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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDERS

3d Marines (-) (Reinf)

Colonel M. A. HULL (1-30 Apr)

Subordinate Units

Hq Co, 3d Marines

1st Lieutenant G. B. KRUCZKOWSKI
(1-30 Apr)Co B (-) (Reinf) 3d
Engr Bn1st Lieutenant A. R. BREHM (1-12 Apr)
Captain B. M. RANTA (13-30 Apr)BLT 2/4, (-) 2nd Bn,
4th MarinesLieutenant Colonel W. WEISE
(1-30 Apr)1st Bn (-) (Reinf),
3d MarinesLieutenant Colonel R. W. GOODALE
(1-15 Apr)
Lieutenant Colonel C. V. JARMAN
(16-30 Apr)1st Antrac Bn (-)
(Reinf)Lieutenant Colonel G. F. MEYERS
(1-30 Apr)2. LOCATION1-30 April: QUANG TRI Province, GUA VIET River Complex, CAMP
KISTLER (YD 349694)3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

Lieutenant Colonel V. R. STUART
(1-30 Apr)

S-1

Captain C. S. GIPSON (1-30 Apr)

S-2

Major J. G. HANRAHAN (1-30 Apr)

S-2A/Sniper Plst Ldr

1st Lieutenant C. J. SPAIDE (1-30 Apr)

S-3

Major D. J. MURPHY (1-30 Apr)

S-3A

1st Lieutenant P. J. WHELES (1-30 Apr)

S-3A/NBC DEFENSE OFF

1st Lieutenant R. T. STONE (1-30 Apr)

S-4

Major B. W. ADAMS (1-30 Apr)

S-4A

Captain V. E. WALLACE (1-9 Apr)

S-4A/Emb O

1st Lieutenant J. L. HICKMAN (10-30 Apr)

S-4A/PSYOPM OFF

Regt Sup O

1st Lieutenant R. R. RICE (1-30 Apr)

Co Sup O

1st Lieutenant F. H. GOSLIN (1-9 Apr)

ALO

Captain V. E. WALLACE (10-30 Apr)

Major H. B. ROTH JR. (1-17 Apr)

Major D. J. KIELY (18-30 Apr)

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Regt Comm O
Regt Comm O A

MTO

S-5
Chaplain

Surgeon

Major J. F. OBRIEN (1-30 Apr)
1st Lieutenant W. T. PITCHFORD
(1-16 Apr)
1st Lieutenant W. R. HARGETT
(1-27 Apr)
1st Lieutenant W. M. PUGH (1-30 Apr)
Commander F. R. McALISTER CHC, USN
(1-30 Apr)
1st Lieutenant R. G. KIRSCH, MC, USNR
(1-6 Apr)
1st Lieutenant B. D. MASON, MC, USNR
(7-30 Apr)

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC		USN	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
17	219	2	3

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

April commenced finding 1st Bn 3d Mar (-) and 1st Amtrac Bn conducting normal activities, while BLT 2/4 (-) (Reinf) was conducting operations in conjunction with 2d ARVN Regt and 3d Squadron of 5th Armored Cav, sweeping north to the DMZ.

01 April: At 0930H, H/2/4 in vic (YD 261738) found 1 NVA body, 8 individual weapons, and assorted gear. Weapons and gear were sent to 3d Marines S-2. Between 1050H and 1200H, E and G/2/4 in vic (YD 255754) found 2 partially destroyed individual weapons along with assorted ammo and rice. Destroyed all ammo and rice. During this time E and G/2/4 recieved approx 49 Rnds of enemy rockets and sustained 8 WIA (MEDEVAC). At 1215H, C/1/3 in vic (YD 301700) sustained 5 WIA (MINOR) when an LVT hit a mine. At 1523H, B/1/3 sweeping in vic (YD 282762) found 30 CHICOM grenades, 19 AT mines, 30 assorted mortar rounds, 1 RPG launcher, 1 120 rocket round, and 1000 7.62MM rounds. B Co destroyed all ordnance as well as 2 rocket sites and 67 bunkers. At 1810H, B/1/3 in vic (YD 289754) found 67 140MM rockets, 30 82MM rounds, and assorted S/A ammo which was sent to S-2 of 3d Marines. At 2220H, E/2/4 was probed by an estimated company size force. Enemy was repelled, resulting in 3 NVA KIA, 1 POW, and 1 IWC. Negative friendly casualties sustained.

02 April: At 0010H, A PF sqd in vic (YD 339683) ambushed an estimated VC plat. VC returned fire with S/A and RPG's but fled when additional PF's were committed to the fight. Area was swept with negative results. PF's sustained 4 WIA, and 3 civilians were wounded. All casualties were treated by 1st Amtrac Bn BAS and released. At 0900H, E/2/4 in vic (YD 248725) found large cache of ammo and gear including 8 RPG rounds, 50 82mm rounds, 49 60mm rounds, 20 CHICOM grenades, 2 rifle grenades, and 30 82mm round fuses. All ordnance destroyed. At 1050H, G/2/4 came in contact with 5 NVA in a bunker. Results were 2 USMC WIA (MEDEVAC), 1 NVA POW, and 4 NVA KIA. At 1650H, G/2/4 in vic (YD 278699) found 20 NVA KIA and large cache of enemy ordnance and gear including 270 60mm rounds, 225 82mm rounds, 16 75mm rounds, 3 AT mines, 41 cases of 12.7mm ammo, 5 cases of 7.62 ammo, numerous cans of mortar fuses, increments, and detonators and assorted NVA 782 gear. Selected ordnance was sent to 3d Marines S-2 and the remainder was destroyed. At 2400H, joint operations with BLT 2/4 (-) (Reinf), 2d ARVN Regt, and 3d Squadron of 5th Armored Cavalry were concluded.

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03 April: At 0945H, D/1/3 received a report from PF's that approximately 30 VC spent the night in LUONG KIN (YD 325651) and captured 1 PF. They carried carbines, M-1's, AK-50's, 1 pistol, 2 Chinese grenade launchers, and packs. At 2200H, they proceeded to LE XUYEN (YD 345634) and VINH HOA (YD 344655) to get rice. At 1127H, CAMP KISTLER received 27 rounds of medium arty and sustained 2 WIA (MINOR). NGF mission fired on suspected gun positions in vic (YD 205810). At 1315H, G/2/4 found 2 NVA bodies in vic (YD 274687) that appeared to be larger than normal. Photos were taken of bodies and forwarded to S-2 of 3d Marines for examination.

