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PART I

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

3d Marines (Reinf)

COMMANDER

Colonel J. P. LAMIGAN (1-30 April)

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Hq Co, 3d Marines

Captain W. J. FETERS (1-30 April)

3d Battalion, 3d Marines

Lieutenant Colonel G. WILDER (1-30 April)

3d Battalion, 9th Marines

Lieutenant Colonel J. S. WILSON (1-30 April)

1st Battalion, 4th Marines

Lieutenant Colonel T. J. WILLIS (1 April only)
Lieutenant Colonel T. J. WILLIS (9 April only)

1st Battalion, 9th Marines

Major D. J. FULHAM (1-3 April)

3d Battalion, 4th Marines

Lieutenant Colonel W. N. VEST (1-2 April)

SOP 3d MarDiv/III MAF Rep/
KHE SANHLieutenant Colonel E. J. RAEDER (20-25 April)
Colonel J. P. LAMIGAN (26-30 April)2. LOCATION.

1-30 April: QUANG TRI Province, (West of DONG HA), RVN (YD 066543)

3. STAFF OFFICERS.

Executive Officer

Lieutenant Colonel Jack WESTERMAN (1-30 April)

S-1

WO C. M. CHRISTENSEN (1-30 April)

S-2

Captain A. P. SCAMBELLURI (1-30 April)

S-2A

2d Lieutenant J. L. WEISENBERGER (1-30 April)

S-3

Major F. A. KARTER (1-30 April)

S-3A

Captain L. S. GREEN (1-30 April)

S-3B

Captain R. R. BEERS (1-30 April)

S-4

Major H. L. LONG (1-30 April)

S-4A

Master Gunnery Sergeant P. J. NERIS (1-30 April)

SOP BA LONG

Major W. M. FORREY (1-5 April)

Supply Officer

Captain J. J. MCGOWAN (21-30 April)

AIO

1st Lieutenant W. E. FUOSS (1-6 April)

GEO

2d Lieutenant F. H. GOSLIN JR (7-30 April)

Assistant GEO

Major A. E. STARK (1-30 April)

Captain C. G. ARNOLD (1-30 April)

1st Lieutenant C. D. CLARKE (1-14 April)

Captain G. W. BROOKS (20-30 April)

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MFO
CAO

Chaplain

Surgeon
Dentist

2d Lieutenant W. R. HARGETT (1-30 April)
 Captain C. G. ARNOLD (1-15 April)
 Captain J. B. GARRETT (16-30 April)
 Lieutenant Commander P. C. OLYMER, CMO, USN.
 (1-30 April)
 Lieutenant J. G. GREER, MC, USMP, (1-30 April)
 Lieutenant J. W. NECKERSON JR, DC, USNR
 (26-30 April)

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

| USMC | | USN | |
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| OFF | ENL | OFF | ENL |
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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

Intentions for 1 April called for 3/4 to complete a thorough search of the objective area in THON BAI AN, then sweep in a southeasterly direction through THIEN CHANH (YD 16564). 3/9 was to continue in the execution of its previously assigned mission. 1/4 was directed to search west to the DMZ from its blocking position, leaving one company to block.

By 011446H, 3/4 had completed its search of THON BAI AN and commenced movement to the southeast toward THIEN CHANH. Nighttime positions were set up in the vicinity of THIEN CHANH. 3/4 had no contact on 1 April. 3/9 continued to operate in the vicinity of the I/3/9 contact and encountered sporadic contact while discovering additional enemy bodies left in the battle area from 30 March. Nighttime positions were set up in the vicinity of NUI HO KIEM (YD 1064). 1/4 swept west toward the DMZ, then returned to the vicinity of CON THIEN to set up nighttime positions. No contact was made.

Intentions for 2 April envisioned 1/4 chopping to CTG 79.5 and then to Division(Forward) terminating Operation BEACON HILL and passing to PRAIRIE III. 1/4 was also to be lifted to DONG HA on 2 April. 3/4 was to chop to Division(Forward) on the morning of 2 April and move to a pickup point for movement by truck to DONG HA. 3/9 was to move south, following the trace of grid line YD 10 and searching out thoroughly 1500 meters to either side of Hill 84 and 124. The battalion was to be prepared for movement to Camp CARROLL on 3 April.

At 020159H 1/4 chopped to CTG 79.5 and then to Division(Forward). The battalion commenced helilift to DONG HA at 021038H. At 020600H 3/4 chopped to Division(Forward) and commenced movement to DONG HA by foot and motor march. 3/9 commenced movement south toward Hill 84 and 124 with the intention of swinging east, after securing the two objectives and advancing toward the CAI LO Bridge along the northern side of the CAI LO River. At 021511H 3/9 occupied Hill 124 (YD 078622), and at 1549H the battalion secured Hill 84 (YD 091619). Nighttime positions were set up in the vicinity of Hill 84. Also on 2 April, 3d Marines controlled a ROUGH RIDER convoy transporting F/2/12 to KHE SANH as it passed through the 3d Marines area of operations.

Intentions for 3 April were predicated on the return of 3/9 to Camp CARROLL to relieve 1/9. 1/9 was to return to DONG HA and chop to Division (Forward). The ROUGH RIDER was also to return to DONG HA on 3 April.

At 030736H 3/9 commenced movement south from its nighttime positions toward Route 9. At 0844H the first elements of 3/9 were picked up on Route 9. At 0945H, L/3/3 passed back to the operational control of 3/3 from 3/9. At 1046H the final elements of 3/9 arrived at Camp CARROLL terminating the operation. Results of the operation were 83 enemy KIA (conf), 63 KIA (prob) and 2 PW (NVA).

On 3 April the ROUGH RIDER convoy returned from KHE SANH to DONG HA. Procedures remained the same regarding command and control. After the

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return of 3/9 to Camp CARROLL relieving 1/9 of the defense, 1/9 moved to DONG HA by truck convoy and chopped to Division(Forward) at 031200H.

During the next week 3d Marines emphasized heavy patrolling activity within the area of operations, coupled with an opportunity for battalions to refit units which had been heavily employed during the last month. During this period the two battalions were outfitted with the XM-6E1 rifle, replacing the M14. Long range patrols of platoon size or larger, operating in the field over a 2-4 day period, were employed by both battalions.

On 9 April 1/4(-) returning from CON THIEU by truck convoy along Route 76 made contact with an enemy force of unknown size. As a precaution against a major enemy effort to ambush the convoy, Division(Forward) passed operational control of the convoy to 3d Marines at 091400H. 3d Marines had already placed a company on one hour alert to support such a contingency if a major contact was made. 1/4(-) experienced no further contact and was chopped back to Division(Forward) at 091707H as they arrived in DONG HA.

On 11 March as a result of a recon patrol contact in the vicinity of Hill 492 (XD 924498) on 10 March, 3/3 commenced a sweep from the KHE GIANG THOAN River southeast toward CA LU. The original scheme of maneuver called for 3/3 to land one company and the battalion command group on Hill 492, one company in the vicinity of (XD 933524), and one company in the vicinity (XD 914521). The latter two companies were to sweep generally south to Hill 492 completing Phase I. Phase II was to consist of one company being lifted to the southeast to block while the remaining two companies and the command group swept toward the block.

In order to free three companies of 3/3 to participate in the planned operation, it was necessary to move a company (L/3/9) to 3/3's THON SON LAM position. This was accomplished in two stages on the afternoon of 10 April and the morning of the following day. The movement was completed at 111245H. At 1147H the first elements of 3/3 were lifted into the operating area. The blocking company (L/3/3) and the battalion command group were lifted into the operating area first, completing their lift at 1309H. The two sweep companies (I and K/3/3) completed their lift at 1530H. The three companies set up nighttime positions in separate locations with L/3/3 in its blocking position on Hill 492. The only significant incident of the day was L/3/3's discovery of a camouflaged bunker complex and the capture of assorted enemy 782 gear.

On 12 April 3/3 completed the first phase of the operation. Intentions called for 3/3 to lift one company to Hill 715 (XD 945477) and one company to CA LU. The first company was to move into a blocking position at (XD 940475), and the second company was to move into a blocking position at (XD 965450). The third company and the command group were then to sweep southeast toward CA LU, passing through the first blocking position and picking up the blocking company as they moved. At 121640H, an attempt was made to insert I/3/3 on Hill 712, however, foul weather on Hill 715 prevented the movement. At 121700H K/3/3 was lifted to CA LU and commenced movement to its assigned blocking position. Plans were revised so that both

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I and L/3/3 swept toward the final K/3/3 blocking position, eliminating the intermediate blocking position. Significant incidents during the day consisted of the discovery of several additional enemy positions and the capture of additional enemy equipment including 1 AK47 and assorted ammunition. Nighttime positions for the battalion were set up at (XD 930489), with K/3/3 at (XD 962439).

On 13 April K/3/3 moved northwest to its assigned blocking position as the remainder of the battalion swept toward it. At 131145H L/3/3 made contact with 2 enemy while sweeping south. The contact resulted in 1 USMC KIA and 2 enemy KIA (prob). At 1815H the sweep and blocking forces linked up. Shortly thereafter a Marine detonated a Chicom grenade rigged as a booby trap - several had already been found in the area during the day - resulting in 5 WIA. After the linkup 3/3 commenced movement to its primary position, and all units were in place by 140215H, terminating the operation. Cumulative casualties sustained were 1 KIA and 5 WIA; casualties inflicted on the enemy were 2 KIA (prob). In addition several enemy bunker complexes and tunnels were discovered and destroyed, and numerous items of equipment were captured.

On 14 April M/3/9 returned to Camp CARROLL arriving at 1225H. During the afternoon Division(Forward) received an intelligence report indicating that a VC propaganda team would be spending the night in CAM VU Village (vicinity YD 180615) after disseminating propaganda in the area. M/3/9 was assigned the mission of moving into the area to set up a nighttime blocking position and to sweep the area at first light in conjunction with the Combined Action Platoon in the area. At 1715H M/3/9 departed Camp CARROLL by truck for the CAM LO Bridge. By 2130H the company was established in its blocking position (vicinity YD 175625). At 150645H M/3/9 commenced its sweep of the area. By 1500H the sweep was completed with negative results and the company returned to Camp CARROLL.

On 15 April 3/3 moved Company L to CA LU to replace Company K as the resident infantry company. The movement commenced at 151050H as L/3/3 departed THON SON LAM. The move was completed at 1320H when K/3/3 arrived at THON SON LAM. On 17 April I/3/3 relieved M/3/3 at the fixed position at the northern base of the "ROCKPILE". The relief was completed by 1100H.

During the final phase of PRAIRIE III, 3d Marines conducted numerous patrol activities with emphasis on platoon, or larger, long range patrols of 2-4 day's duration. At 192400H Operation PRAIRIE III was terminated and Operation PRAIRIE IV commenced.

On 200001H 3d Marines assumed OICON of SOF Third MarDiv/III MAF Rep/KHE SANH.

On 21 April one platoon of I/3/9 was helolifted from Camp CARROLL to BA LONG relieving one platoon of K/3/9. On this date K/3/3 provided security for ROUGH RIDER Convoy from DONG HA to KHE SANH and return.

On 22 April in response to a 3d Recon Bn patrol sighting of enemy units M/3/3(-) was helolifted into a HLZ located at (XD 863495). M/3/3(-) was

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to link up with the Recon unit and then conduct search and destroy operations in grid squares (XD 8751), (XD 8851) and (XD 8951) moving generally east along the KHE GIANG THON River toward 3/3 defensive positions. At 1420H Arty commenced prep fires of the LZ (XD 881495) and at 1515H M/3/3 commenced helolift which was completed at 1714H. Company K was unable to link up with the Recon patrol and at 1955H the company established night defensive positions at (XD 900580). The next day a link up was effected with the Recon unit at 231150H and together the two units began their movement to the east. There were no significant sightings and at 251342H M/3/3 was helolifted from the operating area to 3/3 CP.

At 250000H, a 11th Engineer Bn convoy of 3 trucks, supported by a rifle squad and 1 Twin 40mm SF (M42) departed CA LU Outpost. Their destination was a bridge at (XD 912398). At 0830H, in the vicinity of (XD 940442) the convoy (except the lead vehicle) came under extremely heavy small arms and mortar fire. The vehicles were attacked with satchel charges and all vehicles in the killing zone were knocked out. The M42 had a satchel charge thrown in the turret and 2 crew members were killed. The lead vehicle proceeded to a point 500 meters west of the ambush where it detonated a mine and encountered heavy small arms fire. A reaction force from CA LU was dispatched to the scene of the ambush, encountering enemy resistance as it approached the scene. At the same time a relief force from 3/3 was dispatched and this force arrived at the site of the ambush without encountering the enemy. Friendly casualties were med-evaced by helicopter and vehicle. Total friendly casualties were 5 KIA and 24 WIA. As a result of the ambush, no convoys would be allowed beyond the 3/3 CP or the Outpost at CA LU without the prior approval of Commanding Officer, 3d Bn, 3d Marines and then only when it had been determined that the convoy had sufficient security. (Ref: 3d Mar 25132 ZApr67).

As a result of increased sightings and enemy contacts, a Battalion Command Group from 3/3 and K/3/3 was helilifted to the KHE SANH area at 251200H. The Command Group assumed OPCON of B/1/9 and with K/3/3 began a search and destroy operation in the area of Hill 861.

On 26 April, K/3/9 was moved to KHE SANH and at 261200H a Command Group and Companies E, G and H of BLT 2/3 arrived at KHE SANH and chopped to OPCON of 3d Marines. At 271200H Colonel LANIGAN, Commanding Officer, 3d Marines, was designated SOT KHE SANH.

At 271100H, M/3/3 and M/3/9 departed for KHE SANH by fixed wing aircraft and were chopped to SOT KHE SANH. Upon arrival at KHE SANH, M/3/3 relieved K/3/3 and M/3/9 relieved B/1/9, both relieved companies having received heavy casualties in bitter contact with the enemy. K/3/3 was returned to THOI SON LAM and the OPCON of 3/3 while B/1/9 moved to Camp CARROLL and the OPCON of 3/9.

At 280300H, 3d Marines CP and Camp CARROLL was placed on 100% alert as a precautionary measure as a result of an enemy mortar/rocket attack on the DONG HA Combat Base. This alert was secured at 280630H.

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At 281845H on 28 April 1968, approximately 20 enemy troops in a trenchline 4000 meters southwest of Camp CARROLL. Air strikes were conducted with excellent target coverage, which resulted in 10 enemy KIA (prob). Immediately following the air strikes, artillery, tanks, mortars, and Dual 40mm weapons from Camp CARROLL fired into the target area draws and fingers to destroy any remaining enemy attempting to escape. During these fire missions, a secondary explosion was observed, and 4 of the enemy were KIA (prob).

On 29 and 30 April the 3d Marines continued to conduct aggressive patrolling and ambush activity in its assigned area, without significant enemy contacts or incidents.

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. A major assistance effort was undertaken in the CUA Valley to aid the people. Food, clothing and building materials were afforded the people as part of the assistance program.

Psychological Operations during April 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, heavy contact with the enemy continued in the KHE SAMH area. Elsewhere, 3d Marines units continued its mission with emphasis on aggressive patrolling and ambush activities.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTINGS OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- A. COMBAT MISSIONS ASSIGNED
- B. SIGNIFICANT OPERATIONS CONDUCTED
- C. CASUALTIES INFLICTED ON THE ENEMY
- D. CASUALTIES SUSTAINED
- E. NEW TECHNIQUES EMPLOYED
- F. COMMAND RELATIONS
- G. EQUIPMENT
- H. LOGISTICS
- I. CIVIC ACTION
- J. ADMINISTRATION
- K. PERSONNEL
- L. INTELLIGENCE
- M. COMMUNICATIONS
- N. WEATHER
- O. FIRE SUPPORT
- P. AIR SUPPORT
- Q. ACTIVATIONS/DEACTIVATIONS/REDESIGNATIONS
- R. PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS
- S. TRAINING

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; assumed 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 OFCON)

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

Ref: CO, Third Marines 180530Z Feb67 (Opn PRAIRIE IV Frag 0 4-67)

(3) 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 HLZ'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 (Opn PRAIRIE IV Frag 0 5-67)

(4) 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 (Opn PRAIRIE IV Frag 0 6-67)

(5) 3d Marines conducts operations with a Battalion Command Group and Bn (-) in assigned area. Operation to consist primarily of night ambushes. The area of operations is to be shifted every 24 hours.

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

(6) 3d Marines, with 1 Bn (-) (Reinf) conducts Search and Destroy operation in area bounded in the north by GL 53, in the west by GL 88, in the south by the Riviere De QUANG TRI, and in the east by GL CO.

Ref: CO, Third Marines 101320Z Apr67 (Opn PRAIRIE III Frag 0 6-67)

(7) 3d Marines with one company (Reinf) will conduct recon and combat patrols for detection/restriction of enemy infiltration by patrolling out to a range of 15 km of the KHE SANH Combat Base.

Ref: CO, Third Marines 220900Z Apr67 (Opn PRAIRIE IV Frag 0 2-67)

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B. Significant Operations Conducted

(1) 23 March - 3 April 1967

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 relieved of the responsibility for the defense of Camp CARROLL by 1/9 and moved into the operating area by motor march. The operating 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. At 280900H E/2/26 chopped to 3/9 to participate in the operation, and on 30 March 3/4 (Command Group and Companies K and L) were chopped to 3d Marines as a result of heavy enemy contacts.

On 1 April the operation continued with 3/4 searching THON BAI AN (YD 120665) and then moving southeast toward THIEN CHANH (YD 165640). Sporadic contact was encountered during the day by 3/9 while discovering additional enemy bodies left in the battle area from 30 March. There was no significant enemy contact or sightings on 2 April and on 3 April the operation was concluded with the final elements of 3/9 arriving at Camp CARROLL at 1046H. Results of the operation were 83 enemy KIA (C), 63 KIA (I) and 2 PW (NVA).

Ref: CO, 3d Marines 270730ZMar67 (Opn PRAIRIE III FragO 1-67)

(2) 2-3 April 1967

On 2 April, 3d Marines controlled a ROUGH RIDER convey transporting F/2/12 from DONG HA to KHE SANH, as the convey passed through the 3d Marines area of operations. The ROUGH RIDER returned to DONG HA with no significant incidents encountered.

Ref: CG, 3dMarDiv 300618ZMar67 (ROUGH RIDER)

(3) 11-14 April 1967

On 11 March, as a result of a recon patrol contact in the vicinity of HILL 492 (XD 924498) 3/3 commenced a sweep from the KHE GIANG THCAN River southeast toward CA LU in a 2 phase operation. There were no enemy contacts made during the period 11-12 April. The only significant incident during this period was the discovery and destruction of enemy positions and the capture of various enemy equipment including 1 AK47 and assorted ammunition. On 13 April 1/3/3 made contact with enemy resulting in 1 USMC KIA and 2 enemy KIA (I). Soon afterwards an enemy mine was detonated resulting in 5 USMC KIA. There were no further incidents and the operation was terminated at 140215H.

Ref: CO, 3dMar 101320ZApr67 (Opn PRAIRIE III FragO 6-67)

(4) 19-20 April 1967

At 192400H, Operation PRAIRIE III was terminated and Operation PRAIRIE IV commenced.

Ref: CG, 3dMarDiv 190045Z (Termination of Opn PRAIRIE III)

(5) 22-25 April 1967

On 22 April, in response to a 3d Recon Bn patrol sighting, M/3/3 was helilifted into a LZ (XD 883495) in order to conduct a search and destroy operation in grid squares (XD 8751, XD 8851, and XD 8951). There were no significant contacts or incidents and M/3/3 returned to the 3/3 CP at 251342H.

Ref: CC, 3dMar 150537Z (From FRANKIE IV FragO 4-67)

(6) 25-30 April 1967

As a result of increased enemy sightings and contacts, a command group from 3/3 and K/3/3 was helilifted to the KHE SANH area at 251200H. The command group assumed OTCOM of B/1/9 and with K/3/3 commenced a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of Hill 861 (XD 803443). On 25 April K/3/9 and a command group and Companies E, G, and H of BLT 2/3 arrived at KHE SANH and chopped to OTCOM of SOP KHE SANH. At 271400H, K/3/3 and M/3/9 arrived at KHE SANH relieving K/3/3 and B/1/9.

Ref: 3dMar 251415ZApr67 (Planning Mag for 26Apr67)

3dMar 220900ZApr67 (Opr FRANKIE IV FragO 2-67)

(7) 1-30 April 1967

3d Marines conducted the defense of Camp CAMPOLL. Sandbagging living quarters and constructing overhead covers for individual protective shelters were given top priority, and work on this project has progressed satisfactorily. Counter-mortar drills were held and a standard alarm warning siren has been installed. Drills were also conducted to counter ground attacks against Camp CAMPOLL.

C. Casualties Inflicted on the Enemy

- (1) At 011020H, M/3/9 patrol received approximately 21 rounds of small arms fire at (YD 097653). M/3/9 returned fire resulting in 1 enemy KIA (conf).
- (2) At 011030H, I/3/9 CF received small arms fire from (YD 099655). Fire was returned resulting in 2 enemy KIA (conf) and 2 enemy KIA (prob).
- (3) At 011100H, L/3/9 observed and took under fire 3 enemy at (YD 092660). Results: 3 enemy KIA (conf).
- (4) At 010930H, village chief of TAN RO (XD 991442) brought 63 Montagnard Returnees to CA LU OF (YD 001458). Subject Montagnards had lived with the VC for 5 years. Results: 63 Returnees.
- (5) At 011100H, 3/9 located 12 NVA bodies at (YD 105651). Results: 12 enemy KIA (conf).
- (6) At 011645H, L/3/3 located 5 enemy bodies killed by small arms fire at (YD 099646). Results: 5 enemy KIA (conf).
- (7) At 020900H, L/3/9 took into custody 1 female Returnee, allegedly member of VC platoon operating in CUA Valley. Results: 1 Returnee.
- (8) At 021238H, L/3/9 patrol located grave containing 1 NVA body at (YD 119527). Results: 1 enemy KIA (conf).
- (9) At 030955H, M/3/3 OF observed 4 enemy at (YD 965596). Arty mission fired with excellent target coverage. Results: 4 enemy KIA (prob).
- (10) At 031245H, M/3/3 OF observed 2 enemy moving NW at (XD 963580). Arty mission fired with excellent target coverage. Results: 2 enemy KIA (prob).
- (11) At 050910H, 49 Montagnards turned themselves in to the CA LU Outpost (XD 011453). Subjects stated they were with the VC for 5 years. Returnees taken to CAM LO District Headquarters. Results: 49 Returnees.
- (12) At 061107H, I/3/9 patrol observed 10 enemy at (YD 087609). Arty mission fired with excellent target coverage. Results: 10 enemy KIA (prob).
- (13) At 071410H, 40 Montagnards turned themselves into K/3/3 position at (YD 013455). Subjects stated they had lived with the VC for five years. Returnees taken to CAM LO District Headquarters. Results: 40 Returnees.
- (14) At 091220H, I/3/9 patrol (YD 033532) received sniper fire from enemy observed in tree line. Patrol returned small arms fire and observed enemy fall. Results: 1 enemy KIA (prob).

(15) At 101250H, 3d Marines Scout Sniper patrol located enemy camp site at (YD 034522). 2 enemy were observed running from area. Arty mission fired on area, an arty round observed hitting next to both enemy. Results: 2 enemy KIA (prob).

(16) At 111450H, L/3/3 patrol located 2 enemy bodies at (XD 927496). Results: 2 KIA (conf).

(17) At 121945H, 2 Returnees turned themselves in to D-5 Outpost. Results: 2 Returnees.

(18) At 131145H, L/3/3 made contact with 2 enemy at (XD 949469). Enemy broke contact and area was searched. Signs located with indications of 2 enemy KIA (prob).

(19) At 171050H, I/3/9 ambush made contact with 2 enemy at (YD 045554). Ambush fired and observed 1 enemy fall in stream. Results: 1 enemy KIA (prob).

(20) At 171605H, L/3/9 patrol observed and fired on 1 enemy at (YD - 128537). Results: 1 enemy KIA (conf).

(21) At 171915H, L/3/9 patrol located 3 graves containing 3 NVA bodies at (YD 127506). Results: 3 enemy KIA (conf).

(22) At 221315H, L/3/9 patrol sighted and took under fire 4 enemy at (YD 134526). Results: 1 enemy KIA (prob).

(23) At 251735H, L/3/9 squad patrol (YD 129482) received approximately 150 rounds of small arms fire from unknown number of enemy. Patrol returned fire and searched area. Found blood stains indicating 1 enemy KIA (prob).

(24) At 271600H, L/3/9 patrol picked up 1 CHIEU HOI who had turned himself in to CAI NGIA Village Chief. Results: 1 Returnee.

(25) At 271730H, I/3/3 OP observed 1 enemy at (XD 969566). Ontos fired three rounds with excellent target coverage. Results: 1 enemy KIA (prob).

(26) At 281520H, L/3/9 patrol sighted and killed 1 enemy at (YD 124336). Results: 1 KIA (conf).

(27) At 281845H, AO spotted approximately 20 enemy in trench at (YD 043507). Air strikes called in which resulted in 10 enemy KIA (prob). Following air strike Arty, tanks, ontos, and Dual 40mm fired mission which resulted in 4 enemy KIA (prob). Results: 14 enemy KIA (prob).

(28) At 291442H, L/3/9 patrol sighted 4 enemy at (YD 123497). Patrol fired and pursued enemy until contact was lost. Results: 1 enemy KIA (prob).

(29) Total casualties inflicted on the enemy during Operation PRAIRIE III 19 March to 19 April were 172 KIA (conf), 139 KIA (prob), 4 PW (NVA), 1 PW (VC), 155 Returnees. Total casualties inflicted on the enemy during the month of April were 27 KIA (conf), 33 KIA (prob), 158 Returnees.

D. Casualties Sustained

- (1) At 010215H, M/3/3 received 6-8 rounds of incoming mortar fire from (YD 070600) resulting in 1 USMC KIA.
- (2) At 011020H, M/3/9 patrol (YD 097653) received approximately 21 rounds small arms fire from 2 enemy resulting in 1 USMC KIA.
- (3) At 020315H, L/3/9 LT (YD 092592) received sniper fire resulting in 1 USMC KIA.
- (4) At 040930H, L/3/9 patrol detonated a mine at (YD 125521) resulting in 1 USMC KIA.
- (5) At 051600H, L/3/9 patrol detonated M-26 grenade rigged as a mine at (YD 095601) resulting in 3 USMC KIA.
- (6) At 082100H, M/3/3 ambush site (XD 968568) received approximately 15 rounds of small arms fire resulting in 1 USMC KIA.
- (7) At 090330H, an HE 175mm round exploded prematurely during fire mission by Btry C, 2d Bn, 94th Arty, USA resulting in 1 USA KIA and 2 USA KIA.
- (8) At 091205H, 3d Marines Scout Sniper patrol detonated 2 ChiCom grenades rigged as mines at (YD 039533) resulting in 5 USMC KIA and 2 USA KIA.
- (9) At 091625H, L/3/9 patrol set off unknown type explosive device at (YD 105497) resulting in 2 USMC KIA.
- (10) At 131145H, L/3/3 made contact with 2 enemy at (XD 949469) resulting in 1 USMC KIA.
- (11) At 131815H, K/3/3 and L/3/3 made link-up at (XD 972450). At this time a ChiCom grenade rigged as a mine was detonated resulting in 7 USMC KIA.
- (12) At 151420H, 6x6 truck carrying supplies to D-5 Outpost detonated an unknown type mine at (YD 081520) resulting in 5 USMC KIA.
- (13) At 242145H, M/3/9 (YD 022558) OF heard movement on trail. OF threw 1 M-26 grenade which resulted in 1 USMC KIA.
- (14) At 250830H, 11th Engineer Bn road maintenance team in 4 vehicle convoy was ambushed by unknown size enemy force at (XD 946427) resulting in 5 KIA (2 USMC, 2 USA), 24 KIA (22 USMC, 2 USA).
- (15) At 251140H, M/3/9 platoon patrol detonated 2 ChiCom type mines at (YD 000597) which resulted in 6 USMC KIA.
- (16) At 271500H, Ontos with L/3/9 patrol detonated mine at (YD 102490) resulting in 2 USMC KIA.

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(17) At 280300Z, 3/9 reported 3/9 (rear) sustained 1 USMC MIA during enemy mortar attack on DONG HA.

(18) At 281435H, Engineer team repairing bridge at (ED 989442) received sniper fire resulting in 1 USMC MIA.

(19) Total casualties sustained during Operation FRAIRIE III 19 March to 19 April were 44 KIA, 389 MIA (USMC), 9 MIA (USA). Total casualties sustained for the month of April were 59 KIA, 171 MIA, 2 MIA.

