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From: Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force

To: Commander, United States Military Assistance Command, Vietnam
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**SECOND ENDORSEMENT on GO, 1stBn, 3d Mar ltr 3/JJJ/ddh over
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**From: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF
To: Commanding General, U. S. Military Assistance
Command, Vietnam
Via: Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force**

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Ref: (a) COMUSMACV Directive No 335-8

**1. Readdressed and forwarded in accordance with reference
(a). Comments concerning recommendations contained in the
basic report are set forth below.**

**a. Photo reproduction of maps. Photo reproduction of
maps is not necessary. Present map supplies are adequate
to provide distribution down to squad level upon request.**

**b. Relieving battalion of TAOR security responsibilities. The advantages of relieving a battalion of its TAOR
security responsibilities when tactically employed beyond
an assigned sector are recognized. However, such is most
frequently not possible due to the limited availability of
forces to meet both defensive and offensive commitments.
By task organizing an infantry battalion may be divided
into two task organizations; an offensive tactical command
group headquarters capable of coordinating and controlling
supporting arms together with two or more company maneuver
elements; and a defensive command headquarters capable of
commanding and coordinating companies or elements retained
in the defensive sector. Further, by such pre-planned task
organizing, each battalion has the capability of providing
a combat force on short notice to meet contingency require-
ments without major redistribution of forces within the
TAOR. This concept, practiced in the 3d Marine Division
for an extended period of time, makes a maximum number of
forces available for offensive action, retains command
continuity in the assigned defensive sector, and insures
the protection of vital areas. However, it must be recog-
nized that such procedure severely limits the capability of
an infantry battalion to conduct sustained offensive
operations.**

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c. Communications

(1) Remotes for the AN/PRC-25 are programmed for distribution to Division units during June, 1966.

(2) The comment concerning mutual interference between AN/PRC-25 radios is the first report of this type difficulty. Locally controlled tests to determine the degree of mutual interference between AN/PRC-25 radios have subsequently been conducted and the results have shown negligible interference. This problem area will continue to be monitored.

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FIRST ENDORSEMENT on CO, 1st Bn, 3d Mar Ltr 3/27/66 over 3120 dtd 18 Apr 66

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From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding General, Third Marine Division
 Via: Commanding Officer, Third Marines

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Ref: (a) DivO 3100.1B
 (b) Reg'tO 3120.1B
 (c) 3d MarDiv OpnO 383-66
 (d) Map, VIET NAM, 1:50,000, AMS Series L701, Sheets
 6558 I, 6558 II, 6658 III, 6658 IV

Encl: (1) 1st Bn, 3d Mar OpnO 303-66 - NIF
 (2) Staff Journal, Operation ORANGE 1-11 April 1966
 (3) Chronology of events, "B" Company major engagement with
 enemy 2-3 April 1966

1. Operation ORANGE, Battalion(-)(Reinf) Search and Destroy/Security
 operation.

2. 010700H - 111835H April 1966.

3. QUANG NAM Province, QUANG NAM Special Sector.

4. 1st Battalion, 3d Marines

LtCol R.R. DICKEY III

H&S Company(-)

Capt J. GILLMAN

Company B

Capt R.W. HUNT

Company D

Capt B.M. SUMMERLIN

Company D 1/1

Capt J. TULLY

Company I, 3/3

Capt GARDNER

Company L, 3/3

Capt LEE

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Btry A, (-), 1st Bn, 11th Mar

Capt R. SEED

W Btry(-), 1st Bn, 12th Mar

Capt GEER

W Btry(-), 2d Bn, 12th Mar

Capt FRANKENBERGER

5. TASK ORGANIZATION1st Bn, 3d Mar(-)(Reinf)

LtCol DICKEY

H&S Co(-)(Reinf)

Capt GILLMAN

Det, Interpreter, ARVN

Det, CITT

Sqd, M Co, Hqs Bn 3d MarDiv

Sqd(-), Sniper Plat, Hq Co, 3d Mar

Det, Dog Plat

Det, EOD

Det(-), HST 3d SF Bn

Det, ISO, Hq Bn, 3d MarDiv

2d Plat, Co B, 3d Recon Bn

Co B(Reinf)

Capt HUNT

Co B

Det, H&S Co(-)

Det, Med Plat

Det, Comm Plat

Det, Intel Sec

FAC Tm

Sqd, 2d Plat, Co A, 3d Eng Bn

Det, HST, 3d SF Bn

Det, ISO, Hq Bn 3d MarDiv

Arty FO Tm, Btry A, 1st Bn 11th Mar

Det, Inter ARVN

Capt SUMMERLIN

Co D(Reinf)

Co D

Det, H&S Co(-)

Det, Med Plat

Det, Comm Plat

Det, Intel Sec

FAC Tm

Sec, 81mm Mort Plat(-)

Sqd, 2d Plat, Co A, 3d Eng Bn

Det, HST, 3d SF Bn

Det, ISO, Hq Bn 3d MarDiv

Det, Sniper Plat, Hq Co 3d Mar

Det, Inter ARVN

Plat, 768th Co ARVN CRF

Arty FO Tm Btry A, 1st Bn 11th Mar

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Capt TULLY

Co D

Det, H&S Co(-) 1st Bn, 1st Mar

Det, Med Plat

Det, H&S Co(-) 1st Bn, 3d Mar

Det, Comm Plat

Det, Intel Sec

1st Sec 81mm Mort Plat(-)

Sqd, 2d Plat(-), Co A, 3d Eng Bn

Det, HST, 3d SF Bn

Det, Dog Plat

Det, Inter ARVN

FAC Tm, H&S Co(-), 2d Bn 3d Mar

Arty FO Tm, Btry B(-) 1st Bn 12th Mar

81mm Mort Plat(-)

GySgt NELSON

3d Plat(-), Co A, 3d Eng Bn

1st Lt WALLS

Direct Support "W" Btry(-)(Reinf), 1st Bn 12th Mar

Capt DREW

4.2 In. Mort Btry(-)

Plat, Btry A(-), 1st Bn 11th Mar

2-9 April 1966

Co I(Reinf), 3d Bn, 3d Mar

Capt GARDNER

3-10 April 1966

Co I(Reinf), 3d Bn, 3d Mar

Capt LEE

1-9 April 1966

Btry A(-), 1st Bn, 11th Mar

Capt SEED

3-11 April 1966

Howtar Btry(-), 2d Bn, 12th Mar

Capt FRANKENBERGER

3-10 April 1966

Det, 3d Eng Bn

6. SUPPORTING FORCES.

4.2 Mort Btry(-), 1st Bn, 12th Mar(-)(Reinf).

107mm Howtar Btry(-), 2d Bn, 12th Mar(-)(Reinf).

Btry A(-), 1st Bn, 11th Mar(-)(Reinf).

A total of 337 artillery missions were fired during the operation of which 67 were observed, 25 were unobserved, 8 were registrations, 11 illumination, 1 direct fire, and 215 H and I. 2,174 4.2 HE and 1,335 105 HE, 547 4.2 WP and 100 105mm WP, 146 4.2 Illum and 18 105mm Illum, and 13 HEAT 105mm rounds were fired, for a total of 4,337 artillery rounds of all calibers and types.

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Air request nets utilized were Tactical Air Request Net, Tactical Air Direction Net, and Landing Zone Control Net. Air was both pre-planned and immediate request. Reaction time of fixed wing close support air on strip alert was excellent with one exception, when a 45 minute delay was encountered because a TAC(A) was not immediately available. In this instance, napalm was requested and the strike was with 250 lb. bombs. Effectiveness of close air support was sometimes limited by the proximity of friendly forces to the target. In general, target areas being prepared for ground assaults by close air support were given effective coverage. Rotary wing aircraft support was generally excellent. Reaction time for Med Evac missions was excellent. There was often an undue delay in the arrival of aircraft called for special and resupply missions.

The following is a re-capitulation of helicopter support used during the operation:

Sorties

	<u>H-34</u>	<u>H46/H37</u>
30 Troop Lifts	278	172
LSA Lifts	80	176

2 H34's were used daily for resupply/Med Evac.

4 H34's were used on D+3 and D+4 for resupply/Med Evac.

The following fixed wing air support was used:

Fixed wing cargo sorties (USA Caribou aircraft) - 18

Fixed wing CAS

	<u>Strikes</u>	<u>#AS Used</u>
D-day	4	8
D+1	7	14
D+2	2	14
D+3	4	8
D+4	2	4
D+5	3	6
D+6	2	4
D+7	2	4
D+10	2	4

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Quantity of artillery support, both in terms of tubes and ammunition, was sufficient. Artillery fires were used for illumination, preparatory fires for ground assault, harassing and interdiction of known and suspected avenues of approach, assembly areas, harboring sites, and observed fires on enemy troops and installations. Artillery fires were very effective, particularly when used to prepare enemy positions for ground assault. Illumination missions were effective, but in many cases were not fired as promptly as expected. Organic 81mm mortar illumination missions were fired to overcome this time lag.

7. INTELLIGENCE. Though information received from higher echelon concerning the enemy's strength, location, disposition and situation, prior to the operation was sketchy, it was ascertained that the only confirmed unit operating in the objective area was the Q17 Local Force Company, with a strength of 60-70 men vicinity DONG PHUOC(1) (ZC 1653). Unconfirmed units that were believed to be in the area of operations included the 103 Main Force Bn, operating in the vicinity of (ZC 1150), and the H-31 Local Force Company operating in the vicinity of (ZC 1654); strength also unknown. During the operation the District Chief of HIEU DUC District reported that two companies of the 321st VC Battalion were operating in the vicinity of (ZC 1755) and (ZC 1853). The enemy was found to be well organized and entrenched in heavily fortified positions. Heavy resistance was met on D+1 in NGOC KINH(1) and (2). The enemy's weapons included small arms, automatic weapons and 60mm mortars. It is believed the majority of the VC withdrew to the mountains to the north and south of the operations area, leaving behind small plt size units to cover their withdrawal. The hamlets provided excellent cover and concealment, were heavily entrenched and had a net work of obstacles consisting of booby traps and barbed wire. The VU GIA river valley runs E-W and was bordered on the north and south by high ground rising to 750 meters on the north and 1000 meters on the south. The mountains were covered with a primary and secondary growth prohibiting rapid movement. Avenues of approach into the area were the VU GIA River Valley from the east and west, the YANG River Valley, which enters the area from Happy Valley, and numerous draws entering into the area from the high ground on the north and south. The weather during the operation was hot and humid with temperatures up to 105° during the day to 75° at night with occasional thunderstorms at night. Psy War Leaflets were dropped in the operation area without much success. This is believed to be because of the fear of American troops by the populace. This was most evident in the outlying hamlets where, even towards the end of the operation, the people still showed fear and concern at American troops in the area.

8. MISSION. 1st Bn, 3d Mar conducts search and destroy operations in the THUONG DUCH TAN area to support the initial installation of CIDG camp, and provides mine clearing and security for USA Special Forces as required.

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9. CONCEPT OF OPERATION. 1st Bn, 3d Mar(-)(Reinf) conducts helicopter assault of objective area with two rifle companies(reinf) in the assault, one rifle company(reinf) initially in reserve, one 4.2 inch Mortar Battery(-)(reinf), in direct support.

(1) At L-hour on D-day one rifle company(reinf), with one 81mm Mortar Section attached and accompanied by an Artillery Reconnaissance Team, lands in LZ ALBATROSS; seizes and occupies Objective 1; selects artillery firing position vicinity (ZC 144534); seizes and defends bridge at (ZC 148537).

(2) Immediately following aerial bombardment, one rifle company(reinf), with an 81mm Mortar Section attached, and an Engineer Squad in direct support, lands in LZ CONDOR at L-hour +1 on D-day; seizes and occupies Objective 2; continues the attack, seizes, occupies and establishes defensive perimeter around Objective 3; conducts mine clearing operations in Objective 3; prepares to support establishment of an operational base to CIDG Camp.

(3) When Objective 1 is secured, one 4.2 inch Mortar Battery(-)(reinf) lands by helicopter, and provides artillery support in the objective area.

(4) One rifle company(reinf) is initially held as Battalion Reserve, prepared on order to assume mission of either assault company or to exploit any situation that might develop; at K-hour on D+1 lands in LZ ROC; conducts search and destroy operations on south bank of SONG VU GIA to southwest.

(5) Operation Overlay (See Annex A to Enclosure (1), Operation Order 303-66).

10. EXECUTION.a. Planning.

(1) 27 Mar: 1st Battalion, 3d Marines received warning order from 3d Marines. The Battalion Staff was alerted, development of intelligence and procurement of maps was initiated.

(2) At 280240H Mar, 1st Battalion, 3d Marines received Div OpnO 383-66 (Operation ORANGE).

(3) 28 Mar: Commanding Officer 1st Bn, 3d Marines attended a planning conference conducted by Commanding Officer, 3d Marines. Supporting and attached element commanders were contacted, and an aerial reconnaissance of the objective area was made by the Battalion Commander and the Battalion S-3. The Commanding Officer, 1st Bn, 3d Marines conducted a planning conference attended by Battalion Staff Officers to provide planning guidance for development of plans for Operation ORANGE. Staff estimates were begun. A planning schedule for the Operation Order was published.

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(4) 291600H Mar: A conference was conducted by the Commanding Officer, Third Marines discussing coordinating details. A rough draft of the Operation Order was approved by the Commanding Officer, 3d Mar.

(5) 291800H Mar: Final draft of Operation Order was completed.

(6) The Commanding Officer, Third Marines and the Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 3d Marines briefed the Commanding General on the concept of operations at Third Marine Division Headquarters. The plan to accomplish the assigned mission was approved as presented.

(7) 300800H Mar: Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 3d Marines Company Commanders Companies "B" and "D", 1st Battalion, 3d Marines and Company "D", 1st Battalion, 1st Marines conducted an aerial reconnaissance of proposed landing zones in the objective area.

(8) 301000H Mar: Capt HARDIN from 2d Bn, 3d Marines arrived to familiarize himself with positions he was scheduled to occupy for reconstitution of the MLR.

(9) 301200H Mar: A conference was held by the 1st Bn, 3d Marines S-3 with representatives of the USA Special Forces.

(10) 301300H Mar: A conference at 3d Marine Air Wing Headquarters to determine air support requirements to support the scheme of maneuver was attended by the Battalion Commander and his Staff.

(11) 301800H Mar: 1st Battalion, 3d Marines OpnO 303-66 (Operation ORANGE) was published.

(12) 310830H Mar: A final detailed briefing was conducted by the Battalion Commander and his Staff for company commanders of the battalion and all reinforcing and supporting units.

(13) C Co, 1st Bn, 4th Mar arrived at 311330 to re-constitute MLR positions vacated by Companies "B" and "D".

(14) 311500H Mar: Attached units joined the Battalion, Co's "B" and "D" bivouaced at 1/3 CI.

b. Operations.

010645H - 020700H

(1) 010645H Apr - "D" Company 1st Bn, 1st Marines lifted off from LZ TURKEY, 1st Bn, 3d Mar CI, landing at LZ ALBATROSS at 010710H April and securing Objective #1 at 010745H.

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(2) At 010804H Apr - Following an air strike preparation of the LZ, Co "D", 1st Bn, 3d Mar landed in LZ CONDOH, and moved on Objective #2 encountering 6 VC, of whom 2 were killed by ground fire, and 4 by air. Landing by H&S Co, 1-3, and W Btry(-), 1st Bn, 12th Mar, proceeded on schedule. "W" Btry announced readiness to fire registration at 010930H.

(3) 011130H - D-1-3 reported establishment of airfield security, and deliberate sweeps for mines were conducted without result.

(4) 011900H - All units established in night defensive positions. All objectives scheduled for D-day had been secured against light enemy resistance. A total of 6 VC were KIA, of whom 4 were KBA, 1 USMC WIA was incurred. There was no enemy contact during the night.

020700H - 030700H

(1) 020750H - Company "B"(reinf) landed following air strike preparation of LZ ROC, encountering light resistance and sporadic small arms fire. Enemy resistance stiffened as Co B advanced on NGOC KINH(2), after having passed through TAM HIEP without enemy contact. (See enclosure (3), Chronology of events, Co "B" major engagement with enemy 2-3 April 1966).

(2) 020800H - The 1st Plt of D-1-1 moved south of the SONG VU GIA to blocking positions at DONG PHUOC(2) (ZC 157530). A search and destroy operation in CHAN SON (ZC 148548) was also conducted by D-1-1(-) after sporadic sniper fire from that village was received by D-1-3 and D-1-1 positions and by AO aircraft in the area.

(3) 020718H - D-1-3 moved the 3d Plt to blocking positions vicinity TINH DONG TAY (ZC 175547), and received sporadic sniper fire from vicinity (ZC 171548). 1st Plt remained on Hill 200 (ZC 157562); a squad searched the area napalmed on D-day. The CP was located vic (ZC 155555).

(4) 021437H - The remainder of D-1-1 was lifted by helicopter to join the 3d Plt blocking to the south of the SONG VU GIA, vicinity (ZC 157530), and was directed to attack to the northeast and make physical contact with B-1-3. The company encountered 20-30 VC vic. (ZC 169530) and engaged them, resulting in 1 VC KIA, 1 VC WIA, 1 VCS, 1 Springfield Rifle captured.

(5) 021400H - D-1-3 in contact with approximately 10 VC vicinity (ZC 140558) TAI SON hamlet.

(6) 021456H - CO, 3d Mar called for the reserve Company from 3/3 to be committed to Operation ORANGE, to be landed on the air strip and initially assume security mission for the airfield and then to block DONG PHUOC(1) from the north bank of the SONG VU GIA.

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(7) 021641H - The 3d Plt of D-1-3 was lifted to LZ ROC to reinforce B Co.

(8) 021720H - Co I, 3d Bn, 3d Mar landed at the airstrip, established a CP at (ZC 161543) and established blocking positions on north bank of the SONG VU GIA. D-1-1 occupied widely separated blocking positions at DONG PHUOC(2), PHUOC LAM, and LAP THUAN, B-1-3 front lines occupied a block at the northern end of LAP THUAN and the 3d Plt of D-1-3 blocked (ZC 204549) to (ZC 208544).

(9) 021800-030700H - Ambushes were conducted by all units to maintain control over the objective area. Patrols from 2d Plt B-1-3 attempted to recover bodies of USMC KIA during attack on NGOC KINH(2), but were repulsed by mortar and MG fire. A helicopter disabled at (ZC 193537) exploded and burned at 030440H, resulting in one USMC KIA and 2 WIA. (See encl (3)).

030700H - 040700H

(1) 030722H - Artillery commenced preparatory fires on DONG PHUOC(1).

(2) 030730H - Airlift and airdrop of supplies to Special Forces Camp delayed until situation stabilized.

(3) 030904H - Two additional 105mm howitzers from A-1-11 were inserted.

(4) 031025H - With a platoon of D-1-1 providing LZ security, I-3-3 was heli-lifted to the south bank of the SONG VU GIA vicinity DONG PHUOC(2), completing the movement at 031050H.

(5) 031130H - 2d Plt B-1-3, assisted by 3d Plt D-1-3, attempted to recover bodies of 7 Marines KIA in the action of 2 April still lying at the edge of the enemy fortified positions in NGOC KINH(2), but were again repulsed by heavy automatic weapons fire and 60mm mortar fire.