04 April: At 0700H, B Co 1st Amtrac Bn at C-4 observed 150 to 200 figures moving in vic (YD 292708). AO was requested. Figures were found to be civilians moving into areas recently cleared of NVA by BLT 2/4 (-)(Reinf). This incident marked the beginning of increasing movement of civilians through areas previously occupied by the NVA. At 1530H, patrol from B Co 1st Amtrac Bn found 1 M98 Mauser rifle wrapped in plastic and the lower torso of 1 NVA in a former NVA strongpoint (YD 299748). At 1740H, C/1/3 detained 2 suspicious civilians in vic (YD 289643): Nguyen Thanh Quang, age 18, had a camera, pictures of himself with marines, \$46.00 MPC and 93 plasters; Hoang Quang, age 14, had \$6.00 MPC and 10 plasters in his possession. Both individuals were forwarded to S-2 of 3d Marines for interrogation and released on 05 April as innocent civilians. During the afternoon, G/2/4 established a company combat outpost in vic (YD 305682) and a plat outpost in vic (YD 284688).

05 April: At 1030H, G/2/4 patrol found bunkers, fighting positions, a 50 caliber MG position, and 9 82mm rounds in vic (YD 289692). Positions and rounds destroyed in place. At 1100H, an ARVN reported a 15 LB AT mine located in vic (YD 311685). G/2/4 dispatched a patrol and destroyed mine in place. At 1820H, patrol from 1st Amtrac Bn found 4 punji pits rigged with explosives in vic (YD 365665) and destroyed them. At 2130H, H/2/4 LP spotted approximately 5 NVA moving behind dirt mounds in vic (YD 274664). LP withdrew, and 60mm and 81mm mortars missions were fired. Area was checked at first light with negative results.

06 April: At 1028H, E/2/4 while sweeping a hamlet, found and destroyed 2 claymore type mines in vic (YD 257646). At 1455H, in the same area, 8 RPG rounds, 9 82mm rounds, and a case of US 7.62mm rounds were discovered. All ordnance was destroyed except the 7.62 ammo which was forwarded to S-2 of 3d Marines. At 1500H, A-4 airstrikes were conducted in vic (YD 265685) destroying 2 bunkers and 4 structures, and in vic (YD 257658) destroying 4 bunkers and 2 structures.

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07 April: At 0300H, radar at C-4 detected 25 to 30 figures moving from south to north in vic (YD 288727). 4.2 mortar mission fired. Area checked at first light and numerous foot prints, 1 M-26 grenade, 1 pair canvas shoes, and 1 pack of Vietnamese cigarettes were found. Between 0700H and 0800H, E/2/4 sweeping hamlet of VINH QUAN THUONG (YD 252659) to (YD 270660) found 65 to 75 freshly dug fighting holes, 75 bunkers, assorted NVA 782 gear, and 2 NVA KIA in recent graves. All positions were destroyed and gear forwarded to S-2 of 3d Marines. At 1015H, E/2/4 questioned a young Vietnamese boy in hamlet of KY LAM (YD 245670). Boy stated that 2 companies of NVA/VC wearing blue shirts had left hamlet 2 days ago heading north. At 1310H, a patrol from A/1/3 tripped a surprise firing device in vic (YD 334627) sustaining 2 WIA (MEDEVAC). While searching area, patrol found an additional surprise firing device and destroyed it in place. At 1315H, G/2/4 in vic (YD 266698) received sniper fire from vic (YD 273697). Fired arty mission on enemy with unknown results. At 1500H, G/2/4 observed 3 NVA in vic (YD 270697). Marine sniper fired and hit 1, and arty mission was adjusted on enemy. Patrol could not check area due to stream. NVA shot by sniper not carried as NVA KIA. At 1815H, A/1/3 in vic (YD 337628) received 40 rounds of S/A fire from vic (YD 342634). At 1830, they received 40 more rounds of S/A fire. Fire was returned with M-60 MG and 60mm mortar missions. A0 checked area and spotted fighting holes in vic (YD 342634) and (YD 340634) but saw no evidence of enemy casualties.

08 April: At 0815H, E/2/4 in vic (YD 250660) found 2 60mm rounds, 2 CHICOM grenades, and assorted small arms ammo. Ordnance forwarded to 3d Marines S-2. At 0830H, A/1/3 detained 1 female VC suspect who was wife of confirmed VC and forwarded her to province headquarters. At 1150H, engineer attached to E/2/4 received shrapnel wounds while blowing ordnance and a bunker in vic (YD 266648). Engineer was medevac'd. At 1345H, E/2/4 received 2 rounds of incoming arty in vic (YD 265628) and sustained 1 WIA (MEDEVAC) and 2 WIA (MINOR). At 1810H, A/1/3 in vic (YD 335628) received MG fire and 15 - 20 60mm mortar rounds. Fired arty mission with unknown results.

09 April: While conducting search and destroy operation in vic (YD 282764) in the early morning, B/1/3 found the following: 17 82mm rounds, 18 60mm rounds, 1 AT mine, 1 CHICOM grenade and assorted NVA 782 gear. At 1700H, in the same area they found 14 U. S. CS grenades, 3 CHICOM grenades, 18 60mm rounds, 19 82mm rounds, 11 cans of increments, 42 82mm fuses, 4 AT mines, 3000 7.62mm rounds, and assorted NVA 782 gear. All gear and ordnance forwarded to 3d Marines. At 2355H, E/2/4 observed 6-7 figures in vic (YD 279671) moving toward their position. E Co engaged enemy with small arms and M-79 fire, searched area at first light, but found no evidence of enemy casualties.

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10 April: All units conducted routine day and night activities. At 2245H, PF patrol in vic (YD 340677) made small arms contact with estimated squad of VC. Contact was broken and no casualties sustained.

11 April: At 0006H, CAMP KISTLER received approx 110 rounds of incoming arty. Counter battery fires called in on grids (YD 253854), (YD 293754), and (YD 235845) and TRQ'S dropped on (YD 239828) and (YD 227835). Incoming stopped at 0117H resulting in no friendly casualties and slight damage to facilities. During the day, A/1/3 swept to hamlet of LE KUIEN (YD 345633) without incident.

12 April: At 1130H, A/1/3 received 7 rounds of M-79 fire from vic (YD 346623) sustaining no casualties. A company swept area finding 2 M-79 round cases and foot prints. During the day, H/2/4 conducted company size sweep to hamlet of KY LAM in vic (YD 245668) without incident. At 1730H, A/1/3 in vic (YD 345630) received approx 20 rounds small arms fire and 1 RPG round sustaining no casualties. Arty missions fired on suspected enemy positions.

