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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

3d Marines (Reinf)

COMMANDER

Colonel J. P. LAMIGAN (1-31 Mar)

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Hq Co, 3d Marines

Captain W. J. FETERS (1-31 Mar)

2d Battalion, 3d Marines

Lieutenant Colonel E. R. DELONG (1-9 Mar)

3d Battalion, 3d Marines

Lieutenant Colonel G. WILDER (1-31 Mar)

3d Battalion, 9th Marines

Lieutenant Colonel S. A. BRUNNENMEYER (3-6 Mar)

Major S. G. FAULK (7-9 Mar)

Lieutenant Colonel J. S. WILSON (10-31 Mar)

1st Battalion, 4th Marines

Lieutenant Colonel J. WESTERMAN (26 Mar)

Lieutenant Colonel T. J. WILLIS (27-31 Mar)

3d Battalion, 4th Marines

Lieutenant Colonel W. N. VEST (11-14 Mar)

1st Battalion, 9th Marines

Major J. L. DAY (1-6 Mar)

Major J. L. DAY (15-17 Mar)

Major D. J. FULHAM (18-31 Mar)

2d Battalion 26th Marines

Lieutenant Colonel J. M. CUMMINGS (8-18 Mar)

2. LOCATION

1-31 March: LUANG TRI Province, (West of DONG HA), RVN (YD 066543)

3. STAFF OFFICERSExecutive Officer
S-1Lieutenant Colonel J. WESTERMAN (27-31 Mar)
WO C. M. CHRISTENSEN (1-31 Mar)

S-2

Captain A. P. SGAMBELLURI (1-31 Mar)

S-2A

2d Lieutenant J. L. WEISENBERGER (1-31 Mar)

S-3

Major F. A. KARKER (1-31 Mar)

S-3A

Captain L. S. GREEN (1-31 Mar)

S-3B

Captain R. R. BEERS (1-31 Mar)

S-4

Major R. H. OATES (1-24 Mar)

S-4A

Major H. L. LONG (25-31 Mar)

SOF BA LONG

Master Gunnery Sergeant P. J. MERIS (1-31 Mar)

Supply Officer

Major W. M. FORREY (1-31 Mar)

1st Lieutenant W. E. FUOSS (1-31 Mar)

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ALO	Major A. E. STARK (1-31 Mar)
CEO	Captain C. G. ARNOLD (1-31 Mar)
Assistant CEO	1st Lieutenant C. D. CLARKE (1-31 Mar)
CAO/MTO	Captain E. R. ECREMENT (1-23 Mar)
CAO	Captain C. G. ARNOLD (24-31 Mar)
Chaplain	Lieutenant Commander P. C. OLIVER, CHC, USN (1-31 Mar)
Surgeon	Lieutenant J. C. GREER, MC, USNR, (1-31 Mar)

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC		USN	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
92	2563	8	108

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PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the first days of February, 3d Marines continued with its concept of conducting battalion operations on an alternating basis, employing the two battalions under the operational control of the 3d Marines. This concept evolved in an attempt to prevent the enemy from moving in troops and supplies prior to TET and was also direct toward leaving the enemy in the least advantageous position prior to TET. Operations were conducted on the basis of intelligence sightings and reconnaissance patrol reports. In addition to large scale operations, the 3d Marines area of operations was otherwise covered by aggressive patrolling and patrol base activities. During TET all infantry and reconnaissance activities were limited to intelligence gathering efforts. Following TET the alternating battalion-sized operations were again commenced, however, the emphasis was initially on locating the results of enemy activities during TET and preventing attacks on fixed installations as a result of the probable TET buildup by enemy forces. A company sized reconnaissance in force north of CAM LO on 27 February resulted in the location of a major NVA force.

As a result of the engagements on 27-28 February a new phase of operations began for the 3d Marines. As larger enemy forces were encountered, it was necessary to commit additional Marine forces. Employing two or three battalions at a time, 3d Marines attempted to counter enemy infiltration and buildup in the area north of the CAM LO River and to prevent possible massing for ground attacks against fixed installations in the CAM LO District. As the enemy still refused to stand and fight on most occasions, Marine units were required to cover as much area as possible in an attempt to ensnare the enemy and force him to fight. All multi-battalion operations were conducted north of CAM LO River and were employed as the situation developed. Units were employed either to counter enemy movements or in anticipation of same. The area of primary contact, from CAM LO to CON THIEN, was covered on four separate occasions with contact, on each occasion ranging from small units up to battalion size in strength. All units permanently within the 3d Marines area of operations and those battalions brought into the PRAIRIE area as a result of the increased activity were employed on an alternating basis allowing recently engaged units to rest and to refit. Units not operating in the main area of contact north of CAM LO were required to defend key installations and conduct continuous patrol activity in the remainder of the PRAIRIE area of Operations. Four to five battalions were OPCON to the 3d Marines during a major part of the period covered.

On the morning of 27 February, a reconnaissance patrol, in the process of moving by foot into its assigned recon area, sighted four NVA northwest of CAM LO. Setting up a hasty ambush the patrol subsequently discovered that it was in contact with a much larger force, an estimated 100 NVA. The recon patrol broke contact and went under

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cover. L/3/4(-) and a platoon of tanks on a patrol mission north of CAM LO were ordered to proceed west to the vicinity of the recon unit. Progress, however, was slow, as the relief elements moved through heavy brush on the northern bank of the CAM LO River. Division Forward sought other means to reinforce the engaged patrol. A relief from 3d Marines was requested; and, in accordance with regimental contingency plans, a company size force was deployed to link up with the recon patrol and exploit the contact. Company G, 2/3 was designated as the relief unit at 271225H and commenced movement at 271335H from Camp CARROLL to a point northwest of CAM LO on the southern side of Hill 124 (YD 075623), where the recon patrol was then located.

At approximately the same time that G/2/3 departed Camp CARROLL, L/3/4 made contact with a large sized enemy force east of the engaged recon unit and almost directly north of CAM LO. After a heavy fire fight in which L/3/4 suffered light casualties while killing three enemy (conf), the company and the tanks commenced movement again toward the recon patrol, however, the tanks were unable to proceed much further due to densely foliated terrain. At 271610H, 2/3 assumed OPLAN of L/3/4 and ordered them to set up nighttime positions at the point of furthest penetration westward (YD 102616). It was planned that G/2/3 would link up with the recon team and then move to the L/3/4 perimeter for the night.

After moving across the CAM LO River, G/2/3 found the terrain difficult to negotiate while moving north toward the recon patrol and did not link up until 272342H. Because of the time, plans for G/2/3 and recon to link up with L/3/4 during the night were cancelled, and the company set up nighttime positions with recon.

It was also decided on the night of 27 February to commit another company and the battalion command group from 2/3 on the following morning, to conduct a search and destroy operation in the area of contact. It was further planned that L/3/4 and the tanks were to return to 3/4 via CAM LO when relieved by elements of 2/3 on 28 February.

At 280630H, L/3/4 came under enemy small arms fire and 60mm and 82mm mortar attack in its nighttime position. In addition to the casualties suffered by L/3/4, two of the tanks were damaged by enemy fire. One of the two damaged tanks was unable to move as a result of a hit received from a rocket-propelled grenade, though it was still capable of firing. Countermortar fire was returned by artillery and by the weapons within L/3/4's perimeter. Enemy fire was suppressed after L/3/4 had received approximately 150 incoming rounds. Again at 280710H and 280830H L/3/4 came under attack, receiving a total of 70 additional rounds. In conjunction with the latter mortar attack, L/3/4's lines were also probed. Enemy efforts ceased on every occasion only after heavy countermortar fire. Friendly casualties were 3 KIA and 18 WIA for the three attacks; enemy casualties were 15 KIA (prob).

As a result of these three attacks, 2/3 was ordered to link up with L/3/4, and to stabilize the situation in that area. Further,

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L/3/4 was to be joined by its remaining platoon, which had been left in CAM 10, and by a heavy section of tanks for the purpose of extracting the two damaged tanks as soon as the situation permitted. G/2/3 was ordered to move north to Hill 124, search out the area, and set up blocking positions toward which 2/3 was to move after linking up with L/3/4. By 281025H the 2/3 command group and Company F, after fording the CAM 10 River, had linked up with L/3/4. Events, however, had already begun to alter the picture.

At 280955H, G/2/3 received small arms fire while moving north to Hill 124. The enemy, however, broke contact and fled to the north immediately after the company returned fire. Continuing north, G/2/3 was again taken under fire at 281030H, this time by enemy troops in well-concealed defensive positions. As the company moved forward, enemy resistance stiffened. The company had to withdraw under fire in order to call in supporting arms to neutralize the resistance. The company suffered 7 KIA, including the company commander, and 18 WIA as a result of this engagement. Many of the casualties were suffered during repeated attempts to recover those casualties taken initially. Supporting arms were called in, while the casualties were recovered and medevaced.

During late morning of the 28th, it was decided to commit another company to the north of Hill 124 to cut off any enemy withdrawing from G/2/3's contact and to relieve pressure on the engaged company. M/3/4 was designated as the unit to be committed and was to be helilifted onto Hill 162 (YD 070635). Commencing at 281338H, M/3/4 chopped to 2/3 and was lifted into the operating area. The lift was completed by 281404H. Although no enemy resistance was encountered in the landing zone, several mines/booby traps were detonated, resulting in 1 KIA and 11 WIA. M/3/4 then began movement south toward Hill 124 and G/2/3.

During the early afternoon of the 28th, 2/3 reported sporadic contact in the vicinity of L/3/4's position. In addition, L/3/4's third platoon arrived with the heavy section of tanks to extract the two damaged tanks.

At approximately 281430H, the 2/3 command group and F/2/3 commenced movement to link up with G/2/3 in order to prosecute the action in that area and continue the operation. However, after moving approximately 400 meters northwest of their starting point and previous positions, these units were engaged by heavy enemy small arms and 60mm mortar fire from three sides. Company F and the command group suffered numerous casualties during the initial encounter and while withdrawing to call in supporting arms. Included among the initial casualties was the Battalion Commander, Lieutenant Colonel V. OHANESIAN who was mortally wounded, and died later that evening. After LtCol OHANESIAN had suffered his initial wounds, the command of the battalion passed to the S-3, Major R. F. SHERIDAN, who was also wounded. A withdrawal was completed back to the former position where L/3/4 and the tanks were still located, and artillery was called in all around the position.

The Regimental Commander, Colonel J. F. LANIGAN, upon learning of the

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casualties suffered within the 2/3 command group at 1630H ordered Lieutenant Colonel E. R. DELONG, then Regimental Executive Officer, to proceed to the 2/3 command group and take command. In addition, an operation being conducted by 3/3 in the vicinity of the "RAZORBACK" was terminated, and 3/3 was alerted for commitment to the operation. F/2/9, which was in DONG HA as the result of a ROUGH RIDER that day, was committed also. F/2/9, was chopped to 2/3 at 281730H and moved by truck from DONG HA to CAM LO. LtCol DELONG, after failing in an attempt to reach 2/3 by helo because of incoming mortar rounds and small arms fire in the landing zone, landed near CAM LO and linked up with F/2/9, to move in by foot with that unit to the 2/3 position.

The 2/3 elements and L/3/4 continued to receive mortar fire sporadically for the remainder of the afternoon. Late in the day, as attempts were made to bring in med-evac helicopters, enemy fire increased, forcing the helicopters away from the LZ, thus preventing the evacuation of dead and wounded. Enemy troops also probed the perimeter and made several grenade attacks during this time. One Gunship was hit and made a forced landing near the CAM LO River. One 46 was hit with two crew members WIA. Contact ceased about 281930H.

At 201835H, 3/3, having been committed, moved out with a command group and Companies I and L for positions north and east of 2/3. By 282345H all units arrived at positions north of CAM LO along the road leading north from the CAM LO Bridge. Movement by foot then commenced into the objective area and was completed by 010230H March.

That night F/2/9 and the new Battalion Commander of 2/3 moved by foot across the CAM LO River and north to link up with 2/3. At 010340H March, this movement was completed, and 2/3 completed consolidation of its nighttime position. G/2/3 and M/3/4, which had been unable to link up during the day, were both ordered to proceed separately to 2/3's main position on the evening of 28 February; however, due to the distance and terrain, they were ordered to secure nighttime positions in their separate locations and complete the link up on 1 March.

Med-evac of casualties was commenced at 010700H and completed by 0745H. 2/3 passed the remainder of the day in position with the new CO reorganizing the battalion, compiling accurate friendly and enemy casualty reports, and consolidating Companies G/2/3 and M/3/4. M/3/4 arrived at 010945H; G/2/3 arrived at approximately 011150H. F/2/9 linked up with two squads from F/2/3 which had been separated from the main body and had spent the night on Hill 84 (YD 092618), searched out the area, and returned to 2/3's primary position by 011300H. L/3/4 moved into the area in which the main elements of 2/3 had been hit on the preceding day and recovered the bodies of two friendly KIA's at 011400H. In addition, the area surrounding 2/3's primary position was thoroughly searched out and the position expanded with company and platoon outposts on surrounding key terrain features.

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At 011405H, F/2/9 commenced movement to CAM LO for return to 2/9. The situation had stabilized sufficiently to allow the withdrawal of this company, and at 011537H F/2/9 arrived in the vicinity of the CAM LO Bridge and chopped to 2/9. M/3/4 was designated to move to support 3/3 to the north, and at 011622H chopped to 3/3 and commenced movement by foot. However, after proceeding approximately 500 meters, M/3/4 encountered several enemy in the area and became engaged in a fire fight. At 011707H, M/3/4 chopped back to 2/3, which was better able to support the company. The company returned to 2/3's primary position after pursuing the contact and set up nighttime positions in the area. During the night of 1-2 March, 2/3 made contact with the enemy on two occasions inflicting 10 KIA (C) and 21 KIA (P) on enemy units.

3/3 having arrived in the objective area at 010230H, commenced a sweep to the southwest at 010920H. On 1 March, 3/3 made contact with NVA units on two separate occasions while moving west. At 011840H, I/3/3 captured one enemy, F1 (NVA), carrying a radio; the man and the radio were evacuated to ITT. 3/3 set up nighttime position in the vicinity of (YD 103630). By this time the scheme of maneuver had changed.

On the morning of 1 March, as a result of increased contact and sightings made on the preceding day and because of the necessity of withdrawing 2/3 for its previously scheduled rotation to Okinawa, it was decided to commit another battalion to the operation. To provide adequate fire support to units who were now at the maximum range of 105mm howitzer support from Comp CARROLL, A/1/40 was moved from DONG HA to a position in the (YD 0657) grid square. At 011500H, 1/9 arrived in DONG HA from PHU BAI, having been designated as the battalion to be committed. At 011555H, the first wave of 1/9 touched down on Hill 162 (YD 070635), and the battalion chopped to 3d Marines. The helilift was completed by 011832H, and 1/9 set up nighttime positions in that vicinity.

The new scheme of maneuver envisioned 1/9 and 3/3 moving north along parallel axes to seize Regimental Objectives 1-5 (085633, 100665, for 3/3; 050636, 070657, 080665 for 1/9). 2/3 was to return to its rear at Camp CARROLL on 2 March for rotation to Okinawa. M/3/4, which had been scheduled to chop to 3/3 late on 1 March but had returned to 2/3 because of enemy activity enroute, was to be helolifted to 3/3 on the morning of 2 March. I/3/4 and the tanks were to return to CAM LO with the disabled tank on 2 March. ARVN Ranger units were to be moved into blocking position to the north of the two attacking battalions.

On the morning of 2 March, Division Forward and 3d Marines requested that 2/3 be allowed to remain in the operation area for an additional two days to continue the operation rather than depart for Okinawa. Division and higher headquarters approved this request and 2/3 set out to the west toward Hill 124 to recover the bodies of two Marines believed to be left in that area from G/2/3's contact on 28 Feb and to search out that area. M/3/4 was to remain with 2/3 for this movement. I/3/4 commenced movement with tanks for the CAM LO Bridge at 020800H and arrived at 021203H, chopping to 3/4 at that time. At noon on 2 March,

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it was decided that M/3/4 would be chopped to 3/3 in order to give this 2 company battalion a maneuver element, and the company was helilifted to positions in the vicinity of the 3/3 CP. At 021310H, the helilift commenced, and M/3/4 chopped to 3/3. 2/3 was then given the abbreviated mission of recovering the two bodies and searching out the area south of Hill 124. The battalion was to return to Camp CARROLL at the completion of this mission to allow enough lead time for proper preparation for rotation to Okinawa. At 021815H, 2/3 recovered the two bodies that had been left in the area of G/2/3's firefight on 28 Feb and movement commenced shortly thereafter to CAM LO for pick up by trucks and movement to Camp CARROLL. 2/3 arrived at CAM LO at 030205H and boarded trucks, the battalion arrived at Camp CARROLL at 030305H terminating its portion of the operation.

On the morning of 2 March, 3/3 set out for Obj. 1 (YD 065633) with I/3/3 in the lead. About midday, I/3/3 made contact with enemy forces at two separate locations to the east of Obj. 1. 3/3 continued on to seize Objective 1, during the course of the afternoon and swung north toward Obj. 2 (YD 100665) with L/3/3 in the lead. Contact continued during the course of the day, with L/3/3 encountering most of the resistance during the afternoon. On the evening of 2 March, L/3/3 received an estimated 75 81/82mm mortar rounds at 1720H, this attack was followed by another at 1730H and another at 1820H. The latter attack also included small arms fire. There were a total of 13 KIA and 12 WIA from these three attacks. 3/3 set up night positions south of Obj. 2. During the night, L/3/3 received an additional 25 rounds of 81/82mm mortar fire at 030445H in their nighttime position.

At 020745H, A/1/9, prior to moving out in accordance with the day's planned operations, received approximately 70 60mm mortar rounds from the northwest. Fire was returned with 60mm mortars and 155mm howitzers causing the enemy fire to cease. The attack resulted in 2 friendly WIA. At 020805H, 1/9 commenced movement to the north toward Obj. 4 (YD 070657).

At 021240H the 1/9 command group and C/1/9 received 20 rounds of 81/82mm mortar fire, at 021340H, 24 additional mortar rounds were received. On the afternoon of 2 March, Obj. 4 was seized and nighttime positions were set up in that area. Again that evening at 091915H the 1/9 CP was hit by mortar fire, receiving 20 81/82mm mortar rounds. At 030425H the 1/9 CP received another 21 incoming mortar rounds.

On 3 March, 3/3 moved north toward Obj. 2 (YD 100665) arriving at positions just to the south of it during the night. During the course of the day, only sporadic contact was encountered. At 031900H, however, L/3/3 received an estimated 10 rounds of mortar fire as well as sniper fire. Fire was returned resulting in 12 enemy KIA (C). The incident occurred at (YD 109659). L/3/3 set up nighttime positions to the south of the objective. Nighttime contact was minimal.

On 3 March, 1/9 moved north from Obj. 4 (YD 070657) to Obj. 5 (YD 060635) encountering enemy units throughout the day. At 030720H,

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an AO sighted three groups of approximately 250 enemy troops each in the area in which 1/9 was operating (YD 055668, 071660, 083662). Artillery and air were called in. 1/9 subsequently conducted a sweep of the area discovering enemy dead and making contact with small groups (up to 30-40) of enemy trying to flee the area. Numerous enemy were killed as a result. During the afternoon and evening, the 1/9 command group was mortared three times with a total of 180 rounds received, resulting in 1 KIA and 23 WIA. A/1/9 was mortared during the day also. Nighttime positions were set up to the west of Obj. 5. 1/9 had one probing incident during the night.

During the course of the day, a helicopter was shot down at (YD 089665), and a platoon from C/1/9 was moved into the area to protect the downed helicopter after the crew and passengers had been extracted.

On the night of 3 March plans were made for the following two days. Commencing 4 March, 1/9 was to continue northeast through Obj. 5 to Obj. 6 (YD 095683) then east to intermediate Obj. A THON TRUNG AN (YD 121683), then on to Obj. 7 PHU PHUONG (vic YD 148681), then southeast to the final objective at (YD 165641), returning to DONG HA on order. 3/3 was to continue through Obj. 2 swinging east to the vicinity of (YD 110665), then sweeping southwest to (YD 088627), then southeast to (YD 119611). The 39th Ranger Battalion was to screen to the north and east along the exposed flank of 1/9. All movement of Marine units was contingent upon the extraction of the downed helicopter on 4 March.

The helicopter was lifted out at 041200H, and the battalions commenced the attack at 1230H. After seizing Obj. 5, 1/9 commenced movement toward Obj. 6 (YD 095683). At 041310H, while enroute, the battalion received 5 well placed enemy mortar rounds within the march column. These rounds were followed shortly thereafter by an additional 150 enemy 82mm mortar rounds which landed beyond the march column inflicting no casualties. Air and artillery support was called in on the suspected enemy mortar positions. Total friendly casualties were 3 WIA.

Contact during the day for 1/9 was continuous but not heavy, excluding the mortar attack. At 1600H, 3/3 requested that 1/9 hold in the blocking position as L/3/3 drove north after a fleeing contact. 1/9 held for 90 minutes with no contact. The battalion then moved to the western edge of intermediate Obj. A and set up nighttime positions. Also, a platoon from D/1/9 was sent to 3/3 to move two M42 dual 40mm's and one tank back to 1/9's positions as these vehicles had been placed under the operational control of that battalion. Only two minor incidents were reported by 1/9 during the night.

On the afternoon of 4 March, after the completed seizure of Obj. 2, L/3/3, which had been given the mission of moving into THON BAI Hamlet at (YD 117665), encountered heavy resistance at that location at 04100H. One tank was destroyed during this encounter by a rocket-propelled grenade. Mortar and small arms fire was received as the company swept into the village and then wheeled north to crush the enemy between the

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attacking forces and a hasty blocking position set up by elements of 1/9 to the north. After pursuing the enemy until the contact dissipated, L/3/3 reversed step and swept back to the south through the hamlet, setting up nighttime positions on the southern edge with I/3/3 and the battalion command group.

L/3/4 which had replaced the platoon from C/1/9 as security for the downed helicopter remained south of the remainder of 3/3 after the aircraft had been extracted at 041200H. Night positions were set up at (YD 093644), and the company's only contact of the day occurred at 042210H when a lone NVA was killed while trying to infiltrate the perimeter.

On the afternoon of 4 March, A/1/40 (USA) displaced from grid square (YD 0657) to grid square (YD 1359) in the vicinity of CAM LO, to support the operation to the north from a closer firing position.

On 5 March, 1/9 encountered heavy harassing and delaying action by the enemy as it advanced east toward Regimental Objective 7 (vic 148681). With two companies forward, Company D to the north and Company C to the south, and Company A to the rear as security for the Command Group, the battalion was continually in contact with small elements of the enemy. At 051630H, Company D encountered the heaviest contact of the day with 40-50 enemy (YD 136673), receiving 50-60 incoming mortar (60mm) rounds in addition to heavy small arms fire. During the same period, Company C received 25 incoming 81/82mm mortar rounds. Artillery was brought to bear on the enemy and suppressed the enemy mortar fire; however, small arms fire continued. Enemy fire continued to originate from the hamlet between Company C and the remainder of the battalion and was effectively silenced only after artillery was walked into the intervening area. Medevac was unable to be completed that night, and Company D linked up with the command group and Company A to set up nighttime positions at the northern end of THIEN AN. Company C spent the night at the southern end of the hamlet. Heavy defensive fires and TMO's were conducted during the night and 1/9 passed the night of 5 March uneventfully.

On 5 March, 3/3 swept southwest to link up with L/3/4, which had passed the previous night in a separate position, and continued on to the vicinity of (YD 083627). The battalion then swept east to (YD 117606) where nighttime positions were set up. There was only one minor contact during the entire day and night.

Because of a boundary change with ARVN units to the east of 1/9, Regimental Objective 7 was eliminated. Also, it was decided to have 3/3 seize THIEN CHANH (YD 166641) instead of 1/9. 3/3 was to be resupplied early on 6 March and provide security for the resupply column continuing on to 1/9. 1/9 was to march south to link up with the resupply column, then continue on to DONG HA.

3/3 linked up with the resupply column early on the morning of 6 March and commenced movement north with resupply for 1/9 at 061100H.

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1/9 swept through THU AN while Company C blocked to the south and then moved south to link up with 3/3 for resupply. Linkup was completed at 1400H, whereupon 3/3 swept southeast to seize THIEN CHANH. 1/9 continued on to the CAM LO Bridge where the battalion boarded trucks and commenced movement to DONG HA. 1/9 chopped to Division Forward at 061850H. 3/3 completed its sweep through THIEN CHANH and also moved to the CAM LO Bridge to await transportation to the battalion permanent position south of THON SON IAM. 1/3/4 chopped back to 3/4 at 062030H. All units had returned to their permanent positions by 062125H and the operation was terminated.

Total enemy casualties for the portion of FRAIRIE II including 27 Feb-6 Mar, as inflicted by the 3d Marines, were 365 KIA (C), 192 KIA (F), 10 FW (NVA) and 1 FW (VC).

During the course of the multi-battalion operation to the north of CAM LO, 2/3 which had returned to Camp CARROLL early on 3 March, was relieved of responsibility for the eastern half of the 3d Marines area of operation by 3/9 at 031315H. Departing for DONG HA shortly thereafter, 2/3 completed final preparations for rotation to Okinawa. On the day preceding the relief, at 021800H, K/3/9 relieved H/2/3 at BA LONG and chopped to the 3d Marines. On 6 March, 3/9 was ready for operational commitments. At 061335H March, as the multi-battalion operation was terminating north of CAM LO, 3/9 was chopped to Division (Fwd) and moved to DONG HA to participate in an operation in the vicinity of GIO LINH. With a command group and Companies L and M, 3/9 departed leaving a platoon from Company I and portions of H&S as the sole remaining infantry units at Camp CARROLL. In addition, there was another platoon from I/3/9 at the KHE GIA Bridge and a platoon from K/3/3 at the D-5 Outpost. By that evening, 3/3 completed movement into its own area of operations, but the remaining I/3/9 platoon which had been providing security for the THON SON LAM base camp was not scheduled to return to Camp CARROLL until 7 March. Thus, the Camp CARROLL area of operations had one infantry company to defend the area on the night of 6-7 March.

At 062358H March, enemy units to the north commenced a mortar and rocket attack on Camp CARROLL which lasted about one hour. Counter-mortar fire commenced at 070005H and continued until enemy fire was suppressed. Again at 070407H, Camp CARROLL was attacked with mortars and rockets. The second attack lasted approximately thirty minutes and was again suppressed by counter-mortar fire from the plateau. At 070630H, the third and final attack commenced and was suppressed after approximately twenty minutes. 346 mortar/rocket rounds, by crater count, fell on the Camp during the three attacks. Friendly casualties were 6 KIA and 41 WIA, plus extensive superficial damage to tents and vehicles at the northern end of the perimeter. Only one artillery weapon, a 175mm howitzer, was damaged and that was not severe. Most of the damaged equipment was repaired by second echelon maintenance. Most of the rounds fell at the northern end of the perimeter.

On the morning of 7 March, aerial observers to the north of DONG

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HA Mountain spotted several fleeing enemy and called in artillery strikes, resulting in several enemy killed. The enemy were seen to be carrying rocket tubes. During the day, patrols were conducted to the south of CAM LO River, and the southern slope of the DONG HA/DONG MA Mountain complex was covered with heavy direct fire brought to bear by tanks, mortars, dual 40mm's and quad 50's. In addition, at 071705H, K/3/4 chopped to the 3d Marines to provide additional security for Camp CARROLL during the absence of 3/9. Plans were also made to conduct an operation north of the CAM LO River in the vicinity of the enemy mortar sites to destroy them and prevent the enemy from reoccupying the area. In the meantime, Camp CARROLL commenced repairing the damage.

On 8 March, M/3/3 commenced a systemized search of the area to the west of DONG HA Mountain in the valley just south of "MUTTER" Ridge. This company-sized patrol base was to be coordinated with the battalion-sized operation to the east; however, the latter operation was delayed several days as more forces were made available. On 8 March, direct fire weapons again hammered the southern slopes of the DONG HA/DONG MA Mountain complex in order to prevent enemy units from moving into possible mortar positions prior to nightfall. Extensive H&I's were conducted throughout the night.

At 081300H, 3d Marines assumed operational control of 2/26 which had been moved into the PRAIRIE area from DA NANG. 2/26 set up a base camp south of the CAM LO River (vic YD 085575) in preparation for the operation to the north.

At 091121H, the 3/9 command group and Companies L and M returned to the OICOM of 3d Marines from Division Forward, and K/3/4 returned to 3/4. The scheme of maneuver now evolved into a two battalion operation with M/3/3 operating in conjunction to the west. With Companies I and N, the 3/9 command group was to operate in the DONG HA/DONG MA Mountain complex to the north to grid line 62. 3/9 was to commence from the east and sweep in a western direction along the southern ridge line, then move north over the top of DONG HA and back in an eastern direction along the northern ridgeline. With Companies E, G, and H, the 2/26 command group was to move north across the CAM LO River to seize Objective 1 (vic YD 100625) and 2 (vic YD 105645) and move to a blocking position farther north (YD 095673 to YD 116662) to support an ARVN airborne sweep west from vicinity Route 1. Movement was to commence on 10 March. M/3/3 was to approach DONG HA Mountain from the west then swing south to the CAM LO River, then east again along the northern bank.

At 100830H March, 2/26, after outposting a company on the northern bank of the CAM LO River on the preceding day, commenced movement north into its assigned operating area. At 100930H, 3/9 commenced movement from Camp CARROLL into its assigned operating area. M/3/3 had already been inserted into its operating area on 8 March and had been conducting heavy patrolling activities in the area. In support of the operation, F/2/12 displaced from DONG HA to CAM LO on 10 March to provide artillery support.

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On 10 March, operating units had no contact. G/2/26 seized Objective 1 on the afternoon of 10 March. That evening it was decided that 3/4, which had been operating to the east of 2/26, would be chopped to the 3d Marines from Division Forward on the following day and continue operations in conjunction with 2/26. 3/4 was to move from its previously held position on the Route 8B leading north from CAM LO to an objective and blocking position located in the vicinity of (YD 155630). 2/26 had its blocking position modified and shifted to a final objective and blocking position in the vicinity of (YD 113675). 3/4 was to hold up at its nighttime position of 10 March until 2/26 moved abreast, then both units were to advance north on line toward their final objectives/blocking positions. Both 3/4 and 2/26 were to hold in their blocking positions while ARVN airborne units sweep west across their fronts. 3/9 and M/3/3 were to continue their previously assigned missions.

At 110800H March, the 3d Marines assumed OFCON of 3/4. All units except 3/4 commenced movement. M/3/3 during the day advanced halfway up the western slope of DONG HA Mountain then turned south toward the CAM LO River, setting up nighttime positions in the vicinity of (YD 008572). 3/9 continued its advance toward the top of DONG HA Mountain from the east and set up nighttime positions at (YD 025585). 2/26 in addition to moving north, left E/2/26 in the vicinity of (YD 104615) to destroy a bunker complex in that area. The remainder of the battalion moved north and Objective 2 was seized by the lead elements that afternoon, with nighttime positions being set up in that vicinity. 3/4 commenced movement on its final objective at 110915H, as 2/26 units encountered slow progress in the rough terrain to the east. 3/4 was the only unit which made contact on 11 March; however, on the two occasions in which contact was made, the enemy fled immediately thereafter. 3/4 reached its final objective on the evening of 11 March and entered with no resistance, setting up nighttime positions there. That night, 3/4 had the only contact in a brief fire fight at 120513H which resulted in 5 enemy KIA (C) and 1 KIA (I), while 3/4 sustained 1 KIA and 1 WIA.

On 12 March, all units except 3/4 continued movement. M/3/3 moved east along the northern bank of the CAM LO River to (YD 055570), where nighttime positions were established. 3/9 moved over the top of DONG HA Mountain and swung back to the east along the northern ridgeline, setting up nighttime positions in the vicinity of (YD 039608). 2/26 moved north on its final objective. E/2/26, which had remained to the south to destroy an enemy bunker complex, completed its task and was helilifted to link up with the command group to the north. By nightfall 2/26 occupied nighttime positions in the vicinity of its final objective, preparing to sweep the village in the objective area on the following day. 3/4 remained in position and conducted local patrol activities. The only contact of the day was made by 2/26 on two separate occasions while moving north, resulting in 1 enemy KIA (C) and 1 KIA (I).

On 13 March, plans called for all units to continue previously assigned missions, except for 3/4 which was to move north and east to seize Objectives 6, 7, and 8 previously assigned to ARVN airborne units

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operating in that area. M/3/3 completed its assigned mission, moved south across the CAM LO River, and back to its CP by truck along Route 9, arriving there at 131310H. The command group and I/3/9 were also moved out of their operating areas on the afternoon of 13 March; the movement, by helicopter, was completed at 131410H. M/3/9 remained in the operating area to complete the sweep. At 131440H, 2/26 reached its limit of advance at road running east to west at the 680 grid line, after sweeping through the village area of its final objective. Nighttime positions were set up in the vicinity of (YD 114685). At 131320H, 3/4 was ordered to move out and seize the hamlet at ARVN Objective 6 (YD 155702) which the battalion secured by 131546H. 3/4 then moved south to set up nighttime positions at (YD 155693).

On 14 March, plans called for all units to complete their assigned missions. M/3/9 was to move east and then south to Route 9 for pickup and return to Camp CARROLL; 2/26 was to continue to search its final objective area and be prepared to move to CAM LO for truck pickup or to extract by helicopter. 3/4 was to seize ARVN Objectives 7 and 8, then continue east to Route 1 for pickup and return to DONG HA, chopping to Division Forward upon pickup.

At 140730H, 3/4 moved south toward ARVN Objective 7 (YD 163700); lead elements of the battalion entered the objective at 0815H and secured it shortly thereafter. At 0859H, K/3/4 moved on toward ARVN Objective 8 and commenced sweeping the area at 0935H. At 1110H, 3/4 swept through ARVN Objective A, while moving on to the pickup point (YD 216698) at 1326H and boarded trucks for DONG HA at 1430H, chopping to Division Forward.

2/26 searched out the area of its final objective on the morning of 14 March, finding several mines and some enemy positions. At 1330H, 2/26 commenced movement by helicopter to 3/3's primary position south of THOM SON L.M. By 1720H, the helilift was complete. M/3/9, which had remained in the 3/9 operating area an extra day, moved east and then south across to CAM LO River to Route 9, arriving there at 1715H. By 1905H, I/3/9 had returned to Camp CARROLL, completing the move by truck. Total enemy casualties for this operation were 7 KIA (C), 2 KIA (I), and 1 PW (NVA).

Planning called for another multi-battalion operation to follow immediately, a second phase--so to speak--to search out the area north of DONG HA Mountain and to the west of the area in which 2/26 had operated. The operation was to involve three battalions. The lead battalion was to move from an assembly area just west of CAM LO across the CAM LO River and northwest into an area known as "HELICOPTER" Valley (vic YD 035640). A second battalion was to follow in trace of the lead battalion, then sweep southwest along the valley north of DONG HA Mountain and south of "MUTTER" Ridge. The third battalion was to set up a firing position for direct fire weapons south of "MUTTER" Ridge in the valley between DONG HA Mountain and the "RAZORBACK" (vic YD 978588); this unit was to cover

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"MUTTER" Ridge and the battalion moving southwest in the valley along the southern slope of "MUTTER" Ridge. The lead battalion was to move into the assembly area on D-Day, with one company outpost north of the CAM LO River and was to commence its portion of the operation on D+1. The second battalion was to move into the assembly area on D+1, with a company outpost north of the CAM LO River, and commencement on D+2. The direct fire weapons were to move into the fire support position on order. D-Day was to be 15 March.

At 151000H, 1/9 chopped to the 3d Marines, as the designated lead battalion. At 1100H, the lead company, C/1/9, departed DONG HA for the assembly area. By 1800H, the battalion command group and Companies A and D had also arrived, and C/1/9 was outpost just north of the CAM LO River. The battalion assembly area was in the vicinity of (YD 087597). 3/3, which was to follow in trace of 1/9, was preparing for relief of defensive responsibilities in the THON SON LAM area by 2/26. On the evening of 15 March, it was decided to delay the operation until 17 March in order to coordinate the timing of this operation with the employment of the SLF.

New missions were assigned to all units for the intervening time. 3/3 was to held in place. 2/26 was to conduct a company patrol to the west of the THON SON LAM position along the KHE GIANG THOAN and the SUOI TIEU HUEN Rivers west to grid line 90 and north to grid line 55. 1/9 was to conduct extensive patrols north of the CAM LO River between grid lines 05 and 11. 3/9, which had been the reserve battalion for the forthcoming operations, was to conduct a company sweep to the southeast of the D-5 Outpost, centered along the road running east from Route 558. Fire Support for this company-sized operation was to be provided by 2 155mm howitzers from M/4/12 displacing to a firing position just south of D-5. The 3/9 company sweep was to continue until 18 March; all other activities were to be terminated with the continuation of the multi-battalion operation on 17 March.

At 160730H, 1/9 commenced its assigned patrols. At 161000H, I/3/9, designated for the company sweep southeast of D-5, commenced movement to the objective area. At 161200H, 2/26 commenced its assigned patrols, however, the 2/26 company sized patrol was shortened because of the time factor. The only contact of the day was encountered by I/3/9 and resulted in 1 enemy KIA (conf.).

On the afternoon of 16 March, patrolling units at KHE SANH encountered heavy enemy contact, as did relief elements. As a result, I/3/3, originally assigned to participate in the multi-battalion operation, was placed on an alert status for movement to KHE SANH. All other units concerned made preparations for continuation of the multi-battalion operation on 17 March. 2/26 was also to continue patrolling to the west and send out an additional patrol to the west of the "RAZORBACK".

At 170700H, 1/9 commenced movement northwest toward "HELICOPTER" Valley. At 171445H, 3/3, after being relieved by 2/26, commenced

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movement for the assembly area in the vicinity of the one previously occupied by 1/9. At approximately the same time, 1/3/3 commenced helilift to KHE SANH and chopped to SOT KHE SANH. The 1/3/3 helilift was completed at 171730H. Only 1/9 made light contact during the day.

1/9 set up nighttime positions in the vicinity of (YD 058634) with one company to the west. 3/3 set up nighttime positions with the command group and Companies K and L in the vicinity of (YD 094585). Intentions for 18 March were to have 1/9 continue movement northwest and 3/3 commence movement into the objective area. 2/26 was to move a company north with direct fire weapons (tanks, ontos, and dual 40mm's) and be in position by 181000H.

At 180800H, 3/3 commenced movement across the CAM LO River. 3/3 was ordered to search out the area on the northern bank of the CAM LO River and link up with a recon patrol in contact to the northeast. The link up was completed by 1210H and the patrol was extracted to the south. 3/3 set up nighttime positions for the two companies north of the river, while the command group and security remained south of the river. At 0830H, G/2/26 departed the 2/26 primary position with direct fire weapons to establish a fire support position to the south. The units were in place in the vicinity of (YD 978588) by mid-morning. At 0837H, 1/9 commenced movement of its elements to the north and west to recon in force the surrounding areas. 1/9 moved to nighttime positions 7000 meters west of the positions held on 17 March and set up in the vicinity of (YD 046635). 1/3/9 was helilifted back to Camp CARROLL on the afternoon of 18 March. There was no contact on 18 March. At 182400H, Operation FRAIRIE II concluded, and Operation FRAIRIE III commenced, as the 3d Marines continued with its multi-battalion operation north of DONG HA Mountain.

Intentions for 19 March remained the same for the operating units. All 3/3 units moved across the CAM LO River on the morning of 19 March and commenced searching out the area in the vicinity of (YD 0861). At midday, K/3/3 located a large enemy rocket site (YD 072618), presumably one of those used to attack Camp CARROLL on the night of 6-7 March. At 191440H, 1/3/3 commenced helilifting from KHE SANH to the 3/3 primary position, its security mission at KHE SANH completed. The company arrived at 191552H and chopped back to 3/3; whereupon they were committed to the operation. 1/3/3 moved by truck to the operating area and set up nighttime positions at (YD 095583) to the south of the CAM LO River. The remainder of the battalion remained to the north of the river.

1/9 units again searched to the west and north of their positions during the day, returning to the same nighttime positions that had been occupied on the previous night (YD 046636). At 191925H, the 1/9 position received incoming 81/82mm mortar rounds. Approximately 85-90 rounds fell on the position, having been fired from positions to the northwest. Countermortar fire was immediately brought to bear and succeeded in suppressing enemy fire. Marine casualties sustained were 6 KIA, 37 WIA. G/2/26 maintained its direct fire position south of

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"MUTTER" Ridge on 19 March and conducted patrols to the east and north along the valley between the ridgeline and DONG HA Mountain. In addition, 2/26 conducted patrols to the west of the "RAZORBACK". Missions remained the same for units on 20 March, except that 3/3 was to continue to search out the area in which the rocket site had been located on 19 March, and to provide security for an EOD team which was to inspect the rocket site and blow duds.

On 20 March, 3/3 continued to search out the area for rocket sites, and 1/9 conducted heavy patrol activities north and west of its nighttime positions. On the afternoon of 20 March, plans were laid for the following two days. 1/9 was to relieve 3/3 of its search mission in the vicinity of the rocket site. In addition, the battalion was to search out the stream bed area known as KHE MAI (vic YD 065605) and move into an assembly area in grid square (YD 095G) in preparation for a helolift to the north on 22 or 23 March. 3/3, upon relief by 1/9, was to move to an assembly area to the east for the night and be prepared to attack north on 22 March following the trace of grid line 10. In accordance with these plans, 1/9 moved southeast, linking up with 3/3 and assuming its mission on the evening of 20 March. Nighttime positions were set up in the vicinity of (YD 053620). 3/3, upon relief by 1/9, moved to the vicinity of (YD 085598) and set up nighttime positions. G/2/26 was withdrawn from its direct fire position to the south and remained for the night at the permanent position at the northern base of the "ROCKFILE".

On the morning of 21 March, 3/3 was ordered to commence its sweep north along grid line 10 on the same day. The 3/3 area was bounded on the west by grid line YD 08, on the east by the road from CAM LO to PHU AN (vic grid line YD 13), and on the north by the road just south of grid line YD 69. 3/3 was to cover thoroughly the area 1500 meters to either side of the YD 10 grid line. On the afternoon of 21 March, 3/3 moved east to carry out its assigned mission and set up nighttime positions in the vicinity of (YD 096610). 3/3 experienced the only contact on 21 March; however, the enemy broke contact immediately.

1/9 continued with its previously assigned mission, moving into the assigned assembly area at (YD 086590), south of the river, for its nighttime position. G/2/26 resumed its direct fire position at (YD 978580) on 21 March. On the morning of 21 March, M/3/9 was assigned a two day search and destroy mission in the vicinity of (YD 164619) as the result of aerial photo intelligence locating an enemy rocket site in that area. The company moved into the area by vehicle from Camp CARROLL and set up nighttime positions at (YD 146615).

On 22 March, 3/3 moved north along its axis of advance through thick terrain. Movement was exceedingly slow and nighttime positions were set up at (YD 992591) with the leading units setting in as far north as (YD 115640). 1/9 continued with assigned patrol activities. G/2/26 conducted a company-sized patrol activity along the valley between "MUTTER" Ridge and DONG HA Mountain. M/3/9 completed its search and destroy mission with negative results and returned to Camp CARROLL.

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arriving at 221557H. Although a number of enemy fighting positions and camp sites had been discovered, there had been no firm contact with the enemy, except for the mortar attack on 1/9, since the commencement of the operation.

Plans for 23 March called for 1/9 to be helilifted to the vicinity of CON THIEN (GS 1069) to influence the action of the Special Landing Force (1/4) which had landed on the coast and was advancing inland to the west. 3/3 was to continue its advance north in coordination with the helilift of 1/9.

On 23 March, as 3/3 advanced north, contact with the enemy was made on several occasions, resulting in 1 KIA (conf) and 11 KIA (prob). The enemy broke contact to the north. 3/3 set up nighttime positions in the vicinity of (YD 108658). On the afternoon of 23 March, it was decided to alter the scheme of maneuver and move 1/9 to the eastern flank of 3/3 by vehicle along Route 76. Both units were to move north abreast on the 24th, with the YD 69 grid line as the eventual limit of advance. In addition, F/2/12, which had been supporting the operation from CAM LO, was to displace north to a forward artillery position at (YD 143616), with security being provided by a provisional company formed from the 3d Marines and HQ, 12th Marines. The scheme of maneuver was still concerned with influencing the action of the SLF.

1/9 commenced movement by vehicle at 231553H to the forward artillery position at which the unit dismounted and proceeded north along Route 76 by foot. 1/9 set up nighttime positions at (YD 147625) with one company to the north. 3/3 set up nighttime positions in the vicinity of (YD 108658). G/2/24 continued its company sized patrol in the valley south of "MUTTER" Ridge (vic YD 995584). At 240815H, 1/9 commenced movement north. During the morning and afternoon, the battalion engaged in heavy fire fights with enemy troops in well entrenched positions at several locations. The action took place in the vicinity of PHU AN (YD 134673). Results of the day's contact by 1/9 were 7 friendly KIA and 57 WIA; with 23 KIA (conf) and 43 KIA (prob) inflicted on the enemy. 1/9 set up nighttime positions to the south of PHU AN at (YD 142658).

At 240830H, 3/3 commenced movement north. At 0945H the command group and L/3/3 came under mortar attack, receiving approximately 33 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. The attack was suppressed after countermortar fire was delivered. Friendly casualties sustained were 3 KIA and 17 WIA. During the afternoon, 3/3 also came in contact with the enemy. The enemy was located in entrenched positions in the hamlets of TAN HOA and AN HOA and employed small arms and 60mm mortars. The enemy, however, broke contact on each occasion. Total friendly casualties sustained by 3/3 were 7 KIA and 25 WIA; casualties inflicted on the enemy were 37 KIA (conf) and 17 KIA (prob). 3/3 set up nighttime positions in the vicinity of (YD 114676).

G/2/24 returned to its battalion position south of THON SON LAM on 24 March.

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On 25 March, 3/3 continued the attack in the vicinity of TAN HOA and AN HOA Hamlets (YD 115675). The battalion encountered resistance throughout the day, including five separate mortar attacks. By the end of the day, the battalion had approached the limit of advance and set up nighttime positions at (YD 113686) with elements remaining to the south to continue operating in that area.

During 25 March, 1/9 continued its attack on PHU AN. Moving up flame and gun tanks in the morning, the battalion assaulted through the village in the afternoon after thorough preparation fires by supporting arms. Only rear guard action was encountered; however, 10 additional enemy bodies were discovered, a PW (NVA) was taken, and numerous items of equipment were captured. 1/9 again withdrew to the south to set up nighttime positions with companies outposted north of the hamlet.

On 26 March, 3/3 moved northwest from positions on the preceding day to the vicinity of (YD 124689) where nighttime were set up. Just prior to midnight the battalion came under two mortar attacks receiving an aggregate total of 218 81/82mm mortar rounds. Marine casualties were 1 KIA and 6 WIA. 1/9 moved northwest on 26 March, setting up nighttime positions in PHU AN with companies outposted at (YD 143696) and (YD 148693). The battalion had only minor contact on 26 March.

On 27 March, 3/3 proceeded north of CON THIEN to operate in that area. 1/9 drew back to the south of PHU AN in preparation for withdrawing on the following day. Plans for 28 March were to terminate the operation by moving the two battalions south to the forward artillery position at (YD 143616) for pick up by truck.

At 230910H, 1/9 arrived at the pickup point; at 1100H the battalion arrived at Camp CARROLL to relieve 3/9. By 1300H all 3/3 units had arrived at the pickup point and commenced motor march to the THON SON LINH position, arriving there at 1545H terminating the operation. Friendly casualties for the operation were 28 KIA, 176 WIA. Enemy casualties were 93 KIA (conf), 71 KIA (prob), 2 PW (NVA), in addition to numerous items of captured equipment.

At 260800H, the 3d Marines assumed operational control of Operation BEACON HILL being conducted by 1/4. The BLT had landed on the coast and moved inland to positions west of GIO LINH and Route 1. For the purpose of coordination of the battalions operating in this area, 3d Marines was in the best position to control 1/4 effectively. On 26 March, 1/4 continued west with the lead elements reaching (YD 117722); the command group remained in the vicinity of GIO LINH for the night. During the day's activities, the lead company made contact with the enemy during the afternoon, and in the evening a medevac chopper was shot down trying to evacuate wounded from the day's contact.

On 27 March, 1/4 continued to operate in the vicinity of the previous day's activity completing the seizure of Objective A and 4. On 28 March, the battalion pulled back to the vicinity of GIO LINH. On 29 March, 1/4

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detached B/1/4 to provide security for C/2/12 which had set up a forward artillery position between GIO LINH and DONG HA on Route 1. A/1/4 conducted a combined sweep with ARVN forces along the coast. The remaining two companies operated in the vicinity of GIO LINH. On 31 March, 1/4 was alerted for a helilift to the vicinity of CON THIEN to set up a blocking position for 3d Marines forces operating to the south. The command group and Companies A, C, and D were lifted into the area on the afternoon of 31 March and set up blocking positions along the road just south of grid line to the south of CON THIEN. Total friendly casualties for Operation BEACON HILL to 312400H were 33 KIA and 241 KIA WIA. Casualties inflicted upon the enemy were 351 KIA (conf), 651 KIA (prob), 1 IW (VC) and 1 FG (NVA). However, most of the contact occurred prior to the 3d Marines assumption of operational control at 260800H.

On 28 March, as 1/9 and 3/3 came out of the field, plans had been made to replace them in the field with 3/9. The battalion was to be relieved of responsibility for the defense of Camp CARROLL by 1/9 and move into the operating area by motor march. The area was bounded on the north by the road south of grid line 69, on the east by the road in the vicinity of grid line 13, and on the west by grid line 08. 3/4 was to be operating to the east under the operational control of Division Forward, and 1/4 was to operate to the north continuing with Operation BEACON HILL. 3/9's activities were to consist primarily of night ambushes.

At 280900H, E/2/26 chopped to 3/9 to participate in the operation. By 1835H, the command group, I and M/3/9, and E/2/26 had arrived in the operating area. The battalion set up nighttime ambush positions in the vicinity (YD 101830).

E/2/26 moved to nighttime positions at (YD 138615) in preparation for movement to the 2/26 command post at THON SON LAM on the following day. 2/26 was to depart for DA NANG on 30 March. At 301005H, E/2/26 departed for THON SON LAM by motor march and chopped to 2/26 at 1040H. At 301430H, the lead elements of 2/26 departed for DONG HA and the battalion chopped to 3dMarDiv(Fwd). On 30 March, 3/9 moved north in preparation for night ambush positions. On the afternoon of 30 March, M/3/9 made contact with an enemy unit of undetermined size. The enemy broke contact, fleeing east; while in pursuit, M/3/9 succeeded in killing 4 enemy (conf). At 301800H, I/3/9 reported receiving mortar fire in the vicinity of (YD - 104654). In the resulting action, the enemy walked mortars across the I/3/9 command group and second platoon, then assaulted twice, succeeding in overrunning the position on the second attempt. The first and third platoons, upon learning of the action, moved to assist the remainder of the company and were ambushed by the enemy from a hasty ambush position as they moved into the area. With the arrival of UH-1E Gunships, the company succeeded in driving off the enemy. Total friendly casualties for the incident were 15 KIA, including the company commander, the executive officer and the battalion air officer, and 47 WIA. Reported enemy casualties were 41 KIA (conf) and 35 KIA (prob); however, additional bodies were found in the battle area for several days thereafter.

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As a result of the fierceness of this encounter, 3/4 (command group and K and L/3/4) operating to the west was chopped to 3d Marines, to be moved west to assist 3/9 if necessary. In addition, L/3/3 was designated to join 3/9 and moved by convoy from the 3/3 position at THON SON LA^M into the operating area, arriving in the vicinity of (YD 141631) at 3010050H. L/3/3 chopped to 3/9 at 310200H. L/3/3 was to link up with 3/9 in the following morning.

The scheme of maneuver for 31 March, was for 3/4 to sweep THON BAI AN (YD 119669) to the north of the battle area. 3/9 was to search out the battle area, and to the northwest. 1/4, conducting Operation BEACON HILL, was to be lifted to CON THIEN to set up blocking positions on the road south of the 69 grid line.

Units proceeded with their assigned missions on 31 March. 3/9 set up nighttime positions in the vicinity of (YD 102658). 3/4 swept through its objective and set up nighttime positions at (YD 118668). 1/4 completed its helilift and moved into its assigned blocking positions for the night. As March ended, the operation was still continuing. Enemy casualties for the 3/9 operation up to the end of March were 53 KIA (conf), 41 KIA (prob), and 2 PW (NVA).

Total enemy casualties during March for Operation PRAIRIE II and III were: 503 KIA (conf), 239 KIA (prob), 15 PW (NVA), 1 PW (VC). Total friendly casualties for March for Operation PRAIRIE II and III were: 94 KIA, 396 WIA (USMC), 7 WIA (USA).

In the field of logistics, three major operations occurred during March. From 1-3 March, 2d Bn, 3d Marines was relieved by 3d Bn, 9th Marines. In addition to the movement of men and supplies, this transfer of responsibility included the orderly and efficient exchange of Class II encampment and garrison items and Class I and V items on hand. Secondly, during March, 11th Engineers completed work on the section of Route 9 between CA LU and KHE SANH. This effort represented the largest single activity undertaken by the engineers within the 3d Marines area of operations and required security support of two platoons from the CA LU Outpost. As a result of the completion and opening of Route 9 to KHE SANH, a ROUGH RIDER carrying supplies and equipment was run down Route 9 to KHE SANH. 3d Marines controlled the convoy during the period it was within the area of operations. In addition to these three logistics efforts, 3d Marines conducted 21 vehicular tactical troop movements, transporting troops to and from the battle area.

Major efforts at Camp CARROLL as a result of the mortar attack on 6-7 March were made to fortify with bunker material or sandbags the entire cantonment area. Five COG bunkers were delivered to major unit commands within the camp, after they had been on order since October 1966. Fighting holes, which did not already possess overhead cover, were provided such cover. Protective holes within all living areas were completed, and the damage suffered from the mortar attack was repaired primarily by second echelon maintenance.

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The Civil Affairs program within the area of operations continued in an orderly fashion, somewhat limited by the heavy operational commitments of the infantry units. A CAC unit formed from 3d Marines assets has undertaken an active patrolling role in the CUA Valley area in an effort to become acquainted with the people with which and the area in which the CAC unit will be operating. At the end of March a major assistance effort was undertaken in the CUA Valley to aid the people of CAM NEGIA whose village had been ravaged by fire. Food, clothing and building materials were afforded the people as part of the assistance program.

Psychological Operations during March primarily emphasized the aircraft drop method of distributing propaganda leaflets both to the enemy and the civilian population. In addition, portable speakers were employed to broadcast messages to the enemy during operations in attempts to bring in ralliers. Broadcasts were also made to the civilian populations in CAM LO and CUA Valley emphasizing support for the government.

As the month drew to a close, operations north of CAM LO continued to require the maximum emphasis and effort from the 3d Marines. Other programs will remain secondary until this effort is resolved or stabilized.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTINGS OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

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A. Combat Missions Assigned.

(1) Basic Mission. 3d Marines conducts recon in force operations in assigned area to detect enemy activity in area; attack and destroy enemy forces located in area making maximum use of supporting arms; ensure the security of supporting arms and installations located in assigned areas; assumes responsibility for coordination of all units in AO and of defensive and administrative functions of mutual interest.

Ref: CG, Third MarDiv 160150Z Oct66 (Frag 0 Assigning OPCON)

(2) 3d Marines will be prepared to commit forces anywhere in PRAIRIE operating area to reinforce or exploit any enemy contacts/sightings made by 3d Recon Bn.

Ref: CO, Third Marines 180530Z Feb67 (0pm PRAIRIE II 0pm Plan 7-67)
CO, Third Marines 011215Z Mar67 (0pm PRAIRIE II Frag 0 11-67)

(3) 3d Marines forces will conduct a 2 phase Search and Destroy Opn in the DONG Ha-DONG Ma Mountain complex, bounded in the west by GL 99, in the east by GL 08, in the north by GL 62, and in the south by GL 57.

Ref: CO, Third Marines 080855Z Mar67 (0pm PRAIRIE II Frag 0 12-67)

(4) A Bn Command Group and 3 companies conduct Search and Destroy Opn in area bounded by GL 08 in west, 12 in east, 68 in north and 59 in south.

Ref: CO, Third Marines 091015Z Mar67 (Planning Msg)

(5) 3d Marines conducts a systematic reconnaissance and surveillance to determine location, composition, and disposition of enemy forces; to locate and record trails in designated zone; to locate and record possible HIZ's for future operations, and to collect essential information of the terrain to include trafficability, river/stream crossings and vegetation; and to exploit any situation that develops.

Ref: CO, Third Marines 091200Z Mar67 (0pm Plan 13-67)

(6) 3d Marines conducts a multiple company recon in force operation in the vicinity of the area extending from the valley north of DONG Ha Mountain complex including the high ground north of this valley extending to the valley known as "HELICOPTER V.LLNY". In conjunction with the recon in force mission a detailed search will be made for possible mortar/rocket sites and possible arms cache sites and to determine if the enemy is operating in this area.

Ref: CO, Third Marines 141605Z Mar67 (0pm PRAIRIE II Frag 0 15-67)

(7) 3d Marines provides forces and fire support as required to reinforce CAM LO District Headquarters, CA LU, BA LONG and D-5 Outposts.

Ref: CO, Third Marines 180745Z Mar67 (0pm PRAIRIE II Frag 0 16-67)

(8) 3d Marines conduct operation with Bn Command Group and Bn (-) in area bounded by GL 61 in south, 69 in north, 08 in west, and 13 in east. Operation to consist primarily of night ambushes. Area of operations to be shifted every 24 hours.

Ref: CO, Third Marines 270930Z Mar67 (0pm PRAIRIE III Frag 0 1-67)

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B. Significant Operations Conducted.