(6) 031250H - After an artillery preparation lasting most of the morning, an air strike was conducted on DONG PHUOC at 1250.

(7) 031320H - I-3-3 attacked DONG PHUOC(1), meeting no resistance and completing search and destroy operation through the village at 031537H. One ChiCom grenade was captured, a booby trapped gate and 5 tunnels were destroyed, and five VCS were captured.

(8) 031324H - Co "L", 3d Bn, 3d Mar commenced landing in LZ ALBATROSS with the last elements of the Company arriving at 131615H.

(9) 031512H - Air strike conducted on NGOC KINH(2). Artillery prep fires were fired on LAP THUAN.

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(10) 031723H - D-1-1 commenced attack on NGOC KINH(2), B-1-3 commenced attack on TAM HIEP.

(11) 031930H - D-1-1 completed attack on NGOC KINH(2) meeting no resistance. TAM HIEP hamlet secured by 3d Plt D-1-3. Bodies of 7 USMC KIA from B-1-3 action of 2 April were recovered and evacuated.

(12) 032010H - I-3-3 engaged undetermined number of VC in DONG PHUOC(1), receiving 3 rifle grenades, MG fire, and 81mm mortar fire. Enemy fire was suppressed by intense small arms fire. I-3-3 sustained 10 WIA (evac) of whom 2 DOW, and 6 WIA (non-evac).

(13) 031800-040700 - All units conducted intensive ambush activities. Flare ship illuminated objective area continuously throughout the night. Sporadic sniper fire received by D-1-3 was the only contact from 032010H to 040700H.

040700H - 050700H

(1) 040710H - Arc light mission conducted to NE of the objective area.

(2) 040743H - B-1-3 conducted search and destroy operation in NGOC KINH(1) and LAP THUAN (ZC 180537). D-1-3 conducted search and destroy in TAI SON (ZC 140558) and blocked along the north of the SONG VU GIA. L-3-3 conducted search and destroy along the south bank of the SONG CON. D-1-1 conducted search and destroy in NGOC KINH(2). Scattered contacts occurred between small groups of VC and USMC units. Numerous tunnels, caves, and fortifications were destroyed and rice caches were located for evacuation. Air strikes were conducted on fortifications vicinity (ZC 109565) at 041315H. Artillery supported L-3-3 search and destroy operations along the south bank of the SONG CON, in the hamlets of HUONG PHUOC BAC(1), (2), and (3).

(3) 041850H - An air strike was conducted on HA NHA(3) to suppress enemy small arms fire, and an air strike on fortifications in DONG PHUOC(1) was conducted at 041935H.

(4) 041507H - 1st Plt, D-1-3 attempted to locate a truck air dropped by accident vicinity (ZC 205565). The patrol was unable to locate the truck prior to darkness and established a platoon base vicinity (ZC 210553). Contact with VC enroute resulted in 5 VC KIA. All units again conducted intensive ambush activities throughout the objective area during hours of darkness.

(5) 050745H - An artillery mission to support an attack by L-3-3 on HOANG PHUOC BAC(2) was fired.

(6) 050810H - B-1-3 commenced heli-lift from LZ southeast of TAM HIEP to vicinity 1/3 CP, completed the lift at 050840H, then moved to the west through L-3-3, and established their CP vicinity (ZC 096564).

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(7) 050822H - 1st Plt D-1-3 reached truck accidentally dropped vicinity (ZC 205566). The truck had been stripped of its communications equipment and tires. The platoon detected approximately 15 VC moving to a cave north of their position and called in two air strikes on the cave resulting in a secondary explosion. The platoon remained at the truck awaiting decision on salvage attempt. D-1-1 continued search and destroy in NGOC KINH(2) commencing 050830H and LAP THUAN at 051200H. B-1-3 conducted search and destroy in THAN DAI(1) and (2), supported by air strike on enemy fortifications. L-3-3 conducted search and destroy in HOANG PHUOC BAO(1) and (2), with one platoon blocking for B-1-3 operations to the west from (ZC 115555). I-3-3 continued search and destroy operations in DONG PHUOC(2), destroying many tunnels, caves and bunkers.

(8) 052330H - Two squads from D-1-1 in ambush positions were in contact with VC. One squad engaged a group of 5 VC approaching their position with small arms, and requested illumination. When illumination began another group of 30-40 VC were observed vicinity (ZC 186526). An artillery fire mission was called on this target with excellent target coverage. At the same time another squad in an ambush position nearby sighted 3 armed VC and opened fire on them. H&I missions were fired throughout the remainder of the night in the area where the large group of VC were engaged. All units continued ambush activities throughout the night with no other contacts reported.

060700H - 070700H

(1) 060705H - 1st Plt D-1-3 instructed to destroy truck they had been guarding and return to their CP.

(2) 060839H - A physical search of the area where artillery was called on 30-40 VC by D-1-1 ambush at 052330H revealed blood soaked bandages, articles of uniform clothing, 1 wooden MG training device, documents and medical supplies.

(3) 060715H - A booby trap, believed to have been a 105mm shell rigged with trip wire, was detonated by a member of 2d Plt D-1-3 in TAI SON hamlet, vicinity (ZC 143557) resulting in 1 USMC KIA and 1 WIA. One VCS fleeing the area was killed.

(4) An air drop at the airfield overshot the target, landing in the market place of HA TAN, vicinity (ZC 149537), killing 1 VN civilian and injuring approximately 15.

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(5) 060700-061800H - B-1-3 conducted search and destroy operations to the east along the south bank of the SONG CON, supported by artillery and air strikes on fortified areas. I-3-3 conducted search and destroy operations to the west along the south bank of the SONG CON. D-1-1 conducted search and destroy operations in the PHUOC LAM/LAP THUAN complex. D-1-3 conducted search and destroy operations in TAI SON (ZC 140559) and in the high ground north of CHAN SAN (ZC 166555). I-3-3 conducted another search and destroy operation in DONG PHUOC(1). Enemy contacts were light; only sporadic sniper fire was encountered. All units established night defensive positions and conducted intensive ambush activities. At 061900H, 5 VC were engaged by D-1-1, and one VC WIA was captured. At 062100, a squad ambush from I-3-3 engaged a small group of VC vicinity (ZC 167536), two bodies were discovered at daybreak. No weapons were recovered.

070700H - 080700H

(1) 070720H - D-1-3 conducted search and destroy mission TINH DONG TAY/DUC DONG hamlets. I-3-3 blocked with one platoon on the south bank of the SONG VU GIA (ZC 173542). D-1-1 conducted search and destroy in foothills south of LAP THUAN.

(2) 070910H - D-1-1 took 7 VC under mortar fire, killing 2 and capturing 2. Combat packs but no weapons were recovered. One prisoner had Geneva Convention Card belonging to member of B-1-3, killed 2 Apr, in his possession. Several VC harboring sites and a possible VC training camp were also discovered. I-3-3 conducted search and destroy operations in HUONG PHUOC BAC(1) and (2). B-1-3 conducted search and destroy operations in THANH DAI(1) and (2), and bagged rice for evacuation from a cache discovered at (ZC 099559). All units conducted night ambush activities with no enemy contact.

080700H - 090700H

I-3-3 conducted search and destroy operations vicinity CHAN SON (ZC 148548) and PHUONG BAC(1). D-1-1 conducted search and destroy operations in TAM HIET, receiving sporadic enemy sniper fire. D-1-3 conducted search and destroy operations in DUC TAY, vicinity (ZC 165546) and CHAN SON(2) vicinity (ZC 165552). I-3-3 conducted search and destroy operations in PHUOC LAM and DONG PHUOC(1), discovering a booby trapped 250 lb. bomb at (ZC 170531) at 081247H. Retraction of I-3-3 from the operation area began at 081512H; lift was completed 081512H. D-1-3 assumed responsibility for defense of HST and "W" Btry. B-1-3 engaged approximately 15 VC with small arms and mortar fire at (ZC 126564) with unknown results. All units conducted night ambush activities. At 082345 D-1-1 received 3 rifle grenades (ZC 190540). Two WIA were sustained. Small arms fire was directed at suspected source of enemy fire. At 090630 D-1-1 received sniper fire from 4-5 VC vicinity (ZC 190549). An artillery mission suppressed the enemy fire.

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090700H - 100700H

D-1-1 conducted search and destroy operations in LAP THUAN and PHUOC LAM. D-1-3 conducted search and destroy operations in DUC TAY. B-1-3 conducted search and destroy operations in HOANG PHUOC BAO (2), foothills and draws vicinity (ZC 103550). I-3-3 conducted search and destroy operations vicinity (ZC 140520). A Btry(-), 1-11, and their ammo supply were extracted, completing their lift at 091140H. I-3-3 was extracted from area, commencing their lift at 091523H and completing it at 091610H. D-1-1, furnishing LZ security for I-3-3 lift, received 6 rounds 60mm mortar fire while occupying positions at (ZC 164537), sustaining 2 WIA. An artillery mission called on the suspected source at (ZC 160527) suppressed the enemy mortar fire. All units conducted ambush activities from night positions without enemy contact.

100700H - 110700H

"W" Btry commenced lift off at 100725. D-1-1 crossed the SONG VU GIA in small groups in native boats commencing at about 101030H, with D-1-3 furnishing cover. At 101034H, lift of 4.2 mortars was completed, with ammo and personnel lifts continuing. At 101056H, D-1-1 was directed to move to vicinity of B-1-3 CP, (ZC 127549). One plat of D-1-1 remained at 1/3 CP as a reserve/security force. D-1-3 remained in position vicinity (ZC 155549), with one Plat providing HST and Howtar Btry security, and one squad on Hill 200 (ZC 156564). At 101200 the lift of the 4.2 Mortar Btry(-) was completed, HST lift continued using fixed wing and helicopters. At 101510H, extraction of B Company commenced, being completed at 101630H, followed by extraction of about 50% of H&S Company and Battalion Command Group. Ambush activity conducted throughout the night resulted in no enemy contact.

110700H - 121855H

At 110745H, lift to complete extraction of HST commenced. At 110850H an Army Caribou aircraft participating in this lift crashed on take-off into the SONG VU GIA (ZC 160540). No casualties were caused by the crash. At 111045H, the squad from D-1-3 on Hill 200 was extracted. At 111130H extraction of the Howtar Btry commenced. At 111147H and at 111230H, airstrikes were conducted in support of Special Forces vicinity (ZC 167529). At 111300H, extraction of the Howtar Btry was completed, followed by extraction of D-1-1, D-1-3, and the remainder of H&S Company and the Battalion Command Group. At 111855H, all troops and material had been extracted from the area and Operation ORANGE was declared secured.

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Communication capabilities during contacts was very good, but reporting of activities being engaged in by companies was at times incomplete and late, resulting in a lack of knowledge of events as they occurred by the Battalion Command group.

The average initial range of engagements on D-day and D+1 was approximately 50-75 meters. During the remainder of the operation engagements occurred at 200-300 meters or more. B-1-3 remained in nearly continuous contact with the enemy on D+1 and D+2. Average length of enemy contacts experienced by other units during the operation was 5 to 15 minutes.

11. RESULTS.

a. Enemy losses during the operation were as follows: D-day 6 KIA; D+1 15 KIA, 13 WIA, 2 VCC; D+2 - 14 KIA; D+3 - 4 KIA, 5 WIA, D+4 10 KIA, 56 KIA (poss), 1 WIA; D+5 - 8 KIA, 25 KIA (poss), 3 WIA, 1 VCC; D+6 - 4 WIA, 3 VCC. Totals were 50 KIA (BC), 7 KBA (BC), 42 KIA (poss), 38 KBA (poss) 36 WIA, and 6 VCC.

(1) Weapons Captured

(a) Rifles & Pistols	Total 3
1 Foreign made	ZC 193542
1 Foreign made	ZC 160560
1 US make	ZC 175534

(2) Equipment Captured and/or destroyed

1 Building in harbor site	ZC 138555
2 Boxes med supplies	ZC 194538
Sack of BAR magazines	ZC 194545
Barbed wire	ZC 129558
8 VC paper flags	ZC 139559
Propaganda Documents	ZC 139559
1 VC uniform	ZC 180560
1 M-26	ZC 129558
1 Rice mill	ZC 138557
1 Electrical firing device	ZC 127558
1 Wooden MG training device	ZC 186526
Documents and Photographs	ZC 186526
Medical Supplies	ZC 186526
1 Haversack	ZC 186526
1 U/I banner	ZC 186526
1 French Army coat	ZC 186526
1 pair gray shoulder patches w/rords	ZC 186526
Ngoc Kinh	ZC 186526
1 Brown uniform	ZC 186526
1 Gray shirt	ZC 186526
1 Bear trap	ZC 186526
ID cards	ZC 186526

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1 fin assembly for rifle grenade	ZC 186526
1 Gas mask (field expedient).	ZC 186526
1 US M-14 mag pouch	ZC 186526
1 Leather pouch w/papers	ZC 186526
Tobacco (unk quantity)	ZC 182528
Medical gear	ZC 132555
1 Mine (type unknown)	ZC 114536
3 Bear traps	ZC 095558
2 Rifle gren adapters	ZC 148548
Maps	ZC 147548
1 Roll of barbed wire	ZC 146548

(3) Material Captured

1000 lbs rice	ZC 143549
600 lbs rice	ZC 100560
4000 lbs rice	ZC 180558
800 lbs rice	ZC 127554
300 lbs rice	ZC 128557
300 lbs rice	ZC 131557
300 lbs rice	ZC 133555
250 lbs rice	ZC 133570
300 lbs rice	ZC 126557
1000 lbs rice	ZC 137558
300 lbs rice	ZC 167536
2000 lbs rice	ZC 128557
50 lbs corn	

(4) Secondary explosions observed during air strikes and artillery fire missions indicated the destruction of large quantities of enemy ordnance and explosives.

b. Friendly casualties during the operation were as follows: D-day 1 WIA (evac); D+1 - 15 KIA, 50 WIA (evac), 2 WIA (non-evac); D+2 - 2 KIA, 12 WIA (evac), 6 WIA (non-evac); D+3 - 6 WIA (evac); D+6 - 3 WIA (evac); D+7 - 3 WIA (evac); D+8 - 1 WIA (evac). Total casualties - 18 KIA, 79 WIA (evac), 12 WIA (non-evac); grand total 109. Losses also included one M-60 machine gun, one M-79 grenade launcher, and seven M-14 rifles.

c. Engineer units attached to the Battalion destroyed 301 tunnels, bunkers, and fighting holes, 30 barbed wire obstacles, 4 booby traps (ChiCom grenades), one 250 lb. bomb rigged as a mine; and 10 rounds of mixed type ordnance 3,425 lbs of C-4, 110 bangalore torpedoes, and 2 15 lb shaped charges were used.

d. A total of 468,550 lbs of all classes of supplies were lifted into the operation area, with the unused stock being lifted back to FLSG/ASP-1 on D+10.

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12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS. Administrative plans were adequate and were adhered to as much as possible.

a. Resupply from ASP/FLSG to the LSA was accomplished by helicopter. The additional two companies and two artillery batteries added to the operation increased resupply requirements tremendously. Helicopters could not provide sufficient lift capability to enable the LSA to be constantly maintained at a four day level as required by division administrative plan. It is felt that dump level requirements should have been re-evaluated in light of the extra artillery involved. The feasibility and advisability of utilizing low-level air drop should be further studied. It is felt that this situation lent itself to the use of such air drops which would have eased helicopter requirements considerably. Except for two unfortunate instances, the air drop of supplies to the Army Special Forces Camp worked out very well, and would have worked as well as and easily for the resupply of the LSA. Helicopters were the primary source of resupply to companies and batteries. M-274's were utilized for resupply of one company and artillery battery. Combat loads as prescribed in the Administrative Order were adequate. No problem areas in Class V.

b. Maintenance was either repaired at the LSA or evacuated to FLSG. No problem areas.

c. Treatment of casualties, evacuation and hospitalization.

(1) Reports received from participating companies indicates that casualty treatment was adequate and a minimum of time lapsed from the time of injury until initial treatment was instituted by attached medical personnel or the BAS.

(2) A mass casualty situation existed on the second day of the operation, and had the tactical situation permitted, use of the Medical Emergency Evacuation Team would have been utilized. During this period of mass casualties, one HM was faced with twenty casualties within a matter of minutes. A delay in immediate treatment was understandable, though it was in fact quite minimal. All received adequate emergency treatment prior to evacuation.

(3) Casualty evacuation was accomplished as follows:

(a) All serious, critical, and dead US military were evacuated by helicopter to "C" Co., 3d Med Bn and/or Station Hospital, NSA DA NANG.

(b) Head injuries of a serious nature were evacuated via helicopter directly to Station Hospital, NSA, DA NANG.

(c) Wounded ARVN troops were evacuated by helicopter to the ARVN Hospital, DA NANG.

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(d) Wounded indigenous persons were evacuated by helicopter to "C" Co, 3d Med Bn and/or Station Hospital, NSA, DA NANG.

(e) Most minor wounds, heat casualties, and non-battle injuries were held in the Company area and evacuated to the BAS in the field when the tactical situation permitted.

NOTE: Once the companies and the helicopter pilots were aware of the location of the BAS, a large number of the helicopters transporting MED EVACS set down at LZ ALBATROSS instead of arbitrarily going straight to "C" Med or NSA DA NANG. This facilitated maximum use of the BAS in these instances, and precluded many unnecessary MED EVAC runs.

(4) Casualties received at the BAS were disposed of - after treatment - as follows:

(a) Those requiring surgery, hospitalization, x-ray, etc., were evacuated by helicopter to "C" Med and/or NSA, DA NANG.

(b) Those requiring minor surgery and additional treatment not requiring hospitalization at "C" Med or NSA, DA NANG were evacuated to the parent BAS on routine runs by helicopters.

(c) Heat casualties and minor injuries not requiring additional treatment or hospitalization were treated at the BAS in the field and returned to duty.

d. Utilized four M-274's to move gear around LSA and for re-supply adequate.

e. Communications.

(1) General. Communication employment throughout the subject operation was conducted along a conventional pattern as compared to that of Operation MALLARD. The overall communication situation could be described as being static in that the Battalion Command Post did not displace once established within the objective area. Rifle Companies were employed in general areas of responsibility which created a condition whereby wire could be employed for sufficient periods of time to become an effective means of communications. Radio was the primary means with wire as a supplement. The area of operations lent itself to complete coverage by FM radio communications.

(2) Radio.

(a) The following radio nets were operated and maintained continuously throughout Operation ORANGE:

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(1) Regimental Command	SSB	Voice
(2) Regimental TAC	FM	Voice
(3) Battalion TAC	FM	Voice
(4) Battalion TACP Local	FM	Voice
(5) 81mm Mortar COF	FM	Voice
(6) Arty Battery COF	FM	Voice
(7) Tactical Air Request	USB	Voice
(8) Tactical Air Direction	UHF	Voice
(9) Division Aerial Observer	FM	Voice
(10) Recon Platoon Command	FM	Voice
(11) HST Logistics	SSB	Voice
(12) Company TAC Nets (5)	FM	Voice

(b) Difficulties were experienced in the selection of properly separated transmissions sites within the Battalion Command Post. Radio Set AN/PRC-25 overrode and cut out other AN/PRC-25's and FM Equipment, in general, employed in the same area. Maximum use of remote control equipment with FM Radio Equipment other than radio set AN/PRC-25 is mandatory.