13 April: BLT 2/4 (-) (Reinf) commenced 3 day training program with PF platoons from GIO LINH District Headquarters. At 0825H, A/1/3 in vic (YD 348627) received 3 rounds of M-79 fire from vic (YD 345630) sustaining 1 WIA (MINOR). A company returned fire with small arms and 60mm mortars with unknown results. At 0830H, H/2/4 patrol in vic (YD 255650) found following ordnance: 3 RPG rounds with boosters, 2 boxes of .50 caliber rounds, 2 82mm rounds, and 2 60mm rounds. All ordnance forwarded to 3d Marines S-2. Later in afternoon, H Co found 1 82mm round and 2 CHICOM claymores in vic (YD 265650). At 1335H, G/2/4 in vic (YD 268679) found 13 60mm rounds, 2 CHICOM grenades, 1 AK-47 magazine, and assorted papers. Ordnance and papers forwarded to 3d Marines S-2. At 1440H, A/1/3 patrol in vic (YD 346626) received small arms and M-79 fire and returned small arm fire with unknown results.

14 April: Commencing at 0430H, B Co 1st Amtrac Bn and 40 Vietnamese from the junk base cordoned and searched resettlement hamlet in vic (YD 327697), detained 20 civilians, releasing all of them as innocent civilians, and captured 2 VC POW's. At 1015H, Marine from F/2/4 in vic (YD 305680) stepped in PUNJI PIT and was REDEVACED.

15 April: At 0001H, G and E/2/4 commenced move to hamlets of LAM XUAN (YD 267698) and NHI HA (YD 270708), respectively.

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By 0458H, both hamlets were secured and G and E/2/4 commenced setting up of patrol base sites in hamlets. Between 0900H and 1055H, E/2/4 found 1 rigged CHICOM claymore and enough old, cooked rice in straw baskets to feed estimated 100 people. Rice and mine were destroyed. At 1000H, G/2/4 patrol was led to 35 pound AT mine by civilian. Paid civilian 200 piasters reward. At 1130H, A/1/3 received approx 10-15 rounds small arm fire from vic (YD 343626) sustaining no casualties. 60mm Mortars and arty mission fired and area checked with no evidence of enemy casualties. At 1145H, civilians turned over complete CHICOM Mortar to E/2/4. Civilians were paid 5,000 piasters reward. At 1215H, E/2/4 in vic (YD 283704) found 2 82mm rounds, 1 57mm recoilless rifle round, and 3 CHICOM grenades. Grenades were destroyed and other ordnance forwarded to 3d Marines S-2. At 1400H, A/1/3, in vic (YD 350627) detonated surprise firing device resulting in 1 WIA (MEDEVAC). HELO evacuating WIA drew ground fire and 1 60mm round, but no additional casualties were sustained. A/1/3 returned fire with all organic weapons with unknown results. At 1500H, E/2/4 in vic (YD 285672) found 1 badly decomposed NVA body. At 1730H, G/2/4 in vic (YD 265700) found 10 60mm rounds, 7 RPG rounds, 7 recoilless rifle rounds, 1 box 7.62mm ammo, 1 CHICOM grenade, and assorted NVA 782 gear. All ordnance and gear forwarded to 3d Marines S-2.

16 April: At 1655H, G/2/4 in vic (YD 256701) and (YD 267699) found 92 60mm rounds, 4 RPG rounds, assorted fuses and boosters for 60mm Mortars, 12 82mm rounds, 5 CHICOM grenades, 3 RPG boosters, 1 belt of .50 caliber ammo, and assorted NVA 782 gear. All ordnance and gear forwarded to 3d Marines S-2.

17 April: At 0140H, G/2/4 received 1 round of small arms fire from vic (YD 250701) and returned fire with small arms. Searched area at first light and found blood trail, 1 AK-47 rifle, and 1 pair of canvas shoes. Rifle forwarded to 3d Marines S-2. At 0936H, A/1/3 came into contact with well dug in unknown size enemy force in vic (YD 352619). A company received permission to engage enemy out of 3d Marines AO and called in arty missions and air strikes on enemy positions. A company continued contact with enemy throughout the day and early evening, consolidating in defensive position during the night. At 1000H, E/2/4 in vic (YD 266650) found 18 82mm rounds, 1 box of fuses, 1 CHICOM claymore, and 2 75mm recoilless rifle rounds which were forwarded to 3d Marines S-2. At 1215H, VN children turned in 1 M-16 rifle, 2 smoke grenades, and 1 belt of linked M-60 MG ammo to BLT 2/4 but left area before reward could be paid.

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At 1230H, E/2/4 in vic (YD 270705) found 7 RPG rounds with boosters, 11 60mm and 2 82mm rounds, and assorted 782 gear and ID cards. Ordnance and gear forwarded to 3d Marines S-2. At 2320H, A/1/3 in vic (YD 352619) received 2 rounds of 82mm Mortar. LP observed flashes, engaged enemy, and suffered 1 USMC KIA. Casualty figures for A company action on 17 April were 3 KIA, 14 WIA (MEDEVAC), and 7 WIA (MINOR). At this time enemy casualty figures were unknown.

18 April: At 0830H, D/1/3 relieved B/1/3 on station at C-4. 1st Amtrac Bn assumed OPCOM of D Co and 1/3 assumed OPCOM of B Co. At 0840H, E/2/4 found and destroyed in place 1 AP mine in vic (YD 283710). At 0915H, civilian turned 1 M-26 grenade into E/2/4 and was paid 100 piasters reward. At 1040H, D/1/3 reported that skimmer boat swamped in CUA VIET River in vic (YD 289655) resulting in 2 NBC (killed). Investigation mounted and search conducted for 2 NBC's. At 1200H, A/1/3 completed sweep of area of contact on 17 April finding: 200 AK-47 rounds, 2 RPG-2 rounds and 1 booster, 20 rounds of rice, assorted NVA 782 gear and documents, and 17 NVA KIA. Fixed wing BDA accounted for 4 secondary fires, 3 secondary explosions, 22 structures destroyed, and at least 1 of 17 NVA KIA. It is believed that enemy losses were much higher than indicated by body count. A/1/3 after sweeping area returned to 3rd Marines AO. At 1730H, D/1/3 platoon found 1 badly decomposed VN body and 1 unserviceable M-16 rifle (#639810), in vic (YD 296744). VN not carried in our totals.