(1) 27 February - 6 March 1967

On the morning of 27 February, a reconnaissance patrol, in the process of moving by foot into its assigned recon area, sighted four NVA northwest of CAM LO. Setting up a hasty ambush, the patrol subsequently discovered that it was in contact with a much larger force, an estimated 100 NVA. The recon patrol broke contact and went under cover. L/3/4 (-) and a platoon of tanks, on a patrol mission north of CAM LO were ordered to proceed west to the vicinity of the recon unit. Progress, however was slow, as the relief elements moved through heavy brush on the north bank of the CAM LO River. Division Forward sought other means to reinforce the engaged patrol. A relief force from 3d Marines was requested; and, in accordance with regimental contingency plans, a company size force was deployed to link up with the recon patrol and exploit the contact. Company G, 2/3 was designated as the relief unit at 271225H and commenced movement at 271335H from Camp CARROLL to a point northwest of CAM LO on the southern side of Hill 124 (YD 075623), where the recon patrol was then located.

At approximately the same time that G/2/3 departed from Camp CARROLL, L/3/4 made contact with a large sized enemy force east of the engaged recon unit and almost directly north of CAM LO. After a heavy fire fight in which L/3/4 suffered light casualties while killing three enemy (conf), that company and the tanks commenced movement again toward the recon patrol, however the tanks were unable to proceed much further due to the densely foliated terrain. At 271610H, 2/3 assumed OPCON of L/3/4 and the tanks and ordered them to set up night time positions at the point of furthest penetration westward (YD 102616). It was planned that G/2/3 would link up with the recon team and then move to the L/3/4 perimeter for the night.

After moving across the CAM LO River, G/2/3 found the terrain difficult to negotiate while moving north toward the recon patrol and did not link up until 272342H. Because of the time, plans for G/2/3 and recon to link up with L/3/4 during the night were cancelled, and the company set up nighttime positions with recon.

It was also decided on the night of 27 February to commit another company and the battalion command group from 2/3 on the following morning, to conduct a search and destroy operation in the area of contact. It was further planned that L/3/4 and the tanks were to return to 3/4 via CAM LO when relieved by elements of 2/3 on 28 February.

At 280630H, L/3/4 came under enemy small arms fire and 60mm and 82/82mm mortar attack in its nighttime position. In addition to the casualties suffered by L/3/4, two of the tanks were damaged by enemy fire. One of the two damaged tanks was unable to move as a result of a hit received from a rocket-propelled grenade, though it was still capable of firing. Counter-mortar fire was returned by artillery and by the weapons within L/3/4's perimeter. Enemy fire was suppressed after L/3/4 had received approximately 150 incoming rounds. Again at 280710H, L/3/4 came under attack, receiving a

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total of 70 additional rounds. In conjunction with the latter mortar attack, L/3/4's lines were also probod. Enemy efforts ceased on every occasion only after heavy countermortar fire. Friendly casualties were 3 KIA and 18 WIA for the three attacks; enemy casualties were 15 KL (prob).

As a result of these three attacks, the fresh 2/3 units were ordered to link up with L/3/4, instead of G/2/3 as originally planned on the preceding night, until the situation was stabilized. Furthermore, L/3/4 was to be joined by its remaining platoon, which had been left in C4M LO, and by a heavy section of tanks for the purpose of extracting the two damaged tanks as soon as the situation permitted. G/2/3 was ordered to move north to Hill 124, search out the area, and set up blocking positions toward which 2/3 was to move after linking up with L/3/4. By 281025H, the 2/3 command group and Company F, after fording the C4M LO River, had linked up with L/3/4. Events, however, had already begun to alter the picture.

At 280955H, G/2/3 received small arms fire while moving north to Hill 124. The enemy, however, broke contact and fled to the north immediately after the company returned fire. Continuing north, G/2/3 was again taken under fire at 281030H, this time by enemy troops in well-camouflaged defensive positions. As the company moved forward, enemy resistance stiffened. The company had to withdraw under fire in order to call in supporting arms to neutralize the resistance. The company suffered 7 KIA, including the company commander, and 18 WIA as a result of this engagement. Many of the casualties were suffered during repeated attempts to recover those casualties taken initially. Supporting arms were called in, while the casualties were recovered and med-evacued.

During late morning on the 28th, it was decided to commit another company to the north of Hill 124 to cut off any enemy withdrawing from G/2/3's contact and to relieve pressure on the ongoing company. M/3/4 was designated as the unit to be committed and was to be helilifted to Hill 162 (YD 070635). Commencing at 281338H, M/3/4 dropped to 2/3 and was lifted into the operating area. The lift was completed by 281404H. Although no enemy resistance was encountered in the landing zone, several mines/booby traps were detonated, resulting in 1 KIA and 11 WIA. M/3/4 then began movement south toward Hill 124 and G/2/3.

During the early afternoon of the 28th, 2/3 reported sporadic contact in the vicinity of L/3/4's position. In addition, L/3/4's third platoon arrived with the heavy section of tanks to extract the two damaged tanks. Plans called for L/3/4 and the tanks to retire from that area later that day.

At approximately 281430H, the 2/3 command group and F/2/3 commenced movement to link up with G/2/3 in order to prosecute the action in that area and continue the operation. However, after moving approximately 400 meters northeast of their starting point and previous positions, those units were engaged by heavy enemy small arms fire and 60mm mortar fire from three sides. Company F and the command group suffered numerous casualties during the initial encounter and while withdrawing to call in supporting arms.

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Included among the initial casualties was the Battalion Commander, Lieutenant Colonel V. CHENESIAN, who was mortally wounded. After LtCol CHENESIAN suffered his initial wounds, the command of the battalion passed to the S-3 Major R. F. SHERIDAN, who was also wounded. A withdrawal was completed back to the former position where L/3/4 and the tanks were still located, and artillery was called in all around the position.

The Regimental Commander, Colonel J. P. LYNIGAN, upon learning of the casualties suffered within the 2/3 command group, at 1630H ordered Lieutenant Colonel E. R. DELONG, then Regimental Executive Officer, to proceed to the 2/3 command group and take command. In addition, the operation being conducted by 3/3 in the vicinity of the "RIZOMECK" was terminated, and 3/3 was alerted for commitment to the operation. F/2/9, which was in DONG HU as a result of a ROUGH RIDER that day, was committed also. F/2/9, chopped to 2/3 at 281730H and moved by truck from DONG HU to CAM LO. LtCol DELONG, after failing in an attempt to reach 2/3 by helo because of incoming mortar rounds and small arms fire in the landing zone landed near CAM LO and linked up with F/2/9, to move in by foot with that unit to the 2/3 position.

The 2/3 elements and L/3/4 continued to receive mortar fire sporadically for the remainder of the afternoon. Late in the day, as attempts were made to bring in med-evac helicopters, enemy fire increased, forcing the helicopters away from the LZ, thus preventing the evacuation of dead and wounded. Enemy troops also probed the perimeter and made several grenade attacks during this time. Contact ceased about 281930H.

At 281835H, 3/3, having been committed, moved out with a command group and Companies I and L for positions north and east of 2/3. By 282345H, all units arrived at positions north of CAM LO along the road leading north from the CAM LO Bridge. Movement by foot then commenced into the objective area and was completed by 010230H March.

That night, F/2/9 and the new Battalion Commander of 2/3 moved by foot across the CAM LO River and north to link up with 2/3. At 010340H this movement was completed, and 2/3 completed consolidation of its nighttime position. G/2/3 and M/3/4, which had been unable to link up during the day, were both ordered to proceed separately to 2/3's main position on the evening of 28 February; however, due to the distance and terrain, they were ordered to secure nighttime positions in their separate locations and complete the link up on 1 March.

On 1 March, 2/3 passed the entire day in position with the new CO reorganizing the battalion, compiling accurate friendly and enemy casualty reports, consolidating Companies G/2/3 and M/3/4, and med-evacating previously inflicted casualties. Med-evac of the casualties was commenced at 010700H and completed at 0745H. M/3/4 arrived at 010945H; G/2/3 arrived at approximately 1150H. F/2/9 linked up with two squads from F/2/3 which had been separated from the main body and spent the night on Hill 84 (ID 092618), searched out the area, and returned to 2/3's primary position by 011300H. L/3/4 moved into the area in which the main elements of 2/3 had been ambushed on the preceding day and recovered the bodies of two friendly KIA's at 011400H.

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In addition, the area surrounding 2/3's primary position was thoroughly searched and the position expanded with company and platoon outposts on surrounding key terrain features.

At 011405H, F/2/9 commenced movement to CAM LO for return to 2/9. The situation had stabilized sufficiently to allow the withdrawal of this company, and at 011537H F/2/9 arrived in the vicinity of CAM LO Bridge and chopped to 2/9. M/3/4 was designated to move to support 3/3 to the north, and at 011622H chopped to 3/3 and commenced movement by foot. However, after proceeding approximately 500 meters, M/3/4 encountered several enemy in the area and became engaged in a fire fight. At 011707H, M/3/4 chopped back to 2/3, which was better able to support the company. The company returned to 2/3's primary position after pursuing the contact and set up nighttime positions in the area. During the night of 1-2 March, 2/3 made contact with the enemy on two occasions inflicting 10 KIA (C) and 21 KIA (P) on enemy units.

3/3 having arrived in the objective area at 010230H, commenced a sweep to the southwest at 010920H. On 1 March, 3/3 made contact with NVA units on two separate occasions while moving west. At 011840H 1/3/3 captured one enemy carrying a radio; the man and the radio were evacuated to ITI. 3/3 set up nighttime positions in the vicinity of (YD 103630). By this time the scheme of maneuver had changed.

On the morning of 1 March, as a result of increased contact and sightings made on the previous day and because of the necessity of withdrawing 2/3 for its scheduled rotation to Okinawa, it was decided to commit another battalion to the operation. To provide adequate fire support to units who were now at the maximum range of 105mm howitzer support from Camp CARROLL, A/1/40 was moved from DONG HU to a position in the (YD 0657) grid square. At 011500H 1/9 arrived in DONG HU from PHU B.I., having been designated as the battalion to be committed. At 011555H the first wave of 1/9 touched down on Hill 162 (YD 070635), and the battalion chopped to 3d Marines. The helolift was completed by 011832H, and 1/9 set up nighttime positions in that vicinity.

The new scheme of maneuver envisioned 1/9 and 3/3 moving north along parallel axes to seize Objectives 1-5 (085633, 100665 for 3/3); (050636, 070657, 080665 for 1/9). 2/3 was to return to its rear at Camp CARROLL on 2 March for rotation to Okinawa. M/3/4, which had been scheduled to chop to 3/3 late on 1 March but had returned to 2/3 because of enemy activity enroute, was to be helolifted to 3/3 on the morning of 2 March. L/3/4 and the tanks were to return to CAM LO with the disabled tank on 2 March. ARVN Ranger units were to be moved into blocking positions to the north of the two attacking battalions.

On the morning of 2 March, Division Forward and 3d Marines requested that 2/3 be allowed to remain in the operation area for an additional two days to continue the operation rather than depart for Okinawa. Division and higher headquarters approved the request and 2/3 set out to the west toward Hill 124 to recover the bodies of two Marines believed to be left in that area from G/2/3's contact on 28 Feb and to search out that area.

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M/3/4 was to remain with 2/3 for this movement. L/3/4 commenced movement with tanks for the CuM LO Bridge at 020800H and arrived at 021230H, chopping to 3/4 at that time. At noon on 2 March, it was decided that M/3/4 could be better employed by 3/3 rather than 2/3, and the company was helilifted to positions in the vicinity of the 3/3 GP. At 021310H the helilift commenced and M/3/4 chopped to 3/3. 2/3 was then given the abbreviated mission of recovering the two bodies and searching out the area south of Hill 124. The battalion was to return to Camp CARRROLL at the completion of this mission to allow enough lead time for proper preparation for rotation to Okinawa. At 021815H 2/3 recovered the two bodies that had been left in the area of G/2/3's firefight on 28 Feb and movement commenced shortly thereafter to CuM LO for pickup by trucks and movement to Camp CARRROLL. 2/3 arrived at CuM LO at 030205H and boarded trucks and the battalion arrived at Camp CARRROLL at 030305H terminating its portion of the operation.

On the morning of 2 March 3/3 set out for Objective 1 (YD 085633) with L/3/3 in the lead. About midday L/3/3 made contact with enemy forces at two separate locations to the east of Objective 1. 3/3 continued on to seize Objective 1. During the course of the afternoon the objective was taken and 3/3 swung north toward Objective 2 (YD 100665) with L/3/3 in the lead. Contact continued during the course of the day with L/3/3 encountering most of the resistance during the afternoon. On the evening of 2 March, L/3/3 received an estimated 75 81/82mm mortar rounds at 1720H, this attack was followed by another at 1730H and another at 1820H. The latter attack also included small arms fire. There were a total of 13 KIA and 12 WIA from these three attacks. 3/3 set up night positions south of Objective 2. During the night L/3/3 received an additional 25 rounds of 81/82mm mortar fire at 030445H in their nighttime position.

At 020745H 1/1/9, prior to moving out in accordance with the day's planned operations, received approximately 70 60mm mortar rounds from the northwest. Fire was returned with 60mm mortars and 155mm howitzers causing the enemy fire to cease. The attack resulted in 2 friendly WIA. At 020805H 1/9 commenced movement to the north toward Objective 4 (YD 070657).

At 021240H the 1/9 command group and C/1/9 received 20 rounds of 81/82mm mortar fire at 021340H 24 additional mortar rounds were received. On the afternoon of 2 March Objective 4 was seized and nighttime positions were set up in that area. Again that evening at 021915H the 1/9 GP was hit by mortar fire, receiving 20 81/82mm rounds. At 030425H the 1/9 GP received another 21 incoming rounds.

On 3 March 3/3 moved north toward Objective 2 (YD 100665) arriving at positions just to the south of it during the night. During the course of the day only sporadic contact was encountered. At 031900H, however, L/3/3 received an estimated 10 rounds of mortar fire as well as sniper fire. Fire was returned resulting in 12 enemy KIA (G). The incident occurred at (YD 109659). L/3/3 set up nighttime positions to the south of the objective. Nighttime contact was minimal.

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On 3 March 1/9 moved north from Objective 4 (YD 070657) to Objective 5 (YD 080665) encountering enemy units throughout the day. At 030720H on 10 sighted three groups of approximately 250 enemy troops each in the area in which 1/9 was operating (YD 055668, 071668, 083662). Artillery and air were called in. 1/9 subsequently conducted a sweep of the area discovering enemy dead and making contact with small groups (up to 30-40) of enemy trying to flee the area. Numerous enemy were killed as a result. During the afternoon and evening the 1/9 command group was mortared three times with a total of 180 rounds received, resulting in 1 KIA and 23 WIA. L/1/9 was mortared during the day also. Nighttime positions were set up to the west of Objective 5. 1/9 had one probing incident during the night.

During the course of the day a helicopter was shot down at (YD 089-665) and a platoon from C/1/9 was moved into the area to protect the downed helicopter after the crew and passengers had been extracted.

On the night of 3 March plans were made for the following two days. Commencing 4 March, 1/9 was to continue northeast through Objective 5 to Objective 6 (YD 095683) then east to intermediate Objective 4 THON THUNG AN (YD 121683), then on to Objective 7 PHU PHUCONG (YD 148681), then southeast to the final objective at (YD 165641), returning to DONG HA on order. 3/3 was to continue through Objective 2 swinging east to the vicinity of (YD 110-665), then sweeping southwest to (YD 088627), then southeast to (YD 119611). The 39th Ranger Battalion was to screen to the north and east along the exposed flank of 1/9. All movement of Marine units was contingent upon the extraction of the downed helicopter on 4 March.

The helicopter was lifted out at 041200H, and the battalion commenced the attack at 1230H. After seizing Objective 5, 1/9 commenced movement toward Objective 6 (YD 095683). At 041310H, while enroute, the battalion received 5 well placed mortar rounds within the march column. These rounds were followed shortly thereafter by an additional 150 enemy 81/82mm mortar rounds which landed beyond the march column inflicting no casualties. Air and artillery support was called in on the suspected enemy mortar positions. Total friendly casualties were 3 WIA.

Contact during the day for 1/9 was continuous but not heavy, excluding the mortar attack. At 1600H 3/3 requested that 1/9 hold in the blocking position as L/3/3 drove north after a fleeing contact. 1/9 held for 90 minutes with no contact. The battalion then moved to the western edge of intermediate Objective 4 and set up nighttime positions. Also a platoon from D/1/9 was sent to 3/3 to move two M-42 dual 40mm's and one tank back to 1/9's positions as these vehicles had been placed under the operational control of the battalion. Only two minor incidents were reported by 1/9 during the night.

On the afternoon of 4 March, after the completed seizure of Objective 2, L/3/3, which had been given the mission of moving into THON BAI Hamlet at (YD 117665), encountered heavy resistance at that location at 041500H. One tank was destroyed during this encounter by a rocket propelled grenade.

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Mortar and small arms fire was received as the company swept into the village and then wheeled north to crush the enemy between the attacking forces as a hasty blocking position set up by elements of 1/9 to the north. After pursuing the enemy until contact dissipated, L/3/3 reversed step and swept back to the south through the hamlet, setting up nighttime positions on the southern edge with I/3/3 and the battalion command group.

M/3/4 which had replaced the platoon from C/1/9 as security for the downed helicopter remained south of the remainder of 3/3 after the aircraft had been extracted at 041200H. Night positions were set up at (YD 083644), and the company's only contact of the day occurred at 042210H when a lone PVN was killed while trying to infiltrate the perimeter.

On the afternoon of 4 March A/1/40 (USA) displaced from GS (YD 0657) to GS (YD 1359) in the vicinity of QM 10, to support the operation to the north from a closer position.

On 5 March, 1/9 encountered heavy harassing and delaying action by the enemy as it advanced east toward Regimental Objective 7 (vic YD 148681). With two companies forward, Company D to the north and Company C to the south, and Company A to the rear as security for the Command group, the battalion was continually in contact with small elements of the enemy. At 051630H, Company D encountered the heaviest contact of the day with 40-50 enemy at (YD 136673), receiving 50-60 incoming mortar (60mm) rounds in addition to heavy small arms fire. During the same period Company C, received 25 incoming 82/82mm mortar rounds. Artillery was brought to bear on the enemy and suppressed the enemy mortar fire; however, small arms fire continued. Enemy fire continued to originate from the hamlet between Company C and the remainder of the battalion and was effectively silenced only after artillery was walked into the intervening area. Medevac was unable to be completed that night, and Company D linked up with the command group and Company A to set up nighttime positions at the northern end of PHU AN. Company C spent the night at the southern end of the hamlet. Heavy defensive fires and TR's were conducted during the night and 1/9 passed the night of 5 March uneventfully.

On 5 March, 3/3 swept southwest to link up with M/3/4, which had passed the previous night in a separate position, and continued on to the vicinity of (YD 08627). The battalion then swept east to (YD 117606) where nighttime positions were set up. There was only no minor contact during the entire day and night.

Because of a boundary change with ARVN units to the east of 1/9, Regimental Objective 7 was eliminated. Also, it was decided to have 3/3 seize PHU AN (YD 166641) instead of 1/9; 3/3 was to be resupplied early on 6 March and provide security for the resupply column continuing on to 1/9. 1/9 was to march south to link up with the resupply column, then continue on to DO 4 Phu.

3/3 linked up with the resupply column early in the morning of 6 March, and commenced movement north with resupply for 1/9 at 061100H. 1/9 swept through PHU AN while Company C blocking to the south and then moved south to

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link up with 3/3 for resupply. Link up was completed at 1400H, whereupon 3/3 swept southwest to seize THIEN GIAI. 1/9 continued on to the CAM LO Bridge where the battalion boarded trucks and commenced movement to 11 G 14. 1/9 chopped to Division Forward at 061850H. 3/3 completed its sweep through THIEN GIAI and also moved to the CAM LO Bridge to await transportation to the battalion permanent position south of T. O. SOI RIVER. M/3/4 chopped back to 3/4 at 062030H. All units had returned to their permanent positions by 062125H and the operation was terminated.

Total enemy casualties for the portion of PRALIR II including 27 February- 6 March, as inflicted by the 3d Marines, were 265 KL(C), 192 KL(P), 10 PV (NVA) and 1 PV (VC).

Ref: CO THIRD MARINES 180530Z MAR 67 (OPN PRALIR II OPN PHAN T-67)
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(2) 1-3 March. During the period 1-3 March 3/9 relieved 2/3 as Camp CARROLL defense battalion with responsibility for the eastern half of the 3d Marines AO. At 011730H 1/3/9 chopped to 3d Marines and assumed the defense of Outpost D-5, relieving 2/2/3. At 021710H, M/3/9 chopped to the 3d Marines and relieved 2/3 of the responsibility for a portion of the perimeter at Camp CARROLL. At 021800H, K/3/9 chopped to 3d Marines relieving 2/2/3 at Bn LO G. At 031315H, 3/9 relieved 2/3 of responsibility for the eastern half of the 3d Marines AO and as the Camp CARROLL defense battalion.

Ref: CO BATT 3/9 030525Z MAR 67 (ASSUMPTION OF RESPONSIBILITY OF AO)

(3) 6-7 March. At 062358H March enemy units to the north commenced a mortar and rocket attack on Camp CARROLL which lasted one hour. Countermortar fire commenced at 070005H and continued until enemy fire was suppressed. Again at 070407 Camp CARROLL was again attacked with mortars and rockets. The second attack lasted approximately thirty minutes and was again suppressed by counter-mortar fire from the plateau. At 070630H the third and final attack commenced and was suppressed after approximately twenty minutes. 336 mortar/rocket rounds, by crater count, fell on the Camp during the three attacks. A total of over 500 artillery rounds were fired in counter-mortar fires. Friendly casualties were 6 KL and 41 WL, plus extensive superficial damage to tents and vehicles at the northern end of the perimeter. Only one artillery weapon on a 175mm howitzer, was damaged and that was not severe. Most of the damaged equipment was repaired by second echelon maintenance. The center of impact fell at the northern side of the perimeter.

On the morning of 7 March aerial observers to the north of DONG DA Mountain spotted several fleeing enemy and called in artillery strikes, resulting in several killed. The enemy were seen to be carrying rocket tubes. During the day, patrols were conducted to the south of CAM LO River, and the southern slope of the DOA DA/DOA M Mountain complex was covered with heavy direct fire brought to bear by tanks, antia, dual 40mm's and quad 50's as it was again on 8 March. In addition, at 071750H, K/3/4 chopped to the 3d Marines to provide additional security for Camp Carroll during the absence of 3/9, which had been chopped to Division Forward. Plans were also made to conduct

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an operation north of the CAM LO River in the vicinity of the enemy mortar sites to destroy them and prevent the enemy from reoccupying the area. In the meantime, Camp CARROLL commenced repairing the damage.

(4) 8-13 March. In response to the mortar attack on Camp CARROLL, M/3/3 commenced a systemized search of the area to the west of DONG HA Mountain in the valley just south of "MUTTER" Ridge. This company-sized patrol base was to be coordinated with the battalion-sized operation to the east; however, the latter operation was delayed several days as more forces were made available. On 8 March, direct fire weapons again hammered the southern slopes of the DONG HA/DONG MA Mountain complex in order to prevent enemy units from moving into possible mortar positions prior to nightfall. Extensive H&I's were conducted throughout the night.

At 081300H, 3d Marines assumed operational control of 2/26 which had been moved into the FRAIRIE area from DA NANG. 2/26 set up a base camp south of the CAM LO River (vic YD 085575) in preparation for the operation to the north.

At 091121H, the 3/9 command group and Companies L and M returned to the CFCN of 3d Marines from Division Forward, and K/3/4 returned to 3/4. The scheme of maneuver now evolved into a two battalion operation with M/3/3 operating in conjunction to the west. With Companies I and M, the 3/9 command group was to operate in the DONG HA/DONG MA Mountain complex north to grid line 62. 3/9 was to commence from the east and sweep in a western direction along the southern ridgeline, then move north over the top of DONG HA and back in an eastern direction along the northern ridgeline. With Companies E, G, and H, the 2/26 command group was to move north across the CAM LO River to seize Objective 1 (vic YD 100625) and 2 (vic YD 105645) and move to a blocking position farther north (YD 095673 to YD 116662) to support an ARVN airborne sweep west from vicinity Route 1. Movement was to commence on 10 March. M/3/3 was to approach DONG HA Mountain from the west then swing south to the CAM LO River, then east again along the northern bank.

At 100630H March, 2/26, after outposting a company on the northern bank of the CAM LO River on the preceding day, commenced movement north into its assigned operating area. At 100930H, 3/9 commenced movement from Camp CARROLL into its assigned operating area. M/3/3 had already been inserted into its operating area on 8 March and had been conducting heavy patrolling activities in the area. In support of the operation, F/2/12 displaced from DONG HA to CAM LO on 10 March to provide artillery support.

On 10 March, operating units had no contact. G/2/26 seized Objective 1 on the afternoon of 10 March. That evening it was decided that 3/4, which had been operating to the east of 2/26, would be chopped to the 3d Marines from Division Forward on the following day and continue operations in conjunction with 2/26. 3/4 was to move from its previously held position on Route 76 leading north from CAM LO to an objective and blocking position located in the vicinity of (YD 155680). 2/26 had its blocking position modified and shifted to a final objective and blocking

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position in the vicinity of (YD 113675). 3/4 was to hold up at its nighttime position of 10 March until 2/26 moved abreast, then both units were to advance north on line toward their final objectives/blocking positions. Both 3/4 and 2/26 were to hold in their blocking positions while ARVN airborne units sweep west across their fronts. 3/9 and M/3/3 were to continue their previously assigned missions.

At 010800H March, the 3d Marines assumed OPCON of 3/4. All units except 3/4 commenced movement. M/3/3 during the day advanced half-way up the western slope of DONG HA Mountain then turned south toward the CAM LO River, setting up nighttime positions in the vicinity of (YD 008572). 3/9 continued its advance toward the top of DONG HA Mountain from the east and set up nighttime positions at (YD 025585). 2/26 in addition to moving north, left E/2/26 in the vicinity of (YD 104615) to destroy a bunker complex in that area. The remainder of the battalion moved north and Objective 2 was seized by the lead elements that afternoon, with nighttime positions being set up in that vicinity. 3/4 commenced movement on its final objective at 110915H, as 2/26 units encountered slow progress in the rough terrain to the east. 3/4 was the only unit which made contact on 11 March; however, on the two occasions in which contact was made, the enemy fled immediately thereafter. 3/4 reached its final objective on the evening of 11 March and entered with no resistance, setting up nighttime positions there. That night, 3/4 had the only contact in a brief fire fight at 120513H which resulted in 5 enemy KIA (C) and 1 KIA (F), while 3/4 sustained 1 KIA and 1 WIA.

On 12 March, all units except 3/4 continued movement. M/3/3 moved east along the northern bank of the CAM LO River to (YD 055570), where nighttime positions were established. 3/9 moved over the top of DONG HA Mountain and swung back to the east along the northern running ridgeline, setting up nighttime positions in the vicinity of (YD 039606). 2/26 moved north on its final objective. E/2/26, which had remained to the south to destroy an enemy bunker complex, completed its task and was helilifted to link up with the command group to the north. By nightfall 2/26 occupied nighttime positions in the vicinity of its final objective area to be seized on the following day. 3/4 remained in position and conducted local patrol activities. The only contact of the day was made by 2/26 on two separate occasions while moving north, resulting in 1 enemy KIA (C) and 1 KIA (F).

On 13 March, plans called for all units to continue previously assigned missions, except for 3/4 which was to move north and east to seize Objectives 6, 7 and 8 previously assigned to ARVN airborne units operating in that area. M/3/3 completed its assigned mission, moved south across the CAM LO River, and back to its CP by truck along Route 9, arriving there at 131310H. The command group and I/3/9 were also moved out of their operating areas on the afternoon of 13 March; the movement, by helicopter, was completed at 131410H. M/3/9 remained in the operating area to complete the sweep. At 131440H, 2/26 reached its limit of advance at the road running east to west on the 699 grid line, after sweeping through the village area of its final objective. At 131320H, 3/4 was ordered to move out and seize the hamlet at ARVN Objective 6 (YD 155702).

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which the battalion secured by 131546H. 3/4 then moved south to set up nighttime positions at (YD 155693).

On 14 March plans called for all units to complete their assigned missions. M/3/9 was to move east and then south to Route 9 for pickup and return to Camp CARROLL; 2/26 was to continue to search its final objective area and be prepared to move to CAM LO for truck pickup or to extract by helicopter. 3/4 was to seize ARVN Objective 7 and 8, then continue east to Route 1 for pickup and return to DONG HA, chopping to Division Forward upon pickup.

At 140730H, 3/4 moved out toward ARVN Objective 7 (YD 158700); lead elements of the battalion entered the objective at 0815H and secured it shortly thereafter. At 0859H, K/3/4 moved on toward ARVN Objective 8 and commenced sweeping the area at 0935H. At 1110H, 3/4 swept through ARVN Objective A, while moving to the pickup point (YD 216693) at 1326H and boarded trucks for DONG HA at 1430H, chopping to Division Forward.

2/26 searched out the area of its final objective on the morning of 14 March, finding several mines and some enemy positions. At 1330H, 2/26 commenced movement by helicopter to 3/3's primary position south of THON SON LAM. By 1720H, the helilift was complete. M/3/9 which had remained in the 3/9 operating area an extra day moved east and then south across to CAM LO River to Route 9, arriving there at 1715H. By 1905H, M/3/9 had returned to Camp CARROLL, completing the move by truck. Total enemy casualties for this operations were 7 KIA (C), 2 KIA (F), and 1 PW (NVA).

Ref: CO, 3d Marines 080855Z Mar67 (Opn PRAIRIE II Frag0 12-67)

(5) 15-28 March. Planning called for another multi-battalion operation to follow immediately, a second phase - so to speak - to search out the area north of DONG HA Mountain and to the west of the area in which 2/26 had operated. The operation was to involve three battalions. The lead battalion was to move from an assembly area just west of CAM LO across the CAM LO River and northwest into an area known as "HELICOPTER" Valley (vic YD 035640). A second battalion was to follow in trace of the lead battalion, then sweep southwest along the valley north of DONG HA Mountain and south of "MUTTER" Ridge. The third battalion was to set up a firing position for direct fire weapons south of "MUTTER" Ridge in the valley between DONG HA Mountain and the "RAZORBACK" (vic YD 978508); this unit was to cover "MUTTER" Ridge and the battalion moving southwest in the valley along the southern slope of "MUTTER" Ridge. The lead battalion was to move into the assembly area on D-Day, with one company outposted north of the CAM LO River and was to commence its portion of the operation on D+1. The second battalion was to move into the assembly area on D+1, with a company outposted north of the CAM LO River, and commence movement on D+2. The direct fire weapons were to move into the fire support position on order. D-Day was to be 15 March.

At 151000H, 1/9 chopped to the 3d Marines, as the designated lead battalion. At 1100H, the lead company, C/1/9, departed DONG HA for the assembly area. By 1800H, the battalion command group and Companies A and

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and D had also arrived, and C/1/9 was outposted just north of the CAM LO River. The battalion assembly area was in the vicinity of (YD 087597). 3/3, which was to follow in trace of 1/9, was preparing for relief of defensive responsibilities in the THON SON LAM area by 2/26. On the evening of 15 March, it was decided to delay the operation until 17 March in order to coordinate the timing of this operation with the employment of the SLF.

New missions were assigned to all units for the intervening time. 3/3 was to hold in place. 2/26 was to conduct a company patrol to the west of the THON SON LAM position along the KHE GIANG THOAN and the SUOI TIEN HIEU Rivers west to grid line 90 and north to grid line 55. 1/9 was to conduct extensive patrols north of the CAM LO River between grid lines 05 and 11. 3/9, which had been the reserve battalion for the forthcoming operation, was to conduct a company sweep to the southeast of the D-5 Outpost, centered along the road running east from Route 558. Fire support for this company-sized operation was to be provided by 2 155mm howitzers from M/4/12 displacing to a firing position just south of D-5. The 3/9 company sweep was to continue until 18 March; all other activities were to be terminated with the continuation of the multi-battalion operation on 17 March.

At 160730H, 1/9 commenced its assigned patrols. At 161000H, I/3/9, designated for the company sweep southeast of D-5, commenced movement to the objective area. At 161200H, 2/26 commenced its assigned patrols, however, the 2/26 company sized patrol was shortened because of the time factor. The only contact of the day was encountered by I/3/9 and resulted in 1 enemy KIA (C).

On the afternoon of 16 March, patrolling units at KHE SANH encountered heavy enemy contact, as did relief elements. As a result, I/3/3, originally assigned to participate in the multi-battalion operation, was placed on an alert status for movement to KHE SANH. All other units concerned made preparations for continuation of the multi-battalion operation on 17 March. 2/26 was also to continue patrolling to the west and send out an additional patrol to the west of the "RAZORBACK".

At 170700H, 1/9 commenced movement northwest toward "HELICOPTER" Valley. At 171445H, 3/3, after being relieved by 2/26, commenced movement for the assembly area in the vicinity of the one previously occupied by 1/9. At approximately the same time, I/3/3 commenced helilift to KHE SANH and dropped to SOP KHE SANH. The I/3/3 helilift was completed at 171730H. Only 1/9 made light contact during the day.

1/9 set up nighttime positions in the vicinity of (YD 058634) with one company to the west. 3/3 set up nighttime positions with the command group and Companies K and L in the vicinity of (YD 094585). Intentions for 18 March were to have 1/9 continue movement northwest and 3/3 commence movement into the objective area. 2/26 was to move a company north with direct fire weapons (tanks, mortars, and dual 40mm's) and be in position by 181000H.

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At 130000H, 3/3 commenced movement across the CAM LO River. 3/3 was ordered to search out the area on the northern bank of the CAM LO River and link up with a recon patrol in contact to the northeast. The link up was completed by 1210H and the patrol was extracted to the south. 3/3 set up nighttime positions for the two companies north of the river, while the command group and security remained south of the river.

At 0830H, G/2/26 departed the 2/26 primary position with direct fire weapons to establish a fire support position to the south of "MUTTER" Ridge. Units were in place in the vicinity of (XD 978588) by mid-morning. At 0837H, 1/9 commenced a movement of its elements to the north and west to recon in force the surrounding areas. 1/9 moved to nighttime positions 1000 meters west of the positions held on 17 March and set up in the vicinity of (YD 046635). I/3/9 was helilifted back to Camp CARROLL on the afternoon of 18 March. There was no contact on 18 March. At 182400H Operation PRAIRIE II concluded, and Operation PRAIRIE III commenced, as the 3d Marines continued with its multi-battalion operation north of DONG HA Mountain.

Intentions for 19 March remained the same for the operating units. All 3/3 units moved across the CAM LO River on the morning of 19 March and commenced search of the area in the vicinity of (YD 0861). At midday K/3/3 located a large enemy rocket site (YD 072618), presumably one of those used to attack Camp CARROLL on the night of 6-7 March. At 191440H, I/3/3 commenced helilifting from KHE SANH to the 3/3 primary position, its security mission at KHE SANH completed. The company arrived at 191552H and chopped back to 3/3, whereupon it was committed to the operation. I/3/3 moved by truck to the operating area and set up nighttime positions at (YD 095583) to the south of the CAM LO River. The remainder of the battalion remained to the north of the river.

1/9 units again searched to the west and north of their positions during the day, returning to the same nighttime positions that had been occupied on the previous night (YD 046636). At 191925H the 1/9 position received incoming 81/82mm mortar rounds. Approximately 85-90 rounds fell on the position, having been fired from positions to the northwest. Countermortar fire was immediately brought to bear and succeeded in suppressing enemy fire. Marine casualties sustained were 6 KIA, 37 WIA. G/2/26 maintained its direct fire position south of "MUTTER" Ridge on 19 March and conducted patrols to the east and north along the valley between the ridgeline and DONG HA Mountain. In addition, 2/26 conducted patrols to the west of the "RAZORBACK". Missions remained the same for units on 20 March, except that 3/3 was to continue to search out the area in which the rocket site had been located on 19 March and to provide security for an EOD team which was to inspect the rocket site and blow duds.

On 20 March, 3/3 continued to search out the area of the rocket sites, and 1/9 conducted heavy patrol activities north and west of its nighttime positions. On the afternoon of 20 March, plans were laid for the following two days. 1/9 was to relieve 3/3 of its search mission in the vicinity of

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the rocket site. In addition, the battalion was to search out the stream bed area known as KHE MAI (vic YD 065605) and move into an assembly area in grid square (YD 0958) in preparation for a helilift to the north on 22 or 23 March. 3/3 upon relief by 1/9 was to move to an assembly area to the east for the night and be prepared to attack north on 22 March following the trace of grid line 10. In accordance with these plans 1/9 moved southeast, linking up with 3/3 and assuming its mission on the evening of 20 March. Nighttime positions were set up in the vicinity of (YD 053'20). 3/3 upon relief by 1/9 moved to the vicinity of (YD 085598) and set up nighttime positions. G/2/26 was withdrawn from its direct fire position to the south and remained for the night at the permanent position at the northern base of the "ROCKPILE".

On the morning of 21 March, 3/3 was ordered to commence its sweep north along grid line 10 on the same day. The 3/3 area was bounded on the west by grid line YD 08, on the east by the road from CAM 10 to THU AN (vic grid line YD 13), and on the north by the road just south of grid line YD 69. 3/3 was to cover thoroughly the area 1500 meters to either side of the YD 10 grid line. On the afternoon of 21 March, 3/3 moved east to carry out its assigned mission and set up nighttime positions in the vicinity of (YD 096610). 3/3 experienced the only contact on 21 March; however, the enemy broke contact immediately.

1/9 continued with its previously assigned mission, moving into the assigned assembly area at (YD 08659), south of the river, for its nighttime position. G/2/26 resumed its direct fire position at (YD 978588) on 21 March. On the morning of 21 March, M/3/9 was assigned a two day search and destroy mission in the vicinity of (YD 164619) as the result of aerial photo intelligence locating an enemy rocket site in that area. The company moved into the area by vehicle from Camp CARROLL and set up nighttime positions at (YD 144615).

On 22 March, 3/3 moved north along its axis of advance through thick terrain. Movement was exceedingly slow and nighttime positions were set up at (YD 992591) with the leading units setting in as far north as (YD 115640). 1/9 continued with assigned patrol activities. G/2/26 conducted a company-sized patrol activity along the valley between "MUTTER" Ridge and DONG HA Mountain. M/3/9 completed its search and destroy mission with negative results and returned to Camp CARROLL arriving at 211557H. Although a number of enemy fighting positions and camp sites had been discovered, there had been no firm contact with the enemy, except for the mortar attack on 1/9, since the commencement of the operation.

Plans for 23 March called for 1/9 to be helilifted to the vicinity of CON THIEN (GS 1069) to influence the action of the Special Landing Force (1/4) which had landed on the coast and was advancing inland to the west. 3/3 was to continue its advance north in coordination with the helilift of 1/9.

On 23 March, as 3/3 advanced north, contact with the enemy was made

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on several occasions, resulting in 1 KIA (conf) and 11 KIA (prob). The enemy broke contact to the north. 3/3 set up nighttime positions in the vicinity of (YD 103658). On the afternoon of 23 March it was decided to alter the scheme of maneuver and move 1/9 to the eastern flank of 3/3 by vehicle along Route 76. Both units were to move north abreast on the 24th, with the YD 69 grid line as the eventual limit of advance. In addition, F/2/12, which had been supporting the operation from CAM LO, was to displace north to a forward artillery position at (YD 143616), with security being provided by a provisional company formed from the 3d Marines units and HQ, 12th Marines. The scheme of maneuver was still concerned with influencing the action of the SLF.

1/9 commenced movement by vehicle at 231553H to the forward artillery position at which the unit dismounted and proceeded north along Route 76 by foot. 1/9 set up nighttime positions at (YD 147625) with one company to the north. 3/3 set up nighttime positions in the vicinity of (YD 103658). G/2/26 continued its company-sized patrol in the valley south of "MUTTER" Ridge (vic YD 995584). At 240815H, 1/9 commenced movement north. During the morning and afternoon, the battalion engaged in heavy fire fights with enemy troops well entrenched positions at several locations. The action took place in the vicinity of PHU AN (YD 134673). Results of the day's contact by 1/9 were 7 friendly KIA and 57 WIA; with 23 KIA (conf) and 43 KIA (prob) inflicted on the enemy. 1/9 set up nighttime positions to the south of PHU AN at (YD 142658).

At 240830H, 3/3 commenced movement north. At 0945H, the command group and L/3/3 came under mortar attack, receiving approximately 33 rounds of 81/120mm mortar fire. The attack was suppressed after countermortar fire was delivered. Friendly casualties were 3 KIA and 17 WIA. During the afternoon 3/3 also came in contact with the enemy. The enemy was located in entrenched positions in the hamlets of TAN HOA and AN HOA and employed small arms and 60mm mortars. The enemy, however, broke contact on each occasion. Total friendly casualties sustained by 3/3 were 7 KIA and 25 WIA; casualties inflicted on the enemy were 37 KIA (conf) and 17 KIA (prob). 3/3 set up nighttime positions in the vicinity of (YD 114676).

G/2/26 returned to its battalion position south of THON SON LAM on 24 March.

On 25 March, 3/3 continued the attack in the vicinity of TAN HOA and AN HOA Hamlets (YD 115675). The battalion encountered resistance throughout the day, including five separate mortar attacks. By the end of the day the battalion had approached the limit of advance and set up nighttime positions at (YD 113686) with elements remaining to the south to continue operating in that area.

During 25 March, 1/9 continued its attack on PHU AN. Moving up flame and gun tanks in the morning, the battalion assaulted through the village in the afternoon after thorough preparation fires by supporting arms. Only rear guard action was encountered; however, 10 additional enemy bodies were discovered, a PW (NVA) was taken, and numerous items of

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equipment were captured. 1/9 again withdrew to the south to set up nighttime positions with companies outposted north of the hamlet.

On 26 March, 3/3 moved northwest from positions on the preceding day to the vicinity of (YD 124689) where nighttime position were set up. Just prior to midnight the battalion came under two mortar attacks receiving an aggregate total of 213 81/82mm mortar rounds. Marine casualties were 1 KIA and 6 WIA. 1/9 moved northwest on 26 March, setting up nighttime positions in THU AN with companies outposted at (YD 143696) and (YD 143693). The battalion had only minor contact on 26 March.

On 27 March 3/3 proceeded north of CON THIEN to operate in that area. 1/9 drew back to the south of THU AN in preparation for withdrawing on the following day. Plans for 28 March, were to terminate the operation by moving the two battalions south to the forward artillery position at (YD 143616) for pick up by truck.

At 260915H, 1/9 arrived at the pick up point; at 1100H the battalion arrived at Camp CARROLL to relieve 3/9. By 1300H all 3/3 units had arrived at the pickup point and commenced motor march to the THON SON LAM position, arriving there at 1545H terminating the operation. Friendly casualties for the operation were 28 KIA, 176 WIA. Enemy casualties were 93 KIA (conf), 71 KIA (prob), 2 IW (NVA), in addition to numerous items of captured equipment.

Ref: CO, 3d Marines 141605Z Mar67 (Opn PRAIRIE II Frag0 15-67)

(6) 26-31 March (Operation BEACON HILL). At 260300H, the 3d Marines assumed operational control of Operation BEACON HILL being conducted by 1/4. The BLT had landed on the coast and moved inland to positions west of GIO LINH and Route 1. For the purpose of coordination of the battalions operating in this area, 3d Marines was in the best position to control 1/4 effectively. On 26 March, 1/4 continued west, with the lead elements reaching (YD 117722); the command group remained in the vicinity of GIO LINH for the night. During the day's activities the lead company made contact with the enemy during the afternoon, and in the evening a medevac chopper was shot down trying to evacuate wounded from the day's contact.

On 27 March, 1/4 continued to operate in the vicinity of the previous day's activity completing the seizure of Objectives A and 4. On 28 March, the battalion pulled back to the vicinity of GIO LINH. On 29 March, 1/4 detached B/1/4 to provide security for G/2/12 which had set up a forward artillery position between GIO LINH and DONG HA on Route 1. A/1/4 conducted a combined sweep with ARVN forces along the coast. The remaining two companies operated in the vicinity of GIO LINH. On 31 March, 1/4 was alerted for a helilift to the vicinity of CON THIEN to set up a blocking position for 3d Marines forces operating to the south. The command group and Companies A, C, D were lifted into the area on the afternoon of 31 March and set up blocking positions along the road just south of the 69 grid line to the south of CON THIEN. Total friendly

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casualties for Operation BEACON HILL to 312400H were 33 KIA and 241 WIA. Casualties inflicted upon the enemy were 351 KIA (conf), 451 KIA (prob), 1 FI (VC, 1 FI (NVA). However, most of the contact occurred prior to the 3d Marines assumption of operational control at 260600H.

(7) 27 March. A ROUGH RIDER convoy was conducted from DONG HA to KHE SANH on 27 March 1967. 3d Marines assumed OFCON of the convoy as it entered the 3d Marines AO at checkpoint #91 at 270830H, and relinquished OFCON when the convoy reached checkpoint #7 at 271130H. On the convoy's return trip, 3d Marines assumed OFCON of the convoy at checkpoint #7 at 271500H and again chopped OFCON of the convoy to 3dMarDiv(Fwd) at checkpoint #91 at 171700H.

Ref: 3dMarDiv(Fwd) 270230Z Mar67

(8) 28-31 March. On 28 March, as 1/9 and 3/3 came out of the field, plans had been made to replace them in the field with 3/9. The battalion was to be relieved of responsibility for the defense of Camp CARROLL by 1/9 and move into the operating area by motor march. The area was bounded on the north by the road south of grid line 69, on the east by the road in the vicinity of grid line 13, and on the west by grid line 08. 3/4 was to be operating to the east under the operational control of Division Forward, and 1/4 was to operate to the north continuing with Operation BEACON HILL. 3/9's activities were to consist primarily of night ambushes.

At 260900H E/2/26 chopped to 3/9 to participate in the operation. By 1835H, the command group, I and M/3/9, and E/2/26 arrived in the operating area. The battalion set up nighttime ambush positions in the vicinity of (YD 113613). On 29 March, 3/9 moved to nighttime ambush positions in the vicinity of (YD 101630).

E/2/26 moved to nighttime positions at (YD 138615) in preparation for movement to the 2/26 command post at THON SON LAM on the following day. 2/26 was to depart for DA NANG on 30 March. At 301005H, E/2/26 departed for THON SON LAM by motor march and chopped to 2/26 at 1040H. At 301430H, the lead elements of 2/26 departed for DONG HA and the battalion chopped to 3dMarDiv(Fwd). On 30 March, 3/9 moved north in preparation for night ambush positions. On the afternoon of 30 March, M/3/9 made contact with an enemy unit of undetermined size. The enemy broke contact, fleeing east; while in pursuit M/3/9 succeeded in killing 4 enemy (conf). At 301800H, I/3/9 reported receiving mortar fire in the vicinity of (YD 104654). In the resulting action, the enemy walked mortars across the I/3/9 command group and second platoon, then assaulted twice, succeeding in overrunning the position on the second attempt. The first and third platoons, upon learning of the action, moved to assist the remainder of the company and were ambushed by the enemy from a hasty ambush position as they moved into the area. With the arrival of UH-1E gunships, the company succeeded in driving off the enemy. Total friendly casualties for the incident were 15 KIA, including the company commander, the executive officer and the battalion air officer, and 47 WIA.

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Reported enemy casualties were 41 KIA (conf) and 35 KIA (prob); however, additional bodies were found in the battle area for several days thereafter.

As a result of this encounter, 3/4 (command group and K and L/3/4) operating to the west, was chopped to 3d Marines, to be moved west to assist 3/9 if necessary. In addition, L/3/3 was designated to join 3/9 and moved by convoy from the 3/3 position at THON SON LAM into the operating area, arriving in the vicinity of (YD 141631) at 310500H. L/3/3 chopped to 3/9 at 310200H. L/3/3 was to link up with 3/9 in the following morning.

The scheme of maneuver for 31 March, was for 3/4 to sweep THON BAI AN (YD 119169) to the north of the battle area. 3/9 was to search out the battle area, and to the northwest. 1/4, conducting Operation BEACON HILL, was to be lifted to COM THIEN to set up blocking positions on the road south of the 69 grid line.

Units proceeded with their assigned missions on 31 March. 3/9 set up nighttime positions in the vicinity of (YD 102658). 3/4 swept through its objective and set up nighttime positions at (YD 118668). 1/4 completed its helilift and moved into its assigned blocking positions for the night. As March ended, the operation was still continuing. Enemy casualties for the 3/9 operation up to the end of March were 53 KIA (conf), 41 KIA (prob) and 2 PW (NVA).

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(9) 1-31 March. 3d Marines conducted the defense of Camp CARROLL. As a result of the enemy mortar attack on Camp CARROLL, defensive positions were improved. A new COC bunker was completed, which provides much greater protection than the previous COC. Individual holes with overhead cover were given top priority, and work on this project has progressed satisfactorily. Countermortar drills were conducted whenever possible and a standard alarm system developed throughout the camp.

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C. Casualties Inflicted on the Enemy.

(1) 011100H, A0 observed 40 enemy at (YD 104638). Air strike and arty mission called in on enemy position. Results: 10 enemy KIA (conf), 10 enemy KIA (prob).

(2) 011440H, I/3/3 (YD 105633) made contact with approximately 25 NWs. During ensuing fire fight, 21 enemy were KIA (conf), 7 enemy KIA (prob).

(3) At 011640H, M/3/4 (YD 107620) made contact with several enemy. Results of ensuing fire fight: 1 enemy KIA (conf).

(4) At 011650H, M/3/4 (YD 108616) located 1 enemy KIA (conf).

(5) At 011655H, L/3/4 (YD 103614) located 3 enemy bodies in bunker. Results: 3 enemy KIA (conf).

(6) At 011715, L/3/4 received small arms fire from (YD 107615). Fire was returned and search of area revealed 1 enemy KIA (conf).

(7) At 011720H, M/3/4 (YD 107620) received small arms fire from unknown number of enemy. Fire was returned and area searched resulting in 1 enemy KIA (conf).

(8) At 011730H, M/3/4 (YD 107620) observed and killed 2 enemy during brief fire fight. Results: 2 enemy KIA (conf).

(9) At 011840H, I/3/3 captured 1 enemy at (YD 105635). Results: 1 PW (ivka).

(10) At 012300H, F/2/3, ambush position fired on 5 enemy (YD 106614). Results: 1 enemy KIA (conf), and 1 enemy (prob).

(11) At 012316H, F/2/3 observed and fired on enemy at (YD 101612). Enemy broke contact and fled north. Arty mission fired. Search of area revealed 10 enemy bodies and signs of 20 KIA (prob). Results: 10 enemy KIA (conf), and 20 enemy KIA (prob).

(12) At 021030H, M/3/4 located 1 NW body along trail at (YD 102617). Results: 1 PW KIA (conf).

(13) At 021040H, A0 observed 5 enemy bodies on trail at (YD 065653). Results: 5 enemy KIA (conf).

(14) At 021130H, I/3/3 encountered estimated 10 enemy at (YD 093635). Results of action was 10 enemy KIA (conf) and 10 enemy KIA (prob).

(15) At 021215H, I/9 (YD 065647) made contact with unknown number of enemy resulting in 9 enemy KIA (conf) and 4 enemy KIA (prob).

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(16) At 021215H, 9th Marines Snipers observed enemy on trail at (YD 070635). Sniper fired and observed 1 enemy fall. Results: 1 enemy KL (conf).

(17) At 021330H, L/3/3 captured 1 NVL at (YD 097448). Results 1 PW (NVL).

(18) At 021420H, 3d Marines also reported observing unknown number of enemy camouflaged at YD 035641. Arty mission fired and AO reported 5 enemy KL (conf).

(19) At 021530H, L/3/3 encountered unknown number of enemy at (YD 097649). Results of fire fight was 15 enemy KL (conf).

(20) At 021610H, D/1/9 sprung an ambush on estimated 60 NVL at (YD 060660) resulting in 10 enemy KL (conf), and 2 enemy KL (prob).

(21) At 021645H, A/1/9 observed and fired at 6-10 enemy at (YD 062667) resulting in 2 enemy KL (prob).

(22) At 030520H, L/3/3 ambush (YD 084645) made contact with 2 NVL resulting in 2 NVL KIA (conf).

(23) At 030720H, A/1/9 observed estimated 250 enemy troops carrying dead and wounded at (YD 055668), (YD 071668) and (YD 083662). AO directed arty fire mission. Area searched at 030800H and 76 enemy bodies were located and signs of 25 KL (prob). Results: 76 enemy KL (conf), and 25 enemy KL (prob).

(24) At 030745H, D/1/9 observed 25 enemy at (YD 08664). Ensuing fire fight resulted in 3 enemy KL (conf) and 2 enemy KL (prob).

(25) At 030800H, L/1/9 (YD 069657) observed 2 enemy. During the ensuing fire fight, 1 enemy was KL (conf) and 1 enemy was wounded and captured. Results: 1 enemy KL (conf) and 1 enemy PW.

(26) At 030900H, A/1/9 observed and fired at estimated 8 enemy at (YD 073660). Search of area revealed 4 enemy KL (conf).

(27) At 030925H, A/1/9 observed and fired at 10 enemy at (YD 071661). Search of area revealed 2 enemy KL (conf) and 4 enemy KL (prob).

(28) At 031035H, M/3/3 located 1 enemy body at (YD 084635). Results: 1 enemy KL (conf).

(29) At 031100H, D/1/9 (YD 063654) encountered 5 NVL on trail. During ensuing fire fight, 5 NVL were KL (conf).

(30) At 031215H, A/1/9 captured 1 PW (NVL) at (YD 075665).

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(31) At 031245H, A/1/9 (ID 072668) encountered estimated 30-45 enemy. During the ensuing fire fight 25 enemy were KIA (conf) 17 enemy were KIA (prob), and 4 PW (MVA) were captured.

(32) At 031310H, D/1/9 (ID 070660) located 23 MVA bodies. Results: 23 MVA, KIA (conf).

(33) At 031345H, A/1/9 (ID 076667) engaged approximately 30 MVA (ID 074665) moving NW towards DMZ. The enemy group was taken under fire resulting in 12 enemy KIA (conf) and 7 enemy KIA (prob).

(34) At 031730H, L/3/3 observed and killed 8 MVA at (ID 103659)

(35) At 031745H, C/1/9 (ID 07652) located 7 enemy bodies. Results: 7 enemy KIA (conf).

(36) At 031900H, Companies I and L/3/3 (ID 105658) made contact with unknown number of enemy, Results of encounter: 8 enemy KIA (conf).

(37) At 040130H, M/3/4 took enemy under fire, at (ID 073644). Search of area resulted in 1 PW (MVA) and 2 enemy KIA (prob).

(38) At 040330H, C/1/9 detected probing of their lines (ID 071651). Fire was directed at enemy and area searched. Results: 1 enemy KIA (conf)

(39) At 040330H, A/1/9 (ID 071651) received probing of their lines. Small arms fire was directed at enemy and area searched. Results: 1 enemy KIA (conf) and 2 enemy KIA (prob)

(40) At 040721H, A/1/9 (ID 072650) observed enemy at (ID 070637). 1/9 Sniper team fired at enemy and observed 2 enemy fall. Results: 2 enemy KIA (conf).

(41) At 041230-041630H, D/1/9 (ID 069635) to (ID 090670) located 12 enemy bodies in 2 craters, 14 enemy bodies in a third crater and 17 enemy bodies in graves and partial graves. Total: 43 enemy KIA (conf).

(42) At 041445H, C/1/9 (ID 081665) captured 1 MVA and located 2 MVA bodies. Results: 2 MVA, KIA (conf) and 1 PW (MVA).

(43) At 041500H, L/3/3 engaged an unknown number of enemy at (ID 117665) Results: 1 enemy KIA (conf).

(44) At 041500H, D/1/9 apprehended 2 Vietnamese (1 male and 1 female) in connection with an enemy mine incident at (ID 215681). Results: 2 detainees.

(45) At 042210H, B/3/3 (ID 083649) observed and killed 1 enemy. Results: 1 enemy KIA (conf).

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(46) At 050820H, C/1/9 (YD 127682) engaged unknown number of enemy resulting in 6 enemy KIA (conf), 2 enemy KIA (prob).

(47) At 051145H, I/3/3 (YD 093624) engaged 4 enemy killing 1 enemy.

(48) At 051255H, D/1/9 (YD 127687) received sniper fire from 1 enemy. Fire was returned resulting in 1 enemy KIA (conf).

(49) At 051313H, D/1/9 (YD 127687) engaged unknown number of enemy resulting in 1 enemy KIA (conf).

(50) At 051315H, D/1/9 (YD 131679) received 30-50 rounds of small arms fire from unknown number of enemy. Fire returned resulting in 15 enemy KIA (conf).

(51) At 051515H, C/1/9 (YD 132673) received machine gun fire from unknown number of enemy. Fire was returned resulting in 1 enemy KIA (prob).

(52) At 051520H, 1/9 CP made contact with 1 enemy at (YD 130670). Results: 1 enemy KIA (conf).

(53) At 051520H, C/1/9 (YD 130670) received small arms fire from unknown number of enemy. Fire was returned resulting in 1 enemy KIA (conf).

(54) At 051615H, C/1/9 (YD 135670) received small arms fire and 25 82mm mortar rounds. Fire was returned resulting in 2 enemy KIA (prob).

(55) At 101630H, D/1/9 (YD 136673) received 50-60 60mm mortar rounds, small arms fire and possible 106mm round of LAW. Fire was returned at the enemy resulting in 8 enemy KIA (conf) and 7 enemy KIA (prob).

(56) At 051700H, I/3/3 (YD 120622) located 2 enemy bodies on trail. Results: 2 enemy KIA (conf).

(57) At 061020H, A/1/9 apprehended 1 detainee at (YD 135675).

(58) At 061315H, D/1/9 (YD 133678) observed and fired on 1 enemy. Results: 1 enemy KIA (conf).

(59) At 061400H, D/1/9 located 2 enemy bodies at (YD 134673). Results: 2 enemy KIA (conf).

(60) Final enemy casualties for Opn PHIRE II Opn Plan 7-67 and Frq 0 11-67:

365 KIA (conf), 192 KIA (prob), 10 PW (KIA), 3 Detainees, 1 PW (VC).

(61) At 070730H, A/0 observed 5 enemy carrying rocket tube at (YD 075604) arty mission fire resulting in 4 enemy KIA (prob).

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(62) At 070925H, A0 observed 10 enemy in vicinity of (YD 0565). Arty mission fired resulting in 1 enemy KL (conf) and 5 enemy KL (prob).

(63) At 071700H, Regimental Scout Sniper Team deployed against 1 enemy sniper at (YD 045569). As enemy attempted to flee from mortar rounds were observed hitting enemy position. Results: 1 enemy KL (conf).