E. New Techniques Employed.

See Lessons Learned, April 1967 (Supporting Documents)

F. Command Relations.

- (1) At 020800H, 3d Marines chopped OPCON of 3/4 to 3d Mar Div (Fwd).
- (2) At 021045H, 3d Marines assumed OPCON of ROUGH RIDER convoy from DONG HA to KHE SANH at Check Point # 91 (XD 116583).
- (3) At 021420H, 3d Marines chopped OPCON of ROUGH RIDER convoy to KHE SANH at Check Point # 7 (XD 912398).
- (4) At 030912H, ROUGH RIDER convoy chopped to OPCON of 3d Marines at Check Point # 7 (XD 912398).
- (5) At 030945H, L/3/3 chopped from OPCON 3/9 to 3/3.
- (6) At 031154H, ROUGH RIDER convoy chopped to OPCON of 3d Marine Division (Fwd) at Check Point # 91 (XD 116583).
- (7) At 031200H, 1/9 chopped to OPCON of 3d Marine Division (Fwd).
- (8) At 061640H, M/3/9 departed Camp CARROLL for DONG HA. Chopped to OPCON of 3d Marine Division (Fwd).
- (9) At 061655H, M/3/3 chopped to OPCON of 3/9.
- (10) At 091400H, 3d Marines assumed OPCON of 1/4 (-).
- (11) At 091707H, 1/4 (-) chopped to OPCON of 3d Marine Division (Fwd).
- (12) At 101530H, 3d Marines assumed OPCON of M/3/9.
- (13) At 141145H, M/3/9 chopped to OPCON of 3/9.
- (14) At 200001H, 3d Marines assumed OPCON of SOP Third MarDiv/III MAF Rep/KHE SANH in accordance with Third Marines 1916014 Apr67.
- (15) At 211700H, 3d Marines assumed OPCON of I/3/9 at BA LONG.
- (16) At 221430H, 3/3 assumed OPCON of Recon Unit 1D2.
- (17) At 240715H, I/3/9 assumed OPCON of Recon 2D2 patrol.
- (18) At 241630H, I/3/9 chopped OPCON of Recon 2D2 patrol to 3d Recon Bn.
- (19) At 251200H, 3/3 assumed OPCON of B/1/9.
- (20) At 251300H, 3/3 chopped OPCON of Recon Unit 1D2 to 3d Recon Bn.

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(21) At 251830H, K/3/9 chopped to OPCOM of 3/3 command group.

(22) At 271400H, M/3/3 and M/3/9 departed Camp CARROLL for DONG H. fixed wing flight to KHE SANH. Chopped to OPCOM of SOP Third Mardiv/III MAF Rep/KHE SANH.

(23) At 271500H, K/3/3 chopped to OPCOM of 3/3.

(24) At 271650H, B/1/9 chopped to OPCOM of 3/9.

G. Equipment

(1) General. Recommendations for modification of allowances were not received for this period except for Headquarters Company which had the following recommendations:

- (a) G. P. Tents, medium
- (b) Siesmic Intrusion Detector
- (c) Tents, hexagon
- (d) Jug, vacuum, 3 gal
- (e) Repair Kit, tentage
- (f) Office Supply Set, Field Typewriter 18-20"
- (g) Binoculars, 7x50

Organic Equipment employed was satisfactory in all respects.

(2) M16E1. Infantry battalions have been issued M16E1 rifles and Headquarters Company continues to wait for back-up parts.

(3) Otters. The six (6) M-76 Cargo Carriers (Otters) were removed from Camp CARROLL and returned to DONG HA. The primary reason for their removal was the deadline rate which ranged from 50 to 83%.

H. Logistics. Message traffic and reports were handled in a routine manner. An after action report for Operation PRAIRIE III which covered the period 19 March 1967 to 19 April 1967 was submitted.

(1) Supply

(a) The overall supply situation during the month of April was good with certain exceptions such as metal stakes, stationary items, batteries and jungle kit components remaining critical. Sundry items were in short supply and units in outlying areas were supplied with PX items by the Camp CARROLL PX.

(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); "ROCK-FILE", RAZORBACK 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) "C" Company, Landing Support Unit continued to support operations conducted during this month and for the resupply of BA LONG. No significant supply problems arose when helicopter support teams were assigned.

(2) Movement. 9th Motor Transport Battalion continued to support tactical troop movements in an outstanding manner. Tactical troop movements by truck convoy were as follows:

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>UNIT</u> | <u>ORIGIN</u> | <u>DESTINATION</u> |
|-------------|-------------|---------------|--------------------|
| 3Apr | 3/3 | Field | Rockpile |
| | 3/9 | Field | Camp CARROLL |
| | 1/9 | Camp CARROLL | DONG HA |
| 6Apr | 3/9 | Camp CARROLL | DONG HA |
| 14Apr | 3/9 | ROCKFILE | Camp CARROLL |
| | 3/3 | ROCKPILE | CA LU |
| | 3/3 | CA LU | ROCKPILE |
| 15Apr | 3/9 | CAM LO | Camp CARROLL |
| 25Apr | 3/9 | Field | Camp CARROLL |
| 27Apr | 3/9 | D-5 | Camp CARROLL |
| | 3/3 | ROCKPILE | DONG HA |
| | 3/9 | Camp CARROLL | ROCKPILE |
| | 3/3 | DONG HA | ROCKPILE |
| | 1/9 | DONG HA | Camp CARROLL |

I. Civic Action.

(1) The month of April found the Civic Action of this Regiment increasing in scope and depth. There were definite indicators that revealed a more receptive attitude on the part of the local population, as well as signs of a more determined stand on their part to resist VC/NVA domination, particularly within the CUA Valley area. Each unit assigned an area in which to operate has launched a program that is both aggressive and vital, although at times during the month the operational aspects overrode the Civic Action 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 and patrols to the CUA Valley area.

(2) The various units made frequent liaison with their respective village and hamlet chiefs, and various commodities were distributed. In addition, several public improvement projects have been planned for the near future.

(3) During the month, an average of 110 Montagnards from the hamlets of HUNG PHU I and HUNG PHU II were used daily to cut grass in the vicinity of Camp CARROLL. During this period, a Regimental Corpsman held periodic "sick calls" at the various work sites.

(4) In response to a request made by Mr. and Mrs. CARROLL, parents of Captain J. J. CARROLL, USMC, who was killed in the area north of THON SON LAM, it was determined that their donation of \$2,500 could best be used to purchase an ambulance for the CAM LO District. Arrangements will be made through Headquarters Marine Corps.

J. Administration.

(1) Awards.

(a) The following recommendations for awards were submitted during this period:

- 1 Silver Star Medal
- 7 Bronze Star Medals
- 1 Certificate of Commendation

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

- 1 Silver Star Medal
- 2 Bronze Star Medals
- 68 Purple Heart Medals
- 7 Certificate of Commendation

(2) Promotions.

(a) Three promotions of First Lieutenant, and two promotions to Staff Sergeant were effected by the Commandant of the Marine Corps.

(b) There were two Marines promoted to Sergeant, 81 to Corporal, 141 to Lance Corporal and 15 Marines promoted to Private First Class.

(3) Legal Matters. Twelve "Office Hours" were conducted during this period. In addition, five Special Courts-Martial were completed and seven Special Courts-Martial are pending; seven Summary Courts-Martial were completed and one Summary Court-Martial is pending.

(4) Special Services.

(a) The band called "The Camp Carroll Stompers" made a return appearance to Camp Carroll and different outposts of this regiment.

(b) Movies were shown to personnel at Camp Carroll on a scheduled basis.

(c) The 3d Marine Division Band played a concert at Camp Carroll during this period. The performance was a tremendous success and enhanced the morale of all hands.

(d) Two entertainment groups appeared at Camp Carroll and one TV personality made a "handshake" tour of units of the regiment during this period.

(5) Marine Exchange. The Marine Exchange Van at Camp Carroll continued to carry basic supplies. In addition, mobile vans were made to outposts within the AO. A helicopter exchange run was made to the BaLong outpost on three different occasions during the period.

(6) Liberty. There was no liberty authorized in the Dong Ha - Camp Carroll area during this period.

K. Personnel.

(1) Gains. During this period 10 Marine Officers, 126 Marine Enlisted, two Navy Officers and nine Navy Enlisted replacements were received.

(2) The 3d Marines sustained 261 casualties during this period. 232 were hostile casualties and 29 were non-hostile. 59 of the hostile casualties were killed in action, 171 were wounded in action and two were missing in action. The circumstances surrounding the non-hostile casualties were examined, and when appropriate, investigations were conducted. Administrative losses were 13 Marine Officers, 135 Marine Enlisted, one Navy Officer and four Navy Enlisted.

(3) Emergency Leaves/Humanitarian Transfers. Four Marine Enlisted were ordered TAD to CONUS in connection with emergency leave. In addition, two Marine Enlisted were ordered PCS to CONUS in connection with emergency leave. There were no humanitarian transfers during this period.

(4) Administrative Discharges. None.

(5) R & R TAD Trips. Out of country R & R trips were afforded to 184 members of this regiment. R & R trips were to HONG KONG, MANILA, BANGKOK, KUALA LUMPUR, OKINAWA, TAIPEI, SINGAPORE, TOKYO and HAWAII. In addition, there were 55 R & R trips (In-Country) to China Beach.

L. INTELLIGENCE

1. The general enemy situation within the 3d Marines area of operations for this reporting period indicated significant contacts with enemy small units and sightings of at least company size elements to the west and southwest of THON SON LAM in the vicinity of (YD 8851) and (YD 9249). The enemy continued to be elusive, and at the same time continued its harassment in the form of sniper activity, and mines/booby traps generally directed along routes of communications.

There was a decrease in the tempo, significantly, of enemy ground activity reported for the 3d Marines when compared with previous reporting periods.

Commencing with the initial contact with the enemy on 30 March, an estimated NVA Company hit I/3/9 with two mortar attacks followed up with two ground assaults supported by mortar fire. The enemy was repelled on its first attack, withdrew, consolidated and attacked again, overrunning I/3/9 position. The enemy was driven off by concentrated air strikes coordinated with small arms fire from the infantry element. Enemy casualties resulting from this action were heavy. On the morning of 31 March, a translation of a captured document, on 26 March, by a 3d Recon Team, vicinity of (YD 072650), was received indicating an enemy operations 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 from the west. According to the captured document, this plan of attack was to commence on the 27th of March. Based on this, it was believed that the plan was primarily directed towards the 3d Bu, 3d Marines operating 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 30 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 captured document, it was determined that the enemy had adhered rigidly to his plan of attack. Based on interrogation reports of 2 PW and captured documents, I/3/9 was in contact with the 4th Company, K-9 Bn, 90th NVA Regiment.

The arrival of the month of April was significant in that it indicated a sharp decrease in enemy activity within the vicinity of northeastern QUANG TRI. A substantial ground reconnaissance effort north to northwest of CAM LO, particularly centered in the vicinity of (YD 1064) and (YD 0464) was considered light and represented a significant decrease when compared to enemy actions of the previous reporting periods.

Sixty-three Montagnards on 1 April; 49 on 5 April; and 40 on 7 April turned themselves in to K/3/3 at the CA LU Outpost (YD 011453). They stated that life with the Viet Cong was most difficult and that for this reason they had returned to be on the side of the GVN. The returnees further stated that they had come from a southwest direction. The returnees appeared to be in the advance stage of malnutrition, and required in most cases medical assistance.

Active ground reconnaissance deployed within the vicinity of the BA LONG Outpost (YD 1540) reported light sightings of the enemy, and discovered numerous old enemy camp sites. No concentration or significant pattern of enemy movement or recent activity was noted. However, efforts of an extensive reconnaissance patrol by K/3/9 elements, on 5 April, resulted in the discovery of an enemy weapons cache vicinity of (YD 201389). The equipment, mostly automatic weapons, was heavily oiled and in serviceable condition. The enemy cache contained: (1) 60mm mortar complete, (2) Russian rifles, (30) British Sten (Mark II) SMG, (1) 3.5 Rocket launcher, (150) ChiCom grenades, (12) cases C-3 Demolition for total of 300 pounds, (6) Bangalore torpedoes, (2) Cylinder type mines, (1) Handset T/R radio with USAID decal, (2000 rounds) 7.92 ammunition, (25) Crimp cartridges, and (30) unknown type explosives.

On 6 April, the enemy had indicated a distinct emphasis on its efforts against the GVN national election in the vicinity of eastern QUANG TRI Province. The enemy employed a series of mortar and ground attacks against friendly installations in QUANG TRI City primarily with its target as the MACV Compound, USAID Headquarters, LA VANG Airfield Complex, Citadel, and the TRIEU PHONG District Headquarters. The preceding action by the enemy included penetrations, by an unknown number of VC, into the QUANG TRI City Provincial Jail (CITADEL) and released over 200 prisoners. At LA VANG, (YD 3350), enemy action consisted of a short mortar attack followed by a ground assault. Friendly elements stood their ground, firing every available weapon. Casualties to both sides were heavy. Captured prisoners indicated that the 814th NVA Battalion had participated in the action along with several VC Local Force units.

Ground reconnaissance deployed west and southwest of THON SON LAM (XD 9953) reported light to moderate sightings of the enemy. Significantly, on 10 April, a recon team reported an estimated 80 enemy operating in the vicinity of (XD 9249). After an initial exchange of automatic weapons fire and the employment of supporting arms, the recon team was subsequently extracted. On 11 April, 3d Battalion, 3d Marines (Cmd Grp and 2 companies) was helolifted into the area to exploit the enemy situation, and to search out the trail complex extending from a north to southeast in the direction of CA LU. Only light sightings of the enemy was reported, however, 3/3 encountered numerous harassments in the form of mines and booby traps employed along the trails.

There was a slight decrease in the number of enemy initiated incidents reported within the GUA VALLEY area. No hard pattern or concentration

of activity was noted although the number of mines and booby trap incidents remained high. There were a total of 29 mines and booby trap incidents within the CUA VALLEY area alone. Of the 29, only 4 were detonated, 25 were discovered and destroyed in place. A majority of the mines and booby traps discovered were considered having been set possibly during the month of February.

On 12 April, the enemy destroyed two bridges on Route 9 in the vicinity of (YD 103576) and (YD 098576). The enemy had also planted an anti-vehicular mine on the by-pass around the destroyed bridge (YD 103576) which was subsequently discovered by engineer personnel.

On the morning of 13 April, 20 rounds of small arms fire and 4 rounds of 60mm mortars were received incoming at the position of M/3/3 vicinity of (XD 974566). Due to the heavy fog condition, it was difficult to determine what direction the attack was coming from, however, it was believed coming from the west. Countermortar fires were directed towards the west, and the enemy directed attack ceased.

During the late afternoon of 14 April, a special intelligence report was received indicating the enemy had infiltrated the hamlets of THON TAM LANG (YD 1860), THON DINH XA (YD 1859), and THON TRUONG XA (1) (YD 1959) to conduct propaganda rallies and attempt to disrupt the 16 April scheduled election within the village of THON CAM VU. The enemy propaganda/political team consisted of 13 men with a possible main force, estimated battalion size, situated to the north of THON CAM VU in the vicinity of THLEN CHANH (YD 1664) area. M/3/9 was committed at 141730H to set up a blocking position to the north of CAM VU village and to conduct a sweep of the hamlets the following morning in search of the reported enemy in the area. With the advent of daylight and negative enemy contact, M/3/9 commenced with its mission sweeping in a southeasterly direction and resulted in negative finding.

A Kit Carson Scout on 18 April, attached to L/3/9 led a patrol to a VC hut in the vicinity of (YD 096478), and captured the following gear; 10 shotgun shells, medical supplies, 1 shortwave radio, 1 public address system, 1 demolition set, and miscellaneous documents. There was no contact with the enemy.

Friendly reconnaissance deployed to the west of THON SON LAM centered in the vicinity of (YD 8851) reported sightings of the enemy for a total of 80 NVA. The enemy was observed wearing black helmets, and moving in a west to east direction. Artillery fire was called in resulting in 5 NVA KIA (C). On 22 April, M/3/3 was deployed into the area to exploit the enemy situation. A thorough search for the enemy within the area resulted in the negative. However, a light sighting of the enemy was reported for a total of 15 NVA element fleeing in a northwest direction from a distance of approximately 1500 meters. Artillery was brought to bear on the enemy with unknown results.

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On 24 April, northwest of KHE SANH in the vicinity of HILL 861 (XD 8044), B/1/9 elements were subjected to automatic weapons and mortar fires. Subsequent reports of the enemy contact indicated that B/1/9 was in contact with an estimated battalion size enemy force. On 25 April, 3d Marines elements were deployed into the KHE SANH area to reinforce and exploit the enemy situation. Heavy resistance was met from the enemy. The enemy was well deployed in trenches, spider holes, and heavy bunker complexes with interlocking zones of fire. The enemy employed every available weapon, mortar, and artillery capability (75mm RR) with good accuracy. Enemy snipers were predominant throughout the area, and were tied in the trees in some instances. The enemy depended heavily on its mortar capability and employed it extensively. Contact with the enemy continues into the month of May. At this time there has been no confirmed identification of the enemy unit, however, an interrogation report of a prisoner indicated that he was a member of the 4th Bn, 32d Regt, an element of the 341st NVA Division. The source was rated (F), and the information rated (6).

On the morning of 25 April, a third engineer element convoy moving west on Route #9, vicinity of (XD 948427), was hit by a well prepared enemy ambush. The lead vehicle was disabled when it detonated a road mine, completely blocking the flow of traffic, and subsequently was followed up by the enemy employing automatic weapons, grenades, satchel charges and mortar fire. The enemy was situated in a position to hurl satchel charges and cans filled with explosive at the stopped vehicles. Friendly casualties were heavy.

Of significance was the mortar and rocket attacks directed, simultaneously, against CON THIEN Outpost, GIO LINH Outpost, and DONG HA Combat Base receiving a total of 50 rounds of 140mm rockets during the attack resulting in 8 KIA and 76 WIA friendlies. Countermortar and artillery were fired into suspected enemy firing positions toward a northeast direction. A thorough search of the area during daylight resulted in the discovery of a launcher tube and 54X140mm rounds unexpended in the vicinity of (YD 2566).

Based on intelligence reports, and the continual harassment in the form of mortar attacks, particularly in the CON THIEN/GIO LINH areas, indicate the presence of a sizeable enemy force within and just south of the DMZ conducting active screening and reconnaissance efforts throughout the PRAIRIE area. Intelligence received indicates that the enemy's objectives are: to gain important military victories, and to sabotage the GVN RD 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 sanctuary of the DMZ should the situation deteriorate to his disadvantage.

The overall total of incidents for the month of April decreased by 26% over the month of March. The decrease in the PRAIRIE area was 10%. There were 19 mortar attacks directed against elements of the 3d Marines

ENCLOSURE (1)

for a total of 510 rounds. Of the 510 rounds, there were 418X82mm, 55X75mm, 17X60mm, and 19 rounds of unknown caliber mortar fire.

There was a sharp increase in the mines/booby traps incidents for the reporting period. Mines/booby traps incidents increased from 28 to 47 in the PRAIRIE area.

Cumulative enemy casualties for this reporting period: 25 KIA (C) NVA, 17 KIA (P) NVA, 2 KIA (C) VC, 16 KIA (P) VC. There were a total of 183 detainees: 15 were classified innocent civilians, 158 returnees, and 10 remained unclassified at the end of the reporting period.

2. Contact Incidents -- 167 (54 at night)

(a) Small arms/sniper fire -- 46 (5 at night)

(1) 3d Bn, 3d Mar -- 8 (1 at night)

(2) 3d Bn, 9th Mar -- 14 (2 at night)

(3) Other -- 24 (2 at night)

(b) Grenades -- 11 (1 at night)

(1) 3d Bn, 3d Mar -- 2 (0 at night)

(2) 3d Bn, 9th Mar -- 4 (1 at night)

(3) Other -- 5 (0 at night)

(c) Booby Traps -- 14 (14 discovered) (0 detonated)

(1) 3d Bn, 3d Mar -- 5 (5 discovered)

(2) 3d Bn, 9th Mar -- 9 (discovered)

(3) Other -- 0

(d) Mines -- 33 (25 discovered) (8 detonated)

(1) 3d Bn, 3d Mar -- 4 (4 discovered)

(2) 3d Bn, 9th Mar -- 22 (18 discovered) (4 detonated)

(3) Other -- 7 (3 discovered) (4 detonated)

(e) Mortar/Artillery fire -- 19 (12 at night)

(1) 3d Bn, 3d Mar -- 0

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(2) 3d Bn, 9th Mar -- 3 (2 at night)
 (3) Other -- 16 (10 at night)
 (f) Moving or probing action where VC/NVA did not fire or return fire -- 19 (14 at night)

(1) 3d Bn, 3d Mar -- 0
 (2) 3d Bn, 9th Mar -- 5 (5 at night)
 (3) Other -- 14 (9 at night)
 (g) Sabotage -- 2 (2 at night)
 (h) Communications Interference -- 1 (0 at night)
 (i) Information volunteered to Marines and reward paid -- 1 (0 at night)

(j) Miscellaneous -- 21 (19 at night)
 (1) Observations of lights -- 11 (11 at night)
 (2) Secondary explosions -- 5 (4 at night)
 (3) Flares -- 2 (2 at night)
 (4) Observation of smoke -- 1 (0 at night)
 (5) Heard drums -- 2 (2 at night)

3. Enemy Losses

(a) Personnel

(1) Confirmed

a KIA -- 27 (25 NVA, 2 VC)

b WIA -- 1 (1 VC)

c PW (NVA) -- 0

d PW (VC) -- 0

e Returnees NVA -- 0

f Returnees (VC) -- 158

ENCLOSURE (1)

g Civil Defendants -- 0

(2) Probable

g KIA -- 33 (17 NVA) (16 VC)

(3) Detainees Unclassified at end of reporting period -- 10

(b) Material

(1) Weapons

AK-47 -- 7

Machine guns (Type unclassified) -- 2

B-40 -- 1

60mm mortar -- 1

M-1 rifles (Russian) -- 2

Mark II Sten guns (British) -- 30

3.5 rocket launchers -- 1

M-72 (LAAW) -- 2

(2) Weapons accessories

AK-47 magazines -- 6

60mm mortar baseplates -- 1

60mm mortar bipods -- 1

Wooden sights -- 1

Fuse lighters -- 4

Aiming stakes -- 2

Machine gun barrels -- 1

Mortar charges -- 2 cans

M-60 accessory bags -- 1

(3) Ammunition

7.62mm rounds -- 2400

Homemade grenades -- 1

Molotov cocktails -- 1

82mm rounds -- 4

ChiCom grenades -- 155

40mm rounds -- 2

SMG rounds -- 1 case

M-1 rounds -- 1 case

.38 caliber rounds -- 600

3.5 rocket rounds -- 2

81mm mortar rounds -- 2

Crimp cartridges -- 25

7.92mm rounds -- 2000

AT mines -- 2

M-26 grenades -- 1

60mm mortar rounds -- 1

M-79 rounds -- 3

Shotgun shells -- 10

- (4) Demolitions
 C-3 -- 300 pounds
 Bangalore torpedoes -- 6
 Blasting caps -- 15
 Explosives (Type unidentified) -- 30 pounds

- (5) Food
 Rice -- 845 pounds
 Beers -- 4
 U.S. C-rations -- 28 cans

- (6) Medical supplies
 Medical kits -- 2
 Bandages -- 13
 Opium -- 1 pouch
 Ampules -- (Contents unidentified) -- 1
 Vials (Contents unidentified) -- 10

(7) Clothing -- Various articles of clothing were found throughout the 3d Marines Area of Operations during the month of April. Clothing included uniforms (NVA and US, both green and khaki), civilian clothing, boots, shower shoes, tennis shoes, sweat shirts, socks, and skivies.

(8) Documents -- Documents were found throughout the 3d Marines Area of Operations during the month of April. Documents included propaganda material, personal letters, notebooks, maps, ID cards, dog tags, and newspapers.

- (9) Communications Equipment
 Comm wire -- 700 meters
 BA-386 -- 1
 BA-30 -- 1
 Radio with hand set (HT-1A) -- 1
 Short wave radio -- 1
 Public address system -- 1

- (10) 782 Gear
 Cartridge belts -- 2
 Bayonets -- 2
 E-Tools -- 2
 Packs -- 15
 Canteens -- 5
 Ammunition pouches -- 1
 Messgear, U.S. -- 1
 Ponchos -- 6
 Tent pins -- 4

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- (11) Miscellaneous
 Wallets -- 4
 Binoculars (6X30) -- 1
 Grease, heavy -- 1 can
 Powder -- 7 bags
 Black preservative -- 6 boxes
 Brush knives -- 2
 Wire cutters -- 1
 Scales -- 1 set
 Pots/Pans/Dishes/Bowls -- 11
 Picks -- 1
 Hammers -- 2
 Barb wire -- 4 rolls
 Rice huskiers -- 2
 Plastic water cans -- 1
 Rice bags, empty -- 6
 Knives, Vietnamese -- 3
 Bowie knives -- 1

- (c) Discovered/Destroyed Fortifications and Positions
 Bunkers -- 334
 Tunnels/Caves -- 16
 Fighting holes -- 368
 Mortar positions -- 18
 Trenches -- 1
 Supply houses -- 1
 Huts/Lean-toes -- 134
 AA positions -- 1
 Base camps/Camp sites/Harboring sites -- 5

4. Enemy units reported and/or sighted during reporting period:

| | | |
|--------------|-------------------|-------|
| 1 NVA Bn | YD 103535, 121525 | 1 Apr |
| 1 Bn | YD 118542 | 1 |
| 30 NVA | XD 918321 | 1 |
| VC Plt | YD 165575 | 1 |
| VC Bn | YD 125554 | 1 |
| VC Bn | YD 248765 | 2 |
| 25 VC | XD 898617 | 2 |
| VC Co | YD 335455 | 2 |
| 2 VC Co | YD 285526 | 2 |
| 2 VC Plt | YD 297550 | 2 |
| VC Bn | YD 183685 | 3 |
| 15 VC | XD 988605 | 3 |
| 20 NVA | XD 997604 | 4 |
| 25 VC | YD 095603 | 5 |
| 1 VC Co | YD 165640 | 6 |
| 90th Regt CP | YD 122720 | 7 |
| 7th Bn | YD 128680 | 7 |

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|------------------------|-----------------------------------|----|
| 8th Bn | YD 117665 | 7 |
| 9th Bn | YD 117648 | 7 |
| 50 VC | YD 095515 | 8 |
| 1 VC Sqd | YD 200622 | 9 |
| 2 VC Co | YD 187619, 195625 | 10 |
| 80 NVA | XD 922503, 923503, 924503 | 10 |
| 2 NVA Sqd | XD 988623 | 10 |
| 1 VC Co | YD 195625 | 10 |
| 2 VC Co & 2 VC Plt | YD 168565 | 10 |
| 50 VC | YD 095593 | 10 |
| 3 NVA Bn | YD 2662 to 1370 | 11 |
| 2 VC Co | YD 095605 | 11 |
| 2 VC Co | YD 205395 | 12 |
| NVA Sqd | YD 130648 | 12 |
| NVA Sqd | YD 021364 | 12 |
| 1 VC Bn | YD 146555 | 13 |
| 1 VC Co | YD 196625 | 14 |
| 500 VC | YD 185616 | 14 |
| 1 VC Bn | YD 186665, 197665 | 15 |
| 2 VC Co | YD 102628 | 15 |
| 1 NVA Plt | YD 115646 | 16 |
| 20 NVA | YD 119654 | 16 |
| 25 VC | YD 133441 | 16 |
| 1 VC Co | YD 164645 | 17 |
| 60 NVA | YD 094654 | 20 |
| 35 NVA | XD 879516 | 21 |
| NVA Plt | YD 277516 | 21 |
| 50 NVA | XD 889515, 887513 | 21 |
| 10 NVA | XD 886514 | 22 |
| 10 VC | YD 142517 | 22 |
| 15 VC | XD 886514 | 22 |
| NVA Plt | YD 1672 | 22 |
| 15 NVA | XD 870520 | 23 |
| 15 NVA | YD 197400 | 23 |
| 2 MF VC Co | YD 2650, 2756 | 25 |
| 86th VC Regt, 45 B Div | YD 310378 | 25 |
| 1 U/I Regt | YD 355405 | 25 |
| 1 VC hvy wpns Co | YD 290480 | 25 |
| QUANG TRI escapees | YD 035450, 040445, 047442 | 26 |
| 4 NVA Co | XD 784458, 790458, 797458, 803444 | 26 |
| NVA Co | XD 803444 | 26 |
| VC Sqd | YD 317364 | 26 |
| 75 U/I VN | YD 045519, 055512 | 27 |
| 1000 VC | YD 220405, 212427 | 27 |
| 1 VC Bn | YD 215420 | 27 |
| 1 VC Bn | YD 219410 | 27 |
| 200 VC | YD 092605 | 27 |
| 400 VC | YD 144570 | 29 |
| 803d VC Bn | YD 165640 | 29 |

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5. Trends

(a) Summary of incidents (all types on a monthly basis for past 3 months:

| <u>CONTACTS</u> | <u>FEB</u> | <u>MAR</u> | <u>PRAIRIE</u> | <u>BEACON HILL</u> | <u>APR</u> |
|-------------------------|------------|------------|----------------|--------------------|------------|
| SA Fire | 17 | 62 | 57 | 5 | 46 |
| Booby traps | 0 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 14 |
| Mines | 14 | 23 | 23 | 0 | 33 |
| Grenades | 2 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 11 |
| Mortars/Artillery | 4 | 56 | 54 | 2 | 19 |
| Enemy Movement w/o fire | 9 | 23 | 18 | 5 | 19 |
| Assassinations | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sabotage | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Kidnappings | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Comm Interference | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| Demonstrations | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Intimidations | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Rewards Paid | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Miscellaneous | <u>12</u> | <u>22</u> | <u>21</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>21*</u> |
| Total Incidents | 59 | 199 | 186 | 13 | 167 |

* See paragraph L. 2. (j) above.