19 April: At 1055H, A/1/3 patrol with PF forces in vic (YD 335627) activated surprise firing device resulting in 1 USMC WIA (MEDEVAC), 4 PF WIA (MEDEVAC), and 1 National Policeman WIA (MEDEVAC). A 1500H, G/2/4 patrol in vic (YD 264687) found 1 CHICOM 60mm mortar, 6 60mm mortar rounds, 2 82mm mortar rounds, 2 RPG-2 rounds, and 1 CHICOM grenade. All items forwarded to 3d Marines S-2. At 1630H, G/2/4 in vic (YD 270705) found 2 cases of 12.7mm rounds, 2 CHICOM grenades, and 1 bolt of linked 7.62mm ammo. Ordnance forwarded to 3d Marines S-2. At 1800H, E/2/4 in vic (YD 265706) destroyed 25 bunkers, 3 of which were concrete, and 13 spider holes. E company also found 1 box of 12.7mm ammo and 2 CHICOM grenades. Ordnance forwarded to 3d Marines S-2. At 1800H, A/1/3 in vic (YD 346628) received 3 rounds of 60mm mortar fire when helo came down to pick up NBC. A company fired on suspected enemy in vic (YD 347623) with organic weapons. No casualties sustained. At 2315H, PF's in vic (YD 321672) came in contact with unknown size NVA/VC force in Sampan. Searched area at first light and found burnt out Sampan, 2 AK-47 magazines, and 1 block of C-4.

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20 April: At 0900H, LVT from 1st Amtrac Bn detonated what was believed to be homemade 100 pound mine in vic (YD 367673) resulting in 3 WIA (MEDEVAC). Vehicle was retrieved and found to be unsalvageable. During day, D/1/3 conducted sweep to HA LOI TRUNG (YD 282762) without incident. E/2/4 operating in NHI HA (YD 268704) found and destroyed 33 bunkers and 1 spider hole.

21 April: At 0100H, A/1/3 received 2 rounds of M-79 fire from unknown location but sustained no casualties. At 0635H, river assault patrol craft picked up 2 USMC NBC that were lost in skimmer boat swamping on 18 April. Bodies found in vic (YD 299671) and (YD 304676). At 1030H, VN civilian led G/2/4 patrol to enemy ordnance in vic (YD 256697). Patrol destroyed 7 RPG rounds, 1 rifle grenade, 2 CHICOM grenades, 5 60mm and 4 82mm mortar rounds, 2 AT mines, BA-40 batteries, and 18 bunkers. Civilian was paid 1500 piasters reward. At 1435H, B Co 1st Amtrac Bn patrol in vic (YD 336665) received 2 rounds of small arms fire. Patrol checked suspected enemy position and detained two draft age males carrying 2 M-26 grenades. Civilians were interrogated and released as innocent civilians on 23 April. At 2345H, G/2/4 squad ambush in vic (YD 250716) made contact with lead elements of 100 - 200 NVA sustaining 1 WIA (MEDEVAC) ambush consolidated with 2 other ambushes in vic (YD 257708) but made no further contact. Area of contact was searched at first light and 3 NVA, 1 claymore mine, 1 RPG round rigged as surprise firing device, and blood and drag marks were found.

22 April: At 0855H, E/2/4 in vic (YD 291724) found 3 decomposed NVA bodies. At 0930H, G/2/4 in vic (YD 250712) found 35 82mm mortar rounds. Rounds forwarded to BLT 2/4 (-) (Reinf) S-2. At 1045H, H/2/4 in vic (YD 270664) found 11 75mm recoilless rifle rounds, 2 boxes of 7.62mm ammo, 1 CHICOM grenade, and assorted documents. Ordnance and documents forwarded to 3d Marines S-2. At 2210H, G/2/4 patrol in vic (YD 262688) ambushed 12 NVA. Enemy broke contact and fled to the north. Searched area at first light with negative result. Beginning at 2323H, CAMP KISTLER received between 40 and 45 rounds of light arty sustaining 4 USN WIA (MEDEVAC), not carried in our totals, and 3 USMC WIA (MINOR). Arty and NGF missions were fired on suspected grids and TPQ's were requested.

23 April: At 0300H, F/2/4 ambush in vic (YD 318718) ambushed 5 to 6 NVA/VC moving toward their position. Checked area at first light with negative results. At 1130H, G/2/4 conducting sweep to LAI AN (YD 247735) with platoon of ARVN's discovered 2 AT mines in vic (YD 249717) and destroyed them in place.

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24 April: At 0015H, E/2/4 detected movement in front of perimeter in vic (XD 270705) and fired on suspected enemy with small arms. Area was checked at first light and 1 NVA KIA, 1 AK-47, 4 AK-47 magazines, 2 CHICOM grenades, blood, and drag marks were found. At 0630H, 1/3 began planned operation with 1st ARVN sect by moving D/1/3 from C-4 position to blocking position in vic (XD 382610) to (XD 374617). D company was in position at 1000H. B/1/3 was in blocking positions at 0930H in vic (XD 350632) to (XD 346628) and (XD 340626) to (XD 332629). At 1025H, preparation on LZ centered (XD 393587) was completed and C/1/3 commenced helo assault to that position. By 1105H, C/1/3 was on the ground sweeping northwest toward B and D company blocks. 1st ARVN'S occupied positions to the south and west of C/1/3. During the course of the day C company swept to (XD 375598), destroying numerous enemy positions, questioning over 200 civilians, and clearing the area. No enemy resistance was met although numerous enemy surprise firing devices were encountered by 1/3. C/1/3 found 1 NVA body which was killed by arty. 1/3 sustained 4 WIA (MEDEVAC) due to surprise firing devices. Between 0900H and 1620H, engineers with E/2/4 in vic (XD 272703) destroyed 42 bunkers. At 1730H, G/2/4 in vic (XD 262720) found and destroyed 25 60mm mortar rounds and 3 cans of increments. 1 140mm rockets was also found and forwarded to 3d Marines S-2. At 2111H, C/1/3 LP made contact with estimated 20 enemy in vic (XD 372602) and received 1 CHICOM grenade and 2 60mm mortar rounds resulting in 1 WIA (MIFOR). Checked area at first light with negative results. From 2317H to 2355H, CAMP BISSELLER received 75 rounds of light arty resulting in 1 KIA and 3 WIA (MEDEVAC). Casualties were Navy personnel and not carried in 3d Marines cumulative totals.