(64) At 091140H, HQ Co, 3d Marines patrol observed and took under fire 2 VC at (YD 054521). Results: 1-VC KL (conf).

(65) At 1111245H, K/2/26 located grave containing 1 enemy body at (YD 039632). Results 1 enemy KL (conf).

(66) At 111430H, K/2/26 located 6 graves at (YD 096663). Results: 6 enemy KL (conf).

(67) At 120513H, K/3/4 observed 3 figures at (YD 165884). K/3/4 and figures disappeared in darkness. K/3/4 swept area and found 1 enemy body and were fired on by 3 enemy. K/3/4 returned fire and assaulted the enemy killing 4 enemy and finding signs of 1 enemy KL (prob). Results: 5 enemy KL (conf) and 1 KL (prob).

(68) At 120730H, A0 observed 5-20 enemy at (YD 057648). Arty mission called resulting in 5 enemy KL (conf) and 3 enemy KL (prob).

(69) At 120810H, observed enemy at (YD 054556). Arty mission fired which resulted in 3 enemy KL (conf) and 2 enemy KL (prob).

(70) At 121045H 2/26 Command Group found body of 1 dead IVA at (YD 099637). Results: 1 IVA. 1 IVA (conf).

(71) At 121210H, L/2/26 squad engaged 2 enemy at (YD 105641). Results: 1 enemy KL (conf), and 1 enemy KL (prob).

(72) At 131130H, K/3/4 located wounded IVA at (YD 164686). Results 1 PW (IV..).

(73) At 131620H, K/2/26 (YD 157501) engaged 4 PW.. Results: 1 IVA KL (conf).

(74) At 161700H, I/3/9 (YD 138453) engaged 3 enemy which resulted in 1 enemy KL (conf) and 1 enemy VL..

(75) At 181830H, A0 observed 40-50 enemy lining near trail at (YD 109760). Arty mission fired resulting in 20 enemy KL (conf) and 10 enemy KL (prob).

(76) At 211705H, I/3/3 located 3 graves containing 3 enemy bodies at (YD 093609). Results: 3 enemy KL (conf).

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(77) At 221400H, E/3/3 located 3 bodies containing 3 enemy bodies at (YD 102534) and (YD 102628). Results: 3 enemy KIA (conf).

(78) At 231315H, E/3/3 platoon made contact with estimated enemy squad at (YD 104665). Enemy broke contact. Area searched and signs indicated 10 enemy KIA (prob).

(79) At 231143H, 3/3 Command Group located 1 enemy body at (YD 15655). Results: 1 enemy KIA (conf).

(80) At 1150H, E/3/3 (YD 107633) located 1 enemy body. Results: 1 enemy KIA (conf).

(81) At 231622H, I/3/3 observed approximately 15 enemy at (YD 089657). During brief fire fight, 1 enemy was KIA (conf).

(82) At 231800H, E/3/3 swept through objective area (YD 102658) and located signs of 10 enemy KIA (prob).

(83) At 240930H, 3/3 located 8 enemy graves at (YD 109671). Results: 8 enemy KIA (conf).

(84) At 221300H, C/1/9 (YD 132674) made contact with estimated company resulting in 14 enemy KIA (conf) and 40 KIA (prob).

(85) At 241630H, E/3/3 (YD 111679) made contact with unknown number of enemy. E/3/3 returned fire which resulted in 1 enemy KIA (conf) and 2 enemy KIA (prob).

(86) At 241730H, C/1/9 made contact with estimated 20 enemy at (YD 133674). C/1/9 returned fire resulting in 7 enemy KIA (conf) and 3 enemy KIA (prob).

(87) At 241740H, I/3/3 made contact with estimated 30-40 enemy at (YD 121679). Results of action: 28 enemy KIA (conf), and 15 enemy KIA (prob).

(88) At 241755H, C/1/9 located 2 enemy bodies at (YD 133674). Results: 2 enemy KIA (conf).

(89) At 250920H, E/3/3 (YD 122669) located 1 enemy body. Results: 1 enemy KIA (conf).

(90) At 250920H, E/3/3 made contact with estimated enemy platoon at (YD 113673) resulting in 6 enemy KIA (conf).

(91) At 251400H, D/1/9 swept the village of Phu An (YD 127673) locating 31 enemy bodies and 1 WIA. 1 WIA taken prisoner. Results: 31 enemy KIA (conf) and 1 PW (WIA).

(92) At 251400H, I/3/3 located 6 enemy bodies at (YD 128684). Results:

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6 enemy KIA (conf).

(93) At 251455H, M/3/3 observed 2 enemy in cave at (YD 968574). Fire was directed at enemy and area searched. Results: 2 enemy KIA (conf).

(94) At 251615H, I/3/3 located enemy bunker complex at (YD 107683). During search of area, 1 enemy was KIA (conf).

(95) At 251900H, 1/9 located 3 enemy bodies at (YD 133674). Results: 3 enemy KIA (conf).

(96) At 260830H, E/3/3 located 1 enemy body at (YD 112 680). Results: 1 enemy KIA (conf).

(97) At 260930H, C/1/9 located 1 enemy body in shallow grave at (YD 134674). Results: 1 enemy KIA (conf).

(98) At 261000H, C/1/9 located 1 enemy body at (YD 134674). Results: 1 enemy KIA (conf).

(99) At 271300H, A/1/9 located 3 bodies at (YD 131676). Results: 3 enemy KIA (conf).

(100) At 301145H, I/3/9 located 2 enemy bodies at (YD 123681). Results: 2 enemy KIA (conf).

(101) At 301305H, L/3/9 located 1 enemy body at (YD 105522). Results: 1 enemy KIA (conf).

(102) At 301600H, N/3/9 made contact with estimated enemy squad at (YD 114656). Results of contact: 4 enemy KIA (conf) and 3 enemy KIA (prob).

(103) At 301620H, M/3/9 made contact with enemy group at (109649). Enemy fled east. Search of area revealed 4 enemy KIA (conf).

(104) At 301800H, I/3/9 came under heavy enemy 60mm mortar and small arms fire. During the heavy contact that followed the enemy casualties were 53 enemy KIA (conf) and 38 KIA (prob).

(105) At 310800H, M/3/9 made contact with 3 NVAs at (YD 103652). Results: 3 enemy KIA (conf).

(106) At 311420H, I/3/9 found 1 NVA wounded at (YD 101650). Results: 1 PW (NVA).

(107) At 311530H, I/3/9 located 1 wounded enemy at (YD 099659). Results: 1 PW (NVA).

Total casualties inflicted upon the enemy during Operation PRIDE II 1-18 March were: 357 KIA (conf), 125 KIA (prob), 15 PW (NVA), 1 PW (VC).

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Total casualties inflicted upon the enemy during Operation PRIDE III 19-31 March were: 146 KIA (conf), 114 KIA (prob), 4 PW (IVL).

Total casualties inflicted upon the enemy for the month of March in Operations PRIDE II and III were: 503 KIA (conf), 239 KIA (prob), 15 PW (IVL), 1 PW (VC).

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9. Casualties Inflicted on the Enemy. (Operation BULLDOZER HILL)

(1) At 261115H, B/1/4 apprehended 1 enemy at (YD 203746) Results: 1 PW (NVN).

(2) At 261245H, C/1/4 patrol engaged unknown number of snipers at (YD 142724). Results: 2 enemy KIA (conf) and 3 enemy KIA (prob).

(3) At 261600H, C/1/4 received 82 mm mortar fire and heavy small arms and automatic weapons fire from well entrenched enemy at (YD 143720). During fire fight, 33 enemy were KIA (conf) and 25 enemy KIA (prob).

(4) At 261700H, D/1/4 conducted sweep of village in the vicinity of (YD 142731). Village completely destroyed and 90% of the enemy fortifications were destroyed. Results of search: 132 enemy KIA (prob) of which 100 were previously reported.

(5) At 271330H, D/1/4 located graves containing 8 enemy bodies at (YD 152730). Results: 8 enemy KIA (conf).

(6) At 271800H, A/1/4 located 11 graves. Each grave contained 3 enemy bodies. The graves were located at (YD 149718). Results: 33 enemy KIA (conf).

(7) At 280838H, D/1/4 heard noises and activities to their front. fire was directed at area and area searched resulting in the finding of 8 enemy KIA (conf).

(8) 280925H, B/1/4 (YD 197723) received 10-15 rounds of small arms fire from unknown number of enemy. Returned fire and searched area. Results: 1 enemy KIA (conf) and 2 enemy KIA (prob).

(9) At 281400H, D/1/4 (YD 142729) located 7 enemy bodies along road. Results: 7 enemy KIA (conf).

(10) At 301100H, C/1/9 observed 6 enemy at (YD 154737). Artillery and 81mm fire mission called. Results: 2 enemy KIA (prob).

(11) At 301145, C/1/4 made contact with 4 enemy at (YD 162728). The patrol fired killing 3 enemy and wounding the fourth. Results: 3 enemy KIA (conf) and 1 PW (VC).

(12) At 301600H, D/1/4 observed and killed 1 enemy at (YD 161742). Results: 1 enemy KIA (conf).

Total casualties inflicted on enemy by 1/4 while under operational control of 3d Marines: 96 KIA (conf), 60 KIA (prob), 1 PW (NVN), 1 PW (VC).

Total casualties from Operation BULLDOZER HILL in March: 351 KIA (conf), 65 KIA (prob), 1 PW (NVN), 1 PW (VC).

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D. Casualties Sustained.

- (1) At 011400H, I/3/4 reported 1 USMC KIA at (YD 069618)
- (2) At 011440H, I/3/3 made contact with approximately 25 NVA. at (YD 105633). Results of fire fight: 3 USMC KIA, 12 USMC WIA.
- (3) At 011506H, I/3/4 (YD 103618) reported 2 USMC KIA and 1 USMC WIA.
- (4) At 011550H, I/3/3 (YD 107638) reported 3 USMC WIA.
- (5) At 011700H, 3/3 (YD 112642) reported 1 USMC KIA and 1 USMC WIA.
- (6) At 011730H, M/3/4 (YD 105619) came in contact with enemy snipers which resulted in 3 USMC WIA.
- (7) At 020745, A/1/9 (YD 072638) received estimated 70X60mm mortar rounds resulting in 2 USMC WIA.
- (8) At 021210H, 1/9 CP (YD 165647) received 20 rounds of 82mm mortar and at 021240H, the CP received an additional 20 rounds of 82mm mortar resulting in 3 USMC WIA.
- (9) At 021240H, C/1/9 (YD 068636) received 22 mortar rounds resulting in 1 USMC KIA.
- (10) At 021440H, I/3/3 (YD 099649) received mortar fire after making contact with unknown number of enemy. Results: 3 USMC WIA.
- (11) At 021530H, I/3/3 platoon at (YD 098649) found base camp and began receiving mortar fire resulting in 7 USMC WIA.
- (12) At 021610H, D/1/9 sprung ambush on estimated at 15 NVA at (YD 060660). During the ensuing fire fight, 2 USMC were KIA and 7 USMC were WIA.
- (13) At 021730H, I/3/3 (YD 085645) received 10 incoming mortar rounds resulting in 3 USMC KIA and 7 USMC WIA.
- (14) At 021915H, 1/9 CP (YD 068654) received 20 rounds of 82mm mortar fire resulting in 5 USMC WIA.
- (15) At 031340H, 3/9 CP (YD 055665) received 92 rounds of 82mm mortars from vicinity of (YD 070654). Results of the attack were: 1 USMC KIA, 16 USMC WIA.
- (16) At 031450H, 1/9 CP (YD 070654) received 30 82mm mortar rounds resulting in 2 USMC WIA.
- (17) At 031750H, A/1/9 (YD 067668) received approximately 70 rounds of 82mm mortar fire resulting in 3 USMC WIA.

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(18) At 031900H, L/3/3 (YD 109649) received approximately 10 rounds of mortar fire and small arms fire resulting in 3 USMC WIA.

(19) At 041310H, 1/9 column received 150 rounds of 82mm mortar fire (YD 073640) to (YD 069655). Results: 1 USMC KIA, 3 USMC WIA.

(20) At 041327H, 1/9 received 20 82mm mortar rounds resulting in 3 USMC WIA.

(21) At 041500H, L/3/3 supported by tanks was heavily engaged by unknown number of enemy at (YD 117665). L/3/3 received small arms and approximately 10 60mm mortar rounds resulting in 1 USMC KIA, and 10 USMC WIA.

(22) At 041500H, D/1/9 detonated what is believed to be 2 Claymore Mines at (YD 115681) resulting in 2 USMC KIA, and 8 USMC WIA.

(23) At 041500H, D/1/9 (YD 115681) received enemy sniper fire resulting in 1 USMC KIA.

(24) At 050700H, C/1/9 received 1 sniper round (YD 118684) resulting in 1 USMC WIA.

(25) At 050800H, C/1/9 (YD 118684) received small arms and grenades resulting in 2 USMC WIA.

(26) At 050820H, C/1/9 (YD 127682) received sniper fire and grenades from unknown number of enemy resulting in 7 USMC KIA, 5 USMC WIA.

(27) At 051315H, D/1/9 (YD 131679) received 30-50 rounds of small arms fire resulting in 2 USMC WIA.

(28) At 051500H, C/1/9 (YD 128673) received small arms and 5 rounds of 60mm mortar fire resulting in 2 USMC WIA.

(29) At 051615H, C/1/9 (YD 135670) received small arms fire and 25 rounds of 82mm mortar fire resulting in 6 USMC WIA.

(30) At 051630H, D/1/9 (YD 136673) received 50-60 60mm mortar rounds, small arms fire, and possible 106mm RR round or LAW resulting in 4 USMC KIA, and 14 USMC WIA.

(31) At 051730H, C/1/9 (YD 126658) received small arms fire from unknown number of enemy resulting in 1 USMC WIA.

(32) At 061400H, D/1/9 (YD 134673) received automatic weapons fire resulting in 3 USMC WIA.

(33) Final casualties for Operation PRAIRIE II Operation Plan 7-67 and Frag 0 11-67:
Friendly Casualties: 60 KIA, 249 WIA

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(34) At 062358H, enemy mortar and rocket attack on Camp CARROLL commenced. An estimated 350-400 rounds were received. The attack ended at 070100H. Reported friendly casualties were 3 USMC KIA, 8 USMC WIA and 1 USA WIA.

(35) At 070407H, Camp CARROLL received second enemy mortar and rocket attack. An estimated 35 incoming rounds were received. Reported friendly casualties were 1 USA KIA, 1 USA WIA, 1 USMC WIA.

(36) At 070630H, Camp CARROLL received third mortar and rocket attack of the night when approximately 35-50 rounds were received. Reported results of enemy action were: 2 USMC KIA, 4 USMC WIA.

(37) At 071700H, 3/9 reported 5 USMC reported to Bn Aid Station with minor wounds received during enemy mortar attack on Camp CARROLL. Results: 5 USMC WIA. Total casualties for mortar attack: 6 KIA, 39 WL.

(38) At 072230H, K/3/4 (YD 063579) received 3 rounds estimated 81mm mortar rounds believed to have come from between Camp CARROLL and K/3/4 positions. Results: 2 USMC WIA.

(39) On 8 March, 2 Marines reported to 3/9 BAS with shrapnel wounds received during enemy mortar attack on Camp CARROLL. Results; 2 USMC WIA.

(40) At 091200H, M/3/3 patrol tripped a ChiCom mine at (YD 985594) resulting in 1 USMC WIA.

(41) At 110855H, E/2/26 patrol detonated ChiCom grenade at (YD 095603) resulting in 4 USMC WIA.

(42) At 120513H, K/3/4 engaged in fire fight with 3-6 enemy in vicinity of (YD 165684) resulting in 1 USMC KIA, and 1 USMC WIA.

(43) At 121710H, G/2/26 received short artillery round at (YD 113659) resulting in 1 USMC KIA.

(44) At 131330H, H/2/26 engaged unknown number of enemy at (YD 112628) resulting in 1 USMC KIA.

(45) At 131910H, M/3/9 (YD 053619) received 1 round of sniper fire resulting in 1 USMC WIA.

(46) At 141145H, E/2/26 set off two unknown type mines at (YD 112685) resulting in 3 USMC WIA and 1 ARVN WIA.

(47) At 180930H, D/1/9 detonated M-26 mine at (YD 070636) resulting in 3 USMC WIA.

(48) At 181410H, G/2/26 Marine tripped mine at (YD 982587) resulting in 1 USMC WIA.

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(49) At 191110H, G/2/26 reported 90mm round exploded prematurely inflicting 2 USA men at (YD 978535). Results: 2 USA WIA.

(50) At 191932H, 1/9 (YD 157635) received 85-90 rounds of 82mm mortar fire from estimated vicinity (YD 043447) resulting in 4 USMC KIA, and 34 USMC WIA.

(51) At 201730H, G/2/26 reported 40mm round exploded prematurely at (YD 978538) resulting in 1 USMC WIA and 2 USA WIA.

(52) At 231315H, L/3/3 platoon made contact with estimated enemy squad resulting in 2 USMC WIA.

(53) At 240954H, Command Group and L/3/3 received estimated 33 82mm mortar rounds at (YD 099665) and (YD 105665) resulting in 3 USMC KIA and 17 USMC WIA.

(54) At 241055H, A/1/9 received approximately 5000 rounds of small arms fire, 250 grenades, and approximately 140 rounds of 60/82mm mortars from estimated 120 enemy at (YD 133674). The action resulted in 5 USMC KIA, and 40 USMC WIA.

(55) At 241630H, L/3/3 (YD 111679) received small arms fire from unknown number of enemy resulting in 1 USMC WIA.

(56) At 241700H, K/3/3 made contact with 5 enemy at (YD 114673) resulting in 4 USMC WIA.

(57) At 241730H, C/1/9 made contact with estimated 20 enemy at (YD 134674). C/1/9 received 1800 rounds of small arms fire, 15 ChiCom grenades, 4 179 rounds, and 1 command detonated mine. Results: 1 USMC KIA, and 17 USMC WIA.

(58) At 241740H, I/3/3 made contact with estimated 30-40 enemy at (YD 121679). In addition to small arms fire, I/3/3 received approximately 40 rounds of 60mm mortar fire. Results: 5 USMC KIA, and 21 USMC WIA.

(59) At 250920H, K/3/3 made contact with estimated enemy platoon at (YD 113673). Results of action: 1 USMC KIA, 7 USMC WIA.

(60) At 251210H, K/3/3 received enemy 82mm mortar rounds at (YD 112679) resulting in 6 USMC WIA.

(61) At 251330H, L/3/3 (YD 110686) received accidental burst of 20mm fire from friendly aircraft resulting in 2 USMC KIA and 1 USMC WIA.

(62) At 251400H, I/3/3 (YD 120680) received approximately 12-15 rounds of 82mm mortar fire resulting in 1 USMC KIA, 5 USMC WIA.

(63) At 251910H, Command Group and K/3/3 (YD 112680) received estimated 70 82mm mortar rounds resulting in 1 USMC KIA, 7 USMC WIA.

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(64) At 260930H, I/3/3 (YD 105675) received 2 rounds of 82mm mortar fire which resulted in 1 USMC WIA.

(65) At 252015H, L/3/3 detonated an unknown type explosive device at (YD 112680) resulting in 1 USMC WIA.

(66) At 262200H, I/3/3 (YD 117672) received estimated 118 82mm mortar rounds which resulted in 1 USMC KIA and 3 USMC WIA.

(67) At 261315H, I/3/3 (YD 117627) received estimated 100 82mm mortar rounds resulting in 7 USMC WIA.

(68) At 270830H, USA Twin 40mm SF detonated unknown type mine at (YD 084637) resulting in 3 USA WIA.

(69) At 301600H, M/3/9 made contact with squad at (YD 114656) resulting in 2 USMC WIA.

(70) At 301620H, M/3/9 made contact with enemy group at (YD 109649). Enemy fled east. Search of area resulted in locating 4 enemy KIA (conf). 2 SIC WIA.

(71) At 301600H, I/3/3 received heavy volume of 60mm mortar rounds followed by heavy S/A and automatic weapons fire. Estimated enemy company advanced under cover of the mortars into I/3/9 positions. During fierce fire fight that followed the following friendly casualties were sustained: 15 USMC KIA, and 47 USMC WIA.

(72) At 310120H, M/4/12 (YD 060546). Explosion occurred in side turret of 155mm SF resulting in 3 USMC KIA, and 4 USMC WIA.

Total casualties sustained during Operation PRAIRIE II 1-18 March were: 50 KIA, 172 WIA.

Total casualties sustained during Operation PRAIRIE III 19-31 March were 14 KIA, 226 WIA, 7 WIA (USA).

Total casualties sustained for the month of March in Operations PRAIRIE II and III were 94 KIA, 398 WIA, 7 WIA (USA).

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b. Casualties sustained. (Operation BLANCO LILLE).

(1) At 280935H, B/1/4 (ZD 197223) received 10-15 rounds of small arms fire, resulting in 1 USMC WIA.

(2) At 291730H, D/1/4 patrol detonated a ChiCom grenade mine resulting in 4 USMC SLA. The incident occurred at (ZD 196741).

Total casualties sustained during March on Operation BLANCO LILLE while 1/4 was under the operational control of 3d Marines: 5 WIA. Total casualties sustained in Operation BLANCO LILLE by 1/4 during the month of March was: 33 KIA, 241 WIA.

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1. New Techniques Employed.

Reference 3d Marines Operation PRAIRIE II After Action Report.

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F. Command Relations

- (1) At 011500H, 3d Marines assumed OPCON of 1/9.
- (2) At 011537H, F/2/9 arrived vicinity CAM LO Bridge. Chopped to OPCON 2/9.
- (3) At 011622H, M/3/4 chopped from OPCON 2/3 to OPCON 3/3.
- (4) At 011730H, L/3/9 chopped to OPCON 3d Marines.
- (5) At 011630H, L/3/9 arrived at D-5. Chopped to OPCON 3d Marines.
- (6) At 011707H, M/3/4 chopped to OPCON 2/3.
- (7) At 021230H, L/3/4 chopped to OPCON 3/4.
- (8) At 021310H, M/3/4 chopped from OPCON 2/3 to OPCON 3/3.
- (9) At 021710H, M/3/9 chopped to OPCON 3d Marines.
- (10) At 021800H, K/3/9 chopped to OPCON 3d Marines.
- (11) At 021800H, H/2/3 chopped to OPCON 3/4.
- (12) At 031315H, 3/9 relieved 2/3. 2/3 chopped to OPCON of 3dMarDiv. 3/9 chopped to OPCON of 3d Marines.
- (13) At 061335H, Command Group and Companies L and M/3/9 departed Camp CARROLL and D-5 and chopped to OPCON 3dMarDiv(Fwd).
- (14) At 061850H, 1/9 departed CAM LO for DONG HA. Chopped to OPCON 3dMarDiv(Fwd).
- (15) At 062030H, M/3/4 departed CAM LO for DONG HA. Chopped to OPCON 3/4.
- (16) At 071705H, K/3/4 arrived at Camp CARROLL and chopped to OPCON 3d Marines.
- (17) At 081300H, 3d Marines assumed OPCON of 2/26.
- (18) At 090830H, K/3/4 departed Camp CARROLL and chopped to OPCON 3/4.
- (19) At 091121H, 3d Marines assumed OPCON of Command Group and Companies L and M/3/9.
- (20) At 110800H, 3d Marines assumed OPCON of 3/4.
- (21) At 141430H, 3/4 commenced movement via motor march to DONG HA, 3/4 chopped to OPCON 3dMarDiv(Fwd).

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- (22) At 151000H, 3d Marines assumed OFCON of 1/9.
- (23) At 171445H, I/3/3 commenced helo-lift. Chopped to OFCON SOT KHE SANH.
- (24) At 171445H, M/3/3 chopped to OFCON 2/26.
- (25) At 191552H, I/3/3 chopped to OFCON of 3d Marines.
- (26) At 270830H, 3d Marines assumed OFCON of Rough Rider departing from DONG HA to KHE SANH.
- (27) At 271130H, Rough Rider convoy chopped to OFCON KHE SANH.
- (28) At 271500H, 3d Marines assumed OFCON of Rough Rider returning from KHE SANH to DONG HA.
- (29) At 271700H, Rough Rider chopped to OFCON 3dMarDiv(Fwd).
- (30) At 280900H, 2/26 chopped OFCON of E/2/26 to OFCON of 3/9.
- (31) At 281430H, E/2/26 arrived at Camp CARROLL. Chopped to OFCON 3/9.
- (32) At 281545H, M/3/3 chopped to OFCON 3/3.
- (33) At 301040H, E/2/26 chopped to OFCON 2/26.
- (34) At 301430H, 2/26 commenced motor march to DONG HA. Chopped to OFCON of 3dMarDiv(Fwd).
- (35) At 302100H, 3d Marines assumed OFCON of 3/4(-).
- (36) At 302235H, L/3/3(-) and one platoon I/3/3 chopped to OFCON 3d Marines.
- (37) At 310200H, L/3/3 chopped to OFCON 3/9.

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F. Command Relations. (Operation BEACON HILL)

- (1) At 260800H, 3d Marines assumed OFCON of 1/4.
- (2) At 290800H, 1/4 chopped OFCON of B/1/4 to 12th Marines to provide security for G/2/12.
- (3) At 010159H April, 3d Marines chopped OFCON of 1/4 to CTG 79-5.

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C. Equipment

(1) General

The 3d Marine Regiment recommended no changes to the table of allowance for Marine Corps equipment during the reporting period ending 1 March 1967. Organic equipment employed was satisfactory in all respects except for 81mm mortar bipods and base plates. Third Battalion, 3d Marines submitted unsatisfactory equipment reports on these items during this period.

(2) M 700

Division granted permission to put the Remington M700 Scout Sniper rifle into service by 3d Marine Division message 090429Z March 1967(C). This message directed units to notify division when these rifles were in service. Headquarters Company, 3d Marines, had all rifles in service by 22 March 1967. Third Marine Division message 140005Z March(C) directed that the M70 Winchester rifle formerly used be turned into division when the M700 was employed.

(3) M16E1

Infantry battalion started receiving the M16E1, 5.56mm rifle in large quantities during the last 10 days of March. School on the weapon was conducted by Division Representatives and individual units. These rifles will be employed as soon as it is ascertained that the necessary back up parts and ammunition are available in the DONG HA area.

Ref: CG, 3dMarDiv 020015Z Mar 67 (c)
 CG, 3dMarDiv 101141Z Mar 67 (c)
 CG, 3dMarDiv 140133Z Mar 67 (c)

(4) Clothes Drying Facilities

On 10 March 1967 a clothes drying facility was set up at PLATOON Maintenance Section in DONG HA. This facility is intended for use by the infantry units in the area. As of this date it has not been used to the fullest because the weather has permitted the drying of clothes. This facility will be a great asset during the monsoon season.

(5) H76 Amphibious Cargo Carriers (Otters)

Six Otters were attached to the 3d Marines during March. The deadline rate averaged about 50%. On 18 March, 3 Otters were sent to "H" Company, 3/3 to support an operation, but because of the rough and rocky terrain they did not work out. They have proved very satisfactory for logistic runs to the D-5 area. Two Otters have made this run almost daily during the last part of March.

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Hy. Logistics

(1) General

(a) Message traffic and reports were handled in a routine manner during this period. An "After Action Report" for Operation PRIMUS II, which covered the period of 1 February to 18 March 1967, was submitted.

(b) Third Marine Division's "Letter of Instruction" (1-67) was received during the month of March. This was valuable for orienting 3d Battalion 9th Marines, which arrived in DONG HA in March and the new Supply Officer of 3d Battalion, 3d Marines.

(c) The relief of 2d Battalion, 3d Marines by 3d Battalion, 9th Marines went smoothly. Class II encampment and garrison items were signed for by the Supply Officer of 3d Battalion, 9th Marines and Class I and V items were left on position.

Ref: CO, 3d Mar 210435Z Feb 67 (S)

(2) Supply

(a) The overall supply situation in March was good, but certain items still remained critical. Metal stakes, lumber, jungle utilities, stationary items, batteries (BA386), body armor upper torso, and jungle kit components still remained critical during the period. Sundry packages were not available during the later part of the month, and as such greater reliance was placed on PX items. The PX items were taken to troops located in field positions by Marine Corps Exchange personnel.

(b) "A" Rations were excellent in quality and sufficient in quantity during the month. Units subsisting on MCI's were supplied with supplementary rations on a weekly basis. Units at D-5 (Cua Valley), "MAGILLE", "L.ZORACK", and BA LONG were supplied with these supplementary rations. Units at Camp CARROLL and 3d Battalion, 3d Marines Forward positions had field messes established for the serving of "A" Rations.

(c) The helicopter support teams from "C" Company, Landing Support Unit proved valuable aid in the numerous operations conducted during the period and for the support of BA LONG. No significant supply problem occurred during operations when the HST Teams accompanied the units. First Battalion, 9th Marines required a truck convoy resupply on 6 March when the weather and tactical situation did not permit the resupply by helicopter. Third Battalion, 3d Marines was resupplied by truck at the same time during this operation north of CUA LO. This was the first time Route 76 north of CUA LO had been used for military resupply of U.S. Forces in the area.

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(d) Preliminary planning for a C4C unit in the D-5 (CUA Valley) was started during the month. Pending an answer from the division on the C4C unit equipment, planning was initiated to support the unit from Headquarters Company and 3d Battalion, 9th Marines resources.

(e) During this period the Regimental S-4 Logistic Chief was sent to Okinawa for embark school.

(f) The following important logistic messages were received and acted upon during the period by Headquarters Company and OPCON battalions:

<u>From</u>	<u>DTG</u>	<u>SUBJ</u>
CG	010653Z Mar67	Logistic/Fiscal Matters
CG	040135Z Mar67	Logistics/Supply/Fiscal Matters
CG	181307Z Mar67	Excesses, Cancellations and Deferrals
CG	091217Z Mar67	Body Armor Rehabilitation Program

(3) Movement

(a) The 3d Battalion, 9th Marines relieved 2d Battalion, 3d Marines on 3 March 1967 as the defense battalion at Camp CARROLL. Companies of 2d Battalion, 3d Marines were also relieved at D-5 and BA LONG. Second Battalion, 3d Marines then staged in DONG HA as a BLT and backloaded on the shipping that 3d Battalion, 9th Marines utilized. All troops movement were accomplished by truck convoy except the relief of BA LONG in which helicopters were utilized. The LCU ramp at DONG HA was utilized for the staging area for 3d Battalion, 9th Marines equipment, and 2d Battalion, 3d Marines utilized the area north of the airfield in DONG HA for their staging area. "K" Company, 3/9 was holi-lifted from the mouth of the CAM LO River to BA LONG for the relief of "H" Company, 2/3.

(b) Tactical movements of troops by truck convoy were accomplished as follows:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>ORIGIN</u>	<u>DESTINATION</u>
1 Mar	3/9	DONG HA	CARROLL, D-5
2 Mar	3/9	CARROLL	3/3 Fwd
3 Mar	2/3	CARROLL	CAM LO
	2/3	CARROLL	DONG HA
6 Mar	3/9	CARROLL	GIO LINH
	3/3	CAM LO	3/3 Fwd
	1/9	CAM LO	DONG HA
	3/4	CAM LO	DONG HA
8 Mar	2/26	DONG HA	FIELD
9 Mar	3/9	GIO LINH	CARROLL
13 Mar	3/3	FIELD	3/3 Fwd
14 Mar	3/4	FIELD	DONG HA

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15 Mar	3/3	3/3 Fwd	FIELD
17 Mar	3/3	3/3 Fwd	FIELD
21 Mar	3/9	CARROLL	C.M LO
23 Mar	1/9	FIELD	C.M LO
28 Mar	1/9	C.M LO	C.RROLL
	3/3	C.M LO	3/3 Fwd
	2/26	3/3 Fwd	CARROLL
	3/9	CARROLL	FIELD
30 Mar	2/26	3/3 Fwd	DONG HA

Trucks from 9th Motor Transport Battalions were used for those movements.

(4) Cantonment and Camp Facilities

(a) Water consumption for units at Camp CARROLL averaged about 18,000 gallons a day for potable and shower water. A high of 24,000 gallons was reached on one day when special showers were run for troops returning from field operations.

(b) A definite improvement in defensive positions was noted after the mortar attack on Camp CARROLL on the night of 6-7 March. Five bunkers were delivered and constructed for units at Camp CARROLL during the period of 8-14 March 1967. These bunkers were constructed by the 11th Engineer Battalion. One bunker each was erected in the 3d Marines; 3d Battalion, 9th Marines; 1st Battalion, 12th Marines; 2d Battalion, 94th Field Artillery; and Battery "M", 4th Battalion, 12th Marines; Command Post areas at Camp CARROLL. Similar bunkers had been on requisition since October 1966 for these units.

(c) The engineer support received after this attack was outstanding. A fleet of sand trucks and 3 bulldozers arrived at Camp CARROLL on 8 March for use by the units. On 25 March a backhoe was assigned to Camp CARROLL for digging trenches around the perimeter. The sandbag requirement for Marine units exceeded 270,000 sandbags. These sandbags were required for defensive bunkers, improvement of positions, and setting up of living spaces to sleeping rock height.

(d) Camp CARROLL improvements included a deck for the shower platform and a new trash pit. In addition defensive positions for tanks, C-47s, and Army 40 mm vehicles were completed.

(5) Engineers

(a) A road to Company "M", 3d Battalion, 3d Marines position in front of the "ROCKPILE" was completed in March by the 11th Engineer Battalion. This project also included a cement culvert over the C.M LO River.

(b) Route 9 to KHE SANH was completed during March. The first ROUGH RIDER convoy to KHE SANH was on 27 March 1967. This project was completed by the 11th Engineer Battalion.

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(c) A tank road to D-5 (Cu. Valley) was improved by 11th Engineers in late March. This road will now permit vehicular traffic during fair weather. Actual time to reach D-5 has been reduced by about one hour and it has been possible to resupply this position daily. In addition to this road 2 trash pits were dug at D-5 for use by the rifle company.

(d) As stated in paragraph (4) (c) above, the engineering effort at Camp CARROLL has been increased during March. An average of 2 bulldozers daily have worked on defensive positions since 8 March. This equipment was furnished by the 11th Engineer Battalion.

(e) The 3d Engineer Battalion has continued to furnish mine-sweep support and water point personnel for Camp CARROLL and 3/3 positions. In addition they pioneered Route 76 north from C.M LO which made possible the resupply discussed in paragraph (2) (c) above.

(6) Motor Transport

(a) Headquarters Company and OPCON battalion reported the following vehicles detailed on 23 March:

HqCo 3dM r	3/3	3/9
M274-1 Ø	2-2d Echelon 3-3d Echelon	1-3d Echelon
M422	3-3d Echelon	3-3d Echelon
M107	Ø	Ø
		1-3d Echelon

(b) On 6 March 54 trucks from 9th Motor Transport Battalion, were used to transport 3/3, 1/9, and 3/4 from the area north of C.M LO to their permanent positions. This move involved over 1200 troops and took just over 4 hours to complete.

(c) During the period in which 3/9 landed, 11-14 trucks a day were utilized to transport their equipment to positions. Second Battalion, 3d Marines utilized household trucks to stage their gear for embarkation, and 1st Motor Transport attached to the HLT 2/3 transported it to the LCI ship at DONG HAI. See paragraph (3) (a) above.

(7) Transportation

(a) Third Marines S-4 continued to control truck transportation for Headquarters Company and OPCON battalions during the month of March. Headquarters Company, 3/3, and 3/9 utilized 2 household trucks a day, and 2/26 utilized 1 household truck a day. No serious problems were encountered with transportation during the month.

(b) Extra trucks were requested and received for transporting Montagnards, PX supplies, and other than normal resupply runs. Otters were used almost exclusively for the resupply of D-5.

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3) Ordnance

(a) General

The introduction of the Remington M700 Scout Sniper Rifle, and M16E1, 5.56mm rifle were discussed in paragraph G above. Support requirements for these weapons are now available in the division supply shop.

(b) EOD

Explosive ordnance demolition personnel were called upon to evaluate the mortar attack at Camp CARROLL. In cooperation with the 2d Battalion, 94th Field Artillery the impact of the rounds was plotted and probable launching sites were found and destroyed. Also during March EOD was given a radio frequency with which field units could call for assistance.

Ref: CG, 3dMarDiv 130225Z Mar67

(c) Class V

Certain types of Class V were in critical supply during March in the DONG HU area. Weekly ammunition expenditure reports were submitted for DOD AC numbers C226, L312, and L495 in accordance with CG 3dMarDiv 031447Z Mar 1967.

(9) Medical

The hypochlorination of water trailers and cans at Camp CARROLL was again accomplished. Water for bathing and washing clothes became a problem during the month for units at D-5 and B. LONG. Recent medical inspections condemned the water sources in these areas, and alternate means are now being explored.

10) Local National Civilian Labor

Montagnards from the CAM LO District area started back to work on road cutting along Route 9 on 17 March. Approximately 100 Montagnards a day have been employed. Refugee grass cutters started back to work along Route 558 on 20 March. Approximately 80 a day have been employed in this area. Headquarters, 3d Marines directs the efforts of the Montagnards; while the rifle company at D-5 directs the efforts of the refugees.

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I. Civil AffairsNARRATIVE REPORT

The month of March showed the Civil Affairs of this Regiment increasing in scope and in depth. There were definite indicators that revealed a more receptive attitude on the part of the people as well as signs of a more determined stand on their part to resist domination, particularly within the CUA Valley area. Each unit assigned an area in which to operate has launched a program that is aggressive and vital, although at times during the month the operational aspects overrode the Civil Affairs participation. MEDCAP was conducted weekly by the various units, and the Regimental CAC unit was formed and underwent training as well as conducting daily visits to the CUA Valley. The Regimental Surgeon treated a total of 307 cases within the CAM LO District area.

The various units made frequent liaison with their respective chiefs, and various commodities were distributed: vitamin pills, wood, soap, flour, wheat, cooking oil, corn, tin, and cement. Several public improvement projects were planned: digging a new well, clearing land for farming, setting up a dispensary, and assisting in supplying materials to rebuild a burned-out village.

On 27 March 1967, the village of CAM NGHIA, CUA Valley was ravaged by fire. 281 buildings were destroyed. 600 people were without food. Two corpsmen from 3/9 were on the scene shortly afterwards to render assistance. Seven tool chests and two bundles of clothing were delivered by 3/9.

On 30 March 1967, two trucks from USAID, loaded with blankets and clothing arrived at Regimental Headquarters. 3d Marines provided two drivers and CAC security for delivery to CAM NGHIA.

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ministration.

(1) Awards

(a) The following awards were presented to members of this regiment during the reporting period:

1 Navy Commendation Medal
1 Air Medal
25 Purple Heart Medals
1 Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry
2 Certificates of Commendation

(b) The following awards were forwarded to personnel transferred to new duty stations:

5 Vietnamese Crosses of Gallantry
7 Certificates of Commendation

(2) Promotions

(a) Three promotions to Captain and one promotion to First Sergeant were effected by the Commandant of the Marine Corps.

(b) There were eleven promotions to Sergeant, twenty-three promotions to Corporal, thirty-eight promotions to Lance Corporal, and six promotions to Private First Class.

(3) Legal Matters: Eleven "Office Hours" were conducted. One Special Courts-Martial was completed. There are five Special Courts-Martial and two "Office Hours" pending.

(4) Special Services

(a) Cigarette lighters, emblazoned with the Regimental Shield on one side and a map of Vietnam on the other, were presented to each member of the command.

(b) Special Services packs were distributed to all units of the regiment. They contained such articles as pocket novels, small games, men's wear, athletic supporters, and athletic "tee" shirts and sewing kits.

(c) Movies were shown to personnel at Camp CARROLL on a scheduled basis.

(5) Marine Exchange: Mobile runs were made to all outposts of the regiment. Every effort has been exerted to furnish Marine exchange supplies to troops upon returning from the field.

(6) Liberty: There was no liberty authorized in the DONG HA-Camp CARROLL area during this period.

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Personnel

(1) Gains: Eight Marine Officers, two-hundred and fifty Marine Enlisted, one Navy Officer, and five Navy Enlisted replacements were added.

(2) Losses: The 3d Marines sustained 100 hostile casualties. Ninety-two of the hostile casualties were killed in action. Administrative losses were seven Marine Officers, ninety-two Marine Enlisted, one Navy Officer, and one Navy Enlisted.

(3) Emergency Leaves/Humanitarian Transfers: One Navy Officer and two Marine Enlisted were ordered TAD to CONUS in connection with emergency leave. There were no humanitarian transfers.

(4) Administrative Discharges: None

(5) R&R TAD Trips: Out of country R&R trips were afforded to one hundred and eight members of this regiment. R&R trips were to Hong Kong, Manila, Bangkok, Kuala Lumpur, Okinawa, Taipei, Singapore, Tokyo, and Macau. In addition, nineteen R&R trips (in country) to China Beach were afforded to members of the regiment during this period.

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INTELLIGENCE

The enemy situation within the 3d Marines area of operations this reporting period indicated significant contacts from small units at least estimated battalion reinforced size. Other than movement supplies and men into the DMZ reported previously during the TET period, there were no significant reports of major enemy movements north of or within the DMZ. However, there was active enemy activity within the PHANIE area centered in 4 general areas; CON THIEN Outpost, AN LAMH Outpost, CAM LO, and the coastal area east of DONG HA in the QUANG TREU PHONG District.

Commencing with the initial contact with the enemy on 27 February, directly north of CAMP CARROLL in the vicinity of (YD 0862), contact with the enemy continued into the month of March as pressure was applied by elements under operational control of the 3d Marines consisting of 2d Bn, 3d Marines and Company L, 3d Bn, 4th Marines. With forces moving into the combat area, enemy resistance intensified employing automatic weapons, small arms, mortars, grenades, and firing from trenches and camouflaged positions. Taking advantage of darkness, the enemy reverted to guerrilla tactics by probing and harassing with grenades and small arms fire. It was believed, based on interrogation reports, that this contact thwarted an attack by an estimated (NVA) battalion, reinforced by mortar and engineer elements against installations in the CAM LO area. The spoiling attack, by elements under operational control of the 3d Marines, badly mauled the enemy, forcing him to withdraw north. Surprised before he could execute his attack, the enemy fought a stubborn delaying action, skillfully employing crew served weapons and mines from previously prepared positions supported by 60mm/82mm mortars. From the attack position 3d Bn, 3d Marines commenced on 1 March a sweep to the southwest in the direction of NUI DAI BAC highground (YD 0961). 3/3 encountered light resistance from the enemy; however, this action resulted in the capture of one enemy (PW-NVA) carrying a radio. Meantime, L/3/4 discovered an enemy harboring site with a 160. meter complex in the vicinity of (YD 102617) to (YD 091624). On 2 March, I/3/3 made contact with an estimated platoon size unit and discovered a base camp along with the capture of one NVA (PW) and a CW radio believed consistent with enemy regimental size communication equipment.

The 1st Bn, 9th Marines was committed and helilifted onto Hill 162 (YD 0763) and commenced their attack towards objective A (YD 0463). 1/9 was subjected to a mortar attack from the enemy, and reacted with antitank and artillery fire. The enemy mortar attack ceased. 1/9 continued with its mission meeting sporadic to light resistance from the fleeing enemy. Based on an interrogation report, 2 battalions of the were positioned in the vicinity grid square (YD 0865). The area was saturated with artillery fire for the night. By 0800 on 3 March, an aerial observer reported an estimated 250 NVA troops carrying their dead and wounded heading in a northwest direction towards the DMZ vicinity (YD 0766); another 250 NVA troops at (YD 0666), and an additional 250 NVA troops at (YD 0567). Air strikes and artillery were brought to

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on the fleeing enemy. 1/9 subsequently conducted a sweep of the encountering resistance from small groups up to 30 or 40, discovered mass grave (YD 060666) containing 23 bodies (NVA), and counted an additional 43 bodies (NVA) while moving through the area.

Elsewhere in the area of operations, 3/3 had advanced into the BAI AN area (YD 1166) encountering enemy activity consisting of light, scattered contacts, and harassment fires. Having passed through the THON BAI AN village, 3/3 reported that the enemy was firing at the division rear, situated in well camouflaged holes; and at times, women were observed firing from windows of a house.

There was a total of 29 mortar attacks for the preceding action, directed against the 3d Marines elements for a total of 1,122X60mm/82mm mortar rounds. Enemy casualties were 359 KIA (C) and 192 KIA (P). Of the 18 detainees apprehended, 10 were classified PW, and 8 were released as innocent civilians. Captured weapons and equipment included radios, both 60mm and 82mm mortars, machineguns, gas masks, mines, blasting caps, TNT, and grenades. Based on captured documents and interrogation efforts, it was determined that the 3d Marines had engaged elements of 312th Regiment, 324B Division, mainly the 4th and 6th Bn during the preceding action.

Interrogation reports of a Warrant Officer captive, indicated that the enemy had a new weapon manufactured in Communist China, and were supposed to attack CAM LO. CAM LO is considered to mean generally any installation west of DONG HA. The new weapon according to interrogation reports, had a maximum range of 7 kilometers. On the night of 6-7 March CAMP CARROLL was attacked with 103X82mm mortar, 123X102mm rocket and 110 undetermined caliber rocket rounds for a total of 336. The rockets were the fin (110) and spin (123) stabilizer type. On the morning of 7 March several fleeing enemy were spotted by the AO carrying rocket tubes. Artillery fire was brought to bear on the enemy and resulted in several kills.

Agent reports, friendly reconnaissance efforts, visual sightings, and active enemy activity from within the DMZ indicated an increased use of screening and reconnaissance throughout the northern

HE II area. Based on this information, on 10 March, 2d Bn, 26th Marines was deployed into the area to exploit the enemy situation in the wake of the previous axis of advance by elements of 3/3. On 11 March, 1/9 was also committed under the operational control of the 3d Marines. Light contact with the enemy was encountered. Shortly thereafter, on about 15 March, 1/9 and 3/3 were assigned a mission to conduct an operation within the vicinity of HELICOPTER Valley and its dominating mountain feature, Hill 208 (YD 0464) and the valley immediately north of Hill 208, dominated by DONG HA Mountain (YD 0159). 1/9 discovered numerous enemy weapon positions and mortar positions with connecting trenches and bunkers. Only light sightings of the enemy were reported; however, on 19 March 1/9 was subjected to one mortar attack, a total of 90X82mm rounds, believed originating from within the DMZ. In the meantime, 3/3 continued with their aggressive search for the elusive enemy, and discovered instead launching sites, centered in the vicinity of (YD 0761)

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the 102mm rockets believed employed by the enemy on the attack against CAMP CARROLL (6-7 March). It was noted that the launching site discovered was within 7,000 meters from CAMP CARROLL. A search of the area resulted in the discovery of 121X102mm rocket rounds (expended) and 3 rocket launchers, to include a wooden cradle believed used for support in positioning of the launcher. Evidence of back blast from the firing of the rockets was noted on the launching pad, characterized by a shallow trench with 10X10X4 feet dimensions. On 18 March, 1/9 relieved in place 3/3 with the mission to conduct a thorough search of the area for possible rocket rounds remaining, and to exploit the enemy situation within the vicinity.

Based on intelligence information received, at least 3 enemy battalions were deployed in the AN HOA (YD 1167) and PHU PHONG (YD 1467) area.

On 21 March, 3/3 moved into the attack position and commenced its sweep north along the axis of the north-south gridline 10 towards AN HOA to exploit the current enemy situation at the time. 1/3/3 elements engaged an estimated NVA squad size unit; however, the enemy broke contact and fled in a southeast direction. Shortly thereafter, 3/3 continued with its mission encountering graves containing NVA bodies, and base camps with 13 bunkers and miscellaneous gear. Meantime, 3/3 had located an additional 4X102mm rocket rounds, and several batteries (A-30) believed used to generate current for rocket motors. On 23 March, 1/9 shifted to the east and commenced, 24 March, the advance along the axis of Route 76 north towards the village of PHU PHONG. However, the enemy was deployed in the vicinity of PHU AN (YD 1467), and stubbornly fought and delayed the advance of 1/9. The enemy force was estimated to be at least a company size NVA unit. Deployed in well prepared defensive positions, they employed every available weapon they had to include mortars, automatic weapons, machineguns, grenades and mines.

1/9 was subjected to an intermittent mortar attack for a total of 140 rounds of 60mm/82mm mortar mixed. Concentrated air, artillery, and infantry organic weapons were brought to bear on the enemy followed up with a sweep by elements of 1/9, resulted in the capture of 1 NVA-PW; 4 rounds 82mm recoilless gun; 1 machinegun; 6 SMG; 6 boxes of 60mm fuses and miscellaneous gear. Enemy casualties were 33 KIA (C) and 40 KIA (P). A confirmed count for this brief contact, 2 female bodies were found clad in NVA uniforms.

Meantime, on the left flank, 3/3 had engaged an estimated 30-40 NVA personnel with automatic weapons, machineguns, and well entrenched in well flagged bunkers reinforced with wooden beams. The enemy was also employing 60mm mortars positioned below ground level. Supporting arms were directed on the enemy position, and followed up with a ground assault by 1/3/3. The enemy broke contact and fled. The enemy sustained 28 KIA (C) and 15 KIA (P). Captured equipment was (1) ChiCon machinegun, 1 AG-47, and (2) radios which had been destroyed previously by artillery fire. Throughout the rest of the day, the enemy was attempting to delay the advance of 3/3 by employing harassing mortar fires. However, 3/3 continued to move aggressively and, subsequently, engaged an estimated platoon size NVA unit fleeing in a northwest direction,

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...ved to be a residual element that was in contact with 1/9 earlier. My casualties were 6 KIA (C). Pursuing the enemy, 3/3 discovered a village complex with 100 camouflaged reinforced bunkers vicinity (YD 124684), and 6 additional NVA bodies (C) as well as 1 NVA WIA captive. In the vicinity of (YD 105680), 1/3/3 discovered large bunker complex estimated to have accommodated a regimental size unit. The complex covered an area of 400X800 meters north to south, and connected with all kept streets and trenches. The bunker complex was destroyed. There were 10 mortar attacks directed against 3/3, (from 24-26 March), with a cumulative total of 572 rounds consisting of 394X82mm, 118X82mm/120mm mixed, and 40X60mm. Based on captured documents and interrogation reports, 3/3 and 1/9 engaged the 15th Engineer Company, an element of the 812th Regiment operating in the area of PHU AN and AN HOA. The employment of mines in the battle area, and particularly on Route 76 is consistent with an engineer element. It was also believed, based on contact with the enemy, that at least an infantry company size NVA unit was committed as a delaying force, while the main force continued with the withdrawal north to the DMZ.

Activity in northeastern QUANG TRI was dominated by heavy, though inaccurate, artillery/mortar attacks against the newly established Provisional Artillery Group site (YD 1170), the GIO LINH Outpost (YD 2173), the CON THIEN Outpost (YD 1170), and the TRUNG LUONG District Headquarters (YD 1948). Artillery/mortar fires were reported originating from within the DMZ and north of the BEN HAI River. Significantly, from this sanctuary the enemy employed conventional artillery pieces for the first time in this area utilizing both 105mm and 122mm tubes. Elsewhere in the eastern portion of the QUANG TRI Province, a PF platoon and RF units were attacked by overpowering enemy forces. Based on prisoners captured, it was determined that elements of the 808th VC MF and 814th NVA battalions engaged the PF and RF units. The enemy broke contact following a brief action. Friendly casualties were moderate. Enemy action appeared directed against the local GVN RD Program in a continuing attempt to disrupt the effort.

Operation BEACON HILL was conducted by the 1st Bn, 4th Marines centered in the vicinity of GIO LINH and CON THIEN. From the initial sweep (20 March), 1/4 encountered activity consisting of light, sporadic contacts, harassments, and mortar attacks. Operation BEACON HILL became under the tactical control of the 3d Marines on 26 March. The most significant contact during the operation centered in the area of BEN HAI (YD 1473) where an estimated battalion size enemy unit was deployed in well fortified bunkers with interconnecting trenches. The enemy position was attacked with every available supporting arms, concentrated air, and infantry organic weapons. A sweep of the area resulted in the discovery of 150 bunker complex, 90% destroyed; 550 feet of trench, destroyed; and evidence of charred human flesh, blood stains, numerous drag marks, miscellaneous scattered gear, and hastily dug graves containing 33 bodies. Based on intelligence reports, captured documents and a captive, 1/4 had made contact with the 1st Bn, 31st

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341st NVA Division. The cumulative total for the preceding action (Operation BEACON HILL) was 351 KIA (C) and 651 KIA (P).

On 28 March, 3/9 was introduced into the area (YD 1064) to exploit further enemy activity based on sightings by friendly reconnaissance and agent reports.

During the evening of 30 March, I/3/9 was in the process of being deployed into a nighttime ambush and defensive position, vicinity of (YD 090655), (YD 100644), and (YD 114654) when the company CP and the 1st Plt (YD 090655) were subjected to a 60mm/82mm mortar attack. The enemy walked the mortar rounds on the position (YD 1064) from the west to the east and back, then continued to the east once more followed with a ground assault by the enemy (estimated NVA Company size) from a southwest direction employing automatic weapons and grenades. The first assault was repelled, and the enemy withdrew to consolidate its forces. Shortly thereafter, the enemy assaulted for the second time and overran the position. Meantime, the 1st Plt and the 3d Plt were returning to assist the company command group and the 2d Plt; however, the enemy had deployed its forces into a hasty ambush position and caught the reinforcement element in a cross fire with automatic weapons, machineguns, and with the employment of 60mm mortars. A HUE Gunship, on station, conducted airstrikes on the enemy inflicting losses while the enemy withdrew its forces toward a northwest direction. The enemy casualties were 41 KIA (C) and 35 KIA (P). Two NVA were captured along with numerous weapons (RPG-2, machinegun, ChiCom grenades, 82mm RG rounds, and AK-47 automatic weapons).

On the morning of 31 March, a translation of a document captured by 3d Recon Team on 26 March, vicinity of (YD 072650), was received indicating an enemy operation order dated 25 March 1967. The mission:

"to engage the enemy at HO KHE Mountain (YD 1064)...." The concept of operation was three fold: (a) primary, to attack U.S. Forces from the south in the direction of NUI HO KHE (YD 1064), coordinated with the employment of mines, B-40 (rocket anti-tank weapon), and mortars; (b) secondary, attack from the east; (c) alternate, attack the west. According to the captured document, this plan of attack

commence on the 27th of March. Based on this, it was believed the plan was primarily directed towards the 3d Bn, 3d Marines fighting within the immediate vicinity of NUI HO KHE at the time.

However, on 28 March, 3/3 and 1/9 pulled out of the area by-passing the HO KHE area moving by motor march along route 76 to the east. By March, with the introduction of 3/9, I/3/9 had reached the NUI HO KHE highground. The enemy's plan of attack was then executed utilizing the alternate plan. Based on the contact and the captured document, it was determined that the enemy had adhered rigidly to his plan of attack.

The overall total of incidents for the month of March increased by 157% over the month of February. The increase in the PRAIRIE area was 315%. There were 56 mortar/rocket attacks directed against elements of the 3d Marines for a total of 2,303 rounds. Of the 2,303 rounds

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Were 1426X82mm, 445X60mm, 199 rounds of unknown caliber mortar
 125K102mm rockets, and 110 rockets of unknown caliber.
 There was a sharp increase in the mines/bobby trap and SA/Sniper
 incidents for the reporting period. Mines/bobby traps incidents increased
 from 14 to 28; SA/Sniper incidents from 17 to 57 in the PRAIRIE area.
 Cumulative enemy casualties (PRAIRIE III) for this reporting
 period: 146 KIA (C) NVA; 112 KIA (P) NVA, 2 KIA (P) VC; 1 WIA (C) NVA.
 Of the 22 detainees, 4 were classified PW and 78 innocent civilians.