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M. Communications.

(1) General. During the month of April continued support of 3d Marine Regiment units plus the requirement for personnel and equipment to support additional units at KHE SANH created an even more taxing burden on equipment assets of this Headquarters than in previous months.

(a) The deactivation of 3d Marine Division (Forward) and the relocation of a AN/MRC-62 radio relay shot between 3d Marines and KHE SANH has necessitated the 3d Marines Communication Center to act as a relay for message traffic from Division to KHE SANH. The full effects of increased traffic has not been realized in April message totals as this circuit was not activated until 20 April. It is anticipated that the month of May will reflect an increase in message totals handled by 3d Marines Communication Center.

(b) Due to recent enemy activity, much time has been utilized to improving communication bunkers and positions to provide more adequate protection for personnel and equipment.

(2) Sequential Listing of Events:

1 April - One 25 pair cable was installed to replace a majority of the WD-1/TT previously installed.

3 April - The radio station established as a relay station on the "ROCKPILE" was deactivated.

10 April - A radio station on the "ROCKPILE" was reestablished as a relay site.

12 April - A radio team was deployed to CA LU to operate as a relay from that location.

14 April - Radio teams at the "ROCKPILE" and CA LU secured and returned to this Headquarters.

- Activated AN/MRC-62 radio relay shot from 3d Marines CP to Division CP.

16 April - One five pair cable was installed by overheading from the 3d Marines CP to the 3d Battalion, 3d Marines CP.

17 April - Terminated cable from 3d Marines CP to 3d Battalion, 9th Marines CP.

20 April - Division TAC Net was changed from M-703 to M-742.

- Deactivated AN/MRC-62 radio relay shot from 3d Marines to Division (Forward).

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20 April -- Activated AN/MRC-62 radio relay shot from 3d Marines to KHE SANH.

-- The 3d Marines to Division (Forward) AN/TRC-27 radio relay shot was reestablished as 3d Marines to 9th Marines.

21 April -- All electronic test equipment held was evacuated to FISU-1 for calibration.

-- Activated KW-7 covered teletype circuit with KHE SANH.

-- The PU-239 generator supplying camp power was replaced with a 30 KW, 60 cycle generator from 11th Engineers due to dead lining of the PU-239.

24 April -- Radio team deployed to KHE SANH to provide relay team on Hill 950.

25 April -- Deployed 2 radio operators to KHE SANH with Headquarters Group, 3d Marines.

27 April -- Replaced the 30 KW, 60 cycle generator supplying camp power with a 60 cycle Stewart-Stevenson generator from 11th Engineer Battalion.

30 April -- Total message count for the month of April was 1718 messages with 1064 of the total being incoming messages and 654 being outgoing messages.

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N. Weather.

During the first half of April, the weather was cloudy with intermittent showers. The mornings were characterized by ground fog varying in intensity from light to moderate. From 12 to 18 April, the weather changed considerably to continuous rain and heavy cloud coverage. The rain and cloud coverage were reminiscent of the monsoon season. From 19 April to the end of the month the days were clear, hot, and humid with occasional showers during the evenings. There were two electrical storms during the last ten days of the month. Average high temperature for the month was 87°F. Average low temperature for the month was 72°F. Average humidity for the month was 83%.

The weather at the beginning of the month hampered friendly aerial reconnaissance and ground observation.

Weather during the latter part of April enabled the 3d Marines to employ all of its capabilities to the fullest extent.

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0. Fire Support Coordination1. Unit Providing Supporta. Direct Support Artillery

1st Bn, 12th Marines (..) (Reinf) (1-30 April)

Btry A, 1st Bn, 40th Arty (USA) (1-6Apr)

Btry B, 1st Bn, 40th Arty (USA) (2-6, 26-30Apr)

Btry C, 1st Bn, 40th Arty (USA) (1-28Apr)

Btry B, 1st Bn, 12th Marines (28-30Apr)

Btry W, 3d Bn, 12th Marines (1-30Apr)

Btry F, 2d Bn, 12th Marines (1-30Apr)

Btry G, 3d Bn, 12th Marines (5-30Apr)

Btry I, 3d Bn, 12th Marines (1-3Apr)

Flt, Btry M, 4th Bn, 12th Marines (20-22Apr)

b. General Support/Reinforcing Artillery

2d Bn, 94th Arty (USA) (1-30Apr)

Btry M, 4th Bn, 12th Marines (1-30Apr)

Btry K, 4th Bn, 12th Marines (1-29Apr)

c. Other Units Providing Support(1) Direct Support

Company A, 3d Tank Battalion

Company L, 3d Anti-tank Battalion

(2) Operational Control

Btry C, 1st Bn, 44th Arty (AMSF) (USA)

Det, Btry G, 65th Arty (USA)

2. Significant Events

a. Artillery unit displacements for the month of April were as follows;

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>UNIT</u> | <u>FROM</u> | <u>TO</u> | <u>REASON</u> |
|-------------|-------------|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| 2 | F/2/12 | CAM LO (YD 143616) | KHE SANH (XD 851416) | Relieve I/3/12 |
| | B/1/40 | 12th Mar OPCON | CAM LO (YD 132593) | Relieve F/2/12 |
| | I/3/12 | KHE SANH (XD 851416) | KHE SANH (Non-firing) | Join ROUGH RIDER |
| 3 | I/3/12 | KHE SANH | 12th Mar OPCON | Deploy to SLF |
| 5 | G/3/12 | TRUC LAM (YD 223658) | DONG HA (Non-firing) | Chop to 1/12 |
| | K/4/12 | CAM LO (YD 127588) | DONG HA | Chop to 12th Mar |

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| DATE | UNIT | FROM | TO | REMARK |
|------|--|--|---|--|
| 6 | D/1/40 A/1/40 G/3/12 | CAM LO (YD 132593) CAMP CARROLL DONG HA | DONG HA DONG HA CAMP CARROLL | Chop to 12th Mar Chop to 12th Mar Direct Spt 3/9 |
| 13 | G/1/40 | ROCKFILE (XD982541) | CA LU (YD 011452) | Spt 3/3 Contingency |
| 14 | G/1/40 | CA LU (YD 011452) | ROCKFILE (XD982541) | 3/3 Contingency Complete |
| 20 | F/2/12 H/3/12 J/3/12 M/4/12 C/1/40 G/1/40 | OPCON SOP KHE SANH (YD 163401) (YD 186402) CAMP CARROLL ROCKFILE (XD982541) CA LU (YD 012452) | OPCON 1/12 (YD 186402) (YD 163401) (YD 093513) CA LU (YD 012452) ROCKFILE (XD982451) | Commenced PRAIRIE IV Spt K/3/9 Displ. K/3/9 Displ postponed OPCON 1/12 to Spt K/3/9 Spt ROUGH RIDER ROUGH RIDER Postponed |
| 21 | H/3/12 H/3/12 | (YD 163401) (YD 186402) | (YD 186402) (YD 163401) | Spt K/3/9 Displ K/3/9 Displ Complete |
| 22 | M/4/12 | (YD 093513) | CAMP CARROLL | OPCON 12th Mar, K/3/9 Displ complete |
| 26 | G/1/40 B/1/40 | ROCKFILE (XD982541) DONG HA (OPCON 12th Mar) | CA LU (YD 012452) CA LU (YD 013452) | Spt ROUGH RIDER OPCON 1/12, Spt Opn to North |
| 27 | B/1/12 BnGrp 2/12 | SLF KHE SANH | KHE SANH KHE SANH | Spt Opn SOUTH and North of KHE SANH Control F/2/12 and B/1/12 |
| 28 | G/1/40 B/1/40 G/1/40 | CA LU (YD 012452) CA LU (YD 013452) ROCKFILE | ROCKFILE (XD982451) ROCKFILE (XD 982451) DONG HA | ROUGH RIDER cancelled Relieve C/1/40 Chop to 12th Mar |
| 29 | K/4/12 | CAM LO | OPCON 12th Mar | Chop to 12th Mar |

b. On 1 April, 3 battalion TOT's were fired on suspected VC battalion (vicinity YD 1353, 1254, 1253). Total ammo expended was 543 rounds.

c. On 1 April, 2 Regimental TOT's were fired on a suspected VC battalion at (YD 1153) and (YD 1256). Total ammo expended was 188 rounds.

d. On 11 April, 338 rounds were expended in pre H-Hour prep, and 400 rounds were expended in post H-Hour prep, in support of 3/3 operation (vicinity XD 940490).

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e. On 12 April, 475 rounds were fired to prep a helo zone at (XD 943502). The lift was not made due to weather.

f. On 13 April, 141 rounds of 105mm were fired on a suspected 500 man VC battalion (vicinity YD 148554).

g. On 13 April, 386 rounds were fired to prep a helo zone for M/3/3 vicinity (XD 883496).

h. On 24 April, the ASR for artillery ammo was set by III MAF at 32 rounds 105mm HE/Tube/Day, 25 rounds 107mm HE/Tube/Day, and 31.7 rounds 155mm HE/Tube/Day. This was further decreased by 12th Marines on 25 April to 364 rounds 105mm HE per day and increased for 155mm HE to 280 rounds per day for the support of 3d Marines.

i. On 28 April, 68 rounds of 105mm ammo were expended on 20 VC in a trenchline vicinity (YD 034505). Artillery was credited with 4 KIA (prob).

3. Number and Type of Missions Fired

a. Artillery Missions (Direct Support)

| | <u>105mm</u> | <u>107mm</u> |
|------------|--------------|--------------|
| Observed | 841 | 87 |
| Unobserved | 5025 | 290 |
| H and I | 3330 | 691 |
| Total | 9196 | 1068 |

b. Artillery Missions Fired (General Support/Reinforcing)

| | <u>155mm</u> |
|------------|--------------|
| Observed | 78 |
| Unobserved | 44 |
| Total | 122 |

4. Ammunition Expended by Type

a. Direct Support Artillery

| | <u>HE</u> | <u>WP</u> | <u>ILLUM</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|-------|-----------|-----------|--------------|--------------|
| 105mm | 45,726 | 2018 | 167 | 47,911 |
| 107mm | 2,396 | 201 | 149 | 3,206 |
| Total | 48,662 | 2219 | 316 | 51,197 |

b. General Support Artillery

155mm, HE -- 1860

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- c. Tanks: 684 rounds 90mm
- d. Ontos: 651 rounds 106mm
- e. Automatic Weapons (AWSP)(USA)

| | |
|------------|--------|
| 40mm | 14,621 |
| 50 Caliber | 3,400 |
| Total | 18,021 |

5. Surveillance

Enemy Dead

KIA (C) - 7
KIA (F) - 159

6. Artillery Casualties

KIA (Hostile) - 0
KIA (Non-Hostile) - 1
WIA (Hostile) - 0
WIA (Non-Hostile) - 0

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P. Air Support.

(1) Elements of the First Marine Aircraft Wing, including Marine Aircraft Group 11, Marine Aircraft Group 12, 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, tactical troop lifts, and high altitude bombing missions during the month of April 1967.

(2) Air support provided is summarized as follows:

| | MED- EVAC | ADMIN | LOGISTICS | TROOP LIFT | RECON | TROOP LIFT (TACTICAL) |
|----------------|--------------|-------|-----------|---------------|-------|--------------------------|
| Hq Co, 3d Mar | 1 | 4 | 10 | 13 | 1 | - |
| 3d Bn, 3d Mar | 12 | 2 | --- | 5 | - | 5 |
| 3d Bn, 9th Mar | 19 | 1 | 8 | 5 | - | 3 |
| Total | 32 | 7 | 18 | 23 | 1 | 8 |

(3) During April 1967, the Regimental TACP controlled approximately 1570 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.

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

| | |
|-------------------------------------|------|
| (a) Total targets requested | 1240 |
| (b) Total targets struck: | 737 |
| (c) Total ordnance expended (tons): | 1231 |

(5) Weather was not a significant factor. However, 2 med-evacs were delayed 8 and 10 hours respectively due to poor visibility, primarily ground fog.

(6) A total of 44 close air support missions were flown in support of operating units. Total ordnance expenditure was 110 tons.

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Q. Activations/Deactivations/Redesignations.

- (1) At 192400H, Operation PRAIRIE III was terminated.
- (2) At 200001H, Operation PRAIRIE IV designated.

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R. Psychological Operations.

(1) 1 April - 300,000 CHIEU HOI and NVA Hardship leaflets were distributed in the area bounded by (YD1560), (YD 2560), (YD 2562) and (YD 1562).

(2) 3 April - 1,700,000 CHIEU HOI and NVA Hardship leaflets were distributed in the area bounded by:

- (a) (XD 9049), (XD 9040), (YD 0849), (YD 0840)
- (b) (XD 9966), (XD 9962), (YD 0766), (YD 0762)
- (c) (YD 1035), (YD 2135), (YD 2135), (YD 2145)
- (d) (YD 1560), (YD 2560), (YD 1562), (YD 2562)

(3) 9 April - 2,000,000 CHIEU HOI and NVA Hardship leaflets were distributed in the area bounded by:

- (a) (XD 8565), (XD 8559), (XD 9265), (XD 9259)
- (b) (XD 9559), (XD 9259), (XD 8553), (XD 9253)
- (c) (XD 8553), (XD 9085), (XD 8549), (XD 9049)
- (d) (XD 9263), (XD 9260), (YD 0163), (YD 0160)
- (e) (XD 9342), (XD 9945), (XD 9341), (YD 0043)
- (f) (YD 0553), (YD 1253), (YD 1250), (YD 0550)
- (g) (YD 1240), (YD 1342), (YD 2141), (YD 2038)
- (h) (XD 9265), (XD 9263), (YD 0166), (YD 0163)

(4) 10 April - 500,000 CHIEU HOI and NVA Hardship leaflets were distributed in the area bounded by:

- (a) (YD 0870), (YD 1174), (YD 1474), (YD 1470)
- (b) (YD 1470), (YD 1474), (YD 1974), (YD 2170)
- (c) (YD 0969), (YD 1669), (YD 1667), (YD 0967)

(5) 11 April - 1,800,000 CHIEU HOI, VC Disillusionment, NVA Hardship, and Safe Conduct leaflets were distributed in the area bounded by:

- (a) (YD 0870), (YD 2170), (YD 2264), (YD 0861)
- (b) (YD 0061), (YD 1562), (YD 1659), (YD 0957)
- (c) (XD 8565), (XD 8559), (XD 9265), (XD 9259)
- (d) (XD 8559), (XD 9259), (XD 8553), (XD 9253)
- (e) (XD 8555), (XD 9055), (XD 9549), (XD 9049)
- (f) (XD 9265), (XD 9263)
- (g) (YD 0166), (YD 0163), (YD 0147), (YD 0139)
- (h) (XD 9047), (XD 9550), (XD 9250), (XD 9249), (XD 9048)

(6) 12 April - 1,300,000 CHIEU HOI, NVA Hardship and Safe Conduct leaflets were distributed in the area bounded by:

- (a) (XD 9263), (XD 9260), (YD 0163), (YD 0160)
- (b) (XD 9260), (XD 9258), (XD 9660), (XD 9655)

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- (c) (YD 9660), (XD 9655), (YD 0160), (YD 0155)
- (d) (XD 9053), (XD 9253), (XD 9255), (XD 9047)
- (e) (YD 0155), (YD 0147)
- (f) (XD 9047), (XD 9550), (XD 9250), (XD 9239)
- (g) (YD 0147), (YD 0139)
- (h) (XD 9342), (XD 9345), (XD 9341), (YD 0043)
- (i) (YD 0166), (YD 0870), (YD 0864), (YD 0164)
- (j) (YD 0164), (YD 0864), (YD 0861), (YD 0160)

(7) 15 April - 1,150,000 CHIEU HOI, NVA Hardship, Safe Conduct, ARVN Evacuation of the Wounded, and Warning of Aircraft leaflets were distributed in the area bounded by:

- (a) (YD 0861), (YD 0160), (YD 0154), (YD 0954)
- (b) (YD 0154), (YD 0168), (YD 0954), (YD 0948)
- (c) (YD 0957), (YD 1357), (YD 1348), (YD 0948)
- (d) (YD 0555), (YD 1253), (YD 1250), (YD 0550)
- (e) (YD 0148), (YD 1148), (YD 1030), (YD 0140)

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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.

3 April - One officer attended the Division Personal Response School conducted at the Third Marine Division CP.

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6 April - Fourteen members of the Regimental Scout Sniper Platoon conducted familiarization firing of individual weapons at the Camp CARROLL Rifle Range.

11 April - Eighty-one members of Headquarters Company, Third Marines conducted familiarization firing of their individual weapons at the Camp CARROLL Rifle Range.

12 April - Thirty-three members of Headquarters Company, Third Marines attended classes on the M16E1 Rifle conducted at Camp CARROLL. Immediately following the classes, each Marine was given an opportunity to Fam-Fire the M16E1 Rifle at the Camp CARROLL Rifle Range.

13 April - Forty-three members of Headquarters Company, Third Marines attended classes on the M16E1 Rifle. Immediately following the classes, the Marines Fam-Fired the M16E1 Rifles at the Camp CARROLL Rifle Range.

24 April - One officer attended Registered Publications Custodian School conducted in Japan.

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PART IV

CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS
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 5. 3d Marines INTSUMS No. 92 - 120 as of 010800H - 300800H April 1967
 6. KHE SANH INTSUMS No. 79 - 86 as of 191200H - 271200H April 1967
 7. Regimental Order 7230.1A dated 9 April 1967 (Rewards program for receipt of Viet Cong Intelligence Information and/or weapons from Vietnamese civilians)
 8. Regimental Order 5100.3 dated 26 April 1967 (Safety Regulations for Individual Weapons)
 9. CO, Third M₃Div ltr 3/FAK/ju over 3000 dtd 14 April 1967 (Casualty Reports on Spot Reports)
 10. CO, Third M₃Div ltr 3/JU/lws over 3430 dtd 30 April 1967 (Lessons Learned, April 1967)
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 19. Third M₃Div 030630Z Apr67 (Officer Personnel Status)
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- ✓20. CO, Third Marines 00600Z Apr67 (Counter Mortar Radar)
 - ✓21. Third M₃ Div (Fwd) 060856Z Apr67 (Change of OFCON)
 - ✓22. CO, Third Marines 061128Z Apr67 (Dunker Requirements)
 - ✓23. CO, Third Marines 081430Z Apr67 (Woodcutters in Battalion Areas)
 - ✓24. CO, Third Marines 090510Z Apr67 (Woodcutters in Battalion Areas)
 - ✓25. CO, Third Marines 090748Z Apr67 (No Fire Zone)
 - ✓26. Third Marines 090945Z Apr67 (Change of OFCON)
 - ✓27. CO, Third Marines 091615Z Apr67 (Active Defense)
 - ✓28. CO, Third Marines 091900Z Apr67 (Captured Material of US Origin)
 - ✓29. Third M₃ Div (Fwd) 100800Z Apr67 (Change of OFCON)
 - ✓30. CO, Third Marines 101300Z Apr67 (Serious Incident Report)
 - ✓31. CO, Third Marines 101310Z Apr67 (Transportation Request)
 - ✓32. CO, Third Marines 101320Z Apr67 (Opn FRAIRIE III Frag 0 3-67)
 - ✓33. CO, Third Marines 110415Z Apr67 (Review of Medical Requirements)
 - ✓34. CO, Third Marines 111500Z Apr67 (Sniper Rifles)
 - ✓35. CO, Third Marines 120325Z Apr67 (Planning Message)
 - ✓36. CO, Third Marines 140350Z Apr67 (Air Reconnaissance Request)
 - ✓37. CO, Third Marines 140400Z Apr67 (Change of OFCON)
 - ✓38. Hq Co, Third Marines 140930Z Apr67 (Fire Extinguishers for H₂O Pads)
 - ✓39. Third Marines 141000Z Apr67 (Planning Message for 15 April)
 - ✓40. Third Marines 150320Z Apr67 (Vietnamese Village and Hamlet Elections)
 - ✓41. Third Marines 150321Z Apr67 (XM-16E1 Rifles)
 - ✓42. Third Marines 160245Z Apr67 (Planning Message for 17 April 1967)
 - ✓43. CO, Third Marines 170210Z Apr67 (Aerial Photo Request)
 - ✓44. CO, Third Marines 170211Z Apr67 (Aerial Photo Request)
 - ✓45. CO, Third Marines 170400Z Apr67 (Pursuit)
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- ✓46. CO, Third Marines 171345Z Apr67 (Opn PRAIRIE III Opn Plan 7-67)
 - ✓47. CO, Third Marines 180445Z Apr67 (Pursuit)
 - ✓48. CO, Third Marines 190735Z Apr67 (Reschedule of Flanning Message)
 - ✓49. CO, Third Marines 191601Z Apr67 (OFCOM)
 - ✓50. CO, Third Marines 200110Z Apr67 (Deployment of One Section of 106mm)
 - ✓51. Camp CARROLL Commander 200130Z Apr67 (Sandbagging of Living Quarters)
 - ✓52. CO, Third Marines 211220Z Apr67 (Minefield Destruction)
 - ✓53. CO, Third Marines 220825Z Apr67 (Aerial Photo Request)
 - ✓54. CO, Third Marines 220826Z Apr67 (Aerial Photo Request)
 - ✓55. CO, Third Marines 220900Z Apr67 (Opn PRAIRIE IV Frag O 2-67)
 - ✓56. CO, Third Marines 221145Z Apr67 (Utilization of Supporting Arms)
 - ✓57. CO, Third Marines 221400Z Apr67 (Request for Communication Personnel and Equipment)
 - ✓58. CO, Third Marines 230010Z Apr67 (Division Personal Response School)
 - ✓59. CG, Third MarDiv 230917Z Apr67 (Removal of Minefield)
 - ✓60. CO, Third Marines 231100Z Apr67 (Accidents due to Changes in Night Activities)
 - ✓61. SOP KHE SANH 250545Z Apr67 (Change of OFCOM)
 - ✓62. Third Marines 251320Z Apr67 (Convoy Restriction)
 - ✓63. Third Marines 251415Z Apr67 (Flanning Message for 26 April 1967 for the KHE SANH Operation)
 - ✓64. CG, Third MarDiv 260655Z Apr67 (Movement of Forces)
 - ✓65. Third Marines 261635Z Apr67 (Movement of Forces)
 - ✓66. Third Marines 270250Z Apr67 (Detection of SAM in DMZ area)
 - ✓67. Third Marines 280320Z Apr67 (Aerial Photo Request)
 - ✓68. Third Marines 281200Z Apr67 (Battalion Boundaries)
 - ✓69. CG, Third MarDiv 290843Z Apr67 (Boundary Delineation)
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70. Third Marines 291515Z Apr67 (Detection of SAM in DMZ)
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- ✓71. Third Bn, Third Marines Operation Order 5-67
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- ✓73. Third Bn, Third Marines Frag O 17-67 with Operation Overlay
- ✓74. Third Bn, Third Marines Frag O 18-67
- ✓75. Third Bn, Third Marines Frag O 19-67
- ✓76. Third Bn, Third Marines Frag O 20-67
- ✓77. Third Bn, Ninth Marines Operation Order 1-67 with Operation Overlay
- ✓78. Operation Overlay to Accompany Third Marines Opn PRAIRIE III Opn Plan 7-67
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- ✓79. Newspaper distributed as part of Psyops program)

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9 April 1967

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REGIMENTAL ORDER 7230.1A

From: Commanding Officer

To: Distribution List

Subj: Rewards program for receipt of Viet Cong Intelligence Information
and/or weapons from Vietnamese civilians

Ref: (a) ForceO 7000.2A
(b) DivO 7230.1A

Encl: (1) Sample letter for Claim for Reimbursement
(2) Sample Negative Report

1. Purpose. To promulgate instructions relative to the monetary rewards to indigenous personnel for intelligence information concerning NVA/VC activity and/or weapons.

2. Cancellation. Regimental Order 7230.1

3. Background. A rewards program was implemented in October of 1965 to provide an incentive for indigenous personnel to volunteer information concerning VC/NVA activity and/or weapons. Reference (a) and (b) authorizes the payment of monetary rewards to Vietnamese, directs the reporting and accountability procedures to be utilized.

4. Policy. The commanding officer desires all units to actively participate and to include the lowest echelon possible to insure maximum effectiveness of the program. (It is strongly recommended that rewards funds be carried by platoon commanders, by patrol leaders, by Marine Interpreters and by other responsible personnel who come in frequent contact with the populace). Reward funds will be utilized to reward Vietnamese civilians only. To insure informants a higher degree of anonymity, informants will not be required to sign a receipt for reward funds. See reference (a) and (b).

5. Payment Criteria

a. It is anticipated that commanders will exercise flexibility in the monetary amount of the reward to fit changing situation. Authorized personnel who possess reward funds will evaluate the volunteered information and local circumstances before making a judgment regarding size of award, if any. To standardize the size of awards to be paid,

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the following scale is offered as a guide:

- (1) Location of mines/booby traps -- 400 piastres.
- (2) Delivery of individual weapon -- 500 piastres.
- (3) Delivery of crew served weapon -- 1,000 piastres.
- (4) Specific location of Viet Cong personnel, supply caches installations, etc. -- 500 to 2,000 piastres.

b. No maximum amount for an individual reward payment has been established. The above scale has been deliberately set below the compensation provided to returnees under the GVN Chieu Hoi Program so as not to be competitive.

6. Action. Infantry Battalions and Separate Companies will initiate/implement the following requirements:

- a. Appoint in writing an officer to serve as the unit custodian for reward funds. The original of appointment letter will be forwarded to the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, and a copy to the Regimental Custodian for Rewards Funds.
- b. Open an account with the Regimental Custodian for rewards funds.
- c. Promulgate amplifying instructions to guide subordinate units. One copy of the instructions will be forwarded to Commanding Officer, 3d Marine Regiment (Attn: S-2).
- d. Submit letters of expenditures to the Regimental Custodian for Rewards Funds not later than the 3d of each month. Negative reports required. See enclosures (1) and (2).
- e. Emphasize/implement the rewards program in Civil Affairs and PsyWar Operations.
- f. Maintain records listing the date, amount and for what purpose the reward was paid.
- g. Emphasize to indigenous personnel that a person volunteering information will be provided anonymity and may receive an on-the-spot reward.

7. Fiscal Transactions

- a. Receipt of funds. Funds will be receipted for on MACV Form 395

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(Advance and Return of Intelligence Contingency Funds and/or Vouchers). Subordinate unit custodians will receive two copies of MACV 395 when receiving initial and subsequent disbursements. These forms will be prepared by the Regimental Custodian. Recipients will sign the original, where indicated and retain by the Regimental Custodian; a copy will be retained in the recipients file.

b. Expenditure of Funds. Each Custodian will establish his own accounting procedures.

c. Vouchering of Expenditures

- (1) Subordinate Unit Custodians. See paragraph 6. d. above.
- (2) Regimental Custodian. Submit letter of expenditures to the Division Custodian not later than the 10th of each month in accordance with reference (b).

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Date

From: Capt. I. M. MARINE 012345 USMC
To: Custodian Regimental Reward Fund, 3d Marines (Attn: S-2)

Subj: Reward Fund, Letter of Expenditure

Ref: (a) RegtO 7230.1A

1. Claim is hereby made for reimbursement on account of expenses incurred incident to the collection of information pursuant to official duty assigned, in the sum of 0000\$VN.
2. I certify that the above amount actually has been expended by me, as itemized below, that the claim as submitted is correct and just, and that no payment in cash or in kind has been received by me in settlement of this claim.

| DATE | DESCRIPTION | AMOUNT |
|---------|--|---------|
| 14Mar67 | Payment to a VN female for pointing out a VC to L/3/3. | 200\$VN |
| 29Mar67 | Payment to a VN male for turning in 10 rounds of 7.62 ammunition to M/3/9. | 50\$VN |
| 3. | Cash balance on hand is 0000\$VN. | |

I. M. MARINE

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From: Capt. I. M. MARINE, O12345, USMC
To: Custodian Regimental Reward Fund, 3d Marines (Attn: S-2)

Subj: Reward fund, Negative letter of Expenditure

Ref: (a) RegtO 7230.1A

1. Reports are required by reference (a) on the 3d of each month.

2. There have been no payments made from the subject fund since _____
report. Cash balance on hand remains at 0000\$VN.

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Note: Negative expenditure reports need not be classified.

