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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY  
1 May 1969 to 31 May 1969

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PART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA

<u>DESIGNATION</u>	<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Commanding General, 3d MarDiv (Rein)	MGen W. K. JONES	1-31 May
Assistant Division Commander	BGen R. FULLER	1-31 May
Assistant Division Commander (CG, TASK FORCE HOTEL)	BGen R. B. CARNEY JR.	1-31 May

SUBORDINATE UNITS

3d Marine Regiment	Col P. D. LAFOND	1-31 May
4th Marine Regiment	Col W. F. GOGGIN	1-31 May
9th Marine Regiment	Col E. F. DANOWITZ	1-31 May
12th Marine Regiment	Col P. J. MULRONEY	1-31 May
1st Bn, 3d Marines	LtCol J. S. KYLE LtCol D. G. HERRON	1-10 May 11-31 May
2d Bn, 3d Marines	LtCol J. J. MCDONAGLE	1-31 May
3d Bn, 3d Marines	LtCol R. C. SCHULZE	1-31 May
1st Bn, 4th Marines	LtCol C. E. WILLCOX	1-31 May
2d Bn, 4th Marines	LtCol J. E. HOPKINS LtCol W. C. BRETT	1-6 May 7-31 May
3d Bn, 4th Marines	LtCol W. A. DONALD Maj R. D. WALTERS LtCol J. W. WOOD	1-5 May 6-10 May 10-31 MAY
1st Bn, 9th Marines	LtCol T. J. CULKIN	1-31 May
2d Bn, 9th Marines	LtCol G. C. FOX	1-31 May
3d Bn, 9th Marines	LtCol O. R. SWIGART JR.	1-31 May
1st Bn, 12th Marines	LtCol R. B. MOSS	1-31 May
2d Bn, 12th Marines	LtCol C. J. KILLEEN	1-31 May
3d Bn, 12th Marines	Maj R. E. GIBSON	1-31 May

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4th Bn, 12th Marines	LtCol E. W. BAILEY	1-31 May
	LtCol J. SCOPPA JR.	4-31 May
HqBn, 3d MarDiv	LtCol S. B. MCCARTY JR.	1-31 May
1st Amtrac Bn	Maj D. R. STEFANSSON	1-31 May
3d Engr Bn	LtCol J. R. LILLEY	1-31 May
3d Med Bn	Cdr R. K. SLEMMONS (USN)	1-31 May
3d MT Bn	Maj J. F. LAVIN	1-31 May
3d Recon Bn	LtCol A. H. PERRY	1-29 May
	LtCol R. R. BURRITT	30-31 May
3d SP Bn	Maj J. B. KNOTTS	1-31 May
3d Tank Bn	LtCol J. SLEGER JR.	1-31 May
9th MT Bn	LtCol L. J. TREMBLAY	1-31 May
3d Dental Co	Capt T. D. STEPHENSON (USN)	1-31 May
1st Brigade, 5th Inf Div (Mech)	Col J. M. GIBSON (USA)	1-31 May
1st Bn, 11th Inf	LtCol T. N. BRITTON JR. (USA)	1-31 May
1st Bn, 61st Inf (Mech)	LtCol D. E. HARTIGAN JR. (USA)	1-31 May
1st Bn, 77th Armor	LtCol C. P. MILIA (USA)	1-31 May
5th Bn, 4th Artillery	LtCol J. H. ASHURST III (USA)	1-31 May
75th Support Bn	LtCol H. H. SMITH (USA)	1-31 May

ATTACHED UNITS

11th Engr Bn	LtCol R. C. EVANS	1-31 May
1st 8" HOW Btry	Maj K. E. SOESBE	1-31 May
1st Searchlight Btry	1stLt J. W. HILL	1-4 May
	1stLt J. D. SELIM	5-31 May

2. LOCATION

1-31 May - Dong Ha, Republic of Vietnam

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## 3. STAFF OFFICERS

Chief of Staff	Col M. J. SEXTON	1-31 May
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1	Col M. A. WEBB	1-31 May
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2	Col T. P. O'CALLAGHAN	1-31 May
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3	Col F. R. KRAINCE	1-31 May
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4	Col F. R. DENORMANDIE	1-31 May
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5	Col W. E. KERRIGAN	1-31 May
Assistant Chief of Staff, Comptroller	Maj B. C. DAY	1-31 May
Division Air Officer	Col H. K. JOBE	1-31 May
Division Engineer Officer	LtCol W. L. PERSAC	1-31 May
Division Surgeon	Capt G. E. WIRE JR. (USN) 1-3 May Capt J. M. SANDERLIN (USN) 4-31 May	
Division Inspector	Col F. B. MAYER	1-31 May
Division Adjutant	LtCol J. R. FORMAN	1-31 May
Division Comm-Elect Officer	Col J. LEMAY JR.	1-31 May
Staff Judge Advocate	Col J. R. MOTELEWSKI	1-31 May
Division Supply Officer	Col. E. C. DRESBACH JR.	1-31 May
Division Chaplin	Capt J. E. ZOLLER (USN)	1-31 May
Quang Tri Combat Base Coordinator	Col R. L. MICHAEL JR.	1-31 May
Dong Ha Combat Base Coordinator	Col T. W. CLARKE	1-31 May

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>USA</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
1503	20,491	146	970	332	4673



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	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
Headquarters, 3rd Marine Regiment	19	199	2	4
Headquarters, 4th Marine Regiment	16	210	2	4
Headquarters, 9th Marine Regiment	18	208	2	3
Headquarters, 12th Marine Regiment	36	261	9	5
1st Bn, 3d Marines	35	1202	2	51
2d Bn, 3d Marines	37	1172	2	46
3d Bn, 3d Marines	35	1183	2	50
1st Bn, 4th Marines	36	1180	2	48
2d Bn, 4th Marines	34	1194	2	45
3d Bn, 4th Marines	37	1205	2	45
1st Bn, 9th Marines	35	1150	2	45
2d Bn, 9th Marines	34	1156	2	46
3d Bn, 9th Marines	38	1139	2	47
1st Bn, 12th Marines	47	616	2	18
2d Bn, 12th Marines	47	635	3	18
3d Bn, 12th Marines	46	634	3	16
4th Bn, 12th Marines	24	441	0	13
HqBn, 3d MarDiv	275	1707	10	20
1st Amtrac Bn	11	216	2	9
3d Engr Bn	30	700	2	15
3d Med Bn	3	174	59	257
3d MT Bn	17	270	0	6
3d Recon Bn	42	809	1	433

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	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
3d SP Bn	19	432	2	19
3d Tank Bn	32	575	1	16
9th MT Bn	24	374	1	7
3d Dental Co	0	4	25	50
11th Engr Bn	49	1150	2	16
1st 8" HOW Btry	11	186	0	6
1st Searchlight Btry	3	91	0	2
1st Bde, 5th Inf Div (Mech) (USA)	OFF	332	ENL	4673

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. OVERVIEW

The 3d Marine Division (Rein) maintains Headquarters (Fwd) at Dong Ha Combat Base. A forward Task Force Headquarters (Hotel) is located at Vandegrift Combat Base and maintains direct control over operations in the mountains. Division Headquarters (Rear) is located at Quang Tri Combat Base.

The 4th and 9th Marines CP's are normally located at VCB. The 3rd and 12th Marines CP's are normally located at IHCB. The 1st Bde, 5th Inf (Mech) CP is located at QTCB. Combat Support and Combat Service Support unit CP's are located either at IHCB or QTCB.

During May, the 3d Marine Division (Rein) conducted combat operations in its AO encompassing Quang Tri Province, Northern I Corps, the Republic of Vietnam. Quang Tri Province is bounded by the DMZ on the north, the Gulf of Tonkin on the east, Laos on the west and southwest, and Thua Thien Province on the south and southeast.

There are several distinct topographic regions within the Division's AO. In the east, the coastal lowlands extend inland 10 to 15 kilometers through sandy beaches and cultivated rice paddies. The lowlands become rolling hills and plains, a transitional piedmont region, then escalate into the rugged mountains of the Annamite range running generally SE to NW. The mountains are covered by a heavy jungle canopy in most areas. In the southwestern sector of the AO, south, west and northwest of Khe Sanh, is a plateau of rolling hills covered by small trees and scrub brush which extends into Laos.

The primary roads in the Province are National Route 1, which runs from the DMZ, south, through Dong Ha and Quang Tri, and National Route 9 which extends from Dong Ha, southwest for 60 kilometers through Vandegrift Combat Base, to the Lao Bao Pass at XD 7137 on the Laos border.

The Cua Viet River commences at Dong Ha, flows east-northeast to its mouth, and empties into the Gulf of Tonkin. It is navigable by LCU's and is the principle logistical transportation route for the Division.

Quang Tri Province contains approximately 290,000 people located almost entirely in the eastern lowlands and piedmont areas.

Weather during May varied between cool, overcast, and drizzly and hot, bright and dry. Late afternoon thunder storms were frequent. Winds averaged 8 knots, and rainfall totalled 5.85 inches. Visibility averaged 7 miles. The average high temperature for the month was 97 degrees, the average low 79 degrees.

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2. COMMAND RELATIONS

The 3d Marine Division (Rein) operated in Quang Tri Province, Northern I Corps, under the operational control of CG, XXIV Corps (Headquarters at Phu Bai). XXIV Corps was under OPCON to III MAF (Headquarters in Danang). The Division conducted combat operations throughout its AO with OPCON of the following major units: 3rd Marines, 4th Marines, 9th Marines, 12th Marines and the 1st Brigade, 5th Infantry Division (Mech). In the western portion of the AO, multi-regimental operations were coordinated through an intermediary control headquarters, Task Force Hotel (Headquarters at Vandegrift Combat Base). Units adjacent to and major units working either in the Division AO or in direct support of the Division's activities were as follows:

101st Airborne Division (AM), in cooperation with 3d and 54th Arvn Regiments, conducts offensive operations to destroy NVA/VC main forces, and VCI within an AO south of 3d MarDiv AO. The 101st Airborne Division is also prepared to provide a Brigade TF as XXIV Corps reserve. A common boundary is shared and adjusted to the needs of both Divisions. Upon request helicopters are loaned to the 3d MarDiv.

1st Arvn Division conducts unilateral operations and combined operations throughout 11th DTA, which consists of Quang Tri and Thua Thien Provinces, to destroy NVA/VC main forces, VCLF, and VCI, to conduct resource denial operations, and to conduct a pacification program. The 1st and 2nd Arvn Regiments normally operate with the 3d MarDiv, while the 3rd and 54th Arvn Regiments operate along with the 101st Airborne Division (AM). A good example of a combined operation began in late April when units of the 2nd Arvn Regiment fought the NVA in several heavy engagements in the Virginia Ridge AO. Also, several Battalions of the 1st Arvn Regiment operated with the 101st Airborne Division in their portion of Operation Apache Snow.

4th CAQ conducts operations designed to destroy the VC infrastructure, provides hamlet security, initiates civic action programs and assists and supports pacification development plans within the 3d MarDiv AO.

Task Force Clearwater assists the 3d MarDiv by protecting and coordinating the waterborne logistic craft involved in movement of personnel on the Qua Viet and Perfume river LOCs, and conducts day and night riverine operations on these and adjacent waterways.

108th Artillery Group provides general support reinforcing fires to the 3d MarDiv artillery.

1st MAW conducts aerial counterinsurgency operations against the enemies of GVN within ICTZ, and such other places as directed by higher authority, provides fixed and rotary wing aircraft for all-weather support of ground troops, and participates in the air defense effort and Mainland Sea Air Defense Region

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from assigned bases and such other locations as may be directed by higher authority.

7th AF, in coordination with VNAF, supports ground action and provides airlift support as requested, conducts aerial mining as directed, and provides air defense of RVN.

US Seventh Fleet provides shore bombardment and gunfire support, and employs the ARG/SLF as directed in the 3d MarDiv area of responsibility.

US Naval Forces, VN, in coordination with VNN and I Arvn Corps, destroys, or otherwise immobilizes, enemy military waterborne traffic, detects and destroys enemy craft attempting waterborne infiltration in coastal and contiguous waters, conducts mine countermeasure operations, conducts operations on inland waterways to enforce curfews and interdicts attempts by the enemy to infiltrate or distribute personnel or material, provides protection for shipping in coastal harbors, conducts psychological operations and supports military civic action programs.

FLSQ-B provides logistical support (all classes) to all Marine units of the 3d MarDiv, and Class I support to USA units in Northern Sector ICTZ.

26th General Support Group USA provides logistical support (except Class I and V) to USA units in ICTZ.

2nd Naval Construction Regiment provides Engineer support within the AO as requested. Main function is maintenance and upgrading of Pt #1, Pt #561, and Pt #560, and construction of permanent living structures and base defenses.

MACV Advisory Group provides advice to RVNAF and performs liaison functions between RVNAF and US/FMNAF forces.

10th Political Warfare Bn, ARVN, conducts psychological operations in ICTZ.

7th Psychological Bn, USA, advises 10th Political Warfare Bn (ARVN) and supports 3d MarDiv psychological operations as requested.

9th Special Operations Squadron provides aviation support for airborne broadcast and airleaflet drop in conjunction with psychological operations as requested.

Company C, 5th SFGA advises, assists, and supports Vietnamese Special Forces, continues surveillance and patrolling in support of offensive operations with particular emphasis to western approaches to ICTZ.

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3. MISSIONS ASSIGNED

3d Marine Division (Rein) MFF, in cooperation and coordination with 1st and 2nd ARVN Regiments, conducts offensive operations to destroy NVA/VC main forces, VCLF, and VCI within AO, and to interdict enemy LOC's and neutralize enemy base areas within AO; conducts surveillance and interdiction of DMZ and Laotian border; assists GVN forces in the defense of Dong Ha and Quang Tri Cities; provides support for the Pacification Development Plan, other civil activities, and the GVN resources control and denial program within the AO; is prepared to provide forces in support of CIDG and resettlement areas within the AO; and is prepared to assume 101st Airborne Division (AM) task as Corps Reserve on order.

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## GENERAL

The Third Marine Division conducted offensive operations throughout the month of May. Frequent displacement coupled with continuous and aggressive patrolling greatly restricted the enemy's offensive potential. During the month four operations were commenced and three were terminated.

The 3rd Marine Regiment terminated Operation Maine Crag on 2 May, after enemy activity on Route 926 had been stopped. Upon moving out of the AO they immediately commenced Operation Virginia Ridge just below the central portion of the DMZ. The operation was designed to stop NVA infiltration across the DMZ, to protect lines of communication along Rt #9, and to prevent enemy interference with the rice harvest. For the rest of May, the 3rd Marines continued to operate in this area.

Upon termination of Operation Purple Martin on 7 May, the 4th Marine Regiment continued to operate in the northwestern sector of the Division AO by commencing Operation Herkimer Mountain on 8 May. Contact with the enemy was light throughout the month.

The Ninth Marine Regiment began the month at positions along and north of Rt #9. After being relieved by the 3rd Marines, the 2nd and 3rd Bn, 9th Marines moved south into the lower Da Krong Valley to participate in Operation Apache Snow which lasted from 10 May to 31 May. The 9th Marines blocked off NVA escape routes from the Ashau Valley where the 101st Airborne Division (AM) and 1st ARVN Regiment were operating. Upon termination of Apache Snow, 3rd Bn, 9th Marines moved into an AO south of Vandegrift Combat Base and commenced Operation Cameron Falls on 29 May.

On 7 May, 1st Brigade, 5th Infantry Division (Mechanized) USA commenced Operation Massachusetts Bay in the southeastern portion of the Division AO. The operation involved rice denial and protection of the rice crop, search and destroy operations in Base Area 101, patrolling on the north bank of the Cua Viet River, and protection of major population centers, in cooperation with Popular and Regional Force units.

OPERATION MASSACHUSETTS BAY

The 1st Brigade, 5th Infantry Division (Mech) conducted operations during May in the eastern portion of the 3d Marine Division AO. Operation Massachusetts Bay commenced on 7 May 69. The mission was to prevent enemy forces from entering into or egressing from populated areas, and to deny the enemy rice by destroying his rice gathering force.

1st Bn, 11th Infantry (Mech) operated from FSB Sharon and FSB Nancy, and conducted numerous search and clear operations, ambushes, and patrols to the west and southwest of these two bases. C Co, 1st Bn, 11th Infantry (Mech) spent most of the month in BA 101 in search of enemy forces and staging areas.

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1st Bn, 61st Infantry (Mech) operated from FSB Tombstone (YD 3958) and Wunder Beach (YD 4856), and in mid-month began to operate one company on the north bank of the Cua Viet River. The battalion emphasized ambush techniques and successfully initiated contact several times during the month. One such incident, on 27 May, involved a B Co, 61st Infantry (Mech) ambush at YD 363375 on an unknown size enemy force. A sweep of the area the following morning produced 4 NVA bodies and 4 IWC. There was 1 Fr WIA (E) as a result of the contact. Toward the latter part of the month B Co, 1st Bn, 61st Infantry (Mech) operated southwest of FSB Nancy along with C Co, 1st Bn, 11th Infantry (Mech) and A troop, 4th Squadron, 12th Cav.

1st Bn, 77th Armor operated from FSB Sharon and FSB Nancy, and C Co, 1st Bn, 77th Armor operated with C Co, 1st Bn, 11th Infantry (Mech) in BA 101 up to 14 May.

Within the Massachusetts Bay AO the 1st Bn, 2nd Bn, and 3rd Bn, 4th Marines rehabilitated at Cua Viet during May. Two companies of a battalion would rehabilitate, while the other two companies operated from Mai Loc, C-4, and Oceanview. D Co, 3rd Recon Bn also ran numerous patrols in the Cua Viet area. Total casualties for the month were:

FRIENDLY (USA)

KIA 1

WIA (E) 48

WIA (M) 26

ENEMY

NVA/VC (C) 33

POW NVA 2

VC 1

DET 46

IWC 17

CSWC 4

OPERATION MAINE CRAG

Operation Maine Crag terminated on 2 May with the lift of the remaining units of 2nd Bn, 3rd Marines and 3rd Bn, 3rd Marines to Vandegrift Combat Base and FSB Fuller (YD 0159). There were no friendly or enemy casualties in May. Total casualties for the Operation were:

USMCUSA

KIA 17 4

WIA (E) 97 28

WIA (M) 7 2

ENEMY

NVA(C) 157 IWC 414

POW 3 CSWC 21

DET 49



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Operation Virginia Ridge commenced on 30 April 69. The 3rd Marines mission was to conduct search and destroy operations to locate and destroy enemy forces infiltrating across the DMZ, and to prevent enemy interference with the rice harvest. On 2 May, 1st Bn, 3rd Marines lifted into LZ Sparrow (YD 0564) and immediately began to make contact with small groups of NVA. 2nd Bn, 3rd Marines moved in position at A-4 (YD 1170), C-2 (YD 1364) and Khe Gio Bridge (YD 0256) in order to protect populated areas and stop any attempt to interdict Route #9. 3rd Bn, 3rd Marines operated from FSB Fuller (YD 0159) and FSB Pete (XD 9758) and from these bases swept north.

By 6 May, 1st Bn, 3rd Marines had swept to the west and now operated in the vicinity of LZ Ironsides (YD 0264) and LZ Junior (YD 0164). At 0415 on 10 May, Delta Company, in their night defensive position at YD 007642, came under attack by an estimated NVA platoon using RPG's, grenades and SAF. Fire was returned with M-60's, and 60mm and 81mm mortars. The action resulted in 8 FR KIA and 10 WIA(E).

During the following five days, constant patrolling and company sweeps were the rule of the day as 3rd Bn, 3rd Marines swept north. On 16 May, a patrol of Mike Company received SAF and RPG's from approximately 10 enemy dug into bunkers at XD 991632. The patrol used CS gas and maneuvered up to and through the bunker complex. Air, artillery, and 81mm mortar were used. The action resulted in 4 WIA (E) and 1 WIA (M), 4 NVA KIA and 1 IWC. By 18 May, the 3rd Bn was operating from LZ Champ (XD 9862), just west of the 1st Bn.

On 20 May the perimeter of C Company, 1st Bn, 3rd Marines at YD 092619 was probed by an estimated 20 NVA employing RPG's and chicom grenades. Friendly casualties were 3 KIA's, 8 WIA (E) and 5 WIA (M). A search of the area at first light revealed 15 NVA bodies, 2 AK-47's, 1 RPG launcher, and 1 radio. During the last 10 days in May, the 1st Bn, 3rd Marines swept to the east and operated in the vicinity of LZ Comet (YD 0566). One company remained at A-4 (YD 1170). On 220530 May at YD 057665, B Co ambushed 40 NVA moving south. The company used 60mm mortars and SAF to effectively route the enemy. A search of the ambush site revealed 19 NVA/KIA and 2 POW. There were no friendly casualties. 2 RPG's, 8 AK-47's and a complete 60mm mortar were captured.

There were numerous mine incidents during the month, especially on 10 May when 4 trucks and 1 tank were damaged, and on 20 May when 5 tanks and one tractor trailer were damaged. Casualties for the incidents of the two days were light, 1 WIA (E) and 2 WIA (M). 2nd Bn, 3rd Marines provided security to engineer sweep teams as they swept the major road network in the AO. Security was also provided for road improvement west of C-2. One company continuously swept to the north of Route #9. Total casualties for the month were:

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<u>FRIENDLY</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>ENEMY</u>	
KIA	37	KIA	232
WIA (E)	170	INC	68
WIA (M)	55	CSWC	9
MIA	2	DET	1
		POW	4

OPERATION PURPLE MARTIN

During early May, the 4th Marine Regiment continued Operation Purple Martin in the northwestern portion of the Division AO. The 4th Marines were under the operational control of Task Force Hotel located at Vandegrift Combat Base.

2nd Bn, 4th Marines, operated from FSB Neville (XD 8357) and FSB Catapult (XD 8261). They conducted extensive patrol and search and clear operations in their AO.

The 3rd Bn, 4th Marines operated from FSB Russell (XD 9195), LZ Dodge (XD 9164) and LZ Sierra (XD 9462). They conducted extensive squad and platoon size patrols resulting in occasional contacts with small NVA elements. Total casualties for the month of May were:

<u>FRIENDLY</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>ENEMY</u>	
KIA	6	NVA (C)	13
WIA (E)	16		
WIA (M)	2		

Operation Purple Martin terminated at 072400H May 69. Total casualties for the operation were:

<u>FRIENDLY</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USA</u>	<u>ENEMY</u>	
KIA	79	1	NVA (C)	252
WIA (E)	243	1	POW	4
WIA (M)	25	0	DET	2
MIA	1	0	INC	192
			CSWC	10

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Operation Herkimer Mountain commenced on 080001 May 1969 with the 4th Marine Regiment and one battalion of the 9th Marine Regiment assigned to destroy enemy forces, fortifications, and supply caches in the northwest portion of the Division AO.

The operation commenced when 1st Bn, 4th Marines relieved 2nd Bn, 4th Marines on LZ Catapult (XD 8261) and FSB Neville (XD 8357). 2nd Bn, 4th Marines moved to Cua Viet for rehabilitation. 3rd Bn, 4th Marines were operating from LZ Dodge (XD 9164), FSB Russell (XD 9195), and LZ Sierra (XD 9462), while 3rd Bn, 9th Marines manned VCB, FSB Cates (XD 9243), and Hills 691 (XD 9249) and 950 (XD 8445).

The first significant action took place on 10 May. At 1610 at XD 867614, while moving north, B Co, 1st Bn, 4th Marines took small arms fire wounding two Marines. The company pressed the contact and moved toward the enemy. As they approached high ground they took SA&F and grenades, but continued the pursuit until the enemy broke contact. Air strikes and artillery missions were delivered on the enemy with unknown results. B Co casualties were 5 WIA (E), while the enemy left two dead.

On 11 May at XD 931654, a local security patrol from K Co, 3rd Bn, 4th Marines surprised two well armed NVA moving toward K Co's position. The patrol had been returning to their lines when they took the NVA under fire, and called in mortars and artillery. A sweep of the area at first light produced two NVA bodies with TNT strapped around their waist. Also 2 AK-47's, 2 SKS's, 4 grenades, and 2 satchel charges were found.

On 12 May, I Co and K Co, 3rd Bn, 4th Marines, relieved 9th Marine units at FSB Cates and VCB. 3rd Bn, 9th Marines then moved north and operated around Elliott Combat Base in an attempt to stop any enemy unit which might have infiltrated within striking range of Elliott. Meanwhile 2nd Bn, 4th Marines relieved 3rd Bn, 4th Marines, and 3rd Bn moved to Cua Viet for rehabilitation.

After winding up operations around Elliott Combat Base, H Co, 3rd Bn, 9th Marines operated south of Ca Lu and searched for enemy rocket sites from which VCB had been hit. On 26 May, L Co, 3rd Bn, 9th Marines lifted into FSB Shepherd (XD 9341) in a prelude to Operation Cameron Falls, which commenced on the 29th.

Throughout the month, 4th and 9th Marine units made sporadic contacts with small groups of NVA. Extensive and continuous patrolling was conducted in the AO. Total casualties for the month of May were:

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NVA KIA 62

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The pre-operation movement for Operation Apache Snow began on 3 May, 1969 when 1st Bn, 9th Marines lifted into FSB McClintock (YD 0429) and LZ Tarawa (YD 0923). No initial resistance was met. On 7 May, 2nd Bn, 9th Marines lifted into FSB Razor (YD 1418). On 10 May the operation commenced when 1st Bn, 9th Marines leapfrogged south over the 2nd Bn, and made a helo assault into FSB Erskine. (YD 1610). Elements of the 3rd Marine Division, 101st Airborne Division (AM), and the 1st ARVN Regiment participated in Apache Snow. The operation was designed to cut vital NVA lines of communication used to infiltrate troops and supplies further south. 101st Airborne Division and 1st ARVN Regiment units operated in the Ashau Valley in an attempt to push the NVA to the northwest into the lower Da Krong Valley where the 9th Marines operated.

1st Bn, 9th Marines operated in the vicinity of FSB Erskine for the first two weeks of the operation. Continuous patrolling resulted in several contacts with small NVA elements. On the night of 19 May, A Co, 1st Bn, 9th Marines at FSB Erskine, was probed at 20 places around their perimeter. M-26 and M-79 grenades, 60mm and 81mm mortars, and small arms fire killed 3 NVA before the NVA withdrew.

Towards the end of May, 1st Bn, 9th Marines swept east and operated near FSB Lightning (YD 2117).

2nd Bn, 9th Marines operated from FSB Razor and LZ Dallas (YD 1014) and made numerous contacts with small enemy units. On 151000H May at YD 173155 a patrol from G Co, 2nd Bn, 9th Marines made contact with an unknown size enemy force. The patrol pressed the attack, while the enemy fought a delaying action. Contact was broken at 1630. The aggressive pursuit resulted in 3 NVA killed and 2 AK-47's captured, while friendly casualties were 3 WIA (E).

On 28 May, 1st Bn, 9th Marines lifted out of the AO, followed by 2nd Bn. The operation terminated on 311800H May 69. Total casualties for the operation were:

<u>FRIENDLY</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>ENEMY</u>			
KIA	11	NVA KIA	78	CSMC	2
WIA (E)	37	DET	16	IWC	29
WIA (M)	11				

OPERATION CAMERON FALLS

Operation Cameron Falls commenced 291000H May 69. 2nd Bn and 3rd Bn, 9th Marines were given the mission to conduct offensive operations in the area south of Vandegrift Combat Base to locate and destroy enemy forces,

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fortifications, and supply caches, and to find and destroy enemy mortar and rocket units which have subjected Vandegrift Combat Base to harassing fire.

On 29 May, L Co, 3rd Bn, 9th Marines was operating from FSB Shepherd (XD 9341), M Co, 3rd Bn, 9th Marines sweeping south from Ca Lu, and K Co, 3rd Bn, 9th Marines operating from Ca Lu. By the end of May, 2nd Bn, 9th Marines (-) were operating from FSB Whisman (XD 9733) and 3rd Bn, 9th Marines (-) were operating from FSB Shepherd. Total casualties for the month of May were:

<u>FRIENDLY</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>ENEMY</u>	
KIA	2	NVA (C)	8
WIA (E)	5	POW	1
		IWC	2

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# 5. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

OPERATION	FRIENDLY LOSSES MAY 1969				ENEMY LOSSES						TOTAL WEAPONS
	KIA	WIA (E)	WIA (M)	MIA	KIA	POW	RET	DET	IWC	CSWC	
3rd MarDiv AO	38	14	7	0	83	1	0	13	8	0	8
Massachusetts Bay	1	48	26	0	33	3	0	46	17	4	21
Maine Crag	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Virginia Ridge	37	170	55	2	232	4	0	1	68	9	77
Purple Martin	6	16	2	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	0
Herkimer Mountain	2	38	23	0	62	0	0	3	6	0	6
Apache Snow	11	37	11	0	78	1	0	16	21	1	22
Cameron Falls	2	5	0	0	8	1	0	0	2	0	2
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Totals	62	328	124	2	509	10	0	79	122	14	136

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6. INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

1. General Enemy Situation: During May the enemy continued to improve his posture, from which he could initiate major offensive operations, particularly in the Central DMZ and western portion of the Division AO. Five (5) NVA Regiments are located in these areas, the 27th and 246th Independent Regiments, the 36th and 88th Regiments, 308th Division, and the 24th Regiment, 304th Division. In the Eastern DMZ and the north-eastern Division AO the 270th Independent Regiment, the 31st Independent Regiment, and the 126th Naval Sapper Regiment have been active. The 102d Regiment, 308th Division, which has been reported in the DMZ, remains unconfirmed. The enemy threat to the populated lowlands continued to grow as additional battalions of the 7th Front were reintroduced into Base Area 101 south of Quang Tri City.

2. Enemy Activity:

(a) General: During the month the enemy conducted two (2) ground attacks, five (5) probes, five (5) ambushes, and thirty-six (36) attacks by fire. Several of the attacks by fire were initiated in the southern half of the DMZ. In all, the enemy expended one-thousand-four-hundred-seventy-eight (1,478) rounds against 3d Marine Division elements. One-hundred-eighty-four (184) of these were rocket rounds. Friendly units operating just south of the DMZ took the brunt of the enemy attacks by fire.

During early May, the 36th Regiment, 308th Division, which had replaced the 27th Independent Regiment in the Central DMZ following the 27th Regiment's defeat, was itself driven back into the DMZ. The 36th Regiment left four-hundred-twenty-three (423) dead. By the end of the month, the 27th Independent Regiment was again deploying in the Lutter's Ridge/Helicopter Valley area.

(b) Enumeration:

(1) Enemy activity during this period was highlighted by multiple attacks by fire on the night of 11/12 May. Eleven fixed installations were hit including A-1, A-2, A-4, C-1, Truc Khe, Cua Viet, DHCB, QTCB, Camp Red Devil, LZ Nancy and Vandegrift Combat Base. These attacks, many of them amounting to no more than harassing attacks, produced very light casualties. The significant material damage occurred at MAG-39, Quang Tri Combat Base, where damage to several helicopter and observation aircraft resulted from seven (7), 122mm rocket rounds. A total of two-hundred-ninety-nine (299) rounds were received during the coordinated attacks, including those received by Marine elements in night defensive positions south of the DMZ. There were no follow up ground attacks with any of the attacks by fire.

(2) The only significant activity along the Cua Viet River occurred on 16 May, when a reconnaissance team made contact with

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an estimated enemy platoon five (5) km northeast of Dong Ha Combat Base. Eight enemy were killed and snorkel equipment was captured. The enemy contacted were probably supporting operations of the 126th Naval Sapper Regiment.

