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1. SITREP NR 180 AS OF 010600H DEC 66.

A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE

C. CONTACTS: NONE

D. EVENTS: 010050H: 2/9 81MM H&I FAULTY ROUND LANDED

AT (YD 063550). NO CASUALTIES RESULTED.

E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE

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1. SITREP NR 181 AS OF 011200H DEC 66
- A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
- B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE
- C. CONTACTS: NONE

- D. EVENTS 010916H 1/3/3 LOC 3 PACKS IN EXCELLENT CONDITION AT (YD 103497). PACKS WILL BE FORWARDED TO G-2.
- E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE EXCEPT RESUPPLY CONVOY OF TRUCKS, APCs AND SECURITY PLT (REINF) 2/9 WILL DEPART FOR CUA VALLEY 011300H.
- F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE

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1. SITREP NR 182 AS OF 011800H DEC66.

A. LOCATIONS:

- (1) HQ 3D MAR (YD066543)
(2) 3/3 CMD GRP A (YD103497)
3/3 CMD GRP B (XD981582)

- I/3/3 (YD103497)
K/3/3 (XD980583)
L/3/3 (XD976567)
M/3/3 (YD103497)
(3) 2/9 (YD063551)
E/2/9 (YD027561)
F/2/9 (XD982582) WITH 1 PLT (XD978588)
G/2/9 (YD063551)
H/2/9 (YD063551)
(4) CO A 3D TKS
1 PLT D/S 3/3
2 PLT D/S 2/9
(5) CO A 3D AT
1 PLT D/S 3/3
2 PLT D/S 2/9

B. SUMMARY:

- (1) HQ CO 3D MAR PROVIDED SECURITY FOR CP.
(2) 2/9: CO E PROVIDED SECURITY FOR THE WATER POINT AND KHE GIA BRIDGE.
CONDUCTED PTL AND AMBUSHES ALONG ROUTE 9 VIC KHE
GIA BRIDGE. G AND H COS PROVIDED SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL. COND
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UCTED PTL AND AMBUSHES VIC CAMP CARROLL. F CO OPCON 3/3.

(3) 3/3: CMD GRP B COS K AND L/3/3 AND F/2/9 PROVIDED SECURITY FOR OP ON THON SON LAM. MAINTAINED DEF PSN NORTH OF THON SON LAM TO GRID LINE 59. CONDUCTED PTL AND AMBUSHES IN ASSIGNED AREA. CMD GRP A COS L AND M CONDUCTED RECON IN FORCE OPN (PHASE II) IN CUA VALLEY AREA.

C. CONTACTS: NONE

D. EVENTS: NONE

E. INTENTIONS: FOR NEXT 24 HOURS:

(1) HQ CO 3D MAR PROVIDE SECURITY FOR CP.

(2) 2/9: CO E PROVIDE SECURITY FOR THE WATER POINT AND KHE GIA BRIDGE. CONDUCT PTL AND AMBUSHES ALONG ROUTE 9 VIC KHE GIA BRIDGE. G AND H COS PROVIDE SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL. CONDUCT PTL AND AMBUSHES VIC CAMP CARROLL. F CO REMAINS OPCON 3/3 UNTIL RELIEVED AND RETURN TO CAMP CARROLL.

(3) 3/3: CMD GRP B COS K AND L/3/3 AND F/2/9 PROVIDE SECURITY FOR OP ON THON SON LAM. MAINTAIN DEF PSN VIC THON SON LAM NORTH TO GRID LINE 59.

CMD GRP A COS I AND M CONTINUE RECON IN FORCE (PHASE II) IN CUA VALLEY AREA. ESTABLISH NIGHT DEF PSN VIC (YD1034 97) AND CONDUCT EXTENSIVE AMBUSHES. HELOLIFT OF CMD GRP A, COS I AND M

TO ROCKPILE AND CONCLUSION OF OPN AS SOON AS WEATHER PERMITS.

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

(1) FR: 14 KIA: 71 WIA: 0 MIA.

(2) EN: 70 KIA (CONF): 37 KIA (PROB): 2 WIA: 0 VCC: 2 VCS.

G. SCOUT - SNIPER TEAMS:

(1) HQ CO 3D MAR EMPLOYED 7 TEAMS DEF PSN.

(2) 3/3 EMPLOYED 4 TEAMS: 1 TEAM ON THON SON LAM OP. LONG RANGE SNIPING, 1 TEAM HAS CO DEF PSN AND 2 TEAMS EMPLOYED WITH UNITS IN CUA VALLEY AREA.

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1. SITREP NR 183 AS OF 012400H DEC 66.

A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE

C. CONTACTS: NONE

D. EVENTS:

(1) LATE ENTRY 011150H K/3/3 PTL OBSERVED VC AT (XD 985592)
CALLED 81 MM FIRE MISSION. SEARCHED AREA WITH NEG RESULTS.

(2) LATE ENTRY 011200H K/3/3 PTL (XD 982692) LOC 100 RDS 50
CAL LINK AND 1 82 MM RD. DESTROYED 50 CAL, BLOW 82MM TOMORROW.

(3) LATE ENTRY: 011745H RESUPPLY CONVOY OF TRUCKS, APCs AND
SECURITY PLT (REIN) 2/9 RETURNED FROM CUA VALLEY, MISSION COMPLETED.

(4) 101800H 3/3 DETECTED MOVEMENT IN GRASS OUTSIDE WIRE.
81 MM MORTAR FIRE MISSION CALLED WITH GOOD TARGET COVERATE. AREA
WILL BE SEARCHED AT FIRST LIGHT.

(5) 011930H I/3/3 PTL (YD 103494) LOC A SEALED BOX. BOX
CONTAINED 3 82MM MORTAR RDS WITH FUSES IN SEPERATE CONTAINERS.
DESTROYED ROUNDS AND WILL FORWARD FUSES TO G-2.

E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE

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1. SITREP NR 184 AS OF 020600H DEC 66.
- A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
- B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE
- C. CONTACTS: NONE
- D. EVENTS: NONE

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 E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE
 F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE
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1. SITREP NR 185 AS OF 021200H DEC 66.

A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

3. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE EXCEPT : E/2/3 CHOPPED THIS REGT
 020950H. 2/9 PREPARED TO CHOP H/2/9 TO 4TH MARINES ETD
 021150H. NON-BATTLE CASUALTIES MED EVAC K/3/3 1 USMC BACK

PAIN L/3/3 1 USMC POSSIBLE MALARIA.

C. CONTACTS: 020935H/3/3 PTL (YD 105504) RECEIVED S/A
 SNIPER FIRE. RETURNED S/A AND M-79 FIRE. RESULTS UNK.

D. EVENTS:

(1) 020910H M/3/3 (YD 105494) LOC UNDER GROUND SHELTER
 CONTAINING 50 LB RICE, MED SUPPLIES AND LETTER. DESTROYED RICE,
 WITH FORWARD MED SUPPLIES AND LETTER TO G-2

(2) 020930H M/3/3 (YD 104496) LOC M-26 GRENADE ON
 TRAIL, DESTROYED GRENADE IN PLACE.

E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE EXCEPT: CONTINUE RELIEF IN PLACE
 OF 2/9 BY 2/3. REF MY OPN PRAIRIE FRAG O 8-66.

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE
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1. SITREP NR 186 AS OF 021800H DEC 66.

A. LOCATIONS:

- (1) HQ 3D MAR (YD 066543)
3/3 CMD GRP A (YD 103497)
3/3 CMD GRP B (XD 981582)

- 1/3/3 (YD 103497)
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M/3/3 (YD 103497)
(3) 2/9 (YD 063551)
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F/2/9 (XD 982582) WITH 1 PLT (XD 978588)
G/2/9 (YD 063551)
E/2/3 (YD 063551)
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1 PLT D/S 3/3
2 PLT D/S 2/9

B. SUMMARY:

- (1) HQ CO 3D MAR PROVIDED SECURITY FOR CP.
(2) 2/9: CO E PROVIDED SECURITY FOR THE WATER POINT AND KHE
GIA BRIDGE. CONDUCTED PTL AND AMBUSHES ALONG ROUTE 9WIC KHE
GIA BRIDGE. G/2/9 AND E/2/3 PROVIDED SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL.

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CONDUCTED PTL AND AMBUSHES VIC CAMP CARROLL. F CO OPON 3/3.

(3) 3/3: CMD GRP B COS K AND L/3/3 AND F/2/9 PROVIDED SECURITY FOR OP ON THON SON LAM. MAINTAINED DEF PSN NORTH OF THON SON LAM TO GRID LINE 59. CONDUCTED PTL AND AMBUSHES IN ASSIGNED AREA. CMD GRP A COS L AND M CONDUCTED RECON IN FORCE OPN (PHASE II) IN CUA VALLEY AREA.

C. CONTACTS: NONE

D. EVENTS:

(1) LATE ENTRY 021010H 3/3 OP ON THON SON LAM HEARD MOVEMENT (XD 981559) PTL SEARCHED AREA LOC 2 CAVES. LOCATED IN CAVE 2 EMPTY C RATION CANS AND 2 DUD GRENADES. GRENADES WILL BE DESTROYED.

(2) 021227H H/2/9 DEPARTED CAMP CARROLL ARRIVED 4TH MARINES AO 021330H.

(3) 021300H I/3/3 SEARCHED AREA REF MY SIT REP NR 185 ENTRY OF 020935H WITH NEG RESULTS.

(4) 021615H M/3/3 (YD 104497) CAPTURED 1 CIRCULAR MAGAZINE FOR CHI COM LMG AND 2 MAGAZINES FOR THOMPSON SUB-MACHINE GUN. CAPTURED MATERIAL IN GOOD CONDITION AND WILL BE FORWARDED TO G-2.

E. INTENTIONS: FOR NEXT 24 HOURS:

(1) HQ CO 3D MAR PROVIDE SECURITY FOR CP.

(2) 2/9: CO E PROVIDE SECURITY FOR THE WATER POINT AND KHE GIA BRIDGE. CONDUCT PTL AND AMBUSHES ALONG ROUTE 9 VIC KHE GIA BRIDGE. G/2/9 AND E/2/3 PROVIDE SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL. CONDUCT PTL AND AMBUSHES VIC CAMP CARROLL. F CO REMAINS OPON 3/3 UNTIL RELEASED AND RETURN TO CAMP CARROLL. CONTINUE RELIEF IN PLACE OF 2/9 BY 2/3. REF MY OPN PRAIRIE FRAG O 8-66.

(3) 3/3: CMD GRP B COS K AND L/3/3 AND F/2/9 PROVIDE SECURITY FOR OP ON THON SON LAM. MAINTAIN DEF PSN VIC THON SON LAM NORTH TO GRID LINE 59. CMD GRP A COS I AND M CONTINUE RECON IN FORCE (PHASE II) IN CUA VALLEY AREA. ESTABLISH NIGHT DEF PSN VIC (YD 103497) AND CONDUCT BLOCK AND SWEEP OF MAI LOC AREA. HELOIFT OF CMD GRP A, COS I AND M. TO ROCKPILE AND CONCLUSION OF OPN AS SOON AS WEATHER PERMITS.

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

(1) FR: 14 KIA: 71 WIA: 0 MIA.

(2) EN: 70 KIA (CONF): 37 KIA (PROB): 2 WIA: 0 VCC: 2 VCS.

G. SCOUT-SNIPE TEAMS:

(1) HQ CO 3D MAR EMPLOYED 6 TEAMS DEF PSN.

(2) 3/3 EMPLOYED 4 TEAMS: 1 TEAM ON THON SON LAM OP, LONG RANGE SNIPE, 1 TEAM H&S CO DEF PSN AND 2 TEAMS EMPLOYED WITH UNITS

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IN CUAL VALLEY AREA.

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1. SITREP NR 187 AS OF 022400H DEC 66.
A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE
C. CONTACTS: NONE
D. EVENTS: NONE

- E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE
F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE.

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1. SITREP NR 188 AS OF 030600H DEC 66.
A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE EXCEPT: 3/3M CO YD (108518)
B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE
C. CONTACTS: NONE

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D. EVENTS: NONE
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1. SITREP NR 189 AS OF 031200H DEC 66.

A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE EXCEPT: 3/3 CMD GRP A COS 1 AND M IN
ROUTE TO (XD 981582), F 2/9 (YD 063551), G/2/9 ENROUTE
TO 4TH MARINES AO. G/2/3 (YD 063551).

B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE EXCEPT CONCLUSION OF RECON IN FORCE OPN IN
CUA VALLEY.

C. CONTACTS:

(1) 030605H 3/3 BLOCKING FORCE (YD 107507) LOC APPROX 6 NVA IN
HUT EATING BREAKFAST. FIRE FIGHT RESULTED 5 ENEMY KIA (CONF) AND
1 NVA CAPTURED. CAPTURED 3 RIFLES WITH SNIPER SCOPES, 2 AUTO-
CARBINES, 1 US RIFLE M1, 20 CHICOM GRENADS, 60 RDS FOR SNIPER
RIFLES, 250 RDS FOR AUTO-RIFLE, 48 RDS FOR M-1, 1 PAIR FIELD GLASSES
4 PACKS, 3 IMPROVISED PACKS, 5 CANTEENS, MISC BLANKETS, HAMMOCKS,
COTTON UNIFORMS, CIVILIAN CLOTHING, RIFLE CLEANING GEAR, FIRST AID
KIT, 7 LBS RICE, 1 WALLET CONTAINING APPROX 20,000 PIASTRES, AND
MAP CASE CONTAINING MISC PAPERS AND DOCUMENTS. CAPTURED MATERIAL
WILL BE FORWARDED TO G-2. RESULTS OF ACTION 5 KIA (CONF) AND 1
NVA CAPTURED.

D. EVENTS:

(1) 030936H G/2/3 CHOPPED THIS REGT. ARRIVED AT CAMP CARROLL.

(2) 031000H M/3/3 (YD 103510) LOC GRAVE CONTAINING ONE BODY
IN NVA UNIFORM EST 3 TO 4 DAYS OLD AND DIED OF STOMACH WOUND FROM
S/A. 1 KIA (PROB) OF 300920H CHANGED TO 1 KIA (CONF).

(3) 031047H COMMENCED HELO LIFT OF CMD GRP, COS 1 AND M FROM
CUA VALLEY TO ROCKPILE.

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- (4) 031101H 2/9 CHOPPED G/2/9 OPCODE 4THMARINES.
(5) 031150H COMPLETED HELO LIFT OF F/2/9 FROM THE ROCKPILE TO
CAMP CARROLL, AND RETURN OPCODE 2/9 AT 031150H.
E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE EXCEPT CONTINUE RELIEF IN PLACE OF 2/9
BY 2/3 REF MY OPN PRAIRIE FRAG 0 8-66.
F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:
(1) FR: 14 KIA: 71 WIA: 0 MIA.
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1. SITREP NR 190 AS OF 031800H DEC 66.

A. LOCATIONS

- (1) HQ 3D MAR (YD 066543)
- (2) 3/3 (XD 981582)
- 1/3/3 (XD 982583)

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B. SUMMARY:

- (1) HQ CO 3D MAR PROVIDED SECURITY FOR CP.
- (2) 2/9: CO E PROVIDED SECURITY FOR THE KHE GIA BRIDGE.
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E. THREE Q92U S E C R E T

(3) 3/3: PROVIDED SECURITY FOR OP ON THON SON LAM. MAINTAINED DEF PSN NORTH OF THON SON LAM TO GRID LINE 59. CONDUCTED PTL AND AMBUSHES IN ASSIGNED AREA.

C. CONTACTS: NONE

D. EVENTS:

(1) 031245H G/2/9 ARRIVED 4TH MARINE AO.
 (2) 031330H HELO LIFT OF CMD GRP COS I AND H 3/3 FROM CUA VALLEY AREA TO ROCK PILE COMPLETED.

E. INTENTIONS: FOR NEXT 24 HOURS:

(1) HQ CO 3D MAR PROVIDE SECURITY FOR CP.
 (2) 2/9: CO E PROVIDE SECURITY FOR THE KHE GIA BRIDGE. CONDUCT PTL AND AMBUSHES ALONG ROUTE 9 VIC KHE GIA BRIDGE.
 F/2/9, G AND E/2/9 PROVIDE SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL. CONDUCT PTL AND AMBUSHES VIC CAMP CARROLL.

(3) 3/3: PROVIDE SECURITY FOR OP ON THON SON LAM. MAINTAIN DEF PSN VIC THON SON LAM NORTH TO GRID LINE 59.

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

(1) FR: 14 KIA: 71 WIA: 0 MIA.

(2) EN: 76 KIA (CONF): 36 KIA (PROB): 2 WIA: 1 NVAC 2 VCS.

G. SCOUT-SNIPER TEAMS:

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(1) HQ CO 3D MAR EMPLOYED 6 TEAMS DEF PSN.
 (2) 3/3 EMPLOYED 4 TEAMS: 1 TEAM ON THON SON LAM OP, LONG RANGE SNIPING. 1 TEAM EACH WITH H AND S, I AND M COS DEF PSN.
 (3) NEG REPORT

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1. SITREP NR 191 AS OF 032400H DEC 66.

A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE

C. CONTACTS: REF MY SITREP NR 189 030605H. 1 /3/3 DEBRIEFING OF PTL
DISCLOSED THAT 1 NVA ESCAPED OUT THE BACK OF THE HUT. SEARCH
OF AREA INDICATED THAT THE NVA WAS WOUNDED. BY LOCATION OF
BLOOD TRAIL

LEADING INTO WOODS. SEARCHED AREA NEG RESULTS. 1 NVA WIA.

D. EVENTS: NONE

E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

(1) FR: 14 KIA: 71 WIA: 0 MIA.

(2) EN: 76 KIA(CONF): 36 KIA (PROB): 3 WIA: 1 NVAC 2 VCS.

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1. SITREP NR 192 AS OF 040600H DEC 66.
 - A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
 - B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE
 - C. CONTACTS: NONE
 - D. EVENTS: NONE
 - E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE
 - F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE
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1. SITREP NR 193 AS OF 041200H DEC 66.
A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE EXCEPT CMD GRP 2/3 (YD 063551)
B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE
C. CONTACTS: NONE
D. EVENTS: NONE

E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE
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1. SITREP NR 194 AS OF 041000Z DEC 66.

A. LOCATIONS:

- (1) HQ 3D MAR (YD 66543)
(2) 2/3 (XD 981582)
4/3/3 (XD 982583)

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- K/3/3 (XD 981583)
L/3/3 (XD 976567)
M/3/3 (XD 978508)
(3) 3/3 (YD 663551)
E/2/3 (YD 627561)
F/2/3 (YD 663551)
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(4) CO A 3D TKS
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(5) CO A 3D AT
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B. SUMMARY:

- (1) HQ CO 3D MAR PROVIDED SECURITY FOR CF.
(2) 2/3: E 2/3 PROVIDED SECURITY FOR THE KIA BRIDGE.
CONDUCTED PTL AND AMBUSHES ALONG ROUTE 9 VIC THE KIA BRIDGE. F.
G AND E/2/3 PROVIDED SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL. CONDUCTED PTL AND
AMBUSHES VIC CAMP CARROLL. 2/3 ASSUMED OPCON OF E/2/3 AT 041230H.

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(3) 3/3: PROVIDED SECURITY FOR OP ON THON SON LAM. MAINTAINED DEF PSN NORTH OF THON SON LAM TO GRID LINE 59. CONDUCTED PTL AND AMBUSHES IN ASSIGNED AREA.

C. CONTACTS: NONE

D. EVENTS:

(1) 141140H F/2/3 ARRIVED CAMP CARROLL.

(2) 141231H CMD GRP AND F/2/3 CHOPPED TO OPCON 4TH BATTAL S.

E. INTENTIONS: FOR NEXT 24 HOURS:

(1) HQ CO 3D MAH PROVIDE SECURITY FOR CF.

(2) 2/3: 2/3 PROVIDE SECURITY FOR THE KHE GIA BRIDGE. CONDUCT PTL AND AMBUSHES ALONG ROUTE 5 VIC KHE GIA BRIDGE. F/2/3 PROVIDE SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL. CONDUCT PTL AND AMBUSHES VIC CAMP CARROLL. 2/2/9 REMAIN IN PSN. OPCON OF 2/3.

(3) 3/3: PROVIDE SECURITY FOR OP ON THON SON LAM. MAINTAIN DEF PSN VIC THON SON LAM NORTH TO GRID LINE 59. CONDUCT PTL AND AMBUSHES IN ASSIGNED AREA.

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

(1) FR: 14 KIA: 71 WIA: 0 MIA.

(2) EN: 76 KIA (CONF): 36 KIA (PROB): 2 WIA: 1 NVAC 2 VCS.

G. SCOUT-SNIPER TEAMS:

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(1) 3/3 EMPLOYED 4 TEAMS: 1 TEAM ON THON SON LAM OP. LONG RANGE SNIPING. 1 TEAM EACH WITH H AND S, 1 AND N COS DEF PSN.

(3) MSG REPORT

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1. SITREP NR 195 AS OF 042400H DEC 66.

A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE

C. CONTACTS:

(1) 041515H L/3/3 (XD 974568) RECEIVED A/W FIRE IN CP FROM
(XD 967567). H 37A IN L/3/3 LZ RECEIVED 26 HITS FROM S/A AND
SHRAPNEL PRIOR TO AND DURING FLY AWAY. ENG FAILURE FORCED LANDING

CAMP CARROLL LZ. A CO 3D TKS TANK IN L/3/3 CP RECEIVED 4 RDS POSS
75 MM ROCKET FIRE RESULTING IN HEAVY DAMAGE. L/3/3 RETURNED TANK,
ONTOS, MORTAR, S/A FIRE. OBSERVED 1 ENEMY HIT BY MULTIPLE FIRE.
UNABLE TO RECOVER BODY AT PRESENT TIME. PLT (-) SEARCHED AREA UNTIL
DARK. WILL CONTINUE OPNS SAME AREA 053630H. CASUALTIES: 3 USMC
WIA; 6 L/3/3 (MINOR), 1 HELO CREWMAN (MINOR), 1 HELOPILOT (MEDEVAC)
1 ENEMY KIA (CONF).

(2) 041835H K/3/3 (XD 983589) PTL ENROUTE TO AMBUSH SITE RECEIVED
S/A FIRE. PTL RETURNED S/A FIRE AND CALLED 81 MM AND ARTY FIRE MISSION
WITH GOOD TARGET COVERAGE. 1 USMC KIA, 2 USMC WIA.

D. EVENTS:

(1) LATE ENTRY: 041730H L/3/3 (XD 978584) RECEIVED 81 MM
MORTAR SHORT ROUND DURING FIRE MISSION RESULTING IN 6 USMC WIA (MINOR)

(2) 042035H M/3/3 OBSERVED LIGHTS AT (XD 963575). ARTY FIRE
MISSION WITH GOOD TARGET COVERAGE. RESULTS UNK.

E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

(1) FR: 15 KIA: 85 WIA: 0 MIA.

(2) EN: 77 KIA (CONF): 36 KIA (PROB) 3 WIA: 1 NVAC 2 VCS.

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1. SITREP NR 196 AS OF 040600H DEC 66.

A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE

C. CONTACTS: NONE

D. EVENTS: 050145H 3/3 (XD 981582) EMER MED EVAC OF 1 FR KIA
AND 3 WIA PREVIOUSLY REPORTED.

E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE

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1. SITREP NR 197 AS OF 051200H DEC 66

A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE

C. CONTACTS: NONE

D. EVENTS: NONE

E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE

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1. SITREP NR 198 AS OF 051000H DEC66.

A. LOCATIONS:

- (1) HQ 3D MARD (YD 066543)
- (2) 3/3 (XD 981582)
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- K/3/3 (XD 980583)

- L/3/3 (XD 976567)
- M/3/3 (XD 978588)
- (3) 2/3 (YD 063551)
- E/2/9 (YD 027561)
- F/2/3 (YD 063551)
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- E/2/3 (YD 063551)
- (4) CO A 3D TKS
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- (5) CO A 3D AT
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B. SUMMARY:

- (1) HQ 3D MAR PROVIDED SECURITY FOR CP.
- (2) 2/3 E 2/9 PROVIDED SECURITY FOR THE KHE GIA BRIDGE. CONDUCTED PTL AND AMBUSHES ALONG ROUTE 9 VIC KHE GIA BRIDGE. F, G AND E/2/3 PROVIDED SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL. CONDUCTED PTL AND AMBUSHES VIC CAMP CARROLL. E/2/9 REMAINED OPCON 2/3

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(3) 3/3: PROVIDED SECURITY FOR OP ON THON SON LAM. MAINTAINED DEF PSN NORTH OF THON SON LAM TO GRID LINE 59. CONDUCTED PTL AND AMBUSHES IN ASSIGNED AREA

C. CONTACTS: NONE

D. EVENTS: LATE ENTRY 051100H (XD 983565) CH-46 DEPARTING 3/3 LZ COMMENCED FIRING AT THE RAZON BACK VIC (XD 967565) INDICATING THAT THEY RECEIVED FIRE. 3/3 PERSONNEL IN LZ STATED THEY HEARD NO FIRE EXCEPT FROM HELO. 3/3 ORDERED HELO TO CEASE FIRE DUE TO FRIENDLY TROOPS IN AREA.

E. INTENTIONS: FOR NEXT 24 HOURS:

(1) HQ CO 3D MAR PROVIDE SECURITY FOR CO.

(2) 2/3: E 2/9 PROVIDE SECURITY FOR THE KHE GIA BRIDGE. CONDUCT PTL AND AMBUSHES ALONG ROUTE 9 VIC KHE GIA BRIDGE. F, G AND E/2/3 PROVIDE SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL. CONDUCT PTL AND AMBUSHES VIC CAMP CARROLL. E/2/9 REMAIN OPCON OF 2/3.

(3) 3/3: PROVIDE SECURITY FOR OP ON THON SON LAM. MAINTAIN DEF PSN VIC THON SON LAM NORTH TO GRID LINE 59. CONDUCT PTL AND AMBUSHES IN ASSIGNED AREA.