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REGIMENTAL ORDER 5100.3

From: Commanding Officer
To: Distribution List

Subj: Safety Regulations for Individual Weapons

Ref: (a) Division Order 5100.1
(b) Regimental Order 3000.6B
(c) Division Order 5101.4
(d) CG Third MarDiv msg 220621Z Apr 67

1. Purpose. To establish safety regulations for the handling and firing of individual weapons by personnel within the 3d Marines.

2. Background. The location of the 3d Marines area of operations is such that individuals may be required to carry weapons and ammunition for prolonged periods. This situation requires that every individual take the proper precautions to insure the safe handling of weapons and to prevent possible injury to himself and others.

3. Information

a. Reference (a) sets forth 3d Marine Division policy concerning the handling of individual weapons.

b. Reference (b) consolidates information concerning the rules of engagement.

c. Reference (c) sets forth Division policy on prevention of the accidental discharge of weapons.

d. Reference (d) sets forth Division policy on the use of "jungle slings" with the XM-16E1 rifle.

4. Policy

a. Camp CARROLL, less the defensive perimeter is designated an administrative area. Individual weapons need not be carried in this area. Magazines will not be inserted and rounds will not be chambered unless under attack or engaged in familiarization firing at the authorized range.

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b. The defensive perimeter and all areas external to it are designated operational areas. Individual weapons will be carried in these areas. Magazines/clips may be inserted in weapons in these areas, at the direction of unit leaders. Rounds will not be chambered unless under attack.

c. During hours of reduced visibility individual's weapons will be kept in working spaces by all on duty personnel.

d. This same policy applies to areas within the perimeters of the other fixed installations within 3d Marines area of operations.

e. The Rules of Engagement are applicable in any instance not specifically covered by this order.

5. Safety Regulations

a. No weapons will be loaded with a round in the chamber unless immediate firing is considered necessary.

b. Loaded magazines/clips will be inserted in weapons only when directed by responsible unit leaders. This action will be based on an analysis of the type of duty being performed and the tactical situation.

c. Loaded magazines/clips will be removed from weapons immediately upon an individual being relieved of duties requiring such loading. Weapons will be cleared and the chamber will be checked manually and visually by the individual possessing the weapon and by the unit leader present.

d. When removing a round from the chamber or a magazine/clip from the weapon, all weapons will be pointed upward at a 45 degree angle.

e. All weapons containing ammunition will be in a "Safe" condition except for actual firing.

f. All weapons prior to being cleaned, will be inspected in the same manner as indicated in sub-paragraph d, just as if a round were in the chamber and/or a magazine/clip were in the weapon.

g. Skylarking with weapons, practicing fast draws, and pointing at individuals will not be tolerated.

h. All weapons will be treated as loaded weapons at all times.

i. When immediate reaction to enemy attack is required, individuals may open fire on their own initiative; otherwise to fire must be granted by the infantry unit commander on the scene responsible for the defense of the various fixed installations. This includes familiarization firing and firing while engaged in perimeter defense.

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j. It has been noted that the XM-16E1 is being used with a "jungle sling" attached to the front sight. This causes the gas ports in the barrel and the front sight to become misaligned and thus reduces gas pressure to drive the bolt to the rear. Reduced gas pressure will cause a failure to feed. To preclude weapon malfunctions resulting from gas port misalignment, "jungle slings" are prohibited.

k. Regulations relating particularly to familiarization firing.

(1) An officer or SNCO will be present and in charge of all familiarization firing.

(2) An air sentry will be posted during familiarization firing to warn of the approach of friendly aircraft.

(3) All firing will be ceased when friendly aircraft are in the area.

(4) Familiarization firing may be conducted only on approved ranges.

1. None of the foregoing is intended to inhibit immediate reaction by the individual against the source of hostile fire.

6. Action. Organizational commanders will schedule classes at the lowest unit level on the contents of this order and such other safety precautions deemed necessary to insure optimum safety in weapons usage. Each individual upon joining an organization, will be instructed in the contents of this order and in the safety regulations of his assigned weapon.

7. Promulgation. Publish to each member on receipt and during the first week in each month thereafter. This order will be placed in the commander's continuity file.

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Third Battalion, Third Marines (Attn: 2-3)
Third Battalion, Ninth Marines (Attn: 2-3)

Subj: Casualty Reports on Spot Reports

Ref: (a) Div O 3100.10
(b) Third MarDiv (Fwd) Msg 130723Z Apr67

1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), battalions must continue to submit follow-up casualty reports by spot reports through operational channels.
2. Operation Officers and Administration Officers must keep each other informed and accurate up to date records must be submitted via Admin/Operation Chain.
3. Additionally, when KIA/DA's occur, Spot Reports should include how many medals as a subparagraph to paragraphs F and G. For example:
F. 5, F. (1) 3, G. 8, G. (1) 2


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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Reinf), FMF (Attn: G-3)
Subj: Lessons Learned, April 1967
Ref: (a) DivO 3430.1A

1. In accordance with reference (a), the below listed lessons learned are submitted.

a. Item: Night Marking of Helicopter Zones

Discussion: The most critical part of a night helo mission is the approach and landing. In order for the pilot to plan the safest approach, he must be aware of critical terrain features as well as the condition and orientation of the zone. There have been a number of cases where helo accidents have occurred, due primarily to poor visibility and/or insufficient or non-existent illumination in the landing zone. In some cases, the ground commander has refused the use of illumination grenades or flares, or illumination was not available.

Recommendation: If the tactical situation is serious enough to require a night helo mission, then proper preparation must be made for the successful completion of the mission. The ground unit commander should have available, and should be prepared to use, illumination as necessary for the successful completion of the mission. Flashlights are not adequate in most cases to properly orient the pilot, and provide a necessary margin of safety.

b. Item: Rainwear and individual equipment

Discussion: Many infantry troops live in improvised shelters constructed of shelterhalves and ponchos. The current shelterhalf is not waterproof and when subjected to repeated monsoonal rains, affords little protection from the wet. In order to construct an effective 2 man shelter for protection from the intense Vietnamese monsoon rains, each Marine living in an improvised shelter needs one poncho and one waterproof shelter-half. Additionally, he requires a functional air mattress so that he can sleep off of the wet ground and also needs a set of foul weather gear which should consist of a lightweight, all green, hooded, waterproof jacket and a lightweight, dull green, waterproof overtrousers with a drawstring top and bottom.

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Recommendation: That each Marine reporting to Vietnam for field duty be issued the following as part of his individual equipment:

- (a) One waterproof shelterhalf
- (b) One functional air mattress
- (c) One waterproof poncho
- (d) One set of lightweight, dull green, waterproof foul weather gear

c. Item: Writing of Fire Support Plans

Discussion: The short planning time available in the exploitation of a significant enemy contact may preclude the writing of detailed fire support plans. Fire support planning, coordination, and control, therefore, remain quite decentralized and somewhat extemporaneous. The pre and post H-Hour schedules of fire are often quite time consuming to write and promulgate. When time is short, the writing of these schedules may be impossible prior to implementation.

Recommendation: In quick reaction situation, the FSC of the unit conducting the operation should not attempt to write too detailed a fire support plan. After developing information on targets, LZ's and friendly scheme of maneuver, the pre and post H-Hour fires should be handled as immediate fire missions. A rate of fire for a specified period of time or number of rounds should be included in the initial fire request. When time permits, log entries should be rendered into a written fire support plan for historical purposes.

d. Item: That the individual Marine is an important source of intelligence

Discussion: The individual Marine is afforded excellent opportunity to observe people, structure, and terrain more closely and more carefully than any other intelligence source. Much important information is gained from a detailed examination from One Marine.

Recommendation: Stress the value and importance of the individual Marine as a source of intelligence at all levels of command.

e. Item: Teletype Communications

Discussion: On 200001H April 1967 this Headquarters established teletype communications with Division Headquarters on a full duplex circuit.

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Subsequently the circuit was changed to two half-duplex circuits.

(a) Advantages of two half-duplex

- (1) Capable of sending and receiving at the same time.
- (2) Capable of receiving hard copy on both send and receive.
- (3) If one circuit goes down, one channel is still available.
- (4) Utilize one circuit to trouble shoot the other circuit.

(b) The disadvantage of the two half-duplex is that it requires more equipment.

Recommendation: That when a full duplex circuit is required; consideration be given to establishing two half-duplex circuits.

f. Item: Med Evacs

Discussion: During hostile action when casualties are incurred it is very often necessary to call in med evac helicopters to evacuate the casualties. It appears that personnel loading the casualties on helicopters do not always know the destination of the helicopter and as a result are unable to properly give this information to the unit's rear echelon.

Recommendation: Establish a command wide system whereby the crews of the med evac helicopters will inform personnel at the landing zone of their destination (medical facility) in order for this information to be transmitted by radio to the unit's casualty reporting center to enable the casualty reporting personnel to correctly and expeditiously include this important information on the casualty report to the Division, Wing, or Major Command.

g. Item: Sounding Alarm for Mortar/Rocket/Artillery Attack

Discussion: During recent weeks enemy mortar/rocket and/or artillery attacks have substantially increased. Immediately upon learning of incoming rounds, there should be some type of common alarm system. In the various cantonments, camps, combat bases and/or areas, it seems, that each unit has their own type of alarm system. This is confusing to individuals, and in some cases they may not know what the "Sounding of the Alarm" means. Secondly, in almost all cases the sounding of the alarm is sounded by hitting a gong or shell casing. This cannot be heard over a long distance, especially if there is any outside noise whatsoever, such as radios blaring, generators running, or trucks rolling by.

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Recommendation: That a unified, one-type alarm system be developed for all elements of the Third Marine Division. That it be a siren type alarm powerful enough to be heard throughout the confines of the camp or base.

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 Dong Ha, RVN
 110800H Apr 1967

Operation Order 5-67

- Ref: (a) Map: Vietnam, 1:50,000, Series J7014, Sheets 6342 I, II, III, IV
 (b) 3d Marines Operation PHALIN III Reg Order 3-67, DFO 180520Z Feb 1967
 (c) BN SOP for Operation Logistics

Time Zone: L

1. Situation

a. Enemy Forces. See current DTSUMS.

b. Friendly Forces

- (1) Battery "H", 4th Bn, 12th Marines in general support.
- (2) Battery "G", 3d Bn, 12th Marines in general support.
- (3) Battery "C", 1st Howitzer Bn, 40th Artillery in general support.
- (4) 1st MAW provides initial helilift; CAS resupply and such other support as may be required.
- (5) AO and Gunships will be stationed during all troop lifts. AO on station during daylight hours.
- (6) 3d Bn, 9th Marines provides one rifle company for BN OP security to include Company "K" position at Ca Lu.

c. Attachments

- (1) Engineer squad attached M&S Co. effective 1200, D-1.
- (2) MSF attached to M&S Co. 1200, D-1.
- (3) L&C team (-) attached to Companies I, L, and K.
- (4) One MOD team attached to M&S Company

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(5) One tunnel team attached to Company "I".

2. Mission. 3d Bn, 3d Marines conduct a two phase search and destroy operation in an area indicated on Annex A (Operation Overlay). Special emphasis will be placed on a search and destroy operation within GS 9149 and 9249. Also the main North-South trail network in the area will be checked out for enemy movement; all terrain features such as fingers, and draws will be checked for weigh-stations; harbor sites, food caches and weapons caches.

3. Execution

a. Concept of Operation

(1) Phase I

(a) At H-hour, on D-day one Rifle Company (rein) will be helilifted from Bn CP to LZ vicinity of coordinates (924498); conduct a search and destroy operation on Hill 492 and estab a blocking position running generally east and west on the north slope of Hill 492.

(b) At H plus 1 one Rifle Company (Rein) will be helilifted from Bn CP to LZ vicinity of coordinates (915522); conduct a search and destroy mission generally to SE through GS 9151 and 9150; effect link up with blocking force on Hill 492.

(c) At H plus 2 one Rifle Company (-) will be helilifted from Ca Lu coord (012455) to LZ vicinity coord (934525); conduct a search and destroy mission generally to the south-southwest through GS 9351 and 9250; effect a link-up with blocking force on Hill 492.

(2) Phase II

(a) On order, one Rifle Company (-) will be helilifted from Hill 492 to Ca Lu coord (012455) and move by foot to position coord (983437) (trail juncture with Route 9); move north on trail and establish a blocking position from coord (969451) to coord (970451) facing north.

(b) On order one Rifle Company (Rein) will be helilifted from Hill 492 to Hill 715 vicinity coordinates 942476; establish a blocking position from coordinates (937475) to (943477) facing north.

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(c) On order one Rifle Company (Rein) will conduct a search and destroy operation generally to the southwest utilizing main North-South trail network; upon link-up with blocking force located Hill 715 and on order both companies will search and destroy to the southwest along trail and effect link-up with blocking force located vicinity coord (965542).

(d) Upon link-up all companies will search and destroy to Route 9 vicinity coord (983437) and move to Ca Lu.

(e) All units will be moved via truck from Ca Lu to Bn CP.

b. Company "L". Be prepared to execute mission assigned in 3a(1), (a) 3a (2) (c), 3a (2) (d), 3a (2) (e).

c. Company "I". Be prepared to execute mission assigned in 3a(1) (b), 3a (2) (b), 3a (2) (d), 3a (2) (e).

d. Company "K". Be prepared to execute mission assigned in 3a (1) (c), 3a (2) (a), 3a (2) (d).

e. H&S Company. Activate Command Group Alpha on order. Be prepared to assume responsibility for designated portions of the Bn CP defensive position.

f. Company "M". Continue present mission.

g. Company "M", 3d Bn, 9th Marines. Be prepared to assume responsibility for designated portion of the Bn CP defensive to include defensive of Co. "K" position at Ca Lu.

h. Command Group Alfa. Land at H-Hour with Company "I" and establish Bn CP initially on Hill 492.

i. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Phase I

(a) D-Day 11 April 1967

(b) H-Hour 0800

(c) LZ

1. Co. "L" - vicinity coord 924498

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- (2) Co. "I" - vicinity coord (915522).
- (3) Co. "K" - vicinity coord (934525).
- (d) Map Reference Point is coordinates (9151). Code name TP #1.
- (e) East-West FIC from coord (900505); North-South FIC is FIC GI (92).
- (f) No Fire Zone from coord (920505) to (930505) to (920495) to (930505).

(2) Phase II.

- (a) Commencing E+2.
- (b) H-Hour 0800H.
- (c) LZ:
 - (1) Hill 492 - coord (921492)
 - (2) Co. "I" - coord (944476).
 - (3) Ca Lu - Co "K" (-) coord (012456).
- (d) Map Reference Point is coord (9448). Code name is TP #2; on order be prepared to use TP #3 coord (9746).
- (e) FIC - from coords (9247) to (9549).
- (f) FIC - from coords (9545) to (9746).
- (g) No Fire Zones in GS (9447), (9645).
- (3) Coordinating Instructions for all phases.
 - (a) Rules of Engagement apply.
 - (b) Supporting Artillery and Air is to be utilized to the maximum.
 - (c) Bn Reserve - Company in least contact at any given time is designated Bn Reserve Company.

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j. Reports.

(1) Submit Sit Reports every hour on the half hour; Spot Reports when applicable.

(2) Report MIZ along route to include size and vegetation.

4. Administration and Logistics.

a. Casualties will be reported in accordance with Battalion SOP.

b. Basic Allowance will be as follows;

(1) Class I six MCI's per individual.

(2) Class II and IV as required, units will carry necessary items to conduct search of caves/tunnels as may be discovered.

(3) Class V basic allowance (7 magazines per M-16) plus 100 rounds per rifleman; a minimum of 2000 rounds per machine gun, four M-26 frag. grenades per individual; two CS/CN grenades per squad.

c. Body armor will not be worn.

d. Air panels will be carried by each rifle squad and the Battalion Command Group.

e. All personnel will carry a minimum of 4 pair of socks, salt tablets, 2 bottles of insect repellent, three canteens of water and entrenching tool.

f. All rifleman will carry the complete M-16 bipod carrying case.

5. Command and Communication/Electronics.

a. Communications/Electronics. In accordance with reference (b); each company will be prepared to erect an RC-292 or field expedient as required.

(1) Each radio operator will carry a fresh battery in the radio plus one spare. Also, four message books.

(2) All administrative traffic will be passed over the administrative net.

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b. Command. Battalion Command Group will move initially with Company "H".

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ATTACHMENT:

- A. Operation Overlay
- B. Artillery
- C. Trail net work and HLZ overlay

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Dong Ha, RVN
181400H April 1967

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Ref: (a) Map: Vietnam, 1:50,000, AMS Series L7014, Sheet I and II.
(b) Battalion SOP for Operations and Logistics.

Time Zone: No change

1. Situation. No change2. Mission. To coordinate relief of lines between Company "L" and "K" and Company "M" and "I".3. Execution.

(a) Concept of Operation. Relief of lines will be accomplished in two operations; Operation "A" will consist of four phases and Operation "B" will consist of five phases.

(1) Operation "A".

(a) Phase I. Commencing 150800H, Company "L" will move via truck to Ca Lu and effect relief of lines utilizing platoon guides provided by Company "K".

(b) Phase II. As relief is effected at Ca Lu, Company "K" will board trucks and proceed to 3/3 CP.

(c) Phase III. Upon arrival, Company "K" will move into Company "L" perimeter defense positions utilizing platoon guides provided by Company "L".

(d) Phase IV. Company "L" platoon guides and remaining organizational equipment will move via trucks to Company "L" position (Ca Lu). Trucks will then return to 3/3 CP with remaining Company "K" organizational gear.

(2) Operation "B".

(a) Phase I. Commencing 161000H, relief of security units on the Rack File CP will be executed. Company "I" provide one T/O rifle squad for helilift to CP.

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(b) Phase II. At 0600H, two squads plus one NCO per squad from remainder of Company "I" will move via truck to Company "M" position; from there, under command of Company "M", effect relief of defensive positions vicinity of Razorback Ridge. Squads relieved from Razorback Ridge move to Battalion CP and act as guides for Company "M".

(c) Phase III. Company "I" (-)(Rein) departs Bn CP defensive perimeter at 0700H, moves via Route 9 to Company "M" positions and effects relief of lines on a platoon for platoon basis, utilizing Company "I" platoon guides.

(d) Phase IV. Upon completion of relief, Company "M" (-)(Rein) moves via Route 9 to Battalion CP and utilizing Company "M" guides, moves into Battalion perimeter defense positions.

(e) Phase V. Organizational equipment will be moved via truck commencing 0730H.

b. Company Lima.

(1) Executes that portion of mission stated in para 3a (1), (a), (c), (d).

c. Company Kilo.

(1) Executes that portion of mission stated in para 3a (1), (a), (b), (c), (d).

d. Company India.

(1) Executes that portion of mission stated in para 3a (2), (a), (b), (c), (d).

e. Company Mike.

(1) Executes that portion of mission stated in para 3a (2), (a), (b), (c), (d).

f. H&S Company.

(1) Be prepared to assume responsibility for designated portions of Bn CP perimeter on order, commencing 1500H through 1700H

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g. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) OPCON will remain with units being relieved until defensive positions of outlying units are occupied and permission for release from OPCON has been granted by Battalion.

(2) Battalion S-3 will brief Company Commanders on respective areas of responsibility to include patrol and ambush requirements.

(3) Company Commanders will prepare and turn over to their relief the following information:

(a) Defensive fire plan with separate overlays for each platoon.

(b) Fire direction charts for individual fighting holes and crew-served weapons.

(c) Overlays on mine fields (if applicable).

(d) Communication facilities to include internal and external communications.

(4) Scheduled patrol and ambush activities will be altered as follows:

(a) Patrols for 15 April 1967 will be cancelled for Companies "L" and "K". Ambush requirements will be met.

(b) Patrols for 17 April 1967 will be cancelled for Companies "I" and "M". Ambush requirements will be met.

(5) Maximum emphasis will be placed on dispersion of personnel throughout the relief of lines process.

(6) Attachments will not be changed. Companies relieving outlying areas will assume OPCON of attachments already assigned to areas.

4. Administration and Logistics.a. Supply.

(1) Bn S-4 will brief Company Commanders regarding resupply for all positions within his AO.

(2) Commanding Officers will conduct an inventory, by class,

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of all supplies left on position and turn this inventory over to relieving CO.

(3) All supplies, except BA of Class V as set forth in Ref. (a), will be left on position.

(4) Common items, such as tentage, may be exchanged for like item on approval of Commanding Officers.

(5) All organizational equipment being staged for movement will have proper security.

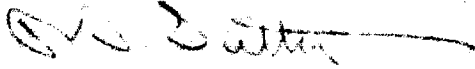
(6) Bn S-4 will provide necessary transportation for movement of Company "L" to Ca Lu and the return of Company "K" to the Bn CP.

5. Command and Communications.

(a) Communication/Electronics. In accordance with Ref. (b).

(b) Command Post. 3d Bn, 3d Marines, No change.

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 041600H April 1967

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 (b) Bn SOP for Operations and Logistics.
 (c) CO 3d Marine message 292232H March 67.

Time Zone: H

1. Situation

- a. Enemy Forces.--See current Intsums.
- b. Friendly Forces.--No change.
- c. Attachments.

(1) FAC team (-) attached to Co. "I" effective 1000 D-Day.

2. Mission. 3d Battalion, 3d Marines conduct a patrol to Hill 492 vicinity Coordinates (924498) with particular emphasis on searching for evidence of enemy activity and movement and arms and supply caches. Patrol route in accordance with Annex A (operational overlay).

3. Executiona. Concept of Operation.

(1) One Rifle Company (Rein) departs present position at H-Hr; moves overland ~~CROSSING~~ a series of checkpoints to Hill 492. On order Company will proceed to vicinity of coordinates (916513) for helicopter pick up and return to CP.

b. Company "I". Execute mission stated in paragraph 3a above.

c. Company "L". Be prepared to move in support of Co. "I" if required. In addition be prepared to assume added Battalion defense responsibility.

d. Company "K". Continue present mission.

e. Company "M". Continue present mission.

f. I&S Company. Be prepared to assume added Battalion perimeter responsibility.

g. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) D-Day 05 April 1967.

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- (2) H-Hour 0400H.
- (3) Reference Point for entire patrol will be Colors (9552).
- (4) HLZ for return to Battalion CP located vicinity Coord (915523).
- (5) A thorough search of all terrain features such as fingers, draws and trails up to at least 500 meters of designated patrol route will be accomplished.
- (6) A complete overlay of all trails encountered will be submitted to the S-2 upon completion of the patrol.

h. Reports.

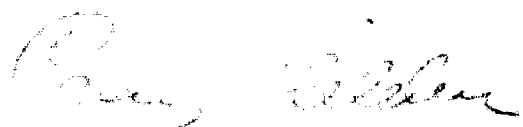
- (1) Submit Sit Reports every hour on the half hour; submit Spot Reports when applicable.
- (2) Report all areas along route that may serve as an HLZ to include size and vegetation.
- (3) Submit CP location every hour in Sit Reports when established and every 30 minutes during displacement.

4. Administration and Logistics.

- a. Casualties will be reported in accordance with Bn. SOP.
- b. BA of Supplies in accordance with Bn. SOP.
 - (1) MCI's - 6 per individual.
 - (2) Socks - 4 pair per individual.
- c. No resupply except emergency class V is anticipated.

5. Command and Communication/Electronics.

- a. Communications/Electronics.
 - (1) In accordance with reference (b).
- b. Command. No Change.


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3d Battalion, 3d Marines
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19200H April 1967

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Ref: (a) Map: Vietnam, 1:50,000, AMS Series L7014, Sheets 6342 I, II, III, 6442 III, IV
(b) 3d Mar Div (Fwd) 150036Z Apr 67
(c) 3d Mar 160245Z Apr 67
(d) En SOP for Operations and Logistics.

Time Zone: H

1. Situation.

- a. Enemy Forces. See current INTSUMS and SITREPS.
- b. Friendly Forces. No change.
- c. Attachments.
 - (1) FAC team attached Company "K" effective 1200, D-1.
 - (2) FO team (Arty) attached Company "K" effective 1200, D-1.

2. Mission. To provide company (-) as security element to accompany a Rough Rider convoy.

3. Execution.

- a. Concept of Operation. One company (-) will join a Rough Rider convoy at 3/3 CP; move as a security force with convoy to Khe Sanh and return with convoy disembarking at 3/3 CP.
- b. Company "K" Be prepared to execute mission assigned in para 3a.
- c. Company "M" Be prepared to move as a reaction force in support of Rough Rider convoy.
- d. Companies "L" and "I" Continue present mission.
- e. H&S Company Be prepared to activate Command Group Alpha as part of reaction force for Rough Rider convoy. In addition, be prepared to assume responsibility for a sector of En perimeter defense.
- f. Coordinating Instructions
 - (1) See Ref (b)
 - (2) Date and time of convoy movement to be announced.
 - (3) C.O. Company "K" designated Assistant Convoy Commander and Security Officer.
 - (4) Company "M" and Command Group Alpha on one (1) hour alert as reaction force upon departure of convoy from 3/3 CP.
 - (5) Two (2) M42's and two (2) M55's provided for convoy security force. Vehicles will join convoy vicinity junction of Camp Carroll road and Nat. Route 9. Vehicles will leave convoy at same point on return trip.

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4. Administration and Logistics.
 - a. Ref (d) with following exceptions:
 - (1) MIC - 3 meals per individual
 - (2) BA only on Class V.
5. Command and Communications.
 - a. Reference (b)

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Ref: (a) Map: Vietnam 1:50,000, AMS Series L7014, Sheet 6342 I.
 (b) Bn SOP for Operations and Logistics.

Time Zone: H

1. Situation.

- a. Enemy Forces. See current INTSUMS.
- b. Friendly Forces. No change.

2. Mission. 3d Bn, 3d Mar conduct extensive patrolling in GS 9858, 9859, 9958, 9959, 9458, 9459, 9559 and 9659.

3. Execution.a. Concept of Operation.

(1) One rifle platoon (rein) departs present position at H-hr, D-day moves to vicinity coordinates (987593) and establish a PTB; conduct extensive patrolling in GS 9858, 9859, 9958 and 9959.

(2) One rifle platoon (rein) departs present position at H-hr, D-day moves to vicinity coordinates (956598), establish a PTB and conduct extensive patrolling in GS 9458, 9459, 9559 and 9659.

b. Company "I" Be prepared to execute mission as assigned in para 3a (1) and (2).

c. Company "M" Be prepared to deploy one platoon (rein) to Company "I" position as security force. Also be prepared to reinforce Company "I" positions if required.

d. Companies "L" and "K" Continue present mission.

e. H&S Company Be prepared to assume an additional sector of the Bn defensive perimeter.

f. Coordinating Instructions.

- 1. D - day 21 April 1967.
- 2. H - hr 0700H
- 3. Map Reference Point - 9759, Code name GIRLS.
- 4. Submit Sit-Reps every hour on the half hour and Spot Reports as incidents occur.

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5. Report all areas that may serve as an H to include size of zone, vegetation and number of helicopters that zone may accommodate.
6. NSGL 97 is the FCL. Platoon operating in western GS cannot fire east of the FCL; Platoon operating in eastern GS cannot fire west of the FCL.
7. F.O. team (Arty) will accompany each platoon.

4. Administration and Logistics.
 - a. IAW ref (b).
5. Command and Communications. No change.

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 (b) Bn SOP for Operations and Logistics.

Time Zone: H

1. Situation.a. Enemy Forces.

- (1) Btry "F" 2nd Bn, 12th Mar. General Support.
- (2) Btry "G" 1st Bn, 40th Arty, USA. General Support.
- (3) Btry "C" 1st Bn, 12th Mar. Direct Support.
- (4) Btry "M" 1st Bn, 12th Mar. General Support.

b. Attachments.

- (1) FO Team (Arty) attached to Co. "M" effective 1200, D-1.
- (2) FAC Team attached to Co. "M" effective 1200, D-1.

2. Mission. 3d Bn, 3d Mar effect link-up with reconnaissance unit vic. coord (873507) and conduct search and destroy operations in grid squares (8751), (8851)(8951).