(3) Eight (8) km northwest of Cam Lo on 20 May 69/3 in a night defensive position was attacked by approximately seventy (70) enemy employing RPG's, automatic weapons fire, and Chicom grenades. Fifteen (15) enemy were killed in this contact.

(4) The heaviest attack by fire during May occurred on 22 May when elements of the 3d Marine Regiment, located about ten (10) km northwest of the Rockpile, received one-hundred-twenty (120) 82mm mortar rounds.

(5) On 24 May, Dong Ha Combat Base received fourteen (14) rounds of 122mm rocket fire. This is the largest single incident of incoming at this installation since the 1 November 1968 bombing halt.

(6) One of the most significant incidents occurred on 25 May. At 0200H elements of the First of the Fifth (Mechanized) near Hai Lang received 122mm rocket fire in direct support of maneuvering enemy ground elements. After receiving rocket, mortar, and RPG fire, friendly lines were probed. RPG rounds, Chicom grenades and explosive charges were found following the probe.

(7) Enemy activity in the southwest quadrant of the Division AO increased substantially as the 9th Marine Regiment commenced Operation Cameron Falls on 29 May 1969. Reconnaissance teams operating in the Khe Sanh area made several significant sightings and contacts during the final days of the month.

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7. G-2 COLLECTION BRANCH

1. During May 1969, the Collection Branch received, processed, and disseminated 599 Agent Reports from the following agencies:

- a. 525th Military Intelligence Group
- b. Provincial Reconnaissance Unit
- c. Census Grievance Center
- d. National Police Special Branch
- e. 15th Counterintelligence Team
- f. 7th Counterintelligence Team

2. In addition, numerous intelligence reports and documents were received from the following Commands:

- a. Military Assistance Command, Vietnam
- b. III Marine Amphibious Force
- c. XXIV Corps
- d. Commander, U.S. Naval Forces, Vietnam
- e. 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
- f. 101st Airborne Division, USA
- g. Combined Material Exploitation Center
- h. I Corps Advisory Group
- i. Task Force Hotel
- j. Task Force Clearwater
- k. 3d Reconnaissance Battalion
- l. Regiments and separate Battalions of the 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF

3. A total of 25 Detainee Reports were received during the month of May 1969.

4. The Airborne Personnel Detector (APD) (SNIFFER), was tasked daily. Due to nonavailability of aircraft, only two missions were flown during the month of May 1969.

5. Aerial Observer Section

a. During May 1969, the Division Aerial Observer Section flew 1130 missions for a total of 2694.26 flight hours. The AO's directed 499 airstrikes, 269 artillery missions, and 18 naval gunfire missions.

b. Enemy losses included:

- (1) 98 confirmed kills (airstrikes)
- (2) 34 confirmed kills (artillery)
- (3) 778 bunkers destroyed, 169 damaged
- (4) 37 structures destroyed, 11 damaged
- (5) 86 secondary fires
- (6) 158 secondary explosions

- (7) 149 meters trench destroyed
- (8) 7 cultivated fields destroyed or damaged
- (9) 22 mortar positions destroyed
- (10) 18 fighting holes destroyed
- (11) 28 trails knocked out
- (12) 1 cave damaged
- (13) 1 bridge damaged
- (14) 1 supply and/or ammo cache destroyed
- (15) 6 tunnels destroyed
- (16) 2 vehicles damaged

c. Personnel

- (1) Capt. C. A. FRI - Joined
- (2) Capt. J. W. CLE Jr. - Joined

d. Photo Imagery Interpretation Unit (PIIU)

a. The 3d Marine Division (Rein.), M.F. Photo Imagery Interpretation Unit submitted 19 requests for aerial photography to G-2, XXIV Corps during the month of May 1969. Of these requests, 14 were completed, 4 were cancelled, (2 were resubmitted), and 1 is pending.

b. The Unit requested 11 reprint missions via G-2, XXIV Corps during the month of May 1969. Of these requests 3 were completed, 1 was cancelled and 7 are pending.

c. The Unit received and processed 303 reports of photography, SLAR and IR (Red Haze) missions.

d. A summary of the requests submitted by specific units is as follows:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>REQ</u>	<u>COMPLETED</u>	<u>CANCELLED</u>	<u>PENDING</u>
G-2 (PIIU)	6	1	0	5
Ground Surveillance	3	0	1	2
Task Force Hotel	3	1	2	0
3d Marines	2	0	2	0
4th Marines	6	6	0	0
9th Marines	2	1	0	1
1st Bde, 5th Inf Div (Mech)	7	7	0	0
MCB-62	1	1	0	0
TOTAL	30	17	5	8

7. Interrogation Translation Teams

a. 7th Interrogation Translation Team

(1) During May 1969, the 7th Interrogation Translation Team provided support for Operations Virginia Ridge and Pink Panther. They also provided direct support to 3d Marine Regiment; general support to 3d Marine Division Collection Point, and Captain R.T. BROPHY, Provincial Interrogation Center Advisor.

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(2) The Team processed 2 Chieu Hoi's, 1 NVA PW, and 1 VC PW.

(3) Personnel

- (a) Capt C. R. STICHTER - Rotated to CONUS
- (b) Capt B. K. JACKSON - Rotated to CONUS
- (c) Sgt C. E. STEED - Rotated to CONUS
- (d) 1stLt A. D. WELCH - Joined
- (e) 1stLt H. W. BUCKLEY - Joined
- (f) SSgt E. J. GRIFFIN - Joined
- (g) Sgt W. J. CUNNINGHAM - Joined
- (h) Sgt P. F. WEAVER - Joined
- (i) Sgt C. HOLLOWELL Jr. - Joined

b. 15th Interrogation Translation Team

(1) During May 1969, the Team provided support for the following units:

- (a) 9th Marines
- (b) MP Company, Quang Tri Combat Base
- (c) Chieu Hoi Center, Quang Tri City
- (d) Quang Tri Base Defense

(2) In addition, the Team maintained Liaison with the following units:

- (a) 1st Bde, 5th Inf Div (Mech)
- (b) Quang Tri National Police
- (c) Provincial/Division PsyOps
- (d) Sub Sector, PW Collection Center
- (e) Sector S-2
- (f) CIEC, Hue City

(3) The Team processed no PW's during the month of May 1969.

(4) Personnel

- (a) 1stLt P. M. WILLIAM - Joined
- (b) LCpl T. D. HOMES - Joined
- (c) Sgt C. D. REESE - Rotated to CONUS
- (d) LCpl K. J. O'LOUGHLIN - Rotated to CONUS

c. 17th Interrogation Translation Team

(1) During the month of May 1969, the Team provided support to the following units:

- (a) Headquarters, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
- (b) 4th Marine Regiment
- (c) 3d Medical Battalion

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(d) 4th CAG

(2) The Team submitted 6 interrogation reports during the month of May 1969.

(3) Personnel

- (a) GySgt L. E. SCOTT - Joined
- (b) 1stLt P. C. NISSEN - Rotated to CONUS
- (c) Sgt L. C. CORNELIUS - Rotated to CONUS
- (d) Sgt E. HANGIN - Rotated to CONUS
- (e) Capt W. W. POLLOCK - Transfer to 15th ITT
- (f) 1stLt M. L. SHANAHAN - Transfer to 3d IT
- (g) GySgt M. T. SPIES - Transfer to 3d IT

8. Interpreter Teams

a. 3d Interpreter Team. During the month of May 1969, the Team continued to support the 3d Marine Division CP by operating the Division Document Translation Center (ETC). The DTC processed 59 batches of captured documents, from which a total of 800 documents were screened, summarized, or fully translated. A total of 32 friendly documents were processed, resulting in 52 pages of translation.

b. 9th Interpreter Team

(1) During May 1969, the Team was in support of the 3d Marine Division PW Collection Point; and Operations Virginia Ridge and Pink Panther.

(2) Personnel

- (a) Sgt D. D. DELAHANTY - Joined
- (b) Sgt R. J. HENDERSON - Rotated to CONUS

c. 11th Interpreter Team

(1) During May 1969, the Team provided support to the 3d Marine Division Collection Point, and Operations Virginia Ridge and Pink Panther.

(2) Personnel

- (a) Sgt D. J. DECAIRE - Joined
- (b) Sgt H. B. WARD - Rotated to CONUS

9. Counterintelligence Teamsa. 7th Counterintelligence Team

(1) During the month of May 1969, the Team continued to provide support to the 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF and allied forces in southern Quang Tri Province. The Detachments assigned at Trieu Phong and Huong

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Hoa Districts provided general support to RF and PF Units assigned to the District Chiefs. The Detachments further advised and assisted District GVN officials in the collecting and correlation of intelligence information of the DIOCC. The Team provided support to the Military Security Service (MSS), National Police (NP), and Police Special Branch (PSB).

(2) Personnel

- (a) SSgt R. F. TYMOCH - Joined
- (b) Sgt M. F. BOISCLAIR - Joined
- (c) PFC A. R. KELLY - Joined

b. 15th Counterintelligence Team

(1) During the month of May 1969, the Team continued to support the 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF, and source operations in Northern Quang Tri Province. The Detachments assigned at Cam Lo District provided general support to RF and PF Units assigned to the District Chiefs.

(2) Personnel

- (a) GySgt D. B. TICKLE - Joined
- (b) Sgt M. D. BUSHMAN - Joined
- (c) Sgt J. A. TAYLOR - Rotated to CONUS

(3) The Team submitted 16 SCIR's and 3 Spot Reports.

8. PRODUCTION BRANCH

1. During the month of May 1969, the Production Branch provided tactical intelligence to subordinate units of the 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF, and to higher headquarters as well as units under operational control of the Division. The following were prepared and distributed:

- a. PERINTREP 10-69, 11-69
- b. Monthly Target List
- c. 13 Charts and Overlays
- d. Astronomical Data
- e. 3 Intelligence Information Reports

2. The following personnel changes were made:

- a. SSgt W. E. HARMON - Rotated to CONUS
- b. CWO-2 R. M. CONLEY - Joined

3. Order of Battle Section. Continued to produce tactical intelligence for all units of the 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF, and all units under operational control of the Division. Intelligence was disseminated

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via the Daily Intelligence Summary, nightly briefs and the 3d Marine Division PERINTREP. Special briefs were presented to:

- a. Lieutenant Colonel J. E. HOPKINS
- b. Officers and Staff NCO's of Communication Company
- c. C. W. THORNDAL, GS-9, 7th Air Force Headquarters
- d. Colonel R. J. PAN, Chief SJS History Headquarters MACV;  
Lieutenant Colonel J. A. ERDMANN, SJS Policy Headquarters MACV

Target Intelligence Section. Continued to maintain overlays on targets acquired, AA firings, and secondary explosions/fires. There were 928 additions to the Division's Installation List which includes hard targets, trail activity, and Arty/Mortar/Rocket/AA positions. 248 significant targets were generated and forwarded to the Target Information Officer for firing. Daily Target Lists were provided to the Target Information Officer, Task Force Hotel, and 1st Bde, Fifth Inf Div (Mech). A special Target List was furnished to the 9th Marine Regiment. In addition, target intelligence was furnished in support of the Division's TP and Arc Light programs.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE BRANCH

1. During the month of May 1969, the following personnel were joined:

a. 1stLt W. G. BAILEY	AO
b. 1stLt B. M. CANNON	COC
c. SSgt D. E. O'DONNELL	COB
d. PFC D. A. DOLL	ADMIN
e. SSgt R. LEAL	COLL
f. Cpl C. M. FISHER	ADMIN
g. PFC L. F. YOUNG	PROD
h. SSgt F. R. BEACH	SIO
i. CW2 R. M. CONLEY	COB
j. GySgt D. F. RUBADO	Division Intelligence Chief
k. Sgt R. A. O'REILLY	COLL

2. During the month of May 1969, the following changes in personnel were made:

- a. 1stLt P. C. NISSEN - Rotated to CONUS
- b. Sgt B. W. SCHLAGER - Rotated to CONUS
- c. SSgt R. L. CUMINGS - Rotated to CONUS
- d. SSgt G. K. NEER - Transfer to 3d Battalion, 3d Marines
- e. SSgt W. A. REESE - Transfer to 2d Battalion, 4th Marines

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SECRET9. GROUND SURVEILLANCE SECTION1. ORGANIZATION:

a. The personnel strength of the Ground Surveillance Section increased by eleven men with the joining of fifteen Marines and the loss of four others. The on-board strength of the Ground Surveillance Section is three officers and 59 enlisted.

Personnel Losses

CHAMBERS, O.S.	Capt	09 16 88/2502	Flight Date: 21 May 69
BATES, G.R.	Sgt	214 81 63/0311/8131	Transfer MAGV: 10 May 69
HEATH, G.F.	PFC	245 37 28/0311	UA in Leave (B&R) Status
THORUP, G.N.	PFC	239 87 88/2531	MedEvac Out of Country 9 May 69

Projected Losses

ROBERT, R.K.	Opl	234 66 29/0141/0231	RTD: 30 June 69
ELLIOT, R.E.	LOpl	228 55 20/2531	Exp of Enl: 5 July 69

Personnel Gains

HARDIN, C.J.	Opl	237 18 28/0811	Joined: 4 May 69
PHILBECK, J.A.	Opl	226 28 21/2533	Joined: 1 May 69
WALKER, D.G.	Opl	230 27 48/0311	Joined: 31 May 69
MOONEY, M.P.	LOpl	233 64 57/0341	Joined: 31 May 69
ANNEXSTAD, T.O.	PFC	250 51 97/0311	Joined: 25 May 69
BICKMAN, D.J.	PFC	245 36 21/2533	Joined: 3 May 69
CALDWELL, K.H.	PFC	251 52 58/0341	Joined: 25 May 69
FAGAN, M.W.	PFC	252 16 05/0311	Joined: 23 May 69
WEASELBEAR, B.G.	PFC	250 35 47/2532	Joined: 25 May 69
YARBOROUGH, T.L.	PFC	248 72 06/0311	Joined: 24 May 69
BOSWORTH, G.W.	Pvt	251 08 85/0331	Joined: 4 May 69
ORTIZ, G.	Pvt	229 74 90/0311/1391	Joined: 1 May 69
PETTY, G.P.	Pvt	245 08 74/2531	Joined: 4 May 69
WOLFE, R.L.	Pvt	245 94 83/0351	Joined: 1 May 69

2. TRAINING:

a. The fourth Electronic Surveillance Team (Delta Team) completed training on 1 May and deployed to Elliot Combat Base on 2 May 1969.

b. The fifth Electronic Surveillance Team (Echo Team) commenced training on 6 May 69 and deployed to Vandegrift Combat Base on 21 May 1969.

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c. On 8 and 10 May practice ADSID drops were made outside of the Dong Ha Combat Base perimeter from a CH-46 helicopter. The drops were quite successful and 80% of the sensors hit near enough to the target for detection of enemy movement.

d. A special school on the AN/PSP-6 Radar for ten enlisted Marines of the 3d Battalion, 3d Marines, commenced on 25 May and finished on 29 May 1969. The course included the employment, maintenance, operation procedures and record keeping.

e. Personnel for the sixth Dual Blade Electronic Surveillance Team (Foxtrot Team) commenced training on 30 May, 1969. Foxtrot team will be a mobile reserve team, for deployment as required. When not deployed in the field, this team will act as an integral part of the Dong Ha Base Defense System.

### 3. LIAISON:

a. During the reporting period the following staff visits were made by personnel of the Ground Surveillance Section:

(1) On 1 May the Assistant Ground Surveillance Officer made a liaison visit to Task Force HOTEL to discuss possible reaction by the 7th Air Force to sensor detected targets.

(2) On 4 May the Assistant Ground Surveillance Officer made a staff visit to the 2d Battalion, 3d Marines' Command Post to discuss sensor emplacement east of Dong Ha Mountain.

(3) On 7 May the Assistant Ground Surveillance Officer made a liaison visit to Marine Air Group-39 to discuss sensor air delivery by Marine Aircraft.

(4) The Assistant Ground Surveillance Officer made a staff visit to the First Brigade, Fifth Infantry Division (Mechanized) on 9 May to resolve sensor emplacement problems encountered by the First Battalion, 77th Armored.

(5) The Ground Surveillance Officer made an address and presented diplomas to graduates of the Staff NCO Leadership School on 10 May, 1969.

(6) The Ground Surveillance Officer and the Maintenance Officer made a staff liaison visit to Korat and Nakhon Phanom, Thailand, to discuss Dual Blade Sensor matters from 26 to 30 May 1969.

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b. The following visits were made by distinguished guests and representatives from other commands involving the Ground Surveillance Section:

(1) On 3 May Lieutenant Colonel REED, USAF, Major LYLE, USAF, Major ARNOLD, USMC and Captain SKETOE, USMC, DCPG, MACV visited in regards to technical problems encountered in the readout of out-of-band channels by the AN/USQ-42 Portatale.

(2) The Ground Surveillance Officer briefed and then accompanied Brigadier General BUTCHER, USAF, DCPG to Vandegrift Combat Base and Con Thien on 7 May 1969.

(3) On 7 May Captain SNOW of the Ground Surveillance Section, XXIV Corps made a staff visit to discuss sensor matters.

(4) On 10 May Colonel BROCKMAN, J-5, MACV and three other MACV officers were briefed on the Duel Blade program. Later they were escorted on an orientation tour of Con Thien.

(5) On 11 May Mr. THORNDALE, Directorate of Operational Analysis, 7th Air Force made a staff visit to the Ground Surveillance Section in connection with compiling a history of the Duel Blade Project.

(6) On 11 May Major PIERCE and Major CURNUTT, III MAF, visited the Ground Surveillance Section for a sensor briefing and orientation.

(7) Lieutenant Colonel FLEMING, Liaison Officer, Combat Development Command, XXIV Corps, made a staff visit to the Ground Surveillance Section on 19 May 1969 to discuss Duel Blade matters and sensor organization within the Third Marine Division.

(8) On 19 May Warrant Officer WALKER, ARPA, MACV, visited the Ground Surveillance Section for a period of two days to assist in testing the AN/PPS-10 Radar.

(9) On 21 May the Ground Surveillance Officer briefed Lieutenant General COLLINS, USA on the Duel Blade program and cost effectiveness of sensors in Vietnam.

(10) On 21 May Major CHENAULT, III MAF made a staff visit to gather information concerning cost effectiveness of sensor program.

(11) Lieutenant Colonel ESCHOLZ, R&D, III MAF and Mr. PAYNE, Navy Lab Representative, made a staff visit on 23 May to observe progress made in testing the LKW infra-red searchlight.

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(12) On 24 May Colonel O'NEIL J3-04, MACV, Lieutenant Colonel MORGAN, J3-04, MACV and Major ANDRAKO, III MAF made a staff visit to discuss Duel Blade sensor emplacement, problems encountered in air delivery of sensors and hardware requirements for the Tactical Surveillance System.

(13) On 25 May the Ground Surveillance Officer briefed General ABRAMS, COMUSMACV regarding sensor emplacement and readout in the Demilitarized Zone.

(14) On 26 May the Ground Surveillance Officer briefed the Secretary of the Navy at FSB Fuller on the Duel Blade sensor program and a static display of air and hand emplaced sensors.

#### 4. OPERATIONS:

a. The 2d ARVN Regiment Sensor Platoon emplaced sensor strings 101 and 102 north of A-2 on 1 May 1969.

b. On 2 May 1969 the Duel Blade Electronic Surveillance Delta Team deployed to Elliot Combat Base.

c. The Division Ground Surveillance emplacement team seeded strings 502 and 503 on 6 May east of Dong Ha Mountain.

d. Sensor strings 309, 310 and 311 were emplaced west of Quang Tri in support of the Division Rice Denial Plan on 8 May 1969.

e. On 10 May Task Force ALPHA aircraft reseeded sensor strings 64209 and 63137 in the western portion of the Division Area of Operations.

f. Sensor Emplacement Team ELK HUNTER was inserted on 10 May in the vicinity of sensor string 248 to investigate heavy sensor activity. The team made contact with approximately 15 NVA and initiated small arms fire resulting in 7 enemy KIA (C).

g. Task Force ALPHA aircraft reseeded strings 63136 and 62071 on 11 May 1969.

h. A Division ground surveillance sensor emplacement team seeded string 504 on Foxtrot Ridge north of Dong Ha Mountain on 14 May 1969.

i. The 2d ARVN Regiment sensor emplacement platoon emplaced sensor strings 102 and 105 northwest of A-2 on 14 May 1969.

j. Task Force ALPHA aircraft reseeded sensor string 63133 on 16 May 1969 and strings 63134 and 64204 on 18 May 1969.

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k. On 18 May the 1st Brigade, 5th Infantry Division emplaced sensor string 313 west of Quang Tri.

l. Emplacement Team MEETING HOUSE emplaced an acoubuoy string on Landing Zone Enterprise in support of a Division Cover and Deception Plan on 19 May 1969.

m. The 2d ARVN sensor emplacement platoon emplaced sensor strings 107 and 108 north of A-2 on 19 and 21 May 1969 respectively.

n. On 21 May Electronic Surveillance Team Echo deployed to Vandegrift Combat Base.

o. Sensor strings 31191, 31131, 31061 and 63135 were reseeded in the DMZ by Task Force ALPHA aircraft on 23 May 1969.

p. The Division Ground Surveillance emplacement team seeded sensor string 505 west of Con Thien on 26 May 1969.

#### 5. COLLECTIONS AND REPORTING:

a. AN/TPS-25: During the month of May there were 465 targets acquired with 71 being fired upon by mixed artillery, naval gunfire and 60 and 81mm mortars.

b. AN/FPS-5: 83 targets were acquired during the reporting period with 49 being fired upon by mixed artillery, naval gunfire, 60 and 81mm mortars, M-79s, 4.2 mortars and 40MM dusters with unknown results.

c. AN/TVS-4: 28 targets were acquired during May and 17 were fired upon by artillery, mortars and 40MM dusters. All results were unknown with the exception of a report by Surveillance Team Delta at Elliot Combat Base who reported sighting 5 enemy and lights on the night of 28 May 1969. The target was fired upon and one secondary explosion was recorded and movement ceased.

d. AN/FVS-2: Negative targets were reported during the month.

e. SENSORS: During the month there were 646 sensor detected targets of which 369 were fired upon by mixed artillery, totaling 4,042 rounds. On the night of 10 May 1969 the sensor readout team at A-4 received heavy readings on string 31101 located in the DMZ and called an Air Observer who spotted an estimated enemy platoon. Three air-strikes were run resulting in 13 enemy KIA.

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## 10. FIRE SUPPORT COORDINATION

A. General

(1) The coordination of air, artillery, and naval gunfire throughout the 3d Marine Division continued in accordance with established procedures during May 1969.

(2) Target analysis and fire planning efforts were concentrated in the western Division AO, particularly the southwestern portion, and in the DMZ because enemy activity significantly increased in these areas.

B. Significant Events(1) Air

A total of 1578 sorties dropped 3945 tons of ordnance in support of the 3d Marine Division.

(2) Artillery

A total of 198975 artillery rounds were expended on 3356 observed and 14493 unobserved missions (Total 17,849 missions) in the 3d Marine Division AO during May 1969. The following is a breakdown by areas of operation.

Area of Operation	Observed Missions	Unobserved Missions	Ammunition Expended
Highrise	449	None	20,103
Massachusetts Bay	403	3,925	18,615
Maine Crag	117	650	5,140
Cameron Falls	143	879	11,264
Purple Martin and Herkimer Mtn.	626	3,381	47,610
Virginia Ridge	1,102	2,424	61,187
Apache Snow	295	1,059	18,571
2nd ARVN	126	519	10,131
Other 3d MarDiv	95 <u>3,356</u>	1,656 <u>14,493</u>	6,354 <u>198,975</u>

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(3) Naval Gunfire

(a) During the month of May 1969 a total of 344 Naval Gunfire missions were conducted expending a total of 7038 rounds. The following is a breakdown by caliber:

<u>Caliber</u>	<u>#Mans</u>	<u>#Rnds</u>
3"/50	-	-
5"/38	86	1096
5"/54	145	3812
8"/55	113	2130
16"/50	-	-

(b) The following is a breakdown by type of mission:

<u>Type</u>	<u>#Mans</u>	<u>#Rnds</u>
Observed	128	4111
Unobserved	40	976
H&I	176	1951

(c) A total of 107 missions and 3777 rounds of the total fired were expended in the Highrise area. The remaining 3621 rounds were fired on targets south of the DMZ in support of ground action.

(d) During the month of May 1969 the following NGF ships supported the 3d Marine Division during periods indicated:

010600 to 070600	St Paul
070600 to 100600	Mullinnix
100600 to 200600	St Paul
200600 to 312400	Mullinnix
240600 to 250600	St Paul

(4) Arc Light. There was one (1) Arc Light strike in the 3d Marine Division AO during May 1969. This strike consisted of six (6) sorties expending 150 tons of ordnance and was in support of Apache Snow. XXIV Corps is responsible for the BDA. There were no strikes in the DMZ or in North Viet Nam. Twenty-five (25) targets were nominated by the 3d Marine Division.

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1. General

a. During the month of May 69, air support was provided by the 1st Marine Air Wing and the 7th Air Force. Helicopter support was provided by MAG-39, MAG-36 and MAG-16.

b. The types of missions were Command & Control, resupply, medical evacuation, troop and logistical lifts, and conventional or radar controlled close air support and arc lights.

2. Aircraft Availability

a. Average daily availability of aircraft during the month of

- (1) UH-1E (Slicks) - (3)
- (2) UH-1E (Guns) - (6)
- (3) CH-46's - (20)
- (4) CH-53's - (4)
- (5) OH's - (6)
- (6) OV-10 - (12)

3. Helicopter and Fixed Wing Supporta. Helicopters

<u>Sorties</u>	<u>Tasks</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Cargo (Tons)</u>	<u>Pax</u>
21,495	10,993	7,492.5	7017	31,279

b. Fighter/Attack Support: 1584 flights which was 20.1% of all flown by First Marine Air Wing.

4. Significant Events

a. 2 May 69 - Mid-air collision between a CH-46 and UH-1E resulting in 14 KIA. CH-46 Strike a/c

b. 5 May 69 - Space 31-9 crashed on Hill 950, no casualties. Strike A/C.

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c. 8 May 69 - Cattle Call-1 shot down by RPG round. A/C was recovered.

d. 10 May 69 - Chatterbox-8 crashed at LZ Erskine. Strike A/C.

#### 5. New Developments

##### a. Unit Rotation:

<u>Unit</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Date</u>
MM 164	MAG-36	SLF "B"	3 May 69
MM 363	SLF "A"	Phu Bai	25 May 69
HMM 265 (Det)	Phu Bai	SLF "A"	27 May 69

b. Problem Areas. None

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	<u>3d</u> <u>MARDIV</u>	<u>4th</u> <u>MAR</u>	<u>3d</u> <u>MAR</u>	<u>9th</u> <u>MAR</u>	<u>HERKIMER</u> <u>MOUNTAIN</u>	<u>VIRGINIA</u> <u>RIDGE</u>	<u>PURPLE</u> <u>MARTIN</u>	<u>APACHE</u> <u>SNOW</u>	<u>CAMFRON</u> <u>FALLS</u>	<u>1/5</u>	<u>MAINE</u> <u>CRAG</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
FIXED WING												
Requests		604	314	142	312	620	104	221	161	219	88	2785
Sorties		311	262	368	141	252	39	152	33	106	20	1684
Tons		777.5	655	920	352.5	630	97.5	380	82.5	265	50	4210
HELO												
Sorties	921				2124	3740	3348	2361			708	21,495
Pax	14,312				3235	4132	5529	2981			1090	31,279
Tons	1230				1072	664	2182	1783			136	7,017
ARC LIGHTS												
Targets								6				6
Tons								1				1
								150				150

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**SECRET****12. LOGISTICS****a. Truck Convoys.** During the month of May:

(1) The 3d Motor Transport Battalion operated 63,666 miles, transporting 3,820 short tons of cargo and 52,546 personnel.

(2) The 9th Motor Transport Battalion operated 117,188 miles, transporting 11,649 short tons of cargo and 42,930 personnel.

(3) There were four-hundred nine (409) convoys operated in support of the 3d Marine Division.

**b. Combat Damage.** During the month of May the following major items of equipment sustained combat damage:

<u>TYPE EQUIPMENT</u>	<u>SER NO.</u>	<u>CAUSE</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
Cargo, carrier amphibious M76	221882	Fragments	Code "H"
Cargo, carrier amphibious M76	224740	Fragments	Code "H"
Cargo, carrier amphibious M76	176732	Fragments	Code "H"
Tank M48A3	217806	Mine	Awaiting repair parts
Tank M48A3	201969	Mine	Repaired
Tank M48A3	211236	Mine	Awaiting repair parts
Tank M48A3	201841	Mine	Repaired
Tank M48A3	217806	Mine	Awaiting repair parts
Tank M48A3	201908	Mine	Awaiting repair parts
Tank M48A3	201910	Mine	Repaired
Tank M48A3	217835	Mine	Repaired
Tank M48A3	201908	Mine	Repaired
Tank M48A3	202026(1)	Mine	Awaiting repair parts
Tank M48A3	202094(1)	Mine	Awaiting repair parts
Tank M48A3	201924	Mine	Awaiting repair parts
Tank M48A3	202094(2)	Mine	Awaiting repair parts
Tank M48A3	201905(1)	Mine	Awaiting repair parts
Tank M48A3	202026(2)	Mine	Awaiting repair parts
Tank M48A3	201905(2)	Mine	Awaiting repair parts
Tank M48A3	202157	Mine	Repaired

**c. Embarkation****Air Lifts:**

Danang to Quang Tri via C130/C123	698 S/T
Danang to Dong Ha via C130/C123	2256 S/T
TOTAL	2954 S/T

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## Sea Lifts: Danang to Dong Ha

157 LCU/YFUs carried	19087 S/T
16 LSTs carried	4671 S/T
63 Fuel barges carried	11003 S/T
TOTAL	34761 S/T

## Helicopter resupply lifts

Class I	1572 S/T
Class II	20 S/T
Class III	86 S/T
Class IV	274 S/T
Class V	3201 S/T
Class VI	565 S/T
TOTAL	5818 S/T

Motor Transport Convoy to VOB 6981 S/T

d. Food Service. During the month of May 1969 the 3d Marine Division Food Service Program consisted of forty-six (46) operational messes supported by four-hundred sixty-four (464) personnel of occupational field 33. Of the total messes in operation, thirty-one (31) are semi-permanent field messes housed in TFCS structures and the remaining fifteen (15) are temporary field messes. Subsistence provided Army, Navy and Marine Corps personnel of this command average 32,463 rations daily. Approximately 27% of the total rations consisted of Meal, Combat, Individual and approximately 73% subsisted on the III MAF Master Menu. The III MAF Master Menu is based on MCO P10110.17 Chapter 4. The Marine Corps/III MAF Master Menu is supplemented with both perishable and non-perishable components. The Meal, Combat, Individual is utilized only where operational requirements preclude serving the III MAF Master Menu.

e. Supply. Certain items of individual equipment continued to be in critically short supply during the month of May. The critical supply of office machines was eased somewhat due to the receipt of twenty (20) long carriage typewriters and twenty-six (26) adding machines; however, 13" typewriters remain critical. The following items of supply were critical as of the end of the month:

Gas mask	Canteen
Box, mount out	Canteen covers
Helmet Steel	M16 Cleaning rods
Body armor	Trailer water M149
Mine Detectors	Truck Utility M151

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f. Significant Events

- 4 May 1969 Construction of a 400 foot by 600 foot Logistic Support Area at Vandegrift Combat Base commenced.
- 7 May 1969 The construction of the thirty foot control tower at the Vandegrift Combat Base Logistic Support Area was completed.
- 7 May 1969 Division Food Service held a Mess Chief's meeting at Vandegrift Combat Base. Personnel and Food Service management were discussed.
- 9 May 1969 Division Food Service held a Mess Chief's meeting at Dong Ha Combat Base. Personnel and Food Service management were discussed.
- 10 May 1969 A 5000 gallon semi trailer tanker and a semi trailer low-bed struck mines at 1020 on Route #9, approximate grid coordinates of XD 997561. Route #9 was closed for a mine sweep until 1320. At 1420 a cargo truck struck a mine at the same location. The road was again closed for mine sweep.
- 11 May 1969 A twenty (20) vehicle convoy moved 500 ARVN from C-2 to Dong Ha.
- 13 May 1969 The Quartermaster General visited the 3d Marine Division and was briefed on current supply problems.
- 17 May 1969 The FMFPac Material Maintenance Inspection Team visited the 3d Marine Division and inspected ten (10) Division units through 29 May 1969.
- 18 May 1969 A tractor-trailer struck a mine on Route #9 at grid coordinates of MD 980515. The blast injured two (2) Marines and blew off the right front wheel of the vehicle.
- 25 May 1969 A Division Supply Officers Conference was conducted to discuss current supply problems and procedures.
- 26 May 1969 Division Food Service prepared a buffet luncheon for the Secretary of the Navy and forty (40) company grade officers representing all units of the 3d Marine Division.

