 300 VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS.

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1. THIRD MARDIV HIGHLIGHTS. AS A RESULT OF INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION RECEIVED THROUGH VIETNAMESE SOURCES, CO D OF THE 1ST BN, 3D MARINES CONDUCTED A SEARCH AND DESTROY OPN IN THE HAMLET OF AN NHON (2) VIC (AT 9069) IN COORDINATION WITH THIRTY ARVN TROOPS. THIS OPN RESULTED IN FOUR VC KILLED, ONE VC CAPTURED AND THE CAPTURE OF THREE U.S. CARBINES, THREE FRENCH CARBINES, ONE FRENCH AUTOMATIC RIFLE, TWO GRENADES AND ASSORTED SMALL ARMS. THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES SUSTAINED BY FRIENDLY FORCES.

A. HUE-PHU BAI TAOR. CO I, 3D BN, 4TH MARINES AND CO C, 3D RECON BN RETURNED 041000H FROM SUPPORTING 1ST BN, 3D MARINES IN THE DA NANG TAOR DURING OPN BLAST OUT I. ONE COMPANY-SIZE PATROL AND TWO PLATOON SIZE PATROLS WERE CONDUCTED AND THREE PLATOON SIZE AMBUSHES WERE ESTABLISHED DURING THIS PERIOD BUT THERE WAS NO VC CONTACT.

**SECRET**B. DA NANG TAOR(A) THIRD MARINES

(A) 1ST BN, THIRD MARINES. CO D MOVED TO VIC (AT 909698), ARRIVING THERE AT 040700H. WHEN THEY SECURED

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AN LZ FOR THE ARRIVAL OF THIRTY ARVN TROOPS VIA HELO. WHEN THE ARVN'S ARRIVED CO D ENCIRCLED THE HAMLET OF AN NHON (2) (AT 9069) AND BEGAN A COORDINATED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPN. AT 041030H ONE VC WAS CAPTURED. HE WAS ARMED WITH TWO GRENADES AND WAS REPORTED TO BE A VC COURIER. AT 041035H THREE FRENCH CARBINES, ONE U.S. CARBINE AND ASSORTED SMALL ARMS AMMO WERE FOUND IN A TUNNEL IN THE SOUTHEAST PORTION OF THE HAMLET. AT 041130H FOUR INCOMING MORTAR ROUNDS AND SA FIRE WERE RECEIVED BY CO D BUT NO CASUALTIES RESULTED. AT 041215H TWO VC WERE KILLED IN A TUNNEL ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE HAMLET. SHORTLY THEREAFTER TWO MORE VC WERE KILLED IN SEPARATE TUNNELS IN THE NORTHERN PERIMETER OF THE HAMLET AND THREE MORE WEAPONS WERE CAPTURED; TWO U. S. CARBINES AND ONE FRENCH AUTOMATIC RIFLE. THE OPN WAS COMPLETED AT 041330H. ONE PLATOON OF CO D REMAINED VIC (AT 903698) TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR A DISABLED M67E-1 AND REPAIR CREWS DURING THE NIGHT WHILE THE REST OF THE COMPANY RETURNED TO THE BN AREA.

(B) 2D BN, THIRD MARINES. THREE PLATOON-SIZE MOBILE COMBAT BASES FROM CO'S E, F, AND H OPERATED IN THE BN'S AREA DURING THIS PERIOD, TWO TO THE WEST OF THE MSR AND ONE TO THE EAST OF IT. A TWENTY-FIVE MAN PATROL FROM CO F PATROLLED IN THE VIC OF (AT 876772) IN SEARCH OF A USABLE STREAM CROSSING THERE. IN ADDITION, THERE WERE EIGHT NIGHT PATROLS OUT TO SQUAD AMBUSH POSNS. THERE WERE NO VC CONTACT DURING THIS PERIOD, HOWEVER.

(C) 1ST BN, 12TH MARINES. FIRED ONE PRECISION DESTRUCTION MISSION, FORTY-SIX HARRASSING MISSIONS AND

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TWENTY- NINE INTERDICTION MISSIONS, EXPENDING 141 ROUNDS OF 105MM HE AND SIXTEEN ROUNDS OF 155MM HE. THE PRECISION DESTRUCTION MISSION WAS BEING FIRED AT A VC BUNKER BUT COULD NOT BE COMPLETED BECAUSE THE AO COULD NOT REMAIN UNSTATION.

(2) NINTH MARINES. CONTINUED SECURITY PATROLS AROUND DA NANG AIRFIELD AND CONDUCTED A BN (-) SEARCH AND DESTROY OPN IN THE AREA IMMEDIATELY SOUTH OF MARBLE MT.

(A) 1ST BN, NINTH MARINES. CONDUCTED FIVE PATROLS AROUND THE DA NANG AIRFIELD PERIMETER WITHOUT OBSERVING ANY VC ACTIVITY.

(B) 2D BN, NINTH MARINES. AT 041007H CO F OBSERVED EIGHT MEN AT (BT 037704), ONE OF WHOM WAS ARMED WITH A RIFLE. THE GROUP TOOK EVASIVE ACTION WHEN AN OBSERVATION AIRCRAFT PASSED OVERHEAD AND CO F OPENED FIRE ON THE GROUP WITH A MACHINEGUN. THE GROUP DISPERSED AND FLED WITHOUT ANY KNOWN CASUALTIES BEING INFILCTED. AT 040619H THE BN (-), SUPPORTED BY TANKS, LVT'S, ONTOS AND RECON UNITS LAUNCHED A COORDINATED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPN IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE 592ND REGIONAL FORCE COMPANY. OBJECTIVE A (BT 0967) AND B (BT 0766) WERE SECURED AT APPROX 040755H AND THE BN CONTINUED TO SWEEP TO THE NORTHWEST WITH CO E ON THE LEFT AND CO H ON THE RIGHT. LIGHT RESISTANCE IN THE FORM OF SA FIRE WAS MET THROUGHOUT THE DAY AS THE COMPANIES ADVANCED TO OBJECTIVES C (BT 0869) AND D (BT 0669). NUMEROUS PANJI TRAPS, FIGHTING HOLES AND SPIDER TRAPS WERE FOUND THROUGHOUT THE AREA AS WELL AS TWO VC FLAGS AND A BOOBY-TRAPPED GRENADE. FIVE VCS WERE CAPTURED DURING TODAY'S

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PHASE OF THE OPN. FOUR USMC WERE WIA BY SA FIRE AND ONE LVT WAS SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY AN ELECTRICALLY DETONATED CHARGE THAT WAS SET OFF BENEATH ONE OF THE TRACKS. CO E ESTABLISHED NIGHT DEFENSIVE PSNS ON OBJECTIVE D AND CO H ESTABLISHED PSNS ON OBJECTIVE C.

(3) 12TH MARINES. ONE PLAT OF BTRY L, 4TH BN, 12TH MARINES CONTINUED TO REINFORCE THE 1ST BN, 12TH MARINES. THE REMAINDER OF BTRY L AND THE 8" HOWITZER BTRY (-) REVERTED TO GENERAL SUPPORT AT 040500H. AT 040830H THE 8" HOW BTRY COMMENCED DISPLACEMENT BACK TO ITS PRIMARY PSN (AT 985746). AT 040945H IT WAS IN PSN AND READY TO FIRE.

(4) 3D RECON BN. CONTINUED OPN OF OP'S ON DONG DEN MT (AT 8382). MARBLE MT (BT 075710) AND ON HILL 368 VIC (AT 862745) WITH NO SIGNIFICANT SIGHTINGS BEING REPORTED. CO D SUPPORTED THE 2D BN, 9TH MARINES IN A COORDINATED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPN CONDUCTED IN THE AREA TO THE SOUTH OF MARBLE MT. CO D SCREENED THE LEFT (WEST) FLANK OF 2D BN, 9TH MARINES DURING THE BN'S SWEEP FROM VIC (BT 0866) NORTH TOWARD MARBLE MT. THREE VCS WERE APPREHENDED AT 041210H VIC (BT 056672) AFTER A BRIEF FIRE FIGHT WITH TWO VC WHO ESCAPED. THE ONLY FRIENDLY CASUALTY DURING THIS OPN WAS ONE MARINE WHO RECEIVED A PENJI STAKE WOUND.

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(5) 3D ENGR BN. CONTINUED WORK ON THE NUMEROUS PROJECTS UNDERWAY IN THE DA NANG TAOR. A RECAPITULATION OF OPERATION BLAST OUT I, CONDUCTED ON TWO AND THREE AUGUST AND SUPPORTED BY TWO ENGR PLATOONS, REVEALED THAT THE ENGINEERS

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HAD DESTROYED SEVENTY-FIVE REINFORCED EARTHEN BUNKERS, ONE CONCRETE BUNKER, EIGHT CAVES, ELEVEN TRENCHES, FIFTEEN TUNNELS, THREE MINES, ONE NAPALM BOMB AND ONE MAN-TRAP. DURING THIS TWO-DAY OPN AT TOTAL OF 467 POUNDS OF C-4 EXPLOSIVES AND 2,145 FEET OF DETONATING CORD WERE EXPENDED BY THE ENGR PLATOONS.

C. CHU LAI TAOR

(1) 4TH MARINES. CONDUCTED PATROLS AND ESTABLISHED AMBUSHES FORWARD AND TO THE REAR OF THE DEFENSIVE PSNS. DURING THIS PERIOD TWO COMPANY PATROLS, THREE PLATOON PATROLS AND EIGHTEEN SQUAD PATROLS WERE CONDUCTED AND SEVEN AMBUSHES WERE ESTABLISHED. NO SIGNIFICANT VC CONTACT WAS REPORTED.

(A) 1ST BN, 4TH MARINES. AT 040230H CO B REPORTED VOICES AND NOISES FORWARD OF THEIR DEFENSIVE ISNS VIC (BT 518098). ILLUM GRENADES WERE THROWN AND SOUNDS <sup>HEARD INDICATED</sup> POSSIBLE VC DISPERSING IN BRUSH. AREA WAS CHECKED OUT AT FIRST LIGHT WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. NO FURTHER VC CONTACT REPORTED.

(B) 2D BN, 4TH MARINES. UNITS CONDUCTED PATROLLING ACTIONS FORWARD OF THEIR DEFENSIVE PSN OUT TO THE WESTERN EDGE OF THE TAOR. AMBUSHES WERE ESTABLISHED IN SIX DIFFERENT LOCATIONS. NO VC CONTACT REPORTED.

(C) 3D BN, 3D MARINES. CO K REMAINS IN REGIMENTAL RESERVE. PATROLLING ACTIONS WERE CONDUCTED AND A ROADBLOCK WAS ESTABLISHED VIC (BT 553013). NO VC CONTACT REPORTED.

(D) 3D BN, 12TH MARINES. CONDUCTED ONE REGISTRATION AND TWENTY-SIX H&I MISSIONS, EXPENDING 134 ROUNDS.

(E) CO C, 3D TANK BN. FIRED H&I FIRES VIC (BS 4599) AND (BS 3701). EXPENDED 65 ROUNDS.

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D. QUI NHON TAOR

BLT 2/7. NO SITREP AVAILABLE.

E. SUMMARY**SECRET**

(1) MAJOR UNIT ACTIONS - ONE

(A) TYPE OPERATION: SEARCH AND DESTROY

(B) AREA OF OPERATIONS: QUANG NAM PROVINCE/(BT 0466) - (BT 0470) - (BT 0870) - (BT 0966)

(C) UNITS PARTICIPATING: 592 REGIONAL FORCE CO AND 2D BN, 9TH MARINES WITH ATTACHMENTS.

(D) CONTROL HEADQUARTERS: 2D BN, 9TH MARINES

(E) TIME OF COMMENCEMENT: 040619H

(F) TIME OF TERMINATION: CONTINUING

(G) RESULTS: FRIENDLY LOSSES - FIVE WIA - ENEMY LOSSES - FIVE VCS CAPTURED.

(2) SMALL UNIT ACTIONS: FIFTY-EIGHT

(A) NIGHT CONTACTS: NONE

(B) DAY CONTACTS: ONE

(C) TOTAL CONTACTS: ONE

(D) ACTION WITHOUT CONTACTS: FIFTY-SEVEN

(E) BOX SCORES:

| PROVINCE/<br>COORDINATES | DATE/TIME          | ACTION              | FRIENDLY UNIT/<br>LOSSES | ENEMY UNIT/<br>LOSSES          |
|--------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| QUANG NAM/<br>(AT 9069)  | 040700-<br>041330H | SEARCH &<br>DESTROY | D/1/3<br>NONE            | UNKNOWN<br>FOUR KIA<br>ONE VCC |

2. PLANS SUMMARY**SECRET**A. THIRD MARINE DIVISION INTENTIONS(1) HUE PHU BAI TAOR. CO I WILL CONDUCT LOCAL PATROLS  
VIC (YD 889087).

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**SECRET****(2) DA NANG TAOR**

(A) THIRD MARINES WILL CONDUCT PATROL AND AMBUSH OPNS THROUGHOUT THEIR TAOR.

(B) NINTH MARINES WILL COMPLETE THE COORDINATED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPN IN THE MARBLE MT AREA WITH REGIONAL FORCES THAT WAS BEGUN TODAY.

(3) CHU LAI TAOR. A REGIMENTAL SIZE SEARCH AND DESTROY OPN CODE NAME "THUNDERBOLT" WILL BE CONDUCTED BEGINNING EARLY ON 6 AUG CONTINUING THRU TO 7 AUG. PARTICIPATING IN THIS OPN WILL BE HQ, 4TH MARINES, 3D BN, 3D MARINES, 2D BN, 51ST ARVN REGT, 3D MARINE BN RVN and 11TH RANGER BN RVN. THIS COMBINED OPN WILL BE CONDUCTED IN THE AREA SOUTH OF THE SONG TRA BONG RIVER IN AN AREA BOUNDED BY (BS 5089)(BS 5084)(BS 5991) (BS 6188).

(4) QUI NHON TAOR. EFFECTIVE 050001H AUG 65 BLT 2/7 (REIN) REDESIGNATED 2D BN, 7TH MARINES AND CHOPPED OPCON TO CG TASK FORCE ALPHA.

(5) DURING THE NEXT 24 HOURS UNITS OF THE 3D MARDIV WILL CONDUCT 31 PATROLS AND ESTABLISH 20 AMBUSHES.

**3. PEOPLE TO PEOPLE****SECRET****A. DA NANG TAOR**

(1) 3D MARINES. 1ST BN, TREATED FIFTEEN PEOPLE AT THE BN AID STATION VIC (AT 950731). 2D BN TREATED 117 PEOPLE IN THE DISPENSARY AT LE MY. 3D BN, 4TH MARINES, USING ONE DOCTOR AND FOUR CORPSMEN, TREATED 250 PEOPLE AT THUNG LOUNG VIC (YD 868179).

B. 3D AT BN. HELD SICKCALL IN THE VILLAGE OF YEN BAC VIC (AT 985708) TREATED THIRTY-FOUR PEOPLE. DISTRIBUTED CANDY TO THE CHILDREN.

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TRANS TOL  
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00W: 556-557

PRIORITY 051600ZFROM: CG, THIRD MARLIV  
TO: CG, III MAF  
INFO: THIRD MARLIV (RVN)  
ALMINO THI. L MARLIV  
FMAW

BASE DEFENSE BN-1

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MAF-14  
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424MAR-TTY

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HQ, BN, HAS BEEN SENT.

THIRD MARINE DIVISION SITREP NUMBER NINETY-ONE AS OF 051600Z  
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1. THIRD MARDIV HIGHLIGHTS. THE FINAL PART OF THE TWO PHASE OPERATION IN THE SOUTHEASTERN PORTION OF THE DA NANG TAOR WAS COMPLETED WITH NO FRIENDLY BATTLE CASUALTIES, WHILE THE VC SUFFERED THREE KIA AND TWO CAPTURED. NORMAL AGGRESSIVE PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITY WAS CARRIED ON THROUGHOUT THE DIVISION.

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A. HUE PHU BAI TAOR. NORMAL PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITY WAS CONDUCTED DURING THIS PERIOD WITHOUT INCIDENT OR VC CONTACT.

B. DA NANG TAOR.

(1) THIRD MARINES. ADM JOHNSON, CINCPACFLT, VISITED THE SECOND BATTALION AREA. A PLATOON FROM THE SECOND BATTALION WAS DEPLOYED TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR AN EOD TEAM ASSIGNED TO SWEEP THE ESSO STORAGE AREA FOR DUDS.

(A) FIRST BATTALION, THIRD MARINES. A PLATOON OF COMPANY D PROVIDED OVERNIGHT SECURITY FOR A SECTION OF THREE LVT'S, WHILE REPAIRS WERE MADE ON ONE OF THEM, AT (AT 904698).

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NO INCIDENTS OR VC CONTACT

(B) SECOND BATTALION, THIRD MARINES. MAINTAINED THREE MOBILE COMBAT BASES, TWO EAST AND ONE WEST OF THE AOR. COMPANY L ESTABLISHED ITS BASE AT (AT 916813), COMPANY F AT (AT 864768) AND COMPANY H AT (AT 942799).

(C) FIRST BATTALION, TWELFTH MARINES. FIRED ONE "WILL ADJUST" MISSION, ONE HIGH-BURST REGISTRATION, FOUR FIRE FOR EFFECT AND FORTY-FIVE HARASSING AND INTERDICTION MISSIONS. THE MAJORITY OF THESE MISSIONS WERE FIRED ON VC AT-TACKING THE ESSO STORAGE AREA AND ON ESCAPE ROUTES FROM THE STORAGE AREA SUBSEQUENT TO THE ATTACK. AMMUNITION EXPENDED: 105MM 220 ROUNDS HE, EIGHT ROUNDS WP, 8" HOWITZER THIRTY-SEVEN ROUNDS HE.

(D) NAVAL GUNFIRE: FIRED ONE HARASSING AND INTERDICTION MISSION AND ONE SPREAD FIRE MISSION. AMMUNITION EXPENDED: 5"/38 CALIBER-400 ROUNDS HE, 10 ROUNDS ILLUMINATION.

(2) NINTH MARINES. PHASE II OF THE TWO DAY COMBINED OPERATION IN THE SOUTHEASTERN SECTOR OF THE TAOR WAS CARRIED OUT. ENEMY CONTACT WAS MODERATE: THREE VC KIA, TWO VC CAPTURED, TWO RIFLES CAPTURED. NO FRIENDLY CASUALTIES.

(A) FIRST BATTALION, NINTH MARINES. CONDUCTED NORMAL AGGRESSIVE PATROLLING ACTIVITIES.

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**SECRET**(B) SECOND BATTALION, NINTH MARINES.

CARRIED OUT PHASE II  
 OF THEIR TWO-LAY OPERATION SOUTHWEST OF MARBLE MOUNTAIN,  
 GS (BT 0368) AND (BT 0570). ENEMY CASUALTIES: THREE KIA, TWO  
 VC CAPTURED. THERE WERE NO FRIENDLY CASUALTIES FROM THIS OP-  
 ERATION. FOUR MARINES AND ONE ARVN WERE WOUNDED WHEN AN  
 ARVN SOLDIER ACCIDENTLY DISCHARGED AN AUTOMATIC WEAPON  
 INSIDE AN LVT. THE SECURITY DETACHMENT AT THE FLSG POL SUPREX  
 POINT, (AT 9481) WAS INCREASED TO TWO SQUADS AND THE SECURITY  
 DETACHMENT FOR THE AMMUNITION DUMP (AT 987734) WAS INCREASED  
 TO TWO PLATOONS

(C) TWELFTH MARINES(-). FIRED SEVEN HARASSING AND IN-  
 TERDICTION MISSIONS AND ONE OBSERVED MISSION. AMMUNITION EX-  
 PENDED: 155 M - TWENTY ROUNDS HE AND 8" - FIVE ROUNDS HE.

(3) THIRD RECON BATTALION. CONTINUED OPERATION OF PRE-  
 VIously ESTABLISHED OP'S AND SUPPORTED SECOND BATTALION,  
 NINTH MARINES OPERATION IN THE SOUTHEASTERN PORTION OF THE  
 TAOR. IN THE LATTER OPERATION, COMPANY D, IN SUPPORT OF SECOND  
 BATTALION, NINTH MARINES, SCORED THREE VC KIA AND TWO VC CAPTURED

(4) THIRD ENGINEER BATTALION.  
 FURNISHED COMBAT ENGINEER SUPPORT FOR SECOND BATTALION, NINTH  
 MARINES OPERATION, CONTINUED WORK ON THE DIVISION CP BUNKER  
 AND ON ROAD PROJECTS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED. WATER POINT OPERATIONS  
 CONTINUED AS DID A NUMBER OF SMALLER ENGINEER PROJECTS.

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**SECRET**C. CHU LAI TAOR.

(1) FOURTH MARINES. DURING THIS PERIOD ONE COMPANY, TWO PLATOONS, FOURTEEN SQUAD PATROLS WERE CONDUCTED AND FIVE AMBUSHES WERE ESTABLISHED THROUGHOUT THE TAOR. TWO CONTACTS WITH VC REPORTED.

(A) FIRST BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES. UNITS CONDUCTED PATROLLING ACTIONS AND ESTABLISHED AMBUSHES TO THE FRONT AND REAR OF THEIR POSITIONS. NO VC CONTACT REPORTED.

(B) THIRD BATTALION, THIRD MARINES. COMPANY K REMAINS IN REGIMENTAL RESERVE. CONDUCTED PATROLLING ACTIONS AND ONE AMBUSH TO THE FRONT AND REAR OF THEIR POSITION. NO VC CONTACT REPORTED. PREPARED FOR THE JOINT OPERATION WITH THE SECOND ARVN DIVISION COMMENCING 6 AUGUST.

(C) THIRD BATTALION, TWELFTH MARINES. CONDUCTED THREE REGISTRATIONS, AND TWENTY SIX H&I MISSION, EXPENDING 206 ROUNDS. AT 052020H ~~REPORTED~~ SINKING SIX JUNKS VIC (BT 645052) EXPENDED THIRTY-ONE ROUNDS.

(E) C COMPANY, THIRD TANK BATTALION. FIRED H&I MISSIONS EXPENDING NINETY ROUNDS.

(F) B COMPANY, THIRD RECON. AT 050800H COMPANY COMMENCED A THREE DAY PATROL. AT 051220H A GRENADE EXPLOSION CAUSED ONE USMC WIA. AT 051245H THREE VC ENGAGED IN A SHORT FIRE FIGHT, FLEEING SOUTH FROM VIC (BT 409050), AT 051950H VC KIA VIC (BT 403074).

D. SUMMARY**SECRET**

(1) MAJOR UNIT ACTIONS-ONE

(A) TYPE OF OPERATION-SEARCH AND DESTROY

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(B) AREA OF OPERATION: QUANG NAM PROVINCEGS (BT 0368), (BT 0468), (BT 0568), (BT 0668), (BT 0.69)  
(BT 0569), AND (BT 0570).(C) UNITS PARTICIPATING: SECOND BATTALION,  
NINTH MARINES: COMPANY D, THIRD RECON BATTALION, SECOND  
BATTALION, TWELFTH MARINES: COMPANY C (-), THIRD TANK BN:  
CO C (-), THIRD AT BATTION: COMPANY G, FIRST AMTRAC BATTALION:  
DET., THIRD ENGINEER BATTALION: 592 COMPANY (-) REGIONAL FORCES.(D) CONTROL HEADQUARTERS - SECOND BATTALION, NINTH  
MARINES.(E) TIME OF COMMENCEMENT-CONTINUATION OF OPERATIONS  
COMMENCED 4 AUGUST 65, JUMP OFF AT 050736H.(F) TIME OF TERMINATION - APPROXIMATELY 051800H.(G) RESULTS:FRIENDLY LOSSES/ENEMY LOSSES

|          |                    |
|----------|--------------------|
| KIA NONE | KIA - 3            |
|          | KIA - UNKNOWN      |
| WIA NONE | CAPTURED-TWO       |
|          | WEAPONS-TWO RIFLES |

SMALL UNIT ACTIONS - FIFTY EIGHT

(1) NIGHT CONTACTS - ONE

(2) DAY CONTACTS - ONE

(3) TOTAL CONTACTS - TWO

(4) ACTION WITH OUT CONTACTS - FIFTY EIGHT

(5) BOX SCORES:

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| <u>PROVINCE/COORDINATES</u> | <u>DATE/TIME</u> | <u>ACTION</u> | <u>FRIENDLY UNIT LOSSES</u> | <u>ENEMY UNIT LOSSES</u> |
|-----------------------------|------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| QUANG NAI (BT 409059)       | 051245H          | PATROL        | NONE                        | NONE                     |
| QUANG NAI (BT 403074)       | 051950H          | -do-          | NONE                        | 2 KIA                    |

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(3) PLANS SUMMARY

(A) HUE-PHU BUI TAOR. NORMAL AGGRESSIVE PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES WILL CONTINUE. COMPANY K WILL BE AIR-LIFTED TO CHU LAI TO PARTICIPATE IN OPERATION THUNDER BOLT.

(B) DA NANG TAOR

(1) NINETH BATTALION, THIRD MARINES. A PLATOON FROM COMPANY B, WITH TWO FLAME TANKS AND ONE GUN TANK ATTACHED WILL FIND AND DESTROY GAVES PREVIOUSLY REPORTED AT (AT 876692)

(2) NINTH MARINES. WILL CONDUCT NORMAL AGGRESSIVE PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES.

(C) CHU LAI TAOR. A REGIMENTAL SIZE SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION WITH THE CODE NAME "THUNDER BOLT" WILL BE CONDUCTED AS A JOINT OPERATION WITH THE THIRD BATTALION, THIRD MARINES AND PORTIONS OF THE SECOND ARVN DIVISION COMMENCING EARLY SIX AUG AND CONTINUING THRU SEVEN AUG.

(D) DURING THE NEXT TWENTY-FOUR HOURS UNITS OF THE THIRD MARDIV WILL CONDUCT TWENTY-ONE PATROLS AND SIX AMBUSHES.

3. CIVIL ACTION

A. DA NANG TAOR. THIRTY-TWO PEOPLE WERE TREATED AT THE SECOND BATTALION, NINTH MARINES AID STATION AND AT DUANG SON (1) (AT 9968). THIRD AT ~~1~~ BATTALION TREATED FORTY PEOPLE AT THEIR AID STATION. A TOTAL OF 120 VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS WERE

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THIRD MARDIV (RVN)  
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THIRD MARDIV SITREP NUMBER NINETY-TWO AS OF 061600Z ~~061600Z~~ 651. THIRD MARDIV HIGHLIGHTS. OPERATION THUNDER BOLT COMMENCED AT 060650H WHEN THE ARTILLERY PREP FIRES BEGAN TO HIT LZ FOX (BS 552872) AND AIR STRIKES BEGAN ON LZ'S BEAR (BS 505871) AND WOLF (BS 523853). BY APPROX 060830H THE HELIBORNE LANDINGS WERE COMPLETE AND THE UNITS BEGAN THEIR SEARCH TO THE EAST.A TOTAL OF ~~FOUR~~ USMC WIA, SIX VC KIA, AND TWO VC WIA. A TOTAL OF SEVENTEEN VC'S WERE CAPTURED.

REAR ADMIRAL SANNONG, COMMANDANT OF THE ROYAL THAI MARINE CORPS VISITED LE MY VIC (AT 898821) IN THE 2D BN, THIRD MARINES AREA FROM APPROXIMATELY 061430H TO 061630H.

A. HUE-PHU BAI TAOR. NORMAL PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITY WAS CONDUCTED DURING THIS PERIOD WITHOUT INCIDENT OR VC CONTACT. COK WAS AIR TRANSPORTED TO CHULAI TO SUPPORT 4TH MARINES OPERATION.B. DA NANG TAOR(1) THIRD MARINES. REAR ADMIRAL SANNONG, COMMANDANT OF THE ROYAL THAI MARINE CORPS, VISITED LE MY (AT 898821) IN THE 2ND BN FROM APPROXIMATELY 061430H TO 061630H. NORMAL PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITY WAS CARRIED ON THROUGHOUT THE REGIMENTALPAGE 1 OF 7 PAGES

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SECTOR.

(A) 1ST BN, 3D MARINES. TWO REINFORCED PLATOON OPNS WERE CARRIED OUT DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD. A PLATOON OF CO A PATROLLED FROM (AT 920729) TO (AT 895710) AND ESTABLISHED NIGHT DEFENSIVE/AMBUSH PSNS AT (AT 883717). A PLATOON OF CO B WITH TWO FLAME TANKS AND ONE GUN TANK PATROLLED FROM (AT 949708) TO (AT 906683). THIS UNIT ESTABLISHED NIGHT PSNS VIC (AT 875690).

(B) 2D BN, 3D MARINES. REAR ADMIRAL SANNONG, CMC, THAI MARINES, VISITED THE LE MY AREA. THE 2ND BN MAINTAINED THREE MOBILE COMBAT BASES AT (AT 918820), (AT 865766) AND (AT 920803), WITH PATROLS IN EACH AREA.

(C) 1ST BN, 12TH MARINES. FIRED 39 HARASSING AND INTERDICTION MISSIONS AND ONE WILL ADJUST MISSION. AMMO EXPENDED: 105MM - 100 RDS HE; 107MM - 2 RDS ILLUMINATION.

(2) NINTH MARINES. STABILIZED FRONT LINE PSNS BY MOVING CO B TO PSNS EAST OF THE SONG VINH DIEN RIVER (BT 029-686) AND WITHDRAWING CO F (-) AND CO H FROM THE AREA.

(A) 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES. CO B MOVED SOUTH OF THE SONG CAU DO RIVER INTO PLATOON PSNS VIC (BT 067697), (BT 055-697) AND (BT 034688). CO CP AT (BT 053695). MOVE COMPLETE BY 061600H.

(B) 2D BN, 9TH MARINES. CO G (REIN) MANS BN FORWARD PSNS FROM (AT 980700) TO (BT 028690). CO E PROVIDES SECURITY FOR AMMUNITION DUMP (AT 988732) AND BRIDGE AND WATER POINT AT (AT 998707).

(3) 3D RECON BN. CONTINUED OPN OF PREVIOUSLY ESTABLISHED

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OPNS AND NORMAL [REDACTED] AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES. [REDACTED]

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(4) 3D ENGR BN. CONTINUED NINE CLEARING OPNS IN SUPPORT OF 9TH MARINES, CONTINUED WORK ON DIVISION CP BUNKER AND ON ROAD PROJECTS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED. WATER POINT OPNS CONTINUED AS DID A NUMBER OF SMALLER ENGINEER PROJECTS.

C. CHU LAI TAOR

(1) FOURTH MARINES HIGHLIGHTS. OPERATION THUNDERBOLT COMMENCED AT 060650H WITH THE FOURTH MARINE REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS, 3D BN, 3D MARINES, 3D BN, 12TH MARINES, 3D MARINE BATTALION, RVN, AND 3D BATTALION 51ST REGIMENT, 2D DIVISION, ARVN PARTICIPATING. THE 11TH RANGER BATTALION RVN ~~IS~~ IN RESERVE. THIS COMBINED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPN MET WITH LIGHT VC RESISTANCE. EFFECTIVE ARTY AND AIR PREPARATION FIRES ALLOWED THE UNITS TO LAND UNOPPOSED. DURING THIS PERIOD OTHER UNITS OF THE FOURTH MARINES CONDUCTED PATROLS AND SET IN AMBUSHES.

(A) 1ST BN, 4TH MARINES. CONDUCTED PATROLS AND SET IN AMBUSHES TO THE FRONT AND REAR OF THEIR PSN. FIVE VCS WERE APPREHENDED.

(B) 2ND BN, 4TH MARINES. CONDUCTED PATROLS AND SET IN AMBUSHES TO THE FRONT AND REAR OF THEIR PSN. NO VC CONTACT REPORTED.

(C) 3D BN, 3D MARINES. OPERATION THUNDERBOLT UNDER THE TACTICAL COMMAND OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER, 4TH

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MARINES CONSISTED OF THE 3D BN (-), 3D MARINES, 3D BN (-), 12TH MARINES, 51ST ARVN REGIMENT, 3D BN, RVN, 11TH RANGER BN (IN RESERVE) AND ATTACHMENTS OF THE 4TH MARINES. ARTY PREP FIRES ON THE LZ COMMENCED AT 060650H AND TERMINATED AT 0700H. AT 060705H LEADING ELEMENTS OF THE 51ST REGIMENT ARVN TOUCHED DOWN AT LZ FOX, VIC (BS 552872). AT 060740H 3D BN, 3D MARINES BEGAN ARRIVING AT LZ WOLF, VIC (BS 523853). AT 0800H 3D BN, RVN BEGAN ARRIVING AT LZ BEAR, VIC (BS 505871). LANDINGS COMPLETED AT APPROX 060830H. ~~WOUNDED VC~~ I CO 3D BN, 3D MARINES CAPTURED ONE VCS IN LZ WOLF. AT 060950H I CO, 3D BN, 3D MARINES RECEIVED SA FIRE AT VIC (BS 538858). NO CASUALTIES. AT 061150H FRONT LINE PSN FOR UNITS PARTICIPATING IN OPN THUNDERBOLT WERE 51ST REGIMENT ARVN (BS 558875), 3D MARINE BN RVN (BS 528874), AND 3D BN, 3D MARINES (BS 540855). NO CONTACT REPORTED. AT 061215H I CO, 3D BN, 3D MARINES CAPTURED ONE <sup>WOUNDED VC</sup> ~~WOUNDED VC~~ AT VIC (BS 534857). I CO, 3D BN, 3D MARINES AT 061355H RECEIVED TWELVE RDS SA FIRE FROM VIC (BS 532865). CO L, 3D BN, 3D MARINES DISCOVERED EIGHT BOUNDING TYPE AP MINES VIC (BS 547856). AT 061500H 3D BN, 3D MARINES MOVING TO PL B, HEAT CRITICAL, MAKING MOVEMENT SLOW. AT 061620H 3D BN ARVN MARINES MADE CONTACT WITH VC, KILLED ONE VC VIC (BS 565903), CAPTURED ONE CARBINE. 3D BN, 3D MARINES ASSUMED NIGHT DEFENSE PSN NEAR PL BRAVO. AT 061750H 3D ARVN MARINES SET IN NIGHT PSN AT PL CHARLIE, 51ST REGIMENT ARVN SET IN NIGHT PSN VIC (BS 574880). THREE USMC WIA, AND SIX VC KIA, SEVENTEEN CAPTURED DURING OPN.

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(D) 3D BN, 12TH MARINES. ONE GUN OF THE 8" PLATOON AND THREE GUNS OF BTRY K DISPLACED TO VIC (BS 658-980) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION THUNDERBOLT. CONDUCTED ONE REGISTRATION, TWO PREP AND TWENTY-EIGHT H&I MISSIONS, EXPENDING 195 ROUNDS.

D. SUMMARY

(1) MAJOR UNIT ACTIONS

- A. TYPE OPERATION: SEARCH AND CLEAR
- B. AREA OF OPERATION: TRUNG PHAN PROVINCE (BS 505885) (BS 520842) TO BS 560903) (BS 579850).
- C. UNITS PARTICIPATING: 3D BN (-) (REIN), 3D MARINES; 3D BN (-) (REIN), 12TH MARINES; 3D MARINE BN, RVN; 3D BN, 51ST REGIMENT, 2D DIVISION, ARVN.

D. CONTROL HEADQUARTERS: 4TH MARINES

E. TIME OF COMMENCEMENT: 060700H

F. TIME OF TERMINATION: 071200H

G. RESULTS:

| <u>FRIENDLY LOSSES</u> | <u>ENEMY LOSSES</u> |
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| KIA: 0                 | KIA: 6              |
| WIA: 84                | WIA: 2              |
|                        | SUSPECTS: 17        |
|                        | WEAPONS: 3 CARBINES |
|                        | 1 SUBMACHINEGUN     |

(2) SMALL UNIT ACTIONS - FIFTY-ONE

- (A) NIGHT CONTACTS: ONE
- (B) DAY CONTACTS: THREE
- (C) TOTAL CONTACTS: FOUR
- (D) ACTION WITHOUT CONTACTS: FORTY-SEVEN
- (E) BOX SCORES:

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| PROVINCE/<br>COORDINATES | DATE/TIME | ACTION | FRIENDLY<br>UNIT LOSSES | ENEMY UNIT<br>LOSSES |
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| QUANG TIN/(BT 478114)    | 060855H   | PATROL | NONE                    | TWO VCS              |
| QUANG TIN/(BT 482103)    | 061030H   | PATROL | NONE                    | TWO VCS              |
| QUANG TIN/(BT 492091)    | 061150H   | PATROL | NONE                    | ONE VCS              |
| QUANG TIN/(BT 410073)    | 061808H   | PATROL | ONE WIA                 | NONE                 |

2. PLANS SUMMARY

A. HUE-PHU BAU TAOR. NORMAL AGGRESSIVE PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES WILL CONTINUE.

B. DA NANG TAOR

(1) 1ST BN, 3D MARINES. WILL ENCIRCLE THE VILLAGE OF TAN AN PHUONG (AT 8673) DURING THE NIGHT AND CONINUE SEARCH AND CLEAR OPNS AT FIRST LIGHT.

(2) 2ND BN, 3D MARINES. WILL CONTINUE NORMAL PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES.

(3) NINTH MARINES. WILL CONSOLIDATE PSNS AND CONDUCT NORMAL PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES.

C. CHU LAI TAOR. CO D (-), 1ST BN, 4TH MARINES WILL CONDUCT COMBAT PATROL ALONG AXIS OF ADVANCE (BT 415127) - (BT 419079) AND ESTABLISH NIGHT AMBUSH VIC (BT 419079). COMPANIES E AND H WILL SWITCH DEFENSIVE PSNS AT 070000H. 3D BN Q (-), 3D MARINES WILL CONTINUE TO EXECUTE OPERATION ORDER 10-65 (THUNDERBOLT).

D. DURING THE NEXT TWENTY-FOUR HOURS UNITS OF THE THIRD MARDIV WILL CONDUCT 30 PATROLS AND 18 AMBUSHES.

3. CIVIL ACTION**SECRET**

A. DA NANG TAOR. TWO COLUMNISTS FROM THE NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE, MISS DEPPE AND MR. LUE VISITED THE LE MY DISPENSARY

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AND NEAR SEVERAL GOOD CIVIL OFFICIALS. IN THE 1ST BN, 3D

MARINES SECTOR, 97 PEOPLE WERE GIVEN MEDICAL TREATMENT, ~~19~~ **SECRET**

WERE ENTERTAINED BY AN 8-MAN COMBO AT PHU HOA (AT 949702)

AND A SCHOOL SITE WAS CLEARED AT (AT 938717). IN THE NINTH

MARINES SECTOR 120 PEOPLE WERE GIVEN MEDICAL AID. THE THIRD

ANTI-TANK BN GAVE MEDICAL TREATMENT TO 28 PEOPLE.

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 INFO: 3D MARDIV (RVN)  
 ADMINO 3D MARDIV  
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THIRD MARINE DIVISION SITREP NUMBER NINETY-THREE AS OF  
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B. THIRD MARDIV HIGHLIGHTS. UNIFORMED VC WERE ENGAGED IN  
 THE DA NANG TAOR TODAY BY PERSONNEL FROM COMPANY D, THIRD  
 RECON BATTALION APPROXIMATELY 1500 METERS SOUTH OF SECOND  
 BATTALION, NINTH MARINES LINES. FOUR VC WERE WOUNDED, ONE  
 OF WHOM WAS CAPTURED AND INTERROGATED BEFORE HE DIED OF  
 WOUNDS, DURING A BRIEF FIREFIGHT. THERE WERE NO USMC  
 CASUALTIES IN THIS ENGAGEMENT. OPERATION "THUNDER BOLT"  
 CONSISTED OF THE THIRD BATTALION, THIRD MARINES, THIRD  
 BATTALION, FIFTY-FIRST ARVN REGIMENT AND THE THIRD MARINE  
 BATTALION RVN, UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE CO, FORTH MARINE  
 REGIMENT, CONCLUDED SUCCESSFULLY AT 071520H.

A. HUE-PHU BAI TAOR. THIRD BATTALION, FORTH MARINES  
 CONDUCTED FIVE SQUAD SIZE PATROLS DURING THE NIGHT AND TWO  
 DAYLIGHT PATROLS, ONE SQUAD SIZE AND ONE PLATOON SIZE,  
 DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD. COMPANY I ALSO PATROLLED  
 FROM THE BATTALION CP AREA TO (YL 892101) AT 071830H WHERE

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NIGHT DEFENSIVE POSITIONS AND TWO SQUAD SIZE AMBUSHES WERE ESTABLISHED. THERE WAS NO VC CONTACT IN THE TAOR DURING THIS PERIOD, HOWEVER.

B. DA NANG TAOR

(1) THIRD MARINES

(A) FIRST BATTALION, THIRD MARINES CONTINUED TO MAINTAIN TWO PLATOON SIZE PATROLS FORWARD OF THE MLR POSITIONS. DURING THE NIGHT OF 6-7 AUGUST THE FIRST PLATOON, COMPANY A ENCIRCLED THE VILLAGE OF TAN AN PHUONG (AT 8673). AT 070830H VIETNAMESE INTERROGATORS FROM HIEU DUC DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS WERE HELILIFTED INTO THE AREA AND A SEARCH WAS COMPLETED AT 071400H WITH NO VC CONTACT. THE FIRST PLATOON, COMPANY B, SUPPORTED BY TWO FLAME TANKS AND A GUN TANK OPERATED IN THE VICINITY OF HILL 112 (AT 8868) TODAY WITHOUT MAKING DIRECT VC CONTACT. TWO HUTS CONTAINING VC PROPAGANDA, PONCHOS AND CANTEENS WERE LOCATED VICINITY (AT 875681) ~~AND WERE~~ DESTROYED. THE VC MATERIALS WERE BROUGHT BACK TO THE BATTALION AREA WHEN THE PATROL RETURNED.

(B) SECOND BATTALION, THIRD MARINES AGAIN OPERATED THREE REINFORCED PLATOON SIZE MOBILE COMBAT BASES IN THE NORTHERN PORTION OF THE TAOR, TWO EAST OF THE MOR AND ONE WEST OF IT. EXTENSIVE PATROLLING FROM THESE BASES FAILED TO UNCOVER ANY VC ACTIVITY, HOWEVER.

(C) FIRST BATTALION, TWELFTH MARINES FIRED TWENTY HARASSING, THIRTEEN INTERDICTION, ONE "FIRE FOR EFFECT" AND TWO "WILL ALJUST" MISSIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE THIRD MARINES.

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THE ADJUSTED MISSIONS WERE FIRED ON A SUSPECTED VC OP LOCATED AT (AT 865810) AND TWENTY VC IN THE OPEN AT (AT 870674). BOTH TARGETS WERE WELL COVERED, BUT ~~456~~ <sup>2</sup> WERE RECOVERED. AMMO EXPENDED WAS: 106MM - 133 ROUNDS OF HE AND TWENTY-TWO ROUNDS OF WP.

(2) NINTH MARINES CONCENTRATED ON CONSOLIDATION OF NEWLY-OCCUPIED POSITIONS DURING THIS PERIOD.

(A) FIRST BATTALION, NINTH MARINES CONDUCTED FOUR SQUAD SIZE SECURITY PATROLS AROUND THE DA NANG AIRFIELD WITHOUT INCIDENT. COMPANY B CONSOLIDATED ITS NEWLY SEIZED POSITIONS SOUTHWEST OF MARBLE MOUNTAIN (AT 075710). AT 071414H ONE OF THE SUPPORTING ONTOS STRUCK A SMALL MINE VICINITY (BT 044690) AND DAMAGED THE SUSPENSION SYSTEM SLIGHTLY. AT 072030H A MEMBER OF THE SUPPORTING AMTRAC PLATOON WAS WOUNDED SLIGHTLY BY A SNIPER ROUND WHICH RICOCHETED OFF THE SIDE OF AN LVT AND STRUCK HIM IN THE ARM. THIS INCIDENT OCCURED VICINITY (BT 044689).

(B) SECOND BATTALION, NINTH MARINES. NO OPERATIONS CONDUCTED DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD.

(3) TWELFTH MARINES. THE 8" HOWITZER BTRY (--) FIRED EIGHT ROUNDS OF HE AT H&I TARGETS DURING THIS PERIOD.

(4) THIRD RECON BATTALION. AT 070806H FIVE VCS CARRYING SACKS OF RICE WERE APPREHENDED BY THE SECOND PLATOON, COMPANY A VICINITY (AT 851733). AS THE RECON PATROL WAS APPROACHING THE VCS THEY SIGNALLED TO OTHER VCS IN THE AREA

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WHO ESCAPED FROM THE PATROL. AFTER DELIVERING THE VCS TO THE THIRD MARINES THE RECON PATROL ESTABLISHED A NEW OF VICINITY (AT 844740). THE THIRD PLATOON, ~~COMPILED~~, OPERATING IN SUPPORT OF THE NINTH MARINES, RECEIVED SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM VICINITY (AT 994675) AT 070930H. THE PLATOON RETURNED FIRE, WOUNDING AND CAPTURING ONE VC. AS THE WOUNDED VC WAS BEING EVACUATED THE PATROL CAME UNDER FIRE AGAIN. TWO VC WERE HIT AND SEEN TO FALL WHEN FIRE WAS RETURNED THIS TIME. BODIES WERE NOT RECOVERED ON THIS OCCASION DUE TO HEAVY FIRE AND THE NECESSITY FOR EVACUATING AND INTERROGATING THE SERIOUSLY WOUNDED PRISONER. THE VC WAS WEARING A GREY UNIFORM WITH CAP MADE OF CAMOUFLAGE MATERIAL. CAPTURED WITH HIM WERE A SUB-MACHINE GUN, FOUR LOADED MAGAZINES, TWO GRENADES, VC UNIT ID CARD, LEATHER FIRST AID POUCH, SPARE UNIFORM, MONEY, CLEANING EQUIPMENT FOR HIS WEAPON AND PERSONAL EFFECTS. THE ID CARD AND THE PRISONER'S OWN STATEMENT REVEALED THAT HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE VC SIXTEENTH MAIN FORCES BATTALION. THE PRISONER DIED OF WOUNDS BEFORE EVACUATION TO THE MEDICAL BATTALION COULD BE COMPLETED. THIS SAME RECON PLATOON WAS FIRED ON AGAIN AT 071100H FROM VICINITY (AT 991691) AND KILLED ONE VC IN RETURN. THERE WERE NO USMC CASUALTIES DURING EITHER OF THESE ENGAGEMENTS.

(5) THIRD ENGINEER BATTALION COMPLETED CLEARING OF TWO LANES THROUGH THE MINE FIELD LOCATED AT THE NORTH END OF DA NANG AIRFIELD.

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(1) FOURTH MARINES CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN OPERATION "THUNDERBOLT" MOVING OUT ON LINE TOGETHER WITH ALJACENT UNITS FROM (BS 569909) TO (BS 579850), CONTINUING WEST TO HIGHWAY #1 VIC (BS 596926) TO (BS 620875). NO SIGNIFICANT VC CONTACT. DURING THIS PERIOD UNITS OF THE FOURTH MARINES CONDUCTED ONE BATTALION SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION, TWO COMPANY PATROLS, EIGHT SQUAD PATROLS AND ESTABLISHED SIX AMBUSHES. FIFTEEN OF THESE OPERATIONS WERE CONDUCTED DURING THE HOURS OF DARKNESS.

(A) FIRST BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES. COMPANY D DEPARTED AT 070720H BY LVT TO CONDUCT A SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION VICINITY (BT 4112) SOUTH TO (BT 4007). AT 071000H SNIPER FIRE RECEIVED FROM VICINITY (BT 406118). RETURNED FIRE RESULTED IN ONE VC KILLED AND ONE WIA. AT 071155H COMPANY D SPOTTED THIRTY VC VICINITY (BT 390105). PATROL REQUESTED ARTILLERY FIRE, HOWEVER DURING ADJUSTMENT A HELICOPTER MOVED INTO THE GUN-TARGET LINE CAUSING ARTILLERY TO CEASE FIRE. BEFORE ARTILLERY COULD RESUME FIRING VC HAD FLED FROM SIGHT. AT 071245H COMPANY D RECEIVED SMALL ARMS FIRE VICINITY (BT 402118). FIRE WAS RETURNED AND AREA SEARCHED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. UNITS SUSTAINED ONE USMC WIA. COMPANY D ESTABLISHED NIGHT DEFENSIVE POSITIONS AND PATROL BASE VICINITY (BT 418084). NO ADDITIONAL VC CONTACT REPORTED.

(B) SECOND BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES CONDUCTED PATROLS AND AMBUSHES FORWARD AND TO THE REAR OF DEFENSIVE POSITIONS. NO VC CONTACT.