25 April: At 0034H, Marine H-34 Helo attempting to land to evacuate Navy casualties at ESAD ramp crashed resulting in 2 NEC (DEAD) and 1 NEC (MEDEVAC). Casualties not carried in 3d Marines cumulative totals. At 0100H, E/2/4 patrol ambushed 12-15 NVA in vic (XD 263648). 60mm mortar and arty missions were fired on enemy positions after patrol with drew to company perimeter. Checked area at first light finding 1 NVA KIA, 1 AK-47, and blood trails and drag marks heading south. At 0400H, G/2/4 ambush in vic (XD 250697) engaged unknown size enemy force resulting in 1 NVA KIA. Searched area at first light and found 1 AK-47. At 0700H, C/1/3 began sweeping northwest toward B and D company blocking positions. At 0930H, G/2/4 in vic (XD 268697) found 5 82mm mortar rounds 1 57mm recoilless rifle round, and assorted

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documents and forwarded them to 3d Marines S-2. At 1000H, E/2/4 in vic (YD 252718) destroyed 25 bunkers. At 1015H, B/1/3 observed 6 NVA/VC in vic (YD 256612) and took them under fire with small arms and arty missions. Results were unknown. At 1100H, C/1/3 found civilians in vic (YD 373595) burying 2 NVA bodies. NVA were killed by arty. At 1325H, E/2/4 in vic (YD 280713) found 12 82mm mortar rounds and 6 CHICOM grenades. Ordnance was forwarded to 3d Marines S-2. At 1545H, B/1/3 observed 6 NVA/VC in vic (YD 348612) and fired arty mission on them with unknown results. At 1700H, C/1/3 found 1 SKS rifle, 1 loudspeaker, and 1 claymore type mine. Items were forwarded to 1/3 S-2. During the day C/1/3 collected and sent to TRIEU PHONG District HQ a total of 22,700 pounds of rice. In the late afternoon, C/1/3 consolidated and formed a defensive perimeter in vic (YD 373603). At 2130H, C/1/3 received 2 incoming grenades in their perimeter and fired small arms on suspected enemy positions. Checked area at first light with negative results. At 2130H, F/2/4 LP observed 20-30 NVA in vic (YD 305680). LP withdrew to perimeter and arty mission was fired on enemy. Area was checked at first light with negative results. At 1735 C/1/3 (YD 375597) captured RPD MG.

26 April: At 0425H, C/1/3 in vic (YD 368608) observed 15 rounds of 60mm mortar impact outside of their perimeter. No casualties were sustained. At 0850H, C/1/3 in vic (YD 375600) activated a 105mm round rigged as a surprise firing device resulting in 1 WIA (MEDEVAC). 3 rigged CHICOM grenades were found and destroyed in place. At 1000H, C/1/3 in vic (YD 372604) activated a 105mm round rigged as a surprise firing device resulting in 1 WIA (MEDEVAC). 4 more rigged 105mm rounds and 1 75mm round were found and destroyed in place. At 0915H, E/2/4 in vic (YD 254648) found 4 CHICOM grenades, 2 NVA grenade pouches, 150 rounds of 7.62mm ammo, and 1 U.S. cartridge bolt. All ordnance destroyed and gear was forwarded to 2/4 S-2. At 1100H, D/1/3 in vic (YD 378594) found 1 60mm mortar, 1 AK-50, and 1 U.S. M-1 rifle and forwarded them to 3d Marines S-2. At 1515H, C/1/3 linked up with D/1/3 sweeping northwest found 6000 pounds of rice in vic (YD 358601). Rice was sent to TRIEU PHONG District HQ's via helo.

27 April: At 0725H, E/2/4 in vic (YD 268703) received 1 round of incoming enemy arty from unknown direction resulting in 2 KIA and 3 WIA (MEDEVAC). At 0800H, C/1/3 in vic (YD 345609) and (YD 360610) found 3900 and 2200 pounds of rice, respectively. Rice was sent to TRIEU PHONG District HQ's by helo. At 1115H,

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D/1/3 in vic (YD 352623) tripped 2 homemade surprise firing devices resulting in 2 WIA (MEDEVAC). 2 more surprise firing devices were found in the same area and destroyed in place. At 1330H, C/1/3 in vic (YD 350617) found 8 NVA KBA from A/1/3 contact on 17 April. At 1500H, G/2/4 in vic (YD 249720) received 19 rounds of 85mm arty resulting in 2 WIA (MINOR). AO on station checked suspected gun positions with negative results. By 1800H, G and F/2/4 had moved into positions in vic (YD 248721) and (YD 279719), respectively, to support E/2/4 night attack at 280500H, on hamlet in vic (YD 260737). At 2215H, G/2/4 in vic (YD 249721) moving into blocking positions to support E/2/4 came in contact with an unknown size enemy force. B company consolidated, withdrew to vic (YD 252713), and set up a perimeter. 1 KIA, 10 WIA (MEDEVAC), and 2 WIA (MINOR) were sustained.

28 April: At 0105H, helo evacuating G/2/4 casualties was hit by ground fire. Helo landed safely at 3d Marines LZ at CAMP KISTLER and WIA's were evacuated from there. At 0248H, PPS-5 radar at C-4 detected 2 groups of figures in vic (YD 302719) and (YD 295716) moving northwest. 60mm mortar mission was fired with unknown results. At 0500H, E/2/4 made scheduled night attack on hamlet in vic (YD 260737) meeting no resistance. E company crossed to the west side of JONES CREEK. At 0705H, E/2/4 swept the area of G/2/4 contact the previous night finding 10 NVA KIA, 2 AK-47's, 4 AK-47 magazines, 4 CHICOM grenades, assorted NVA 782 gear, and 1 wounded NVA POW. POW was evacuated but was dead on arrival at D-MED. At 0730H, E/2/4 in vic (YD 254707) received 32 rounds of light arty fire and sustained 1 WIA (MEDEVAC). AO on station diverted TPQ strikes to 6-8 gun positions at (YD 22958237). 7 secondary explosions and 2 fires were observed. At 2130H, F/2/4 observed movement in front of lines in vic (YD 281669). F/2/4 company fired small arms and threw 1 WP grenade. Checked area at first light with negative results. At 2145H, H/2/4 LP in vic (YD 266649) observed 4-5 figures moving southwest into hamlet in vic (YD 257646), fired 60mm mortar mission. Observed figures again moving south away from hamlet and fired another 60mm mortar mission. Checked area at first light with unknown results.

29 April: At 0145H, E/2/4 in vic (YD 282719) observed 3 figures moving toward their perimeter and fired small arms at them. Checked area at first light with negative results. At 0145H, PPS-5 radar at C-4 spotted 5-8 figures moving north in vic (YD 286732). Arty mission was fired with good coverage. Area was checked at first light with negative results. At 0545H, E/2/4 observed movement in vic (YD 268704) and fired small arms at suspected enemy. Checked area at first light

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with negative results. At 1025H, B/1/3 received 30 to 40 rounds of small arms fire from vic (YD 341625). Small arms fire was returned and arty mission fired on enemy. Checked area with negative results. During the afternoon 4 tanks were extracted from A-1 with elements of F/2/4 providing security. Tanks were delivered to north bank of CUA VIET for transshipment to HUE. F/2/4 destroyed 2 AT mines while providing security. At 1610H, H/2/4 patrol in vic (YD 252643) received 9 rounds of unknown size arty resulting in 1 WIA (MEDEVAC). At 1715H, OPCON of E/2/4 was passed to 3d MarDiv. At 2018H, A-1 reported to BLT 2/4 that an estimated 25 NVA/VC were moving south in vic (YD 255745). Arty mission was fired with unknown results. At 2045H, G/2/4 LP heard movement of approximately 2 NVA/VC in vic (YD 261706). Fired 81mm mission on enemy. Checked area at first light and found blood pools.