3/3 CONDUCTS COMPANY (REIF) RECON IN FORCE OPNS IN GEN AREA WEST OF RAZOR BACK. 061010H HELOLIFTS M/3/3 (REINF)

FROM PRESENT PSNS TO LZ AT (XD 948583). THEN COMMENCES SOUTHWARD MOVEMENT. C/1/12 (-) DESPLACES IN SUPPORT TO (YD 023563).

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

(1) FR: 15 KIA: 85 WIA: 0 MIA.

(2) EN: 77 KIA (CONF): 36 KIA (PROB): 3 WIA: 1 NVAC 2 VCS.

G. SCOUT- SNIPER TEAMS:

(1) HQ CO 3D MAR EMPLOYED 6 TEAMS DEF PSN.

(2) 3/3 EMPLOYED 4 TEAMS: 1 TEAM ON THON SON LAM OP, LONG RANGE SNIPING. 1 TEAM EACH WITH H AND S, I AND MCOS DEF PSN.

(3) NEG REPORT

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1. SITREP NR 199 AS OF 052400H DEC 66.

A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE.

B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE.

C. CONTACTS: 052125H 3D MAR SEC PLT (YD 063544) REPORTED
MOVEMENT IN SECTOR. 2/3 SEC RECD 1 RD POSSIBLE CARB, RD CO A

3D AT RECD ONE GREN 10 METERS OUTSIDE DEF WIRE. S/A AND ILLUM
FIRED. OBS 1-5 PERSONS OUTSIDE WIRE. WILL SEARCH AREA AT FIRST
LIGHT.

D. EVENTS: NONE.

E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE.

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE.

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1. SITREP NR 200 AS OF 060600H DEC 66.
A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE
C. CONTACTS: NONE
D. EVENTS: NONE

- E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE
F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE

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1. SITREP NR 201 AS OF 061200H DEC66
A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE
C. CONTACTS: NONE
D. EVENTS: NONE

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E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE EXCEPT HELOLIFT OF M/3/3 DELAYED DUE TO WEATHER CONDITIONS.

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE

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SECRET
OPN PRAIRIE

1. SITREP NR 202 AS OF 061800H DEC 66.

A. LOCATIONS:

- (1) HQ 3D MAR (YD 066543)
(2) 3/3 (XD 981582)
1/3/3 (XD 982583)

- K/3/3 (XD 980583)
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(4) C/1/12 (YD 023563)
(5) CO A 3D TKS
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B. SUMMARY:

- (1) HQ CO 3D MAR PROVIDED SECURITY FOR CP.
(2) 2/3: E 2/9 PROVIDED SECURITY FOR THE KHE GIA BRIDGE. CONDUCTED
PLT AND AMBUSHES ALONG ROUTE 9 VIC KHE GIA BRIDGE. F, G AND E/2/3
PROVIDED SECURITY FOR CAMP CAROLL. CONDUCTED PTL AND AMBUSHES VIC

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CAMP CARROLL. E/2/9 REMAINED OPCON 2/3.

(3) 3/3: PROVIDE SECURITY FOR OP ON THON SON LAM. MAINTAINED DEF PSN NORTH OF THON SON LAM TO GRID LINE 59. CONDUCTED PTL AND AMBUSHES IN ASSIGNED AREA.

(4) NON-BATTLE CASUALTIES. L/3/3 1 USMC MED-EVAC; CONVULSIONS.
 C. CONTACTS: 061550H E/2/3 OP (YD 037574) RECEIVED 3 S/A FIRE. OP RETURNED 8-10 RDS S/A AND OBSERVED VC RUNNING EAST ALONG MSR.
 D. EVENTS: LATE ENTRY 060305H C/1/12 DISPLACED FROM CAMP CARROLL TO (YD 023563) TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR M/3/3 DURING RECON IN FORCE OPN.
 E. INTENTIONS: FOR NEXT 24 HOURS:

(1) HQ CO 3D MAR PROVIDE SECURITY FOR CP.

(2) 2/3: E 2/9 PROVIDE SECURITY FOR THE KHE GIA BRIDGE. CONDUCT PTL AND AMBUSHES ALONG ROUTE 9 VIC KHE GIA BRIDGE. F, G AND E/2/3 PROVIDE SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL. CONDUCT PTL AND AMBUSHES VIC CAMP CARROLL. E/2/9 REMAIN OPCON OF 2/3.

(3) 3/3: PROVIDE SECURITY FOR OP ON THON SON LAM. MAINTAIN DEF PSN VIC THON SON LAM NORTH TO GRID LINE 59. CONDUCT PTL AND AMBUSHES IN ASSIGNED AREA. 3/3 CONDUCTS COMPANY (REINF) RECON IN FORCE OPNS IN GEN AREA WEST OF RAZOR BACK. 070800H HELOLIFT M/3/3 (REINF) FROM PRESENT PSNS TO LZ AT (XD 948583), THEN COMMENCES SOUTHWARD MOVEMENT.

M3/3 WILL MOVE TO AREA BY FOOT MARCH IF WEATHER CONDITIONS PREVENT HELO LIFT.

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

(1) FR: 15 KIA: 85 WIA: 0 MIA

(2) EN: 77 KIA (CONF): 36 KIA (PROB): 3WIA 1 NVAC 2 VCS.

G. SCOUT-SNIPE TEAMS:

(1) HQ CO 3D MAR EMPLOYED 6 TEAMS DEF PSN.

(2) 3/3 EMPLOYED 4 TEAMS: 1 TEAM ON THON SON LAM OP, LONG RANGE SNIPING. 1 TEAM EACH WITH H&S, 1 AND 11 COS DEF PSN.

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1. SITREP NR ~~302~~ ²⁰³ AS OF 062400H DEC 66.

A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE.

B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE.

C. CONTACTS: NONE.

D. EVENTS: NONE.

E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE.

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE.

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1. SITREP NR 204 AS OF 070600H DEC66
A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE
C. CONTACTS: NONE
D. EVENTS: NONE

E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE
F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE
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OPN PRAIRIE

1. SITREP NR 205 AS OF 071200H DEC 66.

A. LOCATION: NO CHANGE

B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE EXCEPT M/3/3 COMMENCED FOOT MARCH TO AREA
VIC (XD 9458) TO CONDUCT RECON IN FORCE OPN.

C. CONTACTS: 071055H G/2/3 PLT OBSERVED 4 VC ARMED WITH
WEAPONS AND GRENADES LEAVING HUT (YD 065523). PLT FIRED ON
VC. SEARCH OF AREA LOCATED 2 BLOOD TRAILS AND CAPTURE OF 4 AUTO WPNS
AND UNK NR GRENADES. WILL CONTINUE TO SEARCH AREA.
D. EVENTS: 070900H: M/3/3 DEPARTED CP BY FOOT MARCH. CHECK
POINTS ALONG ROUTE NR 1 (YD 964587), NR 2 (YD 9659)
AND NR 3 (YD 951536).

071130H M/3/3 ARRIVED AT CHECK POINT NR 1 (YD 964587)

E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE

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1. SITREP NR 206 AS OF 071500H DEC 66

(1) HQ 3D MAR (YD 066543)

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(3) 2/3 (YD 063551)

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(4) C/1/12 (YD 023563)

(5) CO A 3D TKS

1 PLT D/S 3/3

2 PLT D/S 2/3

(6) CO A 3D AT

1 PLT D/S 3/3

2 PLT D/S 2/3

B. SUMMARY:

(1) HQ CO 3D MAR PROVIDED SECURITY FOR CP.

(2) 2/3: E 2/9 PROVIDED SECURITY FOR THE KHE GIA BRIDGE. CONDUCTED PTL AND AMBUSHES ALONG ROUTE 9 VIC KHE GIA BRIDGE. F, G AND E/2/3 PROVIDED SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL. CONDUCTED PTL AND AMBUSHES VIC CAMP CARROLL. E/2/9 REMAINED OPON 2/3.

(3) 3/3: PROVIDED SECURITY FOR OP ON THON SON LAM. MAINTAINED

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DEF PSN NORTH OF THON SON LAM TO GRID LINE 59. CONDUCTED PTL AND AMBUSHES IN ASSIGNED AREA. M/3/3 (REIN) CONTINUES FOOT MARCH TOWARD VIC (XD 9458) TO CONDUCT RECON IN FORCE OPN.

C. CONTACTS:

(1) FOLLOW ON REF MY SIT REP NR 295 071055H. G/2/3 PLT CAPTURED 2 AUTOMATIC WPNS, 2 US M1 CARBINES, ASSORTED AMMO, 6 PACKS, AND ASSORTED PAPERS, PHOTOS AND DOCUMENTS. CAPTURED MATERIAL WILL BE FORWARDED TO G-2. VC WERE OBSERVED TO FLEE WEST. AREA SEARCHED WITH NEG RESULTS: BLOOD INDICATED 2 NVA KIA (PROB).

(2) 071425H L/3/3 PLT. OBSERVED APPROX 5 NVA AT (XD 954593), ARTY LAKE MISSION WITH GOOD TARGET COVERAGE. M/3/3 WILL SEARCH AREA.

D. EVENTS:

(1) 071330H M/3/3 AT CK PT 1. 071700 CROSSED CAM LO RIVER AND ARRIVED CK PT 2 WILL ESTABLISH DEF PSN VIC CK PT 2 AND CONTINUE MOVEMENT AT FIRST LIGHT

E. INTENTIONS: FOR NEXT 24 HOURS:

(1) HQ CO 3D MAR PROVIDE SECURITY FOR CP.

(2) 2/3: E 2/9 PROVIDE SECURITY FOR THE KHE GIA BRIDGE. CONDUCT PTL AND AMBUSHES ALONG ROUTE 9 VIC KHE GIA BRIDGE. F, G AND E/2/3 PROVIDE SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL. CONDUCT PTL AND AMBUSHES VIC CAMP CARROLL. E/2/9 REMAIN OPCON OF 2/3. G/2/3 DEPLOY BY VEHICLE

FROM CAMP CARROLL TO CAM LO TO ARRIVE BY 030800H. CHOP TO 4TH MARINES UPON DEPARTURE CAMP CARROLL.

(3) 3/3: PROVIDE SECURITY FOR OP ON THON SON LAM. MAINTAIN DEF PSN VIC THON SON LAM N TO GRID LINE 59. CONDUCT PTL AND AMBUSHES IN ASSIGNED AREA. 3/3 CONDUCTS COMPANY (REINF) RECON IN FORCE OPNS IN GEN AREA WEST OF RAZOR BACK. M/3/3 (REINF) CONTINUES MOVEMENT TO VIC (XD 9453) AND CONDUCTS RECON IN FORCE

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

(1) FR: 15 KIA: 35 WIA: 3 MIA.

(2) EN: 77 KIA (CONF): 38 KIA (PROB): 3 WIA: 1 NVAC 2 VCS.

G. SCOUT-SNIPE TEAMS:

(1) HQ CO 3D MAR EMPLOYED 6 TEAMS DEF PSN.

(2) 3/3 EMPLOYED 4 TEAMS: 1 TEAM ON THON SON LAM OP, LONG RANGE SNIPE. 1 TEAM EACH WITH H&S, I AND M COS DEF PSN.

(3) NEG REPORT

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1. SITREP NR 207 AS OF 072400H DEC 66.
A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE.
B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE.
C. CONTACTS: NONE.
D. EVENTS: NONE.
E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE.

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE.

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1. SITREP NR 238 AS OF 230600H DEC 66.
A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE
C. CONTACTS: NONE
D. EVENTS: NONE

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E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE
F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE
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1. SITREP NR 209 AS OF 081200H DEC66

A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE.

B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE EXCEPT: NON-BATTLE CASUALTIES: MED

EVAC 1 USMC M/3/3 BURNS ON LEG AND HAND; 1 USMC M/3/3 RELAPSE
MALARIA.

C. CONTACTS: NONE

D. EVENTS: 030815H G/2/3 DEPARTED FOR CAM LO AND CHOPPED TO 9TH MARINES

E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE.

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE.

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1. SITREP NR 213 AS OF 081800H DEC 66.

A. LOCATIONS:

- (1) HQ 3D MAR (YD 966543)
- (2) 3/3 (XD 931532)
- 1/3/3 (XD 932583)

- K/3/3 (XD 930533)
- L/3/3 (XD 976567)
- M/3/3 (XD 952542)
- (3) 2/3 (YD 963551)
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- (4) C/1/12 (YD 923563)
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- (6) CO A 3D AT
- 1 PLT D/S 3/3
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B. SUMMARY:

- (1) HQ CO 3D MAR PROVIDED SECURITY FOR CP.
- (2) 2/3: E 2/9 PROVIDED SECURITY FOR THE KHE GIA BRIDGE. CONDUCTED PTL AND AMBUSHES ALONG ROUTE 9 VIC KHE GIA BRIDGE. F, AND E/2/3 PROVIDED SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL. CONDUCTED PTL AND AMBUSHES VIC

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CAMP CARROLL. E/2/9 REMAINED OPCON 2/3. G/2/3 OPCON 4TH MARINES.

(3) 3/3: PROVIDED SECURITY FOR OP ON THON SON LAM. MAINTAINED DEF PSN NORTH OF THON SON LAM TO GRID LINE 59. CONDUCTED PTL AND AMBUSHES IN ASSIGNED AREA. H/3/3 (REIN) CONTINUED FOOT MARCH TOWARD VIC (XD 9453) TO CONDUCT RECON IN FORCE OPN.

D. EVENTS:

(1) 031515H H/3/3 OBSERVED 1 VC WEARING DARK CLOTHING RUNNING FROM (XD 947595) TOWARD SW. ARTY FIRE MISSION. EXCELLENT TARGET COVERAGE. LOC 4 FIGHTING HOLES ALONG TRAIL (XD 953535).

(2) 031530H H/3/3 LOC 4 BUNKERS, 2 WERE DESTROYED PRIOR TO DISCOVERY. REMAINING 2 CONTAINED, CHAIRS, TABLES, BUNKS, AND EMPTY FOOD CONTAINERS. BUNKERS DESTROYED.

I. INTENTIONS: FOR NEXT 24 HOURS:

(1) HQ CO 3D MAR PROVIDE SECURITY FOR CP.

(2) 2/3: E 2/9 PROVIDE SECURITY FOR THE KHE GIA BRIDGE. CONDUCT PTL AND AMBUSHES ALONG ROUTE 9 VIC KHE GIA BRIDGE. F, AND E/2/3 PROVIDE SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL. CONDUCT PTL AND AMBUSHES VIC CAMP CARROLL. E/2/9 REMAIN OPCON OF 2/3. G/2/3 OPCON 4TH MARINES.

(3) 3/3: PROVIDE SECURITY FOR OP ON THON SON LAM. MAINTAIN DEF PSN VIC THON SON LAM N TO GRID LINE 59. CONDUCT PTL AND AMBUSHES

IN ASSIGNED AREA. M/3/3 (REIN) CONDUCTS RECON IN FORCE OPNS IN GEN AREA ON AND WEST OF RAZOR BACK. VIC (XD 9458).

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

(1) PR: 15 KIA: 85 WIA: 9 MIA.

(2) EN: 77 KIA (CONF): 33 KIA (PROB): 3 WIA: 1 NVAC 2 VCS.

G. SCOUT-SNIPER TEAMS:

(1) HQ CO 3D MAR EMPLOYED 6 TEAMS DEF PSN.

(2) 3/3 EMPLOYED 4 TEAMS: 1 TEAM ON THON SON LAM OP, LONG RANGE SNIPING. 1 TEAM EACH WITH H& S, I AND N COS DEF PSN.

(3) NEG REPORT.

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1. SITREP NR 211 AS OF 032400H DEC 66.

A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE.

B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE.

C. CONTACTS: 032300H K/3/3 OP OBS MAN AT (XD 983591).

FIRED S/A AND 81MM. GOOD TGT COVERAGE. WILL SEARCH AREA

AT FIRST LIGHT.

D. EVENTS: 031945H K/3/3 OBS 3 LIGHTS AT (XD 977583) 300M FM PSN. 81MM MSN FIRED AND LIGHTS EXTINGUISHED. WILL SEARCH AREA AT FIRST LIGHT.

(2) 032030H L/3/3 OBS LIGHTS AT (XD 969570). AREA FROM WHICH FIRE WAS RECD ON 041515H. REF MY SITREP NR 195. 81MM MSN & 100MM RR FIRED. LIGHT EXTINGUISHED.

(3) 032215H E/2/3 TPS-21 OPERATOR LOC MOVEMENT OF EST SQD (YD 069573). ARTY FIRED 54 RDS 105MM SWEEPING ZONE MSN. OBS GOOD TGT COVERAGE.

E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE.

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE.

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1. SITREP NR 212 AS OF 090600H DEC 66.

A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE

C. CONTACTS: NONE

D. EVENTS: LATE ENTRY 082355H D2 ADVISOR REPORTED 1 VC COMPANY

AT (YD 075513) 134/105MM RDS FIRED ON TARGET, RESULTS UNK.

E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE

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1. SITREP NR 213 AS OF 091200H DEC 66.

A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE

C. CONTACTS: 090330H M/3/3 RECEIVED S/A FIRE FROM EST SQD IN CAVE AT
 (XD 954587) RETURNED S/A FIRE. MORE INFO TO FOLLOW. RESULT OF ACTION
 1 USMC KIA AND 6 USMC WIA.

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D. EVENTS: FOLLOW ON. 091200H L/3/3 SEARCHED AREA REF MY SIT REP NR
 211 082030H. LOC 4 SETS OF FOOT PRINTS, (XD 933791) WILL CONTINUE TO
 SEARCH AREA VIC (XD 969570).

E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

(1) FR: 16 KIA: 91 WIA: 3 MIA.

(2) EN: 77 KIA (CONF): 36 KIA (PROB) 3 WIA: INVAC 2 VCS.

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090331H M/3/3 RECEIVED S/A FIRE FROM EST SQD IN CAVE AT
RETURNED S/A FIRE. MORE INFO TO FOLLOW. RESULT OF ACTION
AND 6 USMC KIA.

LOC 4 SETS OF FOOT PRINTS, (XD 983591) WILL CONTINUE TO
BE OF HIGH VIC (XD 969373).

KIA (CONF): 38 KIA (PROB) 3 WIA: 1 WAC 2 VCS.

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1. SITREP NR 214 AS OF 091300H DEC 66.

A. LOCATIONS:

- (1) HQ 3D MAR (YD 066543)
- (2) 3/3 (XD 931532)
- L/3/3 (XD 932533)

K/3/3 (XD 930533)

L/3/3 (XD 976567)

M/3/3 (XD 951537)

(3) 2/3 (YD 063551)

E/2/9 (YD 063551)

F/2/3 (YD 063551)

E/2/3 (YD 063551)

(4) C/1/12 (YD 023563)

(5) CO A 3D TKS

1 PLT D/S 3/3

2 PLT D/S 2/3

(6) CO A 3D AT

1 PLT D/S 3/3

2 PLT D/S 2/3

B. SUMMARY:

- (1) HQ CO 3D MAR PROVIDED SECURITY FOR CP.
- (2) 2/3: E 2/9 PROVIDED SECURITY FOR THE KHE GIA BRIDGE. CONDUCTED PTL AND AMBUSHES ALONG ROUTE 9 VIC KHE GIA BRIDGE. F, AND E/2/3 PROVIDED SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL. CONDUCTED PTL AND AMBUSHES VIC CAMP CARROLL. E/2/9 REMAINED OPCON 2/3. G/2/3 OPCON 4TH MARINES.

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(3) 3/3: PROVIDED SECURITY FOR OP ON THON SON LAM. MAINTAINED DEF PSN NORTH OF THON SON LAM TO GRID LINE 59. CONDUCTED PTL AND AMBUSHES IN ASSIGNED AREA. M/3/3 (REIN) CONTINUED RECON IN FORCE OPN VIC (XD 9453).

C. CONTACTS:

(1) 091540H M/3/3 RECEIVED S/A FIRE FROM (XD 952592) RETURNED S/A FIRE AND CALLED ARTY FIRE MISSION.

(2) 091615H M/3/3 MAINTAINING CONTACT. RESULTED IN 9 USMC WIA. 81 MM AND ARTY FIRE MISSION CALLED, ACTION CONTINUES.

(3) 091653H 3/3 AIR STRIKE WITH GOOD TARGET COVERAGE. M/3/3 WILL ASSAULT AREA UPON COMPLETION OF AIR STRIKE.

D. EVENTS:

(1) FOLLOW ON REF MY SIT REP NR 213 090830H M/3/3 SEARCHED CAVE WITH NEG RESULTS. ENEMY APPARENTLY WITHDREW USING ONE OF THE CAVES TUNNELS OR PATHS.

(2) 091330H K/3/3 OBSERVED 3 VC IN DARK CLOTHING ABOUT 600 METERS FROM PTL (XD 939598). 81 MM FIRE MISSION CALLED AND ENEMY FLED EAST INTO WOODED AREA. RESULTS UNK.

(3) 091430H I/3/3 LOC RUSTY EXPLOSIVE DEVICE AT (XD 931589) APPROX 500LB 4 1/2 FT LONG AND 10 1/2 TO 11 INCHES IN DIA: MARKED AREA AND NOTIFIED EOD.

(4) 091540H 3/3 OP ON ROCKPILE OBSERVED NVA ON RIDGE (XD 970614) ARTY FIRE MISSION CALLED WITH GOOD TARGET COVERAGE. RESULTS UNK.

(5) 091630H 3/3 OP ON ROCKPILE OBSERVED 10 NVA ON RIDGELINE (XD 970614) AND 3 NVA ON RIDGELINE (XD 983611); K/3/3 OBSERVED TROOPS IN OPEN AT (XD 967617) ARTY FIRE MISSION CALLED WITH GOOD TARGET COVERAGE. RESULTS UNK.

E. INTENTIONS: FOR NEXT 24 HOURS:

(1) HQ CO 3D MAR PROVIDED SECURITY FOR CP.

(2) 2/3: E 2/9 PROVIDE SECURITY FOR THE KHE GIA BRIDGE. CONDUCT PTL AND AMBUSHES ALONG ROUTE 9 VIC KHE GIA BRIDGE, F, AND E/2/3 PROVIDE SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL. CONDUCT PTL AND AMBUSHES VIC CAMP CARROLL. E/2/9 REMAIN OPCON OF 2/3. G/2/3 OPCON 4TH MARINES.

(3) 3/3: PROVIDE SECURITY FOR OP ON THON SON LAM. MAINTAIN DEF PSN VIC THON SON LAM N TO GRID LINE 59. CONDUCT PTL AND AMBUSHES IN ASSIGNED AREA. M/3/3 (REIN) CONDUCTS RECON IN FORCE OPNS IN GEN AREA ON AND WEST OF RAZOR BACK. VIC (XD 9453). CLEAR RAZORBACK AREA OF FRIENDLY TROOPS TO PERMIT HEAVY EMPLOYMENT OF ALL SUPPORTING ARMS WHICH CAN BE BROUGHT TO BEAR.

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

(1) FR: 16 KIA: 133 WIA: 3 MIA.

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(2) EN: 77 KIA (CONF): 33 KIA (PROB): 3 WIA: 1 NVAC 2 VCS.

OUT-SNIPER TEAMS:

(1) HQ CO 3D MAR EMPLOYED 6 TEAMS DEF PSN.

(2) 3/3 EMPLOYED 4 TEAMS: 1 TEAM ON THON SON LAM OP, LONG
RANGE SNIPING. 1 TEAM EACH WITH H&S, I AND M COS DEF PSN.

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OPN PRAIRIE

1. SITREP NR 215 AS OF 092400H DEC 66

A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE, EXCEPT M/3/3 (XD 953583).

B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE EXCEPT NON-BATTLE CASUALTY; MEC EVAC

1 USMC E/2/3 BROKEN FOOT.

C. CONTACTS: NONE.

D. EVENTS:

(1) LATE ENTRY: 091645H M/3/3 REF MY SITREP NR 214.
091615H 1 OF THE 9 USMC WIA'S DOW. RESULTS NOW 1 USMC KIA
AND 8 USMC WIA.

(2) 092300H M/3/3 (XD 953583) MOVING TO PSN (XD 948582).
MOVEMENT SLOW DUE TO WIA'S.

E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE EXCEPT M/3/3 ESTAB DEF PSN VIC (XD 943582).
MED EVAC WIA UPON ARR. MAX EMPLOYMENT AGAINST
RAZORBACK OF ALL SUPPORTING ARMS WHICH CAN BE BROUGHT TO BEAR.
CONTINUE RECON IN FORCE AT FIRST LIGHT.

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

(1) FR: 17 KIA; 99 WIA; 2 MIA.

(2) EN: 77 KIA (CONF); 33 KIA (PROB); 3 WIA; 1 NVAC; 1 VCS.

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1 SITREP NR 216 AS OF 100630H DEC 66.
A LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE EXCEPT M/3/3 (XD 948582) AND 3D PLT CO L
MOVING TO (XD 969583).
B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE
C. CONTACTS: NONE

D. EVENTS: 100420H M CO MOVING TOWARD ASSIGNED AREA HEARD MOVEMENTS
BELIEVED TO BE VC IN VICINITY OF (XD 952592). ARTY FIRE MISSION CALLED.
EXCELLENT TARGET COVERAGE, RESULTS UNK.

E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE
F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE

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1. SITREP NR 217 AS OF 101200H DEC 66.
- A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE EXCEPT, M/3/3 (XD 956591)
- B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE
- C. CONTACTS: NONE
- D. EVENTS: (1) 100815H M/3/3 MED-EVAC COMPLETED

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(2) 100330H F/2/3 PLT LOC BASE PLATE FOR UNK TYPE MORTAR AT
 (YD 051522).

E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE EXCEPT M/3/3 RETURNED TO CP.
 F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE

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1. SITREP NR 213 AS OF 101300H DEC 66.