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13. DIVISION ENGINEER

1. The following units have provided engineer support within the 3d Marine Division AO during the month of May 1969.

- a. 3d Engineer Battalion
- b. 11th Engineer Battalion
- c. 3d Shore Party Battalion
- d. U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 62
- e. U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 123
- f. Company "A", 7th Engineer Battalion (Army)
- g. 14th Engineer Battalion (Army)
- h. 101st Engineer Battalion (AMVn)
- i. U.S. Naval Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit-301

2. Major engineering projects within the 3d Marine Division AO include:  
(Map coordinates if used are taken from map: Vietnam AMS Series L7014, sheets 6442III, 6442II, 6342I)

a. Maintenance and upgrading of Route #1. Upgrading of Rt #1 continues to bring Route #1 to LACV standards. Widening and placing rock base continues with 40,843 cubic yards of fill and 5,871 ton of rock being placed from Quang Tri Combat Base YD353512 to the Southern edge of the Division AO YD486368. The approach to the bridge at Hai Lang was completed. General repairs to bridges and culverts were performed as required.

b. Maintenance/Upgrading of Route #9. Asphalt paving operations continue on Route #9 from Dong Ha Combat Base YD230604 to YD077572. Approximately 1 1/2 miles of asphalt was placed on Route #9 during the month of May. Mobile Construction Battalion 62 has performed continuous maintenance on Route #9 repairing damage due to enemy mining activities. Bridge and culvert repair has been made as required. Maintenance work on bridge bypasses was performed.

c. Maintenance/Upgrading of Route #561. Maintenance and upgrading of Route #561 is continuous. Upgrading work on Route #561 was halted during the month of May due to higher priorities. Only maintenance was performed.

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d. Upgrading of Route #560. The upgrading of Route #560 to a class 30, one lane, all weather road with turn out from Quang Tri YD35337 to BoBang YD332628 and a class 20 two lane all weather sand cement road from BoBang to Cua Viet YD339662 has been tasked to the 14th Engineer Battalion (U.S. Army). The section from Quang Tri to BoBang is to be 6 feet above sea level. The section from BoBang to Cua Viet is to be 23 feet wide with stabilized 4 foot shoulders and minimum of 6 feet above sea level.

e. Land Clearing. Land clearing operations from C-4 to Oceanview are being conducted by the 11th Engineer Battalion. As of 31 May the clearing operation was approximately 12% complete.

3. Engineer Vehicles Damaged or Destroyed Due to Enemy Action. Several Engineer vehicles were involved in mining incidents during the month of May. However, none of the damage was of a serious nature and repairs have been or are being made.

4. Major Military Construction Projects.

a. Construction of a road around the perimeter of the Quang Tri Combat Base ASP was completed this month. Construction of this road eliminated traffic through the ASP and provides an easy access to the defensive positions around Quang Tri Combat Base perimeter.

b. Construction of a resupply road from C-2 to Hill 162 was completed. Road was approximately 7200 meters in length and 30 feet wide. Road was constructed to support resupply of the Virginia Ridge operation.

c. HCB-62 completed laying the matting for MAG-39 parking apron. 31,313 square yards of matting was placed.

d. A steel stringer, pile bent bridge at YD294539 was completed during May.

e. Construction of four decoy 155mm howitzers for the 12th Marine Regiment was completed by the 11th Engineer Battalion.

f. 11th Engineer Battalion completed construction of six (6) 8x8 TMC bunkers on the perimeter of Dong Ha Combat Base.

g. Installation of the secondary electrical distribution system at 4th Marine Regimental C.P. at Vandegrift was completed during May.

Fire Support Base Construction

(a) Fire Support Base Razor YD133192 was reopened for use during Operation Cameron Falls. Engineer unit moved into FSB Razor to reshape gun pits and ammunition storage berms.

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(b) Improvements were made to FSB Neville YD822576. Gun pit parapets were improved and reshaped.

(c) Improvements were made to FSB Erskine YD61108. Two new 105mm Gun pits and 4 new ammunition berms were built.

(d) Fire Support Base 691 YD928442 is well under construction. This Fire Support Base consists of six (6) 105mm Gun pits, four (4) 155 Gun pits, six (6) ammunition berms and three (3) landing zones. Fire Support Base 691 is scheduled to receive Forty eight (48) 8'x12' bunkers and eight (8) 10'x24' bunkers.

### 5. Base Development

a. Projects in the 3d Marine Division Sub Area are proceeding on schedule. On 2 May, a 3d Marine Division Construction Priority List was promulgated and approved by III MAF and COMNAVFORVREP, Danang. The list was approved at the April meeting of the 3d Marine Division (Rein) Base Development Board Meeting.

b. QTGB. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 128 completed the following projects at this location:

- (1) 20'x64' storage and maintenance building for TAFDS at MAG-39.
- (2) SEA huts and (14) 20'x48' office buildings for 7th Motor Transport Battalion.
- (3) 6 Butler buildings for 3d Marine Division units.
- (4) The primary water distribution system was completed and the operation of system was turned over from the 3d Engineer Battalion to MCB-128.

c. DNICB. Work continued by MNCB-62 on various projects on this base. The 40'x100' mail handling facility for 15th Aerial Port was completed.

d. Misc. MNCB-62 completed messhalls at C-1 and A-2 for the 12th Marines. The 3d Marine Division submitted a request to III MAF for the construction of a Rehabilitation Center at Cua Viet. Center to consist of 79 SEA huts, (1) 500 man messhall and (2) 16'x32' showers.

### 6. Combat Operations

- a. Total number of mine sweeps conducted 448
- b. Total kilometers swept 3,210

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c. Mines and Booby traps destroyed

11 - Russian AT mines	6 - German AT mines	2 - Plastic AT mines
4 - AT mines (phoney)	18 - AT mines	13 - AP mines
58 - M-79 rounds	25 - 5.56 rounds	12 - grenades
21 - AK-47 rounds	7 - M-16 mines	6 - M-26 grenades
17 - 82mm rounds	31 - claymore mines	4 - 60mm rounds
4 - 105mm rounds	1 - 81mm round	3 - homemade can mine
7 - 40mm rounds		

d. Tunnels destroyed. There were no tunnel teams employed during the month of May, however, 2 small tunnels were destroyed.

e. Enemy Facilities/Ordnance Destroyed

Destroyed 164 bunkers of various sizes

2 small caves were destroyed	1 - mortar position destroyed
3 fighting holes	962 - 82mm rounds
9 - LAAs	588 - Chicom grenades
2 - M-26, booby trapped grenades	2 - DA-10 claymore mines
10 - Plastic AT mines	100 - 105mm rounds
10,000 - NVA 7.62 rounds	40 cases plus 5 AK-47 rounds
11 - 60mm rounds	63 - RPG rounds
36 lbs - TNT	300 - Anti personnel mines
200 - 50 cal rounds	23 - AT mines
12 - plastic mines	16 - claymore mines
12 - 61mm rounds	3 - 122 rockets
70 - 81mm rounds	270 - lbs of VC TNT
70 - 60mm rounds	10 - Chicom directional mines
1 - 82mm recoilless Rocket Launcher	63 - 120mm rounds
2 - cases of 30 cal rounds	

f. Engineers in Combat Support Roles

Company Headquarters and three (3) platoons in direct support of the 4th Marine Regiment.

Company Headquarters and three (3) platoons in direct support of the 3d Marine Regiment.

Company Headquarters and three (3) platoons in direct support of the 9th Marine Regiment.

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## 7. Duel Blade Narrative for May 1969

ARVN construction forces are presently allocating most of their efforts into the construction of the secondary road from A-2 to A-1. Work continues on II Generation Bunkers at A-2 and C-1. A total of 11 bunkers have been issued (8 at A-2 and 3 at C-1).

One-hundred man messhalls have been built at A-2, A-4 and C-1. Approximately 33 TSFC bunkers are presently being constructed at C-2. Construction of a 400'x600' LSA at VCB is complete. Duel Blade site C-4 was dismantled by 26 May 1969.

Three of seven culverts on Route 9 damaged by enemy action have been replaced. Culvert destroyed on QL 1 is presently being replaced. Paving of Route 9, from DHCB, has reached a point one mile east of Bridge 9-12.

Land clearing operations continue at ECB, VCB and in the Ocean View to C-4 area.

Duel Blade material declared to be excess by III MAF was requisitioned by 3d Marine Division and other units. These requests have been released. Missing component parts of the II Generation Duel Blade bunkers are beginning to arrive at the 972 Lot from III MAF. These materials are being distributed to back-issues.

## 8. Sequential Listing of Significant Events

1 May 1969 The construction of Fire Support Base Gauch, YD 097243, was completed. Fire Support Base consists of six (6) 105mm gun pits, three (3) ammunition storage berms, one (1) 10x10 bunker and a Landing Zone.

2 May 1969 The construction of a 200'x500' LSA at Vandegrift Combat Base was completed and ready for use.

3 May 1969 Construction of a 400'x600' LSA was started. The 11th Engr Bn is doing the construction.

Construction of the MP fence was underway on Hill 950.

7 May 1969 Company "B", 3d Engineer Battalion started the construction of a resupply road from C-2 west to Hill 162. Road is 7,200 meters in length.

10 May 1969 Construction of FSB Razor, YD 143186, was completed. Fire Support Base Razor consists of six (6) 105mm gun pits, two (2) ammunition berms and one (1) Landing Zone.

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- 11 May 1969 Fire Support Base Erskine, YD 164407, was reopened today. Engineers accomplished repair of gun pits and ammunition berms.
- 12 May 1969 The proposed SOP for the Establishment and Reestablishment of Fire Support Bases was completed today.
- 14 May 1969 The Land Clearing around the Thon Cam Vu pumping station (a civic action project) was completed.
- 15 May 1969 The 11th Engineer Battalion completed the construction of four (4) 155mm gun decoys for the 12th Marine Regiment.
- 16 May 1969 Construction of Fire Support Base 691 was started.
- 17 May 1969 Construction of three (3) 10'x24' bunkers for the new LSA at Vandegrift Combat Base was completed.
- The renovation of the Rehabilitation Center at Qua Viet was started.
- 21 May 1969 Company "B", 3d Engineer Battalion constructed two (2) Landing Zones for the 3d Marine Regiment.  
One (1) 60'x90' at YD 003630  
One (1) 40'x150' at YD 062644
- 24 May 1969 Construction of six (6) 105mm gun pits at FSB Fuller was completed.
- 27 May 1969 The helilifting of the (48) 8x12 bunkers and the (8) 10x24 bunkers into FSB 691 started today.
- 28 May 1969 The road interdiction of Route 9221 was completed today. Craters 50 meters in length were blown at YD 222138; YD 223138 and YD 224138. Project in connection with the road in Apache Snow area.

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## 14. DIVISION SURGEON

## a. Personnel:

- (1) Division Surgeon: CAPT J. M. SANDERLIN MC USN
- (2) Medical Administrative Officer: CDR W. B. MC DUFFIE  
MSC USN
- (3) Navy Personnel (less Dental):

	<u>On Board</u>	<u>Joined</u>	<u>Detached</u>
Line (NGF) Officers	13	0	1
JAG Officers	1	0	0
CHC Officers	27	1	6
MC Officers	70	3	3
MSC Officers	13	1	1
NC Officers	0	0	0
*HC Enlisted	949	39	108
*HC Enlisted WIA:	31		
*HC Enlisted KIA	2		
*HC Enlisted Killed Non-Hostile	0		

## b. Disease and Preventive Medicine:

(1) There were a total of 547 cases of malaria in the Division during the month of May with a malaria incidence rate of 25.3/1000/month or 303.6/1000/year.

(2) A total of 89 cases of venereal diseases were reported by the medical sections for a total incidence rate of 4.1/1000/month or 49.2/1000/year. Breakdown revealed 83 cases of Gonorrhea, 1 case of Chancroid, 5 cases of Syphilis, and 0 cases of Lymphogranuloma Venereum.

(3) There were 40 cases of animal bites reported to the 3d Medical Battalion; 24 dog bites and 16 rat bites.

(4) 1 case of immersion foot was seen by 3d Medical Battalion.

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15. DIVISION DENTAL1. Command Relations

The Commanding Officer, 3d Dental Company, is assigned additional duty as Division Dental Officer on the Special Staff, Commanding General, 3d Marine Division. Direct liaison is effected with Army (1st of the 5th Mechanized) and Navy (Task Force Clearwater) units operating in the TAOR. Liaison concerning dental matters in connection with civic action and pacification operations is effected with Government of Vietnam and CORDS personnel through the G-5 section, 3d Marine Division.

2. Missions Assigned

The Division Dental Officer is responsible for the dental health of all Marine and Navy personnel assigned to the Division and is responsible for providing dental support to Marine, Navy, and Army cordon and search pacification operations and combined action group operations.

3. Civic Action

Regular support is afforded the elements of Combined Action Group Four operating in the TAOR. Regional and Popular Force troops and their families as well as Vietnamese villagers and attached Marines are afforded dental care in the field. Individual dental officers at various locations accompany separate company and battalion MEDCAP operations on an on-call basis.

MONTHLY TOTALS - CIVIC ACTION TREATMENTS

Total Procedures	1308
Total Patients Treated	478

4. Personnel

Joined during the month	4
Dropped during the month	10
Total Strength as of 31 May	75

5. Other

(a) The second reinforced bunker at Vandegrift Combat Base was completed during the month, there are now a total of 3 dental officers and 3 dental technicians available for support of the forward maneuver battalions.

(b) The prosthetics facility at Dong Ha Combat Base was deactivated and all prosthetic functions were consolidated at a new facility at the Quang Tri CP area.

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(c) The two dental vans at Battalion Rear's area, Quang Tri Combat Base, were deactivated due to loss of electrical power support.

(d) The Division Dental Officer made trips during the month to facilities at Quang Tri, Dong Ha, Vandegrift Combat Bases and Cua Viet. He also attended the Force Dental Officer, III MAF, commander's conference at Da Nang during the month.

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16. COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

## SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Command Post Communications

a. Continued radio relay shots from Quang Tri Combat Base (QTCB) to Vandegrift Combat Base (VCB) and from Dong Ha Combat Base (DHCB) to VCB, these shots serve 3d Marine Division Forward (DHCB) and Rear (QTCB) to Task Force Hotel, 3d Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Regiment and 9th Marine Regiment at VCB.

b. Deactivated AN/PRC-27 radio relay shot DHCB to Cam Lo.

c. Deactivated AN/MRC-62 radio relay shot from Signal Hill to LZ Whisman.

d. Activated AN/MRC-62 radio relay from Signal Hill to LZ Razor on 9 May 1969, deactivated on 30 May 1969.

e. Activated AN/VCC-2 multichannel radio from Signal Hill to LZ Razor on 12 May 1969, deactivated on 25 May 1969.

f. Deactivated AN/PRC-27 radio relay shot from DHCB to Con Thien.

2. New Equipment

a. AN/PRC-88 operation for the month of May showed a lack of training in communication security. Commanders have been directed to train all personnel in correct procedure and communication security.

b. AN/PRC-77 continues on admin deadline until repair parts become available.

c. One AN/TPQ-31 was issued to 12th Marines Counter Mortar Radar Platoon due to a change in Table of Equipment.

d. Distribution of SB-22 FY-69 R&E items was completed in the month of May. Units were directed to turn in evacuation items to FLSG-B. SB-86 R&E items have not been received.

3. Functional Areas

a. Communication Center continued high capacity operations by handling 62,178 messages during the month of May. Air conditioning problems have been alleviated with the acquisition of four 15,000 BTU replacement air conditioners. The personnel shortage has been reduced by the augmentation of 10 comm center men from 7th Communication Battalion. Cleanliness and shortage of spare parts for teletype,

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cryptographic equipment and test equipment continue to impair the Communication Center's overall efficiency.

b. Radio Relay Links in Operation

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| (1) AN/MRC-62 | 4 links |
| (2) AN/TRC-27 | 3 links |
| (3) AN/TRC-97 | 3 links |

c. Wire

(1) Continued maintenance of multi-pair cable at Dong Ha and Vandegrift Combat Base.

(2) Seven multi-pair cables were damaged either by brush fires or construction machinery.

(3) Installed a fifty pair underground cable from 108th Artillery Group to AN/TIC-28 Dial Telephone Exchange.

(4) Installed inter-communications system for Division Chief of Staff and Assistant Chiefs of Staff.

(5) Cable Survey Team conducted survey for new cable between Dong Ha and Quang Tri Combat Bases.

d. AUTOSEVOCOM (SECORD 80) handled 250 calls during the month of May.

e. Facilities Control Center. The data processing program on circuit designator termination, outages and history was completed. This allows personnel to keep accurate data on circuit downtime and reasons for the outage.

4. Maintenance The following Units were inspected:

3d Motor Transport Battalion  
 3d Medical Battalion  
 11th Engineering Battalion  
 9th Motor Transport Battalion (Courtesy)  
 2nd Battalion, 12th Marines (Courtesy)

5. Admin

a. Division Order PO2000.2G Change 7, changes of call signs, frequencies and "M" designators was printed and distributed to the Division.

b. Work continues on rewriting/updating of the Division Communication Standing Operating Procedures (COMSOP).

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d. Admin Order to Operation CADD0 CREAM was prepared and promulgated.

e. Division Order 2000.6B Change 2; Communications--Electronics Maintenance Status Report was prepared, printed and distributed to the Division.

6. Staff Visits

a. Attended monthly I Corps Communication Conference at III IAF.

b. Attended cable coordinating conference for Northern I Corps at XXIV Corps.

c. Staff visits to 588th Signal Company at Quang Tri.

d. Received visits from 1st Marine Air Wing, Force Logistics Command, III Marine Amphibious Force, and XXIV Corps.

e. Visits and liaison to subordinate units were also accomplished.

f. Eight (6) staff visits to TMI

7. Generator down status continues to impair this Division's ability to maintain a mobile posture.

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17. G-5 (Civil Affairs)1. Division Civic Action Activitiesa. Medical Treatment

(1) A total of 19,121 Vietnamese civilians were treated by 3d Marine Division units at 152 MedCap/DentCaps during May 1969 to include 2,424 that received treatment at the 3d Marine Division Memorial Children's Hospital (Dong Ha Facility).

(2) A total of 34 adults and children were evacuated to medical facilities.

(3) A total of 390 immunizations were given for plague, 123 for cholera, and 33 were treated for VD.

(4) A total of 70 nurses received training at unit MedCaps and at the Dong Ha Children's Hospital.

b. Educational Efforts

(1) A total of 1,329 people attended 66 English classes.

(2) In addition 35 people attended vocational training classes.

c. Distribution of Commodities During May over 235 tons of supplies were issued by G-5 to 3d Marine Division units for distribution in civic action projects. This total included 450,000 pounds of cement, 5,000 pounds of lumber, 2,600 pounds of rebar and 27,000 pounds of rice. In addition, some 160 cases of instant breakfast, 2,700 school kits, 17 civic action kits, 17 cases of soap, 54 cases of medical supplies, 2 rice threshers, 1,500 tooth brushes, and 210 sheets of tin were distributed.

d. Civic Action Projects

(1) On 20 May, the Venerable Thich Chanh Truc was a guest of the Commanding General, 3d Marine Division at lunch. Thich Chanh Truc is the Chief Buddhist leader in Quang Tri Province.

(2) On 29 May, the Commanding General, 3d Marine Division hosted the Province and District Officials and their American counterparts to an "End of Harvest" luncheon. Entertainment was provided by Father Co and his refugee children of Cam Lo.

(3) During May 525,200 \$VN PWMAF AIK Funds were spent by 3d Marine Division Units.



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(4) During May, G-5 initiated, continued construction or completed the following projects:

(a) Initiated. Cam Vu Resettlement School, Cam Vu Resettlement Dispensary, (Cam Lo District), Bru School (Cam Lo District), LCU Ramp School Repairs (Dong Ha District).

(b) Continued. Bo De High School addition (Quang Tri City), Maternity Dispensary (Huong Hua District), Ha Thanh Bus Station (Gio Linh District), Quang Tri Province Hospital addition (Quang Tri City), Cua Viet School (Gio Linh District), Dai Nhat Dispensary (Mai Linh District), Bo Ba-Le Xuyen Resettlement Project, 15 Buddhist projects, (Mai Linh District), Nhan Bieu Dispensary, (Mai Linh District).

(c) On Going. Moc Bai Pig Co-op (Dong Ha District), Chieu Hoi Village vegetable project (Trieu Phong District), 4 T Program (Province wide), Ha Thanh vegetable project (Gio Linh District), and the 4th CAG Civic Action Program.

(d) Completed. Cam Lo Dispensary (Cam Lo District), Ngan Bieu Road (Mai Linh District), Ai Tu Pagoda, Tom Tham Catholic High School cement project, Bo De School, (Cam Lo District).

## 2. Personal Response

a. The 27th Division Personal Response Instructor's Training Course convened on 26-27 May 1969. With 28 Officers and SNCOs in attendance. The Commanding General gave the opening remarks and the III MAF Personal Response Officer was the guest lecturer.

## 3. Psychological Operations

1. During the month of May the Psychological Operations objectives were:

- a. Support Chieu Hoi Program.
- b. Lower NVA/VC morale.
- c. Exploit NVA/VC battlefield losses.
- d. Reduce mining and booby trap incidents.
- e. Induce reporting of VC activity.
- f. Discredit NVA/VC.
- g. Instill good health habits in the people.
- h. Encourage support of the GVN.
- i. Support the rewards program.

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2. Psychological Operations supported all named operations and regimental TAOR'S.

3. The following leaflets by type were delivered by aerial leaflet drop:

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF LEAFLETS</u>
a. Chieu Hoi	10,743,000
b. NVA	12,419,000
c. Rewards	2,839,000
d. PRO-GVN	5,458,000
e. Others	7,499,000

4. There were 56 hours and 5 minutes of aerial broadcasts covering the same basic themes in the same general areas as the leaflet drops.

5. There were 173 hours and 15 minutes of ground broadcasts in support of the 4th Marines and 9th Marines in Quang Tri Province. General themes were: Current events, Chieu Hoi, Rewards, Support GVN, and Vietnamese music.

6. There were 39 movies shown for 48 hours. Themes used were: Cartoons, New Life for Our Hamlet, Drama #1, 4, and 8, Health spots, Peter and the Wolf, The Wound, Vietnam, Magic Feather, Prowlers of the Everglades.

7. There were 46,300 leaflets, posters, and Free South Newspapers distributed in Quang Tri Province.

8. Eighteen VC/NVA rallied through the Chieu Hoi Program in Quang Tri Province.

9. This month ground broadcast teams have been on five operations with 4th Marines and 9th Marines.

10. The NVA campaign was supported with NVA oriented leaflet drops throughout Quang Tri Province. In addition, Rally and Surrender Appeals were dropped on NVA locations and infiltration routes.

11. The Quang Tri Armed Propaganda Teams were deployed throughout the 3d Marine Division AO with 4th CAG and 2nd ARVN's units. The APT's were being used to conduct face to face propaganda, identify VC, gather intelligence information and security for Quang Tri City.

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18. PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION1. Personnel Administration

a. During the month of May 1969, 126 officers and 1888 enlisted personnel joined the Division. Personnel transferred by normal rotation included 88 officers and 1296 enlisted. Personnel transferred by service records due to MedEvacs were six officers and 598 enlisted. Other personnel transferred by service records include one officer and 25 enlisted.

b. Awards. Award recommendations submitted to FMFPac: one Medal of Honor, six Navy Cross Medals, 75 Silver Star Medals, five Legion of Merit Medals, eight Distinguished Flying Crosses, one Navy and Marine Corps Medal, 212 Bronze Star Medals, 35 Air Medals, 186 Navy Commendation Medals, 444 Navy Achievement Medals. The following awards were returned from FMFPac approved: six Silver Star Medals, 21 Bronze Star Medals, two Air Medals, 44 Navy Commendation Medals, 74 Navy Achievement Medals. Additionally 494 Purple Heart Medals were issued.

c. Casualty. Casualties sustained during the month included: 491 WIA, 70 KIA, six DOW, 27 NHD, 250 NHI and one MIA.

d. Congressional Interest. During the month, 168 cases were received, 155 cases completed, 53 cases pending and 16 cases readdressed to other commands.

e. Welfare Reports. Sixty welfare reports were received, 36 completed, 23 readdressed to other commands, and four are pending.

f. Discharges. During the month, seven Hardship Discharges were approved, one Hardship Discharge was forwarded to CMC for decision.

g. Administrative Assistance Team

(1) Approximately 80 hours of administrative assistance was rendered to various units within the Division.

(2) The following units were inspected (G-1 portion of CG Inspection) regarding personnel accounting and management and administrative matters:

3d Medical Battalion  
3d Engineer Battalion  
3d Motor Transport Battalion  
11th Engineer Battalion

(3) In addition to regular office work and conducting the G-1 portion of the CG Inspections, this Headquarters rendered courtesy inspections to the following commands:

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Headquarters Battalion  
 3d Engineer Battalion  
 2d Battalion, 9th Marines  
 3d Tank Battalion  
 3d Battalion, 3d Marines  
 9th Motor Transport Battalion  
 3d Battalion, 12th Marines  
 3d Shore Party Battalion  
 2d Battalion, 4th Marines  
 4th Battalion, 12th Marines

h. Reproduction. During the month of May, the Reproduction Section received 585 job requests totaling 1,038,297 printed copies. During the same period the Reproduction Sub-Section at Dong Ha received 198 job requests totaling 443,122 printed copies. All vehicles and equipment are in operational order. Three of the five air-conditioners are in Code H status.

i. Industrial Relations

- (1) Eleven LNC's were employed at the Children's Hospital site.
- (2) On 6 May, 11 masons were hired to work for G-5.
- (3) Five LNC's went to work at Quang Tri Combat Base.
- (4) 60,000 sandbags were filled during the month.

j. Administration. Thirty-two requests for early release for college were received, 20 approved, 10 returned for resubmission and two were disapproved. There were a total of 34 officer promotions and 44 enlisted promotions forwarded to units of the Division. A total of 24 Division Directives and one Sub-Zone Coordinator Directive were published.

2. Exchange Service

a. Operations

- (1) Sales for the month of May - \$814,830.02
- (2) Inventory as of 30 May - \$522,028.09

b. Significant Events

- (1) A new exchange opened at the R&R center at Cua Viet.
- (2) A total of 568 pallets of soda and 100 pallets of general merchandise has been received from Danang.
- (3) The quarterly exchange inventory was completed with an overall variance of \$9,329.98.

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(4) A storeroom was added to the Sub Unit #2 Exchange.

(5) A walk-in reefer was installed at the Quang Tri Main Exchange Porta-Kamp.

### 3. Informational Services

a. The Informational Services Office continued its coverage of the Division's activities. During the month of May 1,555 written Fleet Home Town News releases were forwarded to the Fleet Home Town News Center, Great Lakes, Illinois. In addition, a total of 46 news and feature articles supported by 12 photographs and two photo caption releases were forwarded to CIB, III MAF for release and further dissemination.

b. The ISO's Radio/TV section produced and forwarded to Headquarters Marine Corps 14 tape recorded radio features. In addition, the Radio section also produced 160 tape recorded interviews for the Fleet Home Town News Center. The Radio section also produced three spot announcements each on the 3d Marine Division Memorial Childrens' Hospital and the 3d Marine Division Association Membership Drive for the Quang Tri AFVN network.

c. Work is continuing on the next edition of the 3d Marine Division magazine.

d. Informational Services personnel provided support (briefings, escorts, transportation and billeting) to 10 civilian news media representatives who visited the 3d Marine Division TAOR during the month of May.

### 4. Special Services

a. On 6 May, the "A-Stones" musical entertainment group performed for about 700 troops of 1st Battalion, 4th Marines at the Qua Viet Recreation Center.

b. On 7 May, the Danang Red Cross girls visited the Battalion rears of 3d Marines and 5th Inf (Mech).

c. On 13-15 May, Red Cross girls visited the following units: Headquarters Battalion; 9th and 12th Marines; 3d Shore Party Battalion; 3d Medical Battalion; 11th Engineer Battalion; Sub Unit #2; and the 75th Support Company.

d. On 20-22 May, the Red Cross girls visited the following units: Task Force Hotel, Red Devil, 3d Medical Battalion, and Marine Air Group-39.

e. On 18 May, Mary Margaret and "The Martells" performed for 1,800 troops at Dong Ha, Quang Tri and Red Devil.

f. On 27-29 May, the Red Cross girls visited the following units: 1st/5th Inf (Mech); 3d Battalion, 12th Marines; Headquarters, 9th Marines;

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3d Medical Battalion and Marine Air Group-39.

g. On 24 May, a USO sponsored handshake tour, featuring Ricardo Montalban, visited with troops in the following area: 3d Medical Battalion, Con Thien, Vandegrift Combat Base, Cua Viet Recreation Center and 4th CAG.

h. On 31 May a USO Tour headed by the comedy team of Varno and Evans toured the Northern "I" Corps area. The show performed for troops at Cua Viet Recreation Center and Vandegrift Combat Base.

i. During the month of May, the following items, among many others (athletic equipment), were issued to Division Personnel:

- (1) 6,900 Writing kits
- (2) 5,400 Paperback books
- (3) 24 Criti-Paks
- (4) 23 Game kits

j. During the past month 1,837 cases of soda and 1,823 cases of beer were issued to Division personnel under the "Free Beer and Soda" Program.

k. Movie attendance during the reporting period totaled 2,228 at the Quang Tri Amphitheater.

l. 1,381 pre-recorded audio tapes were ordered during the month of May.

m. During the month of May 50 College (CCT-CE) tests and 224 High School (GED) test were administered to troops of the following units: 3d Battalion, 4th Marines; 5th 175 Gun Battery; 4th Battalion, 12th Marines; Headquarters 12th Marines; 3d Engineer Battalion; 3d Motor Transport Battalion; 11th Engineer Battalion; and 1st Battalion, 12th Marines.

n. The May Traffic Report from the Quang Tri MARS Station is as follows: Msg Orig-163, Msg Sent-169, Msg Recd-123, P/P Completed routine-487, P/P Pri-15, DA/By-153.

o. The Dong Ha MARS Station reported the following traffic for the month of May: Msg Orig-144, Msg sent-1,294, Msg Recd-1,385, P/P Orig-1,605, P/P Recd-4, P/P Pri-14, P/P Hosp-0.

p. Construction of Recreation Huts, one each at Cam Lo and 1st 8" Howitzer Battery have been completed.

q. During May, one baseball field, two basketball courts, and two handball courts were completed at Quang Tri Combat Base.