30 April: At 0145H, PPS-5 radar at C-4 detected 8-10 figures in vic (YD 288732). Arty mission was fired with unknown results. Area was checked at first light with negative results. At 0440H, river assault group patrol boat received small arms fire from vic (YD 258622). 2nd ARVN regt. was notified and craft was undamaged. At 0830H, NSAD's LCU boats 1477 and 1485 in vic (YD 268638) received small arms and RPG fire from the north bank of the river resulting in 3 USN KIA and 5 USN WIA (MEDEVAC). Craft returned to NSAD ramp.

At this time 3d Marines sent a patrol from H/2/4 to check the area of the 2 incidents on the river. The patrol came in contact with an estimated company of dug in NVA in vic (YD 261623). This contact developed into a contact of major significance which is still going on at the time of this writing and will be covered in the Command Chronology for the month of May.

At 1145H, G/2/4 in vic (YD 269697) found 5 RPG rounds, 2 82mm mortar rounds, 15 CHICOM grenades, 4 75mm rounds, 3 M-79 rounds, and assorted other ordnance. All items forwarded to 3d Marines S-2.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING 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. COMBINED RELATIONS
- G. EQUIPMENT
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- I. CIVIC ACTION
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A. Combat Missions Assigned

Basic Mission (NAPOLEON/SALINE). 3d Marines with assigned forces conduct combat operations in your AO on both North and South Banks of CUA VIET and include all tributaries as necessary in order to insure the uninterrupted passage of shipping on the CUA VIET River and to deny enemy access to rocket positions oriented against DONG HA and QUANG TRI. (OpO 5-68)

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B. Significant Operations Conducted.

1. None

While there were no operations conducted which were significant either in scope or seriousness of contact, one operation is worthy of special note. From 24-27 April, 1/3 conducted an operation in coordination with the 1st ARVN Regt. Commencing with a thoroughly professional helo assault by one reinforced rifle company, the operation continued for four days with only slight contact. The significant results were the destruction of several VC harbor areas and the confiscation of 34,800 lbs of rice. The rice was delivered to the BRIEU PHONG District Headquarters.

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C. Casualties Inflicted On The Enemy

(1) Confirmed

<u>NVA KIA</u>	<u>NVA POW</u>	<u>VC KIA</u>	<u>VC POW</u>
184	2	0	8

D. Casualties Sustained

<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA MEDEVAC</u>	<u>WIA MINOR</u>
27	149	30

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E. New Techniques Employed. None

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F. Command Relations

(1) At 031610H April 1968, Third Marines passed OPCON of B/1/3 to 5th Armored Cavalry. Third Marines message 031515Z April 1968 refers.

(2) Third Marine Division assumed OPCON of B/1/3 from 5th Armored Cavalry effective 071800H April 1968 and passed OPCON B/1/3 to Third Marines, effective 081130H April 1968. CG 3D MarDiv message 080845Z April 1968 refers.

(3) At 081130H April 1968, Third Marines assumed OPCON of B/1/3 from 5th Armored Cavalry. Third Marines message 091341Z April 1968 refers.

(4) At 160001H April 1968, Lt.Col. G. V. JARMAN assumed command of 1st Bn 3rd Marines, relieving Lt.Col. R. W. GOODALE. Third Marines message 180812Z refers.

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G. Equipment. Allowances of T/E equipment supporting Headquarters, Third Marines were considered adequate. No recommendations for modification of allowances were received during this period.

H. Logistics

1. General. The Regimental Commander as Installation Coordinator continued to direct and coordinate logistical activities within the Qua Viet Waterway Area.

2. Supply

(a) Source

(1) A Regimental Supply Distribution Point (SDP) was established at the mouth of the Qua Viet River. The SDP maintained stocks of Class I and V supplies for all Marine units within the Regimental AO. Supplies were shipped directly to Qua Viet from Danang, considerably reducing transportation, handling and accounting. Initially, some problems were encountered in submitting resupply requests. These problems were resolved.

(2) FLSG-B, Dong Ha, continued to be the primary supply source for all classes of supply less I and V. Backup support for I and V items not delivered directly to SDP Qua Viet, was provided by FLSG-B.

(b) Class I - Satisfactory

(c) Class II - Class II supply support was adequate. Some shortages exist, primarily in repair parts for Motor Transport and Communications - Electronics equipment.

(d) Class III. Generally satisfactory. Ten and thirty weight oil remain difficult to obtain.

(e) Class IV. Satisfactory

(f) Class V. Satisfactory

3. Evacuation and Hospitalization. Routine medical treatment was provided by the Regimental Aid Station. More serious cases were evacuated to D Company, Third Medical Battalion, Dong Ha.

4. Transportation

(a) Water Transportation.

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(1) LCM-8. Third Marines controlled one LCM-8 daily to accomplish resupply and movement of troops and equipment.

(2) Skimmer/Fire Team Assault Boats. Third Marines employed five commercial Ski barges and three of the newly developed Fire Team Assault boats for logistical resupply, troop movements and administrative travel between units.

(b) Motor Transport. Motor Transport Section, Headquarters Company provided land transportation for administrative use. Eight 2 1/2 ton cargo trucks from BLT 2/4 were utilized in general support. An otter platoon (-) from H&S Company, Third Motor Transport Bn, under operational control of this Headquarters, was deployed with the battalions in the field to provide vehicular support in marginal terrain. The M76 otter was extremely effective in effecting internal distribution of supplies and medical evacuation of casualties.

5. Service

(a) Function

(1) Construction. A 650' section of beach road matting was laid in an attempt to reduce wear and tear on vehicles caused by the sandy terrain. This matting was effective and additional matting requested. Plans for a complete road network in the Gue Viet area utilizing M8A1 Airfield matting were initiated.

(2) Maintenance. Maintenance was hampered by difficulty in obtaining some second echelon parts. The sandy terrain in the Gue Viet area continued to cause maintenance problems with wheeled vehicles.

(3) Laundry. Government facilities for laundering of clothing were not utilized. Laundry was sent to a Vietnamese civilian establishment in Dong Ha. Service was adequate.

(4) Sanitation. The insect problem was greatly reduced through spraying, covering over the old dump, and increased control over trash and garbage disposal. The new trash and garbage dump operated efficiently.

6. Assignment of Responsibilities. B Company, Third Engineer Battalion was in direct support of this Headquarters during the period and provided effective combat and logistical support.

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I. Civic Action(1) Significant Activities

(a) 1-10 April

(1) 2/4 began a civil affairs program with a MEDCAP program.