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(C) THIRD BATTALION, THIRD MARINES. OPERATION "THUNDER BOLT" CONTINUED WITH ALL UNITS MOVING OUT AT 070730H. THE THIRD BATTALION, THIRD MARINES MOVED WEST FROM VICINITY (BS 575860), THE THIRD BATTALION, FIFTY-FIRST ARVN REGIMENT MOVED WEST FROM VICINITY (BS 575880) AND THE THIRD MARINE BATTALION RVN MOVED WEST FROM VICINITY (BS 572900), ALL ON LINE TO CONDUCT SEARCH AND CLEAR OPERATIONS TO HIGHWAY #1. ALL UNITS REACHED THEIR OBJECTIVES AT HIGHWAY #1 VICINITY (BS 596926) TO (BS 620875). THE THIRD BATTALION REPORTED NO VC CONTACT. AT 071325H HELICOPTERS BEGAN RETURNING UNITS TO THEIR DEFENSIVE POSITIONS. ALL ELEMENTS OF THE FORTH MARINES RETURNED TO POSITIONS AT 071520H.

(D) THIRD BATTALION TWELFTH MARINES. THIRD 155 GUN BTRY (SP) FMF ATTACHED TO THIRD BATTALION, TWELFTH MARINES. THIRD 155 GUN BTRY IN POSITION READY TO FIRE AT 061440H, VICINITY (BT 549052). BATTERIES OF THE THIRD BATTALION CONDUCTED TWO REGISTRATIONS, TWO ARTILLERY PREPARATIONS AND THIRTY H&I MISSIONS EXPENDING 307 ROUNDS.

(E) COMPANY C, THIRD TANK BATTALION CONDUCTED H&I FIRES VICINITY (BS 4599) AND (BS 4699) EXPENDING FIFTEEN ROUNDS.

D. SUMMARY

(1) MAJOR UNIT ACTIONS

(A) TYPE OPERATION: SEARCH AND ~~DETERMINATE~~ CLEAR

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(B) AREA OF OPERATION: QUANG NGAI (BS 5690)

(BS 5785) (ES 6187) (BG 5992).

(C) UNITS PARTICIPATING: HQ, FOURTH MARINES, THIRD BATTALION, THIRD MARINES, THIRD MARINE BATTALION BN, THIRD BATTALION, FIFTY-FIRST ARVN REGIMENT.

(D) CONTROL HEADQUARTERS: FOURTH MARINES

(E) TIME OF COMMENCEMENT: 060700H

(F) TIME OF TERMINATION: 071520H

(G) RESULTS:

FRIENDLY LOSSES

KIA: NONE

WIA: THREE USMC, ONE ARVN

ENEMY LOSSES

KIA: FOUR ARVN

WIA: ONE

VCS: NINE (FOUR ARVN)

THREE CARBINES (ARVN)  
ONE SUB-MACHINE GUN (ARVN)  
ONE GRENADE(2) SMALL UNIT ACTIONS

(A) NIGHT CONTACTS: NONE

(B) DAY CONTACTS: FOUR

(C) TOTAL CONTACTS: FOUR

(D) ACTION WITHOUT CONTACTS: FORTY-TWO

(E) BOX SCORES:

| <u>PROVINCE/</u>          | <u>COORDINATES</u> | <u>DATE/TIME</u> | <u>ACTION</u> | <u>FRIENDLY UNIT</u> | <u>ENEMY UNIT</u> |
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|                           |                    |                  |               | <u>LOSSES</u>        | <u>LOSSES</u>     |
| QUANG TIN/<br>(BT 406118) | 071000H            | PATROL           | NONE          | ONE<br>KIA           | ONE VCC           |
| QUANG TIN/<br>(BT 402118) | 071245H            | PATROL           | D/1/4<br>NONE | NONE                 |                   |

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| <u>COORDINATES</u>        | <u>DATE/TIME</u> | <u>ACTION</u>              | <u>LOSSES</u>                   | <u>LOSSES</u>  |
|---------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| QUANG NAM/<br>(AT 994675) | 070930H          | PATROL                     | NONE                            | TWO WIA<br>ONE VCC (DOW)<br>ONE SUB-MACHINE<br>GUN<br>TWO GRENADES |
| QUANG NAM/<br>(AT 991691) | 071100H          | PATROL                     | NONE                            | ONE WIA  |
| QUANG NAM/<br>(AT 044690) | 071110H          | DEF POSIT                  | ONE ONTOS<br><del>DAMAGED</del> | NONE   |
| QUANG NAM/<br>(AT 044689) | 072030H          | DEF <del>XX</del><br>POSIT | ONE WIA                         | NONE   |

2. PLANS SUMMARYA. THIRD MARLIV INTENTIONS

(1) HUE-PHU BAI TAOR. COMPANY I, THIRD BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES WILL BE HELILIFTED TO (YD 816091) TO CONDUCT EXTENSIVE COMBAT PATROLS IN THAT AREA.

(2) DA NANG TAOR. NO MAJOR OPERATIONS PLANNED FOR THE NEXT TWENTY-FOUR HOURS. OPERATION OF THREE MOBILE COMBAT BASES IN THE NORTHERN PORTION OF THE TAOR AND PLATOON SIZE PATROLS IN THE WESTERN PORTION WILL CONTINUE.

(3) CHU LAI TAOR. UNITS WILL CONTINUE PATROLLING ACTIVITY AND ESTABLISH AMBUSHES THROUGHOUT THE TAOR. COMPANY D, FIRST BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES WILL COMPLETE THE SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION MOVING NORTH FROM VICINITY (BT 4108) TO LVT PICK-UP POINT VICINITY (BT 4311). COMPANY G SECOND BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES WILL CONDUCT A SEARCH AND DESTROY

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 TO: CG III MAF  
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 THIRD MARDIV (RVN)

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 THIRD MARDIV SITREP NUMBER NINETY-FOUR AS OF 081600Z AUG 65

1. 3D MARDIV HIGHLIGHTS. VC ACTIVITY DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD CONSISTED OF HARASSING SNIPER FIRE ONLY. ONE MARINE WAS WIA (LATER DIED OF WOUNDS) IN THE DA NANG TAOR BY SNIPER FIRE. A HOUSE CONTAINING THREE VC SNIPERS WAS DESTROYED BY TANK AND 3.5" ROCKET FIRE IN THE DA NANG AREA AND TWO VC WERE CAPTURED BY A RECON PATROL IN THE CHU LAI AREA.

A. HUE-PHU BAI TAOR. THE 3D BN, 4TH MARINES HELILIFTED CO I TO THE SOUTHWESTERN PORTION OF THE TAOR VIC (YD 816091). DAYLIGHT PATROLS WERE CONDUCTED THROUGHOUT THIS SECTOR AND NIGHT DEFENSIVE/AMBUSH PSNS WERE ESTABLISHED. A PLATOON OF THE ATTACHED RECON CO MOVED BY TRUCK TO THE NORTHWESTERN PORTION OF THE TAOR, PATROLLED IN THAT AREA AND ESTABLISHED NIGHT AMBUSH PSNS. THERE WAS NO VC CONTACT REPORTED DURING THIS PRD.

B. // DA NANG TAOR

(1) THIRD MARINES. A REINFORCED PLATOON WAS SENT TO AUGMENT ARVN SECURITY FORCES AT THE RAILROAD BRIDGE IN THE

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NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE TAOR AS A RESULT OF INTELLIGENCE REPORTS RECEIVED. THERE WAS NO VC ACTIVITY REPORTED IN 3D MARINES AREA HOWEVER.

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(A) 1ST BN, 3D MARINES. CONDUCTED NO PATROLS DURING THIS PERIOD. NUMEROUS AMBUSH PSNS WERE ESTABLISHED ALONG LIKELY AVENUES OF APPROACH BUT THERE WAS NO VC CONTACT.

(B) 2D BN, 3D MARINES. CONTINUED TO OPERATE TWO PLATOON-SIZE MOBILE COMBAT BASES EAST OF THE MSR AND ONE TO THE WEST OF IT. AT 081605H A REINFORCED PLATOON FROM CO G WAS SENT TO ASSIST ARVN FORCES WITH SECURITY OF THE HIGHWAY ONE/RAILROAD BRIDGE ACROSS THE CA DE SONG RIVER (AT 927843). THIS REINFORCEMENT OF BRIDGE SECURITY FORCES RESULTED FROM INTELLIGENCE REPORTS INDICATING THAT THE VC MAY BE PLANNING TO ATTACK THIS BRIDGE. THERE WAS NO VC ACTIVITY DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD, HOWEVER.

(C) 1ST BN, 12TH MARINES. FIRED NINETEEN INTERDICTION, TWENTY-FOUR HARASSING AND THREE "WILL ADJUST" MISSIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE 3D MARINES DURING THIS PERIOD. THE THREE ADJUSTED MISSIONS WERE FIRED ON SUSPECTED VC ASSEMBLY AREAS AND OP'S. TARGET AREAS WERE WELL COVERED IN EACH MISSION. AMMO EXPENDED WAS: 106MM - 110 HE AND SIX ILLUMINATION.

(D) NAVAL GUNFIRE. THE DESTROYER PERKINS FIRED SIX HARASSING MISSIONS FOR THE 3D MARINES DURING THIS PERIOD, EXPENDING 106 ROUNDS OF 5"/38 CALIBER AMMO. NOT INCLUDED IN YESTERDAYS SITREP WERE FOUR HARASSING MISSIONS FIRED BY THE

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PERKINS ON SUSPECTED VC ASSEMBLY AREAS. SIXTY HE, TWENTY-ONE ILLUMINATION AND SIX WP ROUNDS WERE EXPENDED ON THESE MISSIONS.

(2) NINTH MARINES

(A) 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES. CONDUCTED EIGHT SQUAD SIZE SECURITY PATROLS AROUND THE DA NANG AIRFIELD WITH NEGATIVE VC CONTACT. CO B CONTINUED CONSOLIDATION OF RECENTLY ESTABLISHED DEFENSIVE PSNS SOUTHWEST OF MARBLE MT. AT 081630H A MEMBER OF THE LVT UNIT SUPPORTING CO B WAS WIA BY VC SNIPER FIRE VIC (BT 044689). HELO EVAC WAS ACCOMPLISHED BUT THE MAN LIED OF WOUNDS.

(B) 2ND BN, 9TH MARINES. HAD NO OPERATIONS SKD TODAY. AT 081212H CO G BEGAN RECEIVING AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE IN ITS PSN FROM VIC (AT 989688). THREE VC IN A HOUSE WERE OBSERVED AT THESE COORDINATES AND FIRE WAS RETURNED WITH SMALL ARMS, 3.5" ROCKET LAUNCHERS AND TANKS. BY 081325H THE HOUSE AND VC HAD BEEN DESTROYED BY FIRE. SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS, WHICH SOUNDED LIKE GRENADES DETONATING, WERE OBTAINED FROM THE BURNING HOUSE.

(C) 2D BN, 12TH MARINES. NO MISSIONS FIRED DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD.

(3) 12TH MARINES. THE 8" HOWITZER BTRY (-) REMAINS IN GENERAL SUPPORT REINFORCING 1ST BN, 12TH MARINES. EIGHT ROUNDS OF HE WERE EXPENDED ON ONE H AND I MISSION. FIVE MORE ROUNDS OF HE WERE EXPENDED IN TEST FIRING A RECENTLY REPAIRED WEAPON.

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(4) 3D RECON BN. CONDUCTED A RECON PATROL VIA LCVP AND LCR OF THE TOURANE AND SONG CAU DO RIVERS FROM THE CITY OF DA NANG SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST TO VIC (AT 992698). THERE WAS NO VC ACTIVITY NOTED. NO SIGNIFICANT SIGHTINGS WERE MADE BY OP'S DURING THIS PERIOD. AT 081800H ONE PLATOON WAS DEPLOYED BY HELO TO (AT 847688) AND MOVED UNDER COVER OF DARKNESS INTO AN OP VIC (AT 840675). NO VC ACTIVITY HAD BEEN OBSERVED BY THE END OF THE REPORTING PERIOD.

C. CHU LAI TAOR

(1) FOURTH MARINES. CO B, 3D RECON BN, WHILE CONDUCTING A RECON PATROL OUTSIDE THE TAOR VIC (BT 3706), CAPTURED TWO VC WITH PACKS AND AMMUNITION. DURING THIS PERIOD, UNITS OF THE 4TH MARINES CONDUCTED TWO COMPANY PATROLS, THREE PLATOON PATROLS, TEN SQUAD PATROLS AND ESTABLISHED SIXTEEN AMBUSHES. TWENTY-EIGHT OF THESE OPERATIONS WERE CONDUCTED DURING THE HOURS OF DARKNESS.

(A) 1ST BN, 4TH MARINES. CO D COMPLETED THEIR SEARCH AND DESTROY OPN MOVING FROM VIC (BT 4108) TO THE HELICOPTER LZ VIC (BT 436089). AT 081100H CO B HELILIFTED IN VIC (BT 4308) TO BEGIN SEARCH AND DESTROY OPNS. THE PATROL BEGAN MOVING WEST TO VIC (BT 4107) SUSTAINING ONE WIA (PUNJI STAKE) AT 081610H VIC (BT 427083). NO VC CONTACT REPORTED.

(B) 2D BN, 4TH MARINES. CO H COMPLETED A TWENTY-FOUR HOUR PATROLING ACTION FROM VIC (BS 5199) WEST TO VIC (BS 4899). UNITS REPORTED NO VC SIGHTINGS OR CONTACT.

(C) 3D BN, 3D MARINES. CONDUCTED PATROLS FORWARD

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OF THEIR DEFENSIVE POSITIONS. CO K REMAINS IN REGIMENTAL RESERVE. NO VC CONTACT REPORTED.

(D) 3D BN, 12TH MARINES. CONDUCTED THREE REGISTRATIONS AND THIRTY-SIX H AND I MISSIONS EXPENDING 263 ROUNDS.

(E) CO B, 3D RECON BN. CO B 3D RECON BN REINFORCED BY DET, 1ST FORCE RECON CO, CONTINUED TO PATROL IN THEIR ASSIGNED AREA. FIVE AMBUSHES WERE ESTABLISHED VIC (BT 374082)(BT 376-075)(BT 379065)(BT 382066) AND (BT 388076). AT 081200H TWO VCC WERE CAPTURED AT (BT 375063) EQUIPED WITH PACKS AND CARBINE AMMO. ONE TEAM WILL REMAIN ON PATROL IN THIS AREA UNTIL 10 AUG 65, THE REMAINDER OF THE PATROL RETURNED TO THE 4TH MARINES COMMAND POST AT 081400H.

D. SUMMARY

(1) MAJOR UNIT OPERATIONS: NONE

(2) SMALL UNIT OPERATIONS

(A) NIGHT CONTACTS: NONE

(B) DAY CONTACTS: THREE

(C) TOTAL CONTACTS: THREE

(D) ACTION WITHOUT CONTACTS: SEVENTY-ONE

(E) BOX SCORES:

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| QUANG TIN<br>(BT 375063)         | 081200H               | PATROL        | NONE                             | 2-VCC                         |
| QUANG NAM<br>(AT 989688)         | 081212-<br>081325H    | DEF POSIT     | NONE                             | 3 VC KIA<br>1 HOUSE DESTROYED |
| QUANG NAM<br>(BT 044698)         | 081630H               | DEF POSIT     | 1-WIA(DOW)                       | NONE                          |

2. PLANS SUMMARYA. 3D MARINE DIVISION INTENTIONS(1) HUE-PHU BAI TAOR. CO I, 3D BN, 4TH MARINES **[SECRET]**

CONDUCT A SEARCH AND DESTROY OPN IN THE NORTHWEST PORTION OF THE TAOR. ONE PLATOON WILL ESTABLISH A BLOCKING PSN VIC (YD 820153), AND THE REMAINDER OF THE COMPANY WILL SWEEP NORTH TO THE BLOCKING PSN FROM (YD 814118).

(2) DA NANG TAOR. NO OPNS OTHER THAN NORMAL SQUAD AND PLATOON SIZE PATROL AND AMBUSHES ARE SCHEDULED FOR THE NEXT TWENTY-FOUR HOURS. THE 2D BN, 3D MARINES ARE PLANNING A THREE-DAY SEARCH AND DESTROY OPN INVOLVING A NIGHT HELILIFT. THIS OPN WAS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED TO BEGIN ON 10 AUG BUT HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL 12 AUG.

(3) CHU LAI TAOR. CO B, 1ST BN, 4TH MARINES WILL CONTINUE ITS OPNS, ESTABLISHING TWO BLOCKING PSNS VIC (BT 4305) AND (BT 4303) DURING THE HOURS OF DARKNESS. AT 090500H ONE PLATOON OF CO C 1ST BN, 4TH MARINES WILL MOVE FROM VIC (BT 469-068) SOUTH TO ESTABLISH AND SECURE A HELICOPTER LZ VIC (BT 454-048). AT 090930H ONE ADDITIONAL PLATOON OF CO C WITH THE 1ST BN, 4TH MAR COMMAND GROUP WILL BE HELILIFTED TO THE LZ. CO C WILL MOVE WEST ON ORDER, CONDUCTING SEARCH AND DESTROY OPNS TOWARD EACH BLOCKING PSN. OTHER UNITS OF THE 4TH MARINES WILL CONDUCT PATROLS AND AMBUSHES FORWARD AND TO THE REAR OF DEF PSNS.

D. DURING THE NEXT TWENTY-FOUR HOURS UNITS OF THE THIRD MARDIV WILL CONDUCT THIRTY-TWO PATROLS AND ESTABLISH TWENTY-

FOUR AMBUSHES.

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A. HUE-BHU BAI TAOR. A DOCTOR AND FOUR CORPSMEN TREATED 225 PEOPLE AT THUG LUONG(YD 8915) TODAY.

B. DA NANG TAOR.

(1) 3D MARINES. NINETY SEVEN PEOPLE WERE TREATED AT THE LE MY DISPENSARY AND THIRTEEN AT THE 1ST BN, 3D MARINES AID STATION (AT 950720).

(2) 9TH MARINES. THIRTY-NINE PATIENTS WERE TREATED AT THE 2D BN, 9TH MARINES AID STATION, THIRTY-FIVE PATIENTS AT DUONG SON (1) AND TWENTY-FIVE MORE AT ST. VINCENT'S ORPHANAGE.

(3) 3D TANK BN. MEDICAL PERSONNEL TREATED THIRTY PATIENTS IN THE VILLAGE OF PHONG BAC (1) (AT 990707).

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 CG, FMAR

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THIRD MARINE DIVISION SITREP NUMBER NINETY-FIVE AS OF  
 091600Z AUG 65.

1. THIRD MARINE DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS. A COMBAT PATROL WITH  
 BLOCKING POSITIONS TO SEEK AND DESTROY THE ENEMY WAS CON-  
 ducted by COMPANY B (-) AND COMPANY C (-), FIRST BATTALION,  
 FOURTH MARINES IN THE NORTHEASTERN PORTION OF THE TAOR.  
 UCMC SUFFERED FOURTEEN WIA CASUALTIES. THE VC SUSTAINED  
 FIVE KIA, ONE M-1 RIFLE AND ONE SUB-MACHINE GUN CAPTURED.

A. HUE-PHU BAI TAOR. The 3d BN, 4th MRINES CONDUCTED  
 AERIAL PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITY, A COMPANY (-) OPERATION  
 AND A PLATOON SIZED PATROL. AT FIRST LIGHT, ONE PLATOON OF  
 COMPANY I WAS HELILIFTED TO (YD 814124) AND CONDUCTED A XKE  
 SEARCH OPERATION TO (YD 820153) WHERE ANOTHER PLATOON WAS  
 SET IN BLOCKING POSITIONS. A PLATOON OF COMPANY C, 3D RECON  
 BN WAS HELILIFTED TO (YD 892082) AT FIRST LIGHT AND PATROLLED  
 BACK TO THE BATTALION CP. **AUG 11 1965** **Q3**  
 THERE WAS NO VC CONTACT ON EITHER  
 OPERATION.

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**SECRET**B. DA NANG TAAB.

(1) 3RD MARINES. ONE COMPANY PREPARED FOR A COMPANY OPERATION WHILE THE REMAINDER OF THE BATTALION CONDUCTED NORMAL PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE REGIMENTAL SECTOR.

(A) 1ST BN, 3RD MARINES. COMPANY D PREPARED FOR A COMPANY SEARCH OPERATION FOR A VC TRAINING CAMP. THE OTHER COMPANIES CARRIED OUT NORMAL ACTIVITIES.

(B) 2ND, BN, 3RD MARINES. MAINTAINED THREE MOBILE COMBAT BASES - ONE EAST OF LE MY VICINITY GS (AT 9182), ONE SOUTHEAST OF LE MY VICINITY GS (AT 9179) AND ONE SOUTHEAST OF LE MY VICINITY (AT 8678). ONE REINFORCED PLATOON WAS POSITIONED TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SECURITY FOR THE CA DE SONG BRIDGE.

(C) 1ST BN, 12TH MARINES. FIRED FORTY-SEVEN HARASSING AND INTERDICTION MISSIONS AT AREAS BELIEVED TO BE OCCUPIED OR TRAVESED BY VC, AND TWO "WILL ADJUST" MISIONS ON AN OP AND A BUNKER. AMMUNITION EXPENDED: 105mm-127 ROUNDS HE.

(D) NAVAL GUNFIRE. THE USS PRITCHETT (DL 561) FIRED SEVEN HARASSING AND INTERDICTION MISSIONS ON SUSPECTED VC ASSEMBLY AREAS, EXPENDING 121 ROUNDS OF 5" /38 HE AMMUNITION AND NINE ILLUMINATION ROUNDS.

(2) NINTH MARINES. DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD, UNITS OF THE NINTH MARINES CONTINUED TO IMPROVE THEIR POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED NO MALL PATROL ACTIVITIES.

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(A) 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES. CONTINUED TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR THE DA NANG AIR BASE, TO INCLUDE THE CONDUCT OF FIVE NIGHT PATROLS AND ONE LATE AFTERNOON PATROL.

(B) 2ND BN, 9TH MARINES. HAD NO OPERATIONS SCHEDULED FOR TODAY. COMPANY G RECEIVED TWO ROUNDS OF SNIPER FIRE FROM CAM NE (2). NO CASUALTIES.

(C) 2ND BN, 12TH MARINES. NO MISSIONS FIRED DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD.

(3) 12TH MARINES. TWENTY-TWO ROUNDS WERE FIRED BY THE M109 (SP) 155MM HOWITZER TO GAIN AND CHECK REGISTRATION. THIS MARKS THE FIRST TIME THE M109 HAS BEEN FIRED BY MARINES IN THE DA NANG AREA AND WAS PREPARATORY TO THAT WEAPON BEING PLACED IN SERVICE. THE 8" HOWITZERS FIRED ONE HARASSING AND INTERDICTION MISSION, TWO REGISTRATIONS AND THREE OBSERVED FIRE MISSIONS DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD. AMMUNITION EXPENDED: 155MM-52 ROUNDS HE, 8"-31 ROUNDS HE

(4) 3RD RECON BN. CONTINUED TO MAINTAIN OP'S AT LONG LEN MOUNTAIN, MARBLE MOUNTAIN AND AT (AT 959745). ONE PLATOON IS PATROLLING BY NIGHT AND MANNING OP'S BY DAYLIGHT IN THE VICINITY GS (AT 8569).

(5) 3RD ENGR. BN. CONTINUED WORK ON PROJECTS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED.

C. CHU LAI TAOR

(1) 4TH MARINE HIGHLIGHTS. COMPANY B (-), 1ST BN, 4TH MARINES MOVED FROM A PATROL BASE INTO BLOCKING POSITIONS WITH COMPANY C (-) PATROLLING WEST FROM LT (BT 452050) TOWARDS

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COMPANY B'S BLOCKING POSITIONS. TROOPS FROM COMPANY C (-) ENCOUNTERED BOOBY TRAPS AND ENEMY SA FIRE. FOURTEEN USMC WIA WERE SUSTAINED. VC FORCES SUFFERED FIVE KIA, ONE M-1 RIFLE AND ONE SUB-MACHINE GUN CAPTURED.

(A) 1ST BN, 4TH MARINES. COMPANY B (-) PATROLLED ALONG TWO SEPARATE ROUTES FROM PATROL BASE (BT 418044). THIRTEEN VC OBSERVED IN OPEN 090855H VIC (BT 421037). ARTILLERY FIRE CALLED ON POSITION WITH VC SUFFERING THREE KIA. 1ST PLATOON, COMPANY B (-) RECEIVED 60MM MORTAR FIRE AT 091012H AT (BT 418044). ONE USMC WIA SUSTAINED, AT 091045H AND ONE VC KILLED AT (BT 434054). 3D PLATOON, COMPANY C (-) MOVED FROM COMBAT OUTPOST TO SECURE HELICOPTER LZ AT ~~ELEVEN USMC WIA SUSTAINED 090600H AT (BT 450052)~~ (BT 450052) WHEN A BOUNCING TYPE BOOBY TRAP WAS TRIGGERED WHILE SETTING UP THE LZ PERIMETER. COMPANY C (-) MOVED WEST TOWARDS COMPANY B'S BLOCKING POSITION. AT 090940H A PRESSURE RELEASED EXPLOSIVE WAS TRIGGERED VICINITY (BT 428042) RESULTING IN TWO USMC WIA. AT 091055H ONE VC KIA VICINITY (BT 428045)

(B) 2ND BATTALION, 4TH MARINES CONDUCTED PATROLS AND AMBUSHES FORWARD AND ~~THIRD~~ TO THE REAR OF THE DEFENSIVE POSITIONS. NO VC CONTACT.

(C) THIRD BATTALION, 4TH MARINES. CONDUCTED PATROLS AND AMBUSHES FORWARD ~~AND~~ TO THE REAR OF THE DEFENSIVE POSITIONS. NO VC CONTACT. COMPANY L IS PREPARING A ST TIC RIFLE COMPANY DISPLAY FOR THE 10 AUG 1965 VISIT OF GENERAL WESTMORELAND.

(D) COMPANY C, THIRD TANK BATTALION: FIRED SIX

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H&I MISSIONS FORWARD OF THE TAOR, EXPENDING FORTY-EIGHT ROUNDS.

(E) THIRD BATTALION, TWELFTH MARINES FIRED  
 TWENTY-SIX H&I MISSIONS AND FOUR ADJUSTED MISSIONS EXPENDING  
 169 ROUNDS.

L. SUMMARY

(1) MAJOR UNITS ACTIONS

(A) TYPE OPERATION: SEARCH AND DESTROY  
 (B) AREA OF OPERATION: QUANG TIN (BT 4009), (BT 4708 )  
 (BT 4103), (BT 4504).

(C) UNITS PARTICIPATING: COMPANY B (-), AND  
 COMPANY C (-), 1ST BN, 4TH MARINES; HQDRS, 1ST BATTALION  
 4TH MARINES.

(D) CONTROL HEADQUARTERS: 1ST BN, 4TH MARINES  
 (E) TIME OF COMMENCEMENT: 081100H  
 (F) TIME OF TERMINATION: 091200H WITH THE EXCEPTION  
 OF ONE PLATOON COMPANY C WHICH SECURED 101200H.

(G) RESULTS:

FRIENDLY LOSSES

KIA: NONE  
 WIA: FOURTEEN USMC

ENEMY LOSSES

KIA: FIVE  
 WIA: NONE  
 VCS: TWO CAPTURED  
 ONE SUBMACHINE GUN  
 ONE M-1 RIFLE

(2) SMALL UNITS ACTIONS

A. NIGHT CONTACTS: 0  
 B. DAY CONTACTS: 0  
 C. TOTAL CONTACTS: 0  
 D. ACTION WITHOUT CONTACTS: FIFTY-EIGHT

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**SECRET**2. PLANS SUMMARY.A. 3RD MARINE DIVISION INTENTIONS.

(1) HUE\*PHU BAI TAOR. ONE PLATOON FROM COMPANY C 3RD RECON BN, WILL PATROL FROM (YD 841120) TO (YD 831189) AND RETURN. TWO PLATOONS OF COMPANY K, 3D BN, 4TH MARINES WILL ESTABLISH NIGHT DEFENSIVE/AMBUSH POSITIONS IN THE VICINITY OF (YD 889087).

(2) DA NANG TAOR. COMPANY D (-), 1ST BN, 3RD MARINES WILL ESTABLISH A PATROL BASE AT (AT 832612) AND CONDUCT A SEARCH FOR A VC CADRE TRAINING CAMP REPORTED IN THE VICINITY OF (AT 829632) 2ND BN, 3RD MARINES WILL MAINTAIN THREE MOBILE COMBAT BASES VICINITY GS (AT 9182), (AT 8779) AND (AT 9179). TWO COMPANIES OF THE 9TH MARINES WILL CONDUCT A CLEAR AND HOLD OPERATION IN THE VILLAGES OF DUONG SON (2) (AT 994678) AND GIANG SON (BT 007678) ON 11 AUG 1965.

(3) CHU LAI TAOR. UNITS WILL CONTINUE PATROLLING ACTIVITY AND ESTABLISH AMBUSHES THROUGHOUT THE TAOR. COMPANY I 3D BN, 3D MARINES WILL LAND BY HELICOPTER ON TRUNG PHAN PENINSULA AND ESTABLISH PLATOON SIZE AMBUSHES VIC (BS 629992) AND (BS 630985) AND CONDUCT SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS TO VICINITY (BT 621005) WHERE COMPANY I WILL CONTINUE THE OPERATION THROUGH SON TRA (1) (BT 6201).

(4) DURING THE NEXT TWENTY-FOUR HOURS UNITS OF THE THIRD MARDIV WILL CONDUCT THIRTY ONE PATROLS AND ESTABLISH NINE AMBUSHES.

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~~SECRET~~3. CIVIC ACTIONSA. HUE-PHU BAI TAOR. NONE REPORTED

B. DA NANG TAOR. ONE VIETNAMESE BOY AND HIS MOTHER WERE SENT TO SAIGON WHERE THE BOY IS TO UNDERGO A CLEFT PALATE OPERATION. ONE HUNDRED POUNDS OF BEANS AND RICE WERE DISTRIBUTED IN THE VILLAGE OF HOA LOC (AT 898312). TWO HUNDRED FORTY-SIX PEOPLE WERE GIVEN MEDICAL TREATMENT THROUGHOUT THE TAOR. FIFTY VIETNAMESE FROM THE VILLAGE OF PHONG BAS (1) (AT 994707) WERE FED.

C. CHU LAI TAOR. NONE REPORTED

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ADDENDUM TO THIRD MARINE DIVISION SITREP NINETY-FIVE AS OF  
091600Z AUG 65

L. DA NANG TAOR, AT APPROXIMATELY 092330H THE 3D TANK AND 3D ANTI  
TANK BATTALIONS RECEIVED APPROXIMATELY TWENTY ROUNDS OF 81MM  
MORTAR FIRE. CO G, 2D BATTALION, 9TH MARINES REPORTED MORTARS  
FIRED FROM COORDINATES (AT 991692). USMC SUSTAINED TWENTY-ONE  
WIA, FOUR SERIOUS. FRIENDLY FIRES DIRECTED AT REPORTED COORDINATES  
BY 9TH MARINES AND 12TH MARINES. EFFECTS UNKNOWN.

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THIRD MARDIV SITREP NUMBER NINETY-SIX AS OF 101600Z AUG 65

1. THIRD MARDIV HIGHLIGHTS. AFTER AN ARTILLERY, NAVAL GUN-FIRE AND AIR PREPARATION OF THE OBJECTIVE AREA AND LZ, TWO COMPANIES OF THE 2ND BN, 3D MARINES CONDUCTED A SEARCH FOR A VIET CONG HOWITZER REPORTED SIGHTED IN THE NORTHERN PART OF THE DIVISION TAOR. THE SEARCH WAS DISCONTINUED AT NIGHT-FALL. THE ARTILLERY PIECE WAS NOT FOUND, BUT A VIET CONG SUPPLY BASE WAS UNCOVERED AND THE MATERIAL TRANSPORTED TO THE 2ND BN, 3D MARINES AREA. THE 3D TANK BN COMPLETED THE ASSESSMENT OF CASUALTIES CAUSED BY THE MORTAR BARRAGE REPORTED IN THE AUG 9 SITREP. THE TANK BN SUSTAINED TWENTY-ONE CASUALTIES, OF WHICH FOUR WERE SERIOUS, AND TWO LATER DIED OF WOUNDS.

A. HUE-PHU BAI TAOR. THIRD BN, 4TH MARINES CONTINUED NORMAL PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITY IN DEFENSE OF THE PHU BAI <sup>LAVE.</sup> ~~ENCASED~~ ONE PLATOON OF THE JOINT ACTION COMPANY CONDUCTED AN ASSAULT DEMONSTRATION FOR THE ARVN.

B. DA NANG TAOR.(1) THIRD MARINES. CONDUCTED ONE BATTALION (-) OPN,PAGE 1 OF 8 PAGES

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FOURTEEN PATROLS AND ESTABLISHED ELEVEN AMBUSHES DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD. A VC SUPPLY BASE WAS UNCOVERED BUT THERE WERE NO VC CONTACTS.

(A) 1ST BN, 3D MARINES. CONTINUED TO DEFEND ASSIGNED SECTOR OF THE DIVISION TAOR, CONDUCTING NORMAL PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES.

(B) 2D BN, 3D MARINES. AT 1008H THE NAVAL GUN-FIRE SPOT TEAM AT THE OUTPOST ON DONG DEN MT (AT 8382) OBSERVED WHAT APPEARED TO BE A VC ARTILLERY PIECE IN THE VIC OF (AT 851869). THIS SIGHTING WAS VERIFIED BY A SQUAD FROM CO A, 3D RECON BN, ALSO MANNING DONG DEN MT, AND ADDED THAT IT APPEARED TO BE A HOWITZER. THERE WERE TEN SUSPECTED VC IN THE AREA. AN AIR STRIKE WAS CALLED, AND SIXTEEN 250 POUND BOMBS WERE DROPPED IN THE AREA. THE AIR STRIKE WAS FOLLOWED BY AN ARTILLERY FIRE MISSION EMPLOYING 8" HOWITZERS, AND AT 1245H THE TARGET AREA WAS TAKEN UNDER FIRE BY NAVAL GUNFIRE. AFTER A LANDING ZONE PREPARATION AT (AT 848861) FROM 1305H TO 1315H BY THE 8" HOWITZERS AND NAVAL GUNFIRE, CO F AND CO H (-) WERE LANDED BY HELICOPTER AND COMMENCED A SEARCH OF THE AREA. MEANWHILE, BTRY B (REAR) AND ONE PLATOON OF BTRY L, 12TH MARINES, DISPLACED TO LE MY (AT 898821) TO SUPPORT THE SEARCH OPN. AT 1755H, CO F REPORTED UNCOVERING A VC BASE CAMP CONTAINING SUPPLIES, CLOTHING, AMMUNITION, RICE, COOKING EQUIPMENT, PAMPHLETS AND ID CARDS IN THE VIC OF (AT 850860). THE MATERIEL WAS TRANSPORTED TO THE BN AREA FOR SCREENING AND DISPOSITION. AT 1800H, CO H WAS HELILIFTED FROM THE VIC OF (AT

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848861) AND RETURNED TO THEIR DEFENSIVE PSNS. CO F WAS **SECRET**  
WITHDRAWN BY LVT'S AT APPROX 1945H.

(C) 1ST BN, 12TH MARINES. THE MAJOR ACTIVITIES OF THE BN WERE IN SUPPORT OF TWO COMPANIES OF 2D BN, 3D MARINES, AS OUTLINED IN PARA 1.B.(1). (B) ABOVE. IN ADDITION, THE BN FIRED TWENTY-FIVE HARASSING AND INTERDICTION MISSIONS DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD. AMMO EXPENDED: 105MM - 70 RDS HE; 8" - 29 RDS HE.

(D) NAVAL GUNFIRE. IN ADDITION TO THE SUPPORT FURNISHED THE OPNS OF THE TWO COMPANIES OF 2D BN, 3D MARINES, NAVAL GUNFIRE WAS UTILIZED ON SEVEN "WILL ADJUST" MISSIONS AGAINST VC ASSEMBLY AREAS, ONE OF WHICH CONTAINED AN ELEPHANT. OF THE 222 RDS OF 5"/38 AMMO EXPENDED, 214 RDS WERE FIRED BY THE USS JOHN R. CRAIG (DD-885) AND THE REMAINING EIGHT RDS WERE FIRED BY THE USS PRITCHETT (DD-561).

(2) NINTH MARINES. AT APPROX 1830H, 100 VC ARMED WITH RIFLES WERE OBSERVED IN THE OPEN IN THE VIC OF (AT 966674). THEY WERE TAKEN UNDER FIRE BY 105MM HOWITZERS WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS. SIX NIGHT PATROLS AND FOUR DAYLIGHT PATROLS WERE CONDUCTED DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD.

(A) 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES. CONTINUED TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR THE DA NANG AIR BASE. SIX SQUADS WERE DISPERSED AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS AROUND THE AIRFIELD TO SERVE AS ALERT FORCES.

(C) 2D BN, 9TH MARINES. COMMENCING AT 100005H, THE BN'S 82MM MORTARS FIRED TWENTY-FOUR RDS OF WP AND SIXTEEN RDS OF HE AT (AT 992692), THE SUSPECTED SOURCE OF THE MORTAR ATTACK ON THE THIRD TANK BN. SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS WERE **SECRET**

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REPORTED IN CAM NE (1) (AT 990692). SPORADIC SNIPER FIRE  
~~WAS REPORTED~~ FROM CAM NE (2) (AT 992688) AND ONE RD 81MM  
 MORTAR FIRE FROM CAM NE (1). THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES.

(C) 2D BN, 12TH MARINES. FIRED SIX "WILL AD-  
 JUST" MISSIONS, TWO REGISTRATIONS AND FOUR HARASSING AND  
 INTERDICTION MISSIONS. AMMO EXPENDED: 105MM - 194 RDS HE.

(3) 12TH MARINES. ONE PLATOON OF M109 155MM HOWIT-  
 ZERS DISPLACED TO (AT 900805) IN SUPPORT OF 2D BN, 3D  
 MARINES OPNS. THE 8" HOWITZER BTRY FIRED TWENTY-TWO RDS  
 AT THE REPORTED PSN OF A VC HOWITZER, AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED.  
 AN ADDITIONAL SEVEN RDS OF 8" WERE EXPENDED ON LZ PREP FIRES.

(4) 3D RECON BN. CONTINUED TO MAN OP'S ON DONG DEN  
 MT, MARBLE MT AND AT (AT 959745). ONE PLATOON FROM CO A  
 PATROLLED FROM THE VIC OF (AT 844687) TO (AT 838687). THERE  
 WERE NO VC CONTACTS.

(5) 3D ENGR BN. A SIX MAN DEMOLITION AND MINE DETEC-  
 TION TEAM WAS ASSIGNED IN SUPPORT OF 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES.  
 WORK CONTINUED ON PROJECTS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED.

C. CHU LAI TAOR.

(1) FOURTH MARINES HIGHLIGHTS. DURING THIS PRD TWO  
 COMPANY, SEVEN PLATOON, AND THREE SQUAD PATROLS WERE CONDUCTED  
 AND SEVEN AMBUSHES WERE ESTABLISHED THROUGHOUT THE TAOR. 3D  
 BN, 3D MARINES RECEIVED A MODERATE VOLUME OF FIRE AT OP #1  
 (BT 559997).

(A) 1ST BN, 4th MARINES. CONDUCTED PATROLS AND  
 SET IN AMBUSHES TO THE REAR OF THEIR DEF PSNS. CO D AT

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091800H CAPTURED ONE VCS AT (BS 523065).

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(B) 2D BN, 4TH MARINES. CONDUCTED PATROLS AND SET IN AMBUSHES TO THE FRONT AND REAR OF THEIR DEF PSNS. CO G REPORTED THROWING ONE GRENADE AT TWO MEN WHEN CHALLENGE WAS DISREGARDED VIC (BT 529025).

(C) 3D BN, 3D MARINES. A REINFORCED SQD OF CO I OCCUPYING OP #1 (BS 560996) RECEIVED A STRONG PROBE FROM AN ESTIMATED VC PLATOON AT 092245H. THE SQD WAS FIRED UPON FROM TWO PSNS LOC VIC (BS 567996) AND (BS 560999). 81MM MORTAR AND ARTY ILLUM CALLED DOWN. VC MOVEMENT CHECKED BY ACCURATE MARINE SA AND ARTY FIRE. AT 100745H A SEARCH OF THE AREA AROUND OP #1 UNCOVERED ONE VC KIA VIC (BS 560996) AS A RESULT OF THE PREVIOUS NIGHT'S ACTION. CO L PROVIDED A STATIC RIFLE CO DISPLAY FOR GENERAL WESTMORELAND'S VISIT TO CHU LAI AIRFIELD.

(D) CO C, THIRD TANK BN. FIRED THREE H&I MISSIONS AND ONE DEMONSTRATION, EXPENDING THIRTY RDS.

(E) 3D BN, 12TH MARINES. FIRED TWENTY-NINE H&I AND TWO REGISTRATION/CONCENTRATION MISSIONS, EXPENDING 31 RDS.

D. SUMMARY

(1) MAJOR UNIT ACTIONS

(A) TYPE OPERATION - SEARCH AND DESTROY  
 (B) AREA OF OPERATION - QUANG NAM PROVINCE, GS (AT 8486) AND (AT 8686).

(C) UNITS PARTICIPATING - 2D BN (-), 3D MARINES  
 "B" BTRY, 1/12  
 1 PLT, "L" BTRY, 4/12

(D) TIME OF COMMENCEMENT - 101305H

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(E) TIME OF TERMINATION - 101930H (APPROX)

(F) RESULTS:

| <u>FRIENDLY LOSSES</u> | <u>ENEMY LOSSES</u>  |
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| KIA: NONE              | KIA: UNKNOWN   |
| WIA: NONE              | WIA: UNKNOWN   |
|                        | MATERIEL: SUPPLIES,<br>CLOTHING, AMMUNITION,<br>RICE, COOKING EQUIP-<br>MENT, PAMPHLETS, ID<br>CARDS |

(2) SMALL UNIT ACTIONS

(A) NIGHT CONTACTS: - 1

(B) DAY CONTACTS: - 0

(C) TOTAL CONTACTS: - 1

(D) ACTION WITHOUT CONTACTS - 54

(E) BOX SCORES:

| <u>PROVINCE/<br/>COORDINATES</u> | <u>DATE/<br/>TIME</u> | <u>ACTION</u> | <u>FRIENDLY<br/>LOSSES</u> | <u>ENEMY<br/>LOSSES</u> |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| QUANG NGAI<br>BS 560996          | 092245H               | OUTPOST       | NONE                       | ONE KIA                 |

2. PLANS SUMMARY(A) THIRD MARINE DIVISION INTENTIONS.

(1) HUE-PMU BAI TAOR. CO K WILL PATROL FROM (YD 841-152) TO (YD 832145) COMMENCING AT FIRST LIGHT. TWO PLATOONS OF CO K WILL BE HELILIFTED FROM THAT PSN TO VIC HILL 61 (YD 8211) TO ESTABLISH A NIGHT DEFENSIVE/AMBUSH PSN. CO G, 3D RECON BN, WILL CONDUCT AN AREA RECON VIC (YD 880070) AND ESTABLISH A PLATOON AMBUSH VIC (YD 910088).

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(A) 1ST BN, 3D MARINES. THE OPN BY CO D REPORTED IN THE PLANS SUMMARY OF 9 AUG WAS RESCHEDULED FOR 11 AUG. AS REPORTED, A SEARCH WILL BE CONDUCTED FOR A VC TRAINING CAMP REPORTEDLY LOC IN VIC (AT 829632).

(B) 2D BN, 3D MARINES. WILL CONTINUE TO PREPARE FOR THE FORTHCOMING SEARCH AND DESTROY MISSION IN THE NAM YEN/PHU VAN VALLEY (AT 8486) (AT 8586).

(C) 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES. WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR THE DA NANG AIR BASE AND TO IMPROVE PSNS.

(D) 2D BN, 9TH MARINES. WILL CONDUCT BN (-) CLEAR AND HOLD OPN THROUGH THE VILLAGES OF DUONG SON (2) (AT 995678) AND QIANG DONG (BT 006677).

(E) 3D RECON BN. WILL CONDUCT A PLATOON PATROL VIC GS (AT 8477) IN ADDITION TO MANNING THE THREE ESTABLISHED OP'S ON DONG DEN MT, MARBLE MT AND (AT 959745).

(3) CHU LAI TAOR. CO B, THIRD RECON BN WILL CONDUCT A SEARCH AND SURVEILLANCE OPN COMMENCING 12 AUG AND TERMINATING 17 AUG 65. CO G (-), 2D BN, 4TH MARINES WILL CONDUCT A COMBAT PATROL ALONG THE AXIS (BS 553958) - (BS 564996) AND ESTABLISH A NIGHT AMBUSH VIC (BS 564996).

(4) DURING THE NEXT TWENTY-FOUR HOURS UNITS OF THIS DIVISION WILL CONDUCT THIRTY PATROLS AND ESTABLISH SEVENTEEN AMBUSHES.

### 3. CIVIC ACTIONS

HUE-PHU BAI TAOR. ONE PLATOON OF THE JOINT ACTION CO, 3/4, WAS HELILIFTED TO QUANG TRI (YD 345540) WHERE THEY CONDUCTED

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AN ASSAULT DEMONSTRATION FOR TWO ARVN BATTALIONS.

B. DA NANG TAOR(1) 3D MARINES

(A) 1ST BN, 3D MARINES. TWO HUNDRED ~~100~~ <sup>LBS.</sup> OF WHEAT  
AND TEN ~~100~~ <sup>LBS</sup> OF VITAMINS WERE DISTRIBUTED AT (AT 906764). CO  
MEDICAL PERSONNEL TREATED TWENTY PEOPLE AT (AT 940718).  
TWENTY PEOPLE WERE TREATED AT THE BAS (AT 950720).

(B) 2D BN, 3D MARINES. THE GRADE SCHOOL AT LE MY  
(AT 900817) OPENED TODAY. THE BN SURGEON IS MAKING A SURVEY  
OF HOA THANH AND HOA HIEP, GS (AT 9076) TO ESTIMATE MEDICAL  
SUPPLY REQUIREMENTS. THE LE MY DISPENSARY TREATED 167 PEOPLE.

(2) 9TH MARINES.

(A) 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES. TREATED 60 PEOPLE AT THE  
ST. VINCENT O. AGE (BT 063742).

(B) 2D BN, 9TH MARINES. TREATED 30 PEOPLE AT THE  
BAS, 28 PEOPLE AT DUONG SON (1) (AT 997687), AND 40 PEOPLE AT  
CAT NAM (BT 014705).

C. CHU LAI TAOR. NONE REPORTED.

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COMPANY B, 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES CAPTURED FIVE VCS AT 101700H AND AN ADDITIONAL VCS AT 101720H VICINITY COORD (BT 034687). UPON INTERROGATION, ONE VCS CONFESSED THAT ALL SIX WERE VC. THE PRISONER FURTHER STATED THAT HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE COMPANY WHICH CARRIED OUT THE MORTAR ATTACK ON THE 3D TANK BN THE NIGHT OF 9 AUG 1965.

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THIRD MARDIV SITREP NUMBER NINETY SEVEN AS OF 111600Z AUG 65

1. THIRD MARDIV HIGHLIGHTS. THE NINTH MARINES PUSHED THEIR FRONT LINES FORWARD APPROXIMATELY 1000 METERS IN THE 2d BN, 9TH MARINES' ZONE TODAY BY ENCIRCLING AND CLEARING TWO MORE VILLAGES SOUTH OF THE PREVIOUSLY ESTABLISHED FRONT LINES.

A. HUE PHU BAI TAOR. 3D BN, 4TH MARINES CONTINUED PATROL ACTIVITIES IN THE TAOR WITH COMPANY K PATROLLING EAST FROM (YD 841152) TO THE BN CP AND THEN BEING HELILIFTED TO VIC (YD 8211) WHERE NIGHT DEFENSIVE/AMBUSH POSITIONS WERE ESTABLISHED. NO VC CONTACT WAS REPORTED.

2 B. DA NANG TAOR.

(1) THIRD MARINES. PATROLLING OPERATIONS IN THE EXTREME SOUTHWEST PORTION OF THE TAOR WERE RESUMED TODAY. ONE VC WAS KILLED AND ANOTHER WAS WOUNDED AND CAPTURED DURING THE FIRST TWO HOURS OF THIS PATROL OPERATIONS.