(c) The Battalion TACP local net became overcrowded as it was utilized for controlling all helicopters within the area as well as for resupply requests. During the planning phase of the subject operation it was felt that the TACP local net could be effectively utilized for the above purposes. This opinion was formed based on the experience of Operation MALLARD where the Air Liaison Officer coordinated and controlled all helicopter support and logistical support activities. The experience gained on the subject operation indicates a need for either an administrative net within the battalion or a separate frequency for the control of helicopters being utilized in a specific operation.

(d) External radio nets utilizing HF equipment became weak and garbled at night between the hours of 1830 and 0600. Corrective action was taken with little success. It is felt that the use of CW would have provided a satisfactory solution to this difficulty.

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(e) Because of transmitting distances involved on external circuits a helilift of two radio set AN/MRC-83 and one AN/MRC-87 into the objective area was executed on D-day. This helilift was excellently accomplished with the use of helicopter CH-46, utilizing its external load capability.

(3) Wire.

(a) Wire was employed initially within the Battalion Command Post with long locals to HST and the District Headquarters. As the situation progressed, long locals were extended to Rifle Co's.

(b) Limited wire tapping as well as shorting and grounding of wire lines was experienced. The results of these activities had a negligible effect on the overall effectiveness of wire communications.

(4) Message Center and Cryptographic.

(a) A message center was established for the purpose of processing external command and administrative traffic with higher echelons.

(b) KAA-60, KAC-138, and KAC-140 were utilized effectively throughout the operation by participating units. The Battalion Message Center controlled the issue and turn in of all Cryptographic Material.

(5) Maintenance and Supply.

(a) In the initial stages of the operation difficulty was experienced in maintaining efficient HST communications. Supply requests were being submitted to Shore Party Battalion, and FLSG, however, material was staged at ASP-1. No radio station was established at ASP-1 on the HST logistic net. Land line communication was depended upon for coordination of resupply missions between ASP-1 and FLSG. It is left that a radio station at ASP-1 would have alleviated much of the confusion which was experienced at this time.

(b) Battalion communication maintenance was centrally controlled in the objective area throughout this operation. A second echelon shop was established for the purpose of accomplishing simple repairs, PRC-6 alignment and recharging of battery BB-451, and controlling the evacuation of equipment to the third echelon shop. This system functioned very efficiently and positive control over the accountability of equipment was effected.

f. Medical Evaluation.

(1) The Medical Officer or the Senior medical personnel attached should be the sole source and final authority as to safety and potability of drinking water in the field.

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(2) A large number of Marines did not have the required materials in their jungle kits. Quite a number had no kits at all. Emphasis should be stressed on immediate action to supply these kits. Company corpsman carry an initial issue of eighteen small battle dressings in their Unit One's. When a mass casualty situation presents itself (such as happened with Bravo Company) - the corpsman relies on the use of the battle dressing that is supposed to be in each man's jungle kit.

(3) A major problem was encountered in medical supply and re-supply. Requisitions submitted by the BAS in the field were subsequently filled - but the supplies were never received by the BAS. The materials were delivered to Shore Party - but the BAS was not made aware of this until several days later. A check with Shore Party revealed that they had in fact received the supplies, but they refused to turn them over to the BAS (they stated the supplies were to be used to resupply company corpsman) - thus the BAS operated for several days with minimum supplies. During this period of time, it would have been impossible for the BAS to handle any great number of casualties. An emergency requisition was placed through Cysgt DE FABIO, and was received at the BAS within hours. Had it not been for him, the mission and function of the BAS would have been greatly impaired. The senior medical personnel attached is the only man that can be considered qualified to order medical supplies in sufficient quantity. When supplies are ordered at the BAS level, they must be issued to the BAS - NOT to Shore Party or any other persons.

(4) Disposition of patients at the BAS presented another major problem. At one time the BAS had eleven men fit for duty but could not get them back to their organization. Some suitable solution should be worked out whereby the BAS could be relieved of the responsibility of trying to get these men back to their companies. Also, patients that required additional treatment, but were not serious enough to evacuate to "C" Med, could not get transportation back to their parent BAS. In this instance, after several days waiting to get three men transported back to Hill 55 (BAS-3-3), we had to resort to sending the men to "C" Med in order to assure their continued and necessary treatment. This causes an overload on "C" Med and defeats one of the purposes of the BAS in the field.

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a. Scout dogs were used in conjunction with search and destroy operations, without notable success. It is felt that the dogs performance was adversely affected by extreme heat and large amounts of powder and WP residue in the area.

b. The 3d Marines Sniper Squad, employed for the first time in search and destroy operations, conclusively proved by an excellent performance their worth and effectiveness in engaging enemy forces at ranges beyond the average capability of infantrymen armed with the M-14.

c. Smoke and CS were used to good effect in search and destroy operations against tunnels, caves and bunkers.

14. COMMANDER'S ANALYSIS.

The area of operations for ORANGE was such that the confluence of the SONG VU GIA and its tributary, the SONG CON, effectively divided the area into three distinct and separate sectors - two to the north of the VU GIA and one to its south. Because of the location of the air field and the projected Special Forces Camp, control of and therefore operations in each of the sectors was required. Each sector in itself by virtue of its area alone required the presence of at least one rifle company.

Because of the requirement to rapidly open and sweep the airfield, and because the airfield was located to the north of the VU GIA, it was decided that the initial days assault would be conducted there. On D-day two companies landed in and secured that portion of the two northern sectors adjacent to the airfield and the airfield itself. At the same time one company was retained as reserve should the requirement exist.

On D+1, events having progressed as anticipated on D-day, the third, or reserve company, in conjunction with a blocking platoon taken from north of the VU GIA, landed to sweep the sector south of the river. At this point all the available forces of the battalion were employed - there was no reserve immediately available.

As events turned out the forces south of VU GIA met the only organized enemy forces of any strength encountered during the operation. Enemy strength incidentally was considerably larger than had been anticipated, based on available intelligence. The friendly force employed was insufficient to rapidly overcome the enemy resistance and there was no reserve force or sufficient other forces immediately available to block enemy escape from the area.

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The following chart aids in understanding the sequence of events:

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
010700	L-hour, north of VU GIA, D-1-3 and D-1-1 landed.
020700	L-hour, south of VU GIA, B-1-3 landed in north of sector. 1st Plat D-1-1 crossed river in south of sector.
021430	D(-) 1-1 heli-lifted to south of VU GIA, joined their first platoon.
021500	3d Plat D-1-3, heli-lifted south of VU GIA to reinf B-1-3.
021730	I-3-3 joined operation. Landed at airfield, north of VU GIA.
031030	I-3-3 helicoptered south of VU GIA.
031430	I-3-3 joined operation. Remained north of VU GIA.

As can be seen from the table above, additional forces were moved south of the VU GIA as they became available. They were used in attempt to seal off the area and block enemy escape to the south. Their arrival however was too late to prevent the escape of many of the surviving VC.

In retrospect, especially from what we now know of the enemy strength and disposition in the area, there were two better solutions to the initial plan of attack.

(1) Using the three originally available companies, first attack and eliminate the enemy force south of the VU GIA. When this had been accomplished leave one company to hold it and move the remaining two companies to secure the area north of the VU GIA.

(2) To have commenced the operation with all of the five companies eventually employed, and to have generally followed the original plan with the exception that three companies would have assaulted south of the VU GIA vice the one company and one platoon actually employed.

15. RECOMMENDATIONS.

a. That the plan for retraction of a unit by helicopter must include the following known factors: number, capacity and exact ETA of helicopters, and location of HLZ. Any subsequent deviation from this plan will result in bunching of troops in the HLZ or failure to load troops rapidly, both of which increase the hazards of the operation.

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b. That additional copies of the operation order be made available for issue to units that might join in an operation subsequent to its initiation.

c. That in isolated operations, such as this one was, supporting artillery be attached. Although supporting artillery was nominally in direct support during Operation ORANGE, in effect, they may as well have been attached because their logistical support was provided by the HST attached to this battalion.

d. That a battalion administrative net is essential on an operation of this magnitude.

e. That photographic reproductions of the 1:50,000 scale military map of the objective area be used for issue to small unit leaders for whom regular maps are not available.

f. That AO's be used to the maximum. They proved invaluable for adjusting air and artillery strikes, locating enemy forces and fortifications, and helping to maintain communications with friendly forces dispersed over a wide area.

g. That whenever possible, battalions conducting offensive operations be relieved completely of responsibility for their assigned TAOR. This would eliminate the present requirement to split the battalion staff, while overburdening it in both areas. It would also enable the battalion to operate with organic, familiar companies rather than with unfamiliar companies from a different battalion.

h. That the lack of remote capability for the PRC-25 be resolved as soon as possible. Though the PRC-25 has improved the effectiveness of communications, the need to separate PRC-25's from each other because of mutual interference presents a problem at the Battalion CP level when various agencies must work in proximity to each other. On Operation ORANGE, where the Battalion Tac Net was located 100 meters from the Regimental Tac Net to ensure non-interference, land line connected the Reg't Tac Operator with the Operations Center and runners were used to carry messages from one point to the other.

i. That the use of snipers in search and destroy operations be continued. They are effective against both entrenched and moving VC at greater distances than is the average rifleman.

j. That the installation of a water point is unnecessary in an area where sufficient local water sources are available. Halizone and iodine tablets adequately solve the water supply problem and reduce the logistical problem generated by water can resupply.

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0645	NOTE	1	Pil D lifted off	S,F
0710	NOTE	2	Pil D landed LZ ALBATROSS	S,F
0712	NOTE	3	Pil D securing Objective #1	S,F
	0751	4	Pre to St - Situation Report	S,F,C
	0754	5	Pre to St - Objective #1 secured	S,F,C
	0804	6	Pre to St - Pre D landed in LZ CONDOR	S,F,C
0816	NOTE	7	Pre CP location (ZC 144532)	S,F,M
0834	NOTE	8	Pre D to Pre - No enemy contact, moving to Objective #2	S,F,M
0839		9	Pil D to Pre - Village sweep, bridge secure. Req to sweep fishing village	S,F,M
0839		10	Pre D to Pre - Present location (ZC169554)	S,F,M
	0845	11	Pre to St - bridge located (ZC148537) secured	S,F,C
0856		12	Pil D to Pre - Request to sweep village (ZC146548). (Permission granted, informed Stakeout)	S,F,M
0903		13	Pre D to Pre - Front lines located vicinity (ZC174554)	
0906		14	Pil D-6 to Pre - Front lines (ZC142527) to (ZC143533) to (ZC148538). CP displacing at this time. Will report location next Sit Rep	
			Req. permission move from Objective #1.	S,F,M
0930		15	Pil D-6 to Pre - CP coord (ZC143533)	S,F,M
	0955	16	Pre to St - our CP coord are (ZC138536)	S,F,C
1000		17	Pil D to Pre - sit Rep, Front lines (ZC145548) to (ZC148538) to (ZC143534) to (ZC135522)	S,F,C
1020		17A	Pre 14-D to Pre D-1 - Observed 4 VC KIA. OxWood aircraft conducted strike.	S,F,M
1043		18	Pre D to Pre - D-1 - Objective 2, D-2 (ZC175547) D-3 (ZC 171546). Have 11VCs	S,F,M
1043		19	Pil D to Pre - Spot Report - Sniper fire vic. (ZC138554)	
1045		20	Pre D to Pre - D-1 has spotted 2 people ridge line coord (ZC155564) Deadlock assisting	S,F
1105		21	Pre D to Pre - Have two VC coord (ZC 155564)	
			Req. to use napalm	S,F
	1105	22	Pre to Pre D- Permission granted	S,F
	1106	23	Pre to Pre D - Send mine sweep personnel to start clearing air field	S,F
1110		24	Pil D to Pre - Sit Rep front lines same, no change	S,F,M
1103		25	Pre D to Pre - Front lines (ZC148542) only contact 2 VC D-1 arca (air strike)	S,I,M
1105		26	Pil D - Pre - 1000 lbs. rice in hut (ZC 143549)	S,F,M
	1120	27	Pre to St - Holes landed 2 vehicles on air field. Have directed pil D to provide security, begin Mine clearing from (ZC 149538) on airfield. Pre D advancing SW thru hamlet at (ZC 173546).	

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1122		28	Pre D to Pre - Pre D-3 has one VC KIA	S,F,
1127		29	Pre D to Pre - Pre D-1 has 4 VC KIA result of air strike	S,F,
1130		30	Pre D to Pre - Have established airfield security Have 2 vehicles on field which don't belong there- Request instructions Ans; establish security on vehicles	S,F
	1132	31	Pre to St - Spot Report (4 VC KBA)	S,F,C
1137		32	Pre D to Pre - Front lines (ZC148548) to (ZC 152540) to (ZC148538) to (ZC144534) to (ZC 141526) to (ZC 123513)	S,F,M
1205		33	Pre D to Pre - Front lines (ZC 157539)	S,F,M
	1212	34	Special Sit Rep #2	S,F,C
	1210	35	Pre 24 to St- Perm W redy to fire. Will register as soon as air out of area	S,F,C,
1255		36	Pre D to Pre - Received sniper fire on D-3 from across river. Returned fire. Continuing mission	S,F,
1300		37	Pre D to Pre - Sit Rep - now at (ZC 154539). No enemy contact. Relay to Pre 6 he can now reach us by	
1307		38	Pre D to Pre - Have made physical contact (helicopter). w/Pre D	S,F
	1310	39	Pre to Pre D - Pre 24 wishes to register 4.2 coord (ZC148560), Are you clear of this area. can mission be fired?	S,F,
	1335	40	Pre to Pre D - May we register mortars as request d? Ans; Yes	S,F
1355		41	Pre D to Pre - Pre D CP (ZC147537)	S,F,M
1413		42	Pre D to Pre - Sit Rep no change. Pre 6 has departed from our position	S,F,M
1450		43	Pre D to Pre - Sit Rep Remains same	S,F,
1457		44	Pre D to Pre - Sit Rep - Front lines (ZC134523) to (ZC143533) to (ZC 145548) to CP (ZC 147537)	S,F,M
1403		45	Pre D to Pre - D-1, D-3 no change, D-2 now (ZC 155548)	S,F,M
1510		46	Pre D to Pre - CP (ZC155549)	S,F,M
1530		47	Pre D to Pre - D-2 has four VCS coord (ZC 152550)	S,F
1552		48	Pre D to Pre - Sit Rep no change	S,F
1603		49	Pre D to Pre - Sit Rep no change, CP (ZC 155548)	S,F,M
	1623	50	Pre to Pre D - Under EOT HST on air strip, coordinate night defenses.	S,F,T
1655		51	St to Pre - Submit plans for night activities with 1800 Sit Rep	S,F
1701		52	Pre D to Pre - All positions remain same, no enemy contact, night work will start soon	S,F
1702		53	Pre D to Pre - Sit Rep no change	S,F
1732		54	Pre D to Pre - One WIA F 4772. From booby trap, Not serious. Evac to BAS AM	S,F,S-1
	1805	55	Frags Order #1 to OpO 303-66	S,F,T

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1809		56	Pil D to Pre - Night Patrol.	S,F,M
	1835	57	Pre to St - Special Sit Rep #3.	S,F
	1840	58	Pre to St - Night activities.	S,F
1905		59	Pre D, Pil D to Pre - Sit Rep no contact.	S,F
2000		60	Pre D, Pil D to Pre - No enemy contact.	S,F
2005		61	Pre D to Pre - D-3-C departed.	S,F
2015		62	Pre D to Pre - Pre D-1-B, D-2-B departed.	S,F
2100		63	Pre D to Pre - Sit Rep no enemy contact.	S,F
2100		64	Pil D to Pre - Sit Rep no enemy contact.	S,F
2102		65	Pre D to Pre - Pre D-2-A, D-3-C departed.	S,F
2121		66	Pre D to Pre - Pre D-2-A at ckpt 1.	S,F
	2130	67	Pre to Pre D, Pil D - Ref my FragO 1-66 to OpO 303-66, change text under instructions to Pre Pil to read "Do not cross Bridge prior to 0700." Info St.	S,F,C
2131		68	Pre D to Pre - Pre D-3-C at ckpt 1, Pre D-3-C at ckpt 1.	S,F
2300		69	Pre D, Pil D, Pre B to Pre - Pre D-2-A at ckpt 2, all units no enemy contact, into St.	S,F,C
	2345	70	Pre to St - Special Sit Rep #3.	S,F,C
2355		71	Pil D to Pre - Sit Rep no change.	S,F
2355		72	Pre D to Pre - Sit Rep no change.	S,F
0005		73	Ripe Peach B-2 to Pre - Sit Rep no change.	S,F
0025		74	Pre D to Pre - D-2-A at ckpt 3.	S,F
0045		75	Pre D to Pre - Sit Rep no change.	S,F
0045		76	Pil D to Pre - Sit Rep no change.	S,F
0055		77	Pre D to Pre - Pre D-1-A has returned.	S,F
0100		78	Ripe Peach B to Pre - Sit Rep no change.	S,F
0145		79	Pre D to Pre - Pre D-2-A at ckpt 4, Sit Rep same.	S,F
0153		80	Pil D to Pre - Sit Rep no change.	S,F
0204		81	Pre D to Pre - D-3-C at ckpt 2.	S,F
0257		82	Pre D to Pre - D-2-A has returned.	S,F
0300		83	Pil D to Pre - Sit Rep no enemy contact.	S,F
0315		84	Pre D to Pre - D-3-C at ckpt 3.	S,F
0350		85	Pre D to Pre - D-3-C returned.	S,F
0400		86	Pre D to Pre - D-2-C returned.	S,F
0401		87	Pre D to Pre - Sit Rep no enemy contact.	S,F
	0507	88	Pre to St - Special Sit Rep #4.	S,F
0646		89	Pre D to Pre - PDS.	S,F
0655		90	Pil D to Pre - Sit Rep - Front lines (ZC 123513) to (ZC 143533) to (ZC 148538), (P no change. No enemy contact.	S,F,M
0658		91	Pre D to Pre - Sit Rep no change.	S,F

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0705		1	Pre B to Pre - Have landed, encountered small arms fire.	S,F
	0707	2	Pre to St - Pre B has landed, encountered small arms fire.	S,F
0718		3	Pre D to Pre - Pre D-3 moving. Pre D-2-C moving to airfield as security.	S,F
0723		4	Pil D to Pre - New CP coord (ZC 153534).	S,F,M
0743		5	Pre B to Pre - Enemy contact - 4 auto wps (ZC 202542) (3rd Plt).	S,F
0743		6	Pil D to Pre - PDS.	S,F
0800		7	Pil D to Pre - Sit Rep - Front lines (ZC 138518) to (ZC 141530) to (ZC 148538). CP no change - 1st Plt moving to block position.	S,F,M
0810		8	Pre D to Pre - Sit Rep - No enemy contact. D-1-B will check area napalmed yesterday. D-2-A will check caves vicinity (ZC 160548). D-2-C is at Ripe Peach B position.	S,F,M
	0830	9	Pre to St - Sit Rep.	S,F,G
0915		10	Pre B to Pre - Sit Rep, Cas Rep.	S,F,M
0916		11	Pil D to Pre - Sit Rep.	S,F,M
	0922	12	Pre to Pil D - Frag Order 2-66 to OpO 303-66.	S,F,M
0924		13	St to Pre - Instructions concerning bridge request.	S,F
	0937	14	Pre to St - Pre B Sit Rep.	S,F,C
0940		15	Pre B-6 to Pre - Request to run air strikes coord (ZC 190545) (populated area).	S,F
0945		16	Ripe Peach B to Pre - VCS w/booby trap devices found at bridge (ZC 148538).	S,F
	0950	17	Pre to St - Be advised Pre B was granted approval to conduct air strike on hamlet (ZC 190545).	S,F,C
0950		18	Pre B to Pre - Front lines (ZC 194547) and (ZC 193542). CP no change. 2 VC wounded, fleeing (ZC 208542); 1 VC KIA (ZC 208542).	S,F,M
	0954	19	Pre to St - Pil D-3 blocking (ZC 157530). Pre B CP displacing. Pre B receiving sporadic small arms fire in hamlet (ZC 200543).	S,F
	1005	20	Pil D to Pre - Sending troops to (ZC 150548) to check on sniper fire from that area.	S,F,G
1015		21	Pre B to Pre - Plat pinned down by fire at (ZC 190545). Troops moving to check village.	S,F,G