(b) 11-30 April

(1) 1st Amtrac set up scheduled MEDCAP/DENTCAPS three times a week to the refugee island and PHO HOI-RA TAY hamlets.

(2) A well in GIAO LIEM was repaired with the combined efforts of 1/3 and the people of the hamlet.

(3) Two solatium payments were made, 16 April involving loss of property (YD 309655), and 20 April involving serious injury to a young boy (YD 303685).

(4) A small scale sandbag filling program was initiated by 1st Amtracs, payment being food.

(2) Materials Distributed

(a) During the month in conjunction with the MEDCAPS 2015 pounds of food, 44 pounds of clothing, and 145 pounds of soap were distributed. In addition several boxes of miscellaneous items - school supplies, hygiene items, toys - were distributed.

(3) Special Civil Affairs Projects

(a) 1/3 is working on improving a school located in GIAO LIEM. 2/4 has begun some informal english classes in a hamlet (YD 252644).

(4) Apparent Results of Civil Affairs Program

(a) The civilians continue to outwardly manifest friendliness to the units near them. In 2/4 area a boy turned in an M-16 rifle. A fisherman turned into Junk Base a crewserved weapon he found in the river. In both cases neither person sought a reward.

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The following is submitted for: (Operation NAPOLEON/SALINE for the period of 1 April 1968 - 30 April 1968)

J. Administration(1) Awards

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

12 Silver Star Medal
41 Bronze Star Medal
20 Navy Commendation
64 Purple Heart Medal
1 Legion of Merit

(b) The following awards were presented to members of this Regiment during the reported period.

4 Bronze Stars
2 Navy Commendation
45 Purple Hearts
1 Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry

(2) Promotions

(a) The following promotions were effected by the Commandant of the Marine Corps:

1 Captain
2 First Lieutenant
1 Gunnery Sergeant
1 Master Sergeant

(b) There were 71 promotions to Sergeant, 199 to Corporal, 238 Lance Corporal and 11 to PFC.

(3) Legal Matters. The following is a break down of legal matters conducted 3d Marine Regiment: Office Hours Conducted 27, pending 7; Summary Court Martial 7, pending 8; Special Court Martial 6, pending 10.

(4) Special Services. None

(5) Marine Exchange. The Marine Exchange at Cua Viet continued to carry basic supplies for health and comfort.

(6) Liberty. There was no liberty authorized during this period.

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K. Personnel

(1) Gains. During this period 16 Marine Officers and 354 Marine enlisted replacements were received. 1 Naval Officer and 21 Naval enlisted were received.

(2) Losses. The 3d Marine Regiment sustained 15 KIA 102 WIA and 66 non-battle casualties. There was 15 Marine Officers and 343 Marine enlisted and 1 Naval Officer and 14 Naval enlisted transferred. The figures listed are computed for HqCo, 3d Marine Regiment, 1/3, BLT 2/4, and 1stAmTracBn for the reporting period they were OPCON to 3d Marine Regiment.

(3) Emergency Leave/Humanitarian Transfer. There was 20 enlisted Marines ordered to CONUS in connection with emergency Leave.

(4) Administrative Discharges. None

(5) R & R/TAD Trips. Out of country R & R trips were afforded to 261 members of the Regiment. There were 21 in country quotas used.

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SECRETI. INTELLIGENCE

1. Significant Events - Activity was at a moderate level during most of the reporting period but increased sharply at the end of the month. The enemy attacked friendly troops and installations by fire.

a. There were several friendly operations in the northern portion of the AO with little enemy contact. It is probable that the enemy forces encountered were of company strength. However, many contacts and sightings were made with enemy groups. It appears that the enemy was attempting to re-enter the area. Numerous bunkers were destroyed in the Nhi Ha area YD282706. Civilians were returning to this area and there were several examples of civilians volunteering information and turning equipment in to friendly forces.

b. The river was relatively quiet with a few mining incidents; however, indications are that the enemy places high priority on interdiction of the Cua Viet River.

c. The AO south of the river was fairly quiet with one contact with an estimated company size enemy forces in the vicinity of YD350617. There were numerous sniping incidents and the enemy made extensive use of surprise explosive devices. Agent reports point to NVA/VC attempts to convert the people and to collect rice.

d. The enemy used supporting arms to attack friendly troops and positions. Camp Kistler was hit by artillery on 3, 11, 22, & 24 April from positions in or north of the DMZ.

e. The village of Dai Do (YD2563) was the scene of heavy contact between friendly forces and an estimated Regiment. The enemy showed no inclination to disengage and, in fact, reinforced his units in contact. The contact was continuing at the end of the reporting period.

f. At Dai Do confirmed contact was made with the 6th Bn, 52nd NVA Regiment and the 2nd Bn, 48th NVA Regiment. This contact is continuing and further information will be available. Possible contact was made with units of the K400 LF Company and the 808th NVA Bn, 5th Bn, of the 52nd NVA Regiment. Both agent reports and overt enemy action, indicate an increase in enemy activity within the Third Marines AO.

g. Large amounts of enemy ordnance and equipment were captured by friendly forces. This included numerous rockets, mortar rounds, crew served and individual weapons, ammo, 782 gear and miscellaneous equipment. In the southern part of the AO over 35,000 pounds of rice were captured.

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2. Contacts and Incidents

Operation Napoleon/Salino

	<u>Day</u>	<u>Night</u>	<u>Totals</u>
a. Small Arms/Snipers			
2ndBn, 4thMar	7	5	12
1stBn, 3rdMar	13	5	18
1stAmtracBn	2	0	2
Other	1	6	7
Totals	23	16	39
b. Grenades			
2ndBn, 4thMar	0	2	2
1stBn, 3rdMar	2	3	5
1stAmtracBn	0	0	0
Totals	2	5	7
c. Mines			
2ndBn, 4thMar	5	0	5
1stBn, 3rdMar	6	0	6
1stAmtracBn	4	0	4
Totals	15	0	15
d. Booby Traps			
2ndBn, 4thMar	3	0	3
1stBn, 3rdMar	8	0	8
1stAmtracBn	3	0	3
Totals	14	0	14
e. Moving or probing action whom VC/NVA did not fire on return fire			
2ndBn, 4thMar	0	2	2
1stBn, 3rdMar	0	1	1
1stAmtracBn	0	0	0
1stAmtracBn	0	0	0
Totals	0	3	3
f. Mortar/Arty/Rocket Fire			
2ndBn, 4th Mar	14	3	17
1stBn, 3rd Mar	5	2	7
1stAmtracBn	0	0	0
Camp Kistler	1	3	4
Other	1	0	0
Totals	21	8	29