Contact Incidents -- 199 (90 at night)

(a) Small arms/sniper fire -- 57 (11 at night) -(Beacon Hill --
 night)

- (1) 1st Bn, 4th Mar -- 5 (2 at night)
- (2) 1st Bn, 9th Mar -- 21 (1 at night)
- (3) 2d Bn, 3d Mar -- 1 (0 at night)
- (4) 2d Bn, 26th Mar -- 3 (1 at night)
- (5) 3d Bn, 3d Mar -- 9 (2 at night)
- (6) 3d Bn, 9th Mar -- 6 (3 at night)
- (7) Other -- 4 (2 at night) - (Beacon Hill -- 0)

(b) Grenades -- 4 (2 at night) (Beacon Hill -- 0)

- (1) 1st Bn, 4th Mar -- 0
- (2) 1st Bn, 9th Mar -- 3 (1 at night)
- (3) 2d Bn, 3d Mar -- 0
- (4) 2d Bn, 26th Mar -- 0
- (5) 3d Bn, 3d Mar -- 0
- (6) 3d Bn, 9th Mar -- 1 (1 at night)
- (7) Other -- 0

(c) Booby traps -- 5 (5 discovered) (0 detonated)

- (1) 1st Bn, 4th Mar -- 0
- (2) 1st Bn, 9th Mar -- 1 (1 discovered)

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- (3) 2d Bn, 3d Mar -- 0
- (4) 2d Bn, 26th Mar -- 0
- (5) 3d Bn, 3d Mar -- 1 (1 discovered)
- (6) 3d Bn, 3d Mar -- 2 (2 discovered)
- (7) Other -- 1 (1 discovered)

(d) Mines -- 23 (13 discovered) (10 detonated)

- *(1) 1st Bn, 4th Mar -- 0
- (2) 1st Bn, 9th Mar -- 8 (6 discovered) (2 detonated)
- (3) 2d Bn, 3d Mar -- 2 (discovered)
- (4) 2d Bn, 26th Mar -- 6 (3 discovered) (3 detonated)
- (5) 3d Bn, 3d Mar -- 4 (3 discovered) (1 detonated)
- (6) 3d Bn, 9th Mar -- 1 (1 detonated)
- (7) Other -- 2 (2 detonated)

(e) Moving or probing action where VC/NVA did not fire or return fire -- 18 (16 at night) (Beacon Hill -- 5 (3 at night))

- *(1) 1st Bn, 4th Mar -- 5 (3 at night)
- (2) 1st Bn, 9th Mar -- 4 (4 at night)
- (3) 2d Bn, 3d Mar -- 0
- (4) 2d Bn, 26th Mar -- 0
- (5) 3d Bn, 3d Mar -- 1 (0 at night)
- (6) 3d Bn, 9th Mar -- 3 (3 at night)
- (7) Other -- 10 (9 at night)

(f) Mortar/Artillery fire -- 54 (24 at night) (Beacon Hill -- night)

- *(1) 1st Bn, 4th Mar -- 2 (1 at night)
- (2) 1st Bn, 9th Mar -- 18 (6 at night)

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- (3) 2d Bn, 3d Mar -- 1 (1 at night)
- (4) 2d Bn, 26th Mar -- 0
- (5) 3d Bn, 3d Mar -- 21 (7 at night)
- (6) 3d Bn, 9th Mar -- 2 (2 at night)
- (7) Other -- 12 (8 at night)
- (g) Communications Interference -- 2 (2 at night)
- (h) Intimidation -- 1 (0 at night)
- (i) Information volunteered directly to Marines and reward
... 1 (0 at night)
- (j) Miscellaneous -- 21 (15 at night) (Beacon Hill -- 1
... night)
 - (1) Air bursts -- 0 (Beacon Hill -- 1 (1 at night)
 - (2) Secondary explosions -- 4 (2 at night)
 - (3) Lights observed and fired on -- 10 (10 at night)
 - (4) Drums heard; unaccompanied by lights -- 3 (3 at night)
 - (5) Reports of civilian spying -- 1 (0 at night)
 - (6) Elephant tracks discovered -- 1 (0 at night)
 - (7) VC desiring to rally -- 1 (0 at night)

Note: Asterisk above denotes operation BEACON HILL only)

... Enemy Losses

(a) Personnel

(1) Confirmed

HILL 351 -- a KIA -- 854 (851 NVA) (3 VC) (PRAIRIE 503 NVA)
... 351 -- (348 NVA) (3 VC)

b WIA -- 1 NVA (PRAIRIE -- 1 NVA) (BEACON HILL -- 0)

c NVAC -- 16 (PRAIRIE -- 15) (BEACON HILL -- 1)

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d VCC -- 2 (PRAIRIE -- 1) (BEACON HILL -- 1)

e Innocent Civilians -- 91 (PRAIRIE -- 91) (BEACON

0)

(2) Probable

a KIA -- 888 (884 NVA) (4 VC) (PRAIRIE -- 239 --
(2VC) (BEACON HILL -- 651 (649 NVA) (2 VC)

(b) Material (BEACON HILL only when indicated)

(1) Weapons

102mm rocket launchers -- 3

M-1 rifles -- 2

SKS (ChiCom 7.62 carbines type 56) -- 13

ChiCom machineguns -- 3

SMG (Type unidentified) -- 9 (PRAIRIE -- 7) (BEACON

2)

.30 caliber rifles (Type unidentified) -- 1

AK-47 -- 47 (PRAIRIE -- 42) (BEACON HILL -- 5)

M-72 (LAAV) -- 4

Automatic weapons (Type unidentified) -- 36

Rifles (Type unidentified) -- 23

Light machineguns (Type unidentified) -- 5

B-40 rocket launchers -- 1

Pistols -- 6

60mm mortars (complete) -- 1

.50 caliber machineguns (Type unidentified) -- 1

M-14 U.S. -- 1

2.75 AT weapons -- 1

82mm mortars (complete) -- 2

(2) Weapons Accessories

82mm mortar bipods -- 3 (PRAIRIE -- 2) (BEACON HILL -- 1)

AK-47 magazines -- 61 (PRAIRIE -- 58) (BEACON HILL -- 3)

ChiCom belt magazines (Type unidentified) -- 3

Aiming sights, homemade -- 8

M-14 magazines -- 1

ChiCom light machinegun barrels (Type unidentified -- 3)

60mm mortar fuses -- 101

Carbine magazines (Type unidentified) -- 5

Carbine clips (Type unidentified) -- 2

82mm mortar baseplates -- 5

82mm mortar aiming sights -- 4

82mm mortar tool kits -- 1

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82mm mortar tools kits -- 1
60mm mortar baseplates -- 1
60mm mortar bipods -- 1
Heavy machinegun parts (Type unidentified) -- 2
82mm mortar increments -- 36
Heavy machinegun barrels -- 2
120mm protective caps -- 91
60mm mortar increments -- 47
Fuse lighters -- 1 box
60mm mortar detonators -- 1
82mm mortar tubes -- 2
ChiCom type 58 light machinegun magazines -- 45
Rocket boosters -- 9
Mortar tube cap covers -- 1
Rocket fuses -- 1
82mm mortar fuses -- 3
Machinegun magazines (Type unidentified) -- 1
Hell Box -- 1
102mm aiming stakes -- 2

(3) Ammunition

82mm mortar rounds -- 160 (PRAIRIE -- 104) (BEACON
HILL -- 56)
60mm mortar rounds -- 70
ChiCom grenades -- 597
57mm RR rounds -- 5 (PRAIRIE -- 0) (BEACON HILL -- 5)
7.62mm rounds -- 25,429 (PRAIRIE -- 25,329) (BEACON
HILL -- 100)
102mm rockets -- 125
M-26 grenades -- 5
Smoke grenades -- 3
AT mines -- 6
Land mines -- 11
M-79 (40mm) rounds -- 5
Carbine rounds -- 1007
.50 caliber rounds -- 1650
82mm RG rounds -- 4
Rifle grenades -- 1
120mm mortar rounds -- 15
12.7mm rounds -- 650

(4) Demolitions

1/4 lb blocks of TNT -- 75
Plastic explosives, bars -- 5
Blasting caps -- 70
25 lb sachel charges -- 6
Assorted explosive devices

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(5) Food

Rice, lbs -- 3034

(6) Medical Supplies

Medical kits -- 9

Bandages -- 4

Medicine bottles -- 3

Glass syringes -- 1

(7) Clothing -- Numerous items of civilian clothing, shoes, military uniforms, and utilities were discovered throughout month of March in both the PRAIRIE and the BEACON HILL areas.

(8) Documents

Acetate with Chinese characters -- 1

Propaganda leaflets -- 250

Communications log books -- 1

Code/Shackles book -- 1

Oriental maps -- 2

Russian protractors -- 1

Piastres -- 40

Currency (Denomination and origin unknown) -- 1

NVA ID Cards -- 1

Assorted letters (personal)

Newspapers -- 1

Diary -- 1

Books -- 1

Stamps -- 1

Assorted documents of unknown origin and content were found on 11 occasions in both the PRAIRIE and BEACON HILL areas.

(9) Communication Equipment

Radios -- 4

Communications wire, reels -- 6

Field telephones PBX -- 2

Field telephones -- 3

Antennae -- 3

Headsets -- 2

Landline sets -- 4

Hand sets -- 1

Radio tubes -- 15

Radio batteries -- 1 case

(10) Miscellaneous

Packs -- 159 (PRAIRIE -- 135) (BEACON HILL -- 24)

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Cartridge bolts -- 9 (PRAIRIE -- 8) (BEACON HILL

Hammocks -- 18 (PRAIRIE -- 17) (BEACON HILL -- 1)

E-Tools -- 62

Ammunition pouches -- 23

Ponchos -- 37

Shelter halves -- 7

Sleeping bags -- 1

Gas masks -- 23

Pots/Pans/Dishes -- 183

Picks -- 6

Mosquito nets -- 3

Shaving kits -- 1

Rope -- 1 coil

Saws -- 2

Transistor radios -- 1

Canteens -- 21

Blanket rolls -- 6

Punji stakes -- 35

Helmets -- 27

82mm mortar round casings, empty -- 7

60mm mortar round casings, empty -- 24

Sledge hammers -- 1

Flashlight batteries -- 51

Wedge blades -- 8

Planes -- 1

Axes -- 4

Knives -- 3

Metal chain -- 35 feet

Straw baskets -- 13

Chop sticks -- 6

Wire cutters -- 1 pr

15 gallon water cans -- 1

Rubber plugs -- 5

Fuse cans -- 13

Oil cans -- 2

Trip wire -- 1 coil

Flashlights -- 2

Field glasses -- 2 pr

Compasses -- 1

Trench periscopes -- 1

Plastic bags -- 8

(c) Discovered/Destroyed Fortifications and Positions

Bunkers -- 838 (PRAIRIE -- 688, (BEACON HILL -- 150)

Mortar/Rocket positions -- 105 (PRAIRIE -- 103) (BEACON
HILL -- 2)

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Harbor sites/Base camps

Sound size -- 17
 Platoon size -- 1
 Company size -- 2
 Battalion size -- 3
 Regimental size -- 1

Fighting holes -- 755
 Punji pits -- 3
 12.7mm AA positions -- 3
 Cavos/tunnels -- 5
 Trenches -- 9 (PRAIRIE -- 8) (BRAZON HILL -- 1)

Army units reported and/or sighted during reporting period:

1 VC Bn	YD153650	1 Mar
42 NVA	YD104638	1
150-50 NVA	YD102639	1
120 VC	YD0160	1
1 Bn	YD153650	1
1 VC Co	YD165645	1
60 NVA	YD093635, 092638, YD5630	2
4th Bn, 812th Regt	YD0365	2
5th Bn, 812th Regt	YD085653	2
6th Bn, 812th Regt	YD085653	2
30 NVA	YD074665	3
25 NVA	YD068664	3
250 NVA	YD0766	3
250 NVA	YD0666	3
250 NVA	YD0567	3
702D & 303D Bn, 506th Regt	YD165704, 188702	6
1 NVA Co	YD310485	6
1 VC Hvy Wpns Bn	YD103770	7
20 VC	YD056665	7
10 VC	YD0565	8
1 NVA Co	YD103338	8
270 MF Regt	YD163666, 141663, 155665, 171669	9
302 Bn, 506th Regt	YD188698	11
1 VC Plt (26 VC)	XD9550	12
1 Bn	YD020705, 000695, 030720, 070705	12
4th Bn, 812th Regt	YD128665 to YD132645	13
1 VC Co	YD066663	14
82 NVA	YD049670	14
60 VC	YD093585	15
30 VC	YD190606	16
1 VC Plt	YD099535	16

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131C NVA Div (2 Regts)	YD1272, 1472	17
2 Cc	YD159679	17
2 Bn	YD1167, 11064	17
20 VC	YD0667	17
3 Bn	NS-07, 14-14, EW-69, EW-65	17
20 NVA	YD055691	17
2 VC Cc	YD015347, 013343; 016356	18
20 enemy	YD083617	19
301st Bn	YD1459	19
1 VC Bn	YD128681, 135672	21
200 VC/NVA	YD254751, 291762 (BEACON HILL)	22
VC Plt	CUA VALLEY	23
20 VC	YD065645	23
20 NVA	YD133674	24
20 NVA	YD133674	24
20-20 NVA	YD121679	24
NVA Co	YD123674	25
NVA Plt	YD13679	25
NVA	YD0864	25
VC Cc	YD105355	27
VC Co	YD123393	28
20 NVA	YD1472	30
2nd enemy	YD993618	30
NVA Cc	YD101653	30
Plt	YD253753 (BEACON HILL)	30

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Summary of incidents (all types on a monthly basis for
each month):

INCITS	JAN	FEB	MAR	PRAIRIE	BEACON HILL
Incidents	39	17	62	57	5
Rapes	1	0	5	5	0
Incidents	10	14	23	23	0
Incidents	1	2	4	4	0
Artillery	3	4	56	54	2
Incident w/o fire	11	9	23	18	5
Incidents	1	0	0	0	0
Sabotage	2	0	0	0	0

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Kidnapings	0	0	0	0	0
Comm. Interference	3	1	2	2	0
Demonstrations	0	0	0	0	0
Intimidations	0	0	0	0	0
Rewards Paid	0	0	1	1	0
Miscellaneous	5	12	22*	21	1
Total Incidents	76	59	199	186	13

See paragraph L. 2. (j)

(b) At the end of the reporting period the 3d Marines are in contact with an estimated enemy battalion (unidentified) in the vicinity of TD 10641. This has been a very active reporting period with a total of 199 incidents. The enemy has accelerated his military effort and announced new objectives. Intelligence received indicates that the enemy's stated objectives are: to gain important military victories, and to sabotage the GVN Revolutionary Development program. To accomplish these objectives, the enemy is expected to continue his vigorous reconnaissance activities, small unit harassing actions, and limited-objective attacks in up to reinforced regiment strength on isolated objectives withdrawing into the sanctuaries of the DMZ should the situation deteriorate to his disadvantage.

The enemy is capable of attacking south through the DMZ with up to two divisions supported by: 1 AT battalion, 1 artillery battalion, 1 AA battalion, 1 engineer battalion, 1 signal battalion, 1 transport battalion, and 1 medical battalion. Presently deployed in QUANG TRI Province to act in support of or in conjunction with the above forces are: 1 NVA battalion, 1 VC main force battalion, and 4 VC local force companies.

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M. Communications

(1) General. During the month of March, the 3d Marine Regiment maintained its extended posture of outposted units while conducting two multi-battalion operations. On occasions, the Regimental Commander had the command and control of five infantry battalions under his operational control.

a. The magnitude of such an employment, plus the stations required to enter various command nets coupled with the extreme heat and prevalent dust conditions challenged the abilities and ingenuity of the communicators throughout the area of operations.

b. The AN/PRC-27B radio-relay shot from this CP to the western-most battalion command post was replaced by the not-so-critical line of sight equipment, AN/MRC-62 Radio Relay Van. This permitted reliable telephone communications to the battalion without the need of long wire lines traversing terrain that is susceptible to enemy activity.

c. Due to the terrain features and the extended distances involved in the tactical employment of the units, two manual radio-relay stations were established at CAM 10 and atop the "ROCKPILE".

d. A noteworthy performance of the AN/PRC-25 was the fact that it provided reliable communications on a tape antenna for a distance of 12 miles.

(2) Sequential Listing of Events:

7 March - as a result of the enemy mortar attack:

- Broken power lines had to be repaired.
- Two PE-75 Generators sustained light damage from shrapnel and were replaced.
- One section of antenna RC-292 was destroyed by shrapnel and was replaced.
- The following trunk lines were severed in the attack: FERTILIZE, SWAIN, GOOSE, HEAVY FIST, SMOKE ROOM, POST #1, and AXEHANDLE.
- Antenna farm was relocated away from the COC area with all radios and locals sandbagged.
- Sandbagged and dug out parking area for AN/MRC-110.

8 March - Sandbagged and undergrounded POL area.

9 March - Wired new COC bunker with 400 cycle power and switched old COC to 60 cycle power.

12 March - All radio nets reestablished in new COC bunker
- All wire communications reestablished in new COC bunker.

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14 March - Dispatched relay teams to the "ROCKPILE" to assist in radio communications for operations.

15 March - Completed 1st and 2d echelon PM on all radio gear.

16 March - Replaced CLICK to CROWD AN/MRC-62 Radio-Relay Van with AN/TRC-27B Radio-Relay Set.

- Dispatched relay team to GAM LO to assist in improved radio communications for operations.

- Attempted AN/TRC-27 shot from Hill 250 to western-most battalion CP. Line of sight no possible.

17 March - Replaced shot from western-most battalion to this CP on AN/TRC-27B Radio-Relay equipment with AN/MRC-62 Radio-Relay Van.

- Received one Generator Set PU-278/TRC-27 on Document Number 2760.

19 March - Comm. Tech Maintenance/Storage Shop in DOME H. moved to new area.

- 25 pair cable from switchboard to COC bunker laid, installed, and undergrounded from 19 March to 21 March.

21 March - Received three Generator Sets PU-278/TRC-27 on Document Number 11880.

22 March - Relay team from GAM LO sent to Provisional Security Company north of GAM LO to assist Company Commander with radio communications.

- Received two Generator Sets PU-278/TRC-27 on Document Number 10677, thus meeting proper T/E requirements for this item.

28 March - Rewired main bus board for camp power.

- Relay team for Provisional Company returned to CP.
- Established radio contact with ROUGH RIDER convoy to KHE SANH.

- 11th Engineer Bn. replaced camp generator PU-239.

29 March - Laid, installed, and undergrounded 5-pair cable from radio remote sites to COC bunker.

31 March - The message center had 1899 incoming and 281 outgoing messages for a total of 2,180.

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N. Weather.

March is the transitional month from the northeast monsoon to the southwest monsoon. The area was still under the influence of the northeast monsoon for the first half of the month. For the first ten days of the month typical "crachin" weather prevailed, i.e., complete cloud cover, low ceiling, fog, and drizzle. About mid-month, the northeast monsoon became weak and gradually disappeared; by the end of the month, traces of the southwest monsoon began to appear bringing clear weather and higher temperatures. Average temperatures for the month was 75°F. Average humidity was 81% and the total rainfall received was 1.3 inches.

The weather at the beginning of the month adversely affected friendly operations forcing postponement or cancellation of aerial reconnaissance, med-evacs, and resupply missions.

Ground observation was also hampered enabling the enemy to move personnel and supplies without detection.

However, the weather for the last half of the month enabled 3d Marines to employ all its capabilities to the maximum extent.

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O. Fire Support1. Significant Events

- a. Operation north of CAM LO supported by four artillery batteries in a direct support role. Two batteries of 105's and two batteries of 155's.
- b. On 1 March, A/1/40 (USA) displaced from Camp CARROLL to the "gravel pit" (YD 0657) to support the operation north of CAM LO.
- c. On 4 March, F/2/12 displaced from DONG HA to Camp CARROLL. B/1/12 displaced from Camp CARROLL to DONG HA to await transportation for rotation to Okinawa.
- d. On 5 March, F/2/12 displaced from Camp CARROLL back to DONG HA. B/1/40 (USA) displaced from DONG HA to Camp CARROLL.
- e. During the period 1-5 March, artillery was used extensively. The artillery fired close in defensive fires, countermortar fires, live missions on NVA units, and many prep fires. The artillery during the period was excellent and in many instances was the saving factor in intense fighting. The Battalion Liaison Officers and Forward Observers did a fine job on the coordination and control of fires.
- f. At 062358H March, B/1/40 (USA), M/4/12, C/1/40 (USA), and K/4/12 fired countermortar and rocket fire during the attack on Camp CARROLL. Crater analysis and actual findings of mortar sights showed that the artillery units were on target in many of the areas from which the mortars were coming. The batteries did a fine job in returning fires and help suppress the fires.
- g. On 9 March, A/1/40 (USA) displaced from DONG HA to Camp CARROLL. B/1/40 (USA) displaced from Camp CARROLL to DONG HA.
- h. On 10 March, F/2/12 displaced from DONG HA to CAM LO to support 3d Marines operation north of CAM LO.
- i. On 12 March, W/1/12 displaced to vicinity (YD 149404) in support of K/3/9's long range patrol.
- j. On 14 March, two platoons from M/4/12 displaced from Camp CARROLL to the vicinity of the "ROCKPILE" (YD 983542) to support the engineers on Route 9 between CA LU and KHE SANH.
- k. On 16 March, one platoon of M/4/12 displaced from Camp CARROLL to (YD 095518) to support a company size operation southeast of D-5. The platoon returned to Camp CARROLL on 18 March.
- l. Platoon W/1/12 was displaced from 19 March to 21 March vicinity (YD 191396) in support of K/3/9 long range patrol.

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m. On 23 March, F/2/12 displaced from CAM LO to (YD 144615) in order to continue to support the multi-battalion operation just south of CON THIEN.

n. On 25 March, W/1/12 displaced two guns from the BA LONG Outpost to vicinity (YD 122411) in order to support an infantry patrol in that area. The guns returned to the outpost the same day. On the 27th the two guns were again displaced to (YD 122411) and returned the same day.

o. On 28 March, F/2/12 returned to their position at CAM LO (YD 133591).

p. On 29 March, W/1/12 was relieved in position (YD 162401) by W/1/13 and displaced to (YD 215595).

q. F/2/12 displaced to (YD 143616) in support of multi-battalion operations south of CON THIEN on 31 March.

r. 30 and 31 March saw a continuation of fire support for 3d Marines operations near CON THIEN.

2. Artillery Units Providing Support

a. Direct Support

1st Battalion, 12th Marines (-)(Reinf)(1-31Mar)

Btry A; 1st Bn, 40th Arty (USA)(1-31Mar)
 Btry B; 1st Bn, 40th Arty (USA)(5-9Mar)
 Btry C; 1st Bn, 40th Arty (USA)(1-31Mar)
 Btry B; 1st Bn, 12th Marines (1-4Mar)
 Btry G; 3d Bn, 12th Marines (26-31Mar)
 Btry C; 1st Bn, 12th Marines (26-31Mar)
 Btry W; 1st Bn, 12th Marines (1-31Mar)
 Btry W; 3d Bn, 12th Marines (26-31Mar)
 Btry K; 4th Bn, 12th Marines (1-5Mar)
 Btry M; 4th Bn, 12th Marines (1-5Mar)

b. General Support

2d Bn, 94th Artillery (USA)(1-31Mar)

Btry M, 4th Bn, 12th Marines (6-31Mar)

Btry K, 4th Bn, 12th Marines (6-31Mar)

3. Naval Gunfire Support. Firing in support of the 1st Bn, 4th Marines, OPCON 3d Marines (26-31Mar).

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4. Other Units Providing Supporta. Direct Support

Company A, 3d Tank Battalion
 Company A, 3d Anti-tank Battalion

b. Operational Control

Battery C, 1st Bn, 44th Artillery (AWSP)(USA)
 Detachment, Battery G, 65th Artillery (USA)

5. Number and Types of Missionsa. Artillery Missions Fired (Direct Support)

	<u>105mm</u>	<u>107mm</u>
Observed	867	65
Unobserved	2208	969
Harassing and Interdicting	1250	27
Registrations	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	4325	1061

b. Artillery Missions Fired (General Support)

	<u>155mm</u>	<u>175mm</u>
Observed	21	99
Unobserved	<u>83</u>	<u>381</u>
Total	104	480

c. Prep Fires. 178

Saturation Missions - 37

6. Ammunition Expended by Typea. Direct Supporting Artillery

	<u>HE</u>	<u>WF</u>	<u>Illum</u>	<u>Total</u>
105mm	30,952	1,286	173	32,411
107mm	<u>1,991</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>418</u>	<u>2,472</u>
Total	32,943	1,349	591	34,883

b. General Support Artillery

	<u>HE</u>
155mm	1,967
175mm	<u>16,063</u>
Total	18,030

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c. Naval Gunfire

BHI 5"/54 - 1201; 5"/38 - 237; 5"SSR - 643; Total - 2090

d. Tanks

HE

90mm 2508

e. Ontos

HE

106mm 840

f. Automatic Weapons, Self-Propelled (AVSP)(USA)

40mm 33,902
50 Cal 14,000

Total 47,902

7. Surveillance

a. Positive Results as follows:

KIA (Conf) 246
KIA (Prob) 132

b. Artillery fire during the first part of the month was credited with saving the lives of many Marines. The fighting was close in, and the Forward Observers were bringing the fire close in to their positions. The artillery fire during this period was fast and accurate. Some of the personnel that were in the thick of the fighting, made many comments about the fact artillery saved them.

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P. Air Support.

(1) Elements of the First Marine Aircraft Wing, including Marine Aircraft Group 11, Marine Aircraft Group 16, and Marine Air Support Squadron One, provided fixed and rotary wing aircraft in support of medical evacuation, aerial reconnaissance, administrative lifts, close air support, and high-altitude radar bombing missions during the month of March.

(2) Air support provided is summarized as follows:

	MED. EVAC	ADMIN	LOGISTIC	TROOP LIFT	TROOP RECON	TROOP LIFT (TACTICAL)
Hq Co, 3d Mar	9	18	8	11	3	-
2d Bn, 3d Mar	-	--	-	--	-	1
3d Bn, 3d Mar	43	--	9	9	-	3
3d Bn, 9th Mar	27	2	2	1	3	2
1st Bn, 9th Mar	29	--	2	2	1	1
3d Bn, 4th Mar	7	--	-	-	-	1
2d Bn, 26th Mar	13	1	-	1	2	3
1st Bn, 4th Mar	--	2	-	-	-	-
Total	128	23	21	24	9	12

The med-evacs for hq Co, 3d Marines includes those of supporting units at Camp J. J. GALLAGHER.

(3) During March 1967, the Regimental TACP controlled approximately 2000 A/C missions within the AO. These missions were flown either in support of the Regimental Headquarters and subordinate battalions or were overflying the AO enroute to other destinations. During peak periods of activity, over 170 flights were controlled in a twelve hour period.

(4) High altitude radar bombing, controlled by Marine ASRAT within and adjacent to the AO is summarized as follows:

- (a) Total number of targets requested: 1968
- (b) Total number of targets struck: 1337
- (c) Total ordnance expended (tons): 1755

(5) Three helicopters were destroyed due to enemy fire within the AO. One CH-46A and one UH-34B were lost on an extraction mission for a Division Recon patrol. One UH-34B was lost during a med-evac mission. One UH-1 gunship received serious damage while escorting a med-evac mission.

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4. Activations/Deactivations/Redesignations.

- (1) At 011430H, BLT 3/9 deactivated.
- (2) At 182400H, Operation PIRATE II terminated.
- (3) At 190001H, Operation PIRATE III designated.
- (4) At 231600H, Provisional Security Company, 3d Marines activated at CuM 10 to provide security for F/2/12.
- (5) At 281600H, Provisional Security Company, 3d Marines deactivated.

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R. Psychological Operations

(1) 1-5 March CAM LO District Headquarters conducted, 5 hours daily, speaker broadcasts in the vicinity of CAM LO. Theme; CHIEU HOI appeal.

(2) 4 March 3/3 1½ hours speaker broadcast vicinity of (YD 108658). Theme; CHIEU HOI appeal.

(3) 121830H - 121915H March PsyOps Team conducted a loud speaker broadcast at (YD 167685) in conjunction with 3/4 S&D Operations.

(4) 13 March 1,600,000 CHIEU HOI and NVA Hardships leaflets were dropped in the areas bounded by (XD 8564), (XD 9564), (XD 8549), (XD 9549); (YD 1035), (YD 2135), (YD 1045), (YD 2145); (XD 9049), (YD 0849), (XD 9040), (YD 0840).

(5) 14 March 3,100,000 CHIEU HOI and NVA Hardship leaflets were distributed in the areas bounded by (XD 8564), (XD 9264), (XD 8549), (XD 9249); (XD 9265), (YD 0165), (XD 9254), (YD 0154); (XD 9254), (YD 0154), (XD 9249), (YD 0149); (YD 0165), (YD 1265), (YD 0154), (YD 1254); (YD 0154), (YD 1249), (YD 0149), (YD 1249); (YD 1259), (YD 2159), (YD 1236), (YD 2136); (YD 0866), (YD 0870), (YD 1666), (YD 1674).

(6) 15 March 1,000,000 CHIEU HOI and NVA Hardship leaflets were distributed in the areas bounded by (YD 1358), (YD 2058), (YD 1333), (YD 2032); (XD 9049), (XD 9042); (YD 1333); (YD 1349); (XD 9765), (YD 0166), (XD 9759), (YD 0459); (YD 0166), (YD 0968), (YD 0559), (YD 1361).

(7) 16 March 1,000,000 CHIEU HOI and NVA Hardship leaflets were distributed in areas bounded by (XD 9962), (YD 0762), (XD 9955), (YD 0755); (XD 9966), (XD 9962), (YD 0766), (YD 0762); (YD 0769), (YD 0766), (YD 1269), (YD 1266); (YD 0766), (YD 0760); (YD 1066), (YD 1060); (YD 1066), (YD 1061), (YD 1661); (YD 1666); (YD 0569), (YD 0266), (YD 0769), (YD 0766); (XD 9566), (XD 7959), (XD 9966), (XD 9959).

(8) 19 March 400,000 CHIEU HOI and NVA Hardship leaflets were distributed in the areas bounded by (YD 2242), (YD 2230), (YD 3547), (YD 4734).

(9) 20 March 800,000 CHIEU HOI and NVA Hardship leaflets were distributed in the areas bounded by (XD 9265), (YD 0165), (XD 9262), (YD 0162); (YD 2542), (YD 3742), (YD 2536), (YD 3636).

(10) 22 March 300,000 CHIEU HOI and NVA Hardship leaflets were distributed in the areas bounded by (XD 9049), (YD 0349), (XD 9040), (YD 0343); (YD 2542), (YD 3742), (YD 2536), (YD 3636).

(11) 24-25 March conducted loudspeaker broadcasts in CAM LO and CUA Valley areas. Theme; CHIEU HOI appeals and support of GVN.

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(12) 26 March 1,000,000 CHIEU HOI and NVA Hardship leaflets were distributed in the areas bounded by (XD 9049), (YD 0249), (XD 9039), (YD 0239); (YD 0973), (YD 1274), (YD 0969), (YD 1269); (YD 1674), (YD 1974), (YD 1669), (YD 1069).

(13) 29 March 1,300,000 CHIEU HOI and NVA Hardship leaflets were distributed in the areas bounded by (YD 0971), (YD 1374), (YD 0968), (YD 1368); (YD 0164), (YD 0667), (YD 0262), (YD 0765); (YD 0254), (YD 0954), (YD 0249), (YD 0949); (YD 0954), (YD 1454), (YD 0949), (YD 1449).

(14) 30 March 1,000,000 CHIEU HOI and NVA Hardship leaflets were distributed in the areas bounded by (YD 1035), (YD 2135), (YD 1045), (YD 2145); (XD 9049), (YD 0649), (XD 9040), (YD 0640).

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S. Training

(1) Objective. To maintain and improve the high state of combat efficiency of the Regiment, training was conducted on a formal school and individual basis.

(2) Highlights.

4 March - Twenty-five members of Headquarters Company, 3d Marines conducted familiarization of individual weapons at the Camp CARROLL Rifle Range.

6 March - One enlisted Marine attended Embarkation School, held on Okinawa.

Ref: CG, Third MarDiv 220551Z Feb67

15 March - Fifteen members of the Regimental Scout Sniper Platoon conducted familiarization firing of their individual weapons at the Camp CARROLL Rifle Range.

19 March - Fourteen members of Headquarters Company, 3d Marines conducted familiarization firing of their individual weapons at the Camp CARROLL Rifle Range.

25 March - Forty-four members of Headquarters Company, 3d Marines attended classes on the M16E1 Rifle. Two classes were conducted at Camp CARROLL by MSgt. MERRILL from 3d MarDiv (Training).

27 March - One Hundred-three members of Headquarters Company, 3d Marines and 3d Battalion, Ninth Marines attended a class on the M16E1 conducted by Msgt MERRILL of 3d MarDiv (Training).

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PART IV

CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS
AND SUPPORT DOCUMENTS

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- ✓ 1. Staff Journals, 01 March - 31 March 1967. (Opn PRAIRIE)
- ✓ 2. Staff Journals, 27 March - 31 March 1967. (Opn BEACON HILL)
- ✓ 3. 3d Marines Operation PRAIRIE II SITREPS No. 113 -184 as of 010600H - 182400H Mar67.
- ✓ 4. 3d Marines Operation PRAIRIE III SITREPS No. 01 - 52 as of 190600H - 312400H Mar67.
- ✓ 5. 3d Marines Operation BEACON HILL SITREPS No. 01 - 24 as of 261200H Mar67 - 010159H Apr67.
- ✓ 6. 3d Marines INTSUMS No. 64 - 91 as of 010800H Mar67 - 010800H Apr67.
- ✓ 7. CO, Third Marines ltr 3/JU/lws over 1500 dated 28 March 1967. (FMF Manuals, Requisition of).
- ✓ 8. Operational Overlay to Accompany 3d Marines Frag 0 15-67.
- ✓ 9. Operational Overlay to Accompany 3d Marines Planning Guidance dated 23 March 1967.
- ✓ 10. Operational Overlay to Accompany 3d Marines Planning Message dated 24 March 1967.

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- ✓ 11. Third MarDiv (Fwd) msg 010812Z Mar67 (Planned Operations)
- ✓ 12. CO, Third Marines msg 020143Z Mar67 (Recount of Enemy KIA).
- ✓ 13. CO, Third Marines msg 020912Z Mar67 (Opstat 001 as of 011500Z Mar67)
- ✓ 14. CO, BLT 3/9 msg 030525Z Mar67 (Assumption of Responsibility for Assigned TAOR).
- ✓ 15. CO, BLT 2/3 msg 030602Z Mar67 (Change of OPCON)
- ✓ 16. CO, Third Marines msg 030630Z Mar67 (Book Organization)
- ✓ 17. CO, Third Marines msg 030740Z Mar67 (Change of OPCON)
- ✓ 18. CO, Third Marines msg 031230Z Mar67 (Opstat 002 as of 031500Z Mar67)
- ✓ 19. CO, Third Marines msg 031330Z Mar67 (Requirements for M-79 Grenade Launcher)

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✓20. CO, Third Marines msg 040510Z Mar67 (Security for Displaced Artillery in Support of 3d Marines Opn Plan 7-67)

✓21. Third MarDiv (Fwd) msg 040630Z Mar67 (Planned Operations for 4 and 5 March 1967)

✓22. CO, Third Marines msg 050920Z Mar67 (Colonel LANIGAN msg to 2/3)

✓23. CO, Third Marines msg 050921Z Mar67 (Colonel LANIGAN msg to 3/9)

✓24. Third MarDiv (Fwd) msg 051340Z Mar67 (Planned Operations 6 March 1967)

✓25. Third MarDiv (Fwd) msg 070345Z Mar67 (Planned Operations 7 March 1967)

✓26. CO, Third Marines 080855Z Mar67 (Opn PLAIE II Frag 0 12-67)

✓27. CO, Third Marines msg 091015Z Mar67 (Planning Opns 10 March)

✓28. Third MarDiv (Fwd) msg 091015Z Mar67 (Frag 0 7-67)

✓29. Third MarDiv (Fwd) msg 091515Z Mar67 (Summary of Mortar Attack of Camp CARHOL 7 March)

✓30. CO, Third Marines msg 100245Z Mar67 (Physical Security of Communication Installations)

✓31. CG, Third MarDiv msg 112135Z Mar67 (Maj-en KYLE msg to Third Marines)

✓32. Third MarDiv (Fwd) msg 120213Z Mar67 (Planned Operations 12 March 1967)

✓33. Third MarDiv (Fwd) msg 121355Z Mar67 (Scout Dog Teams)

✓34. CO, Third Marines 121630Z Mar67 (Critical Status Report)

✓35. CO, Third Marines msg 121715Z Mar67 (Anniversary Message)

✓36. Third MarDiv (Fwd) msg 130226Z Mar67 (Communications Conference)

✓37. CO, Third Marines msg 130245Z Mar67 (Correction to Opn Plan 14-67)

✓38. CO, Third Marines msg 130246Z Mar67 (Colonel LANIGAN msg to 3/3)

✓39. CO, Third Marines msg 130247Z Mar67 (Colonel LANIGAN msg to 1/9)

✓40. Third MarDiv (Fwd) msg 140306Z Mar67 (Scout Dog Team)

✓41. Third MarDiv (Fwd) msg 140408Z Mar67 (Change of OPON)

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✓ 43. CO, Third Marines 141605Z Mar67 (Frag 0 15-67)

✓ 44. Third MarDiv (Fwd) msg 150310Z Mar67 (Frag 0 8-67)

✓ 45. Third MarDiv (Fwd) msg 151405Z Mar67 (Change to Frag 0 8-67)

✓ 46. CO, Third Marines msg 160601Z Mar67 (Water Point at Bn LONG)

✓ 47. CG, Third MarDiv msg 160335Z Mar67 (III MAF Psy Ops Conference)

✓ 48. Third MarDiv (Fwd) msg 170807Z Mar67 (Change of OPCON)

✓ 49. CO, Third Marines msg 180520Z Mar67 (Opn Plan 7-67)

✓ 50. Third MarDiv (Fwd) msg 181315Z Mar67 (Change of OPCON)

✓ 51. CG, Third MarDiv msg 190237Z Mar67 (Termination of Operation PRAIRIE II - Commence Operation PRAIRIE III)

✓ 52. CO, Third Marines msg 190430Z Mar67 (Correction to 3d Marines SITEP)

✓ 53. Third MarDiv (Fwd) msg 190545Z Mar67 (Minefield Removal at D-5 Outpost)

✓ 54. SOP Third MarDiv msg 190940Z Mar67 (Change of OPCON)

✓ 55. Third MarDiv (Fwd) msg 191510Z Mar67 (Termination of PRAIRIE II)

✓ 56. CO, Third Marines msg 191715Z Mar67 (Air Reconnaissance Request)

✓ 57. CO, Third Marines msg 200950Z Mar67 (Counter Mortar Measures)

✓ 58. CO, Third Marines msg 210630Z Mar67 (Opstat 003 as of 201500Z Mar67)

✓ 59. CO, Third Marines msg 230835Z Mar67 (Scout Sniper Rifles)

✓ 60. Third MarDiv (Fwd) msg 240310Z Mar67 (Twenty Power Scope)

✓ 61. CO, Third Marines msg 260500Z Mar67 (Registered Publications School)

✓ 62. CO, Third Marines msg 270930Z Mar67 (Opn PRAIRIE III Frag 0 1-67)

✓ 63. CO, Third Marines msg 271048Z Mar67 (Woodcutters)

✓ 64. CO, Third Marines msg 291500Z Mar67 (Photo Request)

✓ 65. CO, Third Marines msg 300310Z Mar67 (Personal Property of Captives)

✓ 66. CO, Third Marines msg 300730Z Mar67 (Change of OPCON)

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3d Marines
3d Marine Division (Reinf), FMF
FPO San Francisco, 96602

3/JW/BSW
1500
28 March 1967

From: Commanding Officer

To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Reinf), FMF (Attn: G-3 Staff)

Subj: FMF Manuals; Requisition for

1. It is requested that twelve (12) copies each of FMFM 1-2 (Marine Troop Leaders Guide) and FMFM 23-85 (60mm Mortar) be made available to this headquarters as soon as possible.

2. These manuals will be utilized in the training of the newly formed Combined Action Company, and other subordinate units, within the 3d Marines Area of Operations.

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0700	4	Fr Cwd 2: Spot Report	S-2
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0930	6	Fr Cwd 14: Spot Report	S-2
0935	7	F G-2: Spot Report	S-2
1041	8	Fr Cwd-2: Spot Report XX	S-2
1135	9	Fr Cwd-2: Spot Report	S-2
1230	10	Fr2/94: Spot Report (A) 2/94 (B) 071225H (C) Camp Carroll (D) Summary of Damages & casualties M 4/12 1 KIA D2/94 1 WIA - 2 tents destroyed 1 tent NVA MISSING damage, 1 mess unit destroyed 1-5 ton truck radar destroyed - 1 aiming circle destroyed 1 175mm SP UN operational Damage tube; 0400 attack - 2/94 1 KIA, 1 WIA, 1 tent damage; 0630 attack D/2/94 3 ammo bunker hit. 2 of which had secondary explosions (F) 2 (G) 2	:
1226	11	Fr3dMar: Spot Report (A) 3dMar (B) 071230 (C) Camp Carroll (D) <u>KIA</u> <u>WIA</u> Monroe 2 4 3/9 4 22 TK's 0 2 AT's 0 0 HqCo 0 1 Engineers 0 0 "C" Btry 0 5 "B" Btry 0 0	S-3
1308	12	(F) 6 (G) 34 (H-N) No Change Fr2/94: Spot Report (A) 2/94 (B) None (C) Camp Carroll 062552 (D) 81mm ADZ 0750 max target YD 090579 Rockets ADZ 0300 Max target range 8000 meters YD 071575 120mm ADZ 6300 max range unk	:
1430	13	Fr 3dMar: Damage Report (A) 3dMar (B) Mortar Attacks (C) Camp Carroll (D) Damage to Equipment by units at Camp Carroll: 3/9: Comm - 4 GP tents 81 Plt 4 GP tents, 1 gun 81mm, 16 sea bags. Med: 2 GP tents, 1 Jeep tire Mess: 5 GP tents, 3 GI cans, 1 m-37 range. Hqs - 2 GP tents S-3 - 1 GP tent, 1 AnPrc 25 M/3/9 Remote, 1 CP tent completely destroyed L/3/9 1 Mite 3 tires I/3/9 - Co Office tent hole throughout supply tent destroy office material. Heavy damage, Sea Bag damage.	

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		K/3/9: 3 tents with holes throughout.	
		106 S: 2 Mules (1) Hole in Cab, XXXXXXXXXX	
		(1) hole in Gas tank causing fire burning Engine	
		and left rear wheel, 2 GP tents with holes ,	
		1 GP tent completely destroyed.	
		C/1/44: 5 Jeeps, radio, and tires,	
		13/4 ton tires, radio and windshield, 2½ tires,	
		Wind Shield, 3 1½ tires and windshield, 1 Fuel Pod,	
		1 maintenance tent, 13 GP med tents 2 Hard backs,	
		1 GP small, 3 Hospital tent, 1 twin 40mm SP (1 Gun):,	
		1 quad 50 (Wind Shield, 1 water trailer performater:,	
		4 GI Cans, 32 gal	
		3d ATBN - None	
		3d tkBn - 6 CP tents damaged, HqCo 12 GP tents	
		damaged, 3 CP tents damaged, 3 set 6" pipe total, 2 otter	
		damage. Broken glass, 1 shower unit	
		M/4/12 - 1 switch board spill, 3 GP tents	
		B/6/27 - Slight damage to 1 truck radiator, windshield ,	
		light. 2½ ton van	
		2/94 - 3 GP Med tents, 3 GP tents small, 1 tent	
		Metro, 1 mess hall 1700 MAO size 7 destroyed, 1 water	
		trailer , 3 tires, 1 maintenance tent, 3 GP tents,	
		1 air compressor, thrown 15ft. 1 - 175mm gun tube.	
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1602	15	Fr 3/9: Spot Report	S-2
1630	16	Fr Swain: Spot Report	S-2
1709	17	Fr 3/3: Spot Report	S-2
1710	18	Fr Shove 2: Spot Report	S-2
1740	19	Fr Crowd 2: Spot Report	S-2
1915	20	Fr 3dMar: Spot Report	S-2
1915	21	Fr Recon ICI: Spot Report	S-2
1920	22	Fr Tks: Spot Report	S-2
1955	23	Fr G-2: Spot Report	S-2
2020	24	Fr 1/9: Spot Report (A) C/1/9 (B) 030820	S-3
		(C) (EN) 127684 (F) 127683 (D) At above time/coord	
		point plt received A/W fire and grenades, 300 rds, 15gren.	
		(E) Swept area, expended 1000 7.62 rds, 15 M-79,	
		2 45 caliber rd con't to receive sniper fire for	
		next 3 hours while evacuation WIA/KIA. Six	
		detainee were apprehended. No weapons, however	
		looked suspicious and were in between fire fight.	
		(F) 7 (G) 5 (I) 6 (L) 6	
2200	25	Fr Crowd 3: Spot Report (A) Crowd 3 (B) 072100H	
		(C) 063551 (D) M/4/12 and 3/9 observed a white	
		flare to the East and a Red flare to the West.	
		Flares were at 2200M to the East, 7000 to the West.	
		(E) Alerted all Camp Carroll units.	

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0115	3	Fr Pay: Spot Report	S-2
0800	4	Fr 2/26: Spot Report	S-2
0855	5	Fr Pay: Spot Report (A) Pay I, (B) 230830H (C) Fm Z L 1,3, U.S. (D) Pay I made contact with 2 enemy wearing green uniforms and camouflaged helmets, appear to be NVA, carrying wpns fled to E. (E) Engaged with S/A and now holding for Arty.	
0856	6	Fr Shove 2: Spot Report	S-3
0920	7	Fr Pay: Spot Report (A) Pay I (B) 230830H (C) FM Z L.4, U.S., (D) Ref #6 Arty msn in process where Pay I made contact with 2 NVA on a trail. (N) Captured 2 enemy mac-gun barrel w/carrying case.	S-2
0945	8	Fr 3/9: Spot Report	S-3
1055	9	Fr 3/9: Spot Report	S-2
1102	10	Fr S-2: Spot Report	S-2
1135	11	Fr 3/9: Spot Report	S-2
1140	12	Fr 3/9: Spot Report	S-2
1200	13	Fr 2/26: Spot Report	S-2
1205	14	Fr Shove: Spot Report	S-2
1210	15	Fr Pay 2: Spot Report	S-2
1250	16	Fr S-2: Spot Report	S-2
1315	17	Fr Shove: Spot Report	S-2
1330	18	Fr Crowd 2: Spot Report	S-2
1335	19	Fr Pay: Spot Report (A) Pay L-2 (B) 231315H (C) Fr R D2.5, L.6, (D) L-2 engaged with unknown estimated enemy squad and receiving heavy auto weapons fire. (E) Mortar and Arty msns being called.	
1340	20	Fr S-2: Spot Report	S-2
1350	21	Fr S-2: Spot Report	S-2
1400	22	Fr Pay: Spot Report	S-2
1410	23	Fr S-2: Spot Report	S-2
1505	24	Fr Pay: Spot Report, (A) Pay L (B) 221322H (C) Ref Spot Rep 231322H (D) Pay L had 2 WIA from action in Spot Report 1322H. (E) Med Evac has been requested (G) 2 WIA	
1515	25	Fr Pay: Spot Report	S-3
1700	26	Fr Pay: Spot Report	S-2
1733	27	Fr ISCI: Spot Report	S-2
1740	28	Fr Recon: Spot Report	S-2
2030	29	Fr Shove: Spot Report	S-2
2230	30	Fr Pay: Spot Report	S-2
2400	31	Journal Closed	

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0145	2	: Fr Shove 2 Spot Report	: S-2
0505	3	: Fr Ruggles: Spot Report	: S-2
0925	4	: Fr 3/9: Spot Report	: S-2
1010	5	: Fr Pay: Spot Report (A) Pay (B) 240930H (C) 108658 : (D) Pay Cmd Group took 33 rds of 82mm mortar fire. : (E) Firing counter mortar, more info to follow	: S-3
1025	6	: Fr Shove: Spot Report	: S-2
1030	7	: Fr Pay: Spot Report, (A) Pay (B) 241015H (C) NC, : (D) Ref Spot Rep 240955H Poss enemy mort loc L.1.1 : D2.5 and L.5 D2.5 FmR. Counter mort called on both : positions in addition GS saturation. Also Emer- : gency MedEvac requested	: S-3
1100	8	: Fr S-2: Spot Report	: S-2
1120	9	: Fr Rug: Spot Report (A) Rug A-3 (B) 241055H : (C) Fm R R3, 4, Dl.9 (134671) (D) At 133673 received : 100 - 150 rds incoming S/A during sweep of Phu An : from approx 10 - 15 VC dressed in gray uniforms, : helmets and packs. Ret W/M-6 and M-79, believed : to have loc MG position. Have deployed (1) sqd to : MG position.	: S-3
1145	10	: Fr 2/26: Spot Report	: S-2
1240	11	: Fr Pay: Spot Report (A) Pay (B) 241215H (C) N/C : (D) The KIA's fm 240955 mort attack were air MedEvac : taken out on resupply chopper.	: S-3
1300	12	: Fr S-2: Spot Report	: S-2
1320	13	: Fr 3/9: Spot Report	: S-2
1345	14	: Fr Shove: Spot Report	: S-2
1405	15	: Fr S-2: Spot Report	: S-2
1430	16	: Fr Rug: Spot Report (A) Rug A (B) 241330H : (C) NC (D) Rug A is facing an NVA Co, well dug in : w/auto wpns and 60mm mort. Wearing kaki uniforms : w/pith helmets. (F) 5 (G) 28	: S-2
1500	17	: Fr Rug: Spot Report (A) Rug A (B) 241300H (C) N/C : (D) At 132674 CoA moving N along trail to Phu An : was taken under fire by several well implaced : mach-gun positions. At same time received several : 60mm mort barages. VC had abundance of auto wpns : Estimated atleast (1) Co, well entrenched in : excellent positions w/good fields of fire. Enemy : had grey and kaki uniforms with pith helmets. : Estimated received total 150 60mm and several : hundred S/A, 10-15 grenades. (E) Co A tried to	: S-2

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0030	2	Fr 2/26: Spot Report	: S-2
0053	3	Fr Pay: Spot Report	: S-2
0054	4	Fr STBZ: Spot Report	: S-2
0055	5	Fr Ruggles: Spot Report	: S-2
0505	6	Fr Shove 2: Spot Report	: S-2
0715	7	Fr Shove: Spot Report	: S-2
0845	8	Fr Pay: Spot Report	: S-2
0950	9	Fr Pay: Spot Report (A) Pay K (B) 250900H (C) R 3 D 1.3 (D) Pay K mung to obj 3 made contact with estimated plt enemy force. (E) Air Strikes are being used and gunships. Also firing 60mm	: S-3
1155	10	Fr Pay Spot Report (A) Pay I (B) 251135H (C) D.8 L.9 (D) Pay I started receiving incoming mort fire fr the south. (E) OE on station, plus air, 81mm and Arty ready for counter mortar.	:
1200	11	Fr 2/26: Spot Report	: S-2
1210	12	Fr 2/26: Recon Report	:
1250	13	Fr Pay Spot Report (A) Pay K 3 (B) 251210H (C) R 2 D 11 (D) K 3 received friendly Arty round. causing some casualties (E) More to follow	: S-3
1305	14	Fr Pay: Spot Report (A) Pay K CP (B) 251240H (C) R.3 D1.3 FrR (D) Pay & Cmd Grp received 23 rounds mortar fire. There were no casualties.	:
1331	15	Fr S-2: Spot Report	: S-2
1400	16	Fr Pay: Spot Report (A) Pay K & L (B) 251345H (C) NC (D) Pay K jumping off to N & is receiving S/A fire. Continuing, mop up operation. Pay L moving S to get in a blocking position.	:
1410	17	Fr Pay: Spot Report (A) Pay (B) 251400H (D) 110686 (D) Air Strike being called for Pay L. Snakeyes and napalm on target, one aircraft that dropped snakeye ret for strafing run. Fac gave wave-off before wave-off effected short burst of 20mm fired killing 2, wounding 1 (F) 2 (G) 1	: S-3
1420	18	Fr S-2: Spot Report	: S-2
1421	19	Fr S-2: Spot Report	: S-2
1445	20	Fr S-2: Spot Report	: S-2
1520	21	Fr 2/26: Spot Report	: S-2
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0001	2	'Fr 3/9: Spot Report (A) LA 32 (B) 252320H (C) 108537 (D) (E) En disc to right flank of amb in particularly heavybrush approx 35m away, difficult to see target due to undergrowth. Complete search with negative results. (M) 1 30cal carbine	:
0031	3	'Fr S-2: Spot Report	:S-2
0050	4	'Fr 3/3: Spot Report	:S-2
0115	5	'Fr STBPA: Spot Report	:S-2
0800	6	'Fr 3/9: Spot Report	:S-2
0900	7	'Fr Rug: Spot Report	:S-2
0930	8	'Fr Pay: Spot Report (A) Pay L (B) 252015H (C) n.2 'DL.O (D) Late Report at above T&C a marine fm the security sqd fm the com group while moving through a hedge row dedinating a undetermined ex losive device. (E) A Med Evac chopper was in the H LZ at the time and he was immediately Air Med Evac.	:
0930	9	'Fr Rug: Spot Report	:S-2
0941	10	REVIEWED 'Fr Pay: Spot Report	:S-2
0945	11	'Fr Pay: Spot Report (A) Pay I (B) 260930H (C) D1.5 'L.5 (D) At above time 1 coord pay 1 received approx '2 rounds 82mm fire. (E) At this time firing countering mort at suspected en mort position vic 095667, 094665 (U) 1	:
1045	12	'Fr 3/9: Spot Report (A) Old 16 (B) 261020H (C) 087507 (D) Fouteen yr old boy found grenade fuse in hole at 087505. Fuse ignited while boy was exam it (E) Limber doctors scout interpreter were on the job immediately. Awaiting MedEvac. Brought to BAS.	:
1120	13	'Fr 3/9: Spot Report	:S-2
1140	14	'Fr Rug: Spot Report	:S-2
1200	15	'Fr STB PAPA: Spot Report (A) "ng Sweep Team (B) 261145H (C) GL 6314 (D) Sweep team engaged with enemy at east west GL G3 on road moving. Lead Tiger was fired on by 3.5 rkt or rkt propelled Gren. No damaged suffered. Enemy broke con act to north. Unit pursuing. (E) Rug notified.	:
1220	16	'Fr Pay: Spot Report	:S-3
1235	17	'Fr Crowd 3: Spot Report	:S-2
1300	18	'Fr 3/9: Spot Report	:S-2
1310	19	'Fr STB P : Spot Report	:S-2
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0345	3	Fr Old: Spot Report (A) Co I (B) (C) (D) Presently formed with perm approx 300m South of I & I2 positions. This posn will be held throughout darkness. 8 WIA (C), 2 US WIA, 2 US KIA within perimeter. Sit will be reevaluated at daylight, MIA est 14 at this time, only estimated. Only roster of personnel in field was taken out with MedEvac through search of area will be conducted first light. I Co expended 54 rds 60mm, I Received est 10 rds 82, 75 rounds of 60mm incoming. Also missing (2) M-60's (H) 14 est (I) 8	XXX S-3
0400	4	Fr M/4/12: Spot Report (A) M/4/12 (B) 310120H (C) 0604 654&678 (D) Explosion inside turret of GCW#1 approx 310120H (E) Area Evac'd, guns removed from danger zone, XXX casualties Med Evac, Fire Fighting equip requested cause of expl unk. Detail report to follow (F) 3 (G) 4 2MedEvac	G-3
0801	5	Fr Old: Spot Report	S-3
0802	6	Fr Old: Spot Report	S-2
0815	7	Fr Shove: Spot Report	S-2
0825	8	Fr 3/9: Spot Report	S-2
1005	9	Fr Old: Spot Report Final (A) I 3/9 (B) 310955H (C) None (D) Final Report on casualties from I 3/9. (E) None (F) 16 (G) 36 (H-N) NC	
1115	10	Fr 3/9: Spot Report	S-2
1150	11	Fr DA 1: Spot Report	S-2
1155	12	Fr Pay: Spot Report	S-2
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1350	14	Fr 3/9: Spot Report	S-2
1440	15	Fr 3/9: Spot Report	S-2
1630	16	Fr 3/3: Spot Report	S-2
1640	17	Fr 3/3: Spot Report	S-2
1840	18	Fr 3/9: Spot Report	S-2
1905	19	Fr 3/3: Spot Report (A) Pay Mike (B) 311830H (C) 974566 (D) Pay M at above time & coord received approx 8-10 rds incoming. 2 rds landed in perimeter	

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1. -ITREP NR 114 A- OF C11200H MAR 67
 A. LOCATION: NO CHANGE EXCEPT: M/3/4 (YD 104617). G/2/3,
 CMD GRP, I AND L/3/3 MOVING.

B. SUMMARY: CMD GRP, I AND L/3/3 COMMENCED MOVEMENT -W, TOWARD
 REGT OBJ VIC (YD C93625). M/3/4 MOVED INTO 2/3 P-N. G/2/3
 MOVING INTO 2/3 P-N. NBC 3/3 1 U-MC CAU-E UNK. CUMULATIVE
 CA-UALTI-E FOR MY OPN PRAIRIE II OPN PLAN 7-67: EN: 45 KIA (C),
 55 WIA (P): FR: 13 KIA, 106 WIA, 8 MIA.

C. CONTACT: C11120H AO OB- 48 EN AT (YD 104633). HUEY GUN
 -HIP- FIRED ON EN. I/3/3 MOVING -OUTH VIC HEARD
 -CREAM- FM EN. FIXED WING AND ARTY M-N FIRED. MORE INFO TO
 FOLLOW. 3/3 WILL -SEARCH AREA AFTER -UPPORTING FIRE- LIFT.

D. EVENT:

- (1) C10700H COMMENCED MED EVAC.
- (2) C10730H PLT E/2/3 ARR CA LU RELIEVED K/3/3 IN PLACE.
- (3) C10745H MED EVAC COMPLETED.
- (4) C10745H K/3/3 DEPARTED CA LU FOR 3/3 P-N.
- (5) C10820H K/3/3 ARR 3/3 P-N.
- (6) C10825H 2 TWIN 40MM -P ARR AT 3/3 P-N.
- (7) C10830H G/2/3 AND M/3/4 COMMENCED MOVE TO 2/3 P-N.
- (8) C10920H 3/3 COMMENCED MOVEMENT -W.
- (9) C10945H M/3/4 LEAD ELEMENT- ARR 2/3 CP.
- (10) C11030H F/2/3 RECON OF AREA LOC COMM WIRE NETWORK,

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GA~ MA~K, TYPICAL NVA UNIFORM~, 4 ROLL~ COMM WIRE (APPROX 4000 FT)
 1 CHICOM GREN, 2 BAR~ PLA~TIC EXPLO~IVE~, 3 PR JUNGLE "NEAKER",
 1 HAMMOCK, 3 PR NVA GREEN UNIFORM~, 1 PACK, 2 MO~QUITO NET~,
 1 CHICOM FLARE PI~TOL, 1 PONCHO, 5 PIECE~ OF MONEY AND 45 BODIE~.
 RE~ULT~ OF ~EARCH: 45 EN KIA (CONF), 55 EN KIA (PROB).

(11) BELOW FORCE~ DEPLOY ED 311CCCH TO BLOCK RTE~ OF EGRE~ SOUTH
 AND TO CHECK VILLAGE AREA~ FOR PO~N NVA/VC WHO MAY HAVE FLED
 FM NORTH AND ATTEMPTING TO HIDE IN THE~ VILLAGE~. PF & RF FM
 CAM LO ~WEPPING WENT TO ~EARCH OCT FOLLOWING AREA~ BOUNDED ON
 NE 135C, ~E 135S, ~W C95S, NW C96C. RIVER BOTTOM BEING PATROLLED
 BY RF & PF FORCE~ SAME GEN AREA. 3D MAR ~ TM~ DEPLOYED VIC
 (087587) TO COVER AVENUE~ OF EGRE~ THIS VIC.

E. INTENTION~: 3/3 (-) CONTINUE MOVEMENT TOWARD REGT OBJ.

G/2/3 CONTINUE MOVEMENT TO 2/3 P~N.

F. CUMULATIVE CA~UALTIE~:

(1) FR: 22 KIA, 131 WIA

(2) EN: 53 KIA (CONF), 79 KIA (PROB), 1 PW (VC) 2 RET.