3. Execution.

a. Concept of Operation. Company (-) moves via helicopter to HLZ vic. coord (883495); effect link-up with reconnaissance units vic. coord (873507); search and destroy to the north-east with particular emphasis on conducting search and destroy operations in grid squares (8751)(8851)(8951); conduct search and destroy operations east generally along the Khe Giang Thoen River toward 3/3 defensive position.

b. Company "G" (-). Be prepared to execute mission as described in para 3a.

c. Company "K". Continue present mission to include assuming responsibility for a sector of 3/3 defensive perimeter. In addition be prepared to assume mission as described in para 3a if required.

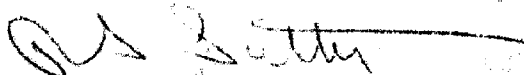
d. Company "L". Continue present mission. In addition be prepared to deploy one platoon in support of Company "M" (-) if required.

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- e. Company "I". Continue present mission.
- f. H&S Company. Be prepared to assume sector of 3/3 defensive perimeter.
- g. Coordinating Instructions.
 - (1) D-Day - 22 April 1967.
 - (2) H-Hour - 1500.
 - (3) LZ vic. coord (8834965).
 - (4) Map Reference Point and Code Name - (8852), CARS.
 - (5) Rules of engagement apply.
 - (6) Supporting arms to be utilized to the maximum in the event of enemy contact.
 - (7) During search and destroy operations emphasis will be placed on thoroughly checking out all draws, fingers and trails for enemy movement, harboring sites, and supply/weapons caches.
- h. Reports.
 - (1) Submit Sit. Reps. every hour on the half hour; Spot Reports will be submitted whenever applicable.
 - (2) Report HLZ along route to include size and vegetation.
- 4. Administration and Logistics.
 - (a) In accordance with ref. (b).
- 5. Command and Communications.
 - (a) In accordance with ref. (b).

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| 0530 | 2 | Fr Shove: Spot Report | S-2 |
| 0920 | 3 | Fr STB2 Spot Rpt | S-2 |
| 1116 | 4 | Fr 3/9: Spot Rpt | S-2 |
| 1230 | 5 | Fr 3/3: Spot Rpt A) Payable I B) 041030 C) Pay CP D) Pay I relieved of KHE LIO bridge responsibility by I 3/9 * | |
| 1516 | 6 | Fr Shove (Fwd) Sport Rpt | S-2 |
| 1516 | 7 | Fr 3/9 Sport Rpt | |
| 2015 | 8 | Fr 3/3: Spot Rpt | S-2 |
| 2105 | 9 | Fr 3/3: Spot Rpt | S-2 |
| 2140 | 10 | Fr 3/9: Spot Rpt A) Water Point B) 042115H C) 058549 D) Received incoming hand grenade. | |
| 2400 | 11 | Fr 3/3: Spot Report | S-2 |
| 2400 | 12 | FF Journal Closed | |

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| 1025: | 2 | Fr 3/3 Spt Rpt A) Pay B) 081035H C) 998477 D) Pay K: has rpted 1 civ killed and 4 wounded from H&I fires: last night. Preliminary investigation has indicated that no H&I fires from Pay. (Arty & mort were fired on vic of village that rec'd incoming fire. Pay K: also indicated medical assistance is needed. E) Continued investigation into the location of the H&I fire being conducted. Medical personnel including Doctor plus Pay "2", interpreter and arty rep being dis- patched to village where incident occurred. Crater: analysis to be conducted. Civil Affair to be con- ducted. | |
| 1145: | 3 | Fr 3/3 Spt Rpt A) Pay M B) 081015H C) 971599 D) A patrol from Pay M found trail meeting n/w at above coord. Trail used within last week. Also found water buffalo feces and tenny shoes print approx 4 days old. Further inspection of trail revealed elephant feces approx 5 days old. E) Trail checked out with no further obs. | |
| 2400: | 4 | Journal closed | |

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| 0800 | 2 | Fr 2/94 Spt Rpt A) 2/94 B B) 090330H C) Camp Carroll D) At approx 0330 an explosion occurred in C Battery area. Believed to have been 175 rd exploding as left tube. Investigation underway. Muzzle blast from Gun #3 wounded men on gun #2. E) More info to follow. F) 1 G) 8 | |
| 1750 | 3 | Fr 3/9 Spt Rpt A) LP31 B) 091654 C) 082524 D) Uncovered concealed hole containing 25 bunches of bananas. E) Search area and found sun helmet. Left materials in place for amb site. | |
| 2400 | 4 | Journal closed | |

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| 0300: | 2 | Fr 3/9 Spt Rpt A) CP North B) 150155H C) 068558 | |
| | | D) CP North observed a light shining toward his pos: | |
| | | approx 600 mm to his front. E) Called in 81mm man | |
| | | fired 4 rds, lights can no longer be observed. | |
| 1530: | 3 | Fr 3/9 Spt Rpt A) S-5 B) 154120H C) YD 068532 | |
| | | D) Road mine pressure type activated 5 personnel | |
| | | injured, truck badly damaged. E) Set 360° peri | |
| | | around vehicle, searched area w/neg results. Mgr's | |
| | | sent to incident to survey road. Wrecker dispatched | |
| | | to retrieve damaged truck. Additional truck sent to | |
| | | take supplies to D-5. | S-3 |
| 2400: | 4 | Journal closed | |

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| 0001: | 1 | : | Journal opened | : |
| 0003: | 2 | : | Fr Swain 3: Spt Rpt A) B) 152215H C) 977434 | : |
| : | : | : | D) At above T & G a marine while in the amb site | : |
| : | : | : | was badly mauled by a wild animal of some kind. | : |
| : | : | : | E) Marine has been ret to Pay L C.P. and is now | : |
| : | : | : | being moved to Pay C.P. for add med attn. Check | : |
| : | : | : | fires on all arty and 81's R&I have been effected | : |
| : | : | : | to insure safe movement on road. Battalion surgeon | : |
| : | : | : | alerted to treat patient on arrival this position. | : |
| 1105: | 3 | : | Fr Pay: Spt Rpt A) Pay L B) 161025H C) 977434 | : |
| : | : | : | D) Ref Spt Rpt 160003 A ptl fm Pay L was sent to | : |
| : | : | : | amb site of last night's incident. Found cat tracks | : |
| : | : | : | approx 4 th in dia. Came fm NW, circled amb site, | : |
| : | : | : | ret back to NW. | S-3 |
| 1755: | 4 | : | Fr 3/9 Spt Rpt A) 3/9 106mm plt B) 161710H | : |
| : | : | : | C) 060550 D) 1 man rec'd gun shot wound chest. | : |
| : | : | : | Cal .45 accidental discharge. E) Medivac called | : |
| : | : | : | and completed 161741H. Condition serious. In- | : |
| : | : | : | vestigation of incident to be conducted. | S-2 |
| 2400: | 5 | : | Journal closed | : |

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| 0001 | 1 | Journal opened | |
| 1300 | 2 | Fr 3/9 Spt Rpt A) 3/9 B) 171100H C) Vic 060553 D) As a result, a montagnard woodcutter was wound- ed by a s/a fire ricochet in the neck and leg. Wounds not serious. VC did not fire in encounter, fleeing the area. Stray rd fm Marine fire probable cause of wound. E) 3/9 Civil AffairsO investigating the incident, additional info and results will be fowd by admin channels. | S-3 |
| 1555 | 3 | Fr 3/9 Spt Rpt A) L Co 3/9 B) 171445 C) 128537 D) Squad was in dark amb and were comprised by 1 Vietnamese male wearing a straw hat and rain coat: Walked by pos. E) Followed indiv to coords 125534 when indiv joined up with 2 more indiv's who may have been farmers because there was a large herd of water buffalo at these coords. Did not fire due to the fact that indiv might have been farmers. | |
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| 0001 | 1 | Journal opened | |
| 1216 | 2 | Fr 3/9 Spt Rpt A) LP11, B) 181155H C) 120509 D) (1) 105 rd leaning against tree was intentionally put there, not booby trap. Dest w/1 block Q-4. | S-3 |
| 2400 | 3 | Journal closed | |

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| 0001 | 1 | Journal opened | |
| 2115 | 2 | Fr Radiance Spt Rpt A) B 1/9 B) 241800-242230 | |
| | | C) D) 1810H: The H-35 that was damaged fm en fire | |
| | | at 241640H dep Khe Sanh for Dong Ha. 1815: H-46 was: | |
| | | damaged fm en fire while picking up WIA at 798443. | |
| | | Helo was able to ret to Khe Sanh will not be able to | |
| | | fly until it is repaired. 1830H: B-1 rec'd s/a and: | |
| | | auto wpns fire fm Hill 861, (1) USMC KIA.(late rept): | |
| | | B-6 rept'd that at 1500H when B-3 rec'd mort fire | |
| | | and s/a, the third plt was split and 15 men fm 3d | |
| | | plt, 3d sqd were unable to rejoin plt due to heavy | |
| | | en contact. Radio contact was lost w/3d sqd, 3d | |
| | | plt soon after plt was split up. 3d plt has been | |
| | | unable to regain contact w/3d sqd since the accident, | |
| | | still trying. B-6 rept'd that during air strike | |
| | | (1) bomb landed on friendly posn killing 4 USMC. | |
| | | B Co has not been able to loc the (2) USMC bodies | |
| | | that were KIA at 241215H. USMC cas count for B 1/9 | |
| | | at 242030 as follows: 2 MIA, 12 KIA, 17 WIA. Present | |
| | | loc of B-3 (790455), B-1 (798443) | S-3 |
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| 0001 | 1 | Journal opened | |
| 0150 | 2 | Fr Crowd 3 Spt Rpt INITIAL A) Pay K & Khe Sanh B) 260110H C) 805435 D) K 3/3 & Khe Sanh rec'd rocket and mortar fire. No casualties figures as yet. More info to follow. K 3/3 rec'd 200 rds 82 mm (estimate). Perimeter north at Khe Sanh rec'd approx 100-110 incoming rds fr unk type wpn. Grater analysis being conducted. No casualties rptd at this time. E) Counter mortar fire being conducted, flagship, fixed wing support on the way. | S-3 |
| 0705 | 3 | Fr Radiance: Spt Rpt A) Rug B B() 260700H C) En 799443, Fr 795449 D) Rec'd sporadic SAF at above time and coord. At 0700 made contact w/SAF. B-3 moving up, will fire Laws in tree line where fire originated, no arty being called, en cont is between front units. | S-3 |
| 0820 | 4 | Fr Pay Spt Rpt A) Pay B) 260810H C) Vic obj D) Pay conts to recieve incoming mort rds, no. undet, s/a conts. Pay & Rug have both suffered add'l das, no. unk. Est on force prob larger than co., difficult to est. Old K moving up by foot w/lsqd Rug B as guides. Stb 6 request add'l Bn. | S-3 |
| 1440 | 5 | Fm Rad Spt Rpt A) Pay 3 B) 261420H C) Vic obj D) K 3/3 pinned down rec'g s/a/f. Old K plt moving up to assist K 3/3 a visual sighting of an mortar tubes on Hill 861, Air strikes being called, arty also being called in. | S-3 |
| 1559 | 6 | Fr Pay 3 Spt Rpt A) Rug B B) 261445H C) R.8 U.2 D) B-6 rpts he has so many casualties that he can not move. Old K plt (plus) is on way to help him. | S-3 |
| 1948 | 7 | Fr Radiance Spt Rpt A) Pay B B) 261910H C) RO.3 VO.3 D) Rug B and old K rec'g mort rds, total 22 Arty and counter mort called | |
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| 1508 | 3 | Fm Klick FDC: Spt Rpt A) 12th Mar B) 271340H C) YD 925400 D) Bag dump truck stuck mine approx 50 lbs at above time and location. 1 emergency and 2 routine medevacs. | |
| 2035 | 4 | Fm Sen 2: 271730H C) 969566 D) At the same time & coords on CP for Pay I spotted 1 NVA/VC dressed in khaki clothes chopping a tree. E) Fired 3 rds from Ontos into area. Excellent tgt coverage. | S-3 |
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| 0555: | 2 | Fr Fertilize Spt Hpt A) G Battery CP-Camp Carroll B) 280335H C) 049542 D) Observed 4 people E) Obs & fired 81 illum. Called 81mm HE mission. Rounds on: target, will check out area at first light. | S-3 |
| 1515: | 3 | Fm 3/3 Spt Hpt A) L 3/3 B) 281435H C) 989442 D) While Engr's were repairing bridge at above coord w/a sec sqd fm Pay L. 1 sniper rd came into the area grazing 1 engr on the forehead E) Area satu- rated w/saf & 81mm man, WIA is a routine. | S-3 |
| 1518: | 4 | Fm 3/9 Spt Hpt A) B 1/9 B) 281130H C) YD095572 D) Found while on tank ptl 3 X 155 canisters which seems to have rd w/in. Sqd did not open canister for fear of it being booby trap. E) Canister put in grade B storage, S-4 will have them destroyed. | S-3 |
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1. SITREP NR 53 AS OF 010600H APR67

A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

B. SUMMARY: CONDUCTED EXECUTION ON OPN PRAIRIE III FRAG 0

1-67 IAW MY PLANNING MSG FOR 31MAR67.

C. CONTACTS: 010315H K/3/4 OBS MAN MOVING APPROX 30 METERS IN
 FRONT OF PERIMETER. K/3/4 ILLUM AREA AND FIRED S/A FIRE AT
 MAN. AREA WILL BE CHECKED AT FIRST LIGHT.

D. EVENTS:

(1) 010215H 1/L/3/3 ARRIVED AT L/3/3 CP. 2/L/3/3 LOC
 (YD 097661) MOVING TO L/3/3 CP.

(2) 010225H M/3/3 RECEIVED 6-8 ROUNDS ON INCOMING MORTAR
 FIRE. FLASHES WERE NOTED AT (YD 070600). COUNTER MORTAR PLAN
 FIRED. CRATED ANALYSIS WILL BE MAKE AT FIRST LIGHT. RESULTS:
 1 ISMC KIA.

E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE.

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

(1) FR: 44 KIA, 227 NIA (USMC), 7 NIA (USA)

(2) EN: 146 KIA (C), 11 KIA (P), 4 PW (NVA), 13 DETAINEES.

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OPN PRAIRIE III

1. SITREP NR 54 AS OF 011200 APR 67

A. LOCATIONS

- (1) 3/9 CMD GRP (YD 110656)
I/3/9 (YD 104635)
M/3/9 (YD 102649)
L/3/9 (YD 096653)
- (2) 3/4 CMD GRP (YD 126653)
L/3/4 (YD 130662)
K/3/4 (YD 115666)
- (3) 1/4 (YD 117693)
A/1/4 (YD 092636) TO (YD 105633)
C/1/4 (YD 105633) TO (113633)
D/1/4 (YD 116690)

B. SUMMARY: CONDUCTED EXECUTION OF MY OPN PRAIRIE III FRAG O
1-67 IAW MY PLANNING MSG FOR 1 APR 67

C. CONTACTS:

- (1) 011020H M/3/9 PTL (YD 097653) RECEIVED APPROX 21 RDS
S/A FIRE FROM 2 ENEMY, M/3/9 PTL RETURNED FIRE FROM M-60. WILL SEARCH
AREA. RESULTS 1 WIA (USMC) (EN KIA (P))
- (2) 011030H I/3/9 CP RECEIVED S/A AND GREN FIRE FROM VIC (YD 099655)
OBSERVED 1 ENEMY VIC (YD 095659). RECON AREA BY S/A FIRE WPNS. AND
OPEN FIRED L/S/A RESULTED IN 2 EN KIA (C) 1 EN KIA (P)

D. EVENTS:

- (1) LATE ENTRY 010515H 2/L/3/3 ARRIVED 2/3/3 CP

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- (2) 010900H LEAD ELEMENTS OF 3/4 ARE AT OBJ A
 (3) 010930H CMD GRP 3/4 LOC (YD 119663. K/3/4 (YD 104663) AND L/3/4 (YD 120663)
 (4) 011006H 3D MAR ALSO REPORTED AO OBSERVED 4-5 MORTAR PSN WITH 40 FIGHTING HOLES WELL CAMOUFLAGED TURNING BROWN, VIC (YD 102613)
 (5) 011000H 3/4 COMPLETED SWEEP OF OBJ A W/NEG CONTACT
 (6) 011100H PSN REPORT REF PARA "A" THIS SITREP
 E. INTENTIONS: CONTINUE TO EXECUTE MY OPN PRAIRIE III FRAG O 1-67
 (1) CONDUCT S&D OPN WEST FROM PRESENT PSN TO DMZ TO INCLUDE GS (YD 0868, (YD 0869, AND (YD 0820). ONE COMPANY REMAIN PRESENT BLOCKING PSN.
 (2) ON SECURING OBJ A CONDUCT S&D IN A SE DIRECTION VISE DIRECTION CONTAINED IN MY MESSAGE 312200H MAR 67. DIRECTION OF S&D TO CARRY THROUGH GS(YD 1564), (YD 1563), (YD 1664) AND (YD 1663)
 F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:
 (1) FR: 44 KIA, 223 MIA (USMC) 7 (USA)
 (2) EN: 143 KIA (C), 115 KIA (P), 4 PW(NVA) 33 DETAINEES
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CPN PRAIRIE III

1. SITREP NR 55 AS OF 011800H APR 67.

A. LOCATIONS:

- (1) HQ CO 3D MAR (YD 066543)
- (2) SOP BA LONG (YD 163397) AND RF CO 256
K/3/9 (YD 166403)
W/1/12 (YD 165452)
- (3) 1/9 (YD 063551)
PLT A/1/9 (YD 026562)
L/3/9 (YD 094514) AND RF CO 122
A/1/9 (-) (YD 063551)
C/1/9 (-) (YD 063551)
D/1/9 (YD 063551)
- (4) 3/3 (XD 933544)
I/3/3 (XD 979545)
K/3/3 (YD 011458) AND RF CO 123
M/3/3 (XD 933538)
- (5) 3/9 (YD 106652) MOVING
I/3/9 (YD 102652) MOVING
L/3/3 (YD 092643) MOVING
M/3/9 (YD 101639) MOVING
- (6) 1/4 (-) (YD 117693)
A/1/4 (YD 103638) MOVING

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- B/1/4 (YD 220657) OPCON 12TH MAR
 C/1/4 (YD 116690)
 D/1/4 (YD 117695)
 (7) 3/4 (YD 165636)
 L/3/4 (YD 165644) MOVING
 K/3/4 (YD 165636)
 (8) MECHANIZED EMPLOYMENT
 (A) CO A 3D AT BN
 LT SECT D-5
 LT SECT CA LU
 2 SECTS CAMP CARROLL W/1 ONTOS HILL 250 &
 WATER POINT
 LT SECT CAM LO BRIDGE
 LT SECT 3/3 CP
 LT SECT KHE SANH
 LT SECT GIO LINH
 (B) CO A 3D TK BN
 HVY SECT M/3/3 PSN
 LT SECT 3/3 CP
 CO (-) CAMP CARROLL W/1 FLAME TANK
 (C) C/1/44
 TWIN 40MM SP - M42
 7 CAMP CARROLL
 2 CA LU
 3 3/3 CP
 1 KHE GIA BRIDGE
 1 NORTH HILL
 QUAD 50 CAL TRUCK MOUNTED
 4 CAMP CARROLL
 (9) OP/PPB
 (A) OP
 BA LONG NR 1 (YD 157413)
 BA LONG NR 2 (YD 167394)
 BA LONG NR 3 (YD 163390)
 BA LONG NR 4 (YD 153392)
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HILL 252 (YD 022558)

(B) PPB

M/3/3 (XD 967564) RAZORBACK

K/3/9 (YD 197448)

A/1/9 (YD 054585)

D. SUMMARY:

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

(2) K/3/9, W/1/12 AND RF CO 256 MAINTAINED DEF PSN AT BA LONG

(3) 3/3: ESTAB DEF PSN VIC THON SON LAM W/M/3/3 NORTH OF THON SON LAM W/PPB ON THE RAZORBACK AND 3/3 (-) SOUTH OF THON SON LAM IN DEF PSN. K/3/3 MAINTAINED DEF PSN VIC CA LU.

(4) 3/9 (-), 3/4 (-), 1/4 (-) AND L/3/3 CONDUCTED MY OPN PRAIRIE III FRAG O 1-67 IAW MY PLANNING MSG FOR 1 APR 67.

(5) 1/9: MAINTAINED DEF PSN. PLT A/1/9 AT THE KHE GIA BRIDGE. D/1/9 MAINTAINED DEF PSN AT CAMP CARROLL AND A/1/9 CONDUCTED PLT ACTIVITIES VIC CAMP CARROLL.

(6) SUMMARY OF ROAD AND BRIDGE MAINTENANCE ON RTE 9 BETWEEN CA LU AND KHE SANH. CO 11TH ENGRS MAINTAINED CAMP VIC BRIDGE SITE AT (XD 913405) WITH PLT K/3/3. CONSTRUCTED BYPASS, ROAD REPAIR, AND BRIDGES REMAINING ALONG RTE9. K/3/3 CONDUCTED 2 PTLs SOUTH OF BRIDGE SITE VIC (XD 913405), 1 PTL ALONG RTE 9 FM CA LU TO VIC GL 94, 1 PTL NORTH OF RTE 9 VIC GS (YD 0147), (YD 0143) AND (YD 0245).

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

C. CONTACTS: L/3/9 (YD 092660) MADE CONTACT AND KILLED 3 EN, 2 WEARING GREEN UNIFORM AND 1 WEARING WHITE TROUSERS. RECOVERED 2 AK-47, 2 CHICOM GRENS, 4 MAGS, 2 WALLETS AND PROPAGANDA LEAFLETS. RESULTS: 3 EN KIA (C).**D. EVENTS:**

(1) LATE ENTRY: 010930H CA LU OP (YD 001453) VILLAGE CHIEF FM TAN RO (XD 991442) BROUGHT 63 MONTAGNARDS TO CA LU OP. 63 SUBJS HAD LIVED WITH THE VC FOR 5 YEARS. THEY DECIDED TO DESERT VC AND LEFT 4 DAYS AGO. FM SOUTHWEST OF TAN RO (V). 63 SUBJS IN STATE OF MAL-NUTRITION. K/3/3 DISTRIBUTED "C" RATIONS. CORPSMEN ADMINISTERED PENICILLIN AND VITA PILLS. RESULTS: 63 RETURNEES.

(2) 010940H L/3/9 PTL (YD 101515) WHILE SWEEPING VILLAGE LOC ASSORTED DOCU. WILL BE FORWARDED TO G-2.

(3) LATE ENTRY: 011045H L/3/9 PTL (YD 101508) LOC 1 TUNNEL LEADING TO REINF BUNKER W/CONCRETE ROOF 4X4X6 FT. DESTROYED TUNNEL.

(4) 011100H 3/9 LOC 12 ADDITIONAL NVA KIA (C) VIC (YD 103651).

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CAPT 2 AK-47, 2 40MM RKT RDS, GAS MASK AND MISC CLOTHING, 1 CARTRIDGE BELT, AND BANANA CLIPS. RESULTS 12 EN KIA (C).

(5) 011126H D/1/9 COMMENCED MOVEMENT SOUTH.

(6) 011340H L/3/9 (YD 033503) LOC 1 BUNKER 4X6 FT REINF W/LOGS. BUNKER DESTROYED.

(7) 011340H 3/L/3/3 RETURNED TO CP. RELEASED FM SPARROW HAWK REQUIREMENTS AT 011335H.

(8) 011355H 1/3/3 PTL VIC (XD 905522) APPREHENDED 4 SUSPECTS WHO WERE FISHING IN RIVER. SUBJS WERE UNARMED WEARING GREEN T SHIRTS AND WHITE TROUSERS. SUBJS RELEASED AS INNOCENT CIVILIANS.

(9) 011446H 3/4 REPORTED FIRST ELEMENTS COMMENCED MOVEMENT EAST TO BEGIN SWEEP.

(10) 011659H 3/4 COMPLETED SWEEP OF ASSIGNED AREA W/NEG RESULTS. ESTAB NIGHT DEF PSN.

(11) 011700H LOC REPORT REF PARA THIS SITREP.

E. INTENTIONS: FOR NEXT 24 HOURS:

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

(2) K/3/9, W/1/12 AND RF 250 MAINTAIN DEF PSN VIC BA PING. CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PASEP.

(3) 3/3: MAINTAIN OP ON THON SON LAM. M/3/3 MAINTAIN DEF PSN NORTH OF THON SON LAM W/PPB ON THE RAZORBACK. CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PASEP. HAS/3/3 MAINTAIN DEF PSN SOUTH OF THON SON LAM. CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PASEP. K/3/3 AND RD 123 MAINTAIN DEF PSN AT CA LU W/OP ON HILL 110. PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PASEP.

(4) 1/9: MAINTAIN DEF PSN VIC CAMP CARROLL W/H&S/1/9, HQ CO 3D MAR, CO A 3D TK BN, CO A 3D AT BN, C/1/44 ARTY USA, AND USMC/USA ARTY UNITS PROVIDE SEC FOR CAMP CARROLL. PLT C/1/9 PROVIDE SEC FOR THE KHE GIA BRIDGE. L/3/9 AND RF 122 PROVIDE SEC FOR D-5. D/1/9 MAINTAIN DEF PSN AT CAMP CARROLL WITH A/1/9 CONDUCTING PTL VIC CAMP CARROLL. CONDUCT PTL SIZE PTL ON 1 APR 67 IN AREA OF GS (YD 0357), (YD 0457), (YD 0557) AND (YD 0657). CONDUCT PTL SIZE PTL EAST GENERALLY FOLLOWING ALONG THE TRACE OF GL 56 TO VIC RTE 553 AND THEN SOUTH TOWARD D-5. CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PASEP.

(5) 3/9(-), 3/4(-), 1/4(-) AND L/3/3 CONDUCT S&D OPN IAW MY OPN PRAIRIE III FRAG O 1-67 AND MY PLANNING MSG FOR 1 APR 67.

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

(1) FR: 44 KIA, 223 WIA(USMC, 7 WIA(USA)

(2) EN: 163 KIA(8), 115 KIA(P), 4 PW(NVA), 33 DETAINEES,

63 RETURNEES

G. ARVN/USMC OPN: NONE

H. RECOVERY OF US MATERIAL: NONE

I. SCOUT-SNIPE TEAMS: 3D MAR MAINTAINS 11 TMS

(1) 4 TMS HQ CO DEF PSN.

(2) 4 TMS EMPLOYED W/11TH ENGRS VIC CA LU.

(3) 3 TMS SQD OPN W/1/9.

(4) NEG REPORT.

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OPN PRAIRIE III

1. SITREP NR 56 AS OF 012400H APR 67.

A. LOCATIONS:

3/9 CMD GRP (YD 093640)

1/3/9 (YD 093640)

M/3/9 (YD 093640)

L/3/3 (YD 093640)

L/3/4 (YD 106633)

B. SUMMARY: CONDUCTED EXECUTION OF MY OPN PRAIRIE III FRAG O
1-67 IAW MY PLANNING MSG FOR 1APR67.

C. CONTACTS: NONE

D. EVENTS:

(1) LATE ENTRY; 011620H K/3/9 (YD 106449) LOC 8-10 HUTS
ABOUT 1 YR OLD POSS EN CAMP SITE. NO SIGNS OF RECENT EN ACTIVITY
IN AREA. HUTS WILL BE DESTROYED.

(2) LATE ENTRY; 011645H L/3/3 (YD 093640) LOC 5 EN BODIES
WEARING BROWN KHAZI UNIFORMS DEAD APPROX 2 DAYS. KILLED BY S/A
FIRE. CAPT 2 UNK TYPE MG AND 1 AK47. RESULTS; 5 EN KIA (C).

(3) 011300H 3D MAR INTERPRETER RECD INFO FM DOC KINH CHIEF
THAT CHILDREN TENDING THEIR WATER BUFFALOES HAD AT 011600H OBS
VIC (YD 118542) AT LEAST A BN OF VC. DEPLOYED IN 360 DEGREE
PERIMETER. COOKING AND EATING. VC WERE WEARING KHAZI UNIFORMS,
ARMED W/3 82MM MORTS, AUTO WPNS, AND MG. VILL CHIEF INDICATED

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VC MIGHT CONDUCT AMBB ON RTE 558 OR ATTK CAM LO AND D-5. IF EN MOVE TO ANOTHER LOC POSS EGRESS ALONG STREAM BED TO VIC OF (YD 152533). AO REQ. ARTY MSN AND H&I FIRED IN AREA.

(4) 011720H L/3/9 (YD 094514) REPORTED 2 CHIEU HOI WOMEN REPORTED TO VILL CHIEF THAT AN NVA BN WAS LOCATED FM (YD 103535) TO (YD 121525) AT 011500H. APPROACHES TO D-5 WILL BE AMB. AREA WILL BE SEARCHED AT FIRST LIGHT. L/3/9 WILL ATTEMPT TO PICK UP SUBJS WHO ARE NOW AT HOME OF VILL CHIEF.