A. LOCATIONS:

- (1) HQ 3D MAR (YD 066543)
- (2) 3/3 (XD 931532)
- 1/3/3 (XD 932533)

K/3/3 (XD 933533)

L/3/3 (XD 976567)

M/3/3 (XD 963593)

- (3) 2/3 (YD 963551)

E/2/9 (YD 926562)

F/2/3 (YD 963551)

E/2/3 (YD 963551)

- (4) C/1/12 (YD 923563)

- (5) CO A3D TKS

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- (6) CO A 3D AT

1 PLT D/S 3/3

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B. SUMMARY:

- (1) HQ CO 3D MAR PROVIDED SECURITY FOR CP.
- (2) 2/3: E 2/9 PROVIDED SECURITY FOR THE KHE GIA BRIDGE. CONDUCTED PTL AND AMBUSHES ALONG ROUTE 9 VIC KHE GIA BRIDGE. F, AND E/2/3 PROVIDED SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL. CONDUCTED PTL AND AMBUSHES VIC CAMP CARROLL. E/2/9 REMAINED OPCON 2/3. G/2/3 OPCON 4TH MARINES.

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(3) 3/3: PROVIDED SECURITY FOR OP ON THON SON LAM. MAINTAINED DEF PSN N OF THON SON LAM TO GL 59. CONDUCTED PTL AND AMBUSHES IN ASSIGNED AREA. M/3/3 (REIN) COMPLETED RECON IN FORCE OPN EN ROUTE TO (XD 978587) ETA 102130H. CAS AND SUPT ARMS STRIKES VIC RAZOR BACK. CAS CANCELLED AFTER 5 MSNS DUE TO FRIENDLY CASUALTIES.

(4) NON-BATTLE CASUALTIES MED EVAC. M/3/3 1 USMC POSSIBLE MALARIA AND 1 USMC HEEL INJURY.

C. CONTACTS: NONE

D. EVENTS:

(1) 101245H M/3/3 (XD 958592) RECEIVED 2 250-LB BOMBS WHICH APPARENTLY MISSED TARGET AREA AND WENT LONG OVER RIDGE LANDING IN M/3/3 PSN, RESULTING IN 17 USMC KIA AND 11 USMC WIA.

(2) 101438H MED EVAC OF M/3/3 CASUALTIES COMPLETED.

E. INTENTIONS: FOR NEXT 24 HOURS:

(1) HQ CO 3D MAR PROVIDE SECURITY FOR OP.

(2) 2/3: F/2/3 RELIEVE E/2/9 IN PLACE AND ASSUME SECURITY FOR THE KHE GIA BRIDGE. CONDUCT PTL AND AMBUSHES ALONG ROUTE 9 VIC KHE GIA BRIDGE. E/2/3 PROVIDE SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL. CONDUCT PTL AND AMBUSHES VIC CAMP CARROLL. G/2/3 OPON 4TH MARINES. H/2/3 RETURN TO CAMP CARROLL APPROX 111000H. UPON ARRIVAL OF H/2/3 AT CAMP CARROLL CHOP OPON E/2/9 TO 4TH MARINES AND MOVE TO DONG HA.

(3) 3/3: PROVIDE SECURITY FOR OP ON THON SON LAM. MAINTAIN DEF PSN VIC THON SON LAM N TO GL 59. CONDUCT PTL AND AMBUSHES IN ASSIGNED AREA.

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

(1) PR 34 KIA: 110 MIA: 0 MIA

(2) EN: 77 KIA (CONF): 33 KIA (PROB): 3 KIA: 1 NVAC 2 VCS.

G. SCOUT-SNIPE TEAMS:

(1) HQ CO 3D MAR EMPLOYED 6 TEAMS DEF PSN.

(2) 3/3 EMPLOYED 4 TEAMS: 1 TEAM ON THON SON LAM OP, LONG RANGE SNIPE. 1 TEAM EACH WITH H&S, I AND M CCS DEF PSN.

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1. SITREP NR 219 AS OF 102400H DEC 66.
- A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE EXCEPT M/3/3 (XD 969593).
- B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE.
- C. CONTACTS: NONE.
- D. EVENTS:

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(1) 101850H K/3/3 PTL RECD SHORT 81MM WP MORT RD (XD 991589) REPORTED 200 MTRS SHORT OF TGT. RESULTED IN 1 USMC WIA. WIA MED EVAC COMPLETED AT 0102230H.
(2) 102010H 2/3 OP HILL 250 (YD 069555) TPS-21 OPERATOR REPORTED APPROX 20 PERSONS VIC (YD 059576) - (YD 049572). ARTY FIRE MSN OF 13 RDS OF 105MM FIRED WITH GOOD TGT COVERAGE. WILL SEARCH AREA AT FIRST LIGHT.

(3) 102045H 1/3/3 OBS LIGHTS AT (XD 978610). ARTY FIRE MSN CALLED. GOOD TGT COVERAGE. LIGHT EXTINGUISHED.

(4) 102205H M/3/3 (XD 969593) CONTINUES MOVEMENT TO CP (XD 978587).

E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE.

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

(1) FR: 34 KIA; 111 WIA; 0 MIA.

(2) EN: 77 KIA (CONF); 33 KIA (PROB); 3 WIA; 1 NVAC; 2 VCS.

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1. SITREP NR 220 AS OF 110600H DEC 66.
A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE EXCEPT 110220H M/3/3 ARRIVED
AT CP (XD 978589).
B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE
C. CONTACTS: NONE

- D. EVENTS: NONE
E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE
F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE
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1. SITREP NR 221 AS OF 111200H DEC 66
 A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE EXCEPT F/2/3 (042566) & E/2/9
 (YD 063551).
 B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE
 C. CONTACTS: NONE.

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D. EVENTS:

- (1) 111020H Q/1/12 RTRND TO CAMP CARROLL.
 (2) 111055H F/2/3 RELIEVED E/2/9 IN PLACE.

E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE

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1. SITREP NR 222 AS OF 111800H DEC 66.

A. LOCATIONS:

- (1) HQ 3D MAR (YD 066543)
- (2) 3/3 (XD 981582)
- I/3/3 (XD 982538)
- K/3/3 (XD 980583)

- L/3/3 (XD 976567)
- M/3/3 (XD 978589)
- (3) 2/3 (YD 063551)
- E/2/3 (YD 063551)
- F/2/3 (YD 042566)
- H/2/3 (YD 063551)

- (4) CO A 3D TKS
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- (5) CO A3D AT
 - 1 PLT D/S 3/3
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B. SUMMARY:

- (1) HQ CO 3D MAR PROVIDED SECURITY FOR CP.
- (2) 2/3: F 2/3 PROVIDED SECURITY FOR THE KHE GIA BRIDGE. CONDUCTED PTL AND AMBUSHES ALONG RTE 9 VIC KHE GIA BRIDGE. G, AND H/2/3 PROVIDED SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL. CONDUCTED PTL AND AMBUSHES VIC CAMP CARROLL. G/2/3 OPON 4TH MARINES.
- (3) 3/3: PROVIDED SECURITY FOR OP ON THON SON LAM. MAINTAINED DEF PSN N OF THON SON LAM TO GL 59. CONDUCTED PTL AND AMBUSHES IN ASSIGNED AREA.

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SECRET**D. EVENTS:**

(1) LATE ENTRY 111130H H/2/3 ARRIVED CAMP CARROLL AND CHOPPED TO 3D MARINES.

(2) 111200H E/2/9 DEPARTED CAMP CARROLL AND CHOPPED TO 4TH MARINES.

E. INTENTIONS: FOR NEXT 24 HOURS:

(1) HQ CO 3D MAR PROVIDE SECURITY FOR CP.

(2) 2/3: F/2/3 PROVIDE SECURITY FOR THE KHE GIA BRIDGE. CONDUCT PTL AND AMBUSHES ALONG ROUTE 9 VIC KHE GIA BRIDGE E AND H/2/3 PROVIDE SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL. CONDUCT PTL AND AMBUSHES VIC CAMP CARROLL. G/2/3 OP CON 4TH MARINES. PLT H/2/3 RETURNS TO CAMP CARROLL FROM CAM LO.

(3) 3/3: PROVIDE SECURITY FOR OP ON THON SON LAM. MAINTAIN DEF PSN VIC THON SON LAM N TO GL 59. CONDUCT PTL AND AMBUSHES IN ASSIGNED AREA.

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

(1) FR 34 KIA: 111 WIA: 0 MIA.

(2) EN: 77 KIA (CONF): 38 KIA (PROB): 3 WIA: 1 NVAC 2 VCS.

G. SCOUT-SNIPER TEAMS:

(1) HQ CO 3D MAR EMPLOYED 6 TEAMS DEF PSN.

(2) 3/3 EMPLOYED 4 TEAM: 1 TEAM ON THON SON LAM OP, LONG RANGE SNIPING. 1 TEAM EACH WITH H&S, I AND M COS DEF PSN.

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1. SITREP NR 223 AS OF 112400H DEC 66.

A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE.

B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE.

C. CONTACTS: 112040H 3/3 OP ON ROCKPILE RECD 81MM
AND ARTY ILLUM FIRED. 112130H EN FIRE CEASED NO FR CASUALTIES.

WILL SEARCH AREA AT FIRST LIGHT.

D. EVENTS:

(1) 112040H 2/3 TPS 21 PICKED UP MOVEMENT AT (YD 057576)
MOVING TOWARD FR PTL. 112125H MOVEMENT REPORTED (YD 048572).
AMBUSH SITE RELOCATED TO VIC (YD 045569). 1 PLT W/2 TKS MOVED
INTO PSN TO REINF AMBUSH IF REQUIRED.

(2) 112240H 3/3 OP ON ROCKPILE. ONE LIGHTS APPROX 100 MTRS
BELOW TO THE NW. FIRED M-79. LIGHT EXTINGUISHED. WILL SEARCH
AREA AT FIRST LIGHT.

E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE.

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE.

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1. SITREP NR 224 AS OF 120600H DEC 66.

A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE

C. CONTACTS:

(1) 112350H 2/3 REPORTS MOVEMENT TRACED N AT (YD 049579) AND THEN

CONTINUED NE BEFORE STOPPING. ARTY MISSION FIRED. EXCELLENT TARGET COVERAGE. MOVEMENT TERMINATED WITH RESULTS UNK.

(2) 120010H 3/3 OP ON ROCKPILE (XD 979559) RECEIVED S/A FIRE. RETURNED S/A FIRE AND CALLED ARTY ILLUM FIRE MISSION.

(3) 120100H ROCKPILE OP (XD 979559) REPORTS FIRING HAS STOPPED AND STARTED AGAIN AT 120105H. AREA TO BE SEARCHED AT FIRST LIGHT.

(4) 120130H ROCKPILE OP (XD 979559) REPORTS HAVING FIRED AT MOVEMENT APPROXIMATELY 30 METERS SE OF POSITION. FIRING COMMENCED AT 120103H AND CEASED FIRING AT 120110H.

D. EVENTS: FINAL REPORT REF MY SIT REP NR 225 112040H. 112350H MOVEMENT TRACED N TO (YD 049579) THEN MOVED NE, STOPPED AT (YD 059585). ESTIMATED APPROX 20 PEOPLE. ARTY FIRED 2 WP AND 24 HE, COVERAGE. RESULTS UNK.

E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE

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1. SITR. P NR 225 AS OF 121200H DEC 66
 - A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE.
 - B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE.
 - C. CONTACTS: NONE.
 - D. EVENTS: NONE
 - E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE.
 - F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE.
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1. SITREP NR 226 AS OF 121300H DEC 66.

- (1) HQ 3D MAR (YD 066543)
(2) 3/3 (XD 931582)
I/3/3 (XD 932583)
K/3/3 (XD 933583)

- L/3/3 (XD 976567)
M/3/3 (XD 973589)
(3) 2/3 (YD 063551)
E/2/3 (YD 063551)
F/2/3 (YD 026562)
H/2/3 (YD 063551)
(4) CO A 3D TKS
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(5) CO A 3D AT
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B. SUMMARY:

(1) HQ CO 3D MAR PROVIDED SECURITY FOR CP.
(2) 2/3: F2/3 PROVIDED SECURITY FOR THE KHE GIA
BRIDGE. CONDUCTED PTL AND AMBUSHES ALONG RTE 9 VIC KHE GIA
BRIDGE. E. AND H/2/3 PROVIDED SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL.
CONDUCTED PTL AND AMBUSHES VIC CAMP CARROLL. G2/3 OPCON
4TH MARINES.

(3) 3/3: PROVIDED SECURITY FOR OP ON THON SON LAM.
MAINTAINED DEF PSN N OF THON SON LAM TO GL59. CONDUCTED

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PTL AND AMBUSHES IN ASSIGNED AREA.

C. CONTACTS: 121300H H/3/3 RECEIVED POSSIBLE 60 MM MORTAR RD AT (YD 059521). SUSPECTED MORTAR PSN VIC (YD 043504), (YD 050503), (YD 041500), AND (YD 036501). ARTY FIRED 16 105MM HE WITH GOOD TARGET COVERAGE. RESULTS UNK.

D. EVENTS:

(1) 121150H M/3/3 PTL LOC BUNKERS AND TWO MORTAR PSN. (XD 966594) BUNKERS OF GOOD CONSTRUCTION AND CONTAINED BEDDING. DESTROYED BUNKERS ESTIMATE 6-12 VC IN AREA.

(2) 121205H PLT H/2/3 RETURNED TO CAMP CARROLL FROM CAMLO.

(3) FINAL REPORT REF MY SITREP NR 224 120130H. SEARCH OF AREA COMPLETED AT 121215H. LOC SUSPECTED PSN, TRACKS IN MUD, DRY AND FRESH BLOOD, AND SIGNS THAT A BODY MAY HAVE BEEN DRAGGED ALONG TRAIL. WILL ESTABLISH AMBUSH SITE IN VIC. RESULTS OF ACTION ONE ENEMY KIA (PROB).

(4) 121500H M/3/3 AND OP ON ROCKPILE OBSERVED 4 VC AT (XD 954537). ARTY AND ONTOS FIRE MISSION CALLED WITH GOOD TARGET COVERAGE.

E. INTENTIONS: FOR NEXT 24 HOURS:

(1) HQ CO 3D MAR PROVIDE SECURITY FOR CP.

(2) 2/3: F/2/3 PROVIDE SECURITY FOR THE KHE GIA BRIDGE. CONDUCT PTL AND AMBUSHES ALONG RTE 9 VIC KHE GIA BRIDGE E AND H/2/3 PROVIDE SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL. CONDUCT PTL AND AMBUSHES VIC CAMP CARROLL. G/2/3 OPON 4TH MARINES.

(3) 3/3: PROVIDE SECURITY FOR OP ON THON SON LAM. MAINTAIN DEF PSN VIC THON SON LAM N TO GL 59. CONDUCT PTL AND AMBUSHES IN ASSIGNED AREA.

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

(1) FR 34 KIA: 111 WIA: 9 MIA

(2) EN: 77 KIA (CONF), 39 KIA (PROB): 3 WIA: 1 NVAC 2 VCS.

G. SCOUT -SNIPER TEAMS:

(1) HQ CO 3D MAR EMPLOYED 6 TEAMS DEF PSN.

(2) 3/3 EMPLOYED 4 TEAMS: 1 TEAM ON THON SON LAM OP, LONG RANGE SNIPING. 1 TEAM EACH WITH H&S, 1 AND M COS DEF PSN

(3) NEG REPORT

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S E C R E T
OPN PRAIRIE

1. SITREP NR 227 AS OF 122400H DEC 66
A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE EXCEPT C BTRY (REINF) 1ST BN (-)
44TH ARTY, USA (YD 063551), D/S 2/3.
B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE EXCEPT; NON-BATTLE CASUALTIES MED
EVAC H&S/3/3 1 USMC GASTROENTERITIS; AND 1 USMC ARTHRITIS;
I/3/3 1 USMC GASTROENTERITIS; M/3/3 1 USMC ARTHRITIS.

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C. CONTACTS: NONE.

D. EVENTS:

(1) LATE ENTRY: 121235H C BTRY (REINF), 1ST BN (-),
44TH ARTY, USA ARRIVED AT CAMP CARROLL AND CHOPPED TO 3D MAR
REF MY 121220Z DEC 66.

(2) LATE ENTRY: 121620H CAM LO ADV REPORTED DIST FORCE
OBS VC PLT W/MIXED UNIFORMS AND 1 COMM MORT AT (YD 023538).
ARTY FIRED 13 RDS 125MM HE. RESULTS UNK.

(3) 121950H M/3/3 PTL LOC EN BASE CAMP (XD 997593).
CAMP CONTAINED 3 MORT PSNS W/PUNJI STAKES APPROX PLT SIZE AND
APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN IN USE WITHIN LAST 48 HOURS. CAPT PUNJI
STAKES, FRAG OF KHAKI SHIRT AND POSS TIN FUZE COVERS FOR
MORT RDS (APPROX 82MM).

(4) 122040H M/3/3 FO OBS LIGHTS AT (XD 973615). ARTY
FIRED 13 RDS 155MM HE. LIGHT EXTINGUISHED W/UNK RESULTS.

(5) 122135H 3/3 FO OBS 9 AIR BURST FROM POSS ANTI-AIRCRAFT,
FIRED AT JET AIRCRAFT VIC (YD 005615).

E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE EXCEPT C BTRY (REINF), 1/44 ARTY, USA
D/S 2/3 TO PROVIDE DIRECT FIRE AND AA SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL.

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE.

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1. SITREP NR 228 AS OF 130600H DEC 66.

A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE

C. CONTACTS: NONE

D. EVENTS: LATE ENTRY: 122245H 2/3 PICKED UP MOVEMENT WITH AN/TPS-21

AT (YD 060579) AND TRACED MOVEMENT TO (YD 064574). MOVEMENT WAS
STATIONARY AT (YD 064574).

E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE

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1. SITREP NR 229 AS OF 131200H DEC 66.
A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE.
C. CONTACTS: NONE
D. EVENTS: NONE

E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE
F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE
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1. SITREP NR 230 AS OF 131800H DEC66.

A. LOCATIONS:

- (1) HQ 3D MAR (YD 066543)
(2) S/3 (XD 981582)

I/3/3 (XD 932583)

K/3/3 (XD 932583)

J/3/3 (XD 976567)

M/3/3 (XD 973539)

(3) 2/3 (YD 063551)

E/2/3 (YD 063551)

F/2/3 (YD 026562)

H/2/3 (YD 063551)

(4) C/1/44 USA (YD 063551)

(5) CO A 3D TKS

1 PLT D/S 3/3

2 PLT D/S 2/3

(6) CO A 3D AT

1 PLT D/S 3/3

2 PLT D/S 2/3

B. SUMMARY:

- (1) HQ CO 3D MAR PROVIDED SECURITY FOR CP.
(2) 2/3: F 2/3 PROVIDED SECURITY FOR THE KHE GIA BRIDGE. CONDUCTED PTL AND AMBUSHES ALONG RTE 9 VIC KHE GIA BRIDGE. E, AND H/2/3 PROVIDED SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL. CONDUCTED PTL AND AMBUSHES VIC CAMP CARROLL.

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G/2/3 OPCON 4TH MARINES. C/1/44 USA D/S 2/3 PROVIDED DIRECT FIRE AND AA SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL.

(3) 3/3: PROVIDED SECURITY FOR OP ON THON SON LAM. MAINTAINED DEF PSN N OF THON SON LAM TO GL 59. CONDUCTED PTL AND AMBUSHES IN ASSIGNED AREA.

C. CONTACTS: NONE

D. EVENTS:

(1) 131314H M/3/3 FO OBS 3 VC WEARING GREEN UTILITIES TYPE UNIFORM (XD 955538). 81MM MORT FIRE MSN W/GOOD TGT COVERAGE. RESULTS UNK.

(2) 131400H COL J.P. LANIGAN ASSUMED COMMAND OF THE 3D MARINES RELIEVING COL E. E. HAMMERBECK.

E. INTENTIONS: FOR NEXT 24 HOURS

(1) HQ CO 3D MAR PROVIDE SECURITY FOR CP.

(2) 2/3: F/2/3 PROVIDE SECURITY FOR THE KHE GIA BRIDGE. CONDUCT PTL AND AMBUSHES ALONG RTE 9 VIC KHE GIA BRIDGE. E AND H/2/3 PROVIDE SEC FOR CAMP CARROLL. CONDUCT PTL AND AMBUSHES VIC CAMP CARROLL. G/2/3 CHOPPED 4TH MAR AND RETURN TO CAMP CARROLL ETA 141000H. C/1/44 USA D/S 2/3 PROVIDE DIRECT FIRE AND AA SEC FOR CAMP CARROLL.

(3) 3/3: PROVIDE SEC FOR OP ON THON SON LAM. MAINTAIN DEF PSN VIC THON SON LAM N TO GL 59. CONDUCT PTL AND AMBUSHES IN ASSIGNED AREA.

(4) 140300H MOVE 2 OTTER AND ENG EQUIP FROM CAMP CARROLL TO 3/3 CP. RETURN OTTERS SAME DAY.

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

(1) FR: 34 KIA: 111 WIA; 3 MIA.

(2) EN: 77 KIA (CONF) 39 KIA (PROB); 3 WIA; 1 NVAC; 2 VCS.

G. SCOUT SNIPER TEAMS:

(1) HQ CO 3D MAR EMPLOYED 6 TEAMS DEF PSN.

(2) 3/3 EMPLOYED 4 TEAMS: 1 TEAM ON THON SON LAM OP, LONG RANGE SNIPING. 1 TEAM EACH WITH H&S, I AND M COS DEF PSN.

(3) NEG REPORT.

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1. SITREP NR 231 AS OF 132400H DEC 66.

A. LOCATIONS : NO CHANGE

B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE

C. CONTACTS: 132005H E/2/3 OP RECD 6-10 RDS S/A FIRE FM

VIC (YD 058556) FM 2 DIFFERENT WPNS. RTRND APPROX 40 RDS
 M-14 RIFLE FIRE AND 3-4 M-79 RDS. ILLUMED AREA. RESULTS
 UNK. WILL SEARCH AREA AT FIRST LIGHT.

D. EVENTS: 132245H 1/3/3 ARTY RD IMPACTED VIC (XD 983581)
 W/IN 100 MTRS OF LP. PREVIOUS RD LANDED

APPROX 300 MTRS FROM LP. CEASED FIRD. FDC CHECKED W/NEG
 RESULTS. CLOSEST H&I PLOTTED AT (YD 001571). CONDUCT
 CRATER ANALYSIS AT FIRST LIGHT.

E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE

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1. SITREP NR 232 AS OF 140600H DEC 66.
A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE
C. NONE

D. EVENTS: 140331H I/3/3 REPORTS ONE RD HIT AT (XD 992520)
IN VICINITY OF I CO AMB SITE. REQUESTED H&I FIRES BE CEASED.
H&I FIRED CEASED AT 140500H. CRATER ANALYSIS TO BE CONDUCTED AT FIRST
LIGHT.
E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE
F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE
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SITREP NR 233 AS OF 141200H DEC 66

A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE EXCEPT, DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS, 13 DEC,
A PSY OPS LEAFLET DROP TOOK PLACE IN THE AREA
BOUNDED BY (XD 9052), (XD 9047), (YD 0948),

AND (YD 0842), 500,000 LEAFLETS WERE DROPPED
FROM A C-47.

C. CONTACTS: 140945H 3/3 OP ON ROCKPILE OBS 5 NVA AT
(XD 985608) WEARING PITH HELMETS, GREEN UTILITIES, AND UNK
TYPE WEAPONS. ARTY FIRED 54 RDS HE 105MM WITH EXCELLENT
TARGET COVERAGE RESULTS UNK.

D. EVENTS: FOLLOW ON REF MY SITREP NR 231 AND 232. ARTY
FIRING BTRY CHECKING GUN REGISTRATION AND CONDUCTING CRATOR
ANALYSIS TO DETERMINE SOURCE OF FIRE. INFO TO FOLLOW.

E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE

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1. SITREP NR 234 AS OF 141800H DEC 66.

A. LOCATIONS:

(1) HQ 3D MAR (YD 066543)

(2) 2/3 (YD 063551)

E/2/3 (YD 063551)

F/2/3 (YD 026562)

H/2/3 (YD 063551)

(3) 3/3 (XD 981582)

I/3/3 (XD 982583)

K/3/3 (XD 980583)

L/3/3 (XD 976567)

M/3/3 (XD 978589)

(4) C/1/44 USA (YD 063551)

B. SUMMARY:

(1) HQ CO 3D MAR PROVIDED SECURITY FOR CP

(2) 2/3: F/2/3 PROVIDED SECURITY FOR THE KHE GIA BRIDGE. CONDUCTED PTL AND AMBUSHES ALONG ROUTE 9 VIC KHE GIA BRIDGE. E AND H/2/3 PROVIDED SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL. CONDUCTED PTL AND AMBUSHES VIC CAMP CARROLL. G/2/3 OPCON 4TH MARINES RETURN TO CAMP CARROLL DELAYED. C/1/44 USA D/S 2/3 PROVIDED DIRECT FIRE AND AA SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL.

(3) 3/3: PROVIDED SECURITY FOR OP ON THON SON LAM. MAINTAINED DEF PSN N OF THON SON LAM TO GL 59. CONDUCT PTL AND AMBUSHES IN ASSIGNED AREA.

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(4) 2 OTTERS WITH ENG EQUIPMENT DEPARTED CAMP CARROLL AT 140835H FOR 3/3 PSN, ON RESUPPLY AND RECON MISSION. OTTERS RETURNED TO CAMP CARROLL 141705H. ENG EQUIP REMAINS FOR ASSISTANCE IN TANK EXTRACTION.

C. CONTACTS: NONE

D. EVENTS: NONE

E. INTENTIONS:

(1) HQ CO 3D MARINES: PROVIDE SECURITY FOR CP.

(2) 2/3: F/2/3 PROVIDE SECURITY FOR KHE GIA BRIDGE. MAINTAIN OP ON HILL 252 (YD 022558) CONDUCT NIGHT PTL AND AMBUSHES E ALONG RTE 9 TO (YD 043) AND N TO SONG CAM LO. DAYLIGHT PTL S TO HILL 200 (YD 030551) E/2/3 PROVIDE SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL. H/2/3 CONDUCT RECON IN FORCE OPN IN AREA BOUNDED BY GL 12E, N TO ROUTE 9, S TO GL 54 AND W TO GL 08. COMMENCING AT 150500H. G/2/3 OPCON 4TH MAR. C/1/44 ARTY USA D/S 2/3 PROVIDE DIRECT FIRE AND AA SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL.