(a) 1ST BN, 3RD MARINES. COMMENCING AT 111700H COMPANY D (-) WAS HELILIFTED TO VIC (AT 8626) AND PATROLED WEST TOWARD (AT 833613). <sup>111655H</sup> THREE VC WERE ENGAGED BY SMALL ARMS FIRE VIC (AT 857620). ONE VC WAS KILLED, ANOTHER WAS WOUNDED/CAPTURED AND THE THIRD ESCAPED. THERE WERE NO USMC CASUALTIES. NIGHT DEFENSIVE AND AMPUSH POSITIONS WERE ESTABLISHED BY THE PATROL VIC (AT 8361) WITHOUT FURTHER INCIDENT.

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(B) 2D BN, 3D MARINES. TWO MOBILE COMBAT BASES OF PLATOON SIZE OPERATED DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD, ONE TO THE EAST OF THE MSR VIC (AT 9182), AND ONE TO THE WEST OF IT, VIC (AT 8778). A REINFORCED PLATOON FROM COMPANY G CONTINUES TO PROVIDE SECURITY ON THE HIGHWAY ONE BRIDGE ACROSS THE CA DE SONG RIVER (AT 9184). THERE WAS NO VC CONTACT REPORTED IN THE BATTALION ZONE DURING THIS PERIOD AS FINAL COORDINATION AND PLANNING WAS ACCOMPLISHED FOR THE BN (-) SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION WHICH BEGINS LATE TOMORROW IN THE NAM YEN/PHO NAM VALLEY.

(C) 1ST BN, 12TH MARINES. THIRTY NINE MISSIONS WERE FIRED IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF THE 3D MARINES DURING THE PERIOD: TWENTY SIX HARASSING, SEVEN SCREENING(SMOKE), FOUR "WILL ADJUST", AND TWO REGISTRATION MISSIONS. AMMO EXPENDED WAS: 105MM-214 HE, AND THIRTY TWO SMOKE.

(2) NINTH BATTALION CONDUCTED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN DUONG SON (2) (AT 995675) AND GIANG DONG (BT 006677). SUCESSFULL COMPLETION OF THESE OPERATIONS ADVANCED THE 2D BN, 9TH MARINES LINES ANOTHER THOUSAND METERS TO THE SOUTH.

(A) 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES CONDUCTED ELEVEN SECURITY PATROLS AROUND THE DA NANG AIRFIELD, SEVEN OF THEM DURING THE HOURS OF DARKNESS AND FOUR DURING THE DAY. THERE WAS NO VC CONTACT.

(B) 2ND BN, 9TH MARINES. AT 110500H COMPANY G CROSSED THE LOD AND BEGAN CLEARING OPERATIONS IN DUONG SON (2) (AT 9967). THEY WERE CLOSELY FOLLOWED BY COMPANY H WHO BEGAN CLEARING GIANG DONG (BT 0067). AS TROOPS MOVED METHODICALLY THROUGH THE TWO VILLAGES DURING THE DAY NUMEROUS BOOBY TRAPS, TRENCHES, TUNNELS AND FIGHTING HOLES WERE DISCOVERED AND DESTROYED BY ENGINEER DEMOLITION TEAMS. VC SMALL ARMS FIRE WAS ENCOUNTERED SPORADICALLY THROUGHOUT THE DAY ALSO. ONE VC WAS KILLED, ANOTHER CAPTURED AND THREE VCS WERE APPREHENDED. BY APPROXIMATELY 111700H

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BOTH VILLAGES HAD BEEN CLEARED AND NEW DEFENSIVE POSITIONS WERE BEING  
3 ESTABLISHED BY THE BATTALION. USMC CASUALTIES RESULTING FROM THIS  
4 OPERATION WERE ONE KIA AND ELEVEN WIA (ONE SERIOUS AND TEN NON SERIOUS).

AT 112215H THE BATTALION REPORTED RECEIVING HEAVY SMALL ARMS AND MORTAR FIRE  
 FROM VIC (AT 988674) AND REQUESTED HELO EVAC FOR TWO WIA'S FROM COMPANY G  
 IN THE DUCNG SON (2) AREA. ARTILLERY AND SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM THE MARINE  
 POSITIONS SI ENCED THE VC FIRING AT APPROXIMATELY 112230H.

(3) TWELFTH MARINES. AT 111355H THE MISSION OF THE EIGHT INCH  
 HOWITZER BTRY (-) WAS CHANGED TO ONE OF REINFORCI G FIRES OF 1ST BN, 12TH  
 MARINES TO SUPPORT GROUND OPERATIONS OF THE 3D MARINES. ONE TUBE WAS DISPLACED  
 TO (AT 962709) IN ORDER TO PROVIDE ACTION IN THE EXTREME SOUTHWEST PORTION  
 OF THE TAOR.

(4) 3D RECON BN CONTINUED OPERATION OF ESTABLISHED OP'S AND CON-  
 DUCTED TWO TEAM SIZE NIGHT PATROLS IN THE DA NANG EAST A EA (BT 0574) TO  
 (BT 0671). NO VC ACTIVITY WAS REPORTED.

(5) THIRD ENGINEER BN. ONE PLATOON SUPPORTED THE 2D BN, 9TH MARINES  
 SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS BY FURNISHING DEMOLITION AND MINE DETECTION  
 REMOVAL TEAMS. AT 111345H THE PLATOON RECEIVED ONE WIA (THE PLATOON LEADER)  
 AS A RESULT OF A BOOBY TRAPPED FRAGMENT GRENADE.

C. CHU LAI TAOR

(1) FOURTH MARINES. PATROLS AND AMBUSHES WERE CONDUCTED FORWARD AND  
4 TO THE REAR OF DEFENSIVE POSITIONS. COMPANY I, 3D BN, 3D MARINES CONDUCTED  
5 OPERATIONS EAST OF THE SONG TRA BONG RIVER. DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD  
 UNITS FROM THE 4TH MARINES CONDUCTED THREE COMPANY PATROLS, THREE PLATOON  
 PATROLS, TEN S UAD PATROLS AND ESTABLISHED FIFTEEN AMBUSHES.

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(A) 1ST BN, 4TH MARINES CONDUCTED TWO DAYLIGHT PATROLS ON KY HOA ISLAND VIC (BT 4809). PATROLS AND AMBUSHES CONDUCTED FORWARD AND TO THE REAR OF DEFENSIVE POSITIONS. NO VC CONTACT REPORTED.

(B) 2D BN, 4TH MARINES. COMPANY E CONDUCTED AMBUSHES VIC (BT 504033) (BT 508025) (BT 519019). PATROLS WERE CONDUCTED FORWARD OF MLR POSITIONS. NO REPORTED VC CONTACT.

(C) 3D BN, 3D MARINES. AT 110845H COMPANY I MOVED BY LVT TO VIC (BT 640025) AND COMMENCED A SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION TO THE SOUTH. BEGINNING ABOUT 111035H AND CONTINUING THROUGHOUT THE AFTERNOON, THE PATROL EXCHANGED SMALL ARMS FIRE WITH THE VC AS IT CONTINUED TO MOVE SOUTH. ✓ AT 111715H THE PATROL SUSTAINED TWO WIA VIC (BS 630992) FROM 60MM MORTAR FIRE. AT 111840H A HELICOPTER SEARCHING FOR MORTARS RECEIVED HEAVY AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE VIC (BS 6399) THE HELICOPTER RECEIVED THREE <sup>WITS</sup> WITH THE PILOT WIA. COMPANY I CONTINUES TO PATROL IN THE SAME AREA VIC (BS 6399). NO OTHER VC CONTACT REPORTED.

(D) 3D BN, 12TH MARINES CONDUCTED TWENTY THREE H&I MISSIONS EXPENDING 128 ROUNDS.

D. SUMMARY

(1) MAJOR UNIT ACTIONS:

- (A) TYPE OPERATION: SEARCH AND DESTROY
- (B) AREA OF OPERATION: QUANG NAM/(AT 9967)(BT 0067)
- (C) UNITS PARTICIPATING: 2D BN, 9TH MARINES
- (D) TIME OF COMMENCEMENT: 110500H
- (E) TIME OF TERMINATION: 111700H (APPROXIMATELY)

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(B) BOX SCORES:

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| QUANG NAM/(AT 991674)  | 112215H   | DEFENSIVE POSITION | G/2/9<br>2 WIA       | UNKNOWN<br>UNKNOWN            |
| QUANG NGAI/(BS 630992) | 111715H   | PATROL             | I/3/3<br>2 WIA       | UNKNOWN<br>NONE               |

## 2. PLANS SUMMARY

A. THIRD MARINE DIVISION INTENTIONS

(1) HUE PHU PAI TAOR. COMPANY I WILL <sup>BE</sup> FLOWN TO DA NANG TO SUPPORT 3D MARINES OPERATIONS THERE.

(2) DA NANG TAOR

(A) 3d MARINES WILL LAUNCH A SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION <sup>BE</sup> CONDUCTED BY 2D BN, 3D MARINES IN THE NAM YEN/PHO NAM VALLEY. THE OPERATION WILL COINCIDE WITH A NIGHT HELICOPTER LANDING OF TWO RIFLE COMPANIES NORTH AND SOUTH OF THE TARGET VILLAGES.

(B) 9TH MARINES WILL CONSOLIDATE NEWLY ESTABLISHED POSITIONS IN THE 2D BATTALION, 9TH MARINES AREA AND CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR THE DA NANG AIRFIELD.

(C) 3D RECON BN WILL CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE OF THE SONG CAN BIEN RIVER FROM (BT 040737) TO (BT 066704).

(3) CHU LAI TAOR. NORMAL PATROLLING WILL CONTINUE FORWARD OF THE DEFENSIVE POSITIONS. AMBUSHES WILL BE ESTABLISHED ON LIKELY AVENUES OF APPROACH. COMPANY B 3D RECON BN AND DET. 1ST FORCE RECON AT 120630H WILL COMMENCE A FOUR DAY PATROL OUTSIDE OF THE TAOR IN THE SOUTHWESTERN SECTOR.

(4) DURING THE NEXT TWENTY-FOUR HOURS UNITS OF THE 3D MARDIV WILL <sup>34</sup> <sup>26</sup> CONDUCT PATROLS AND ESTABLISH AMBUSHES.

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3. CIVIC ACTIONS

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A. DA NANG TAOR(1) 3d MARINES

(A) HQ CO. THE REGIMENTAL CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER MET WITH THE VILLAGE CHIEF OF HOA PHAT (AT 993746) AND SETTLED TWO DOZEN CLAIMS BY THE VILLAGERS FOR PROPERTY INTERFERENCE.

(B) 1ST BN, 3D MARINES. TWENTY VILLAGERS WERE TREATED BY COMPANY B AT (AT 947702) AND ANOTHER TWENTY TWO WERE TREATED AT THE BN AID STATION (AT 950720). THE BN CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER HAD LUNCH WITH THE HOA TINH (AT 9470) VILLAGE CHIEF AND HIS STAFF. PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING WAS TO DISCUSS COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS THAT COULD BE UNDERTAKEN.

(C) 2D BN, 3D MARINES. THE LE MY DISPENSARY TREATED 100 PEOPLE. THE BN SURGEON AND TWO CORPSMEN TREATED EIGHTY TWO PEOPLE AT HOA THANH (AT 915790).

(2) 9TH MARINES

(A) 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES. THE BN MEDICAL TEAM ESTABLISHED AN AID STATION TODAY AT SON THUY (BT 070710).

(B) 2D BN, 9TH MARINES. TWENTY-SIX VIETNAMESE WERE TREATED AT THE BN AID STATION TODAY. MEDICAL AID WAS ADMINISTERED TO THIRTY SEVEN PERSONS AT DUONG SON (1) (AT 998689) AND FORTY PERSONS AT CAM NAM (BT 015705). "PEOPLE TO PEOPLE" SUPPLIES WERE RECEIVED TODAY AND WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AT A LATER DATE.

(3) 3D TANK BN. BN CORPSMEN TREATED ~~THIRTY~~ FIVE VIETNAMESE IN THE VILLAGE OF PHONG BAC (1) (AT 9970).

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C. CHU LAI TAOR A MEDICAL T AM FROM 1ST BN, 4TH MARINES VISITED THE VILLAGE OF XU N TRUNG VIC (BT 523110) AND TREATED 100 PEOPLE. SOAP AND VITAMINS WERE DISTRIBUTED TO THE THOSE TREATED. A MEDICAL TEAM FROM THE 2D BN, 4TH MARINES TREATED 130 PEOPLE AT THE VILLAGE OF LONG PHU (2) VIC (BT 510030). A TWO WEEK MEDICAL SCHOOL IS BEING CONDUCTED AT THE VILLAGE OF AN TAN (BT 499066). BASIC FIRST AID AND SANITATION ARE THE CENTRAL TOPICS.

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THIRD MARDIV SITREP NUMBER NINETY-EIGHT AS OF 121600Z AUG 65

1. THIRD MARDIV HIGHLIGHTS. DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD, ELEMENTS OF THE NINTH MARINES WERE SUBJECTED TO SPORADIC SNIPER FIRE WHICH RESULTED IN THE WOUNDING OF THREE MARINES. CO B, 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES CAPTURED FIFTEEN VCS VIC (BT 056-705). CO B, 1ST BN, 3D MARINES CAPTURED TEN VCS VIC (AT 965694).

A. HUE-PHU BAI TAOR. 3D BN, 4TH MARINES CONTINUED NORMAL PATROL AND AMBUSH OPNS. CO I WAS FLOWN TO DA NANG ~~BT~~ TO SUPPORT THE 2D BN, 3D MARINES' OPN SCHEDULED TO COMMENCE AT 122400H.

B. DA NANG TAOR(1) THIRD MARINES

(A) 1ST BN, 3D MARINES. THE SEARCH AND DESTROY OPN CONDUCTED BY CO D WAS NOT SUCCESSFUL IN LOCATING THE REPORTED VIET CONG TRAINING CAMP BUT THEY WOUNDED TWO VC IN THE VIC OF A USMC RADIO RELAY SITE AT (AT 873628). ONE PLAT OF CO B, RETURNING FROM NIGHT AMBUSH PSNS, LOCATED THREE CAVES AND APPREHENDED TEN VCS VIC (AT 965694).

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(B) 2D BN, 3D MARINES. CO'S F AND H CONTINUED TO PREPARE FOR THE SEARCH AND DESTROY OPN SCHEDULED TO COMMENCE AT 122400H. TWO MOBILE COMBAT BASES WERE OPERATED VIC (AT 929828) AND (AT 862775). ONE SQUAD OF ~~100~~ <sup>5</sup> CONTINUED TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR THE CA DE SONG BRIDGE ON HIGHWAY #1 (AT 928841).

(2) NINTH MARINES

(A) 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES. CONTINUED TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR THE DA NANG AIR BASE. CO B SEARCHED THE HAMLET OF KHUE DONG (BT 056705), CAPTURING FIFTEEN VCS IN THE PROCESS.

(B) 2D BN, 9TH MARINES. RECEIVED OCCASIONAL SA FIRE DURING THE DAY, WHICH RESULTED IN THREE WIA. DURING A SEARCH OF GIAO DONG (BT 006677) AND DUONG SON (2) (AT 995675), SEVERAL HUNDRED PUNJI TRAPS WERE UNCOVERED AND DESTROYED, AND SEVERAL ITEMS OF VC UNIFORMS WERE FOUND IN TUNNELS. VILLAGERS INDICATED THAT THE VC WERE IN DUONG SONG (3) (AT 995670) LAST NIGHT AND THAT TEN OR TWELVE MAIN FORCE VC LIVE THERE. AN ITEM NOT MENTIONED IN THE PREVIOUS SITREP - AT 111813H, <sup>AN</sup> ~~VC~~ EIGHT MEN FROM CO G WERE WOUNDED AT (BT 017690) BY <sup>AN</sup> ~~VC~~ HAND GRENADE, NONE SERIOUSLY.

(3) 12TH MARINES. THE 2D BN FIRED SEVEN WILL ADJUST MISSIONS AND EIGHT HARASSING AND INTERDICTION MISSIONS DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD. ONE TARGET PICKED UP BY AN/TPS-21 WAS ALSO FIRED ON. AMMUNITION ~~EXPIRED~~ 137 RDS 105MM HE.

(4) 3D RECON BN. CONTINUED TO MAINTAIN THE THREE

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ESTABLISHED OP'S AT DONG DEN MT, MARBLE MT AND AT (AT, 959745). TWO PLATOONS OF CO D CONDUCTED SCREENING OPNS IN SUPPORT OF THE 2D BN, 9TH MARINES.

3 (5) 3D ENGR BN. SEVENTEEN MEN WERE PLACED IN SUPPORT OF 2D BN, 9TH MARINES AND SIX MEN WENT TO 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES FOR DEMOLITION AND MINE CLEARANCE WORK. WORK WAS CONTINUED ON OTHER ENGR PROJECTS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED.

C. CHU LAI TAOR

(1) FOURTH MARINES. A PLAT SIZE PATROL FROM 1ST BN, 4TH MARINES CAPTURED TWO VC VIC (BT 446105). DURING THE PAST TWENTY-FOUR HOURS UNITS OF THE 4TH MARINES CONDUCTED TWO COMPANY PATROLS, FOUR PLATOON PATROLS, FOURTEEN SQUAD PATROLS AND ESTABLISHED EIGHT AMBUSHES. TWENTY-FIVE OF THESE OPNS WERE CONDUCTED DURING THE HOURS OF DARKNESS.

(A) 1ST BN, 4TH MARINES. THE 2D PLAT, CO B LANDED BY LVT VIC (BT 461109) AT 120815H AND COMMENCED A COMBAT PATROL WEST ACROSS THE PENINSULA. AT 120910H TWO VCS WERE APPREHENDED IN A CAVE VIC (BT 446105). BOTH WERE LATER IDENTIFIED AS VCC. NUMEROUS PATROLS WERE CONDUCTED FORWARD OF THE DEF PSNS INCLUDING AN LVT WATERBORNE PATROL. NO FURTHER REPORT OF VC CONTACT.

(B) 2D BN, 4TH MARINES. CO F CONDUCTED A PATROL DURING HOURS OF DARKNESS ESTABLISHING SIX AMBUSHES. ADDITIONAL PATROLS WERE CONDUCTED FORWARD OF THE MLR. NO VC CONTACT REPORTED.

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(C) 3D BN, 3D MARINES. CO I WAS RETRACTED FROM THE AREA EAST OF THE SONG TRA BONG RIVER AT 120800H. NO VC CONTACT REPORTED.

(D) 3D BN, 12TH MARINES. CONDUCTED SIX PREP MISSIONS AND THIRTY-FIVE H&I MISSIONS, EXPENDING 245 RDS.

(E) CO B, 3D RECON BN. DUE TO EXTENSIVE HELICOPTER COMMITMENTS, OPERATION CAMEL WAS POSTPONED UNTIL 130630H.

D. SUMMARY

(1) MAJOR UNIT ACTIONS: NONE

(2) SMALL UNIT ACTIONS

(A) NIGHT CONTACTS: TWO

(B) DAY CONTACTS: TWO

(C) TOTAL CONTACTS: FOUR

(D) ACTION WITHOUT CONTACTS: SIXTY-EIGHT

(E) BOX SCORES:

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| QUANG NAM/<br>(AT 837628) | 121617H   | PATROL | NONE                    | 2-VC WIA             |
| QUANG NAM/<br>(AT 992682) | 121922H   | PATROL | F/2/9<br>2-WIA          | UNKNOWN              |
| QUANG NAM/<br>(BT 075693) | 121940H   | PATROL | B/1/9<br>1-WIA          | UNKNOWN              |

2. PLANS SUMMARY

A. THIRD MARDIV INTENTIONS

(1) HUE-PHU BAI TAOR. AT FIRST LIGHT, TWO PLATOONS OF CO K WILL CONDUCT A PATROL FROM (YD 081000) BACK TO THE

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BN CP. AT 131800H TWO PLATOONS OF THE SAME COMPANY WILL BE HELILIFTED TO (YD 815105) WHERE THEY WILL ESTABLISH NIGHT DEFENSIVE/AMBUSH PSNS. CO G, 3D RECON BN WILL CONDUCT A RIVER RECON ALONG THE SONG NONG RIVER FROM (YD 897082) TO HIGHWAY #1 (YD 929087). *By*

(2) DA NANG TAOR

(A) 3D MARINES. AT 122400H TWO COMPANIES OF THE 2D BN, 3D MARINES WILL COMMENCE A SEARCH AND CLEAR OPN IN THE NAM YEN/PHO NAM VALLEY. AFTER A NIGHT HELICOPTER LAND-ING, BLOCKING PSNS WILL BE SET UP VIC GS (AT 8585) AND (AT 8685). ONE PLAT WILL CONDUCT A SEARCH FOR THE HOWITZER RE-PORTED AT (AT 847878). TWO PLATOONS WILL BE PREPARED TO SEARCH THE VILLAGES IN THE AREA ON ORDER. ARTY AND AIR SUPPORT WILL BE ON CALL.

(B) 9TH MARINES. WILL CONTINUE TO CONSOLIDATE RECENTLY ESTABLISHED PSNS IN THE 2D BN, 9TH MARINES AREA AND CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR THE DA NANG AIRFIELD.

(C) 3D RECON BN. WILL CONTINUE TO MAN THE THREE ESTABLISHED OP(S).

(3) CHU LAI TAOR. AT 130630H OPERATION CAMEL WILL COMMENCE AS UNITS OF CO B, 3D RECON BN, AND A DET, 1ST FORCE RECON CO ARE HELILIFTED INTO VIC (BT 4703). UNDER OPERATION BARON, CO A (-), 1ST BN, 4TH MARINES WILL HELILIFT <sup>INTO AN</sup> LZ VIC (BT 401079) AT 130700H. THIS CO WILL CONDUCT SEARCH AND DESTROY OPNS IN THE VIC OF THE LZ BEFORE MOVING SOUTH TO VIC (BT 418073) AND ESTABLISHING NIGHT DEF PSNS. AT FIRST LIGHT ON 14 AUG, CO A WILL MOVE TO THE HILL MASS VIC (BT 427089) AND

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ESTABLISH BLOCKING PSNS. AT 140700H CO B, ACCCOMPANIED BY THE 1ST BN, 4TH MARINES COMMAND GROUP, WILL LAND VIC (BT 437085) AND ESTABLISH A MOBILE BLOCKING PSN. CO C, 1ST BN 4TH MARINES AT 140730H WILL MOVE FROM VIC (BT 439099) SOUTHWEST TOWARD BLOCKING PSNS OF CO A AND CO B. THIS OPN WILL SECURE AT APPROX 141430H.

(4) DURING THE NEXT TWENTY-FOUR HOURS UNITS OF THE 3D MARDIV WILL CONDUCT FORTY PATROLS AND ESTABLISH EIGHT AMBUSHES.

### 3. CIVIC ACTIONS

#### A. DA NANG TAOR

##### (1) THIRD MARINES

(A) 1ST BN, 3D MARINES. MED PERSONNEL OF CO B TREATED TWENTY PEOPLE AT (AT 947702). THE BN CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER DISTRIBUTED TOYS, BOOKS, SOAP AND CHEWING GUM IN THE VILLAGE OF HOA TINH (AT 947702).

(B) 2D BN, 3D MARINES. THE LE MY DISPENSARY TREATED 153 PEOPLE. THE BN CHAPLAIN DISTRIBUTED HOLY CARDS, ROSARIES, RELIGIOUS MEDALS AND ICE CREAM TO THE CHILDREN OF THE CATHOLIC ORPHANAGE AT PHU THUONG (AT 905765). MED PERSONNEL OF CO E TREATED 75 PEOPLE AT (AT 903506). THE BN SURGEON TREATED 85 PEOPLE IN THE VILLAGE OF HOA HIEP (AT 933832).

(2) NINTH MARINES. TWENTY-THREE PEOPLE WERE TREATED AT THE 2D BN AID STATION.

(3) 3D AT BN. BN MED PERSONNEL TREATED 78 PEOPLE IN THE VILLAGE OF YEN BAC (AT 985708).

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(4) 3D TANK BN. BN [REDACTED] TREATED 35 PEOPLE IN THE VILLAGE OF PHONG BAC (1) (AT 994707). THE BN CHAPLAIN DISTRIBUTED 35 PAIRS OF RUBBER SHOWER SHOES IN THE VILLAGE.

B. CHU LAI TAOR. ON 11 AUG 65 THE CIVIL AFFAIRS TEAM OF 2D BN, 4TH MARINES WENT TO THE VILLAGE OF LONG PHU (2) VIC (BT 510030) <sup>AND</sup> TREATED APPROX 200 PERSONS. ON 12 AUG 65 THE CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER OF THE 2D BN, 4TH MARINES AND MR. LICK, VILLAGE ELDER, DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY OF OPENING A COOPERATIVE MERCHANDISING STORE IN THE VILLAGE OF AN TAN VIC (BT 49066) <sup>OF</sup> TO EASE THE BURDEN <sup>IN</sup> INFLATION. PLANS ARE ALSO BEING DISCUSSED CONCERNING THE BUILDING OF A PLAYGROUND FOR THE CHILDREN OF CHU LAI VILLAGE VIC (BT 08055).

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THIRD MARDIV SITREP NUMBER NINETY-NINE AS OF 131600Z AUG 65

1. THIRD MARDIV HIGHLIGHTS. COMMENCING AT 130002H, FOLLOWING AN ARTILLERY AND NAVAL GUNFIRE PREPARATION AND ILLUMINATED BY FLARES FROM A U. S. AIR FORCE PLANE, COMPANIES F AND H (-) OF 2ND BN, 3D MARINES AND THE HELICOPTERS OF MARINE AIR GROUP 16 EXECUTED THE FIRST NIGHT HELICOPTER ASSAULT UNDER COMBAT CONDITIONS IN MILITARY HISTORY. IN A DAYLONG SEARCH FOR A REPORTED VC ARTILLERY PIECE AND OF THE VILLAGES OF NAM YEN (AT 842862) AND THO NAN (AT 863855) THE MARINES KILLED ONE VC AND CAPTURED 29 VCS. THERE WERE NO MARINE CASUALTIES.

A. HUE-FHU BAI TAOR. COMPANY K, 3D BN, 4TH MARINES PATROLLED FROM THEIR NIGHT DEFENSIVE/AMBUSH POSITIONS (YD 891073) TO THE BATTALION CP. ONE PLATOON OF COMPANY C, 3D RECON BN PATROLLED FROM NIGHT DEFENSIVE/AMBUSH POSITIONS (YD 916162) TO THE BATTALION CP. TWO PLATOONS OF COMPANY K WERE HELILIFTED TO (YD 905105) TO ESTABLISH NIGHT DEFENSIVE POSITIONS AND TWO AMBUSHES.

B: DA NANG TAOR.

(1) 1ST BN, 3D MARINES. COMPANY D CONTINUED ITS SEARCH FOR A REPORTED VC TRAINING CAMP VIC (AT 873628) UNTIL 1530H, WHEN THEY WERE HELILIFTED BACK TO THE COMPANY CP. NO TRAINING CAMP WAS LOCATED IN THE AREA.

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NAM, UNDER COVER OF DARKNESS, TWO PLATOONS MOVED OUT ON FOOT TO SURROUND THE VILLAGE OF HOI VUC (AT 870708). AT FIRST LIGHT, THE VILLAGE WILL BE SEARCHED. THE 1ST BN, 3D MARINES WAS PLACED ON 12 HOUR ALERT CONTINGENCY PLANNING.

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(2) 2D BN, 3D MARINES. FOLLOWING AN ARTILLERY AND NAVAL GUNFIRE PREPARATION OF THE LZ'S AND SURROUNDING AREAS, COMPANIES F AND H (-) WERE HELI-LIFTED INTO THE NAM YEN/PHO NAN VALLEY, THE FIRST HELICOPTERS LANDING AT 130002H. TWO PLATOON BLOCKING POSITIONS WERE SET UP NEAR THE VILLAGES OF NAM YEN (AT 842862) AND PHO NAN (AT 863855). TWO PLATOONS SECURED THE LVT LANDING SITE. THE REMAINING PLATOONS OF COMPANY H ARRIVED AT (AT 857858) BY LVT AT 130445H. THEREAFTER, WHILE ONE PLATOON SEARCHED FOR THE REPORTED VC HOWITZER, THE REMAINDER OF THE FORCE SEARCHED THE VALLEY AND THE TWO VILLAGES. ONE VC WAS KILLED TRYING TO ESCAPE FROM THE VILLAGE OF NAM YEN. TWENTY-NINE VCS WERE CAPTURED. THERE WERE NO FRIENDLY CASUALTIES.

(2) NINTH MARINES.

(A) 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES. CONTINUED TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR THE DA NANG AIR BASE. COMPANY B REMAINED IN THEIR POSITIONS IN THE VILLAGES OF HOA LONG (BT 0468) AND HOA LAN (BT 0769). ONE MAN FROM COMPANY B WAS WOUNDED BY SNIPER FIRE FROM VIC (BT 075693).

(B) 2D BN, 9TH MARINES. ELEMENTS OF THE 2D BATTALION MANNING RECENTLY ESTABLISHED POSITIONS, WERE HARASSED BY ENEMY SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM THE SURROUNDING AREA, SUSTAINING 2 WIA. BOTH CASUALTIES WERE EVACUATED.

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(3) 12TH MARINES. DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD THE 12TH MARINES FIRED FIFTY-ONE HARASSING AND INTERDICTION MISSIONS, FIVE WILL ADJUST MISSIONS, FOUR OBSERVED MISSIONS, TWO LZ PREP MISSIONS, TWO TOT MISSIONS AND ONE REGISTRATION. AMMUNITION EXPENDED: 105MM, 150 ROUNDS HE, 36 ROUNDS WP; 155MM, 84 ROUNDS HE, 6 ROUNDS WP; 82MM, 55 ROUNDS HE.

(4) 3D RECON BN. CONTINUED TO OPERATE THE THREE ESTABLISHED OP'S AT DONG DEN MOUNTAIN, MARBLE MOUNTAIN AND AT (AT 959745). COMPANY A CONDUCTED A PLATOON PATROL VIC GS (AT 83??). COMPANY D CONDUCTED A NIGHT PATROL VIC (AT 9966). THERE WERE NO VC CONTACTS.

(5) 3D ENGR BN. TWENTY-SEVEN MEN WERE COMMITTED TO INFANTRY UNITS FOR DEMOLITION AND MINE CLEARANCE WORK - SEVENTEEN TO 2D BN, 9TH MARINES; SIX MEN TO 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES; AND FOUR MEN TO 1ST BN, 3D MARINES. WORK WAS CONTINUED ON OTHER ENGR PROJECTS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED.

C. CHU LAI TAOR.

(1) 4TH MARINES. CO A (-)(REIN) CONDUCTED LOCAL DAYLIGHT PATROLS AND SET IN A NIGHT PATROL BASE VIC (BT 418073) AT 131700H, ENDING THE FIRST PHASE OF OPERATION BARRON. NO CASUALTIES REPORTED.

(A) 1ST BN, 4TH MARINES. CO A (-)(REIN) WAS HELILIFTED TO LZ VIC (BT 401080) AT 130700H AND ESTABLISHED AMBUSHES VIC (BT 395096), (BT 407087) AND (BT 400072). PATROLLED FROM LZ TO VIC (BT 390078) RECEIVING SNIPER FIRE VIC (BT 395087) AT 131020H. ENEMY WITHDREW FROM CONTACT AND PATROL WAS UNABLE TO ASCERTAIN DIRECTION OF FIRE. NO CASUALTIES REPORTED. CO'S B, C AND D CONDUCTED PLATOON AND SQUAD SIZE PATROLS FORWARD AND TO THE REAR OF THE DEFENSIVE POSITIONS, AND ESTABLISHED AMBUSHES WITHIN THE TAOR. NO CONTACT REPORTED.

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(B) 2D BN, 4TH MARINES. CONDUCTED PATROLS FORWARD AND TO THE REAR

OF THE DEFENSIVE POSITIONS AND ESTABLISHED AMBUSHES WITHIN THE TAOR. NO CONTACT REPORTED.

(C) 3D BN, 3D MARINES. CO K REMAINS IN REGIMENTAL RESERVE. BN CONDUCTED PATROLS FORWARD AND TO THE REAR OF THE DEFENSIVE POSITIONS AND ESTABLISHED AMBUSHES WITHIN THE TAOR. NO CONTACT REPORTED.(D) 3D BN, 12TH MARINES. CONDUCTED TWO WILL ADJUST MISSIONS, TWO PREPARATION MISSIONS AND TWENTY-SIX H&I MISSIONS. EXPENDED 174 ROUNDS.(E) CO B, 3D RECON BN. OPERATION CAMEL COMMENCED WITH SEVEN TEAMS HELILIFTED TO LZ VIC (BT 430037) AND (BT 475035) AT 130705H. RECEIVED SNIPER FIRE VIC (BT 430038) AT 130805H. ONE VCS CAPTURED VIC (BT 440015) AT 131105H AND TWO VCS CAPTURED VIC (BT 445020) AT 131205H. NO CASUALTIES REPORTED.D. SUMMARY

## (1) MAJOR UNIT ACTIONS: TWO

(A) DA NANG TAOR

1 TYPE OPERATION: SEARCH AND CLEAR

2 AREA OF OPERATION: QUANG NAM PROVINCE, (AT 8386) TO (AT 8686) TO (AT 8685) TO (AT 8385)

3 UNITS PARTICIPATING: COMPANY F (REIN), COMPANY H (REIN)  
2D BN, 3D MARINES; 3D PLATOON, 1ST AMTRAC BN  
Co. B,

2D BN, 3D MARINES; 3D PLATOON, 1ST AMTRAC BN

4 TIME OF COMMENCEMENT: 122400H AUG 65

5 TIME OF TERMINATION: CONTINUING

6 RESULTS: FRIENDLY LOSSES: NONE ENEMY LOSSES: 1 KIA,  
2 VCS CAPTURED.

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(3) CHU LAI TAOR

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1 TYPE OPERATION: SEARCH AND DESTROY2 AREA OF OPERATION: QUANG TIN, (BT 3910), (BT 4610),

(BT 3906) AND (BT 4605)

3 UNITS PARTICIPATING: COMPANY A(-)(REIN), COMPANY B(-)(REIN) AND COMPANY C (-)(REIN), 1ST BN, 4TH MARINES4 TIME OF COMMENCEMENT: 130700H AUG 655 TIME OF TERMINATION: CONTINUING6 RESULTS: FRIENDLY LOSSES: NONE ENEMY LOSSES: NONE

(2) SMALL UNIT ACTIONS: 58

(A) NIGHT CONTACTS: 0

(B) DAY CONTACTS: 2

(C) TOTAL CONTACTS: 2

(D) ACTION WITHOUT CONTACTS: 56

| PROVINCE/<br>COORDINATES | DATE/TIME | ACTION | FRIENDLY UNIT<br>LOSSES | ENEMY UNIT<br>LOSSES |
|--------------------------|-----------|--------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| QUANG TIN<br>(BT 440015) | 131105H   | PATRCL | NONE                    | 1VCSC                |
| QUANG TIN<br>(BT 445020) | 131205H   | PATROL | NONE                    | 2VCSC                |

2. PLANS SUMMARYA. THIRD MARDIV INTENTIONS

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(1) HUE-PHU BAI TAOR, COMPANY C, 3D RECON BN, ACCOMPANIED BY A DETACHMENT OF ENGINEERS, WILL CONDUCT A ROAD RECONNAISSANCE THROUGH THE WESTERN PORTION OF THE TAOR. COMPANY K WILL ESTABLISH THREE NIGHT AMBUSHES IN GS (YD 9110).

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**SECRET**(2) DA NANG TAOR.

(A) 3D MARINES. ONE PLATOON OF COMPANY C, REINFORCED WITH A HEAVY SECTION OF TANKS WILL PATROL THE AREA FROM GS (AT 9470) TO (AT 8869) TO (AT 9066) TO (AT 8565) ON 14 AND 15 AUGUST. THE 2D BN WILL CONTINUE THE SEARCH AND CLEAR OPERATION COMMENCED DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD.

(B) 9TH MARINES. WILL CONTINUE TO CONSOLIDATE AND IMPROVE POSITIONS AND CONDUCT NORMAL PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITY.

(C) 3D RECON BN. WILL CONTINUE TO MAN THE THREE ESTABLISHED OP'S.

(3) CHU LAI TAOR. CO A(-)(REIN) WILL MOVE TO BLOCKING POSITIONS VIC (BT 424095) BY FIRST LIGHT 1<sup>4</sup> AUG 65. CO B (-)(REIN) WILL HELILIFT TO VIC (BT 437085) AT 140700H AND ESTABLISH MOBILE BLOCKING POSITIONS. CO C (-)(REIN) WILL DISMOUNT FROM TRUCKS, AND CONDUCT SWEEP TOWARDS CO A'S BLOCKING POSITION.

(4) DURING THE NEXT TWENTY-FOUR HOURS UNITS OF THE 3D MARDIV WILL CONDUCT THIRTY-SEVEN PATROLS AND ESTABLISH TEN AMBUSHES.

3. CIVIC AFFAIRSA. DA NANG TAOR.(1) 3D MARINES.

(A) 1ST BN, 3D MARINES. MEDICAL PERSONNEL OF COMPANY D TREATED 42 PEOPLE AT (AT 947720). THE BATTALION AID STATION TREATED 13 PEOPLE AT (AT 950720).

(B) 2D BN, 3D MARINES. THE LE MY DISPENSARY TREATED 115 PEOPLE.

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(2) 9TH MARINES. MEDICAL PERSONNEL OF THE REGIMENT TREATED 24 PEOPLE AT THE 2D BN AID STATION, 37 PEOPLE AT GIANG DONG (BT 007678) AND 21 PEOPLE AT DUNG SON (1) (AT 988687).

(3) 3D AT BN. MEDICAL PERSONNEL OF THE BATTALION TREATED 79 PEOPLE OF THE VILLAGE OF YEN VAC (AT 985708).

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 B. CHU LAI TAOR. 1ST BN, 4TH MARINES OUTPATIENT CLINIC CONDUCTED MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AT AN TAI HAMLET (BT 577094). 100 CIVILIANS WERE GIVEN MEDICAL AID IN THE VILLAGE OF HOA VAN (2) (BT 572013). VILLAGERS FROM XUAN TRUNG HAMLET (BT 577094) WERE PERMITTED TO CUT WOOD ON PURCHASED LAND VIC (BT 521095)

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THIRD MARDIV SITREP NUMBER 100 AS OF 141600Z AUG 65

1. THIRD MAF/3D HIGHLIGHTS. IT HAS BEEN RELATIVELY QUIET  
 THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE THIRD MARDIV DURING THIS PERIOD. THE  
 BN (-) <sup>OPERATION</sup> OF SECOND BN THIRD MARINES IN THE NORTHWESTERN  
 SECTOR OF THE DA NANG TAOR CONTINUED WITHOUT VC CONTACT.  
 HOWEVER, SOME VC SUPPLIES, INCLUDING UNIFORMS, RICE AND  
 AMMUNITION WERE UNCOVERED. THE SUPPLIES WILL BE TAKEN BACK  
 TO THE BATTALION AREA WHEN THE UNIT WITHDRAWS. THE SEARCH AND  
 DESTROY OPERATION CONDUCTED BY THE FIRST BN (-), FOURTH MARINES  
 WAS CONCLUDED AT 141630Z. THERE WAS NO VC CONTACT OTHER THAN A  
 SMALL AMOUNT OF SNIPER FIRE. THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES ON  
 EITHER SIDE.

A. HUE-PHU BAI TAOR. THE THIRD BN FOURTH MARINES CONTINUED  
 TO EMPLOY THREE COMPANIES TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR THE VITAL  
 AREA WITHIN THE PHU BAI COMPLEX. NORMAL PATROL AND AMBUSH ACT-  
 IVITIES WERE CARRIED OUT. COMPANY I REMAINED AT DA NANG IN  
 SUPPORT OF THE SECOND BN THIRD MARINES OPERATION.

B. DA NANG TAOR.

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(1) THIRD MARINES. CONTINUED THE BN (-) SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION IN THE NAM YEN/PHO NAN VALLEY AND CONDUCTED A COMPANY SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION IN THE VILLAGE OF HOI VUC (AT872707).

(A) FIRST BN THIRD MARINES. CO B CONDUCTED A SEARCH OF THE VILLAGE OF HOI VUC (AT872707). ENROUTE TO THE VILLAGE, A BOOBY-TRAPPED GATE VIC (AT880709) INFILCTED TWO WIA ON THE COMPANY. DURING THE SEARCH ~~IN~~ THE COMPANY RECEIVED SIX ROUNDS OF SNIPER FIRE, BUT SUSTAINED NO FURTHER CASUALTIES. ONE PLATOON FROM CO C, SUPPORTED BY A HEAVY SECTION OF TKS, PATROLLED IN THE SOUTHWESTERN PORTION OF THE TAOR AND ESTABLISHED A PATROL BASE VIC (AT 903673).

(B) SECOND BN THIRD MARINES. CONTINUED <sup>THE</sup> ~~TO~~ SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION IN THE NAM YEN/PHO NAN VALLEY. AT 0800, CO H CROSSED TO THE NORTH SIDE OF THE RIVER VIC (AT 837863) AND COMMENCED TO PATROL. AT 1210H, THE CO DISCOVERED A CAVE CONTAINING RICE. ABOUT 1500 METERS FROM THE CAVE, A CLOTHING BAG CONTAINING AMMUNITION, UNIFORMS AND PERSONAL ITEMS WAS FOUND. COMPANY F DISCOVERED TWO DESERTED VC HUSS VIC (AT 846872) AND BURNED THEM. CO F ESTABLISHED NIGHT POSITIONS VIC (AT 854855) AND CO H ESTABLISHED NIGHT POSITIONS VIC (AT 863854). COMPANIES E AND G CONDUCTED NORMAL PATROL ACTIVITY.

(2) NINTH MARINES. CONTINUED TO RECEIVE SPORADIC SNIPER FIRE PLUS ONE ROUND OF SIXTY MM MORTAR FIRE FROM THE VILLAGE OF CAM NE (3) (AT 963685). CONTINUED TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR THE

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DA NANG AIR BASE.

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(A) FIRST BN NINTH MARINES, CONTINUED TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR THE DA NANG AIR BASE. AT ABOUT 0930H, A PF WITH A SECURITY PATROL CHALLENGED A CIVILIAN VIC (BT 040682) WHO RAN ON SIGHTING THE PATROL. AFTER THE CIVILIAN HAD BEEN ORDERED TWICE TO HALT, THE PATROL FIRED, WOUNDING THE CIVILIAN, WHO TURNED OUT TO BE A WOMAN.

(B) SECOND BN NINTH MARINES, OTHER THAN THE SNIPER FIRE AND SINGLE MORTAR ROUND MENTIONED ABOVE, THE ONLY NOTABLE ACTIVITY OCCURRED ABOUT 2150H WHEN VOICES YELLING, "MARINES MUST LEAVE VIETNAM" IN ENGLISH AND VIETNAMESE WERE HEARD IN THE VILLAGE OF QUA GING (BT 002669).

(3) TWELFTH MARINES, FIRED FORTY-ONE HARASSING AND INTERDICTION MISSIONS AND THIRTEEN "WILL ADJUST" MISSIONS. AMMUNITION EXPENDED:

105MM - 343 ROUNDS HE

12 ROUNDS WP

155MM - 40 ROUNDS HE

(4) THIRD RECON BN, CONTINUED TO OPERATE THE THREE ESTABLISHED OP'S AT DONG DEN MOUNTAIN, MARBLE MOUNTAIN AND AT (AT 959745). CO A CONDUCTED A PLATOON PATROL VIC (AT 854770).

(5) THIRD ENGINEER BN, COMMITMENTS AND ENGINEER PROJECTS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED WERE CONTINUED DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD.

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C. CHU LAI TAOR.

(1) FOURTH MARINES. FIRST BN FOURTH MARINES CONCLUDED OPERATION BARON AT 141630H. NO CASUALTIES WERE SUSTAINED BY USMC FORCES DURING THIS TWO DAY OPERATION. CO M (-) (REIN) THIRD BN THIRD MARINES CONDUCTED A SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION ON THE TRUNG PHAN PENINSULA BEGINNING AT 140730H. NO CASUALTIES WERE SUSTAINED BY USMC FORCES. TWO KIA WERE SUFFERED BY VC FORCES.

(A) FIRST BN FOURTH MARINES. DURING THE CONCLUDING DAY OF OPERATION BARON, CO A (-) (REIN) MAINTAINED AMBUSH SITES DURING THE HOURS OF DARKNESS IN THE VIC OF (BT 404067), (BT 405071), (BT 411002), AND (BT 414078). AMBUSHES WERE SECURED BY 140400H AND CO A (-) (REIN) MOVED INTO BLOCKING POSITIONS BY 141420H. AT 140715H AN AIR STRIKE WAS DIRECTED AGAINST TEN VC VIC (BT 417085). NO CASUALTIES REPORTED. CO B (-) (REIN) AT 140720H VIC (BT 437085) LANDED BY HELICOPTER AND MANEUVERED TO TIE IN WITH CO C (-) (REIN) VIC (BT 428093), SCEEPING THE AREA TO THE SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST. NO CASUALTIES REPORTED. ALL COS WERE RETRACTED BY 141630H.

(B) THIRD BN THIRD MARINES. CO K REMAINES IN REGIMENTAL RESERVE. CO M (-) (REIN) CONDUCTED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION, LANDING BY HELICOPTER ON THE TRUNG PHAN PENINSULA AT 140847H. AT 140855H TEN VC WERE OBSERVED VIC (BT 650004). CO M (-) (REIN) PURSUED, PENNING THEM DOWN VIC (BS 658998). AN ARTILLERY FIRE MISSION WAS CALLED, EXPENDING

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TWENTY-THREE RDS HE AND SILENCING ALL ENEMY FIRE. SURVEILLANCE  
 OF THE IMPACT AREA WAS NOT MADE. AT 141030H CO M (-) (REIN)  
 RECEIVED ENEMY FIRE FROM VIC (BT 650000), (BS 661991), AND  
 (BS 668993). FIRE WAS RETURNED AND VC FLED. NO CASUALTIES.  
 AT 141135H CONTACT WITH VC WAS ESTABLISHED VIC (BT 650005) AND  
 (BT 657000). ONE VC KIA VIC (BS 655999) AT 141320H. ONE  
 CHINESE ROCKET LAUNCHER WITH ~~THREE~~<sup>TWO</sup> RDS OF AMMO AND TWO CHINESE  
 HAND GRENADES WERE CAPTURED. AT 141406H ANOTHER VC WAS KIA  
 VIC (BT 654000). NO USMC CASUALTIES.

(D) CO B THIRD ENGINEER BN. COMPLETED SIXTY-FIVE  
 PER CENT OF THE MSR FOR SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES.

(E) CO C THIRD TANK BN. FIRED SIX H&I MISSIONS,  
 EXPENDING FORTY EIGHT RDS.

(F) CO B THIRD RECON BN. FIVE TEAMS STILL REMAIN  
 ON OPERATION CAMEL.

(G) THIRD BN, TWELTH MARINES. FIRED FOUR WILL ADJUST  
 AND TWENTY-EIGHT H&I MISSIONS. EXPENDED ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY  
 NINE RDS.

(2) RLT-SEVEN. THE FIRST EMBARKATION UNIT OF FIVE SHIPS  
 WITH RLT-SEVEN HEADQUARTERS AND BLT ONE SLANT SEVEN ARRIVED AT  
 CHU LAI AT 141030H. MAJOR GENERAL WALT AND BRIG GENERAL KORCH  
 WELCOMED COL O. F. PEATROSS ON HIS ARRIVAL AT THE BEACH.

(A) BLT ONE SLANT SEVEN. COMMENCED UNLOADING WITH  
 THE FIRST ELEMENTS LANDING ON CHU LAI BEACH AT 141300H. BLT  
 ONE SLANT SEVEN, CONSISTING OF 1560 OFFICERS AND MEN, IMMEDIATELY

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2. BEGAN MOVING ~~NETS~~ AN ASSEMBLY, <sup>AREA</sup> VIC (BT 574036) TO (BT 557023),

3. IT IS ESTAMATED THAT <sup>ALL</sup> ~~PERSONNEL~~, LESS SHIP'S PLATOONS, WILL BE ASHORE BY 141800H. BLT ONE SLANT SEVEN CP LOCATED AT (BT 7566041).

D. SUMMARY.

(1) MAJOR UNIT ACTIONS: TWO

(A) DA NANG TAOR.