(5) 011730H M/3/9 (YD 104611) CAPT 1 B-40 (RPG) COMPLETE. WILL BE FORWARDED TO G-2.

(6) 012055H 3/9 ESTAB NIGHT DEF PSN AT (YD 099640). PSN APPROX 200 METERS WIDE AND 400 METERS AXIS RUNNING E TO W.

(7) 3/9 SITREP AS OF 011100H APT INDICATED THAT INCIDENT REPORTED IN MY SITREP NR 54 PARA C(2). EN CAS SOULD READ 2 EN KIA (C) AND 2 EN KIA (P) VICE 2 EN KIA (C) AND 1 EN KIA (P).

(8) ALL DETAINEES WERE RELEASED AS INNOCENT CIVILLIANS. INFO FM G-2.

E. INTENTIONS: CONTINUE TO EXECUTE MY OPN PRAIRIE III FRAG O 1-67 IAW MY PLANNING MSG FOR 2APR67.

(1) 1/4 - CHOP OPCON FM 3D MAR TO 3D MARDIV (FWD) 020800H. BE PREPARED FOR HELO LIFT TO DONG HA TO REPLACE 3/4 AS BASE DEF BN.

(2) 1/9 - PROVIDE ONE CO FOR ROUGH RIDER SEC; SEC WILL JOIN RR AT THE KHE GIA BRIDGE.

CONTINUE PTLIN FOLLOWING OB (0357, 0457, 0557, 0657). ADDITI ONALLY, CONDUCT PLT SIZWE PTL EAST

GENERALLY ALONG TRACE OF GL 56 TO VIC 558 AND THEN S TOWARD D-5.

(3) 3/4 - COMPLETE SWEEP TO SE AND SWEEP TO VIC FM (YD 139610) FOR PICK UP AND RTRN TO DONG HA.

(4) 3/3 - CONTINUE PRESENT MSN.

(5) 3/9 - COMMENCE THOROUGH SEARCH S GENERALLY FOLLOWING THE TRACE OF GL 10 SEARCHING OUT TO EITHER SIDE APPROX 1500 MTRS. SEARCH ASSIGNED AREA THOROUGHLY AND HILL 84 AND 124. BE PREPARED TO RTRN TO CP 3APR67. LOA FOR 2APR IS EN 61.

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

(1) FR: 44KIA, 228 WIA (USMC), 7WIA (USA)

(2) EN: 168KIA(C), 117 KIA (P), 4 PW (NVA), 63 RETURNEES

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OPN PRAIRIE III

1. SITREP NR 57 AS OF 020600H APR 67

A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE

C. CONTACTS: 020315H L/3/9 LP (YD 092592)

RECEIVED 1 RD SNIPER FIRE FROM VC SNIPER RESULTING
IN 1 USMC KIA.

D. EVENTS: 020020H, M/3⁴ OBSERVED GREEN STAR CLUSTER AT
(YD 046537). 8X32MM MORTAR RDS FIRED INTO AREA WITH UNK
RESULTS. H&I FIRE TO BE INCREASED FOR THIS AREA DURING NIGHT.

E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

(1) FR: 45 KIA, 223 MIA (USMC), 7 MIA (USA)

(2) EN: 103 KIA (C), 117 KIA (P), 4 PW (NVA), 63 RETURNEES

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OPN PRAIRIE III

1. SITREP NR 58 AS OF 021200H APR 67

A. LOCATIONS:

- (1) 3/9 CMD GRP YD 097636) MOVING
I/3/9 (YD 097636) MOVING
M/3/9 (YD 097636) MOVING
L/3/9 (YD 097630) MOVING

B. SUMMARY: CONDUCTED EXECUTION OF MY OPN PRAIRIE III FRAG
O 1-67 IAW MY PLANNING MESSAGE FOR 2 APRIL 67. 3/9 COMMENCED
MOVEMENT SOUTH. 020300H 3/4 CHOPPED TO 3D MARDIV (FWD) AT
021028H 1/4 COMMENCED HELO LIFT TO DONG HA.

C. CONTACTS: NONE

D. EVENTS:

(1) 3/9 CKMULATIVE CASUALTY TOTAL FROM 300000H MAR 67 TO
012400H APR IS CORRECTED TO READ 15 KIA, 55 WIA. THIS TOTAL SUPERSEDES
OTHER CASUALTY FIGURES FOR 3/9 DURING THIS PERIOD. REF 3/9
MESSAGE 020935H.

(2) 020300H 3D MARINES CHOPPED OPCON OF 3/4 TO 3D MARDIV
(FWD)

(3) 021028H 1/4 COMMENCED HELO LIFT TO DONG HA.

(4) 021045H 3D MAR ASSUMED OPCON OF ROUGH RIDER CONVOY
GOING TO KHE SANH FROM DONG HA.

E. INTENTIONS: 3/9 CONTINUE TO EXECKTE MY OPN PRAIRIE
III FRAG O 1-67 IAW MY PLANNING MESSAGE FOR 02 APR 67. 3/9
MISSION WILL ACCOMPLISH IN 3 PHASES. PHASE 1: 2 COMPANIES
MOVE ALONG AXIS ORIENTATED SW TOWARD OBJ A HILL 124 AND
OBJ B HILL 84. PHASE NR 2: 2 COMPANIES ATTACK EASTERLY DIR.
TO SECURE OBJ C COMPLEX IN GS (YD 1061): PHASE NR 3: CONTINUE
TO ADVANCE EAST THROUGH GS (YD 1162) DESIGNATED OBJ D-1 AND
GS (YD 1162) DESIGNATED OBJ D-2

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

(1) FR: 44 KIA 242 WIA(USMC) 7 WIA(USA)

(2) EN: 168 KIA(C) 117 KIA(P) 4 PW(NVA) 63 RETURNEES

NOTE: CASUALTIES CORRECTED IAW PARA D(1) THIS SITREP.

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OPN PRAIRIE III

1. SITREP NR 59 AS OF 021800H APR 67.

A. LOCATIONS

- (1) HQ CO 3D MAR (YD 066543)
- (2) SOP BA LONG (YD 163397) AND RF CO 256
K/3/9 (YD 166403)
W/1/12 (YD 165402)
- (3) 1/9 (YD 063551)
PLT A/1/9 (YD 026562)
L/3/9 (YD 094514) AND RF CO 122
A/1/9(-) (YD 063551)
C/1/9(-) (YD 063551)
D/1/9 (YD 063551)
- (4) 3/3 (XD 933544)
I/3/3 (XD 979545)
K/3/3 (YD 011453) AND RF CO 123
M/3/3 (XD 976567)
- (5) 3/9 CMD GRP, I, AND M/3/9 (YD 093618)
L/3/3 (YD 093618)
- (6) MECHANIZED EMPLOYMENT
- (A) CO A 3D AT BN
LT SECT D-5
LT SECT CA LU
2 LT SECTS CAMP CARROLL W/1 ONTOS HILL 250 &
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- LT SECT CAM LO BRIDGE
- LT SECT 3/3 CP
- LT SECT KHE SANH
- LT SECT GIO LINH
- (B) CO A 3D TK BN
- HVY SECT M/3/3 PSN
- LT SECT 3/3 CP
- CO(-) CAMP CARROLL W/2 FLAME TANK
- (C) C/1/44
- TWIN 40MM SP-M42
- 7 CAMP CARROLL
- 2 CA LU
- 3 3/3 CP
- 1 KHE GIA BRIDGE
- 1 NORTH HILL
- QUAD 50CAL TRUCK MOUNTED
- 4 CAMP CARROLL
- (7) OP/PPB
- (A) OP
- BA LONG NR 1 (YD 157413)
- BA LONG NR 2 (YD 167394)
- BA LONG NR 3 (YD 163390)
- BA LONG NR 4 (YD 158392)
- ROCKPILE (XD 973559)
- NORTH HILL (YD 060555)
- HILL 250 (YD 069555)
- HILL 110 (YD 005461)
- HILL 290 (YD 066502)
- HILL 252 (YD 022558)
- (B) PPB
- M/3/3 (XD 967564) RAZORBACK
- D. SUMMARY:
- (1) HQ CO 3D MAR PROVIDED SEC FOR CP.
- (2) K/3/9, W/1/12 AND RF CO 256 MAINTAINED DEF PSN AT BA LONG.
- (3) 3/3: ESTAB DEF PSN VIC HON SON LAM W/M/3/3 NORTH OF THON SON LAM W/PPB ON THE RAZORBACK AND 3/3(-) SOUTH OF THON SON LAM IN DEF PSN. K/3/3 MAINTAINED DEF PSN VIC CA LU.
- (4) 3/9(-) AND L/3/3 CONDUCTED MY OPN PRAIRIE III FRAG O 1-67 IAW MY PLANNING MSG FOR 2 APR 67.
- (5) 1/9: MAINTAINED DEF PSN. PLT A/1/9 AT THE KHE GIA

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BRIDGE. D/1/9 MAINTAINED DEF PSN AT CAMP CARROLL AND A/1/9 CONDUCTED PLT ACTIVITIES VIC CAMP CARROLL.

(6) SUMMARY OF ROAD AND BRIDGE MAINTENANCE ON RTE 9 BETWEEN CA LU AND KHE SANH. CO 11TH ENGRS MAINTAINED CAMP VIC BRIDGE SITE AT (XD 913405) WITH PLT K/3/3. CONSTRUCTED BYPASS, ROAD REPAIR, AND BRIDGES REMAINING ALONG RTE 9. K/3/3 CONDUCTED 1 PTL SOUTH OF BRIDGE SITE VIC (XD 913405), 1 PTL ALONG RTE 9 FM CA LU TO VIC GL 95.

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

C. CONTACTS: NONE

D. EVENTS:

(1) LATE ENTRY ELEMENTS OF L/3/9 ATTEMPTED TO PICK UP 2 WOMEN CHIEU HIO REF MY SITREP NR 56 PARA D (4), VILLAGE CHIEF REPORTED SUBJECTS HAD LEFT DURING NIGHT. L/3/9 DID PICK UP AN OTHER WOMAN RETURNEE ALLEGEDLY MEMBER OF LOCAL VC PLATOON OPERATING IN CUA VALLEY. RETURNEE TURNED OVER TO 15TH CIT. RESULTS 1 RETURNEE

(2) 021115H LEAD ELEMENTS OF 3/9(-) COMMENCED MOVEMENT SOUTH

(3) 021215H MAIN BODY OF 3/9(-) COMMENCED MOVEMENT SOUTH

(4) 021233 L/3/9 PTL (YD 119527) LOC GRAVE APPROX 1 MONTH OLD. BODY WAS WEARING GREEN UTILITIES SEARCHED AREA WITH OUT FURTHER RESULTS

(5) 021250H L/3/3 LOC (YD 091631), M/3/9 (YD 102632) WITH CMD GRP AND I/3/9 FOLLOWING IN TRACE

(6) 021319H COMPLETED HELO LIFT OF 1/4 TO DONG HA

(7) 021401H L/3/9 PTL (YD 129533) OBSERVED 1 POSSIBLE NVA SUSPECT MOVING DUE EAST APPROX 150 METERS FROM PTL. PTL MOVING TO INTERCEPT. MORE INFO TO FOLLOW

(8) 021414H L/3/3 LOC (YD 089622) M/3/9 (YD 096623) WITH CMD GRP AND I/3/9 FOLLOWING IN TRACE

(9) 021418H K/3/4 LOC (YD 136666)

(10) 021420H 3D MAR CHOPPED OPCON OF ROUGH RIDER CONVOY TO KHE SANH

(11) 021425H 3D MAR ALSO REPORTED AO OBS AREA REF MY SITREP NR 56 PARA D (3) AND (4); REPORTED LOC OF EN BN (YD 113542). AO OBS HVY HITS VIC (YD 126542) AND AREA SURROUNDING STREAM JUNCTION. OBS NO FOOT PRINTS IN CRATERS OR EVIDENCE OF ANY TRAFFIC IN AREA.

(1) 021445H L/3/9 PTL OBS 2 EN IN LIGHT CLOTHING W/SOFT

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COVERS AND UNK TYPE WPNS. TRYED TO APPREHEND W/O SUCCESS. FIRED 15-20 RDS S/A FIRE. RESULTS UNK.

(13) 021511H L/3/3 REACHED OBJ A W/NEG CONTACT (YD 078622). M/3/9 (YD 096620) W/CMD GRP AND L/3/9 IN TRACE.

(14) 021549H 3/9 LEAD ELEMENTS REACHED OBJ B (HILL 84).

(15) 021620H 3/3 REPORTED THAT DEFOLIATION A/C VIC (XD 961589) RECD S/A FIRE. ARTY MSN FIRED. RESULTS UNK.

(16) 021630H 3/4 ALL 3/4 UNITS ARRIVED IN CP.

(17) 021700H PSN REPORT REF PARA A THIS SITREP.

E. INTENTIONS: FOR NEXT 24 HOURS;

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

(2) K/3/9, W/1/12 AND RF 256 MAINTAIN DEF PSN VIC BA LONG. CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PASEP.

(3) 3/3: MAINTAIN OP ON THON SON LAM. M/3/3 MAINTAIN DEF PSN NORTH OF THON SON LAM W/PPB ON THE RAZORBACK. CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PASEP. H&S /3/3 MAINTAIN DEF PSN SOUTH OF THON SON LAM. CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PASEP. K/3/3 AND RF 123 MAINTAIN DEF PSN AT CA LU W/OP ON HILL 110. PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PASEP.

(4) 1/9: MAINTAIN DEF PSN VIC CAMP CARROLL W/H&S/1/9, HQ CO 3D MAR, CO A 3D TK BN, CO A 3D AT BN, C/1/44 ARTY USA, AND USMC/USA ARTY UNITS PROVIDE SEC FOR CAMP CARROLL. PLT C/1/9 PROVIDE SEC FOR THE KHE GIA BRIDGE. L/3/9 AND RF 122 PROVIDE SEC FOR D-5. D/1/9 MAINTAIN DEF PSN AT CAMP CARROLL WITH A/1/9 CONDUCTION PTL VIC CAMP CARROLL. CONDUCT PLT SIZE PTL ON 2 APR 67 IN AREA OF GS (YD 0357), (YD 0457), (YD 0557) AND (YD 0657). CONDUCT PLT SIZE PTL EAST GENERALLY FOLLOWING ALONG THE TRACE OF GL 56 TO VIC RTE 558 AND THEN SOUTH TOWARD D-5. CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PASEP.

(5) 3/9(-) AND L/3/3 CONDUCT S&D OPN IAW MY OPN PRAIRIE III FRAG O 1-67 AND MY PLANNING MSG FOR 2 APR 67.

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

(1) FR: 44 KIA, 242 WIA (USMC), 7 WIA (USA)

(2) EN: 163 KIA (C), 117 (P), 4 (NVA), 64 RETURNEES

G. ARVN/USMC OPN: NONE

H. RECOVERY OF US MATERIAL: NONE

I. SCOUT-SNIPE TEAMS: 3D MAR MAINTAINS 11 TMS

(1) 4 TMS HQ CO DEF PSN.

(2) 4 TMS EMPLOYED W/11TH ENGRS VIC CA LU.

(3) 3 TMS SQD OPN W/1/9

(4) NEG REPORT.

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1. SITREP NR 60 AS OF 022400H MAR 67

A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE EXCEPT NON-BATTLE CASUALTY MED-EVAC H&S 1 USMC. SEE PARA D (2)

C. CONTACTS: NONE

D. EVENTS:

(1) LATE ENTRY 021630H M/3/9 LOC 1 250 LB BOMB DUD VIC (YD 090618). DUD WILL BE DESTROYED.

(2) 021845H H&S CO 3/3 (XD 932334) MARINE HAD ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE RESULTING IN SECOND MARINE BEING WOUNDED IN LOWER ABDOMEN. INVESTIGATION IN PROGRESS. REPORT WILL FOLLOW THROUGH ADMINISTRATIVE CHANNELS. NBC MED EVAC AT 021925H.

E. INTENTIONS: AT 030000H PLT 1/3/3 RELIEVED PLT A/1/9 IN PLACE AT THE KHE GIA BRIDGE. 1/3/3 WILL ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY OF KHE GIA BRIDGE FOR APPROX 24 HOURS. AT 030000H CMD GRP, 1, AND M/3/9 AND L/3/3 EMBARK ABOARD TRUCKS VIC (YD 092376) WITH 3/9(-) RETURNING TO CAMP CARROLL AND L/3/3 RETURNING TO THON SON LAM. AT 091000H 1/9 COMMENCE MOTOR MARCH TO DONG HA. CHOP TO OPCON 3D MARDIV (FWD) UPON DEPARTURE OF CAMP CARROLL.

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE
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OPN PRAIRIE III

1. SITREP NR 61 AS OF 030600H APR 67

A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE

C. CONTACTS/ NONE

D. EVENTS: 022300H K/3/9 MARINE ON OP BITTEN BY UNKNOWN TYPE
SNAKE. (YD 158417). EMERGENCY MED-EVAC COMPLETED AT 030103H.

RESULTS: 1 NBC MED-EVAC.

E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE

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OPN PRAIRIE III

1. SITRPE NR 62 AS OF 031200H APR 67

A. LOCATIONS:

- (1) L/3/3 (XD 986546)
- (2) CMD GRP 3/9 (YD 063551)
I /3/9 (YD 063551)
M/3/9 (YD 063551)
- (3) PLT I/3/3 (YD 026562)

B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE

C. CONTACTS: NONE

D. EVENTS:

- (1) 030736H 3/9(-) (YD 090617) COMMENCED MOVEMENT SOUTH TOWARD EMBARK PSN. ORDER OF MARCH CMD GRP 3/9, M/3/9, AND I/3/9
- (2) 030750H L/3/9 REPORTED RF COMMANDER TURNED 3 YOUNG WOMEN OVER TO THEM WHO WERE APPREHENDED BY RF FOR LISTENING TO PROPAGANDA FROM HANOI ON THE RADIO THE NIGHT BEFORE (2 APR) ONE ADMITTED HER BROTHER IS A VC SINCE 1964, AND THAT MANY FAMILIES HAVE VC MEMBERS, AND THAT VC MAY BE COMING TO VILLAGES TO EAT WITH THEIR FAMILIES. RESULT 3 DETAINEES, TURNED OVER TO 15TH CIT.

- (3) 030745H LEAD ELEMENTS OF L/3/3 (YD 089612)
- (4) 030750H PLT I/3/3 DEPARTED 3/3 CP TO RELIEVE PLT A/1/9 IN PLACE AT THE KHE GIA BRIDGE
- (5) 030800H ROUGH RIDER CONVOY DEPARTED KHE SANH FOR DONG HA
- (6) 030800H I/3/9 COMMENCED MOVEMENT SOUTH FROM NIGHT DEF PSN

- (7) 030815H L/3/3 LEADING ELEMENTS (YD 087593)

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- (8) 030832H L/3/3 LEADING ELEMENTS (YD 090583)
- (9) 030844H L/3/3 ARRIVED AT EMBARKATION POINT (YD 092576) AND COMMENCED LOADING OF TRUCKS
- (10) 030856H COMMAND GRP 3/9 ARRIVED AT PICK UP POINT (YD 092576)
- (11) 030900H PLT I/3/3 RELIEVED A/1/9 IN PLACE AT THE KHE GIA BRIDGE
- (12) 030905H CMD GRP AND M/3/9 BETWEEN PICKUP POINT AND F/3/9 WHO IS LOC (YD 091613)
- (13) 030912H ROUGH RIDER CONVOY AT CP NR 7 CHOPPED TO OPCON 3D MARINES
- (14) 030914H M/3/9 ARRIVED AT PICK UP POINT (YD 092676)
- (15) 030945H CHOP OPCON OF L/3/3 FROM 3/9 TO 3/3
- (16) 030955H M/3/3 OP OBSERVED 4 ENEMY MOVING NE AT (XD 965596) DUE TO DISTANCE UNABLE TO DETERMINE UNIFORM OR EQUIPMENT. ARTY MISSION FIRED W/EXCELLENT TARGET COVERAGE RESULTS UNK.
- (17) 031046 H3/9 ARRIVED AT CAMP CARROLL
- (18) 031050H I/9 COMMENCED MOVEMENT FROM CAMP CARROLL TO DONG HA.
- E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE
- F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:
 - (1) FR: 44 KIA 242 WIA(USMC) 7 WIA (USA)
 - (2) EN: 168 KIA (C) 117 KIA (P) 4 PW(NVA) 64 RET. 3 DET.

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1. SITREP NR 63 AS OF 0318 00H APR 67

A. LOCATIONS:

- (1) HQ CO 3D MAR (YD 066543)
- (2) SOP BA LONG (YD 163397) AND RF CO 256
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 (4) 3/9: MAINTAINED DEF PSN. PLT 1/3/3 AT THE KHE GIA
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 DUCTED PLT ACTIVITIES VIC CAMP CARROLL.
 (5) SUMMARY OF ROAD AND BRIDGE MAINTENANCE ON RTE 9
 BETWEEN CA LU AND KHE SANH. CO 11TH ENGRS MAINTAINED CAMP VIC
 BRIDGE SITE AT (XD 913405) WITH PLT K/3/3. CONSTRUCTED BYPASS
 ROAD REPAIR, AND BRIDGES REMAINING ALONG RTE 9. K/3/3 CONDUCTED
 1 PTL SOUTH OF BRIDGE SITE VIC (XD 913405), 1 PTL ALONG RTE 9
 FM CA LU TO VIC GL 93.

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- (6) NON-BATTLE CASUALTIES: MED-EVAC: NONE
 C. CONTACTS: NONE
 D. EVENTS:

(1) FOLLOW-ON TO MY SITREP NR 62 PARA D(16) ARTY MISSION WITH EXCELLENT TARGET COVERAGE. 33 RDS 105MM HE FIRED WITH SEVERAL OBSERVED TO IMPACT IN AREA WHERE SUBJECTS WERE OBSERVED. RESULTS 4 EN KIA (P)

(2) 031134H LAST ELEMENTS OF 1/9 DEPARTED CAMP CARROLL
 (3) 031154H ROUGH RIDER CONVOY CHOPPED TO OPCON 3D MARDIV (FWD)
 (4) 031200H 1/9 CHOPPED TO OPCON 3D MARDIV (FWD)
 (5) 031245H M/3/3 OP 2 (ROCKPILE) OBSERVED 2 ENEMY IN BROWN UTILITIES AND SOFT CAMOFLAGED COVERS MOVING N.W. NO WPNS WERE OBSERVED ARTY MISSION CALLED WITH EXCELLENT TARGET COVERAGE. UNABLE TO OBSERVE MOVEMENT AFTER MISSION COMPLETED RESULTS 2 EN KIA (P)

(6) 031445H H/3/9 (YD 058536) LOC VN MALE AGE APPROX 20 YRS W/ID CARD ISSUED IN 1955. W/O PICTURE. ID CARD PRINTED ON PAPER RATHER THAN PLASTIC SUBJECT SENT TO 15 CIT. RESULTS 1 DETAINEE
 E. INTENTIONS: FOR NEXT 24 HOURS:

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 (2) EN: 168 KIA(C), 123 KIA(P), 4 PW(NVA), 64 RETURNEES
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G. ARVN/USMC OPN: NONE

H. RECOVERY OF US MATERIAL: NONE

I. SCOUT-SNIPE TEAMS: 3D MAR MAINTAINS 13 TMS:

- (1) 8 TMS HQ CO DEF PSN.
 (2) 5 TMS EMPLOYED W/11TH ENGRS VIC CA LU.
 (3) NEG REPORT.

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OPN PRAIRIE III

1. SITREP NR 64 AS OF 032400H APR 67.

A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE

C. CONTACTS: NONE

D. EVENTS:

(1) FOLLOW ON TO MY SITREP NR 62 PARA D(2); REPORTED 3 DETAINEES.
ONE OF THE THE 3 DETAINEES WAS RELEASED BY CO OF RF CO 122 AS INNOCENT
CIV. DELETE 1 DET.

(2) 031730H 2/94 OP NORTH HILL (YD 060555) OBS AUTO WPNS S/A
FIRE ON CONVOY (YD 068556) ENRTE TO DONG HA. RECD FM VIC (YD 068575)
FM UNK NR EN. 3D MAR SS TM SEARCHED AREA W/NEG RESULTS. M/3/9 WILL
ESTAB AMB IN AREA. 81MM MORT MSN FIRED. RESULTS UNK.

(3) 032015H OP NORTH HILL (YD 060555) OBS WHAT APPEARED TO BE
A LARGE DIRECT FIRE WPN MOVING TO SE. FIRED 81MM MSN AT 032220H
RESULTING IN 7 PROB SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS. ARTY FIRED SATURATION MSN
W/GOOD TGT COVERAGE. RESULTS UNK. WILL SEARCH AREA AT FIRST LIGHT.

(4) 032120H CAMP CARROLL DEF PERIMETER RECD 2 BURST OF APPROX
15 RDS EACH AUTO WPNS FIRED. LOC UNK. DID NOT OBS MUZZLE FLASHES.
FIRED 81MM SEARCHING FIRE IN VIC (YD 055535) AND (YD 055545). RESULTS
UNK.

E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE.

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

(1) FR: 44 KIA, 242 WIA (USMC), 7 WIA (USA)

(2) EN: 163 KIA (C), 123 KIA (P), 4 PW (NVA), 1 PW (VC),

64 RETURNEES, 3 DETAINEES.

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OPN PRAIRIE III

1. SITREP NR 65 AS OF 040600H APR 67

A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE

C. CONTACTS. 032330H CAMP CARROLL DEF PERIMETER OBSERVED
FIGURE IN WIRE AT (YD 056544). DEF PSN FIRED SMALL ARMS AND
SEARCHED AREA W/NEG RESULTS.

D. EVENTS: NONE

E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE

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1. SITREP NR 66 AS OF 041200H APR 67.

A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE

C. CONTACTS:

(1) 040930H L/3/9 PTL (YD 125531) POINT MAN WAS WOUNDED BY EXPLOSION OF A MINE TRIP WIRE DETONATED. AT SAME TIME PTL RECD 3-5 RDS S/A FIRE. RTRND FIRE. SEARCHED AREA LOC CORD, COMM WIRE AND FOX HOLE IN VIC. MINE BELEIVED TO BE CHICOM GREN. SEARCHED AREA W/NEG RESULTS. RESULTS: 1 USMC WIA. NON MED-EVAC

(2) 041010H L/3/9 PTL (YD 125533) RECD 20 RDS S/A FIRE FM EST 2 EN FM THE NE. RTRND S/A AND M79 RDS. ARTY FIRE MSN CALLED TO BLOCK EN RETREAT. MORE INFO TO FOLLOW.

D. EVENTS: 040830H K/3/9 OP NR 2 (YD 167394) OBS 1 POSS EN WEARING BLACK CLOTHING. NO WPN OBS. STANDING VIC (YD 163381). PTL SEARCHING AREA. MORE INFO TO FOLLOW.