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1040		22	Pre D to Pre - Pre D-3 received sniper fire at (ZC 171547). D-3-A now checking. Pre D-2-B is at (ZC 147548).	S,F,M
1110		23	Pil D to Pre - Contacting Pre D coord (ZC 143547) to village (ZC 145548).	S,F
	1114	24	Pre to Pre D - Move your troops back to your sector from village.	S,F,M
1118		25	St to Pre - Req. re-evaluate request for bridging.	S,F
	1120	26	Disregard bridge material req.	S,F
1126		27	Pil D to Pre - Moving out village coord (ZC 145548).	S,F,M
1140		28	Pre D to Pre - Pre D-2-A checking man in boat on river (ZC 155546).	S,F
1148		29	SpecFor to Pre - 6 Amer, 2 LLDB, 2C NUNG, 3 interop digging in along river bank. All dressed in camo utilities.	S,F,T
1150		30	Pil D to Pre - Pil D in village coord (ZC 145548), no VC in sight.	S,F,M
1150		31	Pre D to Pre - Pre D-2 back in Pre D position.	S,F,M
1200		32	Pre D to Pre - Sit. Rep - no enemy contact. Pre D-2 has returned to CP.	S,F,M
	1200	33	Pre to St * Special Sit Rep #5.	S,F
1205		34	Pil D to Pre - Front lines (ZC 145548) to (ZC 147537) to (ZC 154535) to (ZC 156530). CP location (ZC 145548). Completed search of village (ZC 148548).	S,F,M
1208		35	Pre D to Pre - 15 personnel moving north from (ZC 140555).	S,F
1212		36	Pre B to Pre - Front lines (ZC 196542) to (ZC 193549). Received light & heavy MG fire and mortar fire.	S,F,M,Reg't
1225		37	Pil D to Pre - Semi-automatic and automatic fire from either (ZC 138555) or (ZC 139556). Firing at AO; Req. AO to stay on station.	S,F
1225		38	Pil D to Pre - Have searched village at GS (ZC 1454). Req. permission to pull Plt out for fire mission.	S,F
2230		39	Rosemont K to Pre - Spotted poss. mortar, MG emplacement (ZC 196542) to (ZC 193549). Saw 1 VC WIA being carried to house (ZC 192543).	S,F

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1245		40	Pre D to Pre - D-1-B found one VC harbor site. Found one bldg 20x50 ft. occupied within last 12 hrs. at (ZC 139563). Destroyed building.	S,F
1248		41	Pre D to Pre - Observed 2 rds WP at coord (ZC 140558).	S,F
1255		42	Pre D to Pre - Have observed 10 people moving around village (ZC 139558). Have requested artillery.	S,F
1300		43	Pil D to Pre - Have shot sniper out of tree (ZC 143553). Req. permission to cross river to recover body.	S,F
1303		44	Pre D to Pre - Sit Rep all quiet - no change.	S,F
	1310	45	Pre 3 to Pil D - Pre 6 directs you to have one Plt prepared to join Plt at blocking position to be launched at major objective assigned blocking Plt.	S,F
1310		46	Pil D to Pre - Received approximately 10 rds sniper fire from (ZC 137553). Request to sweep village (ZC 1355) with one Plt.	S,F
1311		47	Pre D to Pre - 10 VC reported earlier are still in area, firing at Pil D from coord (ZC 140556).	S,F
1315		48	Pil D to Pre - Sit Rep - Front lines at (ZC 144549) to (ZC 148538) to (ZC 154535) to (ZC 156530). CP (ZC 148538). 4 VCS at (ZC 156530).	S,F
1320		49	Pre D to Pre - Rosemont A reports VC Sqd at (ZC 140552). Pil D troops 100 yds from them. They are camouflaged and trying to avoid observation by AO.	S,F
1350		50	Pre to Pre 14 - Need copters to lift 150 troops from Pil D across river to block for Pre B.	S,F,14
1400		51	Pre tp Pil D - Stand by to be lifted across SONG VU GIA to reinforce your block.	S,F
1310-1340 NOTE		52	Gen. ENGLISH visited Bn CP.	S,F,C
1345	NOTE	53	Cr 3, Cr 6 visited Pre CP.	S,F,C
	1405	54	Pre to Pil D - Move Co. to LZ behind blocking position. Move NE from (ZC 165528) through villages, make contact w/Pre B. Stay clear of DUC THINH. Copters will lift you from (ZC 155528) as soon as available.	S,F,T
1411		55	Pre D to Pre - Intend to send Sqd to village (ZC 145548) to prevent re-entry of	S,F

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1412		56	Pre D to Pre - Sit Rep no enemy contact.	S,F
1417		57	Pil D to Pre - 3 VC KIA (ZC 1355). Bodies not recovered due to water hazard. Action took place approximately 021310H.	S,F
1422		58	Pre D to Pre - 4 VC in rice paddy coord (ZC 144559), moving in diamond formation.	S,F,AO
1432	NOTE	59	Copters lifted off from Pre CP to lift Pil D to block position, then will evac Pre B casualties.	S,F
1437		60	Pre 6 to Pre - Relay to St 6 - Pre 6 requested Reg't Reserve Co. from Swain.	S,F,C
1437		61	Pil D to Pre - Lifting off to reinforce block.	S,F
	1456	62	St 6 to St - Pre will use 2 Co's. search and destroy DONG PHUOC (1), south of river. Req. the 2 hr. alert Co. from Swain be committed ASAP for Pre OPCON. Get 14 to to set up lift and land Swain Co. on LZ (ZC 149538). LZ secure, ack. receipt (orig. msg retained by St 6).	S,F,C
1455	NOTE	63	Pil D to Pre - Pil D lift to (ZC 156530) complete.	S,F,C
1504		64	Pre D to Pre - Sit Rep no change.	S,F
	NOTE	65	Pre B located (ZC 190535).	S,F,M
1520		66	St to Pre - Req. background info leading to present situation.	S,F
1540		67	Pil D to Pre - If we are to make physical contact w/Pre B we can't block DUC TINH to the southwest.	S,F
1550		68	St to Pre - Swain will lift from Hill 55 at 021700H.	S,F
1552		69	St to Pre - Shove 6 req. Situation ASAP.	S,F
1640		70	Pre W-Sport to Pre - Sec. of 81's from Pil D is airborne, on way to Pre B position (ZC 190535). Arrived 1655.	S,F
1607		70	Pre to St - At 021212 Pre B encountered mortar fire, heavy auto wpns fire from hamlet (ZC 194545). One Plt pinned down. Air strike & arty fire silenced enemy mortar fire. However, small arms fire continued. Pre B continued advance, however, it was not expected to advance beyond (ZC 180540) prior to darkness. Pil D(-) was helilifted to join Pil D at block position (ZC 157530) at 021437, to attack from that point to NE	

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		70A	Con't and make physical contact w/Pre B. With 2 Co's. committed to south bank of SONG VU GIA, Pre required 1 additional rifle Co. to maintain security for airfield and Par W.	S,F,C
1642		71	Pre D-2 receiving sniper fire from village at (ZC 140538).	S,F
1602		72	Pil D to Pre - Contact w/enemy coord (ZC 173534).	S,F
1630		73	Pil D to Pre - Have 6 WIA and 1 VC WIA at (ZC 160530).	S,F,S-1
	1641	74	Pre to St - Pil D has encountered heavy small arms fire (ZC 160530).	S,F
	1644	75	Pre to Pre D - D-3 report to Pre B as security for LG ROC. D-1 will re-join you.	S,F,T
	1650	76	Pre to St - Spot Report.	S,F,C
1711		77	St to Pre - Need est. VC KIA due to air and arty. Report all VC cas, realistically. All cas. must be reported. Need info. from Pre 1 on casualties.	S,F
1714		78	Pil D to Pre - Engaged 20-30 VC, 1 VC KIA, 1 VC WIA, 1 VCS, 1 Springfield rifle M-1903 captured (ZC 169530).	S,F
1720	NOTE	79	Warehouse II is landing at airstrip.	S,F,M
1732		80	Pre D to Pre - D-2 is at (ZC 162546).	S,F,M
1745		81	Pre B to Pre - Confirmed 6 VC KIA, 10 VC WIA, 2 VCC, many other enemy casualties by air and arty.	S,F
	1810	82	Pre to St - Special Sit Rep #6.	S,F,C
1824		83	Pre D to Pre - Spot Rep (VC sniper KIA).	S,F
	1835	84	Pre to St - Spot Rep (Entry #83).	S,F,C
1845		85	Pre D to Pre - D-1 now at CP. D-2-B to join D-2-A.	S,F,M
1915		86	Warehouse II CP (ZC 161543).	S,F,M
1940		87	St to Pre - Can Special Forces execute drops and lifts tomorrow as scheduled?	S,F
1952		88	Pre D to Pre - D-1-A Ambush (ZC 160548) from 022000 to 030100H. D-1-C Ambush at (ZC 151555) from 022100-030300H.	S,F
2005		89	Whse I to Pre - In position at 1955 from (ZC 158540) to (ZC 170544).	S,F
	2023	90	Pre to St - Sit Rep.	S,F
2025		91	Pil D to Pre - Sit Rep no change.	S,F
2050		92	Pre D to Pre - D-1-A has left this position.	S,F
2103		93	Pre D to Pre - No change.	S,F

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2125		94	St 6 to Pre 6 - Frag Order.	S,F
2130		95	Pre D to Pre - Pre D-1-C has departed.	S,F
2137		96	Pre to Pil D - Question on Cas. report.	S,F
	2200	97	Pre to St - Recap on Pre B action from 021200-021630.	S,F
2235		98	Pre D to Pre - Sit Rep no enemy contact.	S,F
	2230	99	Pre to St - Sit Rep - Pil D and Pre B Front lines.	S,F,M
2310		100	Pil D to Pre - Sit Rep no change.	S,F
	2327	101	Pre to St - Air drops and air lifts scheduled for (3 Apr) can proceed as scheduled.	S,F,C
2342		102	St to Pre - Do you still have contact with VC? Is there is any small arms fire? Give coord and est. VC strength. Request Spot Report.	S,F
2352		103	St to Pre - Verify coord of Pil D-2. Appears line is too extensive. Verify coord of Pil D-3. Seems to be too far west. What is present disposition of Pre B and Pre D-3?	S,F
	0100	104	Pre to St - No enemy contact. VC occupy same position they did earlier today. Pre B front line position, B-1 and B-3 from coord (ZC 188534) to (ZC 193531). Pre D-3 (ZC 192549) to (ZC 197546). Pre B-2 on patrol towards hamlet of NGOC KINH(2).	S,F
0100		105	Pre D to Pre - Pre D-1-A is back at CP.	S,F
0130		106	Pre to St - Special Sit Rep #7.	S,F
0140		107	Pre B to Pre - Pre B-2 received mortar fire while advancing towards NGOC KINH(2). No friendly cas, withdrawn back to vic. (ZC 195548). 7 Marines + 1 M-60 MG unaccounted for at this time.	S,F
	0150	108	Pre to Pre B, Pil D, Pre D, Whse I, Relay to St - Frag Order 4-66 to OpO 303-66.	S,F,C
	0227	109	Pre to St - Pre B-2 received incoming mortars while advancing towards NGOC KINH(2). No friendly casualties. Withdrew to blocking force (ZC 195548).	S,F,M
0243		110	Pre D to Pre - D-1-C returned.	S,F
0258		111	Pre D to Pre - No enemy contact.	S,F
0300		112	Pil D, Whse I, Pre B - No enemy contact.	S,F,C
0410		113	St to Pre - Is Pre D north or south of river?	S,F

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0425		114	Pre D, Pre B, Pil D, Whse I to Pre - Sit Rep no enemy contact.	S,F,C
0440		115	Pre B to Pre - Downed helicopter ignited by incendiary device. 3 persons were burned. Req. emergency Med Evac.	S,F
	0440	116	Pre to St - Spot Report on hit helo. Corrected info - not VC incendiary device.	S,F,C
0452		117	Pre B to Pre - B-2 received 60mm rds from village NGOC KINH(2), Area interdicted. Mortar fire suppressed. B-2 searching area.	S,F,C
0520		118	Pre B to Pre - Casualty report of burned personnel.	S,F
	0525	119	Pre to St - Location of Pre D.	S,F
	0555	120	Pre to St - Special Spot Report #8.	S,F
0602		121	St to Pre - Req. number of mortar rds Pre B received. Answer - See my Spot Report.	S,F
0630		122	Pil D to Pre - 1 WIA; 1 KIA coord (ZC 183537).	S,F

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0700		1	OPENED JOURNAL.	
0715		2	St to Pre - Req. further info on burning of helo - extent of damage and how burn casualties were incurred.	S,F
0710		3	Pre D to Pre - Pre D-1 on way to blocking position north of SONG VU GIA.	S,F, M
	0718	4	Pre to St - 4 men near NGOC KINH(2) fired on by Pre B, men returned to village.	S,F
	0722	5	Pre to St - Arty commenced fire on DONG PHUOC at 030715H.	S,F
0730		6	St to Pre - Special Forces airlift postponed. Will give new time when available.	S,F
0758	NOTE	7	Scout dog team attached to I 3/3.	S,F
0800	NOTE	8	Shove 6, Crowd 6, Col. DULACKI arrived at Pre CP.	S,F
0810		9	Pre B to Pre 2 - Lt MARTIN reports password compromised. VC located in NGOC KINH(2) (ZC 140545) and TAM HIEP (ZC 194549). Have 1 .50 cal MG at (ZC 194545). VC in black w/natural camo in trenches and well prepared defensive positions.	S,F
	0817	10	Pre to St - Have resumed arty fire on DONG PHUOC.	S,F,C
0820		11	Pre B to Pre - Sniper attached to B just killed one VC.	S,F
0820		12	St to Pre - When situation permits req. additional info concerning burning helo.	S,F
0825	NOTE	13	Perm Whiskey reports secondary explosion in DONG PHUOC(2).	S,F
0850		14	Pil D to Pre - Sit Rep - Front lines at (ZC 158528) to (ZC 170532) to (ZC 178536). CP (ZC 173534).	S,F,M
	0852	15	Pre to St - St sniper killed one VC in Pre B area (ZC 187537). Pre D-1 at (ZC 163544) to (ZC 161544).	S,F,M
	0846	16	Pre to St - Boat observed at (ZC 158538) crossing river, taken under fire by Pre D-1 from (ZC 163543). Boat against north bank of SONG VU GIA.	S,F
	0904	17	Pre to St - Shove 6 at this position, arty airlift in progress.	S,F,
0906		18	Pre D to Pre - Sit Rep - No enemy contact. Pre D-2 1 VCS their position. D-1 observed 8-10 people moving to boat (ZC 156534). If they enter boat we are prepared to commence fire.	S,F

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	0906	19	Pre to St - Pil D CP same, Pil D-1 at (ZC 158528). Pil D-2 (ZC 170552). Pil D-3 (ZC 178536).	S,F,M S,F
0915	NOTE 0915	20 21	1 Sqd Eng. attached to Whse I. Pre to St - Air strike delayed, waiting for FAC(A) to arrive. Front line positions of all units.	S,F,C
0925		22	St to Pre - Regards to boat, req. to know damage to boat and VC and any other pertinent info.	S,F
0935		23	St to Pre - Req. to know if Ripe Peach B is up on M-78.	S,F,Commo,RFB
0945		24	Pre D to Pre - 4 VC crossing rice paddy, St sniper killed 2 of them.	S,F
	0950	25	Pre to St - Air strike commenced 030940 on DONG PHUOC.	S,F
	1004	26	Pre to St - Pre D-2 has 1 VCS at their position. Pre D-1 observed 8-10 persons moving toward boat (ZC 156534).	S,F
	1020	27	Pre to Pil D - Be advised Whse I will be landing at your blocking position shortly. Have Plt there provide LZ security and pop smoke when copters arrive.	S,F
1025	NOTE	28	Whse I starting airlift across SONG VU GIA.	S,F
1050		29	Whse I to Pre - On LZ, preparing to fire arty.	S,F
1058		30	Pre B to Pre - Spot Report.	S,F
	1056	31	St 6 to St - Advise of ETA of additional company from Swain. Monroe 6 approved this.	S,F
	1100	32	Pre to St - Whse I began helilift at 031025.	S,F S,F
	1104	33	Pre to St - Ref. msg 22 and 24.	
	1108	34	Pre to St - Whse I at LZ, prepared to fire arty. Ref msg 29 helilift completed 031050.	S,F S,F
1118		35	Pre D to Pre - Spot Report.	
1130		36	Pre B to Pre - Pre B-2 attempted to recover KIA's from yesterday's action. Received .50 cal. MG and auto wpns fire from vicinity (ZC 194545). B-2 returned to blocking position (ZC 199548). Will call arty and air in. Pre D-1 got sniper fire vicinity (ZC 145549). 1 USMC WIA.	S,F,C
1157	NOTE	37	Pre D, Pil D to Pre - Sit Rep no enemy contact.	S,F

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1214		38	St to Pre - Whse L departs Hill 55 at 031300H. Helicopter availability dictates time. ETA your position 031310H.	S,F
1230		39	Rosemont to Pre - AO spotted 2 VC in trees at (ZC 168562). Launching rockets.	S,F
1230		40	Pre D to Pre - Req. to fire rockets at (ZC 143552) at snipers. Permission granted.	S,F
1235		41	Pre D to Pre - Pre D hears auto fire from vicinity where AO spotted VC. Preparing to fire 81's if required.	S,F
	1235	42	Pre to Pre D - Be prepared to move Pre D-2 back across SONG CON. Whse L will relieve them in place and will assume control sector previously assigned to Pil D.	S,F
1250	NOTE	43	Air strike commenced on DONG PHOUC.	S,F
	1243	44	St 6 to Monroe - TAC(A) and fixed wing support departed area 031030H without relief. Air support urgently required.	S,F
1245		45	St to Pre - From Shove 3 - St now has 4 105 How. on 2 hr alert. 2 additional batteries now on 4 hr alert. If all batteries were committed a total of 5 batteries will support OPERATION ORANGE.	S,F
	1250	46	Pre to Pil D - Your resupply will be delivered as soon as choppers are available.	S,F,T
	1252	47	Pre to Whse I - Be prepared to move out after completion of air strike.	S,F,T
	1254	48	Pre to St - Spot Report from Pre D, sniper fire.	S,F
	1305	49	Pre to St - Whse I commenced attacking DONG PHOUC.	S,F
	1315	50	Pre to St - Special Sit Rep #9.	S,F,C
	1315	51	Pre to St - Pre D-2 firing 3.5 WP at VC snipers vicinity (ZC 143552).	S,F,C
	1320	52	Pre to St - Whse I attacking DONG PHOUC 031310H.	S,F,Reg't S,F,Reg't
1324		53	Whse L commenced landing.	S,F
1325		54	Whse I to Pre - At west edge of DONG PHOUC.	S,F,C
	1325	55	Pre to St - Air strike on DONG PHOUC.	S,F,C
	1330	56	Pre to St - Pre B-1 2 VC snipers vicinity (ZC 205539).	S,F,C
1337		57	Pil D to Pre - No enemy contact.	S,F
1339		58	Pre B to Pre - Pre B displacing CP.	S,F
1352		59	Whse I to Pre - Front lines at (ZC 164537). No enemy contact.	S,F,Reg't