1. TYPE OPERATION: SEARCH AND DESTROY.

2. AREA OF OPERATION: QUANG NAM PROVINCE,  
(AT 8386) TO (AT 8686) TO (AT 8685) TO (AT 8385).

3. UNITS PARTICIPATING: CO B, (REIN), (REIN)  
(REIN), 2D BN, 3D MARINES; 3D PLAT, CO B, 1ST AMTRAC BN.

4. TIME OF COMMENCEMENT: 122400H

5. TIME OF TERMINATION: CONTINUING

6. RESULTS: FRIENDLY LOSSES - NONE

ENEMY LOSSES - NONE

(B) CHU LAI TAOR

1. TYPE OPERATION: SEARCH AND DESTROY

2. AREA OF OPERATION: QUANG TIN (BT 3910) TO  
(BT 3905) TO (BT 4410) TO (BT 4405).

3. UNITS PARTICIPATING: CO A (-) (REIN), CO B  
(-) (REIN), AND CO C (-) (REIN)

4. TIME OF COMMENCEMENT: 130700H

5. TIME OF TERMINATION: 141630H

6. RESULTS: FRIENDLY LOSSES - NONE

ENEMY LOSSES - NONE

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(2) SMALL UNIT ACTIONS: 69

(A) NIGHT CONTACTS: 0

(B) DAY CONTACTS: 2 (BOTH BY SAME UNIT)

(C) TOTAL CONTACTS: 2

(D) ACTIONS WITHOUT CONTACT: 68

(E) BOX SCORES:

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| <u>PROVINCE/<br/>COORDINATE</u> | <u>DATE/TIME</u> | <u>ACTION</u> | <u>FRIENDLY UNIT/<br/>LOSSES</u> | <u>ENEMY UNIT/<br/>LOSSES</u>  |
|---------------------------------|------------------|---------------|----------------------------------|--|
| QUANG NGAI<br>(BS 655999)       | 141320H          | PATROL        | 3/3<br>NONE                      | UNKNOWN<br>1 - KIA<br>ONE CHINESE<br>ROCKET LAUNCHER<br>W/TWO RDS AMMO<br>TWO CHINESE HAND<br>GRENADES |
| QUANG NGAI<br>(BS 654000)       | 141406H          | PATROL        | 3/3<br>NONE                      | UNKNOWN<br>1 - KIA<br>CARTRIDGE BELT<br>GRENADES   |

2. PLANS SUMMARY(A) THIRD MARDIV REINTECTIONS

(1) HUE-PHU BAI TAOR. TWO SQD AMBUSHES WILL BE ESTABLISHED VIC (YD 827087) BY CO K. ONE SQD OF CO C, 3D RECON BN WILL PATROL FROM (YD 980080) TO (YD 890070) TO (YD 870070) AND BACK TO THE BN CP. ONE PLAT WILL ESTABLISH A NIGHT AMBUSH VIC GS (YD 9005).

(2) DA NANG TAOR.

(A) THIRD MARINES. ONE PLAT OF CO C WILL CONTINUE SEARCH AND DESTROY OPNS VIC (AT 908672), SUPPORTED BY A HEAVY SECTION OF TANKS. COMMENCING AT 190730H, CO F AND CO H (-) WILL BE HELILIFTED OUT OF THE NAM YEN/PHO NAN VALLEY BACK TO THE BN AREA. ONE PLAT OF CO H WILL PROVIDE LZ SECURITY AND THEN RETURN TO LE MY BY LVT.

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*sch* (B) NINTH MARINES. COMMENCING AT 150445H, A PLATOON OF CO B AND A PLAT OF CO D, TOGETHER WITH ELEMENTS OF 3D RECON BN AND 593RD RF CO, WILL CROSS THE LOD (BT 068-704) TO (BT 077690) AND CONDUCT A SWEEP TO THE SEA IN AN EFFORT TO KILL OR CAPTURE KNOWN VC IN THE AREA.

(3) CHU LAI TAOR. CO E (-) (REIN) 2D BN, 4TH MARINES WILL CONDUCT A DAY/NIGHT PATROL AND AMBUSH 152000H FROM (BT 488037) AND RETURNING AT 180900H. ~~CO F (-) (REIN) 3D BN 4TH~~ MARINES WILL CONDUCT A DAY/NIGHT PATROL DEPARTING 152000H FROM (BT 488037) AND RETURNING AT 160900H.

3. CIVIL AFFAIRS

1. HUE-PHU BAI TAOR. FOR THE PERIOD 11 THRU 14 AUGUST, ON 11 AUG, 1 DOCTOR AND 3 CORPSMEN TREATED 175 PEOPLE AT THUY LUOUNG (YD 891179). ON 12 AUG, THE BN HELD A PARTY FOR 250 CHILDREN OF THE HUE BUDDHIST ORPHANAGE. PLATES AND SILVER-WARE FOR 300 PEOPLE WERE GIVEN TO THE ORPHANAGE WHILE TWO BATTALION COMBOS ENTERTAINED THE STAFF AND CHILDREN. ON 13 AUG, 150 PEOPLE WERE TREATED AT LOC BAN (YD 926106). ON 14 AUG, <sup>165</sup> ~~166~~ PEOPLE WERE TREATED AT THUY THANH (YD 895156). PF CORPSMEN HAVE BEEN TRAINED BY THE BN SURGEON AND ARE NOW LOC IN EACH HAMLET. TWO CLASSES WERE HELD BY THE BN CORPSMEN IN EACH HAMLET DEMONSTRATING SANITARY DISPOSAL OF HUMAN EXCREMENT. THE VILLAGERS HAVE CONSTRUCTED AT LEAST FIVE ONE-HOLE ~~HEADS~~ <sup>HEADS</sup> IN EACH HAMLET. THE BN PRINTED AND DISTRIBUTED 9,000 PROPAGANDA LEAFLETS STATING THAT THE MARINES ARE FRIENDLY AND WISH TO HELP THE PEOPLE IN ALL THEIR PROBLEMS. A VOLLEY BALL

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TOURNAMENT IS BEING HELD WITH THE BOY SCOUT TRCQY OF THUY THANH (XD 895156). 2,000 BARS OF TOILET SOAP HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO EACH OF THE 3 VILLAGE CHIEFS. THE BN CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER HAS PRESENTED 200 USED ARVN UNIFORMS TO THE POPULAR FORCES <sup>LN</sup> THE BN TAOR. THE CIVIL AFFAIRS SITUATION GROWS INCREASINGLY BETTER. A CONTINUAL STREAM OF INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION IS BEING RECEIVED FROM THE CIVILIANS WITHIN THE THREE VILLAGES ADJACENT TO THE BN. THE PEOPLE OF PHU LOC (XD 9506) ARE PARTICULARLY PRODUCTIVE IN FORWARDING INFORMATION ABOUT VIET CONG ACTIVITY.

B. DA NANG TAOR

(1) 3D MARINES. THE LE MY DISPENSARY TREATED <sup>3/3</sup> 141 PEOPLE. THE 1ST BN AID STATION TREATED TWENTY-TWO PEOPLE AT (AT 950720).

(2) 9TH MARINES. MED PERSONNEL TREATED NINE PEOPLE OF THE VILLAGE OF CAM NAM (BT 014703) AND NINETEEN PEOPLE OF THE VILLAGE OF DUONG SON (2) (AT 993678).

C. CHU LAI TAOR. HQ BN, 4TH MARINES ARE PREPARING PLANS TO CONSTRUCT A PLAYGROUND FOR THE CHILDREN OF THE CHU LAI NEW LIFE HAMLET. HQ 4TH MARINES CONTINUES TO CONDUCT A MED TRAINING SCHOOL IN AN TAN (BT 499067). SUPPLIES FOR CIVIC ACTION TEAMS ARRIVED AT CHU LAI TODAY. 150 LBS OF SOAP, THREE BARRELS OF BUTTONS, 1,000 LBS OF WHEAT, TWENTY BASKET-BALLS, NUMEROUS BULLS AND ONE BARREL OF VITAMINS WERE RECEIVED. DISTRIBUTION WILL BE ARRANGED THROUGH THE VILLAGE CHIEFS.

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C. THIRD MARDIV HIGHLIGHTS. THE REPORTING PERIOD WAS CHARACTERIZED BY A LACK OF DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE VC. A NOTABLE EXCEPTION WAS AN EARLY EVENING FIRE FIGHT FORWARD OF A PLATOON POSITION IN 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES AT 1700Z. THE EXCHANGE LASTED FOR FIFTY MINUTES AND RESULTED IN SEVEN VC KILLED. ELEVEN VC CASUALTIES WERE OBSERVED BEING DRAGGED OFF.

A. HUE-PHU BAI TAOR. THIRD BN, FOURTH MARINES CONTINUED SECURITY PATROLS AND AMBUSH ACTIVITY IN THE BN CP-AIRFIELD VITAL AREA. INDIA COMPANY RETURNED FROM SUPPORTING THE 2ND BN, 3RD MARINES IN THE DANANG TAOR AT 151500H. THERE WAS NO VC CONTACT DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD.

D. DANANG TAOR

(1) THIRD MARINES. SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN THE NAM YEN/PHU HAN VALLEY WERE COMPLETED TODAY AND ALL PARTICIPATING UNITS RETURNED TO THEIR HOME BASES.

(A) 1ST BN, 3RD MARINES. PATROL OPERATIONS IN THE SOUTHWEST PORTION OF THE TAOR CONTINUED WITH ONE PLATOON OF COMPANY C RELIEVING ANOTHER VIA HELO AT 150900H. THE NEW PLATOON RESUMED PATROL ACTIVITY IN GRID SQUARES (AT 8868), (AT 8968), (AT 8870) AND (AT 8970) ACCCOMPANIED

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BY A HEAVY TANK SECTION. AT 151300H SNIPER FIRE WAS RECEIVED VICINITY (BT 978696). THERE WERE NO USMC CASUALTIES AND A SEARCH OF THE VILLAGE LOCATED (AT 987687) FAILED TO REVEAL ANY TRACE OF THE SNIPERS OR OTHER VC ACTIVITY. THE PATROL CONTINUED TO (AT 890700), WHERE NIGHT DEFENSIVE AND AMBUSH POSITIONS WERE ESTABLISHED.

(B) 2ND BN, 3RD MARINES CONDUCTED OPERATIONS IN THE NAM YEN/PHO NAM VALLEY. ALL UNITS WERE RETURNED TO THEIR NORMAL POSITIONS VIA RTO AND GWT BY 161200H. AN OPERATION OF PLATOON SIZED MOBILE COMBAT GROUPS TO BOTH THE EAST AND WEST OF THE MSR WAS RESUMED. AT 151645H A VIETNAMESE FROM CO B WAS HELICOPTERED TO (AT 868835) AND APPREHENDED. FOUR VIETNAMESE WOMEN WHO HAD BEEN OBSERVED BY THE OF ON DONG DEN MT (AT 8382) IN THE ACT OF BURGLING SOMETHING IN THE VICINITY OF THE AREA WHERE THEY WERE APPREHENDED. A SEARCH FOR BURIED OBJECTS DURING THE REMAINING HOURS OF DAYLIGHT WAS FRUITLESS AND THE NINE VCS ARE BEING HELD OVERNIGHT FOR INTERROGATION.

(C) 1ST BN, 12TH MARINES. EIGHTY-SIX MISSIONS WERE FIRED IN SUPPORT OF THE 3RD MARINES DURING THE PERIOD: SIXTY-SEVEN H&I; TWO UNASSIGNED PTE; SEVEN SMOKE SCREENING; AND TEN "MILL ADJUST". AMMO EMPLOYED WAS: 105mm, 160 HE AND 114 SMOKE; 155mm, 81 HE AND 7 WP. BTRY POSITION REMAINED SAME, EXCEPT BTRY B RETURNED TO PRIMARY POSITION (AT 948761).

9TH MARINES. INTENSE SA FIRE, INCLUDING AUTO WEAPONS, WAS DIRECTED AT A PLATOON POSITION OF 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES LOCATED VICINITY (BT 028692) AT 151910H. THE ENSUING FIRE FIGHT LASTED FIFTY MINUTES. THE MARINE PLATOON GAINED FIRE SUPERIORITY WITH A HEAVY VOLUME OF FIRE WHICH INCLUDED 110 ROUNDS OF 81mm HE AND SIX ROUNDS OF 90mm HE. TWO USMC WIA WERE SUSTAINED AND EVACUATED BY HELO.. ELEVEN VC BODIES WERE OBSERVED BEING CHARGED OFF.

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(A) 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES CONDUCTED SEVEN NIGHT AND THREE DAY PATROLS AROUND THE DANANG AIR BASE WITH NEGATIVE CONTACT. MOVING TO CONSOLIDATE ITS LEFT FLANK, COMPANY B SEARCHED THE HAMLETS OF YUAN LOC (BT 077907) AND DONG HAI (BT 076704). APPREHENDING TWO VCS. ELEMENTS OF 3D RECON BN, 3D AMTRAC BN, AND 593D RF COMPANY SUPPORTED THE OPERATION. PREDOMINANT CASUALTIES RESULTED FROM ELECTRICALLY DETONATED MINE (BT 063697) WHICH SET LVT ON FIRE. THREE CREWMEN SUSTAINED SECOND-DEGREE BURNS OF MODERATE EXTENT. THE SEARCH MET WITH LIGHT SNIPER FIRE, BUT FEW TRENCHES AND OBSTACLES WERE ENCOUNTERED. A PLATOON COMBAT PATROL OPERATING WEST OF CAN BIEN RIVER ENCOUNTERED TWO VC VICINITY (BT 052688). ONE WAS KILLED ATTEMPTING TO ESCAPE, AND THE OTHER WAS APPREHENDED.

(B) 2ND BN, 9TH MARINES CONTINUED TO RECEIVE NIGHT SNIPER FIRE FROM THE CAM NE-YEN NE COMPLEX (AT 98690AT 9868). AT 150325H, THIRTY-FIVE ROUNDS OF 81MM HE WERE EXPENDED ON A SNIPER POSITION (AT 986672). TWO VC WIA WERE OBSERVED. TWO NIGHT PATROLS THROUGH THE YEN NE AND CAM NE AREAS HAD NEGATIVE VC CONTACT.

(C) 12TH MARINES. GENERAL SUPPORT UNITS REMAIN DISPOSED AS FOLLOWS: LIMA BTRY (-) - (AT 982749); PLATOON, LIMA BTRY - (AT 899818); EIGHT 1INCH HOW BTRY (-) - (AT 955775). NO MISSIONS WERE FIRED DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD.

(4) 3RD RECON BN CONTINUED OPERATION Q/F THREE PERMANENT OP'S AND CONDUCTED ONE TWO RECON PATROLS. THE THIRD PLATOON OF CO A, PATROLLING IN THE WESTERN PORTION OF THE TAOR VIC (AT 8372), HAD NO VC CONTACT DURING THIS PERIOD. THE SECOND PLATOON OF CO D CONDUCTED RECON OF THE SONG CAN BIEN AND TOURANE RIVERS ~~FROM~~ VIC (BT 042735) TO (BT 063706). AT 150940H THIS PATROL RECEIVED SNIPER FIRE (BT 045743) AND PUT ASHORE TO LOCATE THE SNIPER. THREE VCS WERE APPREHENDED IN THE VICINITY ARMED WITH THREE CARBINES AND A THIRTY-EIGHT CALIBER REVOLVER. THE VCS WERE EVACUATED BY HELO AND THE PATROL WAS COMPLETED WITHOUT FURTHER INCIDENT.

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(3) 3RD TANK BN CONTINUED PROVISION OF COMBAT SUPPORT OF DIVISION UNITS ON REQUEST. DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD CONSTRUCTION OF A CLASS AIRPORT ON THE SONG CAU IC RIVER WAS BEGUN. THE RAFT IS BEING CONSTRUCTED AT (LAT 04 521 51) AND WILL BE USED PRIMARILY TO FERRY TANKS AND OTHER HEAVY EQUIPMENT ACROSS THE RIVER IN SUPPORT OF 9TH MARINES OPERATIONS IN THAT AREA.

2. SHOOTER

(a) SEVENTH MARINES. CO H (-) (REIN) CONCLUDED A SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION IN THE YOUNG PHAN PENINSULA ~~BT~~ 151330H. NO CASUALTIES REPORTED.

(b) 1ST BN, FOURTH MARINES. CONDUCTED PLATOON, SQUAD, AND COMPANY SIZE PATROLS AND ESTABLISHED AMBUSHES TO THE FRONT AND REAR OF THE DEFENSIVE POSITIONS. NO CASUALTIES REPORTED.

(c) 2ND BN, FOURTH MARINES. CONDUCTED COMPANY, PLATOON, AND SQUAD SIZE PATROLS AND ESTABLISHED AMBUSHES TO THE FRONT AND REAR OF THE DEFENSIVE POSITIONS. NO CASUALTIES REPORTED.

(d) 3RD BN, THIRD MARINES. COMPANY K REMAINS IN REGIMENTAL RESERVE. CONDUCTED PLATOON, AND SQUAD SIZE PATROLS AND ESTABLISHED AMBUSHES TO THE FRONT AND REAR OF THE DEFENSIVE POSITIONS.

(e) CO C, THIRD TANK BN. FIRED FIVE H&T MISSES IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF 2ND BN, 4TH MARINES. EXPENDED TWENTY-FIVE ROUNDS.

(f) COMPANY B, 3RD RECON BN. OPERATION CAMEL CONTINUES. FIVE TANKS OPERATING IN VIC (BT 445034), (BT 438997), (BT 462017), (BT 453997) AND (BT 423015).

(g) 3RD BN, THIRTY-FIFTH MARINES. FIRED NINE TWENTY-THREE H&T AND THREE ACCELERATION MISSES. EXPENDED 180 ROUNDS.

(h) RLT -SEVEN. CONTINUES GENERAL UNLOADING. NO OPERATING PLANNED.

(i) LISTED BELOW ARE THE LOCATIONS OF UNIT CP'S:

1. 1ST BN, 7TH MARINES (BT 563032)

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2. 2ND BN, 7TH MARINES (BT 563032)

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30 AUG 71, 7TH MARINES (BT 571038)

CO E, 1ST BN, 7TH MARINES (BT 562025)

CO C, 1ST BN, 7TH MARINES (BT 558050)

CO D, 1ST BN, 7TH MARINES (BT 553025)

3D BN (-) (REIN), 12TH MARINES (BT 560048)

CO B, 1ST TANK BN -DO-

CO A, 3D AMTRAC BN -DO-

CO C, 1ST RECON BN -DO-

CO C, 43D RECR BN -DO-

CO C, 43D AM BN -DO-

3. SUMMARY

(1) MAJOR UNIT ACTIONS

A. DURING TACR

A. TYPE OPERATION: SEARCH AND DESTROY

B. AREA OF OPERATION: QUANG NAM, (AT 8386) TO (AT 8686) TO (AT 8686) TO (AT 8386).

C. UNITS PARTICIPATING: CO F (-) (REIN), CO E (-) (REIN),  
3D BN, 12TH MARINES; 3RD PLATOON, CO B, 1st AMTRAC BN

D. TIME OF COMMENCEMENT: AUG 122400H

E. TIME OF TERMINATION: AUG 150847H

F. RESULTS:

AMMUNITION LOSSES: NONE

ENEMY LOSSES: NONE

(2) SMALL UNIT ACTIONS:

A. NIGHT CONTACTS: 0

B. DAY CONTACTS: 4

C. TOTAL CONTACTS: 4

D. ACTION WITHOUT CONTACT: 75

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| QUANG NAM/<br>(AT 878695)                | AUG 151300H PATROL | C/1/3<br>NONE  | UNK<br>NONE              | <b>SECRET</b>         |
| QUANG NAM/<br>(BT 045697-<br>BT076704)   | AUG 151031H PATROL | B/1/9<br>3 VIA | UNK<br>2 VIA             |                       |
| QUANG NAM/<br>(BT 045743)                | AUG 150940H PATROL | D/3D RECON     | UNK<br>3 VIA             |                       |
| QUANG NAM/<br>(BT 052638)                | AUG 151330H PATROL | B/1/9          | UNK<br>1 KIA<br>1 VCC    |                       |
| QUANG NAM/<br>AUG 151910H<br>C/3T 028692 |                    | 6/1/1<br>2 VIA | 6/1/1<br>2 VIA           |                       |
| 2. PLANS SUMMARY                         |                    |                |                          | ff w/ a/4, 4/4/1      |

(A) THIRD MARINE INTENTIONS

(1) HUE-BHU BAI TAOR. SMALL UNIT PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITY WILL BE CONDUCTED IN TAOR, INCLUDING SECURITY PATROLS VIC AIRFIELD/BN CP.

(2) DANANG TAOR

(A) THIRD MARINES. PLATOON OF CO C WILL ~~RE~~ FORGE AND REINFORCE IN SOUTHWESTERN PORTION OF TAOR AT 161100H. THREE MORNING PATROL ROUNDS WILL BE MAINTAINED BY 2ND BN, 3RD MARINES VIC (AT 9181), (AT 8872) AND (AT 8833). AT 162000H, A REINFORCED PLATOON OF CO F DEPARTS ON A THREE DAY PATROL, WHICH WILL EXTEND TO WITHIN 1,000 METERS OF THE TAOR'S WESTERN BOUNDARY.

(B) NINTH MARINES. EXTENSIVE PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITY IS SCHEDULED FOR THE NEXT TWENTY-FOUR HOURS. A BN (REIN) CLEARING OPERATION IN COORDINATION WITH RF UNITS IS BEING PLANNED FOR 18 THE 1000Z 28 AUG. IN THE YEN NE-CAM NE COMPLEX. CENTERED ON THE DENSELY POPULATED AREA BOUND BY EAST-WEST GRID LINES (AT 68) AND (AT 69), THE OPERATION WILL DRIVE WEST FROM RAILROAD (AT 999699 TO AT 988670) WESTWARD TO THE SONG (AT 68).

(C) CHU LAY TAOR. CO E (-)(REIN) WILL CONDUCT A CONTINUOUS OPERATION WHICH WILL RUN UNTIL 190900H. OTHER ELEMENTS WITHIN CO E (REIN) WILL CONDUCT PLATOON, SQUAD, AND FIRE TEAM PATROLS AND ESTABLISH AMBUSHES.

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ONE THE REGIMENTAL TAOR.

(D) DURING THE NEXT TWENTY-FOUR HOURS, UNITS OF THE 3D MARINE DIVISION WILL CONDUCT FIFTY-TWO PATROLS AND ESTABLISH NINETEEN AMBUSHES.

## CIVIC ACTIONS:

(A) PHU THUY TAOR

(1) THIRD BN, FOURTH MARINES. ONE DOCTOR AND THREE CORPSMAN TREATED 75 PEOPLE AT THE HAMLET <sup>OF</sup> THUY LUONG (YD 871179). THE BN HELD A PARTY FOR 200 CHILDREN OF THE HOE BUDDHIST ORPHANGE. PF CORPSMEN HAVE BEEN TRAINED BY THE BN SURGEON AND ARE NOW LOCATED <sup>A</sup> IN EACH HAMLET. THE BN DISTRIBUTED 9,000 SOAPS STATING THAT THE MARINES ARE FRIENDLY AND WISH TO HELP THE PEOPLE.

A VOTING BALL TOURNAMENT IS BEING HELD WITH THE BOY SCOUT TROOP AT THUY LUONG (YD 895156). 2,000 BARS OF TOILET SOAP HAS BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO EACH OF THE SEVEN VILLAGE CHIEFS.

(B) DANANG TAOR

(1) FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES. BN AID STATION FROM D/1/3 TREATED 75 PEOPLE.

(2) SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES. LE MY DISPENSARY TREATED 141 PEOPLE.

(3) NINTH MARINES. THE REGIMENTAL SURGEON PROVIDED ASSISTANCE IN TREATMENT OF CIVILIANS IN THE TWO VILLAGE ADJOINING THE 3D TANK BN, AND THE ANTITANK BN. THEY TREATED 60 PERSONS.

(4) FIRST BN, NINTH MARINES. A NEW AID STATION HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED IN THE AREA OF KHAK TAY. THE SACRED HEART ORPHANGE IS VISITED TWICE WEEKLY BY THE BN SURGEON.

(C) CHU LAI TAOR

MEDICAL TEAM VISITED THE HAMLET OF TICH TAY (2) AT (BT 496054). SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES HAS VOTED TO SPONSOR A VIETNAMESE BOY WHO IS SUFFERING FROM ACUTE TUBERCULOSIS. ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO GIVE ALL THE

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CHIEGE FORK SECOND IN, FOUR MARINES TO THE CHU LAI HAMLET TO SUPPORT THE  
MISSION. BIG PABU. CATPOLIC CHAPLAIN HELD SERVICES IN CHU LAI HAMLET, APPROX  
1000. PROPS ATTENDED. MARINE CORPS TRUCKS CONTINUED TO HAUL DIRT TO HAMLET  
AND CARS USED BY THE VIL AGENS TO BUILD ROADS.

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SOME PRESET-UP AREAS ALONG THE WAY. THERE WERE NO VC CONTACTS.

(B) 2D BN, 3D MARINES. CONDUCTED ROUTINE PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES. AT 162000H A PLAT OF CO F DEPARTED THE COMPANY CP ON A THREE DAY SEARCH AND DESTROY OPN FROM NGOC SON (AT 3578) THROUGH NGHIA TRUNG (AT 8377) TO DONG SON (AI 8673).

(2) NINTH MARINES. CONTINUED DEF OF THE DA NANG AIR BASE AND ROUTINE PATROL ACTIVITIES. COMPANIES I, K AND L HAVE MOVED INTO PSNS FORMERLY MANNED BY ELEMENTS OF 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES.

(A) 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES. MAINTAINED DEFENSE OF THE DA NANG AIR BASE AND CONDUCTED ELEVEN COMBAT PATROLS PRIOR TO 161615H. COMPANIES A AND C WERE RELIEVED BY ELEMENTS OF 3D BN, 9TH MARINES.

(B) 2D BN, 9TH MARINES. REMAINED IN A DEFENSIVE POSTURE AND CONTINUED PREPARATIONS FOR THE OPERATION TO CO 4 BRIDGE 18 AUGUST. COMPANIES A AND G HAVE MOVED INTO ASSEMBLY AREAS NEAR THE BN CP, HAVING BEEN RELIEVED ON LINE BY COMPANIES C AND A RESPECTIVELY OF 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES.

(C) 3D BN, 9TH MARINES. CONTINUED OFFLOADING ACTIVITIES AND RELIEF OF 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES UNITS. (U) 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES, OF THE PADS IN RELIEVED COMPANY C, CO K RELIEVED CO B AND CO L (-) BELIEVED 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES. CO A, THE 3D BN, 9TH MARINES ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE AIR BASE DEFENSE AT 161615H.

(3) 12TH MARINES. 1ST BN, 12TH MARINES FIRED 53 HARASSING AND INTERDICTION MISSIONS AND 14 "WILL ADJUST" MISSIONS DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD. AMMUNITION EXPENDED

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105MM = 130 ROUNDS HE

(4) NAVAL GUNFIRE.

A. DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, THE USS ORLECK (DD 836) FIRED SEVEN "WILL ADJUST" MISSIONS AT SUSPECTED VC ASSEMBLY AREAS. AMMUNITION EXPENDED: 5" /38 CAL - NINETEEN-MILLI ROUNDS HE, THIRTY-FOUR ROUNDS ILLUMINATION AND SEVENTY ROUNDS AP.

(5) 3D RECON. CONTINUED TO MAINTAIN THREE 3D RECON OP'S AT LONG DEN MOUNTAIN, MARBLE MOUNTAIN AND AT (AC 599745). A PLATOON PATROL WAS CONDUCTED IN THE AREA (AC 8372).

(6) 3D HIGH RD. CONTINUED WORK ON ENGINEER PROJECTS PERTAINING REPORTED. A TWO-DAY MINE WARFARE SCHOOL WAS CONDUCTED WITH TWENTY-TWO STUDENTS FROM 1ST BN, 3D MARINES AND 1ST BN, 12TH MARINES.

C. CHULME TAOR.

(1) 4TH MARINES HIGHLIGHTS. NORMAL PATROLLING ACTIVITY WAS CONDUCTED THROUGHOUT THE TAOR. ONE USMC WIA WAS SUSTAINED BY SNIPER FIRE VIC (BT 523128). ~~EXTRAORDINARY~~

(2) 1ST BN. 4TH MARINES. CO A (-)(REIN) RECEIVED SNIPER FIRE AT 161100H VIC (BT 523128). ONE USMC WIA. PERSONNEL FROM CO B, 1B AT BN FIRING ON THE DIRECT FIRE RANGE VIC (BT 523128) AND RACCO PERSONNEL AT THE SMALL ARMS RANGE VIC (BT 523128) CONDUCTED A SWEEP OF THE AREA AND APPREHENDED THREE VCS. AT 161125H TWO BOATS WERE OBSERVED HEADING OUT FROM SWORD VIC (BT 517128). USING LVT TO PURSUE AND CAPTURE

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THE SAMPANS, 1ST PLT, CO A, 1ST ATRAC BN APPREHENDED FIVE ADDITIONAL VCS.

(B) 2D BN, 4TH MARINES. CONDUCTED PATROLS AND ESTABLISHED AMBUSHES TO THE FRONT AND REAR OF DEF PSNS. NO CONTACT.

(C) 3D BN, 3D MARINES. CO I (-)(REIN) AT 160320H RECEIVED ONE GRENADE VIC (BT 549013). NO CASUALTIES. CONDUCTED PATROLS AND ESTABLISHED AMBUSHES TO THE FRONT AND REAR OF DEF PSNS. NO CONTACTS.

(D) 3D BN, 12TH MARINES. CONDUCTED TWO CONCENTRATIONS AND TWENTY-FIVE H&I MISSIONS, EXPENDING 208 RDS.

(2) RLT-7 HIGHLIGHTS. CONTINUES UNLOADING AND PREPARING CP SITE.

(A) 1ST BN, 7TH MARINES. CO D (-)(REIN) AT 152130H SIGHTED SEVEN VCS ON RIGHT FLANK CO D (-)(REIN) PSN. WHEN CHALLENGED, THE VCS FLED SOUTH AND EVADED CAPTURE. CONDUCTED PATROLS WITH MEMBERS OF 3D BN, 3D MARINES TO FAMILIARIZE 1ST BN, 7TH MARINES PERSONNEL WITH THE AREA.

6. SUMMARY

(1) MAJOR UNIT ACTIONS - NONE  
(2) SMALL UNIT ACTIONS - SEVENTY-ONE  
(A) NIGHT CONTACTS: 0  
(B) DAY CONTACTS: 1  
(C) TOTAL CONTACTS: 1  
(D) ACTION WITHOUT CONTACTS: 70  
(E) BOX SCORES:

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| QUANG TIN<br>(BT 523128) | 161100H | OUTPOST | A/1/4<br>1 WIA | UNKNOWN<br>NONE |
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2. PLANS SUMMARYA. THIRD MARDIV INTENTIONS

(1) HUE-PHU BAI TAOR. SMALL UNIT PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITY WILL BE CONDUCTED IN TAOR, INCLUDING SECURITY PATROLS VIC AIRFIELD AND BATTALION CP.

(2) DA NANG TAOR.

(A) THIRD MARINES. WILL CONTINUE NORMAL PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES. ONE PLAT OF CO E WILL CONTINUE ITS SEARCH AND DESTROY OPN IN THE WESTERN PORTION OF THE MENTAL TAOR.

(B) NINTH MARINES. THE 1ST BN WILL CONDUCT ELEVEN COMBAT PATROLS, COVERING THE HAMLETS OF HAI AN (2) (BT 060682), TRA KHE (2) (BT 071680), BA TUNG (1) (BT 051703), BINH KY (2) (BT 060701), BINH KY (1) (BT 055697), GIANG DONG (BT 001675), LONG SONG (1) (AT 995677), HOA MY (BT 024737) AND BINH TRAI (BT 010724). AS THE FIRST PHASE OF THE 2D BN CLEAR AND HOLD OPN OF 18 AUGUST, COMMENCING AT FIRST LIGHT ON 17 AUGUST, CO H WILL SEARCH AND CLEAR YEN NE (2) (AT 987684). CO G WILL ESTABLISH BLOCKING PSNS TO THE WEST ALONG THE SONG YEN RIVER. THE 3D BN WILL CONTINUE DEFENSE OF THE AIR BASE AND CONTINUE NORMAL PATROL ACTIVITY.

← (3) CHU LAI TAOR. CO E (REIN) WILL CONDUCT A THREE DAY COMBAT PATROL (OPERATION LONGKNIFE) FROM 162000H TO

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201000H TO SEARCH OUT AND DESTROY VC UNITS AND EMPLACEMENTS BY UTILIZING MULTIPLE AMBUSH SITES.

(4) DURING THE NEXT TWENTY-FOUR HOURS UNITS OF THE THIRD MARDIV WILL CONDUCT THIRTY-SIX PATROLS AND ESTABLISH EIGHT AMBUSHES.

**3. CIVIC ACTIONS.**

A. DA NANG TAOR.

(1) THIRD MARINES.

(A) 1ST BN, 3D MARINES. TREATED 24 PEOPLE AT THE BN AID STATION (AT 950720).

(B) 2D BN, 3D MARINES. TREATED 50 PEOPLE AND DISTRIBUTED 100 ~~100~~<sup>185</sup> LBS OF WHEAT AT HOA NHA (AT 905807), TREATED 165 PEOPLE AT THE LE MY DISPENSARY AND EVACUATED 70 PEOPLE FROM THE VILLAGE OF NAM YEN (AT 856859) TO HOA LOC AND HOA THANH (AT 900805).

(2) NINTH MARINES. CO B GAVE ASSISTANCE TO REFUGEES ~~ON 15 AUGUST~~ AFTER A VC ATTACK AT (BT 037688) ✓ THE 2D BN AID STATION TREATED 39 PEOPLE.

(3) 3D AT BN. MED PERSONNEL TREATED 46 PEOPLE FROM THE VILLAGE OF YEN BAC (AT 985708).

B. CHU LAI TAOR. A MEDCAP TEAM TREATED 80 PEOPLE FROM THE HAMLET OF TICH TXK (1) VIC (BT 499039). ATHLETIC EQUIPMENT, DOLLS, SOAP AND MEDCAP MATERIAL HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY THE 4TH MARINES AND WILL BE DISTRIBUTED SHORTLY TO KY LIEN VILLAGE.  
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THIRD MARDIV SITREP NUMBER 103 AS OF 171600Z AUGUST 1965

1. THIRD MARINE DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS. FINAL PREPARATIONS WERE MADE FOR MAJOR OPERATIONS THAT WILL COMMENCE TOMORROW IN THE DA NANG AND CHU LAI TAOR'S. UNITS WERE FLOWN TO CHU LAI FROM 4TH DA NANG AND PHU BAI AS PART OF THESE PREPARATIONS. VC ACTIVITY WAS RELATIVELY LIGHT DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD.

A. HUE-EMU BAI TAOR. COMPANY K PATROLLED FROM (YD 891101) TO THE BN CP DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS AND FIVE SQUAD SIZE PATROLS WERE MADE IN THE BN CP-AIRFILED AREAS AT NIGHT. PLATOON SIZE NIGHT PATROLS WERE ALSO MADE FROM THE BN CP AREA TO AMBUSH POSITIONS AT (YD 821119) AND (YD 894086). THERE WAS NO VC ACTIVITY ENCOUNTERED BY ANY PATROLS OR AMBUSHES. CO L WAS FLOWN TO CHU LAI AND REPORTED TO OPOON OF THE 4TH MARI BS AT 171600H.

B. DA NANG TAOR~~SECRET~~(1) THIRD MARINES

(A) 1ST BN, 3D MARINES REMAINED ON A TWELVE HOUR ALERT DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD. NO PATROLS WERE CONDUCTED BEYOND MLR POSITIONS AND FIVE SQUAD AMBUSH POSITIONS ESTABLISHED ON AVENUES OF APPROACH INTO THE MLR POSITIONS HAD NO VC CONTACT.

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(B) 2ND BN, 3RD MARINES. THE MOBILE COMBAT BASE FROM CO E OPERATED WEST OF THE MSR VICINITY (AT 3683) WHILE THE CO'S FROM COMPANY G OPERATED EAST OF THE MSR IN GRID SQUARES (AT 9182) AND (AT 9183). COMPANY F CONTINUED ITS THREE DAY PLATOON PATROL OPERATION IN THE NORTHWESTERN PORTION OF THE TAOR. AT 170610H SNIPER FIRE WAS RECEIVED BY THIS PATROL FROM THE VICINITY OF THON HCA TRUNG (AT 847778). A SEARCH OF THE AREA RESULTED IN THIRTY VCS BEING APPREHENDED AND EVACUATED. TWENTY-FOUR WERE RELEASED AFTER QUESTIONING AND SIX WERE HELD FOR FURTHER INTERROGATION. THERE WERE NO USMC CASUALTIES DURING ANY OF THESE OPERATIONS. COMPANY H WAS FLOWN TO CHU LAI AND REPORTED TO OPCON OF THE 4TH MARINES AT 171600H.

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(C) 1ST BN, 12TH MARINES FIRED THIRTY FIVE H AND I, ONE FIRE FOR EFFECT AND SIX WILL ADJUST MISSIONS IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF THE 3D MARINES IN ADDITION, FORTY FOUR TRAINING MISSIONS WERE FIRED AS PART OF THE FORWARD OBSERVER'S SCHOOL NOW BEING CONDUCTED BY THE BN. TWO OF THE NIGHT MISSIONS WERE FIRED ON TARGETS DETECTED BY AN/TPS-21'S. TARGET AREAS RECEIVED EXCELLENT COVERAGE IN BOTH CASES AND ILLUMINATION DISCLOSED NO FURTHER VC ACTIVITY IN EITHER AREA. AMMO EXPENDED WAS: 105mm-526HE; 28 WP; AND 12 ILLUMINATION.

(D) NAVAL GUNFIRE. THE USS ORLECK (DD 886) FIRED FOUR WILL ADJUST MISSIONS ON SUSPECTED VC POSITIONS GOOD EFFECT ON TARGET AREA WAS THE SURVEILLANCE IN EACH CASE. TWENTYFIVE H, 35. WP; AND 8 ILLUMINATION R UNDS, ALL 5"/38 CALIBER, WERE EXPENDED.

(2) NINTH MARINES

(A) 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES. COMPANY C CONDUCTED TWO SQUAD PATROLS

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IN THE DUCNG SON (2) (AT 995675) AND GIANG DONG (BT 005687) AREAS. FIVE MORE SQUAD PATROLS WERE MADE BY COMPANY D IN THE AREA JUST SOUTH OF THE DA NANG AIRFIELD. NONE OF THE PATROLS HAD VC CONTACT. COMPANY B DISCOVERED TWO 105MM HE ROUNDS AND FIVE POUNDS OF EXPLOSIVES RIGGED AS A BOOBY TRAP WITH A BATTERY POWERED ELECTRICAL DETONATING DEVICE AT (BT 063697). DURING A SEARCH OF THIS GENERAL AREA ELEVEN VCS WERE APPREHENDED AT (BT 071695).

(B) 2D BN, 9TH MARINES. ALL COMPANIES REMAINED IN THEIR CURRENT POSITIONS EXCEPT COMPANY H, WHICH MOVED FROM DUCNG SON (1) (AT 995687) TO VICINITY OF YEN NE (2) AND (3) (AT 98368). NUMEROUS TRENCHES AND BOOBY TRAPS WERE FOUND IN THIS AREA AND THE COMPANY BEGAN RECEIVING SPORADIC SNIPING AND SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM THE CAM NE VILLAGE COMPLEX (AT 9969) DURING THE LATE AFTERNOON AND EARLY EVENING. AT 171617H ONE USMC WAS WIA (LATER DOW) VICINITY (AT 983686). AN ARTY MISSION WAS FIRED ON THE AREA FROM WHICH FIRE WAS BEING RECEIVED (AT 980688). AT 171845H, WHEN FIRING WAS RECEIVED AGAIN FROM THIS SAME GENERAL AREA AN AIR STRIKE WAS CONDUCTED AT 171915H. APPROXIMATELY SIX BUILDINGS WERE DESTROYED BY THIS STRIKE AND FIRING FROM CAM NE (2) CEASED.

(C) 3RD BN, 9TH MARINES CONTINUED TO ASSUME THE DEFENSE OF DA NANG AIRFIELD. THREE SQUAD PATROLS WERE CONDUCTED AROUND THE AIRFIELD PERIMETER DURING THE NIGHT WITHOUT VC CONTACT.

(D) 2ND BN, 12TH MARINES FIRED TWELVE H AND I AND ONE ADJUSTED MISSION IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF THE 9TH MARINES. AMMO EXPENDED WAS: 105MM NINETY FOUR HE.

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(3) 12TH MARINES. BTRY F REPORTED TO OPCON OF THE REGIMENT AT 170800H AND WAS ASSIGNED A GENERAL SUPPORT MISSION. THE BATTERY'S PRIMARY POSITION IS (AT 9640115). ONLY ONE MISSION WAS FIRED DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD. TWELVE ROUNDS OF 155mm HE WERE EXPENDED BY BTRY L REINFORCING THE 2ND BN, 12TH MARINES FIRES AT 171845H.

(4) 3RD RECON BN. NIGHT PATROLS OF RED BEACH ONE AND MED BEACH TWO, (AT 9383) TO (BT 0279) BY TWO PLATOONS WERE BEGUN DURING THIS PERIOD. THE FIRST PATROLS RETURNED AT 170520H WITHOUT INCIDENT OR VC CONTACT. CO A CONCLUDED A THREE DAY, PLATOON PATROL OPERATION IN THE EXTREME WESTERN PORTION OF THE TAOR AT 170805H WITHOUT INCIDENT. COMPANY A WAS FLOWN TO CHU LAI AND REPORTED TO OPCON OF THE 4TH MARINES AT APPROXIMATELY 171600H.

(5) 3RD ANTI TANK BN. A TEN MAN PATROL WAS SENT TO THE VILLAGE OF YEN BAC (AT 985708) AT 170800H. NO VC ACTIVITY WAS NOTED ALTHOUGH FIN SECTIONS FROM 60MM MORTARS WERE FOUND IN THE GENERAL AREA AND THE VILLAGERS WERE OBSERVED DODGING PROTECTIVE SHELTERS.

(6) 3RD ENGR BN HAS FIFTY-TWO MEN COMMITTED TO TACTICAL OPERATIONS. EIGHT MEN ARE ASSIGNED TO 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES AND FORTY FOUR TO 2D BN, 9TH MARINES AS MINE DETECTION AND DEMOLITION TEAMS. OPERATION OF THE FIVE FLOAT, CLASS SIXTY RAFT BEGANON THE SONG CAU DO RIVER VICINITY (AT 016715). THIS RAFT IS BEING USED TO MOVE HEAVY TACTICAL VEHICLES, SUCH AS TANKS, INTO THE SOUTH AND SOUTHEAST PORTIONS OF THE TAOR.

C. CHU LAI TAOR:

(1) 4TH MARINES HIGHLIGHTS. 2ND BN, 4TH MARINES AND 3D BN, 3D MARINES ARE PREPARING TO EXECUTE OPERATION STARBRITE, COMMENCING 18 AUG 1965. PATROLS

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WERE CONDUCTED AND AMBUSHES WERE ESTABLISHED THROUGHOUT THE TACR. ONE USMC WIA SUSTAINED.

(A) 1ST BN, 4TH MARINES. AT 170900H A DEMONSTRATION WAS REPORTED BY COMPANY A VICINITY (BS 518116). APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED VIETNAMESE PROTESTED THE USE OF A SEA BEE BULL DOZER IN CONSTRUCTION OF JUNK FLEET HEADQUARTERS. VIETNAMESE JUNK FORCE PERSONNEL FIRED SHOTS TO DISPERSE CROWD. NO INJURIES REPORTED. NO USMC PERSONNEL INVOLVED. CONDUCTED PATROLS AND ESTABLISHED AMBUSHES TO THE FRONT AND REAR OF THE DEFENSIVE POSITIONS. NO ENEMY CONTACT.

(B) 2ND BN, 4TH MARINES. THE OPERATION BY COMPANY E SCHEDULED TO COMMENCE 162100H CANCELLED DUE TO OPERATION STARLITE. AN AIRSTRIKE WAS CONDUCTED AT 170615H ALONG AN AXIS FROM (BT 4304) TO (BT 4001) TO DESTROY REPORTED BUNKERS, TRENCHES AND SPIDER HOLES. AIRCRAFT ~~EW~~ RECEIVED SA FIRE. NO USMC CASUALTIES. CONDUCTED PATROLS AND ESTABLISHED AMBUSHES THROUGHOUT DEFENSIVE POSITIONS. NO ENEMY CONTACT.

(C) 3RD BN, 3RD MARINES. COMPANY M CONDUCTED A NIGHT PATROL ON TRUNG PHAN PENINSULA. AT 171545H ONE USMC WIA RESULT OF BOOBY TRAP VICINITY (BT 652005). COMPANY K REMAINS IN REGIMENTAL RESERVE. CONDUCTED ~~PATROLS~~ AND ESTABLISHED AMBUSHES THROUGHOUT DEFENSIVE POSITIONS. NO ENEMY CONTACT.

(D) COMPANY C, 3RD TANK BN. FIRED H AND I FIRES AT GS (BS 393019), (BS 376018), AND (ES 376016). EXPENDED EIGHT ROUNDS WP AND SIXTEEN ROUNDS HE.

(E) RLT-2 HIGHLIGHTS. CONTINUES TO PREPARE CP SITE. 1ST BN, ~~4TH~~ MARINES MOVED INTO 3D BN, 3D MARINES' POSITIONS.

(A) RLT-2 HQS: COMPLETING PREPARATIONS FOR COMBINED HELICOPTER BOMBING AND AMPHIBIOUS ATTACK (OPERATION STARLITE).

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(b) 1ST BN, 7TH MARINES. COMPANY D REPORTED AT 162155H TIC  
406 TAC (BT 545028). VCS FLED, WHEN TWO ROUNDS FIRED BY USMC SENTRY. NO  
CASUALTIES. ASSUMED DEFENSIVE POSITIONS OF 3D BN, 3D MARINES.

## D SUMMARY

(1) MAJOR UNIT ACTIONS: NONE

(2) SMALL UNIT ACTIONS:

A. NIGHT CONTACTS: 2

B. DAY CONTACTS: 1

C. TOTAL CONTACTS: 3

D. ACTION WITHOUT CONTACTS: 75

E. BOX SCORES:

| PROVINCE/<br>COORDINATES   | DATE/TIME | ACTION                      | FRIENDLY UNIT/<br>LOSSES | ENEMY UNIT/<br>LOSSES |
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| QUANG NGAI/<br>(BT 6/2005) | 171745H   | PATROL                      | M/3/3<br>1 WIA           | UNKNOWN<br>NONE       |
| QUANG TAY/<br>(BT 5/2022)  | 162155H   | SENTRY                      | D/1/7<br>NONE            | UNKNOWN<br>NONE       |
| QUANG NAM/<br>(AT 4636E)   | 171617H   | DEFENSIVE H/2/9<br>POSITION | H/2/9<br>1 WIA (DOW)     | UNKNOWN<br>UNKNOWN    |

## 2. PLANS SUMMARY

A. THIRD MARDIV INTENTIONS

(1) HUE PHU DAU TAOR. 3D BN, 4TH MARINES WILL CONDUCT NORMAL  
SECONDARY PATROL AND AMBUSHES ACTIVITY IN THE BN CP-AIRFIELD AREAS ONLY  
DURING THE ABSENCE OF CO L.

(2) DA NANG TAOR.

(A) 3D MARINES WILL CONTINUE PLATOON SIZE PATROL OPERATIONS IN  
THE NORTHWEST PORTION OF THE TAOR AND ON BOTH SIDES OF THE RIVER. NO LARGER  
SCALE OPERATIONS ARE PLANNED WHILE COMPANY H IS ABSENT FROM THE TAOR.

(B) 9TH MARINES WILL LAUNCH THE CLEAR AND HOLD OPERATION IN THE CAM NE VILLAGE COMPLEX WITH THE 2ND BN, 9TH MARINES.

(C) 3D RECON BN. WILL FURNISH A PLATOON FROM COMPANY D TO SCREEN THE SOUTHERN FLANK OF 2D BN, 9TH MARINES DURING ITS EAST COAST ASSAULT ON THE CAM NE VILLAGE COMPLEX.

**(3) CHU LAI TAOR**

(A) EFFECTIVE AT 171800H 2D BN, 4TH MARINES AND 3D BN, 3D MARINES WERE DETACHED TO CO, 7TH MARINES TO CONDUCT A HELICOPTER AND AMPHIBIOUS OPERATION (STARLITE), COMMENCING 18 AUG 65, TO DESTROY VC FORCES IN THE VAN TUONG VILLAGE COMPLEX. COMPANY D, 1ST BN, 4TH MARINES CONTINUED OPERATION COUNT. OPERATION CONCLUDED AFTERNOON OF 18 AUG 65.