(3) 3/3 PROVIDE SECURITY FOR OP ON THON SON LAM. MAINTAIN DEF PSN N OF THON SON LAM TO GL 59. CONDUCT NIGHT AMBUSHES IN GS (XD 9756). (XD 9857), (XD 9858), AND (XD 9958). 150300H L/3/3 WILL ESTABLISH PPB AT (XD 965579) AND CONDUCT SEARCH AND DESTROY OPN FROM PPB SOUTH TO (XD 968561) FOR 3 DAY PERIOD.

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

(1) FR: 34 KIA; 111 WIA; 0 MIA

(2) EN: 77 KIA (CONF); 39 KIA (PROB); 3 WIA; 1 NVAC; 2 VCS.

G. SCOUT-SNIPIER TEAMS:

(1) HQ CO 3D MARINES: EMPLOYED 6 TEAMS DEF PSN.

(2) 3/3: EMPLOYED 4 TEAMS: 1 TEAM ON THON SON LAM OP, LONG RANGE SNIPING. 1 TEAM EACH WITH H&S, I, AND M COS DEF PSN.

(3) NEG REPORT.

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1. SITREP NR 235 AS OF 142400H DEC 66.
 A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
 B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE
 C. CONTACTS: NONE

D. EVENTS:

(1) 141725H CAM LO DIST ADVISOR RECOVERED BODY FROM CAM LO RIVER. ATTEMPTING TO DETERMINE IF SAME MAN DROWNED AT KHE GIA WATER POINT ON 29NOV.

(2) 142000H FINAL REPORT REF MY SIT REP NR 231, 232 AND 233: CRATER ANALYSIS AND SHELL FRAGMENTS REPORTED TO BE 155MM AND PROBABLY FIRED BY M/4/12.

(3) 142030H A CO 3TKS D/S 2/3 REPORTED HEARING UNK LANGUAGE ON 22.0 MC.

(4) ENG EXTRACTED. MNED TANK. NOW MOVED TO M/3/3 PSN.

E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE

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1. SITREP NR 236 AS OF 150600H DEC 66.

A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE

C. CONTACTS: NONE

D. EVENTS: NONE

E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE

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1. SITREP NR 237 AS OF 151200H DEC 66.

A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE EXCEPT AT 150630H H/2/3 DEPARTED CP AND COMMENCED RECON IN FORCE OPN. CO ARRIVED AT CP NR 3 (YD 093543) AT 151010H ENROUTE

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TO PB. AT 150800 PLT L/3/3 COMMENCED MOVEMENT TO PPB VIC (XD 969564) FOR SEARCH AND DESTROY OPNS SOUTH ALONG THE RIDGE LINE.

C. CONTACTS: NONE

D. EVENTS: 150905H M/3/3 PTL (XD 976602) OBSERVED 2 REINFORCED BUNKERS AT (XD 974604). 81 MM FIRED MISSION WITH EXCELLENT TARGET COVERAGE. RESULTS UNK.

E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NONE

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1. SITREP NR 238 AS OF 151300H DEC66.

A. LOCATIONS:

- (1) HQ 3D MAR (YD 060543)
- (2) 2/3 (YD 063551)

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(3) 3/3 (XD 931582)

I/3/3 (XD 932582)

K/3/3 (XD 930533)

L/3/3 (XD 976567)

M/3/3 (XD 978589)

(4) C/1/44 USA (YD 063551)

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1 PLT D/S 3/3

(6) CO A 3D AT

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B. SUMMARY:

- (1) HQ CO 3D MAR PROVIDED SECURITY FOR CP.
- (2) 2/3; F/2/3 PROVIDED SECURITY FOR THE KHE GIA BRIDGE.
CONDUCTED PTL AND AMBUSHES ALONG ROUTE 9 VIC KHE GIA BRIDGE.
- E/2/3 PROVIDE SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL. H/2/3 MOVED FROM CPT NR 3

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TP PPB VIC HILL 153 (YD 092562). G/2/3 OPCON 4TH MARINES. C1/44 USA D/S 2/3 PROVIDED DIRECT FIRE AND AA SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL.

(3) 3/3: PROVIDED SECURITY FOR OP ON THON SON LAM. MAINTAINED DEF PSN N OF THON SON LAM TO GL 59. PTL L/3/3 ESTABLISHED PPB VIC (XD 965579) AND COMMENCED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPN SOUTH FROM PPB ALONG RIDGE LINE TO VIC (XD 968561).

(4) NON-BATTLE CASUALTY MED EVAC. 3 USMC H/2/3 2 CRAMPS 1 UNKNOWN. COMPLETED MED EVAC 151550H.

C. CONTACTS. NONE.

D. EVENTS: 151500H TANK PREVIOUSLY MIRED AT (XD 97735363) EXTRACTED BY BULLDOZER.

E. INTENTIONS: FOR NEXT 24 HOURS.

(1) HQ CO 3D MARINES: PROVIDE SECURITY FOR CP.

(2) 2/3: F/2/3 PROVIDE SECURITY FOR KHE GIA BRIDGE.

MAINTAIN OP ON HILL 252 (YD 022553). CONDUCT NIGHT PTL AND AMBUSH DEPARTING FROM CAMP CARROLL ALONG MSR TO RTE 9 AND W ALONG

RTE 9 TO THE KHE GIA BRIDGE. E/2/3 PROVIDE SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL.

MAINTAIN OP ON HILL 250 VIC (YD 070555). H/2/3 CONDUCT RECON IN

FORCE OPN. MAINTAIN PTL BASE VIC HILL 153 (YD 092562) CONDUCT

PTL AND AMBUSHES VIC PB. G/2/3 OPCON 4TH MAR. C1/44 ARTY USA D/S 2/3 PROVIDE DIRECT FIRE AND AA SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL.

(3) 3/3 PROVIDE SECURITY FOR OPN ON THON SON LAM. MAINTAIN DEF PSN N OF THON SON LAM TO GL 59. CONDUCT NIGHT AMBUSHES IN GS (XD 9756), (XD 9357), (XD 9353), AND (XD 9758). L/3/3 MAINTAIN PPB AT (XD 965579) AND CONDUCT SEARCH AND DESTROY OPN FROM PPB S TO (XD 963561). 160600H K/3/3 WILL ESTABLISH PPB VIC (XD 9937) AND CONDUCT RECON IN FORCE OPN VIC (XD 9959) AND (YD 0059) FOR PERIOD OF 3 DAYS.

(4) 2 TANKS & 2 BULLDOZERS WILL MOVE TO L/3/3 POSITION (XD 976567), FROM 3/3 CP DURING DAY.

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

(1) FR: 34 KIA: 111 WIA: 3 MIA

(2) EN: 77 KIA (CONF): 39 KIA (PROB): 3 WIA: 1 NVAC 2 VCS.

G. SCOUT SNIPER TEAMS:

(1) HQ CO 3D MARINES: EMPLOYED 6 TEAMS DEF PSN.

(2) 2/3 EMPLOYED 2 TEAMS: 1 TEAM ON HILL 250 VIC (YD 070555) 1 OP LONG RANGE SNIPING. 1 TEAM EMPLOYED WITH H2/3 DURING RECON IN FORCE OPN.

(3) 3/3: EMPLOYED 4 TEAMS: 1 TEAM ON THON SON LAMOP, LONG RANGE SNIPING. 1 TEAM EACH WITH H2S, I, AND M COS DEF PSN.

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1. SITREP NR 239 AS OF 152400H DEC66.

A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE EXCEPT H/2/3 AT (YD 093561)

B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE

C. CONTACTS: NONE

D. EVENTS: NONE

E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE EXCEPT H/2/3 CONDUCTS AMBUSHES
 IN GS YD0356, YD 0955, YD 0956, YD 1055.

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE

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1. SITREP NR 240 AS OF 160600H DEC 66
- A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
- B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE
- C. CONTACTS: NONE
- D. EVENTS: NONE

E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE
 F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE
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1. SITREP NR 241 AS OF 181200H DEC 66.

A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE

C. CONTACTS: 160630H M/3/3 OP OBS EST 5-7 NVA WHO TRIPPED FLARE.

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ENEMY TAKEN UNDER FIRE; ENEMY FLED S DIRECTION OF K/3/3 ELM ON RETURN ROUTE FROM ABM PSN. K/3/3 ELEMENT SETUP HASTY AMB RESULTED IN 1 ENEMY KIA WITH REMAINDER FLEEING N. 31MM MSN FIRED FOR BLOCKING TO N; M/3/3 OP SIMULTANEOUSLY MOVED INTO BLOCKING PSN TO THE W. K/3/3 ADVANCED N TOWARDS BLOCKING PSN. ENEMY TRAPPED. SHORT BURST FIRE EXCHANGED RESULTED 4 ENEMY KIA; TOTAL 5 NVA KIA. 4 CARBINES 24 CHICOM GRENADES AND MISC DOCUMENTS CAPTURED. NEG USMC CASUALTIES.
D. EVENTS: NONE
E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE EXCEPT 3/3 CONDUCTS DAYLIGHT RECON PTL AND EXTENSIVE H&I FIRES.
F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

(1) FR: 34 KIA: 111 WIA: 3 MIA

(2) EN: 82 KIA (CONF): 39 KIA (PROB) 3 WIA: 1 NVAC: 2 VCS.

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1. SITREP NR 242 AS OF 161300H DEC 66.

A. LOCATIONS:

- (1) HQ 3D MAR (YD 066543)
- (2) 3/3 (XD 931532)

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- M/3/3 (XD 973539)
- (3) 2/3 (YD 063551)
- E/2/3 (YD 063551)
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B. SUMMARY:

- (1) HQ CO 3D MAR PROVIDED SECURITY FOR CP.
- (2) 2/3: F/2/3 PROVIDED SECURITY FOR THE KHE GIA BRIDGE.
CONDUCTED PTL AND AMBUSHES ALONG RTE 9 VIC KHE GIA BRIDGE.
E/2/3 PROVIDED SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL. H/2/3 CONTINUED PTL BASE
VIC HILL 153 (YD 093561). G/2/3 OPCON 4 TH MARINES. C/1/44

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PROVIDED DIRECT FIRE AND AA SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL.

(3) 3/3: PROVIDED SECURITY FOR OP ON THON SON LAM. MAINTAINED DEF PSN N OF THON SON LAM TO GL 59. PTL L/3/3 CONTINUED PPB VIC (XD 965579) AND S/D OPNS S FROM PPB ALONG RIDGE LINE TO VIC (XD 963561). K/3/3 COMMENCED RECON IN FORCE OPN IN GS (XD 9959) & (YD 0059).

(4) NON-BATTLE CASUALTY-MED EVAC: 2 USMC H&S 3/3 ~ 1 WOUNDED WHILE CLEANING PISTOL. I/3/3 1 HEMORRHOIDS MED-EVAC COMPLETED AT 161450H.

C. CONTACTS. NONE

D. EVENTS: CORRECTION TO 3D MAR OPN PRAIRIE SITREP 241 PARA

C. 4 AK-47'S VICE 4 CARBINES.

E. INTENTIONS: FOR NEXT 24 HOURS:

(1) HQ CO 3D MARINES PROVIDE SECURITY FOR CP.

(2) 2/3. F/2/3 PROVIDE SECURITY FOR KHE GIA BRIDGE. MAINTAIN OP ON HILL 252 (YD 022533). E/2/3 PROVIDE SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL. MAINTAIN OP ON HILL 250 VIC (YD 070555). H/2/3 CONTINUE RECON IN FORCE OPN. MAINTAIN PTL BASE VIC HILL 158 (YD 093501). CONDUCTS PTLs AND AMB VIC PB. G/2/3 OPCON 4TH MAR. C/1/44 USA D/S 2/3 PROVIDE DIRECT FIRE AND AA SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL.

(3) 3/3 PROVIDE SECURITY FOR OP ON THON SON LAM. MAINTAIN DEF PSN N OF THON SON LAM TO GL 59. CONDUCT NIGHT AMBUSHES IN GS (XD 9756), (XD 9337), (XD 9353), AND (XD 9753). L/3/3 MAINTAIN PPB AT (XD 965579) AND CONDUCT S&D OPN FROM PPB S TO (XD 963561). K/3/3 WILL ESTABLISH PPB VIC (XD 0059) AND CONDUCT RECON IN FORCE OPN VIC (XD 9959) AND (XD 0059) FOR PERIOD OF 2 DAYS.

L/3/3 CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN PPB (XD 965579), AND S&D OPNS S ON RAZOR

BACK. EXTENSIVE PTLs, AMB AND H&I'S WILL BE CONDUCTED.

(4) TKS AND BULLDOZERS VIC 3/3 NOT MOVED TODAY. WILL BE RELOADED 171200H TO CAMP CARROLL.

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

(1) FR: 34 KIA: 111 WIA: 0 MIA

(2) EN: 82 KIA (CONF): 39 KIA (PROB): 3 WIA 1 NVAC 2 VCS

G. SCOUT SNIPER TEAMS

(1) HQ CO 3D MARINES: EMPLOYED 6 TEAMS DEF PSN.

(2) 2/3 EMPLOYED 2 TEAMS: 1 TEAM ON HILL 250 VIC (YD 070555) OP LONG RANGE SNIPING. 1 TEAM EMPLOYED WITH H/2/3 DURING RECON IN FORCE OPN.

(3) 3/3 EMPLOYED 4 TEAMS: 1 TEAM ON THON SON LAM OPN LONG RANGE SNIPING. 1 TEAM EACH WITH H&S, I, AND M&S DEF PSN.

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1. SITREP NR 243 AS OF 162400H DEC66.
- A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE.
- B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE.
- C. CONTACTS. NONE.

D. EVENTS: 162120H 2/3 H CO PPB REPORTS LIGHTS AT
 (YD 097575) AND (YD 103576).

E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE EXCEPT H/2/3 CONDUCTING AMBUSHES IN
 GS (YD 0355), (YD 0955), (YD 0956), (YD 1056).

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE
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1. SITREP NR 244 AS OF 170600H DEC 66

A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE

C. CONTACTS: NONE

D. EVENTS: 170150H 2/3 REPORTS ONE SHORT ROUND OF 81MM MORTAR

DROPPING IN TK PARK AT THE SOUTHERN END OF PERIMETER OF CAMP
CARROLL. MORTARS FIRING H AND I'S ON TARGET VIC (YD 042533)
CEASED FIRING WITH MORTAR INVOLVED CRATER ANALYSIS WILL BE CARRIED
OUT AT FIRST LIGHT.

E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE

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SECRETTHIRD MARINES
COMM CENTER

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FM CO THIRD MARINES
TO THIRD MARDIV FWD
INFO FOURTH MARINES
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OPN PRAIRIE

1. SITREP NR 245 AS OF 171200H DEC 66

A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE

C. CONTACTS: NONE

D. EVENTS: LATE ENTRY: 161820H C-47 AIRCRAFT
CONDUCTED PSYWAR LEAFLET DROP IN GS (XD 9052), (XD 9047)
AND (XD 0842). LEAFLETS DROPPED WERE: 175,000 CHIEU HOI, 250,000
NVA HARSHIP AND 75,000 SAFE CONDUCT

E. INTENTIONS NO CHANGE

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE.
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TOD 17/1330H/DEC66/CON06/JRV

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SECRETTHIRD MARINES
COMM CENTER

O 171130Z DEC 66
FM CO THIRD MARINES
TO THIRD MARDIV (FWD)
INFO FOURTH MARINES
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S E C R E T

OPN PRAIRIE

1. SITREP NR 246 AS OF 171300H DEC 66.

A. LOCATIONS:

- (1) HQ 3D MAR (YD 366543)
- (2) 3/3 (XD 931532)

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- I/3/3 (XD 932532)
- K/3/3 (XD 933533)
- L/3/3 (XD 970376)
- M/3/3 (XD 973539)
- (3) 2/3 (YD 063551)
- E/2/3 (YD 063551)
- F/2/3 (YD 020562)
- H/2/3 (YD 063551)
- (4) C/1/44USA (YD 063551)
- (5) CO A 3D TKS
- 2 PLT AND ONE LT SECT D/S 2/3
- 1 HVY SECT D/S 3/3
- (6) CO A 3D AT
- 2 PLT D/S 2/3
- 1 PLT D/S 3/3

B. SUMMARY:

- (1) HQ CO 3 D MAR PROVIDED SECURITY FOR CP.
- (2) 2/3 F/2/3 PROVIDED SECURITY FOR THE KHE GIA BRIDGE. CONDUCTED PLT AND AMBUSHES ALONG RTE 9 VIC KHE GIA BRIDGE. E/2/3 PROVIDED SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL. H/2/3 COMPLETED RECON IN FORCE OPN AND

RETURNED TO CAMP CARROLL, G/2/3 OPCON 4TH MARINES. C/1/44 USA D/S 2/3 PROVIDED DIRECT FIRE AND AA SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL.

- (3) 3/3: PROVIDED SECURITY FOR CP ON THON SON LAM. MAINTAINED DEF PSN N OF THON SON LAM TO GL 59. PLT L/3/3 CONTINUED PPB VIC (XD 965579)

AND S/D OPN S FROM PPB ALONG RIDGE LINE TO VIC (XD 965561). K/3/3 COMPLETED RECON IN FORCE OPN IN GS (XD 9959) & (YD 0359).

- (4) NON- BATTLE CASUALTIES MED-EVAC: I/3/3 1 USMC SWOLLEN LYNPH NODES. M/3/3 1 USMC POSSIBLE FRACTURE. K/3/3 1 USMC BLOOD TEST, 1 USMC CAUSE UNK.

C. CONTACT: NONE

D. EVENTS:

- (1) 171155H H/2/3 COMPLETED RECON IN FORCE OPN. RETURNED TO CAMP CARROLL.

(2) 171200H 3/3 REPORTED SUSPECTED ENEMY MOVEMENT ON RIDGE VIC (XD 934613). ARTY FIRED 3 WP AND 10 HE 105MM WITH EXCELLENT TARGET COVERAGE. RESULTS UNK.

- (3) 171500H PLT K/3/3 RETURNED CP.

(4) 171530H 1 LIGHT SECTION CO A 3D TANKS RETURNED TO CAMP CARROLL FROM THON SON LAM. ENG EQUIPMENT DISPLACED FROM VIC THON

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SON LAM TO VIC KHE GIA BRIDGE.

E. INTENTIONS: FOR NEXT 24 HOURS:

(1) HQ CO 3D MARINES PROVIDE SECURITY FOR OP.
 (2) 2/3: F/2/3 PROVIDE SECURITY FOR KHE GIA BRIDGE. CONDUCT
 PTL E ALONG ROUTE 9 FROM KHE GIA BRIDGE TO AMBUSH SITE VIC 942566
 AND RETURN ALONG RTE 200 METERS S OF RTE 9. MAINTAIN OP ON
 HILL 252 (YD 022533). H&E/2/3 PROVIDE SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL.
 E/2/3 MAINTAIN OP ON HILL 250 VIC (YD 070555). G/2/3 OPCON 4TH
 MAR. C/1/44 USA D/S 2/3 PROVIDE DIRECT FIRE AND AA SECURITY FOR
 CAMP CARROLL.

(3) 3/3 PROVIDE SECURITY FOR OP ON THON SON LAM. MAINTAIN DEF
 PSN N OF THON SON LAM TO GL 39. CONDUCT NIGHT AMBUSHES IN GS (XD 9756),
 (XD 9357), (XD 9353), AND (XD 9753). L/3/3 MAINTAIN PPB AT
 (XD 965579) AND CONDUCT S & D OPN FORM PPB S TO (XD 965531).

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

(1) FR: 34 KIA: 111 WIA: 0 MIA.

(2) EN: 32 KIS (CONF): 39 KIA (PROB) 3 WIA-1 NVAC 2 VCS.

G. SCOUT-SNIPER TEAMS:

(1) HQ CO 3D MARINES: EMPLOYED 5 TEAMS DEF PSN.

(2) 2/3 EMPLOYED 2 TEAMS: 1 TEAM ON HILL 250 VIC (YD-
 070555) OP LONG RANGE SNIPING.

(3) 3/3 EMPLOYED 4 TEAMS: 1 TEAM ON THON SON LAM OP LONG RANGE
 SNIPING. 1 TEAM EACH WITH H & S, I, AND M COS DEF PSN.

(4) NEG REPORT

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SECRETTHIRD MARINES
COMM CENTER*Action Copy*
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FM CO THIRD MARINESTO THIRD MARDIV (FWD)
INFO FOURTH MARINES

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OPN PRAIRIE

1. SITREP NR 247 AS OF 172400H DEC 66

A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE

C. CONTACTS: NONE

D. EVENTS: 171300H M/3/3 OBSERVED 5 ENEMY AT (XD 96537) 81MM AND ARTY
FIRE MSN CALLED, EXECLIENT TARGET COVERAGE RESULTS UNK. M/3/3 PT 28)
SEARCH AREA 13DEC.

E. INTENTIONS: PTL ACTIVITIES FOR PERIOD 180600H TO 190600H.

(1) 2/3 DAYLIGHT PTL

F-3-B 181000-1600 (SQD)

IP (YD 026562)

CP 1 (YD 025556)

CP 2 (YD 021550)

CP 3 (YD 018552)

DAYLIGHT-NIGHT PTL

H-3 1815-190730 PTL (REIN)

IP (YD 062543)

CP 1 (YD 066533)

CP2 (YD 072527)

PPB (YD 073518)

AMB 1 18200-190100 SQD (REIN) (YD 073518)

AMB 2 182400-190530 SQD (REIN) (YD 009542)

2/3 NIGHT PTL

F-1-B 182200-190115 SQD

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IP (YD 026562)
 AMB (YD 031561)
 3/3 DAYLIGHT
 K-P-2 130330-1400 SQD
 IP (XD 930333)
 CP 1 (XD 932539)
 CP 2 (XD 931593)
 CP 3 (XD 930339)
 M-P-2 130600-1300 SQD
 IP (XD 978539)
 CP 1 (XD 997539)
 CP 2 (XD 971593)
 CP 3 (XD 963533)
 CP 4 (XD 969533)
 CP 5 (XD 975533)
 M-P-1 181100-1300 SQD
 IP (XD 973539)
 CP 1 (XD 973536)
 CP 2 (XD 970566)
 CP 3 (XD 975573)

CP 4 (XD 930579)
 I-P-1 130730-1530 SQD
 IP (XD 976576)
 CP 1 (XD 969556)
 CP 2 (XD 965566)
 CP 3 (XD 965563)
 L-P-2 180700-1700 SQD
 IP (XD 973589)
 CP 1 (XD 932566)
 CP 2 (XD 933553)
 CP 3 (XD 935555)
 CP 4 (XD 939559)
 CP 5 (XD 997563)
 CP 6 (XD 987559)
 CP 7 (XD 933567)
 I-P-2 131100-1600 SQD
 IP (XD 932532)
 CP 1 (XD 991533)
 CP 2 (XD 997576)
 CP 3 (XD 999575)

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I-P-1 180700-1500 SQD
 IP (XD 932582)
 CP 1 (XD 933537)
 CP 2 (XD 997592)
 CP 3 (XD 999537)
 CP 4 (XD 991534)
 3/3 NIGHT ACTIVITIES
 M-A-1 190300-0900 SQD
 IP (XD 980533)
 AMB (XD 978539)
 M-A-2 182100 -190200 SQD
 IP (XD 980533)
 AMB (XD 975590)
 L-A-2 190130-0630 SQD
 IP (XD 976576)
 AMB (XD 973570)
 L-A-1 190130-0630 SQD
 IP (XD 976576)
 AMB (XD 963567)
 L-A-1 181915-2330 SQD

IP (XD 976567)
 AMB (XD 964573)
 I-A-2 181730-190700 SQD
 IP (XD 932582)
 AMB (XD 937573)
 I-A-1 181700-190730 SQD
 IP (XD 982532)
 AMB (XD 993530)
 K-A-3 181700-190800 SQD
 IP (XD 930583)
 AMB (XD 982591)

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE
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OPN PRAIRIE

1. SITREP NR 248 AS OF 130630H DEC 66

A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

C. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE

D. CONTACTS: NONE

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D. EVENTS: 3/3 130230H BOMBS OF SECOND STRING ARC LIGHT
LANDED IN VICINITY OF GS(XL 993603) TO (XD 975603). ODOR AND EYE
IRRITATION FROM POWDER EVIDENT AT THIS POSITION.

E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE

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OPN PRAIRIE

1. SITREP NR 249 AS OF 181200H DEC 66
A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE
C. CONTACTS: NONE
D. EVENTS: NONE
E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE
F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE
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TOD: 18/1204H/DEC66/COM# 02/PWP

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OPN PRAIRIE

1. SITREP NR 250 AS OF 181300H DEC 66.

A. LOCATIONS:

- (1) HQ 3D MAR (YD 066543)
(2) 3/3 (XD 981582)

- I/3/3 (XD 982582)
K/3/3 (XD 980583)
L/3/3 (XD 976576)
M/3/3 (XD 978589)

- (3) 2/3 (YD 063551)
E/2/3 (YD 063551)

- F/2/3 (YD 026562)
H/2/3 (YD 063551)

- (4) C/1/44 USA (YD 063551)

- (5) CO A 3D TKX
2 PLT AND ONE LT SECT D/S 2/3.
1 HVY SECT D/S 3/3

- (6) CO A 3D ATKS
2 PLT D/S 2/3
1 PLT D/S 3/3

B. SUMMARY:

- (1) HQ CO 3D MAR PROVIDED SECURITY FOR CP.
(2) 2/3: F/2/3 PROVIDED SECURITY FOR THE KHE GIA BRIDGE.
CONDUCTED PTL AND AMBUSHES ALONG RTE 9 VIC KHE GIA BRIDGE. E, H/2/3
PROVIDED SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL. G/2/3 OPCON 4TH MARINES. C/1/44

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USA D/S 2/3 PROVIDED DIRECT FIRE AND AA SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL.

(3) 3/3: PROVIDED SECURITY FOR OP ON THON SON LAM. MAINTAINED DEF PSN N OF THON SON LAM TO GL 59. PLT L/3/3 CONTINUED PPB VIC (XD 965579) AND S/D OPN S FROM PPB ALONG RIDGE LINE TO VIC (XD 968561).