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r. The Basketball Tournament came to a close on 31 May 1969.

5. Division Band. During the month of May, the Division Band performed in 28 separate engagements which included awards presentations, changes of command ceremonies, dedications, memorial services, troop concerts, serenades for VIPs, an honor guard, a "Hell Cat" reveille, and play offs for departing members of the 3d Marine Division. The band also provided a modern combo to various units. In addition, the band played morning colors at Quang Tri Combat Base.

#### 6. Division Postal

a. The following figures represent poundage of U. S. Mail received and dispatched during the month of May.

<u>AREA</u>	<u>RECEIVED</u>	<u>DISPATCHED</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Quang Tri/Dong Ha	501,486	167,164	668,650

b. The main post office and dispatch section remain at Quang Tri, with postal dispatch and receiving office at Dong Ha Combat Base. Eight unit post offices and six mobile money order unit post offices continue to furnish all phases of postal service to the 3d Marine Division.

#### 7. Provost Marshal

a. Traffic violations totaled 176 for the period as compared with 165 for the previous period. There were five traffic accidents recorded, one of which resulted in a Vietnamese fatality. A two unit patrol is effective daily during hours of daylight between Dong Ha and Khe Gio Bridge.

b. A total of 29 Class I offenses and 263 Class II offenses were committed during the period. Six investigations were carried over from the previous period and 76 new cases were opened. Thirty cases were completed and a balance of 42 cases are carried over into the new period.

c. This unit continues to furnish a ready reaction force for Sector "C" of the Quang Tri Combat Base perimeter. During the hours of daylight, this unit furnishes security at five gate posts within Quang Tri Combat Base. Security is further provided on the gates to Dong Ha Combat Base. During hours of darkness, three posts are manned on the quarters of the Commanding General and the Assistant Division Commander.

#### 8. Career Planner

a. During the month of May 1969 a total of 19 Career Planning Reporting Units (Battalion/Battery) were visited at least once.

b. The Career Planning Section conducted three inspections during the month of May 1969 as part of the Division Administrative Inspection Team.

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c. The Career Planning Section opened a new Career Planning Office (Forward) at Vandegrift Combat Base on 25 May 1969.

d. On 17 May 1969 the Career Planning Section held a Career Planning Conference at Quang Tri Combat Base.

e. The following reenlistment results were obtained during the month of May 1969.

<u>First Term</u>	<u>Career</u>	<u>Total</u>
33.3%	95.5%	57.2%

9. Staff Judge Advocate. During the month of May, the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate reviewed 38 special courts-martial and 17 summary courts-martial. Four Judge Advocates were assigned as counsel for respondents at Administrative Discharge Boards; 186 for special courts-martial; two to act as Government and defense counsel, one as trial counsel, and one as president of each court. The Legal Assistance Officer handled 178 cases and four battalions were inspected. The Division Judicial Activity received 93 cases and of these, 12 were tried and 12 otherwise disposed of.

#### 10 Chaplain Information

a. The month of May ended with a total of 26 chaplains attached to the 3d Marine Division. Of these, 17 are Protestant and nine are Catholic.

b. The chaplains of the 3d Marine Division conducted 265 Sunday worship services with an attendance of 6,312 during May. Weekly worship services number 284 with a total attendance of 6,121. Included in the above figures are 310 communion services with 2,876 communicants.

c. Memorial services conducted were 44. The total attendance was 3,331.

d. There were 31 worship services conducted during May by Lay Leaders within the Division with a total attendance of 2,831.

e. There were eight Bible classes held with a total attendance of 70.

f. During May, the listed chaplains of the 3d Marine Division participated in the following tactical operations:

(1) VIRGINIA RIDGE - Chaplains AWES, DOLAGHAN, LABOON, SLATTERY, VAN TASSEL.

(2) PURPLE MARTIN - Chaplains ALLRED, CARR, CRIST, DOERMANN, SOSTRICH, WHITAKER.

(3) HERKIMER MOUNTAIN - Chaplains ALLRED, CARR, CRIST, SOSTRICH, SPENCER, WHITAKER.



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(4) APACHE SNOW - Chaplains BROCK, DOERMANN, DRAKE, HUMMER, SHEA.

(5) CAMERON FALL - Chaplains BROCK, DRAKE, HUMMER, SPENCER.

g. The chaplains of the 3d Marine Division delivered 38 lectures with a total attendance of 1,915 Marines, including a number of lectures given by Headquarters Battalion Chaplain on the moral aspects of drug abuse, as a member of the Division Drug Abuse Presentation Team.

h. The Division Chaplain conducted four weekly chaplains' meetings at Quang Tri with a total attendance of 83.

i. On 6 May Chaplain (LTC) Raymond J. FOLEY, 1st Air Cavalry Division, was resource leader for professional enrichment at the Division Chaplains' meeting. Chaplain FOLEY, who has completed his residence work at the University of Chicago for a PHD degree in backgrounds of religion in Southeast Asia, presented a lecture on this subject. His enthusiasm and knowledge provided an interesting, informative learning opportunity.

j. On 24 May Captain T. D. PARHAM Jr., CHC, USN, Assistant to the Chief of Naval Personnel for Human Relations and Assistant to the Chief of Chaplains for Plans, paid an official visit to the 3d Marine Division area. He met with the Division Watch Committee and with a group of Division chaplains to discuss problems of human relations.

k. On 30 May two Memorial Day observances were held in 3d Marine Division, one at Dong Ha Combat Base and one at Quang Tri Combat Base. The Commanding General, Major General William K. JONES, USMC, spoke at both. The Division band played and a total of nine chaplains participated.

#### 1. Civic Action

(1) The Division chaplains participated in eight MEDCAPS.

(2) One chaplain conducted four hours of English language classes for Vietnamese students.

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19. TRAINING

1. Formal Schools. Division units utilized formal schools as indicated during the period to supplement on-the-job training and locally conducted training as follows:

<u>a. In-Country Schools</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
RPS Custodian	7	
Basic Supply Accounting	3	24
Motion Picture Projectionist		14
Vietnamese Language		8
Recondo		12
Scout Sniper		18
Cable Splicing		5
SNCO Leadership		42
Land Mine & Boobytraps		73
NCO School QTCB		27
G-2 Air/Orientation	1	2
 <u>b. Out-of-Country Schools</u>		
COM/SEC Crypto		5
Basic Infantry Wps Repair		12
NCO Leadership		15
Basic Ammo Tech		10
Scuba		8
Spl Scuba	2	
Embarkation		20
Career Planning		10
AO Ejection Seat	1	
Fixed Plant Teletype		1

2. Informal Schools. On the job training and contact team instruction continued to be the primary means of accomplishing technical training within the Division. The M-16 contact team presented 19 hours of instruction to 184 division personnel. The Reciprocal Mobile Training Team presented 13 hours of instruction to ARVN & PF Units. Subjects covered were 50 cal and light machine guns and mortars. The NBC Contact team instructed 32 Division personnel on the operation of radior instruments.

3. Kit Carson Scout School. The Division conducts a formal school to train Chieu Hois as Kit Carson Scouts. During this reporting period 13 scouts were graduated and assigned to Division units.

4. Division Drug Abuse Team. The Drug Abuse Presentation team provided instruction for 1170 Division personnel during the month of May. All instruction was conducted at either Quang Tri Combat Base or Dong Ha Combat Base.

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5. Officer Orientation Course. The Division initiated an Officer Orientation Course on 26 May 1969. The course is of one day duration and will be conducted every Monday & Thursday to train all officers joining the 3d Division from CONUS. Subjects covered include enemy OOB, friendly situation, enemy tactical trends, FSB construction, and defensive installations.

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Commanding General	BGen R. B. CARNEY	1-31 May
Acting Commanding General	MajGen C. B. DRAKE	21-22 May
Acting Commanding General	BGen R. FULLER	23-31 May
Chief of Staff	Col R. D. SLAY	1-31 May
Asst Chief of Staff, G-1	Capt W. K. HOYT	1-31 May
Asst Chief of Staff, G-2	Capt R. B. MACKENZIE	1-31 May
Asst Chief of Staff, G-3	LtCol G. W. SMITH	1-31 May
Asst Chief of Staff, G-4	Maj D. C. BICKEL	1-31 May
Air Section-Rotor	Maj A. D. DAVIS	1-31 May
Fixed Wing	Maj C. D. DICKEY	1-22 May
	Maj W. S. PERRY	23-31 May
FSOC	Maj C. E. STEVENS	1-31 May
CEO	Maj M. E. PULLIN	1-31 May
TFH Chaplain	Cmdr N. W. HUBBLE (USN)	1-31 May
Hdqtrs Commandant	Capt J. L. SEAW	1-31 May

Location Task Force Hotel: Vandegrift Combat Base 1-31 May

Average Monthly Strength:

USMC		USN	
Off	Enl	Off	Enl
26	130	1	0

**B. TASK FORCE OPERATING PROCEDURE**

Task Force Hotel is organized with a light operating command headquarters to include the G-1, G-2, G-3, G-4, FSOC, Air Liaison Section, Communications Officer and a DASC in direct support. The staff sections are organized, equipped and manned to provide an optimum of operational capability and an extremely limited administrative and planning capability.

The capability of Task Force Hotel to perform its mission is greatly enhanced by the central location of Vandegrift Combat Base and its facilities which include a Logistical Support Area (LSA), supply dumps, helo refueling points, helicopter gunship rearming point, Schilt Air Field, Infantry Battalion billeting areas and Regimental Command Posts.

A liaison section from the 3d Reconnaissance Battalion and Special Forces assist its total capability.

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C. MISSION OF TASK FORCE HOTEL

Task Force Hotel's mission is to conduct search and destroy operations throughout area of operations to find, fix and destroy the enemy, his positions, supplies and materials. To defend certain key terrain and to secure Route 9 are also phases of Task Force Hotel's mission.

Headquarters, Task Force Hotel, is organized to accomplish a given mission and to react to immediate tactical and logistical requirements of operationally controlled units on a day to day basis without the administrative and planning assets, personnel and equipment organic to a Division or Regimental Headquarters element.

D. INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

## 1. GENERAL

Enemy activity remained at a low level during the first half of May and then increased noticeably toward the end of the month. Units of Task Force Hotel killed 154 NVA and captured one POW and 21 detainees. The detainees were all Montagnards who turned themselves in to the 9th Marines for further transportation to Mai Loc.

## 2. NORTH

In the north along the DMZ, enemy forces probably subordinate to the 246th Regiment continued attempts to pre-stage supplies in cache sites south of the DMZ in anticipation of suspected combat actions to be initiated during June. The attempts appeared to be centered about the historic infiltration routes tributary north and south to the upper Cam Lo River and leading through the thin line of 4th Marine elements holding the southern trace of the DMZ. As the 4th Marines pulled away from the southern trace out of 82mm mortar range, infiltration appeared to increase and there seemed to be an increase in the amounts of supplies and ammunition being man-packed south. Fires directed at known and suspected storage sites resulted in secondary explosions lasting for fifteen minutes at (XD908677) and (XD900673). Nine secondary explosions resulted from artillery fire delivered at (XD928622) and (XD969616).

B/1/4 made contact with NVA elements on four occasions, each time with ten to twenty-five enemy. The contacts were generally along the south bank of the upper Cam Lo River as it passes from suspected storage and assembly areas in its upper reaches through flood-cut lowlands north of FSB RUSSELL. Fifteen or more enemy were sighted or contacted by reconnaissance teams on five different occasions in attempting to close gaps in the lines occasioned by the regimental R&R cycle which put one battalion along the DMZ in place of the three which had been there in April.

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An increase in fire incidents was noted, most of the hits on aircraft being recorded toward the southern trace of the DMZ. VCB sustained its first relatively long stretch of incoming fires as it took 82mm mortar, 107mm rockets or 122mm rockets on 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 22, 24, 25, and 26 May.

### 3. WEST

In the west along the Laotian border, sensor strings, aerial photography, aerial observer and reconnaissance reports since mid-May provided indications of the movement of substantial forces up to regimental size into and through the Khe Sanh plateau via Routes 9, 926 and 925. Subsequent ground contacts by reconnaissance teams and elements of the 9th Marines operating off FSB SHEPHERD showed the enemy force to consist of elements of at least one battalion of the 57th Regiment, 304th Division.

The Khe Sanh plateau was utilized as the most direct route out of country for enemy forces committed further toward VCB, and was used as a supply, resupply, reinforcement and casualty evacuation route. According to one POW picked up by M/3/9 on 30 May, the mission of the NVA forces was to secure Route 9 for the future use of those forces in entering country.

### 4. SOUTH

In the south, the two battalions of the 9th Marines engaged in Operation Apache Snow made little contact with organized NVA units and found only a few caches of enemy supplies. A notable success was the use of a Bru Chieu Hoi in guiding 2/9 elements to what had been NVA positions, and in broadcasting from FSB Razor via PayOps aircraft in attempts to get other Bru from the hills into the 9th Marines positions.

### 5. RETROSPECT

The most serious problem which confronted the intelligence section of Task Force Hotel was the appropriate and continuing reconnaissance screen in two assigned recon zones: west of Khe Sanh, and east of FSB Henderson. The concept of employment of reconnaissance teams in our AO was changed when we issued the following mission to each team:

- a. Find a good observation post.
- b. Get on it and stay on it, observing in assigned directions.
- c. Make timely reports concerning sightings.
- d. Avoid contact with enemy forces, except in emergencies involving self-defense.

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e. Except where otherwise directed, observe only.  
Call no fires on discovered enemy movement.

Some recon zones were expanded to include, for ease of fire coordination, recon zones within the fire fan of supporting artillery located at FSB Neville and FSB Shepherd. The small, four-kilometer boxes were retained for those teams beyond the fire fan on observations only.

Close coordination attempts with 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion never did achieve the desired result of keeping a minimum of ten teams in our two recon zones at all times, and the teams still had a tendency to initiate contact with enemy forces. Toward the end of the month, it appeared as though we were becoming more fortunate in our results, and rather successful patrol reports were submitted relative to vehicle and personnel movement through the Khe Sanh Plateau.

Recon teams in support of Operation Apache Snow at first experienced the same problems, but a Recon Battalion Company Commander assigned with the 9th Marines CP on FSB Razor managed his teams until, during the latter part of the operation, there was a particularly effective use of and control of reconnaissance teams on the flanks of the 9th Marines.

## 6. LIAISON

Liaison with the 553rd Recon Wing, Korat, Thailand, continued until the end of the month, when it was thought more logical for the Liaison NCO to be stationed at 3d MarDiv HQ, since all sensor information and control was at that location.

Liaison with US Special Forces continued and recon team insertions near our AO were directed as a result of requirements generated locally.

## 7. INTELLIGENCE HANDOUT

A trial effort was introduced during May to provide better support to the battalions and batteries subordinate to TFH. A daily compendium of all available intelligence was printed and distributed through a mail drop in the G-2 Section. Response from the battalions was so favorable that a more refined product was developed and the intelligence handout assumed a permanent status in the Task Force Hotel AO.

## E. OPERATIONS

### 1. PURPLE MARTIN

Date of Operation: 14 April 1969-8 May 1969

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## Major participating units:

4th Marines  
 1st Bn., 4th Marines  
 2d Bn., 4th Marines  
 3d Bn., 4th Marines  
 3d Bn., 12th Marines

Operation Purple Martin was terminated on 8 May 1969. It was conducted by the 4th Marines in the northwest sector of Task Force Hotel's AO, with the 1st Bn, 4th Marines re-activating FSB ARGONNE. Purple Martin was then extended to include the north central, Task Force Hotel AO including FSB NEVILLE and FSB RUSSELL with the mission of screening the southern edge of the DMZ.

## 2. MAINE CRAG

Date of Operation: 11 March 1969-2 May 1969

## Major participating units:

3d Marines (-) (Rein)  
 1st Bn., 3d Marines (Rein)  
 2d Bn., 3d Marines (Rein) (11 Mar-15 Apr 1969)  
 3d Bn., 3d Marines (15 Apr-2 May 1969)  
 1st Bn., 12th Marines

Operation Maine Crag was terminated on 2 May 1969. Maine Crag was conducted by the 3d Marines (-) (Rein) in the southwestern Task Force Hotel AO.

## 3. HERKIMER MOUNTAIN

Date of Operation: 9 May 1969-

## Major participating units:

4th Marines  
 1st Bn., 4th Marines  
 2d Bn., 4th Marines  
 3d Bn., 4th Marines  
 3d Bn., 12th Marines

Operation Herkimer Mountain commenced concurrently with the termination of Operation Purple Martin in the same area of operations, the north central portion of Task Force Hotel's AO, to include Vandegrift Combat Base, Elliott Combat Base, FSB CATES and Hills 691 and 950. Herkimer Mountain continued as a screening force along the DMZ. To date this operation has had light sporadic contact with small, squad size NVA elements.



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## 4. APACHE SNOW

Date of Operation: 10 May 1969-31 May 1969

Major participating units:

9th Marines  
 1st Bn., 9th Marines  
 2d Bn., 9th Marines  
 2d Bn., 12th Marines

Operation Apache Snow was conducted by the 9th Marines (-) (Rein) during the period 10 through 31 May 1969 in conjunction with elements of the 101st Airborne Division in the upper Da Krong and northern A Shau Valleys to block NVA forces from moving north.

Planning guidance and area of operations was provided by the 3d Marine Division with detailed planning being accomplished by the 9th Marines. Helicopter asset availability was a limiting factor in the initial build up, but were sufficient thereafter. Two Fire Support Bases, Erskine and Razor, were re-opened, with one battalion operating from each, one to the south and the other the the east.

Route 921 was searched from the southern to northeastern end and was cratered to provide evidence it was used again by the NVA.

## 5. CAMERON FALLS

Date of Operation: 29 May-

Major participating units:

9th Marines  
 2d Bn., 9th Marines  
 3d Bn., 9th Marines  
 2d Bn., 12th Marines

Operation Cameron Falls commenced on 29 May 1969 to search out and destroy enemy forces, equipment, supplies and materials. NVA forces were known to be in the area as a result of daily mortaring of Vandegrift Combat Base from an area south of Ca Lu. Intelligence indicated the presence of substantial NVA forces in the area, of up to two battalions in strength. The 9th Marines planned and executed the initial phase by re-activating FSB Shepherd and FSB Whisman.

The concept of operation called for one battalion moving east from FSB Shepherd and one battalion moving northeast from FSB Whisman with emphasis on the Dong-Cho (YD 017397) and the Da Krong River area.

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F. SUPPORTING ARMS

Task Force Hotel received supporting fires from various air and ground agencies. Each regiment was provided close and continuous artillery fire support by the direct support artillery battalion assigned that mission.

Direct artillery support was provided to the 9th Marines by the 2nd Bn, 12th Marines. The 4th Marines were supported by the 3d Bn, 12th Marines and the 3d Marines, by the 1st Bn, 12th Marines. In addition, general support fires were provided by the 12th Marine Regiment (Rein) and the 108th Artillery Group, using 155mm howitzers, 8" howitzers and 175mm guns. The direct support battalions and the general support artillery also provided support to Reconnaissance teams of the 3d Reconnaissance Battalion as required.

Air support was provided by elements of the 1st MAF and the 7th Air Force. Seven hundred and sixteen (716) aircraft, controlled by the Vandegrift DASC, expended 1,730.5 short tons of ordnance on close air support and direct air support missions. TPQ sorties were controlled by both the Vandegrift ASRT and the Dong Ha ASRT. These agencies controlled 245 aircraft which dropped 643.8 short tons of ordnance.

Six arc-light targets were hit during the month of May in support of Task Force Hotel.

G. LOGISTICS SUMMARY

During this reporting period Task Force Logistical Helicopter Resupply operations in support of the 3d Marines, 4th Marines, 9th Marines and 12th Marines were conducted from Quang Tri, Camp Evans (US Army) and Vandegrift Combat Base Logistic Support Area (LSA). The primary Task Force Hotel LSA located at Vandegrift Combat Base was destroyed on 9 April 1969 by an aircraft crashing into the LSA and the resultant fire. The helicopter landing pad at VCB was converted to a small and temporary LSA to stage and pick up company resupply packages. Utilization of the Quang Tri and Camp Evans LSA reduced the requirement for heavy external lifts from VCB and took maximum advantage of weather conditions while supporting three operations in widely separated geographical locations.

The 11th Engineer Battalion is presently constructing a new VCB LSA with an anticipated completion date of 4 June, 1969. At such time helicopter resupply operations for the 4th, 9th and 12th Marine Regiments will be shifted to VCB. Those organizations of the 3d Marine Division not under the operational control of this Headquarters will conduct resupply from Quang Tri LSA. Each LSA will maintain the capability to provide emergency resupply to all units, regardless of location.

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Provisional Marine Air Group 39, HMI 462, HMI 463 and 159th Assault Helicopter Battalion (US Army) assigned CH-46, CH-47, CH-53 and CH-54 aircraft in support of the logistic air operations. Also provided by these units were 642 aircraft, working for 2,164 flight hours, and carrying 3065 external lifts. The total monthly figures included 11,216,519 pounds of cargo and 5,414 passengers.

#### H. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Total operating time available	2,232
Total hours down	124+
Total operating time	2,108
Percentage up time	94+

2. The most significant problem is generators for AN/TRC-97's. This problem has been and is continuing to be documented by higher headquarters to HQMC.

3. During the period the Message Center handled the following volume of message traffic:

	<u>Out Going</u>	<u>Incoming</u>
Top Secret	1	34
Secret	41	592
Confidential	264	1670
Unclassified	<u>2</u>	<u>697</u>
	308	2993

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21. QUANG TRI BASE COORDINATOR

The Office of the Base Coordinator, Quang Tri Combat Base is organized into two principal sections; Base Facilities and Base Defense.

Base Facilities

Sub-Zone Coordinator Instruction 5400.1A w/Ch 1 outlines the over all responsibilities and duties of the Base Coordinator. The Base Coordinator acts as the central coordinating agent for construction and services for the general vicinity of Quang Tri Combat Base. The Base Coordinator possesses no assets. The primary functions of the Base Coordinator are siting of construction and consolidating and reviewing requirements, planning and assigning tasks to tenant units at Quang Tri Combat Base.

Base Defense

The Base Coordinator, Quang Tri Combat Base, as a direct subordinate Commander to the Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein) for Base Defense purposes, coordinates and controls the over all defense of Quang Tri Combat Base through the resources of tenant units. Quang Tri Combat Base conducts an area defense which is accomplished by a mutually supporting perimeter defense, a coordinated barrier plan, the employment of patrols and ambushes and the establishment of observation posts and listening posts forward of the perimeter. The base perimeter is organized into twelve mutually supporting sectors of defense. The twelve sectors are assigned to tenant units at Quang Tri Combat Base and are reinforced with personnel from other units located within Quang Tri Combat Base, with over all control under Base Coordinator, Quang Tri Combat Base. The perimeter is approximately 15,000 meters in circumference and consists of 147 bunkers and 17 towers. In addition, there are 9 bunkers and 1 tower which constitute the inner perimeter, which provides an additional security measure for 3d Marine Division (Rein) Headquarters (Rear).

The following task organization is currently in effect:

<u>SECTOR</u>	<u>RESPONSIBLE UNIT</u>	<u>REINFORCING UNIT</u>
A	HqBn, 3d MarDiv	588th Sig Co (6 men) 3d Recon Bn (3 men)
B	MAG 39	
C	Security Platoon HqCo, HqBn, 3d Mar Div	504th MP Bn (4 men) 3d MP Co (10 men)

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<u>SECTOR</u>	<u>RESPONSIBLE UNITS</u>	<u>REINFORCING UNITS</u>
D	26th Gen Sup Grp	14th Eng Bn (6 men) 571st Ord Co (3 men)
E	FLSG-B	7th MT Bn (21 men)
F	4th Mar Regt	
G	3d SP Bn	3d Eng Bn (10 men) 3d MT Bn (10 men)
H	9th Mar Regt	
I	4th Mar Regt	
J	1st Bde, 5th Inf Div (Mech)	
K	3d Tank Bn	
L	3d Bn, 12th Mar Regt	3d Mar Regt (30 men) 3d Med Bn (6 men)

Reaction Forces

Two mobile reaction forces complement the defense. Each reaction force is not less than 100 men in strength. They are provided by Service Company, Headquarters Battalion, 3d Marine Division (Rein) and 3d Engineer Battalion.

Security Platoon

The Security Platoon, Headquarters Company, Headquarters Battalion is on call 24 hours a day and is used in direct support of Quang Tri Combat Base. The platoon is augmented by several Kit Carson Scouts to assist in relations with Vietnamese while conducting operations throughout populated areas.

Fire Support

In direct support of Quang Tri Combat Base is Battery W, 3d Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, located at Quang Tri Combat Base (YD 3053). In general support are Battery A, 5th Battalion, 4th Artillery (YD 3348) and Batteries L and D, 4th Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment (YD 2159). Battery B, 1st Battalion, 44th Artillery provides four 40mm Self Propelled vehicles in direct support, and 1st Searchlight Battery, 12th Marine Regiment, provides four searchlight vehicles in direct support. During this reporting period the following number of artillery rounds were fired in support of operations conducted by Quang Tri Combat Base.

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<u>107mm:</u>	HE	1526	<u>155mm:</u>	HE	4060	<u>TOTAL:</u>	HE	5586
	ILL	80		ILL	156		ILL	236
	WP	5		WP	29		WP	24
				SMOKE	32		SMOKE	32

Communications

Combat Operations Center, Quang Tri Combat Base employs three methods of communications with friendly units. These are radio, radio relay, and wire. Radio control is maintained between Combat Operations Center and supporting units, patrols, and sectors of defense. At Quang Tri Combat Base, radio contact is maintained by using AN/PRC 25's and RT 246/VRC's. Additionally, Combat Operations Center has a secure voice capability, utilizing the KY-3 and KY-8. Radio relay is used to contact more distant stations. Wire communications is available to all sectors of defense at Quang Tri Combat Base, and supporting units in the Quang Tri/Dong Ha area. During the reporting period, Combat Operations Center, Quang Tri Combat Base received two new AN/PRC 25's. There were 63 messages sent and 134 received.

Scout Sniper Team

Quang Tri Combat Base, frequently uses the services of the Division Scout Sniper School which has at least one Scout Sniper Team on call.

Rifle Range

Quang Tri Combat Base exercises control over the Base Rifle Range, which accommodates firing of rifles, pistols, grenade launchers and machine guns. Firing of captured foreign weapons is prohibited. During the month of May approximately 1800 personnel fired on the rifle range.

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QUANG TRI COMBAT BASE  
SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. CONTACTS AND INCIDENTS

a. At 051300H May, a Vietnamese child informed the sentry at the Quang Tri Combat Base North Gate that he found seven 60mm mortar rounds in the vicinity of YD 298564. Rounds were destroyed by Explosive Ordnance Disposal personnel.

b. At 120045H May, 1st Brigade, 5th Infantry Division (Mech), received 3 rounds of enemy 60mm mortar fire resulting in 7 WIA (Minor) and 2 buildings slightly damaged. Counter mortar fire was conducted on grid YD 270545.

c. At 120100H May, MAG-39 received seven 122mm rockets resulting in the following damage:

- negative casualties
- 2 OV-10A's received moderate damage
- 1 OV-10A received light damage
- 2 CH46D's received extensive damage
- 5 CH46D's received light damage
- 2 permanent structures received heavy damage

Counter rocket fire was delivered immediately on YD 305505. Battery W, 3d Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment fired 318 rounds of 4.2 inch mortars and Battery A, 5th Battalion, 4th Artillery fired 351 rounds of 155mm artillery for a total of 669 rounds.

d. At 192335H May, MAG 39 received 2 rounds of 82mm mortars. One round landed in the river, vicinity YD 319554. The second round landed in front of the line shack of HMM 161 resulting in the following damage:

- 1 CH46D received slight damage
- 1 NC-5 vehicle received a flat tire
- 1 3M van received several holes from fragments
- 1 WIA (Minor)

e. At 192345H May, 1st Brigade, 5th Infantry Division (Mech) received 10 rounds of enemy 60mm mortar fire from the West, vicinity YD 294554. The rounds impacted within Camp Red Devil's perimeter resulting in 5 WIA (minor) and 2 WIA (E). Counter mortar fire was conducted which included 60 rounds of 4.2 inch mortar and 54 rounds of 155mm artillery.

f. At 202315H May, Base Defense Sector L reported receiving 6 rounds of small arms fire from 5 enemy. Base Defense returned fire with M-16 rifles,

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and M-79 grenade launchers and conducted 4.2 inch mortar missions on suspected enemy withdrawal routes.

g. At 251400H May, a combat patrol from 3d Tank Battalion discovered a freshly dug mortar pit at YD 291561. The mortar site was destroyed. Quang Tri Sector and 4th Combined Action Group were informed of its location.

h. At 311100H May, a combat patrol from the Security Platoon discovered a 105mm artillery round rigged as a surprise firing device. The round was destroyed by Explosive Ordnance Disposal personnel.

## 2. BASE DEFENSE IMPROVEMENTS

### a. Perimeter Improvements:

#### Sector

##### A

1. Tanglefoot wire was constructed around all bunkers.
2. Claymore mines were positioned (2 per bunker).
3. Improvements were made on the North Gate.
4. Bunkers were reinforced with new sand bags.
5. Concertina wire was laid around the LSU Ramp.

##### B

1. Tanglefoot wire was constructed around all bunkers.
2. Concertina wire was laid around the water point.
3. Bunkers were reinforced with new sand bags.
4. Tall grass was burned off in front of the perimeter.

##### C

1. Eight bunkers were reinforced with new sand bags.
2. Tanglefoot wire was constructed around all bunkers.
3. Small arms bunkers were built for each fighting bunker.
4. Additional wire was laid at the South Gate and the sentry bunker was reinforced with new sand bags.
5. Construction was started on a new South Gate.
6. Fighting holes were constructed between each bunker.