E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

(1) FR: 44 KIA, 243 WIA(USMC), 7 WIA(USA)

(2) EN: 168 KIA(C), 123 KIA(P), 4 PW(NVA), 1 PW(VC),

64 RET, 3DET

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OPN PRAIRIE III

1. SITREP NR 67 AS OF 041800H APR 67

A. LOCATIONS:

- (1) HQ CO 3D MAR (YD 066543)
- (2) SOP BA LONG (YD 163397) AND RF CO 256
 K/3/9 (YD 166403)
 W/1/12 (YD 165402)
- (3) 3/9 (YD 063551)
 I/3/9 (YD 063551)
 L/3/9 (YD 094514) AND RF CO 122
 M/3/9 (YD 063551)
 PLT I/3/9 (YD 026562)
- (4) 3/3 (XD 983544)
 I/3/3 (XD 979545)
 K/3/3 (YD 011458)
 L/3/3 (XD 986546)
 M/3/3 (XD 976568)
- (5) MECHANIZED EMPLOYMENT
 - (A) CO A 3D AT BN
 LT SECT D-5
 LT SECT CA LU
 PLT CAMP CARROLL W/1 ONTOS AT THE WATER POINT
 LT SECT M/3/3 CP
 LT SECT KHE SANH
 LT SECT GIO LINH

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- (B) CO A TK BN
HVV SECT M/3/3 PSN
LT SECT 3/3 CP
CO (-) CAMP CARROLL W/2 FLAME TANKS

- (C) C/1/44
TWIN 40MM SP-M42
7 CAMP CARROLL

2 CA LU
3 3/3 CP
1 KHE GIA BRIDGE
1 250 HILL
QUAD 50 CAL TRUCK MOUNTED
4 CAMP CARROLL

(6) OP/PPB

- (A) BA LONG 1 (YD 157418)
BA LONG 2 (YD 167394)
BA LONG 3 (YD 163390)
BA LONG 4 (YD 158392)
NORTH HILL (YD 060555)
HILL 250 (YD 069555)
HILL 110 (YD 005461)
HILL 290 (YD 066502)
HILL 252 (YD 022558)

- (B) PPB
M/3/3 (XD 967564) RAZORBACK
K/3/9 (YD 106386)

B. SUMMARY:

- (1) HQ CO 3D MAR PROVIDED SEC FOR CP.
- (2) K/3/9, W/1/12 AND RF CO 256 MAINTAINED DEF PSN AT BA LONG
- (3) 3/3: ESTAB DEF PSN VIC THON SON LAM W/M/3/3 NORTH OF THON SON LAM W/PPB ON THE RAZORBACK AND 3/3 (-) SOUTH OF THON SON LAM IN DEF PSN. K/3/3 MAINTAINED DEF PSN VIC CA LU.
- (4) 3/9: MAINTAINED DEF PSN. PLT 1/3/3, RELIEVED IN PLACE BY 1/3/9 AT THE KHE GIA BRIDGE. 3/9 (-) MAINTAINED DEF PSN AT CAMP CARROLL AND CONDUCTED PLT ACTIVITIES VIC CAMP CARROLL.
- (5) SUMMARY OF ROAD AND BRIDGE MAINTENANCE ON RTE 9 BETWEEN CA LU AND KHE SANH. CO 11TH ENGRS MAINTAINED CAMP VIC BRIDGE SITE AT (XD 913405) WITH PLT K/3/3. CONSTRUCTED BYPASS ROAD REPAIR, AND BRIDGES REMAINING ALONG RTE 9. K/3/3 CONDUCTED 1 PLT NORTH AND 1 PTL SOUTH OF BRIDGE SITE VIC (XD 913405), 1 PTL ALONG RTE 9

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FM CA LU TO VIC GL

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

C. CONTACTS: NONE

D. EVENTS:

(1) FINAL REPORT TO MY SITREP NR 66 PARA D. AREA SEARCHED WITH NEG RESULTS.

(2) LATE ENTRY 040800H L/3/9 (YD 094511) FEMALE TURNED HER SELF OVER TO L/3/3. SUBJECT HAD NO IDENTIFICATION CARD. FORWARDED TO 15 CIT. RESULTS 1 DETAINEE.

(3) LATE ENTRY 040955H L/3/9 PTL (YD 089525) LOC BUNKER REINF W/LOGS AND DIRT. W/O CAMAFLAGE. BUNKER DESTROYED.

(4) LATE ENTRY 041030H L/3/9 PLT (YD 128533) LOC HOLE APPROX 15 FT EXTENDING DIAGONALLY IN GROUND 1 1/2X2 FT DIAMETER DESTROYED W/C-4

(5) 041230H PLT 1/3/9 RELIEVED PLT 1/3/3 IN PLACE AT THE KHE GIA BRIDGE

E. INTENTIONS: FOR NEXT 24 HOURS;

(1) HQ CO 3D MAR PROVIDE SEC FOR CP

(2) K/3/9, W/1/12 AND RF 256 MAINTAIN DEF PSN VIC BA LONG. CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PASEP.

(3) 3/3: MAINTAIN OP ON THON SON LAM. M/3/3 MAINTAIN DEF PSN NORTH OF THON SON LAM W/PPB ON THE RAZORBACK. CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PASEP. H&S/3/3 MAINTAIN DEF PSN SOUTH OF THON SON LAM. CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PASEP. K/3/3 AND RF 123 MAINTAIN DEF PSN AT CA LU W/OP ON HILL 110. PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PASEP.

(4) 3/9: MAINTAIN DEF PSN VIC CAMP CARROLL W/H&S/3/3, HQ CO 3D MAR, CO A 3D TK BN, CO A 3D AT BN, C/1/44 ARTY USA, AND USMC/USA ARTY UNITS PROVIDE SEC FOR CAMP CARROLL. PLT 1/3/9 PROVIDE SEC FOR THE KHE GIA BRIDGE. L/3/9 AND RF 122 PROVIDE SEC FOR D-5. 3/9 (-) MAINTAIN DEF PSN AT CAMP CARROLL CONDUCTING PTL VIC CAMP CARROLL.

(5) SPEC PTL ACTIVITY; COMMENCING AT 050300H 1/3/3 (REINF) WILL CONDUCT EXTENDED CO SIZE PTL WEST TO VIC HILL 492 IAW MY PTL OVERLAY PASEP. AT 051200H PLT 1/3/9 (REINF) WILL COMMENCE EXTENDED PTL NORTH OF SONG CAM LO IN AREA BOUNDED BY GL 05 W, 62 N, AND 09 E IAW MY PTL OVERLAY PASEP.

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

(1) FR: 44 KIA, 243 WIA (USMC), 7 WIA (USA)

(2) EN: 168 KIA (C), 123 KIA (P), 4 PW (NVA), 1 PW (VC)

64 RETURNEES 4 DETAINEES

G. ARVN/USMC OPN: NONE

H. RECOVERY OF US MATERIAL: NONE

I. SCOUT-SNIPER TEAMS: 3D MAR MAINTAINS 13 TMS;

(1) 8 TMS HQ CO DEF PSN.

(2) 5 TMS EMPLOYMENT W/11TH ENGRS VIC CA LU.

(3) NEG REPORTS.

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OPN PRAIRIE III

1. SITREP NR 63 AS OF 042400H APR 67

A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE

C. CONTACTS: NONE

D. EVENTS:

(1) 041945H M/3/3 PTL OBSERVED 2 ENEMY CARRYING LIGHTS ON A TRAIL VIC (XD 954565). UNABLE TO DETERMINE CLOTHING OR EQUIPMENT DUE TO DARKNESS. ARTY MISSION FIRED, LIGHT EXTINGUISHED, RESULTS UNK

(2) 042115H 3/9 REPORTED CAMP CARROLL WATER POINT (YD 058549) RECEIVED 1 INCOMING GREN, PSN RETURNED 3 GRENS, RESULT UNK WILL SEARCH AT FIRST LIGHT

E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE

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1. SITREP NR 69 AS OF 050600H APR 67

A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE

C. CONTACTS: NONE

D. EVENTS: 050400H 1/3/3 DEPARTED CP ON CO SIZE PTL

E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE

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1. SITREP NR 70 AS OF 051200H APR 67.

A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE EXCEPT I/3/3 (XD 965508).

NO CONTACT AT THIS TIME.

NOTHING OF SIGNIFICANCE FOUND AT THIS TIME

B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE EXCEPT NON-BATTLE CASUALTY; MED-EVAC; K/3/3

1 USMC GREASE BURNS ON ARMS.

C. CONTACTS: NONE

D. EVENTS: FINAL REPORT TO MY SITREP NR 68 PARA D(2); SEARCHED
AREA W/NEG RESULTS.

E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE.

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE.

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1. SITREP NR 71 AS OF 051800H APR 67

A. LOCATIONS:

- (1) HQ CO 3D MAR (YD 066543)
- (2) SOP BA LONG (YD 163397) AND RF CO 256
K/3/9 (YD 166403)
W/1/12 (YD 165402)
- (3) 3/9 (YD 063551)
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- (4) 3/3 (XD 983544)
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- (5) MECHANIZED EMPLOYMENT
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 - (B) CO A TK BN

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 1 HILL 250
 QUAD 50 CAL TRUCK MOUNTED
 4 CAMP CARROLL

(6) OP/PPB

- (A) BA LONG NR 1 (YD 157413)
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 BA LONG NR 3 (YD 163390)
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(B) PPB

M/3/3 (XD 967564) RAZORBACK
 K/3/9 (YD 118372)

B. SUMMARY:

- (1) HQ CO 3D MAR PROVIDED SEC FOR CP.
 (2) K/3/9, W/1/12 AND RF CO 256 MAINTAINED DEF PSN AT BA LONG
 (3) 3/3: ESTAB DEF PSN VIC THON SON LAM W/M/3/3 NORTH OF THON
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 DEF PSN. K/3/3 MAINTAINED DEF PSN VIC CA LU.
 (4) 3/9: MAINTAINED DEF PSN. 1/3/9 AT THE KHE GIA BRIDGE.
 3/9(-) MAINTAINED DEF PSN AT CAMP CARROLL AND CONDUCTED PLT
 ACTIVITIES VIC CAMP CARROLL.
 (5) NON-BATTLE CASUALTIES: MED-EVAC: NONE

C. CONTACTS:

- (1) 051154H RECON 1D2-(YD 095603) MADE CONTACT WITH ENEMY
 AND SUBSTAINED 5 WIA, 1/1/3/9 ENROUTE TO ASSIST RECON 1D2 WHICH HAS
 BROKEN CONTACT.

D. EVENTS:

- (1) LATE ENTRY 050910H K/3/3 (YD 011453) REPORTED 49
 MONTAGNARD'S TURNED THEM SELVES IN TO CA LU OUTPOST. SUBJECTS STATED
 THEY WERE WITH VC FOR 5 YEARS AND LEFO THEM 10 DAYS AGO. SUBJECTS
 WERE MOVED TO CAM LO RESULTS 49 RETURNEES

- (2) LATE ENTRY 050940H L/3/9 (YD 054514) REPORTED
 VILLAGE CHIEF FROM CAM CHINH (YD 093533) IN CUA VALLEY APPREHENDED
 AND TURNED OVER TO L/3/9 1 MALE, AGE 46, FOR ALLEGEDLY SUPPLYING VC
 WITH FOOD AND INFO IN THE CUA VALLEY AREA. SUBJECT HAS BEEN FORWARDED
 TO 15 CIT RESULTS 1 DETAINEE

- (3) 051330H 1/3/9 PTL OBSERVED AT (YD 043522) 10 CIVILIANS

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WHO MOVED OUT OF AREA UPON SIGHTING PTL. SEARCHED AREA W/NEG RESULTS.

(4) 051400H 1/1/3/9 PTL (YD 085594) AT RIVER CROSSING SITE. RADIO CONTACT WITH RECON 1D2 HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED. PTL WILL CROSS RIVER LINK UP WITH RECON EVAC RECON WOUNDED SEARCH AREA AND ATTEMPT TO EXPLOIT RECONS CONTACT. RECON 1D2 RECEIVING ARTY SUPPORT.

(5) 051600H 1/1/3/9 PLT PTLH(YD 095601) 3 MEN TRIPPED M-26 GREN RIGGED AS MINE WHILE TRYING TO LOC RECON. SEARCHED AREA W/NEG RESULTS. PROCEEDED ON MISSION WILL MED-EVAC WOUNDED WITH RECON WOUNDED RESULTS 3 USMC WIA.

(6) 051645H 1/1/3/3 AND RECON 1D2 LINK UP AT (YD 092603). WILL MOVE TO VIC OF LZ TO EXTRACT RECON THEN TO VIC (YD 087598) TO ESTABLISH NIGHT DEF PSN.

(7) 051718H 1/3/9 AND 1D2 MED-EVACS COMPLETED AT THIS TIME
E. INTENTIONS: FOR NEXT 24 HOURS:

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

(2) K/3/9, W/1/12 AND RF 256 MAINTAIN DEF PSN VIC BA LONG. CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PASEP.

(3) 3/3: MAINTAIN OP ON THON SON LAM. M/3/3 MAINTAIN DEF PSN NORTH OF THON SON LAM W/PPB ON THE RAZORBACK. CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PASEP. H&S/3/3 MAINTAIN DEF PSN SOUTH OF THON SON LAM. CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PASEP. K/3/3 AND RF 123 MAINTAIN DEF PSN AT CA LU W/OP ON HILL 110. PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PASEP.

(4) 3/9: MAINTAIN DEF PSN VIC CAMP CARROLL W/H&S/3/9, HQ CO 3D MAR, CO A 3D TK BN, CO A 3D AT BN, C/1/44 ARTY USA, AND USMC/USA ARTY UNITS PROVIDE SEC FOR CAMP CARROLL. PLT 1/3/9 PROVIDE SEC FOR THE KHE GIA BRIDGE. L/3/9 AND RF 122 PROVIDE SEC FOR D-5. 3/9(-) MAINTAIN DEF PSN AT CAMP CARROLL CONDUCTING PTL VIC CAMP CARROLL.

(5) SPEC PTL ACTIVITY: COMMENCING AT 050300H 1/3/3 (REINF) CONDUCTED EXTENDED CO SIZE PTL WEST VIC GL 90 IAW MY PTL OVERLAY PASEP. AT 061200H PLT 1/3/9 (REINF) COMMENCED EXTENDED PTL NORTH OF SONG CAM LO IN AREA BOUNDED BY GL ;5 N, 62 N, AND 09 E IAW MY PTL OVERLAY PASEP. WILL CONTINUE THROUGH 03 APR 67.

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

(1) FR: 44 KIA, 246 WIA(USMC), 7 WIA(USA)

(2) EN: 168 KIA(C), 128 KIA(P), 7 PW(NVA), 1PW(VC)

113 RETURNEES, 5 DETAINEES

G. ARVN/USMC OPN: NONE

H. RECOVERY OF US MATERIAL: NONE

I. SCOUT-SNIPE TEAMS: 3D MAR MAINTAINS 13 TMS:

(1) 8 TMS HQ CO DEF PSN.

(2) 5 TMS EMPLOYMENT W/110H ENGRS VIC CA LU.

(3) NEG REPORTS.

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OPN PRAIRPE III

1. SITREP NR 72 AS OF 052400H APR 67.
A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE EXCEPT I/3/3 (XD 953497).
B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE.
C. CONTACTS: NONE
D. EVENTS:

(1) LATE ENTRY: 051100H M/3/3 OVS 7-8. PERS IN GREEN UTILITIES AND SOFT COVERS W/ WPNS MOVING NE ON DIRT ROAD VIC (XD 992575). FIRE MSNS WERE NOT FIRED DUE TO THE POSS THEY WERE FR TROOPS. WHICH WAS LATER PROVED THEY WERE NOT. M/3/3 PTL RTE WAS ALERTED TO CHECK OUT AREA BUT WERE UNABLE TO LOC SUBJS. UPON DETERMINATION THAT SUBJS WERE NOT FR ARTY MSN WAS FIRED PN AREA AND GEN DIRECTION SUBJS MOVED TO. RESULTS UNK.

(2) LATE ENTRY: 051400H M/3/3 (XD 953574) LOC 1 HUMAN SKELETON AND ID TAGS WITH THE FOLLOWING INFO "KNOWLTON, B.W., 2114543, USMC, MALE, CATHOLIC, BLOOD TYPE A", REMAINS OF SHIRT, PFC CHEVRONS, LOC HELMET NEAR REMAINS WHICH APPEARED TO BE SEVERAL MONTHS OLD W/ SCHRAPNEL. MARKS AREA AROUND SITE SHOWED SIGNS THAT ARTY OR MORT WERE FIRED IN AREA. REMAINS AND ID TAGS AT 3/3 CP. G-1 NOTIFIED. REMAINS WILL BE DEL TO GRAVES REG 6 APRIL 67.

(3) LATE ENTRY: 051610H K/3/9 PTL (YD 201389) LOC EN CACHE STORED IN HUT IN BOXES 4-6 MONTHS OLD. TRAIL LOC IN AREA WERE 1-2 METERS WIDE W/O SIGNS OF RECENT USE BY EN. WPNS WILL BE FORWARDED TO G-2. DEMO, GRENS AND AMMO DESTROYED IN PLACE. WILL THOROUGHLY SEARCH AREA 6 APL. ITEMS CAPTURED WERE: 1 60MM MORT W/BASE PLATE AND BIPOD, 2 RUSS RIF M-1, 20 THOMPSON SMG, 3.5 RKT LAUNCHER, 150 CHICOM GRENS, 1 CASE THOMPSON SMG AMMO, 1 CASE M-1 AMMO, 2 3.5 RKT RDS, 12 CASES C-3 DEMO (300 LBS), 200 MTRS COMM WIRE, 1 PR 6/30 BINOCULARS, 1 CAN HVY GREASE, 600 RDS 30 CAL AMMO. WPNS WERE HVY OILED AND AMMO WAS SERVICEABLE.

(4) 052000H I/3/3 ESTAB NIGHT DEF PSN VIC (XD 953497). WILL CONDUCT PTL AND AMB IN AREA.

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

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1. SITREP NR A73 AS OF 060600H APR 67

A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE

C. CONTACTS: NONE

D. EVENTS: NONE

E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE

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OPN PRAIRIE III

1. SITREP NR 74 AS OF 061200H APR 67.

A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE EXCEPT I/3/3 (XD 933497).

B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE EXCEPT NON-BATTLE CASUALTIES: MED-EVAC:
I/3/3 1 USMC BACK INJURY, 1 USMC CHILLS AND HIGHT FEVER.

C. CONTACTS: NONE

D. EVENTS:

(1) 060350H I/3/9 OBS 6 PEOPLE VIC (YD 036594) MOVING E TO W.
PTL WAS SENT TO CHECK THEM OUT. LOC 3 PEOPLE, ONE 18 YR OLD MALE
W/O ID CARD. HAD IN HIS POSSESSION A PICTURE OF HIMSELF WEARING
WHAT APPEARED TO BE AN ARVN UNIFORM AND SEV PHOTOS OF USMC PERS
SUBJ TAKEN TO CAM LO. RESULTS: 1 DETAINEE

(2) 060903H L/3/9 (YD 06;805) LOC CHICOM GREN MINE ATTACHED
TO A BAMBOO STAKE W/TRIP WIRE APPROX 2 MTRS OFF TRAIL. LOC 2D
CHICOM GREN MINE 25 MTRS W OF 1ST. DESTROYED IN PLACE

(3) 061107H I/3/9 PTL OBS 12 EN IN TREE LINE VIC (YD 087609).
ARTY FIRE MSN CALLED. MORE INFO TO FOLLOW.

E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

(1) FR: 44 KIA, 246 WIA(USMC), 7 WIA(USA)

(2) EN: 168 KIA(C), 126 KIA(P), 4 PW(NVA), 1 PW(VC),

113 RET, 6 DET.

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OPN PRAIRIE III

1. SITREP NR 75 AS OF 061800H APR 67.

A. LOCATIONS:

- (1) HQ CO 3D MAR (YD 066343)
- (2) SOP BA LONG (YD 163397) AND RF CO 256
K/3/9 (YD 166403)
W/1/12 (YD 165402)
- (3) 3/9 (YD 063551)
I/3/9 (YD 063551)
L/3/9 (-) (YD 094514) AND RF CO 122
PLT M/3/3 (YD 026562)
- (4) EXE KXD 933544)
I/3/3 (XD 972516)
K/3/3 (YD 011453)
L/3/3 (XD 936546)
M/3/3 (-) (XD 976563)
- (5) MECHANIZED EMPLOYMENT
 - (A) CO A 3D AT BN
LT SECT D-5
LT SECT CA LU
PLT CAMP CARROLL W/1 ONTOS AT THE WATER POINT
LT SECT M/3/3 CP
LT SECT KHE SANH
LT SECT GIO LINH
 - (B) CO A 3D TK BN
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LT SECT 3/3 CP
CO (-) CAMP CARROLL W/2 FLAME TANKS

- (C) C/1/44
TWIN 40MM SP-M42
7 CAMP CARROLL
2 CA LU
3 3/3 CP
1 KHE GIA BRIDGE
1 HILL 250

(6) OP/PPB

- (A) OP
BA LONG 1 (YD 157418)
BA LONG 2 (YD 167394)
BA LONG 3 (YD 163390)
BA LONG 4 (YD 153392)
ROCK PILE (XD 973559)
NORTH HILL (YD 060555)
HILL 250 (YD 069555)
HILL 110 (YD 005461)
HILL 290 (YD 006502)
HILL 252 (YD 022553)

(B) PPB
M/3/3 (XD 967564) RAZORBACK
K/3/9 (YD 116391)

B. SUMMARY

- (1) HQ CO 3D MAR PROVIDED SEC FOR CP.
(2) K/3/9, W/1/12 AND RF CO 256 MAINTAINED DEF PSN AT BA LONG.
(3) 3/3: ESTAB DEF PSN VIC THON SON LAM W/M/3/3 NORTH OF THON SON LAM W/PPB ON THE RAZORBACK AND 3/3 (-) SOUTH OF THON SON LAM IN DEF PSN. K/3/3 MAINTAINED DEF PSN VIC CA LU.
(4) 3/9: MAINTAINED DEF PSN. 1/3/9 AT THE KHE GIA BRIDGE. 3/9 (-) MAINTAINED DEF PSN AT CAMP CARROLL AND CONDUCTED PTL ACTIVITIES VIC CAMP CARROLL.
(5) 1/3/3 CONDUCTED SPEC CO SIZE PTL AND RTRND TO CP.

(6) ON-BATTLE CASUALTIES: NONE
C. CONTACTS: 061640H RESUPPLY CONVOY RTRNING FM D-5 RECD 3-4 RDS S/A SNIPER FIRE AT (YD 073523). RTRND APPROX 30 RDS S/A. RECD NO DAMAGE OR CASUALTIES.

D. EVENTS:

- (1) LATE ENTRY; 061010H K/3/9 (YD 205375) LOC CHICOM GREN

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MINE W/TRIP WIRE ACROSS TRAIL. DESTROYED IN PLACE.

(2) LATE ENTRY; 061030H K/3/9 PTL CONTINUED TO SEARCH CACHE SITE (YD 201389). CAPT ADD EQUIP; 6 BANGALORE TORPEDOES (US MANUFACTURED), 30 LBS UNK EXPLOSIVES, 25 CRIMPED CARTRIDGES, 2000 RDS 7.92MM AMMO, 2 CYLINDER TYPE MINES, 4 FUZE LIGHTERS, 15 BLASTING CAPS, 1 RADIO W/HAND PHONE HT-1A. AT 061300H PTL COMPLETED SEARCH W/O FURTHER FINDINGS.

(3) 061107H I/3/9 PTL (YD 086597) OBS 2 EN IN TREE LINE VIC (YD 087609). ARTY MSN FIRED. RESULTS UNK.

(4) 061115H I/3/9 PTL (YD 037553) LOC PUNJI PITS 3X3 FT APPROX 3-4 MONTHS OLD. PIT DESTROYED W/M26 GREN.

(5) 061155H I/3/3 PLT PTL MSN CANCELLED. I/3/3 ORDERED TO RTRN TO 3/3 CP ASAP.

(6) 061155H I/3/9 PTL (YD 087562) LOC VN RAIN COAT 10 MTRS OFF TRAIL. SEARCHED AREA W/O FURTHER RESULTS.

(7) 061155H 3D MAR SS TM OBS 2 MALES VIC (YD 004563) WHO APPEARED TO BE DIGGING. SUBJS FLED SOUTH IN UNDERBRUSH. SEARCHED AREA W/NEG RESULTS.

(8) 061155H I/3/3 (XD 944496) LOC 4 BNKRS 4X6X5 FT W/LOG OVERHEAD. BNKR APPEARED OCCUPIED 1 MONTH AGO. RECOVERED NO SIGNIFICANT ITEMS. BNKRS DESTROYED.

(9) 061240H I/3/9 PTL (YD 061240) LOC BNKR 8X10 FT W/2 ENTRANCES REINF W/STAKES SIDES AND PLYWOOD ON SIDES & TOP. DESTROYED.

(10) 061255H I/3/9 PTL (YD 039551) LOC ON MIL CREST OF HILL FIGHTING HOLES, SMALL TUNNELS, RACKS OFF GROUND, MADE OUT OF CHAIN. APPEARED TO BE 6-7 MONTHS OLD. APPROX 35 HOLES WERE LOC RANGING FM 2X2 FT TO 4X5 FT AND 2-3 FT DEEP.

(11) 061255H 3D ENGR ROAD SWEEP TM LOC AT (YD 094516) 1 81MM MORT RD 2 FT OFF SIDE OF ROAD. RD DESTROYED.

(12) 061310H L/3/9 PTL (YD 061310) LOC REINF BNKR CONSTRUCTED OF BRICKS AND DIRT 6X6X4 FT. DESTROYED.

(13) 061330H I/3/9 PTL (YD 033608) LOC 8 SHELL HOLES FM BELIEVED TO BE AIR BURST. SEARCHED AREA W/NEG RESULTS.

(14) 061335H L/3/9 PTL (YD 072529) LOC BNKR REINF W/LOGS AND BAMBOO. LOC INSIDE OF BNKR 3X10" NOTEBOOK W/COLOR MAP INSIDE (POSS SCHOOL NOTEBOOK). BNKR DESTROYED. MAP WILL BE FORWARDED

(15) 061440H M/3/9 ORDERED TO MOVE TO DONG HA ASAP.

(16) 061640H M/3/9 DPTD CAMP CARROLL FOR DONG HA. CHOPPED TO

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OPCON 3D MARDIV (FWD).

(17) 061655H PLT M/3/3 RELIEVED PLT 1/3/9 IN PLACE AT THE KHE GIA BRIDGE. M/3/3 CHOPPED TO OPCON 3/9.

E. INTENTIONS: FOR NEXT 24 HOURS;

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

(2) K/3/9, W/1/12 AND RF 256 MAINTAIN DEF PSN VIC BA LONG. CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PASEP.

(3) 3/3: MAINTAIN OP ON THON SON LAM. M/3/3 (-) MAINTAIN DEF PSN NORTH OF THON SON LAM W/PPB ON THE RAZORBACK. CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PASEP. H&S/3/3 MAINTAIN DEF PSN SOUTH OF THON SON LAM. CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PASEP. K/3/3 AND RF 123 MAINTAIN DEF PSN AT CA LU W/OP ON HILL 110. PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PASEP.

(4) 3/9: MAINTAIN DEF PSN VIC CAMP CARROLL W/H&S/3/9, HQ CO 3D MAR, CO A 3D TK BN, CO A 3D AT BN, C/1/44 ARTY USA, AND USMC/USA ARTY UNITS PROVIDE SEC FOR CAMP CARROLL. PLT M/3/3 PROVIDE SEC FOR THE KHE GIA BRIDGE. L/3/9 AND RF 122 PROVIDE SEC FOR D-5. 3/9 (-) MAINTAIN DEF PSN AT CAMP CARROLL CONDUCTING PTL VIC CAMP CARROLL.

(5) SPEC PTL ACTIVITY: AT 051200H PLT 1/3/9 (REINF) COMMENCED EXTENDED PTL NORTH OF SONG CAM LO IN AREA BOUNDED BY GL 05 N, 62 N, AND 09 E IAW MY PTL OVERLAY PASEP. WILL CONTINUE THROUGH 3 APR 67.

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

(1) FR: 44 KIA, 246 WIA (USMC), 7 WIA (USA)

(2) EN: 163 KIA (C), 123 KIA (P), 4 PW (NVA), 1 PW (VC), 113 RET, 6 DET.

G. ARVN/USMC OPN: NONE

H. RECOVERY OF US MATERIAL: NONE

I. SCOUT-SNIPEER TEAMS; 3D MAR MAINTAINS 13 TMS;

(1) 8 TMS HQ CO DEF PSN.

(2) 5 TMS EMPLOYED W/11TH ENGRS VIC CA LU.

(3) NEG REPORTS.

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1. SITREP NR 76 AS OF 062400H APR 67.
A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE.
B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE.
C. CONTACTS: NONE.
D. EVENTS:

(1) FINAL REPORT TO MY SITERP NR 74 PARA D(1); DET **WAS NOT TAKEN**

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TO CAM LO DIST HQ AND RELEASED AS INNOCENT CIV. DELETE 1 DET.

(2) FOLLOW ON TO MY SITREP NR 74 PARA D(3): ARTY MSN OF 68
105MM HE WAS FIRED W/XCLNT TGT COVERAGE. SEV RDS WERE OBS TO LAND
IN PSN EN WERE REPORTED. RESULTS: 10 EN KIA (P).

(3) 061755H 1/3/9 (YD078593) LOC 11 FIGHTING HOLES IN SEMI
CIRCLE FACING CAMP CARROLL. W/IN PSN LOC EVIDENCE OF 6 LARGE BASE
PLATE IMPRESSIONS, 23 EMPTY CANS W/IN OR CHINESE WRITING, BELIEVED
TO HAVE CONTAINED 60MM OR 120 FUSES, 7 CLOTH BAGS 7X3/4 IN CONTAINING
GRANULES OF POWDER, 6 BOXES 6X3X1 HALF" CONTAINING PROTECTIVE CAPS
FOR 60MM FUSES, AND WHAT APPEARED TO BE WOODEN SIGHT. ITEMS WILL BE
FORWARDED TO G-2.

E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE.

F. CUMCLATIVE CASUALTIES:

(1) FR: 44KIA, 246 WIA (USA), 7WIA (USA)

(2) EN: 163KIA (C), 138 KIA(P), 4 PW(NVA), 1 PW(VC)

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OPN PRAIRIE III

1. SITREP NR 77 AS OF 070600H APR 67

A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE

C. CONTACTS: NONE

D. EVENTS: NONE

E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE

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1. SITREP NR 78 AS OF 071200H APR 67.