(4) NON-BATTLE CASUALTIES MED-EVAC: NONE

C. CONTACTS:

(1) 181255H F/2/3 PLT COMMANDER (XD 055555) RECEIVED 8-10 RDS S/A FIRE FROM (YD 044554) WHILE ENROUTE TO F/2/3 PSN FROM CAMP CARROLL.

(2) 131628H L/3/3 (XD 967572) DURING HELO RESUPPLY HEARD S/A FIRE FROM SW AT RANGE EST 1500 TO 2000 METERS. NO RDS OBSERVED TO STRIKE LZ, BUT DIRECTED HELO TO DEPART LZ TO PREVENT POSSIBLE DAMAGE. D. EVENTS: 181200H L/3/3 (XD 964572) HEARD WHAT IS BELIEVED TO BE S/A FIRE DURING PASS BY FIX WING A/C VIC (XD 968566) AND (XD 948583). E. INTENTIONS: FOR NEXT 24 HOURS:

(1) HQ CO 3D MARINES PROVIDED SECURITY FOR CP.

(2) 2/3: F/2/3 PROVIDED SECURITY FOR KHE GIA BRIDGE. CONDUCT PTL E ALONG RTE 9 VIC KHE GIA BRIDGE. MAINTAIN OP ON HILL 252 (YD 022583). H & E/2/3 PROVIDED SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL. CONDUCT PTL AND AMBUSHES VIC CAMP CARROLL REF MY SITREP NR 247. E/2/3

MAINTAIN OP ON HILL 250 VIC (YD 070555). G/2/3 ORCON 4TH MAR. C/1/44 ARTY USA D/S 2/3 PROVIDED DIRECT FIRE AND AA SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL.

(3) 3/3 PROVIDE SECURITY FOR OP ON THON SON LAM. MAINTAIN DEF PSN N OF THON SON LAM TO GL 59. CONDUCT PTL AND AMBUSHES IN ASSIGNED AREA REF MY SITREP NR 247. L/3/3 MAINTAIN PPB AT (XD 965579) AND CONDUCT S/D OPN FROM PPB S TO (XD 968561). 3/3 TO DISPLACE 2 RIFLE PLT TO CAMP CARROLL.

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

(1) FR: 34 KIA: 111 WIA: 0 MIA

(2) EN: 32 KIA (CONF): 39 KIA (PROB): 3 WIA: 1 NVAC 2 VCS.

G. SCOUT-SNIPER TEAMS:

(1) HQ CO 3D MARINES: EMPLOYED 5 TEAMS DEF PSN.

(2) 2/3 EMPLOYED 1 TEAM: 1 TEAM ON HILL 250 VIC (YD 070555) OP LONG RANGE SNIPING.

(3) 3/3 EMPLOYED 4 TEAMS: 1 TEAM ON THON SON LAM OP LONG RANGE SNIPING. 1 TEAM EACH WITH H&S, I, AND M COS DEF PSN.

(4) NEG REPORT.

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SECRET

OPN PRAIRIE

1. SITREP NR 251 AS OF 182400H DEC 66

A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

C. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE

C. CONTACTS: NONE

D. EVENTS:

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(1) 181915H M/3/3 MP OBSERVED WHAT APPEARED TO BE CAMP FIRES
(XD 946607). ARTY FIRED 10 HE 155MM, RESULTS UNK.

(2) 182115H 2/3 TPS 21 OPERATOR PICKED UP SQD SIZE OR LARGER
UNIT MOVING FROM (YD 061533) TO (YD 069579). 16 RDS HE, 81MM
FIRED WITH EXCELLENT TARGET COVERAGE. MOVEMENT CEASED.

E. INTENTIONS:

2/3 DAYLIGHT PTLs

F CO 191015-1615H SQD

IF (YD 026562)

CP 1 (YD 033570)

CP 2 (YD 028575)

CP 3 (YD 035574)

CP 4 (YD 040570)

CP 5 (YD 039566)

2/3 NIGHTTIME PTLs

F CO 191800-200030H SQD

IF CAMP CARROLL

CP 1 & AMB (YD 053562)

CP 2 (YD 041566)

CP 3 (YD 034512)

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CO CP (YD 026562)
 3/3 DAYLIGHT PTLs
 M CO 190700-1600H SQD

IP (XD 973589)
 CP 1 (XD 975592)
 CP 2 (XD 971599)
 CP 3 (XD 966601)
 CP 4 (XD 963597)
 CP 5 (XD 967591)
 CP 6 (XD 971587)

I CO 190730-1330H SQD

IP (XD 978588)
 CP 1 (XD 997574)
 CP 2 (XD 998568)
 CP 3 (XD 981571)

3/3 NIGHT AMB IN GS

(XD 9857)
 (XD 9957)
 (XD 9859)
 (XD 9858)

(XD 9758)

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE

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OPN PRAIRIE

1. SITREP NR 252 AS OF 190600H DEC 66.

A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE

C. CONTACTS: NONE

D. EVENTS: NONE

E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE

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OPN PRAIRIE

1. SITREP NR 253 AS OF 191200H DEC 66.

A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE

C. CONTACTS: NONE

D. EVENTS: 191034H M/3/3 FO OBSERVED 6 ENEMY AT (XD 988588)
81MM FIRE MISSION CALLED. RESULTS UNK.

E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NONE

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1. SITREP NR 254 AS OF 191000H DEC 66.

A. LOCATIONS:

- (1) HQ 3D MAR (YD 066543)
 (2) 3/3 (XD 931582)

- 1/3/3 (XD 932582)
 K/3/3 (XD 930583)
 L/3/3 (XD 976576)
 M/3/3 (XD 978589)
 (3) 2/3 (YD 063551)
 E/2/3 (YD 063551)
 F/2/3 (YD 026562)
 H/2/3 (YD 063551)
 (4) C/1/44 ARTY USA (YD 063551)
 (5) CO A 3D TKS
 2 PLT AND ONE LT SECT D/S 2/3
 1 HVY SECT D/S 3/3.
 (6) CO A 3D ATKS
 2 PLT D/S 2/3
 1 PLT D/S 3/3

B. SUMMARY:

- (1) HQ CO 3D MAR PROVIDED SECURITY FOR CP.
 (2) 2/3: F/2/3 PROVIDED SECURITY FOR THE KHE GIA BRIDGE.
 CONDUCTED PTL AND AMB ALONG RTE 9 VIC KHE GIA BRIDGE REF MY SITREP
 NR 251. PROVIDED SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL. G/2/3 OPCON 4TH MARINES.

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C/1/44 USA D/S 2/3 PROVIDED DIRECT FIRE AND AA SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL.

(3) 3/3: PROVIDED SECURITY FOR CP ON THON SON LAM. MAINTAINED DEF PSN N OF THON SON LAM TO GL 59. CONDUCTED PTL IN ASSIGNED AREA REF MY SIT REP NR 251. PLT L/3/3 CONTINUED PPB VIC (XD 965579) AND S/D OPN S FROM PPB ALONG RIDGE LINE TO VIC (XD 968561).

(4) NON-BATTLE CASUALTIES MED-EVAC: K/3/3 1 USMC ORTHOPEDIC CONSULT. I/3/3 1 USMC RECTAL ABSCESS. HYS 3/3 1 USMC X-RAY ANKLE. C/1/12 1 USMC POSS PRELIMINARY STENOSIS.

C. CONTACTS: 191425H L/3/3 PLT ON RAZORBACK OBSERVED 5 VC IN MIXED ARTICLES OF CIVILIAN CLOTHING AND CARRYING PACKS AND RIFLES MOVING S ALONG TRAIL AT (XD 960574). SCOUT-SNIPER TEAM ATTACHED TO L/3/3 FIRED. RESULTING IN 1 ENEMY KIA (CONF) AND 1 ENEMY WIA. ENEMY WIA WAS HIT BADLY SEEN TO FALL AND ROLL OUT OF SIGHT.

D. EVENTS: 191530H HELO LIFT OF 2 RIFLE PLT FROM 3/3 PSN TO CAMP CARROLL COMPLETED.

E. INTENTIONS: FOR NEXT 24 HOURS:

(1) HQ CO 3D MARINES PROVIDE SECURITY FOR CP.

(2) 2/3: F/2/3 PROVIDE SECURITY FOR THE KHE GIA BRIDGE.

CONDUCT PTL AND AMBUSH ALONG RTE 9 VIC KHE GIA BRIDGE REF MY SITREP NR 251. MAINTAIN OP ON HILL 252 (YD 022538). 2 PLT 3/3 PROVIDE SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL. MAINTAIN OP ON HILL 250 VIC (YD 070555). C/2/3 OPCON 4TH MAR. C/1/44 ARTY USA D/S 2/3 PROVIDE DIRECT FIRE AND AA SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL. CMD GRP A COS E AND H/2/3 CONDUCT S AND D OPN IAW MY OPN PRAIRIE FRAG O 11-66 AND MY 181300Z DEC 66.

(3) 3/3 PROVIDE SECURITY FOR OP ON THON SON LAM. MAINTAIN DEF PSN N OF THON SON LAM TO GL 59. CONDUCT PTL AND AMBUSHES IN ASSIGNED AREA REF MY SITREP NR 251. L/3/3 MAINTAIN PPB AT (XD 965579) AND CONDUCT S & D OPN FROM PPB S TO (XD 968561).

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

(1) FR: 34 KIA: 111 WIA: 3 MIA.

(2) EN: 83 KIA (CONF): 39 KIA (PROB) 4 WIA: 1 NVAC 2VCS.

G. SCOUT-SNIPER TEAMS:

(1) HQ CO 3D MARINES: EMPLOYED 5 TEAMS DEF PSN.

(2) 2/3 EMPLOYED 1 TEAM ON HILL 250 VIC (YD 070555)

OP LONG RANGE SNIPING.

(3) 3/3 EMPLOYED 4 TEAMS: 1 TEAM ON THON SON LAM OP LONG RANGE SNIPING. 1 TEAM EACH WITH H & S, I, AND M COS DEF PSN.

(4) 1 KIA (CONF), 1 WIA REF ENTRY 191425H ABOVE.

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1. SITREP NR 255 AS OF 192400H DEC 66.

A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE EXCEPT 4 PSY OPS LEAFLET DROP DURING DAY-LIGHT HOURS IN AREA BOUNDED BY:

(1) (XD 9763), (XD 9759), (YD 2063) AND (YD 0059) 10,000 SAFE CONDUCT PASSES 45,000, CHIEU HOI, 45,000 PAVN APPEAL.

(2) (XD 3353), (XD 3351), (XD 9655) AND (XD 9651). 10,000 SAFE CONDUCT PASSES, 45,000 CHIEU HOI, 45,000 PAVN APPEAL.

(3) (XD 9144), (XD 9142), (XD 9947) AND (YD 0045). 10,000 SAFE CONDUCT PASSES, 45,000 CHIEU HOI, 45,000 PAVN APPEAL.

(4) (YD 0447), (YD 0345), (YD 1145) AND (YD 1142) 10,000 SAFE CONDUCT PASSES, 45,000 CHIEU HOI, 45,000 PAVN APPEAL.

C. CONTACTS: NONE

D. EVENTS: 192315H E/2/3 DEPARTED CAMP CARROLL.

E. INTENTIONS:

2/3 DAYLIGHT PTLs.

F CO 203700H-1200H SQD

IP (YD 022553)

CP 1 (YD 016541)

CP 2 (YD 010548)

CP 3 (YD 006545)

CP 4 (YD 016541)

2/3 NIGHT PTL AND AMBUSH

F CO 201300H-210100H SQD

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IP (YD 926562)
 CP 1 (YD 018567)
 AMB (YD 008565)
 CP 2 (YD 015565)

3/3 DAYLIGHT PTL

M CO 201200H-1830H SQD

IP (XD 978587)
 CP 1 (XD 970580)
 CP 2 (XD 968585)
 CP 3 (XD 970570)
 CP 4 (XD 978568)

3/3 NIGHT PTL AND AMBUSH

K CO 201800H-210830H SQD

IP (XD 982562)
 AMB (XD 992590)
 CP (XD 995537)

SQD AMB IN GS (XD 9656), (XD 9657), (XD 9758), (XD 9858),
 (XD 9957)

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE

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1. SITTREP NR 256 AS OF 200600H DEC 66

A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

B. SUMMARY NO CHANGE

C. CONTACTS: NONE

D. EVENTS:

- (1) 192355H CMD GRP A DEPARTED CAMP CARROLL
- (2) 200110H CMD GRP A ARRIVED AT CHECK POINT ONE
- (3) 200315H H/2/3 ARRIVED AT CHECK POINT ONE
- (4) 200340H E/2/3 ARRIVED AT CHECK POINT TWO
- (5) 200430H CMD GRP A ARRIVED AT CHECK POINT TWO
- (6) 200445H E/2/3 ARRIVED AT CHECK POINT THREE
- (7) 200503H 2/3 CMD GRP A ARRIVED AT CHECK POINT THREE
- (8) 200535H E/2/3 ARRIVED AT CHECK POINT FOUR

E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE

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1. SITREP NR 257 AS OF 201200H DEC 66.

A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE

C. CONTACTS: 200915H E/2/3 (YD 112515) OBSERVED AND ENGAGED ESTIMATED
1.16 VC ARMED WITH S/A AND AUTO WPNS. REQUESTED, ARTY AND UH-1B GUNSHIP

UH-1B GUNSHIP STRAFED AREA (YD 112513) RESULTS OF ACTION 3 USMC KIA;
3 ENEMY KIA (CONF) AND 5 ENEMY KIA (PROB). 2 USMC WIA MED EVAC.

D. EVENTS:

- (1) 200600H E/2/3 ARRIVED CP 5.
- (2) 200615H CMD GRP A AND H/2/3 ARRIVED CP 4.
- (3) 200710H CMD GRP A LOC (YD 093513), H/2/3 IN ASSAULT ON PSN E OF CP 5, E/2/3 IN ASSAULT PNS 500 METERS W OF CP 6.
- (4) 200727H E/2/3 (YD 114524) POINT HIT (1) BOOBY TRAP BELIEVED TO BE SMALL BOOT MINE. RESULTING IN 1 USMC WIA MED EVAC.
- (5) 200745H ARVN IN BLOCKING PSN.
- (6) 200815H 2/3 ALL UNITS IN PSN WILL ASSAULT OBJ 1 AND 2 AT 0820.
- (7) 200820H E/2/3 BLOCKING FORCE OBSERVED 4 VC SQN AT (YD 135506).
- (8) 200930H H/2/3 LOCATED (YD 102517) (1) CHICON GRENADE WITH TRIP WIRE DEVICE. GRENADE BLOWN IN PLACE SEARCHED AREA WITH NEG RESULTS.
- (9) 200945H E/2/3 (YD 111515) LOCATED 2 (REIN) CAVES, CAVES DESTROYED
- (10) 201015H E/2/3 (YD 116513) LOCATED CARBINE MAGAZINE, MED SUPPLIES AND DOCUMENTS. CAPTURED MATERIAL WILL BE FORWARDED TO G-2
- (11) 201025H M/3/3 FO OBSERVED 5 VC (XD 933603). ARTY FIRED 90 RDS 105MM SP WITH EXCELLENT TARGET COVERAGE RESULT UNK.
- (12) 201030H CMD GRP A 2/3: OBJ 1 AND 2 SECURED WILL MOVE TO OBJ A.
- (13) 201115H CMD GRP A 2/3: COMMENCED MOVE TOWARD OBJ A.

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E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE EXCEPT. M/3/3 PTL REF MY SITREP NR 255 CANCELLED.

M3/3 PLT (-) WILL CONDUCT PTL FROM IP (XD 978587) TO VIC (XD 965587) FROM 201500H TO 210000H.

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

(1) FR: 34 KIA: 115 WIA: 0 MIA.

(2) EN: 36 KIA (CONF): 44 KIA (PROB): 4 WIA: 1 NVAC 2 VCS. ENCLOSURE (1)

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OPN PRAIRIE

1. SITREP NR 258 AS OF 201000H DEC 66

A. LOCATIONS:

- (1) HQ 3D MAR (YD 066543)
- (2) 2/3 CMD GRP A (YD 105525)

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- 2/3 CMD GRP B (YD 063551)
- E/2/3 (YD 116493)
- F/2/3 (YD 026562)
- H/2/3 (YD 102493)
- (3) 3/3 (XD 931532)
- I/3/3 (XD 932532)
- K/3/3 (XD 933533)
- L/3/3 (XD 976570)
- M/3/3 (XD 973539)
- (4) C/1/44 (YD 963551)
- (5) CO A 3D TKS
- 2 PLT AND ONE LT SECT D/S 2/3
- 1 HVY SECT D/S 3/3.
- (6) CO A 3D ATS
- 2 PLT D/S 2/3.
- 1 PLT D/S 3/3.

B. SUMMARY:

- (1) HQ CO 3D MAR PROVIDED SECURITY FOR CP.
 - (2) 2/3: F/2/3 PROVIDED SECURITY FOR THE KHE GIA BRIDGE.
- CONDUCTED PTL AND AMB ALONG RTE 9 VIC KHE GIA BRIDGE REF MY SITREP

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NR 225. CMD GRP B AND 2 RIFLE PTL OF 3/3 PROVIDED SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL. G/2/3 OPCON 4TH MARINES. C/1/44 USA D/S 2/3 PROVIDED DIRECT FIRE AND AA SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL.

CMD GRP A COS E AND H CONDUCT S & D OPN IN CUA VALLEY AREA.

(3) 3/3: PROVIDED SECURITY FOR OP ON THON SON LAM. MAINTAINED DEF PSN N OF THON SON LAM TO GL 59. CONDUCTED PTL IN ASSIGNED AREA REF MY SITREP NR 255 AND 257. PTL L/3/3 CONTINUED PPB VIC (XD 965579) AND S&D OPN S FROM PPB ALONG RIDGE LINE TO VIC (XD 963561).

(4) NON-BATTLE CASUALTIES MED-EVAC: 3/3 1 USMC X-RAY ELBOW AND ARM.

C. CONTACTS: NONE

D. EVENTS:

(1) 201120H. M/3/3 FO OBSERVED BUNDER AT (XD 938603). 106MM RDS DESTROYED TARGET. ARTY FIRED WITH GOOD TARGET COVERAGE.

(2) 201200H H/2/3 PERSONNEL MOVING THRU DITCH (YD 102509). DETENATED UNK TYPE MINE. RESULTING IN 5 USMC WIA 4 OF WHICH WERE MED EVAC. 2 OF THE WIA'S WERE FROM CAM LO CIT TEAM.

(3) 201250H H/2/3 (YD 103503) LOCATED TUNNEL. TUNNEL DESTROYED.

(4) 201300H M/3/3 PTL LOCATED 6 FRESHLY DUG GRAVES AT (XD 939599)

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GRAVES OPENED, 6 BODIES ESTIMATED 3DAYS OLD BY CO CORPMAN WERE MUTILATEC POSSIBLY HIT BY 81MM OR ARTY FIRE. RESULTS 6 ENEMY KIA (CONF).

(5) 201330H. 3/3 LOCATED APPROX 500 LBS RICE AT (YD 105503). RICE WILL BE TAKEN TO D-5.

(6) 201350H. CMD GRP A REPORTED OBJ A SECURED.

(7) 201400H. M/3/3 (XD 932599) LOCATED SLEEPING AREA FOR ESTIMATED 50 MEN AND 20 FIGHTING HOLES 9WITH COVERS. PTL DESTROYED AREA.

E. INTENTIONS: FOR NEXT 24 HOURS:

(1) HQ CO 3D MARINES PROVIDE SECURITY FOR CP.

(2) 2/3: F/2/3 PROVIDE SECURITY FOR THE KHE GIA BRIDGE. CONDUCT PTL AND AMBUSH ALONG RTE 9 VIC KHE GIA BRIDGE REF MY SITREP NR 255. MAINTAIN OP ON HILL 252 (YD 022583). CMD GRP B AND 2 PTL 3/3 PROVIDE SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL MAINTAIN OP ON HILL 250 VIC (YD 070555). G/2/3 OPCON 4TH MAR. C/1/44 ARTY USA D/S 2/2 PROVIDE DIRECT FIRE AND AA SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL. CMD GRP A XOS E AND H/2/3 CONTINUE S&D OPN IAW MY OPN PRAIRIE FRAG O 11-66 AND MY 181300Z DEC 66.

(3) 3/3: PROVIDE SECURITY FOR OP ON THON SON LAM. MAINTAIN

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DEF PSN N OF THON SON LAM TO GL 59. CONDUCT PTL AND AMBUSHES IN
 ASSIGNED AREA REF MY SIT REP NR 255 AND 257. L/3/3 MAINTAIN PPB
 AT (XD 965579) AND CONDUCT S&D OPN FROM PPB S TO (XD 963561).

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

(1) FR: 34 KIA: 120 WIA: 3 MIA

(2) EN: 92 KIA (CONF): 44 KIA (PROB) 4 WIA: 1 NVAC 2 VCS.

G. SCOUT-SNIPER TEAMS:

(1) HQ CO 3D MARINES: EMPLOYED 2 TEAMS DEF PSN.

(2) 2/3 EMPLOYED 4 TEAMS ON HILL 250 VIC (YD 970555) OP
 LONG RANGE SNIPING. 3 TEAMS EMPLOYED WITH CMD GRP A COS E AND H
 DURING S & D OPN.

(3) 3/3 EMPLOYED 4 TEAMS: 1 TEAM ON THON SON LAM OP LONG RANGE
 SNIPING. 1 TEAM EACH WITH H & S, I, AND M COS DEF PSN.

(4) NEG REPORT.

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ZEN/CO A, THIRD TK BN
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OPN PRAIRIE

1. SITREP NR 259 AS OF 202400H DEC 66.

A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE EXCEPT 2/3 CMD GRP A (YD 094514), E/2/3 (YD 115499) AND H/2/3 (YD 105504).

B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE

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C. CONTACTS: 201310H L3/3 (XD 976576) RECEIVED APPROX 27 RDS MORTAR S/A AND AUTO WPN FIRE. APPROX 5 TO 10 MIN LATER M/3/3 (XD 973539) RECEIVED APPROX 26 RDS MORTAR FIRE. L/3/3 PLT AT PPB (XD 965565) RECEIVED S/A AND AUTO WPN FIRE FROM (XD 966565). RETURNED S/A FIRE 81MM FIRE CALLED ON TARGET. M/3/3 CALLED COUNTER MORTAR FIRE AT (XD 963533) TKS AND ONTOS PROVIDED DIRECT FIRE SUPPORT AT MOVEMENT ON RAZOR BACK VIC (XD 967567). ARTY FIRED MISSION ON W SIDE OF RAZOR BACK WITH EXCELLENT TARGET COVERAGE. ENEMY FIRE CEASED AT 201340H. FLARE SHIP ON STATION AT 2030H PROVIDING EXCELLENT SUPPORT TO GROUND UNITS. RESULTS OF ACTION 3 USMC KIA AND 15 USMC WIA. 2 KIA AND 4 WIA MED EVAC.

D. EVENTS:

(1) 201910H M/3/3 OBSERVED LIGHTS ON MUTTER RIDGE (XD 973603). ARTY FIRE MISSION CALLED WITH EXCELLENT TARGET COVERAGE. LIGHT EXTINGUISHED.

(2) 202100H 3/3 TPS-21 OPERATOR OBSERVED 2 SIGHTINGS OF APPROX 5 PEOPLE MOVING NE FROM (YD 069579) TO (YD 078590).

E. INTENTIONS:

2/3 DAYLIGHT PTLs

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CP 2 (YD 040549)

CP 3 (YD 039554)

2/3 NIGHT PTL AND AMB

IP (YD 025553)

AMB (YD 003546)

3/3 DAYLIGHT PTL

M CO 210600H-1300H SQD

IP (XD 973533)

CP 1 (XD 967593)

CP 2 (XD 963533)

CP 3 (XD 972575)

CP 4 (XD 973577)

L CO 211320H-1740H SQD

IP (XD 976566)

CP 1 (XD 977572)

CP 2 (XD 970557)

CP 3 (XD 975557)

3/3 NIGHT AMB IN GS

(XD 9755)

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F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

(1) FR 37 KIA: 135 WIA: 0 MIA.

(2) EN: 92 KIA (CONF): 44 KIA (PROB) 4 WIA: 1 NVAC 2 VCS.

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 1. SITREP NR 260 AS OF 210600H DEC 66.
 A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
 B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE
 C. CONTACTS: NONE

D. EVENTS: NONE
 E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE
 F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE
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1. SITREP NR 261 AS OF 211200H DEC 66.
- A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE EXCEPT 2/3 CMD GRP A COS E & H (YD 063551)
- B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE EXCEPT CMD GRP A COS E AND H 2/3 COMPLETED
S & D OPN VIC CUA VALLEY. SWEEPING AREA NW OF CUA VALLEY TO CAMP

CARROLL.

C. CONTACTS: NONE

D. EVENTS:

- (1) 210825H CMD GRP A COS E AND H COMMENCE MOVEMENT TO CAMP CARROLL.
- (2) 210945H L/3/3 SHELL REP REVEALED 40-50 RDS 60 AND 82MM MORTARS
RDS IMPACTED VIC (XD 976576) REF MY SIT REP NR 259. FIN ASSEMBLIES AND
FRAGMENTS WILL BE FORWARDED TO G-2.

(3) 211037H H/2/3 VIC CP 3.

(4) 211053H E/2/3 AT CP 4.

(5) 211057H H/2/3 AT CP 2.

(6) 211053H CMD GRP AT CP 3.

(7) 211105H E/2/3 AT CP 3.

(8) 211109H H/2/3 AT CP 1.

(9) 211123H CMD GRP AT CP 2.

(10) 211130H H/2/3 ARRIVED AT CAMP CARROLL.

E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE

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OPN PRAIRIE

1.. SITREP NR 262 AS OF 211000H DEC 66

A. LOCATIONS:

- (1) HQ 3D MAR (YD 066543)
(2) 2/3 (YD 063551)
E/2/3 (YD 063551)
F/2/3 (YD 026562)
H/2/3 (YD 063551)

- (3) 3/3 (XD 931532)
I/3/3 (XD 932532)
K/3/3 (XD 980583)
L/3/3 (XD 976576)
M/3/3 (XD 978589)
(4) C/1/44 (YD 063551)
(5) CO A 3D TKS
2 PLT AND ONE LT SECT D/S 2/3.
1 HVY SECT D/S 3/3.
(6) CO A 3D ATS
2 PLT D/S 2/3
1 PLT D/S 3/3.