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1400		60	Pre B to Pre - Casualty report.	S,F
1410		61	St to Pre - AO reports 8 USMC bodies at (ZC 190545), sighted at 031200H. Confirm and take appropriate action.	S,F
	1415	62	Pre to St - Whse I entered west edge of DONG PHOUC(1). No enemy contact. Whse L elements have arrived this position.	S,F,C
	1420	63	Pre to St - At (ZC 193545) .50 cal. and other auto wpns. VC occupy NGOC KINH(2) and LAP THUAN in force. 6 VC KIA at coord (ZC 197542). Estimate 10 VC WIA, unknown additional number from 81's and arty.	S,F
	1421	64	Pre to St - Whse I front lines coord (ZC 164537) to (ZC 166540) to (ZC 167536).	S,F
1425		65	Pre B to Pre - CP (ZC 197537). Front lines (ZC 193537) to (ZC 204537), B-1, B-3; B-2, D-3 (ZC 200554) to (ZC 203552).	S,F,Reg't
1455		66	Pre B to Pre - Now front line position from (ZC 200554) to (ZC 203552), left flank now (ZC 193537).	S,F,C
1505	NOTE	67	Pre B calling air strike on NGOC KINH.	S,F
	1507	68	Pre to St - Sit Rep - Unit locations.	S,F
	1512	69	Pre to St - Whse I front lines (ZC 166540) to (ZC 167536). Air strike being conducted on NGOC KINH.	S,F,C
1527	NOTE	70	All except 35 troops of Whse L have landed. ETA remainder 1527.	S,F
1537		71	Whse I to Pre - Completed S/D operations in DONG PHOUC(1). Front lines from coord (ZC 168541) to (ZC 173538). Discovered 1 ChiCom grenade, booby trap gate; destroyed 5 tunnels; captured 5 VCS.	S,F
	1550	72	Pre to Pre B, Pil D into St - Frag Order 5-66 to OpO 303-66.	S,F,C
	1607	73	Pre to St - Pil D launched attack on LAP THUAN (ZC 184537).	S,F,C
1610	NOTE	74	Air will napalm NGOC KINH(2), arty will fire on LAP THUAN (ZC 184537). Pil D will attack following prep. fires.	S,F,C
	1615	75	Pre to St - Whse L completed insertion at 031610H.	S,F,C
1628		76	Whse L to Pre - Have landed at (ZC 145534), will establish CP (ZC 147543). Will advise of activities ASAP.	S,F

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1640	NOTE	77	Air strike on NGOC KINH(2) produced at least 1 secondary explosion.	S,F
1649		78	St to St 6 - Shove 3 asks if you want another arty btry committed in area of operations. Please advise ASAP.	S,F,C
1702		78A	Ans: Not at this time, will discuss later.	S,F
1650		79	Pil D to Pre - We have crossed GL 18. No contact at this time.	S,F,C
	1657	80	Pre to St - Pil D Sit Rep.	S,F
1706		81	Pre D to Pre - Pre D-1 vicinity (ZC 170554), received sniper fire from vicinity coord (ZC 174554). Fire returned, enemy fire suppressed.	S,F
1715		82	Pil D to Pre - Request permission to begin attack on NGOC KINH(2).	S,F
	1723	03	Pre to St - Pil D commencing attack on NGOC KINH(2). Pre B-2 commencing attack on TAM HIEP.	S,F,C
1740		84	Pre D to Pre - Spot Report.	S,F
	1746	85	Pre to St - Arty prepped NGOC KINH(2), Pil D attacking NGOC KINH at 031745H.	S,F
1800		86	Whse L to Pre - Night activities.	S,F,M
1839		87	Pre D to Pre - Night activities.	S,F,M
1845		88	Pre D to Pre - D-2-C is at airfield.	S,F,M
	1840	89	Pre to St - Special Sit Rep #10.	S,F
1846		90	Whse I to Pre - Have 1 WIA.	S,F,S-1
1851		91	Pre D to Pre - 81's took 6 VC under fire at (ZC 181554) - KIA 6 VC.	S,F,C
1855		92	Pre D to Pre - GL no change. D-1 at coord (ZC 183545). D-2 (ZC 155549).	S,F
	1855	93	Pre to St - Pre B reaches south edge of TAM HIEP. Pil D reached N-S GL 19; Pil D received sniper fire from (ZC 184548). Sniper being pursued by Pil D. Pre D located (ZC 181545).	S,F,C
	1835	94	Pre to St - Pre D firing on 4 VC coord (ZC 180558) w/81mm mortar.	S,F
	1930	95	Pre to St - Hamlet NGOC KINH(2) secured by Pil D, TAM HIEP secured by Pre D-3; 6 USMC KIA bodies removed. Presently establishing blocks around village complexes of TAM HIEP, NGOC KINH(2), and NGOC KINH(1). 6 USMC KIA being Med Evac are result of action 2 Apr.	S,F

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2000		96	Whse L to Pre - Ambush L-A-1 and L-A-3 have departed CP.	S,F
2005		97	Pre D to Pre - D-2-A departed.	S,F
2010		98	Whse I engaged in fire fight.	S,F,C
2020		99	Sgt KLUPP from ITT sends: Village PF's will conduct sweep (ZC 146531) to (ZC 155535) from 032000 - 032400.	S,F,C
1930		100	St to Pre - Are you in contact with enemy?	S,F
1910		101	St to Pre - Request future plans.	S,F
	2003	102	Pre to St - 6 VC (ZC 181554) taken under 81mm fire. FO reports fire on target. 6 VC KIA.	S,F
1925		103	St to Pre - Ensure Whse I surrounds and thoroughly searches DONG PHOUC(1). Search for caves and in every house. Use dogs, block all escape routes.	S,F
	2005	104	Pre to St - Night activities.	S,F
	2010	105	Pre to St - Whse I firing.	S,F
	2010	106	Pre to St - Whse I 9 WIA from mine coord (ZC 171539).	S,F
2054		107	Pil D to Pre - Canisters located coord (ZC 187544), (ZC 193545), (ZC 190543).	S,F
2033		108	Pil D to Pre - Front lines. CP (ZC 190545). 6 KIA recovered.	S,F
2105		109	Whse L to Pre - ARVN sweep (ZC 150534) 2000-2400. Canisters located (ZC 146531) and (ZC 155535).	S,F,M
2110		110	Pre D to Pre - Request re-attachment of Eng. Answer - negative.	S,F,C
2113		111	St to Pre - Instructions for NGOC KINH(2) attack.	S,F
2115		112	Pil D to Pre - Front lines (ZC 186545) to (ZC 193545) to (ZC 201550) to (ZC 203553) (Ambush), to (ZC 199554).	S,F,M
2121		113	Pre D to Pre - L-2-B departed.	S,F
	2104	114	Pre to St - Answer and plans, ref. msg #100 and 101.	S,F
2207		115	Whse I to Pre - Night activities IP-1 032300-040200, CP (ZC 185543). IP 2 040200-040500, CP (ZC 185541).	S,F
	2230	116	Pre to All Units - FragO 6-66 to OpnO 303-66.	S,F,T,C
2237		117	St to Pre - Req. lateral limits of Co's.	S,F
2230		118	Pre D to Pre - Spot Report sniper fire.	S,F,C

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	2300	119	Pre to St - Front lines.	S,F
2319		120	Pre B to Pre - Pre B-2 in place. Northern boundary (ZC 205545). Southern boundary (ZC 208542).	S,F
2330		121	Pre D to Pre - D-1 Spot Report of sniper fire, no casualties.	S,F
	2340	122	Pre to St - Special Sit Rep #11.	S,F,C
0011		123	Whse L ref Frag 6-66.	S,F
0015		124	Pre B, Pre D, Pil D, Whse I, Whse L to Pre - Sit Rep no enemy contact.	S,F,C
0100		125	Pre B, Pre D, Pil D, Whse I, Whse L to Pre - No enemy contact.	S,F,C
0118		126	St to Pre - Flare ship required on another mission. (Answered he is released).	S,F,C
	0120	127	St to Pre - Arc light info.	S,F
0153		128	Pre to St - D-2-A has returned.	S,F
0155		129	Pre B to Pre - Sit Rep no enemy contact, no change.	S,F,C
0156		130	Pre D to Pre - Sit Rep no change.	S,F,C
0155		131	Pil D to Pre - Sit Rep no change.	S,F,C
0203		132	Whse I to Pre - Sit Rep no change.	S,F,C
0205		133	Whse L to Pre - Sit Rep no change.	S,F,C
0210		134	Whse L to Pre - LA 4 departed CP.	S,F
0300		135	Pre B, Whse I, Whse L, Pil D, Pre D to Pre - Sit Rep no change.	S,F,C
0353		136	Pre B to Pre - No change.	S,F,C
0358		137	Pre D, Pil D, Whse L - Sit Rep no change.	S,F,C
	NOTE	138	Unable to raise Whse I on Bn Tac.	S,F
0455		139	Pre D, Whse L to Pre - Sit Rep no change.	S,F
0535		140	Pre to St - Special Sit Rep #12.	S,F,C
0557		141	Pre D, Whse L to Pre - Sit Rep no change.	S,F
0622		142	Pre B to Pre - Pre B-2-D located coord (ZC 209543), saw 3 boats 1000 meters east of their position at 040617.	S,F,C
0650		143	Pre D to Pre - Sit Rep no change, D-1 is on move to coord (ZC 189566). Going to check out area of 81mm mission of yesterday.	S,F,M
0700		144	CLOSED JOURNAL.	

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	0710	1	Pre to St - Arc light conducted NE our position at 040700H.	S,F
0730		2	Pre B to Pre - Pre B-2 sighted 7 VC with weapons north of their position moving towards NGOC KINH.	Pil D,S,F
0735		3	Pre B to Pre - Pre B-3 spotted 3 VC in khaki, coord (ZC 185535) moving north, now being engaged.	S,F,C
0745	0743	4	Whse L to Pre - L-2 starting patrol.	S,F
		5	Pre B-2 beginning S/D operation hamlet NGOC KINH(1). Will search to (ZC 199542). Pre B-1 searches from (ZC 199542) to (ZC 190539). B-3 searches LAP THUAN.	S,F
	0745	6	Pre D-2 commencing search of TAI SON at (ZC 140558).	S,F
	0747	7	Pre to St - Army Special Forces Caribou aircraft landed 040745H.	S,F,C
0755		8	Pre B to Pre - Pre B-3 just shot 2 VC at coord (ZC 185535). They are lying in rice paddy.	S,F,C
0810		9	Pil D front lines and CP remain same. Detail searching NGOC KINH(2). Est. 4 hrs intentions detail search TAM HIEP.	S,F,C
0820		10	Pre D to Pre - D-1 sending unit to coord (ZC 185545) to observe TAM HIEP(info St).	S,F,C
	0822	11	Pre to St - Correction on entry #7.	S,F,C
0834		12	Pre D to Pre - Pre D-2 engaged 2-3 VC at (ZC 140558).	S,F
0835		13	Whse L to Pre - Moving to objective.	S,F
0840		14	Pre D to Pre - Spot Rep - D-2 sweeping village (ZC 140558). Received sniper fire and encountered wire obstacles. No casualty.	S,F,C
	0847	15	Pre to St - Arty firing on 6 "A" frame structures (ZC 168524).	S,F
0851	INFO	16	Shove 6 arrived Pre CP.	S,F
	0856	17	Pre to St - Location of Scat Snoop at (ZC 112542) and (ZC 124524).	S,F
0906		18	Pre D to Pre - D-2 sweeping village at (ZC 140558). Found VC propropaganda material. D-1-C (ZC 180560). D-1-B at (ZC 182545). D-1-A (ZC 188548).	S,F
	0908	19	Pre to St - C-130 air drop at 040850H.	S,F,C

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0930		20	Pre D to Pre - Pre D-1 VC harbor site at (ZC 180560) with 600 lbs rice and VC uniform. D-2 found caves and fortifications (ZC 139559).	S,F,C
0941		21	Whse L to Pre - Received small arms fire from village (ZC 126555). Attacking village.	S,F,C
0947		22	St to Pre - Parchment 6 will arrive Pre CP 040935H.	S,F
0950		23	Pre D to Pre - D-2 has found small arms rounds and rice in urns. Have one old man who volunteered to lead us to a bunker.	S,F,C
0955		24	AO to Pre 2 - AO reports VC Sqd with auto wpns (ZC 124560). Whse L now at (ZC 126555), moving on reported VC position.	S,F,C
	0958	25	Pre to St - Shove 6 departed Pre 040940H.	S,F,C
0958		26	Pil D to Pre - Completed search of NGOC KINH(2).	S,F,C
	1002	27	Pre to St - Req. additional Eng. support to assist in blowing caves and bunkers. Whse units arrived w/o Eng.	S,F,C
1005		28	Pre D to Pre - No enemy contact. D-2 continues S/D operations.	S,F,C
1014		29	Pre D to Pre - D-1-C found approximately 4000 lbs rice (ZC 180558).	S,F,C
1024		30	Whse L to Pre - Found trench 50 meters long (ZC 128557). Destroyed 7 spider holes (ZC 127557), 1 VC KIA. 2-3 additional VC possible WIA in same action.	S,F,C
1034		31	Whse L to Pre - Found 500 lbs rice at (ZC 127554).	S,F,C
	1049	32	Pre to St - Pre B-1 searching (ZC 199543) to SW found 800 lbs rice, have blown 3 bunkers.	S,F
1102		33	Whse L to Pre - Found 800 lbs rice, 200 lbs corn (ZC 128557).	S,F,C
1112		34	Pre B to Pre - Destroyed two tunnels, 1 rice mill and 1 gate (ZC 199543).	S,F,C
1113		35	Whse L to Pre - Destroyed spider hole at (ZC 128557), found 15 ft tunnel at coord (ZC 128556). Also located hole 4'x4'x4', underground quarters.	S,F,C
	1121	36	Scat Snoop spotted VC OP at (ZC 102538). Calling arty fires on VC position.	S,F,C

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1135		37	Pil D to Pre - Have 20 VC in TAM HIEP, 81 mm and arty fire being called.	S,F,C
	1152	38	Pre to St - Special Sit Rep #13.	S,F
1153		39	Pre D to Pre - Comm difficulties & demo difficulties - lack non-elec caps. D-1 has 5 VCS.	S,F,S-2 CommO
1155		40	Pre D to Pre - Located 2 caves vicinity (ZC 129557) 300 lbs rice located coord (ZC 128557). Used CS and grenades on caves.	S,F,C
1158		41	Whse L to Pre - Trench (ZC 130556). Caves at (ZC 130557), am using smoke.	S,F,C
1159		42	Pil D to Pre - Attacking TAM HIEP.	S,F,C
1203		43	Whse L to Pre - Destroyed caves (ZC 130556), found 250 lbs rice (ZC 131557).	S,F,C
1203		44	St to Pre - Comm vehicle dropped by mistake this AM vicinity (ZC 204560). Locate vehicle by air recon, place security and notify this Hq. of requirements to lift it out.	S,F,
1210		45	Whse L to Pre - At (ZC 133555) found 200 lbs rice, 5 ft trench line dug 20 days ago; running entire length of village, bunkers for living quarters in area.	S,F
1223		46	Whse L to Pre - At (ZC 133555) Whse L picked up 3 male VCS hiding in tunnel.	S,F,C
1223		47	Whse L to Pre - 6-7 fighting holes coord (ZC 133557).	S,F,C
1234		48	Pre D to Pre - Spot Report - Grenade thrown in tunnel vicinity (ZC 139558) resulted in secondary small arms explosion. One USMC WIA non evac.	S,F,C
1237		49	Whse L to Pre - Have 3 VCS at (ZC 133557), approximately 1000 lbs rice. Am holding up here temporarily.	S,F
1245		50	Pre D to Pre - Spot Report - 2 VCS attempted escape vicinity (ZC 184547). D-1-B opened fire, killed 1 VC, captured 1 VC.	S,F,C
1258		51	Whse L to Pre - Med EVac completed. We are recommencing search and destroy operations.	S,F,C
	1321	52	Pre to St - Air strike (ZC 109565) started at 041315H, secured 041335H.	S,F,C
	1339	53	Pre to St - Intend to lift Pre B from LZ ROC to vicinity Pre CP. 041730H 81mm to Pil D.	S,F

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1350		54	Whse 6 to Pre - Trench line (ZC 134556) and trench 300 meters long (ZC 135555), village HOANG PHUAC (ZC 136555).	S,F,C
	1350	55	Pre to St - Sit Rep - Progress Report.	S,F,C
1402		56	Pre D to Pre - Pre D-1 (ZC 132545).	S,F
1406		57	Whse L to Pre - At (ZC 136554), have 1 VCS, has no I.D., has safe conduct pass valid for TET.	S,F
1410		58	Pre B to Pre - Sit Rep - CP at (ZC 196536). Front lines (ZC 200535) to (ZC 203537) to (ZC 192536) to (ZC 197537). Sit & Progress Report, VCS and documents.	S,F,C
1410		59	Whse L to Pre - Found expended .30 cal. rds at (ZC 135556). Have 1 VCS. Info St.	S,F,C
	1416	60	Pre to St - Arty firing on trench lines vicinity (ZC 120558), west to GL 10. AO is adjusting.	S,F,C
1430		62	Pre B to Pre - Found 20 holes at coord (ZC 193542), look like mine emplacement holes. (Info St).	S,F,C
1440		63	Whse L to Pre - At (ZC 136556) found trench 300 meters running south to north.	S,F,C
1445		64	Pre B to Pre - Found grease gun (ZC 192541).	S,F
1452		65	Whse L to Pre - Have completed sweep, linked up with blocking force. Req. permission to move CP to (ZC 127549). Req. resupply - Req. disposition of 6 VCS.	S,F,C
1515		66	Whse L to Pre - Am displacing CP to coord (ZC 127549).	S,F
	1527	67	Pre to St - Air strike completed. Three secondary explosions were observed. Whse L CP moving to (ZC 127549).	S,F
1610		68	Pre D to Pre - Sit Rep no enemy contact.	S,F
	1615	69	Pre to St - Plan to lift Pre B to Pre CP at 041730H. Pil D and Whse I continue S/D on south bank of SONG VU GIA with boundary (ZC 180543) to (ZC 180538) to (ZC 170530).	S,F
1625		70	Pil D to Pre - 81mm arrived this position. Plt of Pre D on way to Pre B position.	S,F
1653		70A	Pil D to Pre - Front lines (ZC 187546) to (ZC 190540) to (ZC 204544) to (ZC 206541) to (ZC 192546) to (ZC 194544), CP same.	S,F,C
	1700	71	Pre 6 to Whse I 6 - Boundary est. between Whse I and Pre B. Proceed slowly, use dogs and CS. We will devote at least 2 more	