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| D | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Tanglefoot wire was constructed around all but four bunkers.</li> <li>2. Seven bunkers were reinforced with new sand bags.</li> <li>3. Grass in the wire was burned off.</li> <li>4. Permanent positions for claymore mines were constructed.</li> <li>5. Flame mines were positioned.</li> </ol>  |
| E | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Tanglefoot wire was constructed around all bunkers.</li> <li>2. Additional concertina wire was laid.</li> <li>3. Numerous trip flares were positioned.</li> </ol>  |
| F | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Concertina wire was laid around all bunkers.</li> <li>2. Tanglefoot was constructed around all bunkers.</li> <li>3. Numerous trip flares were positioned.</li> </ol>   |
| G | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Concertina wire was laid around all bunkers.</li> <li>2. Fighting trenches were constructed between all bunkers.</li> <li>3. Vegetation was cleared in front of the entire sector by use of bulldozers.</li> <li>4. Tanglefoot and concertina wire was laid to replace damaged wire at the rifle range.</li> <li>5. A firing position for 40mm Self Propelled vehicles was constructed.</li> </ol> |
| H | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Tanglefoot wire was constructed around all bunkers.</li> <li>2. Fighting trenches were constructed between four bunkers.</li> <li>3. Three bunkers were reinforced with new sand bags.</li> <li>4. Additional concertina wire was laid to protect the Ammunition Supply Point.</li> </ol>  |
| I | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Tanglefoot wire was constructed around all bunkers.</li> <li>2. Concertina wire was laid around all bunkers.</li> <li>3. Additional wire was constructed to the West of a recently constructed bridge.</li> <li>4. A firing position for a 40mm Self Propelled vehicle was constructed.</li> </ol>   |

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1. Two firing positions were constructed for 40mm Self Propelled Vehicles.
2. Additional concertina wire was laid along the perimeter.
3. Bunkers were reinforced with new sand bags.
4. Chain link fence, as defense against RPG rounds was constructed in front of all but one bunker.

K

1. Tanglefoot wire was constructed around all bunkers.
2. One bunker was reinforced with new sand bags.
3. Additional concertina wire was laid in and astride of a stream bed.
4. Vegetation in the wire was burned off.

L

1. Concertina wire was laid around all bunkers.
2. Tanglefoot wire was constructed around all bunkers.

3. BASE FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS

a. On 1 May, a new garbage contract was signed for Quang Tri Combat Base. Under this contract, Vietnamese laborers, providing their own trucks, pick up garbage directly from each mess hall. There are 28 mess halls within Quang Tri Combat Base which use this service.

b. Mobile Construction Battalion 128 initiated construction of a new base power distribution system on 1 May. This includes installation of all new three phase wiring, transformers, additional generators and wiring of all buildings. This project has an estimated completion date of 1 July.

c. The Combined Police Station/Industrial Relations Office building was dedicated the first week of May.

d. On 5 May, 3d Engineer Battalion commenced work on 3d Marine Division Softball Field. This project was completed, including a lighting system, on 16 May.

e. Mobile Construction Battalion Seven commenced on 7 May, blacktopping Route # 1 in the southern portion of Quang Tri Combat Base and completed the work by 9 May.

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f. On 8 May, arrangements were made for Construction Battalion, Maintenance and Utilities 301 to assume operation of the base water distribution system from 3d Engineer Battalion.

g. 3d Engineer Battalion relocated the base trash dump and constructed an access road with new bridge. The new trash dump was officially opened on 18 May. On 18 May the old trash dump was closed. The new trash dump is located in the western portion of Quang Tri Combat Base.

#### 4. REACTION FORCE DRILLS

Three reaction force drills were conducted to reinforce/counterattack assumed areas of enemy penetration. On 7 May, Service Company reinforced the Ammunition Supply Point with three platoons while one platoon occupied the inner perimeter at the 3d Marine Division Rear. On 21 May, the 3d Engineer Battalion reaction force reinforced sector K. On 28 May, Service Company reinforced Sector G, forming a blocking position around the Logistic Support Area with three platoons and simultaneously occupied the inner perimeter with one platoon.

#### 5. NIGHT MOBILE SECURITY PATROL

On 20 May, a night mobile security road patrol between the Dong Ha LSU ramp and Quang Tri Combat Base was initiated. The patrol consists of two 1/4 ton 4x4 gun vehicles and two searchlight vehicles, which patrol Route 1 between the hours of 1930-0600 on an irregular basis.

#### 6. STAND TO POLICY

On 12 May, a "Stand To" policy was initiated at Quang Tri Combat Base. The "Stand To" period is for one half hour before BOMT and one half hour after BOMT and for one half hour before and after EOET. During this time everyone on the defensive perimeter is 100% alert. When this period ends, normal Condition III is assumed on the lines.

#### 7. UTILIZATION OF OV-10A

Following the rocket attack against MAG-39, on 12 May, an OV-10A was mobilized to conduct day and night observation on a daily basis in the vicinity of Quang Tri Combat Base. The aircraft has radio communications with Combat Operations Center, Quang Tri Combat Base and works in support of Quang Tri Combat Base.

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## PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Events in Direct Relation to Combat Operations

1 May

At 0900H, B/3/4 found 5 graves w/5 bodies in vicinity XD 949630. One of the bodies was believed to be an NVA officer. Results: 5 NVA/KIA(C).

At 1100H, the joint element of D/1/3 observed 2 NVA moving east and took them under fire w/SA. Results: 1 NVA/KIA(C) and 1 AK-47 captured.

At 1100H, following the contact with the 2 NVA, D/1/3 moved to YD 020642 and made contact w/an est 15 NVA. D/1/3 moved west to YD 027043 and was engaged by an unk size en force in a bnk complex. Gunships and arty were utilized against the en and fixed wing was called for. Results: 9 FR/KIA, 10 KIA (2), 5 KIA(M), 2 KIA and 15 NVA/KIA(C).

At 1735H, B/1/11 sighted and engaged 4 VC in vic YD 273413. Contact was broken at 1915H after 2 A/S were run on the en psn. Results: 1 KIA(2), 2 VC/KIA(C), 1 VC/10. and the capture of 1 K43 sub MG, assorted documents and medical gear.

At 1815H, F/2/4 observed 1 NVA at XD 856618 and fired an arty msn w/unk results. An AC observed 1 NVA in bnk and 2 NVA running across the open in the same area. Fixed wing was run. Results: 1 NVA/KBA(C).

An AC fired an arty msn on a bnk complex at XD 856660. Results: 1 NVA/KIA.

An AC fired 2 arty msns and 2 A/S on XD 649648. Results: 1 NVA/KIA and 12 bnks destroyed.

Two A/S were run in support of D/1/3 at XD 013642. Results: 1 KIA/KBA and 2 bnks destroyed.

A/1/3 at YD 043659 took small arms fire from bnks and ran 1 A/S. Results: 1 NVA/KBA and 7 bnks destroyed.

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A 108th AO ran 3 A/S on YD 240781. Results: 4 NVA/KBA, 6 bnks destroyed, 6 bnks damaged, 1 sec explosion and 200M of trench line destroyed.

CG, 3dMarDiv assumed OPCON of 1/4(-) with A and D Companies from CG, TFH and simultaneously passed OPCON to 1st Bde, 5th Inf(Mech).

2 May

At 1030L, a CH-46 crashed after collision w/a UH1E. When a recovery chopper arrived, the CH-46 was still burning and rounds were cooking off. Results: 12 NBC(K).

At 1300L, an H/2/4 ptl at KD 831627 made contact with an unk size en force. F/W and arty were called in. Results: 2 FR/KIA, 1 WIA(E) and 2 NVA/KBA.

At 1900H, Recon Team 2-1 was moving along a ridge in vic YD 034537 when they began receiving AWF. The tm ret'd fire and was extracted. Results: 3 EN/KIA.

3d Marines assumed responsibility of the Virginia Ridge AO. 1/3 assumed responsibility of the Maine Crag AO.

TFH chopped 3d Marines (-) OPCON to 3dMarDiv.

3dMarDiv chopped 9th Marines OPCON to TFH.

9th Marines assumed responsibility of 9th Marines AO (formerly Maine Crag AO).

TF Remagen was deactivated after 43 days of extensive operations in the vital area of Rt 9 between Khe Sanh and the Laotian border. These operations resulted in 90 confirmed enemy kills and 45 wpns captured.

CG, 3dMarDiv assumed OPCON of 3/3 and simultaneously passed OPCON to TFH.

CG, 3dMarDiv assumed OPCON of 1/3 and simultaneously passed OPCON to 3d Marines.

CG, 3dMarDiv assumed OPCON of L/3/9 and H/2/9 and simultaneously passed OPCON to 3d Marines.

CG, 3dMarDiv assumed OPCON of G/2/3 and simultaneously passed OPCON to 3/3.

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CG, 3dMarDiv assumed OPCON of 3d Marines (-) with 1/3 and 2/3 (-) with E, F and H Companies from CG, TFH.

3d Marines assumed responsibility of the Virginia Ridge AO. The area of operation is described as follows: From the present intersection of the 9th Marines/2d ARVN bdy and the southern bdy of the DMZ at YD 150742, south along the 15 gridline to YD 150630, southeast to the Cam Lo River at YD 167607, then follow the river generally southeast to YD 190590, south along the road to YD 187555, southwest to YD 180560, west along the 56 gridline to YD 100560, southwest to YD 080540, south to YD 080530, west along 53 gridline to YD 006530, southwest to YD 994520, west along the 52 gridline to XD 964520, west to the stream at XD 945516, north to XD 0946528, north to XD 943550, northeast to the stream at XD 946553, north to XD 944573, northeast to XD 955590, east to XD 963590, north to the stream at XD 965607, northeast to XD 985650, then north to the southern bdy of the DMZ at XD 985660.

CG, 3d MarDiv assumed OPCON of 9th Marines (-) less H/2/9 and L/3/9 and changed OPCON of 9th Marines (-) to CG, TFH.

3 May

A Div AO ran OV10 ordnance on 1 NVN swimmer at XD 900219. Results: 1 NVN/KBA.

A 108th AO fired one arty msn on YD 226776. Results: 2 NVN/KIA, 1 bnk destroyed, 1 bnk damaged and 1 sec explosion.

4 May

At 124GH, C/3/5 found 1 enemy grave w/1 badly decomposed body. Results: 1 VC/KIA(C).

At 1400H, Trieu Phong Company found one en bnk in vic YD 338657. Inside the bnk were 3 dead VC, 1 male and 2 females. Results: 3 VC/KIA(C) and 1 AK-47 captured.

At 1421H, E/2/4 made contact w/an unk size en force at XD 912621. Results: 1 NVN/KIA(C).

At 1450H, M/3/4 personnel in vic XD 970618 received severe burning sensations and small blisters on exposed skin. The personnel also complained of numbness and vomiting. Results: 10 KIA(E).

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At 1530H, an H/2/4 ptl fnd 1 dead NVA at YD 821579. Results: 1 NVA/KIA(C).

At 1600H, Recon Team 282 at LZ 887612 heard movement 100M from their posn and observed 2 en. The team initiated fire. Results: 1 EN/KIA(C).

5 May

At 1127H, VN children turned in the following ordnance found in vic of MGB: 26 M-79 mds, 200 M-60 mds, 5 57mm mds, 3 60mm mds, 3 Chicom grenades, 5 RPG mds and 2 500-lb bombs which were buried in a rice paddy.

At 1045H, Recon Team 341 was inserted at LZ 875412 and had mvt 20M from their posn in all directions. The tm requested extraction and made contact while moving to LZ. Results: 1 KIA(M) and 10 NVA/KIA(C).

A Div AC ran 1 A/S on YD 008665. Results: 1 NVA/KIA and 9 bnks destroyed.

6 May

A 108th AC fired 1 arty msn at YD 038686. Results: 5 NVA/KIA and 1 bnk damaged.

At 1130H, C/1/3 fnd 2 NVA bodies approx 10 days old in vic YD 008643. Apparent cause of death was arty. Results: 2 NVA/KIA(C).

At 1345H, a 1/5 Killer Team fnd a fresh grave w/2 bodies 6-10 days old in vic YD 354453. Apparent cause of death was a Claymore mine. Results: 2 VC/KIA(C).

A 108th AC fired an arty msn at 10 NVA lying in brush in vic YD 152719. Results: 2 NVA/KIA and 1 secondary explosion.

A 108th AC received 30 mds of AK-47 fire from YD 171777 and observed 8 NVA run into a bnk. 3 arty msns were fired on the posn. Results: 6 NVA/KIA(C).

CG, 3dMarDiv assumed OPCON of 1/4(-) with B and C Companies from 1st Bde, 5th Inf Div (Mech) and simultaneously passed OPCON to CG, TFH.

7 May

A 12th Mar AC observed a 122mm field gun at YD 081025 and ran 1 A/S, destroying the gun w/3 direct hits.

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At 1100H, a sqd ptl from C/1/3 engaged 1 enemy at YD 014647 and when fire was ret'd, called an arty msn. Results: 1 NVA/KIA (C) and 1 AK-47 captured.

At 1145H, 2 Bru families walked into B/1/9's psn at YD 098233. One Bru was searched and an NVA uniform was fnd in his pack. Results: 8 DET.

A 106th AO fired 1 arty msn and ran 2 A/S on a living area and bnk complex at YD 154731. Results: 2 NVA/KIA(C), 12 bnks destroyed and 1 secondary explosion.

CG, 3dMarDiv assumed OPCON of C/3/5 CAV from 1st Bde, 5th Inf (Mech) and simultaneously passed OPCON to CG, XIIIV Corps.

8 May

At 0830H, the lead element of C/1/3 made contact w/a main NVA sqd at YD 001641. The en were in bnks and maneuvering a light MG. Results: 2 FR/KIA, 2 WIA(E), 5 WIA(M), 5 NVA KIA(C) and the capture of 1 AK-47 and 1 AK-50.

9 May

There were no significant events.

10 May

A Div AO fired 1 arty and ran 2 A/S on 40 NVA moving on a road at YD 225143. Results: 27 NVA/KIA(C).

A Div AO ran 1 A/S in support of a recon team in contact at YD 776423. Results: 9 NVA/KIA (C).

At 1015H, a CH-46 took ground fire and crashed in vic YD 163107. .50 cal bullet holes were fnd in the fuselage and bodies of the crew members. Results: 6 FR/KIA, 2 WIA(E) and 3 WIA(M).

At 1359H, 3/12 called a fire msn on 2 NVA in the open at YD 896672. Results: 1 NVA/KIA and 1 bnk destroyed.

At 1800H, H/2/9 fnd a harbor site in vic YD 172192. Mvt was heard to the north and the area was searched and 2 NVA bodies were found, 1 week old and 1 NVA haversack. Results: 2 NVA/KIA(C).



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CG, 3dMarDiv assumed OPCON of 2/4(-) with F and H Companies from CG, TFH and simultaneously passed OPCON to 1st Bde, 5th Inf Div (Mech).

The bdry between TFH and the 101st Abn Div was modified as follows: from the present bdry at YD 180075 northeast to the present bdry at YD 200100.

11 May

At 0745H, a 12th Mar AO fired an arty msn for A/1/12 on 4 enemy at YD 010681. Results: 2 NVA/KIA(C).

A 12th Mar AO observed 8-10 NVA in the open at YD 138742 and fired 1 arty msn. Results: 3 NVA/KIA(C).

At 1045H, HHBD reported that VN children turned in the following ordnance: 1 155mm rnd, 6 105mm rnds, 14 81mm mortar rnds, 6 RPG rnds, 16 60mm mortar rnds, 4 LAW's, 5 Claymores, 3 57mm rnds, 85 M-79 rnds, 5 Chicom grenades, 7 M-26 grenades, 1 M-33, 100 5.56mm rnds and 1 AK-47 magazine. The children were paid 70,000 piastres.

At 1200H, G/1/4 fnd 2 en graves in vic XD 830643. One body was believed to be an NVA officer because of the markings on the grave. Results: 2 NVA/KIA(C).

A 108th AO ran 3 A/S on 10-12 NVA in the open at YD 062714. Results: 10 NVA/KBA.

At 1540H, F/2/9 fnd 3 graves w/3 NVA bodies. in vic YD 123167. Results: 3 NVA/KIA(C).

At 1805H, H/2/9 fnd 1 dead NVA at YD 172200 and searched the area further w/neg results. Results: 1 NVA/KIA(C).

CG, 3d MarDiv assumed OPCON of A/1/4 and D/1/4 from 1st Bde, 5th Inf (Mech) and simultaneously passed OPCON to CG, TFH.

12 May

At 1845H, a plt from H/2/9 initiated contact w/15-20 NVA at YD 183212. Fixed wing was run w/unlk results. Results: 2 NVA/KIA.

CG, 3dMarDiv assumed OPCON of E and G/2/4 from CG, TFH and simultaneously passed OPCON to 1st Bde, 5th Inf (Mech).

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13 May

At 0745H, powder started burning in a D/2/12 gun pit at YD 163104 causing 4 secondary explosions, damaging 1 bmk and putting 2 ~~guns~~ out of action. Results: 2 NBC(K) (CO and XO) and 8 NBC(E).

At 1300H, an H/2/9 patrol was returning to base at YD 174202 and heard mvt while crossing an LZ. 6 NVA were seen and JI was initiated. Results: 2 NVA/KIA(C) and the capture of 1 M-1 Carbine and 1 SK3.

At 1400H, a C/1/9 patrol fnd an en storage area and the following items: 13 100-lb bags of rice, 1 destroyed Russian truck, 153 60mm mort rnds, 68,000 AK-47 rnds, 900 12.7mm rounds, and 33 82mm rounds.

At 2250H, DHCB received 3 rnds of incoming 140mm rkts, impacting 100 to 300 yards outside the perimeter. There were no casualties.

A 12th Mar FO at A-2 observed 5 en through a BC scope and fired an arty mn. Results: 3 NVA/KIA(C).

At 2400H, the 1st plt of RF Co 121 made contact w/an LV, sgd at YD 219720. Results: 2 NVA/KIA(C) and 1 AK-47 captured.

The bdry between 3d Marines and TFH was modified as follows: from present bdry at XD 961593 southeast along the Cam Lo River to YD 012565, then south on top of ridgeline to YD 013557, south to head of the stream at YD 015551, southeast to YD 019546, southeast to stream junction at YD 023543, southeast along stream to YD 027535, south to present Mai Loc TAOR bdry at YD 029530.

CG, 3dMarDiv assumed OPCON of L/3/9 from 3d Marines and simultaneously passed OPCON to CG, TFH.

14 May

At 1337H, an A/4/12 ptl in vic YD 418322 received SAF. A/S were run and fire was returned. Results: 2 VC/KIA(C) and 1 Chicom Carbine captured.

At 1600H, a G/2/3 ptl fnd 1 en grave w/a body approx 3 weeks old killed by SAF. Results: 1 NVA/KIA(C).

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17 May

At 1000H, MIBD reported that VC children turned in the following ordnance: 1 155mm rnd, 12 105mm rnds, 3 82mm rnds, 15 60mm rnds, 33 50mm rnds, 19 40mm rnd, 40 M-20 grenades, 6 Claymores, 1 Claydon grenade, 500 7.62mm rnds, 900 5.56mm rnds and 48 M-16 magazines. The children were paid 70,000 piastres.

At 1000H, G/2/9 made contact with an unk number of en at the following grids (contacts were not at same time and occurred between 1000H and 1030H): YD 173155, YD 177156, YD 178157, YD 182158, YD 181150 and YD 179152. Results: 3 KIA(s), 3 NVA/KIA(C) and 2 AK-47 captured.

At 1010H, Recon Team 3B3 had 4 persons walk into their psn at YD 113257. There was 1 man, 2 women and 1 child. A helicopter extracted the detainees and took them to LZ Razor for interrogation. Results: 4 DFT.

At 1200H, H/2/9 find 2 graves w/2 NVA bodies at YD 179208. Results: 2 NVA/KIA(C).

A 108th AO fired an arty msn on a bnk complex and living area in vic YD 021672. Results: 1 NVA/KIA, 4 bnks destroyed and 1 bnk damaged.

At 1400H, C/1/9 find the following gear and ordnance in vic YD 134094: 144 100-lb bags of rice, 27 100-lb bags of split rice, 817 50mm mort rnds, 69,150 AK-47 rnds, 900 12.7 rnds and 121 82mm mort rnds.

At 1411H, a VC female came into B/1/61's lines at YD 433310 under the Chieu Hoi program. Results: 1 Hoi Chanh.

A 108th AO fired an arty msn on 8 NVA at YD 018683. Results: 5 NVA/KIA(C).

At 1800H, Recon Team 2A2 sighted 2 enemy who appeared to be observing FSB Russell through field glasses. The team observed 6 additional NVA in the area at XD 946621 and the team initiated fire w/M-60. Results: 6 NVA/KIA(C).

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D/1/9 find 4 NVA graves w/1 body in each. Results: 4 NVA/KIA(C).

The bdy between the 2d NVA Regt and the 1/5 Mech AC was modified as follows: from the present bdy at YD 293722 northeast to the high water mark at YD 307738.

The southeastern bdy of DTGB was restored to follow the north bank of the Vinh Huoc River from the present bdy at YD 299570 to the present bdy at YD 250357.

DTGB AC was modified as follows: from the present bdy from the northeastern end of the railroad bridge at YD 274577 southwest along the north bank of the river to YD 250577, then south across the road to the stream at YD 249540, southeast along stream to YD 259532, south to stream at YD 259519, southeast along stream to trail at YD 276512, then southeast along trail to the present bdy at YD 300500.

16 May

At 0830H, Recon Team 3B3 observed 5 enemy on a trail in vic YD 110260. The team opened fire on the enemy. Results: 1 EN/KIA(C).

At 1030H, A/1/3 find a bnk complex w/4 dead NVA inside at YD 047641. Results: 4 NVA KIA(C).

At 1124H, B/1/61 engaged 1 VC w/SAF in vic YD 415322. Results: 1 VC/KIA(C).

At 1230H, F/2/9 made contact w/3 NVA at YD 102148. Results: 2 WIA(E) and 1 NVA/KIA(C).

At 1730H, M/3/3 received SAF and RPG fire from an est 10 en in a bnk complex at YD 991632. M/3/3 used CS gas and moved sqds in psns to fire into the bnks. Air and arty were called in. Results: 4 WIA(E), 1 WIA(M), 4 NVA/KIA(C) and 1 IWC.

At 2340H, Recon Team 1D3 initiated contact w/an est en plt in vic YD 271648. The tm was in hvy contact and a reaction force was sent in. The tm was extracted and the reaction force swept the area. Results: 7 WIA(E), 8 EN/KIA(C) and 1 AK-47 captured.

CG, 3dMarDiv assumed OICON of 2/4(-) from 1st Bde, 5th Inf (Mech) and simultaneously passed OICON to CG, TMI.

CG, 3dMarDiv assumed OICON of 1B Bravo and simultaneously passed OICON to TMI.

17 May

At 0811H, B/1/61 fnd 1 grave w/1 en body in vic YD 413325. The cause of death was napalm. At YD 419325, B/1/61 fnd 2 additional NVA/KIA, killed by 81mm mortar fire. Results: 3 NVA/KIA(C).

At 0930H, Recon Team 2A1 made contact w/an unk number of en near an LZ at CD 940610. An IO came on station and 3 A/S were and 2 arty msns were fired. F/W and G/S worked over the area. Results: 12 NVA/KIA(C).

A Div AD ran 1 OV10 ordinance and 1 A/S on XD 932613, resulting in 3 NVA/KIA. 1 A/S was run on 5 NVA in the open at XD 944613, resulting in 4 NVA/KIA. Results: 7 NVA/KIA(C).

A Div AD fired 1 arty msn on XD 944613. Results: 4 NVA/KIA(C).

At 1645H, the point element of C/1/3 received BAF from 3-4 NVA on the high ground in vic YD 057638. Fire was returned and the hill assaulted. A sniper killed 1 NVA. Results: 1 NVA/KIA(C) and 1 AK-50 captured.

At 1700H, M/3/3 sighted 1 NVA in a partially covered hole at CD 989629. A KC3 tried to talk him into coming out. The NVA detonated a Chicom grenade killing himself and wounding an M/3/3 Marine. Results: 1 KIA(M) and 1 NVA(C).

At 1725H, Recon Team 2E3 made contact with an unk number of en while in their night psn at CD 791385. OV10 and F/W came on station and at 1830H, a reaction force was inserted. Results: 3 FR/KIA, 3 KIA(E) and 5 NVA/KIA(C).

18 May

At 0730H, a C/1/3 ptl sighted 4 NVA in holes at YD 062648. Contact was initiated and more NVA opened fire from bnks. F/W flights were run and 81mm msns fired. The en psn was assaulted. Results: 4 NVA/KIA(C) and 4 I/C.

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A Div AO ran 2 A/S on YD 062644. Results:  
1 NVA/KBA.

At 1240H, an M/3/3 plt amb opened fire w/SA  
on 3 NVA on a trail at YD 980260. Arty men  
were called on the en avenue of escape.  
Results: 2 NVA/KIA(C) and 1 LWC.

At 1444H, C/1/11 engaged 1 en armed w/an  
KPD-2 at YD 101716. Results: 1 NVA/KIA(C)  
and 1 KPD-2 captured.

19 May

A Div AO fired 1 arty men car' with 4 1/3 on  
enemy pens at YD 875635. Results: 3 NV  
KIA(C) and the destruction of 7 bns and 2  
mortar pits.

At 1020H, the point element of E/2/9 came  
in cont at 1/en unk number of en at YD  
102129. There were numerous en bns and  
structures in the area. E/2/9 secured the  
en posn at 1500H. Results: 5 IL(E), 2  
NVA/KIA(C) and 2 LWC.

At 1030H, an M/3/3 plt fnd 1 dead NVA w/his  
wpn and 782 gear at YD 988629. Results: 1  
NVA/KIA(C) and 1 AK-47 captured.

At 1615H, 1/2 ARVN fnd a downed CH34, which  
had been grounded and burned long ago. The  
helicopter was fnd at YD 144734.

At 1730H, 5/2 ARVN fnd 2 en bodies at YD  
163720. Results: 2 NVA/KIA(C).

At 1815H, the rear element of C/1/9 was hit  
by approx 4-5 en firing SA at YD 151071. Re-  
sults: 1 IL(E) and 2 NVA/KIA(C).

At 1907H, the 107th IF Flt made contact w/an  
unknown number of en. Results: 1 AK-47 cap-  
tured.

At 2115H, A/1/9 received approx 20 probes at  
their perimeter in vic YD 163108. Results:  
1 NVA/KIA(C).

20 May

At 0045H, D/1/3's lines were probed by  
an est 6 NVA at YD 045634. One of the en  
tripped an illumination flare and 81mm mort  
fire was directed at the en. Results: 5  
NVA/KIA(C) and 3 AK-47's captured.

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At 0320H, C/1/3's perimeter was probed by an est 20 NVA. 81mm and 60mm mortars were fired on YD 059640 and the area was searched at first light. Results: 8 NVA(E), 5 NVA(M), 13 NVA/KIA(C) and the capture of 4 AK-47's, 1 9mm pistol and 1 RPG launcher.

A Div AO ran 1 A/S on a .30 cal psn at XD 825635. Results: 1 NVA/KBA and 1 .30 cal psn destroyed.

2 A/S were run in support of a Recon team in contact at XD 683445. Results: 2 NVA/KBA(C).

At 1235H, B/1/3 encountered 2 NVA in a bnk at YD 057644 and attempted to make them Chien Hoi. The 2 NVA refused to come out and a frag grenade was thrown into the bnk. Results: 2 NVA/KIA(C) and 2 IWC.

At 1330H, D/1/3 fnd 1 dead NVA at YD 044633. D/1/3 conducted a search of the body and area. Results: 1 NVA/KIA(C) and 1 AK-47 captured.

At 2045H, a PF/ARVN unit made contact w/an unk number of en at YD 175615. Results: 1 NVA/KIA(C) and 1 IWC.

A 108th AO fired 1 arty msn and ran 1 A/S on 5 NVA on a trail in vic YD 105759. Results: 3 NVA/KIA.

A Div AO ran 1 flight of OV10 suppressive ordnance on 5 NVA in the open at YD 105758. Results: 1 NVA/KBA.

At 2100H, A/1/61 ambushed 3 VC in vic YD 377599. Results: 1 VC/KIA(C) and 1 AK-47 captured.

A 108th AO ran 3 A/S on YD 022668. Results: 3 NVA/KBA and 11 bnks destroyed.

A 12th Mar AO ran an arty msn on a .50 cal psn at YD 022668. Results: 1 .50 cal psn destroyed and 1 NVA/KIA(C).

A Div AO fired 1 arty msn and ran 6 A/S on an enemy concentration of troops and vehicles at YD 081028. Results: 3 NVA/KBA and the destruction of 1 APC and 4 bnks.

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CG, 3dMarDiv assumed OPCON of 2/4(-) with F and H Companies from 1st Bde, 5th Inf Div (Mech) and simultaneously passed OPCON to CG, TFH.

21 May

At 0900H, the rear security of K/3/3 came in contact w/3 NVA. A search of the area was conducted. Results: 2 NVA/KIA and 1 AK-47 captured.

A 12th Mar AO ran 1 A/S on 20 NVA at YD 082256. Results: 1 NVA/KIA and 1 secondary explosion.

At 1017H, Ranger Team 12 observed 1 NVA moving on a trail in vic YD 373385 and initiated contact. Results: 1 NVA/KIA(C) and 1 AK-47 captured.

At 1515H, G/2/9 find an en living area w/7 bnks, 1 mort pit, 2 tunnels and 3 punji pit. Also find in the area at YD 158145 was 1 en grave w/1 body. Results: 1 NVA/KIA(C).

CG, 3dMarDiv assumed OPCON of TF Br vo and simultaneously deactivated the unit.

CG, 3dMarDiv assumed OPCON of 3/4(-) with L and M Companies from CG, TFH and simultaneously passed OPCON to 1st Bde, 5th Inf Div (Mech).

CG, 3dMarDiv assumed OPCON of the security plt from 3/9 and simultaneously passed OPCON to CG, III MAF.

22 May

At 0800H, 3/1/3 ambushed 40 or more NVA moving south in vic YD 056668. 60mm mort fire was directed on the en. Results: 19 NVA/KIA(C), 2 NVA/POW and the capture of 2 RPG launchers, 8 AK-47's, 55 Chicom grenades and 100 blocks of TNT.

At 0815H, G/1/9 find 2 en graves in vic YD 144046. Results: 2 NVA/KIA(C).

At 0830H, a K/3/3 sqd plt initiated contact w/2-3 NVA moving south on a trail in vic YD 978650. Results: 1 NVA/KIA(C) and 1 60mm mortar tube captured.



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At 0845H, a G/2/3 plt patrol sighted 3 NVA moving north in vic YD 049586. SAF, 81mm mort and arty were fired on the en. Results: 1 NVA/KIA(C) and 1 INC.

At 0930H, Recon tm heard mvt of est 20-30 en at XD 988413. One en jumped up and the tm opened up w/SAF. An AO ran F/W and called arty on the area. Results: 1 NVA KIA(C).

At 1320H, 1/77 Scouts conducted a recon by fire in vic YD 413428. Results: 1 NVA/KIA(C) and 1 AK-47 captured.

At 1400H, a K/3/3 day amb fired SAF on 3 NVA at XD 978650. Results: 1 **WIA(E)**, 1 NVA/KIA(C) and 1 AK-47 captured.

At 2300H, the r ar security of B/1/3 made contact w/10 NVA in vic YD 052875. Results: 1 NVA/KIA(C).

At 2330H, a K/3/3 sqd amb initiated SAF on 8 NVA in vic XD 962649. While the unit was searching the kill zone, an en force of approx 20 NVA fired on the search party. 60mm mort, 81mm mort and arty were fired. Results: 5 WIA(M) and 3 NVA/KIA(C).

CG, 3dMarDiv assumed OPCON of E and G/2/4 from 1st Bde, 5th Inf Div (Mech) and simultaneously passed OPCON to CG, TFH.

23 May

At 0840H, G/1/3 fnd 2 NVA killed by arty in vic YD 047671. H & I fires had been directed on the area the previous night. Results: 2 NVA/KIA(C).