(4) DURING THE NEXT TWENTY FOUR HOURS UNITS OF THE 3D MARDIV WILL CONDUCT THIRTY NINE PATROLS AND ESTABLISH NINETEEN AMBUSHES.

**3. CIVIC ACTIONS**

**HUE-PHU BAI TAOR.** 243 PEOPLE WERE TREATED BY A DOCTOR AND FOUR CORPSMEN IN THE VILLAGE OF THUY LUONG (ID 8817).

**4. DA NANG TAOR**

(1) 3D MARINES. A TOTAL OF 230 PEOPLE WERE GIVEN MEDICAL TREATMENT TODAY AT DONG PHUOC (BT 001725), LE MY AND BN AID STATIONS AT 1ST BN, 3D MARINES AND 1ST BN, 12TH MARINES.

(2) 9TH MARINES. THE 2D BN, AID STATION TREATED THIRTY-FOUR VIETNAMESE TODAY. THE REGIMENTAL CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER AND S-2 VISITED THE CHIEF OF STAFF, I CORPS, ARVN TO PLAN AND COORDINATE CIVIL AFFAIRS ACTIVITIES THAT WILL BE CONDUCTED IN CONJUNCTION WITH FORTHCOMING TACTICAL OPERATIONS.

**C. CHU LAI TAOR.** APPROXIMATELY 125 PERSONS FROM CHU LAI HAMLET WERE TREATED BY THE MEDICAL CAP TEAM. PLANS ARE BEING DISCUSSED CONCERNING THE

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CONSTRUCTION OF A CHILDREN'S PLAY GROUND AND THE FEASIBILITY OF RAISING  
PIGS OFF MESSHALL GARAGE AT C'U LAY.

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THIRD MARINE DIVISION SITREP NUMBER 104 AS OF 181600Z AUG 65

1. THIRD MARDIV HIGHLIGHTS. IN THE DA NANG TAOR THE 2D BN, 9TH MARINES BEGAN CLEAR AND HOLD OPNS TODAY IN THE CAM NE VILLAGE COMPLEX JUST SOUTH OF THE SONG CAU DO RIVER. NO ORGANIZED RESISTANCE WAS ENCOUNTERED DURING THIS FIRST DAY'S ACTIVITIES AND THE TEN WIA'S INCURRED WERE THE RESULT OF MINE, BOOBY TRAPS AND FUNJI STAKES. AT CHU LAI, OPERATION "SKYLINE" COMMENCED AT 180615H AUG WITH PREP FIRES PLACED ON LZ'S RED VIC (BS 67095), WHITE VIC (BS 673928), AND BLUE VIC (BS 692917). TWO COMPANIES OF 3D BN, 3D MARINES LANDED ABEST OVER GREEN BEACH VIC (BS 719919). COS B, E, AND H, 3D BN, 4TH MARINES WERE RELIEFTED TO LZ'S RED, WHITE AND BLUE RESPECTIVELY. THE MISSION OF THIS OPN IS TO DESTROY VC FORCES IN THE VAN TUONG VILLAGE COMPLEX. DURING INITIAL STAGES OF THE LANING VC OPPOSITION WAS LIGHT, THEN GREW HEAVIER AS MARINE UNITS MOVED FORWARD. USMC SUSTAINED TWENTY-THREE KIA AND 133 WIA. DUE TO THE FLUID SITUATION IN THE BATTLE AREA NO

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ACCURATE VC COUNT HAS BEEN POSSIBLE, BUT INDICATIONS ARE THAT THEY WILL BE MODERATE TO HEAVY.

A. HUE-PHU BAI TAOR. DURING THE ABSENCE OF CO L FROM THE TAOR, 3D BN, 4TH MARINES CONDUCTED TEN SQUAD SIZE PATROLS WITHIN THE BN CP-AIRFIELD VITAL AREA AND THREE PLATOON SIZE PATROLS <sup>OUTSIDE</sup> OF THIS AREA. PLATOON AMBUSH PSNS WERE ESTABLISHED AT (YD 841155) AND (YD 889087). NO VC CONTACT WAS REPORTED DURING THIS PERIOD.

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B. DA NANG TAOR.

(1) THIRD MARINES. CONDUCTED EXTENSIVE SMALL UNIT PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITY THROUGHOUT THEIR AREAS BUT HAD NO VC CONTACT. TWENTY ONE VCS WERE APPREHENDED, TWELVE OF WHOM WERE RELEASED AFTER INITIAL INTERROGATION.

(A) 1ST BN, 3D MARINES. ESTABLISHED FOURTEEN SQD SIZE AMBUSHES FORWARD OF THEIR MSR PSNS. PATROLS WERE CONDUCTED TO AND FROM THESE PSNS BUT FOUND NO EVIDENCE OF VC ACTIVITY.

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(B) 2D BN, 3D MARINES. CO F CONTINUED TO MANTAIN ONE PLAT ON A FOUR-DAY PATROL OPN IN THE NORTHWEST PORTION OF THE TAOR. THERE WAS NO VC CONTACT MADE DURING THE DAY, AND NIGHT POSITIONS WERE ESTABLISHED VIC (AT 824165). CO G AND CO E CONTINUED TO OPERATE PLAT SIZE MOBILE COMBAT BASES EAST AND WEST OF THE MSR RESPECTIVELY. CO G'S PLATOON HAD NO VC CONTACT, BUT THE PLATOON FROM CO E APPREHENDED TWENTY ONE VCS DURING THE DAY VIC GS (AT 8683). ONE WAS IDENTIFIED AS A VC BY A LOCAL VILLAGE CHIEF AND EIGHT OTHERS WERE STILL CONSIDERED SUSPECT AFTER INITIAL INTERROGATION BY HMA. THIS GROUP OF NINE WAS HELD FOR FURTHER INTERROGATION.

THE OTHER TWELVE WERE RELEASED. NINE SQUAD SIZE AMBUSH PSNS WERE ESTABLISHED THROUGHOUT THE BN'S AREA DURING THE NIGHT BUT NO VC CONTACT WAS MADE.

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(C) 1ST BN, 12TH MARINES. SIXTY THREE H&I MISSIONS AND ONE "WILL ADJUST" MISSION WERE FIRED DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD. THE ADJUSTED MISSION WAS FIRED AFTER DARK ON BOTH STATIONARY AND MOVING LIGHTS OBSERVED AT (AT 858851). ROUNDS LANDED ON TARGET AND LIGHTS WERE EXTINGUISHED. TOTAL ROUNDS EXPENDED <sup>WERE</sup> 126 HE AND THIRTY FOUR WP, ALL 105MM.

(2) NINTH MARINES. WITH TWO OF ITS COMPANIES AS A CLEARING FORCE AND THE OTHER TWO IN BLOCKING PSNS, 2D BN, 9TH MARINES COMMENCED A CLEAR AND HOLD OPN AT 180830H THROUGH THE LENSELY POPULATED CAM NE AREA (AT 9868) AND (AT 9768). BY NIGHTFALL THE OPN HAD PROGRESSED WESTWARD TO NORTH-SOUTH GRID LINE (AT 98). ORGANIZED RESISTANCE WAS NOT ENCOUNTERED DURING THE ADVANCE. TEN CASUALTIES WERE SUSTAINED BY THE 2D BN DURING THE DAY FROM MINES, BOOBY TRAPS, AND SHARPENED STAKES. VILLAGERS WERE WARNED TWO HOURS PRIOR TO THE OPN TO MOVE TO COLLECTION POINTS MANAGED BY MARINES AND HOA VANG DISTRICT OFFICIALS. LEAFLET DROPS AND AIRBORNE LOUDSPEAKERS WERE USED TO MAKE THE ANNOUNCEMENT.

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(A) 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES. CONTINUED TO MAN DEFENSES SOUTH OF DA NANG AIR BASE. THE BN CONDUCTED THIRTEEN PATROLS, ONE AMBUSH, AND NINE LISTENING POSTS DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD. ELEMENTS OF THE BN WERE ASSIGNED SECURITY OF THE F105 AIR DUMP (AT 987733) AND THE RAILROAD BRIDGE AND WATER POINT AT (AT 998707).

(B) 2D BN, 9TH MARINES. COMMENCED CLEAR AND HOLD

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OPN IN CAU NE COMPLEX (AT 9868 AND AT 9768). TWO CO'S WERE USED TO CLEAR AS THE OTHER TWO OCCUPIED BLOCKING PSNS.

ARRIVED BY RUBBER BOAT OVER THE CAU DO AND YEN RIVERS. **SECRET** ESTABLISHED BLOCKING PSNS AT 180327H FROM VIC (AT 972697) TO (AT 983684) INTO BLOCKING PSNS VIC (AT 964680), (AT 975680), AND (AT 983684), COMPLETING THE MOVE BY 180630H. CO'S E AND F WERE IN PSN ON THE LOD (AT 995690) AND (AT 994687) BY 180725H. AT 180640H WARNING LEAFLETS WERE DROPPED BY HELO, AND WITHIN MINUTES A HELO-MOUNTED LOUDSPEAKER ANNOUNCED THE OPN TO THE CAU NE VILLAGERS. THEY WERE URGED TO MOVE TO A COLLECTION POINT LOCATED (AT 998699). AT 180830H CO'S E AND F CROSSED LOD. THE CLEARING FORCE FOUND THE HAMLETS ALMOST DESERTED AND ENCOUNTERED NO RESISTANCE. TEN MARINES WERE KILLED DURING THE DAY'S SEARCH, ALL CAUSED BY BOOBY TRAPS, MINES, AND SHARPENED STAKES. BY NIGHTFALL, CO'S E AND F HAD ADVANCED TO NORTH-SOUTH GRID LINE (AT 98) AND ESTABLISHED OVERNIGHT DEFENSES. CO'S G AND H TIED IN FOR THE NIGHT IN THEIR BLOCKING PSNS AND Began AMBUSH AND PATROL ACTIVITY. A TOTAL OF 202 CIVILIANS RESPONDED TO THE LEAFLET AND LOUDSPEAKER WARNINGS. THE COLLECTION POINT (AT 998699) RECEIVED 102 OF THE REFUGEES, FROM AMONG WHOM TWO VCS WERE REMOVED. ANOTHER 100 CIVILIANS CROSSED THE CAN DO RIVER TO SEEK REFUGEE AT HILL 67 (AT 975707).

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6C) THIRD BN, 9TH MARINES. COMPLETED THREE NIGHT AND TWO DAY PATROLS DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD. ALL WERE CONDUCTED NORTH OF THE DA NANG AIR BASE. ONE PATROL RECEIVED FIRE AT 180330H NEAR (AT 999769) WHILE RESULTED IN ONE MARINE KIA AND ONE WIA. ESTIMATED TEN VC PROBED THE

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PERIMETER VIC POSTS EIGHT AND NINE AT SOUTH END OF AIRFIELD AT 172255H, BETWEEN 180243H AND 180330H, FIRE WAS RECEIVED VIC POSTS NINETEEN AND TWENTY ON NORTH END OF THE AIRFIELD, AGAIN FROM ESTIMATED EIGHT TO TEN VC USING AUTO WPNS AND GRENADES. NO MARINE CASUALTIES. <sup>NO</sup> VC CASUALTIES **SECRET** CONFIRMED.

(D) 2D BN, 12TH MARINES. FIRED FIVE MISSIONS AGAINST SUSPECTED VC PSNS (AT 972690) AND (AT 984692), EX- PENDING 99 RDS HE.

(3) 12TH MARINES. ALL BATTERIES REMAINED IN THEIR PRIMARY PSNS AND THE ONLY MISSIONS FIRED WERE EIGHT H&I MISSIONS FIRED BY LIMA BTRY AT TARGETS IMMEDIATELY SOUTH OF THE AREA IN WHICH 2D BN, 9TH MARINES COMMENCED CLEAR AND HOLD OPNS TODAY. SIXTEEN RDS OF 155MM HE WERE EXPENDED.

(4) 3D ENGR BN. THE BN CONTINUED TO FURNISH FIFTY- TWO MEN TO SUPPORT 9TH MARINES OPNS. THESE COMBAT ENGRS ARE ORGANIZED INTO MINE DETECTION AND DEMOLITION TEAMS. ANOTHER CLASS BEGAN THE TWO-DAY BN SCHOOL ON LAND MINE WARFARE TODAY. THIS CLASS IS COMPRISER OF TWENTY MEN FROM 1ST BN, 3D MARINES.

(5) 3D TK BN. A TWENTY-SIX MAN NIGHT PATROL, CONDUCTED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE 3D AT BN AND 1ST AMTRAC BN, WAS INITIATED AT 182200H. THIS PATROL IS SCHEDULED TO COVER THE AREA VIC (AT 9870). NO VC CONTACTS WERE REPORTED AT THE END OF THE PERIOD.

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C. CHU LAI TAOR

(1) 4TH MARINE HIGHLIGHTS. THE 2D BN, 4TH MARINES (-)(REIN) AND 3D BN, 3D MARINES (-)(REIN) <sup>WERE</sup> DETACHED TO THE CO 7TH MARINES EFFECTIVE 171800H FOR OPERATION "STARLITE".

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DURING THIS PERIOD PATROLS WERE CONDUCTED AND AMBUSHES ESTABLISHED THROUGHOUT THE 4TH AND 7TH MARINES TAOR BY REPLACEMENT UNITS. NO CONTACT REPORTED.

(A) 1ST BN, 4TH MARINES. PATROLS WERE CONDUCTED **SECRET** AND AMBUSHES ESTABLISHED THROUGHOUT DEFENSIVE PSNS. CO C, 1ST BN, 4TH MARINES OCCUPIED A SECTOR OF THE BN'S DEFENSIVE PSNS. NO ENEMY CONTACT.

(B) 2D BN, 4TH MARINES. DUE TO THE ATTACHMENT OF THIS BN TO THE 7TH MARINES, THE DEFENSIVE PSNS WERE OCCUPIED BY CO A, <sup>3D</sup> RECON BN; CO L, 3D BN, 4TH MARINES; AND CO E, 2D BN, 3D MARINES. PATROLS WERE CONDUCTED AND AMBUSHES ESTABLISHED THROUGHOUT THE DEFENSIVE PSNS. NO ENEMY CONTACT.

(C) 3D BN, 3D MARINES. DUE TO THE ATTACHMENT OF THIS BN TO THE 7TH MARINES, THE DEFENSIVE PSNS WERE OCCUPIED BY THE 1ST BN, 7TH MARINES. PATROLS WERE CONDUCTED AND AMBUSHES ESTABLISHED THROUGHOUT THE DEFENSIVE PSNS. NO ENEMY CONTACT.

(D) CO C, 3D TANK BN. CO FIRED B&I MISSIONS FROM 182400H TO 180300H, EXPENDING SIXTEEN HE RDS AND EIGHT WP RDS.

(E) 3D BN, 12TH MARINES. FIRED THREE "WILL ADJUST" ONE REGISTRATION/CONCENTRATION AND TWENTY-THREE MISSIONS. EXPENDED 210 RDS.

(2) 7TH MARINES HIGHLIGHTS. COMMENCED OPERATION **SECRET** "STARLITE" WITH THE LANDING OF THE 3D BN, 3D MARINES ACROSS GREEN BEACH AT 180650H PIC (BS 719919) WITH TWO CO'S ABREAST, AND HELI-LIFTING THE 2D BN, 4TH MARINES TO LZ'S RED, WHITE AND BLUE. USMC UNITS SUSTAINED TWENTY-THREE KIA'S AND 131 WIA'S. NO ACCURATE VC CASUALTIES AVAILABLE DUE TO THE FLUID SITUATION. THEY ARE EXPECTED TO BE MODERATE TO HEAVY.

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(A) 7TH MARINES, CO, 7TH MARINES AT 181350H

REQUESTED THE LANDING OF TWO COMPANIES OF THE SLF

(3D BN, 7TH MARINES). PERMISSION WAS GRANTED BY CG,

3D MARDIV AND CO'S L AND M COMMENCED THEIR HELILIFT AT

181600H TO VIC (BS 695939). AT 181620H CO, 7TH MARINES

REQUESTED THAT THE TWO REMAINING COMPANIES OF THE SLF (3D

BN, 7TH MARINES) ABOARD THE APA BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR DE-

PLOYMENT. REQUEST WAS PARTIALLY GRANTED AT 181630H AND ONE COMPANY SUB-

SEQUENTLY LANDED OVER GREEN BEACH. THE FINAL COMPANY

REMAINED AFLOAT AS RESERVE.

(B) RLT-7 HQS (REAR). REGIMENTAL HQCO ESTABLISHED

A STATIC DEFENSE FOR RLT-7 (REAR) AND THE CLASS V DUMP FOR

THE CHU LAI TAOR AND PLANS TO REINFORCE A PLATOON FROM CO C,

1ST RECON BN WITH A COMPOSITE PLATOON FROM HQCO.

(C) 3D BN, 3D MARINES. CO'S K AND L LANDED ABREAST

OVER GREEN BEACH AT 180650H VIC (BS 719919). CO L RECEIVED

SOME SA FIRE UPON LANDING. AT 180900H 81MM MORTAR FIRE WAS

RECEIVED VIC (BS 716926). CO M MOVED OVERLAND UNDER THE

COVER OF DARKNESS TO SET UP A BLOCKING PSN AT LZ YELLOW VIC

(BS 716926), ARRIVING IN PSN AT 180540H. AT 180920H A HOWTAR

BTRY WAS HELILIFTED INTO LZ YELLOW VIC (BS 716926) TO SUPPORT

THE OPNS. AT 181040H 3D BN, 3D MARINES COMPLETED LINK-UP WITH

2D BN, 4TH MARINES. CO K REPORTED SNIPER FIRE AT 181115H.

BY THE AFTERNOON OF 18 AUG THE HOWTAR BTRY HAD EXPENDED A

TOTAL OF 432 RDS IN SUPPORT OF THE OPN.

(D) 2D BN, 4TH MARINES. CO G BEGAN ITS HELILIFT TO LZ RED AT 180645H VIC (BS 670950) WITH CO E SCHEDULED

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TO BE HELILIFTED TO LZ WHITE AT 180715H VIC (BS 67928) AND CO H TO LZ BLUE AT 180730H VIC (BS 692917). BN REPORTED RECEIVING 60MM MORTAR FIRE AT 180934H VIC (BS 680933). TWO TANKS FROM CO C, 3D TANK BN WERE DAMAGED BY 57MM RECOILLESS RIFLE FIRE AT 181104H. BOTH TANKS WERE REPAIRED AND RETURNED TO ACTION LATER IN THE DAY. AT 181155H CO G HAD FOUGHT THEIR WAY TO PHASE LINE A, CO E HAD REACHED (BS 683939), CO H WAS VIC (BS 693927) AND THE BN CP DISPLACED TO VIC (BS 681-937). AN AIR STRIKE WAS CALLED IN AT 181212H VIC (BS 685916). AT 181225H MORTAR FIRE WAS RECEIVED FROM VIC (BS 672948). AT 181800H CO G LOC VIC (BS 678969) TO (BS 684971), CO E VIC (687956) AND CO H VIC (BS 693927), ARTY FIRE WAS CALLED DOWN AND RESULTED IN THREE VC KIA.

(E) HMM-361. SIXTEEN OUT OF THE SQUADRON'S EIGHTEEN AIRCRAFT WERE HIT BY ENEMY GROUND FIRE. ONE UH-34 DOWNED AT 181345H VIC (BS 712972) COULD NOT BE REPAIRED AND WAS DESTROYED BY AN AIR STRIKE AT 181415H.

(F) HMM-261. TWO UH-34'S HIT BY ENEMY GROUND FIRE.

(G) VMO-2. TWO UH-1H'S HIT BY ENEMY GROUND FIRE.

(H) CO B, 3D MEDICAL BN. AT 181315H, REQUESTED FIFTY WIA BE EVACUATED TO CO C, 3D MEDICAL BN AT DA NANG. 23 USMC KIA AND 131 WIA BY UNITS ENGAGED IN OPERATION "STARLITE".

#### D. SUMMARY

##### (1) MAJOR UNIT ACTION

(A) TYPE OPERATION: CLEAR AND HOLD

(B) AREA OF OPERATION: QUANG NAM (AT 976917) ~~976917~~  
(AT 996917) - (AT 9867) - (AT 9667).

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(C) UNITS PARTICIPATING: 2D BN, 9TH MARINES  
 (D) TIME OF COMMENCEMENT: 180838H  
 (E) TIME OF TERMINATION: CONTINUING  
 (F) RESULTS:

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| <u>FRIENDLY LOSSES</u> | <u>ENEMY LOSSES</u> |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| KIA: NONE              | KIA: NONE           |
| WIA: TEN               | WIA: NONE           |
|                        | VCS: TWO            |
|                        | WEAPONS: NONE       |

(2) MAJOR UNIT ACTION

(A) TYPE OF OPERATION: SEARCH AND DESTROY  
 (B) AREA OF OPERATION: QUANG NGAI (BS 6696),  
 BS 6397, (BS 7192), AND (BS 7294)  
 (C) UNITS PARTICIPATING: 2D BN, 4TH MARINES;

3D BN, 3D MARINES; 3D BN, 7TH MARINES.

(D) TIME OF COMMENCEMENT: 180615H.  
 (E) TIME OF TERMINATION: CONTINUING  
 (F) RESULTS:

| <u>FRIENDLY LOSSES</u> | <u>ENEMY LOSSES</u>           |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| KIA: 23                | AT PRESENT DUE TO THE         |
| WIA: 131               | FLUID SITUATION AN            |
|                        | ACCURATE COUNT CANNOT BE      |
|                        | ASCERTAINED. EXPECT VC LOSSES |
|                        | TO BE MODERATE TO HEAVY.      |

(3) SMALL UNIT ACTIONS

(A) NIGHT CONTACTS: 1  
 (B) DAY CONTACTS: NONE  
 (C) TOTAL CONTACTS: 1  
 (D) ACTIONS WITHOUT CONTACT: 106  
 (E) BOX SCORES:

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| PROVINCE/<br>COORDINATES    | DATE/TIME           | ACTION               | FRIENDLY<br>LOSSES    | IT, NEMY<br>LOSSES |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| QUANG NAM/<br>VIC (BT 0174) | 172255H-<br>180345H | AFLD DEF<br>POSITION | 3/9<br>1 KIA<br>2 WIA | UNKNOWN<br>UNKNOWN |

2. PLANS SUMMARYA. THIRD MARINE DIVISION INTENTIONS**SECRET**

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(1) THIRD MARINES. IN THE 1ST BN, 3D MARINES AREA SEVENTEEN VIETNAMESE WERE GIVEN MED TREATMENT AT THE BN AID

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STATION (AT 950720). 143 PEOPLE WERE TREATED AT THE LE MY DISPENSARY IN THE 2D BN, 3D MARINES AREA. THE BN S-2 VISITED THE VILLAGE CHIEF OF HOA VINH (AT 900800) AND DISCUSSED ESTABLISHING A TELEPHONE LINE FROM THE VILLAGE OFFICE TO THE BN CP AND ARRANGED FOR A NEW POLITICAL ACTION TEAM TO BE BROUGHT INTO HOA VINH. THE BN SURGEON DEPARTED FOR SAIGON WITH A NINETEEN MONTH OLD GIRL FROM HOA VINH WHO IS BEING TAKEN THERE FOR AN OPN TO CORRECT A CLEFT PALATE.

(2) NINTH MARINES. TWENTY SIX CIVILIANS WERE TREATED AT THE 2D BN'S AID STATION TODAY AND FOOD WAS DISTRIBUTED TO THE 202 REFUGEES EVACUATED FROM THE CAM NE VILLAGES AS A RESULT OF THE 2D BN'S OPN THERE TODAY.

B. CHU LAI TAOR. SEVENTY-FIVE VILLAGERS WERE TREATED WITH MEDCAP SUPPLIES AT TICH TAY (3) (BT 503048).

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1. THIRD MARINE DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS. IN THE DA NANG TAOR THE 2d BN, 9TH MARINES COMPLETED CLEARING OPERATIONS BEGUN YESTERDAY IN THE CAM NE VILLAGE COMPLEX. THREE USMC WIA'S WERE INCURRED DURING TODAY'S ACTIVITIES. OPERATION STARLITE CONTINUED UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE 7TH MARINES.

2nd BN, 4TH MARINES AND 3D BN, 3D MARINES MOVED ~~IN~~ NORTH TO THE SEA SECURING THE BEACH AREA FROM THE NORTH VIC (BS 7197) SOUTH TO VIC (BS 7295). ELEMENTS OF THE 3D BN, 7TH MARINES MOVED ASHORE AND MOVED INTO THEIR OBJECTIVE AREA VIC (BS 6992). V.C. RESISTANCE WAS MODERATE TO HEAVY.

A. HUE-PHU BAI TAOR. COMPANY M OPERATED IN THE TAOR OUTSIDE THE VITAL AREA DURING THIS PERIOD. ONE PLATOON ~~WILL~~ MANNED THE OP ON HILL 225 WHILE THE OTHER TWO OCCUPIED NIGHT DEFENSIVE POSITIONS AT (YD 841155) AND (YD 889087). AT FIRST LIGHT THESE AMBUSH POSITIONS WERE DEACTIVATED AND LOCAL PATROLS WERE CONDUCTED THROUGHOUT THE DAY. AFTER NIGHTFALL DEFENSIVE/AMBUSH POSITIONS WERE RE-ESTABLISHED. THERE WAS NO VC CONTACT DURING THIS PERIOD.

B. DA NANG TAOR**SECRET**

(A) 1ST BN, 3RD MARINES. FOURTEEN SQUAD AMBUSH POSITIONS WERE DEACTIVATED AT FIRST LIGHT AND RETURNED TO THEIR COMPANY AREAS WITH (UT AUG 21 1965)

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VC CONTACT. A PLATOON FROM COMPANY A PATROLLED TO AND SEARCHED HOI VUC (AT 871708) WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. TWELVE MORE AMBUSHES WERE ESTABLISHED AT 192200H. NO VC CONTACT HAS BEEN REPORTED.

(B) 2ND BN, 3RD MARINES. THE PLATOON FROM COMPANY F COMPLETED ITS PATROL OPERATION IN THE NORTHWEST PORTION OF THE TAOR DURING THIS PERIOD. DURING THE MORNING TH VILLAGE OF THON PHUOC SON (AT 8776) WAS SEARCHED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. AT 191200H THREE VCS WERE APPREHENDED AT (AT 860762) AND WERE RETURNED TO THE COMPANY CP WITH THE PATROL AT 191445H. AT 192000H <sup>THE</sup> PLATOON FROM COMPANY E CROSSED ~~THE~~ CA DE SONG BY RUBBER BOATS AND ~~ESTABLISHED~~ SQUAD BLOCKING POSITIONS AT (AT 879832), (AT 885873) AND (AT 892832) IN PREPARATION FOR A SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION TO BE CONDUCTED IN TAUONG DIHN.

(C) 1ST BN, 12TH MARINES FIRED 136 H&I AND FIVE WILL ADJUST MISSIONS IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF THE 3RD MARINES. ROUNDS EXPENDED WERE 296HE, SIXTEEN ILLUM AND EIGHTEEN WP, ALL 105MM.

(D) NAVAL GUNFIRE. BETWEEN 191327H AND 191530 THE HENDERSON (DD-785) FIRED SEVEN MISSIONS ~~ON~~ SUSPECTED VC POSITIONS AND TRAILS SUSPECTED TO BE USED BY THE VC. 251 ROUNDS OF HE AND FIVE ROUNDS OF WP, ALL 5" /38 CALIBER WERE EXPENDED.

## 2. NINETH MARINES

(A) 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES CONDUCTED TEN PATROLS AND TWO AMBUSHES DURING THIS PERIOD. FIVE PATROLS WERE CONDUCTED IN THE AREA BETWEEN THE SOUTHERN EDGE OF DA NANG AIRFIELD AND THE SONG CAU DO RIVER WITHOUT INCIDENT. ALL OTHER PATROLS WERE IN BATTALION AREAS SOUTH OF THE RIVER. AT 191430H A PATROL FROM COMPANY B RECEIVED APPROXIMATELY FIFTY ROUNDS OF SMALL ARMS/AUTO WEAPONS FIRE VIC (BT 048717). FIRE WAS RETURNED AND TREE LINE FROM WHERE IT CAME WAS ASSAULTED BUT NO VC WERE FOUND. THERE WERE NO FRIENDLY CASUALTIES.

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(B) 2nd BN, 9TH MARINES COMPLETED CLEARING OPERATIONS IN THE CAM NE VILLAGE COMPLEX TODAY. NO RESISTANCE WAS MET AS COMPANY E AND COMPANY F MOVED WEST THROUGH THE CAM NE VILLAGES TO THE SONG YEN RIVER BUT COMPANY H, OCCUPYING BLOCKING POSITIONS TO THE SOUTH OF THE VILLAGES, REPORTED TWO USMC WIA BY SNIPER FIRE AT 190935H. COMPANY F SUSTAINED ONE MINOR WIA (HAND WOUND) AS A RESULT OF A ROCKY TRAPPED FENCE DURING THE CLEARING OPERATIONS. AT 191300H COMPANY G, OCCUPYING BLOCKING POSITIONS TO THE WEST OF THE CAM NE AREA, REPORTED RECEIVING SNIPER FIRE FROM CAM NE (3) (AT 964684). FIRE WAS RETURNED AND THE SNIPER WAS SHOT OUT OF A TREE. ALL COMPANIES ESTABLISHED DEFENSIVE POSITIONS FOR THE NIGHT AND NO FURTHER VC ACTIVITY WAS REPORTED.

(C) 3RD BN, 9TH MARINES CONDUCTED THREE PATROLS IN THE AREA IMMEDIATELY NORTH OF DA NANG AIRFIELD WITH NO VC CONTACT. THE BATTALION CONTINUED TO DEFEND AIRFIELD PERIMETER POSITIONS WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT.

(D) 12TH MARINES. THE 8 INCH HC BTRY FIRED TEN H&I MISSIONS AT SUSPECTED VC CAMPSITES AND ONE MISSION IN REINFORCEMENT OF 1ST BN, 12TH MARINES. TWENTY-NINE ROUNDS OF HE WERE EXPENDED. FOXTROT BTRY FIRED ONE PRECISION REGISTRATION AND THIRTEEN TRNG MISSIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE 2ND BATTALION'S FO SCHOOL. TOTAL ROUNDS EXPENDED WERE 123 105MM HE.

(4) 3RD RECON BN CONTINUED TO SUPPORT DIVISION OPERATIONS IN THE DA NANG TAOR WITH COMPANY D. COMPANY A REMAINS AT CHU LAI IN SUPPORT OF 4TH MARINES OPERATIONS THERE. CONTINUOUS PLATOON PATROLS OF RED BEACHES ONE AND TWO WERE CONDUCTED DURING HOURS OF DARKNESS WITHOUT VC CONTACT. COMMENCING 192200H ONE TEAM MOVED ACROSS THE CA DE SONG RIVER BY RUBBER BOAT AND ESTABLISHED AN OP IN (AT 878837). THIS OP WILL SUPPORT A COMPANY SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION NORTH OF THE RIVER BY 2ND BN, 3D MARINES.

~~SECRET~~C. CHU LAI TACR

(1) FOURTH MARINES HIGHLIGHTS. PATROLLING WAS CONDUCTED AND AMBUSHES WERE ESTABLISHED THROUGHOUT THE TAOR. NO ENEMY CONTACT REPORTED.

(A) 1ST BN 4TH MARINES. CONDUCTED LOCAL PATROLS, MAINTAINED COMBAT OUTPOSTS, AND ESTABLISHED AMBUSHES TO THE REAR AND FRONT OF THE DEFENSIVE POSITIONS. NO ENEMY CONTACT.

(B) 2ND BN, 4TH MARINES. COMPANIES E, G, AND H ARE PARTICIPATING IN OPERATION STARLITE. POSITIONS OCCUPIED BY UNITS FROM OTHER ENCLAVES. LOCAL PATROLLING WAS CONDUCTED AND AMBUSHES WERE ESTABLISHED TO THE FRONT AND REAR OF THE DEFENSIVE POSITIONS. NO ENEMY CONTACT.

(C) 1ST BN, 7TH MARINES. CONDUCTED PATROLS AND ESTABLISHED AMBUSHES TO THE REAR OF THE DEFENSIVE POSITIONS. NO ENEMY CONTACT.

(D) COMPANY C, 3D TANK BN. FIRED H&I MISSIONS FROM 2400 TO 0300 HOURS. EXPENDED 16 HE AND 8 ROUNDS OF WP.

(E) 3RD BN, 12TH MARINES: FIRED FIVE WILL ADJUST, AND TWENTY-EIGHT H&I MISSIONS. EXPENDED 275 R UNDS.

(2) 7TH MARINES. OPERATION STA LITE CONTINUED WITH LIGHT TO MODERATE VC RESISTANCE. NAVAL GUNFIRE WAS EMPLOYED THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT PROVIDING BATTLEFIELD ILLUMINATION AND NEUTRALIZATION OF VC TARGETS. NIGHT DEFENSIVE POSITIONS HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED FROM VIC (BS 686968) SOUTHEAST OF THE VILLAGE AU THOI (2) VIC (BS 695932) NORTH TO VIC (BS 722934). THE VILLAGE OF AU THOI (2) HAD CONTINUED TO BE AN AREA OF HEAVY FIGHTING WITH THE VC DEFENDING WITH AUTOMATIC WEAPONS, 60MM AND 82MM MORTARS AND 57MM RECOILLESS RIFLES. AT 191030H THE 3D BN, 7TH MARINES MOVED INTO THE AU THOI (2) VILLAGE COMPLEX TO CONTINUE SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS. AT 191030H A GROUP OF ABOUT 100 VC WERE SIGHTED IN THE VIC OF BS 725949 ATTEMPTING TO ESCAPE TO THE SEA. DIRECT NAVAL GUNFIRE WAS BROUGHT TO BEAR ON THE TARGET GIVING EXCELLENT EFFECT. 2ND BN, 4TH MARINES

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MOVED NORTHWEST AT 190700H FROM DEFENSIVE POSITIONS ESTABLISHED ON THE LEFT. AT 190707H, 3D BN, 3D MARINES MOVED FROM THEIR DEFENSIVE POSITIONS ~~NORTHWEST~~ TO SECURE VIC (BS 7295). AS THE 2ND BN, 4TH MARINES CONTINUED NORTH, HEAVY RESISTANCE WAS ENCOUNTERED IN THE COASTAL VILLAGE OF PHUOC THUAN VIC (BS 711970) AT 191100H. MARINE AIR STRIKES COUPLED WITH NAVAL GUNFIRE SILENCED SMALL ARMS FIRE AND THE UNIT CONTINUED ITS ADVANCE TO THE BEACH. THE 3D BN, 3D MARINES RECEIVED HEAVY SMALL ARMS FIRE VIC (BS 712954). MARINE AIR STRIKES WERE CALLED REDUCING FURTHER OPPPOSITION AND THE 3D BN, 3D MARINES CONTINUED THEIR ADVANCE TO THE BEACH ARRIVING AT 191230H. EACH BATTALION CONTINUED Mopping UP OPERATIONS AFTER ARRIVING AT THE ~~HEAD~~ <sup>BEACH</sup> WITH THE 2D BN MOVING NORTH AND THE 3D BN MOVING SOUTH EACH SECURING THEIR PENINSULAS. THE 2D BN, 4TH MARINES ESTABLISHED NIGHT DEFENSIVE POSITIONS VIC (BS 712968) NORTH TO VIC (BS 715697). THE 3D BN, 3D MARINES MOVED SOUTH TO VIC (BS 7194) ESTABLISHING DEFENSIVE POSITIONS IN THIS AREA. THE 3D BN, 7TH MARINES ESTABLISHED DEFENSIVE POSITIONS IN VIC OF (BS 6992). IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT IN ALL VILLAGES NUMEROUS SPIDER TRAPS AND CAVES WERE LOCATED. THESE YIELDED REFUGEES, VCS AND NUMEROUS EXPLOSIVES. ADDITIONALLY, THIS AREA WAS WELL SATURATED WITH BARRIERS AND DEFENSIVE POSITIONS. THE ENEMY WAS WELL-TRAINED, WELL EQUIPPED AND POSSESSED A DESIRE TO FIGHT. ALTHOUGH THE ENEMY ENCOUNTERED WORE VARIOUS TYPES OF CLOTHING, ONE GROUP WAS OBSERVED TO WEAR A UNIFORM SIMILAR TO THE VIETNAMESE MARINE, HELMET WITH CAMOUFLAGE PRINT UNIFORMS. IN ENGAGING THE ENEMY EXTENSIVE FIRE SUPPORT WAS USED INCLUDING MARINE AIR AND ARTILLERY, ARMY UH1E'S AND NAVAL GUNFIRE. WILL CONTINUE SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN THE AREA OF OPERATION TOXRET~~TOXRET~~ DESTROY REMAINING ENEMY FORCES AND FORTIFICATIONS AND SEEK ITEMS OF INTELLIGENCE VALUE.

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D. SUMMARY(1) MAJOR UNIT ACTION**SECRET**

(A) TYPE OPERATION: CLEAR AND HOLD

(B) AREA OF OPERATION: QUANG NAM (AT 9769), (AT 9969), (AT 9867)  
(AT 9667).

(C) UNITS PARTICIPATING: 2ND BN, 9TH MARINES

(D) TIME OF COMMENCEMENT: CONTINUED

(E) TIME OF TERMINATION: 191500H

(F) RESULTS:

FRIENDLY LOSSES

KIA: NONE

WIA: THREE

ENEMY LOSSES

KIA: ONE

WIA: NONE

VCS: NONE

WEAPONS: NONE

(2) MAJOR UNIT ACTION:

(A) TYPE OF OPERATION: SEARCH AND DESTROY

(B) AREA OF OPERATION: QUANG NGAI (RS 6696), (RS 6897), (RS 7192),  
(RS 7294).(C) UNITS PARTICIPATING: 2ND BN, 9TH MARINES; 3D BN, 3D MARINES;  
3D BN, 7TH MARINES.

(D) TIME OF COMMENCEMENT: CONTINUED

(E) TIME OF TERMINATION: CONTINUING

(F) RESULTS:

FRIENDLY LOSSES

KIA: 52

WIA: 205

ENEMY LOSSES

KIA: 550 (ESTIMATE)

WIA: UNK

VCS: 22 48

WEAPONS: UNDETERMINED AT THIS TIME DUE  
TO FLUID SITUATION. HOWEVER,  
REPORTS INDICATE NUMEROUS SA  
WEAPONS HAVE BEEN CAPTURED.**SECRET**

(3) SMALL UNIT ACTIONS

(A) NIGHT CONTACTS: NONE

(B) DAY CONTACTS: NONE

(C) TOTAL CONTACTS: NONE

(D) ACTIONS WITH OUT CONTACT: 90

## 2. PLANS SUMMARY

4. THIRD MARINE DIVISION INTENTIONS(1) HUE-PHU BAI TAOR. TWO PLATOONS FROM COMPANY M, OPERATING OUTSIDE THE M24 POSITIONS, WILL PATROL FROM THEIR NIGHT POSITIONS TO THE BATTALION CP.(2) DA NANG TAOR(A) THIRD MARINES. AT FIRST LIGHT COMPANY E (-), 1ST BN, 3RD MARINES WILL CROSS THE CA DE SONG RIVER IN LVT'S AND CONDUCT SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN TRUONG DINH (AT 8883).(B) NINTH MARINES. 2ND BN, 9TH MARINES WILL ESTABLISH PERMANENT DEFENSIVE POSITIONS IN THE CAM NE VILLAGES AREA. COMPANY M, 3RD BN, 9TH MARINES IN COORDINATION WITH THE HOA VANG DISTRICT CHEEF AND THIRTY REGIMENT FORCE TROOPS, WILL CONDUCT A SEARCH OF THE HAMLET OF BINH THAI (BT 066226) COMMENCING AT 200500H.(3) CHU LAI TAOR. UNITS FROM THE 1ST BN, 4TH MARINES WILL CONDUCT PATROLS DURING THE HOURS OF DARKNESS ON KY XUAN AND KY HOA ISLAND. 2ND BN, 4TH MARINES AND 1ST BN, 7TH MARINES WILL CONDUCT PLT, SQD AND FIRE TEAM PATROLS AND ESTABLISH AMBUSHES THROUGHOUT THEIR POSITIONS.

(4) THERE ARE SIXTY PATROLS AND THIRTY AMBUSHES PLANNED IN 3RD MARDIV AREA DURING THE NEXT TWENTY-FOUR HOURS.

## 5. CIVIC ACTIONS

**SECRET**4. DA NANG TAOR(1) THIRD MARINES. MEDICAL PERSONNEL OF 1ST BN, 3RD MARINES TREATED FORTY-SEVEN PEOPLE AT (AT 910784). THE S-2 OF THE 2ND BN, 3RD MARINES**SECRET**

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DISCUSSED PREPARATIONS FOR THE UPCOMING MONSOON SEASON WITH VILLAGE CHIEFS  
OF HUA THU NH (AT 910784) AND HUA LOC (AT 900818).

(2) ~~2ND BN, 9TH MARINES~~. MEDICAL PERSONNEL OF 2ND BN, 9TH MARINES  
TREATED 30 PEOPLE AT THE BATTALION AID STATION. IN ADDITION, 2ND BN  
PERSONNEL PROVIDED SHELTER, FOOD AND MEDICAL CARE FOR 102 PEOPLE WHO HAD BEEN  
EVACUATED THE DAY BEFORE FOLLOWING WARNING OF AN IMPENDING SEARCH DELIVERED  
BY AIRBORNE LOUDSPEAKERS. AN ADDITIONAL 54 PEOPLE WHO HAD REMAINED IN CAM RE  
MOVED EVACUATED TO THE COLLECTION POINT AND CARED FOR.

(3) ~~4TH MARINES~~: NONE.

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THIRD MARDIV SITREP NUMBER 106 AS OF 201600Z AUG 65

1. THIRD MARDIV HIGHLIGHTS. RLT-7 (FWD) CONTINUES TO CONDUCT OPERATION "STARLITE". 1ST BN, 7TH MARINES WAS HELICOPTERED INTO THE ZONE OF ACTION, REPLACING 2D BN, 4TH MARINES AND 3D BN, 3D MARINES. ENEMY RESISTANCE FOR THE PAST TWENTY-FOUR HOUR PERIOD WAS LIGHT TO MODERATE.

PHU BAI

A. PHU BAI TAOR. THE 3RD BN, 4TH MARINES CONTINUED DEFENSE OF THE VITAL AREA AT PHU BAI AND CARRIED OUT NORMAL PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITY.

B. THIRD MARINES.

(A) 1ST BN 3D MARINES. COMPANY B MOVED TO NEW DEFENSIVE POSITIONS SOUTH OF THE SONG TUY LOAN RIVER TO TIN JU WITH THE 9TH MARINES VIC (AT 958692), PATROLLING THROUGH GS (AT 9469) AND (AT 9569) EN ROUTE TO THE NEW POSITIONS. THE BATTALION CONTINUED PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES WITH EMPHASIS ON NIGHT AMBUSHES. THREE ZERO TO VC CONTACTS DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD.

(B) 2D BN, 3D MARINES. COMPANY E (-) CONDUCTED A SEARCH AND CLEARANCE OPERATION IN THE VILLAGE OF TPOUNG DINH

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(C) WITH NO CONTACT. ONE PLATOON REMAINED IN THE TIG POSITIONS IN THAT VICINITY AND WILL OPERATE AS A "LAYOUT" PLATOON TONIGHT. THE REMAINDER OF THE BATTALION ~~CONTINUED~~ NORMAL PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES.

**SECRET** (2) NINTH MARINES. SECOND BN, NINTH MARINES TIGHTENED ITS HOLD ON THE CAM NE VILLAGE COMPLEX WITH HAMLET SEARCHES ON THE WEST BANK OF <sup>THE</sup> YEN RIVER. THE BN REPORTED FOLLOWING RESULTS FOR THE TWO-DAY OPERATION WHICH ENDED YESTERDAY: TWENTY-EIGHT BUNKERS, SIXTY TUNNELS, FIVE TRACTORS AND FORTY-ONE GATES DESTROYED.

(A) FIRST BN, NINTH MARINES. CO ~~E~~ C OCCUPIED POSITIONS AT (BT 036687, BT 024683, AND BT 028678). THE BN CONDUCTED THIRTEEN PATROLS DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, INCLUDING ONE ALONG THE CAU DO RIVER UTILIZING RENTED ~~SAMPANS~~. NONE OF THE PATROLS MADE CONTACT.

(B) SECOND BN, NINTH MARINES. CONTINUED TO CLEAR HAMLETS IN THE CAM NE VILLAGE COMPLEX. BO BAN (1) AND (2) (AT 958685) AND (AT 966697) WERE SEARCHED PRELIMINARY TO ESTABLISHING CO E PLATOON DEFENSIVE POSITION VIC (AT 966700) TO (AT 965693). REMAINDER CO E DEPLOYED EAST OF YEN RIVER TO PSNS FROM (AT 961689) TO (AT 973684). CO F OCCUPIED PSNS FROM (AT 973684) TO (AT 992678). CO H IS ESTABLISHING DEFENSES FROM (AT 992678) TO (BT 017676). IN ITS SEARCH OF BO BAN (1) AND (2) ALONG THE WEST BANK OF YEN RIVER, CO E UNCOVERED BOOBY TRAPS AND ENTRENCHMENTS. ONE USMC WIA RESULTED FROM A BOOBYTRAP AT 2010374, TWO MORE USMC-WIA WERE SUSTAINED AT 201300H FROM ANOTHER BOOBYTRAP.

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OF AIRFIELD RECEIVING TWO BURSTS AUTO UPN FIRE AT 200301H. NO CASUALTIES. REMAILED AIR BASE PERIMETER WAS QUIET DURING THIS PATTING PERIOD. CO 11 WITH RF UNIT SEARCHED DONG PHOUK (BT 003707) AT 200530H. FIVE VCS APPROACHED.

(D) SECOND BN, TWELFTH MARINES. FIRED TWENTY HAX  
HIS LONS, EXPENDING FORTY RDS 105MM HE AND ONE ILLUM MISSION.

(3) TWELFTH REGIMENT, FLEW A TOTAL OF 240 MISSIONS IN THE DA NANG TAOR DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, TO INCLUDE 217 HARASSING AND INTERDICTION MISSIONS, 12 "WILL ADJUST" MISSIONS, 1 ILLUMINATION MISSION AND 10 TRAINING MISSIONS FOR THE REGIMENTAL FORGED OBSERVER SCHOOL. AMMUNITION EXPENDED:

105MM = 508 ROUNDS HE, 7 ROUNDS WP

155MM - 61 ROUNDS HE

107MM - 38 ROUNDS HE

8" - 30 ROUNDS HE

(4) 3RD RECON BN. CONTINUED TO MAN THE THREE ESTABLISHED

OPS AT DONG DEN MOUNTAIN, MARBLE MOUNTAIN AND OP HOTEL AT (AT 950745). COMPANY D MAINTAINED CONTINOUS PATROLS OF RED BEACHES 1 AND 2 AND ASSISTED COMPANY E, 2ND BN, 3D MARINES IN A RIVER-CROSSING OPERATION IN CONNECTION WITH THEIR SEARCH OF TRUONG DINH. COMPANY C CONTINUED IN SUPPORT OF 3D BN, 4TH MARINES AT PHU BAI AND COMPANY E CONTINUED IN SUPPORT OF 4TH MARINES AT CHU LAI. *84*

C. CHU LAI TAOR.

(1) FOURTH MARINES HIGHLIGHTS. CONDUCTED PATROLS AND ESTABLISHED AMBUSHES TO THE FRONT AND REAR OF THE DEFENSIVE POSNS. NO

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ENEMY CONTACT

(A) 1ST BN, 4TH MARINES. CONDUCTED LATE PATROLS TO THE FRONT AND REAR OF THE DEFENSIVE PSNS AND ON THE REAR OF THE KY XUAN AND KY HOA ISLANDS. ESTABLISHED AMBUSHES TO THE FRONT AND REAR OF THE DEFENSIVE PSNS. NO ENEMY CONTACT.

(B) 2D BN, 4TH MARINES. CONDUCTED SOD SIZED PATROLS AND ESTABLISHED AMBUSHES TO THE FRONT AND REAR OF THE DEFENSIVE PSNS. NO ENEMY CONTACT.