B. SUMMARY:

- (1) HQ CO 3D MAR PROVIDED SECURITY FOR CP.
(2) 2/3: F/2/3 PROVIDE SECURITY FOR THE KHE GIA BRIDGE.
CONDUCTED PTL AND AMB ALONG RTE 9VIC KHE GIA BRIDGE
REF MY SITREP NR 259. 2/3 COS E, H AND 2 RIFLE
PLT OF 3/3 PROVIDED SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL. G/2/3 OPCON 4TH
MARINES. C/1/44 USA D/S 2/3 PROVIDED DIRECT
FIRE AND AA SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL.

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(3) 3/3: PROVIDED SECURITY FOR OP ON THON SON LAM. MAINTAINED DEF PSN N OF THON SON LAM TO GL59. CONDUCTED PTL IN ASSIGNED AREA REF MY SIT REP NR 259. PLT L/3/3 CONTINUED PPB VIC (XD 965579) AND S&D OPN S FROM PPB ALONG RIDGE LINE TO VIC (XD 968561).

(4) NON-BATTLE CASUALTIES MED-EVAC NONE

C. CONTACTS: NONE

D. EVENTS:

(1) 211200H ALL UNITS OF CMD GRP A COS E AND H ARRIVED CAMP CARROLL.

(2) 211345H M/3/3 FO OBSERVED 23 ENEMY VIC (XD 966816). ARTY FIRED MISSION AND AIR STRIKES CONTROLLED BY RECON UNIT IN AREA AND AO.

E. INTENTIONS: FOR NEXT 24 HOURS:

(1) HQ CO 3D MARINES PROVIDE SECURITY FOR CP.

(2) 2/3: F/2/3 PROVIDE SECURITY FOR THE KHE GIA BRIDGE. CONDUCT PTL AND AMB ALONG RTE 9 VIC KHE GIA BRIDGE REF MY SIT REP NR 259. MAINTAIN OP ON HILL 252 (YD 022583). E, H/2/3 AND 2 PLT 3/3 PROVIDE SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL. MAINTAIN

OP ON HILL 250 VIC (YD 070555). G/2/3 OPCON 4TH MAR. C/1/44 ARTY USA D/S 2/3 PROVIDE DIRECT FIRE AND AA SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL.

(3) 3/3 PROVIDE SECURITY FOR OP ON THON SON LAM. MAINTAIN DEF PSN N OF THON SON LAM TO GL 59. CONDUCT PTL AND AMBUHES IN ASSIGNED AREA REF MY SIT REP NR 259. L/3/3 MAINTAIN PPB AT (XD 965579) AND CONDUCT S&D OPN FROM PPB S TO (XD 968561).

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

(1) FR: 37 KIA: 135 WIA: 0 MIA.

(2) EN: 92 KIA (CONF): 44 KIA (PROB) 4 WIA: 1 NVAC 2 VCS.

G. SCOUT SNIPER TEAMS:

(1) HQ CO 3D MARINES: EMPLOYED 2 TEAMS DEF PSN.

(2) 2/3 EMPLOYED 4 TEAMS 1 TEAM ON HILL 250 VIC (YD 070555) OP LONG RANGE SNIPING. 3 TEAMS EMPLOYED WITH CMD GRP A AND COS E AND H DURING S & D OPN.

(3) 3/3 EMPLOYED 4 TEAMS: 1 TEAM ON THON SON LAM OP LONG RANGE SNIPING. 1 TEAM EACH WITH H&S, I, AND M COS DEF PSN.

(4) NEG REPORT.

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SECRET
OPN PRAIRIE

1. SITREP NR 263 AS OF 212400H DEC 66.

A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE

C. CONTACTS: 212110H 3/3 OP ON ROCKPILE RECEIVED 2 RDS S/A FIRE

RETURNED S/A AND GRENADES. RESULTS UNK.

D. EVENTS:

(1) LATE ENTRY 211700H K/3/3 FO OBSERVED 3 VC AT (XD 935610)
ARTY FIRE MISSION CALLED WITH EXCELENT TARGET COVERAGE. RESULTS UNK(2) 212030H M/3/3 OBSERVED LIGHT AT (XD 958613) ARTY FIRE
MISSION CALLED WITH EXCELLENT TARGET COVERAGE. LIGHT EXTINGUISHED.
RESULTS UNK.(3) 212140H 2/3 TPS-21 OBSERVED ENEMY FORCE APPROX 200 METERS
IN LENGTH, AT (YD 065575) TO (YD 073582) ARTY FIRED 100 RDS 40MM
HE. 24 RDS 105MM HE, AND 16 RDS 81MM HE MORTAR. PTL WILL SEARCH
AREA AT FIRST LIGHT.

E. INTENTIONS:

2/3 DAYLIGHT PTLs

F CO 220630H-1200H SQD (REIN)

IP (YD 026562)

CP 1 (YD 042566)

CP 2 (YD 065570)

CP 3 (YD 068576)

CP 4 (YD 071581)

CP 5 (YD 060575)

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2/3 DAYLIGHT, NIGHT PTL AND AMB

H CO 221800H-230730H PTL

IP (YD 063551)

CP 1 (YD 065538)

CP 2 (YD 072528)

PPB (YD 072519)

AMB 1 (YD 075515) 222400H-230530H SQD

AMB 2 (YD 066524) 222000H-230100H SQD

2/3 NIGHT AMBUSH

F CO 222100H-230100H SQD

IP (YD 033563)

AMB (YD 026562)

3/3 DAYLIGHT PTL

I CO 220630H-1500H SQD

IP (XD 982582)

CP 1 (XD 990585)

CP 2 (XD 995585)

CP 3 (XD 999589)

CP 4 (XD 998570)

CP 5 (XD 985568)

CP 6 (XD 991579)

L CO 220715H-1215H SQD

IP (XD 976576)

CP 1 (XD 983570)

CP 2 (XD 985565)

CP 3 (XD 988550)

CP 4 (XD 978567)

M CO 221000H-1800H SQD

IP (XD 978589)

CP 1 (XD 980594)

CP 2 (XD 977600)

CP 3 (XD 970602)

CP 4 (XD 967598)

CP 5 (XD 971589)

3/3 NIGHT AMB

8 AMB ESTABLISHED IN GS (XD 9957), (XD 9958), (XD 9858),
(XD 9556), (XD 9657), (XD 9758), AND (XD 9658).

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE

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RYNCO	✓

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OPN PRAIRIE

1. SITREP NR 264 AS OF 220600H DEC66.
 A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
 B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE
 C. CONTACTS: NONE

D. EVENTS: NONE

E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE

F. CUMALATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE

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FM CO THIRD MARINES
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HIRD ENGR BN

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S E C R E T

OPN PRAIRIE

1. SITREP NR 265 AS OF 221200H DEC 66.

A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE EXCEPT 2/3 CHOPPED OPCON OF 2 RIFLE PTL FROM
3/3. PTL RETURNED TO 3/3 PSN VIC ROCKPILE AREA. HELOLIFT COMPLETED

AT 0925H

C. CONTACTS: NONE

D. EVENTS: NONE

E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE

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1. SITREP NR 266 AS OF 221800H DEC66.

A. LOCATIONS:

- (1) HQ 3D MAR (YD 066543)
- (2) 2/3 (YD 063551)
- E/2/3 (YD 063551)
- F2/3 (YD 026562)
- H/2/3 (YD 063551)

- (3) 3/3 (XD 982582)
- I/3/3 (XD 982582)
- K/3/3 (XD 980583)
- L/3/3 (XD 976576)
- M/3/3 (XD 978589)

(4) C/1/44 (YD 063551)

(5) CO A 3D TKS

2 PLT AND ONE LT SECT D/S 2/3.

1 HVY SECT D/S 3/3.

(6) CO A 3D ATS

2 PLT D/S 2/3.

1 PLT D/S 3/3.

B. SUMMARY:

- (1) HQ CO 3MAR PROVIDED SECURITY FOR CP.
- (2) 2/3: F/2/3 PROVIDED SECURITY FOR THE KHE GIA BRIDGE.
CONDUCTED PTL AND AMB ALONG RTE 9 VIC KHE GIA BRIDGE REF MY
SITREP NR 263. 2/3 COS E, H PROVIDED SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL.
G/2/3 OPCON 4TH MARINES. C1/44 USA D/S 2/3 PROVIDED DIRECT
FIRE AND AA SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL.

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(3) 3/3: PROVIDED SECURITY FOR OP ON THON SON LAM. MAINTAINED DEF PSN N OF THON SON LAM TO GL 59. CONDUCTED PTL IN ASSIGNED AREA REF MY SITREP NR 263. PLT L/3/3 CONTINUED PPB VIC (XD 965579) AND S & D OPN S FROM PPB ALONG RIDGE LINE TO VIC (XD 963561).

(4) NON-BATTLE CASUALTIES MED-EVAC: H/3/3 1 USMC CAUSE UNK. I/3/3 1 USMC FUNGUS AND BACTERIA INFECTION.

C. CONTACTS: NONE

D. EVENTS:

(1) FOLLOW ON REF MY SITREP NR 259: ANALYSIS OF DUD MORTAR RD LOCATED AT (XD 981588) AFTER MORTAR ATTACK OF 201810H BELIEVED TO BE 81MM LIGHT RD. ROUND WAS EMBEDDED IN GROUND AND UNSAFE TO REMOVE, BLOWN IN PLACE.

(2) 221225H M/3/3 PTL (YD 978595) LOCATED ONE 250 LB BOMB. EOD WAS NOTIFIED FOR DISPOSAL.

E. INTENTIONS: FOR NEXT 24 HOURS:

(1) HQ CO 3 MARINES PROVIDE SECURITY FOR CP.

(2) 2/3: F/2/3 PROVIDE SECURITY FOR THE KHE GIA BRIDGE. CONDUCT PTL AND AMB ALONG RTE 9 VIC KHE GIA BRIDGE REF MY SIT REP NR 263. MAINTAIN OP ON HILL 252 (YD 022588). E,

H/2/3 PROVIDE SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL, MAINTAIN OP ON HILL 250 VIC (YD 070555). G2/3 OPCON 4TH MAR. C/1/44 ARTY USA D/S 2/3 PROVIDE DIRECT FIRE AND AA SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL. PLT F/2/3 WITH 2 OTTERS WILL CONDUCT RTE RECON TO VIC HILL 86 (XD 963548) FOR POSSIBLE PSN OF 105MM SP.

(3) 3/3: PROVIDE SECURITY FOR OP ON THON SON LAM. MAINTAIN DEF PSN N OF THON SON LAM TO GL 59. CONDUCT PTL AND AMBUSHES IN ASSIGNED AREA REF MY SIT REP NR 263. L/3/3 MAINTAIN PPB AT (XD 965579) AND CONDUCT S&D OPN FROM PPB S TO (XD 963561).

(4) MONTAGNARDS PF FORCE OF 26 PEOPLE WEARING TIGER STRIPE UNIFORMS WITH WHITE TURBANS WILL SEARCH AREA BOUNDED BY RTE 9 ON THE N AND ALONG A LINE FROM (XD 986550), (XD 994546), (YD 008550) AND (YD 011564) S OF RTE 9 FOR DISEASED WATER BUFFALO BETWEEN 0800 TO 1630H 23 DEC66.

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

(1) FR: 37 KIA: 135 WIA: 0 MIA

(2) EN: 92 KIA (CONF): 44 KIA (PROB) 4 WIA: 1 NVAC 2 VCS.

G. SCOUT-SNIPER TEAMS:

(1) HQ CO 3D MARINES: EMPLOYED 5 TEAMS DEF PSN.

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- (2) 2/3 EMPLOYED 1 TEAM ON HILL 250 VIC (YD 070555) OP LONG RANGE SNIPING.
(3) 3/3 EMPLOYED 4 TEAMS: 1 TEAM ON THON SON LAM OP LONG RANGE SNIPING. 1 TEAM EACH WITH H&S, I, AND M COS DEF PSN.
(4) NEG REPORT.
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OPN PRAIRIE

1. SITREP NR 267 AS OF 222400H DEC66.

A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE.

B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE EXCEPT PSY OPS DROP 20 DEC. 1 HOUR TAPED
MESSAGE NR 35 AND 40 (CHIEU HOI), LEAFLET DROP, 300,000 NVA
HARD SHIPS, AND 150,000 SAFE CONDUCT PASSES IN AREA BOUNDED BY GL (YD
1353), (YD 1348), (YD 1753), AND (YD 1748).
C. CONTACTS: NONE

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D. EVENTS: 222105H M/3/3 FO OBSERVED LIGHTS AT (XD 983607). ARTY
FIRE MISSION WITH EXCELLENT TARGET COVERAGE, LIGHTS
EXTINGUISHED, RESULTS UNK.

E. INTENTIONS:

(1) 2/3 DAYLIGHT PTLs

F CO -OTTERS 220700H-UNK

IP (YD 026562)

CP 1 (XD 009565)

CP 2 (XD 91556)

CP 3 (XD 987549)

CP 4 (XD 981543)

CP 5 (XD 973544)

OBJ HILL 86 (XD 963543)

(2) 2/3 DAYLIGHT /PTLS AND AMB

H CO 231500H-240400 PLT

IP (YD 063531)

CP 1 YD 061543)

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CP 2 (YD 065534)
 CP 3 (YD 071525)
 PPB (YD 058524)
 AMB 1 (YD 043521) 231930H -2400 DQS
 AMB 2 (YD 053514) 240001H-0500H SQD
 (3) 2/3 NIGHT PTL AND AMB
 F CO 232000H-240100H SQD
 IP (YD 020562)
 CP 1 (YD 034560)
 AMB (YD 040568)
 CP 3 (YD 038564)
 (4) 3/3 DAYLIGHT PTL
 K CO 230600H-1300H SQD
 IP (XD 980583)
 CP 1 (XD 988589)
 CP 2 (XD 993593)
 CP 3 (XD 998592)
 CP 4 (XD 990595)
 CP 5 (XD 996587)
 CP 6 (XD 991588)

M CO 231100H-1900H SQD
 IP (XD 978599)
 CP 1 (XD 971590)
 CP 2 (XD 970593)
 CP 3 (XD 965592)
 CP 4 (XD 966600)
 CP 5 (XD 971597)
 CP 6 (XD 975595)
 CP 7 (XD 979589)
 (5) 3/3 NIGHT AMB
 8 AMB WILL BE ESTABLISHED IN GS
 (XD 9857)
 (XD 9958)
 (XD 9859)
 (XD 9858)
 (XD 9656)
 (XD 9756)
 (XD 9856)
 (XD 9759)

(6) MONTAGNARDS PF FORCE OPN REF MY SIT REP NR 256 HAS BEEN
 CANCELLED.
 F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE
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 OPN PRAIRIE

1. SITREP NR 263 AS OF 230600H DEC 66.

A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE.

B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE.

C. CONTACTS: NONE

D. EVENTS: NONE.

E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE.

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE

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SITREP NR 269 AS OF 231200H DEC 66

A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE

C. CONTACTS: NONE

D. EVENTS: NONE

E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE

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TO THIRD MARDIV (FWD)
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OPN PRAIRIE

1. SITREP NR 270 AS OF 231800H DEC66.

A. LOCATIONS:

- (1) HQ 3D MAR (YD 066543)
(2) 2/3 (YD 063551)

- E/2/3 (YD 063551)
F/2/3 (YD 063562)
H/2/3 (YD 063551)
(3) 3/3 (XD 982582)
I/3/3 (XD 982582)
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(4) C/1/44 (YD 063551)
(5) CO A 3D TKS
2 PLT AND ONE LT SECT D/S 2/3.
1 HVY SECT D/S 3/3.
(6) CO A 3D ATS
2 PLT D/S 2/3.
1 PLT D/S 3/3.

B. SUMMARY:

- (1) HQ CO 3D MAR PROVIDED SECURITY FOR CP.
(2) 2/3: F/2/3 PROVIDED SECURITY FOR THE KHE GIA BRIDGE.
CONDUCTED PTL AND AMB ALONG RTE 9 VIC KHE GIA BRIDGE REF
MY SITREP NR 267. 2/3 COS E, H PROVIDED SECURITY FOR CAMP
CARROLL. G/2/3 OPON 4TH MARINES. C/1/44 USA D/S 2/3 PROVIDED
DIRECT FIRE AND AA SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL.

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(3) 3/3: PROVIDED SECURITY FOR OP ON THON SON LAM. MAINTAINED DEF PSN N OF THON SON LAM TO GL 59. CONDUCTED PTL IN ASSIGNED AREA REF MY SITREP NR 267. PLT L/3/3 CONTINUED PPB VIC (XD 965579) AND S&D OPN S FROM PPB ALONG RIDGE LINE TO VIC (XD 968561).

(4) NON-BATTLE CASUALTIES MED-EVAC: K/3/3 1 USMC RAT BITE.

C. CONTACTS: NONE

D. EVENTS: 231227H CO F PLT AND 2 OTTERS RETURNED TO CP.

E. INTENTIONS: FOR NEXT 24 HOURS:

(1) 3D MAR OPS DURING TRUCE WILL BE CONDUCTED IAW MY 210635Z DEC 66. MAX EMPLOYMENT OF RECON PTLS AND AMBUSHES.

(2) HQ CO 3D MARINES PROVIDE SECURITY FOR CP.

(3) 2/3: F/2/3 PROVIDE SECURITY FOR THE KHE GIA BRIDGE. CONDUCT PTL AND AMB ALONG RTE 9 VIC KHE GIA BRIDGE REF MY SITREP NR 267. MAINTAIN OP ON HILL 252 (YD 022538). E, H/2/3 PROVIDE SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL, MAINTAIN OP ON HILL 250 VIC (YD 070555). G/2/3 OPON 4TH MAR. C/1/44 ARTY USA D/S 2/3 PROVIDE DIRECT FIRE AND AA SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL.

(4) 3/3: PROVIDE SECURITY FOR OP ON THON SON LAM. MAINTAIN

DEF PSN N OF THON SON LAM TO GL 59. CONDUCT PTL AND AMBUSHES IN ASSIGNED AREA REF MY SIT REP NR 267. L/3/3 MAINTAIN PPB AT (XD 965579) AND CONDUCT S&D OPN FROM PPB S TO (XD 968561).

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

(1) FR: 37 KIA: 135 WIA : 0 MIA.

(2) EN: 92 KIA (CONF): 44 KIA (PROB) 4 WIA: 1 NVAC 2 VCS

G. SCOUT-SNIPER TEAMS:

(1) HQ CO 3D MARINES: EMPLOYED 5 TEAMS DEF PSN.

(2) 2/3 EMPLOYED 1 TEAM ON HILL 250 VIC (YD 070555) OP LONG RANGE SNIPING.

(3) 3/3: EMPLOYED 4 TEAMS: 1 TEAM ON THON SON LAM OP LONG RANGE SNIPING. 1 TEAM EACH WITH H&S, I, AND M COS DEF PSN.

(4) NEG REPORT.

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1. SITREP NR 271 AS OF 232430H DEC66.
A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE
C. CONTACTS: NONE

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D. EVENTS: NONE

E. INTENTIONS:

(1) 2/3 DAYLIGHT PTLs

F CO 241000H-1500H SQD

IP (YD 026502)

CP 1 (YD 020556)

2/3 NIGHT PTLs AND AMBS

F CO 241730H-250600H SQD

IP HILL 250 (YD 003559)

CP 1 (YD 005570)

AMB (YD 001577)

CP 2 (YD 005570)

CP 3 (YD 020502)

5 AMB IN GS (YD 0357) (YD 0453) (YD 0654) (YD 0754)
AND (YD 0354)

(2) 3/3 DAYLIGHT PTLs

I CO 240730H-1400H SQD

IP (XD 932532)

CP 1 (XD 933537)

CP 2 (XD 991530)

CP 3 (YD 000530)

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CP 5 (XD 993535)

M CO 241000H-1700H SQD

IP (XD 973539)

CP 1 (XD 973530)

CP 2 (XD 963537)

CP 3 (XD 960535)

CP 4 (XD 970530)

CP 5 (XD 974532)

3/3 NIGHT AMBS

10 AMBUSHES IN GS (XD 9953), (XD 9957), (XD 9359), (XD 9959),
(XD 9756), (XD 9759), (XD 9753), AND (XD 9656).

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE.

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1. SITREP NR272 AS OF 240000H DEC 66.

A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

B. SUMMARY: NO CHANE

C. CONTACTS: NONE

2. EVENTS: NONE

3. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE

4. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE

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1. SITREP NR 273 AS OF 241200H DEC 66.

A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE

C. CONTACTS: NONE

D. EVENTS: NONE

E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE

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1. SITREP NR 274 AS OF 241830H DEC 66.

A. LOCATIONS:

- (1) HQ 3D MAR (YD 066543)
- (2) 2/3 (YD 063551)

- E/2/3 (YD 063551)
- F/2/3 (YD 026562)
- H/2/3 (YD 063551)
- (3) 3/3 (XD 932532)
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- L/3/3 (XD 976576)
- M/3/3 (XD 973539)
- (4) C/1/44 (YD 063551)
- (5) CO A 3D TKS
- 2 PLT AND ONE LT SECT D/S 2/3
- 1 HVY SECT D/S 3/3.
- (6) CO A 3D ATS
- 1 LT SECT AND 2 PLT D/S 2/3.
- 1 HEAVY SECT D/S 3/3.

B. SUMMARY:

- (1) HQ CO 3D MAR PROVIDED SECURITY FOR CP.
 - (2) 2/3: F/2/3 PROVIDED SECURITY FOR THE KHE GIA BRIDGE.
- CONDUCTED PTL AND AMB ALONG RTE 9 VIC KHE GIA BRIDGE REF MY SITREP NR 271. 2/3 COS E, H PROVIDED SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL. G/2/3

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OPCON 4TH MARINES: C/1/44 USA D/S 2/3 PROVIDED DIRECT FIRE AND AA SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL.

(3) 3/3: PROVIDED SECURITY FOR OP ON THON SON LAM. MAINTAINED DEF PSN N OF THON SON LAM TO GL 59. CONDUCTED PTL IN ASSIGNED AREA REF MY SITREP NR 271. PLT L/3/3 CONTINUED PPB VIC (XD 965579) AND S&D OPN S FROM PPB ALONG RIDGE LINE TO VIC (XD 963561).

(4) NON-BATTLE CASUALTIES: MED-EVAC: NONE

C. CONTACTS: NONE

D. EVENTS: NONE

E. INTENTIONS: FOR NEXT 24 HOURS:

(1) 3D MAR OPS DURING TRUCE WILL BE CONDUCTED IAW MY 210635Z DEC 66. MAX EMPLOYED OF RECON PTL AND AMB.

(2) HQ CO 3D MARINES PROVIDE SECURITY FOR CP.

(3) 2/3: F/2/3 PROVIDE SECURITY FOR THE KHE GIA BRIDGE. CONDUCT PTL AND AMB ALONG RTE 9 VIC KHE GIA BRIDGE REF MY SITREP NR 271. MAINTAIN OP ON HILL 252 (YD 322533). E, H /2/3 PROVIDE SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL. MAINTAIN OP ON HILL 250 VIC (YD 073555). G/2/3 OPCON 4TH MAR. C/1/44 ARTY USA D/S 2/3 PROVIDE DIRECT FIRE AND AA SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL.

(4) 3/3: PROVIDE SECURITY FOR OP ON THON SON LAM. MAINTAIN

DEF PSN N OF THON SON LAM TO GL 59. CONDUCT PTL AND AMB IN ASSIGNED AREA REF MY SITREP NR 271. L/3/3 MAINTAIN PPB AT (XD 965579) AND CONDUCT S&D OP FROM PPB S TO (XD 963561).

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

(1) FR: 37 KIA: 135 WIA: 3 MIA

(2) EN: 92 KIA (CONF): 44 KIA (PROB): 4 WIA: 1 NVAC 2 VCS.

G. SCOUT-SNIPER TEAMS:

(1) HQ CO 3D MARINES: EMPLOYED 5 TEAMS DEF PSN.

(2) 2/3 EMPLOYED 1 TEAM ON HILL 250 VIC (YD 073555) OP LONG RANGE SNIPING.

(3) 3/3 EMPLOYED 4 TEAMS: 1 TEAM ON THON SON LAM OP LONG RANGE SNIPING: 1 TEAM EACH WITH H&S, I, AND M COS DEF PSN.

(4) NEG REPORT.

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1. SITREP NR 275 AS OF 242400H DEC 66
- A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
- B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE
- C. CONTACTS: NONE
- D. EVENTS: NONE

E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE EXCEPT H/2/3 RELEASED F/2/3 IN PLACE.

(1) DAYLIGHT PTL AND ACTIVITIES

2/3 F CO 250730H-251200H SQD

IP (YD 026562)

CP 1 (YD 022565)

CP 2 (YD 034563)

CP 3 (YD 032573)

CP 4 (YD 041571)

CP 5 (YD 040565)

2/3 OP IN GRID SQUARES (YD 0156), (YD 0356), (YD 0454),
 (YD 0553), (YD 0653), (YD 0752), AND (YD 0855).

3/3 I CO 250700H-251300H SQD

IP (XD 932532)

CP 1 (XD 971533)

CP 2 (XD 974576)

CP 3 (XD 985564)

CP 4 (XD 983573)

(2) NIGHT PTLs AND AMB

2/3 E CO 252300H-260500H SQD

IP (YD 063544)

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 CP 2 (YD 065523)
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 CP 1 (YD 043563)
 CP 2 (YD 053571)
 CP 3 (YD 049572)
 CP 4 (YD 042573)
 CP 5 (YD 035570)

3/3 AMB IN GS (XD 9957), (XD 9959), (XD 9859), (XD 9757,
 (XD 9756), (XD 9759), AND (YD 0057).

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE
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1. SITREP NR 276 AS OF 250000H DEC 66.

A. LOCATIONS : NO CHANGE

B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE

C. CONTACTS: NONE

D. EVENTS: NONE

E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE

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1. SITREP NR 277 AS OF 251200H DEC 66.