At 1500H, F/2/9 made contact w/an unk size en force in a group of huts in vic YD 088168. Results: 4 NVA/KIA(C) and 1 NVA/POW.

CG, 3dMarDiv assumed OPCON of I and K/3/4 and simultaneously passed OPCON of I and K/3/4 to 1st Bde, 5th Inf Div (Mech).

24 May

At 1250H, E/2/9 fnd 3 bnks in vic YD 081122 and made contact w/an unk number of en while searching the bnks. Results: 3 NVA/KIA and 2 AK-47's captured.

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At 1300H, a K/3/3 plt fnd 1 grave w/2 decomposed en bodies in vic XD 953634. Results: 2 NVA/KIA(C).

25 May

At 0800H, A/1/77 fnd 2 dead NVA and 1 wounded NVA in vic YD 410478. Results: 1 NVA/POW and 2 NVA/KIA(C).

A 12th Mar AO observed 4 dead NVA and 4-5 live NVA w/wpns and 782 gear in vic YD 037647. Results: 4 NVA/KIA(C).

At 1100H, K/3/3 fnd 1 dead NVA near a trail in vic XD 978651. The body was several days old and was killed by JAF. Results: 1 NVA/KIA(C).

A Div AO ran OV10 ordnance in support of a recon tm in contact at XD 940610. Results: 1 NVA/KIA(C).

At 1330H, K/3/3 made contact w/8-10 NVA in bnks at XD 968662. 60mm and 81mm mortars and 2 flights of F/W were utilized against the en. K 3/3 assaulted the en psn. Results: 8 WIA(E), 2 WIA(M), 4 NVA/KBA and 2 LNC.

At 1645H, a B/1/61 plt, while following a fresh trail in vic YD 350355, sighted 4 NVA. 81mm was fired and 10 more NVA were observed. The en was firing SA. A AO came on station and ran 2 A/S. Results: 4 NVA/KBA.

The bdry between the 2d ARVN Regt and 1st Bde, 5th Inf Div (Mech) was modified from present bdry at YD 300710 northeast to the high water line at YD 317728.

26 May

At 0815H, Recon Team 3A2 observed 5 en in vic XD 771539 and called a fire msn. Results: 2 NVA/KIA(C).

A 12th Mar AO fired 1 NGF msn on 4 NVA on a trail at YD 170755. 2 A/S and 1 arty msn were also called in. Results: 3 NVA/KIA(C).

A 12th Mar AO observed 4 NVA setting up an AW site at YD 020682 and fired 1 arty msn. Results: 1 NVA/KIA(C).

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A Div AO ran G/S in support of B/1/4 in contact at XD 897612. Results: 2 NVA/KBA. At XD 896613, the AO utilized suppressive fire. Results: 1 NVA/KBA.

At 1020H, B/1/4 made contact w/an unk number in vic of Hill 202 and XD 894614. 81mm mortars, arty and G/S were called for. Results: 3 WIA(E), 5 WIA(M) and 2 NVA/KIA(C).

At 1400H, the point element of E/2/9 made contact w/approx 15 en at YD 079120. Air and arty were called in and the area was swept w/neg results. Results: 1 WIA(E).

At 1545H, Recon Team 3A3 sighted 1 en in black pajamas watching gunships circling the area in vic XD 754367. The gunships dropped yellow smoke in the HLZ and the tm sighted 2 en running away from the area. The tm opened up w/SA and G/S worked over the area. Results: 4 NVA/KIA(C).

At 1815H, while searching the area of an air strike at YD 357348, B/1/61 saw 3 en in a bnk and threw a hand grenade in. Results: 3 NVA/KIA(C).

CG, 3dMarDiv assumed OPCON of 3/4(-) with L and M Companies from 1st Bde, 5th Inf Div (Mech) and simultaneously passed OPCON to CG, TFH.

The bdry between TFH and 3d Marines was modified as follows: from present bdry at XD 957629 northwest to XD 950632, then north to XD 949641, north to stream at XD 951649, then north to the DMZ at XD 949657.

27 May

At 1000H, a 3/3 ptl exchanged fire w/1 NVA moving west. Results: 1 NVA/KIA(C).

At 1030H, G/2/3 made contact w/2 NVA while searching bnks in vic YD 057644. Results: 2 NVA/KIA(C) and 2 AK-47's captured.

At 1050H, Recon Team 3B1 made contact w/5 NVA at XD 925680. Results: 1 NVA/KIA(C).

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At 1325H, an AO working for 2/3 sighted 10 NVN at a stream in vic YD 045635 and ran 1 A/3. Results: 3 NVA/KIA.

A 12th Mar AO observed 12 dead NVN in vic YD 05556645. 7 bodies were in a stream and 5 were on land. Results: 12 NVA/KIA(C).

At 1445H, a B/1/4 OF sighted 4 NVN moving up and down Hill 202 (LD 888615). 60mm and 81mm mortars, 3 AT, .50 cal and arty were directed at the enemy. Results: 2 NVA/KIA(C).

At 1600H, Recon Team 302 found 2 groups of en in vic YD 798698. The team saw 2 en and engaged them w/SAF, killing 1 en. The team moved forward and 3 NVA ran in front of them. The team opened up w/SAF, killing 1 en. Results: 2 NVA/KIA(C).

At 1745H, G/2/3(-) made contact w/en est 4 NVA while moving through a bunk complex in vic YD 059643. Results: 4 NVA/KIA(C).

At 2310H, B/1/61 sprang an amb on an unk number of en at YD 363375. Results: 4 NVA/KIA(C) and 4 AK-47's captured.

CG, 3dMarDiv assured OJCON of 1 plt of K/3/9 from CG, TMI and simultaneously passed OJCON to 3d Marines.

28 May

A Div AO fired 1 arty msn on 3 NVA in vic YD 058644. The en were retrieving 3 dead NVA. AO reported neg BDA. Results: 3 NVA/KIA(C).

At 1015H, G/1/3 fnd 2 NVA bodies in vic YD 073680. The bodies were 4-7 days old and had been killed by mortars. Results: 2 NVA/KIA(C).

At 1110H, a G/2/9 plt observed 3 en at YD 222178 and fired on them. Results: 1 NVA KIA(C).

At 1200H, L/3/3 fnd 1 en grave w/1 body at LD 998642. Cause of death was believed to be an air strike. Results: 1 NVA/KIA(C).

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At 1230H, G/2/9 sighted 3-5 NVA w/AK-47's in vic YD 222179 and initiated contact. Results: 3 NVA/KIA(C) and 1 AK-47 captured.

At 1230H, G/2/3 sighted 5 NVA coming out of bnks at YD 043639 and fired 60mm mort. A sweep of the area was conducted. Results: 3 NVA/KIA(C) and 3 AK-47's captured.

At 1330H, B/1/4 fnd 2 bodies which had resulted from the contact of 27 May at XD 894609. Results: 2 NVA/KIA(C).

A 12th Mar AO observed approx 20 NVA in the open at YD 041638 carrying what appeared to be wounded on litters. Arty and F/W were called in. Results: 11 NVA/KBA.

A Div AO observed an unk number of NVA carrying their wounded along a trail in vic YD 040638. OV10 suppressive fire was run. Results: 2 NVA/KBA.

29 May

Recon Team 2B3 in vic XD 878622 made contact w/an est NVA company. An AO was on station and the tm was extracted as the AO ran A/S on the area. Results: 5 EN/KBA and 1 EN/KIA (by SAF).

At 0800H, L/3/9 made a recon by fire in vic XD 941417 and came in contact w/an unk size en element. An 81mm mortar man was fired in support. Results: 3 NVA/KIA(C).

At 0830H, an AO in support of 2/3 ran 1 Flight of F/W on 3-5 NVA at YD 070635. Results: 4 EN/KBA.

At 1200H, H/2/3 fnd 1 dead NVA in vic YD 057639. The en was believed to be KBA. Results: 1 EN/KBA.

At 1330H, G/2/3 sighted 4 NVA crossing an open area in vic YD 045650. M-60 fire was directed against the en. Arty and air support were called in. Results: 2 NVA/KIA(C).

At 1700H, L/3/9 sighted 1 NVA in vic XD 945414 and opened fire on him. 12 additional NVA were observed and engaged. Results: 3 NVA/KIA(C).

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CG, 3dMarDiv assumed OPCON of L/3/4 and M/3/4 from 1st Bde, 5th Inf Div (Mech) and simultaneously passed OPCON to CG, TFH.

CG, 3dMarDiv assumed OPCON of 1 plt of K/3/9 from 3d Marines and simultaneously passed OPCON to CG, TFH.

CG, 3dMarDiv assumed OPCON of E/2/3 from 3d Marines and simultaneously passed OPCON to 1st Bde, 5th Inf Div (Mech).

30 May

At 1050H, M/3/9 received SAF from approx 5 en 500M southwest of their psn at XD 984408. Fire was returned but M/3/9 did not attack because of stand-down orders. A search of the area was conducted. Results: 1 NVA/KIA(C), 1 NVA/WIA POW and 1 AK-47 captured.

~~At 1140H~~ Recon Team 3A3 was inserted at XD 695490 and could not establish any communications. The tm heard 2 short whistles and were charged by 10-15 en. Extraction helicopters landed, the tm was extracted. Results: 1 NVA/KIA(C).

At 1400H, Recon Team 1B1 made contact w/2 en while in an OP psn at XD 905228. Results: 1 NVA/KIA(C).

A Div AO ran 2 A/S on .50 cal psns in vic XD 941661. Results: 2 NVA/KBA and 1 .50 cal MG destroyed.

At 2300H, M/3/9 received SAF from 75-100M outside their perimeter at XD 988413. A/S, arty, Spooky and 60mm mortars were utilized against the en. Results: 1 WIA(E), 3 NVA KIA(C) and 1 AK-47 captured.

31 May

A Div AO called 1 NCF msn on a trail, bnk complex and rkt site in vic YD 248766. Results: 2 NVA/KIA.

At 1245H, H/2/3 fnd several graves containing 9 NVA bodies in vic YD 059636. Cause of death was arty. Results: 9 NVA/KIA(C).

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A Div AO ran 1 A/S on XD 882640. Results:  
3 BN/KBA and 5 bnks destroyed.

A 12th Mar AO fired 1 arty msn and ran 1  
A/S on 8 NVA in bnks at YD 015692. Re-  
sults: 2 NVA/KIA(C).

A Div AO ran OV10 suppressive fires in  
support of a recon tm in contact at XD  
855387. Results: 10 NVA/KBA.

The bdry between 3dMarDiv and the 101st Abn  
Div was modified as follows: from present  
bdry at YD 225200 south to YD 221180, then  
south to YD 223153, southwest to YD 198110,  
then south to the Laotian border at YD  
191030.

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2. Distinguished Visitors to 3d Marine Division (R in)

1 May	BGen J. W. Loeinstein, Deputy Commander, FMFPAC.
3 May	MGen W. H. Robinson Jr., Quarter Master General of the Marine Corps.
5 May	Lawrence E. Walsh, Deputy U.S. Representative to the Paris Peace Talks.
5 May	BGen L. F. Snoddy Jr., Director Management Analysis Group, USMC.
6 May	BGen Butcher, USAF Deputy Director for Concepts and Operational Readiness DCPG, Washington D.C.
15 May	Ralph E. Haines, CINCUSARRAC
16 May	VAdm George M. Davis, Surgeon General of the Navy.
18 May	William P. Rogers, Secretary of State.
21 May	LtGen Arthur S. Collins Jr., Asst C/S for Force Developments, U.S. Army.
24 May	Military Observers from Argentina.
25 May	Gen C. H. Abrams, COMUSMACV, accompanied by LtGen H. Nickerson Jr., CG, III MAF, LtGen R. G. Stilwell, CG, XXIV Corps, and LtGen Troung, CG 1st Infantry Division, ARVN.
26 May	John H. Chafee, Secretary of the Navy.
31 May	MGen William T. Bradley, USA Director for Construction, MACV.



## PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- ✓1. G-2 and G-3 Journal. *Filed Sep*
- ✓2. G-5 Journal and Newsletter. *Filed*
- ✓3. Operation Order 19-69\* (Apache Snow). *20-69 w/ Cmd Chron*
- ✓4. Battle and Non-Battle Casualty Reports *Chron*
- ✓5. <sup>SA</sup><sub>SB</sub> Combat After Action Reports *Filed*
- ✓6. 3d MarDiv Originated Messages (SECRET)
- ✓7. 3d MarDiv Originated Messages (CONFIDENTIAL and UNCLASSIFIED) *Sept*
- ✓8. TASK FORCE HOTEL DOCUMENTS FILED SEP
- ✓9. *Unit locations* CHRONOLOGIES OF SUPPORTING COMMANDS  
*Filed w/ Cmd Chron*
- ✓3d Marines Chronology- *19. Opsum/PLANS.*
- ✓4th Marines Chronology- *10. PLANS*
- ✓9th Marines Chronology- *11. DAILY ATTACK BY FIRE*
- ✓12th Marines Chronology- *12. CG 101ST ABN DIV DAILY SITREP*
- ✓1st Bn, 3d Marines Chronology- *Filed*
- ✓2d Bn, 3d Marines Chronology-
- ✓3d Bn, 3d Marines Chronology-
- ✓1st Bn, 4th Marines Chronology-
- ✓2d Bn, 4th Marines Chronology- *Sept*
- ✓3d Bn, 4th Marines Chronology-
- ✓1st Bn, 9th Marines Chronology-
- ✓2d Bn, 9th Marines Chronology-
- ✓3d Bn, 9th Marines Chronology-
- ✓1st Bn, 12th Marines Chronology =
- ✓2d Bn, 12th Marines Chronology-

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- 3d Bn, 12th Marines Chronology
- 4th Bn, 12th Marines Chronology
- HqBn, 3d MarDiv Chronology
- 1st Amtrac Bn Chronology
- 3d Engr Bn Chronology
- 3d Med Bn Chronology
- 3d MT Bn Chronology
- 3d Recon Bn Chronology
- 3d SP Bn Chronology
- 3d Tank Bn Chronology
- 9th MT Bn Chronology
- 3d Dental Co Chronology
- 11th Engr Bn Chronology
- 1st 8" HOW Btry Chronology
- 1st Searchlight Btry Chronology

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2. G-5 Journal and Newsletter

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TO: 012400 H May 69  
PLACE: DHCB, RVN

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<u>IN DTG</u>	<u>OUT DTG</u>	<u>INCIDENT, MESSAGE AND DAILY SUMMARY</u>
0800	1600	Assistant Civic Action Officer, pay officer for Headquarters Company.
0800	1100	1st AA Platoon delivered 40 bags of cement to Dong Ha Brick Factory.
0830	1600	3d Marines delivered foodstuffs to Cua Valley.
0830		PSYOP Officer to Danang and Personal Response NCO to R&R.
0930	1100	1st AA Platoon agricultural Officer made wage payment to workers at Cua Viet School site.
0930		30 bags of rice to VCB Base Coordinator.
2400		DAILY SUMMARY: Normal Administration.

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0800	1600	Assistant <sup>G</sup> Civic Action Officer, pay Officer
0800		1st AA Platoon Agricultural Officer to Danang, Civic Action Officer to Phu Bai to pick up finance records.
0830	1600	<sup>G</sup> -5 visited area coordinators on raffle.
0830	1600	3d Marines delivered cement to Cam Lo.
0830	1600	Assistant <sup>G</sup> Civic Action Officer delivered construction materials to Bo De School site in Quang Tri City.
1400		Personal Response Officer from R&R.
2400		DAILY SUMMARY: Normal administration.

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0800	1600	1st AA Platoon Admin Officer delivered trailer load of lumber to Gio Linh.
0800	1200	1st AA Platoon Engr Officer delivered 100 bags of cement to Quang Tri City Catholic School.
0930	1600	2 trucks to Gio Linh with construction material.
1000	1500	Civic Action Officer attended Province meeting. Met with Buddhist leaders on projects.
1300		1st AA Platoon Agricultural Officer from Danang.
2400		DAILY SUMMARY: Normal administration.

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0800          1600

INCIDENT, MESSAGE AND DAILY SUMMARY

1st AA Platoon conducted normal holiday routine. Baseball players mustered at 1300. Marathon monopoly game continued into 100th hour with Captain SOPER leading by one hotel and two houses.

1100          1400

Civic Action Officer had lunch with Province Chief. Visited Trieu Phong District Senior Advisor with QTCB Area Coordinator.

2400

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0800          1600

INCIDENT, MESSAGE AND DAILY SUMMARY

1st AA Platoon Agricultural Officer took 2500 bricks to Cua Viet School site.  
One truck remained overnight.

0815

PSYOP and Admin Chief to Japan for brochure printing.

0830

1600

Two trucks to Gio Linh with construction materials.

0900

1000

Civic Action Officer, 1st AA Platoon Cmdr, and Assistant Civic Action Officers  
attended DHCB Area Coordinator meeting at 12th Marines.

1030

1600

Assistant Civic Action Officer delivered construction materials to QT City schools.

1400

1st AA Platoon Admin Officer to Bo De School, QT City, to check laboratory  
equipment requirements.

2400

DAILY SUMMARY: Normal administration

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0800          1600

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Assistant Civic Action Officer delivered 1½ truck loads of lumber to the Bo De School in QT City. In addition 80 bags of cement and 900 lbs of rebar were delivered.

0900          0930

1st AA Platoon Cmdr conferred with CORDS Refugee Advisor on Quang Tri Province Refugee Camps.

1000          1100

1st AA Platoon Cmdr and Agricultural Officer attended dedication of irrigation system at Cam Lo.

1000          1600

Assistant Civic Action Officer delivered 90 sheets of tin to Cam Lo Bo De School. Toured Cam Lo District with Assistant Cam Lo Deputy Senior Advisor.

1300          1500

1st AA Platoon Admin Officer made survey of equipment needs of Bo De School in QT City.

1400

PSYOP made priority 1 mission for 4th Marines.

2400

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0800	1600	Assistant Civic Action Officer delivered construction materials to Quang Tri City.
0800	1500	Truck to Cam Lo Bo De School with materials.
0900	1100	Assistant PSYOP Officer attended weekly Quang Tri City Cords PSYOP conference.
1000	1130	1st AA Platoon Commander delivered 500 pounds of rice to family of VC informer killed in Mai Linh District. Conferred with Cords Advisor in village-Self Developed Program.
1030		1st AA Platoon Engr Officer to Da Nang for Admin conference.
1100	1500	Civic Action Officer prepared CA/PSYOP AIK Vouchers for Saigon replenishment.
1400		1st AA Platoon Admin Officer made scholarship payment to Cam Lo Catholic leader.
1500		Two Kit Carson Scouts reports to PSYOP for duty.
1500		G-5 A to Saigon
2400		DS-NA PSYOP IN Japan

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0800	1000	Assistance Civic Action Officer delivered 100 bags of cement to Cam Lo DSA. Visited Bru shop-noted high rate of sales.
0800	1600	Assistance Civic Action Officer delivered construction materials to Quang Tri City, Bo De School.
0800	1130	1st AA Platoon Admin Officer Delivered lumber to Gio Linh Refugee Village.
1000	1100	G-5, Civic Action Officer and Assistance Civic Action Officer attended cornerstone ceremony at Cam Lo Bru School.
1030	1100	AP0 made liaison with 9th SOS and quiet exploitation of priority 1 targets.
1200	1600	S-5, 3d Marines delivered cement to Cam Lo Bru School.
1230	1500	Civic Action Officer conferred with Province Chief on Civic Action projects.
1330	1400	1st AA Platoon Agricultural Officer conferred with Cords Advisor on irrigation project.
1400	1530	Assistant Civic Action Officer met with XO, 620 Tactical Support Squadron concerning S-5 activity.
1600		1st AA Platoon Engr Officer returned from Danang.
2400		DS-NA. G-5 A in Saigon. PSYOP Officer in Japan

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0800          1600

INCIDENT, MESSAGE AND DAILY SUMMARY

1st AA Platoon Agricultural Officer took two truck loads of bricks to Cua Viet School site.

0800          1600

Assistant Civic Action Officer took 200 bags of cement to Hai Lang District Headquarters.

0800          1300

Truck to Cam Lo with S-5, 3d Marine Regiment.

0830

1st AA Platoon Cmdr to Vung Tau for RD Cadre indoctrination.

0900          1000

S-5, FLSG-B brought in Hamlet Chief to discuss PSYOP coverage.

1200

PSYOP Officer called from Japan with questions for G-5.

1300

Civic Action Officer to Phu Bai for night briefing of CG, XXIV Corps.

1300          1600

G-5 accompanied CG, 3d Marine Division to 4th CAG.

1400

Province Refugee Advisor visited office on use of bricks for noodle factory.

1500

Missionary for Bru visited office to discuss Bru school and shop.

1830

1st AA Platoon 3/4 ton truck in accident.

2400

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0800	1600	Assistant Civic Action Officer delivered 200 bags of cement to Deputy Senior Advisor, Trieu Phong, at Cua Viet.
0800	1600	1st AA Platoon Engineer Officer to Quang Tri City with cement for Catholic school.
0900	1100	Assistant PSYOP Officer made flight with 02B pilot.
0930		1st AA Platoon delivered 300 PSYOP leaflets to 2/9.
0900	1000	Civic Action Officer toured Thua Thien Province with Deputy CG, XXIV Corps.
1300	1400	Assistant Civic Action Officer inspected 3d Engineer Battalion.
1330		Civic Action Officer returned from Phu Bai.
1700		Civic Action Officer gave first G-5 Briefing at CG briefing.
2400		DAILY SUMMARY: Normal administration. G-5A in Saigon.

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0800          1000

0800          1500

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INCIDENT, MESSAGE AND DAILY SUMMARY

Assistant Civic Action Officer delivered 150 bags of cement to Bo De School in Quang Tri City. One load of sand to 1st AA Platoon.

Truck to S-5, 3d Marines to take material to Cam Lo.

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0800	1600
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0800	1600
0900	1100
1000	1100
1300	1500
1400	1420
1600	
1630	
2400	

INCIDENT, MESSAGE AND DAILY SUMMARY

Assistant Civic Action Officer delivered 200 bags of cement to Bo De School, 75 bags to MACV and 100 bags to Catholic school, all in Quang Tri City.

Truck to Province Agricultural Advisor to take foodstuffs to Cua Valley.

1st AA Platoon Engineer Officer delivered 200 bags of cement and one load of lumber to Quang Tri City Catholic School.

PSYOP SNCO to Chieu Hoi Center to make Bru tape.

Assistant Civic Action Officer inspected 3d Motor Transport Battalion.

15th ITT C.O. assisted PSYOP in translating message into Vietnamese.

Assistant Civic Action Officer checked a Bru Shop.

G-5A returned from Saigon.

1st AA Platoon Cmdr returned from Vung Tau.

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0800	1600	5 trucks loads of food to Cua Valley Bru.
0800	1600	2 trucks to Gio Linh.
0800	1600	Assistant Civic Action Officer delivered 200 bags of cement to Quang Tri City Bo De School.
0830		1st AA Platoon Admin Chief to Danang.
0900	1500	Assistant Civic Action Officer delivered 15 55 gallon drums to Hai Lang District Headquarters to build a bridge. Delivered money to Father CO.
0930		1st AA Platoon Medical Specialist to emergency leave.
1000	1400	1st AA Platoon Agricultural Officer delivered 65 bags of Hydro Mulch to Chieu Hoi Village.
1300		PSYOP coordinated broadcast to Bru with Cua Valley ITT Officer.
1400	1430	TF Clearwater PSYOP Officer visited G-5.
1600		G-5A transferred to XO, 3d Marine Regiment.
2400		DAILY SUMMARY: Normal administration.

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0800		Assistant Civic Action Officer to R+R
0800	1130	Assistant Civic Action Officer delivered 50 bags of cement to Ai Tu Pagoda. Took pictures for Civic Action magazine.
0800	1600	1st AA Plt Agriculture Officer delivered lumber to Cua Viet school site.
0800	1300	1st AA Plt Engineer Officer delivered 100 bags of cement to Quang Tri City Catholic school.
0900	1500	Commodities NCO to VCB for lumber.
2400		DAILY SUMMARY: NORMAL ADMINISTRATION G-5A in Japan

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0800	1600	1st AA Plt Agriculture Officer delivered 180 bags of mulch to Chieu Hoi Village and 4 rolls of reinforcing mesh to G-5 warehouse.
0900	1100	1st AA Plt Commanding Officer conferred with Province Advisory on proposed S-5 Civic Action Teams.
1300		Assistant Civic Action Officer ordered flags for Commanding General.
1500		G-5, Personal Response Officer and SNCO to DaNang for Personal Response course.
1600		Bru Advisor visited G-5.
2400		DAILY SUMMARY: NORMAL ADMINISTRATION G-5A in Japan

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0800	1600	1st AA Plt Engineer Officer delivered 200 bags of cement to Quang Tri City Catholic school.
0800	1600	Truck to 3d Marines S-5, for Cam Lo schools.
0930	1600	Two trucks to Gio Linh.
0930	1600	Civic Action Officer purchased rebar for Quang Tri City Bo De School. Escorted Dept. of Navy Surgeon en tour of 3d Marine Division Memorial Hospital site and Dong Ha Children's Hospital.
1000	1130	1st AA Plt Agriculture Officer conferred with District Senior Advisor, Gio Linh, on irrigation project.
1600		G-5, Personal Response Officer and SNCO from DaNang.
2400		DAILY SUMMARY: NORMAL ADMINISTRATION G-5A in Japan

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0800		1st AA Plt personal to Danang to pick up 3/4 ton Vehicle.
0800	1000	1st AA Plt Engineer Officer delivered 300 bags of cement to Quang Tri City, Catholic School.
1000		Assistant Civic Action Officer criticized inspection of 3d Motor Transportation Bn.
0930	1500	1st AA Plt Agriculture Officer delivered tin to Cua Viet school site.
1700		G-5 participated in Commanding General's briefing.
2400		DAILY SUMMARY: NORMAL ADMINISTRATION G-5A in Japan

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0800

1st AA Plt Engineer Officer to 29 Civic Action Co. Admin Conference in Danang.

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0800		Assistant Civic Action Officer to Saigon.
0800	1600	Truck to S-5, 3d Marines for Cam Lo.
0800	1600	1st AA Plt Agriculture Officer delivered 200 bags of hydro mulch to Chien Hai Village, Quang Tri City.
0930	1600	Truck to District Senior Advisor, Gio Linh
1000		1st AA Plt Commanding Officer presented windmill studs to Division Engineers.
2400		DAILY SUMMARY: NORMAL ADMINISTRATION G-5A in Japan

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0800	1200	Psyop Officer made liaison with 3d and 4th Marines on itiligation of HB Teams by the Regiment
0800	1200	1st AA Plt Agriculture Officer delivered 50 tons of full for Province Agriculture Adivsor.
0800	1400	1st AA Plt Engineer Officer delivered cement to Quang Tri City.
1000	1600	Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5 and Civic Action Officer accompanied Province Bonzes at lunch with the Commanding General. Traveled to Cam Lo to look at Bo De School site.
0900	1400	Hospital Project Officer paid hospital workers and met with Seabee project officer.
2400		DAILY SUMMARY: NORMAL ADMINSTRATION G-5A in Japan. Psyop submitted 3 names for III MAF Psyop Course

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0800	1600	Truck to 3d Marines for Cam Lo.
0800	1400	1st AA Platoon Engineer Officer delivered 100 bags of cement to Quang Tri City Catholic School.
0800	1600	Civic Action Officer delivered truck to QT City for brick delivery to Bo De School. Visited CORDS and coordinated with Province Senior Advisor and Province Refugee Advisor on Civil Affairs. Went to Cam Lo to arrange Catholic Priests Participation in harvest luncheon. Spoke to Province Senior Advisor, Cam Lo, on civic action projects.
1000	1600	Mining incident at Cam Lo exploited by PSYOP.
1030		1st AA Platoon Cmdr delivered 50,000\$VN to 4th CAG for civic action projects.
1100	1500	1st AA Platoon Engineer Officer delivered 20 bags of cement to Dong Ha brick factory to pay for bricks. Discussed fuel linkage into irrigation system with Village Chief.
2400		DAILY SUMMARY: Normal Administration. G-5A in Japan.

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0800	1600

INCIDENT, MESSAGE AND DAILY SUMMARY

Truck to 3d Marines, S-5, for Cam Lo/Cua Valley.

1300

1st AA Platoon Cmdr arranged meeting to discuss fuel seepage problems.

1400

1800

Civic Action Officer to Cam Lo.

1900

G-5A returned to Danang.

2400

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0800	1600
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0900	
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1300	1330
2400	

INCIDENT, MESSAGE AND DAILY SUMMARY

/Truck to S-5, 3d Marines

G-5A returned. Admin Man to R&R.

1st AA Platoon Cmdr conducted inspection of 3d Med Bn.

PSYOP made liaison with 2d ARVN Regiment for Bru assistance for a 4th Marines request.

Special leaflet drop in Cam Lo to exploit mining incident.

DAILY SUMMARY: Normal administration. Circuit ride spent 24,000\$VN in VIP Funds.

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0800          1600

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1st AA Platoon Agricultural Officer delivered 60 sheets of tin and 50 bags of cement to Cua Viet.

0800          1600

Truck to 3d Marines, S-5.

0900          1200

G-5, Civic Action Officer, and 1st AA Platoon Cmdr attended Province Advisors meeting.

1000          1400

PSYOPs made special broadcast at Cam Lo.

1300          1500

1st AA Platoon Admin Officer delivered 3KW generator to Cam Lo Catholic Priest.

1400          1600

1st AA Engineer Officer delivered critique of 3d Med Bn inspection.

1700

Civic Action Officer gave weekly G-5 briefing at Commanding General brief.

2400

DAILY SUMMARY: Normal administration.

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0730		Civic Action Officer to leave.
0800	1600	Assistant Civic Action Officer delivered material to QT City. Buddhist file delivered to Deputy Province Senior Advisor.
1300	1500	Rallier exploitation on two Bru Hoi Chanhs completed.
2400		DAILY SUMMARY: Normal administration.

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0800	1600	Assistant Civic Action Officer delivered cement to QT City pagoda site.
0800	1600	Truck to S-5, 3d Marine Regiment.
0900	1100	Personal Response Officer gave O-4 from XXIV Corps a tour of "D" Med and hospital site.
1000		1st AA Platoon Agricultural Officer was told by District Senior Advisor, Gio Linh that irrigation project was cancelled.
1300	1600	1st AA Platoon Admin Officer coordinated excursion to Gia Dang.
2400		DAILY SUMMARY: Normal administration. Civic Action Officer on leave.

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0800	1500	Personal Response Officer and SNCO coordinated monthly Personal Response instructor's course.
0900	1300	G-5 and PSYOP Officer attended monthly XXIV Corps G-5 meeting in Phu Bai.
0830	1600	Truck to S-5, 3d Marine Regiment.
0830	1600	Assistant Civic Action Officer delivered cement and lumber to QT City.
1300	1600	Assistant Civic Action Officer and 1st AA Platoon Admin Officer delivered water drums to Cam Lo.
2400		DAILY SUMMARY: Normal Administration. Civic Action Officer on leave.

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0830          1500

INCIDENT, MESSAGE AND DAILY SUMMARY

Personal Response SNCO took persons on tour of QT City in connection with Personal Response Course.

0830          1130

Division PSYOP Conference held with good attendance except infantry units which were absent.

1230

III MAF PSYOP Officer visited our PSYOP Officer.

0800          1100

1st AA Platoon Engineer Officer and Province Agricultural Advisor traveled to Northern Dong Ha District to check the Irrigation project there.