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 FM CO THIRD MARINES
 TO THIRD MARDIV (FWD)
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 S E C R E T SECTION ONE OF TWO SECTIONS
 OPN PRAIRIE II
 1. SITREP NR 115 AS OF 011800H MAR 67
 A. LOCATIONS:
 (1) HQ CO 3D MAR (YD 066543)
 (2) SOP BA LONG (YD 163391) AND RF CO 26
 H/2/3 (YD 165403)
 W/1/13 (YD 165402)
 (3) CMD GRP A 2/3 (YD 104617)
 2/3 (YD 083551)
 G/2/3 (YD 105604)
 F/2/3 (YD 104617)
 M/3/4 (YD 108619) & MOVING
 PLT F/2/3 (YD 094514) AND RF CO 122
 (4) CMD GRP A 3/3 (YD 102632)
 L/3/3 (YD 108633)
 I/3/3 (YD 102632)
 3/3 (YD 916563)
 K/3/3 (YD 976568)
 M/3/3 (YD 916568)
 PLT E/2/3 (YD 011458) AND RF CO 123
 E/2/3 (-) (YD 982544)
 PLT E/2/3 (YD 020562)
 (5) C/1/44 (YD 063551)

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4 TWIN 40MM SP AT 3/3 CP
 1 TWIN 40MM SP D/S F/2/3
 (6) CO A 3D AT
 1 HVY SECT D/S 3/3
 1 HVY SECT D/S 2/3
 (7) CO A 3D TK
 1 PLT D/S 3/3
 1 SECT D/S 2/3
 (8) 1/9 (-) (YD 070636)
 A/1/9 (YD 070636)
 C/1/9 (YD 070636)
 D/1/9 (YD 070636)

B. SUMMARY:

- (1) H/2/3 AND RF 26 MAINTAINED DEF PSN AT BA LONG
- (2) 2/3: PLT E/2/3 AND 1 TWIN 40MM SP AT THE KHE GIA BRIDGE. PLT F/2/3 AND RF 122 AT D-5. H&S/2/3, HQ CO 3D MAR AND USA UNITS AND PLT 3D AT BN CAMP CARROLL W/OP HILL 26. C/1/44 ARTY USA D/S 2/3: DIRECT FIRE AND AA SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL.
- (3) 3/3: OP ON THON SON LAM. M/3/3 (-) NORTH OF THON SON LAM. LT SECT AT AND 1 HVY SECT CO A 3D TK VIC CO M CP. E/2/3 (-) AND H&S/3/3 SOUTH OF THON SON LA. 1 LT SECT CO A 3D AT AND 4 TWIN 40MM SP 3/3 CP. K/3/3, LT SECT AT AND RF 123 AT CA LU W/OP HILL 110.
- (4) WEATHER CONDITIONS HAD NO ADVERSE EFFECTS ON OPNS THE LAST 24 HOURS.
- (5) NON-BATTLE CASUALTIES, MED-EVAC: NONE
- (6) 2/3 (-), 3/3 (-), L AND M/3/4, AND F/2/9 CONDUCTED EXECUTION OF MY OPN PRAIRIE II OPN PLAN 7-67.
- (7) IAW MY OPN PRAIRIE II OPN PLAN 7-67 3/3 (-) CONDUCTED MOVEMENT SW AND MADE CONTACT WITH ENEMY. 2/3 (-) WITH L AND M/3/4 CONDUCTED SEARCH IN VIC THEIR PSN. F/2/9 CHOPPED TO OPCON 2/9. ~~OPCON 2/9 AND~~ M/3/4 CHOPPED FROM OPCON 2/3 TO OPCON 3/3.
- (8) CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES FOR MY OPN PRAIRIE OPN PLAN 7-67
 - (1) FR: 22 KIA, 111 WIA, 6 MIA
 - (2) EN: 59 KIA (CONF), 65 KIA (PROB)

C. CONTACTS:

- (1) FOLLOW-ON TO MY SITREP NR 114 PARA C. 2/3 REPORTED 10 ENEMY KIA (CONF) AND 10 ENEMY KIA (PROB).

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(2) 011440H I/3/3 (YD 105633) MADE CONTACT WITH NVA. LOC 1 MACHINE GUN AND AUTO WPNS. RECEIVING INTERMITTENT AND SPORADIC RIFLE FIRE. MORE TO FOLLOW.

(3) 011505H L/3/4 (YD 103613) REPORTED 2 USMC KIA AND 1 USMC WIA.

(4) 011515H L/3/4 (YD 103619) MADE CONTACT WITH NVA. CAPTURED 1X 50 CAL MG. RECEIVING HEAVY RESISTANCE.

(5) 011530H AO REPORTED 40-50 ENEMY MOVING NORTH CARRYING WIA'S ALONG HELICOPTER VALLEY TRAIL (YD 102539). ARTY MSM FIRED. MORE INFO TO FOLLOW.

(6) 011550H L/3/3 (YD 107635) REPORTED 3 USMC WIA.

(7) 011555H I/3/3 (YD 103630) REPORTED 1 USMC WIA.

D. EVENTS:

(1) 011200H M/3/4 LOC (YD 096614) 2 ENTR TOOLS, 1 PONCHO, 1 CHICOM GRENADE, 1 BOX OF RICE, AND FRESHLY DUG FIGHTING HOLES. CAPTURED MATERIAL TO BE FORWARDED TO G-2.

(2) 011210H M/3/4 (YD 105613) ESTABLISHING DEF PERIMETER LOC 1 PONCHO, 3 EMPTY RICE BAGS, 2 FULL RICE BAGS, 1 SLEEPING BAG, 1 SHELTER HALF, 2 PR SANDALS, 1 MOSQUITO NET, 1 FOOD CONTAINER, 139 RDS 7.62MM RUSSIAN MADE AMMO, 200 PROPAGANDA LEAFLETS, ASSORT DOCUMENTS AND ASSORT CLOTHING.

(3) 011245H F/2/9 (YD 094617) LOC 1 NVA PACK, 3 CHICOM BELTS, MAG, 3 MAG POUCHES, 20 LBS RICE, 4 CHICOM GRENADES, 2 NVA HELMETS, 1 PONCHO, 3 HOMEMADE AIMING SIGHTS, 300 RDS 7.62MM BELT AMMO (RUSSIAN MADE), 200 RDS 7.62MM AMMO (RUSSIAN) MADE.

(4) 011310H I/3/3 OBSERVED 2 ENEMY IN DARK CLOTHING VIC (YD 109636) W/O HELMETS. AIR STRIKE IN PROGRESS. WILL SEARCH AREA AFTER STRIKE. MORE INFO TO FOLLOW.

(5) 011400H L/3/4 LOC AND RECOVERED 2 FRIENDLY KIA'S AT (YD 095618). ONE OF THE KIA'S WAS REPORTED EARLIER.

(6) 011400H F/2/9 (YD 106615) LOC 2 NVA PACKS, 1 CHICOM GRENADE, 180 RDS 7.62MM AMMO (RUSSIAN MADE), 5 BARS OF PLASTIC EXPLOSIVE, ASSORT. CLOTHING AND UNIFORMS, 30 LBS RICE, 1 RIFLE GREN, AND 1 AT MINE.

(7) 011405H F/2/9 COMMENCED MOVE TO VIC CAM LO BRIDGE.

(8) 011430H F/2/9 (YD 106616) LOC AT MINE ALONG OUTER PERIMETER OF 2/9 CP. MINE BLOWN IN PLACE.

→ (9) 011500H 3D MAR ASSUMED OPCON OF 1/9.

(10) 011537H F/2/9 ARRIVED VIC CAM LO BRIDGE. CHOPPED TO OPCON 2/9.

(11) 011600H I AND L/3/3 REQUESTED MED EVAC LZ VIC (YD 112642).

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(12) 011622H M/3/4 CHOPPED FROM OPCON 2/3 TO OPCON 3/3.

(13) 011700H 3/3 (YD 112542) REPORTED 1 USMC KIA AND 1 USMC WIA. MED EVAC OF ALL 3/3 CASUALTIES COMPLETED.

(14) 011650H M/3/4 (YD 108616) LOC 1 ENEMY KIA (CONF) 300 METERS NE OF CP.

(15) 011655H L/3/4 (YD 103614) LOC 3 ENEMY KIA (CONF) 200 METERS N OF CP IN BUNKER WITH LOTS OF BLOOD.

→ (16) 011630H FIRST WAVE OF 1/9 LANDED IN LZ VIC (YD 070533). LZ SECURED.

(17) 011700H M/3/4 CHOPPED TO OPCON OF 3/3 FROM 2/3 DUE TO ENEMY ACTIVITIES.

(18) 011715H AO OBSERVED 15 NVA SITTING ALONG SIDE OF TRAIL AT (YD 104659) WITH UNIFORM AND WPNS. AIR STRIKE REQ.

(19) 011730H L/3/9 CHOPPED TO OPCON 3D MARINES.

E. INTENTIONS FOR NEXT 24 HOURS:

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

(2) H/2/3 (-) AND RF 236 MAINTAIN DEF PSN VIC BA LONG W/OP AT (YD 157418), (YD 167394), (YD 163390), (YD 158384). CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PASEP.

(3) 2/3: PLT E/2/3 AND 1 TWIN 40MM SP PROVIDE SEC FOR THE KHE GIA BRIDGE W/OP HILL 232 (YD C2258). CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PASEP. PLT F/2/3 AND RF 122 MAINTAIN DEF PSN VIC D-5/OP HILL 290 (YD 066502). CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PASEP. H&S/2/3, HQ CO 3D MAR, USA, SECT CO A 3D TK BN AND PLT CO A 3D AT BN PROVIDE SEC FOR CAMP CARROLL W/OP HILL 236 (YD 069555). C/1/44 ARTY USA D/S 2/3. PROVIDE DIRECT FIRE AND AA SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL.

(4) 3/3: PROVIDE SEC FOR OP ON THON SON LAM (YD 978559). M/3/3 (-) MAINTAIN DEF PSN NORTH OF THON SON LAM W/PPB ON RAZORBACK. CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PASEP. LT SECT AT AND HVY SECT CO A 3D TK EMPLOYED VIC CO M CP (YD 976568). H&S/3/3 AND E/2/3 (-) MAINTAIN DEF PSN SOUTH OF THON SON LAM. CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PASEP. PLT E/2/3, LT SECT AT AND RF 123 MAINTAIN DEF PSN AT CA LU AND OP ON HILL 110 (YD 065461). CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PASEP. 4 TWIN 40MM SP AND LT SECT CO A 3D AT PROVIDE SEC FOR 3/3 CP. K/3/3 ON ALERT FOR IMMEDIATE EMPLOYMENT IAW MY OPN PRAIRIE II OPN PLAN 7-67.

(5) CONTINUE TO EXECUTE MY OPN PRAIRIE II OP PLAN 7-67. OPNS FOR NIGHT AND TOMORROW WILL BE SUBMITTED BY SEPARATE MESSAGE.

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F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

- (1) FR: 26 KIA, 137 WIA, 8 MIA
- (2) EN: 72 KIA (CONF), 89 KIA (PROB), 1 PW (VC)

2 RETURNEES.

G. ARVN/USMC OPN: CURRENT OPN PLAN 7-67.

H. RECOVERY OF US MATERIAL: NONE

I. SCOUT-SNIPER TEAMS: 3D MAR MAINTAINS 12 TMS

- (1) HQ CO 3D MAR EMPLOYED 5 TMS DEF PSN. 6 TMS AT PSN VIC (YD 087587) TO COVER AVENUES OF EGRESS FOR PF AND RF SWEEP.

- (2) NEG REPORT.

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 FM CO THIRD MARINES
 TO THIRD MARDIV (FWD)
 INFO TWELFTH MARINES
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 ZEN/THIRD BN THIRD MARINES
 THIRD BN FOURTH MARINES
 FIRST BN NINTH MARINES
 THIRD BN NINTH MARINES
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OPN PRAIRIE II

1 SITREP NR 116 AS OF 012400H MAR67

A. LOCATIONS:

1/9 (YD 070635)
 2/3 (YD 103618) WITH F AND G/2/3
 M/3/4 (YD 107618)
 L/3/4 (YD 107620)
 3/3 (YD 103630) WITH L/3/3
 L/3/3 (YD 109639)
 PLT K/3/3 (YD 061571) WITH B/1/40
 I/3/9 (YD 063551) AND 2/3 CP
 L/3/9 (YD 094514)

B. SUMMARY: 1/9 CMD GRP AND COS A, C, AND D HELO-LIFT AND 39TH RANGER BN ARVN MOVED IAW MARDIV (FWD) 010812Z MAR 67 AND COMMENCED OPN IAW MY OPN PRAIRIE II OPN PLAN 7-67 AND FRAG O 11-67. L/3/9 ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR D-5. CMD GRP AND I/3/9 PROVIDE SEC FOR CAMP CARROLL.

CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES FOR MY OPN PRAIRIE II OPN PLAN 7-67:

(1) FR: 22 KIA, 114 WIA, 0 MIA
 (2) EN: 59 KIA (CONF), 80 KIA (PROB). DELETED 10 EN KIA (CONF) AND 10 EN KIA (PROB) IAW PARA D(1) THIS SITREP.

C. CONTACTS:

(1) 011640H M/3/4 (YD 107620) MOVING SOUTH WHEN LEAD ELEMENTS MADE CONTACT W/SEV EN. RESULTED IN KILLING 1 NVA CARRYING 2 GRENS. RESULTS: 1 EN KIA (CONF).

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(2) 011715H L/3/4 RECD S/A FIRE FM (YD 107615). UNABLE TO RETURN FIRE DUE TO PROXIMITY FOR FR UNITS. UNIT SENT OUT TWO SWEEP AREA RESULTING IN KILLING 1 NVA. CAPTURED FOLLOWING: 1 AK-47, 1 CART BELT, 1 PONCHO, 1 PACK, 1 MESS KIT, 1 HAMMOCK, 1 SHELTER HALF, 1 CHICOM GREN, 1 MAG AND 36 RDS 7.62MM (CHICOM)AMMO. NO DOCU OR ID WERE LOC ON BODY. RESULTS: 1 EN KIA (CONF).

(3) 011720H M/3/4 (YD 107620) CONTINUED CONTACT RECEIVING S/A FIRE FM (YD 107618). RTRND S/A FIRE KILLING 1 EN. RESULTS: 1 EN KIA (CONF).

(4) 011730H M/3/4 (YD 105619) OBS 1 EN RUNNING ON TRAIL TO NORTH. M/3/4 OPENED FIRE KILLING EN. M/3/4 ALSO OBS 1 EN SNIPER IN BUNKER VIC SAME LOC. EN FIRED ON M/3/4 WHO RTRND S/A FIRE. HUEY GUN SHIP FIRED ON BUNKER. PLT M/3/4 ADVANCED ON BUNKER FIRING M79 AND AUTO WPNS FIRE. LOC 1 EN KIA. DURING CONTACT 3 USMC WERE WOUNDED. CAPT 1 AK47, 2 CHICOM GRENS, 2 BED ROLLS, 2 PONCHOS, AND 1 MAG POUCH. RESULTS: 3 USMC WIA, 2 EN KIA (CONF).

D. EVENTS:

(1) REF MY SITREP NR 115 PARA C(1) AND SITREP NR 114 PARA C. LOC OF 10 EN KIA (CONF) AND 10 EN KIA (PROB) ERRONEOUSLY REPORTED WITH 3D MAR EN CASUALTIES SHOULD BE CREDITED TO USMC AIR

(2) FOLLOW ON TO MY SITREP NR 110 PARA D(1). AIR STRIKE AND ARTY FIRED. AO REPORTED 2 EN KIA (CONF) AND 10 KIA (PROB).

-(3) 011630H L/3/9 ARR AT D-5. CHOPPED TO OPCON 3D MAR.

(4) 011645H M/3/3 (XD 974566) RECD 2 3 2 MM MORT RDS. OBS MUZZLE FLASH AND SMOKE AT (XD 955605). ARTY FIRD MSN W/EXCELLENT TGT COVERAGE. TKS IN M/3/3 PSN FIRED DIRECT FIRE. RESULTS UNK. SHELL REPORT WAS CONDUCTED AND TWO TAIL FINS WERE DUG UP.

(5) 011825H PLT K/3/3 ARR IN DEF PSN VIC (YD 061571) PROVIDE SEC FOR B/1/40 ARTY USA.

(6) 011832H HELO-LIFT OF 1/9 COMPLETED. 1/9 CHOPPED TO OPCON 3D MAR AT 011630H.

(7) 011837H AO REPORTED OBS UNK NR OF EN IN OPEN VIC (YD 086646). ARTY FIRD MSN. RESULTS UNK.

(8) 011840H I/3/3 CAPT 1 EN VIC (YD 105635). PW WAS CARRYING RADIO (FREQ WAS NOT CHANGED). PW AND RADIO EVACED TO ITT. RESULTS: 1 EN PW(NVA).

-(9) 011907H CMD GRP AND I/3/9 ARR AT CAMP CARROLL.

E. INTENTIONS: CONTINUE OPN IAW MY OPN PRAIRIE II OPN PLAN 7-67 AND FRAG 0611-67.

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

(1) FR: 25 KIA, 140 WIA, 6 MIA

(2) EN: 69 KIA (CONF), 89 KIA (PROB), 1 PW(VC), 1 PW(NVA), 2 RETURNEES

DELETED 10 EN KIA (CONF) AND 10 EN (PROB) IAW PARA D(1) THIS SITEP. GP-4

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 FM CO THIRD MARINES
 TO THIRD MARDIV ((FWD))
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OPN PRAIRIE II

1. SITEEP NR 117 AS OF 010800H MAR 67

A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE EXCEPT:

- 1/9 CP (YD 070635)
- A/1/9 (YD 071637)
- C/1/9 (YD 069634)
- D/1/9 (YD 070636)

B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE

CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES FOR MY OPN PRAIRIE II OPN PLAN 7-67 AND MY FRAG O 11-67.

(1) FR: 22 KIA, 120 WIA, 0MIA

(2) EN: 90 KIA (CONF), 107 KIA (PROB), 1 PW (NVA)

C. CONTACTS:

(1) FINAL REPORT OF MY SITREP NR 115 PARA C(2) AND (4). AT 011415H L/3/3 (YD 092637) RECEIVED S/A, AUTO WPNS FIRE AND M-79 GREN. RETURNED FIRE AND ASSAULTED ENEMY W/2 PLTS. CONTACT LASTED APPROX. 10 MINUTES. SEARCHED AREA W/NEG RESULTS. AT 011445H I/3/3 ENGAGED APPROX 25 NVA WEARING KHAKI UNIF, HELMETS AND PACKS. I/3/3 ENCOUNTER HVY S/A AND AUTO WPNS FIRE. SEARCHED AREA AND LOC 21 ENEMY KILLED IN FIRE FIGHT. CAPTURED 6 MACHINE GUNS, 4 AUTO WPNS, 10 RIFLES, AND 1X60MM MORTAR. RESULTS OF ACTION 3 USMC KIA PREVIOUS REPORTED, 12 USMC WIA, 6 OF WHICH WERE PREV REPORTED. 21 ENEMY KIA (CONF), 7 KIA (PROB)

(2) 012316H F/2/3 OBSERVED ENEMY AT (YD 101612). F/2/3 ENGAGED AND FIRED ON ENEMY WITH S/A AND GREN. ENEMY BROKE CONTACT AND WITHDREW NORTH. ARTY MSN FIRED W/GOOD TARGET COVERAGE ON ESCAPE ROUTE. SEARCHED AREA AND LOC 10 BODIES AND SIGNS OF 20 KIA (PROB). RESULTS OF ACTION: 10 ENEMY KIA (CONF) AND 20 ENEMY KIA (PROB)

E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

(1) FR: 26 KIA, 146 WIA

(2) EN: 100 KIA (CONF), 116 KIA (PROB), 1 PW (VC)

1 PW (NVA), 2 RETURNEES.

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OPN PRAIRIE II

1. SITREP NR 118 AS OF 021200H MAR 67

a. LOCATIONS:

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 I/3/3 (YD 094635)
 L/3/3 (YD 089641)
 1/9 (YD 070535)
 A/1/9 (YD 073542)
 C/1/9 (YD 070535)
 D/1/9 (YD 068640)
 L/3/4 (YD 120517)
 M/3/4 (YD 102517)

B. SUMMARY: 3D MAR UNITS COMMENCED MOVEMENTS IAW 3D MARDIV (FWD) 010812Z MAR 67 AND MY OPN PRAIRIE II OPN PLAN 7-67 AND FRAG 0 11-67.

CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES FOR MY OPN PRAIRIE II OPN PLAN 7-67 AND FRAG 0 11-67 CORRECTED IAW MY 020143Z MAR 67

(1) FR: 22 KIA, 121 WIA, 1 MIA

(2) EN: 68 KIA (CONF), 118 KIA (PROB), 1 PW (NVA)

C. CONTACTS:

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(1) LATE ENTRY; 012300H F/2/3 AMB ENCOUNTERED 5 EN AT (YD 105614) RESULTING IN FIRE FIGHT. RESULTS: 1 EN KIA (CONF), 1 EN KIA (PROB).

(2) 020745H ~~A/1/9~~ (YD 072538) RECD MORT ATTK. EST 70 60MM MORT RDS FM VIC (YD 065652). RTRND 60MM MORT FIRE AND ARTY MSN FIRED 99 RDS OF 155MM INTO GS (YD 0665). EN FIRE CEASED. RESULTS: 2 USMC WIA

D. EVENTS:

(1) 020805H ~~1/9~~ COMMENCED MOVEMENT NORTH IAW 3D MARDIV (FWD) 010812Z MAR 67 AND MY OPN PRAIRIE II FRAG O 11-67. 3/3 COMMENCED MOVEMENT NORTH WEST IAW 3D MARDIV (FWD) 010812Z MAR 67 AND MY OPN PRAIRIE II FRAG O 11-67.

(2) 020930H ~~1/9~~ LOC 2 CHICOM CLAYMORE MINES DESCRIBED AS 10 INCH PIE SHAPE TYPE AT (YD 070535).

(3) 021040H ~~3D MAR~~ ALO REPORTED AO OBS 5 EN BODIES ON TRAIL AT (YD 065653) IN GREEN UNIFORMS AND NO WPNS SIGHTED. RESULTS: 5 EN KIA (CONF).

(4) 021042H ~~1/3/3~~ LOC 2 CHICOM GRENS NOT BOOBY TRAPPED, 5 LB BULK RICE SCATTERED ALONG TRAIL VIC (YD 121639).

(5) ADDITIONAL INFO TO MY SITREP NR 117 PARA C(1):

FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE CAPTURED: 6X7.62MM CHICOM CARBS TYPE 56, 6X7.62MM CHICOM ASSAULT RIFLES TYPE 56, 2X7.62MM CHICOM LMG TYPE 56, 3X7.62MM CHICOM LMG TYPE 58 W/2 SPARE BARRELS AND ACCESSORY PACKETS, 1X60MM MORT (COMPLETE) W/2 AMMO CANS CONTAINING AMMO AND FUZES, 6 AT MINES, 1 CHICOM MINE, 1 US CLAYMORE MINE, 45 CHICOM GRENS, 10 CANS S/A AMMO, 16 AK47 MAGS W/AMMO, 3 DRUM MAGS W/AMMO (TOTAL EST 2000 RDS), ASSORTED CHICOM DEMO EQUIP, 2 PACKETS OF MAPS AND DOCUMENTS, 1. RADIO (TYPE UNK) W/ACCESSORY PACK, 54 PACKS W/ASSORTED GEAR, 1 MED BAG W/CONTENTS, AND EST 300 LBS OF RICE, 1 UNK EQUIPMENT IDENTIFIED.

E. INTENTIONS: CONTINUE TO EXECUTE MY OPN PRAIRIE II OPN PLAN 7-67 AND FRAG O 11-67.

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: CORRECTED IAW MY 020143Z MAR 67

(1) FR: 25 KIA, 148 WIA, 1 MIA

(2) EN: 78 KIA (CONF), 157 KIA (PROB), 1 PW (VC), 1 PW (NVA), 2 RETURNEES

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OPN PRAIRIE II

1. SITREP NR 119 AS OF 021800H MAR 67

A. LOCATIONS:

- (1) HQ CO 3D MAR (YD 066543)
 - K/3/9 (YD 165403)
 - 2/3 (YD 063551)
 - E/2/3 (YD 063551)
 - CMD GRP 2/3 (YD 076614)
 - F/2/3 (YD 076614)
 - G/2/3 (YD 076614)
 - 3/3 (YD 983544)
 - K/3/3 (-) (YD 983544)
 - M/3/3 (-) (YD 976568)
 - CMD GRP 3/3 (YD 105630)
 - L/3/3 (YD 037646)
 - I/3/3 (YD 090646)
 - M/3/4 (YD 105630)
 - 1/9 (YD 072653)
 - A/1/9 (YD 070655)
 - C/1/9 (YD 083644)
 - D/1/9 (YD 085653)
 - PLT K/3/3 (YD 061571)
 - 3/9 (YD 063551)

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I/3/9 (-) (YD 933544)
 L/3/9 (YD 094514)

B. SUMMARY:

- (1) H/2/3 AND RF 256 MAINTAINED DEF PSN AT BA LONG
- (2) 2/3: PLT E/2/3 RELIEVED IN PLACE BY I/3/9 AND 1 TWIN 40MM SP AT THE KHE GIA BRIDGE. L/3/9 AND RF 122 AT D-5. H&S/2/3, HQ CO 3D MAR AND USA UNITS AND PLT 3D AT BN CAMP CARROLL W/OP HILL 250. C/1/44 ARTY USA D/S 2/3: DIRECT FIRE AND AA SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL.
- (3) 3/3: OP ON THON SON LAM. M/3/3 (-) NORTH OF THON SON LAM. LT SECT AT AND 1 HVY SECT CO A 3D TK VIC CO M CP. E/2/3 (-) RELIEVED IN PLACE BY I/3/9 (-) AND H&S/3/3 SOUTH OF THON SON LAM. 1 LT SECT CO A 3D AT AND 4 TWIN 40MM SP 3/3 CP. PLT E/2/3 RELIEVED IN PLACE BY PLT I/3/9. LT SECT AT AND RF 123 AT CA LU W/OP HILL 110. K/3/3 (-) DON ALERT FOR IMMEDIATE EMPLOYMENT IAW MY OPN PRAIRIE II OPN PLAN 7-67 AND FRAG O 11-67.
- (4) WEATHER CONDITIONS HAD NO ADVERSE EFFECTS ON OPNS THE LAST 24 HOURS.
- (5) NON-BATTLE CASUALTIES, MED-EVAC: NONE
- (6) CONDUCTED EXECUTION OF MY OPN PRAIRIE II OPN PLAN 7-67 AND FRAG O 11-67.
- (7) CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES FOR MY OPN PRAIRIE II OPN PLAN 7-67 AND FRAG O 11-67.

- (1) FR: 38 KIA, 158 WIA, 1 MIA
- (2) EN: 86 KIA (CONF), 93 KIA (PROB), 2 PW (NVA)

C. CONTACTS:

- (1) 02120H I/3/3 MADE CONTACT WITH ENEMY AP (YD 107637).
- (2) 02130H I/3/3 (YD 093635) ENCOUNTERED LIGHT ENEMY CONTACT WITH ESTIMATED 6C ENEMY.
- (3) 02120H I/3/3 (YD 093635) RECEIVED EFFECTIVE S/A FIRE FROM ENEMY SQUAD (YD 092633) AND ENEMY SQD (YD 095630) TO (YD 100635).
- (4) 02120H I/9 CP (YD 065647) RECEIVED 20 RDS 82MM MORTAR FIRE FROM (YD 070635). AT 02124H RECEIVED 20MORE RDS 82MM MORTAR FIRE FROM (YD 066665). RETURNED FIRE W/57 105MM FIRE. RESULTS OF FIRE UNKNOWN. RESULT OF ACTION 3 USMC WIA.
- (5) 02125H 9TH MAR SNIPER ON OP OBSERVED 8 ENEMY ON TRAIL VIC (YD 070635). FIRED 5 RDS AND OBSERVED ENEMY TO

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FALL. RESULTS 1 ENEMY KIA (PROB).

→ (6) 021225H C/1/9 (YD 071636) RECEIVED 10 RDS AUTI ARBINE FIRE FROM (YD 072638). S/A FIRE RETURNED. RESULTS UNK.

→ (7) 021240H C/1/9 (YD 068636) IN DEF PSN RECEIVED 22 MORTAR RDS FROM UNK DIRECTION RESULTING IN 1 USMC KIA.

(8) 021255H L/3/3 (YD 092647) MADE CONTACT W/UNK NUMBER OF ENEMY. I/3/3 (YD 096636) COMPLETED MED EVAC. 3/3 CASUALTIES 2 KIA, 2 WIA.

(9) 021420H 3D MAR ALQ REPORTED OBSERVING UNK NUMBER OF ENEMY COMOUFLAGED AT (YD 035641). ARTY FIRED MISSION AND AO REPORTED 5 ENEMY KIA (CONF).

(10) 021440H L/3/3 (YD 099649) MADE CONTACT WITH UNK NUMBER OF ENEMY. RECEIVED MORTAR FIRE. RESULTS: 1 USMC WIA.

(11) 021450H M/3/4 COMMENCED MOVEMENT NORTH FROM 3/3 CP. L/3/3 (YD 099649) CONTINUED TO RECEIVE MORTAR FIRE. COUNTER MORTAR FIRE RETURNED. RESULTS 2 USMC KIA.

X (12) 021530H L/3/3 PTL (YD 093649) UNCOVERED LARGE BASE CAMP AND STARTED TO RECEIVE MORTAR FIRE. L/3/3 MOVED UP AND REINF PTL. I/3/3 MOVED TO VIC TO ASSIST L/3/3. ARTY MSN FIRED. M/3/4 HELD PSN DURING FIRE MSN. RESULTS 7 USMC WIA.

D. EVENTS:

(1) G/2/3 REPORTED 1 WIA IN THE AM OF 28 FEB. IN THE MORNING OF 1 MAR UNIT LEADERS FOUND OUT FROM CORPSMAN THAT THEY TRIED TO GET TO WIA DURING FIRE FIGHT THE MAN WAS WIA AT TIME AND CORPSMEN WERE UNABLE TO GET TO HIM DUE TO ENEMY ACTIVITY. LATER AS ENEMY ACTIVITY SLOWED SOMEWHAT AND REORGANIZATION OF UNITS WAS COMPLETED UNIT FOUND OUT THAT THE ABOVE MAN HAD NOT BEEN MED EVAC. IT WAS DETERMINED THAT WIA DOW AND WITNESSES HAVE STATED THAT MAN IS KIA. BODY WAS STILL ON TRAIL AT (YD 076616) WHEN THEY DEPARTED. BODY NOT RECOVERED AS OF YET. 2/3 ENROUTE TO AREA TO RECOVER BODY. RESULTING IN 1 USN MIA.

(2) 021030H M/3/4 LOC 25 BUNKERS UNOCCUPIED. SOME OF WHICH CONTAINED EQUIPMENT. WHILE MOVING NW ALONG TRAIL LOC 1 NVA BODY WEARING KHAKI UNIFORM. LOC IN BUNKER 2 3 2MM MORTAR RDS, 19 BAGS OF RICE, 2 PACKS, 2 BLANKET ROLLS, 1 MED KIT, 1 PR TENNIS SHOES, 1 BLOCK TNT, 1 MOSQUITO NET, ASSORTED PAPERS AND DOCUMENTS, 1 CASE FLASHLIGHT BATTERIES, 1 ANTI PERSONNEL MINE, 60 RDS, 7.6 2MM CHICOM AMMO, AND 1 E TOOL. RESULTS 1 EN KIA (CONF).

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(3) 02100H L/3/3 LOC BLOODY BANDAGE ALONG TRAIL AT (YD 099641).

(4) 021045H 3D MAR ALO REPORTED AO OBSERVED 5 ENEMY BODIES (YD 102642) WEARING GREEN UNIFORMS IN AREA. ARTY MISSION WAS FIRED AT 020745H. CO 3/3 TO SWEEP AREA WHILE ON WAY TO OBJ 4 AND 5.

(5) 02100H 3/3 REPORTED BRTY C/1/40 ARTY USA RELIEVED IN PLACE BY BTRY B/1/40 (YD 983546) ARTY USA FOR DIRECT SUPPORT OF 3/3.

(6) 021115H 2/3 CP (YD 100613) MAINTAINING PSN, LEAD ELEMENTS MOVING ALONG TRAIL W/NO RESISTANCE LOC ENEMY BUNKER.

(7) 021130H M/3/4 LOC (YD 101613) NVA BASE CAMP SITE W/100 UNOCCUPIED BUNKERS W/LOOSE EQUIPMENT SCATTERED IN AREA. BUNKERS WERE WELL CONSTRUCTED W/WOODEN BEAMS 4X4X5 FT IN SIZE APPEARED VERY OLD. CAPTURED 1 E TOOL, 3 PACKS, 1 M14 MAGAZINE, 50 LINKED 7.62 RDS, 4 CHICOM GREN CONCUSSION TYPE, 2 ROLLS OF RICE, 1 HAMMOCK, 1 PLASTIC HELMET, 2 PR SANDALS, 1 PACK, 1 MACHETE, 14 82MM RDS, 2 CANTEENS, 1 BLANKET ROLL, 2 PONCHOS, AND 1 CHICOM GAS MASK.

(8) 021203H L/3/4 CHOPPED TO OPCON 3/4.

x (9) 021215H 1/2 (YD 065647) LOC BUNKER/BUILDING AREA CONTAINING 20 RDS 7.62MM SOVIET TYPE AMMO, VARIOUS ITEMS OF

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782 GEAR, BOOTS AND CLOTHING. CONTINUE TO SEARCH AREA.

(10) 021235H M/3/9 (-) ARRIVED AT CAMP CARROLL

(11) 021310H M/3/4 CHOPPED FROM OPCON 2/3 TO OPCON

OF 3/3.

(12) 021315H D/1/9 OBSERVED 1 ENEMY AT (YD 065647) IN OP IN TREE. ENEMY FLED WHEN HE OBSERVED D/1/9. SEARCHED TREE AND AREA AND LOC 40 EMPTY 82MM AMMO BOXES. 20-25 BURNED RUBBER BOOTS AND SHOES AND NVA KHAKI UNIFORM.

(13) 021320H E/2/3 (YD 110604) LOC 1 CHICOM GRENADE RIGGED AS BOOBY TRAP EMPLACE 6-8 INCHES OFF TRAIL. GRENADE BLOWN IN PLACE.

(14) 021320H M/3/4 (YD 103617) COMMENCED HELO-LIFT TO LZ VIC 3/3 CP (YD 104130).

(15) 021320H 2/3 (YD 066501) OBSERVED 5 ENEMY AT (YD 065506) MOVING TO SEARCH AREA.

(16) 021330H L/3/3 (YD 097643) CAPTURED 1 NVA WITH RADIO, RADIO IS COMPLETE SET W/CHINESE CHARACTERS, FREQ NOT CHANGED. COMM LOG BOOK, CODE, SHACKLES, BATTERY AND ASSORTED DOCUMENTS. RESULTS 1 NVA PW.

(17) 021350H M/3/4 LANDED AT 3/3 CP CHOPPED TO OPCON 3/3.

(18) 021400H I/1/9 (-) DEPARTED CAMP CARROLL TO RELIEVE E/2/3 (-) AT 3/3 PSN.

(19) 021500H I/3/9 PLT RELIEVED IN PLACE E/2/3 PLT AT KHE GIA BRIDGE E.

(20) 021550H 2/3 (YD 077617) MOVING NORTH TO HILL 124. NEG CONTACT. CONTINUE TO SEARCH AREA.

(21) 021618H M/3/9 COMMENCE HELO-LIFT TO BA LONG AND COMMENCE RELIEVE TO PLACE OF H/2/3.

(22) 021710H M/3/9 CHOPPED TO OPCON 3D MARINES.

E. INTENTIONS FOR NEXT 24 HOURS:

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

(2) H/2/3 (-) AND RF 256 MAINTAIN DEF PSN VIC BA LONG W/OP AT (YD 156418), (YD 167394), (YD 163390), AND (YD 158334). CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PASEP. K/3/9 CONTINUE RELIEF IN PLACE OF H/2/3 VIA HELO LIFT.

(3) 2/3:PLT I/3/9 AND 1 TWIN 40MM SP PROVIDE SEC FOR THE KHE GIA BRIDGE W/OP ON HILL 252 (YD 022558). CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PASEP. L/3/9 AND RF 122 MAINTAIN DEF PSN VIC D-5. W/OP HILL 290 (YD 066502). CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PASEP. H&S/2/3 HQ CO 3D MAR, M/3/9, USA,

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SECT CO A 3D TK BN AND PLT CO A 3D AT BN PROVIDE SEC FOR CAMP CARROLL W/OP ON HILL 25C (YD 069555). C/1/44 ARTY USA D/S 2/3. PROVIDE DIRECT FIRE AND AA SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL.

(4) 3/3: PROVIDE SEC FOR OP ON THON SON LAM (XD 978559). M/3/3(-) MAINTAIN DEF PSN NORTH OF THON SON LAM W/PPB ON RAZORBACK. CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PASEP. LT SECT AT AND HVY SECT CO A 3D TK EMPLOYED VIC CO M CP. (XD 976568) H&S/3/3 AND I/3/9(-) MAINTAIN DEF PSN SOUTH OF THON SON LAM. CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PASEP. PLT I/3/9, LT SECT AT AND RE 123 MAINTAIN DEF PSN AT CA LU AND OP ON HILL 110 (YD 005461). CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PASEP. 4 TWIN 40MM SP AND LTS SECT CO A 3D AT PROVIDE SEC FOR 3/3 CP. K/3/3 ON FOR IMMEDIATE EMPLOYMENT IAW MY OPN PRAIRIE II OPN PLAN 7-67 AND FRAG O 11-67.

(5) CONTINUE TO EXECUTE MY OPN PRAIRIE II OPN PLAN 7-67 AND FRAG O 11-67.

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

(1) FR: 42 KIA, 185 WIA, 1 MIA
 (2) EN: 99 KIA(CONF), 117 KIA (PROB), 1 PW(VC),
 2 PW (NVA), 2 RETURNEES.

G. ARVN/USMC OPN: CURRENT OP PLAN 7-67 AND FRAG O 11-67
 39TH RANGERS B, ARVN.

H. RECOVERY OF US MATERIAL: NONE

I. SCOUT-SNIPER TEAMS: 3D MAR MAINTAINS 12 TMS
 (1) HQ CO 3D MAR EMPLOYED 11 TMS DEF PSN.
 (2) NEG REPORT.

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OPN PRAIRIE II

1. SITREP NR 120 AS OF 022400H MAR 67

A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE EXCEPT

1/9 (YD 072833)
 A/1/9 (YD 072855)
 C/1/9 (YD 072810)
 D/1/9 (YD 072854)

2/3, G/2/3 AND F/2/3 (MOVING)

B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE EXCEPT: CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES FO MY
OPN PRAIRIE II OP PLAN 7-67 AND FRAG O 11-67;

(1) FR: 40 KIA, 171 WIA, 0 MIA

(2) EN: 96 KIA (CONF), 95 KIA (PROB), 2 PW (NVA)

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C. CONTACTS:

(1) 021610H D/1/9 (YD 060660) EST 15 MAN NVA SQD WALKED INTO
D/1/9 AMB. D/1/9 SPRUNG AMB, EN JUMPED INTO BOMB CRATER, D/1/9
SURROUNDED EN AND KILLED 10 AND PROBABLY 2. REMAINDER OF EN MOVED
NW. EN WERE WEARING CAMOFLAUGED UNIFORMS, PONCHOS AND PITH
HELMETS. RECOVERED 10 CHICOM AUTO WPNS AND 24 CHICOM GRENS.

RESULTS OF ACTION: FR: 2 KIA, 7 WIA; EN: 10 KIA (CONF), 2 KIA (PROB).

(2) 021635H A/1/9 RECEIVED S/A FIRE FM 5 EN FM (YD 069669).
RTRND S/A, MG AND 81MM MISSION.(3) 021720H L/3/3 RECD HVY MORT ATTK COMPLTD AT 021725H. MORT ATTK
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(4) 021730H L/3/3 (YD 035645) RECD 10 RDS INCOMING MORT RDS. 021820H RECD MORE MORT FIRE AND S/A FIRE FM SOUTH. RTRND S/A AND COUNTER MORT FIRE. RESULTS 1 USMC WIA.

(5) 021835H I/3/3 MADE CONTACT W/EST SQD. I/3/3 RTRND S/A FIRE. *YD 093635*

(6) 021915H 1/3 CP (YD 068654) RECD 20 RDS 8 2MM MORT RDS FM YD 050666. RTRND FIRE W/14 RDS 8 1MM AND 85 RDS 105MM HE. UNABLE TO SEARCH AREA DUE TO OPN COMMITMENTS. RESULTS: 5 USMC WIA.

D. EVENTS:

(1) FINAL REPORT TO MY SITREP NR 119 D(1); 021815H PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MIA HM3 JOHN C. AGEE/6375649 USN WAS RECOVERED AT (YD 075616). ALSO DISCOVERED CAS PFC RICHARD A. DEWARE/2158176 USMC AT SAME LOC THAT HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN REPORTED AS KIA AND MED EVACED. LOC 10 LIVING HOLES, 5 FIGHTING HOLES, 2 COOKING POTS. LOC NO EN IN AREA. COOKING POTS, LIVING HOLES AND FIGHTING HOLES DESTROYED. BODIES EVACED.

(2) 021800H HELO-LIFT OF K/3/39 RELIEF IN PLACE OF H/2/3 COMPLETED. K/3/9 CHOPPED TO OPCON 3D MAR AND H/2/3 CHOPPED TO OPCON 3/4.

(3) 021800H L/3/9 (YD 121514) PTL LOC NEWBUNKER. WHICH WAS CAMOFLAUGED. PLOTTED LOC AND CONTINUED ON PTL RTE.

(4) 021845 H L/3/9 PTL (YD 121505) LOC SEV REINF BUNKERS WHICH APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN RECENTLY INHABITATED. RECOVERED 1 LEATHER CASE (AMMO TYPE). H&I ARE PLANNED FOR AREA.

(5) 021910H RELIEF IN PLACE OF 3/2/3(+) BY I/3/9 COMPLETED. E/2/3 RTRND TO CAMP CARROLL.

E. INTENTIONS: CONTINUE MY OPN PLAN 7-67 IAW MY FRAG O 11-67.

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

(1) FR: 44 KIA, 198 WIA, 0 MIA

(2) EN: 109 KIA (C), 119 KIA (P), 1 PW (VC). 2 PW (NVA) 2 RET
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OPN PRAIRIE II

1. SITREP NR 121 AS OF 030500H MAR67

A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

B. SUMMARY / CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES FOR MY OPN PRAIRIE II
 OPN PLAN 7-67 AND FRAG O 11-67.

- (1) FR: 40 KIA, 165 WIA
- (2) EN: 136 (KIA), 120 KIA (PROB), 2 PW(NVA)
- (3) CASUALTIES ADJUSTED.

C. CONTACTS:

(1) FINAL REPORT TO MY SITREP NR 120 PARA C (3). LATE REPORT. AT 021720H L/3/3 VIC (YD 03664G) RECEIVED EST 75 81/8 2MM MORTAR RDS FROM UNK DIRECTION. RDS LANDED IN AREA WHERE UNIT WAS PREPARING TO ADVANCE ON OBJ. UNABLE TO FIRE COUNTERMORTAR FIRE DUE TO FRIENDLY HOBOS IN AREA. RESULTS: 10 KIA USMC AND 5 USMC WIA.

(2) FINAL REPORT TO MY SITREP NR 120 PARA C(4) LATE ENTRY. 021730H L/3/3 CP RECEIVED EST 10 RDS 81/8 2MM MORTAR RDS FROM SOUTH. PLT RECEIVED S/A AND AUTO WPNS FIRE FROM UNK NR OF ENEMY FROM SOUTH. DUE TO MORTAR ATTACK UNABLE TO OBSERVE ENEMY. RETURNED S/A FIRE AND COUNTERMORTAR FIRE, RESULTS: 3 USMC KIA AND 7 USMC WIA.

(3) LATE ENTRY: 021645H A/1/9 OBSERVED 6-10 ENEMY IN BLACK UNIFORMS CAMOUFLAGED W/BRANCHES RUNNING EAST FROM VIC

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(YD 062667). A/1/9 OPENED FIRE W/35 RDS FROM M-60 AND 7 RDS 60MM MORTAR. OBSERVED 2 ENEMY FALL IN TO TREELINE. OTHER ENEMY WITHDREW INTO TREELINE. PSN TO FAR TO SEARCH OUT AREA. RESULTS: 2 ENEMY KIA (PROB)

(4) 030425H 1/9 CP AND CP PERIMETER RECEIVED 21 INCOMING MORTAR RDS. RETURNED FIRE W/81MM AND ARTY. RESULTS UNK.
 (5) 030445H L/3/3 (YD 084645) RECEIVED 25 RDS OF 82MM MORTAR FIRE.

D. EVENTS:

(1) FOLLOW-ON REPORTS TO INCLUDE ENEMY CASUALTIES NOT REPORTED.

SITREP NR 119 PARA C(2) 10 KIA (CONF), 10 KIA (PROB)

SITREP NR 119 PARA C(12) 15KIA (CONF), 4 KIA (PROB)

SITREP NR 119 PARA D (9) 9 KIA (CONF), 4 KIA (PROB)

SITREP NR 120 PARA C (5) 6 KIA (CONF), 4 KIA (PROB)

(2) 022200H C/1/9 LP (YD 073652) HEARD MOVEMENT APPROX 25 METERS TO THEIR FRONT WHICH SOUNDED LINE CRAWLING. AFTER CHALLENGING FIRST TIME, MOVEMENT STOPPED. SECOND CHALLENGE WITH NO RESPONSE, LP FIRED APPROX 20 RDS S/A. C/1/9 REINF LP AND SEARCHED AREA W/NEG RESULTS.

(3) 030205H 2/3 (-) AND CMD GRP ARRIVED AT CAM LO AND DEPARTED FOR CAMP CARROLL BY MOTOR MARCH.

(4) 030305H 2/3 (-) AND CMD GRP ARRIVED AT CAMP CARROLL.
 E. INTENTIONS:)CONTINUE TO EXECUTE MY OPN PRAIRIE II OPN PLAN 7-67 AND FRAG O 11-67.

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

(1) FR: 44 KIA, 170 WIA
 (2) EN: 146 KIA (CONF), 129 KIA (PROB). 1 PW (VC),
 2 PW (NVA), 2 RETURNEES.
 (3) CASUALTIES ADJUSTED.

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THIRD MARINES
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 FM CO THIRD MARINES
 TO THIRD MARDIV (FWD)
 INFO TWELFTH MARINES
 ZEN/SECOND BN THIRD MARINES
 ZEN/THIRD BN THIRD MARINES
 ZEN/THIRD BN NINTH MARINES
 THIRD BN FOURTH MARINES
 FIRST BN NINTH MARINES
 ZEN/FIRST BN TWELFTH MARINES
 ZEN/CO A THIRD AT BN
 ZEN/CO A THIRD TK BN
 FIRST BN FORTY-FOURTH ARTY USA
 ZEN/SECOND BN NINTY-FOURTH ARTY USA
 THIRD ENGR BN
 BT
 S E C R E T
 OPN PRAIRIE II
 1. SITREP NR 122 AS OF 031200H MAR 67
 A. LOCATIONS:

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ENCL NCO	

3/3 (YD 104634)
 I/3/3 (YD 092638) MOVING (YD 099638)
 L/3/3 (YD 036546)
 M/3/4 (YD 094635) MOVING
 1/9 (YD 071653)
 A/1/9 (YD 073603)
 C/1/9 (YD 071635)
 D/1/9 (YD 071055) MOVING

B. SUMMARY:
 (1) CONTINUE MY OPN PRAIRIE II OPN PLAN 7-67 AND FRAG 0
 11-67.

(2) CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES FOR MY OPN PRAIRIE II OPN PLAN
 7-67 AND FRAG 0 11-67.
 (A) FR: 40 KIA 165 WIA
 (B) EN: 143 KIA (CONF), 122 KIA (PROB), 3 PW (NVA)

C. CONTACTS:

(1) FOLLOW ON TO MY SITREP NR 121 PARA (4) 1/9 CP.
 RETURNED FIRE WITH 18 RDS 81MM MORTAR AND 87 RDS 155MM
 ARTY. AREA TO BE SEARCHED.

(2) 030520H ~~L/3/3~~ (YD 084645) AMBUSH MADE CONTACT WITH
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AMBUSH OPL P WITH S/A FIRE RESULTIN 1 2 ENEMY KIA
(CONF).

(3) 030745H D/1/9 OBSERVED 25 ENEMY IN OPEN AT (YD 063664) APPROX 300 METERS FROM D/1/9 PERIMETER FIRED 81MM MISSION FIRED WITH GOOD TARGET COVERAGE. RESULTS 3 ENEMY KIA (CONF) 2 EN KIA (PROB).

(4) 030800H 1/9 CO VIC (YD 069657) OBSERVED 2 ENEMY WEARING DARK GREEN UNIFORMS DRIVEN BY ARTY FIRE IN TO LOC ENEMY FIRED 3 RDS CARBINE FIRE AT 1/9. RETURN S/A FIRE. 1 ENEMY WAS OBSERVED HIT AND OTHER POSSIBLY HIT. ENEMY THAT WAS HIT PUT HANDS ABOVE HEAD. OTHER FELL INTO TREE LINE. ENEMY WERE APPROX 200 METERS NW OF 1/9 CO PERIMETER SQD SENT OUT TO RECON AREA LOC BOTH SUBJECTS. CAPTURED 1 ENEMY SERIOUSLY WOUNDED AND RECOVERING BODY OF SECOND RESULTS 1 EN KIA (CONF), 1 EN PW(WIA)

(5) 030805H C/1/9 VIC (YD 077652) OBSERVED 5 ENEMY MOVING S. APPEARED TO BE RUNNING FROM ARTY MISSION UNABLE TO OBSERVE CLOTHING OR EQUIPMENT FIRED 40 RDS S/A AT ENEMY. SQD SEARCHING AREA.

D. EVENTS:

(1) 021430H TO 021800H IN 200 METER RADIUS OF (YD 091695) 1/3/3 CAPTURED FOLLOWING: 1 AT MINE, 1X3 2MM MORTAR BASE PLATE, 1X3 2MM MORTAR AIMING STAKE, 3 LAND MINES TYPE UNK, 2 US M-72 LAWS, 2 AK-47 CHICOM SMG, 1 CHICOM CARBINE, 1 HVY MG BARRELL, TYPE UNK, 75X3 2MM MORTAR RDS, 5000 RDS S/A AMMO, 10,000 RDS LINKED S/A AMMO, 50 PACKS W/CONTENTS, 25 POTS AND PANS, 30 ENTRENCH TOOLS AND LARGE SHOVELS, 10 GAS MASKS, 200 CHICOM GRENADES, ASSORTED COMM EQUIP TO INCLUDE ANTENNA, HAND SET, HEAD SET, AND LL PHONE SET, 1 TRENCH PERISCOPE, 1 COMPLETE RADIO SET W/CW KEY, CODE BOOK AND SHACKLES, 50-60 FIRED CARTRIDGES AND FUSES, 8 2MM MORTAR TOOL SET AND FIRING DEVICES.

(2) 030720H ~~SD MAP~~ ALO REPORTED AO OBSERVED 250 ENEMY TROOPS AT (YD 055668), (YD 071663), AND (YD 083662) WEARING GREEN UNIFORMS AND KHAKI UNIFORMS, CARRYING DEAD AND WOUNDED. AO DIRECTED ARTY FIRE MSN.

(3) 031000H ~~3/3~~ M/3/4 AND TANKS SLOWED DOWN BY STREAM AT (YD 093633). WILL CONTINUE MOVEMENT N IN APPROX 30 MIN. COS L AND I/3/3 HOLDING IN BLOCKING PSN WITH TWIN 40MM SP AND TANKS.

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(4) 030800H E/2/3 (-) DEPARTED CAMP CARROLL FOR DONG HA.
(5) 030900H E/2/3 (-) ARRIVED DONG HA.
(6) 031030H PLT I/3/3 AND TWIN 40MM SP AT (YD 099683) WILL
LINK UP WITH TANKS AND PROCEED TO (YD 100633) THEN MOVE
ALONG TRAIL TO OBJ.

(7) 031035H M/3/3 (YD 084635) LOC 1 ENEMY BODY STRIPPED
OF CLOTHING. RESULTS 1 ENEMY KIA (CONF)

(8) 031100H PSY OPS AIRCRAFT ARRIVED IN AREA OF OPN.

E. INTENTIONS: CONTINUE TO EXECUTE MY OPN PRAIRIE II
OPN PLAN 7-67 AND FRAG O 11-67.

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

(1) FR: 44 KIA, 170 WIA
(2) EN: 153 KIA (CONF), 131 KIA (PROB), 1 PW (VC)
3 PW (NVA), 2 RETURNEES.

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 TO THIRD MARDIV (FWD)
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 THIRD BN FOURTH MARINES
 ZEN/THIRD BN NINTH MARINES
 ZEN/FIRST BN TWELFTH MARINES
 ZEN/CO A THIRD AT BN
 ZEN/CO A THIRD TK BN
 FIRST BN FORTY FOURTH ARTY USA
 ZEN/SECOND BN NINTY FOURTH ARTY USA
 THIRD ENGR BN
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S E C R E T
 OPN PRAIRIE II

1. SITREP NR 123 AS OF 031300H MAR 67

A. LOCATIONS:

HQ CO 3D MAR (YD 066543)
 K/3/9 (YD 165403)
 3/3 (YD 102645)
 K/3/3 (-) (XD 983544)
 M/3/3 (-) (XD 976568)
 CMD GRP 3/3 (YD 102634)
 L/3/3 (YD 104659)
 I/3/3 (YD 105655)
 M/3/4 (YD 090645)
 CMD GRP 1/9 (YD 071663)
 A/1/9 (YD 071671)
 C/1/9 (YD 071663)
 D/1/9 (YD 073655)
 PLT K/3/3 (YD 061571)
 3/9 (YD 063551)
 I/3/9 (-) (XD 983544)
 L/3/9 (YD 094514)
 M/3/9 (YD 066551)

B. SUMMARY:

(1) K/3/9 AND RF 256 MAINTAINED DEF PSN AT BA LONG.

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(2) 3/9 PLT I/3/9 AND 1 TWIN 40MM SP AT THE KHE GIA BRIDGE. L/3/9 AND RF 122 AT D-5. M, H&S/3/9, HQ CO 3D MAR AND USA UNITS AND PLT 3D AT BN CAMP CARROLL W/OP HILL 20. C/1/44 ARTY USA D/S 3/9. DIRECT FIRE AND AA SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL.

(3) 3/3: OP ON THON SON LAM. M/3/3 (-) NORTH OF THON SON LAM. LT SECT AT AND 1 HVY SECT CO A 3D TK VIC CO M CP. I/3/9 (-) AND H&S/3/3 SOUTH OF THON SON LAM. 1 LT SECT CO A 3D AT AND 4 TWIN 40MM SP 3/3 CP. PLT I/3/9, LT SECT AT AND RF 123 AT CA LU W/OP HILL 110. K/3/3 (-) ON ALERT FOR IMMEDIATE EMPLOYMENT IAW MY OPN PRAIRIE II OPN PL 7-67 AND FRAG O 11-67.

(4) WEATHER CONDITIONS HAD NO ADVERSE EFFECTS ON OPNS THE LAST 24 HOURS.

(5) NON-BATTLE CASUALTIES, MED-EVAC: NONE

(6) CONDUCTED EXECUTION OF MY OPN PRAIRIE II OPN PLAN 7-67 AND FRAG O 11-67.

(7) CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES FOR MY OPN PRAIRIE II OPN PLAN 7-67 AND FRAG O 11-67.

(1) FR: 41 KIA, 183 WIA, 0 MIA

(2) EN: 21 KIA (CONF), 162 KIA (PROB), 9 PW (NVA)

CONTACTS:

(1) FOLLOW ON TO MY SITREP NR 122 PARA D(2): AT 030300H AREA WAS SEARCHED LOC 2 CHICOM SUB MG, 76 ENEMY BODIES AND INDICATIONS OF 25 KIA (PROB). RESULTS: 76 EN KIA (CONF), 40 KILLED BY USMC AIR, 30 KILLED BY GROUND/ARTY, 6 KILLED BY S/A; 25 EN KIA (PROB), 15 KILLED BY USMC AIR 10 KILLED BY GROUND/ARTY.

(2) FOLLOW ON TO MY SITREP NR 122 PARA C(4). D/1/9 WOUNDED AND CAPT 2 EN W/WPNS AND EQUIP. ONE EN WIA PW DOW, SECOND EN WIA PW MEDEVAC.

(3) LATE ENTRY: 030335H A/1/9 OBS UNK EN RUNNING IN OPEN AT (YD 035663). ARTY FIRED MSN. RESULTS UNK.

(4) LATE ENTRY: 030900H A/1/9 (YD 073560) OBSERVED APPROX 8 ENEMY MOVING NE FROM AIR STRIKE. A/1/9 FIRED M-60 MG AND OBSERVED 8 ENEMY FALL BEFORE THEY REACHED THE TREE LINE. WILL SEARCH AREA AFTER ARTY IS LIFTED, RESULTS 4 EN KIA (CONF).

(5) LATE ENTRY: 030925H A/1/9 (YD 071561) OBSERVED 10 ENEMY RUNNING NW FLEEING AREA OF NAPALM AIR STRIKE. ENEMY WERE WEARING DARK GREEN UNIFORMS. A/1/9 FIRED ON ENEMY WITH 200 RDS M-60, 51LRDS 81MM MORTAR OBSERVED ENEMY CARRYING 2 BODIES INTO TREELINE. WILL SEARCH AREA AFTER ARTY FIRE IS LIFTED. RESULTS 2 EN KIA (C), 4 EN KIA (P).

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(6) LATE ENTRY: 030945H D/1/9 (YD 064657) OBSERVED 25 ENEMY IN OPEN FIELD. ARTY MSN FIRED 74 RDS. ARTY RESULTS UNK.

(7) 031100H D/1/9 (YD 063654) ENCOUNTERED 5 NVA COMING DOWN TRAIL HEADING SE. ONLY LEAD MAN HAD WPN, ALL WERE DRESSED IN KHAKI UNIFORMS. D/1/9 FIRED 8 CRD S/A AND 3 M79 KILLING ALL 5, CAPTURED 1 CHICOM CARBINE, 6 CHICOM GREN AND 2 L OF COOKED RICE, RESULTS 5 EN KIA (C).