A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE

C. CONTACTS: NONE

D. EVENTS: NO CHANGE

E. INTENTIONS: NONE

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE

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1. SITREP NR 273 AS OF 251300H DEC 66.

A. LOCATIONS:

- (1) HQ 3D MAR (YD 000543)
- (2) 2/3 (YD 003551)
- E/2/3 (YD 003551)

- F/2/3 (YD 003551)
- H/2/3 (YD 026562)
- (3) 3/3 (XD 932532)
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 - L/3/3 (XD 976570)
 - M/3/3 (XD 973539)
- (4) C/1/44 (YD 003551)
- (5) CO A 3D TKS
 - 2 PLT AND ONE LT SECT D/S 2/3.
 - 1 HVY SECT D/S 3/3.
- (6) CO A 3D ATS
 - 2 PLT AND ONE LT SECT D/S 2/3.
 - 1 HVY SECT D/S 3/3.

B. SUMMARY:

- (1) HQ CO 3D MAR PROVIDED SECURITY FOR CP.
 - (2) 2/3: F/2/3 PROVIDED SECURITY FOR THE KHE GIA BRIDGE.
- CONDUCTED PTL AND AMB ALONG RTE 9 VIC KHE GIA BRIDGE REF MY SITREP NR 275. 2/3 COS E AND H PROVIDED SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL. G/2/3

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OPCON 4TH MARINES. C/1/44 USA D/S 2/3 PROVIDED DIRECT FIRE AND AA SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL.

(3) 3/3: PROVIDED SECURITY FOR OP ON THON SON LAM. MAINTAINED DEF PSN N OF THON SON LAM TO GL 59. CONDUCTED PTL IN ASSIGNED AREA REF MY SITREP NR 275. PLT L/3/3 CONTINUED PPB VIC (XD 965579) AND S&D OPNS S FROM PPB ALONG RIDGE LINE TO VIC (XD 965561).

(4) NON-BATTLE CASUALTIES MED-EVAC: H/3/3YGO USMC POSSIBLE FRACTURED LEG.

C. CONTACTS: NONE

D. EVENTS: 251300H H/2/3 RELIEVED F/2/3 INPLACE.

E. INTENTIONS: FOR NEXT 24 HOURS:

(1) 3D MAR OPS DURING TRUCE WILL BE CONDUCTED RAW MY 210635Z DEC66. MAX EMPLOYMENT OF RECON PTL AND AMB.

(2) HQ CO 3D MARINES PROVIDED SECURITY FOR CP.

(3) 2/3: H/2/3 PROVIDED SECURITY FOR THE KHE GIA BRIDGE. CONDUCT PTL AND AMB ALONG RTE 9 VIC KHE GIA BRIDGE REF MY SITREP NR 275. MAINTAIN OP ON HILL 252 (YD 922533). E/2/3 PROVIDED SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL, MAINTAIN OP ON HILL 253 VIC (YD 970555). G/2/3 OPCON 4TH MAR. C/1/44 ARTY USA D/S 2/3 PROVIDE DIRECT FIRE AND AA SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL. F/2/3 CONDUCT RECON IN FORCE OPN IN CUA VALLEY REF

MY 250720Z DEC 66.

(4) 3/3: PROVIDE SECURITY FOR OP ON THON SON LAM. MAINTAIN DEF PSN N OF THON SON LAM TO GL 59. CONDUCT PTL AND AMB IN ASSIGNED AREA REF MY SITREP NR 275. L/3/3 MAINTAIN PPB AT (XD 965579) AND CONDUCT S&D OPN FROM PPB TO (XD 965561).

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

(1) FR: 37 KIA: 135 WIA: 3 MIA

(2) EN: 92 KIA (CONF): 44 KIA (PROB) 4 WIA: 10VAC 2 VCS.

G. SCOUT SNIPER TEAMS:

(1) HQ CO 3D MARINES: EMPLOYED 5 TEAMS DEF PSN

(2) 2/3 EMPLOYED 1 TEAM ON HILL 253 VIC (YD 970555) OP LONG RANGE SNIPING.

(3) 3/3 EMPLOYED 4 TEAMS: 1 TEAM ON THON SON LAM OP LONG RANGE SNIPING. 1 TEAM EACH WITH H & S, I, AND M COS. DEF PSN.

(4) NEG. REPORT.

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1. SITREP NR 279 AS OF 252400H DEC 66.
A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE
C. CONTACTS: NONE

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D. EVENTS: 251711H E/2/3 OUTPOST (YD 353557) RECEIVED VIC PSN 6-10 RDS S/A FIRE. OUTPOST (YD 373557) OBSERVED WHITE CIVILIAN VN BUS WITH 40 VN PASSENGERS STOPPED AT (YD 363572). BUS THEN CONTINUED TOWARD CAM LO. NOTIFIED CAM LO ADVISOR. BELIEVE BUS WAS ON SCHEDULE RUN FROM DONG HA TO DONG MA (KHE GIA BRIDGE) AND RETURNED TO DONG HA ETD 251745H. CAM LO WILL INVESTIGATE.

E. INTENTIONS:

(1) 2/3 DAYLIGHT PTLs

H CO 261000-261300H SQD.

IP (YD 326562)

CP 1 (YD 335552)

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CP 3 (YD 324553)

NIGHT PTL AND AMB

H CO 262000H-270700H SQD

IP (YD 323562)

CP 1 AMB (YD 340563)

CP 2 AMB (YD 349573)

CP 3 AMB (YD 353577)

(2) 3/3 ACTIVITIES WILL BE REPORTED ON SITREP NR 230 AS OF 260600H.

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE

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1. SITREP NR 230 AS OF 260600H DEC 66.
 A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
 B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE
 C. CONTACTS: NO CHANGE
 D. EVENTS: NONE

E. INTENTIONS:

(1) 3/3 DAYLIGHT ACTIVITIES

K CO 260530H-1300H SQD

IP (XD 933534)

CPI (XD 994533)

CP2 (XD 992593)

CP3 (XD 933599)

CP4 (XD 932594)

AMB "A" (XD 992594)

AMB "B" (XD 933599)

AMB "C" (XD 933593)

(2) I CO 260530H-1430H SQD

IP (XD 932532)

CPI (XD 979566)

CP2 (XD 933564)

CP3 (XD 993566)

AMB (260700-1200) (XD 997569)

CP4 (XD 992562)

CP5 (XD 993559)

CP6 (XD 993564)

(3) 3/3 NIGHT AMBUSHES: 7 AMBUSHES IN GRID SQUARES (XD 9356),
 (XD 9953), (XD 9636), (XD 9757), (XD 9736), AND (XD 9755)

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE

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1. SITREP NR 231 AS OF 261200H DEC 66.

- A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE
C. CONTACTS: NONE

D. EVENTS:

- (1) 260715H F/2/3 DEPARTED CP FOR RECON IN FORCE VIC CUA VALLEY
REF MY 250720Z DEC 66.
(2) 260905H F/2/3 REACHED OBJ A.
(3) 261030H SQD F/2/3 DEP FOR HILL 326 (YD 342539).
(4) 261110H SQD F/2/3 VIC HILL 326 (YD 342539).
(5) 261135H SQD DEP ON RECON OF OBJ D.

E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE
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1. SITREP NR 232 AS OF 261000H DEC 66.
 A. LOCATIONS:

- (1) HQ 3D MAR (YD 060543)
- (2) 2/3 (YD 063551)

- E/2/3 (YD 063551)
- F/2/3 (YD 042529)
- H/2/3 (YD 026562)
- (3) 3/3 (XD 932532)
- I/3/3 (XD 932532)
- K/3/3 (XD 930583)
- L/3/3 (XD 976576)
- M/3/3 (XD 973539)
- (4) C/1/44 (YD 063551)
- (5) CO A 3D TKS
 2PLT AND ONE LT SECT D/S 2/3.
 1HVV SECT D/S 3/3.
- (6) CO A 3D ATS
 2PLT AND ONE LT SECH D/S 2/3
 1HVV SECT D/S 3/3

B. SUMMARY:

- (1) HQ CO 3DMAR PROVIDED SECURITY FOR CP.
- (2) 2/3: H/2/3 PROVIDED SECURITY FOR THE KHE GIA BRIDGE.
 CONDUCTED PTL AND AMB ALONG RTE 9 VIC KHE GIA BRIDGE REF MY SITREP
 NR 279. 2/3 CO E PROVIDED SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL. G/2/3 OPON

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4TH MARINES. C/1/44USA D/S 2/3 PROVIDED DIRECT FIRE AND AA SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL. F/2/3 CONDUCTED RECON IN FORCE OPN IN CUA VALLEY.

(3) 3/3: PROVIDED SECURITY FOR OP ON THON SON LAM. MAINTAINED DEF PSN N OF THON SON LAM TO GL 59. CONDUCTED PTL IN ASSIGNED AREA REF MY SIT REP NR 230. PTL L/3/3 CONTINUED PPB VIC (XD 965579) AND S&D OPNS S FROM PPB ALONG RIDGE LINE TO VIC (XD 963561).

(4) NON-BATTLE CASUALTIES MED-EVAC: NONE

C. CONTACTS: 261220H F/2/3 (YD 335525) RECEIVED S/A FIRE FROM APPROX 10 VC (YD 329519). FIRED ARTY AND MORTAR WITH GOOD TARGET COVERAGE SEARCHED AREA, NEG RESULTS.

D. EVENTS:

(1) 261350H F/2/3 CALLED ARTY FIRE MISSION ON POSSIBLE ENEMY PSN IN TREE LINE (YD 325525) WITH GOOD TARGET COVERAGE.

(2) 261350H E/2/3 SQD AND 2 OTTERS ESCORTED 1 RALLIER TO F/2/3 PSN RETURNED TO CAMP CARROLL AT 1430H:

E. INTENTIONS: FOR NEXT 24 HOURS;

(1) HQ CO 3D MAR PROVIDE SECURITY FOR CP.

(2) 2/3: H/2/3 PROVIDE SECURITY FOR THE KHE GIA BRIDGE. CONDUCT PTL AND AMB ALONG RTE 9 VIC KHE GIA BRIDGE REF MY SIT REP NR 279. MAINTAIN OP ON HILL 252 (YD 325533). E/2/3 PROVIDE SECURITY FOR

CAMP CARROLL, MAINTAIN OP ON HILL 250 VIC (YD 370555). G/2/3 OP CON 4TH MAR. C/1/44 ARTY D/S 2/3 PROVIDE DIRECT FIRE AND AA SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL. F/2/3 CONTINUE RECON IN FORCE OPN IN CUA VALLEY REF MY 250720Z DEC 66.

(3) 3/3: PROVIDE SECURITY FOR OP ON THON SON LAM. MAINTAIN DEF PSN N TO THON SON LAM TO GL 59. CONDUCT PTL AND AMB IN ASSIGNED AREA REF MY SIT REP NR 230. L/3/3 MAINTAIN PPB AT (XD 965579) AND CONDUCT S&D OPN FROM PPB S TO (XD 963561).

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

(1) FR: 37 KIA: 135 WIA: 3 MIA

(2) EN: 92 KIA (CONF): 44 KIA (PROB) 4 WIA: 1 NVAC 2 VCS.

G. SCOUT-SNIPER TEAMS:

(1) HQ CO 3D MARINES: EMPLOYED 3 TEAMS DEF PSN.

(2) 2/3 EMPLOYED 3 TEAMS: 1 TEAM ON HILL 250 VIC (YD 370555) OP LONG RANGE SNIPING. 2 TEAMS WITH F CO DURING RECON IN FORCE OPN.

(3) 3/3 EMPLOYED 4 TEAMS: 1 TEAM ON THON SON LAM OP LONG RANGE SNIPING. 1 TEAM EACH WITH H&S, I, AND M COS DEF PSN

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1. SITREP NR 283 AS OF 262400H DEC 66
A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE
C. CONTACTS: NONE
D. EVENTS: LATE ENTRY: F/2/3 LOC (YD 032515) GRAVE WITH VC BODY APPROX
5-7 DAYS OLD. DRESSED IN BLACK PAJAMAS. 1 ENEMY KIA (CONF).
E. INTENTIONS:

2/3 H CO 270830H-1200H PTL

CP 1 (YD 043558)

CP 3 (YD 036552)

IP (XD 976576)

CP 2 (XD 972560)

CP 4 (XD 971555)

CP 6 (XD 986558)

(2) NIGHT PTLs AND AMB

2/3 H CO 272000H-280600H SQD

IP (YD 026562)

AMB 1 (YD 053577)

AMB 2 (YD 049570)

AMB 3 (YD 040563)

3/3 NIGHT AMB: 13 AMB IN GS (XD 9659), (XD 9658), (XD 9757), (XD 9858), (XD 9958), (XD 9839), (XD 9756), AND (XD 9656).

1. F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

(1) PR: 37 KIA: 135 WIA: 0 MIA

(2) EN: 93 KIA (CONF); 44 KIA (PROB) 4 WIA: 1 NVAC 2 VCS.

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1. SITREP NR 284 AS OF 270600H DEC 66.

A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE

C. CONTACTS: NONE

D: EVENTS: NONE

E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE

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1. SITREP NR 235 AS OF 271200H DEC 66
A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE EXCEPT F/2/3 (YD 031521)
B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE EXCEPT NON BATTLE CASUALTIES MED EVAC: H&S
3/3 1 USMC BURNS: M/3/3 1 USMC LEECH IN URETHRA TRACK.

C. CONTACTS: 270953H F/2/3 (YD 031518) RECEIVED S/A AND AUTO WPNS
FIRE FROM 2 VC (YD 029515). RETURNED S/A, AUTO WPNS AND ARTY FIRE.
CONTACT RESULTED IN 3 USMC WIA MED EVAC AND 1 ENEMY KIA (PROB)

D. EVENTS: NONE

E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

(1) FR: 37 KIA: 133 WIA: 0 MIA.

(2) EN: 93 KIA (CONF): 45 KIA (PROB) 4 WIA: 1 NVAC 2 VCS.

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SITREP NR 286 AS OF 271000H DEC 66
A, LOCATIONS:

- (1) HQ 3D MAR (YD 066543)
- (2) 2/3 (YD 063551)

- E/2/3 (YD 063551)
- F/2/3 (YD 023318)
- H/2/3 (YD 026562)
- (3) 3/3 (XD 932582)
- I/3/3 (XD 932532)
- K/3/3 (XD 930583)
- L/3/3 (XD 976376)
- M/3/3 (XD 9 8589)

- (4) C/1/44 (YD 063551)
- (5) CO A 3D TKS
2 PTL AND ONE LT SECT D/S 2/3.
1 HVY SECT D/S 3/3.
- (6) CO A 3D ATS
2 PTL AND ONE LT SECT D/S 2/3.
1 HVY SECT D/S 3/3.

B: SUMMARY:

- (1) HQ CO 3D MAR PROVIDED SECURITY FOR CP.
- (2) 2/3: H/2/3 PROVIDED SECURITY FOR THE KHE GIA BRIDGE.
CONDUCTED PTL AND AMB ALONG RTE 9 VIC E GIA BRIDGE REF MY SITREP
NR 283. 2/3 CO E PROVIDED SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL. G/2/3 OPCON

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4TH MARINES. C/1/44 USA D/S 2/3 PROVIDED DIRECT FIRE AND AA SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL. F/2/3 CONDUCTED RECON IN FORCE OPN IN CUA VALLEY.

(3) 3/3: PROVIDED SECURITY FOR OP ON THON SON LAM. MAINTAINED DEF PSN N OF THON SON LAM TO GL 59. CONDUCTED PTL IN ASSIGNED AREA REF MY SITREP NR 233. PTL L/3/3 CONTINUE PPB VIC (XD 965579) AND S&D OPNS S FROM PPB ALONG RIDGE LINE TO VIC (XD 965561).

(4) NON-BATTLE CASUALTIES MED-EVAC: NONE

C. CONTACTS: NONE

D. EVENTS:

(1) 271100H LATE ENTRY. F/2/3 PTL (XD 030519) SEARCHING AREA OF CONTACT REF MY SIT REP NR 235 LOCATED 9, 2 MAN LEAN-TO'S, 10 METERS N LOCATED 1, 2- MAN FIGHTING HOLE, POSSIBLE EARLY WARNING PSN. AREA DESTROYED.

(2) 271230H 1/3/3 PTL OBSERVED 2 VC -5 (XD 989582) WEARING LIGHT BROWN UNIFORMS AND ARMED WITH UNK TYPE WPNS, APPROX 35 METERS FROM PSN, FLEEING NW. WHEN BROUGHT UNDER FIRE BY THE PTL, VC'S DISAPPEARED INTO THE BRUSH. SEARCHED AREA WITH NEG RESULTS.

INTENTIONS: FOR NEXT 24 HOURS:

(1) HQ CO 3D MAR PROVIDE SECURITY FOR CP.

(2) 2/3: H/2/3 PROVIDE SECURITY FOR THE KHE GIA BRIDGE. CONDUCT PTL AND AMB ALONG RTE 9 VIC KHE GIA BRIDGE REF MY SIT REP NR 233.

MAINTAIN OP ON HILL 232 (XD 022538). E/2/3 PROVIDE SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL, MAINTAIN OP ON HILL 250 VIC (XD 070555). G/2/3 OPCON 4TH MAR. C/1/44 ARTY USA D/S 2/3 PROVIDE DIRECT FIRE AND AA SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL. F/2/3 CONTINUE RECON IN FORCE OPN IN CUA VALLEY REF MY 250723Z DEC 66. RETURN TO CAMP CARROLL BY 281800H.

(3) 3/3: PROVIDE SECURITY FOR OP ON THON SON LAM. MAINTAIN DEF PSN N OF THON SON LAM TO GL 59. CONDUCT PTL AND AMB IN ASSIGNED AREA REF MY SIT REP NR 233. L/3/3 MAINTAIN PPB AT (XD 965579) AND CONDUCT S&D OPN FROM PPB S TO (XD 965561).

CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

(1) FR: 37 KIA: 138 WIA: 2 MIA

(2) EN: 93 KIA (CONF) 45 KIA (PROB) 4 WIA: 1 NVAC 2 VCS.

G. SCOUT-SNIPE TEAMS:

(1) HQ CO 3D MARINES: EMPLOYED 3 TEAMS DEF PSN

(2) 2/3 EMPLOYED 3 TEAMS: 1 TEAM ON HILL 250 VIC (XD 070555) OP LONG RANGE SNIPING. 2 TEAMS WITH F CO DURING RECON IN FORCE OPN.

(3) 3/3 EMPLOYED 4 TEAMS: 1 TEAM ON THON SON LAM OP LONG RANGE SNIPING. 1 TEAM EACH WITH H&S, 1 AND M COS DEF PSN.

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1. SITREP NR 237 AS OF 272400H DEC 66.
A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE
C. CONTACTS: NONE

D. EVENTS: NONE

E. INTENTIONS:

(1) DAYLIGHT PTLs

2/3 H CO 231200H-1600H SQD

IP (YD 030560)

CP 1 (YD 023554)

CP 2 (YD 016540)

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CP 4 (YD 036543)

3/3 L CO 231145H-1645H SQD

IP (XD 966567)

CP 1 (XD 970563)

CP 2 (XD 969573)

CP 3 (XD 974571)

CP 4 (XD 982560)

(2) NIGHT PTLs AND AMBS

2/3 NIGHT PTLs AND AMBS

H CO 232000H-290000H SQD

IP (YD 026562)

AMB 1 (YD 040563)

AMB 2 (YD 049570)

AMB 3 (YD 053577)

3/3 NIGHT AMBS

3 AMBS IN GS (XD 9758) (XD 9859) (XD 9996) (XD 9957) (XD 9857)

(XD 9756) AND (XD 9655).

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE

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1. SITREP NR 233 AS OF 230600H DEC 66

A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE
C. CONTACTS: NONE

D. EVENTS: NONE
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1. SITREP NR 289 AS OF 281200H DEC 66.
A. LOCATIONS: NOCHANGE EXCEPT F/2/3 (YD 025513).
B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE
C. CONTACTS: NONE

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D. EVENTS: NONE
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1. SITREP NR 290 AS OF 231800H DEC66.
A. LOCATIONS:
(1) HQ 3D MAR (YD 066543)
(2) 2/3 (YD 063551)

- E/2/3 (YD 063551)
F/2/3 (YD 063551)
H/2/3 (YD 326562)
(3) 3/3 (XD 982582)
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L/3/3 (XD 976576)
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(4) C/1/44 (YD 063551)
(5) CO A 3D TKS
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1 HVY SECT D/S 3/3.
(6) CO A 3D ATS
2 PLT AND ONE LT SECT D/S 2/3.
1 HVY SECT D/S 3/3.

B. SUMMARY:

- (1) HQ CO 3D MAR PROVIDED SECURITY FOR CP.
(2) 2/3: H/2/3 PROVIDED SECURITY FOR THE KHE GIA BRIDGE.
CONDUCTED PTL AND AMB ALONG RTE 9VIC KHE GIA BRIDGE REF MY
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G/2/3 OPCON 3/4. C/1/44 USA D/S 2/3 PROVIDED DIRECT FIRE AND AA SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL. F/2/3 CONDUCTED RECON IN FORCE OPN IN CUA VALLEY.

(3): PROVIDED SECURITY FOR OP ON THON SON LAM. MAINTAINED DEF PSN N OF THON SON LAM TO GL 59. CONDUCTED PTL IN ASSIGNED AREA REF MY SITREP NR 237. PLT L/3/3 CONTINUED PPB VIC (XD 965579) AND S&D OPNS S FROM PPB ALONG RIDGE LINE TO VIC (XD 963561).

(4) NON-BATTLE CASUALTIES MED-EVAC: NONE
C. CONTACTS: 231705H M, I AND CP 3/3 RECEIVED ESTIMATED 80 RDS MORTAR FIRE FROM VIC (XD 987605) ARTY FIRED MISSION, MORE INFO TO FOLLOW.

D. EVENTS:

(1) 231325H F/2/3 (YD 023509) LOCATED CAMP SITE CONSISTING OF 15 LEAN-TO'S WITH PROTECTIVE COVERS, AND FIGHTING HOLES ALONG TRAIL TO CAMP. DESTROYED CAMP SITE.

(2) 231350H F/2/3 (YD 031507) LOCATED SECOND CAMP SITE CONSISTING OF 17 LEAN-TO'S WITH PROTECTIVE COVERS AND 4-5 FIGHTING HOLES. DESTROYED CAMP SITE.

E. INTENTIONS: FOR NEXT 24 HOURS:

(1) HQ CO 3D MARINES PROVIDE SECURITY FOR CP.

(2) 2/3: H/2/3 PROVIDE SECURITY FOR THE KHE GIA BRIDGE. CONDUCT PTL AND AMB ALONG RTE 9 VIC KHE GIA

BRIDGE REF MY SITREP NR 237. MAINTAIN OP ON HILL 252 (YD 022583). E/2/3 PROVIDE SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL, MAINTAIN OP ON HILL 250 (YD 070555). G/2/3 OPCON 3/4. C/1/44 ARTY USA D/S 2/3 PROVIDE DIRECT FIRE AND AA SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL. F/2/3 ENROUTE TO CAMP CARROLL. ETA 1900H.

(3) 3/3: PROVIDE SECURITY FOR OP ON THON SON LAM. MAINTAIN DEF PSN N OF THON SON LAM TO GL 59. CONDUCT PTL AND AMB IN ASSIGNED AREA REF MY SIT REP NR 237. L/3/3 MAINTAIN PPB AT (XD 965579) AND CONDUCT S&D OPN FROM PPB S TO (XD 963561).

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

(1) FR: 37 KIA: 133 WIA: 3 MIA

(2) EN: 93 KIA (CONF): 45 KIA (PROB): 4 WIA: 1 NVAC 2 VCS.

G. SCOUT-SNIPER TEAMS:

(1) HQ CO 3D MARINES: EMPLOYED 3 TEAMS DEF PSN

(2) 2/3 EMPLOYED 3 TEAMS: 1 TEAM ON HILL 250 VIC (YD 070555) OP LONG RANGE SNIPING. 2 TEAMS WITH F CO DURING RECON IN FORCE OPN.

(3) 3/3: EMPLOYED 4 TEAMS: 1 TEAM ON THON SON LAM OP LONG RANGE SNIPING. 1 TEAM EACH WITH H&S, I AND M COS DEF PSN.

(4)) NEG REPORT.

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OPN PRAIRIE

1. SITREP NR 291 AS OF 232400H DEC66.

A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE

C. CONTACTS: FOLLOW ON TO MY SITREP NR 291. 231705H L, M, K AND
 BN CP 3/3 RECEIVED 107 MORTAR RDS INCLUDING 5 DUDS. K CO PTL

(XD 989596) ALSO RECEIVED MORTAR FIRE FROM VIC (XD 994603). PTL
 RETURNED TO CP WITH CASUALTIES. K/3/3 AMMO DUMP HIT: AREA CLEARED.
 3/3 CP RECEIVED ENEMY FIRE FROM VIC (XD 937605). M/3/3 RECEIVED 57
 MM RR FIRE AND MORTAR RDS. ENEMY PSN SUSPECTED LOCATION VIC
 (XD 992607), (XD 997603), (XD 937605), AND (XD 965617). CRATER
 ANALYSIS AT FIRST LIGHT. MAJOR EQUIPMENT DAMAGE: 1-106MM RR, 2
 RADIO-RELAY GENERATORS AND 2 RIFLES. RESULTS OF ACTION 2 USMC KIA,
 22 USMC WIA. 1 KIA AND 6 WIA MED EVAC. COMPLETED AT 231832H.

D. EVENTS:

(1) CORRECTION TO MY SITREP 290. PARA D

(1) 281325H CHANGE 15 LEAN TO'S TO READ 50.

(2) 281350H CHANGE 17 LEAN-TO'S TO READ 57.

(2) 281730H L/3/3 PLT OBSERVED 3 ENEMY AT (XD 969575) FIRED 60
 MM MORTAR WITH GOOD TARGET COVERAGE. RESULTS UNK. SEARCH AREA AT
 FIRST LIGHT.

(3) 231915H F/2/3 RETURNED TO CAMP CARROLL.