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		71	days search and destroy to this area. Discussed casualties which Whse I incurred last night. L-6 stated he received 2 rifle gren, mortar fire and MG fire. His unit returned and suppressed the fire.	S,F
1507	Late	72	Pre D to Pre - Pre D-1 enroute to vehicle dropped at wrong location (SpecFor).	S,F
	1735	73	Pre to St - Pre B received sniper fire vicinity (ZC 204556). LZ for Pre B movement changed to (ZC 193546) which is secure. Pre D moving towards snipers harassing LZ ROC.	S,F
1740		74	St to Pre - Captured documents show that VC go under ground for 3-5 days. Recommend staying in village next 72 hrs to prevent escape of VC.	S,F,C
	1810	75	Pre to St - Special Sit Rep #14.	S,F,C
1817		76	Whse I to Pre - CP located (ZC 157550). No enemy contact, have one VCS.	S,F,C
1834		77	Pre D to Pre - Pre D-1 received small arms fire on way to (ZC 205567).	S,F
	1838	78	Pre to St - Air strike on village HA NHA(3) (ZC 210554) arty arriving by helicopter lift.	S,F,C
1845		79	St to Pre - Frago - Pre B lift 050800H. Continue S/D operations south of river w/2 Co's. until 050800 then continue w/2 Co's. Arty helilift has priority on helicopters.	S,F,T
1846		80	St to Pre - Report number of strikes and type ord. expended and damage. Air strikes should be utilized for observed targets and in conjunction with assault.	S,F
	1850	81	Pre to St - Air strike on HA NHA(3) completed. Arty airlift still in progress.	S,F
1900		81A	Bu D to Bu - Location of D-1.	S,F
1945		82	St to Pre - Restated Frago msg #79.	S,F
1938		83	Pre B front lines (ZC 192548) to (ZC 196553) to (ZC 198552).	S,F,C
	1850	84	Pre D to Pre - Spot Report - At 041845H 3 VC KIA, 1 captured at (ZC 210560). Also captured gas mask, camo cap, canteen.	S,F,C
	1935	85	Pre to St - Air strike commenced on DONG PHOU(1) at 041910H.	S,F,C
2015		86	Whse I to Pre - LA-1 departed.	S,F,C

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2016		87	Whse L to Pre - L-A-3 departed.	S,F,C
2017		88	Pre D to Pre - D-2-C departed.	S,F,C
	2035	89	St 2 to Pre - Intell Spot Report.	S,F,C
2100		90	Pre D to Pre - Sit Rep no change.	S,F,C
2100		91	Pil D, Pre B to Pre - Sit Rep no change.	S,F,C
2100		92	Whse L to Pre - Sit Rep no change.	S,F,C
	2117	93	Pre to All Units - Info St - FragO 7-66 to OpnO 303-66.	S,F,C
	2125	94	Pre to St - Pre night activities.	S,F,C
	2158	95	Pre to St - Ref St Msg Q41950H, Pre D-1 rein w/MG and 60mm. Secures vehicle. Shown on night def. plan. Pre B lift includes Pre D-3 and 20 VCS.	S,F,C
	2115	96	Pre to St - Recap of air strikes.	S,F
	2224	97	Pre to St - Pre D-1 has secured truck.	S,F
2300		98	Pil D, Pre D, Pre B, Whse I, Whse L to Pre - Sit Rep neg enemy contact.	S,F,C
	2355	99	Pre to St - Special Sit Rep #15.	S,F,C
	2400	100	Pil D, Pre B, Pre D, Whse I, Whse L to Pre - Sit Rep no enemy contact.	S,F,C
0055		101	St to Pre - Eng. personnel arrived about 050715. Det of 12 men w/5 man tunnel team.	S,F
0100		102	Pre B, Pre D, Pil D, Whse I, Whse L to Pre - No enemy contact.	S,F,C
0200		103	All Units to Pre - Sit Rep no enemy contact.	S,F,C
0300		104	All Units to Pre - Sit Rep no enemy contact.	S,F,C
0352		105	Pre D, Whse L to Pre - Sit Rep no change.	S,F,C
0357		106	Pre D to Pre - Pre D-2-B at ckpt 4, Sit Rep no change.	S,F,C
0358		107	Pre B to Pre - Sit Rep no change.	S,F,C
0430		108	Pre D to Pre - Pre D-2-B at ckpt 5.	S,F,C
0500		109	All Units to Pre - Sit Rep no change, Pre D-2-B has returned.	S,F,C
0515		110	Whse I to Pre - L-A-3 has returned.	S,F,C
	0540	111	Pre to St - Special Sit Rep #16.	S,F,C
0545		112	Whse L to Pre - L-A-1 has returned.	S,F,C
0546		113	Pil D to Pre - Sit Rep no change.	S,F,C
0547		114	Pre D to Pre - Sit Rep no change.	S,F,C
0548		115	Pre B to Pre - Sit Rep no change.	S,F,C
0549		116	Whse I to Pre - Sit Rep no change.	S,F,C
0653		117	Whse L to Pre - Sit Rep no change.	S,F,C
0656		118	Pre D to Pre - Sit Rep no change.	S,F,C
0700		119	CLOSED JOURNAL.	

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0700		1	OPENED JOURNAL.	
	0745	2	Pre to St - Artillery mission on HOANG PHUOC BAC(2) commenced 050745H.	S,F,C
	0810	3	Pre to St - Pre B commenced lift from LZ NW TAM HIEP at 050805H.	S,F,C
0815	0822	4	Pre D to Pre - Spot Report Pre D-1.	S,F,C
		5	Pre to St - Pre D-1 at scene of truck dropped by accident at (ZC 205566). Air del. personnel with Pre D-1 state truck demolished. Req. permission to destroy.	S,F,C
	0823	6	Whse L to Pre - Whse L-1-2 departed at 050815H.	S,F
0830		7	Pil D to Pre - Commencing search and destroy operation NGOC KINH(1) (ZC 200543) (info St).	S,F,C
0840		8	Pre D to Pre - Pre D-1 reports truck dropped by accident (ZC 205566) was stripped of tires and radio gear. (Info St).	S,F,C
	0925	9	Pre to St - Pre D-1 found 2 more VC KIA.	S,F
	0850	10	Pre to St - Pre B completed air lift to vicinity Pre CP at 040840H.	S,F
	1022	11	Pre to St - Pre B search and destroy operation THANH DAI(2) and (1) (ZC 109563). Boundary between Pre B and Whse L from (ZC 118567) SW to (ZC 113550) through rice paddy E-SE to (ZC 190538) 3d Plt of PAT assisting Whse L.	S,F,M
0955		12	St to Pre - Req. following info: (1) Time vehicle first sighted, (2) Time security Plt arrived at site.	S,F
	1010	13	Pre to St - Monroe 5 and St 6 arrived Pre CP.	S,F,C
1040		14	Pil D to Pre - Spot Report - Saw 5 VC enter village (ZC 201540). 1 VC fell after received small arms. 60mm fired into area w/unknown results.	S,F,C
1040		15	St to Pre - Can air drop resume? Ans: Yes.	S,F
1055		16	Pil D to Pre - Continuing search of NGOC KINH(1), negative contact.	S,F,C
	1107	17	Pre to St - Answer to journal entry #12.	S,F
	1107	18	Pre to St - Monroe 6 & St 6 departed Pre CP.	S,F,C
1137		19	St to Pre - Req more detailed assessment of air drop damage to truck ASAP, salvage is still a possibility.	S,F
1146		20	Pre to St - Answer to Entry #19.	S,F,C
	1158	21	Pre to St - More info on Entry #19.	S,F,C

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1200		22	Whse L to Pre - Destroyed two fortified bunkers (ZC 129555).	S,F,C
	1206	23	Pre to All Units - Instructions for night defense.	S,F,T
1214		24	Pil D to Pre - Almost through NGOC KINH(2), neg enemy contact. Am going to LAP THUAN (ZC 182537).	S,F,M
	1221	25	Pre to St - Two explosions of unknown origin occurred (ZC 141538).	S,F
	1234	26	Pre to St - Air strike on THANH DAI(1) (ZC 105566).	S,F
	1237	27	Pre to St - Special Sit Rep #17.	S,F,C
	1250	28	Pre to HST (Lt BASS) - ARVN troops are not to enter village (ZC 174545). Pre D blowing caves. ARVN not to enter until 6 Apr.	S,F
1254		29	Pre B to Pre - New GP located (ZC 096564).	S,F,C
1302		30	Pre D to Pre - Sit Rep - D-2 front lines at (ZC 165545).	S,F,C
1304		31	Whse L to Pre - Destroyed 6 bunkers at (ZC 132555).	S,F,C
	1306	32	Pre to St - Air strike on THANH DAI(1) completed.	S,F
1307		33	St to Pre - Do not, repeat, do not conduct air strikes in villages that Marines are searching. Utilize Eng. for destroying trenches, tunnels and caves. Air strike of village to be used in conjunction with inf. attacks. Do not call air strikes on village unless it is coordinated w/an assault. Other targets no change.	S,F
	1310	34	Pre to St - Ref entry 33 - Understand and will comply.	S,F,C
	1325	35	Pre to Pre B - AO reports trenches from (ZC 098566) to (ZC 098562).	S,F,C
	1350	35A	Pre to St - Inter disposition of air dropped truck. Pre D-1 awaiting helo lift.	S,F,C
1428		36	St to Pre - Int. front lines Pre B? Ref. msg 051221H. Int. nature of unidentified explosions?	S,F,C

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1434		37	Whse L to Pre - CP (ZC 132556). Now destroying fortifications. ARVN to my east approximately (ZC 136554) to (ZC 136555) destroying fortifications. ARVN sustained 1 KIA from booby trap. He has been returned to my CP for evac.	S,F,C
1447		38	Whse L to Pre - Destroyed 3 bunkers at (ZC 133555).	S,F,C
1500		39	Pil D to Pre - Front lines (ZC 180536) to (ZC 190539), CP (ZC 183536). No enemy contact. Prepared night defenses.	S,F
1500		40	Pre 2 to Pre 3 - Intelligence Spot Report.	S,F
1507		41	St to Pre - Pre D-1 hold present location until final decision made.	S,F,D Co
1508		42	Pre D to Pre - Pre D-1 now has 4 VC carrying loads in view, attempting to bring 60mm on them. AO sent to assist. Vicinity (ZC 205575).	S,F
1518		43	Whse L to Pre - Destroyed 4 caves in hadgerow at (ZC 130557) and one bunker at (ZC 134556) with demo.	S,F,
1530		44	Whse L to Pre - Destroyed bunker (ZC 134557).	S,F,C
1535		45	Whse L to Pre - Destroyed 1 cave (ZC 128558).	S,F,C
1540		46	Whse L to Pre - Destroyed 2 bunkers at coord (ZC 127558).	S,F,C
1545		47	Whse L to Pre - Destroyed 3 bunkers at (ZC 127558). Found an electrical firing device.	S,F,C
1610		48	Whse I to Pre - Have swept 3 objective areas. Destroyed 31 tunnels. Have set up Ambush at north end of village. Present position is (ZC 177541).	S,F,C
1611		49	Whse L to Pre - Destroyed 2 caves at coord (ZC 128562).	S,F,C
1612		50	Pre B to Pre - AO reports camouflaged houses at (ZC 103554).	S,F
1615		51	Pre B to Pre - Found 700 lbs rice at coord (ZC 099561).	S,F
1620		52	St to Pre - What is location of Pre B?	S,F
	1635	53	Pre to St - Pre D-1 observed 15 VC carrying boxes at 1455H into cave (ZC 209576). Air strike to destroy cave.	S,F
1635		54	Pre to Pre B - Now at (ZC 099559).	S,F,C
1636		55	Whse L to Pre - Will be moving to new CP in 5 min.	S,F

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1642		56	Pre D to Pre - Air strike on cave with armament. Results unknown at this time.	S,F
1647		57	Whse L to Pre - Destroyed 2 tunnels and VC storage shelter (ZC 132555).	S,F,C
	1654	58	Pre to St - Report of entries 48, 49, 54, 57.	S,F
1655		59	Pre to St - AO reports air strike was short. Request armed HUEI to insure complete destruction.	S,F
1700		60	Pre D to Pre - Sit Rep no enemy contact.	S,F
1746		61	Whse I to Pre - Night defense (ZC 177541). Plt (reinf) Ambush at (ZC 173541).	S,F,C
1748		62	Pil D to Pre - Night activities.	S,F,C
	1817	63	Pre to St - Pre D-1 says 2d air strike on cave was effective, cave entrance partly caved in, 2 secondary explosions observed. VC casualties unknown.	S,F,C
1818		64	Whse L to Pre - Night activities.	S,F,C
1820		65	Pre D to Pre - Sit Rep D-1 (ZC 208561). D-2, D-3 at CP.	S,F
	1825	66	Pre to St - Special Sit Rep #18.	S,F
1830		67	St to Pre - Where is Pre D CP?	S,F
	1855	67A	Pre to St - Night activities.	S,F,M
	1922	68	Pre to St - Answer to entry #67.	S,F
	2020	69	Pre to All Units - Info St - FragO 8-66.	S,F,C
2100		70	All units to Pre - Sit Rep neg contact.	S,F
2105		71	Pil D to Pre - Req. arty fire.	S,F
	2145	72	Pre to Whse I - Place Ambush Plt to SW of DONG PHOUC(2).	S,F,C
2200		73	All Units to Pre - Neg contact all units.	S,F
2300		74	All Units to Pre - Neg contact all units.	S,F
2325		79	Whse I to Pre - Firing M-79 to drive off water buffalo advancing on their position.	S,F
	2400	80	Pre to St - Special Sit Rep #19.	S,F,C
0005		81	Pre D to Pre - Sit Rep no enemy contact.	S,F,C
	0055	82	Pre to St - Spot Report, Pil D and Pre D.	S,F,C
	0100	83	Whse L to Pre - L-A-3 departed CP.	S,F,C
0100		84	All Units to Pre - Sit Rep no contact.	S,F,C
0125		85	Pre D to Pre - D-3-A, D-3-C returned.	S,F
0307		86	St to Pre - Authority for destruction of air dropped vehicle granted. Notify this Headquarters on completion of destruction. Return D-1 to parent organization.	S,F

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0310		87	All Pre & Whse Units to Pre - Sit Rep no change, no enemy contact.	S,FC
	0308	88	Pre to St - Request permission to have Pre D-1 check out caves, subject of two air strikes.	S,F
0345		89	St to Pre - Permission granted to check caves.	S,F
0400		90	All Units to Pre - Sit Rep no enemy contact.	S,F,C
0505		91	All Units to Pre - No enemy contact.	S,F,C
	0559	92	Pre to St - Special Sit Rep #20.	S,F
0652		93	Whse L to Pre - Whse L-3 in blocking position for Pre B-3.	S,F
0700		94	CLOSED JOURNA.	

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	0700	1	Pre to Pre D-1 * Destroy truck with means at hand. Report destruction to this Hdq when accomplished.	S,F,T,
	0705	2	Pre to St - Pre D-1 instructed to destroy truck, Engineers standing by in case they are required to assist. Pre D-1 observed 3 secondary explosions in cave yesterday and feels the ammo is destroyed. D-1 also estimated 5 to 7 hours to reach cave from present position. Pre D-1 ordered to destroy truck and return to Pre D position.	S,F,C
	0734	3	Pre to all units.-VC may be employing electrically detonated mines.	S,F,T
0744		4	Pre D to Pre - Spot report on booby trap (ZC 143557).	S,F,C
0842		5	PilD to Pre - Spot report of ambush site - Pil D-1-A found blood soaked bandages, no VC bodies. VC uniforms, wooden MG training device.	S,F,C
0845	INFO	6	Chronology of events surrounding truck air dropped into hills (info only).	S,F
0858		6A	Pil D to Pre - 25-30 people sighted along south bank of river (ZC 142552).	S,F
	0907	7	Pre to St - Possible explanation of two explosions (ZC 140577) yesterday.	S,F
	0920	8	Pre to St - Air drop off target. drop landed (ZC 149537).	S,F
	0940	9	Pre to St - Air drop caused 1 KIA 6 WIA civilians.	S,F
	1030	10	Pre to St - correction of air drop casualties figure.	S,F,C
	0945	10A	Pre to St - St 6 arrived at Pre CP.	S,F,C
0952		11	PreB to Pre - CP moved to (ZC 096564). Front lines same.	S,F,C
	1014	12	Pre to PreB, Whse L - PreB at (ZC 096564) hold there. Whse L hold at (ZC 122557) for arty/air strike on fortifications at (ZC 106567). Strike 1300H.	S,F

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	1025	13	Pre to St-Whse L moving to HOANG PHOUG BAC (2).	S,F
	1055	14	Pre to St - Location of Scat, Peek, and Snoop (Recon).	S,F
	1056	15	Pre2 to Pil D, Whse L - Intell spot report.	S,F
1058		16	Whse L to Pre - At HONG PHUOC BAC (2) moving west.	
	1115	17	Pre to St - Capt HUEBER, Spec. For, reports laborers are now recovering supplies dropped out of the zone in this mornings drop and carrying it back to the air-field.	S,F
	1119	18	Pre to St - PreD-1 has destroyed truck, is now on way back to Pre Delta positions.	S,F,C
	1128	19	Pre to St - Whse L reports 100 meters trench line running E-W at (ZC 126557) also fresh 6ft ditch running N/S. Dest 3 8 ft tunnels at (ZC 125558).	S,F,C
	1135	20	Artillery fire mission being fired on suspected VC training center at (ZC 183485) based on intell info from VCS.	S,F
1137		21	St to Pre - Int your 061110H, how was truck destroyed?	S,F
	1215	22	Pre to St - Spec sit rep #21.	S,F,C
1128		23	ITT to Pre2 - Intell spot rep.	S,F
1218		24	Whse L to Pre - Blew a tunnel 30 meters long, 4; ft wide, 2 1/2 ft high, reinforced w/steel stakes and bamboo at (ZC 121557).	S,F
	1225	25	Pre to St - Spec For reports 6 more air drops req to complete del. of class IV and V items needed to complete camp. Completion of camp in 2 days contingent on arrival of class IV and V.	S,F,C
	1305	26	Pil D to Pre - Destroyed 10 fighting holes and 5 caves vic (ZC 175534).	S,F
	1320	27	Pre to St - Air strike on fortified trench complex vic (ZC 108565) began. One secondary explosion observed.	S,F
1245	1345	28	Pre to St - Arty fire mission on PreB attack objective vic (ZC 108565) with good coverage & effect.	