(8) 031215H A/1/9 (YD 075665) RECEIVED APPROX 50 RDS CARBINE FIRE FROM ESTIMATED 40 ENEMY WEARING GREEN UNIFORMS. RETURNED S/A AND ARTY FIRE MISSION CAPTURED 1 ENEMY WITH SMG, 1 60MM MORTAR TUBE, AND 2 32MM MORTAR TUBES. RESULTS 1 PW (NVA).

(9) 031220H D/1/9 (YD 065656) OBSERVED 20 ENEMY MOVING ALONG TRAIL AT (YD 065667). ARTY MISSION FIRED RESULTS UNK.

(10) 031245H A/1/9 (YD 072663) TO (YD 076667) RECEIVED APPROX 100 RDS AUTO CARBINE FIRE FROM 30-45 ENEMY DRESSED IN KHAKI AND DARK GREEN UNIFORMS. A/1/9 ADVANCED TOWARD ENEMY RETURNING FIRE. FIRED 600 RDS S/A, 35 M-79, 14 60MM AND ARTY FIRE MISSION. SEARCH OF AREA REVEALED THE FOLLOWING RESULTS 25 EN KIA (C), 17 KIA (P), 5 PW (NVA).

(11) 031310H D/1/9 (YD 060666) LOC 23 RECENTLY KILLED

IN COMMUNITY GRAVE SITE. BODIES COVERED LIGHTLY WITH GRASS AND PLASTIC CAPES. ALL KILLED BY S/A OR SMALL FRAGMENTS. NVA DRESSED IN KHAKI CLOTHING. SCATTERED AMONG BODIES WERE 4 PACKS, 1 PLASTIC RAINCOAT, COTTON ROPE, 6 AK-47 MAGAZINES W/ AMMO AND 12 RDS 32MM MORTAR AMMO. DEAD WERE RESULTS OF D/1/9 CONTACT AT 021610H. SEARCHING AREA FOR WPNS AND OTHER CASUALTIES RESULTS 23 EN KIA (C).

(12) 031340H 3/2 CP (YD 055665) RECEIVED 92 RDS 82MM MORTARS FROM VIC (YD 070654) DURING HELO RESUPPLY. RETURNED FIRE W 96 81MM, 120 105MM, AND 49 155MM. AO WAS ON PSN BUT UNABLE TO LOCATE EXACT MORTAR PSN. WILL SEARCH AREA DURING SWEEP. ATTACK CEASED AT 031405H RESULTS 1 USMC KIA, 16 USMC WIA.

(13) 031345H A/1/9 (YD 076667) ENGAGED APPROX 60 NVA (YD 074665) MOVING NW TO DMZ AND SEEMED TO BE DISORGANIZED. WHEN FIRED UPON BY A/1/9 ONLY A FEW REMAINED TO FIGHT. ALL WORE LIGHT GREEN AND KHAKI UNIFORMS W/CREW SERVED WPNS. ENEMY TOOK UNDER FIRE AT RANGE OF 300 METERS, FIRED 2000 RDS S/A AND 35 M-79, 14 60MM MORTAR AND 1 3.5 ROCKET, CAPTURED 4 AK-47 AND 38 CHICOM GREN. RESULTS 12 EN KIA (C), 7 KIA (P).

(14) 031450H 1/9 CP (YD 070654) RECEIVED 30 RDS 82MM

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MORTAR RDS FROM (YD 051655) DURING MED EVAC. RETURNED FIRE WITH 100 RDS 105MM. WILL SEARCH AREA. RESULTS 2 USMC WIA.

- (15) 031617H L/3/3 (YD 095659) RECEIVED S/A AND GRENADE FIRE
- (16) 031630H L/3/3 (YD 105660) RECEIVING MACHINE GUN FIRE.

D. EVENTS:

- (1) FINAL REPORT TO MY SITREP NR 122 PARA C(5). AREA SEARCHED WITH NEG RESULTS.
- (2) 031110H 3/3 CP COMMENCED DISPLACEMENT.
- (3) 031145H 3/3 COMPLETED DISPLACEMENT OF CP TO (YD 085645).
- (4) 031155H M/3/4 LOC AT (YD 100610), CMD GRP 2/3, L/3/3, I/3/3 AND M/3/4 CONTINUED ATTACK ALONG RIDGE FROM PRESENT PSN NORTH TO (YD 100665).
- (5) 031300H 1/9 LOC 3X500 LB DUD BOMBS (YD 072553).
- (6) 031315H 3/9 RELIEVED 2/3. 2/3 CHOPPED TO OPCON 3D MARDIV. 3/9 CHOPPED TO OPCON 3D MAR.
- (7) 031330H 1/3/3 LOC 15 CANS OF 7.62MM CHICOM AMMO (400 RDS PER CASE) AT (YD 093543).
- (8) 031330H 1/3/9 LOC 105MM DUD IN RICE PADDY WITH FUSE REMOVED AND RD RUSTY. DUD DESTROYED IN PLACE (YD 113513).
- (9) 031355H L/3/3 (YD 091643) LOC 11 GRAVES. 2 GRAVES WERE OPENED. BODIES APPEARED TO HAVE DIED AND ABOUT 1 MONTH

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OLD. 11 ENEMY KIA (CONF) NOT RECORDED BY 3D MAR BECAUSE AT TIME OF DEATH AREA WAS NOT IN 3D MAR AO.

(10) 031400H D/1/9 (YD 260664) LOC 3 21M MORTAR RD. DUD DESTROYED IN PLACE.

X E. INTENTIONS FOR NEXT 24 HOURS:

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

(2) K/3/9 (-) AND RF 26 MAINTAIN DEF PSN VIC BA LONG W/OP AT (YD 157418), (YD 167394), (YD 163390), AND (YD 158384). CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PASEP.

(3) 3/9: PLT I/3/9 AND 1 TWIN 40MM SP PROVIDE SEC FOR THE KHE GIA BRIDGE W/OP HILL 252 (YD C22553). CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PASEP. L/3/9 AND RF 122 MAINTAIN DEF PSN VIC D-5 W/OP HILL 290 (YD 060532). CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PASEP. M& H&S/3/9, HQ CO 3D MAR, USA, SECT CO A 3D TK BN AND PLT CO A 3D AT BN PROVIDE SEC FOR CAMP CARROLL W/OP ON HILL 290 (YD 060555). C/1/44 ARTY USA D/S 3/9. PROVIDE DIRECT FIRE AND AA SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL.

(4) 3/3: PROVIDE SEC FOR OP ON THON SON LAM (YD 978559). M/3/3 (-) MAINTAIN DEF PSN NORTH OF THON SON LAM W/PPB ON RAZORBACK, CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PASEP. LT SECT AT AND HVY SECT CO A 3D TK EMPLOYED VIC CO M CP.

(X) 976563). H&S/3/3 AND I/3/9 (-) MAINTAIN DEF PSN SOUTH OF THON SON LAM. CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PASEP. PLT I/3/9, LT SECT AT AND RF 123 MAINTAIN DEF PSN AT CA LU AND OP ON HILL 110 (YD C06461). CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PASEP. 4 TWIN 40MM SP AND LT SECT CO A 3D AT PROVIDE SEC FOR 3/3 CP. K/3/3 ON ALERT FOR IMMEDIATE EMPLOYMENT IAW MY OPN PRAIRIE II OPN PLAN 7-67 AND FRAG O 11-67.

(5) CONTINUE TO EXECUTE MY OPN PRAIRIE II OPN PLAN 7-67 AND FRAG O 11-67.

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

(1) FR: 45 KIA, 193 WIA, 0 MIA

(2) EN: 261 KIA (CONF), 171 KIA (PROB), 1 PW (VC), 9 PW (NVA), 2 RETURNEES.

G. ARVN/USMC OPN: CURRENT OPN PLAN 7-67 AND FRAG O 11-67 39TH RANGERS BN, ARVN.

H. RECOVERY OF US MATERIAL: NONE

I. SCOUT-SNIPER TEAMS: 3D MAR MAINTAINS 12 TMS

(1) HQ CO 3D MAR EMPLOYED 11 TMS DEF PSN.

(2) NEG REPORT.

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THIRD MARINES
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HAS BEEN SENT

FM THIRD MARINES
TO THIRD MARDIV (FWD)
INFO TWELFTH MARINES
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THIRD BN FOURTH MARINES
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FIRST BN NINTH MARINES
ZEN/FIRST BN TWELFTH MARINES
ZEN /CO A THIRD AT BN
ZEN/CO A THIRD TK BN
FIRST BN FORTY-FOURTH ARTY USA
ZEN/SECOND BN NINTY-FOURTH ARTY USA
THIRD ENGR BN

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S E C R E T

OPN PRAIRIE II

1. SITREP NR 124 AS OF 032400H MAR 67

A. LOCATIONS:

1/9(YD 07166 2)
A/1/9 (YD 07166 2)
C/1/9 (-) (YD 07166 2)
D/1/9 (YD 07166 2)
3/3 MOVING (YD 100664)
I/3/3 MOVING (YD 100664)
L/3/3 MOVING (YD 100664)
M/3/4 (-) (YD 090545)

B. SUMMARY: CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES FOR MY OPN PRAIRIE II OPN PLAN 7-67 AND FRAG O 11-67;

(1) FR: 41 KIA, 189 WIA, 0 MIA
(2) EN: 286 KIA (CONF), 162 KIA (PROB), 9 PW (NVA)

C. CONTACTS:

(1) 031730H L/3/3 KILLED 1 NVA BY S/A FIRE. RESULTS: 1 EN KIA (CONF).
(2) 031745H L/3/3 (YD 109619) RECD S/A FIRE FM VIC (YD 119619) TKS FM I/3/3 MOVED TO REINF L/3/3.
(3) 031750H A/1/9 (YD 067663) WHILE ENROUTE TO CP RECD APPROX 70 RDS 82MM MORTS. RTRND FIRE W/54 RDS 81MM AND 58 105MM ON SUSPECTED EN PSN. RESULTS: 3 USMC WIA.
(4) 031900H L/3/3 (YD 109649) RECD APPROX 10 RDS MORT FIRE AND SNIPER FIRE FM UNK NR SNIPERS FM (YD 096662). COUNTER MORT FIRED. EXCELLENT TGT COVERAGE ON EN MORT PSN. EN MORT CEASED AT 031910H. RESULTS 3 USMC WIA. I AND L/3/3 SWEEP NW TO VIC (YD 105658) W/COS ABREAST MADE CONTACT W/UNK NR EN. RESULTS; L/3/3 3 USMC WIA; 8 EN KIA (CONF).
(5) 031910H L/9 CP (YD 072655) RECD 58 82MM MORT RDS FM

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(YD 044656) AND (YD 065665). RTRND 18X81MM AND 39X105MM RDS. RESULTS UNK.

(6) 031930H A/1/9 (YD 072556) RECD 9X82MM MORT RDS FM (YD 054655). RTRND 81MM MORT AND ARTY FIRE MSN. RESULTS UNK.

D. EVENTS:

(1) PLT C/1/9 AND PLT M/3/4 PROVIDING SEC FOR HELICOPTER DOWN AT (YD 039655). WILL MAINTAIN DEF PSN AROUND HELO UNTIL REMOVED.

(2) 031503H L/3/9 (YD 123516) LOC 40 BUSHELS OF RICE IN VERY LARGE EARTHEN JARS. SCATTERED RICE OVER LARGE AREA. AREA HAS NOT BEEN RECENTLY OCCUPIED.

(3) 031745H C/1/9 (YD 057652) ARR AT PSN AO ON STATION REPORTED OBS BODIES. C/1/9 LOC 7 EN BODIES W/ EQUIP. NO WPNS. EN APPEARED TO HAVE HAD MED ASSIST. RECOVERED 4 PACKS, 1 GREEN UNIFORM, 2 PITH HELMETS, 2 CARB BUTTS, 4 SHELTER HALVES, 5 PLASTIC BAGS, 3 "E" TOOLS, 2 CANTEENS, 1 FLASHLIGHT, 1 MOSQUITO NET, 5 CARB MAGS (BANANA CLIPS), 500 RDS CARB AMMO, 1 CLIP AND 15 CHICOM GRENS. RESULTS: 7 EN KIA (CONF).

(4) 031800H L/3/3 (YD 109655) CAPT 1 AK47, 1 MAG, PACKS AND 25 LBS OF RICE.

(5) 031815H SD MAR WIRE SECT REPORTED LAND LINE WASCUT VIC (YD 993556) BY WHAT APPEARDE TO BE KNIFE CUT. LINE WENT OUT OF SERVICE AROUND 031700H AND WAS REPAIRED AROUND 031815H.

(6) 032030H M/3/3 (YD 976563) WHILE FIRING 81MM MORT H&I OBS SECONDARY EXPLOSION AT (YD 965573). 81MM MORT IRON CROSS MSN WAS CALLED RESULTING IN SECOND SECONDARY EXPLOSION. ARTY FIRE MSN CALLED IN AREA W/2 MORE SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS. EXT H&I FIRES PLANNED THROUGHOUT NIGHT.

E. INTENTIONS: CONTINUE TO EXECUTE MY OPN PRAIRIE II OPN PLAN 7-67 AND FRAG O 11-67 IAW MY 031530 MAR 67. PLT C/1/9 AND PLT M/3/4 CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SEC FOR HELO DOWN AT (YD 039655). WILL MAINTAIN DEF PSN AROUND HELO UNTIL REMOVED.

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

(1) FR: 45 KIA, 214 WIA, 0 MIA

(2) EN: 276 KIA (CONF), 171 KIA (PROB), 9 PW (NVA),
1 PW (VC), 2 RETURNEES
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 OPN PRAIRIE II

1. SITREP NR 125 AS OF 040800H MAR 67

A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

B. SUMMARY: CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES FOR MY OPN PRAIRIE II

OPN PLAN 7-67 AND FRAG 0 11-67.

(1) FR: 41 KIA, 189 WIA, 0 MIA

(2) EN: 274 KIA (CONF), 162 KIA (PROB), 9 PW (NVA)

(3) CORRECTED EN KIA (CONF) REFLECT CORRECTION OF 1
 EN KIA COUNTED TWICE. SITREP NR 122 PARA C (4)
 SITREP NR 123 PARA C (2).

C. CONTACTS:

(1) FOLLOW ON TO MY SITREP NR 124 PARA C (1). AT 031730H
 L/3/3 MADE CONTACT WITH UNK NR OF ENEMY AT (YD 103659) KILLING
 1 ENEMY. RECON OF AREA BY FIRE AND DURING SEARCH LOC 7 MORE
 ENEMY KIA (CONF) AND 1 AK-47 W/400 LINK 7.62 AMMO. RESULTS,
 8 KIA (CONF).

(2) 040330H C/1/9 DETECTED PROB PROBING OF LINES AT
 (YD 071651). FIRED 20X & 7.62 RDS AND SEARCHED AREA LOC 1
 ENEMY KIA (CONF).

D. EVENTS: 032320H L/3/9 HEARD EXPLOSION SOUTH OF OP
 (YD 066501). NO FRIENDLY MORTAR FIRED. POSSIBLE VC PLACING
 MINE/BOOBY TRAP.

E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

(1) FR: 45 KIA, 214 WIA, 0 MIA

(2) EN: 284 KIA (CONF), 171 KIA (PROB), 9 PW (NVA)

1 PW (VC). 2 RETURNEES.

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OPN PRAIRIE II

1. SITREP NR 125 A^c OF 041200H MAR 67

A. LOCATIONS:

1/9 (YD 063655)

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 C/1/9 (YD 073653)
 D/1/9 (YD 067653)
 3/3 (YD 106663)
 I/3/3 (YD 103666)
 L/3/3 (YD 106662)

M/3/4 (YD 033655) AT DOWNED HELO

B. SUMMARY: CONDUCTED OPN IAW MY OPN PRAIRIE II OPN PLAN 7-67 AND FRAG O 11-67.

CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES FOR MY OPN PRAIRIE II OPN PLAN 7-67 AND FRAG O 11-67

(1) FR: 44 KIA, 189 WIA
 (2) EN: 286 KIA (CONF), 166 KIA (PROB), 9 PW (NVA)

C. CONTACTS:

(1) 040230H M/3/4 OBS 1 EN AT (YD 063644). FIRED AT EN. EN RTRND 3 RDS AND FLED EAST. AT 040130H 3 EN PENETRATED PERIMETER. M/3/4 OPENED FIRE PINNING 1 EN DOWN AND OTHER 2 ESCAPED. 040530H TRAPPED NVA TRIED TO SHOOT HIS WAY OUT AND WAS WOUNDED AND TAKEN PRISONER. SEARCH OF AREA REVEALED 2 HEAVY BLOOD TRAILS AND RECOVERY OF 1 AK-47, 4 AK47 MAGS, 1 20 RDS 7.62MM AMMO, 4

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CHICOM GRENS, 1 WALLET W/ASSORTED DOCU, 5 BOMBING CAPS, 1 FIRST AID KIT AND RIFLE CLEANING GEAR. RESULTS: 2 EN KIA (PROB), 1 PW (NVA).

(2) 040330H A/1/9 (YD 071651) RECD PROBING OF LINES. FIRED 20 RDS S/A. SEARCHED AREA AT FIRST LIGHT AND LOC 1 ODY WEARING OLIVE DRAB UNIFORM W/O WPNS. 1 WALLET W/40 P'S, SEVERAL PROPAGANDA PAMPHLETS, AND PAPERS. RESULTS: 1 EN KIA (CONF), 2 EN KIA (PROB).

(3) 040721H A/1/9 (YD 072660) OBS EN MOVING INTO OPEN HEADING WEST TOWARD TREE LINE AT (YD 073667) DRESSED IN BLACK OR DARK GREEN UNIFORMS, WITH PACKS AND WPNS. AT RANGE OF 700-800 MTRS 1/9 SNIPERS TMS FIRED 13 RDS AND OBS 2 EN FALL. OBS BODIES FOR 30 MINUTES W/O SIGN OF MOVEMENT. RESULTS: 2 EN KIA (CONF).

D. EVENTS:

(1) LCORRECTION TO MY SITREP NR 123 PARA C (10). A/1/9 CAPTURED 4 ENEMY VICE 5 ENEMY.

(2) CORRECTED ENEMY CASUALTIES AS FOLLOWS: ADD 3 ENEMY KIA (CONF) ERRONIOUSLY DROPPED DURING CORRECTED COUNT ON MY SITREP NR 121.

(3) ADD 3 USMC KIA NOT PREVIOUSLY REPORTED.

(4) LATE ENTRY: C31300H L/343 (YD 107663) SEARCHING AREA LOC 8 PACKS, 8 2MM MORTAR BASE PLATE, 6 DRUM MG MAG, 35 CHICOM GRENS, 1000 RDS S/A AMMO AND 25 BLOCKS OF TNT.

(5) 040730H L/343 REPORTED AO OBSERVED 4-5 ENEMY IN OPEN WEARING LIGHT GREEN UNIFORMS, NO HELMETS AT (YD 069680).

(6) 041020H L/343 (YD 100566) LOC 30 BUNKERS, 4X4 AND 6X6 FT. APPEARED RECENTLY OCCUPIED. BUNKERS DESTROYED. LOC 100 RDS 30 CAL S/A AMMO AND 1 PACK.

E. INTENTIONS: CONTINUE TO EXECUTE MY OPN PRAIRIE II OPN PLAN 7-67 AND FRAG O 11-67. H-HOUR FOR EXECUTION OF MY 031530Z MAR 67 IS 041230H.

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

(1) FR: 45 KIA 214 WIA

(2) EN: 290 KIA (CONF), 175 KIA (PROB), 9 PW (NVA), 1 PW VC, 2 RETURNEE.

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 1 THIRDMARDIV (FWD)
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 OPN PRAIRIE II
 1. SITREP NR 127 A OF 041800H MAR 67.
 A. LOCATION:

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- (1) 3D MARINE (YD 066543)
- (2) FOR BA LONG (YD 163397) AND RF CO 256
 K/3/9 (YD 165403)
 W/1/12 (YD 165402)
- (3) 3/3 (XD 983544)
 M/3/3 (XD 96568)
 K/3/3 (-) (XD 983544)
 I/3/9 (-) (XD 983544)
 PLT I/3/9 (YD 011458) AND RF CO 123
- (4) 3/9 (YD 063551)
 L/3/9 (YD 094514)
 M/3/9 (YD 063551)
 PLT I/3/9 (YD 025562)
 PLT K/3/3 (YD 061571)
- (5) CMD GRP 3/3 (YD 103658)
 I/3/3 (YD 100655)
 L/3/3 (YD 118663)
 M/3/4 (YD 085645)
 CMD GRP 1/9 (YD 105682)
 A/1/9 (YD 098678)

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D/1/9 (YD 112682)

B. SUMMARY:

- (1) HQ CO 3D MAR PROVIDED SECURITY FOR CP.
- (2) K/3/9, W/1/12 AND RF 256 MAINTAINED DEF PSN AT BA LONG.
- (3) 3/3: OP ON THON SON LAM M/3/3 (-) NORTH OF THON SON LAM, W/PPB ON RAZORBACK. LT SECT AT AND 1 HVY SECT CO A THIRD T^c VIC CO M CP. I/3/9, H&C/3/3 SOUTH OF THON SON LAM. 1 LT SECT CO A 3D AT AND 4 TWIN 40MM SP 3/3 CP. PLT/I/3/9, LT SECT AT AND RF 123 AT CA LU W/OP HILL 110.
- (4) 3/9: PLT I/3/9 AND 1 TWIN 40MM SP AT THE KHE GIA BRIDGE. L/3/9 AND RF 122 AT D-5. M, H&C/3/9, HQ CO 3D MAR AND U^cA UNITS, 3D TK BN, AND 3D AT BN CAMP CARROLL W/OP HILL 250. C/1/44 ARTY U^cA D/C 3/9. PROVIDED DIRECT FIRE AND AA SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL.
- (5) WEATHER CONDITIONS HAD NO ADVERSE EFFECT ON OPNs THE LAST 24 HOURS.
- (6) NON-BATTLE CASUALTIES, MED-EVAC: 1/9 4 U^cMC HEAT CASUALTIES
- (7) CONDUCTED EXECUTION OF MY OPN PRAIRIE II OPN

PLAN 7-67 AND FRAG O 11-67. IAW MY 031530Z MAR 67.

(8) CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES FOR MY OPN PRAIRIE II OPN PLAN 7-67 AND FRAG O 11-67.

(1) FR: 46 KIA, 199 WIA, 0 MIA.

(2) EN: 281 KIA (CONF), 164 KIA (PROB), 9 PW (NVA)

C. CONTACTS:

- (1) 041115H I/3/9 (XD 971538) OB^c 2 EN DIGGING IN TREELINE AT (XD 964546) WEARING BROWN AND BLACK UNIFORMS. FIRED 3.5 RKT^c AND 7/A. SEARCHED AREA W/NEG RESULTS. GRASS WAS MATTED DOWN IN 2-3 PLACES W/NO SIGN OF DIGGING.
- (2) 041310H I/9 (YD 069655) TO (YD 073640) TACTICAL COLUMN RECD 150' RD^c 82MM MORT FIRE FROM UNK LOC WHILE ENROUTE TO OBJ 6 (YD 095683). ARTY FIRE AND AIR STRIKE CALLED ON SUSPECTED EN MORT PSN AT (YD 053665). RESULTS: 1 U^cMC KIA, 3 U^cMC WIA.
- (3) 041327H I/9 REPORTED RECEIVING 20 82MM MORT RD^c IN VIC OF CP RESULTING IN 3 U^cMC WIA. MED EVAC REQUESTED. ARTY FIRED M/N. AO ON STATION. MORE INFO TO FOLLOW. RESULTS: 3 U^cMC WIA.
- (4) 041505H L/3/3 (YD 120665) CURRENT HEAVILY ENGAGED

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WITH EN IN VILLAGE OF ~~THE~~ BAI AN (YD 170665). RECD INGA
 C/A AND 60MM MORT FIRE. 1 TK WAS DESTROYED BY RPG. RTRND
 C/A, MORT AND ARTY FIRE. RESULT: 1 UCMC KIA, 4 UCMC WIA.
 (5) 041620H I/3/3 RECD "NIPER FIRE FM (YD 097660) FM
 UNK NR EN. RETURNED C/A FIRE RESULTING IN 1 EN KIA (CONF).

D. EVENTS:

- (1) L/3/9 ESTABLISHED A NEW PPB AT (YD 127501).
- (2) 040930H 3/3 (YD 106653) ITT DETACHED AND RTRND TO PARENT UNIT.
- (3) 041200H 3/3 REPORTED THAT DOWNED HELO LOC AT (YD 087643) WAS LIFTED OUT.
- (4) 041200H 3/3 CP MOVED TO (YD 103634).
- (5) 041337H D/1/9 FWD MORT ELEMENT "I" AT OBJ NR 6 (YD 095683).
- (6) DELETE 2 EN KIA (P) REPORTED IN MY CITREP NR 126 PARA C(2). SAME TWO BODIES WERE ALSO REPORTED IN PARA C(1).

E. INTENTIONS: FOR NEXT 24 HOUR:

- (1) HQ CO 3D MAR PROVIDE SECURITY FOR CP.
- (2) K/3/9 (-) W/1/12, AND RF 256 MAINTAIN DEF P/N VIC BA LONG W/OP AT (YD 157418), (YD 167394), (YD 163390) AND (YD 158384).

CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PA*EP.

- (3) 3/9: PLT I/3/9 AND 1 TWIN 40MM CP PROVIDE SEC FOR THE KHE GIA BRIDGE W/OP ON HILL 252 (YD 022558). CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY. L/3/9 AND RF 122 MAINTAIN DEF P/N VIC D-5 W/OP HILL 290 (YD 066532). AND PPB AT (YD 127501). CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PA*EP. M AND H & 3/9, Q CO 3D MAR, USA, CO A TK BN AND CO A 3D AT BN PROVIDE SEC FOR CAMP CARROLL W/OP ON HILL 250 (YD 069555). C/1/44 ARTY USA D/C 3/9. PROVIDE DIRECT FIRE AND AA SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL.
- (4) 3/3: PROVIDE SEC FOR OP ON THON SON LAM (YD 978559). M/3/3 (-) MAINTAIN DEF P/N NORTH OF THON SON LAM W/PPB ON RAZORBACK (YD 967564). CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PA*EP. LT SEC AT AND HVY SEC CO A 3D EMPLOYED VIC CO M CP, (YD 976563). K (-), H & 3/3 AND I/3/9 (-) MAINTAIN DEF P/N SOUTH OF THON SON LAM. CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PA*EP. PLT I/3/9, LT SEC AT AND RF 123 MAINTAIN DEF P/N AT CA LU AND OP ON HILL 11C (YD 005461). CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PA*EP. 4 TWIN 40MM CP AND LT SEC CO A 3D AT PROVIDE SEC FOR 3/3 CP.
- (5) CONTINUE TO EXECUTE MY OPN PRAIRIE II OPN PLAN 7-67

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AND FRAG O 11-67 IAW M 01530Z MAR 67.

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES

- (1) FR: 47 KIA, 224 WIA
- (2) EN: 291 KIA (CONF), 173 KIA (PROB),

W (VC), 9 PW (NVA), 2 RETURNEE

G. ARVN/U^CMC OPN: CURRENT OPN PLAN 7-67 AND FRAG O 11-67
39TH RANGER BN, ARVN

H. RECOVERY OF U^C MATERIAL: NONE

I. "COUT-^CNIPIER TEAM": 3D MAR MAINTAIN^C 10 TM^C:

- (1) HQ CO 3D MAR EMPLOYED 5 TM^C DEF P^CN.

(2) 2 TM^C W/11TH ENGR^C.

(3) 2 TM^C W/M/3/9, OP LONG RANGE "NIPIING.

(4) NEG REPORT.

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OPN PRAIRIE II

1. CITREP NR 128 A^C OF 042400H MAR 67

A. LOCATIONS:

1/9 (YD 125683)
A/1/9 (YD 131686)C/1/9 (YD 125684)
D/1/9 (YD 129683)

B. SUMMARY: CONDUCTED S&D OPN IAW MY OPN PRAIRIE II OPN PLAN 7-67 AND FRAG O 11-67 IAW MY 031530Z MAR 67.

CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES FOR MY OPN PRAIRIE II OPN PLAN 7-67 AND FRAG O 11-67.

(1) FR: 49 KIA, 213 WIA
 (2) EN: 327 KIA(CONF), 178 KIA(PROB), 14 WIA (PROB) WHICH HAVE BEEN
 DELETED AT BEGINNING OF MONTHTHESE WIA^C WERE A PART OF THIS OPN AND SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN DELETED.

10 PW(NVA), 2 DETAINEES.

C. CONTACT:

(1) FOLLOW ON TO MY CITREP NR 127 PARA C(4); AT APPROX 1500H L/3/3 W/TK^C APPROACHED VILLAGE OF THON BAI AND (YD 117665) FM THE SOUTH. TK STOPPED AND TROOP^C WHO WERE RIDING DISSEMBARDED VIC (YD 122658). TK CONTINUED NORTH TOWARD VILLAGE WHEN IT WAS HIT BY AN RPG IN FRONT OF THE TK. EX EXPLODED AND BURST INTO FLAMES, KILLING 1 CREW MEMBER AND WOUNDING 3 CREW MEMBERS. THERE WERE SEVERAL SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS WITHIN

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THE TK. L/3/3 CONTINUED INTO VILLAGE AND "WEPT NORTH THROUGH VILLAGE AND THEN "WEPT SOUTH BACK THROUGH VILLAGE RECEIVING S/A FIRE AND APPROX 10 RD^C 60MM MORT RD^C. RESULTING IN 7 WIA. UPON COMPLETING RETURN "WEPT OF VILLAGE AT 1745H 0B^C AND KILLED 1 NVA IN GREEN UNIFORM IN VIC OF TK AT (YD 118663) CARRYING 5 60MM MORT RD^C W/FUSE^C, 200 RD^C BELTED 30 CAL AMMO, 5 CHICOM GRENC AND 1 PACK WITH ASSORTED ITEM^C. RESULT^C OF ACTION: 1 U^CMC KIA, 10 U^CMC WIA AND 1 EN KIA (CONF). 1 U^CMC KIA AND 4 WIA WERE REPORTED IN MY "ITREP NR 127 PARA C(4).

(2) 041445H C/1/9 (YD 031665) CAPT 1 NVA AND LOC 2 NVA BODIE^C, 1 CHICOM AR, WEARING GREEN UNIFORM^C AND PACK. RESULTS: 2 EN KIA (CONF), 1 PW(NVA).

(3) 041500H D/1/9 (YD 215681) DETONATED WHAT WAS BELIEVED TO BE 2 CLAYMORE MINE^C. LOC 3 CHOPPED WIRE^C LEADING FM POINT OF DETONATION TO TREE. 1 WIRE WAS 1 FT OFF GROUND AND SECOND WAS 4 FT ABOVE GROUND OFF THE SIDE OF THE TRAIL. SEARCH OF AREA RESULTED IN THE CAPTURE OF 2 SUBJS, 1 FEMAL AND 1 MALE. RESULT^C: 2 U^CMC KIA, 3 U^CMC WIA, AND 2 DETAINEE^C.

(4) 041500H D/1/9 (YD 115681) 1ST PLT CMDR D/1/9 WAS KILLED BY SNIPER FIRE. SEARCH AREA W/NEG RESULTS. RESULTS: 1 U^CMC KIA.

D. EVENT^C:

(1) 041230H - 041630H D/1/9 FM (YD 069635) TO (YD 090670) WHILE ON "D&D OPN LOC 12 EN BODIE^C IN 2 CRATER^C, 14 BODIE^C IN THIRD CRATER. 17 BODIE^C WERE LOC IN GRAVE^C AND PARTIAL GRAVE^C. NO EQUIP OR WPNC WERE FOUND. ALL BODIE^C HAD BEEN "TRIPPED. RESULTS: 43 EN KIA (CONF).

(2) 042125H ROCKPILE OP TP^C 21 OPERATOR REPORTED MOVEMENT ABOUT "QD" SIZE AT (YD 960567). ARTY MN FIRED. MOVEMENT CEASED. RESULTS UNK.

(3) 042200H C/1/9 HEARD MOVEMENT IN BRUSH AT (YD 018643). FIRED S/A AND 1 M-26 GREN. RESULTS UNK.

E. INTENTION^C: CONTINUE TO EXECUTE MY OPN PRAIRIE II OPN PLAN 7-67 AND FRAG O 11-67 IAW MY 031530Z MAR 67.

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES

(1) FR: 50 KIA, 238 WIA
 (2) EN: 337 KIA (CONF), 187 KIA (PROB), 10 PW (NVA),
 1 PW (VC), 2 RETURNEE^C, 2 DETAINEE^C.

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OPN PRAIRIE II

1. SITREP NR 129 AS OF 050600H MAR 67

A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE

C. CONTACTS:

(1) 050150H C/1/9 LP RECEIVED 1 INCOMING GRENADE AT
 (YD 115685). MOVEMENT REPORTED AROUND LP. LP PULLED BACK
 INTO LINES.

(2) 050225H L/3/9 RECEIVED 3 SNIPER RDS FROM SOUTH
 OF PSN AND HEARD MOVEMENT 200 METERS FROM PERIMETER.
 RETURNED FIRE AND CHECKED AREA W/NEG RESULTS.

D. EVENTS: NONE

E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE

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OPN PRAIRIE II

1. *ITREP NR 130 A^o OF 051200H MAR 67
 A. LOCATION: ALL OPERATIONAL UNIT^o MOVING
 B. SUMMARY: CONDUCTED OPN IAW MY OPN PRAIRIE II OPN PLAN 7-67

AND FRAG O 11-67 IAW MY 031530Z MAR 67
 CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES FOR MY OPN PRAIRIE II OPN PLAN 7-67

AND FPAG O 11-67

(1) FR: 49 KIA, 216 WIA

(2) EN: 328 KIA (C), 173 KIA (P), 10 PW (NVA), 2 DETAINEES

C. CONTACT:

(1) LATE ENTRY: 042200H 3/3 (YD C33644) OB^o AND KILLED 1
 EN UNDER ILLUM CALLED IN AREA. RECOVERED 1 "K" SOVIET CARB, 7.62
 AND 1 CARTRIDGE BELT. RESULT: 1 EN KIA (C9).

(2) 050700H C/1/9 (YD 118634) RECD 1 SNIPER RD FM VIC OF
 (YD 119684). AREA UNDER OB^oERVATION. RESULT: 1 U^oMC WIA.

(3) 050800H C/1/9 PLT RECD "A FIRE AND GREN^o FM LEFT SIDE
 OF TRAIL. PLT RTRND "A FIRE. DEPLOYED AND COMMENCED "WEEP OF
 AREA. RESULT: 2 U^oMC WIA.

D. EVENT:

(1) REF MY *ITREP NR 126 PARA D(3); INCOMPLETE ENTRY 3 WIA
 OCCURRED TO L/3/3 REF MY *ITREP NR 124 PARA C(4).

(2) 050345H CMD GRP, I AND L 3/3 COMMENCED MOVEMENT SOUTH
 TO LINK UP WITH M/3/4.

(3) 050900H D/1/9 (YD 127632) LOC 1 CHICOM CLAYMORE, 10 IN

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PIE SHAPE, MINE. MINE BLOWN IN PLACE.

(4) 050910H 3D MAR ALO REPORTED AO OB" 7-8 EN IN UNIFORM AT (YD 054683). ARTY M/N FIRED. RESULT UNK.

(5) 050940H CMD GRP, I AND L 3/3 LEAD ELEMENTS LINKED UP WITH M/3/4 AT (YD 085635).

(6) 051016H L/3/9 (YD C95520) ARVN COLLECTED VC HAND BILL AT (YD 099325). WILL BE FORWARDED TO G-2.

(7) 051023H PLT L/3/4 VIC CAM LO BRIDGE (YD 108604) REPORTED 3 TK'S ARRIVED AT THEIR P/N. WILL USE 2 TK'S TO EXTRACT TK DESTROYED VIC (YD 122553) AND 3D TK TO COVER.

(8) 051030H I/3/9 (YD C30552) OB" 3 EN W/PACK AND WPN'S RUNNING IN "STRAIGHT LINE" E AT (YD C32543). PTL WA" 800 MTR'S FM EN ON OTHER SIDE OF A DRAW W/HVY UNDERGROWTH. UNABLE TO APPREHEND.

E. INTENTION'S: CONTINUE TO EXECUTE MY OPN PRAIRIE II OPN PLAN 7-67 AND FRAG O 11-67.

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

(1) FR: 53 KIA, 391 WIA, 0 MIA

(2) EN: 338 KIA (C), 187 KIA (P), 10 PW (NVQ), 1 PW (VC), 2 RETURNEE'S, 2 DETAINEE'S.

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 FM CO THIRD MARINE
 TO THIRD MARDIV (FWD)
 INFO TWELFTH MARINE
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 ZEN/CO A THIRD AT BN
 ZEN/CO A THIRD TX BN
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 " E C R E T " SECTION ONE OF TWO "SECTION"
 OPN PRAIRIE II
 1. "ITREP NR 131 A" OF 051800H MAR 67.
 A. LOCATION:

THIRD MARINES
COMM CENTER**HAS BEEN SENT**

- (1) 3D MARINE (YD 06543)
- (2) COP BA LONG (YD 163397) AND RF CO 256
 K/3/9 (YD 165403)
 W/1/12 (YD 165402)
- (3) 3/3 (XD 983544)
 M/3/3 (XD 976563)
 K/3/3 (-) (XD 983544)
 I/3/9 (-) (XD 983544)
 PLT I/3/9 (YD 011453) AND RF CO 123
- (4) 3/9 (YD 063551)
 L/3/9 (YD 094514)
 M/3/9 (YD 063551)
 PLT I/3/9 (YD 028562)
 PLT K/3/3 (YD 061571)
- (5) CMD GRP 3/3 (YD 16611)
 I/3/3 (YD 116611)
 L/3/3 (YD 116611)
 M/3/4 (YD 116611)
 CMD GRP 1/9 (YD 132875)
 A/1/9 (YD 128678)

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B. SUMMARY:

- (1) HQ CO 3D MAR PROVIDED SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL
- (2) K/3/9, W/1/12 AND RF 25C MAINTAINED DEF PWN AT BA LONG.
- (3) 3/3: OP ON THON CON LAM. M/3/3 (-) NORTH OF THON CON LAM W/PB ON RAZORBACK. LT SECT AT AND 1 HVY SECT CO A 3D TKC VIC CO M CP. I/3/9, H&C/3/3 SOUTH OF THON CON LAM. 1 LT SECT CO A 3D AT AND 4 TWIN 40MM "P 3/3. PLT I/3/9, LT SECT AT AND RF 123 AT CA LU W/OP HILL 110.
- (4) 3/9: PLT I/3/9 AND 1 TWIN 40MM "P AT THE KHE GIA BRIDGE. L/3/9 AND PF 122 AT D-5. M, H&C/3/9, HQ CO 3D MAR AND U" A UNIT", 3D TK BN, AND 3D AT BN CAMP CARROLL W/OP HILL 250. C/1/44 ARTY U" A D/C 3/9. PROVIDED DIRECT FIRE AND AA SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL.
- (5) WEATHER CONDITIONS HAD NO ADVERSE EFFECT ON OPN THE LAST 24 HOURS.
- (6) NON-BATTLE CASUALTIES: MED EVAC: NONE
- (7) CONDUCTED EXECUTION OF MY OPN PRAIRIE II OPN PLAN

7-67 AND FRAG O 11-67 IAW MY C315 307 MAR 67.

(8) CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES FOR MY OPN PRAIRIE II OPN PLAN 7-67 AND FRAG O 11-67.

(A) FR: 53 KIA, 220 WIA, 6 MIA

(B) EN: 336 KIA (CONF), 178 KIA (PROB), 10 PW (NVA)

C. CONTACTS:

- (1) 0503 20H C1/9 (YD 127682) RECD "NIPER FIRE AND GRENC FM UNK NR EN VIC (YD 127683). RTRND FIRE WITH "A AND "WEPT AREA. LOC 5 BODIES WEARING BROWN UNIFORMS, 1X60MM BAZOOKA, 1 CALMORE MINE. DESTROYED MINE. RESULT: 4 U"MC KIA, 4 U"MC WIA, 5 EN KIA (C).
- (2) 051130H M/3/3 (XD 966569) RECD "A AND AUTO WPN FIRE FM APPROX 6 EN AT (XD 966573). UNABLE TO OBSERVE UNIFORMS. RTRND "A FIRE, 81MM AND ARTY FIRE WITH EXCELLENT TGT COVERAGE. PLT SEARCHED GENERAL AREA CONSISTING OF CLIFF AND ROCK TERRAIN W/NEG RESULT.
- (3) 051145H I/3/3 (YD 093624) LOC "MALL BUNKER OCCUPIED BY 4 EN DRESSED IN KHAKI UNIFORM W/PACKS AND GRENC. ENGAGED EN KILLING 1. OTHER SFLED INTO BUNKER COMPLEX. I/3/3 "SEARCHING AREA, AND PTY WAR TM BROAD CASTING IN ATTEMPT TO LOC 3 EN.

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BUNKER WAS DESTROYED, CAPTURED 2 CHICOM GRENS AND 1 CHICOM CARBINE. RESULT: 1 EN KIA (C), "SEARCHED AREA W/NEG RESULT".

(4) 051255H D/1/9 (YD 127687) HELO COMING INTO LZ RECD MG FIRE. REINF PLT "SEARCHED AREA. THREW GREN" KILLED 1 EN, WEARING KHAKI UNIFORM. RECOVERED 1 "SOVIET A" FAULT WPN AND 2 CHICOM GRENS. RESULT: 1 EN KIA (C).

(6) 051344H L/3/9 (YD 120522) RECD APPROX 20 RD" AUTO WPN" FIRE. OB" 1 EN AT (YD 118523) CARRYING AUTO WPN ("MG TYPE) WEARING LIGHT GREEN UNIFORM W/LIGHT GREEN SOFT COVER MOVING NW. RTRND "/A FIRE. "SEARCHED AREA W/NEG RESULT".

(7) 051345H A/1/9 OB" 3-5 EN AT (YD 6684). FIRED APPROX 30 RD" MG, 14 RD" "/A, 4 RD" M79. WILL "SEARCH AREA. MORE INFO TO FOLLOW.

(8) 051450H 3D MAR ALO REPORTED MED EVAC HELO" RECD GROUND FIRE FM (YD 148680), (YD 145653), (YD 135662) AND (YD 135692). CO PILOT OF LEAD A/C OB" BAMBOO POLE" W/NR 0 CAN" ON TOP SUPPORTED ON 4 "IDE" BY ROPE". PILOT BELIEVE" PO" HELO TRAP

(TIN CAN FILLED W/GREN OR EXPLOSIVE") LOC APPROX 100 MTR" SW OF (YD 148680).

(9) 051520H 1/9 CP (YD 130670) MADE CONTACT W/1 EN. FIRED "/A KILLING EN. RECOVER OF 1 A" FAULT RIFLE. RESULT: 1 EN KIA (C). D. EVENT:

(1) FINAL REPORT TO MY "ITREP NR 130 PARA D(3): FIRED 105MM ARTY M" N. RESULT UNK. LOST VISUAL CONTACT W/EN. PTL CONTINUE ON ROKTE.

(2) 051053H REF MY "ITREP NR 23 PARA D(5); EXACT LOC OF BOMB"; 1 500 LB" BOMB AT (YD C75657), 2 500 LB" BOMB AT (YD 073657). EOD HA" NOT BEEN ABLE TO DESTROY.

(3) 051145H D/1/9 (YD 23685) OB" MOVEMENT NW OF P" N. COULD NOT OB" EN, DIRECTION OR NR. INFORMED OP ON ROCKPILE. ARTY M" N, 81MM M" N AND TWIN 40MM "/P M" N FIRED, 1" G" (YD 9656) AND (YD 9655) WESTERN PORTION OF G" W/EXCELLENT TGT COVERAGE. RESULT UNK.

(5) 051345H 1/9 MED EVAC OF CASUALTIES" COMPLETED.

(6) 051350H 3/9 (-) PLACED ON 2 HR ALERT FOR PO" COMMITMENT

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IAW MY OPN PRAIRIE II OPN PLAN 7-67 AND FRAG O 11-67.

→ (7) 051600H 3D PLT M/3/3 (XD 974566) GOPARTED CP MOVING N TO CONDUCT "D OPN IN AREA BOUNDED BY GL 60 N, 58 °, 00 E, AND 97 W UING THRU^T LINE 9956 W/CODE NAME^T OF FOOTBALL TM^E.

→ (8) 051620H 2D PLT K/3/3 (XD 974566) DEPARTED CP MOVING S TO CONDUCT "D OPN IN AREA BOUNDED BY GL 52 N, 50 °, 94 E, AND 97 W, UING THRU^T LINE 9650 W/CODE NAME^T OF GIRL^E.

(9) 051720H 1T PLT L/3/4 CHOPPED OPCON OF 3D MAR TO OPCON 3/4.

E. INTENTION^T: FOR NEXT 24 HOUR^E:

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

(2) K/3/9 (-) W/1/12, AND RF 2G MAINTAIN DEF P^N VIC BA LONG W/OP AT (YD 157418), (YD 167394), (YD 163390) AND (YD 158384). CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PA^EEP.

(3) 3/9: PLT I/3/9 AND 1 TWIN 40MM "P PROVIDE "SEC FOR THE KHE GIA BRIDGE W/OP ON HILL 252 (YD C22558). CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PA^EEP. L/3/9 AND RF 122 MAINTAIN DEF P^N VIC D-5 W/OP HILL 290 (YD 0665C2) AND PPB AT (YD 127501). CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PA^EEP. MAND H&C/3/9, HQ CO 3D MAR, U^AA, CO A TK BN AND CO A 3D AT BN PROVIDE "SEC FOR CAMP CARROLL W/OP ON HILL 250 (YD 069555). C/ 1/44 ARTY U^AD/C 3/9. PROVIDE DIRECT FIRE AND AA "SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL.

(4) 3/3: PROVIDE "SEC FOR OP ON THON SON LAM (XD 978559). M/3/3 (-) MAINTAIN DEF P^N NORTH OF THON SON LAM W/PPB ON RAZORBACK (XD 967564). CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PA^EEP. LT "ECT AT AND HVY "ECT CO A 3D TK EMPLOYED VIC CO M CP, (XD 976568). K (-), H&C/3/3 AND I/3/9 (-) MAINTAIN DEF P^N SOUTH OF THON SON LAM. CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PA^EEP. PLT I/3/9, LT "ECT AT AND RF 123 MAINTAIN DEF P^N AT CA LU AND OP ON HILL 110 (YD 06546). CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PA^EEP. 4 TWIN 40MM "P AND LT "ECT CO A 3D AT PROVIDE "SEC FOR 3/3 CP.

(5) CONTINUE TO EXECUTE MY OPN PRAIRIE II OPN PLAN 7-67 AND FRAG O 11-67 IAW MY 031536Z MAR 67.

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

(1) FR: 57 KIA, 395 WIA, 6 MIA

(2) EN: 346 KIA (CONF), 187 KIA (PROB), 1 PW (VC), 10 PW (NVA), 2 RETURNEE^S, 2 DETAINEE^S

G. ARVN/U^AMC OPN: CURRENT OPN PLAN 7-67 AND FRAG O 11-67 39TH RANGER BN, ARVN

H. RECOVERY OF U^C MATERIAL: NONE

I. "COUT-^T"NIPER TEAM^E: 3D MAR MAINTAIN^E 1G TM^E:

(1) HQ CO 3D MAR EMPLOYED 5 TM^E DEF P^N.

(2) 2 TM^E W/11TH ENGR^E.

(3) 2 TM^E W/M/3/9,

OP LONG RANGE "NIPPING.

(4) NEG REPORT

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 FIRST BN FORTY-FOURTH ARTY U²A
 ZEN/SECOND BN NINTY-FOURTH ARTY U²A
 THIRD ENGR BN

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OPN PRAIRIE II

1. "ITREP NR 132 A" OF 052400H MAR 67

A. "LOCATION": NO CHANGE.

B. "SUMMARY: CONDUCTED EXECUTION OF MY OPN PRAIRIE II OPN PLAN 7-67 AND FRAG 0 11-67 IAW MY 031530Z MAR 67 CUMULATIVE CA²UALTIE² FOR MY OPN PRAIRIE II OPN PLAN 7-67 AND FRAG 0 11-67 IAW MY 031530Z MAR 67(1) FR: 60 KIA, 24² WIA(2) EN: 362 KIA (C), 173 KIA (P), 10 PW (NVA), 2 DETAINEE²

C. "CONTACT":

(1) 051100H TO 052000H "SUMMARY OF EVENT" FOR 5 MAR: C/1/9 COMMENCED MOVEMENT TOWARD EAST W/M42 TWIN 40MM "P ON THE "OUTH WITH D/1/9 ON THE NORTH. 1/9 CP AND A/1/9 WERE IN TRACE. C/1/9 RECD "PORADIC FIRE THROUGHOUT THE DAY. D/1/9 DID NOT RECEIVE FIRE UNTIL THEY "TARTED TO TURN "OUTH. IT APPEARED THAT THE VC TACTICS WERE TO FIRE A FEW RD² "A AND "TOP THE MOVEMENT OF THE UNIT² THEN FIRE 60/8 2MM MORT² INTO THEM. C/1/9 AND D/1/9 RECD 90-110 RD² MORT² DURING THIS PERIOD. /9 RECD 4 DIFFERENT MORT ATTACK² W/A TOTAL OF 90-110 RD².C/1/9 1500H RECD 5 RD² 60MMC/1/9 1615H RECD 25 RD² 32MMD/1/9 1615H RECD 30-40 RD² 60MMD/1/9 1645H RECD 30-40 RD² 60MMBOTH UNIT² RECD ALL CA² FM EN "A AND 60/8 2MM MORT FIRE. DURING

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MOVEMENT TODAY 1/9 UNITS COUNTED 3 EN BODIES, 3 OF WHICH WERE LOC IN AN AID STATION. EN WERE WEARING MOSTLY KHAKI UNIFORMS.
 RESULT OF ACTION: 11 UCMC KIA, 28 UCMC WIA, 31 EN KIA (C).
 NOTE: 4 UCMC KIA, 7 UCMC WIA AND 7 EN KIA (C) WERE REPORTED IN MY CITREP NR 136 AND 137.

(2) 051715H CO A 3D AT BN REPORTED: 3/4 TO PC PROCEEDING WEST ON RTE 9 VIC (YD 159587) RECD 2RD S/A FIRE FM VIC (YD 155592). RIGHT FRONT TIRE BLEW CAUSING TRUCK TO RUN INTO RICE PADDY ALONG ROAD. TRUCK WAS EXTRACTED FM PADDY. TIRE WAS CHANGED AND TRUCK PROCEEDED TO CAMP CARROLL.
 D. ENEMY:

(1) 051700H I/3/3 (YD 120622) LOC 2 EN BODIES ON TRAIL VIC (YD 112503) DRESSED IN GREEN UNIFORMS AND APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN KILLED ABOUT 1 WEEK AGO. RESULT: 2 EN KIA (C).

(2) 052245H OP OF L/3/9 VIC (YD 127501) OB 5 VC ATTEMPTING TO PROBE LINE. UNABLE TO OBTAIN DESCRIPTION OF VC DUE TO DARKNESS. OP THREW FOUR HAND GRENS AND ARTY MN CALLED. MORE INFO TO FOLLOW.
 E. INTENT: CONTINUE TO EXECUTE MY OPN PRAIRIE II OPN PLAN 7-67 AND FRAG O 11-67 IAW MY C3153CZ MAR 67.

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

(1) FR: 64 KIA, 285 WIA, 0 MIA
 (2) EN: 372 KIA (CONF), 173 KIA (PROB), 10 PW (NVA),
 1 PW (VC), 2 RETURNEES, 2 DETAINEES.

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OPN PRAIRIE II

1. "ITREP NR 133 A" OF 06 0800H MAR 67
 A. "LOCATION": NO CHANGE
 B. "SUMMARY": NO CHANGE

C. CONTACT:

(1) SUMMARY OF 1/9 ACTIVITIES FOR 5 FEB 67 FROM 0700H-2400H.
 (A) 0700H C/1/9 (YD 113684) RECEIVED 1 "NIPER RD" RETURNING IN 1 U.SMC WIA.
 (B) 0800H C/1/9 (YD 123633) RECEIVED "A AND GRENADE" ALONG TRAIL. RESULT: 2 U.SMC WIA.
 (C) 0320H C/1/9 (YD 127632) RECEIVED "NIPER FIRE AND GRENADE". RETURNED FIRE. RESULT: 7 U.SMC KIA, 5 U.SMC WIA. 6 ENEMY KIA (CONF), 2 ENEMY KIA (PROB).
 (D) 1250H D/1/9 (YD 127637) RECEIVED 30-40 X 60MM MORTAR RD.
 (E) 1315H D/1/9 (YD 131679) RECEIVED 30-50 RD "A FIRE. RESULT: 2 U.SMC WIA, 15 ENEMY KIA (CONF).
 (F) 1330H D/1/9 (YD 127637) VC FIRED AT HELO. D/1/9 RETURNED FIRE. RESULT: 1 ENEMY KIA (CONF).
 (G) 1500H C/1/9 (YD 128673) RECEIVED "A AND 5 RD" 60MM MORTAR FIRE. RESULT: 2 U.SMC WIA, 2 ENEMY KIA (PROB).
 (H) 1515H C/1/9 (YD 132673) RECEIVED MG FIRE. RETURNED FIRE. RESULT: 1 ENEMY KIA (PROB).
 (I) 1520H C/1/9 (YD 130676) RECEIVED "A FIRE.

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RETURNED FIRE. RESULT: 1 ENEMY KIA (CONF).

(J) 1615H C/1/9 (YD 13670) RECEIVED 2X 32MM MORTAR RD AND 8/A FIRE. RETURNED FIRE. RESULT: 6 UMC WIA, 2 ENEMY KIA (PROB).

(K) 1630H D/1/9 (YD 13673) RECEIVED 50-60 X 60MM PDC, 8/A FIRE AND POSS 105MM RE OR LAAW DURING MED EVAC. RETURNED FIRE. RESULT: 4 UMC KIA, 14 UMC WIA, 8 ENEMY KIA (CONF) 7 ENEMY KIA (PROB). 10/26/54

(L) 1730H C/1/9 RECEIVED 8/A FIRE. RESULT: 1 UMC WIA, SUMMARY FOR 1/9 INCLUDES 5 UMC WIA AND 14 ENEMY KIA (PROB) NOT PREVIOUSLY REPORTED.

D. EVENT: NONE

E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES FOR MY OPN PRAIRIE II OPN PLAN 7-67 AND FRAG O 11-67 IAW MY 03193CZ MAR 67

(1) FR: 62 KIA, 246 WIA.

(2) EN: 32 KIA (CONF), 192 KIA (P), 16 PW (NVA), 2 DETAINEE.

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OPN PRAIRIE II

1. "ITREP NR 134 A" OF 061200H MAR 67

A. LOCATION:

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1/9 (YD 134674)

A/1/9 (YD 134674) MOVING

C/1/9 (YD 137668)

D/1/9 (YD 133676)

B. "SUMMARY": CONDUCTED "D" OPN IAW MY OPN PRAIRIE II OPN O 7-67 AND FRAG O 11-67.

CUMULATIVE CAUTUALTIES: FOR MY OPN PRAIRIE II OPN PLAN 7-67 AND FRAG O 11-67.

L (1) FR: 60 KIA, 246 WIA
 (2) EN: 352 KIA (C), 192 KIA (P), 16 PW (NVA),

3 DETAINEE

C. CONTACT: NONE

D. EVENT:

(1) 061000H 3/3 COMMENCED MOVEMENT
 (2) 061020H 1/9 MED EVAC OF 20 CAUTUALTIES COMPLETED
 (3) 061020H A/1/9 (YD 135675) APPREHENDED 1 DETAINEE IN A HOLE APPROX 30 YEAR OLD, DRESSED IN 3 DIFFERENT SET OF CIVILIAN CLOTHING OF VARIOUS COLORS. LOC IN SAME HOLE A BANDOLIER AND APPROX 100 RD CARBINE AMMO RESULT: 1 DETAINEE

E. INTENTION: CONTINUE TO EXECUTE MY OPN PRAIRIE II OPN

PLAN 7-67 AND FRAG O 11-67.

F. CUMULATIVE CAUTUALTIES:

(1) FR: 64 KIA, 265 WIA
 (2) EN: 372 KIA (C), 201 KIA (P), 16 PW (NVA), 1 PW (VC), 2 RETURNEE, 3 DETAINEE.

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 ZEN/FIRST BN TWELFTH MARINES
 FIRST BN NINTH MARINES
 ZEN/CO A THIRD AT BN
 ZEN/CO A THIRD TK BN
 FIRST BN FORTY-FOURTH ARTY USA
 ZEN/SECOND BN NINETY-FOURTH ARTY USA
 THIRD ENGR BN
 BT

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OPN PRAIRIE II

1. CITREP NR 135 AT 060800Z MAR 67.
 A. LOCATION:
 (1) 3D MARINES (YD 066543)

(2) COP BA LONG (YD 63397) AND RF CO 26

K/3/9 (YD 165403)
W/1/12 (YD 165492)(3) 3/3 (XD 93 3544)
M/3/3 (XD 976568)
K/3/3 (XD 93 3544)
I/3/9(-) (XD 93 3544)

PLT I/3/9 (YD 011458) AND RF CO 123

(4) 3/9 (YD 06 3551)
PLT I/3/9 (YD 026562)

PLT K/3/3 (YD 061571)

(5) CMD GRP 3/3 (MOVING)
I/3/3 (MOVING)
L/3/3 (MOVING)
M/3/4 (MOVING)
CMD GRP 1/9 (MOVING)
A/1/9 (MOVING)
C/1/9 (MOVING)
D/1/9 (MOVING)

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(1) HQ CO 3D AR PROVIDED SECURITY FOR C
 (2) K/3/9, W/I/12 AND RF 26 MAINTAINED SECURITY FOR C
 LONG.

(3) 3/3: OP ON THON "ON LAM. M/3/3 (-)"
 "ON LAM W/PB ON RAZORBACK. LT SEC AT [REDACTED] 3D TK VIC CO M CP I/3/9, H8/3/3 SOUTH OF [REDACTED]
 4 TWIN 40MM "P 3/3 CP. PLT I/3/9, LT SEC AT AND RF 125 AT
 CA LU W/OP HILL 11C.