E. INTENTIONS:

(1) DAYLIGHT PTL

2/3 H CO 291000H-1300H PTL

IP (YD 029562)

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CP 1 (YD 035570)
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 CP 3 (YD 064573)
 CP 4 (YD 053564)
 CP 5 (YD 043568)

E CO 290300H-1500H PLT

IP (YD)

CP 1 (YD 065537)
 CP 2 (YD 076533)
 CP 3 (YD 033533)
 CP 4 (YD 037545)
 CP 5 (YD 070555)

3/3 L CO 290715H-1345H SQD

IP (XD 976576)

CP 1 (XD 982569)
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 CP 3 (XD 933553)
 CP 4 (XD 931552)
 CP 5 (XD 934553)
 CP 6 (XD 978563)

(2) NIGHT PTLS AND AMBS

2/3 E CO 292100H-330200H PLT

IP (YD 063549)

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H CO 292000H-300700H SQD

IP (YD 026562)

AMB 1 (YD 040563)
 AMB 2 (YD 049570)
 AMB 3 (YD 053577)

3/3 7 AMBUSHES IN GS (XD 9756), (XD 9656), (XD 9758),
 (XD 9959), (XD 9953), AND (XD 9757)

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

(1) FR: 39 KIA: 160 WIA: 0 MIA.

(2) EN: 93 KIA (CONF): 45 KIA (PROB) 4 WIA: 1 NVAC 2 VCS.

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1. SITREP NR 292 AS OF 290000H DEC66.

A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE

C. CONTACTS: NONE

D. EVENTS: NONE

E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE

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1. SITREP NR 293 AS OF 291230H DEC 66.
- A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
- B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE
- C. CONTACTS: NONE
- D. EVENTS: NONE

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- E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE. REF MY SITREP NR 291
290620H K/3/3 PTL ARRIVED AT CP WITH CASUALTIES. 290730H
MED EVAC OF 1 KIA AND 13 WIA'S
COMPLETED
 - F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE
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1. SITREP NR 294 AS 291320H DEC 66

A. LOCATIONS:

- (1) HQ 3D MAR (YD 366543)
- (2) 2/3 (YD 363551)
- E/2/3 (YD 363551)
- F/2/3 (YD 363551)

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 M/3/3 (XD 978139)
 (4) C/1/44 (YD 903551)

(5) CO A 3D TKS
 2 PLT AND ONE LT SECT D/S 2/3.

1 RVY SECT D/S 3/3.

(6) CO A 3D ATS

2 PLT AND ONE LT SECT D/S 2/3.

1 RVY SECT D/S 3/3.

3. SUMMARY:

(1) HQ CO 3D MAR PROVIDED SECURITY FOR CP.

(2) 2/3: H/2/3 PROVIDED SECURITY FOR THE KHE GIA BRIDGE.
 CONDUCTED PTL AND AMB ALONG RTE 9 VIC KHE GIA BRIDGE REF MY SITREP
 NR 291. F AND E COS PROVIDED SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL. G/2/3 OPCON
 C/1/44 USA D/S 2/3 PROVIDED DIRECT FIRE AND AA SECURITY FOR
 CAMP CARROLL.

(3) 3/3: PROVIDED SECURITY FOR OP ON THON SON LAM.
 MAINTAINED DEF PSN N OF THON SON LAM TO GL 59. CONDUCTED PTL IN
 AREA REF MY SITREP NR 291. PLT L/3/3 CONTINUED PPB
 VIC (XD 905579) AND S&D OPNS S FROM PBB ALONG RIDGE LINE
 TO VIC (XD 903501).

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(4) NON-BATTLE CASUALTIES MED-EVAC: NONE

C. CONTACTS: 291700H M/3/3 SCOUTS OBSERVED 2 VC AT (XD 905577)
 WEARING DARK GREEN CLOTHING. FIRED 106MM RR FIRST ROUND HIT
 BELOW VC WHO RAN N. SECOND RD HIT WITHIN 5
 METERS OF VC. RESULTED IN 2 VC KIA (CONF).

D. EVENTS: FINAL REPORT REF MY SITREP NR 291 CRATER ANALYSIS
 REVEALED BACK AZIMUTH OF 0100 MILS FROM (XD 931533) DETERMINED
 TO BE 81MM/32MM MORTAR RDS. ONE CRATER APPROX 5 FT DEEP AND
 7 INCHES IN DIAMETER CONTAINED SHELL BELIEVED TO BE DUD. RD
 POSITION AT ANGLE OF 15 DEGREES, MARKED FOR EOD. FIRE MISSION
 WAS CALLED AT (XD 971614) WITHIN 5 MINUTES OF FIRST INCOMING FIRE
 FOR EFFECT WAS FIRED AT (XD 97200135). TARGET IS ALONG BACK AZIMUTH
 OF CRATER ANALYSIS AT RANGE OF 3000 METERS
 CRATERS ALSO LOCATED AT (XD 931532) ONE CRATER 6 FEET ACROSS AND
 3 FEET DEEP WITH 15 FEET HEAVY NOSE SPRAY AND 3
 FEET SIDE SPRAY BELIEVED TO BE LARGER THAN 81/32MM MORTAR. BACK
 AZIMUTH OF 1900 MILS. 31MM DUDS IN VIC WITH SAME BACK AZIMUTH
 CRATER AT (XD 933533) OF 81/32MM MORTAR RD WITH BACK AZIMUTH

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OF 6400 MILS. ARTY FIRED MISSIONS DURING ATTACK AT (XD 937613) AND (XD 937614)

WHICH IS 3300 METERS ALONG BACK OF AZIMUTH OF CRATERS.

E. INTENTIONS: FOR NEXT 24 HOURS

(1) HQ CO 3D MARINES PROVIDE SECURITY FOR CP

(2) 2/3: H/2/3 PROVIDE SECURITY FOR THE KHE GIA BRIDGE. CONDUCT PTL AND AMB ALONG RTE 9 VIC KHE GIA BRIDGE REF MY SITREP NR 291. MAINTAIN OP ON HILL 252 (YD 020333). E AND F/2/3 PROVIDE SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL, MAINTAIN OP ON HILL 250 (YD 070555). G/2/3 OPON 3/4. C/1/4 ARTY USA D/S 2/3 PROVIDE DIRECT FIRE AND AA SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL. 301300H 2/3 PROVIDE SECURITY FOR ENG'S DURING RD SWEEP OF RTE 553 FROM RTE 9 TO D-5.

(3) 3/3: PROVIDE SECURITY FOR OP ON THON SON LAM. MAINTAIN DEF PSN N OF THON SON LAM TO GL 59. CONDUCT PTL AND AMB IN ASSIGNED AREA REF MY SITREP NR 291. L/3/3 MAINTAIN PPB AT (XD 965579) AND CONDUCT S&D OPN FROM PPB S TO (XD 963561). K/3/3 COMMENCE MOVEMENT TO CALU 303700H IAW MY OPN PRAIRIE FRAG O 12-66

WEATHER PERMITTING:

CHOPPED TO OPON 3D MARINES UPON ARRIVAL IP.

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

(1) FR: 39 KIA 160 WIA 3 MIA

(2) 95 KIA (CONF) 43 KIA (PROB) 4 WIA: 1 NVAD 2 VCS.

G. SCOUT -SNIPER TEAMS:

(1) HQ CO 3 MARINES: EMPLOYED 3 TEAMS DEF PSN.

(2) 2/3 EMPLOYED 1 TEAM ON HILL 250, VIC (YD 070555) OP LONG RANGE SNIPING.

(3) 3/3 EMPLOYED 4 TEAMS: 1 TEAM ON THON SON LAM OP LONG RANGE SNIPING. 1 TEAM EACH WITH H&S, I, AND M COS DEF PSN.

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OPN PRAIRIE

1. SITREP NR 295 AS OF 292400H DEC 66.
- A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
- B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE
- C. CONTACTS: NONE

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D. EVENTS: 291315H M/3/3 SCOUT ATTACHED OBSERVED 4 VC IN DARK CLOTHING AT (XD 966572). 81MM FIRED MISSION WITH EXCELLENT TARGET COVERAGE. RESULTS UNK.

E. INTENTIONS:

(1) DAYLIGHT PATROLS 2/3 H CO 302900H-1430H SQD.

IP (YD 026562)

CP 1 (YD 040559)

CP 2 (YD 053564)

CP 3 (YD 063572)

CP 4 (YD 047571)

CP 5 (YD 033569)

(2) DAYLIGHT/NIGHT PATROLS 3/3 I CO 301700H-310730H SQD.

IP (XD 932532)

CP 1 (XD 939533)

CP 2 (XD 994533)

CP 3 (XD 999579)

CP 4 (XD 993575)

CP 5 (XD 997579)

CP 6 (XD 936583)

(3) NIGHT PATROLS AND AMB

2/3 H CO 302030H-310600H SQD

IP (YD 026562)

AMB 1 (YD 039564)

AMB 2 (YD 040563)

AMB 3 (YD 053567)

3/3 7 AMB IN GS (XD 9756), (XD 9356), (XD 9956), (XD 9953)
(XD 9656), (XD 9859), (XD 9655).

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE

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1. SITREP NR 296 AS OF 310000H DEC 66.

A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE

C. CONTACTS: NONE

D. EVENTS. NONE

E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE

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1. SITREP NR 297 AS OF 301200H DEC 66
A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE EXCEPT
F/2/3 (YD 026562)
H/2/3 (YD 063551)
K/3/3 (XD 991556)

- B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE
C. CONTACTS: NONE
D. EVENTS:

- (1) LATE ENTRY 291600H F/2/3 RECEIVED IN PLACE H/2/3.
(2) 300830H 3/3 COMMENCED HELO LIFT OF COMPANY K TO IP.
(3) 300845H H/2/3 PLT JOINED ENG 300935H AT KHE GIA
BRIDGE ENROUTE TO BRIDGE (XD 987543).
(4) 300945H K/3/3 ADVANCE PARTY HELO LIFT TO CA LU
COMPLETED.
(5) 301045H K/3/3 HELO LIFT COMPLETED, CHOPPED TO
OPCON 3D MARINES.
E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE
F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE
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1. SITREP NR 298 AS OF 301800H DEC 66

A. LOCATIONS:

- (1) HQ 3D MAR (YD 066543)
K/3/3 (YD 008465)
(2) 2/3 (YD 063551)

- E/2/3 (YD 063551)
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(3) 3/3 (XD 982582)
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L/3/3 (XD 976576)
M/3/3 (XD 978589)
(4) C/1/44 (YD 063551)
(5) CO A 3D TKS
2 PTL AND ONE LT SECT D/S 2/3
1 HVY SECT D/S 3/3
(6) CO A 3D ATS
2 PTL AND ONE LT SECT D/S 2/3
1 HVY SECT D/S 3/3

B. SUMMARY:

- (1) HQ CO 3D MAR PROVIDED SECURITY FOR CP.
K/3/3 CONTINUED MOVE FROM IP (XD 991556) TO CA LU.
(2) 2/3: F/2/3 PROVIDED SECURITY FOR THE KHE GIA BRIDGE.
CONDUCTED PTL AND AMB ALONG RTE 9 VIC KHE GIA BRIDGE
REF MY SITREP NR 295. H AND E COS PROVIDED

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SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL. G/2/3 OPCON 3/4. C/1/44 USA D/S 2/3 PROVIDED DIRECT FIRE AND AA SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL.

(3) 3/3: PROVIDED SECURITY FOR OP ON THON SON LAM. MAINTAINED DEF PSN N OF THON SON LAM TO GL 59. CONDUCTED PTL IN ASSIGNED AREA REF MY SIT REP 295. PLT L/3/3 CONTINUED PPB VIC (XD 965579) AND S & D OPNS S FROM PPB ALONG RIDGE LINE TO VIC (XD 968561).

(4) NON-BATTLE CASUALTIES MED-FVAC:

M/3/3 1 USMC RASH AND ASTHMA

HAS 3/3 1 USMC SLIGHT WOUND UPPER ARM

M/3/3 1 USMC SLIGHT FACE WOUNDED, 1 USMC FOOT TROUBLE,
1 USMC RABIES SHOT, 1 USMC SLIGHT WOUND ELBOW.

C. CONTACTS: NONE

D. EVENTS:

(1) LATE ENTRY 300100H TO 300600H 2/3 REPORTED 81MM NET WAS BEING JAMMED. AT 300530H 81MM PLT OPERATOR WAS BEING IMPERSONATED.

(2) 301300H K/3/3 AT (XD 981543) ENROUTE TO CA LU.

(3) 301400H K/3/3 AT (XD 982533) ONE PLT REMAINED WITH ENGR TO REPAIR BRIDGE.

(4) 301500H K/3/3 AT (XD 979519).

(5) 301530H K/3/3 AT (XD 983527).

(6) 301530H L/3/3 REPORTED HELO DURING LIFT OFF AFTER RESUPPLY CRASHED AT (XD 967567) RAZORBACK LZ. CREW LIFTED OUT BY SECOND HELO. 1 USMC (CREW MEMBER) INJURED IN CRASH.

(7) 301600H K/3/3 AT (XD 991494)

(8) 301700H K/3/3 AT (XD 993475)

(9) 301700H K/3/3 AT (YD 005473)

E. INTENTIONS: FOR NEXT 24 HOURS:

(1) HQ CO 3D MARINES PROVIDE SECURITY FOR CP. K/3/3

(2) 2/3: F/2/3 PROVIDE SECURITY FOR KHE GIA BRIDGE. CONDUCT PTL AND AMB ALONG RTE 9 VIC KHE GIA BRIDGE REF MY SIT REP 295. MAINTAIN OP ON HILL 252 (YD 022583). H/2/3 PROVIDE SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL. K MAINTAIN OP ON HILL 250 (YD 070555). K CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY SITREP NR 295. G/2/3 OPCON 3/4. RETURN TO K CAMP CARROLL 31 DEC. C/1/44 ARTY USA D/S 2/3 PROVIDE DIRECT FIRE AND AA SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL. E/2/3 COMMENCE MOVEMENT TO D-5 IAW MY OPN PRAIRIE FRAG O 12-66. ETD 310900H.

(3) 3/3: PROVIDE SECURITY FOR OP ON THON SON LAM. MAIN

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TAINT DEF PSN N OF THON SON LAM TO GL 59. CONDUCT PTL AND AMB
IN ASSIGNED AREA REF MY SIT REP NR 295. L/3/3 MAINTAIN PPB
AT (XD 965579) AND CONDUCT S&D OPN FROM PPB S TO (XD 968561).

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

- (1) FR: 39 KIA: 160 WIA: 0 MIA.
- (2) EN: 95 KIA (CONF): 45 KKIA (PROB): 4 WIA : 1 INVAC 2 VCS.

G. SCOUT-SNIPER TEAMS:

- (1) HQ CO 3D MARINES: EMPLOYED 5 TEAMS DEF PSN.
- (2) 2/3 EMPLOYED 1 TEAM ON HILL 250 VIC (YD 070555)
OP LONG RANGE SNIPING.
- (3) 3/3 EMPLOYED 4 TEAMS: 1 TEAM ON THON SON LAM OP LONG
RANGE SNIPING. 1 TEAM EACH WITH H&S, I, AND M COS DEF PSN.
- (4) NEG REPORT.

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FIRST BN FORTY-FOURTH ARTY USA
THIRD ENGR BN
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OPN PRAIRIE

1. SITREP NR 299 AS OF 302400H DEC 66
- A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
- B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE
- C. CONTACTS: NONE
- D. EVENTS:

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(1) 301730H 3/3 REPORTED RECON PATROL REQUESTED 81MM FIRE MISSION AT (XD 969564) 1325H 81MM FIRED MISSION. 2010H RECON PATROL ARRIVED L/3/3 CP.

(2) 301815H K/3/3 LOC (YD 003465) WILL MAINTAIN NIGHT DEF PSN. BRIDGE ON ROUTE 9 VIC (YD 003465) IMPASSABLE. ESTIMATE 3 HOURS REQUIRED TO REPAIR BRIDGE. WILL CONTINUE MOVEMENT TO CALU UPON REPAIR OF BRIDGE. ETA CALU 311100H.

E. INTENTIONS:

(1) K/3/3 MAINTAIN DEF PSN VIC (YD 003465) ETA AT CALU 311100H.

(2) DAYLIGHT PATROLS

3/3 MCO. 310700H-1730H SQD

IP XD 973539

CP1 XD 973539

CP2 XD 968593

CP3 XD 964598

CP4 XD 970597

CP5 XD 976594

(3) NIGHT PATROLS AND AMBUSHES

2/3 PATROL AND AMBUSH

IP (YD 026562)

AMB 1 (YD 041565)

AMB 2 (YD 035568)

3/3, 6 AMBUSHES IN GRID SQUARES: (XD 9756), (XD 9856),

(XD 9758), (XD 9858), (XD 9958), AND (XD 9359).

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE

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1. SITREP NR 300 AS OF 310600H DEC 66.
- A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
- B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE
- C. CONTACTS: NONE
- D. EVENTS: NONE
- E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE

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1. SETREP NR 301 AS OF 311200H DEC 66

A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE EXCEPT

K/3/3 (YD 011453)

E/2/3 (YD 094514)

B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE EXCEPT

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(1) K/3/3 COMPLETED MOVE TO CA LU. ESTABLISH DEF PSN
VIC CA LU (YD 011453) AND OP AT (YD 005461).

(2) E/2/3 COMPLETED MOVEMENT FROM CAMP CARROLL TO D-5
(XD 094514) ESTABLISHED OP AT (XD 066503).

C. CONTACTS: NONE

D. EVENTS:

(1) 310920H E/2/3 DEPARTED FOR D-5

(2) 311045H E/2/3 PLT HELO LIFTED TO OP PSN (YD 066503).

(3) 311050H K/3/3 LEAD ELEMENT ARRIVED AT CA LU.

(4) 311055H HELO LIFT OF ARVN FROM OP TO D-5 COMPLETED

(5) 311120H E/2/3 ARRIVED AT D-5.

(6) 311140H G/2/3 DEPARTED FOR CAMP CARROLL CHOPPED TO

OPCON 2/3.

E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE EXCEPT: CONVOY DEPART CA LU

ETD 311300H RETURN TO DONG HA

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE

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1. SITREP NR 302 AS OF 311030H DEC66.
A. LOCATIONS:

- (1) HQ 3D MAR (YD 066543)
- (2) K/3/3 (YD 011458)
- (3) 2/3 (YD 063551)

- E/2/3 (YD 094514)
- F/2/3 (YD 026362)
- G/2/3 (YD 063551)
- H/2/3 (YD 063551)
- (4) 3/3 (XD 932532)
- I/3/3 (XD 932533)
- L/3/3 (XD 976576)
- M/3/3 (XD 978539)
- (5) C/1/44 (XD 063551)
- 1 TWIN 40MM SP AT KHE GIA BRIDGE
- (6) CO A 3D TKS
- 1 LT SEC AND 2 PLT D/S 2/3
- 1 HVY SEC D/S 3/3
- (7) CO A 3D ATS
- 1 PLT D/S 2/3
- 1 LT SEC D/S F/2/3 KHE GIA BRIDGE
- 1 HVY SEC D/S E/2/3 D-5
- 1 PLT D/S 3/3

B. SUMMARY:

- (1) HQ CO 3D MAR. PROVIDED SECURITY FOR CP.

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(2) K/3/3 AND RF 123 MAINTAINED DEF PSN AT CA LU (YD 311458) AND OP ON HILL 113 (YD 005461).

(3) 2/3: F/2/3, LT SECT CO A 3D AT AND 1 TWIN 40MM SP PROVIDED SECURITY FOR THE KHE GIA BRIDGE (YD 026362) WITH OP ON HILL 252 (YD 022553). CONDUCTED PTL AND AMB ALONG RTE 9 VIC KHE GIA BRIDGE REF MY SIT REP NR 299. COS G AND H PROVIDED SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL WITH OP ON HILL 250 (YD 069555). CO E, 1 LT SECT CO A 3D AT AND RF 122 MAINTAINED DEF PSN VIC D-5 (YD 095514) WITH OP ON HILL 290 (YD 066502). 0/1/44 USA D/S 2/3 PROVIDED DIRECT FIRE AND AA SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL.

(4) 3/3: PROVIDED SECURITY FOR OP ON THON SON LAM (XD 978559). MAINTAINED DEF PSN NORTH OF THON SON LAM TO GRID LINE 59. CONDUCTED PTL AND AMBUSHES IN ASSIGNED AREA REF MY SIT REP NR 299. L/3/3 MAINTAINED PPB (XD 967564) ON RAZOR BACK. CONDUCTED PATROLS AND AMBUSHES ALONG RIDGE LINE VIC PPB.

(5) NON-BATTLE CASUALTIES, MED EVAC: NONE

C. CONTACTS: NONE

D. EVENTS:

(1) 311215H K/3/3 ARRIVED AT CA LU AT 1126H.

(2) 311215H G/2/3 ARRIVED AT CAMP CARROLL

(3) 311255H CONVOY WITH ARVN DEPARTED CA LU ENROUTE TO DONG HA.

(4) 311325H RF 122 ARRIVED D-5.

(5) 311400H ARVN CONVOY AT (YD 005470).

(6) 311410H LEAD ELEMENTS OF ARVN DEPARTED D-5.

(7) 311455H ARVN CONVOY AT (XD 993475).

(8) 311540H ARVN CONVOY AT (XD 991494).

(9) 311610H ARVN CONVOY AT (XD 932533).

(10) 311618H LAST ELEMENTS OF ARVN DEPARTED D-5

(11) 311725H ARVN CONVOY AT (XD 981543).

E. INTENTIONS: FOR NEXT 24 HOURS:

(1) 3D MAR OFNS DURING TRUCE WILL BE CONDUCTED IN MY 301140Z DEC 66. MAX. EMPLOYMENT OF RECON PTL AND AMBUSHES.

(2) HQ CO 3D MAR PROVIDE SECURITY FOR CP.

(3) K/3/3 AND RF 123 MAINTAIN DEF PSN AT CA LU (YD 011458) AND OP ON HILL 113 (YD 005461).

(4) 2/3: F/2/3, LT SECT CO A 3D AT AND 1 TWIN 40MM SP PROVIDE SECURITY FOR THE KHE GIA BRIDGE (YD 026362) WITH OP

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ON HILL 252 (YD 022553). CONDUCT PTL AND AMBUSHES ALONG ROUTE 9 VIC KHE GIA BRIDGE REF MY SIT REP NR 299. COS G AND H PROVIDE SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL WITH OP ON HILL 250 (YD 069555). CONDUCT PTL AND AMBUSHES REF MY SIT REP NR 299. CO E, 1 LT SECT CO A 3D AT, AND RF 122 MAINTAIN DEF PSN VIC D-5 (YD 095514) WITH OP ON HILL 290 (YD 066502). C/1/44 USA D/S 2/3 PROVIDE DIRECT FIRE AND AA SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL.

(5) 3/3: PROVIDE SECURITY FOR OP ON THON SON LAM (XD 978559). MAINTAIN DEF PSN NORTH OF THON SON LAM TO GRID LINE 59. CONDUCT PTL AND AMBUSHES IN ASSIGNED AREA REF MY SIT REP NR 299. L/3/3 MAINTAIN PPB (XD 967564) ON THE RAZOR BACK. CONDUCT PTL AND AMBUSHES ALONG RIDGE LINE VIC PPB.

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

(1) FR: 39 KIA: 160 WIA: 0 MIA

(2) EN: 95 KIA (CONF): 45 KIA (PROB): 4 WIA: 1 NVAC 2 VCS

G. SCOUT SNIPER TEAMS:

(1) HQ CO 3D MARINES: EMPLOYED 4 TEAMS DEF PSN.

(2) K/3/3 EMPLOYED 1 TEAM DEF PSN

(3) 2/3 EMPLOYED 2 TEAMS, 1 TEAM ON HILL 250 OP LONG RANGE SNIPING, 1 TEAM WITH CO E DEF PSN.

(4) 3/3: EMPLOYED 3 TEAMS, 1 TEAM ON THON SON LAM OP LONG RANGE SNIPING, 1 TEAM EACH WITH COS I AND M DEF PSN.

(5) NEGATIVE REPORT.

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1. SETREP NR 303 AS OF 312400H DEC 66
- A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
- B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE
- C. CONTACTS: NONE
- D. EVENTS:

- (1) 311300H ARVN CONVOY AT XHE GIA BRIDGE
- (2) 311915H ARVN CONVOY AT CAM LO
- (3) 312005H ARVN CONVOY ARRIVED DONG HA

E. INTENTIONS:

(1) DAYLIGHT PATROLS

K/3/3 PATROL 110700H-1200H SQD.

IP (YD 011453)

CP1 (YD 019457)

CP2 (YD 017542)

CP3 (YD 015455)

2/3 F CO 311930H-1400H SQD.

IF (YD 020502)

CP1 (YD 020503)

CP2 (YD 030572)

CP3 (YD 033503)

CP4 (YD 037500)

H CO 311900H-1300H SQD.

IP (YD 003531)

CP1 (YD 003541)

CP2 (YD 005543)

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CP3 (YD 050532)

CP4 (YD 050520)

CP5 (YD 060520)

CP6 (YD 060530)

CP7 (YD 060541)

3/3 I CO 01 0300H-1000H SQD.

IP (XD 932533)

CP1 (XD 991579)

CP2 (XD 000575)

CP3 (XD 000575)

CP4 (XD 993510)

CP5 (XD 933500)

I CO 01 0730H-1500H SQD.

IP (XD 932533)

CP1 (XD 933533)

CP2 (XD 933592)

CP3 (XD 933597)

CP4 (XD 939593)

CP5 (XD 995533)

(2) NIGHT PATROLS AND AMBUSHES

2/3 H CO 012130H-0200H SQD.

IP (YD 063531)

CP1 (YD 054540)

AMB1 (YD 055542)

AMB2 (YD 045535)

F CO 012130H-0200H SQD.

IP (YD 063531)

AMB1 (YD 064570)

AMB2 (YD 065570)

CP3 (YD 043567)

TP (YD 025502)

3/3 AMBUSHES IN GRID SQUARES (XD 9756), (XD 9757), (XD 9758)

(XD 9333), (XD 9339).

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE

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