(C) 3D BN, 3D MARINES. 1ST BN, 7TH MARINES, WHICH HAD BEEN OCCUPYING THE DEFENSIVE PSNS WAS HELILIFTED INTO THE 3D BN, <sup>ZONE</sup> 3D MARINES VIC (BS 706925) IN THE VAN TUONG VILLAGE COMPLEX. 3D BN 3D MARINES RETURNED TO THEIR OLD PSNS WITHIN THE TAOR. NO PATROLS CONDUCTED OR AMBUSHES ESTABLISHED DUE TO THESE MOVEMENTS.

(D) CO A, 1ST AMTRAC BN. CONTINUES IN GENERAL SUPPORT OF 4TH MARINES. THIRTY-THREE LVT'S AND ONE LVT (C) ON OPERATION "STARLINE".

(E) CO C, 3D TANK BN. FIRED H&I FIRES FROM 200300H TO 200330. EXPENDED SIXTY-NINE RDS HE AND EIGHT RDS WP.

(F) 3D BN, 12TH MARINES. FIRED TWENTY-THREE WILL ADJUST, ONE PREPARATION, AND SIXTY-FIVE H&I MISSIONS, EXPENDING 491 PDS.

(G) 7TH MARINES. 7TH MARINES CONTINUES TO CONDUCT OPERATION "STARLITE". SUPPORTING ARMS FIRED ILLUMINATION, C/LL AND H&I FIRES THROUGHOUT THE HOURS OF DARKNESS. AIR STRIKES WERE ALSO CALLED DURING THE HOURS OF DARKNESS. 2D BN, 4TH MARINES AND 3D BN, 3D MARINES COMPLETED SWEEPS THROUGH THEIR RESPECTIVE ZONES OF ACTION, WITH 3D BN, 7TH MARINES IN RESERVE. DURING THIS PERIOD ENEMY RESISTANCE WAS LIGHT TO MODERATE. AT 201015H 2D BN, 4TH MARINES AND 3D BN, 3D MARINES Began RETRACTION BY HELICOPTER TO THEIR NORMAL PSNS WITHIN THE 4TH MARINE TAOR, WHILE 1ST BN 7TH MARINES WAS HELILIFTED FROM

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DEFINITION: THE UNIT IS THE 2D BN, 7TH MARINES. THE  
PURPOSE: SEARCH AND DESTROY TO ENSURE DESTRUCTION OF ALL ENEMY FORCES, AND  
FOR AS LONG A TIME AS POSSIBLE TO OBTAIN ANY ITEMS OF INTELLIGENCE VALUE WHICH  
MAY BE USED BY THE ENEMY IN PLANNING OPERATIONS OF THE PAST TWO DAYS.  
LOSS: 300 KIA, 207 WIA AND ONE MIA IN  
OPERATION SAWLINE. VC SUFFERED 45 KIA.

2. SUMMARY

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(1) MAJOR UNIT OPERATIONS

(A) TYPE OF OPERATION: SEARCH AND DESTROY

(B) AREA OF OPERATION: QUANG NGAI, (BS 6696), (BS 6897),  
(BS 8192) AND (BS 7294).

(C) UNITS PARTICIPATING: 2D BN, 4TH MARINES; 3D BN, 3D  
MARINES; 1ST BN, 7TH MARINES, AND 3D BN, 7TH MARINES

(D) TIME OF COMMENCEMENT: 180630H

(E) TIME OF TERMINATION: CONTINUING

(F) RESULTS:

UNITED STATES LOSSES

ENEMY LOSSES

KIA: 44

KIA: 451 (NOTE)

WIA: 207

WIA: 42

MIA: 1

WPNS: 43 (INCOMPLETE)

(NOTE) FINAL COUNT COULD BE AT LEAST TWICE THIS NUMBER, NOT  
COUNTING THE NUMBER OF VC KILLED IN SEALED CAVES AND TUNNELS OR OB-  
LITERATED BY ARTILLERY FIRES, AIR STRIKES AND NAVAL GUNFIRE.

(2) SMALL UNIT ACTIONS

(A) NIGHT CONTACTS: NONE

(B) DAY CONTACTS: NONE

(C) TOTAL CONTACTS: NONE

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(1) ACTIONS IN THE CONTACT: 1

2. PLANS SUMMARYA. 3RD MARINE DIVISION INTENTIONS

(1) HUE-PHU BAI TAOR. WILL CONTINUE PATROLS AND AMBUSHES IN HUE-PHU BAI VITAL AREA, WITH NIGHT AIRBUSH UNITS PATROLLING THEIR AIRCRAFT ROUTES TO BN CP.

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(2) DA NANG TAOR.

(A) 3RD MARINES. NORMAL INTENSIVE PATROLLING AND AMBUSHES. CO E WILL CONTINUE ITS OPERATION NORTH OF CA DE SONG. PLAN CALLS FOR ONE PLAT OF CO E TO RETURN TO BN AREA; THE OTHERS TO CONTINUE PATROLLING NORTH OF TRUONG DINH (AT 8783) WITH EMPHASIS ON RECON OF TRAILS AND TRAFFICABILITY.

(B) NINETH MARINES WILL CONTINUE TO ESTABLISH DEFENSIVE POSITIONS, WITH THREE COMPANIES ON LINE V TO (AT 953680) TO (BT 014686). FIRST AND THIRD BNS WILL CONDUCT PATROLS AND AMBUSHES IN ASSIGNED AREAS.

(3) CHU LAI TAOR. 1ST BN, 4TH MARINES AND 2D BN, 4TH MARINES DURING THE NEXT TWENTY-FOUR HOURS WILL CONDUCT SOD SIZED PATROLS THROUGHOUT THEIR DEFENSIVE POSNS.

(4) THERE ARE THIRTY-TWO PATROLS AND TEN AMBUSHES PLANNED IN 3RD MARINE DIVISION AREA DURING THE NEXT TWENTY-FOUR HOURS.

3. CIVIC ACTIONSA. DA NANG TAOR

(1) 3RD MARINES. TWENTY-TWO CIVILIANS WERE TREATED BY BN AID STATION AT FIRST BN, 3RD MARINES. LE MY DISPENSARY TREATED 132 PEOPLE. SECOND BN, ~~3RD~~ MARINES ARE PARTICIPATING IN COOPERATIVE VEGETABLE GARDENING WITH HOA LOC VILLAGERS (AT 900820).

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2A. ~~4TH BATTALION~~. ~~OPERATIONS AT SECOND BN, NINTH REGIMENT~~  
TREATED THIRTY-FOUR CIVILIANS. INTENSIVE CIVIC ACTIVITIES/PEOPLE TO -  
PEOPLE PROGRAM PLANNED FOR CAM ME VILLAGE COMPLEX.

B. CHU LAI TAOR. A ONE-WEEK FIRST AID CLASS IS IN THE PLANNING  
STAGE FOR AN TAN VILLAGE. THE PEOPLE OF KY LINH VILLAGE WILL HELP  
2D BN, 4TH REGIMENT BUILD ITS CHAPEL.

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*9TH MAR - ITY* *FLSG-1 (C-T-3D SP. + 30 SERV.)*

THIRD MARDIV SITREP NUMBER 107 AS OF 211600Z AUG 65

1. THIRD MARDIV HIGHLIGHTS. IT WAS GENERALLY QUIET THROUGHOUT THE THREE MARINE ENCLAVES DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD. Mopping up operations continued in the VAN TUONG VILLAGE COMPLEX, uncovering additional VIET CONG CASUALTIES AND WEAPONS.

A. HUE-PHU BAI TAOR. THE THIRD BN, FOURTH MARINES CONTINUED TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR THE VITAL AREA AT PHU BAI. AERIAL PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES WERE CONDUCTED, WITHOUT VC CONTACT.

B. DA NANG TAOR

(1) THIRD MARINES

(A) FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES. SUSTAINED ONE WIA, DO, FROM SNIPER FIRE VIC (AT 955695). FF AND MARINES SEARCHED THE AREA, APR MENDI & FOUR VCS. PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITY, PARTICULARLY DURING HOURS OF DARKNESS CONTINUED.

(B) SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES. ONE PLATOON REMAINED NORTH OF THE CA DE SONG RIVER, PATROLLING FROM A BASE VIC (AT 890849). NO VC CONTACTS WERE MADE.

(2) NINTH MARINES

(A) FIRST BN, NINTH MARINES. CONTINUES TO CO SOLIDATE POSITIONS AND PROVIDE SECURITY FOR THE FLSG AMMUNITION DUMP (AT 987733). CO PLATOON REMAINS

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- ON ONE HOUR ALERT AS THE DIVISION MOBILE RESERVE.

- (1) SECOND BN, NINTH MARINES. COMPANIES C, F AND ~~G~~ CONTINUED TO CONSOLIDATE THEIR POSITIONS SOUTH OF THE CONG SAU DO RIVER. ONE SQUAD PROVIDED SECURITY FOR THE BRIDGE AND WATER POINT (AT 998707). COMPANY G REMAINS IN REGIMENTAL RESERVE.

- (2) THIRD BN, NINTH MARINES. CONTINUES TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR THE DA NANG AIR BASE, TO INCLUDE ACTIVE PATROLDING AND CONDUCT OF AMBUSHES NORTH AND SOUTH OF THE AIR BASE PERIMETER. O-CON III MAF AS OF 210800H.

- (3) THIRTEENTH MARINES. FIRED A TOTAL OF 150 HIS 105'S DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, BROKEN DOWN AS FOLLOWS: 125 HARASING AND INTERDICTION MISSIONS, <sup>AUGUST</sup> 16 "WILL ~~SEARCH~~ /OBSERVED MISSIONS", 2 HIGH BURST REGISTRATIONS, AND 7 MP HIS 105'S FOR THE REGIMENTAL F.O. SCHOOL. AMMUNITION EXPENDED:

105MM - 315 ROUNDS HE, 15 ROUNDS UP  
 155MM - 49 ROUNDS HE  
 107MM - 16 ROUNDS HE  
 8" - 44 ROUNDS HE

- (4) THIRD RECON BN. CONTINUED TO MAINTAIN THE THREE ESTABLISHED OP'S AT DOAG DEN ~~XX~~ MOUNTAIN, MARBLE MOUNTAIN AND AT OP ~~XX~~ HOTEL (AT 959745). COMPANY D PATROLLED RED BEACH ONE AND RED BEACH TWO. COMPANIES A AND B REMAIN SUPPORT OF THE FOURTH MARINES AT CHU LAI.

- (5) THIRD ENGR BN. CONTINUED TO PROVIDE FORTY-NINE MEN TO THE NINTH MARINES TO SUPPORT THEIR OPERATIONS WITH DEMOLITIONS AND MINE CLEARANCE CAPABILITIES. NORMAL ENGINEER OPERATIONS WERE CARRIED OUT, TO INCLUDE CONTINUATION OF PROJECTS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED.

(6) THIRD TANK BN. ESTABLISHED A TEN XM MAN AMBUSH AT (AT 992706) THROUGHOUT THE HOURS OF DARKNESS. THERE WAS NO VC CONTACT.

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~~SECRET~~C. CHU LAI TAOR.

(1) FOURTH MARINES HIGHLIGHTS. COMPANY A, FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES AS A RESULT OF AN INFORMANT CAPTURED ONE VC AND THREE VCS ON KY XUAN ISLAND VIC (BT 485095) AND (BT 487117).

A. FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES. COMPANY A, FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES AS ~~RE~~ A RESULT OF INTELLIGENCE BY A LOCAL INFORMANT FIVE VADS WERE AP REINTERRED ON KY XUAN ISLAND VIC (BT 485095) AND (BT 487117). INITIAL INTERROGATION ~~BY~~ BY ITT PERSONNEL INDICATED ONE VC AND THREE VCS. PLATOON SIZED AND SMALLER UNIT PATROLS WERE CONDUCTED AND AMBUSHES ESTABLISHED THROUGHOUT THE ~~RE~~ TAOR.

B. SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES. ALL COMPANIES THAT PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION "STARLITE" RESTED AND REORGANIZED BEHIND THEIR POSITIONS ON THE MLR. THE UNITS WHICH OCCUPIED THE SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES DEFENSIVE POSITIONS DURING OPERATION "STARLITE" CONTINUED IN THESE POSITIONS CONDUCTING PATROLS AND ESTABLISHING AMBUSHES.

C. THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES. THE BATTALION CONTINUES TO IMPROVE THE DEFENSIVE POSITIONS ALONG THE MLR. COMPANY I PREPARING TO MOVE INTO BATTALION RESERVE WITH COMPANY K MOVING INTO THEIR POSITIONS. PATROLS WERE ~~CONDUCTED AND AMBUSHES ESTABLISHED~~ CONDUCTED AND AMBUSHES ESTABLISHED THROUGHOUT THE BATTALION'S POSITIONS.

D. THIRD BN, TWELFTH MARINES. FIRED SEVEN MILL ~~JUST~~ <sup>D</sup> JUST, ONE REGISTRATION AND THIRTY-FOUR H&I MISSIONS. EXPENDED 348 ROUNDS. BTRY K AND 107MM HOWITZER BTRY CONTINUED TO SUPPORT THE SEVENTH MARINES IN OPERATIONS "STARLITE". A TOTAL OF 669 ROUNDS ~~W~~ HAVE BEEN EXPENDED IN THIS OPERATION FROM 18 AUGUST TO 21 AUGUST.

E. COMPANY C, THIRD TANK BN. FIRED H&I MISSIONS TO THE FRONT OF THE TAOR. EXPENDED SEVENTY-SIX ROUNDS HE AND FOURTEEN ROUNDS OF WP.

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AND THIRD BN, SEVENTH MARINES CONDUCTING COMPANY SIZE SEARCH, CLEAR AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN THE VAN TUONG VILLAGE COMPLEX. AT 210917H ARVN FORCES CONSISTING OF 1ST BN, RVN MARINES, 47TH RECON COMPANY, SECOND BN, 51ST REGIMENT BEGAN SWEEPING ACTION TO THE SOUTHWEST OF OPERATION STARLITE. AT VIC (E5 5652937)

A. FIRST BN. SEVENTH MARINES. AT 210700H COMPANY D ~~DEPARTED~~

THE BATTALION PERIMETER WITH THE MISSION TO DESTROY CAVES AND SPIDER HOLES AT VAN TUONG (5) VIC (BS 711945). DESTROYED TWO CAVES, NO ENEMY CONTACT.

COMPANY A DEPARTED POSITIONS AT 210815H WITH THE MISSION TO CLEAR VAN TUONG VIC (BS 697944). COMPANY B REMAINED AS BATTALION CP SECURITY. COMPANY D AT 210800H ENCOUNTERED SNIPER FIRE VIC (BS 715942). NO CASUALTIES.

E. THIRD BN. SEVENTH MARINES. COMPANY I DEPARTED BATTALION CP AT

210230H, COMPANY M AT 210430H AND COMPANY L AT 210545H ON A SEARCH AND CLEAR MISSION. AS OF 211130H COMPANY H HAD RECEIVED SPORADIC SMALL ARMS FIRE, HOWEVER, THERE HAS BEEN NO ORGANIZED RESISTANCE. RETURNED TO BATTALION CP AT APPROXIMATELY 211700H. THESE OPERATIONS WERE CONDUCTED IN THE ~~XXX~~ HAMLET COMPLEX OF AN THOI VIC (185 702936) AND NAM YEN VIC (185 692921).

## D. SUMMARY

### (1) MAJOR UNIT ACTIONS

(A) TYPE OPERATION: SEARCH AND DESTROY

(B) AREA OF OPERATION: QUANG NGAI (BS 6696), (BS 6897)(BS 7192),  
AND (BS 7294)

(C) UNITS PARTICIPATING: 1ST BN, 7TH MARINES; 3D BN, 7TH MARINES

(1) TIME OF CONCEALMENT: 180615H

(E) ~~EXE TIME: OF TERMINATION: CONTINUING.~~

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## (F) RESULTS:

FRIENDLY LOSSES

KIA: 45

WIA: 209

ENEMY LOSSESKIA: 487 CONFIRMED  
113 ESTIMATE  
600 TOTALSUSPECTS: A TOTAL OF 122 TURPENOUS PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN PROCESSED AS A RESULT ~~IN~~ OF OPERATION STARLITE.

## DISPOSITION:

CLEARED AND RELEASED: 94  
VCC CONFIRMED 6  
VCS 22

## (2) SMALL UNIT ACTIONS - 72

- (A) NIGHT CONTACTS - 2
- (B) DAY CONTACTS - 1
- (C) TOTAL CONTACTS - 3
- (D) ACTIONS WITHOUT CONTACT - 92

## (E) BOX SCORES:

| <u>PROVINCE/<br/>COORDINATES</u> | <u>DATE/TIME</u> | <u>ACTION</u> | <u>FRIENDLY UNIT/<br/>LOSSES</u> | <u>ENEMY UNIT/<br/>LOSSES</u> |
|----------------------------------|------------------|---------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| QUANG NAM/<br>AT 970679          | 211650H          | FIRE FIGHT    | 2/9: 1 KIA<br>1 WIA              | UNKNOWN                       |
| QUANG BINH/<br>AT 968685         | 211908H          | SEARCH        | 2/9: 2 WIA                       | UNKNOWN                       |
| QUANG NAM/<br>AT 986686          | 202115H          | FIRE FIGHT    | 2/9: NONE                        | UNKNOWN                       |

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**SECRET**2. PLANS SUMMARYA. THIRD MARINE DIVISION INTENTIONS

(1) ME-PHU BAI TAOR. CONTINUES TO DEFEND THE CRU ~~PAI~~ VITAL AREA, AND TO CARRY OUT NORMAL PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES.

(2) DA NANG TAOR.

A. THIRD MARINES

1 FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES. CONTINUES TO DEFEND ALONG THE MLR AND TO CONDUCT NORMAL PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES, WITH ACCENT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS.

2 SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES. ONE PLATOON OF COMPANY E CONTINUES TO OPERATE NORTH OF THE CA DE SONG RIVER IN THE VICINITY OF TRUONG DINH GS (AT 8984). COMPANY F WILL OCCUPY HIGH GROUND VIC (AT 914746) AND (AT 913763).

B. NINTH MARINES

1 FIRST BN, NINTH MARINES. WILL CONTINUE NORMAL PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THEIR SECTOR OF OPERATIONS.

2 SECOND BN, NINTH MARINES. WILL CONTINUE EXTENSIVE CIVIL AFFAIRS IN THE CAM NE COMPLEX AND CONDUCT NORMAL PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THEIR SECTOR OF OPERATIONS.

(3) CHU LAI TAOR. ON 22 AUGUST COMPANY I WILL MOVE INTO REGIMENTAL RESERVE AND COMPANY K WILL OCCUPY THEIR <sup>P</sup>POSITIONS ON THE MLR. THE SEVENTH MARINES PLAN TO CONTINUE SEARCH AND CLEAR OPERATIONS, AND MAKE A BATTALION SIZE RECON IN FORCE IN THE OPERATION STARLITE AREA.

(4) DURING THE NEXT TWENTY-FOUR HOURS UNITS OF THE THIRD MARDIV WILL CONDUCT THIRTY-SEVEN PATROLS AND ESTABLISH FIFTEEN AMBUSHES.

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3. CIVIC ACTIONS

A. DA NANG TAOR(1) NINTH MARINES

(A) FIRST BN, NINTH MARINES. ~~XXXXXXX~~ MADE A SURVEY OF THE HAMLET OF ~~ME~~ DONG (BT 024681) TO GET AN ESTIMATE OF DAMAGE TO RICE PADDIES CAUSED BY LVT'S ON 20 AUGUST.

(B) SECOND BN, NINTH MARINES. NGA YEN LUONG, CHIEF OF THE CAM NE COMPLEX, WAS ESCORTED BACK TO CAM NE (AT 990690), WHERE HE SPENT THE MORNING ENCOURAGING VILLAGERS TO MOVE BACK INTO THE AREA. SEVERAL HUNDRED RETURNED BEFORE NOON. A SCHOOL HOUSE AT (AT 981687) WAS CHOSEN AS THE SITE FOR A DISPENSARY. MEDICAL PERSONNEL TREATED 31 PEOPLE AT DOUNG SON (1) (AT 998687). FIFTY POUNDS OF RICE WAS DISTRIBUTED TO VILLAGERS FROM CAM NE LIVING WITH RELATIVES IN DOUNG SON (1). AN AID STATION WAS ESTABLISHED AT PHOUNG LE BAC (AT 995712), TO OPERATE ON A DAILY BASIS. TWENTY-THREE PEOPLE WERE TREATED THE FIRST DAY ~~EXTREME~~ OF OPERATION.

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1. THIRD MARDIV HIGHLIGHTS. ON THE FIFTH DAY OF OPERATION STARLIGHT THE SEVENTH MARINES CONTINUED MOPPING-UP IN THE VICINITY OF THE VAN TRUONG VILLAGES (BS 705950) WITH 1ST BN, 7TH MARINES. REMAINING RIFLE COMPANY OF 3RD BN, 7TH MARINES LANDED FROM THE SPECIAL LANDING FORCE, THE BN [REDACTED] MADE A RECON IN FORCE TOWARD HILL 128 (BS 688872).

A. HUE-PHU BAI TAOR. THE 3RD BN, 4TH MARINES CONTINUED DEFENSE OF THE VITAL AREA AT PHU BAI AND CARRIED OUT NORMAL PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES.

2. B. DA NANG TAOR.

(1) THIRD MARINES

(A) 1ST BN, 3RD MARINES. THE BATTALION CONTINUED ITS DEFENSIVE MISSION WITH NO CONTACTS DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD. HOWEVER, APPROXIMATELY 25 VC CONDUCTED A LIMITED ATTACK AGAINST PF FORCES VIC THON PHUOC HUNG (AT 916727) APPROXIMATELY 220730H. THE VC ATTACK WAS REPELLED. THE PF SUSTAINED 2 KIA AND 4 WIA IN THE ATTACK.

(B) 2ND BN, 3RD MARINES. COMPANY F ASSUMED THE DEFENSE OF THE HIGH GROUND VIC (AT 913745), (AT 912762) AND HILLS 312 AND 368 (AT 9376). A PLATOON OF COMPANY E CONTINUED TO OPERATE NORTH OF THE CA DE SONG RIVER, AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED. THE REMAINDER OF THE BATTALION CONDUCTED NORMAL PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES. THERE WERE NO VC CONTACTS DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD. COMPANY H RETURNED FROM CHU LAI AND REVERTED TO OREGON

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2ND BN, 3RD MARINES AT 221435H.

**SECRET**(2) NINTH MARINES.

(A) 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES. CONTINUED TO CONSOLIDATE DEFENSIVE POSITIONS SOUTH OF THE DA NANG AIR BASE AND CARRIED OUT NORMAL PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES. THERE WERE NO VC CONTACTS DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD. A MARINE RF8A PHOTO RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT CRASHED VIC (BT 047702). A SQUAD OF COMPANY B WITH TWO TANKS PROVIDED SECURITY FOR THE WRECKAGE PENDING REMOVAL OF CLASSIFIED EQUIPMENT. THE WRECK WAS THEN DESTROYED BY TANK GUNFIRE.

(B) 2ND BN, 9TH MARINES. COMPANIES E, F AND H CONTINUE TO OCCUPY DEFENSIVE POSITIONS SOUTH OF CAU DO RIVER. COMPANY G REMAINS IN REGIMENTAL RESERVE.

(3) TWELFTH MARINES. FIRED 123 HARASSING AND INTERDICTION MISSIONS, 13 WILL ADJUST MISSIONS AND 6 FIRE FOR EFFECT MISSIONS. AMMUNITION EXPENDED:

105MM - 336 ROUNDS HE  
22 ROUNDS WP  
13 ROUNDS ILLUMINATION  
6 ROUNDS SMOKE

107MM - 32 ROUNDS HE

155MM - 15 ROUNDS HE

8" - 24 ROUNDS HE

(4) 3RD RECON BN. CONTINUED TO MAN THE THREE ESTABLISHED OP'S AT DONG DEN MOUNTAIN, MARBLE MOUNTAIN AND <sup>AT</sup> (AT 959745). ONE PLATOON OF COMPANY D PATROLLED RED BEACH ONE AND RED BEACH TWO. COMPANY A ~~RE~~ RETURNED FROM CHU LAI.

(5) 3RD ENG BN. CONTINUED WORK ON ENGINEER PROJECTS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED.

C. CHU LAI TAOR**SECRET**

(1) FOURTH MARINES HIGHLIGHTS: CONDUCTED PATROLS AND ESTABLISHED

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AMBUSHES TO THE FRONT AND REAR OF THE DEFENSIVE PSNS. AN AIRSTRIKE WAS CONDUCTED WEST OF THE TAOR.

(A) 1ST BN, 4TH MARINES. AN AIR STRIKE WAS CALLED IN WEST OF THE TAOR AT 221100H ON SUSPECTED VC SUPPLY POINT VIC (BS 421039). NO PERSONNEL OBSERVED IN TARGET AREA. CONDUCTED PATROLS AND ESTABLISHED AMBUSHES TO THE FRONT AND REAR OF DEFENSIVE PSNS.

(B) 2ND BN, 4TH MARINES. CO A, 3D RECON BN; CO H, 2ND BN, <sup>WERE RELIEVED AND</sup> 3D MARINES; AND CO L, 3D BN, 4TH MARINES, RETURNED TO THEIR PARENT UNITS AT DA NANG AND HUE-PHU BAI BY AIR. CONDUCTED PATROLS AND ESTABLISHED AMBUSHES TO THE FRONT AND REAR OF DEFENSIVE PSNS.

(C) 3D BN, 3D MARINES. CONDUCTED PATROLS AND ESTABLISHED AMBUSHES TO THE FRONT AND REAR OF DEFENSIVE PSNS.

(D) 3D BN, 12TH MARINES. FIRED THREE WILL ADJUST, FIVE PREPARATION, AND SIXTY-TWO H&I MISSIONS, EXPENDING A TOTAL OF 542 RDS.

(2) RLT-2 HIGHLIGHTS. RLT-2(FWD), CONSISTING OF THE 1ST AND 3D BNs, 7TH MARINES, IS CONTINUING OPERATIONS IN THE VAN TUONG VILLAGE COMPLEX.

CO K, 3D BN, 7TH MARINES OF THE SLF WAS BROUGHT ASHORE 220630H. 3D BN 7TH MARINES <sup>CONDUCTED RECON IN FORCE SOUTH</sup> ~~TO~~ TOWARD HILL 11.

(A) 1ST BN, 7TH MARINES. CONTINUING THEIR OPERATIONS IN THE VAN TUONG VILLAGE COMPLEX, CO A ENGAGED IN A FIRE FIGHT AT 221300H IN THE VILLAGE OF AN LOC VIC (BS 698954). ONE VC KIA VIC (BS 703937). AT 220720H CO B CALLED FOR INTERDICTION FIRES VIC (BS 690968) AND (BS 710968) NEAR VILLAGE OF VAN TUONG (1). NO VC CONTACT. AT 221300H THREE VC WERE SIGHTED AND FIRED ON VIC (BS 705937). ONE VC WIA. CONDUCTED SEARCH AND CLEAR MISSION AT 221123H IN THE VILLAGE OF VAN TUONG (3) VIC (BS 721953) WHERE AMMUNITION WAS FOUND IN TUNNELS UNDER THE HOUSES. CO C SECURED ITS

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OBJECTIVE FRO<sup>W</sup> (BS 700953) TO (BS 705955), THEN ENCOUNTERED SNIPER FIRE WHILE MOVING TO THE NEXT OBJECTIVE VIC (BS 695954). CO D RECEIVED SNIPER FIRE AT 221420H VIC (BS 708954), NO CASUALTIES.

(B) 3D BN, 7TH MARINES: BATTALION COMPRISED OF COMPANIES I, K AND L. AT 220700H CLEARED THE BATTALION CP VIC (BS 701951) AND MOVED INTO ASSEMBLY AREA VIC (BS 693907) AFTER SEARCHING AND CLEARING THE AREA. SET IN NIGHT DEFENSIVE POSITIONS VIC (BS 690870) <sup>X</sup> AT CONCLUSION OF RECON IN FORCE TO HILL 128. SM-I SOC-II

D. SUMMARY

(1) MAJOR UNIT ACTION

(A) TYPE OPERATION: SEARCH AND DESTROY

(B) AREA OF OPERATION: QUANG NGAI (BS 6696), (BS 6897), (BS 7192), AND (BS 7294).

(C) UNITS PARTICIPATING: 1ST BN, 7TH MARINES AND 3D BN, 7TH MARINES.

(D) TIME OF COMMENCEMENT: 180615H.

(E) TIME OF TERMINATION: CONTINUING

(F) RESULTS:

FRIENDLY LOSSES

KIA: 45

WIA: 209

ENEMY LOSSES

KIA: 487 CONFIRMED

112 ESTIMATED  
599 TOTAL

DISPOSITION OF CAPTURED:

PROCESSED: 125

CLEARED AND RELEASED: 94

VC CONFIRMED: 6

VCS: 25

WEAPONS: SEE NOTE

NOTE: A TOTAL OF NINETY-SIX WPNS HAVE BEEN CAPTURED, CONSISTING OF AN ASSORTMENT OF RIFLES, CARBINES, SUBMACHINE GUNS, PISTOLS, AUTO-RIFLES AND ONE 3.5" CHICKEN ROCKET LAUNCHER.

(2) SMALL UNIT ACTIONS

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(A) NIGHT CONTACTS: 0

(B) DAY CONTACTS: 0

(C) TOTAL CONTACTS: 0

(D) ACTIONS WITHOUT CONTACTS: 71

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2. PLANS SUMMARY

A. HUE PHU BAI TAOR. THE 3D BN, 4TH MARINES WILL CONTINUE NORMAL PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES AND WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR THE VITAL AREA.

B. DA NANG TAOR.(1) THIRD MARINES

(A) 1ST BN, 3RD MARINES. WILL CONTINUE NORMAL PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITY FORWARD OF AND TO THE REAR OF THE MLR.

(B) 2ND BN, 3RD MARINES. THE PLATOON FROM COMPANY E OPERATING NORTH OF THE CA DE SONG RIVER WILL RETURN TO THE BATTALION AREA. NORMAL PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES WILL CONTINUE.

(2) NINTH MARINES. COMPANIES B AND D WILL CONDUCT A SEARCH FROM THE CAI LI BRIDGE (AT 015715) THROUGH HA AP (BT 025715) THROUGH THE HAMLETS OF BINH KY (2) (BT 063701); KIUE BONG (1) (BT 054708); HAI AN (BT 054714); BA TUNG (1) (BT 050701), AND BINH KY (1) (BT 055698). THE 2ND BATTALION WILL CONTINUE NORMAL PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES, CENTERED ON THE RECENTLY CLEARED CAM NE COMPLEX.

C. CHU LAI TAOR: CONTINUATION OF OPERATION "STARLITE" WHICH COMMENCED 180615H. 1ST BN, 7TH MARINES WILL CONTINUE ITS SEARCH AND CLEAR OPERATION ON 23 AUG IN THE VAN TUONG VILLAGE COMPLEX. 3D BN, 7TH MARINES WILL SEARCH AND CLEAR THE LINE OF HILLS EXTENDING FROM (BS 690905) TO

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(BS 690870). CO E, 2d BN, 4TH MARINES M.L CONDUCT A NIGHT COMBAT/AMBUSH PATROL.

2. DURING THE NEXT TWENTY-FOUR HOURS UNITS OF THE 3D MARDIV WILL CONDUCT THIRTY-NINE PATROLS AND NINE AMBUSHES.

3. CIVIC ACTIONS

A. HUE-PHU BAU TAOR. BATTALION MEDICAL PERSONNEL OF THE 3D BN, 4TH MARINES TREATED 175 PEOPLE AT THUY PHU (YD 942116). THE COMMAND HOSTED LOCAL VILLAGE CHIEFS AND PF COMMANDERS AT A LUNCH AND ARTILLERY DEMONSTRATION. ONE SQUAD AND AN ENGINEER DETACHMENT IS HELPING IN THE MOVING AND RENOVATING OF A BRIDGE AT THUY PHU.

B. DA NANG BAU TAOR.

(1) THIRD MARINES

(A) 1ST BN, 3D MARINES. MEDICAL PERSONNEL OF COMPANY B TREATED 32 PEOPLE AT (AT 947702) AND 29 PEOPLE AT (AT 950720).

(B) 2D BN, 3D MARINES. MEDICAL PERSONNEL OF COMPANY G TREATED 25 PEOPLE AT (AT 899801).

(2) NINTH MARINES. MR. LUONG, THE CHIEF OF HOA THAI VILLAGE, TOOK HIS FAMILY INTO DA NANG TODAY IN PREPARATION FOR HIS PERMANENT RETURN TO CAM NE (6) (AT 975684) TOMORROW. HE WILL LIVE AT THE SITE OF THE FUTURE 2D BATTALION DISPENSARY (AT 981687) AND WILL BE PROTECTED BY A SQUAD OF MARINES ALREADY POSITIONED IN THAT AREA. THE 2D BN MEDICAL TEAM, CONSISTING OF FOUR CORPSEMEN, WORKED IN DUONG SON (1) (AT 998688), THIS MORNING TREATING THE MANY PATIENTS THEY HAVE ACQUIRED WITHIN THE PAST MONTH. AT 221200H THE TEAM MOVED INTO CAM NE (6) (AT 974684) FOR THE FIRST TIME, AND ALTHOUGH THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE TREATED WERE FEW, IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE

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FUTURE DISPENSARY WILL EVENTUALLY SERVE THE ENTIRE HOA THAI AREA. A SURVEY OF DAMAGE WAS MADE IN THE LA BONG AREA (AT 970670) TODAY. IT WILL BE CLASSIFIED IN THE COMBAT CLAIMS CATEGORY, AND INFORMATION OBTAINED AS TO OWNERS, LOCATION, AND OTHER PERTINENT DETAILS WILL BE PASSED ON TO RVN FOR PROCESSING.

C. CHU LAI TAOR. TWO RED FLARES WERE DISTRIBUTED TO ALL HAMLET CHIEFS TO BE FIRED IN THE EVENT OF AN ATTACK.

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THIRD MARDIV SITREP NUMBER 109 AS OF 231600Z AUG 65

1. THIRD MARDIV HIGHLIGHTS. OPERATION "STARLITE" CONTINUED IN THE VAN  
 TRUONG AREA SOUTH OF THE CHU LAI TARO. THE 1ST BN, 7TH MARINES AND 3RD  
 BN, 7TH MARINES CONTINUED MOPPING-UP OPERATIONS, CAPTURING ANOTHER  
 TWENTY ASSORTED SMALLS ARMS, BRINGING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF WEAPONS  
 CAPTURED TO 109. MOPPING-UP OPERATIONS WILL CONTINUE TOMORROW.

A. HUE-PIN BAI TAOI. THE 3RD BN, 4TH MARINES CONTINUED DEFENSE  
 OF THE VITAL AREA AT PHU BAI. AT ABOUT 230845H, TWO GROUPS OF VC  
 (1) TOTALLING TWENTY-ONE MEN, DRESSED IN KHAKI WITH HELMETS AND CARRYING  
 (2) WEAPONS, WERE SIGHTED VIC (YD 800077). AFTER ARTILLERY WAS FIRED INTO  
 THE AREA, A PLATOON OF COMPANY C, 3RD RECON BN WAS HELICOPTERED IN AND  
 COMMENCED A SEARCH. THE RECON PLATOON EXCHANGED SMALL ARMS FIRE 1TH  
 BOTH GROUPS. THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES ON EITHER SIDE. A HELICOPTER  
 THAT WENT DOWN WITH MECHANICAL DIFFICULTIES VICINITY (YD 935094) WAS  
 GUARDED BY ELEMENTS OF COMPANY L FROM 230815H UNTIL 231430H WHEN IT WAS  
 ABLE TO FLY OUT. COMPANIES L AND M MOVED INTO DEFENSIVE POSITIONS  
 VICINITY (YD 868058) AND COMPANY C, 3RD RECON BN MOVED INTO DEFENSIVE  
 POSITIONS VICINITY (YD 891078) IN PREPARATION FOR THE COMMENCEMENT OF

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OPERATION "JUNGLE FOOT", A BATTALION (-) SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION.

B. DA NANG TAOR

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(1) THIRD MARINES

(A) 1ST BN, 3RD MARINES. CONTINUED TO CONDUCT PATROLS AND AMBUSHES ACTIVITIES WITH ACCENT ON NIGHT OPERATIONS. AT 231600H COMPANY A (-) WAS HELILIFTED TO VICINITY (AT 868628) AND COMMENCED A TWO-DAY SEARCH AND CLEAR OPERATION IN THE SOUTHWESTERN PORTION OF THE TAOR. CONTACT WITH THE VC WAS MADE AT 231800H. ONE VC CAPTURED. NO FRIENDLY CASUALTIES.

(B) 2ND BN, 3RD MARINES. AT ABOUT 222130H, 3RD PLATOON, COMPANY E ENCOUNTERED A VC AMBUSH VICINITY (AT 879834). THE MARINES SUSTAINED TWELVE CASUALTIES, INCLUDING THE PLATOON COMMANDER. THE VC SUFFERED AN ESTIMATED FIFTEEN CASUALTIES UNCONFIRMED. NORMAL PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES CONTINUED THROUGHOUT THE BATTALION SECTOR. THE BATTALION CP IS IN THE PROCESS OF DISPLACING TO VIC (AT 940784).

(2) NINTH MARINES.

(A) 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES. CONTINUES TO OCCUPY DEFENSIVE POSITIONS IN THE SOUTHEASTERN PORTION OF THE ~~TAOR~~ TAOR. COMPANY B CONDUCTED A SEARCH AND CLEAR OPERATION THROUGH THE HAMLETS OF BA TUNG (1) (BT 051702), DUE DONG (1) (BT 055708) AND NAI AN (BT 055716). COMPANY D CONDUCTED A SEARCH OF THE TRUNG LONG COMPLEX (BT 040724). NEITHER COMPANY MADE CONTACT WITH THE VC.

(B) 2ND BN, 9TH MARINES. CONTINUES TO OCCUPY DEFENSIVE ~~POSITIONS~~ SOUTH OF SONG CAU DO RIVER AND TO CONDUCT NORMAL PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES.

(3) TWELFTH MARINES. DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, 12TH MARINES IN THE DA NANG TAOR FIRED 157 MISSIONS, INCLUDING 135 HARASSING AND INTERDICTION MISSIONS, 8 "WILL ADJUST" MISSIONS AND 14 MISSIONS IN SUPPORT

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OF THE REGIMENTAL F. O. SCHOOL. AMMUNITION EXPENDED:

105MM - 299 ROUNDS HE  
18 ROUNDS WP

107MM - 65 ROUNDS HE  
23 ROUNDS WP

155MM - 18 ROUNDS HE  
8" - 51 ROUNDS HE

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(4) 3RD RECON BN. CONTINUED TO MAN THE THREE ESTABLISHED OP'S ON DONG DEN MOUNTAIN, MARBLE MOUNTAIN AND OP HOTEL (AT 959745). COMPANY D PATROLLED RED BEACH ONE AND RED BEACH TWO.

(5) 3RD ENGR BN. CONTINUED WORK ON ENGINEER PROJECTS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED. FOURTEEN MEN FROM 2ND BN, 9TH MARINES BEGAN THE LAND MINE WARFARE COURSE.

C. CHU LAI TAOR

(1) FOURTH MARINES HIGHLIGHTS. NORMAL PATROLLING CONDUCTED THROUGHOUT THE TAOR.

(A) 1ST BN, 4TH MARINES. CONDUCTED PATROLS AND ESTABLISHED AMBUSHES TO THE FRONT AND REAR OF THE DEFENSIVE POSITIONS.

(B) 2ND BN, 4TH MARINES. CONDUCTED PATROLS AND ESTABLISHED AMBUSHES TO THE FRONT AND REAR OF THE DEFENSIVE POSITIONS.

(C) 3RD BN, 3RD MARINES. AT 231510H COMPANY I MOVED INTO REGIMENTAL RESERVE AND ~~W~~ REPLACED BY COMPANY K ON THE MLR.

(D) 3RD BN, 12TH MARINES. FIRED FOUR MILL ADJUST, ONE REGISTRATION AND THIRTY-SIX H&L MISSIONS. EXPENDED 275 ROUNDS.

4 (2) RLT - 7 HIGHLIGHTS. RLT - 7 (FWD) CONTINUES OPERATION "STARLITE" IN THE TROUTON PHON PENINSULA WITH THE ARVN REGIMENT CONTINUING ITS SWEEP <sup>AREA</sup> TO THE SOUTH OF OPERATION "STARLITE". FOUR VIET NAM WAR DOGS TAKEN AND

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THEIR 6 US ARMY ADVISORS JOINED RLT - 7 IN THEIR SEARCH OF THE VAN TUONG VILLAGE COMPLEX.

(A) 1ST BN, 7TH MARINES. 1ST BN FINISHED ITS SEARCH AND CLEAR OPERATIONS IN THE VAN TUONG VILLAGE COMPLEX ~~BY~~ 231200H AND BEGAN TO MOVE ~~THEIR~~ WHEELED AND TRACKED VEHICLES TO THE BEACH TO PREPARE FOR ITS NEW ~~SEARCH AND CLEAR OPERATION ON TRUNG PHAN PEAKSOUTH~~ MISSION. THREE VCS WERE CAPTURED IN THE VAN TUONG VILLAGE (1) VICINITY (BS 698955). THE BATTALION CP IS LOCATED VICINITY (BS 718920) WITH ~~THEIR~~ ITS PERIMETER DEFENSE RUNNING FROM (BS 702926) TO (BS 703830) TO (BS 720930) TO (BS 718924).

(B) 3RD BN, 7TH MARINES. COMPANIES I, K AND L SWEEP TO HILL 928 VICINITY (BS 678859) THEN REVERSED THEIR DIRECTION OF MOVEMENT AND SWEEP BACK THROUGH THE LINE OF HILL IN THEIR ZONE OF ACTION. BATTALION CP IS LOCATED VICINITY (BS 718928) WITH THEIR PERIMETER DEFENSE RUNNING FROM (BS 718924) TO (BS 721916) TO (BS 918928) TO (BS 705921).

D. SUMMARY

(1) MAJOR UNIT ACTIONS.

~~SEARCH AND DESTROY~~ (A) TYPE OF OPERATION: SEARCH AND DESTROY  
~~SEARCH AND DESTROY~~ (B) AREA OF OPERATION: QUANG NGAI (BS 6696), (BS 6897), (BS 7192) AND (BS 7294)

(C) UNITS PARTICIPATING: 1ST BN, 7TH MARINES AND 3RD BN, 7TH MARINES

(D) TIME OF COMMENCEMENT: 180615H

(E) TIME OF TERMINATION: CONTINUING

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(F) RESULTS: RECAP AS OF 231400H

FRIENDLY LOSSES: ~~KIA~~ 45 WIA: ~~203~~ ENEMY LOSSES: KIA: 599  
~~DISPOSITION OF CAPTURED:~~  
~~PROCESSED:~~ 125  
~~VCC:~~ 6  
~~VCS:~~ 25  
~~WPIRS:~~ SEE NOTE

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NOTE: A TOTAL OF 109 WEAPONS HAVE BEEN CAPTURED, CONSISTING OF AN ASSORTMENT OF RIFLES, AUTO-RIFLES, CARBINES, SUB MACHINE GUNS, PISTOLS AND TWO CREW SERVED WEAPONS.

(2) SMALL UNIT ACTIONS:

- (A) NIGHT CONTACTS: 1
- (B) DAY CONTACTS: 0
- (C) TOTAL CONTACTS: 1
- (D) ACTION WITHOUT CONTACTS: **68**

| <u>PROVINCE/<br/>COORDINATES</u> | <u>DATE/TIME</u> | <u>ACTION</u>     | <u>FRIENDLY UNIT/<br/>LOSSES</u> | <u>ENEMY UNIT/<br/>LOSSES</u>    |
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| QUANG NAM/<br>(AT 879834)        | 222130H          | PATROL/<br>AMBUSH | B 2/3<br>12 WIA                  | UNKNOWN/<br>15 VC (ESTIMATE) WIA |

2. TEAM PLANS SUMMARY

(A) HUE-PHU BAI TAOR. OPERATION "JUNGLE FEET", A BATTALION (-) SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION, WILL COMMENCE AT 240400H, WITH COMPANY M AND COMPANY C, 3RD RECON BN CONDUCTING OPERATIONS SOUTH FROM POSITIONS VIC (YD 868058) AND (YD 891078). COMPANY L WILL FOLLOW IN TRACE OF COMPANY M.

(B). DA NANG TAOR.

(1) THIRD MARINES.

(A) 1ST BN, 3RD MARINES. THE THREE PLATOONS OF COMPANY A WILL PATROL THROUGH THE SOUTHWESTERN PORTION OF THE TAOR AND LINK UP WITH EACH OTHER VICINITY (AT 832660). THE REMAINDER OF THE BATTALION WILL MAINTAIN DEFENSIVE POSITIONS AND CONDUCT PATROL AND ~~TEAM~~ AMBUSH ACTIVITIES.

(B) 2nd BN, 3rd MARINES. WILL CONTINUE NORMAL PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES IN THE BATTALION TAOR.

(2) NINTH MARINES.

(A) 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES. WILL CONTINUE TO OCCUPY DEFENSIVE POSITIONS AND CONDUCT NORMAL PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES.

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(B) 2ND BN, 9TH MARINES. WILL CONTINUE TO OCCUPY DEFENSIVE POSITIONS AND CONDUCT NORMAL PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES. CONTINUED EMPHASIS WILL BE PLACED ON THE CIVIL AFFAIRS PROJECT IN THE CAM NE COMPLEX (AT 990690).

(3) CHU LAI TAOR. AT FIRST LIGHT ON 24 <sup>AUG</sup> ~~1967~~, 1ST BN, 7TH MARINES WILL RETURN OVER LAND <sup>TO</sup> THEIR POSITIONS AT CHU LAI IN THE REAR OF 3RD BN, 3RD ~~MARINES~~ MARINES. ENROUTE THEY WILL COMPLETE A ~~RE~~ SWEEP OF THE TRUNG PHAN PENINSULA. RLT-7 CO. AND GROUP WILL EMBARK ABOARD THE USS BAYFIELD (APA-33) AND CONTROL THE SWEEP FROM THE SHIP. 3RD BN, 7TH MARINES WILL MOVE TO GREEN BEACH ARRIVING BY DARK 23 AUGUST. ON 24 AUGUST ~~1967~~ THE BATTALION WILL COMPLETE ITS BACK LOADING AND RE-EMBARKATION ABOARD THE USS IWO JIMA COMPLETING THE MOVEMENT BY DARK.

(4) DURING THE NEXT TWENTY-FOUR HOURS UNITS OF THE THIRD MARDIV WILL CONDUCT ~~15~~ THIRTY-THREE PATROLS AND ESTABLISH TEN AMBUSHES.

### 3. CIVIC ACTIONS.

A. HUE-PHU BAI TAOR. MEDICAL PERSONNEL OF 3RD BN, 4TH MARINES TREATED 175 PEOPLE AT LOC BON (YD 935105).

#### B. DA NANG TAOR

~~THIRD MARINES~~

(1) 1ST BN, 3RD MARINES. BATTALION MEDICAL PERSONNEL TREATED TWELVE PEOPLE AT THE BATTALION AID STATION (AT 950721).

(2) 2ND BN, 3RD MARINES. THE VILLAGE CHIEF OF HOA THANH (AT 897777) HOSTED A DINNER PARTY FOR THE BATTALION COMMANDER AND HIS STAFF, WITH VILLAGERS ENTERTAINING <sup>ING</sup> THE PARTY WITH FOLK SONGS AND NATIVE DANCES. THE BATTALION HOSTED THE PRESS ATTACHE FROM THE AMERICAN EMBASSY, TOKYO AND FOUR JAPANESE NEWSMEN ON A TOUR OF THE LE MY AREA.

### 2. NINTH MARINES

(A) 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES. MEDICAL PERSONNEL OF THE BATTALION

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VISITED THE SACRED HEART ~~MAXXIME~~ ORPHANAGE HERE THEY TREATED 120 PEOPLE FOR VARIOUS AILMENTS. THE BATTALION CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER AND THE CHIEF OF THE VILLAGE OF NIEU DOG (1) (BT 018678) AGREED ON A SETTLEMENT OF DAMAGES RESULTING FROM AN LVT GOING INTO A RICE PADDY ON 20 AUGUST.

(B) 2ND BN, 9TH MARINES, BATTALION MEDICAL PERSONNEL TREATED 140 PEOPLE FROM THE VILLAGES OF CAM NE (2) (AT 980686), DUNG SON (1) (AT 998688) AND CAM NE (3) (AT 961684).