(4) 3/9: PLT I/3/9 AND 1 TWIN 40MM "P AT THE KHE SIA
 BRIDGE. PLT L/3/9 AND RF 122 AT D-5. M/3/3 (-) NO 22 D
 MAR AND UCA UNIT, AND 3D TK BN CAMP CARROLL. C/1/44 ARTY UCA D/3 3/9. PROVIDED DIRECT FIRE
 "SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL.

(5) WEATHER CONDITION HAD NO ADVERS EFFECT ON C
 THE LAST 24 HOUR.

(6) NON-BATTLE CASUALTIES KILLED [REDACTED]

(7) CONDUCTED EXECUTION OF MY OWN [REDACTED]

7-67 AND FRAG O 11-67 IAW MY [REDACTED]

(8) CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES [REDACTED]

PLAN 7-67 AND FRAG O 11-67.

(1) FF: 66 KIA, 249 WIA

(2) EN: 365 KIA (C), 192 KIA (P), 26 PD CIVIL,

3 DETAINEE.

C. CONTACT:

(1) 061315H D/1/9 (YD 133G73) 08C 1 EN WOUNDED ONE OPENING
 1/9 COLUMN. WHEN APPROACHED BE SEC EN FIRED AND KILLED. SEC FIRED
 ORDERED TO. SEC FIRED AT AND KILLED EN WOUNDED ONE OPENING.
 RESULT: 1 EN KIA (C).

(2) 061400H D/1/9 (YD 134G73) RECD 3 BURST OF AUTO WEAP
 FIRE FM 1 EN "NIPER WOUNDING 3 MARINE". 3D TLT "A FIRE AND
 NIPER FLED INTO TREE LINE. PTL IMMEDIATELY MOVED INTO TREE LINE, LOC
 2 ENEMY BODIES, 1 PACK W/60MM MORT RD AND KILLED ONE OF THEM, 3
 UMC WIA, 2 EN KIA (C)

D. EVENTS:

(1) 061100H M/3/3 (XD 96656) LOC 8 [REDACTED]
 HOME MADE AIMING "TAKE" AND 6-7 PD CARS
 GRENADE IN PLACE AND IN DOING SO UMC REC
 WOUND FROM FLYING ROCK AND SHRAPNEL.
 AT 8ITE AND PTL CONTINUED ON RTE.

(2) 061245H 3/3 AND 1/9 LINKED UP AT [REDACTED]

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(3) 061330H CP BA LONG ALERTED TO MOVE /3/9 (-) 7 FEB.
 (4) 061330H D GPP, L AND M 3/9 DEPART CAMP CARROLL AND
 D-5 AND CHOPPED TO OPOCON 3D MARDIV (FWD).
 (5) 061400H 1/9 AND 3/3 "ECUPED OPN AND COMMENCED "SWEEPING
 MOVEMENT SOUTH TOWARD CAM LO.
 (6) 061445H 3/3 WA" ORDERED TO REVERSE DIRECTION AND
 SEARCH OBJ B (YD 1666C).
 (7) 061655H 3/3: M/3/4 "SWEEP FM OBJ B EAST TO "STREAM,
 FOUND NO "SIGNIFICANT FINDING" IN AREA W/NO "SIGN" OF AREA
 BEING OCCUPIED.
 (8) 061700H 1/9 LEAD ELEMENT" ARR AT CAM LO. COMMENCED
 LOADING OF TPLUCKS.
 (9) 061750H 1/3/4 COMMENCED MOVEMENT "W TOWARD CAM LO.

E. INTENTIONS: FOR NEXT 24 HOUR:
 (1) HQ CO 3D MAP PROVIDE "SECURITY FOR CP.
 (2) PLT K/3/9 (-), W/1/12, AND RF 22 MAINTAIN DEF P"N VIC
 BA LONG W/OP AT (YD 157413), (YD 167394), (YD 163393) AND
 (YD 158384). CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PA"EP.
 (3) 3/9: PLT I/3/9 AND 1 TWIN 40MM "P PROVIDE "EC FOR
 THE KHE GIA BRIDGE W/OP ON HILL 252 (YD C2253). CONDUCT PTL

AND AMB PEF MY OVERLAY PA"EP. PLT K/3/3 AND RF 22 MAINTAIN DEF P"N VIC D-5 W/OP HILL 290 (YD 065522) AND PPB AT (YD 127561).
 CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PA"EP. H&"/3/9, HQ CO
 3D MAP, U"A, AND CO A 3D TK BN PROVIDE "EC FOR CAMP CARROLL
 W/OP ON HILL 290 (YD 09555). C/1/44 ARTY U"A D/"/3/9.
 PPOVIDE DIRECT FIRE AND AA "SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL.

(4) 3/3: PROVIDE "EC FOR OP ON THON "ON LAM (XD 978559).
 M/3/3 (-) MAINTAIN DEF P"N NORTH OF THON "ON LAM W/PPB ON
 "AZOPBACK (XD 967564). CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY
 PA"EP. Hvy SECT CO A 3D TK EMPLOYED VIC CO M CP, (XD 976563).
 (-), H&"/3/3 AND I/3/9 (-) MAINTAIN DEF P"N "OUTH OF THON "ON
 LAM. CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PA"EP. PLT I/3/9,
 AND RF 123 MAINTAIN DEF P"N AT CA LU AND OP ON HILL 110
 (YD C05461). CONDUCT PTL AND AMB PEF MY OVERLAY PA"EP.
 " TWIN 40MM "P PROVIDE "EC FOR 3/3 CP.

(5) CONCLUDE MY OPN PRAIRIE II OPN PLAN 7-67 AND FRAG O 11-67.

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

(1) FR: 64 KIA, 274 WIA
 (2) EN: 375 KIA (C), 201 KIA (P), 2 PW (VC),
 10 PW (WVA), 2 RETURNEE, 3 DETAINEE.
 G. ARVN/U"MC OPN: CURRENT OPN PLAN 7-67 AND FRAG O 11-67
 39TH RANGER BN, ARVN

H. RECOVERY OF U" MATERIAL: NONE

I. "COUT- "NI PER TEAM": 3D MAP MAINTAIN" 10 TM":

(1) HQ CO 3D MAP EMPLOYED 5 TM" DEF P"N.
 (2) 2 TM" W/11TH ENGRS.
 (3) 2 TM" W/H&"/3/9, OP LONG RANGE "NIPIING
 (4) NEG REPORT

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IMMEDIATE

061500Z MAR 67
 FM CO THIRD MARINE
 TO THIRD MARDIV (FWD)
 INFO TWELFTH MARINE
 THIRD BN THIRD MARINE
 THIRD BN FOURTH MARINE
 THIRD BN NINTH MARINE
 FIRST BN TWELFTH MARINE
 CO A THIRD AT BN
 CO A THIRD TK BN
 FIRST BN FORTY-FOURTH ARTY USA
 SECOND BN NINETY-FOURTH ARTY USA
 THIRD ENGR BN

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OPN PRAIRIE II

1. TITREP NR 136 AT 062400Z MAR 67
 A. LOCATION: CMD GRP, I, L/3/3 (XD 933544)
 B. COMPLETED MY OPN PRAIRIE II OPN PLAN 7-67 AND FRAG O 11-67
 CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES FOR OPN.
 (1) FR: 60 KIA, 249 WIA
 (2) EN: 305 KIA (CONF), 192 KIA (PROB), 10 PW (NVA).
 1 PW (VC), 3 DETAINEE

C. CONTACT: NONE
 D. EVENT:
 (1) 061350H 1/3 DEPARTED CAM LO FOR DONG HA, CHOPPED TO
 OPCON 3D MARDIV (FWD)
 (2) 062030H 1/3/4 DEPARTED CAM LO FOR DONG HA, CHOPPED TO
 OPCON 3/4
 (3) 062040H 1/3/9 OBSERVED LIGHT IN STATIONARY PTN AT (XD
 205564). 31MM FIRED 7 HE RD, RESULT UNK, UNABLE TO SEARCH
 AREA BECAUSE OF RIVER.
 (4) 062100H 3/3 DEPARTED CAM LO FOR 13/3 CP.
 (5) 062100H COMPLETED MY OPN PRAIRIE II OPN PLAN 7-67 AND
 FRAG O 11-67
 (6) 062125H 3/3 ALL UNIT OF 3/3 ARRIVED AT CP.

E. INTENTION: NO CHANGE
 F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE
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O 062210Z MAR 67
 FM CO THIRD MARINES
 TO THIRD MARDIV (FWD)
 INFO TWELFTH MARINES
 2EN/THIRD BN THIRD MARINES
 THIRD BN FOURTH MARINES
 2EN/THIRD BN NINTH MARINES
 2EN/FIRST BN TWELFTH MARINES
 2EN/CO A THIRDPARTY BN
 2EN/CO A THIRDPARTY BN
 FIRST BN FORTY FOURTH ARTY USA
 2EN/SECOND BN NINTY FOURTH ARTY USA
 THIRD ENGR BN
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THIRD MARINES
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 OPN PRAIRIE II

A. LOCATION: NO CHANGE
 B. SUMMARY: CAMP J. J. CARROLL RECEIVED TWO MORTAR ATTACKS,
 FIRST MORTAR ATTACK COMMENCING 062353H, SECOND MORTAR ATTACK

COMMENCED 070407H.
 C. CONTACT:

(1) 062353H ENEMY COMMENCED MORTAR ATTACK ON CAMP CARROLL.
 ESTIMATED 350-400 RD UNDETERMINED MORTAR SIZE AND POSSIBLE ROCKET.
 ATTACK ENDED AT 070100H. 1X31MM MORTAR DET.
 COUNTER MORTAR FIRED AT 070000H. RESULT: 3 UCMC KIA, 8 UCMC
 WIA, 1 USA WIA. ENEMY CASUALTIES UNKNOWN.

(2) 070407H CAMP CARROLL RECEIVED SECOND MORTAR ATTACK.
 EST 35 INCOMING UNDETERMINED MORTAR RDS. NW PORTION OF PRIMETER
 RECEIVED SNIPER FIRE. COUNTER MORTAR PLAN FIRED IMMEDIATELY.
 TWIN 40MM CLF PROPELLED NEAR WATER POINT YD 057548 RETURNED
 FIRE AND OB. SECONDARY EXPLOSION. RESULT: 1 USA KIA, 1 USA
 WIA, 1 UCMC WIA. ENEMY CASUALTIES UNKNOWN.

D. EVENTS: NONE

E. INTENTION: AREA TO NORTH AND NORTHWEST OF CAMP CARROLL
 WILL BE THOROUGHLY SEARCHED AT FIRST LIGHT.

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

(1) FR: 67 KIA, 233 WIA
 (2) EN: 375 KIA (CONF), 201 KIA (PROB), 2 PW (VC),
 10 PW (NVA), 2 RETURNEE, 3 DETAINEE

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O 070342Z MAR 67
 FM CO THIRD MARINE
 TO THIRD MARDIV (FWD)
 INFO TWELFTH MARINE
 ZEN/THIRD BN THIRD MARINE
 THIRD BN FOURTH MARINE
 ZEN/THIRD BN NINTH MARINE
 ZEN/FIRST BN TWELFTH MARINE
 ZEN/CO A THIRD AT BN
 ZEN/CO A THIRD TK BN
 FIRST BN FORTY FOURTH ARTY U.S.A
 ZEN/SECOND BN NINTH FOURTH ARTY U.S.A
 THIRD ENGR BN
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THREE MARINES
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 OPN PRAIRIE II

I. "ITREP NR 138 A" OF 071200H MAR 67.

A. LOCATION: NO CHANGE

B. "SUMMARY: 070630H CAMP CARROLL RECEIVED 35-50 RD" OF UNDETERMINED "IZE MORTAR".

C. CONTACT:

(1) 070630H CAMP CARROLL RECEIVED THIRD MORTAR ATTACK OF THE NIGHT, WHEN APPROX 35-50 MORTAR FD" WERE RECEIVED. COUNTERMORTAR PLAN WAS FIRED IMMEDIATELY ON SUSPECTED EN.

POSITION. RESULT" OF ENEMY ACTION: 2 U.SMC KIA, 4 U.SMC WIA. TOTAL CASUALTIES FOR ALL THREE ATTACKS

6 U.SMC KIA, 34 U.SMC WIA, 1 EN KIA (C), 9 EN KIA (P)

(2) 070730H AO OBSERVED 5 VC

CARRYING ROCKET TUBE" (YD 075604) ARTY MISSION FIRED WITH 4 EN KIA (P).

(3) 070840H AO OBSERVED 20 VC CARRYING ROCKET TUBE" AT (YD 056665). ARTY MN FIRED. RESULT" UNKNOWN.

(4) 070920H AO OBSERVED 10 VC. ARTY MN FIRED. RESULT" 1 EN KIA (C), 5 KIA (P).

DC EVENTS: 070715H K/3/3 (-) DEPARTED 3/3 CP FOR K/3/3 ICP AT CA LU.

E. INTENTION: CONDUCT EXTENSIVE COUNTERMORTAR OPN" AND PATROLLING PATROLLING BY 1 PLT ORIENTED DONG HA, AND DONG MA MTN COMPLEX, AND EAST, EXTENSIVE QD PATROL" OUT TO 2000 METERS OF CAMP CARROLL.

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

(1) FR: 70 KIA, 303 WIA

(2) EN: 380 KIA (C), 210 KIA (P), 2 PW (VC), 10 PW (NVA), 2 RETURNEE", 3 DETAINEE".

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 FM CO THIRD MARINE
 TO THIRD MARDIV (FWD)
 INFO TWELFTH MARINE
 ZEN/CO 2D BN THIRD MARINE
 ZEN/CO 2D BN NINTH MARINE
 ZEN/CO 1ST BN TWELFTH MARINE
 ZEN/CO A THIRD AT BN
 ZEN/CO A THIRD TK BN
 FIRST BN FORTY FOURTH ARTY U.S.A
 ZEN/SECOND BN NINTY FOURTH ARTY U.S.A
 THIRD ENGR BN
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OPN PRAIRIE II

1. SITREP NR 139 A^c OF 071800H MAR 67.

A. LOCATION:

- (1) HQ CO 3D MAR (YD 066543)
- (2) OP BA LONG (YD 163397) AND RF CO 256
K/3/9 (YD 165403)

W/1/12 (YD 165422)
 (3) 3/3 (YD 933544)
 I/3/3 (YD 979545)
 L/3/3 (YD 936546)
 M/3/3 (YD 976563)
 K/3/3 (YD 011453) AND RF CO 123
 (4) 3/9 (YD 063551)

PLT I/3/9 (YD 02562)
 K/3/3 (-) (YD 061571)
 I/3/9 (-) (YD 063551)

(5) MECHANIZED EQUIP "SPECIAL EMPLOYMENT"

HILL 250: 2 ONTO^c, 1 TK, 4 QUAD 50^c AND 1 TWIN 40MM "P
 NORTH HILL: 1 TANK
 WATER POINT: 1 TANK, 1 ONTO^c, 2 TWIN 40MM "P
 KHE GIA BRIDGE: 3 TANK^c, 4 TWIN 40MM "P

B. SUMMARY:

- (1) HQ CO 3D MAR PROVIDED SECURITY FOR CP.
- (2) K/3/9, W/1/12 AND RF 256 MAINTAINED DEF P^cN AT BA LONG.
- (3) 3/3: OP ON THON LAM. M/3/3 (-) NORTH OF THON

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CON LAM W/PB ON RAZORBACK. LT "ECT AT AND 1 HVY "ECT CO A
 SD TK" VIC CO M CP. I & L, H&"3/3 SOUTH OF THON CON LAM.
 4 TWIN 40MM "P 3/3 CP. K/3/3 (-) LT "ECT AT AND RF 123
 AT CA LU W/OP HILL 110.

(4) 3/9: PLT I/3/9 AND 1 TWIN 40MM "P AT THE KHE GIA
 BRIDGE. PLT K/3/3 AND RF 122 AT D-5. I (-), H&"3/9, HQ
 CO SD MAP AND U"TA UNIT", AND SD TK EN CAMP CARROLL W/OP
 HILL 250. C/1/44 ARTY U"TA D/" 3/9. PROVIDED DIRECT FIRE AND
 AA "SECURITY FOR CAMP CARRROLL.

(5) WEATHER CONDITION" HAD NO ADVERSE EFFECT" ON OPN"
 THE LAST 24 HOUR".

(6) NON-BATTLE CASUALTIES: MED EVAC: NONE
 C. CONTACT":

(1) FOLLOW ON INFO ON CAMP CARROLL MORT ATTK: CRATER
 ANALYTIC: 31/32M AZIMUTH 075 DEGREE MAX RANGE VIC (YD C92579);
 RCT" AZIMUTH 0300DEGREE" MAX RANGE ABOUT 3000 MTR" VIC (YD 071575);
 120MM AZIMUTH 0300DEGREE" MAX RANGE UNK. DAMAGE TO EQUIP BY UNIT"
 AT CAMP CARROLL:

3/9 - COMM - 4 GP TENT"
 31MM PLT - 4 GP TENT", 1 GUN, 31MM AND 16 "EA BAG"

MED - 2 GP TENT", 1 JEEP TIRE

ME" - 5 GP TENT", 3 GI CAN", 1 M 37 RANGE

HQ CO - 2 GP TENT"

"-3 - 1 GP TENT, 1 AN/PRC 25 REMOTE, 1 CP TENT COMPLETELY
 DESTROYED

L/3/9 - 1 MITE, 3 TIRES"

1/3/9 - CO OFFICE TENT HOLE" THROUGHOUT, "SUPPLY TENT
 DESTROYED, OFFICE MATERIAL HVY DAMAGE, "EA BAG DAMAGE

K/3/9 - 3 TENT" HOLE" THROUGHOUT

105" - 2 MULE" (1) HOLE IN CARBURATOR, (1) HOLE IN GAS
 TANK CAUSING FIRE BURNING ENGINE AND LEFT REAR WHEEL, 2 105"
 BLACKENED BY FIRE, 2 GP TENT" W/HOLE", 1 GP TENT COMPLETELY
 DESTROYED

C/1/44 - 5 JEEPS RADIATOR AND TIRES, X3/4 TON TIRE",
 RADIATOR AND WINDSHIELD, 2X2 1/2 TON" TIRE, RADIATOR, OIL PAN
 AND WINDSHIELD, 3X1 1/2 TON" TIRES AND WINDSHIELD". 1 FUEL POD,
 1 MAINTENANCE TENT, 1 3 GP MEDIUM TENT", 2 HARDBACK", 1 GP
 "MALL, 3 HOSPITAL TENT", 1 TWIN 40MM "P (GUN), 1 QUAD 50
 (WINDSHIELD), 1 WATER TRAILER PERFORATED, 4 GI CAN" (32 GALT)
 SD AT BN - NONE

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3D T BN - 6 GP TENT" DAMAGED
 HQ CO - 12 GP TENT" DAMAGED, 3 CP TENT" DAMAGED, 3 "ECT"
 6 INCH PIPE TOTAL LOSS, 2 OTTER" DAMAGED WITH BROKEN GLASS,
 1 "OWER UNIT (OIL FILTER)

M/4/12 - 1 "ITCHBOARD "P22, 3 GP TENT"
 B/6/27 - "LIGHT DAMAGE TO 1 TGK RADIATOR, WIND"IELD,
 LIGHT, 2 1/2 TON VAN

2/24 - 7 GP MEDIUM TENT", 3 GP TENT" SMALL, 1 TENT METRO,
 1 MET" HALL 700 MAN SIZE) DESTROYED, WATER TRAILER, 3 TIRE",
 1 MAINTENANCE TENT, 3 GP TENT", 1 AIR COMPRESSOR THROWN 15 FT,
 1X175MM GUN TUBE ON GUN DAMAGED

(2) 071430H I/3/9 (YD 052591) OB" PERSONNEL ON RIDGE.
 BELIEVED TO BE DP. ARTY FIRED 2 RD" W/GOOD TGT COVERAGE.
 RE"ULT" UNK.

(3) 071610H 3/3 REPORTED 2 MITE CONVOY" ON RTE 9 RTRNING
 FM 3D MAR CP RECEIVED (YD 062571) APPROX 20 RD" AUTO WPN" FIRE
 FM (YD 022571). CONVOY DID NOT RETURN FIRE. "SPECIAL "QD "IZE
 PTL (REINF) W/2 TK" DI"PATCHED TO "EARCH AREA. MORE INFO TO
 FOLLOW.

D. EVENT":

(1) K/3/4 ENROUTE TO CAMP CARROLL TO CONDUCT EXTENSIVE PTL
 NORTH OF CAMP CARROLL TO THE RIVER. DIRECT FIRE WPN", 40MM "P
 ONTO" AND TK" WILL FIRE EXTENSIVE MN ON DONG HA MOUTAIN.
 ALL DEF P"NC AND FORTIFICATION ARE BEING REINFORCED BY COVERING
 FIGHTING HOLE" AND CONSTRUCTING ADDITIONAL BUNKER".

(2) 061505H COP BA LONG REPORTED PRU NR 2 OB" NEW NVA BLDING
 AND APPROX 1 NVA CO VIC (YD 103333) WEARING GREEN, BLACK AND
 GRAY UNIFORM" CARRYING WPN" (TYPE UNK). NVA WERE PATROLLING
 AREA.

(3) 071700H 3/9 REPORTED 5 MINOR WIA REPORTED TO "ICK
 BAY W/INJURIE" FM MORT ATTK. THESE WIA" WERE NOT GOING TO
 TO REPORT UNTIL TOLD TO DO "O BY THEIR "NIOR NCO". RE"ULT"; 5 U"MC WIA
 E. INTENTION": FOR NEXT 24 HOUR":

(1) HQ CO 3D MAR PROVIDE "SECURITY FOR CP.
 (2) K/3/9, W/1/12, AND RF 256 MAINTAIN DEF P"NC VIC
 BA LONG W/OP AT (YD 157413), (YD 167394), (YD 163390) AND
 (YD 158384). CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PA"EP.

(3) 3/9: PLT I/3/9 AND 1 TWIN 40MM "P PROVIDE "EC FOR
 THE KHE GIA BRIDGE W/OP ON HILL 252 (YD 022558). CONDUCT
 PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PA"EP. PLT K/3/3 AND RF 122

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MAINTAIN DEF P^N VIC D-5 W/OP HILL 290 (YD 066502) AND PPB AT (YD 1275C1). CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PA^{EP}. H&C/3/9, HQ CO 3D MAR, U^A, AND CO A 3D T BN PROVIDE SEC FOR CAMP CARROLL W/OP ON HILL 250 (YD 069555). C/1/44 ARTY U^A D/C 3/9. PROVIDE DIRECT FIRE AND AA SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL.

(4) 3/3: PROVIDE SEC FOR OP ON THON CON LAM (XD 978559). M/3/3 (-) MAINTAIN DEF P^N NORTH OF THON CON LAM W/PPB ON RAZORBACK (XD 967564). CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PA^{EP}. HVY SEC CO A 3D TK EMPLOYED VIC CO M CP, (XD 97658). I, L, H&C/3/3 MAINTAIN DEF P^N SOUTH OF THON CON LAM. CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PA^{EP}. PLT K/3/3 (-) AND RF 123 MAINTAIN DEF P^N AT CA LU AND OP ON HILL 110 (YD 065461). CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PA^{EP}. 4 TWIN 40MM P PROVIDE SEC FOR 3/3 OP.

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

(1) FR: 72 KIA, 313 WIA
 (2) EN: 38 C KIA (C), 2 C KIA (P), 2 PW (VC),
 10 PW (NVA), 2 RETURNEE, 3 DETAINEE.

G. ARVN/U^{MC} OPN: CURRENT OPN PLAN 7-67 AND FRAG O 11-67
 39TH RANGER BN, ARVN.

H. RECOVERY OF U^C MATERIAL: NONE

I. "COUT-TRIPER TEAM": 3D MAR MAINTAIN 1C TM:
 (1) HQ CO 3D MAR EMPLOYED 5 TM DEF P^N.
 (2) 2 TM W/11TH ENGRS.
 (3) 2 TM W/H&C/3/9, OP LONG RANGE TRIPPING
 (4) NEG REPORT

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071540Z MAR 67
 FM CO THIRD MARINE
 TO THIRD MARDIV (FWD)
 INFO TWELFTH MARINE
 ZEN/THIRD BN THIRD MARINE
 THIRD BN FOURTH MARINE
 ZEN/THIRD BN NINTH MARINE
 ZEN/FIRST BN TWELFTH MARINE
 ZEN/CO A THIRD AT BN
 ZEN/CO A THIRD TK BN
 THIRD ENGR BN
 FIRST BN FORTY FOURTH ARTY USA
 ZEN/SECOND BN NINTY FOURTH ARTY USA
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 OPN PRAIRIE II

1. "ITREP NR 140 A" OF 272400H MAR 67.
 A. LOCATION: NO CHANGE EXCEPT K/3/4 (YD 064569).
 B. SUMMARY: CAMP CARROLL IMPROVED DEF PTN AND COVERING ALL FIGHTING HOLE. K/3/4 ARR AT CAMP CARROLL TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL

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INF SUPPORT FOR CAMP CARROLL AND CONDUCTED PLT SIZE PTL NORTH
 CAMP CARROLL TO THE "ONG CAM LO.

CONTACT:

(1) LATE ENTRY 050320H C/1/9 (YD 127633) POINT RECD 300 RD" AUTO WPN" FIRE AND EST 15 GREN". C/1/9 "WEPT AREA RTRNING 1000RD" "A FIRE, 15 M79 RD". CONTINUED TO RECEIVE "SNIPER FIRE FOR THE NEXT 3 HOUR". WHILE EVACUATING CASUALTIES APPREHENDED 6 DETAINEE WHO APPEARED "SUSPICIOUS" AND WERE BETWEEN C/1/9 AND EN. "SUBJ" HAD NO WPN". RESULT: 6 DETAINEE NOT PREVIOUSLY REPORTED.

(2) 071700H M/4/12 RESUPPLY CONVOY (YD 045569) RECD "SNIPER FIRE FM VIC OF (YD 062523)". 3D MAR CO TM WAS DEPLOYED INTO AREA AND CONDUCTED "SEARCH OF AREA. " TEAM FLUSHED 1 VC/NVA FM TREE WHO FLED INTO RIVER. K/3/4 PTL OB" EN FLEE INTO RIVER AND FIRED 60MM MORT PLACING RD" IN EXACT PTN OF EN. " TM OR K/3/4 PTL WERE UNABLE TO "SEARCH AREA DUE TO FR ARTY FIRE. RESULT: 1 EN KIA (CONF).

(3) 072230H K/3/4 (YD 063579) RECD 3 RD" EXT 31MM MORT RD". RDS BELIEVED TO HAVE COME FM BETWEEN CAMP CARROLL AND K/3/4 PTN. WILL SEARCH AREA. RESULTS: 2 USMC WIA, 1 NBC.

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D. EVENT:

(1) FOLLOW ON TO MY SITREP NR 139: 071705H 3/3 "SPECIAL "QD "IZE PTL W/2 TK" RECALLED. AREA WA^Y OUT OF 3/3 AO.
(2) 071705H K/3/4 ARR AT CAMP CARROLL CHOPPED TO 3D MAR.
(3) 071800H CO A 3D TK BN RE-SUPPLY CONVOY RETURNING FM DONG HA TO CAMP CARROLL ALONG RTE 9 VIC (YD 110573) OB^Y MONTAGNARD FM VILLAGE MOVING TOWARD CAM LO CARRYING PERSONAL BELONGINGS.
(4) 072100H M/4/12 AND 3/9 OB^Y 1 WHITE FLARE 2200MTR^Y EAST AND 1 RED FLARE 2000 METER^Y TO THE WEST. ALL UNIT^Y AT CAMP CARROLL PLACED ON ALERT.

(5) 072201H C/2/44 TWIN 40MM SP IN CAMP CARROLL DEF P^YN (YD 068554) REPORTED HEARING 50 CAL FIRE TO THEIR EAST. LOC UNK.

E. INTENTION: CONTINUE TO IMPROVE DEF P^YN AT CAMP CARROLL AND INCREASE PTL ACTIVITIES.

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

(1) FR 70KIA, 32C WIA
(2) EN: 330KIA (C), 210 WIA (P), 2 PW (VC), 10 PW (NVA), 2 RETURNEE^Y, 9 DETAINEES.

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 072145Z MAR 67
 FM CO THIRD MARINE
 TO THIRD MARDIV (FWD)
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 THIRD BN FOURTH MARINE
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 ZEN/CO A THIRD AT BN
 ZEN/CO A THIRD TK BN
 THIRD ENGR BN
 FIRST BN FORTY-FOURTH ARTY U.S.A
 ZEN/SECOND BN NINETY-FOURTH ARTY U.S.A
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 S E C R E T
 OPN PRAIRIE II
 1. TITREP NR 141 A² OF 030600H MAR 67
 A. LOCATION: NO CHANGE
 B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE
 C. CONTACT: NONE

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D. EVENT: 072345H L/3/9 OBSERVED FLASHLIGHT FLASHING
 TWICE TOWARD CP AT (YD 072543)
 E. INTENTION: NO CHANGE
 F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE
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THIRD MARINES
COMM CENTER

O 080340Z MAR 67
 FM CO THIRD MARINES
 TO THIRD MARDIV (FWD)
 INFO TWELFTH MARINES
 ZEN/THIRD BN THIRD MARINES
 ZEN/THIRD BN NINTH MARINES
 THIRD BN FOURTH MARINES
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 FIRST BN FORTY-FOURTH ARTY USA
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OPN PRAIRIE II

1. "ITREP NR 142 A" OF 031200H MAR 67.
- A. LOCATION: NO CHANGE
- B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE
- C. CONTACT: NONE

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- D. EVENT: NONE
- E. INTENTION: 3/3 COMMENCE & D OPN IAW MY FRAG O 12-67.
- F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE

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 FM CO THIRD MARINE
 TO THIRD MARDIV (FWD)
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 FIRST BN FORTY FOURTH ARTY USA
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 THIRD ENGR BN
 SECOND BN TWENTY SIXTH MARINE
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 * E C R E T
 1. TITREP NR 143 A OF 08 800H MAR 67.
 A. LOCATION:
 (1) HQ CO 3D MAR (YD 066543)

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(2) "OP BA LONG (YD 163397) AND RF CO 26.
 K/3/9 (YD 165403)
 W/1/12 (YD 165402)

(3) 3/3 (XD 933544)
 I/3/3 (XD 979545)
 L/3/3 (XD 936546)
 M/3/3 (XD 976563)
 K/3/3 (YD 011453) AND RF CO 123.

(4) 3/9 (YD 063551)
 PLT I/3/9 (YD 025562)
 K/3/3 (YD 061571)
 I/3/9 (-) (YD 06355)
 K/3/9 (YD 064569)

(5) MECHANIZED EQUIP EMPLOYMENT
 HILL 26: 2 ONTO, TK, 4 QUAD 50" AND 1 TWIN 40MM "P
 NORTH HILL: 1 TANK
 WATER POINT: 1 TANK, ONTO, 2 TWIN 40MM "P
 KHE GIA BRIDGE: 3 TANK, 4 TWIN 40MM "P

(6) PPB/OP
 (A) PPB: M/3/3 (XD 932583) OPERATING IN GRID "SQUARE"

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(XD 9759), (XD 9859), (XD 9959), (XD 9758), (XD 9858) AND (XD 9958).

1/3/3 (XD 967564) RAZORBACK
K/3/3 SECURED PPB. PLT IN ROUTE TO CP
1/3/9 TO OPERATE IN AREA BOUNDED BY 05 EAST,
02 WEST, 56 NORTH AND 53 SOUTH.

(B) OP:

K/3/9 NR 1 (YD 157413), NR 2 (YD 167394), NR 3
(YD 163390) AID NR 4 (YD 153384).

1 3/3 (XD 973559) ROCKPILE
I/3/3 (YD 022553) HILL 25
3/9 (YD 060555) NORTH HILL
3/9 (YD 069555) HILL 25
K/3/3 (YD 005461) HILL 110
K/3/3 (YD 066502) HILL 290

(7) 2/26 (YD 033576)
E/2/26 (YD 033576)
G/H/2/26 (MOVING)

B. SUMMARY:

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

IMPROVE DEF PGN. ENGINEER COMMENCED CONSTRUCTION OF UNDER GROUND BUNKER FOR 3D MAR NEW COC REINFORCED PROTECTIVE AND BAG WALL AND TRENCH IN PRESENT COC.

(2) K/3/9, W/1/12 AND RF 256 MAINTAINED DEF PGN AT BA LONG.

(3) 3/3: OP ON THON CON LAM. M/3/3 (-) NORTH OF THON CON LAM W/PB ON RAZORBACK. LT ECT AT AND 1 HVY ECT CO A 3D TK VIC CO M CP. I, L, H&P/3/3 SOUTH OF THON CON LAM. 4 TWIN 40MM "P 3/3 CP. K/3/3 LT ECT AT, 2 TWIN 40MM "P AND RF 123 AT CA LU W/OP HILL 110.

(4) 3/9: PLT I/3/9 AND 1 TWIN 40MM "P AT THE KHE GIA BRIDGE. PLT K/3/3 AND RF 22 AT D-5. I (-), H&P/3/9, HQ CO 3D MAR AND UCA UNITS, AND 3D TK BN CAMP CARROLL W/OP HILL 250 AND NORTH HILL. C/1/44 ARTY UCA D/C 3/9. PROVIDED DIRECT FIRE AND AA SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL.

(5) WEATHER CONDITION HAD NO ADVERSE EFFECT ON OPN THE LAST 24 HOUR.

(6) NON-BATTLE CASUALTIES: MED EVAC: NONE
C. CONTACT: 03115 CH PTI/L/3/9 (YD 031555) OBSERVED 2 ENEMY TALKING TO EACH OTHER AT (YD 031543). WHEN ENEMY SIGHTED PTI THEY
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FIRED 2 RD^C S/A. PTL RETURNED S/A FIRE AND 126MM MORTAR.
PTL SEARCHED AREA W/NEG RESULT.

D. EVENT:

(1) 2 U^CMC WIA REPORTED TO SICK BAY WITH "HRAPNEL WOUND" RECEIVED DURING MORTAR ATTACK AT CAMP CARROLL ON THE MORNING OF 6 MARCH 67. RESULT: 2 U^CMC WIA.

(2) 08114CH K/3/9 PTL (YD 193397) LOC CHICOM GREN. AO OBSERVED 1 VN VIC (YD 205403) W/NO WPN^C OR UNIFORM. K/3/9 PTL WILL CHECK OUT AREA. GREN WILL BE DESTROYED. MORE INFO TO FOLLOW.

(3) 08130CH 3D MARINES ASSUMED OPCON OF 2/26.

(4) 081415H K/3/4 (YD 030592) CONDUCTING SEARCH AND DESTROY OPN FROM CAMP CARROLL NORTH TO TONG CAM LO. LOC 4 ENEMY MORTAR P^CN, 18 FIGHTING HOLE^C, 3C PROTECTIVE CAP^C FOR 120MM MORTAR RD^C, 20 LIVE 120MM MORTAR RD^C COMPLETE W/9 CAP^C REMOVED, 8 LOGS CUT FLAT AT TOP W/NOTCHE^C BELIEVED TO BE USED TO CARRY AMMO DOWN RIVER. PTL WILL ESTABLISH AMB VIC ON ENEMY P^CN.

(5) 081430H I/3/3 DEPARTED CAMP CARROLL TO ESTABLISH PPB IN VIC (YD 039540).

(6) 081520H 3D MAR REPRESENTATIVE LINK UP WITH 2/26 AND ARE ENROUTE TO P^CN IN G^C (YD 0357) AND (YD 0358).

E. INTENTION: FOR NEXT 24 HOUR:

(1) HQ CO 3D MAR PROVIDE SECURITY FOR CP. CONTINUE TO IMPROVE DEF P^CN AND CONSTRUCTION BY ENGR OF 3D MAR NEW COC UNDERGROUND BUNKER. CONTINUE TO REINFORCE PROTECTIVE WALL AND TRENCH IN PRESENT COC.

(2) PLT K/3/9 (-), W/1/ 2, AND RF 25C MAINTAIN DEF P^CN VIC BA LONG W/OP. CONDUCT PTL AND AMB PEF MY OVERLAY PA^CEP.

(3) 3/9: PLT I/3/9 AND 1 TWIN 40MM CP PROVIDE SEC FOR THE KHE GIA BRIDGE W/OP ON HILL 252. CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PA^CEP. PLT K/3/3 AND RF 122 MAINTAIN DEF P^CN VIC D-5 W/OP HILL 290. CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PA^CEP. H&C/3/9, HQ CO 3D MAR, U^CA, AND CO A 3D TK BN PROVIDE SEC FOR CAMP CARROLL W/OP ON HILL 25C, AND NORTH HILL. C/1/44 ARTY U^CA D/3/9. PROVIDE DIRECT FIRE AND AA SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL.

(4) 3/3: PROVIDE SEC FOR OP ON THON TON LAM. M/3/3 (-) MAINTAIN DEF P^CN NORTH OF THON TON LAM W/PPB ON RAZORBACK. CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PA^CEP. HVY SEC CO A 3D ENCLOSURE (1).

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TK EMPLOYED VIC CO M CP, (XD 976563). I, L, H&C/3/3 MAINTAIN DEF P^N SOUTH OF THON CON LAM. CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PA^{EP}. PLT K/3/3 (-) AND RF 123 MAINTAIN DEF P^N AT CA LU AND OP. ON HILL 110. CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PA^{EP}. 4 TWIN 40MM "P PROVIDE "EC FOR 3/3 CP.

(5) ONE CO/3/3 COMMENCE EXECUTION OF MY FRAG O 12-67 9 MAR 67 H-HOUR TBA. 2/3 COMMENCE EXECUTION OF MY FRAG O 12-67 DTG TBA.

(6) MONTAGNARD PLT WILL OPERATE IN AREA BOUNDED BY GL 50 N, 48 °, 01 E, AND 93 W FROM C91 200H TO 121600H.

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

(1) FR: 70 KIA, 322 WIA
 (2) EN: 380 KIA (C), 210 KIA (P), 2 PW (VC),
 10 PW (NVA), 2 RETURNEE, 9 DETAINEE.

G. ARVN/U^{MC} OPN: NONE

H. RECOVERY OF U^{MC} MATERIAL: NONE

I. "COUT -"NIPER TEAM": 3D MAR MAINTAIN 10 TM^C:
 (1) HQ CO 3D MAR EMPLOYED 5 TM^C DEF P^N.
 (2) 2 TM^C W/11TH ENGR^C.
 (3) 2 TM^C W/H&C/3/9, OP LONG RANGE "NIPPING
 (4) NEG REPORT

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TOD: 08 2120H/MAR67/CCM: 006/JWJ

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 FM GO THIRD MARINE
 TO THIRD MARINE (FWD)
 INFO TWELFTH MARINE
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 ZEN/THIRD BN NINTH MARINE
 ZEN/SECOND BN TWENTY-NINTH MARINE
 ZEN/FIRST BN TWELFTH MARINE
 ZEN/CO A THIRD AT BN
 ZEN/CO A THIRD TK BN
 FIRST BN FORTY-FOURTH ARTY USA
 ZEN/SECOND BN NINTY-FOURTH ARTY USA
 THIRD ENGR BN
 THIRD BN FOURTH MARINE

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OPN PRAIRIE II

1. "TREP NR 144 A" OF 082400H MAR 67.

A. LOCATION:

K/3/4 (YD 081569)
 2/26 (YD 087575)
 E/2/26 (YD 087575)
 G/2/26 (YD 087575)
 H/2/26 (YD 087575)

B. SUMMARY: 2/26 ARRIVED IN P*N AND ETAB NIGHT DEF P*N.
 EXECUTION OF MY OPN PRAIRIE II FRAG O 12-67 POSTPONED.

C. CONTACT: NONE

D. EVENT:

(1) 081520H K/3/3 ARR AT (/3/3 CP SECURED S&D OPN IN G*
 (YD 5194), (YD 5195), (YD 5 96), (YD 5094), (YD 5095)
 AND (YD 5096).

(2) 082145H M/3/3 OB* TRIP FLARE GO OFF AT (YD 967567)
 BELIEVED TO BE IN MOVEMENT. S1MM AND ARTY FIRED M*N* W/EXCELLENT
 TGT COVERAGE. RE*TULT* UNK.

E. EVENT: EXECUTION OF MY OPN PRAIRIE II FRAG O 12-67 POSTPONED
 TO LATER DATE TBA. K/3/4 RETURNED TO OPCON 3/4 ETD 090800H. 2/26
 TO RETURN TO DONG HA 9 MAR 67. K/3/9 TO ETAB PPB AND CONDUCT S&D
 OPN IN G* (YD 1644), (YD 744), (YD 1844), (YD 1643), (YD 1743)
 AND (YD 1843). TO COMMENCE AT 090000H.

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE.

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 TO THIRD MARDIV(FWD)
 INFO TWELFTH MARINES
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 2EN/2ND BN TWENTY-SIXTH MARINES
 2EN/FIRST BN TWELFTH MARINES
 2EN/CO A THIRD AT BN
 2EN /CO A THIRD TK BN
 FIRST BN FORTY-FOURTH ARTY USA
 2EN/2ND BN NINETY-FOURTH ARTY USA
 THIRD ENGR BN
 THIRD BN FOURTH MARINES

THIRD MARINES
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OPN PRAIRIE II

1. "ITREP NR 145 AT 0900Z MAR 67
 A. LOCATION: NO CHANGE
 B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE

C. CONTACT: NONE
 D. EVENT: NONE
 E. INTENTION: NO CHANGE
 F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE

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C. CONTACT: NONE

D. EVENT:

- (1) 090730H M/3/3 COMMENCED CO SIZE S&D OPN
- (2) 090830H K/3/4 DEPARTED CAMP CARROLL CHOPPED TO OPCON 3/4.
- (3) 091026H I/3/9 (YD 043545) PTL LOC 1 EN AIMING TAKE. NO OTHER "SIGN" OF EN ACTIVITIES.

E. INTENTION: M/3/3 CONDUCT S&D OPN IN G^o (XD 9759), (XD 9859), (XD 9959), (XD 9753), (XD 9353) AND (YD 9359). 1 CO 2/26 WILL MOVE FROM CP TO VIC (YD 035596) AT 100300Z 2/26 (-) WILL CONDUCT S&D OPN IN AREA BOUNDED BY GRID LINE NORTH 68, SOUTH 59, WEST 08, AND EAST 12. SECURE OBJ 1 BY NIGHT FALL OF D-DAY VIC (YD 00626). ON ORDER D PLU 1 MOVE TO OBJ 2 (YD 105645). ON ORDER MOVE INTO BLOCKING P^{EN} RUNNING GENERALLY FROM (YD 095073) TO (YD 116662). K/3/9 PPB/S&D OPN POSTPONED UNTIL 100800H. MONTAGNARD PLT PPB/S&D OPN POSTPONED UNTIL 100800H. TP YANKEE FOR 2/26 OPN WILL BE 1054.

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE

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THIRD ENGR BN
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OPN PRAIRIE II

1. "ITREP NR 147 A" OF 091800H MAR 67.
A. LOCATION:

- (1) HQ CO 3D MAR (YD 066543)
- (2) "OP BA LONG (YD 163397) AND RF CO 26
K/3/9 (YD 165403)
W/1/12 (YD 165402)
- (3) 3/3 (XD 983544)
I/3/3 (-) (XD 983544)
K/3/3 (XD 011458) AND RF CO 123
L/3/3 (-) (XD 983544)
M/3/3 (XD 998597)
- (4) 3/9 (YD 063551)
I/3/9 (-) (YD 026562)
L/3/9 (YD 094514) AND RF CO 122
M/3/9 (YD 063551)
- (5) 2/26 (YD 086585)
E/2/26 (YD 087593)
G/2/26 (YD 088588)
H/2/26 (YD 088585)
- (6) MECHANIZED EQUIP EMPLOYED AT CAMP CARROLL
HILL 250: 1 ONTO, 1 TWIN 40MM "P
NORTH HILL: 1 TANK
WATER POINT: 1 TANK, 1 ONTO, 2 TWIN 40MM "P
KHE GIA BRIDGE: 3 TANK, 4 TWIN 40MM "P

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(7) OP/PPB

(A) OP

BA LONG NR 1 (YD 157418) K/3/9
 BA LONG NR 2 (YD 167394) K/3/9
 BA LONG NR 3 (YD 163390) K/3/9
 BA LONG NR 4 (YD 158334) K/3/9
 ROCKPILE (XD 978559) 3/3
 NORTH HILL (YD 060555) 3/9
 HILL 20 (YD 069555) 3/9
 HILL 110 (YD 005461) K/3/3
 HILL 290 (YD 066502) K/3/3
 HILL 252 (YD 022553) I/3/9

(B) PPB

M/3/3 (XD 967564) RAZORBACK
 I/3/9 (YD 022543)

M/3/3 PPB (XD 982588) "SECURED TO CONDUCT CO (-) &D OPN

B. SUMMARY:

(1) HQ CO 3D MAR PROVIDED "SECURITY FOR CP. CONTINUE TO IMPROVE DEF P*N. ENGINEER COMMENCED CONSTRUCTION OF UNDER GROUND BUNKER FOR 3D MAR NEW COC REINFORCED PROTECTIVE AND BAG WALL AND TRENCH IN PRESENT COC.

(2) K/3/9, W/1/12 AND RF 26 MAINTAINED DEF P*N AT BA LONG.

3/3: OP ON THON "ON LAM. L/3/3 (-) NORTH OF THON "ON LAM W/PB ON RAZORBACK. LT "ECT AT AND 1 HVY "ECT CO A 3D TK" VIC CO M CP. I, H&"3/3 "OUTH OF THON "ON LAM. 4 TWIN 40MM "P 3/3 CP. K/3/3 LT "ECT AT, 2 TWIN 40MM "P, AND RF 123 AT CA LU W/OP HILL 110.

(4) 3/9: I/3/9 (-) AND 1 TWIN 40MM "P AT THE KHE GIA BRIDGE. L/3/9 AND RF 122 AT D-5. M, H&"3/9, HQ CO 3D MAR AND U"A UNIT", 3D AT BN, AND 3D TK BN CAMP CARROLL W/OP HILL 20 AND NORTH HILL. C/1/44 ARTY U"A D/" 3/9, PROVIDED DIRECT FIRE AND AA "SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL.

(5) WEATHER CONDITION HAD NOT ADVERSE EFFECT ON OPN THE LAST 24 HOURS.

(6) NON-BATTLE CASUALTIES: MED EVAC: 3/3 1 U"MC PNEUMONIA C. CONTACT: 091140H HQ CO 3D MAR PTL OBSERVED 22 ENEMY, ONE WITH RIFLE AND CARTRIDGE BELT, THE OTHER WITH A PACK. WEARING BLUE TROUSER AND BURGUNDY SHIRT ENEMY FLED WHEN THEY WERE "POTTED" PTL FIRED "A AND 1 M79 RD. KILLING ONE ENEMY AND "ECOND

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E"CAPED. RECOVERED 1 CARTRIDGE BELT, 1 PACK, ME" GEAR, AND 1 HAMMOCK. RE"ULT" 1 EN KIA (C).

D. EVENT":

(1) LATE ENTRY 090130H E/2/26 OBSERVED MOVEMENT IN FRONT OF LINE" (YD 085577). CHALLENGED WITHOUT RESPONSE. E/2/26 FIRED "A IN VIC OF MOVEMENT, MOVEMENT "TOPPED. "SEARCHED AREA AT FIRST LIGHT AND LOC 1 WATER BUFFALO KIA.

(2) 091200H M/3/3 (XD 985594) ON RIDGE LINE TRAIL TRIPPED CHICOM MINE WHICH WA" CAMOUFLAGED W/THIN WIRE ACROSS THE TRAIL. MINE EXPLODED WOUNDING U"MC. EMERGENCY MED EVAC COMPLETED AT 091245H. RE"ULT": 1 U"MC KIA.

(3) 091340H E/2/26 COMMENCED MOVEMENT TO VIC OF (YD 084597).

(4) 091300H CMD GRP AND M/3/9 ARRIVED AT CAMP CARROLL.

(5) 091300H CAM LO ADVI"OR (U"A) REQ THAT CIV FLOW OF TRAFFIC ON RTE 9 BE "TOPPED. INFO RECD FM CAM LO NAT POLICE THAT VC/NVA ARE EMPLOYING CIV TO "PY/RECON RTE 9 OF ACTIVITIE" OF FR FORCE. AREA TO BE COVERED I" BETWEEN CA LU AND CAM LO. 3D MAR HA" "SECURED ALL CIV TRAFFIC ALONG RTE 9 FM CA LU TO CAM LO.

(6) 091355H L/3/9 ARRIVED AT D-5.

E. INTENTION": FOR NEXT 24 HOUR":

(1) HQ CO 3D MAR PROVIDE "SECURITY FOR CP. CONTINUE TO IMPROVE DEF P"N AND CONSTRUCTION BY ENGR OF 3D MAR NEW COC UNDERGROUND BUNKER. CONTINUE TO REINFORCE PROTECTIVE WALL AND TRANCH IN PRE"ENT COC.

(2) PLT K/3/9, W/1/12, AND RF 26 MAINTAIN DEF P"N VIC BA LONG W/OP. CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PA"EP.

(3) 3/9: I/3/9 AND 4 TWIN 40MM "P, 3 TK" PROVIDE "EC FOR THE KHE GIA BRIDGE W/OP ON HILL 252. CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PA"EP. L/3/9 AND RF 122 MAINTAIN DEF P"N VIC D-5 W/OP HILL 290. CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PA"EP. M/H&"3/9, HQ CO 3D MAR, U"A, CO A 3D AT BN, AND CO A 3D TK BN PROVIDE "EC FOR CAMP CARROLL W/OP ON HILL 250, AND NORTH HILL. C/1/44 ARTY U"A D/F 3/9, PROVIDE DIRECT FIRE AND AA "SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL.

(4) 3/3: PROVIDE "EC FOR OP ON THON "ON LAM. L/3/3 (-) MAINTAIN DEF P"N NORTH OF THON "ON LAM W/PPB ON RAZORBACK. CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PA"EP. HVY "ECT CO A 3D TK EMPLOYED VIC CO L CP, (XD 976563). I, H&"3/3 MAINTAIN DEF P"N "OUTH OF THON "ON LAM. CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PA"EP. K/3/3 AND RF 123 MAINTAIN DEF P"N AT CA LU GP-4

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 THIRD ENGR BN

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* E C R E T FINAL SECTION OF TWO "SECTION"
 AND OP ON HILL 110. CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PA^EP.
 4 TWIN 40MM "P PROVIDE "EC FOR 3/3 CP.

(5) 3/3 AND 3/9 COMMENCE EXECUTION OF MY OPN PRAIRIE II FRAG
 0 12-67 100800H.

(6) AT 100800H 2/26 COMMENCE OPN IAW MY M^G
 091205H AND PLANNING MY PLANNING M^G 091015Z.

(A) CMD GRP AND 3 CO^E OF 2/26 CONDUCT "2D OPN IN AREA
 BOUNDED BY GL WEST 08, EAST 12, NORTH 63, AND SOUTH 59.

(B) 2/26 WILL CROSS LOD VIC (YD 036576) AT "ONG CAM LO
 RIVER AND "WEEP NORTH NORTHEAST TO REGT OBJ NR 1 VIC (YD 105625).
 UPON ORDER, CONTINUE "WEEP TO NORTH TO REGT OBJ NR 2 VIC (YD 105645)
 AND "ECURE "D OPN AND ON ORDER MOVE TO BLOCKING P^N FM (YD 099673)
 TO (YD 116662).

(C) TP FOR 2/26 OPN 1054 CODE NAME YANKEE

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

(1) FR: 70 KIA, 323 WIA
 (2) EN: 381 KIA (C), 210 KIA (P), 2 PW (VC), 10 PW (NVA),
 2 RETURNEE, 9 DETAINEE

G. ARVN/U^AMC OPN: NONE

H. RECOVERY OF U^A MATERIAL: NONE

I. "COUT- "NIPER TEAM": 3D MAR MAINTAIN^E 10 TM^E

(1) HQ CO 3D MAR EMPLOYED 5 TM^E DEF P^N.

(2) 2 TM^E W/11TH ENGR^E

(3) 2 TM^E W/H& "3/9, OP LONG RANGE "NIPPING.

(4) NEG REPORT.

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OPN PRAIRIE II

1. "ITREP NR 143 A" OF 092400H MAR 67
- A. LOCATION¹: NO CHANGE EXCEPT E/2/26 (YD 082534).
- B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE.
- C. CONTACT¹: NONE
- D. EVENT¹: 091540H 2/94 ARTY U.S.A REPORTED OBSERVING (YD 103577)
 3 MALE CHILDREN CARRYING A SILVER COLORED MORT RD 12 TO 14 IN LONG.
- E. INTENTION¹: 3/3 AND 3/9 COMMENCE EXECUTION OF MY OPN PRAIRIE
 II FRAG O 12-67 D-DAY, H-HOUR 100000H.
- F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE.

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OPN PRAIRIE II

1. "ITREP NR 148 AF OF 0000H MAR 67
- A. "LOCATION": NO CHANGE
- B. "SUMMARY": NO CHANGE
- C. "CONTACT": NONE
- D. "EVENT": NONE

E. "INTENTION": 3/3 AND 3/9 COMMENCE EXECUTION OF MY OPN PRAIRIE II FRAG 012-67, D-DAY, H-HOUR 0030H. 2/26 COMMENCE EXECUTION OF "D OPN IAW MY 09 015Z MAR 67. D-DAY H-HOUR 1000 00H.

F. "CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES": NO CHANGE

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 OPN PRAIRIE II

1. ~~100415Z MAR 67~~ 150 AT OF 101200H MAR 67.

A. LOCATION:

~~M/3/3 (XD-998592)~~
 CMD GRP 3/9 (YD 075576) MOVING

I/3/9 (-) (YD 075576) MOVING
 M/3/9 (YD 065584) MOVING
 CMD GRP 2/25 (YD 082573) MOVING
 E/2/25 (YD 082594) MOVING
 G/2/25 (YD 083597) MOVING
 H/2/25 (YD 086592) MOVING

B. SUMMARY:

(1) COMMENCED EXECUTION OF MY OPN PRAIRIE II FRAG O 12-67
 AND MY 091015Z MAR 67.
 (2) CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES FOR MY OPN PRAIRIE II FRAG O 12-67
 AND MY 091015Z MAR 67.

(A) FR: NONE
 (B) EN: NONE

(3) NON-BATTLE CASUALTIES: MED-EVAC: I/3/9 1 U.SMC BACK INJURY

C. CONTACT: NONE

D. EVENT:

(1) G-2 REPORTED THAT ALL DETAINEES APPREHENDED DURING EXECUTION
 OF MY OPN PRAIRIE II OPN PLAN 7-67 AND FRAG O 11-67 WERE RELEASED
 AS INNOCENT CIVILIANS.

(2) 100745H M/3/3 LOC 1 DEAD BODY WEARING CAMO COVER AND

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UTILITIES W/ANDALS. ECT DEAD 3-5 MONT C. NO WPN, EQUIP OR PER*
EFFECT* WERE LOC. M/3/3 CONTINUED ASSIGNED MTN.

- (3) 100830H G/2/26 LOC AT (YD 057593)
- (4) 100831H 2/26 CMD GRP AND H CO COMMENCED MOVEMENT.
- (5) 100914H H/2/26 LOC AT (YD 036555)
- (6) 1009YH 3/9 DETRUCKED AT (YD 071572)
- (7) 100930H M/3/3 ETTAB CO PB AT (XD 998596) CONDUCTING PTL
IN ASSIGNED AREA.

- (8) 100935H 3/9 LEADING ELEMENT COMMENCED MOVEMENT.
- (9) 100950H 3/9 LEADING ELEMENT CROSSED PL OBSTACLE AT
(YD 066576).

(11) 101121H I/3/9 LOC (YD 075576), 3/9 (YD 068584).
E. INTENTION*: M/3/3 AND 3/9 CONTINUE TO EXECUTE "D OPN IAW
MY OPN PRAIRIE II FRAG O 12-67. 2/26 CONTINUE TO CONDUCT "D
OPN IAW MY 091015Z MAR 67.

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

- (1) FR: 70 KIA, 323 WIA
- (2) EN: 381 KIA (C), 210 KIA (P), 10 PW (NVA), 2 PW (VC),
2 RETURNEE*. SEE PARA D(1).

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OPN PRAIRIE II

1. CITREP NR 150 A* OF 101200H MAR 67.

A. LOCATION*:

M/3/3 (YD 998592)
 CMD GRP 3/9 (YD 075576) MOVING

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I/3/9 (-) (YD 075576) MOVING
 M/3/9 (YD 068584) MOVING
 CMD GRP 2/26 (YD 082578) MOVING
 E/2/26 (YD 082594) MOVING
 G/2/26 (YD 083597) MOVING
 H/2/26 (YD 0836592) MOVING

B. SUMMARY:

(1) COMMENCED EXECUTION OF MY OPN PRAIRIE II FRAG O 12-67
 AND MY 091015Z MAR 67.

(2) CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES* FOR MY OPN PRAIRIE II FRAG O 12-67
 AND MY 091015Z MAR 67.

(A) FR: NONE

(B) EN: NONE

(3) NON-BATTLE CASUALTIES: MED-EVAC: 1/3/9 1 UMC BACK INJURY

C. CONTACT*: NONE

D. EVENT*:

(1) G-2 REPORTED THAT ALL DETAINEE* APPREHENDED DURING EXECUTION
 OF MY OPN PRAIRIE II OPN PLAN 7-67 AND FRAG O 11-67 WERE RELEASED
 AS INNOCENT CIVILIAN*.

(2) 100745H M/3/3 LOG 1 DEAD BODY WEARING CAMO COVER AND

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UTILITIES W/"ANDALT". EST DEAD 3-5 MONT", NO WPN, EQUIP OR PER" EFFECT" WERE LOC. M/3/3 CONTINUED ASSIGNED M&M.

- (3) 100830H G/2/26 LOC AT (YD 037593)
- (4) 100831H 2/26 CMD GRP AND H CO COMMENCED MOVEMENT.
- (5) 100914H H/2/26 LOC AT (YD 036585)
- (6) 100914H 3/9 DETRUCKED AT (YD 071577)
- (7) 100930H M/3/3 E'TAB CO PB AT (XD 998596) CONDUCTING PTL IN ASSIGNED AREA.
- (8) 100935H 3/9 LEADING ELEMENTS COMMENCED MOVEMENT.
- (10) 100950H 3/9 LEADING ELEMENT CROSSED PL OB'TACLE AT (YD 066576).
- (11) 101121H 1/3/9 LOC (YD 075576), 3/9 (YD 068584).