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	1345	29	Pre to St - Pre D-1 returned	
		30	to Pre D CP 1335. Air Strike on	S,F,C
		31	Pre B objective began (ZC 108565). Pil D to Pre - Front lines (ZC 170532) to (ZC 178535) CP at (ZC 173533) LZ at (ZC 173533). Commencing detailed S/D, PHUOC LAM. Request resupply ASAP CP.	S-4, FSCC, C
1430		32	PreD to Pre - D-2 blew 19 caves in TAI SON (ZC 190557) S/D ops in area continue.	S,F,C
1430		33	PreB to Pre - B-1 in pos to begin sweep.	S,F,C
1435		34	PreB to Pre - PreB now firing mortars in support their attack.	S,F,C
1440		35	PreB to Pre - PreB begins attack (ZC 108565).	
1445		36	PreB to Pre - Pre B-1 has discovered some old VN civilians at western end of objective area.	S,F
1450		37	Pre6 to Pre - PreB no enemy contact thus far, 81 mortar fire supporting attack. Whse L blocking (ZC 115556).	S,F,C
1500		38	PreD to Pre - Pre D-1 at PreD CP. Pre D-2 at (ZC 140559) Pre D-3 at (ZC 166555). Pre D-2 and Pre D-3 conducting S/D ops.	S,F,C S,F,C
1510		39	Pre6 to Pre - PreB has 3 VCS.	
1515		40	Pre to St - Whse L at (ZC 118557) destroyed 1 cave. Whse L in block (ZC 114555).	
1522		41	Pil D to Pre - Pil D-1 found grave (ZC 174534) contained body of woman dressed in black, about 30 yrs old. Dead about 3 days, 3 bullet wounds in chest. No ID on body. Villagers claim she was VC. Could have been killed in fire fight Pil D had in this village w/VC.	S,F
1540		42	Pre D to Pre - 4 VC spotted (ZC 168588). AO requested.	S,F
1540		43	Whse L to Pre - night activities, CP located (ZC 127549).	S,F,M
1605		43A	PreB to Pre - B-1 located (ZC 106566).	S,F,M

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2030		62	PreD to Pre - D-2-A, D-2-C, D-3-A, D-3-C leaving CP.	S,F
2047		63	Whse I to Pre - Moving into night defensive position, night Canisters moving into position.	S,F
	2105	64	All units from Pre - Frago 9-66 to OpnO 303-66, (info st).	S,F,C
2110		65	All units to Pre - sit rep no change.	S,F,C
	2137	66	Pre to St - Airfield counter attack plans.	S,F,C
2143		67	Whse I to Pre - all ambushes are out.	S,F,C
2150		68	Whse L to Pre - Whse L-2 dispatched sqd to HST ammo dumps.	S,F
	2215	69	Pre to St - Sit rep neg contact from all units except Whse I spot report will follow.	S,F S,F,C
2228		70	St to Pre - Ref 062030H (Intell Report) when was last time troops were in village (ZC 174546).	S,F S,F,C
	2237	71	St2 to Pre - Ans to entry #70.	S,F
2336		72	St to Pre - At first light search out village at (ZC 174546). Plan support fire, block S bank.	S,F,C
	2345	73	Pre to St - will comply w/msg 062320.	S,F,T S,F S,F,C
2400		74	Spec Sit rep #24.	S,F,C
0100		75	All units to Pre - no enemy contact.	S,F,C
0200		76	All units to Pre - no enemy contact.	S,F,C
0304		77	All units to Pre - no enemy contact.	S,F,C
0500		79	PreB, D, Plld, WhseI, WhseL to Pre - no enemy contact.	S,F,C
0600		80	PreB,D,Plld, WhseI, WhseL to Pre- no enemy contact.	S,F,C S,F,C S,F
0610		81	Spec sit report #24.	S,F
0650		82	PreD to Pre-Am now moving.	
0643		83	Whse I to Pre -Last night at about 2100 I-A-2 killed 2 VC body count at (ZC 167536). No weapons were recovered. VC wearing shorts and souled white shirts. Because of comm diff Whse I CP didn't know this until this AM.	S,F,C S,F,C
	0645	84	Pre to St- Spot rep ref entry #83.	

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0700		1	OPENED JOURNAL.	
	0720	2	Pre to St - Pre D moving into position to attack TINH DONG TAI/DUC DONG, coord (ZC 172546). Pre D-1 moving to vicinity coord (ZC 183548). Pre D-3 moving to vicinity coord (ZC 168554). Whse I Plt moving to vicinity (ZC 173542). Pre D-2 will enter village, search and destroy from SW. Arty prepared to support attack. Attack commence approximately 070900H w/air on station.	S,F
0749		3	Pil D to Pre - Sit Rep - Front line same, CP same, no enemy contact. We will sweep foothills south of LPA THUAN.	S,F
0755		4	Pre D to Pre - On move. D-1-C remaining at CP.	S,F
0822		5	Pre D to Pre - Pre D-3, now in position.	S,F,C
0835		6	Whse L to Pre - One WIA USMC from M-26 booby trap.	S,F,C
0840		7	Pre D to Pre - In position, ready to commence search and destroy TINH DONG TAI/DUC DONG.	S,F
0915		8	Whse L Med Evac complete 070915.	S,F
0910		9	Pil D to Pre - At (ZC 183530), Pil D-1 took 7 VC under fire. 2 VC KIA, 2 VC captured. No weapons recovered. VC prisoners have combat equip (packs). One VC prisoner has Geneva Convention card his possession belonged to MOSS - KIA from B Co D+1.	S,F
	0917	10	Pre D-2 entered TINH DONG TAY from SW. No enemy contact. Pre B (ZC 108563).	S,F
0925		11	Pil D to Pre - Found 2 caves with tobacco and rice (ZC 182528).	S,F,C
0930		12	Pil D to Pre - One VC prisoner had Geneva Convention card belonging to a man KIA on D+1, MOSS, Weldon Lake.	S,F,C
0930		13	Pre D to Pre - Destroying cave (ZC 162545).	S,F
0945		14	Pil D to Pre - Discovered possible VC training camp (ZC 192529). Artillery mission being fired on it.	S,F,C
1000		15	Whse L to Pre - Have blown a tunnel 7 ft. long (ZC 135553).	S,F,C
1007		16	Whse I to Pre - Picked up VCS (ZC 166531), running along trail to west. No I.D., no wpn. Wearing jacket made in HANOI.	S,F,C

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1015		17	Whse to Pre - Have blown 2 tunnels (ZC 134554), one 8', one 10' long.	S,F
1025		18	St to Pre - Int. coord & time of action resulting in 2 VC KIA, 2 VCS.	S,F
	1030	19	Pre to St - Pre D located (ZC 166545), sweeping TINH DONG TAY.	S,F
1021		20	Soat Snoop at (ZC MWXLLJ), Soat Peck (ZC SQKFTW).	S,F
1030	NOTE	21	Air strike conducted on probable VC training center (ZC 192529).	S,F
	1020	22	Pre to Whse I - Put security on supplies dropped - No choppers available - What is position your unit supporting? Pre D Opns from south bank.	S,F
1053		23	Whse L to Pre - Blew tunnels at (ZC 134555) and (ZC 133555). Blew bunker at (ZC 134554) with secondary explosion.	S,F,C
1110		24	Whse L to Pre - Punji trap (ZC 133555), blew 5 ft. sq. bunker at (ZC 133554).	S,F,C
1126	INFO	25	Whse L to Pre - Village chief states VC emplaced mines (ZC 121557) and (ZC 122557). Will call supporting arms to destroy them.	S,F
1130		26	Whse L to Pre - Medical gear found at (ZC 133555), 2 barbed wire gates at (ZC 133554).	S,F,C
1140		27	Pre D to Pre - Front lines (ZC 166545),	S,F,C
1147		28	Whse I to Pre - Found 1 VC KIA (ZC 166535).	S,F
1159		29	Pre D to Pre - Front lines (ZC 171546).	S,F,C
1210		30	Whse I to Pre - Burned hedgerow covering 25 caves.	S,F
1216		31	Whse L to Pre - Burned one bunker (ZC 130555). Found 3'x3' punji trap.	S,F,C
1217		32	Pre D to Pre - Found 2 large caves (ZC 172545).	S,F,C
1218		33	Pre D to Pre - Forward elements at (ZC 176546).	S,F,C
	1226	34	Special Sit Rep #25.	S,F
1230		35	Whse I to Pre - Found 1 VC KIA and 1 VC WIA (ZC 167536). No weapons.	S,F
1235		36	Whse L to Pre - At (ZC 128555) burned 4x4 bunker.	S,F,C
	1247	37	Pre to St - Pre D has completed sweep of TINH DONG TAY (ZC 173546). Whse I has removed block for Pre D. 3 rd direct fire arty entered cave at (ZC 162517).	S,F,C

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1350		38	Whse L to Pre - Blew bunker (ZC 127555). Village (ZC 126557) had trench line 150 meters long and barbed wire tangle foot. CP (ZC 177541).	S,F,C
1442		39	Whse L to Pre - Blew 2 bunkers at (ZC 124557) and one bunker at (ZC 123557).	S,F,
1503		40	Pil D to Pre - Front lines located (ZC 186544) to (ZC 194545). CP (ZC 190545).	S,F,C
	1410	41	Pre to St - Details on caves found by Pre D.	S,F
1538		42	Pre D to Pre - Returning to CP. Pre D-1 and D-2 are sweeping north and south of Highway 14.	S,F,C
1640		43	Night activities from all units.	S,F,C
	1725	44	To all units - Frag Order 10-66 to OpnO 303-66.	S,F,C
1800		45	Whse I, Whse L, Pre D, Pre B, Pil D CP locations.	S,F,C
	1845	46	Pre to St - Special Sit Rep #26.	S,F
1847		47	Recon locations - Snoop (ZC 118536), Peek at (ZC 158562).	S,F
1930		48	Pil D to Pre - Sit Rep no enemy contact.	S,F,C
2001		49	Pil D, Pre D, Whse I, Whse L, Pre B - Sit Rep all secure, no enemy contact.	S,F,C
2015		50	Pre B-1 heard noise in river, illum, 2 water buffalo swimming in river.	S,F,C
	2100	51	Pre to St - SpecFor Cmde states camp construction will be completed 111600H. Add Pre B-1 night positions.	S,F,C
	2105	52	Pre to St - Sit Rep no change, no enemy contact.	S,F,C
	2105	53	Bu3 to Bu D - Location of Seat Peek (ZC 158562).	S,F
2053		54	St to Pre - Are PF's/RF's still burning houses following in trace of our search and destroy operations in villages? Req. answer ASAP.	S,F
2105		55	Whse I CP and Whse I 1 are in night defense positions. Whse I-2, 3, 4 will be in position shortly.	S,F
2112		56	Pre 6 to St 6 - Ref your P 072040H (Mag 54) neg. - District chief has been directed to keep RF/PF from areas Marines are in until further informed by Pre 6.	S,F
2115		57	All Units to Pre - Sit Rep no enemy contact.	S,F,C

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	2213	58	Pre to All Units - Info St - Frag Order 11066 to OpnO 303-56.	S,F,C
2218		59	St to Pre - What villages were PF's in this AM?	S,F
	2247	60	Pre to St - Ref your R 072115H, names were THAN DAI(2) and HOANG PHUOC BAC(1) and (2).	S,F
2239		61	St to Pre - 5 men tunnel team from AxHandle to arrive your position tomorrow to be used as indoc on tunnel clearing.	S,F,C
2345		62	Pre D to Pre - Pre D-1-A has returned CP.	S,F
2355		63	Pre D to Pre - Pre D-2-B returned to CP.	S,F
2356		64	All Units to Pre - Sit Rep no enemy contact.	S,F,C
2359		65	Whse to Pre - Whse L-A-1 has returned.	S,F,C
	2400	66	Pre to St - Special Sit Rep #27.	S,F,C
0004		67	Pre D to Pre - Pre D-1-C now leaving CP.	S,F
0020		68	Pre D to Pre - Pre D-3-B has returned.	S,F
0100		69	All Units to Pre - Sit Rep no change.	S,F,C
0200		70	All Units to Pre - Sit Rep no change.	S,F,C
0300		71	All Units to Pre - Sit Rep no change.	S,F,C
0317	NOTE		Whse I comm down for 15 min.	S,F,C
0405		72	All Units to Pre - Sit Rep all secure.	S,F
0530		73	Pre D to Pre - D-1-C has returned.	S,F
0539		74	Whse L to Pre - L-A-3 returned.	S,F
0546		75	Pre D to Pre - D-2-A returned.	S,F,C
	0600	76	Special Sit Rep #28.	
0633		77	Pre B, Pre D, to Pre - B-3-C, D-3-A returned.	S,F
0700			CLOSED JOURNA.	S,F

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0740		1	Whse L to Pre - L-3 found rifle grenade adapters at (ZC 148548), (ZC 147548).	S,F,C
0746		2	Whse L to Pre - Found fighting holes at (ZC 146548).	S,F,C
0757		3	Whse to Pre - Found roll of barbed wire at (ZC 146548).	S,F,C
0815		4	Whse L to Pre - Blew wire gate (ZC 145548).	S,F
0825		5	Whse L to Pre - Found grenade adapter (ZC 145548).	S,F,C
0830		6	Pil D to Pre 2 - Spot Rep on sniper fire 080810 (ZC 194548).	S,F
0832		7	Whse L to Pre - Blew 3 fighting holes at (ZC 144548).	S,F,C
	0840	8	Pre to St - Recap of entries 1,2,3,5,7.	S,F,C
0900		9	Whse L to Pre - At (ZC 114536) found what appears to be metallic mine.	S,F
0914		10	Pil D to Pre - Spot Report.	S,F,C
0921	INFO	11	Scat, Peck called fire mission on 5 VC w/packs (ZC 153569).	S,F
0956		12	Whse L found bunker at (ZC 142540), 6'x6'x2'.	S,F
1053	INFO	13	Monroe 5, St 6 arrived Pre CP.	S,F,C
		14	No entry.	
1142		15	Whse L to Pre - L-1 has returned.	S,F
	1145	16	Monroe 5 and St 6 departed.	S,F
1145	NOTE	17	Prelim. planning for withdrawal: Whse L 08 Apr; 4.2 Btry(-) on 10 Apr; one rifle Co. and H&S Co(-) 11 Apr; Howtar Btry, 2 rifle Co's and Bn command group 12 Apr.	S,F
	1145	18	Pre to St - Special Sit Rep #29.	S,F,C
1247		19	Whse I to Pre - Bomb found (ZC 170531). Believed to be 250 lbs. Rigged with pull and pressure fuzes, blown in place.	S,F,C
1300		20	Pre D to Pre - Destroyed 15 caves vic (ZC 165546) and 7 caves (ZC 165552).	S,F,C
	1310	21	Pre to St - Msg concerning retraction of Bn commencing 8 Apr, see Msg #17.	S,F,C
	1320	22	Pre to St - Whse I blew a 250 lb bomb at (ZC 170531). Bomb had a pull fuze and a pressure fuze under neath. Bomb blew in place. Pre D blew 15 caves vic (ZC 165546) & 7 caves vic (ZC 165552).	S,F,C

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1412		23	St to Pre - Lift for Whse L will begin 081500H using 20 H*34's at LZ rptd as Co's last position. Pre 14 call frag to Landshark.	S,F,C
1445		24	Pil D to Pre - No enemy contact.	S,F,C
1445		25	St to Pre - Conduct deep recon opn in Orange area, recon opns will not, repeat, not go beyond range 105's. Recon until completion of opn's. Recon north of SONG VU GIA. Pay close attn to W/NW routes Happy Valley. Submit recon routes ASAP.	S,F,C
1510		26	St to Pre - Coded msg - undecipherable. Asked St Tac Op to query sheet to use. Asked St to retrnasmit.	S,F
1512		27	Pre to St - First troops from Whse L lifted out.	S,F,C
1523		28	Whse I to Pre - Destroyed combination tunnel and trench extending from (ZC 170536) to (ZC 172534). Total length of fortification approx 400 meters. Destroyed portion which was tunnel approx 200 meters.	S,F,C
1532		29	Pre B to Pre - Found 2 bear traps at (ZC 095558).	S,F
1538	INFO	30	Whse L completed lift off 081538H.	S,F,C
1628		31	Pre to St - Location of recon ops (ZC 096566) & (ZC 156563).	S,F
1640		32	All Units to Pre - Night activities.	S,F,C
1642		33	Whse I to Pre - Found three bear traps at (ZC 157529).	S,F
1655	INFO	34	Pre D has assumed defense of HBT dump & Whiskey Btry.	S,F,C
	1552	35	Pre to St - Whse I completed S/D in DONG PHOUC(2).	S,F
	1657	36	Pre to All Units, Info St - FragO 12-66 to OpnO 303-66.	S,F,C
	1820	37	Pre to St - Special Sit Rep #30.	S,F
1840		38	Pre B to Pre - Saw 15 VC at (ZC 126564), taken under mortar fire.	S,F
1842		39	Pil D to Pre - Observed VC at (ZC 790548).	S,F
	1856	40	Pre to St - Recon op Snoop (ZC 095556), Peek (ZC 155563).	S,F,M
1915		41	Pre B to Pre - Sent sqd to check out area (ZC 126564). Sqd became engaged in a fire fight. Mortar and arty called, Spot Rep to follow.	S,F

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2000		42	All Units to Pre - Sit Rep all secure.	S,F,G
2040		43	Pre B to Pre - Sqd back from across river, arty ceased fire.	S,F
2100		44	Pre D, Pil D, Whse I to Pre - Sit Rep all secure.	S,F
	2130	45	Pre to St - Spot Report on Pre B incident 081915 entries 41, 43.	S,F
2155		46	Pre B to Pre - Spot Report action 082145.	S,F,C
2205		47	St to Pre - 105mm being lifted out of area of opns. Insure recon stays within 5500 meters. Ans: Will comply.	S,F
	2230	48	Pre to St - Sit Rep no enemy contact.	S,F,C
	2333	49	Pre to St - Sit Rep no enemy contact.	S,F,C
2345		50	Pil D to Pre - Received 3 rifle grenades at (ZC 190540). Sustained 2 WIA (Med Evac in AM).	S,F,C
	2358	51	Pre to St - Special Sit Rep #31.	S,F
0100		52	All Units to Pre - Sit Report - no enemy contact.	S,F,C
0200		53	All Units to Pre - Sit Report - no enemy contact.	S,F,C
0300		54	All Units to Pre - Sit Report - no enemy contact.	S,F,C
0400		55	Pre D to Pre - Pre D-2-B has returned CP.	S,F
0458		56	St to Pre - Ref. your 090005H, req Spot Report on rifle grenades.	S,F
	0504	57	All Units to Pre - Sit Report - no enemy contact.	S,F,C
0512		58	Pre to St - Spot Report (entries 50, 56).	S,F,C
0535		59	Pre D to Pre - Pre D-2-C has returned.	S,F
	0557	60	Pre to St - Special Sit Rep #32.	S,F,C
0600		61	All Units to Pre - Sit Report no change.	S,F,C
0630	NOTE	62	Pil D to Pre - Receiving sniper fire from 4 or 5 VC vicinity (ZC 190549). Fire was suppressed by arty mission fired at 040645H.	S,F
0700		63	Pre Rear to Pre - Check in w/Pre A on D-256 at 090730H.	S,F