0800          1600

Assistant Civic Action Officer delivered 200 bags of cement to the Can Lo warehouse.

2400

DAILY SUMMARY: Normal administration. Admin Officer to TAD-Tokoyo in connection with Hospital Brochure.

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0800	0900	Division Assistant Civic Action Officer delivered one 55 gal. drum on diesel fuel to the Dong Ha Hospital for the generator there.
0800	1630	Weekly PSYOP report submitted to XXIV Corps
0900	1300	Assistant Civic Action Officer spent the day with father Co and Boy Scout Troop who were at DHCB to put on a show for the CG's End of Harvest Luncheon.
1100	1300	Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5A attended the CG's End Of Harvest Luncheon.
2400		1st AA Plt Cmdr and Eng Officer depart for Danang for monthly Plt Cmdrs Conf.

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0800	1600	One dump truck sent to Gio Linh District.
0800	1600	1st AA Plt delivered 65 bags cement to the Dong Ha Brick Factory and picked up 1000 bricks.
0800	1200	Assistant Civic Action Officer delivered 50 bags cement to Cam Lo District Hqs.
2400		PSYOPs Officer to III MAF for orientation course

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DAILY SUMMARY: NORMAL ADMINISTRATION

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# 3RD MARINE DIVISION CIVIL AFFAIRS & PSYOP NEWSLETTER

6-69

10 June 1969

## HATS OFF

On 13 May 1969 LtCol Howard M. SMITH, former G Alpha, was assigned to the position of Executive Officer, 3d Marine Regiment. Colonel SMITH served as the Assistant G-5 from 6 Oct 1968 until his present reassignment. LtCol C.P. STAPLETON, former Division PSYOP Officer is now the Assistant G-5.

### IRRIGATION PROJECT - 62

One of the first projects being undertaken by USNMCB 62's Civic Action Team is the repair of a pumping station at Cam Vu.

The pumping station was originally built by the Australians under the Colombo Plan. It contains six 14 inch pumps, each capable of delivering 1,000 gallons of water per minute giving a maximum total output of 360,000 per hour.

Each pump is driven by a 65 horsepower, single cylinder, 2 cycle diesel engine and is primarily of cast iron construction. The engines are also of cast iron with a brass impeller.

When MCB 62 took over the project the station was in a state of disrepair. The first corrective step taken was the removal of water, seaweed and other foreign matter from the crankcases of the engines, cooling systems and fuel system.

The engines were stripped, thoroughly cleaned and rebuilt. Needed parts were either salvaged from a junk pile nearby or made in the MCB 62 machine shop.

The station itself required the removal of dirt, water and accumulated ordinance which had been there since the station had been abandoned.

A new roof was added and all metal parts of the station were painted.

The final task was the removal of approximately 55 cubic yards of mud from the pump and inlet structure.

The 11th Engineers repaired the large breaks in the canal system and Vietnamese repaired small breaks and constructed new canals.

Today the station is in operation, being run by two local Vietnamese Nationals who have previous experience in the operation of the pumping station.

### A PROJECT THE PEOPLE WANTED

Over 50 people showed up to work on the Chua De Tu pagoda in Quang Tri City. All G-5 did was bring the material.

The secret?? The people themselves asked for the project. All of the workers were voluntary and no one was paid. It was their project. They even took the time to make dragons and designs out of cement to inlay on the structure.

It merely points out what can be done if the people want the project and initiate the program.

**THE FATHER CO SHOW A HIT !**

Father Co (Cam Le District) brought thirty children and a "three-man band" to Dong Ha Combat Base one day to perform ethnic dances for the Commanding General's End of Harvest Luncheon with the Province and District officials and their Advisors.

The response by the officials to the half-hour show was exciting. The children themselves had been to DHCB only once before, last Christmas at MCB-7, and so, they were thrilled at the opportunity to return.

After the show the children were taken to the Sub-Unit #2 messhall where they ate ice-cream, cookies, and kool-aid. Again, because of the obviously happy faced Marines who had prepared the treat for them, the children cleared out the tables and chairs and repeated the performance of song and dance.

We hope to have more requests for these talented and well-disciplined children soon. Just call 3348 Dong Ha and ask for 1st Lt EASTLAND and he will make the liaison with Father Co.

**3d Tank Battalion**

May 21 was a busy day for the 3d Tank Battalion S-5. The weekly MEDCAP was held in the Chieu Hoi Hamlet. The MEDCAP team treated a total of 73 people. HM-2 VEAZEY and SCHULMAN weren't the only busy people during the MEDCAP. Clothing, donated by interested people in the United States was distributed, as well as a truck load of scrap lumber. Chaplain CHILDERS and ICpl GREGORY pleased the children through the distribution of candy.

During the month of May the Hamlet appearance has completely changed thanks to the 3d Engineer Battalion. The 3d Engineer Battalion improved the road leading into the hamlet, and they delivered a load of topsoil per home.

The present endeavor at the hamlet is the construction of a generator building. The construction is being performed by the people of the hamlet with the cement, lumber, and tin roofing secured by the 3d Tank Battalion.

**????WHO WILL BE THE LUCKY WINNER????**

That's the question circulating throughout Quang Tri Province as the time grows closer to the drawing for the 50 outstanding prizes in the 3d Marine Division Memorial Children's Hospital Fund Raising Campaign. If you haven't purchased a ticket as yet you may do so up to June 15th, if you are a Marine and up to June 20th if you are in the U.S. Army.

Our Army and Navy personnel around Quang Tri along with the command sections of XXIV Corps and III MAF have cooperated fully with this headquarters in helping the 3d Marine Division collect funds for the Children's Hospital in memory of all 3d Marine Division Marines and Sailors killed in action in Vietnam.

We now have the foundation poured for 5 of our 10 buildings that compose the hospital. As you pass by the hospital located outside Quang Tri Combat Base on Route #1 you will see that the walls are almost completed on four of the buildings.

If you haven't already bought a book of tickets yet, see your 1st Sgt or your unit key man.

In our next edition of the newsletter we will list the names of the winners of the 50 outstanding prizes. Buy a book of tickets and maybe you'll be reading your own name next month as the winner of a 1969 Mustang or \$2,323.00 in cash.

### 8TH BATTALION 4TH ARTILLERY MED-CAPS

In addition to providing fast and accurate heavy artillery fire support on known enemy positions and infiltration routes along the DMZ, the 8th Battalion 4th Artillery commanded by LTC Frank M. KULIK Jr., has continuously and effectively improved relations between the Vietnamese and the Americans. This has been accomplished primarily through the efforts of the battalion during the four Med-Caps which they are presently undertaking. Captain ARKO, the battalion surgeon, with his assistant, SSG BROOKS, are performing the work of the Med-Caps at the following locations: Dong Luong, An Lac, and a joint effort with other battalions twice a week at the Dong Ha Hospital in Dong Ha City. Interest in these Med-Caps is high, as evidenced by the many visits made by the Battalion Commander and staff. The staff visits, led primarily by the Battalion Executive Officer, Major Curtis F. HOGAN, who has found himself a very cute 7 year old girlfriend, has greatly increased interest in the program among members of the Battalion. In addition to medical assistance, candy, soap, and clothing, when available, is passed out to the patients and children. The battalion averages treating approximately 300 patients each week.

The remaining Med-Cap is preformed by Battery B at Fire Support Base C-1. Through the continuing efforts of LSG FRANCIS and the battery medic, SP/4 BENNETT, this Med-Cap at Ha Thanh Village has been very successful. Battery B has treated approximately 65 patients weekly since beginning on 8 May 1969. To the amazement of the battalion, many of the people in the village still remembered the assistance rendered by the Battery while they were located at Fire Support Base C-1 approximately 6 months ago. The contributions made by these Med-Caps, along with the civic action projects (to be discussed in next month's newsletter), will always be remembered by the Vietnamese people and will have a positive, lasting effort upon the military conflict in this country.

Another doctor in the battalion who contributed immeasurably to the conduct of Med-Caps was Captain John SAIA, who recently has been reassigned to the Medical Center at Danang. The Battalion S-5, Captain Tommy YOUNG, salutes and congratulates these professional soldiers for a job well done in their contribution to the battalion mission. Continuing efforts such as those exhibited by the 8th Battalion 4th Artillery will have an everlasting effect on the Vietnamese people and will greatly assist the war effort.

### ENGLISH LANGUAGE LAB

In the field of education, Marines from FMSG-B Truck Company initiated a scholarship fund to commemorate their former commanding officer, Captain Richard C. BROWN. The fund was begun with \$500.00 and will be used to provide an education for nine children from the four hamlets Bravo is responsible for.

Also educationwise, the school's beginning English book was taped so that the school has what is thought to be the first "English Language Lab" in northern I Corps. A Panasonic tape recorder was delivered to the school in April for use in the lab.

The Dong Ha Orphanage was presented with a 16mm Bell and Howell movie projector and screen this month plus a large television set. They were also provided sufficient funds to purchase shoes for each child.

Because of the general water shortage in the immediate area, 3,200 gallons of drinking water have been hauled to the orphanage during the month.

## Vietnam "County Agent"

Whats a Vietnam "County Agent"? Anyone from the mid west back in the world is familiar with the local County Agent. He is a friend of the farmer and agricultural advisor.

The 29th Civil Affairs Company has its own "County Agent" program, or more correctly Agricultural Coordinator program. The Ag-coordinator provides a link between the farmer and the CORDS/GVN agriculture programs.

2LT R. O. Dillender is the "County Agent" for the 3d Marine Division. He is located at G-5 and will be happy to explain the program in detail. All agricultural projects from vegetable growing to swine production should be coordinated at this level. So give "Country Bob" a call at 3508 and he will be more than happy to come down to your corral and share a "Chaw" with you and shoot the breeze about agriculture in Quang Tri Province.

~~3d ENGINEERS~~ TAKE ON BRICK FACTORY

3d Engineers is the proud new "owner" of the Children's Hospital Brick Factory. This project, previously coordinated by G-5 and the Quang Tri S-5 Coordinator, is the backbone of the Hospital project.

Located next to the site for the new 3d Marine Division Memorial Children's Hospital at Quang Tri Combat Base, the factory originally opened last September. So far 100,000 bricks have been produced.

Presently, there are 27 workers at the site working with 5 brick machines. Their daily output of bricks is as high as 800.

3d Engineers have previously done extensive work on the Chieu Hoi Hamlet and the Chieu Hoi Village including an excellent defensive wire system, road grading, clear and fill, wells, and duck ponds.

Congratulations on your newest project.

## SUMMER YOUTH OUTINGS

The 3d Marine Division is sponsoring a series of Summer outings at Gia Dang for school children from the Quang Tri area. 1LT Walter J. Mooney 1st Platoon 29th Civil Affairs and Dick Stevens CORDS Chieu Hoi Advisor are project officers. Ice cream, cookies and soft drinks will be provided as refreshments and swimming, volley ball, badminton and soccer games are planned for recreation. 1 June is the date of the 1st outing. This is a further example of the 3d Marine Divisions interest in the youth of Viet Nam and these outings will provide an excellent means of putting this interest into action.

## Malched Mulch

MCB-62 gave over 200 bags of Hydromulch to be used in the Chieu Hoi Village at Quang Tri City. At the recommendation of John Swanson, the Hydromulch is being mixed with the sand to hold water for vegetable crops and to keep the sand from blowing so readily. Other uses thought up by the people include sidewalks and fuel for small fires. Do you have more Hydromulch? Then why not put it to use.

# GIVING

SHOULD BE PERSONAL— NOT IMPERSONAL

## WRONG ROAD

DON'T THROW ITEMS AT OR TO ANYONE

DON'T ENDANGER CHILDREN BY THE ROAD

DON'T BE DISCOURTEOUS AND LOUD.

DON'T BE IMMATURE LOOKING FOR THANKS.

## WATCH

YOUR SIX-BY BEHAVIOR!

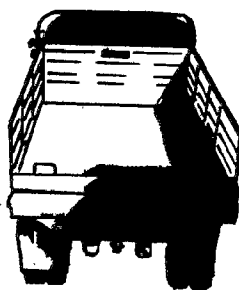
## RIGHT ROAD

DO CHECK WITH PARENTS OR ELDERS.

DO PRESENT YOUR GIFT WITH BOTH HANDS.

DO SMILE AND COMMUNICATE YOUR INTEREST

DO SEEK YOUR FRIENDS EYE LEVEL.



### PERSONAL RESPONSE

The 29th Division Personal Response Instructors Training Course was conducted at 0830, 29 May 1969 at the Officers' Club, Sub-Unit #2, Dong Ha Combat Base with an attendance of 27 Officers and SNOs. The opening remarks were made by the Commanding General and he stated that the Commandant of the Marine

Corps is very much aware of the importance of Personal Response. He also charged all students who attended with the task of returning to their units and holding classes for other personnel within the unit. If you had a man attend the course, don't waste the training that he has received,

USE HIM

**WHAT IS THE PRICE OF A PIECE OF CANDY?  
IN VIETNAM**

**IT CAN REPRESENT A WEALTH OF FRIENDSHIP!**



**IF YOU ARE GOING TO GIVE IT-GIVE IT THE RIGHT WAY  
BEND A LITTLE**

**DISCOVER THE SECRET OF SEEING EYE TO EYE. IT WORKS!**



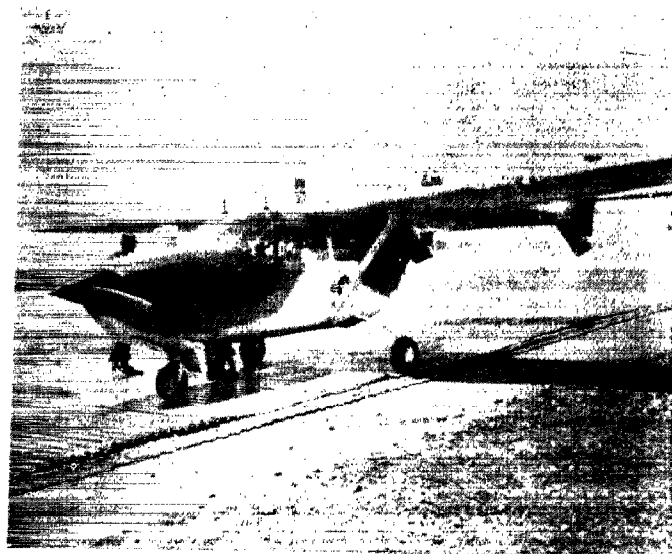
### FLSG-B ACTIVITIES

During the month of May, Marines of the FLSG-Bravo S-5 section have been on the move throughout their whole area of responsibility, which has recently been enlarged to include the hamlet of Lap Thanh, located along the Thanh Han River.

Their first efforts in this new hamlet have proven beneficial in fostering "outstanding" relationships with the Vietnamese. More than 115 men, women and children were treated during a two-day MEDCAP in Lap Thanh and more than 540,000 gallons of river water were pumped into irrigation canals.

Their continuing program of "helping the people help themselves," Bravo S-5 is hauling truckloads of dirt to assist Vietnamese in rebuilding the dirt road between Dong Ha and Lap Thach.

Their first major project of rebuilding homes, destroyed when the ASP blew up last year, is nearing a close as most of the homes have been rebuilt. Because there are still a few in need of repair, building materials are provided as the need arises. Bravo S-5 is also providing materials to build a police station at the Dong Luong village headquarters and to enlarge the Catholic High School in Dong Ha.



Aerial support of Division PSYOP is provided by the 9th Special Operations Squadron, US Air Force. Flight "A", 9th SOS which is concerned with the dissemination of PSYOP media is commanded by Colonel MORTON. The 9th SOS provides planes for both leaflet and tape broadcast. C-47 Skytrains provide leaflet drops, while O2-B's are equipped with speaker and tape equipment for aerial broadcasts.

The O2-B shown above also has the capability of rebroadcasting messages delivered by a ground unit (Early Word).

## PSYOP

In addition to the TO&E personnel on the teams, a Kit Carson Scout is normally attached to each team, either HB or HE, and is often of great value in broadcasting Chieu Hoi messages to his former comrades.

The above named teams with the versatile capabilities, are available to any requesting unit within the area of northern I Corps.

Requests should be made at the Division PSYOP Office at least 24 hours in advance of requested reporting time.

## PSYOP. Items of Interest

On Wednesday May 21, at 0845H a mining incident occurred between Cam Lo and the Rock Pile on Route 9 (YD 053564). As a result of this incident 3 civilians were killed and 7 were injured. In order to exploit this incident as a NVA/VC atrocity we sent personnel to the scene to take pictures and make a tape. The pictures were taken to Danang the same day by courier for use in a leaflet. The special tape was played in the area the following morning. Emphasis was placed on the populated areas. The special leaflet was dropped on Friday afternoon. Three standard tapes were scheduled for the area the following day (one tape on the VIP Program and two on the citizens responsibility to turn in mines). An HE Team also worked in the vicinity of the incident with tapes and leaflets. Additional leaflets were dropped in the areas North and South of Route 9 on 26 May. These leaflets were directed against the NVA/VC and had a theme of NVA/VC atrocities against the civilians in the South. At the present time we do not have any results on this operation.

The first "Early Word" broadcast was conducted on 13 May 1969. The broadcast was made in Apache Snow A.O. in support of the 9th Marine Regiment. Warrent Officer KELLY of 15th CIT and a Bru interpreter conducted the ground communication. As a result of the broadcast 12 Bru came in, one SKS with 30 rounds of ammunition was also captured. The Bru have been evacuated to the Mia Loc Resettlement Village.

On May 20, 1969 our second "Early Word" broadcast was conducted in support of Major HEALY the Cam Lo District Senior Advisor. The message was concerned with the opening of the surrounding area for fishing and wood gathering. No results are available on the success of the broadcast at this time.

On May 15, the 1st Brigade, 5th Infantry Division (Mech) requested our assistance in exploiting two Chieu Hoi's. The Chieu Hoi's tapes inducing their comrades to Chieu Hoi also, the tapes were delivered to G-5 PSYOP on the evening of May 15. We made immediate contact with the 9th Special Operations Squadron and arranged for the broadcast plane to stop at Dong Ha and pick up the tapes for broadcast on the morning of the 16th. Through the assistance of the pilots of 9th SOS we are able to react to situations such as this within 24 hours.

Detachment #2, 7th Psychological Operations Battalion, commanded by 1stLt Andrew LEMSTRA, has been given the task of providing PSYOP support for the 3d Marine Division (Rein) and other units within northern I Corps. Headquarters, 7th PSYOP Battalion, located in Danang is responsible for all PSYOP support and production in the ICTZ. The battalion is commanded by Major Michael FORTINI.

Detachment #2 consists of 4 HB (portable loudspeaker) teams and 2 HE (mobile audio-visual) teams.

The methods of employment for a HB team are many. The team is attached to an infantry unit and is normally used to broadcast Chieu Hoi messages though any appropriate theme may be used. The loudspeaker team consists of 1 team leader (Sgt), and one team member (PFC), with one attached interpreter (ARVN SSgt). On occasion, the HB team has mounted its equipment on Armored Personnel Carriers, which greatly enhance their mobility.

HE teams, which consist of a team leader (1st Lt), operator (PFC or Sp 4), and interpreter, are most often used in the pacification role. The team is equipped with the MSQ85

which is mounted in a 3/4 ton truck. The MSQ85 is equipped with a movie projector, slide projector, screens, tape recorder, trans-oceanic radio voice amplification unit, floodlights, and a diversified supply of movies and slides. The team can travel to even the most remote villages in I Corps to bring their PSYOP message to the people. One application of the HE team which has proved very successful has been that of entertaining the population within a designated area of operation while an infantry unit, either ARVN or American conducts a cordon and search of the villages. The team has the capability of supporting GVN rallies and often works in conjunction with Vietnamese Culture/Drama teams or Armed Propaganda Teams.

#### EARLY WORD

Early Word is the nickname given to a small adapter unit used to interconnect the airborne loudspeaker system on PSYOP aircraft to the intercom system of the aircraft. Early Word allows any signal which can be heard on the aircraft intercom system to be rebroadcast to the ground via the loudspeaker system. For example, an FM or UHF radio transmission from the ground at Da Nang could be relayed through the loudspeaker system of a PSYOP aircraft located at Hoi An.

There are several situations where this added capability can be used. Early Word can aid in the quick reaction exploitation of a Hoi Chanh when either time or facilities prevent prerecording a tape for delivery to the aircraft. A Hoi Chanh located on the ground in the Dong Ha area could use Early Word to immediately relay to his former unit his condition and treatment

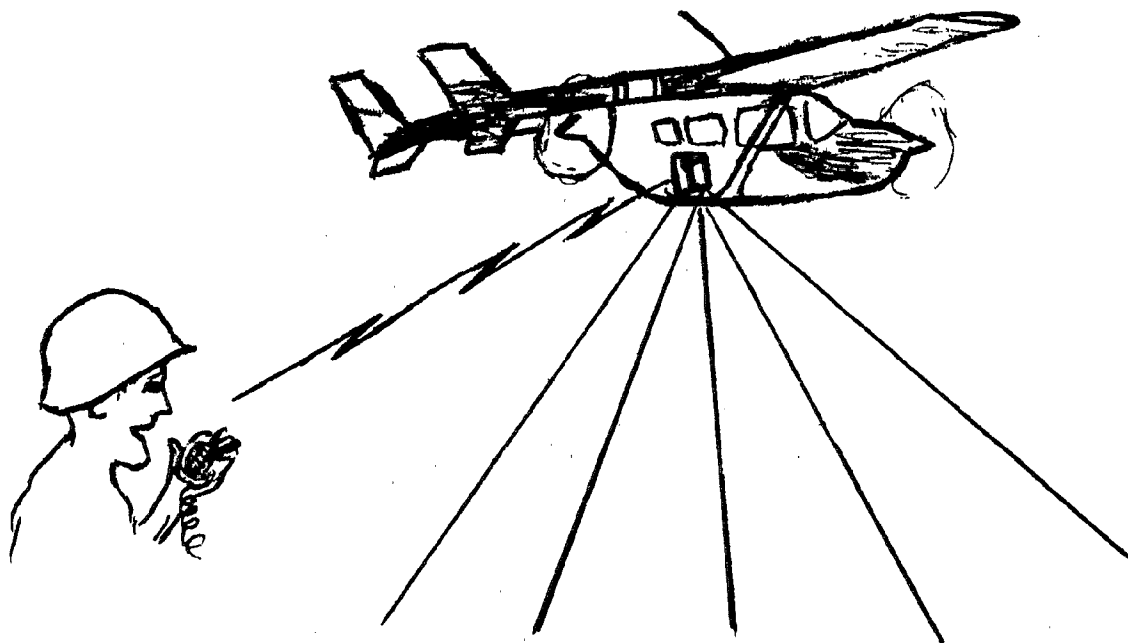
and persuade others to rally. A ground interpreter with a PRC-25 radio could work closely with troops employed in a cordon operation. He could relay through Early Word instructions to rally or surrender in that exact tactical situation rather than use the general prerecorded tapes. Early Word can and has been employed in the recovery of troops separated or lost from their unit. Recently a Marine forward air controller had lost contact with a ground patrol who had been engaged in a fire fight with the enemy in Happy Valley. The rescue helicopter relayed instructions through the PSYOP aircraft loudspeaker system. The patrol was located, positively identified, and given instructions where to proceed to effect the extraction.

Early Word is not without its limitations. O-2B aircraft are

limited to daylight and VFR operations because they are equipped with only limited navigation and flight instrumentation. Coordination is another possible limitation. PSYOP aircraft must be advised of the need for Early Word. Airborne PSYOP aircraft continuously monitor guard channel (243.0 UHF). All Direct Air Support Centers (Dong Ha DASC, Da Nang DASC, etc.) and flight following Stations (Dong Ha Radio, Da Nang Radio, Quang Ngai Radio, etc.) have the capability

of contacting PSYOP aircraft and relaying coordination information. For example, Da Nang Radio calls Rage 09 and states "Rage 09 CONTACT OUTLAW 15 ON 58.95FM for EARLY WORD MISSION". Rage 09 would then contact OUTLAW 15 for the Early Word target location and other mission details.

The Early Word capability is incorporated in all 9th SOS aircraft. Its uses and capabilities are left to the imagination.



WHAT DOES EARLY WORD

MEAN TO YOU ?

All PSYOP aircraft are now equipped with a device allowing re-broadcast of any radio message they receive.

1. For quick reaction PSYOPS broadcasts, all that is needed on the ground is a radio and an interpreter. It is no longer required to get the interpreter to a runway for pickup.

2. "Earlyword" can aid in the quick reaction exploitation of a Hoi Chanh. he could immediately relay to his former unit his condition, his treatment, and persuade others to rally to the GVN.
3. Men separated from their unit without an operational radio can be given instructions on how to proceed via "Earlyword" from a radio located with the main unit or in an airborne rescue helicopter.
4. For best results, personnel transmitting through "Earlyword" must speak slowly and distinctly. When relaying a PSYOP broadcast, an interpreter should limit the message length to 35 to 45 seconds.

## UPDATE G-5 ROSTER

### G-5 Civil Affairs

### Telephone

ACoS, G-5.....	Colonel W. E. KERRIGAN.....	3146/3147
Ass't G-5.....	LtCol C. P. STAPLETON Jr.....	3146/3147
DivCivAcO.....	Captain D. S. SULLIVAN.....	3348
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 TO: CG TASK FORCE HOTEL  
 THIRD MAR  
 TWELFTH MAR  
 INFO: CG XXIV CORPS PHB  
 THIRD MARDIV (REIN) (LESS ACTION ADEES)  
 CG 101ST AEN DIV (AM)  
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- A. MAP: VIETNAM, 1:100,000 SERIES L607
- B. THIRD MARDIV MSG 250122Z APR69 (CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS)(S)
- C. THIRD MARDIV MSG 250514Z APR69 (SEQUENCE OF EVENTS)(S)
- D. THIRD MARDIV LOI 1-67 (S)
- E. THIRD MARDIV O P2000.4 (COM SOP)(U)
- F. THIRD MARDIV O P2000.2 (COI)(C)

TIME ZONE: HOTEL

TASK ORGANIZATION:3D MARDIV (REIN)

MGEN JONES

TASK FORCE HOTEL

MGEN CARNEY

4TH MAR (-)

9TH MAR (-)

3RD BN, 9TH MAR

"A" CO 3D RECON BN

3D MAR

COL LAFORD

1ST BDE, 5TH INF DIV (MECH) (REIN)

COL GIBSON

1ST BDE, 5TH INF DIV (MECH)

BN, 4TH MAR

"D" CO 3D RECON BN

TWELFTH MAR (REIN)

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## 1. (S) SITUATION.

A. ENEMY FORCES. CURRENT INTENS AND PERIMETERS.B. FRIENDLY FORCES.

(1) COMMENCING D-DAY, XXIV CORPS, IN COORDINATION AND COOPERATION WITH 1ST ARVN DIV, CONDUCTS RECONNAISSANCE-IN-FORCE (RIF) OPERATIONS IN NORTHERN A SHAU VALLEY - SOUTHERN DA KRONG VALLEY TO DESTROY NVA FORCES, INTERDICT ENEMY LOG'S, AND DESTROY ENEMY CAMPS AND EQUIPMENT.

(2) 1ST ARVN DIV CONDUCTS OFFENSIVE OPS IN 11TH DTA.

(3) 101ST ABN DIV (AM) IN COORDINATION WITH 1ST ARVN REGT OCCUPIES NORTHERN A SHAU VALLEY ON D-DAY. BLOCKS ENEMY ESCAPE INTO LAOS ALONG ROUTE 922 AND INTERDICTS ROUTE 548. CONDUCTS OPERATIONS IN ZONE TO DESTROY ENEMY FORCES AND INSTALLATIONS.

(4) ARTILLERY.

(A) 108TH ARTY GP G/S XXIV CORPS PROVIDES REINFORCING FIRES TO 12TH MARINES.

(B) 1ST BN (-), 44TH ARTY G/S 3D MARDIV.

(5) FMAW AND 7TH AF PROVIDES AIR SUPPORT 3D MARDIV.

(6) 11TH ENGR BN G/S 3D MARDIV.

(7) FLSG-B AND 69TH SUPPORT GP PROVIDES SUPPLY AND MAINTENANCE SUPPORT 3D MARDIV.

C. ATTACHEMENTS AND DETACHEMENTS. NONE.

## 2. (S) MISSION.

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THIRD MARDIV OCCUPIES SOUTHERN DA KRONG VALLEY ON D-DAY.  
BLOCKS ENEMY ESCAPE INTO LAOS ALONG DA KRONG VALLEY ROAD  
AND CONCURRENTLY, INTERDICTS ROUTE 922 BY FIRE. CONDUCTS  
OPERATIONS IN ZONE TO DESTROY ENEMY FORCES AND INSTALLATIONS.

3. (S) EXECUTION.

A. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS.

(1) 3D MARDIV REDEPLOYS FORCES IAW REF B AND C TO  
CONDUCT SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN CENTRAL PORTION OF  
ZONE AND ESTABLISHES A TWO BN REGIMENTAL FORCE IN POSITION TO  
CONDUCT OPERATIONS IN THE SOUTHERN DA KRONG VALLEY.

(2) ANNEX A (OPERATIONS OVERLAY).

B. TASK FORCE HOTEL.

(1) COMPLETE REDEPLOYMENT OF FORCES IAW REF B AND C.

(2) PREPARE PLANS FOR CONDUCT OF TWO BN REGIMENTAL  
OPN IN SOUTHERN DA KRONG VALLEY AND SUBMIT THIS HQ RLT  
8 MAY FOR APPROVAL.

(3) ON D-DAY OCCUPY SOUTHERN DA KRONG VALLEY.

(4) BLOCK ENEMY ESCAPE INTO LAOS ALONG DA KRONG VALLEY  
ROAD AND CONCURRENTLY INTERDICT ROUTE 922 BY FIRE.

(5) CONDUCT OPERATIONS IN ZONE TO DESTROY ENEMY FORCES  
AND INSTALLATIONS.

(6) CONTINUE RIF OPERATIONS IN NORTHERN PORTION OF AO.

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(7) MAINTAIN 3RD BN, 9TH MAR AS EXPLOITATION/REACTION  
FORCE.

(8) PROVIDE LIAISON PERSONNEL TO 101ST ABN DIV (AM).

C. THIRD MAR

(1) CONDUCT REDEPLOYMENT IAW REF B AND C.

(2) CONTINUE MISSION ASSIGNED IN FRAG ORDER 16-69.

D. FIRST BDE, FIFTH INF DIV (MECH) (REIN). CONTINUE  
OPNS IAW OPORD 16-69.

(1) BE PREPARED TO CHOP REHAB BN FOR USE AS DIVISION  
EXPLOITATION/REACTION FORCE.

E. TWELFTH MAR (REIN),

(1) CONTINUE D/S AND G/S MISSIONS.

(2) CONTINUE REDEPLOYMENT IAW REF B AND C.

F. 3D ENGR BN. CONTINUE D/S AND G/S MISSIONS.

G. 3D RECON BN (-)

(1) G/S 3D MARDIV.

H. 3D TANK BN (-). G/S 3D MARDIV.

I. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

(1) D-DAY - 10 MAY 1969.

(2) NICKNAME OPN IN SOUTHERN DA ARONG VALLEY -  
APACHE SNOW.

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(3) EFFECTIVE, ON ORDER, ON OR ABOUT 3 MAY APACHE SNOW AO WILL BE ESTABLISHED.