E. INTENTION: M/3/3 AND 3/9 CONTINUE TO EXECUTE S&D OPN IAW MY OPN PRAIRIE II FRAG 0 12-67. 2/26 CONTINUE TO CONDUCT S&D OPN IAW MY 091015Z MAR 67.

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

- (1) FR: 72 KIA, 323 WIA
- (2) EN: 381 KIA (C), 210 KIA (P), 16 PW (NVA), 2 PW (VC), 2 RETUPNEE. SEE PARA D(1).

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 TO THIRD MARDIV (FWD)
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 (3) 3/3 (XD 983544)
 I/3/3 (-) (XD 983544)
 K/3/3 (YD 011458) AND RF CO 123
 L/3/3 (-) (XD 983544)
 (4) 3/9 (YD 083531)
 PLT I/3/9 (YD 028562)
 L/3/9 (YD 094514) AND RF CO 122
 (5) M/3/3 (-) AND PLT L/3/3 (XD 999593)
 3/9 CMD GRP (YD 058585)
 I/3/9 (-) (YD 038985)
 M/3/9 (YD 054587)
 2/26 (YD 082594)
 E/2/26 (YD 081595)
 G/2/26 (YD 102528)
 H/2/26 (YD 086626)
 (6) MECHANIZED EQUIP EMPLOYED AT CAMP CARROLL
 HILL 20: 1 ONTO, 1 TWIN 40MM "P"
 NORTH HILL: 1 TANK

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WATER POINT: 1 TANK, 1 ONTO^c, 2 TWIN 40MM "P
 KHE GIA BRIDGE: 3 TANK^c, 4 TWIN 40MM "P

(7) OP/PPB

(A) OP

BA LONG NR 1 (YD 157418) K/3/9
 BA LONG NR 2 (YD 167394) K/3/9
 BA LONG NR 3 (YD 163390) K/3/9
 BA LONG NR 4 (YD 158384) K/3/9
 ROCKPILE (XD 973559) 3/3
 NORTH HILL (YD 060555) 3/9
 HILL 250 (YD 069555) 3/9
 HILL 110 (YD 005461) K/3/3
 HILL 290 (YD 066502) K/3/3
 HILL 252 (YD 022553) I/3/9

(B) PPB

M/3/3 (XD 967564) RAZORBACK
 L/3/9 (YD 030528)

K/3/9 (YD 174435) OPERATING IN AREA BOUNDED BY GL 45 N,
 43^c, 19 E, AND 16 W.

MONTAGNARD PLT OPN IN AREA BOUNDED BY GL 50 N, 48^c,

01 E, AND 98 W.

B. SUMMARY:

(1) HQ CO 3D MAR PROVIDED "EC FOR CP. CONTINUE TO IMPROVE DEF P^cN. ENGR^c COMMENCED CONSTRUCTION OF UNDER GROUND BUNKER FOR 3D MAR NEW COC REINF PROTECTIVE "AND BAG WALL AND TRENCH IN PRESENT COC.

(2) K/3/9, W/1/12 AND RF 256 MAINTAINED DEF P^cN AT BA LONG.

(3) 3/3: OP ON THON "ON LAM. L/3/3 (-) NORTH OF THON "ON LAM W/PB ON RAZORBACK. LT "ECT AT AND 1 HVY "ECT CO A 3D TK^c VIC CO L CP. I, H&"/3/3 SOUTH OF THON "ON LAM. 4 TWIN 40MM "P 3/3 CP. K/3/3 LT "ECT AT, 2 TWIN 40MM "P, AND RF 123 AT CA LU W/OP HILL 110.

(4) 3/9: PLT I/3/9 (-) AND 1 TWIN 40MM "P AT THE KHE GIA BRIDGE. L/3/9 AND RF 122 AT D-5. H&"/3/9, HQ CO 3D MAR AND U^cA UNIT^c, 3D AT BN, AND 3D TK BN CAMP CARROLL W/OP HILL 250 AND NORTH HILL. C/1/44 ARTY U^cA D/ 3/9, PROVIDED DIRECT FIRE AND AA "EC FOR CAMP CARROLL.

(5) WEATHER CONDITIONS HAD NO ADVERSE EFFECT^c ON OPN^c THE LAST 24 HOUR^c.

(6) NON-BATTLE CASUALTIES: MED-EVAC: 1/3/9 1 U^cMC BROKEN LEG

(7) CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES FOR MY OPN PRAIRIE II FRAG 0 12-67

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AND MY 091015Z MAR 67.

(A) FR: NONE

(B) EN: NONE

C. CONTACT": NONE

D. EVENT":

- (1) 101200H M/3/9 SECURED OBJ 1 (YD 066595).
- (2) 101300H M/3/9 LOC (YD 066585) AND I/3/9 LOC (YD 072582).
- (3) 101317H CMD GRP 2/25 LOC (YD 077593).
- (4) 101345H PLT K/3/3 DEPARTED D-5 AT 100900H AND ARR AT K/3/3 CP, AT 101345H.
- (5) 101350H M/3/9 LOC (YD 065535) I/3/9 LOC (YD 075586).
- (6) 101400H 2/25 CMD GRP LOC (YD 032604) G/2/25 LOC (YD 088620).
- (7) 101430H M/3/3 (YD 064595) LOC ELEPHANT TRACK" AND FECE" LEADING UP DONG HA MTN. APPROX 1 WEEK OLD. PATH WA" FRESH BUT USED ONLY ONCE. "SEARCHED AREA W/NEG RESULT".
- (8) 101505H M/3/9 SECURED OBJ 2 (YD 035588) I/3/3 200 MTR" FM OBJ (YD 066595).
- (9) 101526H H/2/25 LOC AT (YD 036612).
- (10) 101547H I/3/9 (YD 058535) LOC ONE 155MM DUD. ROUND DESTROYED IN PLACE.

- (11) 101616H H/2/25 LOC (YD 032519) AND G/2/25 LOC (YD 087625).
- (12) 101645H M/3/3 RELOCATED CO PATROL BASE TO VIC (YD 999593).
- (13) LATE ENTRY: 100930H E/2/25 (YD 036597) LOC METAL BOX APPROX 11X11X4 INCHES. POSSIBLE 120MM MORT FU"CE BOX OR AP MINE FU"CE BOX W/2 WOODEN INSERTS, 1 W/ A HOLE" APPROX 1 3/4 INCHES IN DIAMETER AND 1 W/ A HOLE" APPROX 2 INCHES IN DIAMETER, ITEM THAT APPEARED TO BE HOME MADE "IGHT, ROUND CAN 8 INCHES HIGH AND 4 INCHES IN DIAMETER W/HANDLE ATTACHED AND FOREIGN WRITING, AND FIGURE "120". BOTH CONTAINER" PAINTED GREEN. WILL BE FORWARDED TO G-2.

E. INTENTION": FOR NEXT 24 HOUR":

- (1) HQ CO 3D MAR PROVIDE "EC FOR CP. CONTINUE TO IMPROVE DEF P"CN AND CONSTRUCTION OF ENGR" OF 3D MAR NEW COUNDERGROUND BUNKER. CONTINUE TO REINF PROTECTIVE WALL AND TRENCH IN PRE"ENT COC.

- (2) PLT K/3/9, W/1/12, AND RF 25 MAINTAIN DEF P"CN VIC BA LONG W/OP. CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PA"EP.

- (3) 3/3: PROVIDE "EC FOR OP ON THON SON LAM. L/3/3 (-) MAINTAIN DEF P"CN NORTH OF THON SON LAM W/PB ON RAZORBACK. CONDUCT TL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PA"EP. HVY "ECT CO A 3D TK EMPLOYED VIC

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CO L CP (XD 976568), H&C/3/3 MAINTAIN DEF P^W SOUTH OF THON
 ON LAM. CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PA^WEP. K/3/3 AND RF
 1 23 MAINTAIN DEF P^W AT CA LU AND OP ON HILL 110. CONDUCT PTL
 AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PA^WEP. 4 TWIN 40MM "P PROVIDE "EC FOR 3/3
 CP.

(4) 3/9: PLT I/3/9 AND 4 TWIN 40MM "P, 3 TK" PROVIDE "EC FOR
 THE KHE GIA BRIDGE W/OP HILL 252. CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY
 OVERLAY PA^WEP. L/3/9 AND RF 22 MAINTAIN DEF P^W VIC D-5 W/OP
 HILL 290. CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PA^WEP. H&C/3/9, HQ
 CO 3D MAR, U^WA, CO A 3D AT BN, AND CO A 3D BN PROVIDE "EC FOR
 CAMP CARROLL W/OP HILL 250 AND NORTH HILL. C/1/44 ARTY U^WA D/3
 3/9. PROVIDE DIRECT FIRE AND AA "EC FOR CAMP CARROLL.

(5) 3/3 AND 3/9 CONTINUE TO EXECUTE MY OPN PRAIRIE II FRAG O
 12-67.

(6) 2/25 CONTINUE TO EXECUTE "2D OPN IAW MY OPN PRAIRIE II
 091015Z MAR 67.

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

(1) FR: 70 KIA, 323 WIA

(2) EN: 381 KIA (C), 216 KIA (P), 2 PW (VC), 10 PW (NVA),
 2 RETURNEE

G. ARVN/U^WMC OPN: NONE

H. RECOVERY OF U^W MATERIAL: NONE

I. "COUT - "NIPER TEAM": 3D MAR MAINTAIN 10 TM

(1) HQ CO 3D MAR EMPLOYED 4 TM DEF P^W. PROVIDED "EC FOR
 ENGR "WEEP TM ALONG RTE 553 THI" AM.

(2) 2 TM W/11TH ENGR.

(3) 2 TM EMPLOYED WITH M/3/9 DURING OPN.

(4) 2 TM WITH H&C/3/9, OP LONG RANGE "NIPPING.

(5) NEG REPORT.

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IMMEDIATE

1016 002 MAR 67

FM CO THIRD MARINE

TO THIRD MARDIV (FWD)
 INFO TWELFTH MARINE
 ZEN/THIRD BN THIRD MARINE
 ZEN/THIRD BN NINTH MARINE
 "SECOND BN TWENTY "IXTH MARINE"
 ZEN/FIRST BN TWELFTH MARINE
 THIRD ENGR BN
 ZEN/CO A THIRD AT BN
 ZEN/CO A THIRD TK BN
 FIRST BN FORTY FOURTH ARTY U.S.A
 ZEN/"SECOND BN NINTY FOURTH ARTY U.S.A

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S-3A	<i>✓</i>
S-3B	<i>PZ</i>
TrngO	<i>✓</i>
ALO	<i>✓</i>
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OPN PRAIRIE II

1. "ITREP NR 152 A" OF 102400Z MAR 67

A. "LOCATION": NO CHANGE EXCEPT

M/3/3 (YD 005585)
 3/9 CMD GRP (YD 060591)
 I/3/9 (-) (YD 060591)
 2/26 CMD GRP (YD 086607)
 E/2/25 (YD 081608)
 H/2/25 (YD 091624)

B. "SUMMARY":

(1) CONDUCTED "A&D OPN IAW MY OPN PRAIRIE II FRAG O 12-67 AND
 MY 091015Z MAR 67. ALL UNIT" E"TAB NIGHT DEF P"N".

(2) CUMULATIVE CA"UALTIE" FOR MY OPN PRAIRIE II FRAG O 12-67
 AND MY 091015Z MAR 67: NONE

C. CONTACT": NONE

D. EVENT":

(1) 101850H I/3/9 MOVING TO NIGHT DEF P"N VIC (YD 060591).
 (2) 101855H 2/25 E"TAB NIGHT DEF P"N AT CMD GRP (YD 086607),
 E/2/25 (YD 081608), G/2/25 (YD 102628), AND H/2/25 (YD 091624).

(3) 101900H M/3/3 PB AT (YD 005585) MAINTAIN NIGHT DEF P"N.

101900H

(4) 101917H I/3/9 ARR IN NIGHT DEF P"N (YD 060591).

(5) 102005H OP HILL 26 (YD 068577) HEARD "OUND" IN FRONT OF
 P"N OF UNK NR OF PEOPLE. OP FIRED "A, THREW 1 M 26 AND FIRED 81MM
 M"N. RE" UNK.

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(6) 102015H TWIN 40MM "P ON OP HILL 20 REPORTED OBSERVING FLASHING LIGHT AT (YD 090560). 81MM M/N FIRED. RESULT UNK.

(7) 102022H OP HILL 20 FIRED 7 RD 8 MM (REF PARA D (5) THIS "ITREP). MOVEMENT CONTINUED INTO FRONT OF CLAYMORE MINE P/N. MINE WAS ACTIVATED AND MOVEMENT CEASED. WILL SEARCH AREA AT FIRST LIGHT. MORE INFO TO FOLLOW.

(8) 102042H 3/9 REPORTED THAT ONE OF CAMP CARROLL DEF P/N VIC (YD 065547) OBS LIGHT AT (YD 068546). FIRED TWIN 40MM "P. RESULT UNK.

(9) 102045H OP HILL 20 (REF PARA D(5) AND D(7) THIS "ITREP) MOVEMENT RESUME, THREW 2 M/S GRENS. AREA AROUND 20 WILL BE SEARCHED AT FIRST LIGHT. MORE INFO TO FOLLOW.

(10) 102104H TWIN 40MM "P CAM CARROLL DEF P/N VIC (YD 063544) REPORTED UNK NR PEOPLE IN FRONT OF P/N VIC (YD 064542). TWIN 40MM "P FIRED M/N APPROVED. CANCELLED AT 102125H DUE TO FACT THAT TWIN 40MM "P WERE UNABLE TO DESTROY TGT.

E. INTENTION: CONTINUE TO EXECUTE MY OPN PRAIRIE II FRAG O 12-67 AND MY 091015Z MAR67. M/3/3 CONTINUE "D&D OPN IN ASSIGNED AREA. 3/9 CONTINUE "D&D OPN MOVING WEST IAW MY OPN PRAIRIE II FRAG O 12-67. 2/25 CONTINUE "D&D OPN MOVING NORTH IAW MY 091015Z MAR67. 3D MAR ASSUME OPCON OF 3/4 AT 1100Z 00H.

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE.

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O 102200Z MAR 67
 FM CO THIRD MARINE
 TO THIRD MARDIV (FWD)
 INFO TWELFTH MARINE
 ZEN/THIRD BN, THIRD MARINE
 ZEN/THIRD BN NINTH MARINE
 "SECOND BN TWENTY-FIFTH MARINE"
 ZEN/FIRST BN TWELFTH MARINE
 ZEN/CO A THIRD AT BN
 ZEN/CO A THIRD TK BN
 FIRST BN FORTY-FOURTH ARTY U.S.A
 ZEN/"SECOND BN NINTY-FOURTH ARTY U.S.A
 THIRD ENGR BN

THIRD MARINES
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 OPN PRAIRIE II

1. "ITRE NR 153 A" OF 110600H MAR 67
- A. "LOCATION": NO CHANGE
- B. "SUMMARY": NO CHANGE
- C. "CONTACT": NONE

D. "EVENT": NONE

E. "INTENTION": CONTINUE TO EXECUTE MY OPN PRAIRIE II FRAG O 12-67 AND MY 091052 MAR 67 IAW MY 102115Z. M/3/3 CONTINUE "D&D" OPN MOVING "OUTHEAT" IN ASSIGNED AREA. 3/9 CONTINUE "D&D" OPN MOVING WEST. 2/26 AT 110800H COMMENCE MOVEMENT NORTH DESTROYING BUNKER LOC AT (YD 088625) AND MOVE THROUGH INTERMEDIATE OBJ (YD 103648). PREP FIRE WILL BE USED AT FINAL OBJ (YD 113675). 3/4 CHOPPED TO OPCON 3D MAR AT 110800H. CONTINUE ASSIGNED M/N IAW 3D MARDIV (FWD) FRAG O 7-67. COMMENCE MOVEMENT NORTH WHEN 2/26 I" ABRE" YOUR LEFT FLANK. P"Y OP" TEAM WILL BE ASSIGNED TO 3/4. DO NOT ENTER OBJ (YD 155680) UNTIL P"Y OP" TM ARRIVE" YOUR P"Y. IF FIRED UPON FROM OBJ UTILIZE P"Y OP" TM TO HAVE CIVILIAN" VACATE AREA AND PREP FIRE PRIOR TO MOVING INTO THE OBJ.

F. "CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES": NO CHANGE

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 TO THIRD MARDIV (FWD)
 INFO TWELFTH MARINE
 ZEN/THIRD BN THIRD MARINE
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 SECOND BN TWENTY NINTH MARINE
 ZEN/FIRST BN TWELFTH MARINE
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 THIRD ENGR BN
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OPN PRAIRIE II

1. CITREP NR 154 A OF 111200H MAR 67

A. LOCATION:

M/3/3 (YD 007586)
 3/9 CMD GRP (YD 035580)

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I/3/9 (YD 059593)
 M/3/9 (YD 035580)
 W/26 CMD GRP (YD 093602)
 G/2/26 (YD 106627)
 H/2/26 (YD 091625)
 3/4 CMD GRP (YD 137655)
 K/3/4 (YD 135648)
 L/3/4 (YD 137655)

B. SUMMARY:

(1) CONTINUE TO EXECUTE MY OPN PRAIRIE II FRAG O 12-67 AND MY 091015Z MAR 67, IAW MY 102115H. 3D MAR AUMED OPCON OF 3/4 110800H MAR 67.

(2) CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES FOR MY OPN PRAIRIE II FRAG O 12-67 AND 091015Z MAR 67:

(A) FR: 0 KIA, 1 WIA
 (B) EN: NONE

C. CONTACT: NONE

D. EVENT:

(1) FOLLOW ON TO MY CITREP NR 152 PARA D. (6). FIRED 7 RD 81MM AT OBSERVED LIGHT. LIGHT EXTINGUISHED. RESULT

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(2) LATE ENTRY 101720H M/2/67 (YD 090622) LOC 4 "GD
ENCAMPMENT" W/D "SIGN" OF RECENT USE. "SEARCHED AREA W/NEG
RESULT".

(3) 110745H I/3/9 COMMENCED MOVEMENT WEST.

(4) 110800H 3D MAR ASSUMED OPCON OF 3/4.

(5) 110800H M/3/3 (YD 004585) LOC BATE CAMP ET 3-4
MONTH OLD. CONSTITUTING OF 10-3X1X2 FT FIGHTING HOLE AND
1 RUSTY AMMO CAN. PTN DESTROYED. "SEARCHED AREA W/NEG RESULT".

(6) 110800H 2/26 CMD GRP LOC (YD 083598) AND E/2/26 (YD 093602).

(7) 110816H M/3/9 COMMENCED MOVEMENT WEST.

(8) 110830H M/3/3 LOC AT (YD 007586)

(9) 110830H H/2/26 (YD 083623) LOC BN SIZE BIVOUAC AREA.
W/FOOD IN CHINESE RATION CAN. "GD SIZE BIVOUAC AREA" OUT TO
500 METER IN ALL DIRECTION. SITE APPROX. 1 WEEK OLD. NUMEROUS
LIVING HOLE W/OVERHEAD COVER, BUT NO APPARENT FIGHTING BUNKER.
SITE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED AS CAVE MERELY A HOLE. SITE DESTROYED.

(10) 110855H E/2/26 (YD 095603) POINT DETONATED CHICOM
GRENADE RESULTING IN 1 UMC WIA, MED-EVAC.

(11) 110900H 2/26 CMD GRP (YD 095602) G/2/26 (YD 106623).

(12) 110902H LEAD ELEMENT OF M/3/9 CROSSED PL AMBER (GL 05)

(13) 110905H K/3/9 PTL (K-A) DEPARTED PPB MOVING N ALONG
PTL ROUTE.

(14) 110910H I/3/9 LOC AT (YD 059593)

(15) 110915H 3/4 COMMENCED MOVEMENT NORTH.

(16) 110916H 3/9 PHYSICALLY "SEARCHED 2 POSSIBLE MORTAR
PTN" AND VISIBLY "SEARCHED REMAINING AREA N OF TONG CAM LO TO
GL 58 FROM GL 00 TO 07 W/NEG RESULT".

(17) 110937H M/3/9 SECURED OBJ NR 3 (YD 044585) W/NEG
RESTANCE.

(18) 111000H E/2/26 LEAD ELEMENT LOC AT (YD 096602)

(19) 111000H M/3/9 LEADING ELEMENT AT OBJ NR 4 (YD 037584)

(20) 111017H G/2/26 "SEARCHING TRAIL RUNNING FROM
(YD 108642) N TO (YD 109648)."

(21) 111100H PTN REPORT REF PARA A THI "ITREP."

(22) LATE ENTRY 101030H C/1/40 ARTY, UCA CAMP CARROLL
REPORTED DURING INSPECTION OF VEHICLE LOC NUMEROUS HOLE
IN A 3/4 TON PC. LEAD PELLET WERE ALSO LOC IN AREA.
PELLET WILL BE FORWARDED TO G-2.

E. INTENTION: CONTINUE TO EXECUTE MY OPN PRAIRIE II FRAG O

12-67 AND MY 091052 MAR 67 IAW MY 102115H MAR 67
F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

(1) FR: 70 KIA, 324 WIA
(2) EN: 381 KIA (CONF), 20 KIA (PROB), 2 PW (VC)
10 PW (NVA), 2 RETURNEE.

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 ZEN/THIRD BN NINTH MARINE
 SECOND BN TWENTY SIXTH MARINE
 ZEN/FIRST BN TWELFTH MARINE
 THIRD ENGR BN
 ZEN/CO A THIRD AT BN
 ZEN/CO A THIRD TK BN
 FIRST BN FORTY FOURTH ARTY U.S.A
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 OPN PRAIRIE II
 1. "ITREP NR 155 A" OF 1 800H MAR 67
 A. LOCATION:
 (1) HQ CO 3D MAR (YD 066543)

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(2) COP BALONG (YD 163397) AND RF CO 256
 K/3/9 (YD 166403)
 W/1/12 (YD 165402)
 (3) 3/3 (XD 983544)
 I/3/3 (-) (XD 983544)
 K/3/3 (YD 011458) AND RF CO 123
 PLT L/3/3 (XD 983544)
 PLT L/3/3 (PLU) (XD 976568)
 (4) 3/9 (YD 063551) AND PLT L/3/9
 PLT I/3/9 (YD 026562)
 PLT L/3/9 (YD 094514) AND RF CO 22
 (5) M/3/3 (-) AND PLT L/3/3 (YD 04575)
 3/9 CMD GRP (YD 024584)
 I/3/9 (-) (YD 041589) MOVING
 M/3/9 (YD 024584)
 2/26 (YD 092624) MOVING
 E/2/26 (YD 105614)
 G/2/26 (YD 107644)
 H/2/26 (YD 090631) MOVING
 CMD GRP 3/4 (YD 162880)

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K/3/4 (YD 16 2830)

L/3/4 (YD 16 2830)

(6) MECHANIZED EQUIP EMPLOYED AT CAMP CARROLL
 HILL 20: 1 ONTO^c, 1 TWIN 40MM "P
 NORTH HILL: 1 TANK
 WATER POINT: 1 TANK, 1 ONTO^c, 2 TWIN 40MM "P
 KHE GIA BRIDGE: 3 TANK^c, 4 TWIN 40MM "P

(7) OP/PPB

(A) OP

BA LONG NR 1 (YD 157418) K/3/9

BA LONG NR 2 (YD 167394) K/3/9

BA LONG NR 3 (YD 163390) K/3/9

BA LONG NR 4 (YD 158392) K/3/9

ROCKPILE (XD 978559) 3/3

NORTH HILL (YD 060555) 3/9

HILL 20 (YD 069555) 3/9

HILL 110 (YD 005461) K/3/3

HILL 290 (YD 066502) K/3/3

HILL 252 (YD 022558) I/3/9

(B) PPB

M/3/3 (XD 967564) RAZORBACK

L/3/9 (YD 029529)

K/3/9 (YD 174435)

MONTAGNARD PLT OPN IN AREA BOUNDED BY GL 50 N, 48^c,
 01 E, AND 98 W.
 K/3/3 IN AREA BOUNDED BY (YD 0248), (YD 0648), (YD 0646),
 0 (YD 0347)

B. SUMMARY:

(1) HQ CO 3D MAR PROVIDED SEC FOR CP. CONTINUE TO IMPROVE DEF P^cN. ENGR^c COMMENCED CONSTRUCTION OF UNDER GROUND BUNKER FOR 3D MAR NEW COC REINF PROTECTIVE SAND BAG WALL AND TRENCH IN PRE^cENT COC.

(2) K/3/9, W/1/12 AND RF 256 MAINTAINED DEF P^cN AT BA LONG.

(3) 3/3: OP ON THON "ON LAM. L/3/3 (-) NORTH OF THON "ON LAM W/PB ON RAZORBACK. LT SEC AT AND 1 HVY SEC CO A 3D TK^c VIC CO L CP. I, H&^c/3/3 SOUTH OF THON "ON LAM. 4 TWIN 40MM "P 3/3 CP. K/3/3 LT SEC AT 2 TWIN 40MM "P, AND RF 123 AT CA LU W/OP HILL 110.

(4) 3/9: PLT I/3/9 (-) AND TWIN 40MM "P AT THE KHE GIA BRIDGE. L/3/9 AND RF 122 AT D-5. H&^c/3/9, HQ CO 3D MAR AND U^cA UNIT, 3D AT BN, AND 3D TK BN CAMP CARROLL W/OP HILL 20 AND NORTH HILL. C/1/44 ARTY U^cA D/ 3/9, PROVIDED DIRECT FIRE AND AA

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SEC FOR CAMP CARROLL.

(5) WEATHER CONDITION HAD NO ADVERSE EFFECT ON OPN THE LATE 24 HOUR.

(6) NON-BATTLE CASUALTIES: MED-EVAC: 3D BN 4TH MAR 24 UMC NBC

(7) M/3/3, CMD GRP, CO I AND M/3/9; CMD GRP, CO E, G AND H 2/6 AND CMD GRP, CO K AND L/3/4 CONDUCTED T&D OPN IAW MY OPN PRAIRIE II FRAG O 12-67, MY 091015Z MAR 67 AND MY 102115H MAR 67.

(8) CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES FOR MY OPN PRAIRIE II FRAG O 12-67 AND MY 091015Z MAR 67.

(A) FR: 0 KIA, 4 WIA

(B) EN: NONE

C. CONTACT:

(1) 111130H K/3/3 PTL PROVIDING SEC FOR 11TH ENGR WORKING ON BRIDGE AT (XD 994445) DISPATCHED 1 QD TO HIGH GROUND TO "SEARCH OUT AREA. QD OB 3 EN DREWED IN BLACK ARMED W/CARB" MOVING NW VIC (XD 976444). FIRED "/A AND PTL "SEARCHED AREA W/NEG REULT".

(2) 111515H L/3/4 OB 4 EN WEARING CIV CLOTHING W/WPN (YD 159685). TOOK EN UNDER "/A FIRE AND "SEARCHED AREA W/NEG REULT".

D. EVENT:

(1) MONTAGNARD TRUONG CON PLT OPERATING IN VIC OF (XD 994484), (YD 012479), (YD 167632) AND (XD 991441), ND MANY OTHER MONTAGNARD HAMLET REPORTED TO 3/3 DURING THEIR OPN AT (XD 994484) THAT ABOUT 3 WEEK AGO 10 VC HAD LIVED IN THE HAMLET FOR APPROX 1 MONTH. EN CAME INTO THE HAMLET FM THE WEST W/O WPN. EN "AID THEY HAD LEFT THE MTN" BECAUSE OF AIR "TRIKE", AND ARTY. THE 0 VC WERE REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN FM A PLT OF 25 MEN THAT WERE "SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN IN THE 4 G" SURROUNDING (XD 9550) APPROX 2 MONTH AGO. WHILE "STAYING IN THE HAMLET THEY JOINED IN THE HAMLET WORK AND DID NOT FUNCTION AS VC.

(2) FOLLOW ON TO MY TITREP NR 138 PARA C(3): AO OB 2 RKT TUBE GREEN DRAB IN COLOR AND "SLIGHTLY SHORTER IN LENGTH THAN 3.5 RKT LAUNCHER. EN W/ MOVING N. ARTY MTN W/ FIRED W/RESULT UNK.

(3) FOLLOW ON TO MY TITREP NR 54 PARA D(10); UMC CASUALTIES 4 WIA OF WHICH 1 W/ MED EVACED.

(4) LATE ENTRY: 111035H K/3/9 LOC 1 CASE OF 50 CAL LINK AMMO IN 2 AMMO CAN VIC TK TRAIL (YD 085557). ALSO LOC 1 GREN FUZE AT (YD 066560). ITEM WERE DELIVERED TO 3D MAR CP.

(5) 111108H 3/4 LEAD ELEMENT LOC (YD 136666).

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(6) 111139H 3/4 LEAD ELEMENT LOC (YD 136674).
 (7) 111154H 1/3/9 LOC (YD 046596).
 (8) 111223H K/3/4 LEAD ELEMENT LOC (YD 157675).
 (9) 111210H H/2/26 (YD 083627) LOC 2 NVA HELMET ON TRAIL.
 WILL FORWARD TO G-2.
 (10) 111230H K/3/4 LOC (YD 144676), L/3/4 (YD 142674), CMD
 GRP 3/4 (YD 136666).
 (11) 111234H K/3/4 ENTERED VILLAGE VIC (YD 567) LOC FREMLY
 DUG FIGHTING HOLE.
 (12) 111235H K/3/4 LOC WHAT APPEAR TO BE HARBOR SITE W/APPROX
 20 FIGHTING HOLE AND HUT 2X2X4 FT (WHICH HAD BEEN TORN DOWN).
 FIGHTING HOLE WERE FREMLY DUG. APPEAR TO BE MORE PNC IN VILLAGE.
 QUESTIONED NATIVE WHO STATED HOLE MAY HAVE BELONGED TO VNMC
 WHO LEFT AREA 4 DAY AGO.
 (13) 111241H 2/26 CMD GRP LOC (YD 105614), E/2/26 (YD 105614)
 W/LEAD ELEMENT AT (YD 102616), G/2/26 (YD 103635) W/LEAD ELEMENT
 AT (YD 101636), H/2/26 LOC (YD 090631).
 (14) 111245H H/2/26 LOC FREMLY GRAVE W/HEADSTONE INSCRIBED WITH
 "DEAD SOLDIER", NAME, AND "KILLED 28 FEB 67". RESULT; 1 EN KIA (C).
 DELETE 1 KIA (P).
 (15) 111305H I/3/9 LOC GRASS CHACK (YD 046592) 12X12 FT.
 SHOWED NO SIGN OF RECENT ACTIVITY IN AREA FOR APPROX 1 MONTH.
 CHACK DESTROYED.
 (16) 111330H 3/4 CP (YD 137665), K/3/4 (YD 154680) AND L/3/4

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(YD 150882).

(17) 111340H 3/9 CP AND M/3/9 LOC VIC (YD 029582) OBJ NR 5. L/3/9 LOC (YD 045594).

(18) 111340H G/2/26 LOC (YD 100640) W/LEAD ELEMENT AT (YD 100638).

(19) 111400H 2/26 CMD GRP (YD 07615), W/LEAD ELEMENT AT (YD 108616), G/2/26 LOC (YD 100640).

(20) 111420H K/3/3 2D PLT DEPARTED CP TO E'TAB PPB.

(21) 111420H M/3/9 (YD 054521) BEGAN TO DESTROY BUNKER AT 111420H. AT 111420H APPROX 7 BUNKER DESTROYED BUNKER WERE CONSTRUCTED OF HARD WOOD W/ SOME REINF W/CONCRETE. AVERAGE SIZE OF BUNKER WERE 10X15 FT.

(22) 111430H H/2/26 LOC 6 GRAVE APPROX 2 WEEK OLD, 1 "E" TOOL (NON "E"). 2 GRAVE INSCRIBED "31623 KT". RESULT 6 EN KIA (C). DELETE 6 KIA (P).

I (23) 111455H 3/4 LOC VIC (YD 180662). WILL E'TAB NIGHT DEF P*N CONDUCTING PTL AND AMB W/EMPHASIS NORTH AND EAST.

(24) 111600H H/2/26 LOC (YD 090631) CONTINUE MOVEMENT NE TO VIC (YD 100640) AND LINK UP WITH ~~G/2/26~~ AND E'TAB NIGHT DEF P*N. E. INTENTION: FOR NEXT 24 HOUR;

A

(1) HQ CO 3D MAR PROVIDE SEC FOR CP. CONTINUE TO IMPROVE DEF P*N AND CONSTRUCTION BY ENGR OF 3D MAR NEW COC UNDERGROUND BUNKER. CONTINUE TO REINF PROTECTIVE WALL AND TRENCH IN PRESENT COC.

(2) PLT K/3/9, W/1/12 AND RF 256 MAINTAIN DEF VIC BA LONG W/O P. CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PA*EP.

(3) 3/3: PROVIDE SEC FOR OP ON THON CON LAM. L/3/3(-) MAINTAIN DEF P*N NORTH OF THON CON LAM W/SD M/3/3 LOC AT PB ON RAZORBACK. CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PA*EP. HVY SEC CO A 3D TK EMPLOYED VIC CO KL CP (XD 976563). H&S/3/3 MAINTAIN DEF P*N SOUTH OF THON CON LAM. CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PA*EP. K/3/3 AND RF 123 MAINTAIN DEF P*N AT CA LU AND OP ON HILL 110. CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PA*EP. 4 TWIN 40MM "P" PROVIDE SEC FOR 3/3 CP.

(4) 3/9: PLT I/3/9 AND 4 TWIN 40MM "P", 3 TK PROVIDE SEC FOR THE KHE GIA BRIDGE W/O P ON HILL 252. CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PA*EP. L/3/9 AND RF 122 MAINTAIN DEF P*N VIC D-5 W/O P HILL 290. CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PA*EP. H&S/3/9, HQ CO 3D MAR, U*A, CO A 3D AT BN, AND CO A 3D TK BN PROVIDE SEC FOR CAMP CARROLL W/O P HILL 250 AND NORTH HILL. C/1/44 ARTY U*A D/F 3/9, PROVIDE DIRECT FIRE AND AA SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL.

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(5) 3/3 AND 3/9 CONTINUE TO EXECUTE MY OPN PRAIRIE II FRAG O 12-67 AND MY 102115H MAR 67.

(6) 2/26 CONTINUE TO EXECUTE "D OPN IAW MY OPN PRAIRIE II 091015Z MAR 67 AND MY 0215H MAR 67.

(7) 3/4 CONTINUE TO EXECUTE "D OPN IAW 3D MARDIV (FWD) FRAG O 7-67 AND M 10215H MAR 67

(8) ALL UNIT^s ECTAB NIGHT DEF P^{DN} EXECPT FOR 2/26 COMD GRP AND H/2/26 WILL LINK UP AND MOVE NE TO LINK UP WITH G/2/26 AND ECTAB NIGHT DEF P^{DN}. ALL UNIT^s WILL CONDUCT EXT PTL AND AMB ACTIVITIE^s VIC OF P^{DN}. CONTINUE OPN 12FEB, OR ORDER.

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIE^s:

(1) FR: 70 KIA, 327 WIA
(2) EN: 388 KIA (C), 203 KIA (P), 2PW (VC), 10 PW (NVA),
2 RETURNEE^s (SEE PARA D(14) AND D(22) THI^s ITREP)

G. ARVN/U^sMC OPN: NONE

H. RECOVERY OF U^s MATERIAL: NONE

I. "COUT" NIPER TEAM^s: 3D MAR MAINTAIN^s 10 TM^s

(1) HQ CO 3D MAR EMPLOYED 4 TM^s DEF P^{DN}. PROVIDED SEC FOR ENGR "WEEP TM ALONG RTE 558 THI^s AM.

(2) 2 TM^s W/11TH ENGR^s.

(3) 2 TM^s EMPLOYED WITH M/3/9 DURING OPN.

(4) 2 TM^s WITH H&P/3/9, OP LONG RANGE "NIPPING.

(5) NEG REPORT.

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 FM CO THIRD MARINE^E
 TO THIRD MARDIV (FWD)
 INFO TWELFTH MARINE^E
 ZENTHIRD BN THIRD MARINE^E
 THIRD BN FOURTH MARINE^E
 ZEN/THIRD BN NINTH MARINE^E
 ECOND BN TWENTY-TWELFTH MARINE^E
 ZEN/FIR^T BN TWELFTH MARINE^E
 THIRD ENGR BN
 ZEN/CO A THIRD TK BN
 ZEN/CO A THIRD AT BN
 FIR^T BN FORTY-FOURTH ARTY U^A
 ZEN/SECOND BN NINETY-FOURTH ARTY U^A
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OPN PRAIRIE II

1. WITREP NR 156 A^E OF 12400H MAR 67
 A. LOCATION^E:

M/3/3 (-) AND PLT L/3/3 (YD 0085 01)
 3/9 CMD GRP (YD 02585)
 I 3/9 (YD 02585)
 M/3/9 (YD 02585)
 2/26 CMD GRP (YD 0976 30)
 E/2/26 (YD 104615)
 C/2/26 (YD 113643)
 R/2/26 (YD 093632)
 3/4 CMD GRP (YD 162680)
 K/3/4 (YD 162680)
 L/3/4 (YD 162680)

B. SUMMARY:

(1) M/3/3, 3/9(-), 2/26(-) AND 3/4(-) CONDUCTED "D OPN IAW
 MY OPN PRAIRIE II FRAG O 12-67, MY 091015Z MAR 67 AND 3D MARDIV
 (FWD) FRAG O 7-67 IAW MY 102115H MAR 67.

(2) CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES FOR MY OPN PRAIRIE II FRAG O 12-67
 AND MY 091015Z MAR 67: NO CHANGE.

C. CONTACT^E:

(1) 111530H K/3/4 PTL (YD 168678) RECD "A FIRE FM 6 EN
 WEARING CIV AND KHAKI W/WHITE JUNGLE HELMET" ARMED W/CARB.
 RTRND "A FIRE AND EN BROKE CONTACT FLEEING IN UNK DIRECTION.

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RE"ULT" UNK.

(2) 111802H C/1/44 ARTY U" A CAMP CARROLL DEF P" N AT MAIN GATE (YD 058548) HEARD "/A FIRE ACROSS" VALLEY AND OB" 3 IN CLIMBING HILL 108 VIC (YD 05575). TWIN 40MM "P FIRED M" N. RE"ULT" UNK.

(3) 111240H 3/9 OP (YD 025535) RECD ONE INCOMING GREN. NO CA"UALTIE".

D. EVENT":

(1) 111725H 3D MAR ALO REPORTED AO OB" 7 EN IN "STATIONARY P" N. CLOTHING AND EQUIP ONOB". ARTY M" N FIRED W/AO ON "STATION. RE"ULT" UNK.

(2) 111800H 2/25 CMD GRP LOC (YD 091629), G/2/25 (YD 114643), H/2/25 (YD 092532) W/LEAD ELEMENT" AT (YD 092532). 3/4CMD GRP LOC (YD 162580), L/3/4 (YD 162580) AND K/3/4 (YD 162580).

(3) 111825H M/3/3 (YD 009570) E"TAB PB FOR THE NIGHT.

(4) 111835H K/3/3 (YD 979535) E"TAB PB FOR THE NIGHT.

(5) 111835H K/3/3 PTL (YD 980587) LOC BA" E CAMP APPROX 1 MONTH OLD. E"TT CO "SIZE. EVIDENCE OF RECENT U" E AND LOG CUTTING IN AREA. FOLLOWED TRAIL N APPROX 100 MTR" LOCATION A NR OF FIGHTING HOLE" 3X2 FT W/NO FRESH "IGH" IN AREA. FOLLOWED "ECOND TRAIL "OUTH TO PRE"ENT LOC (YD 979535). COMPLETE "EARCH OF AREA W/NEG RE"ULT".

(6) 111900H 2/25 NIGHT P" N; CMD GRP (YD 097630), E/2/25 (YD 104615), G/2/25 (YD 113643) AND H/2/25 (YD 093632).

(7) 111915H 3/9CMD GRP AND I/3/9 LINKED UP WITH M/3/9 AND E"TAB NIGHT DEF P" N (YD 025535).

(8) 112125H CAMP CARROLL DEF PERIMETER P" N VIC (YD 056547) OB" 2 LIGHT" AT (YD 055533). 4 RD" 81MM HE, 4 RD" TWIN 40MM "P FIRED W/G" COVERED. LIGHT" EXTINGUI"ED. RE"ULT" UNK.

E. INTENTION": CONTINUE TO EXECUTE MY OPN PRAIRIE II FRAG O 12-67 AND MY 091015Z MAR 67. MAINTAIN NIGHT DEF P" N AND COMMENCE OPN IAW MY 112115H MAR 67.

F. CUMULATIVE CA"UALTIE": NO CHANGE.

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 TO THIRD MARDIV (FWD)
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 THIRD BN FOURTH MARINE
 ZEN/THIRD BN NINTH MARINE
 SECOND BN TWENTY "IX MARINE"
 ZEN/FIRST BN TWELFTH MARINE
 THIRD BNCR BN
 ZEN/CO A THIRD AT BN
 ZEN/CO A THIRD TK BN
 FIRST BN FORTY FOURTH ARTY U/A
 ZEN/SECOND BN NINTY FOURTH ARTY U/A
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 OPN PRAIRIE II
 1. "ITREP NR 157 A" OF 120600H MAR 67
 A. LOCATION: NO CHANGE
 B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE
 C. CONTACT: NONE

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D. EVENT: 120315H C-47 AIRCRAFT, MOUNTING 50 CAL
 MINI-GUN, CALLED IN BY ARVN FORCE, FIRED ON 3/4 NIGHT P/N
 (YD 152680). AIRCRAFT CALLED OFF. SITUATION TABLIZED.
 NO FRIENDLY CASUALTIES.
 E. INTENTION: CONTINUE TO EXECUTE MY OPN PRAIRIE II FRAG
 O 12-67 AND MY 091015Z MAR 67.
 F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE

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 FM CO THIRD MARINE
 TO THIRD MARDIV (FWD)
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 ZEN/THIRD BN THIRD MARINE
 ZEN/THIRD BN NINTH MARINE
 THIRD BN FOURTH MARINE
 "ECOND BN TWENTY SIXTH MARINE"
 ZEN/FIRST BN TWELFTH MARINE
 THIRD ENGR BN
 ZEN/CO A THIRD AT BN
 ZEN/CO A THIRD TK BN
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3/9 CMD GRP (YD 018575)
 I/3/9 (YD 016578)
 M/3/9 (YD 023574)
 2/25 CMD GRP (YD 098636) MOVING
 E/2/25 (YD 105615)
 C/2/25 (YD 108641) MOVING
 H/2/25 (YD 089634) MOVING
 3/4 CMD GRP (YD 163680)
 K/3/4 (YD 163680)
 L/3/4 (YD 163680)

B. SUMMARY:

- (1) CONTINUE TO EXECUTE MY OPN PRAIRIE II FRAG O 12-67 AND MY 091015Z MAR 67 IAW MY 112115 HOTEL MAR 67.
- (2) 3/3 CONTINUE F&D OPN IN AIGNED AREA WITH ONE CO SEARCHING FOR POSSIBLE MORTAR AND/OR ROCKET "ITE".
- (3) 3/9 CONTINUE F&D OPN IN AIGNED AREA. BE PREPARED TO HELOLIFT CMD GRP AND CO (-) TO CP ON ORDER.
- (4) 2/25 CONTINUE F&D OPN IN AIGNED AREA. COMMENCE MOVE NORTH AT 1200Z TOWARD OBJ. CONTINUE TO DESTROY BUNKER. 5 "SCOUT NIPER TEAM" WILL BE HELO-LIFTED TO 2/25

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 (5) 3/4 CONTINUE "D OPN IN ASSIGNED AREA AT FIRST LIGHT
 COMMENCE MOVEMENT NORTH TO VIC (YD 165688) AND ESTABLISH
 BLOCKING PTN.

(6) CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES FOR MY OPN PRAIRIE II FRAG 0
 12-67 AND MY 091015Z MAR 67.

(A) FR: 1 KIA, 5 WIA

(B) EN: 5 KIA (C), 1 KIA (P)

C. CONTACT:

(1) 120513H K/3/4 (YD 165684) OBSERVED 3 FIGURES MOVING
 DOWN TRAIL. K/3/4 FIRED "A AND FIGURES DISAPPEARED IN
 DARKNESS. SWEEP AREA LOCATING 1 ENEMY BODY. K/3/4 WAS FIRED
 UPON BY APPROX 3-6 ENEMY. K/3/4 RETURNED "A FIRE AND
 ASSAULTED ENEMY KILLING 4 ENEMY AND INDICATION OF 1 EN
 KIA (P). RECOVERED 3 AK-47 W/7 LOAD MAG, 2 CHICOM
 CONCUSSION GREN, 1 KNIFE, 2 GA MACK, 1 PR FIELD GLASS,
 1 COMPASS, 1 FLASH LIGHT, 1 HAMMOCK, 2 CANTEEN, 1 CARTRIDGE
 BELT, 2 CAN OF FOOD AND ASSORTED PERSONAL GEAR AND
 DOCUMENT. RESULT 1 UMC KIA, 1 UMC WIA, 5 EN KIA (C),
 1 EN KIA (P).

(2) 120730H 3D MAR ALO REPORTED AO OBSERVED 5-20
 ENEMY AT (YD 057648) ARTY FIRED MISSION RESULTING IN
 5 EN KIA (C), AND 3 EN KIA (P).

(3) 120810H 3D MAR ALO REPORTED AO OBSERVED ENEMY IN
 OPEN AT (YD 054656) ARTY FIRED MISSION RESULTING IN 3 EN
 KIA (C) AND 2 EN KIA (P).

D. EVENT:

(1) 120745H, I/3/9 MOVING TOWARD M/3/9 CP. I/3/9 WILL
 CONTINUE TO MOVE WEST.

(2) 120935H 3/9 NOW ACROSS PL BLUE (GL 02).

(3) 121005H 3/4 MAINTAINING PRESENT PTN. CONDUCTING
 PTL IN VIC OF PTN.

(4) 121005H 3/9 LEAD ELEMENT LOC AT (YD 027587).

(5) 121010H 2/25 CMD GRP LOC (YD 099635) AND LEAD
 ELEMENT OF K/2/25 LOC (YD 098634).

(6) 121030H M/3/3 LOC (YD 202573).

E. INTENTION: CONTINUE TO EXECUTE MY OPN PRAIRIE II FRAG 0
 12-67 AND MY 091015Z IAW MY 12115H MAR 67.

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

(1) FR: 71 KIA, 328 WIA

(2) EN: 393 KIA (C), 204 KIA (P), 2 PW (VC), 10 PW (NVA),
 2 RETURNEE.

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 TO THIRD MARDIV (FWD)
 INFO TWELFTH MARINE
 ZEN/THIRD BN THIRD MARINE
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 ZEN/FIR'T BN TWELFTH MARINE"
 THIRD ENGR BN
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 ZEN/CO A THIRD TK BN
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 THIRD BN FOURTH MARINE"

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OPN PRAIRIE II

1. "ITREP NR 159 A" OF 121800H MAR 67

A. LOCATION:

- (1) HQ CO 3D MAR (YD 066543)
- (2) "OP BA LONG (YD 163397) AND RF CO 26
 K/3/9 (YD 166403)
 W/1/1 2 (YD 165402)
- (3) 3/3 (YD 983544)
 I/3/3 (-) (YD 983544)
 K/3/3 (YD 011458) AND RF CO- 23
 PLT L/3/3 (YD 983544)
 PLT L/3/3 (PLU") (YD 976568)
- (4) 3/9 (YD 063551) AND PLT L/3/9
 PLT I/3/9 (YD 026562)
 PLT L/3/9 (YD 094514) AND RF CO 122
- (5) M/3/3 (-) AND PLT L/3/3 (YD 044575) MOVING
 3/9 CMD GRP (YD 033604)
 I/3/9 (-) (YD 033604)
 M/3/9 (YD 033604)
 2/26 (YD 124664) MOVING
 E/2/26 (YD 124665) MOVING
 G/2/26 (YD 113659) MOVING
 H/2/26 (YD 124664)
 CMD GRP 3/4 (YD 163680)

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K/3/4 (YD 163680)
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(6) MECHANIZED EQUIP EMPLOYED AT CAMP CARROLL:
 HILL 20: 1 ONTO", 1 TWIN 40MM "P
 NORTH HILL: 1 TANK
 WATER POINT: 1 TANK, 1 ONTO", 2 TWIN 40MM "P
 KHE GIA BRIDGE: 3 TANK", 4 TWIN 40MM "P

(7) OP/PPB

(A) OP

BA LONG NR 1 (YD 157418) K/3/9
 BA LONG NR 2 (YD 167394) K/3/9
 BA LONG NR 3 (YD 163390) K/3/9
 BA LONG NR 4 (YD 158392) K/3/9
 ROCKPILE (XD 978559) 3/3
 NORTH HILL (YD 060555) 3/9
 HILL 20 (YD 069555) 3/9
 HILL 110 (YD 005461) K/3/3
 HILL 290 (YD 066502) K/3/3
 HILL 252 (YD 022558) I/3/9

(B) PPB

M/3/3 (XD 967564) RAZORBACK
 L/3/9 (YD 034510)
 K/3/9 (YD 165437)

01 E, AND 98 W.
 K/3/3 IN AREA BOUNDED BY (YD 0248), (YD 0048),
 (YD 0646), (YD 0347) (YD 03248)

B. SUMMARY:

(1) HQ CO 3D MAR PROVIDED "EC FOR CP. CONTINUE TO IMPROVE DEF P"N. ENGR" COMMENCED CONSTRUCTION OF UNDER GROUND BUNKER FOR 3D MAR NEW COC REINF PROTECTIVE "AND BAG WALL AND TRENCH IN PRESENT COC.

(2) K/3/9, W/1/12 AND RF 256 MAINTAINED DEF P"N AT BA LONG.
 (3) 3/3: OP ON THON "ON LAM. L/3/3 (-) NORTH OF THON "ON LAM W/PB ON RAZORBACK. LT "ECT AT AND 1 HVY "ECT CO A 3D TK" VIC CO L CP. I, H&"3/3 "OUTH OF THON "ON LAM. 4 TWIN 40MM "P 3/3 CP. K/3/3 LT "ECT AT, 2 TWIN 40MM "P, AND RF 123 AT CA LU W/OP HILL 110.

(4) 3/9: PLT I/3/9 (-) AND 1 TWIN 40MM "P AT THE KHE GIA BRIDGE. L/3/9 AND RF 22 AT D-5. H&"3/9, HQ CO 3D

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MAR AND UCA UNIT, 3D AT BN, AND 3D TK BN CAMP CARROLL W/OP HILL 20 AND NORTH HILL. C/1/44 ARTY UCA D/F 3/9, PROVIDED DIRECT FIRE AND AA EC FOR CAMP CARROLL.

(5) WEATHER CONDITION HAD NO ADVERSE EFFECT ON OPN THE LAST 24 HOUR.

(6) NON-BATTLE CASUALTIES: MED-EVAC: H/2/26 TWISTED ANKLE.

(7) M/3/3, CMD GRP, CO I AND M/3/9: CMD GRP, CO E, C AND H 2/26 AND CMD GRP, CO K AND L/3/4 CONDUCTED "A" OPN LAW MY OPN PRAIRIE II FRAG 0 12-67, MY 0910 52 MAR 67 AND MY 112115H MAR 67.

(8) CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES FOR MY OPN PRAIRIE II FRAG 0 12-67 AND MY 091015Z MAR 67.

(A) FR: 1 KIA, 5 WIA

(B) EN: 6 KIA (C), 1 KIA (P)

C. CONTACT:

(1) 121035H G/2/26 OB 1 EN WEARING KHAKI UNIFORM, ARMED W/UNK TYPE WPN AT (YD 119649). ARTY FIRED M/N. "SEARCHED AREA W/NEG RESULT".

(2) 121213H E/2/26 (YD 77:61) "QD ENGAGED 2 EN WEARING O.D. SHIRT AND KHAKI TROUSER" W/O PACK. CAPTURED 1 CARB AND 4 GRENS. GRENS DESTROYED. RESULT; 1 EN KIA (C) AND 1 EN KIA (P).

(3) 121225H 2/26 CMD GRP (YD 102640) RECD "/A FIRE ON LEFT FLANK FM UNK NR EN. RTRND "/A FIRE, 8 MM M/N FIRED RESULT UNK. "SEARCHED AREA W/NEG RESULT".

(4) 121245H G/2/26 (YD 105652) RECD "/A AND AUTO WPN FIRE FM UNK NR EN (YD 107651). ARTY FIRED M/N. RESULT UNK.

D. EVENT:

(1) LATE ENTRY; 20820H G/2/26 LOC FOOTPRINT AT TRAIL JCT LEADING NORTH AT (YD 100648). UNABLE TO DETERMINE SIZE OF UNIT.

(2) 121045H 2/26 CMD GRP LOC (YD 099637) FOUND 1 DEAD NVA WEARING O.D. UNIFORM. APPEARED DEAD 1 WEEK W/BODY DECOMPOSED AND UNABLE TO DETERMINE IF KILLED BY "/A OR "HAPNEL WOUND". LOC W/BODY WERE 1 CARB (TYPE UNK) AND 1 "/UB MG (TYPE UNK). RESULT; 1 EN KIA (C). DELETE EN KIA (P).

(3) 121140H I/2/26 LEADCNG ELEMENT (YD 08591).

(4) 121216H 2/26 CMD GRP LOC (YD 640102), H/2/26 LOC (YD 634101).

(5) 121230H I/3/9 (YD C18592) LOC 12 FIGHTING HOLE/BUNKER. 2X3 FT "HOW NO SIGN" OF RECENT USE. FURTHER "SEARCH OF AREA W/NEG RESULT".

(6) 121240H M/3/9 LOC (YD 023481).

(7) 121319H H/2/26 AND 2/26 CMD GRP LINKED UP AT (YD 105642). CONTINUE MOVEMENT AFAP.

(8) 121335H 3/9 LOC (YD 020594).

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(9) 121338H CMD GRP AND H/2/26 LOC AT (YD 105642) W/LEAD ELEMENT AT (YD 107642).

(10) 121338H M/3/3 LOC 1T PLT (YD 036575), 2D PLT (YD 030522) AND 3D PLT (YD 040577).

(11) 121417H I/3/9 LOC (YD 022595).

(12) 121455H 3/9 LOC (YD 030601).

(13) 121500H 2/26 CMD GRP (YD 112649), G AND H/2/26 (YD 112650).

(14) 121545H 3/9 LOC (YD 039613).

(15) 121642H 3/9 CROPPED PL GOLD (GL 03) MOVING EAST.

(16) 121645H M/3/3 LOC 1T PLT (YD 045585), 2D PLT (YD 035500) AND 3D PLT (YD 044583).

(17) 121618H COMMENCED HELO LIFT OF E/2/26.

(18) 121645H 2/26 LEAD ELEMENT MOVING NORTH LOC AT (YD 120663). POSTPONED BIVOUAC SITE AT (YD 122663).

(19) 121646H COMPLETED HELO LIFT OF E/2/26.

(20) 121725H 3/9 LEAD ELEMENT OCCUPYING OBJ 7 (YD 044605).

E. INTENTION: FOR NEXT 24 HOUR:

(1) HQ CO 3D MAR PROVIDE SEC FOR CP. CONTINUE TO IMPROVE DEF P*N AND CONSTRUCTION BY ENGR OF 3D MAR NEW COC UNDERGROUND BUNKER. CONTINUE TO REINF PROTECTIVE WALL AND TRENCH IN PRESENT COC.

(2) PLT K/3/9, W/1/12, AND RF 256 MAINTAIN DEF VIC BA LONG W/OP. CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PA*EP.

(3) 3/3: PROVIDE SEC FOR OP ON THON ON LAM. L/3/3 (-) MAINTAIN DEF P*N NORTH OF THON ON LAM W/QD M/3/3 LOC AT PB ON RAZORBACK. CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PA*EP. HVY SEC CO A 3D TK EMPLOYED VIC CO L CP (YD 976568). I, H&C/3/3 MAINTAIN DEF P*N SOUTH OF THON ON LAM. CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PA*EP. KKKTXE AND RF 23 MAINTAIN DEF P*N AT CA LU AND OP ON HILL 110. CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PA*EP. 4TWIN 40MM "P PROVIDE SEC FOR 3/3 CP.

(4) 3/9: PLT I/3/9 AND 4 TWIN 40MM "P, 3 TK PROVIDE SEC FOR THE KHE GIA BRIDGE W/OP HILL 252. CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PA*EP. L/3/9 AND RF 122 MAINTAIN DEF P*N VIC D-5 W/OP HILL 290. CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PA*EP. H&C/3/9, HQ CO 3D MAR, U*A, CO A 3D AT BN, AND CO A 3D T BN PROVIDE SEC FOR CAMP CARROLL W/OP HILL 250 AND NORTH HILL. C/1/44 ARTY U*A D/3/9, PROVIDE DIRECT FIRE AND AA SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL.

(5) 3/3 AND 3/9 CONTINUE TO EXECUTE MY OPN PRAIRIE II FRAG O 12-67 AND MY 112115H MAR 67.

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(6) 2/25 CONTINUE TO EXECUTE "D OPN IAW MY OPN PRAIRIE II
091015Z MAR 67 AND MY 1 2115H MAR 67.

(7) 3/4 CONTINUE TO EXECUTE "D OPN IAW
3D MARDIV (FWD) FRAG 0 7-67 AND MY 112115H MAR 67.

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

(1) FR: 71 KIA, 328 WIA

(2) EN: 395 KIA (C), 204 KIA (P), 2 PW (VC), 10 PW (NVA),
2 RETURNEE ("EE PARA D(2) THI" "ITREP")

G. ARVN/U.S. MC OPN: NONE

H. RECOVERY OF U.S. MATERIAL: NONE

I. "COUT-NIPER TEAM": 3D MAR MAINTAIN 11 TM

(1) 2 TM W/11TH ENGR.

(2) 2 TM EMPLOYED WITH M/3/9 DURING OPN.

(3) 2 TM WITH H&C/3/9, OP LONG RANGE "NIPPING".

(4) 5 TM W/2/26 (1 TM WITH E, 2 TM WITH G, AND 2 TM WITH H).

(5) NEG REPORT.

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