(C) CHU LAI TAOR, CLOTHES CAPTURED FROM THE VC ARE ~~HERE~~ BEING CLEANED FOR THE RE-DISTRIBUTION TO VILLAGES IN THE TAOR. MEDICAL TRAINING SCHOOL CONDUCTED IN THE HAMLET OF AN TAN, BY CORPSMAN FROM THE 4TH MARINES WHO WAS COMPLETED TODAY. GRADUATION IS SCHEDULED FOR 25 AUGUST WITH DIPLOMAS AND FIRST AID KITS BEING PRESENTED TO THE GRADUATES BY THE CO, 4TH MARINES.

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3D MARDIV SITREP NUMBER 110 AS OF 241600Z AUG 65

1. THIRD MARDIV HIGHLIGHTS. OPERATION STARLITE: SOUTH OF THE CHU LAI TAOR IN THE VAN TRUONG VILLAGE COMPLEX, CONCLUDED WITH ~~■■■~~ RETRACTION OF THE REMAINING MARINE ELEMENTS. NO VC ACTIVITY REPORTED.

A. HUE-PHU BAI TAOR. OPERATION "JUNGLE FOOT", A BATTALION (-) OPERATION, WAS CARRIED OUT WITHOUT VC CONTACT. COMPANY M, WITH COMPANY L IN TRACE, PATROLLED SOUTH FROM VIC (YD 868058) WHILE COMPANY C, 3D RECON BN PATROLLED A PARALLEL ROUTE STARTING FROM VIC (YD 891078). AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE OPERATION, COMPANY L AND COMPANY C, 3D RECON BN WERE HELILIFTED BACK TO THE BATTALION CP. COMPANY M ESTABLISHED A NIGHT DEFENSIVE/AMBUSH POSITION VIC (YD 891078). THE JOINT ACTION COMPANY APPREHENDED FIVE VCS VIC (YD 912118) AT 241520H.

**SECRET**B. DA NANG TAOR.(1) THIRD MARINES.

(A) 1ST BN, 3D MARINES. TWO PLATOONS OF COMPANY A MOVED IN TO SEARCH A REPORTED VC CAMP SITE IN THE HILL 502 AREA (AT 833659), WHILE THE OTHER PLATOON OF THE COMPANY WAS HELILIFTED TO VIC (AT 857686) AND COMMENCED A PATROL SOUTHWEST TO LINK UP WITH THE OTHER TWO PLATOONS VIC HILL 502. UNDERGROWTH SLOWED MOVEMENT AND THE LINK-UP WAS NOT EFFECTED DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD. THE SUSPECTED VC CAMP SITE WAS NOT LOCATED. THERE WERE NO VC CONTACTS.

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(B) 2D BN, 3D MARINES. AT 240930H A PLATOON PATROL FROM

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COMPANY F KILLED ONE VC VIC (AT 870754); CAPTURED A WOUNDED VC VIC (AT 885753), AND TOOK POSSESSION OF A CHICOM SUBMACHINE GUN, AN M-1, RIFLE AND SEVERAL GRENADES. THE BATTALION CONTINUED PREPARATIONS FOR OPERATION "BRIAR PATCH" IN THE MY SON AREA (AT 86??)

(2) NINTH MARINES.

(A) 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES. COMPANY D COMPLETED A SEARCH AND CLEAR OPERATION THROUGH THE CAM NAM - PHONG LE (2) COMPLEX TO (AT 999703). THERE WERE NO VC CONTACTS.

(B) 2ND BN, 9TH MARINES. CONDUCTED NORMAL PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES. COMPANY H SUSTAINED ONE KIA AND ONE WIA FROM A BOOBY-TRAP VIC (BT 004671). COMPANY E HAD TWO MARINES WOUNDED WHEN ONE OF THEM PICKED UP A "DUD" GRENADE TO ATTEMPT TO REPLACE THE SPOON.

(3) TWELFTH MARINES. FIRED 210 HARASING AND INTERDICTION MISSIONS, 20 LANDING ZONE PREPARATION MISSIONS, AND 12 "HILL ADJUST" MISSIONS. AMMUNITION EXPENDED:

105mm - 627 ROUNDS HE, 170 ROUNDS WP, 24 ROUNDS ILLUMINATION

107mm - 30 ROUNDS HE

155mm - 68 ROUNDS HE, 28 ROUNDS WP

8" - 40 ROUNDS HE

(4) 3D RECO BN. CONTINUED TO MAN THE THREE ESTABLISHED OP'S AT DONG DEN MOUNTAIN, MARBLE MOUNTAIN AND OP HOTEL (AT 959745). ONE PLATOON OF COMPANY A PATROLLED RED BEACH TWO AND A PLATOON OF COMPANY D PATROLLED RED BEACH ONE.

(5) 3D ENGR BN. CONTINUED WORK ON ENGINEER PROJECTS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED. SEVENTEEN MEN COMPLETED THE LAND MINE WARFARE COURSE. PREPARATIONS FOR A DEMOLITION SCHOOL BEGAN.

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~~SECRET~~C. CHU LAI TAOR

(1) FOURTH MARINES HIGHLIGHTS. DURING THIS PERIOD UNITS CONDUCTED TWO COMPANY PATROLS, THREE PLATOON PATROLS, SIXTEEN SQUAD PATROLS AND ESTABLISHED SEVEN AMBUSHES.

(A) 1ST BN, 4TH MARINES. PATROLS WERE CONDUCTED FORWARD OF DEFENSIVE POSITIONS. NO VC CONTACT REPORTED.

(B) 2ND BN, 4TH MARINES. PATROLS WERE CONDUCTED FORWARD OF THE MLR POSITIONS AND AMBUSHES WERE ESTABLISHED. NO VC CONTACT.

(C) 3D BN, 3D MARINES. COMPANY I ASSIGNED AS REGIMENTAL RESERVE. PATROLLING AND AMBUSH ACTIONS DID NOT RESULT IN ANY VC CONTACT.

(D) CO C, 3D TANK BN. FIRED FOUR H&I MISSIONS VIC (BT 362018), (BT 371022), (BT 379010) AND (BT 364018), EXPENDING TWENTY-FIVE ROUNDS.

(E) CO B, 3D RECON BN. CONTINUED OPERATION "OLD GOLD". RECON TEAMS REPORTED TEN SIGNIFICANT VC SIGHTINGS, MOSTLY IN VIC OF CHURCH AT THO AN (BS 471957). THREE RECON TEAMS WERE RETRACTED AT 241800H AND RETURNED INSIDE TAOR AFTER POSITIONS WERE COMPROMISED.

(2) SEVENTH MARINES HIGHLIGHTS. OPERATION "STARLITE" CONCLUDED AT 241700H AS THE REMAINING ELEMENTS OF 7TH MARINES <sup>WERE</sup> RETRACTED FROM THE OBJECTIVE AREA SOUTH OF THE CHU LAI TAOR.

(A) 1ST BN, 7TH MARINES. DEPARTED AT FIRST LIGHT OVERLAND, RETURNING TO POSITIONS IN REAR OF 3D BN, 3D MARINES. ALL UNITS COMPLETED 5 MOVEMENT BY 242100H. NO VC CONTACT REPORTED.

(B) 3D BN, 7TH MARINES. RE-EMBARKED UNITS ABOARD SHIPS OF TASK FORCE 76.5. AT 241700H UNITS REPORTED EQUIPMENT 100% LOADED AND PERSONNEL 90% LOADED.

(3) ARTILLERY BN GROUP. CONDUCTED FIVE WILL ADJUST MISSIONS AND THIRTY-TWO H&I MISSIONS, EXPENDING 223 ROUNDS.

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**SECRET**D. SUMMARY(1) MAJOR UNIT ACTIONS - OPERATION "STAR LITE"

(A) TYPE OF OPERATION: SEARCH AND DESTROY

(B) AREA OF OPERATION: QUANG NGAI (BS 6696), (BS 6897), (BS 7192) AND (BS 7294).

(C) UNITS PARTICIPATING: HQCO 7TH MARINES, 1ST BN, 7TH MARINES AND 3D BN, 7TH MARINES.

(D) TIME OF COMMENCEMENT: 180615H

(E) TIME OF TERMINATION: 242400H

(F) RESULTS: (FINAL) RECAP AS OF 242400H

| <u>FRIENDLY LOSSES</u> | <u>ENEMY LOSSES</u> |
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| KIA - 45               | KIA - 599           |
| DOW - 6                | VCC - 6             |
| WIA - 203              | VCS - 25            |
|                        | WPNS - 109          |

(2) SMALL UNIT ACTIONS

(A) NIGHT CONTACTS: NONE

(B) DAY CONTACTS: ONE

(C) TOTAL CONTACTS: ONE

(D) ACTION WITHOUT CONTACTS: SIXTY-THREE

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| QUANG NAM<br>(AT 870754)         | 240930H               | PATROL        | NONE                            | KIA - 1<br>VCC - (WIA)<br>WPNS:<br>1 - K 50 SMG<br>1 - RIFLE, M-1 |

2. PLANS SUMMARY

A. HUE-PHU BAI TAOR. THE 3D BN, 4TH MARINES WILL CONTINUE NORMAL PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES AND WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR THE VITAL AREA.

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**SECRET**B. DA NANG TAOR.(1) THIRD MARINES

(A) 1ST BN, 3D MARINES. COMPANY A WILL CONTINUE ITS SEARCH FOR A REPORTED VC CAMP SITE IN THE SOUTHWEST PORTION OF THE TAOR. NORMAL PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES WILL CONTINUE.

(B) 2D BN, 3D MARINES. CONTINUES PREPARATIONS FOR OPERATION "BRIAR PATCH", A SEARCH AND CLEAR OPERATION IN THE MY SON - PHUOC SON AREA, GS (AT 8677) AND (AT 8676).

(2) NINTH MARINES

(A) 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES. COMPANY B WILL CONDUCT A COMBAT PATROL THROUGH THE VILLAGES OF HAI AN (1) (BT 0556??), HAI AN (2) (BT 060682) AND TRA KHE (2) (BT 071680). THE REMAINDER OF THE BATTALION WILL CONDUCT NORMAL PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES.

(B) 2ND BN, 9TH MARINES. WILL CONTINUE NORMAL PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES. THE CIVIL AFFAIRS PROGRAM IN THE CAM NE COMPLEX CONTINUES TO PROGRESS.

C. CHU LAI TAOR

(1) 4TH MARINES. UNITS WILL CONDUCT NORMAL PATROLLING ACTIONS AND ESTABLISHING OF AMBUSHES THROUGHOUT THE TAOR.

(2) 7TH MARINES. WILL EXECUTE 3D MAR DIV OP ORD 327-65 AND 1ST BN, 7TH MAR WILL RELIEVE 3D BN, 3D MAR ON MLR.

D. DURING THE NEXT TWENTY-FOUR HOURS, UNITS OF THE THIRD MARDIV WILL CONDUCT THIRTY-FIVE PATROLS AND ESTABLISH NINE AMBUSHES.

3. CIVIC ACTIONS

A. HUE-PHU BAI TAOR. NONE REPORTED.

B. DA NANG TAOR.

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(1) THIRD ARKES.

(A) 1ST BN. 3D MARINES. TREATED 29 PEOPLE AT THE VILLAGE OF VIEN KIEN (AT 941719).

(B) 2D BN. 3D MARINES. TREATED 139 PEOPLE AT THE LE MY DISPENSARY.

(2) NINTH MARINES.

(A) 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES. TREATED 15 PEOPLE AT THE BATTALION AID STATION. ARRANGEMENTS WERE COMPLETED FOR A PARTY FOR CHILDREN FROM THE VILLAGES IN THE BATTALION AREA.

(B) 2D BN, 9TH MARINES. TREATED A TOTAL OF 45 PEOPLE, 22 IN THE VILLAGE OF DONG SON (AT 997685) AND 23 AT THE BATTALION AID STATION.

(3) 3D TANK BN. TREATED 25 PEOPLE AT THE VILLAGE OF PHONG BAC (1)  
(AT 995707).

(4) 30 AT BN. TREATED 72 PEOPLE AT THE VILLAGE OF YEN BAC (AT 985708), AND SELECTED A SITE FOR A RECREATION CENTER AND SHOWER POINT FOR THE CHILDREN OF THAT VILLAGE.

C. CHU LAI TAOR. AT 241800H 31,000 LBS OF FOOD STUFFS WERE DELIVERED TO CAPT EPPERSON, USA, FOR ISSUE TO THE PEOPLE IN QUANG NGAI PROVINCE. THIS FOOD CONSISTED OF 11,000 LBS OF SOY BEAN OIL, AND 20,000 LBS OF CORN. IN ADDITION, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE MADE AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION BY 4TH MARINES UNITS. *3cc*

SOAP - 3,100 BARS  
MILK OF MAGNESIA - 72 BOTTLES  
MINERAL OIL - 48 BOTTLES  
COD LIVER OIL - 36 BOTTLES  
BANDAIDS - 3 BOXES  
VITAMINS - 400 BOTTLES  
KITES - 1 BOX  
STRING - 1 BOX  
GUM - 1 CASE  
BASKETBALLS - 12

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THIRD MARDIV SITREP NUMBER 111 AS OF 251600Z AUGUST 65

1. THIRD MARDIV HIGHLIGHTS. IT WAS GENERALLY QUIET THROUGHOUT THE THIRD MARINE DIVISION ENCLAVES WITH ONLY SPORADIC SNIPING AND TWO SMALL UNIT CONTACTS. DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD MARINE FORCES SUSTAINED SIX WIA. TWO VC WERE WIA, ONE OF WHOM WAS CAPTURED ALONG WITH HIS WEAPON, A CHICOM K-50 SUB-MACHINE GUN. SEVENTEEN VCS WERE CAPTURED DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD.

A. HUE-PHU BAI TAOR. THIS 3D BN, 4TH MARINES CONTINUED TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR THE VITAL AREA AT PHU BAI; NORMAL PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES WERE CONDUCTED FORWARD OF THE MLR. THERE WERE NO VC CONTACTS.

B. DA NANG TAOR.

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(1) THIRD MARINES.

(A) 1ST BN, 3D MARINES. THE THREE PLATOONS OF COMPANY A PATROLLED IN THE WESTERN PORTION OF THE TAOR VIC (AT 865629), (AT 879625) AND (AT 846679). THE COMPANY FOUND NUMEROUS SPIDER TRAPS, SLEEPING MATS AND ARTICLES OF DISCARDED CLOTHING, INDICATING THAT THE AREA HAS BEEN USED AS AN OVERNIGHT WAY STATION. AN ELEMENT OF COMPANY B HAD A SHORT FIRE FIGHT VIC (AT 958688) IN WHICH ONE MARINE WAS WIA AND ONE VC WAS WIA BUT NOT CAPTURED.

(B) 2D BN, 3D MARINES. CONTINUED PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES. ONE AMBUSH MADE CONTACT WITH APPROXIMATELY FOUR VC VIC (AT 894827). ONE MARINE WAS WIA. ONE VC WIA WAS CAPTURED, ALONG WITH HIS WEAPON, A CHICOM K-50 SUB-MACHINE GUN.

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COMPANY C CONDUCTED A SEARCH FOR 40 TO 50 VC REPORTED VIC (AT 870790), WITHOUT RESULTS.

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(2) NINTH MARINES.

(A) 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES. AT 250600H, COMPANY B CONDUCTED A SEARCH FROM VIC BINH KY (1) ~~1000~~ (BT 055697) THROUGH THE HAMLETS OF NAI AN (1) (BT 055677), HAI AN (2) (BT 060682), TRA KHE (2) (BT 071680) TO VIC (BT 072700). TWO TUNNELS WERE DESTROYED VIC (BT 070679). THE COMPANY CAPTURED THIRTEEN VCS DURING THE SEARCH.

(B) 2D BN, 9TH MARINES. A PATROL FROM COMPANY F SUSTAINED THREE WIA VIC (AT 967699) FROM SNIPER FIRE. COMPANY E SUSTAINED ONE WIA VIC (AT 958682), AGAIN FROM SNIPER FIRE. AT APPROXIMATELY 1230H, VILLAGERS FROM YEN NINH, VIC (AT 964685) BROUGHT IN A DEAD VIETNAMESE GIRL ABOUT EIGHTEEN YEARS OLD. SHE HAD DIED OF A HEAD WOUND WHICH THE VILLAGERS SAID WAS A RESULT OF MARINE SA FIRE.

(3) TWELFTH MARINES. FIRED 147 HARASSING AND INTERDICTION MISSIONS DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD. AMMUNITION EXPENDED: 105MM - 125 ROUNDS HR, 24 ROUNDS WP, 6 ROUNDS ILLUMINATION; 107MM - 6 ROUNDS HE; 155MM - 14 ROUNDS HE, 12 ROUNDS WP; 8" - 61 ROUNDS HE.

(4) NAVAL GUNFIRE FIRED NINE "WILL ADJUST" MISSIONS, EXPENDING 88 ROUNDS HE.

(5) 3D RECON BN. CONTINUED TO ~~MAINTAIN~~ MAN THE THREE ESTABLISHED OP'S AT DONG DEN MOUNTAIN, MARBLE MOUNTAIN AND OP HOTEL (AT 959745). ONE PLATOON OF COMPANY A PATROLLED RED BEACH TWO AND A PLATOON OF COMPANY D PATROLLED RED BEACH ONE.

(6) 3D ENGR BN. CONTINUED WORK ON ENGINEER PROJECTS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED. TWENTY-SIX MEN ARE COMMITTED TO 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES AND 2D BN, 9TH MARINES FOR MINE CLEARANCE AND DEMOLITION DETAILS.

-C. CHU LAI TAOR.

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(1) FOURTH MARINES. PATROLS CONDUCTED BY THE 1ST BN, 4TH MARINES ENCOUNTERED LIGHT VC RESISTANCE DURING THEIR SEARCH AND CLEAR OPERATIONS. FOUR VCS WERE APPREHENDED, HOWEVER, GROUND FIRE COMPLICATED THE HELICOPTER EVACUATION OF THE VCS. DURING THIS PERIOD UNITS CONDUCTED SEVEN PLATOON PATROLS, FIFTEEN SQUAD PATROLS AND ESTABLISHED SEVEN AMBUSHES. TWENTY-SIX OF THESE ACTIONS WERE CONDUCTED DURING THE

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HOURS OF DARKNESS.

(A) 1ST BN, 4TH MARINES. AT 251230H ONE PLATOON OF COMPANY A RECEIVED SMALL ARMS FIRE AT VIC (BT 423091). FIRE WAS RETURNED. NO CASUALTIES. AT 251340H ONE PLATOON OF COMPANY C RECEIVED SNIPER FIRE VIC (BT 430093). AREA WAS SEARCHED AND FOUR VCS WERE APPREHENDED. AS HELICOPTER LANDED TO EVACUATE VCS AT 251435H GROUND FIRE FROM THREE TO FOUR AUTOMATIC WEAPONS COMPLICATED PICK-UP. FIRE WAS RETURNED. NO CASUALTIES. AT 251455H THIS SAME PATROL RECEIVED SNIPER FIRE VIC (BT 427090) AND (BT 427095). FIRE WAS RETURNED AND AN ARTILLERY MISSION CALLED ON THE TARGETS. NO FURTHER VC CONTACT. NO CASUALTIES.

(B) 2D BN, 4TH MARINES. UNITS CONDUCTED PATROL FOR AID OF THEIR MLR POSITIONS. NO VC CONTACT REPORTED.

(C) 3D BN, 3D MARINES. COMPANY I REMAINS IN REGIMENTAL RESERVE. UNITS REPORTED NEGATIVE VC CONTACT DURING THIS PERIOD.

(D) CO C, 3D TANK BN. DURING THIS PERIOD THIS UNIT FIRED H&I FIRES IN VIC (BT 4008),(BT 3909),(BT 3905),(BT 3807),(BT 3812) AND (BT 3711) EXPENDING 90 ROUNDS.

(E) CO B, 3D RECON BN. CONTINUED OPERATION OLD GOLD. DURING THIS PERIOD THEY SIGHTED 86 PEOPLE, MOSTLY ~~ARMED~~ ARMED, AND ADDITIONALLY ONE PRISONER IN VCS ~~WAS SIGHTED~~ CUSTODY. MOST OF THE MOVEMENT WAS TO THE WEST.

(2) 7TH MARINES. CONTINUED RECOVERY OPERATIONS FROM OPERATION 'STARLITE'.

(A) 1ST BN, 7TH MARINES. ARE PROVIDING TWO INFANTRY PLATOONS FOR SECURITY OF BATTERY K, 4TH BN, 12TH MARINES.

(3) ARTILLERY BN GROUP. BATTERY K, 4TH BN, 12TH MARINES CONTINUED TO SUPPORT ARVN UNITS SOUTH OF THE CHU LAI TAOR IN VIC (BT 605018). DURING THIS PERIOD BATTERIES CONDUCTED THREE WILL-ADJUST MISSIONS, THIRTY-SIX H&L MISSIONS AND ONE REGISTRATION EXPENDING 216 ROUNDS.

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D. SUMMARY

(1) MAJOR UNIT ACTIONS: NONE

(2) SMALL UNIT ACTIONS.

(A) NIGHT CONTACTS: ONE

(B) DAY CONTACTS: THREE

(C) TOTAL CONTACTS: FOUR

(D) ACTION WITHOUT CONTACTS: SEVENTY-SIX

(E) BOX SCORES:

| <u>PROVINCE/<br/>COORD</u>              | <u>DATE/<br/>TIME</u> | <u>ACTION</u> | <u>FRIENDLY UNIT<br/>LOSSES</u> | <u>ENEMY UNIT<br/>LOSSES</u>  |
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| QUANG TIN<br>(BT 430093)                | 251340H               | PATROL        | NONE                            | VCS-4                         |
| QUANG NAM<br>(AT 958682)                | 251040H               | PATROL        | 5-1-3<br>WIA-1                  |                               |
| QUANG NAM<br>(AT 894827)                | 250405H               | AMBUSH        | 2/3<br>WIA-1                    | VCC-1 (WOUNDED)<br>1-K 50 SIG |
| QUANG NAM<br>(BT 072700)<br>(BT 055697) | 250600H               | PATROL        | NONE                            | VCS-13                        |

2. PLANS SUMMARY.

A. HUE-PHU BAI TAOR. 3D BN, 4TH MARINES WILL CONTINUE NORMAL PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES AND WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR THE VITAL AREA.

B. DA NANG TAOR.(1) THIRD MARINES.

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(A) 1ST BN, 3D MARINES. WILL CONTINUE NORMAL PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES IN FRONT AND TO THE REAR OF THE MLR. THE BATTALION IS PREPARING MAX FOR EMBARKATION ON 1 SEPT.

(B) 2D BN, 3D MARINES. COMPANY E ~~MAX~~ (-) WILL HELILIFT TO VIC ~~XXXXXX~~  
(AT 871839) AND (AT 866840) AND CONDUCT A SEARCH AND CLEAR OPERATION TIR NGU THUNG  
DINH (AT 8683). COMPANY F CONTINUES TO PREPARE FOR OPERATION "KUAN FATION", A SEARCH  
AND CLEAR OPERATION IN THE KY SON (AT 8677), PHUOC SON (AT 8677) AREA. THE C COMPANY

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(2) NINTH MARINES.

(A) 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES. WILL CONTINUE NORMAL PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE BATTALION SECTOR.

(B) 2D BN, 9TH MARINES. WILL CONTINUE NORMAL PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE BATTALION SECTOR.

(C) ELEMENTS OF THE 3D AT BN AND 1ST AMTRAC BN WILL SUPPORT AN ARVN OPERATION IN THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE TAOR COMMENCING AT 260630H.

C. CHU LAI TAOR. PATROLLING AND AMBUSH~~7~~ ACTIONS WILL CONTINUE THROUGHOUT THE TAOR. COMPANY E 2D BN, 4TH MARINES WILL CONDUCT A THREE DAY PATROL IN THE WESTERN SECTOR OF THE TAOR FROM VIC (BT 5202) SOUTH TO VIC (BT 5197) COMMENCING AT 271945H.

D. DURING THE NEXT TWENTY-FOUR HOURS UNITS OF THE 3D ARDIV WILL CONDUCT FORTY-FIVE PATROLS AND ESTABLISH EIGHTEEN AMBUSHES.

3. CIVIC ACTIONS.

A. HUE-PHU DAU TAOR. NONE REPORTED. **SECRET**

B. DA NANG TAOR.

(1) THIRD MARINES. THE REGIMENTAL CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER GAVE TWO BASKETBALLS AND FIFTY CHILDRENS BOOKS TO THE CHIEF OF THE VILLAGE OF HOA PHAT (AT 993760). COMPANY ~~DAE~~ GAVE A WATER BUFFALO FOR DONATION TO A NEEDY FAMILY IN HOA THON (AT 938722). COMPANY 'A' GAVE A CASE OF POWDERED MILK AND A CASE OF VITAMINS TO THE VILLAGE OF DAU LAI. (AT 925743). TWO CASES OF VITAMINS WERE GIVEN TO THE DISPENSARY AT HOA NIEP (AT 934834). THE 1ST BN AID STATION TREATED 10 PEOPLE AND THE LE MY DISPENSARY TREATED 110 PEOPLE.

(2) 11TH MARINES. THE 1ST BN WILL HOST A PARTY FOR THE CHILDREN OF A SCHOOL AT (BT 015725) ON AUG 26TH. THE 1ST BN AID STATION TREATED 51 PEOPLE, THE 2D BN AID STATION TREATED 39 PEOPLE AND 53 PEOPLE WERE TREATED AT DUONG SON (1) (AT 998688).

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Q. CLUB THOR. A MEDICAL TEAM FROM THE 2D BN, 4TH MARINES HAD GO TO SONG PLUONG (1) V.C (BT 506044). ABOUT EIGHTY PERSONS WERE TREATED. TWENTY-FOUR VILLAGERS FROM WITHIN THE 4TH MARINES TAOR GRADUATED FROM THE MEDICAL TRAINING SCHOOL CONDUCTED FOR THE PAST TWO WEEKS IN AN TAN (BT 498067). EXECUTIVE OFFICER 4TH MARINES PRESENTED DIPLOMAS TO THE STUDENTS WHO WILL NOW RETURN TO THEIR AMLETS TO HELP PROVIDE RUMINATE FIRST AID FOR OTHER VILLAGERS. PROJECT HANDCLASP SUPPLIES RECEIVED 24 AUG WERE DISTRIBUTED TO THE VILLAGERS FOR THEIR USE IN CIVIC ACTION PROGRAMS.

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THIRD MARDIV SITEREP NUMBER 112 AS OF 261600Z AUG 65

1. THIRD MARINE HIGHLIGHTS. THIS REPORTING PERIOD WAS MARKED BY A NOTABLE LACK OF CONTACT WITH VC FORCES THROUGHOUT THE THIRD MARINE DIVISION ENCLAVES. THE ONLY VC CONTACT REPORTED IN THIRD MARINE <sup>DIVISION</sup> ARSAS WAS MADE BY ELEMENTS OF THE 11TH RANGER BATTALION (ARVN) WHO REPORTED THREE VC KIA AND FIVE VC WEAPONS CAPTURED IN A SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION CONDUCTED IN THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE 2D BN, 9TH MARINES' SECTOR OF OPERATIONS.

A. HUE-PHU BAI TAOR. THE 3D BN, 4TH MARINES CONTINUED TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR THE VITAL AREA AT PHU BAI. NORMAL PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES WERE CONDUCTED FORWARD OF THE MLR. THERE WERE NO VC CONTACTS.

B. DA HANG TAOR.

(1) THIRD MARINES.

(A) 1ST BN, 3D MARINES. CONDUCTED NORMAL PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES  
THROUGHOUT THE BATTALION SECTOR. PREPARATIONS FOR EMBARKATION 1 SEPT WERE CONTINUED.

(B) 2D BN, 3D MARINES. COMPANY E (-) WAS HELILIFTED INTO TWO LZ'S VIC (AT 871839) AND (AT 866840) FOLLOWING AN ARTILLERY PREPARATION AND SEARCHED THE VILLAGE OF TRUONG DINH, WHILE ONE PLATOON OF COMPANY H, SUPPORTED BY LVT'S ESTABLISHED A BLOCKING POSITION VIC GS (AT 8983). ONE MARINE WAS INJURED WHEN HE STEPPED INTO A BEAR TRAP.

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(2) NINTH MARINES~~SECRET~~(A) 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES. COMPANY A MOVED ONE PLATOON TO VIC (BT 067727)

TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR THE NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BATTALION AS A RESULT OF REPORTS OF AN IMPENDING ATTACK BY THE VC. COMPANY B CONDUCTED A SEARCH OF THE VILLAGE OF TINY SON (BT 079709) FOLLOWING REPORTS OF THE PRESENCE OF 100 VC PREPARING FOR AN ATTACK ON MCB-9. THERE WERE NO VC CONTACTS.

(B) 2D BN, 9TH MARINES. CONTINUED TO OCCUPY DEFENSIVE POSITIONS ALONG THE HLR AND CONDUCTED NORMAL PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE BATTALION SECTOR.

(3) EIGHTH MARINES. FIRED 97 HARASSING AND INTERDICTION MISSIONS, 10 "MILL ADJUST" MISSIONS, 9 LZ PREPARATION MISSIONS AND 5 FIRE FOR EFFECT MISSIONS. AMMO EXPENDED: 105MM - 267 ROUNDS HE, 22 ROUNDS WP; 107MM - 12 ROUNDS HE; 152MM - 72 ROUNDS HE, 10 ROUNDS WP; 8" - 45 ROUNDS HE.

(4) NAVAL GUNFIRE. FIRED EIGHT "MILL ADJUST" MISSIONS IN THE ELEPHANT VALLEY AREA IN SUPPORT OF OPERATIONS OF THE 2ABN, 3D MARINES. AMMO EXPENDED: 5" /38 CALIBER - 94 ROUNDS HE.

(5) 3D RECON BN. CONTINUED TO MAN THE THREE ESTABLISHED OP'S AT DONG DEN MOUNTAIN, MARBLE MOUNTAIN AND AT OP HOTEL (AT 959745). ONE PLATOON OF COMPANY A PATROLLED RED BEACH AND A PLATOON OF COMPANY D PATROLLED RED BEACH ONE. THERE WERE NO VC CONTACTS.

(6) 3D ENGR BN. MAXIMUM EFFORT CONTINUED ON THE DIVISION OF BUNKER. WORK WAS CONTINUED ON OTHER ENGINEER PROJECTS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED.

C. CHU LAI TAOR.

(1) FOURTH MARINES HIGHLIGHTS. DURING THIS PERIOD UNITS CONDUCTED ONE COMPANY PATROL, SIX PLATOON PATROLS, EIGHTEEN SQUAD PATROL AND ESTABLISHED ELEVEN IX AMBUSHES. SEVERAL SIGHTINGS OF INDIVIDUALS WERE REPORTED DURING THE HOURS OF DARKNESS. ATTEMPTS WERE MADE TO MAKE CONTACT WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

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(A) 1ST BN, 4TH MARINES. NUMEROUS INDIVIDUAL SIGHTINGS, WERE OBSERVED THROUGHOUT THE BATTALION'S DEFENSIVE POSITIONS DURING THE HOURS OF DARKNESS. SEVERAL SA ROUNDS WERE FIRED AND AREAS WERE SEARCHED AT FIRST LIGHT WITH NEGATIVE CONTACT.

(B) 2D BN, 4TH MARINES. CONDUCTED PATROLS AND ESTABLISHED MARCHES THROUGHOUT THE BATTALION'S DEFENSIVE POSITIONS.

(C) 3D BN, 3D MARINES. COMPANY I REMAINS IN REGIMENTAL RESERVE. COMPANY M CONDUCTED A PLATOON SIZED PATROL WHICH RECEIVED THREE ROUNDS OF SA FIRE VIC (BT 602014). NO CASUALTIES.

(D) CO C, 3D TANK BN. DURING THIS PERIOD FIRED HAT FIRES IN VIC (BT 427026), (BT 422030), (BT 432018), (BT 428018) AND (BT 426034). EXPENDED FIFTEEN ROUNDS HE AND TEN ROUNDS WP.

(E) CO B, 3D RECON BN. OPERATION "OLD GOLD" CONTINUES. DURING THIS PERIOD A TOTAL OF FORTY VIETNAMESE WERE SIGHTED. OPERATION TO END APPROXIMATELY 271700H.

(2) SEVENTH MARINES HIGHLIGHTS. RLT-7 CONTINUES TO IMPROVE THEIR BASE CAMP XI FACILITIES IN THE CHI LAI TAOR.

(A) 1ST BN, 7TH MARINES. THE BATTALION HAS ONE RIFLE PLATOON FROM COMPANY'S A, B, AND D UNDER OPCON OF THE 3D BN, 3D MARINES MANNING THEIR FRONT LINES, SO AS TO FAMILIARIZE THESE UNITS WITH THE TERRAIN.

(3) ARTILLERY BN GROUP. FIRED TWO HILL ADJUST, THREE REGISTRATIONS AND THIRTY-TWO HAT MISSIONS. EXPENDED 170 RDS HE, FIVE RDS ILLUM, FORTY-TWO RDS WP, FOR A TOTAL OF 217 RDS.

D. SUMMARY.

(1) MAJOR UNIT ACTIONS: NONE

(2) SMALL UNIT ACTIONS: 82

(A) NIGHT CONTACTS: NONE

(B) DAY CONTACTS: NONE

(C) TOTAL CONTACTS: NONE

(D) ACTION WITHOUT CONTACTS: 82

2. PLA SUMMARY.

A. HUE-PHU BAI TAOR. THE 3D BN, 4TH MARINES WILL CONTINUE NORMAL PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE TAOR AND WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR THE VITAL AREA.

B. DA NANG TAOR.(1) THIRD MARINES.

(A) 1ST BN, 3D MARINES. WILL CONTINUE NORMAL PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES IN FRONT AND TO THE REAR OF THE MLR. PREPARATIONS FOR EMARKATION WILL CONTINUE.

(B) 2D BN, 3D MARINES. COMPANY F WILL CONTINUE PREPARATIONS FOR OPERATION "BILAR PATCH" AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED. THE BALANCE OF THE BATTALION WILL CONDUCT NORMAL PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES.

(2) NINTH MARINES.

(A) 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES. WILL CONTINUE NORMAL PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES IN FRONT AND TO THE REAR OF THE MLR.

(B) 2D BN, 9TH MARINES. WILL CONDUCT NORMAL PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE BATTALION SECTOR. THE CIVIL AFFAIRS PROGRAM IN THE CAM NE COMPLEX WILL CONTINUE TO BE EMPHASIZED.

1. CHI LAI

C. CHI LAI TAOR. PATROLLING AND AMBUSHES CONTINUE THROUGHOUT THE TAOR. ON 27 AUG A PLATOON FROM COMPANY A, 1ST BN, 4TH MARINES WILL RELIEVE A PLATOON FROM COMPANY C, 1ST BN, 4TH MARINES ON HILL 69 OUTPOST VIC (BT 468068). COMPANY E ON 27 AUG WILL CONDUCT TWO NIGHT COMBAT/AMBUSH PATROLS FROM VIC (BT 5202) SOUTH TO (BT 5197).

D. DURING THE NEXT TWENTY-FOUR HOURS UNITS OF THE THIRD MARDIV WILL CONDUCT FIFTY PATROLS AND ESTABLISH TEN AMBUSHES.

3. CIVIC ACTIONS.

A. HUE-PHU BAI TAOR. MEDICAL PERSONNEL OF THE 3D BN, 4TH MARINES TREATED 250 PEOPLE AT THE VILLAGE OF THUY PHU (YD 905118).

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B. DA NANG TAOR.(1) THIRD MARINES.

(A) 1ST BN, 3D MARINES. TWELVE PEOPLE WERE TREATED AT THE BATTALION AID STATION. TEN DOLLS WERE GIVEN TO NEEDY CHILDREN IN THE VILLAGE OF XE VIEU KIEN (AT 938712).

(B) 2D BN, 3D MARINES. TWENTY-FIVE POUNDS OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND SOAP WERE DELIVERED TO THE DISPENSARY AT NOA KIEP (AT 933832). THE LE MY DISPENSARY TREATED 116 PEOPLE INCLUDING A LITTLE GIRL WITH A BADLY LACERATED HAND.

(2) NINTH MARINES.

(A) 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES. 500 SCHOOL CHILDREN WERE ENTERTAINED IN THE VILLAGE SCHOOLYARD AT THE VILLAGE OF BINE THU (AT 014724). THE CHILDREN WERE GIVEN COOKIES AND FRUIT JUICE. THE DIVISION BAND SUPPLIED THE ENTERTAINMENT. BATTALION MEDICAL PERSONNEL TREATED 51 PEOPLE AT THE BATTALION AID STATION.

(B) 2D BN, 9TH MARINES. A MEDICAL TEAM TREATED 91 PEOPLE IN THE HAMLET OF DUONG SON (1) (AT 997687). AN ADDITIONAL 25 PEOPLE RECEIVED TREATMENT AT THE BATTALION AID STATION.

(3) 3D TANK BN. BATTALION MEDICAL PERSONNEL TREATED 40 PEOPLE IN THE HAMLET OF PHONG BAC.

(4) 3D AT BN. ENLISTED PERSONNEL OF THE BATTALION DONATED 50 PAIR OF RUBBER SHOWER SHOES TO THE CHILDREN OF YEN ~~ME~~ BAC (AT 985708). THE BATTALION DONATED 12 PINTS OF BLOOD TO THE USOM HOSPITAL IN DA NANG.

C. CHU LAI TAOR. ON 26 AUG THE 1ST BN, 4TH MARINES CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER UNDER "PROJECT HANDCLASP" PRESENTED TO THE VILLAGE CHIEF OF KY HA VILLAGE SOFTBALLS, BASKETBALLS, BUTTONS, AND CLOTHING. ON 25 AUG A MEDCAP TEAM FROM THE 2D BN, 4TH MARINES TREATED 125 PEOPLE FROM CHU LAI VILLAGE.

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ADDENDUM TO THIRD BARDIV SITREP NUMBER 112 AS 261600Z AUG 65

AT 262330Z 4TH MARINES REPORTED TWENTY-ONE ROUNDS OF INCOMING ARTILLERY FIRE  
VIC (BT 528053). CO 2D BN, 4TH MARINES STATED IT WAS LARGER THAN 81MM MORSEAR  
ROUNDS. CO D, 1ST B., ~~THE~~ 4TH MARINES REPORTED FLASHES COMING FROM VIC (BT 4999),  
(BT 5099) AND (BT 5199).

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1. THIRD BARDIV HIGHLIGHTS. DURING THE NIGHT AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF VC MOVED INTO A COMPANY C, 3D BN, 4TH BARDIV IN AMBUSH VIC (XD 808153). FIVE VC WERE KILLED. ADDITIONALLY, THREE WEAPONS WERE CAPTURED AS WELL AS DOCUMENTS AND INDIVIDUAL EQUIPMENT.

2. JOE PHU BAI TAOR. THE 2D BN, 4TH BARDIVS CONTINUED NORMAL PATROLLING AND ASSESSED ACTIVITIES IN THE TAOR. AT 270000H ONE PLATOON OF COMPANY C, 3D RECON BN, 4TH BARDIV AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF VC AS THEY MOVED INTO THEIR AMBUSH VIC (XD 808153). <sup>AND</sup> THIS AMBUSH ACTION RESULTED IN FIVE VC KILLED, THREE WEAPONS CAPTURED AS WELL AS DOCUMENTS AND EQUIPMENT. THE NUMBER WOUNDED WAS UNDETERMINED. THIS RECON PLATOON RETURNED TO ITS NORMAL POSITION AT 271030H.

3. DA NANG TAOR.

(1) THIRD BARDIV. DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD UNITS CONDUCTED ONE COMPANY SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION, FOURTEEN SQUAD PATROLS AND ESTABLISHED TWELVE AMBUSHES. NO SIGNIFICANT VC CONTACT REPORTED.

(A) 1ST BN, 4TH BARDIVS. THIS BATTALION CONTINUED TO OCCUPY ITS DEFENSIVE POSITION WHILE PREPARING FOR EMBARKATION ON 1 SEPT 65.

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(1) 2D BN, 3D MARINES. COMPANY F CONDUCTED OPERATION "EASTER PATCH", A SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION WHICH COMMENCED AT 270330H WITH ONE PLATOON MOVING INTO BLOCKING POSITIONS VIC (AT 874761). AT 271327H ANOTHER PLATOON OF COMPANY F LANDED BY HELICOPTER VIC (AT 870779) AND MOVED INTO A BLOCKING POSITION NORTH OF THE VILLAGE OF PHUOC SON VIC (AT 870764). AT 271420H THE REMAINDER OF COMPANY F, PLUS ONE PLATOON OF COMPANY H, LANDED VIC (AT 862760). THESE ELEMENTS MOVED EAST THROUGH PHUOC SON WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. AT 271641H ALL UNITS HAD RETURNED TO NORMAL DEFENSIVE POSITIONS. NO VC CONTACT REPORTED.

(2) NINTH MARINES.

(A) 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES. CONTINUED NORMAL PATROL ANDAMBUSH ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE ~~RELOCATION~~ BATTALION SECTOR. TWO VIETNAMESE WOMEN AND ONE BOY WERE WOUNDED BY SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS WHEN COMPANY A AND THE ENGINEERS ISAW A VC TUNNEL.

(B) 2D BN, 9TH MARINES. CONDUCTED NORMAL PATROL ANDAMBUSH ACTIVITIES AND UNIT RELIEFS THROUGHOUT THE BATTALION SECTOR. TWO MHS FROM COMPANY G WERE WOUNDED BY SNIPER FIRE VIC (AT 963684) AS COMPANY G DEBARDED FROM HELICOPTERS TO RELIEVE COMPANY E. ONE CASUALTY WAS EVACUATED; THE OTHER WAS TREATED AND REMAINED WITH HIS UNIT.

(3) TWELFTH MARINES. FIRED 97 H&I MISSIONS; 7 "WILL AWARE" MISSIONS; AND 1 LZ PRPP MISSION. AMMUNITION EXPENDED: 105MM - 251 RDS HE, 16 RDS WP; 155MM - 6 RDS HE; 8" - 8 RDS HE.

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(4) NAVAL GUNFIRE. USS HENDERSON (DD 785) FIRED 5 H&I MISSIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE 2D BN, 3D MARINES IN THE ELEPHANT VALLEY AREA. AMMO EXPENDED: 5"/38 CALIBER - 108 ROUNDS HE.

(5) 3D RECON BN. CONTINUED TO MAINTAIN THREE ESTABLISHED OP'S AT DONG DEN MOUNTAIN, MARBLE MOUNTAIN AND OP HOTEL (AT 959745). ONE PLATOON OF COMPANY A PATROLED RED BEACH TWO. AT 270725H ONE PLATOON OF COMPANY A, WHILE CONDUCTING A PATROL ~~IN~~ VIC (AT 897674), SUSTAINED TWO WIA FROM A BOOBY TRAP GRENADE. THE PATROL CONTINUED ITS OPERATION WITH NO FURTHER CASUALTIES.

(6) 3D EGR BN. CONTINUED WORK ON ENGINEER PROJECTS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED.  
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ON THE DIVISION CP BUNKER CONTINUED WITH MAXIMUM EMPHASIS ON EARLY COMPLETION.

C. CHU LAI TAOR.

(1) FOURTH MARINES. THE 3D BN, 3D MARINES WAS RELIEVED OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR DEFENSIVE POSITIONS AS THE 1ST BN, 7TH MARINES TOOK OVER THEIR AREA ON THE M.R. DURING THIS PERIOD, UNITS CONDUCTED ONE COMPANY SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION, ELEVEN SQUAD PATROLS AND ESTABLISHED FIVE AMBUSHES.

(A) 1ST BN, 4TH MARINES. DURING THIS PERIOD UNITS CONDUCTED PATROLS FORWARD OF THEIR DEFENSIVE POSITIONS, INCLUDING ONE WATERBORNE PATROL. THESE ACTIONS, COUPLED WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AMBUSHES AND OUTPOST/CHECKPOINTS, FAILED TO RESULT IN ANY VC CONTACT.

(B) 2D BN, 4TH MARINES. AT 270035H COMPANY F RECEIVED FIVE ROUNDS OF SA VLC (BF 509049). NO FURTHER VC ACTIVITY REPORTED.

(C) 3D BN, 3D MARINES. COMPANY I REMAINS IN REGIMENTAL RESERVE. OTHER UNITS OF THE BATTALION ARE BEING RELIEVED IN POSITIONS BY ELEMENTS OF THE 1ST BN, 7TH MARINES.

(D) CO B, 3D RECON BN. OPERATION "OLD GOLD" TERMINATED AT 220130H.

(2) 7TH MARINES. BEGAN INITIAL PLANNING FOR OPERATION "PIRANHA".

(A) 1ST BN, 7TH MARINES. MOVED INTO DEFENSIVE POSITIONS PREVIOUSLY OCCUPIED BY THE 3D BN, 3D MARINES.

(3) ARTILLERY BN GROUP. DURING THIS PERIOD BATTERIES CONDUCTED THIRTY-FOUR H&I MISSIONS AND TWO PREPARATION MISSIONS, EXPENDING 187 ROUNDS.

D. SUMMARY.

(1) MAJOR UNIT ACTIONS: NONE

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(2) SMALL UNIT ACTIONS.

- (A) NIGHT CONTACTS: ONE
- (B) DAY CONTACTS: TWO
- (C) TOTAL CONTACTS: THREE
- (D) ACTION WITHOUT CONTACTS: FORTY-EIGHT
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| THUA THIEN<br>(YD 808153)        | 270001H               | AMBUSH        | 3D RECON BN<br>NONE               | KILLED - 5<br>WEAPONS - 3<br>DOCUMENTS AND INDIVIDUAL EQUIPMENT |
| QUANG NAM<br>(AT 968684)         | 270900H               | PATROL        | G/2/9<br>WIA-2                    | NONE  |
| QUANG NAM<br>(AT 897674)         | 270725H               | PATROL        | 3D RECON BN<br>WIA-2              | NONE  |

2. PLANS SUMMARY.

A. HUE-PHU BAI TAOR. AT 281830H TWO PLATOONS OF COMPANY L ~~RECON BN~~ WILL HELILIFT TO HILL 107 VIC (YD 815091) AND ESTABLISH A SEVENTY-TWO HOUR COMBAT BASE.

B. DA NANG TAOR.(1) 3D MARINES.

(A) 1ST BN, 3D MARINES. WILL CONTINUE DEFENSE ~~OF~~ OF ITS ASSIGNED POSITION ON THE MLR COMMENSURATE WITH CONTINUED PREPARATIONS FOR EMBARKATION ON 1 SEPT.

(B) <sup>2</sup> 1DBN, 3D MARINES. WILL CONDUCT EXTENSIVE PATROLLING AND AMBUSH OPERATIONS FOR AID OF THEIR DEFENSIVE POSITIONS.

(2) 9TH MARINES.**SECRET**

(A) 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES. AT 290900H TWO COMPANIES WILL CONDUCT A SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION FROM THE VILLAGE OF TRA KHE (3)VIC (BT 075670) NORTH TO THE VILLAGES OF AN TRA (1) AND (2) VIC (BT 085695). THIS OPERATION WILL BE SUPPORTED BY LVT'S AND TANKS.

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(B) 2D BN, 3D MARINES. UNITS WILL CONTINUE TO OCCUPY DEFENSIVE POSITIONS TO SOUTH OF THE SONG CAU DO RIVER. PATROLS AND AMBUSHES WILL BE CARRIED OUT FORWARD OF THE MLR. EMPHASIS WILL BE CONTINUED ON THE CIVIL AFFAIRS PROGRAM FOR THE CAN HE COMPLEX (AT 990690).

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C. CHU LAI TAOR.

(1) 4TH MARINES. NORMAL PATROLLING WILL CONTINUE FORWARD OF THE MLR, WITH AMBUSHES ALSO BEING ESTABLISHED. THE 3D BN, 3D MARINES WILL MOVE INTO NEW DEFENSIVE POSITIONS AS ASSIGNED BY CO, 4TH MARINES.

(2) 7TH MARINES. WILL CONTINUE PLANNING ON OPERATION "PIRANHA". THE 1ST BN, 7TH MARINES WILL CONDUCT PATROLS FORWARD OF THEIR DEFENSIVE POSITIONS.

D. DURING THE NEXT TWENTY-FOUR HOURS, UNITS OF THE THIRD MARINE DIVISION WILL CONDUCT FORTY-FIVE PATROLS AND ESTABLISH TWENTY AMBUSHES.

3. CIVIC ACTIONS.

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A. HUE-PHU KEX TAOR. NONE REPORTED.