(4) THE ROAD RUNNING NORTHEAST FROM YD076025 CROSSING THE DA KRONG AT YD153097 THEN TO YD245151 THEN SOUTH GENERALLY FOLLOWING THE STREAM TO YD253113 IS TEMPORARILY DESIGNATED AS DA KRONG VALLEY ROAD.

(5) FIRE SUPPORT COORDINATION.

(A) ARTILLERY FIRES WITHIN 1000 METERS OF THE BOUNDARY BETWEEN DIVISIONS AND AIR STRIKES WITHIN 500 METERS OF THIS BOUNDARY WILL BE COORDINATED USING NORMAL PROCEDURES. A CYLINDER OF RADIUS 5KM CENTERED ON THE AIR TARGET AND EXTENDING VERTICALLY INTO THE AIR WILL BE ESTABLISHED FOR AIR STRIKES. WHILE THE CYLINDER IS IN EFFECT ARTILLERY WILL NOT BE FIRED THROUGH OR INTO THE CYLINDER AND AIR OBSERVERS WILL NOT ENTER IT.

(B) EFFECTIVE 100001H MAY69 A BUFFER ZONE WILL BE ESTABLISHED. THE BUFFER ZONE IS DEFINED BY A LINE IN LAOS PARALLEL TO THE LAOS-RVN BORDER AT 5KM DISTANCE (SEE OPERATIONS OVERLAY TO BE ISSUED SEPARATELY). THIS LINE HAS THE SAME FUNCTION AS A FORWARD BOMB LINE (FBL) AND FIRE SUPPORT COORDINATION LINE (FSCL).

(6) COMUSMACV MSG DTG 120724Z FEB69 SUBJECT RULES OF ENGAGEMENT - LAOS (SECRET) APPLIES.

(7) DIRLAUTH BETWEEN CG TF HOTEL AND CG 3 EDE, 101ST ABN DIV (AM).

4. (U) ADMINISTRATIVE AND LOGISTICS. IAW REF D.

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5. (U) COMMAND AND SIGNAL.

A. SIGNAL. IAW REF E AND F.

B. COMMAND. NO CHANGE.

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IV; 6442 I, II, III, and IV  
(b) Third MarDiv (Rein) O P2000.4 (COM SOP) (U)  
(c) Third MarDiv (Rein) O P02000.2 (COI) (O)

Time Zone: H

Task Organization:

3d MarDiv (Rein)

Task Force Hotel

4th Mar (-)

9th Mar (-)

3d Bn, 9th Mar (-)

2d Bn, 4th Mar (-)

B Co, 3d Recon Bn

Task Force Bravo

Tank Co (-) (Rein) 3d Tank Bn

Det, 3d Engr Bn

Det, 4th Prov Btry, 12th Mar

M Co (-), 3d Bn, 9th Mar

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1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces. Annex A (Intelligence).

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) XXIV Corps destroys NVA/VC forces in AO and prevents enemy capture, destruction or domination of Hue, Quang Tri and other populated areas.

(2) 1st ARVN Div continues assigned mission in AO.

(3) 101st Abn Div (AM) continues operations in A Shau Valley.

(4) Artillery. (Annex B).

(a) 108th Arty GP G/S XXIV Corps.

(b) 1st Bn, 44th Arty (-) G/S 3d MarDiv (Rein).

(5) 1st MAW provides fixed wing and helo support.

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(6) 7th Fleet provides tactical air and NGF support to 3d MarDiv (Rein).

(7) FESG-B provides supply and maintenance support to 3d Mar Div (Rein).

c. Attachments and Detachments. Task Organization.

2. MISSION. To conduct a tactical Cover and Deception operation in the Khe Sanh Valley area in order to entice the enemy into reacting to false information by massing his forces and creating a lucrative target for attack by supporting arms.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operations. Operation Caddo Creek will be conducted in three phases.

PHASE I - Encompasses helicopter reconnaissance flights controlled by Task Force Hotel, utilizing the 101st Abn "PINK" Teams, starting on D-3. Task Force Bravo closes VCB: ETA 16 May 1600H.

PHASE II - Encompasses zippo flights on D-1, artillery prep fires commencing at L-Hour (-) 3 (Annex B) and fixed wing preps at L-Hour (-) 1 (Annex C).

PHASE III - Encompasses

(1) Actual helicopter movement to LZ Enterprise and insertion of a Division Reconnaissance Team. Followed by the simulated landing of a Bn. Annex C (Air). TFB commences motorized/mechanized opns at H-Hour.

(2) Manipulative and simulative communications deception to be employed on normal Task Force Hotel, 2dBn, 4th Mar and supporting arms nets. Ref Admin Order (Issued Separately). The "Battalion" will maintain communications for a unit conducting search and destroy operations in the vicinity of LZ Enterprise.

(3) Communications traffic and employment of supporting arms will continue thru termination of operation at D+2. Annex D (Sequence of Events).

(4) TFB continues opns to vicinity LZ Stormy by D-Day; conducts route recon on D+1. Returns to VCB on D+2.

b. Task Force Hotel.

(1) Assume overall control of the operation.

(2) Conduct "PINK" team flights over the Khe Sanh Valley area commencing on D-3.

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(3) Insure reconnaissance coverage of the fictional Battalion Area of Operations, to include Recon Teams to secure LZ Enterprise during simulated landing.

(4) Be prepared to commit up to battalion size exploitation/reaction force in assigned AO.

c. 2d Bn, 4th Mar (-).

(1) Chop to Task Force Hotel eff 161200H May 1969.

(2) Conduct helicopter lift to FSE Gates on D-1.

(3) Provide command group and communications equipment necessary to conduct battalion cover and deception operation.

(4) On order execute communications deception in accordance with Admin Order (Issued Separately).

d. Task Force Bravo.

(1) Chop to Task Force Hotel eff upon arrival at VCB.

(2) Conduct motorized/mechanized ops along route 9 from VCB to vicinity of LZ Stormy.

(3) On D+1 conduct road recon from LZ Stormy to Lang Kat (YD 906400) and return.

(4) Be prepared to provide direct support for any exploitation/reaction force committed in area.

e. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) H/L Hour, D-Day 170900H May 1969.

(2) LZ Enterprise - Grid XD 885361 (Primary).

(3) LZ Herring - Grid XD 843373 (Alternate).

(4) Cpn Nickname - Caddo Creek.

(5) Sequence Of Events - Annex D (Sequence of Events).

(6) Special Communications Procedures - Admin C (Issued Separately).

(7) Overlay of Exercise Boundary (PASEP). Eff for other than exercise purposes on order.

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(8) Reporting procedures for (2/4) as to Spot Rpts and Sit Rpts same as for normal operation.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE AND LOGISTICS. Annex E (Administrative and Logistics).

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL. Reference Administrative Order (Issued Separately).

a. Signal. IAW Ref B and C.

(1) All units participating in the operation will utilize frequencies assigned in Ref C.

c. Command Post.

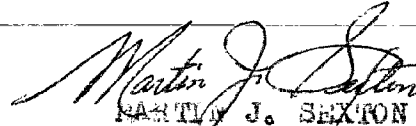
(1) Task Force Hotel - VCB.

(2) 2nd Bn. 4th Mar (-) - PSB Gates off D (-)1.

(3) Task Force Bravo - LZ Stonny.

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ANNEXES:

- A. Intelligence
  - B. Artillery
  - C. Air
  - D. Sequence of Events
  - E. Administrative and Logistics
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## Annex A (Intelligence)

Ref: a. Map Vietnam, AMS Series L7014, Sheets 6342 II, 6342 III, 6342 IV,  
 6341 I, 6341 IV

1. SUMMARY OF ENEMY SITUATION.

a. Order of Battle: Since early April 1969 there has been mounting evidence that a force of possibly two regimental size force is deployed in Laos contiguous to the old PAINE GRAG AO along the Route #610 axis. Attacks on Task Force Remagen elements on 25 and 28 April 1969, near Khe Sanh, may have been conducted by this force. Documents found following these contacts indicates the enemy force may be comprised of the 57th and possibly the 9th NVA Regiments of the 304th Division.

b. Location: The center of mass of this enemy force is believed to be located south of Route #9 in the Route #610/Laotian Salient Area.

c. Strength and Combat Efficiency: These two regiments of the 304th Division are considered to be combat effective with a strength of approximately 1,300 men each.

d. Availability of Reinforcements: This force can probably be reinforced within 24 to 72 hours by elements of the 7th Front operating in the vicinity of the Laotian Salient and by infiltration groups.

2. ENEMY CAPABILITIES. This one to two regimental size force has the capability to initiate multi-battalion offensive action. Based on the late April attacks on Task Force Remagen elements, this force also has a sapper capability. The enemy also has an artillery capability, 62mm mortar and 122mm rocket which can be shifted in Laos to support operations against the operation.

a. Defense Capability: The enemy has the capability to defend, withdrawing into the Laotian sanctuary when pressure becomes unacceptable.

b. Reinforcement Capabilities: (See para 1.D above)

3. CONCLUSION. The enemy is located in the Vietnamese Salient in one to two regimental size strength. Recon and screening forces are presently

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located in the Khe Sanh area. This force can react in force to the operation within 24-48 hours after the enemy makes the decision. The enemy may initiate sapper supported ground attacks within 2 to 5 days after D-Day.

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Ref: (a) Maps: Viet Nam, 1:50,000, series L7014, sheets  
 6341 I and IV; 6342 I, II, III, and IV;  
 6441 IV; 6442 I, II, III, and IV

(b) FMFM 7-1 (Fire Support Coordination)

Time Zone: F

1. Artillery Support: The following artillery support is available in the area of C&D Operations:

<u>Battery</u>	<u>Weapon</u>	<u>Location</u>
C 6/33	105 mm	Gates FB
1st Provisional	155 mm	Gates FB
"B" Plt, 5th 175 Guns	175 mm	VCB
"C" Plt, 5th 175 Guns	175 mm	Elliott FB

2. C AND D REQUESTS FOR FIRE:

a. Due to the unusual nature of these operations FO's operating on C&D Nets at FSB Gates will call missions in accordance with the scenario using the targets listed in appendix 1. Although these will all be unobserved fires FO's will simulate "observed" missions by calling in corrections until entering fire for effect and will give constant surveillance with the end of mission. Batteries will accept the FO's corrections but will continue to fire at the original target of the mission during both the adjustment and effect phase.

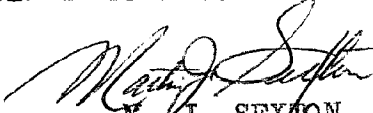
b. Actual observed missions requested by AO's or Recon teams operating in the AO will be handled in the normal manner except that these observed fires will have priority over C and D missions.

3. Fire Support Coordination: The Battalion's FSOC will perform its normal function as a coordinating agency. Location of Recon Teams operating in the vicinity of LZ Enterprise must be monitored closely to insure their safety while firing missions in the scenario.

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4. PREPERATION FIRES: See Appendix 2

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Appendix 1 to Annex B (Artillery Fire Plan) to OpO 20-69

ARTILLERY TARGET LIST

<u>Target Coordinates</u>	<u>Target Descriptions</u>
862395	Cave/Tunnel Entrance
863371	Bunkers
863370	Bunkers
863370	12 New Bunkers
862360	12 Bunkers
879323	40 Bunkers
880350	Guard Station
894348	80 Bunkers/20 Automatic Weapons position
895374	Foxholes
903391	5 Bunkers
902372	New Camouflage
839401	45 Foxholes
834401	40 Foxholes
824439	35 Foxholes
840386	Stage Area
817379	Stage Area
877317	Stage Area
871311	Fortified Position - 100 Foxholes - Anti Aircraft/Automatic Weapons position
846393	Artillery Position
876323	35-40 Bunkers
815364	10-15 Bunkers
875318	65 Bunkers - Mortar Position
810406	Supply Area
811392	Bunkers
811378	Bunker Complex
81303555	30 Bunkers
813355	30 Foxholes
811351	Trench/Foxholes
822376	60 Foxholes - Mortar Position
822381	Staging Area
821402	60 Foxholes - Suspected Enemy Position
822377	Strong Point
822374	50 Foxholes in circular pattern
825338	Guard Station
833379	Old Bunker Complex
848405	Old Hootch
848440	Bunker Complex
842401	Defense Position
840408	Hootch/Airstrip
840405	Trail
848383	1 Hootch
849375	15 Bunkers/Foxholes
855394	Rocket Site/Ammo Cache
850335	9 Bunkers/15 Foxholes

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Appendix 2 to Annex B (Artillery Fire Plan) to OPO 20-69

## SCHEDULE OF FIRES

UNIT	180	162	160	151	150	142	140
C/6/33	<u>891369</u> 40		<u>884361</u> 100		<u>880357</u> 40		<u>863375</u> 100
1st Prov	<u>877317</u> 8		<u>890362</u> 8		<u>883357</u> 8		<u>863370</u> 8
D/5th	<u>876323</u> 4		<u>886358</u> 4		<u>878362</u> 4		<u>863372</u> 4
C/5th	<u>879323</u> 4		<u>887367</u> 4		<u>880363</u> 4		<u>862380</u> 4

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Annex C (Air) to Operation Order 20-69

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Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy Forces. Annex B (Intelligence) to Operation Order 20-69.

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) 1st MAF provide Fixed Wing, Helicopter and aerial support.

(2) Vandegrift BASC will control fixed wing and helicopter air borne operations.

2. PROCEDURES.

a. Airstrikes within operational area shall be under positive control of Vandegrift BASC/TAC (A).

b. Coordination of Supporting Fires Annex B (Artillery) to Operation Order 20-69.

c. TPQ requests for that night and the next day shall be submitted to Division Air Headquarters.

d. "On Call" fixed wing requested either through AD or station of this headquarters.

e. Landing zones/strip up zones shall be carefully selected following those policy guidelines used in the past. Confirmation of final landing zone selection/approval shall be a joint effort by participating ground and aviation commanders.

f. The current helicopter request format shall be followed for all helicopter support requests.

g. Pre-planned Fixed-Wing requests for the following day shall be submitted to this headquarters prior to 1100H.

h. All heliborne assaults into unsecured zones shall be preceded by a minimum of six(6) flights of prop. A minimum of two(2) flights for helo escort shall be requested.

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3. COMMAND AND SIGNAL

a. Reference Administrative Order (Issued Separately).

b. Control Agencies.

(1) Vandegrift DASC outside regimental area of operations.

(2) Elk River 14 for all inter-AO air traffic (traffic clearance only).

(3) Unit 14 in close proximity of individual land zone. (Traffic clearance only).

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APPENDIXES:

1. Available Air Support
2. Air Schedule

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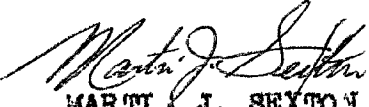
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Appendix 1 (Available Air Support) to Annex C (Air) to Op Order 20-69

Available Air Support.

1. Medevac. Two (2) OH 46D's on 15 minute alert, stationed at Vandegrift Combat Base.
2. Aerial Observer/Tactical Air Controllers Airborne. One (1) aircraft (OV-10) on station during day light operations. One (1) aircraft on 30 minutes alert stationed at Quang Tri.
3. CAS Aircraft (Pre-planned). Support will be provided.
4. CAS Aircraft (On-Call). Aircraft available on alert from DaNang and Chu Lai.
5. Supply Helicopters. Adequate assets available from 1st MAW and controlled by Task Force Hotel.
6. UH-1E Gunships. Available on request.
7. Troop Transports. Available on request.
8. Heavy Lift Helicopters. Available on request.

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## Appendix 2 (Air Schedule) to Annex C (Air) to Operation Order 20-69

Air Schedule: (Fixed Wing)

1.-Hour: 0900

(A) Initial aviation preparation. - Approximately two (2) hours before L-Hour, TAC(A) will report on station and request of the ground commander that all artillery fire be shifted or limited in order to conduct the initial fixed wing preparation.

(B) Landing Zone preparation schedule:

1. 0830-1 Flight carrying 500# G.P. bombs with DC fuzing.
- 0840-1 Flight carrying 500# G.P. bombs with DC fuzing.
- 0850-1 Flight carrying 500# Fire bombs with 2.75" Rockets.
- 0900-1 Flight carrying 500# Fire bombs with 2.75" Rockets.
- 0810-1 Flight carrying 2.75" Rockets/5" Rockets/Guns.
- 0820-1 Flight carrying 2.75" Rockets/5" Rockets/Guns.

0830 - Final artillery preparation begins.

2. 0845-1 Flight carrying Snakeys and Napalm bombs - CAP to cover helicopter transport operations.
- 0855-1 Flight carrying Strikeback/Flak package.
- 0930-1 Flight carrying Snakeys and Napalm bombs - CAP for troop support.

Air Schedule (Helio)

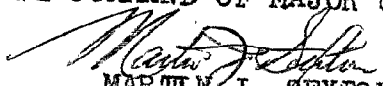
D-1. 1 CH 46 to lift zippo to visual recon LZ Enterprise.

D-Day. 8 CH 46's to lift 2/4 into assault area to secure LZ Enterprise and commence operations. 2 CH 53's to lift artillery battery to LZ Enterprise for artillery ammunition supply.

D+1...Two (2) CH 46's for normal resupply. Two (2) CH 53's for artillery ammunition resupply.

D+2...Two (2) CH 46's to lift 2/4 to VCB. Two (2) CH 53's to lift artillery battery to VCB.

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Annex D (Sequence of Events) to Operation Order 20-69

Ref: (a) Maps: Vietnam, 1:50,000, Series L7014, Sheets  
 6341, I and IV; 6342 I, II, III, and IV; 6441  
 IV; 6442 I, II, III, and IV

Time Zone: H

# 1. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

D-3 to D-1: Pink Teams recon LZ Enterprise and area  
 surrounding Rte 9 from FSB Cates and to the  
 Laotian border.

D-1: Zippo team recon primary and alternate LZ

1500: 2/4 Command Group arrives at VCB.

1600: TFB arrives at VCB.

1700: 2/4 Command Group displaces to FSB Cates.

D-Day - 17 May:

0600: Arty prep begins

0730: Air prep begins

0830: Final Arty prep begins

0900: H/L Hour

- (1) First Helo with recon team/TFB begins opns.
- (2) One rifle company simulated.
- (3) Arty - 3 externals and 5 ammo externals.
- (4) Remainder troop lift continues

1200: lift complete

- (1) recon departs zone on foot and resumes  
 normal operations.

D+1: 0800: TFB conducts route recon.

1430: Resupply helicopter arrives in zone.

- (1) Recon team insures zone secure.

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D+2: 0900: Lift out begins  
TFB begins move to VCB.

1200: Lift out complete - Recon team extracted,  
sensors seeded.

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Annex E Administrative and Logistics to Operation Order 20-69

Ref: (a) Maps: Vietnam, 1:50,000, Series L7014, Sheets  
 6341 I and IV; 6342 I, II, III, and IV; 6441 IV;  
 6442 I, II, III, and IV.  
 (b) III MAF O P002000.4  
 (c) 3rd MarDiv O P02000.2F (COI)(G)  
 (d) 3rd MarDiv O P02000.2G (COM SOP)(U)  
 (e) 3rd MarDiv LOI 1-67 (S)

Time Zone: H

# 1. SUPPLY (Deception Support)

a. D-1, 12th Marines stage 10 heavy lifts of empty 105mm ammunitions boxes at LSA VCB.

b. D-Day, 1st MAF helilifts 4 Dummy Howitzers (four 105mm) along with 2 unserviceable jeeps to LZ Enterprise from LSA, Dong Ha about 1000H.

c. D-Day, 1st MAF helilifts 5 heavy lifts (empty 105mm ammunitions boxes) to LZ Enterprise at about 1430H from LSA VCB.

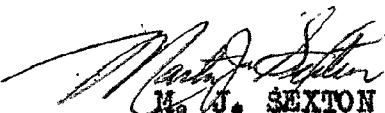
d. D+1, 1st MAF helilifts 5 heavy lifts (empty 105mm ammunitions boxes) to LZ Enterprise at about 1430H from LSA VCB.

# 2. MISCELLANEOUS

a. All cargo nets will be retrograded on D+2 to LSA, VCB.

b. Lifts of empty ammunition boxes will be clearly marked to distinguish them from authentic lifts at LSA, VCB, and will be left and burned at LZ Enterprise upon retrograde.

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	KIA	WIA	DOW	MIA	CPTR	MIS	NON-HOSTILE		TOTAL	*
							DEATHS	INJURED		(WIAE)
USMC OFF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
USMC ENL	0	11	0	0	0	0	2	1	14	(8)
USN OFF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
USN ENL	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
TOTAL	0	11	0	0	0	0	3	1	15	(8)

TOTAL HOSTILE AND NON-HOSTILE CASUALTIES

	KIA	WIA	DOW	MIA	CPTR	MIS	NON-HOSTILE		TOTAL
							DEATHS	INJURED	
USMC OFF	199	1438	19	3	0	0	17	60	1736
USMC ENL	4276	31823	492	10	0	4	440	2006	39051
USN OFF	2	39	0	0	0	0	0	1	42
USN ENL	210	1641	14	0	0	0	26	72	1963
TOTAL	4687	34941	525	13	0	4	483	2139	42792

UNITS OPCON TO 3D MARDIV ( none )

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	KIA	WIA	DOW	MIA	CPTR	MIS	NON-HOSTILE		TOTAL	(WIAE)
							DEATHS	INJURED		
USMC OFF										
USMC ENL										
USN OFF										
USN ENL										
USA OFF										
USA ENL										

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USMC OFF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
USMC ENL	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0
USN OFF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
USN ENL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0

TOTAL HOSTILE AND NON-HOSTILE CASUALTIES

	KIA	WIA	DOW	MIA	CPTR	MIS	DEATHS	INJURED	TOTAL
USMC OFF	199	1438	19	3	0	0	17	60	1736
USMC ENL	4277	31824	492	10	0	4	440	2007	39054
USN OFF	2	39	0	0	0	0	0	1	42
USN ENL	210	1641	14	0	0	0	26	72	1963
TOTAL	4688	34942	525	13	0	4	483	2140	42795

UNITS OPCON TO 3D MARDIV ( none )FOR PERIOD 0001 TO 2400, 2 May 69

	KIA	WIA	DOW	MIA	CPTR	MIS	DEATHS	INJURED	TOTAL	(WIAE)
USMC OFF										
USMC ENL										
USN OFF										
USN ENL										
USA OFF										
USA ENL										

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USMC OFF	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
USMC ENL	3	18	0	0	0	0	0	3	24	(9)
USN OFF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
USN ENL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	3	19	0	0	0	0	0	3	25	(9)

TOTAL HOSTILE AND NON-HOSTILE CASUALTIES

	KIA	WIA	DOW	MIA	CPTR	MIS	DEATHS	NON-HOSTILE INJURED	TOTAL
USMC OFF	199	1439	19	3	0	0	17	60	1737
USMC ENL	4280	31842	492	10	0	4	440	2010	39078
USN OFF	2	39	0	0	0	0	0	1	42
USN ENL	210	1641	14	0	0	0	26	72	1963
TOTAL	4691	34961	525	13	0	4	483	2143	42820

UNITS OPCON TO 3D MARDIV ( none )

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	KIA	WIA	DOW	MIA	CPTR	MIS	DEATHS	NON-HOSTILE INJURED	TOTAL	(WIAE)
USMC OFF										
USMC ENL										
USN OFF										
USN ENL										
USA OFF										
USA ENL										

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USMC OFF	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	(2)
USMC ENL	8	9	0	0	0	0	0	3	20	(21)
USN OFF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
USN ENL	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0
TOTAL	9	11	0	0	0	0	0	4	24	(21)

TOTAL HOSTILE AND NON-HOSTILE CASUALTIES

	KIA	WIA	DOW	MIA	CPTR	MIS	DEATHS	NON-HOSTILE INJURED	TOTAL
USMC OFF	199	1441	19	3	0	0	17	60	1739
USMC ENL	4288	31851	492	10	0	4	440	2013	39098
USN OFF	2	39	0	0	0	0	0	1	42
USN ENL	211	1641	14	0	0	0	26	73	1965
TOTAL	4700	34972	525	13	0	4	483	2147	42844

UNITS OPCON TO 3D MARDIV ( none )

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	KIA	WIA	DOW	MIA	CPTR	MIS	DEATHS	NON-HOSTILE INJURED	TOTAL	(WIAE)
USMC OFF										
USMC ENL										
USN OFF										
USN ENL										
USA OFF										
USA ENL										

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	KIA	WIA	DOW	MIA	CPTR	MIS	NON-HOSTILE DEATHS	INJURED	TOTAL	* (WIAE)
USMC OFF	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
USMC ENL	3	12	0	0	0	0	3	8	26	(8)
USN OFF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
USN ENL	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0
TOTAL	3	21	0	0	0	0	4	8	36	(8)

TOTAL HOSTILE AND NON-HOSTILE CASUALTIES

	KIA	WIA	DOW	MIA	CPTR	MIS	NON-HOSTILE DEATHS	INJURED	TOTAL
USMC OFF	199	1441	19	3	0	0	18	60	1740
USMC ENL	4291	31863	492	9	1	4	443	2021	39125
USN OFF	2	39	0	0	0	0	0	1	42
USN ENL	211	1650	14	0	0	0	26	73	1974
TOTAL	4703	34993	525	12	1	4	487	2155	42881

UNITS OFCON TO 3D MARDIV ( none )FOR PERIOD 0001 TO 2400, 5 May 69

	KIA	WIA	DOW	MIA	CPTR	MIS	NON-HOSTILE DEATHS	INJURED	TOTAL	(WIAE)
USMC OFF										
USMC ENL										
USN OFF										
USN ENL										
USA OFF										
USA ENL										

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							DEATHS	INJURED		(WIAE)
USMC OFF	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
USMC ENL	1	9	0	0	0	0	4	4	18	(5)
USN OFF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
USN ENL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0
TOTAL	1	10	0	0	0	0	4	6	21	(5)

TOTAL HOSTILE AND NON-HOSTILE CASUALTIES

	KIA	WIA	DOW	MIA	CPTR	MIS	NON-HOSTILE		TOTAL
							DEATHS	INJURED	
USMC OFF	194	1442	19	3	0	0	18	60	1741
USMC ENL	4292	31872	492	4	7	4	447	2085	39143
USN OFF	2	39	0	0	0	0	0	1	42
USN ENL	211	1650	14	0	0	0	26	45	1976
TOTAL	4707	35003	525	12	1	4	491	2161	42902

UNITS OPCON TO 3D MARDIV ( none )FOR PERIOD 0001 TO 2400, 6 MAY 69

	KIA	WIA	DOW	MIA	CPTR	MIS	NON-HOSTILE		TOTAL	(WIAE)
							DEATHS	INJURED		
USMC OFF										
USMC ENL										
USN OFF										
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USMC OFF	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
USMC ENL	0	22	0	0	0	0	0	5	27	(17)
USN OFF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
USN ENL	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	(1)
TOTAL	0	26	0	0	0	0	0	5	31	18

TOTAL HOSTILE AND NON-HOSTILE CASUALTIES

	KIA	WIA	DOW	MIA	CPTR	MIS	DEATHS	NON-HOSTILE INJURED	TOTAL
USMC OFF	199	1443	19	3	0	0	18	60	1742
USMC ENL	4292	31894	492	9	1	4	447	2030	39170
USN OFF	2	39	0	0	0	0	0	1	42
USN ENL	211	1653	14	0	0	0	26	75	1949
TOTAL	4704	35029	525	12	1	4	491	2166	42933

UNITS OFCON TO 3D MARDIV (NONE)

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	KIA	WIA	DOW	MIA	CPTR	MIS	DEATHS	NON-HOSTILE INJURED	TOTAL	(WIAE)
USMC OFF										
USMC ENL										
USN OFF										
USN ENL										
USA OFF										
USA ENL										

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USMC OFF	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0
USMC ENL	1	12	0	0	0	0	0	8	21	(9)
USN OFF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
USN ENL	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	(1)
TOTAL	2	13	0	1	0	0	0	8	24	(10)

TOTAL HOSTILE AND NON-HOSTILE CASUALTIES

	KIA	WIA	DOW	MIA	CPTR	MIS	DEATHS	NON-HOSTILE INJURED	TOTAL
USMC OFF	200	1443	19	4	0	0	18	60	1744
USMC ENL	4293	31906	492	9	1	4	447	2038	39191
USN OFF	2	39	0	0	0	0	0	1	42
USN ENL	211	1654	14	0	0	0	26	75	1980
TOTAL	4706	35042	525	13	1	4	491	2174	42959

UNITS OPCON TO 3D MARDIV ( none )

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USMC ENL										
USN OFF										
USN ENL										
USA OFF										
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USMC OFF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
USMC ENL	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
USN OFF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	11	(4)
USN ENL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	1	11	(4)

TOTAL HOSTILE AND NON-HOSTILE CASUALTIES

	KIA	WIA	DOW	MIA	CPTR	MIS	DEATHS	NON-HOSTILE INJURED	TOTAL
USMC OFF	200	1443	19	4	0	0	18	60	1744
USMC ENL	4293	31916	492	9	1	4	447	2039	39202
USN OFF	2	39	0	0	0	0	0	1	42
USN ENL	211	1654	14	0	0	0	26	95	1980
TOTAL	4706	35052	525	12	1	4	491	2175	42968

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USMC OFF										
USMC ENL										
USN OFF										
USN ENL										
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USA ENL										

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## HOSTILE AND NON-HOSTILE CASUALTY REPORT

FOR PERIOD 0001 TO 2400, 10 May 69

	KIA	WIA	DOW	MIA	CPTR	MIS	DEATHS	NON-HOSTILE INJURED	TOTAL	* (WIAE)
USMC OFF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
USMC ENL	4	10	0	0	0	0	0	19	33	(9)
USN OFF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
USN ENL	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	(1)
TOTAL	4	13	0	0	0	0	0	19	36	(10)

## TOTAL HOSTILE AND NON-HOSTILE CASUALTIES

	KIA	WIA	DOW	MIA	CPTR	MIS	DEATHS	NON-HOSTILE INJURED	TOTAL
USMC OFF	200	1443	19	4	0	0	18	60	1744
USMC ENL	4297	31926	492	9	1	4	447	2058	39235
USN OFF	2	39	0	0	0	0	0	1	42
USN ENL	211	1657	14	0	0	0	26	75	1983
TOTAL	4710	35065	525	13	1	4	491	2194	43004

UNITS OFCON TO 3D MARDIV ( none )

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USMC OFF										
USMC ENL										
USN OFF										
USN ENL										
USA OFF										
USA ENL										

\* WIAE'S ARE INCLUDED IN WIA'S

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USMC OFF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
USMC ENL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
USN OFF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
USN ENL	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	(2)
TOTAL	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	(2)

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	KIA	WIA	DOW	MIA	CPTR	MIS	DEATHS	NON-HOSTILE INJURED	TOTAL
USMC OFF	200	1443	19	4	0	0	18	60	1744
USMC ENL	4297	31926	492	9	1	4	447	2058	39235
USN OFF	2	39	0	0	0	0	0	1	42
USN ENL	211	1659	14	0	0	0	26	75	1985
TOTAL	4710	35067	525	13	1	4	491	2194	43006

UNITS OPCON TO 3D MARDIV ( none )

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	KIA	WIA	DOW	MIA	CPTR	MIS	DEATHS	NON-HOSTILE INJURED	TOTAL	(WIAE)
USMC OFF										
USMC ENL										
USN OFF										
USN ENL										
USA OFF										
USA ENL										

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