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	1523	22	Pre to St - Whse I commenced lift.	S,F,C
	1610	23	Pre to St - Whse I completed lift off.	S,F
1645		24	St to Pre - Plans for extraction of Bn.	S,F
	1646	25	Pre to St - Acknowledged receipt of 091600H.	S,F
1725		26	Pil D to Pre - Received 6 rds 60mm mortar at (ZC 164537). Possible location (ZC 160527), to (ZC 169530). (Enemy mortars).	S,F
	1740	27	Pre to St - Spot Report on Pil D receiving mortar fire.	S,F
	1820	28	Pre to St - Special Sit Rep #34.	S,F
	1825	29	St to Pre - Req. more info on Pil D mortar fire.	S,F
1822		30	Pil D to Pre - Front lines (ZC 160537) to (ZC 165540) to (ZC 164537). CP at (ZC 162537).	S,F,C
1846	INFO	31	Recon Ops Peek (ZC 154565), Snoop (ZC 130525).	S,F,C
	1847	32	Pre to All Units - Info St - Frago 13-66 to OpO 303-66.	S,F,C
1900		33	Night activities.	S,F
	1840	34	Special Sit Rep #34.	S,F,C
	1950	35	Pre to St - Liaison made w/Spec For, they know of and concur w/your planned movement. Req. they employ M Force on south bank SONG VU GIA. They will do so beginning 101600H.	S,F,C
	1825	36	St to Pre - Answer to query on Pil D, Spot Report entry #27.	S,F,C
	2015	37	Pre to St - Sit Rep no enemy contact.	S,F,C
2035		38	Pre B to Pre - B-3-A at Canister site.	S,F
2045		39	Pre D to Pre - Spot Report.	S,F
2050		40	Pre B to Pre - No VC in CP, all secure.	S,F,C
2052		41	Pre D, Pil D to Pre - Sit Rep all secure.	S,F,C
	2100	42	Notified Spec For location of Pre D-3, notified them we had also requested flare ship 2200-0100.	S,F
2119		43	St to Pre - My plans are approved, submit requirements to support plans for lift tomorrow and Monday. All troops including recon and engineers plus other attached units on net be lifted. Must be informed ASAP.	S,F
2150		44	All Units to Pre - Sit Rep all secure.	S,F,C
	2155	45	Pre to All Units - Flare ship starts drops in 5 minutes.	S,F

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0700	NOTE	1	OPENED JOURNAL.	
0730		2	Pil D to Pre - Spot Report - Sniper fire.	S,F
	0737	3	Pre to St - Spot Rep (Msg #2).	S,F,C
0800		4	Pil D to Pre - Am presently sweeping LAP THUAN.	S,F,C
		4A	Pre D to Pre - 3d Plt will conduct search and destroy operations in DUC TAY, prepare to est. base camp in area; conduct night Ambushes. 2d Plt CP security, will conduct 1 day light patrol to TIA SON. 1st Plt security Perm W, CP no change.	S,F
	0810	5	Pre to St - Pil D now conducting search and destroy operations in LAP THUAN.	S,F,C
0815		6	Pre B to Pre - Will conduct search and destroy operation in HOANG PHUOC BAC(2) with one plt. One squad will block to north at (ZC 113557) in support of rice recovery operations by Special Forces and local populace. Two sqds will search draws (ZC 103550).	S,F
0845		7	Pil D to Pre - Am shifting search and destroy operations to PHUOC LAM.	S,F,C
0850		8	Pre D to Pre - Spot Report.	S,F,C
0925		9	Whse I to Pre - Conducting search and destroy operations in hamlets vicinity (ZC 140520).	S,F,C
0930	NOTE	10	Pre 6 visiting Whse I.	S,F
1000		11	Pil D to Pre - Conducting search and destroy operations in PHUOC LAM.	S,F
1014		12	Pil D to Pre - Front lines (ZC 170532) to (ZC 179536), CP (ZC 175533).	S,F,C
1037	INFO	13	St 6 arrived Pre CP.	S,F,C
1135		14	Whse I to Pre - Front lines (ZC 139518) to (ZC 141532). CP (ZC 142523).	S,F,C
1125		15	Recon Op made contact with VC, Spot Report to follow.	S,F,C
1140		16	105mm and ammo completed lift off.	S,F,C
	1152	17	Pre to St - Special Sit Rep #33.	S,F,C
	1217	18	Spot Report (Recon).	S,F,C
	1218	19	Pre to Pil D - Instructions on activity to be conducted.	S,F
	1402	20	Pre to St - Whse I is in position for pick up.	S,F
	1512	21	Pre to St - Pil D positioned to cover withdrawal of Whse I by helicopter, coord were corrected.	S,F

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	1523	22	Pre to St - Whse I commenced lift.	S,F,C
	1610	23	Pre to St - Whse I completed lift off.	S,F
1645		24	St to Pre - Plans for extraction of Bn.	S,F
	1646	25	Pre to St - Acknowledged receipt of 091600H.	S,F
1725		26	Pil D to Pre - Received 6 rds 60mm mortar at (ZC 164537). Possible location (ZC 160527), to (ZC 169530). (Enemy mortars).	S,F
	1740	27	Pre to St - Spot Report on Pil D receiving mortar fire.	S,F
	1820	28	Pre to St - Special Sit Rep #34.	S,F
	1825	29	St to Pre - Req. more info on Pil D mortar fire.	S,F
1822		30	Pil D to Pre - Front lines (ZC 160537) to (ZC 165540) to (ZC 164537). CP at (ZC 162537).	S,F,C
1846	INFO	31	Recon Ops Peak (ZC 154565), Snoop (ZC 130525).	S,F,C
	1847	32	Pre to All Units - Info St - FragO 13-66 to OpnO 303-66.	S,F,C
1900		33	Night activities.	S,F
	1840	34	Special Sit Rep #34.	S,F,C
	1950	35	Pre to St - Liaison made w/Spec For, they know of and concur w/your planned movement. Req. they employ M Force on south bank SONG VU GIA. They will do so beginning 101600H.	S,F,C
	1825	36	St to Pre - Answer to query on Pil D, Spot Report entry #27.	S,F,C
	2015	37	Pre to St - Sit Rep no enemy contact.	S,F,C
2035		38	Pre B to Pre - B-3-A at Canister site.	S,F
2045		39	Pre D to Pre - Spot Report.	S,F
2050		40	Pre B to Pre - No VC in CP, all secure.	S,F,C
2052		41	Pre D, Pil D to Pre - Sit Rep all secure.	S,F,C
	2100	42	Notified Spec For location of Pre D-3, notified them we had also requested flare ship 2200-0100.	S,F
2119		43	St to Pre - My plans are approved, submit requirements to support plans for lift tomorrow and Monday. All troops including recon and engineers plus other attached units on net be lifted. Must be informed ASAP.	S,F
2150		44	All Units to Pre - Sit Rep all secure.	S,F,C
	2155	45	Pre to All Units - Flare ship starts drops in 5 minutes.	S,F

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2200	NOTE	46	Flare ship commenced drop of flares.	S,F,C
2200		47	All Units to Pre - Sit Rep no enemy contact.	S,F,C
		48	Pre to St - Air req for 10 Apr.	S,F,C
	2230	49	Pre to St - Am exploding flare ship.	S,F,C
	2310	50	Pre to St - Sit Rep no enemy contact.	S,F,C
2310		51	St to Pre - If target available, increase H & I fires.	S,F
2113		52	St to Pre - Any enemy contact? Why using flare ship?	S,F
2315		53	St to Pre - Why is flare ship being used?	S,F
2330		54	Pre to St - Explanation use of flare ship.	S,F
2353		55	Pre to St - Special Sit Rep #35.	S,F
0010		56	Pre to St - D-2-B-2 now in position.	S,F
0010		57	Pre to St - Pre D-2-C-1 has returned.	S,F
0130		58	Pre D to Pre - D-2-C-3 is back in.	S,F,C
0200		59	Pre D, B, C, Pil D - Sit Rep no change.	S,F,C
0300		60	All Units to Pre - Sit Rep no change.	S,F,C
0400		61	All Units to Pre - Sit Rep no change.	S,F,C
0500		62	All Units to Pre - Sit Rep no change.	S,F,C
0600		63	All Units to Pre - Sit Rep no change.	S,F,C
	0602	64	Pre to St - Special Sit Rep #36.	S,F,C
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0725		1	Pre to St - 4.2 commenced lift off.	S,F,C
	0704	2	Pre to St - Seat Snoop in position to observe bridge (ZC 123513).	S,F
0822	INFO	3	Pre 6 at Pil D CP going to Pre D.	S,F
0930	INFO	4	Pre 6 returned to CP.	S,F
	0935	5	St to Pre - Advise when arty lift completed.	S,F
0941		6	Pil D to Pre - Now at DONG PHOUC(2). Should be ready to cross in 30 minutes.	S,F
	0942	7	Pre to St - Ans on entry #5.	S,F
	0946	8	Pre to St - Ref your 100920H, cannot give completion time now. Will inform your station when lift completed.	S,F,C
	1050	9	Pre to St - Pil D crossing river in small groups in local boats. Covered by howtars and Pre D.	S,F,C
1050		10	Pil D to Pre - Now have 2/3 of Co. across SONG VU GIA. Req permission to stop by airfield to pick up gear.	S,F,C
	1034	11	Pre to St - 4.2 mortars out. Personnel, ammo still to be lifted. 2/3 Pil D have crossed SONG VU GIA to north.	S,F,C
	1030	12	Pre to St - Pil D has crossed river.	S,F,C
	1056	13	Pre to Pil D - Move to vicinity (ZC 127549).	S,F
	1104	14	Pre to Spec For (relayed by LL via HST) - All Pre forces have crossed to north of SONG VU GIA.	S,F
	1130	15	Pre to St - Pil D moving to (ZC 127549) tentative plan will be Pil D (ZC 127549) w/1 Plt vicinity Pre CP as security/reserve force. Pre D vicinity (ZC 155549), w/1 Plt providing security for Howtar Btry and HST and 1 Plt (ZC 145530).	S,F,C
1140		16	St to Pre - Guard the downed helicopter on airfield.	S,F,C
	1155	17	Pre to Pre D - Have one reinf sqd to Hill 200 (ZC 356564). One plt to guard airfield and HST. One plt to cover bank SONG VU GIA (ZC 147532).	S,F
1158		18	St to Pre - St 5 will arrive approx 1400. If possible he wishes to visit Co CP's.	S,F,T
	1200	19	Pre to St - 4.2 Mortar Btry lift completed. Seat Snoop is at Pre CP.	S,F,C
1339		20	St to Pre - Req info on status of lift.	S,F
	1341	21	Pre to St - Ans on status of lift HST being completed, troop lift follows as scheduled.	S,F,C

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1403		22	All Units to Pre - Sit Rep no enemy contact.	S,F,C
	1510	23	St to Pre - Peek vicinity Hill 200, has been replaced by Pre D-2-C. First helicopters to lift Pre B touched down 101455H.	S,F
1502		24	St to Pre - Ref Msg 101130H - St 5 will not arrive your CP, helo not available.	S,F,C
	1630	25	Pre to St - Pre B lift completed.	S,F,C
1640		26	Pil D, Pre D to Pre - Night activities.	S,F,C
1655		27	Pil D, Pre D to Pre - Sit Rep no enemy contact.	S,F,C
	1755	28	Special Sit Rep #38.	S,F
	1905	29	Pre to St - Sit Rep all secure.	S,F,C
	1926	30	Pre to All Units, Info St - FragO 14-66 to OpnO 303-66.	S,F,C
1945		31	Pre D to Pre - All secure, neg enemy contact.	S,F,C
2000		32	Pre D, Pil D to Pre - All secure, neg enemy contact.	S,F
2040		33	Pre D to Pre - D-2-A-1 in position.	S,F,C
2100		34	Pre D to Pre - D-2-B-2 leaving CP.	S,F,C
2100		35	Pre D, Pil D to Pre - All secure, neg enemy contact.	S,F,C
2155		36	Pre D, Pil D, and Ripe Peach B to Pre - All secure, neg enemy contact.	S,F,C
2255		37	Pre D, Pil D, Ripe Peach B-2 to Pre - All secure, neg enemy contact.	S,F,C
2305		38	D-2-B-3 departed CP.	S,F,C
	2359	39	Pre to St - Special Sit Rep #39.	S,F,C
0100		40	Sit Rep neg contact.	S,F,C
0105		41	D-2-B has returned.	S,F,C
0200		42	Sit Rep neg contact, all secure.	S,F,C
0300		43	Sit Rep neg contact, all secure.	S,F,C
0400		44	Sit Rep all secure.	S,F,C
0420		45	Pre D to Pre - D-2-B-3 has returned.	S,F,C
0500		46	Sit Rep neg contact.	S,F,C
0600		47	Pre to St - Special Sit Rep #40.	S,F,C
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0745		1	Commenced HST lift off.	S,F
	0812	2	Pre to Pil D - Have Plt search village (ZC 125554).	S,F,C
0834	INFO	3	Army Forces aircraft received sniper fire vicinity (ZC 164537).	S,F
0850	INFO	4	Army Forces aircraft crashed in SONG VU GIA (ZC 160540).	S,F,C
	0905	5	Pre to Pre D - Pre D-1 on way to assist 5 seen swimming ashore.	S,F,C
	0937	6	Pre to Pre D - Move Pre D-1 to vicinity (ZC 157540).	S,F
	0948	7	Pre to St - No casualties on downed aircraft.	S,F,C
	1002	8	Pre to St - Report of downed aircraft.	S,F,C
1045		9	Pre D-3-C lifted from Hill 200.	S,F
1130	NOTE	10	Howtar commenced lift off.	S,F,C
1147		11	Air strike support of SPL Forces (ZC 167529).	S,F,C
	1155	12	Pre to St - Spec Sit Rep #41.	S,F,C
	1230	13	Pre to St - Second air strike on (ZC 167529).	S,F,C
1250		14	St to Pre - Req info on entries 11 & 13.	S,F
	1256	15	Pre to St - Info on air strike.	S,F,C
	1300	16	Pre to St - Howtar lift done.	S,F
	1311	17	Pre to St - AO cont to control air strikes.	S,F
	1325	18	Pre to St - Troop lift commenced at Pil D.	S,F,C
	1400	19	Pre to St - Info on heli-lift.	S,F,C
	NOTE		Operation ORANGE ended 110655H.	

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Record of Events, Company "B" Major Engagement of 2-3 April 1966

020720H - Landed at (ZC 203553). B-1, 2, and 3. Approximately 020705 B-3 proceeded to NGOC KINH(1) engaging the enemy at 0730 and killing 1 VC while wounding three others. Two USMC were WIA. B-1 proceeded to the east of NGOC KINH(1) as the reserve platoon. The CP group proceeded in the same direction suffering one WIA from sniper fire at 0745. Women and children were held at the east end of NGOC KINH(1) and were released at 0900. Boats and houses were searched yielding various documents and medicines which were processed and sent by helicopter to Battalion with three USMC WIA.

020705H - B-2 departed the LZ and proceeded through TAM HIEP towards NGOC KINH(2). Search and destroy operations were conducted in TAM HIEP with no enemy encountered. B-2 Actual proceeded across 500 meters of open rice paddies to reconnoiter the near edge of NGOC KINH(2) with one squad. When 30-50 meters from the hamlet the squad received heavy automatic weapons fire from VC entrenched behind the wood line with barbed wire and bamboo fence obstacles in front of the position. The two squads waiting in TAM HIEP attempted to envelop NGOC KINH(2) from the opposite flank but sustained heavy casualties from effective sniper fire and heavy automatic weapons fire.

At 0902 B-2 requested assistance. B-3 was directed to proceed immediately to support B-2. B-3 encountered sniper fire and a water obstacle at coordinates (ZC 194545) halting their advance and delaying any assistance for B-2. Hamlets were not prepped initially because of the policy not to prep a hamlet unless hostile fire had been received from it. In both cases, friendly elements were in proximity to enemy positions and artillery fire could not be brought to bear because their exact locations could not be observed from the ground.

020945H - An air strike was requested on NGOC KINH(2) to permit B-2 to move dead and wounded back and permit employment of supporting arms on NGOC KINH(2). B-2 marked front lines with air panels and the AO delivered smoke rockets as a further identification to strike air craft.

020945 - B-1 and CP group continued moving southwest of NGOC KINH(1) toward LAP THUAN through rice fields and received sporadic sniper fire.

021100H - The airstrike delivered on NGOC KINH(2), particularly 20mm strafing runs, stopped enemy fire long enough for B-2 to move its dead and wounded towards TAM HIEP.

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Each time the aircraft approached the target, the men of B-2 would move towards TAM HIEP carrying their wounded with them. During and after the air strike this system continued until early evening when all the wounded were moved to TAM HIEP. B-2 recovered two bodies the night of 2 April 1966 and returned with them to TAM HIEP, one squad from D-1-3 assisted.

021105H - B-2 and Bravo CP group came on line south of B-3. B-3 continued from the western section of NGOC KING(1) towards LAP THUAN. Bravo CP group moved to the high ground at coordinates (ZC 193535) to observe and control.

021135H - At coordinates (ZC 193543) B-3 came under heavy automatic and small arms fire. B-1 was directed to move to the vicinity of B-3 to assist. B-3 continued to advance by fire and maneuver to coordinates (ZC 190541) with B-3-B moving towards the hedgerow at coordinates (ZC 190538). B-3 as a whole came under a heavy mortar attack as well as the automatic fire. Heavy casualties were inflicted forcing them to withdraw to the east and B-3-B to the south. B-1 provided a base of fire. 4.2's, 81's and 105's were used to quiet the fire coming from in and around LAP THUAN. A defense was set in by B-3 and B-1 at the western end of NGOC KINH(1). Sniper fire and mortars were received until darkness on the CP, B-1 and B-3's positions from LAP THUAN.

Walking wounded and litter cases from B-1 and B-3 were moved to coordinates (ZC 193537) for medical evacuation. The KIA's were not recovered until after darkness due to automatic weapons fire being centered on the locations of the bodies. Two VCS were captured by B-3 during the afternoon engagement 021530H.

Helicopters arrived and evacuated the wounded from coordinates (ZC 193537). Helicopters were drawing a large volume of fire from LAP THUAN. One helicopter was unable to become airborne and was abandoned by the crew.

The remaining men from B-3 returned to the CP and were utilized for the perimeter defense. Very little enemy activity appeared in the evening of 2 April and the morning of 3 April 1966.

022130H - B-1 moved by the cover of darkness to the CP, carrying the dead and wounded both from their platoon as well as B-3. B-1 was set in on the western flank of B Company. Snipers assigned from 3d Marines were found to be very effective.

030355H - Downed helicopter was destroyed by fire and numerous explosions (cause unknown), 2 men wounded and one man killed. Burns were severe on the wounded. Due to intense flames no one was able to get near the helicopter.

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030630H - Body was recovered from the helicopter.

030900H - All remaining wounded and KIA's were evacuated by helicopter.

031100H - 6 men from B-2 and a squad from D-1-3 returned to NGOC KINH(2) to recover bodies. They encountered heavy fire and withdrew to TAM HIEP.

031400H - B Company less men from B-2 (now attached to Pre D-3) moved east 600 meters and set in a defense. Illumination was provided throughout the night. CP was located (ZC 196537), front lines were (ZC 193537) to (ZC 196537) and (ZC 199536) to (ZC 204538).

031930H - D-1-1 while conducting a search and destroy mission recovered the remaining 7 bodies from NGOC KINH(2).

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