B. DA NANG TAOR.

(1) 3D MARINES. THE REGIMENTAL CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER DISTRIBUTED THE FOLLOWING FOODSTUFFS TO MR THOUNG, VILLAGE CHIEF OF HOA PHAT VIC (AT 991760):

- (A) 100 LBS OF RICE
- (B) 180 LBS OF DRY MILK
- (C) 600 LBS OF MULGAR WHEAT
- (D) 400 LBS OF CORN MEAL
- (E) 60 LBS OF SALT

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THE 1ST BN AID STATION (AT 950720) TREATED TWELVE PEOPLE. THE LE MY DISPENSARY TREATED 136 PEOPLE TODAY.

(2) 9TH MARINES. MEDICAL PERSONNEL FROM THE 1ST BN TREATED FIFTY PEOPLE AT THE VILLAGE OF MIEU DONG (1) VIC (BT 016683). SEVENTY-FIVE PEOPLE WERE TREATED AT THE SACRED HEART ORPHANAGE. THIRTY-THREE PEOPLE WERE TREATED AT THE VILLAGE OF

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DUONG SON (1) VIC (AT 997687) BY THE 2D BN. IN ADDITION, THE 2D BN TREATED THIRTY-SEVEN PEOPLE AT THE BATTALION AID STATION. THE DIVISION BAND ENTERTAINED TROOPS OF COMPANY C AND <sup>2A</sup> BATTERY E, TOGETHER WITH ONE HUNDRED PEOPLE FROM THE VILLAGE OF PHOUNG ~~PHU~~ LE BAC (AT 995710).

(3) 3D AT BN. THE BATTALION COMMANDER PRESENTED THIRTY-ONE PAIRS OF RUBBER SANDALS TO THE CHILDREN OF THE VILLAGE OF YEN BAC (AT 985708).

(4) 3D TANK BN. BATTALION CORPSMEN TREATED TWENTY-SIX PEOPLE AT THE VILLAGE OF PHOUNG BAC (1) VIC (AT 992708).

C. CHU LAI TAOR. A MEDICAL TEAM TREATED ABOUT 100 PERSONS AT THE VILLAGE OF LONG PHU (2) VIC (BT 511029).

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1. THIRD MARDIV HIGHLIGHTS. GENERALLY, QUIET PREVAILED THROUGHOUT THE THREE ENCLAVES OF THE THIRD MARINE DIVISION. NORMAL PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES WERE CARRIED OUT. THE THIRD MARINES' REGIMENTAL CP WAS DISPLACED TO VIC (AT 945763).

A. HUE-PHU BAI TAOR. THREE COMPANIES OF THE 3D BN, 4TH MARINES REMAINED IN DEFENSE OF THE VITAL AREA AT PHU BAI. COMPANY L AND COMPANY C, 3D RECON BN CONTINUED TO CARRY OUT NORMAL PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES FORWARD OF THE MLR.

B. DA NANG TAOR.

(1) 3D MARINES.

(A) 1ST BN, 3D MARINES. CONTINUED TO MAN DEFENSIVE POSITIONS ALONG THE BATTALION SECTOR OF THE MLR. PREPARATION FOR EMBARKATION WERE CONTINUED.

(B) 2D BN, 3D MARINES. CONTINUED TO CARRY OUT NORMAL PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE BATTALION SECTOR. ONE REINFORCED PLATOON PROVIDED SECURITY FOR THE BRIDGE ON HIGHWAY #1 AT RAM O (AT 927842).

(2) 9TH MARINES.

(A) 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES. CONTINUED TO CARRY OUT NORMAL PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE BATTALION SECTOR.

(B) 2D BN, 9TH MARINES. CONTINUED TO CARRY OUT NORMAL PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE BATTALION SECTOR.

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(3) ~~12TH BN~~. FIRED 160 MM MISSIONS AND WILL ADJUST MISSIONS DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD. AMMO EXPENDED: 105MM - 269 ROUNDS HE, 3 ROUNDS ILLUM, 43 ROUNDS HE; 107MM - 41 ROUNDS HE; 155MM - 16 ROUNDS HE; 8" ~~240 MM HE~~.

(4) 3D RECON BN. CONTINUED TO MAINTAIN THE THREE ESTABLISHED OP'S ON DONG DEN MOUNTAIN, MARBLE MOUNTAIN AND AT OP HOTEL (AT 959745). ONE SQUAD PATROLLED RED BEACH TWO. ONE PLATOON PATROLLED IN THE SOUTHWEST PORTION OF THE TAOR VIC (AT 889689).

(5) 3D ENGR BN. CONTINUED TO PROVIDE MINE CLEARANCE AND DEMOLITION TEAMS WITH 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES AND 2D BN, 9TH MARINES. WORK WAS CONTINUED ON ~~EMER~~ ENGINEER PROJECTS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED.

C. CHU LAI TOAR.

(1) 4TH MARINES. PATROLLING ACTIONS AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AMBUSHES FAILED TO RESULT IN POSITIVE VC CONTACT. COMPANY D, 1ST BN, 4TH MARINES WHILE CONDUCTING A NIGHT PLATOON PATROL, RECEIVED SPORADIC SA FIRE. NO CASUALTIES REPORTED. DURING THIS PERIOD UNITS OF THE 4TH MARINES CONDUCTED ONE COMPANY PATROL, ONE PLATOON PATROL, SIXTEEN SQUAD PATROLS AND ESTABLISHED FIVE AMBUSHES. NO SIGNIFICANT VC CONTACT REPORTED.

(A) 1ST BN, 4TH MARINES. DURING THIS PERIOD ONE PLATOON OF COMPANY A MAINTAINED A COMBAT OUTPOST ON HILL 69 (BT 468068). ONE PLATOON OF COMPANY C MAINTAINED A COMBAT OUTPOST ON THE AN TAN BRIDGE VIC (BT 497066). AT 281000H ONE PLATOON OF COMPANY D RECEIVED SPORADIC SA FIRE IN THE VIC (VT 442061) WHILE CONDUCTING PATROLING OPERATIONS. THE VC IMMEDIATELY WITHDREW FROM CONTACT AS A SQUAD WAS SENT IN PURSUIT. NO ADDITIONAL VC ACTIVITY REPORTED

(B) 2D BN, 4TH MARINES. UNITS CONDUCTED PATROLS AND AMBUSHES WHICH RESULTED IN NEGATIVE VC CONTACT.

(C) 3D BN, 4TH MARINES. THIS UNIT HAS BEEN MOVED FROM ITS FORMER DEFENSIVE POSITIONS. THE BATTALION IS LOCATED VIC (BT 545031) ~~IN A TACTICAL~~ ~~EXHAUST~~ BIVOUAC. COMPANY I REMAINS IN REGIMENTAL RESERVE.

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(D) CO C, 3D TK BN. FIRED H&I FIRES FROM 280300H TO 280600H IN VIC (BT 3601) AND (BT 3701) EXPENDING THIRTY ROUNDS.

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(2) 7TH MARINES. CONTINUED PLANNING FOR OPERATION "PIRANHA".

(A) 1ST BN, 7TH MARINES. CONDUCTED PATROLS FORWARD OF THEIR DEFENSIVE POSITIONS. NO VC CONTACT.

(3) ARTILLERY BN GROUP. DURING THIS PERIOD BATTERIES CONDUCTED TWENTY-THREE H&I MISSIONS EXPENDING 187 ROUNDS.

D. SUMMARY.

(1) MAJOR UNIT ACTIONS: NONE

(2) SMALL UNIT ACTIONS:

(A) NIGHT CONTACTS: NONE

(B) DAY CONTACTS: NONE

(C) TOTAL CONTACTS: NONE

(D) ACTION WITHOUT CONTACTS: EIGHTY-SEVEN

2. PLANS SUMMARY.

A. HUE-PIU DAI TAOR. TWO PLATOONS OF COMPANY L WILL CONTINUE PATROL ACTIVITIES VIC (YD 815091), WHILE THE REMAINING PLATOON ESTABLISHES AN AMBUSH IN THE AREA. COMPANY C 3D RECON BN WILL CONDUCT A PLATOON PATROL VIC (YD 857055).

B. DA NANG TAOR.

(1) 3D MARINES.

(A) 1ST BN, 3D MARINES. WILL CONTINUE PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES IN CONJUNCTION WITH ELEMENTS OF 1ST BN, 1ST MARINES. PREPARATIONS FOR EMBARKATION CONTINUES.

(B) 2D BN, 3D MARINES. WILL CONTINUE NORMAL PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE BATTALION SECTOR.

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~~SECRET~~(2) 9TH MARINES.

(A) 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES. WILL CONDUCT A BATTALION (-) SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION IN THE SOUTHEASTERN PORTION OF THE TAOR SOUTH OF MARBLE MOUNTAIN. ELEMENTS OF THE ARVN NAVY WILL PATROL OFFSHORE TO PREVENT VC ESCAPE TO SEAWARD.

(B) 2D BN, 9TH MARINES. WILL CONTINUE TO CONDUCT NORMAL PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES AND EMPHASIZE THE CIVIL AFFAIRS PROGRAM IN THE CAN NE COMPLEX.

C. CHU LAI TAOR.

(1) 4TH MARINES. COMMENCING AT 292000H COMPANY F, 2D BN, 4TH MARINES WILL CONDUCT A SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION FROM VIC (BT 519018) SOUTH TO VIC (BS 520980) AND WEST TO VIC (BS 565990). THIS OPERATION WILL CONCLUDE ABOUT 301000H. NORMAL PATROLLING WILL BE CONDUCTED THROUGHOUT THEIR ASSIGNED TAOR.

(2) 7TH MARINES. WILL CONTINUE PLANNING ON OPERATION "PIRANHA". THE 1ST BN, 7TH MARINES WILL CONDUCT NORMAL PATROLS AND ESTABLISH AMBUSH SITES.

D. DURING THE NEXT TWENTY-FOUR HOURS UNITS OF THE THIRD MARDIV WILL CONDUCT ONE BATTALION SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION, FORTY-THREE PATROLS AND ESTABLISH THIRTEEN AMBUSHES.

3. CIVIC ACTIONS.

A. HUE-PHU BAT TAOR. NONE REPORTED

B. DA NGANG TAOR.

(1) 3D MARINES.

(A) THE 1ST BATTALION AID STATION TREATED 7 PEOPLE FOR MILD INJURIES. (CUTS AND ABRASIONS).

(B) THE LE MY DISPENSARY TREATED 99 PEOPLE. A MEDICAL TEAM FROM COMPANY G TREATED 100 PEOPLE VIC (AT 901806). BATTALION MEDICAL PERSONNEL TREATED 120 PEOPLE AT THE DA PHUOC NAM LIFE HAMLET (AT 950786). THE BATTALION SURGEON REMOVED A TUMOR FROM THE LEG OF AN 80 YEAR OLD WOMAN.

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**SECRET**(2) 9TH MARINES

(A) THE 1ST BATTALION CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER DISTRIBUTED DOLLS AND HOUSEHOLD ITEM TO THE PEOPLE OF TAN LUU (BT 077707). THE BATTALION AID STATION TREATED 31 PEOPLE.

(B) THE 2D BATTALION AID STATION ~~XXX~~ TREATED 33 PEOPLE TODAY. AN ADDITIONAL 32 PEOPLE WERE TREATED IN CAM NE (2) (AT 980686) AND 12 PEOPLE WERE TREATED AT THE REGIMENTAL AID STATION.

(C) 3D AT BN. TREATED 81 PEOPLE IN THE VILLAGE OF YEN BAC (AT 985708).

C. CHU LAI TAOR.

(1) 4TH MARINES. THE 1ST BN, 4TH MARINES CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER COMPLETED A STUDY OF THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM IN KY HA VILLAGE. THE SYSTEM INCLUDES ONLY FIVE GRADES, WITH THE FIRST GRADE TAUGHT IN HAMLET SCHOOL AND THE SECOND THROUGH FIFTH GRADES TAUGHT AT THE VILLAGE SCHOOL. MOST CHILDREN CANNOT ATTEND THE HAMLET SCHOOLS BECAUSE OF THE TUITION FEE. THE CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER RECOMMENDS FUNDS BE PROVIDED FOR OPERATION OF HAMLET SCHOOLS, SO THAT TUITION FEES CAN BE ELIMINATED AND THAT SCHOOL BOOKS, WHICH ARE NOT AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS, BE PROVIDED TO STUDENTS IN BOTH HAMLET AND VILLAGE SCHOOLS. THE 2D BN, 4TH MARINES MEDICAL TEAM TREATED 100 PERSONS IN THE VILLAGE OF TICH TAY (2) VIC (BT 495053).

4. LATE ENTRIES.

A. COMPANY F, 2D BN, 9TH MARINES REPORTS THE FOLLOWING RESULTS OF A PATROL: A FENCE ALONG THE RAILROAD VIC (AT 997663) BOOBY TRAPPED. BLOWN WITH HAND GRENADES. FOUND 8'x10' TANK TRAP VIC (AT 988666). FOUND VC DOCUMENTS AND RECENTLY USED BOAT IN TEMPLE VIC (AT 982664). BOAT BURNED, DOCUMENTS BROUGHT BACK.

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AT 281700H THE G-2, 3D MARDIV REPORTED INTELLIGENCE INDICATED A MASSIVE OF TROOPS AND MATERIAL IN AN AREA WEST OF THE CHU LAI TAOR, IN VIC (BT 4600). IT WAS DETERMINED THAT AIRSTRIKES CONTROLLED BY MASS-2 (TPQ-10) WOULD BE CONDUCTED HOURLY IN THIS AREA. ARMAMENT WOULD CONSIST OF 250 AND 500 LBS BOMBS. ADDITIONALLY ARTILLERY WILL CONDUCT EXTENSIVE H&I FIRES IN THIS AREA. AT 282100H THE FIRST AIR STRIKE WAS CONDUCTED IN VIC (BT 46000?) THIRTY MINUTES LATER TWO SEPARATE UNITS OBSERVED AND HEARD TWELVE SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS. AT 282000H CO H (-) AND ONE PLATOON OF COMPANY B, 3D RECON BN WILL DEPART ON A PATROL TO THIS VICINITY ARRIVING AT FIRST LIGHT [REDACTED] TO DETERMINE EXTENT OF AREA DAMAGE.

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1. THIRD MARDIV HIGHLIGHTS. A BATTALION (-) SEARCH AND CLEAR OPERATION WAS CONDUCTED BY THE 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES IN THE AREA SOUTH OF MARBLE MOUNTAIN, RESULTING IN THREE VC KIA, EIGHT VC WIA, 16 VCS APPREHENDED AND TWO VC WEAPONS TAKEN. FOUR MARINES WERE WIA IN THE ACTION.

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A. HUE-~~3~~ BAI TAOR. COMPANIES I, K AND M REMAINED IN DEFENSIVE POSITIONS AROUND THE VITAL AREA AT PHU BAI. COMPANY L AND COMPANY C, 3D RECON BN CONTINUED NORMAL PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES.

B. DA NANG TAOR.COPY 20 - of 49 copies(1) THIRD MARINES.

(A) 1ST BN, 3D MARINES. CONTINUED TO CONDUCT PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES IN CONJUNCTION WITH ELEMENTS OF THE 1ST BN, 1ST MARINES WHILE PREPARATIONS FOR EMBARKATION ON 1 SEPT CONTINUED.

(B) 2D BN, 3D MARINES. CONTINUED TO CONDUCT NORMAL PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES WITH NO VC CONTACT. ONE VC SIGHTING RESULTED IN A CALLED ARTY MISSION WHICH PRODUCED NO CONFIRMED RESULTS.

(2) NINTH MARINES.

(A) 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES. CONDUCTED A BATTALION (-) SEARCH AND CLEAR OPERATION IN THE SEACOAST AREA SOUTH OF MARBLE MOUNTAIN, WITH ELEMENTS OF THE ARVN NAVY PROVIDING AN OFF-SHORE BLOCK. DURING THE OPERATION THE MARINES KILLED THREE VC, KILLED 8 CONFIRMED AND AN ESTIMATED 10 ADDITIONAL VC AND APPREHENDED 16 VCS. FOUR

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MARINES WERE WOUNDED DURING THE OPERATION.

(B) 2D BN, 9TH MARINES. CONTINUED TO CONDUCT ACTIVE PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE BATTALION SECTOR. SOME SNIPER FIRE WAS RECEIVED, BUT THERE WERE NO ACTUAL VC CONTACTS OR FRIENDLY CASUALTIES.

(3) TWELFTH MARINES. FIRED 139 H&I MISSIONS 9 "WILL ADJUST" MISSIONS AND 1 FIRE FOR EFFECT MISSION. AMMO EXPENDED: 105MM - 346 ROUNDS HE, 108 ROUNDS WP; 155MM - 15 ROUNDS HE, 8 ROUNDS WP; 8" - 19 ROUNDS HE.

(4) 3D RECON BN. CONTINUED TO MAINTAIN THE THREE ESTABLISHED OP'S ON-DONG DEN MOUNTAIN, MARBLE MOUNTAIN AND AT OP HOTEL (AT 959745). COMPANY D, OPERATING IN SUPPORT OF THE 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES, REPORTED 2 VC KIA AND 3 VC CAPTURED, WITH ONE VC WEAPON CAPTURED.

(5) 3D ENGR BN. CONTINUED WORK ON ENGINEER PROJECTS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED. WORK ON THE DIVISION CP BUNKER AND COMPLEX WILL GO TO TWO SHIFTS STARTING TOMORROW (30AUG).

C. CHU LAI TOW.

(1) 4TH MARINES. UNITS CONDUCTED ONE COMPANY, TWO PLATOON AND SIXTEEN SQUAD SIZE PATROLS AND ESTABLISHED SEVEN SQUAD SIZE AMBUSHES THROUGHOUT THE REGIMENTAL TAOR. NO ENEMY CONTACT REPORTED.

(A) 1ST BN, 4TH MARINES. CONDUCTED LAND AND WATERBORNE PATROLS AND ESTABLISHED AMBUSHES TO THE FRONT AND THE REAR OF THE BATTALION'S SECTOR. (NO ENEMY CONTACT REPORTED).

(B) 2D BN, 4TH MARINES. CO H(-) AND ONE PLATOON FROM CO B, 3D RECON BN CONDUCTED A PATROL VIC (BT 450025) WHERE SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS WERE HEARD AFTER AN AIR-STRIKE. CO H (-) RETURNED TO COMPANY AREA AT 290900H. NO ENEMY CONTACT. THE PLATOON FROM CO B, 3D RECON BN DEPARTED FROM CO H VIC (BT 450025) AND WAITED FOR DAYLIGHT AND PATROLLED IN THE AREA OF (BT 4500). 12 VCS WERE APPREHENDED. HELILIFTED BACK TO COMPANY AREA AT 291600H.

(C) 3D BN, 3D MARINES. CO I OCCUPIES DEFENSIVE POSITIONS AROUND THE AIRFIELD. NORMAL PATROLS WERE CONDUCTED AND AMBUSHES ESTABLISHED TO THE FRONT AND REAR OF DEFENSIVE POSITIONS. NO ENEMY CONTACT.

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(D) CO C, 3D TANK BN. FIRED H&I MISSIONS VIC (BS 364019), (BS 362017),

(BS 370011) AND (BS 378015). EXPENDED 12RDS HE AND 8 RDS GP.

(E) CO B, 3D ASCON BN. SEE PARAGRAPH C.(B) ABOVE.

(2) 7TH MARINES. CONTINUES TO IMPROVE ITS BASE CAMP FACILITIES IN THE CHU LAY TAOR. PLANNING FOR THE FORTHCOMING OPERATION CONTINUES.

(A) 1ST BN, 7TH MARINES. CONDUCTED PATROLS AND ESTABLISHED ABUSES THROUGHOUT THEIR DEFENSIVE POSITIONS.

(3) ARTILLERY BN GROUP. DURING THIS PERIOD ONE "MILL ADJUST" AND TWENTY-NINE H&I MISSIONS WERE FIRED. EXCEEDING 137 ROUNDS. ARVN UNITS CALL IN FOR AN ARTY MISSION VIC (BT 435096) AND (BT 438105) BETWEEN 281925H AND 282020H. LY TIN G-2 REPORTS ARVN ~~KIA~~ PATROLS WERE INFORMED BY THE VILLAGERS THAT TWO VC KIA AND TEN VC MIA DURING THE ARTY FIRES.

D. SUMMARY.

(1) MAJOR UNIT ACTIONS:

(A) TYPE OF OPERATION: SEARCH AND DESTROY

(B) AREA OF OPERATION: QUANG NGAI (BT 090670), (BT 084682), (BT 085695) AND (BT 090690)

(C) UNITS PARTICIPATING: 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES

(D) TIME OF COMMENCEMENT: 290600H

(E) TIME OF TERMINATION: ~~000000H~~ CONTINUED

(F) RESULTS:

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(2) SMALL UNIT ACTIONS:

- (A) NIGHT CONTACTS: NONE
- (B) DAY CONTACTS: NONE
- (C) TOTAL CONTACTS: NONE
- (D) ACTION WITHOUT CONTACTS: 85

2. PLANS SUMMARY.

A. HUE-PHU BAI TAOR. THREE COMPANIES WILL REMAIN IN DEFENSE OF THE VITAL AREA IN PHU LAI. COMPANY B, 3D BN, 4TH MARINES AND COMPANY C, 3D RECON BN WILL CONDUCT NORMAL PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES.

B. DA NANG TAOR.(1) THIRD MARINES.

(A) 1ST BN, 3D MARINES. WILL CONDUCT LIMITED Indoctrination PATROIS WITH PERSONNEL OF 1ST BN, 1ST MARINES AND CONTINUE PREPARATIONS FOR EMBARKATION ON 1 SEPT.

(B) 2D BN, 3D MARINES. WILL CONTINUE TO CONDUCT PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES FORWARD AND TO THE REAR OF THE MLR.

(2) NINTH MARINES.

(A) 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES. WILL CONTINUE THE SEARCH AND CLEAR OPERATION ON THE EASTERN SEABOARD SOUTH OF MARBLE MOUNTAIN.

(B) 2D BN, 9TH MARINES. WILL CONTINUE TO CONDUCT NORMAL PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE BATTALION SECTOR. THE CIVIL AFFAIRS PROGRAM IN THE CAM NE COMPLEX WILL CONTINUE TO BE EMPHASIZED.

C. CLU LAI TAOR.

(1) 4TH MARINES. CO H, 2D BN, 4TH MARINES WILL CONDUCT A COMBAT/AMBUSH PATROL COMMENCING AT 002000H AND TERMINATING BY 010900H.

D. DURING THE NEXT TWENTY-FOUR HOURS UNITS OF THE THIRD MARDIV WILL CONDUCT FORTY-TWO PATROLS AND ESTABLISH SIX AMB SHES.

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3. CIVIC ACTIVITIES.A. HUE-PHU BAI TAOR. NONE REPORTED.B. DA NANG TAOR.(1) THIRD MARINES.(A) 1ST BN, 3D MARINES. MEDICAL PERSONNEL TREATED 20 PEOPLE AT THE BATTALION AID STATION.

(B) THE LE MY DISPENSARY TREATED 107 PEOPLE.

(2) NINTH MARINES.(A) 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES. DURING TODAYS OPERATION SOUTH OF MARBLE MOUNTAIN, 676 CIVILIANS WERE CARED FOR AT THE CIVILIAN COLLECTION POINT (BT 075713). 250 OF THESE 250 WERE GIVEN MEDICAL CARE. AN ADDITIONAL 42 PEOPLE WERE TREATED AT THE BATTALION AID STATION DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD.(B) 2D BN, 9TH MARINES. THE BATTALION AID STATION TREATED 31 PEOPLE AND AN ADDITIONAL 61 PEOPLE WERE TREATED AT THE VILLAGE OF DUONG SON (1).C. CHU LAI TAOR.(1) 2D BN, 4TH MARINES. CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICERS FROM THE 2D BN, 4TH MARINES, MCB-11, MAG-12 AND OTHER UNITS FROM CHU LAI MET WITH THE LY TIN VILLAGE CHIEF TO DISCUSS THE BUILDING OF A PLAYGROUND AT CHU LAI VILLAGE BY USMC PERSONNEL.

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THIRD MARINE DIVISION SITREP NUMBER 116 AS OF 301600Z AUG 65

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1. THIRD MARDIV HIGHLIGHTS. QUIET GENERALLY PREVAILLED ~~THROUGHOUT THE~~ THROUGHOUT THE *(2)* THIRD MARINE DIVISION ENCLAVES. A SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION BY THE 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES IN RESPONSE TO REPORTS OF A VC COMPANY LOCATED IN THE VILLAGE OF QUA GLANG (1) (BT 016665) PRODUCED NO RESULTS.

A. HUE-PHU BAI TAOR. THE 3D BN, 4TH MARINES CONTINUED TO EMPLOY THREE COMPANIES IN DEFENSE OF THE VITAL AREA AT HUE-PHU BAI. COMPANY L AND COMPANY C, 3D RECON BN, CONTINUED TO CONDUCT NORMAL PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES FORWARD OF THE A.R.

B. DA BANG TAOR.~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~.(1) THIRD MARINES.

(A) 1ST BN, 3D MARINES. IN RESPONSE TO AN AGENT REPORT OF A VC PLATOON EQUIPPED WITH MORTARS, TWO PLATOONS OF COMPANY B WERE SENT TO SEARCH A EA VIC (AT 955688). NEGATIVE RESULTS.

(B) 2D BN, 3D MARINES. CONTINUED TO CONDUCT NORMAL PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE BN SECTOR.

(2) NINTH MARINES.

(A) 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES. A BN (-) SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION WAS CONDUCTED IN GRID SQUARE (BT 0166) FOLLOWING REPORTS OF A VC COMPANY IN QUA GLANG (1) (BT 016665), BUT THERE WAS NO VC CONTACT.

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(B) 2D BN, 9TH MARINES. COMPANY H (-) SUPPORTED OPERATIONS OF COMPANY D, 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES BY SEARCHING QUA GIANG (2) (BT 003669) AND ESTABLISHING FLOCKING POSITIONS ALONG THE EASTERN EDGE OF THE VILLAGE.

(3) TWELFTH MARINES. FIRED 217 H&I MISSIONS, 4 "KILL ADJUST" MISSIONS AND 1 FIRE FOR EFFECT MISSION. AMMO EXPENDED: 105MM - 333 RDS HE, 30 RDS WP, 4 RDS ILL; 107MM - 84 RDS HE; 152MM - 18 RDS HE, 28 RDS WP; 8" - 25 RDS HE.

(4) 3D RECON BN. CONTINUED TO MAINTAIN THREE ESTABLISHED OP'S ON DONG DEN MOUNTAIN, MARBLE MOUNTAIN AND AT OP HOTEL (AT 959745). COMPANY A CONDUCTED ONE PATROL AT RED BEACH TWO.

(5) 3D ENGR BN. CONTINUED WORK ON ENGINEER PROJECTS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED. ~~REBEGAN~~ PLACING IN PERSONNEL AUGMENTATION TO ASSIST ON THE DIV HQ BN CANTERMENT CONSTRUCTION PROJECT. MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ROADS AROUND HILLS 260XXXX AND 327 WAS SHIFTED TO 7TH ENGINE R BN, FMF.

C. CHU LAI TAOR.

(1) 4TH MARINES. AT 301200H A PLATOON FROM CO A, 1ST BN, 4TH MARINES RECEIVED AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE FROM VIC (BT 446076) WHILE SEARCHING FOR VC CAVES. FIRE R TURNED. NO CONFIRMED ENEMY CASUALTIES.

(A) 1ST BN, 4TH MARINES. IN RESPONSE TO INTELLIGENCE REPORTS RECEIVED FROM LY TIN DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS THAT VC WERE DIGGING CAVES VIC (BT 4407), A PLATOON FROM COMPANY A WAS DISPATCHED FROM OUTPOST 69 AT 300900H. AT 301200H AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE WAS RECEIVED FROM VIC (BT 446076). FIRE WAS RETURNED, BUT THERE WERE NO CONFIRMED VC CASUALTIES.

(B) 2D BN, 4TH MARINES. CO H WEAPONS PLATOON, H&S CO MACHINE GUNNERS AND ONTOS CREWMEN CONDUCTED MX LIVE FIRING EXERCISES WITH M-60'S, 3.5" ROCKETS AND .30 CALIBER MACHINE GUNS AT 301000H.

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(C) 3D BN, 3D MARINES. CO I CONTINUES TO OCCUPY DEFENSIVE POSITIONS AROUND THE AIRFIELD AND CO K CONTINUES TO OCCUPY DEFENSIVE POSITIONS ~~IN~~ BEHIND THE MLR. NORMAL PATROLING AND AMBUSHES <sup>WERE</sup> ESTABLISHED THROUGHOUT THE BN SECTOR.

(D) CO C, 3D TANK BN. FIRED H&I MISSIONS AT VIC(BT 374003), (BS 372997), (BT 379005) AND (BT 383004), EXPENDING 12 RDS HE AND 8 RDS WP.

(E) CO B, 3D RECON BN. 2D PLATOON COMMENCED OPERATION "CHESTERFIELD". AT 001800H THE PLATOON MOVED TO HILL 410 VIC (BT 480999) AND AT FIRST LIGHT ON 31AUG WILL MOVE TO RECONNOITER THE HIGH GROUND TO THE WEST.

(2) ARTILLERY BN GROUP. FIRED ONE REGISTRATION AND SIXTY-FIVE H&I MISSIONS. FORTY-THREE MISSIONS WERE FIRED FOR THE 4TH MARINES, AND TWENTY-TWO FOR THE 7TH MARINES. EXPENDED 737 RDS.

(3) ~~4~~ 7TH MARINES. RLT-7 CONTINUES TO PLAN FOR THE FORTHCOMING OPERATION "PIRANHA". PLANS ARE UNDERWAY TO LAND AND ESTABLISH THE 3D BN, 7TH MARINES WITHIN THE CHU LAI TAOR.

(A) 1ST BN, 7TH MARINES. CONDUCTED PATROLS AND ESTABLISHED AMBUSHES THROUGHOUT THE REGIMENTAL TAOR.

D. SUMMARY.

(1) MAJOR UNIT ACTIONS: NONE

(2) SMALL UNIT ACTIONS:

(A) NIGHT CONTACTS: NONE

(B) DAY CONTACTS: NONE

(C) TOTAL CONTACTS: NONE

(D) TOTAL ACTIONS ~~WITH~~ CONTACTS: 74

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2. PLANS SUMMARY.

A. HUE-PHU BAI TAOR. THREE COMPANIES WILL REMAIN IN DEFENSE OF THE VITAL AREA IN PHU BAI. COMPANY C, 3D RECON BN AND COMPANY B, 3D BN, 4TH MARINES WILL CONDUCT NORMAL PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES.

**SECRET**B. DA NANG TAOR.(1) THIRD MARINES

(A) 1ST BN, 3D MARINES. WILL CONDUCT LIMITED ORIENTATION AND INDOCTRINATION PATROLS WITH PERSONNEL OF 1ST BN, 1ST MARINES AND CONTINUE PREPARATIONS FOR TRANSITION ON 1 SEPT.

(B) 2D BN, 3D MARINES. WILL CONTINUE TO CONDUCT PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES FORWARD AND TO THE REAR OF THE AOR.

(2) 4TH MARINES.

(A) 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES. WILL CONDUCT EXTENSIVE PATROLLING IN THE BN SECTOR. THE CIVIL AFFAIRS PROGRAM WILL BE STEPPED UP IN THE VILLAGES WITHIN THE BATTALION'S AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY.

(B) 2D BN, 9TH MARINES. WILL CONTINUE TO CONDUCT NORMAL PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE BN SECTOR. THE CIVIL AFFAIRS PROGRAM IN THE CAMP BE COMPLEX WILL CONTINUE TO BE EMPHASIZED.

C. CHU LAI TAOR.

(1) 4TH MARINES. CO A, 1ST BN, 4TH MARINES WILL LAND BY HELICOPTER AT 010730H IN LZ VIC (BT 402108) AND CONDUCT A COMBAT PATROL TO A NIGHT PATROL BASE VIC (BT 403078). CO F, 2D BN, 4TH MARINES WILL CONDUCT A COMPANY (-) DAYLIGHT COMBAT PATROL ON 31 AUG.

D. DURING THE NEXT TWENTY-FOUR HOURS UNITS OF THE THIRD MARDIV WILL CONDUCT FORTY-NINE PATROLS AND ESTABLISH TEN AMBUSHES.

3. CIVIC ACTIONS.

A. HUE-PIU BAI TAOR. NONE REPORTED.

B. DA NANG TAOR.

**SECRET**(1) THIRD MARINES.

(A) 1ST BN, 3D MARINES. NINE PEOPLE WERE TREATED AT BN AID STATION.

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(B) 2D BN, 3D MARINES. FORTY PEOPLE WERE TREATED AT THE VILLAGE OF KIEU KIEU (AT 907783). ELEVEN PEOPLE WERE TREATED AT (AT 901806). 107 PEOPLE WERE TREATED AT THE LB BY DISPENSARY. THE BN S-2 ARRANGED FOR POPULAR FORCE SECURITY FOR PHUC THANH (AT 956787).

(2) NINTH MARINES.

(A) 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES. THE BN AID STATION TREATED 54 PEOPLE.

(B) 2D BN, 9TH MARINES. BN MEDICAL PERSONNEL PROVIDED MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR A TOTAL OF 175 PEOPLE ~~THROUGHOUT~~ THE BN AREA.

C. CHU LAI TAOR.

(1) 4TH MARINES. A MEDCAP TEAM TREATED 200 PERSONS AT SICK CALL. A ~~LUNCHEON~~ WAS HELD BY THE DISTRICT CHIEF FOR CO, 2D BN, 4TH MARINES AND CO, 10TH RCB AT WHICH PROJECTS WERE DISCUSSED FOR CHU LAI VILLAGE. MAG-12 WILL BUILD A SET OF JUNGLE BARS AND A SELF-PROPELLED MERRY-GO-ROUND FOR THE CHILDREN OF CHU LAI.

(2) 7TH MARINES. 1ST BN, 7TH MARINES BN AID STATION TREATED FOUR WOUNDED INDIGENOUS PERSONNEL.

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1. THIRD MARINE HIGHLIGHTS. THE THIRD MARINE DIVISION IN ENCLAVES ~~██████████~~ <sup>CONTINUED PATROLLING</sup>  
ACTION FORWARD OF DEFENSIVE POSITIONS.  
~~██████████~~ THERE WERE ISOLATED VC CONTACTS AS THE RESULT OF MARINE PATROL ACTIVITY. <sup>R</sup>

THE 1ST BN, 1ST MARINES ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE 1ST BN, 2D MARINES SECTION OF THE TAOR AT 210800H. *SE*

A. HUE-PHU BAI TAOR. THE 3D BN, 4TH MARINES CONTINUED TO EMPLOY THREE COMPANIES IN DEFENCE OF THE VITAL AREA AT HUE-PHU BAI. COMPANY L AND ELEMENTS OF COMPANY C, 3D RECON BN CONTINUED PATROL, AIRUSH AND SURVEILLANCE ACTIVITY FORWARD OF THE ALR. NEGATIVE RESULTS.

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(1) THIRD MARINES.

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(A) 1ST BN, 3D MARINES. RELIEVED THE 1ST BN, 3D MARINES IN PLACE AT 010800H. THE BN CONSOLIDATED UNITS IN NEW POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED AREA FAMILIARIZATION. ESTABLISHED THREE PLATOON PATROL BASES FORWARD OF THE MR, IN THE VIC (AT 897715), (AI 910702) AND (AT 932684). MARINES FROM PLATOON PATROL BASES CONDUCTED RECON PATROLS AND ESTABLISHED OP'S AND AMBUSHES. BCT. SEM 302300H AND 310200<sup>H</sup> COMPANY <sup>B</sup> RECEIVED 10 RDS OF SA FIRE FROM ESTIMATED FIVE VC AT (AT 950690). NEGATIVE RESULT.

(b) 2D BN, 3D BATTALION. CONTINUED TO DEFEND ITS PORTION OF THE TAOR BY  
EXTENSIVE PATROLING AND ESTABLISHING NUMEROUS AMENITIES. AT 311325H A PATROL FROM  
COMPANY F AT (AT 874751) RECEIVED FOUR WIA FROM AN UNKNOW ~~SECRET~~ DEVICE BELIEVED  
TO BE A BOoby TRAP. THE GENERAL AREA WAS SATURATED WITH BOoby TRAPS.

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**SECRET**(2) NINTH MARINES

(A) 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES. CONTINUED TO DEFEND ITS SECTOR OF THE TAOR BY AGGRESSIVE PATROLLING. B COMPANY A SQUAD SIZED PATROL AT 310850H EXCHANGED SA FIRE WITH A SNIPER AT (BT 069698). SNIPER FIRE CEASED. AT 311105H ANOTHER COMPANY A PATROL OF SQUAD SIZE SUPPORTED BY ONE TANK AT (BT 081670) RECEIVED THIRTY ROUNDS OF AUTOMATIC SA FIRE FROM (BT 080676). TWO VC WERE SPOTTED AND SA AND 90MM TANK FIRE WAS RETURNED. TWO VC WERE TOSSED IN THE AIR BY A 90MM HE EXPLOSION AND PRESUMED DEAD.

(B) 2D BN, 9TH MARINES. DEFENSE OF ITS SECTOR OF THE TAOR BY AGGRESSIVE PATROLLING CONTINUES. AT 310800H A COMPANY G SQUAD SIZED PATROL HAD ONE WIA AT (AT 958678) FROM SNIPER FIRE FROM LA BONG (3) (AT 962678). COMPANY G DISPATCHED A SUPPORTING PLATOON PATROL TO LA BONG (3). AT 311225H THIS PLATOON PATROL SUFFERED ONE KIA FROM SNIPER FIRES IN LA BONG (3). THIS SNIPER WAS SEEN BY A MACHINE SCOUT-SNIPER TEAM ACROSS SONG YEN RIVER IN LA CHAU (3) (AT 955678) AND TAKEN UNDER FIRE. THE SCOUT-SNIPER TEAM THOUGHT THEY HIT THE VC BUT A SEARCH FOR THE BODY WAS NEGATIVE. THE VC WAS IN UNIFORM WITH A HELMET, RIFLE AND CARTRIDGE BELT. THE SQUAD PATROL WHILE RETURNING TO THE NLR AT 311102H RECEIVED AN ADDITIONAL WIA FROM A BOOBY TRAP IN LA CHAU (3) (AT 955678). AT 311430H COMPANY G RECEIVED TWO ADDITIONAL WIA FROM A BOOBY TRAP WHILE CARRYING THEIR KIA FROM THE FIELD AT (AT 962678).

(C) 11TH MARINES. FIRED 177 HAI MISSIONS, THREE MIL. ALMOST MISSIONS FIVE HIRE FOR INFECT MISSIONS AND ONE ILLUMINATION MISSION. ALSO EXPENDED: 105M - 363 RDS HE, 73 RDS WP, 11 RDS ILLUM; 107M - 18 RDS HE; 155M - 11 RDS HE, 5 RDS WP; 82-23 RDS HE.

(4) 3D RECON BN. CONTINUED TO MAINTAIN ESTABLISHED OP'S ON DONG BEN MOUNTAIN AND OP HOTEL (AT 959745). MAINTAINED OP ON MARBLE MOUNTAIN UNTIL RELIEVED AT ~~311115H~~. COMPANY A PATROLLED RED BEACH TWO UNTIL 310630H. 3D PLATOON, COMPANY A ESTABLISHED OP'S AT (AT 893654) AND (AT 870649).

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(5) 3D ENGR BN. CONTINUED WORK ON ENGINE R PROJECTS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED.

**SECRET**C. CHU LAI TAOR.

(1) FOURTH MARINES. GENERAL PATROLLING ACTIONS COUPLED WITH ESTABLISHED AMBUSES RESULTED IN NO SIGNIFICANT VC CONTACT. A PLATOON COMBAT PATROL IN THE WESTERN SECTOR OF THE TAOR SUSTAINED SIX CASUALTIES FROM MINE ACTION. DURING THIS PERIOD, UNITS CONDUCTED ONE COMPANY SEARCH AND CLEAR OPERATION, TWELVE SQUAD SIZE PATROLS AND ESTABLISHED TWO AMBUSES.

(A) 1ST BN, 4TH MARINES. AT 310710H ONE PLATOON OF COMPANY D DEPARTED FROM ITS DEFENSIVE POSITION AND COMMENCED A ~~SEARCH~~ COMBAT PATROL VIC (BT 443097). AT 310810H THE PATROL RECEIVED SPORADIC RIFLE FIRE VIC (BT 436091). AS THE PLATOON MOVED FORWARD THE VC WITHDREW FROM CONTACT. AT 310840H SPORADIC RIFLE FIRE WAS RECEIVED VIC (BT 427087). AGAIN VC RIFLEMAN BROKE CONTACT. AT 311010H THE PLATOON SUSTAINED TWO KIA AND FOUR WIA FROM AN M-49 TYPE AP MINE DETONATED AT VIC (BT 428084). UPON THE COMPLETION OF CASUALTY EVACUATION BY HELICOPTER, THE PATROL WAS ORDERED TO RETURN TO ITS DEFENSIVE POSITIONS. ADDITIONAL PATROLS WERE CONDUCTED WITH NEGATIVE VC CONTACT.

(B) 2D BN, 4TH MARINES. UNITS CONDUCTED PATROLS FORWARD AND TO THE REAR OF DEFENSIVE POSITIONS. NO VC CONTACT REPORTED.

(C) 3D BN, 3D MARINES. COMPANY I AND TWO PLATOONS OF COMPANY L OCCUPY DEFENSIVE POSITIONS AROUND THE AIRFIELD. COMPANY K OCCUPIES DEFENSIVE POSITIONS IN THE REAR OF THE 1ST BN, 7TH MARINES MLR POSITIONS. COMPANY M OCCUPIES DEFENSIVE POSITIONS WITH ONE PLATOON IN DEFENSIVE OF THE BATTALION CP VIC (BT 530022). ONE PLATOON OF COMPANY L IS ATTACHED TO THE 1ST BN, 4TH MARINES.

(D) CO B, 3D RECON BN. OPERATION CHEST AIRFIELD CONTINUES WITH NO ~~CONTACT~~ <sup>RESULTS</sup> CONTACT. THIS PATROL WILL CONCLUDE AT 010700H.

(2) SEVENTH MARINES. DURING THIS PERIOD UNITS CONDUCTED THREE PLATOON PATROLS, FOUR SQUAD PATROLS AND ESTABLISHED TWO AMBUSES. NO VC CONTACT REPORTED.

(A) 1ST BN, 7TH MARINES. COMPANY C CONTINUED IN BATTALION RESERVE. PATROLS AND AMBUSES CONDUCTED WITH NEGATIVE ~~RESULTS~~.

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(B) 3D BN, 7TH MARINES. CONTINUED DEBARKEATION INTO THE CHU LAI TAOR. THIS UNIT HAS BEEN ASSIGNED AS RIGIMENTAL RESERVE.

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(3) ARTILLERY BN GROUP. DURING THIS PERIOD BATTERIES CONDUCTED SEVENTY-FIVE HAI MISSIONS AND FIRED <sup>105</sup>MINE CONCENTRATIONS, EXPENDING 765 ROUNDS.

2. SUMMARY.

(1) MAJOR UNIT ACTIONS: NONE

(2) SMALL UNIT ACTIONS:

(A) NIGHT CONTACTS: NONE

(B) DAY CONTACTS: EIGHT

(C) TOTAL CONTACTS: EIGHT

(D) ACTION WITHOUT CONTACTS: EIGHTY-TWO

(E) BOX SCORES:

| PROVINCE/<br>COORDINATES  | DATE/<br>TIME          | ACTION           | FRIENDLY UNIT/<br>LOSSES             | ENEMY UNIT/<br>LOSSES         |
|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| QUANG BINH<br>(BT 028084) | 311010H                | PATROL           | D/1/4<br>KIA-2, WIA-4                | NONE<br>M-49 TYPE AP NINE     |
| QUANG NAM<br>(AT 053678)  | 310800H                | PATROL           | G/2/9<br>WIA-1                       | NONE                          |
| QUANG NAM<br>(AT 055678)  | 311102H                | PATROL           | G/2/9<br>WIA-1                       | NONE<br>MINE                  |
| QUANG NAM<br>(AT 062678)  | 311 <sup>12</sup> 375H | PATROL           | G/2/9<br>KIA-1                       | VCS-10                        |
| QUANG NAM<br>(AT 074751)  | 311325H                | PATROL           | F/2/3<br>WIA-1                       | NONE<br>MINE                  |
| QUANG NAM<br>(AT 062678)  | 311430H                | PATROL           | G/2/9<br><del>XXXXXXXXXX</del> WIA-2 | NONE<br><del>XXXXXXXXXX</del> |
| QUANG NAM<br>(BT 080676)  | 311105H                | TANK FIRE        | 1/9<br>NONE                          | VC KILLED - 2                 |
| QUANG NAM<br>(BT 077697)  | 311830H                | DEFENSE POSITION | 1/9                                  | VCS-3                         |

2. PLANS SUMMARY.

... ME PHU HAI TACR. THREE COMPANIES WILL REMAIN IN DEFENSE OF THE VITAL AREA IN

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PHU BAI. COMPANY L WILL CONDUCT THREE PLATOON SIZE PATROLS FROM AMBUSH SITES BACK TO THE MLR AT FIRST LIGHT. NORMAL SECURITY PATROLS WILL BE CONDUCTED.

B. DA NANG TAOR.

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(1) THIRD MARINES.

(A) 1ST BN, 1ST MARINES. PLATOONS (REIN) WILL CONTINUE TO PATROL AND AMBUSH FROM PATROL BASES AT (AT 897715), (AT 910702) AND (AT 932684).

(B) 2D BN, 3D MARINES. ONE PLATOON WILL PATROL IN GS (AT 9182). ONE PLATOON WILL PATROL IN GS (AT 8778). NORMAL AMBUSHES WILL BE CONDUCTED ALONG LIKELY AVERSES OF APPROACH.

(2) 9TH MARINES.

(A) 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES. WILL CONTINUE TO CONDUCT EXTENSIVE PATROLLING AND AMBUSHING IN ITS SECTOR. THE CIVIL AFFAIRS PROGRAM WILL CONTINUE.

(B) 2D BN, 9TH MARINES. WILL CONTINUE NORMAL PATROL AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES.

C. CIL LAI TAOR.

(1) 4TH MARINES. COMPANY A, 1ST BN, 4TH MARINES WILL LAND BY HELICOPTER AT 011330H IN VIC (BT 402108) AND CONDUCT A COMBAT PATROL SOUTH TO NIGHT PATROL BASE VIC (BT 403078). ADDITIONAL PATROLS WILL BE CONDUCTED FORWARD OF THE DEFENSIVE POSITIONS.

(2) 7TH MARINES. PATROLLING ACTION WILL BE CONDUCTED FORWARD OF THE MLR POSITIONS. ~~THE~~ 3D BN, 7TH MARINES WILL COMPLETE DEBAR ATION BY 011230H ~~SEP.~~

D. DURING THE NEXT TWENTY-FOUR HOURS UNITS OF THE 3D MARDIV WILL CONDUCT FIFTY-TWO PATROLS AND ESTABLISH NINETEEN AMBUSHES.

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3. CIVIC ACTIONS.

A. HUE-PHU BAI TAOR. A MEDICAL TEAM TREATED 75 PEOPLE AT THE VILLAGE OF THUY TAN. THERE HAS BEEN A MARKED DECREASE IN THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN TREATED SINCE THE MEDICAL TEAM SHOWED THE CHILDREN AND MOTHERS HOW TO <sup>THE CHILDREN</sup> BATHE PROPERLY.

B. DA NANG TAOR.

(1) 1ST MARINES.

(A) 1ST BN, 1ST MARINES. NONE REPORTED.

(B) 2D BN, 3D MARINES. THE BATTALION AID STATION TREATED ~~142~~ 141 PEOPLE.

(2) 3D MARINES.

(A) 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES. THE BN SURGEON VISITED SACRED HEART ORPHANAGE AND TREATED 115 PEOPLE. AN ADDITIONAL 85 WERE TREATED AT THE BN AID STATION.

(B) 2D BN, 9TH MARINES. MEDICAL PERSONNEL TREATED 256 PEOPLE.

(C) THE REGIMENTAL AID STATION TREATED 108 PEOPLE IN THE HAMLET OF BLOH THAI (BT 010724).

C. CHU LAI TAOR. UNIT CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICERS ARE ATTENDING 3D MARDIV CIVIL AFFAIRS CONFERENCE.

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