A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE.

C. CONTACTS: NONE

D. EVENTS:

(1) 070855H L/3/9 PTL (YD 104516) LOC BNKR 5X7X4 FT REINF W/ 4"-6" LOGS. CAPACITY OF 4 PERSONS. SHOWED SIGNS OF RECENT USE.

(2) 071015H L/3/9 (YD 074526) LOC BNKR REINF W/LOGS AND LIGHT WOOD 4X5X5 FT. DESTROYED W/C-4.

(3) 071050H L/3/9 PTL (YD 074526) LOC BNKR REINF W/STEEL STAKES AND LOGS AND EXTREMELY WELL BUILT. APPEARED NOT TO HAVE BEEN USED FOR APPROX 1 MONTH, ALTHOUGH AREA AROUND BNKR WAS RECENTLY OCCUPIED. BNKR DESTROYED W/C-4.

E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE.

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE.

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OPN PRAIRIE III

1. SITREP NR 79 AS OF 071000H APR 67

A. LOCATIONS:

- (1) HQ CO 3D MAR (YD 066543)
- (2) SOP BA LONG (YD 163397) AND RF CO 256
K/3/9 (YD 160403)
W/3/12 (YD 165402)
- (3) 3/9 (YD 063551)
I/3/9(-) (YD 063551)
L/3/9 (YD 094514) AND RF CO 122
PLT M/3/3 (YD 026562)
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- (5) MECHANIZED EMPLOYMENT
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 - (B) CO A 3D TK BN
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- LT SECT 3/3 CP
CO (-) CAMP CARROLL W/2 FLAME TANKS
(C) C/1/44
TWIN 40MM SP-M42
7 CAMP CARROLL
2 CA LU
3 3/3 CP
1 KHE GIA BRIDGE
1 HILL 250
- (6) OP/PPB
(A) OP
BA LONG NR 1 (YD 137413)
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(B) PPB
M/3/3 (XD 967564) RAZORBACK

B. SUMMARY:

- (1) HQ CO 3D MAR PROVIDED SEC FOR CP.
(2) K/3/9, W/3/12 AND RF CO 256 MAINTAINED DEF PSN AT BA LONG.
(3) 3/3: ESTAB DEF PSN VIC THON SON LAM WITH M/3/3 NORTH OF THON SON LAM W/PPB ON THE RAZORBACK AND 3/3 (-) SOUTH OF THON SON LAM IN DEF PSN. K/3/3 MAINTAINED DEF PSN VIC CA LU.
(4) 3/9: MAINTAINED DEF PSN. PLT M/3/3 AT THE KHE GIA BRIDGE. 3/9 (-) MAINTAINED DEF PSN AT CAMP CARROLL AND CONDUCTED PTL ACTIVITIES VIC CAMP CARROLL.
(5) NON-BATTLE CASUALTIES: MED EVAC: NONE

C. CONTACTS: NONE**D. EVENTS:**

- (1) 071100H CO A 3D AT BN AT VIC (YD 057564) ONTOS HEADING WEST ON ROUTE 9 ENROUTE TO C C SLIPPED OFF NORTH EDGE OF THE ROAD TURNING OVER IN GULLEY VIC OF BRIDGE, KILLING THE VEHICLE COMMANDER. NO OTHER CASUALTIES EXCEPT DRIVER IS IN A STATE OF SHOCK. BODY WAS TRANSPORTED TO DONG HA

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BY AMBULANCE AND MAN IN SHOCK TO D MED. EOD REQUESTED TO CLEAR 106MM RIFLES AND AREA FOR ORDNANCE SAFETY. INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED AND RESULTS WILL BE FORWARDED VIA ADMIN CHANNELS.

(2) 0712PP H L/3/9 (YD 103507) LOC BUNKER REINF W/LOGS AND BAMBOO 5X10X5 FT ESTIMATED OCCUPIED 2 WEEKS AGO, DESTROYED W/C-4.

(3) 071200H MARINE FROM 3D AT BN LOC AT (YD 037567) WHAT APPEARED TO BE 82MM MORTAR CLEANING BRUSH. SEARCHED GENERAL LOC 3 CIRCULAR HOLES APPROX 3X2 FT. 2 HALF MOON HOLES AND 1 DESTROYED BUNKER 6 FT LONG.

(4) 071240H L/3/9 (YD 074524) LOC BUNKER WHICH APPEARED OLD BUT NEWLY REINF W/LOGS, STEEL POST AND BAMBOO. 6X12X5 FT. DESTROYED W/C-4

(5) 071315H L/3/9 (YD 072525) IN TREE LINE LOC 6-10 FIGHTING HOLES, 2X2-3 FT DIA X 4 FT DEEP. APPEARED OLD BUT IN GOOD SHAPE. PSN PROVIDED EXCELLENT OBSERVATION OF L/3/9 CP (D-5) AND EXCELLENT PSN FOR SNIPING AT CONVOYS ON ROUTE 558. SEARCHED AREA W/NEG RESULTS. AREA WILL BE AMBUSHED.

(6) 071410H K/3/3 (YD 013455) REPORTED 40 MONTAGNARDS COMING FROM SW TURNED THEMSELVES IN. SUBJECTS STATED THAT THEY WERE TRAVELING FOR 5 DAYS AND LIVED WITH THE VC FOR THE LAST 5 YEARS. SUBJECTS WERE IN A STATE OF MALNUTRITION SUBJECTS WERE SENT TO CAM LO DISTRICT HQ. RESULTS 40 RET. E. INTENTIONS: FOR NEXT 24 HOURS:

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

(2) K/3/9, W/3/12 AND RF 256 MAINTAIN DEF PSN VIC BA LONG. CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PASEP.

(3) 3/3: MAINTAIN OP ON THON SON LAM. M/3/3 (-) MAINTAIN DEF PSN NORTH OF THON SON LAM W/PPB ON THE RAZORBACK. CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PASEP. H&S/3/3 MAINTAIN DEF PSN SOUTH OF THON SON LAM. CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PASEP. K/3/3 AND RF 123 MAINTAIN DEF PSN AT CA LU W/OP ON HILL 110. PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PASEP.

(4) 3/9: MAINTAIN DEF PSN VIC CAMP CARROLL W/H&S/3/9, HQ CO 3D MAR, CO A 3D AT BN, C/1/44 ARTY USA, AND USMC/USA ARTY UNITS PROVIDE SEC FOR CAMP CARROLL. PLT M/3/3 PROVIDE SEC FOR THE KHE GIA BRIDGE. L/3/9 AND RF 122 PROVIDE SEC FOR D-5. 3/9 (-) MAINTAIN DEF PSN AT CAMP CARROLL CONDUCTING PTL VIC CAMP CARROLL.

(5) SPEC PTL ACTIVITY: AT 051200H I/3/9 (REINF) COMMENCED EXTENDED PTL NORTH OF SONG CAM LO IN AREA BOUNDED BY GL 05 W, 62 N, AND 09 E IAW MY PTL OVERLAY PASEP. WILL CONTINUE THROUGH 8 APR 67.

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

(1) FR: 44 KIA, 246 WIA(USMC), 7 WIA(USA)

(2) EN: 163 KIA(C), 133 KIA(P), 4 PW(NVA), 1 PW(VC)
153 RETURNEES, 5 DET.

G. ARVN/USMC OPNS: NONE

H. RECOVERY OF US MATERIAL: NONE

I. SCOUT-SNIPER TEAMS: 3D MAR MAINTAINS 13 TMS

(1) 8 TMS HQ CO DEF PSN

(2) 5 TMS EMPLOYED W/11TH ENGRS VIC CA LU

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1. SITREP NR 30 AS OF 072400H APR 67

A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE

C. CONTACTS: NONE

D. EVEBTS: NONE

E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE

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A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
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C. CONTACTS: NONE
D. EVENTS: NONE
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1. SITREP NR 82 AS OF 081200H APR 67

A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE

C. CONTACTS: 08 0905H L/3/9 (YD 121514) PTL OBS 3 EN WEARING
KHAKI SHIRTS IV BRUSH. WHEN EN SAW PTL THEY FLED TO THE NW.
PTL FIRED S/A. SEARCHED AREA WITH NEG RESULTS.

D. EVENTS:

(1) 081035H K/3/3 REPORTED DURING THE NIGHT OF 7-8 APR AN
UNDETERMINED NR OF HE RDS HIT VILL VIC (XD 998477), KILLING 1 VN
AND WOUNDING 4. CHECK OF 3D MAR HAI AND FIRE MSN INDICATED THAT
NO MSN WAS FIRED IN AREA OF VILL. INVESTIGATION OFFICER,
INTERPRETER AND MED O FROM 3/3 WERE SENT TO VILL. FINAL REPORT
OF INCIDENT WILL BE FORWARDED VIA ADMIN CHANNELS.

(2) 081000H I/3/9 PTL (YD 033548) LOC APPROX 30 FIGHTING
HOLES VIC MILITARY CREST OF THE HILL. PSN DESTROYED. CONDUCTING
SEARCH OF AREA.

E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

(1) FR: 43 KIA, 246 WIA(USMC), 7 WIA(USA)
1 KIA WAS DELETED FROM FRIENDLY TOTAL OF 44. 43 KIA IS CORRECT
COUNT. (1 ADDITIONAL KIA WAS SUBMITTED IN SPOT RPT DCG 251330H
MARCH WAS ERRONEOUS.)

(2) EN: 186 KIA(C), 33 KIA(P), 4 PW(NVA), 1 PW(VN),
153 RET, 5 DET

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1. SITREP NR 83 AS OF 08 300H APR 67.

A. LOCATIONS:

- (1) HQ CO 3D MAR (YD 066543)
(2) SOP BA LONG (YD 163397) AND RF CO 356
K/3/9 (YD 166403)

- W/1/12 (YD 165402)
(3) 3/9 (YD 063551)
I/3/9(-) (YD 06355)
L/3/9 (YD 094514) AND RF CO 122
PLT M/3/3 (YD 026562)
(4) 3/3 (XD 933544)
I/3/3 (XD 979545)
K/3/3 (YD 011458)
L/3/3 (XD 936546)
M/3/3(-) (XD 976568)
(5) MECHANIZED EMPLOYED
(A) CO A 3D AT BN
LT SECT D-5
LT SECT CA LU
PLT CAMP CARROLL W/1 ONTOS AT THE WATER POINT
LT SECT M/3/3CP
LT SECT KHE SANH
LT SECT GIO LINH
(B) CO A 3D TK BN
HVY SECT 3/3 CP

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PLT (-) CAMP CARROLL W/2 FLAME TANKS
(C) C/1/44

TWIN 40MM SP- M42
7 CAMP CARROLL
2 CA LU
3 3/3 CP
1 KHE GIA BRIDGE
1 HILL 250
QUAD 50 CAL
4 CAMP CARROLL

(6) OP/PPB

(A) OP

BA LONG 1 (YD 157418)
BA LONG 2 (YD 167394)
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(B) PPB

M/3/3 (XD 967564) RAZORBACK

B. SUMMARY:

- (1) HQ CO 3D MAR PROVIDE D SEC FOR CP.
- (2) K/3/9, W/1/12 AND RF CO 256 MAINTAINED DEF PSN AT BA LONG.
- (3) 3/3: ESTAB DEF PSN VIC THON LAM W/M/3/3(-) NORTH OF THON SON LAM W/PPB ON THE RAZORBACK AND 3/3(-) SOUTH OF THON SON LAM IN DEF PSN. K/3/3 MAINTAINED DEF PSN VIC CA LU.
- (4) 3/9: MAINTAINED DEF PSN. PLT M/3/3 AT THE KHE GIA BRIDGE. 3/9(-) MAINTAINED DEF PSN AT CAMP CARROLL AND CONDUCTED PTL ACTIVITIES VIC CAMP CARROLL.
- (5) NON- BATTLE CASUALTIES: MED EVAC NONE

C. CONTACTS: NONE

D. EVENTS:

- (1) 081015H M/3/3 PTL (XD 971599) LOC TRAIL JUNCTION WITH INDICATION OF USE WITH IN LAST 4 OR 5 DAYS. INDICATION THAT WATER BUFFALO, ELEPHANT, AND PERSONNEL HAVE USED THE TRAIL. SEARCHED AREA W/NEG RESULTS.

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(2) 031340H 1/3/9 PTL (YD 039541) SEARCHING AREA LOC 2X M-72 (ONE IN EXCELLENT CONDITION AND 1 DAMAGE BY SCHRAPNEL), 300 RDS 7.62 LINK AMMO, 4 BANDOLEAR 7.62, M-26 FRAG GREN, AND A BAYONET. DAMAGED M-72 DESTROYED. REMAINING ITEMS RETURNED TO 1/3/9 CP.

(3) 031400H L/3/9 (UD 095515) REPORTED VILLAGE CHIEF OF CAM NGHIA REPORTED 50 VC WITH 1X60MM MORTAR, 1XMG WEARING KHAKI SHIRTS AND ASSORTED COLOR TROUSERS ARRIVED IN HIS VILLAGE APPROX 072200H AND DEPARTED IN A NORTHELY DIRECTION APPROX 072400H ACTIONS IN VIL. DURING THIS PERIOD UNK VILLAGE CHIEF STATED "VC HAD PLACED PRICE ON HIS AND L/3/9 COMMANDING OFFICER ASSASSINATION".

(4) 031500H L/3/9 PTL (YD113537) LOC 5 HUTS RECENTLY BUILT APPROX 2 MONTHS OLD. CONSTRUCTED SO POLES ARE TIED TO TREES WITH LINES LAID ACROSS TO SUPPORT CAMOFLAGE. SEARCHED AREA W/NEG RESULTS; HUTS DESTROYED.

E. INTENTIONS: FOR NEXT 24 HOURS;

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(2) K/3/9, W/1/12 AND RF 256 MAINTAIN DEF PSN VIC BA LONG. CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PASEP.

(3) 3/3: MAINTAIN OP ON THON SON LAM. M/3/3(-) MAINTAIN DEF PSN NORTH OF THON SON LAM W/PPB ON THE RAZORBACK. CONDUCT PLT AND AMB REF NT OVERLAY PASEP. H&S/3/3 MAINTAIN DEF PSN SOUTH OF THON SON LAM. CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PASEP. K/3/3 AND RF 123 MAINTAIN DEF PSN AT CA LU W/OP ON HILL 110. PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PASEP.

(4) 3/9: MAINTAIN DEF PSN VIC CAMP CARROLL W/H&S/3/9, HQ CO 3D MAR, CO A 3D TK BN, CO A 3D AT BN, C/1/44 ARTY USA, AND USMC/USA ARTY UNITS PROVIDE SEC FOR CAMP CARROLL. PLT M/3/3 PROVIDE SEC FOR THE KHE GIA BRIDGE. L/3/9 AND RF 122 PROVIDE SEC FOR D-5. 3/9(-) MAINTAIN DEF PSN AT CAMP CARROLL CONDUCTING PTL VIC CAMP CARROLL.

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

(1) FR: 43KIA, 246 WIA (USMC), 7 WIA (USA)

(2) EN: 163 KIA (C), 133 KIA (P), 4 PW (NVA), 1 PQ (VC), 153 RET, 5 DET

G. ARVN/USMC OPNS: NONE

H. RECOVERY OF US MATERIAL: 1 USAID HANDPHONE HT1A RADIO, SER NR 16316, MANUFACTURED BY HAILCRAFTER RADIO INDUSTRIES DIVISION.

I. SCOUT-SNIPE TEAMS: 3D MAR MAINTAINS 13 TMS;

(1) 8 TMS HQ CO DEF PSN.

(2) 5 TMS EMPLOYED W/11TH ENGRS VIC SA LU.

I (3) NEG REPORT.

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1. SITREP NR 84 AS OF 082400H APR 67

A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE

CONTACTS:

(1) 082100H M/3/3 (XD 968563) AMBUSH SITE RECEIVED APPROX 15 RDS S/A FROM THE NW VIC (XD 964570) RETURNED 81MM MORTAR FIRE WITH EXCELENT TARGET COVERAGE. 1 MARINE RECEIVED WOUNDS FROM ROCK FRAGS CASUSED BY RICOCHETS (NON-MEDEVAC) WILL SEARCH AREA. AMBUSH RELOCATED. RESULTS 1 USMC WIA

(2) 082120H L/3/9 PTL (6\$ 082519) REAR SECURITY OBSERVED MAN CROSSING ROAD MOVING APPROX 50 METERS NORTH OF PTL. FIRED S/A SEARCHED AREA W/NEG RESULTS.

D. EVENTS:

(1) LATE ENTRY 081600H M/3/3 PTL LOC MORTAR PSN APPROX 4 MONTHS OLD VIC (XD 959601). SEARCHED AREA LOCATING 1X82MM MORTAR ROUND BELIEVED TO BE MISFIRE. SEVERAL RUBBER PLUGS, BLOOD STAINED TROUSERS., AND TENNIS SHOES. AREA SHOWED DIGNS OF RECEIVING COUNTER MORTAR FIRES. PSN AND ROUNDS DESTROYED.

E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

(1) FR:43 KIA 247 WIA USMC, 7 WIA USA

(2) EN: 163 KIA (C) 133 KIA (P) 4 PW(NVA), 1 PW(VC)

153 RETURNEES 3 DETAINEES

NOTE: 3 DETAINEES RELEASED AS INOCENT CIVILIANS; IAW
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1. SITREP NR 35 AS OF 090600H APR 67

A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE

C. CONTACTS: NONE

D. EVENTS:

(1) 082340H MEMBER OF 3/9 AMB PTL ACCIDENTLY SHOT HIMSELF
IN WRIST AT (YD 075550). PTL RETURNED TO CP WITH SUBJECT. NO
MED-EVAC REQUIRED. PTL REESTABLISHED AMB AT 090030H. RESULTS
OF INVESTIGATION WILL BE FORWARDED VIA ADMIN CHANNELS.

(2) 090330H AN HE ARTY ROUND EXPLODED IN C/2/94 AREA AT
CAMP CARROLL RESULTING IN 1 USA KIA AND 3 USA WIA. INVESTIGATION
UNDERWAY TO DETERMINE OUGIN OF EXPLOSION. BELIEVED TO BE PREMATURE
EXPLOSION OF 175MM ROUND AS IT LEFT BARRELL. INVESTIGATION IN
PROGRESS. MORE INFO TO FOLLOW, VIA ADMIN CHANNELS.

E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE

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1. SITREP NR 86 AS OF 091200H APR 67

A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE

C. CONTACTS: 091045H 1/3/9 (YD 094531) RECEIVED 1 UNK TYPE
MORTAR RD AND 3 RDS S/A FIRE FROM UNK NR ENEMY VIC (YD 049534).

PTL ESTABLISHED DEF PSN. MORE INFO TO FOLLOW.

D. EVENTS:

(1) 090920H 3/9 REPORTED 3D ENGR SWEEP TEAM LOC MINE ON
DAGELEFT SIDE OF ROAD VIC (YD 076522). MINE WAS COVERED WITH 5-6"
DIRT ESTIMATED 20 LB TYPE 7" IN DIAMETER WITH PRESURE RING
MINE APPEARED OLD AND WAS RUSTY. DESTROYED IN PLACE

(2) 090920H PLT 1/3/9 RELIEVED PLT M/3/3 IN PLACE AT THE
KHE CIA BRIDGE (YD 026562). PLT M/3/3 COMMENCED MOVEMENT TO
3/3 CP VIA PLT PTL ALONG ROUTE 9.

(3) 091030H 3D MAR SS PTL LOC (YD 033531) 2/CHI COM GREN
N/TRIP WIRE OF NYLON ON RIGHT SIDE OF TRAIL. DESTROYED IN
PLACE.

(4) 091045H 1/3/3 PLACED ON ONE HOUR ALERT

E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE

F. CUMULATIVE CASULTIES: NO CHANGE

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OPN PRAIRIE III

1. SITREP NR 87 AS OF 091800H APR 67

A. LOCATIONS:

- (1) HQ CO 3D MAR (YD 066543)
- (2) SOP BA LONG (YD 163397) AND RF CO 256
K/3/9 (YD 166403)
W/1/12 (YD 165402)
- (3) 3/9 (YD 063531)
I/3/9 (-) (YD 063551)
L/3/9 (YD 094514) AND RF CO 122
PLT I/3/9 (YD 026562)
- (4) 3/3 (XD 903544)
I/3/3 (XD 979545)
K/3/3 (YD 011458)
L/3/3 (XD 986546)
M/3/3 (-) (XD 976563)
- (5) MECHANIZED EMPLOYED
 - (A) CO A 3D AT BN
LT SECT D-5
LT SECT CA LU
HVY SECT CAMP CARROLL W/1 ONTOS AT THE WATER POINT
LT SECT M/3/3 CP
LT SECT KHE SANH
LT SECT HIO LINH
 - (B) CO A 3D TK BN
HVY SECT 3/3 CP
PLT (-) CAMP CARROLL W/2 FLAME TANKS

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(C) C/1/44
 TWIN 40MM SP - M42
 7 CAMP CARROLL
 2 CA LU
 3 3/3 CP
 1 KHE GIA BRIDGE
 1 HILL 250
 QUAD 50 CAL
 4 CAMP CARROLL

(6) OP/PPB

(A) OP

BA LONG NR 1 (YD 157413)
 BA LONG NR 2 (YD 167394)
 BA LONG NR 3 (YD 163390)
 BA LONG NR 4 (YD 158392)
 ROCKPILE (XD 978559)
 NORTH HILL (YD 060555)
 HILL 250 (YD 069555)
 HILL 110 (YD 003461)
 HILL 290 (YD 066502)
 HILL 252 (YD 022558)

(B) PPB

M/3/3 (XD 967564) RAZORBACK
 K/3/9 (YD 195352)

B. SUMMARY:

- (1) HQ CO 3D MAR PROVIDED SEC FOR CP.
- (2) K/3/9, W/1/12 AND RF CO 256 MAINTAINED DEF PSN AT BA LONG.
- (3) 3/3: ESTAB DEF PSN VIC THON SON LAM W/M/3/3 NORTH OF THON SON LAM W/PPB ON THE RAZORBACK AND 3/3 (-) SOUTH OF THON SON LAM IN DEF PSN. K/3/3 MAINTAINED DEF PSN VIC CA LU.
- (4) 3/9: MAINTAINED DEF PSN. PLT 1/3/9 RELIEVED M/3/3 AT THE KHE GIA BRIDGE. 3/9 (-) MAINTAINED DEF PSN AT CAMP CARROLL AND CONDUCTED PTL ACTIVITIES VIC CAMP CARROLL.
- (5) NON-BATTLE CASUALTIES: MED-EVAC

C. CONTACTS:

- (1) FOLLOW ON TO MY SITREP NR 68 PARA C: REPORT OF 1 MORTAR RD WAS ERRONEOUS, LATER PROVED TO BE FRIENDLY UNIT DESTROYING DUD. 1/3/9 PTL SWEEP AREA S/A FIRE WAS RECEIVED FROM. WHILE 3D MAR SS PTL MAINTAINED BLOCKING PSN. RESULTS OF SWEEP NEG.

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(2) 091220H 1/3/9 PTL (YD 033532) RECEIVED SNIPER FIRE FROM ENEMY OBSERVED IN TREE LINE VIC (YD 033532). UNABLE TO OBSERVE CLOTHING DUE TO FOLLIAGE. PTL RETURNED S/A FIRE AND OBSERVED ENEMY FALL. FIRED M-79 RDS IN AREA. SEARCHED AREA, LOC INDICATION OF 1 EN KIA (P).

(3) 091440H 1/4 UNDER FIRE BETWEEN CHECK POINTS 2 AND 1 MORE INFO TO FOLLOW

D. EVENTS:

(1) 091137H PLACED ON 1 HOUR ALERT CMD GRP, AND 1/3/3
(2) 091205H 3D MAR SS PTL (YD 039533) DETONATED 2 CHICOM GREN RIGGED WITH TRIP WIRE ACROSS TRAIL. GRENS WERE HIDDEN IN BUSH OFF TRAIL APPROX FT OFF DECK SEARCHED AREA W/NEG RESULTS. 3 USMC WIA 2 USA WIA. ALL CASUALTIES MED-EVAC

(3) 091400H 3D MAR ASSUMED OPCON 1/4 (-)

(4) 091400H M/3/9 PLT PTL FROM KHE GIA BRIDGE ARRIVED AT 3/3 CP.

(5) 091405H 1/4 LOC AT CHECK POINT 4 (YD 116638)

(6) 091415H 1/4 LOC AT CHECK POINT 6 (YD 134690)

(7) 091430H 1/4 LOC AT CHECK POINT 2 (YD 143691)

(8) 091450H 1/4 REPORTED TANK HIT MINE VIC (YD 167700) MOVEMENT EAST DELAYED APPROX 10 MINUTES. NO CASUALTIES AS RESULT OF INCIDENT.

(9) 091533H 1/4 LOC AT CHECK POINT 1 (YD 183693)

(10) 091600H 1/4 LOC AT CHECK POINT 11 (YD 206693)

(11) 091625H L/3/9 PTL (YD 105497) SET OFF EXPLOSIVE DEVICE RESULTING IN 2 SLIGHTLY WOUNDED MARINES. SEARCHED AREA W/NEG RESULTS. 2 USMC WIA

(12) 091707H 1/4 (-) CHOPPED TO OPCON 3D MARDIV (FWD)

E. INTENTIONS: FOR NEXT 24 HOURS:

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

(2) K/3/9, W/1/12 AND RF 256 MAINTAIN DEF PSN VIC BA LONG. CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PASEP.

(3) 3/3: MAINTAIN OP ON THON SON LAM. M/3/3 MAINTAIN DEF PSN NORTH OF THON SON LAM W/PPB ON THE RAZORBACK. CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PASEP. H&S/3/3 MAINTAIN DEF PSN SOUTH OF THON SON LAM. CONDUCT PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PASEP. K/3/3 AND RF 123 MAINTAIN DEF PSN AT CA LU W/OP ON HILL 110 PTL AND AMB REF MY OVERLAY PASEP.

(4) 3/9: MAINTAIN DEF PSN VIC CAMP CARROLL W/H&S/3/9,

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HQ CO 3D MAR PLT CO A 3D TK BN, CO A 3D AT BN, C/1/44 ARTY USA, AND
 USMC/USA ARTY UNITS PROVIDE SEC FOR CAMP CARROLL. PLT 1/3/9
 PROVIDE SEC FOR THE KHE GIA BRIDGE. L/3/9 AND RF 122 PROVIDE
 SEC FOR D-5. 3/9 (-) MAINTAIN DEF PSN AT CAMP CARROLL CONDUCTING
 PTL VIC CAMP CARROLL. ←

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

(1) FR: 43 KIA, 252 WIA(USMC), 9 WIA(USA)
 (2) EN: 168 KIA(C), 134 KIA(P), 4 PW(NVA), 1 PW(VC)

153 RET, 3 DET

G. ARVN/USMC OPNS: NONE

H. RECOVERY OF US MATERIALS: NONE

I. SCOUT-SNIPE TEAMS: 3D MAR MAINTAINS 13 TMS:

(1) 8 TMS HQ CO DEF PSN, 3 TM CONDUCTED PTL VIC
 CAMP CARROLL

(2) 5 TMS EMPLOYED W/11TH ENGRS VIC CA LU.

(3) NEG REPORT.

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OPN PRAIRIE III

1. SITREP NR 38 AS OF 092400H APR 67

A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE

C. CONTACTS: NONE

D. EVENTS: NONE

E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE

F. CUMULATVIE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE

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OPN PRAIRIE III

1. SITREP NR 89 AS OF 100600H APR 67

A. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

B. SUMMARY: NO CHANGE

C. CONTACTS: 100445H WATER POINT AT CAMP CARROLL BEGAN
RECEIVING POSS INCOMING MORTAR RDS. 1ST RD AT 0435H, 2D
RD AT 0443H MORE AT 2 MIN INTERVALS. NO RDS HIT WITHIN
CAMP PERIMETER. COUNTER MORTAR PLAN FIRED. MORE INFO TO
FOLLOW.

D. EVENTS:

(1) 100005H 2 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS RESULTED FROM 40MM
FIRING H&I FIRE FROM CAMP CARROLL. WXPLOSIONS OCCURRED AT
(YD 063575). ARTY FIRE MSN REQUESTED FOR AREA.

(2) 100200 40MM H&I FIRED IN GRID SQUARES (YD 0657)
(YD 0757) AND (YD 0758) RESULTED IN 7 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS.
ARTY MSN FIRED RESULTING IN 2 ADDITIONAL WXPLOSIONS. ARTY
MSN CONTINUED. AREA WILL BE SEARCHED AT FIRST LIGHT.

E. INTENTIONS: NO CHANGE

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NO CHANGE

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