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g. Engagements	Day	Night	Totals
2ndBn, 4thMar	2	5	7
1stBn, 3rdMar	3	1	4
1stAmtracBn	0	0	0
Totals	5	6	11

h. Miscellaneous
 Lights observed-1
 Kidnappings - 1

3. Enemy Losses

a. Personnel

(1) Confirmed

a. KIA	184
b. PW (NVA)	2
c. PW (VC)	8
d. Returnees	2
e. Civil Defendants	2

(2) Detainees 3

a. Released as Innocent Civilians	46
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b. Material

(1) Weapons

a. RPD (IMG)	4
b. 7.62 HMG	1
c. AK-47	23
d. AK-50	1
e. AK-54	1
f. PPS-43	1
g. SKS	19
h. Mauser #98	1
i. 60mm Mortar	3
j. RPG-2	2
k. RPG	4

(2) Ammunition

a. 82mm Mortar mds	495
b. 60mm Mortar mds	667
c. 120mm Rockets	1
d. 140mm Pockets	68
e. 75mm Recoilless mds	34
f. 57mm RR mds	2
g. 82mm RG mds	6

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h. RPG-2 mds	58
i. RPG-7 mds	7
j. 12.7 mds	8,399
k. 7.62 mds	5,380
l. Shotgun shells	4
m. M-60 mds	450
n. 50 cal mds	213
o. M-79 mds	3
(3) Demolitions	
a. Rifle grenades	9
b. ChiCom grenades	80
c. AT Mines	31
d. Detonators	10 cans
e. Black Powder	8 cans
f. Propellant	3
g. Claymore Mines	5
h. AP Mines	4
i. TNT blocks	2 1/4
j. Time fuzes	2
k. Blasting caps	8
l. RPG boosters	12
m. Increments	3 cans
n. 82mm boosters	3
o. Pineapple grenades	6
p. Bag unknown powder	1
(4) Weapons Accessories	
a. RPD MG drums	7
b. AK-47 magazines	18
c. 12.7 HMG repair kit	1
d. 60mm mortar sight	1
e. 82mm Aiming stake	1
(5) Food	
a. Rice	34,820 lbs
(6) Documents	
a. Assorted papers	
b. Notebook	
c. I. D. card	
d. Dog tags	
e. Chinese Money	
f. VC tax receipts	
g. RVN Tax Receipts	
(7) Communications	
a. Batteries	7

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(8) 782 Gear

a. Helmets	19
b. Packs	11
c. Gas Masks	15
d. Canteens	2
e. Ponchos	2
f. Belts	3
g. Ammo Pouches	3
h. E-Tools	2

(9) Medical Equipment

a. Personal Health Kits	3
b. Medical kits	3
c. Syringes	3
d. Ampules	23
e. Bottle of Unk medicine	1
f. Ace Bandage	1
g. Battle dressing	1

c. Discovered/destroyed fortifications & positions

(1) Camp site	1
(2) Bunkers	306
(3) Fighting Holes	74
(4) 12.7 HMG psns	3
(5) Spider Holes	29
(6) Trench lines	1
(7) Structures	6

4. Enemy units observed during the reporting periods.

Enemy	Location	April
3VC/NVA	YD303723	1
4VC/NVA	YD304719	1
4VC/NVA	YD307721	2
1VC/NVA	YD260620	1
30VC	YD343655	3
4VC	YD265649	5
5VC	YD274664	5
3VC/NVA	YD231666	7
2VC/NVA	YD298706	15
5VC/NVA	YD287746	15
12NVA	YD263688	22
6VC	YD318689	23
25VC/NVA	YD305630	25
2NVA	YD268709	29
9NVA	YD288732	30
6NVA	YD253634	30

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5. Trends

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

	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>Apr</u>
SAF	39	31	39
Surprise Firing Devices	11	9	14
Mines	0	16	15
Grenades	11	1	7
Mort/Art/Rcts	7	48	29
Movement w/o fire	19	31	3
Engagement	4	6	11
Assinations	0	1	0
Sabotage	0	0	0
Kidnappings	0	0	1
Comm Interference	0	0	0
Demonstrations	0	0	0
Intimidations	0	0	0
Rewards Paid	8	29	12
Miscellaneous	2	1	2
Totals	101	173	133

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M. Communications(1) General

(a) During the month of April, communications were established and maintained in support of the Third Marine Regiment.

(b) During this period of time, the Regimental repair shop received 185 pieces of communications equipment for repair. Of these, 137 were repaired by the Regimental tech ship and 48 were evacuated to higher echelon for repair.

(c) The Regimental message center processed a total of 1,489 messages. Of the total, 1175 were incoming, 247 being delivered by courier. The number of outgoing was 314.

(2) Sequential Listing of Events

4 April - A request that two channels of the Navy AN/TRC-97, at Cua Viet, be assigned as common users to the 3d Marine switchboard to link with 3d MAF at Da Nang was approved by CG message P040355Z.

8 April - A Radio Relay Link, 8 channel, AN/TRC-27 was established between Regimental Headquarters switchboard and the 2nd Battalion 4th Marines.

9 April - A radio Relay Link, 8 channel, AN/TRC-27 was established between Regimental Headquarters switchboard and the 1st Battalion 3d Marines.

11 April - A radio relay bunker was completed to house all AN/TRC-27 equipment linking the Regimental Headquarters to the 3d Marine Division, 1st Battalion 3d Marines and the 2nd Battalion 4th Marines.

15 April - The Regimental Tac #2 frequency was changed from M-1006 to M-954.

15 April - The Regimental switchboard was moved into a new bunker and was up and operating with a minimum time of interruption.

1-30 April - The Regimental wire section is installing buried cable throughout the Regimental area and will continue for approximately two weeks. The existing slash wire within the command post will be policed up and disposed of.

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SECRETN. Weather

- a. Weather for the month of April was generally warm with occasional brief showers throughout the month.
- b. The major effects of the weather were periods of limited aerial and ground observation due to low clouds and early morning fog at the beginning of the month.
- c. The average high for the month was 85 degrees. The average low for the month was 70 degrees. The temperatures have risen since the preceding month.

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O. Fire Support(1) Units Providing Artillery Support

(a) From 1 April through 30 April 1968, direct support was provided by the Third Battalion (-) (Reinf), 12th Marines, with the following units under its OPCOM:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Btry "G", 3d Bn, 12th Marines	QUANG TRI	1-27 April
Btry "I", 3d Bn, 12th Marines	QUANG TRI	1-30 April
Btry "W", 3d Bn, 12th Marines	CUA VIET	1-30 April
2nd Prov. 155mm howitzer Btry (-)	QUANG TRI	1-30 April
1st Plt, 1st Armored Amphibian Tractor Co.	CUA VIET	1-30 April
Btry "G", 1st Bn, 11th Marines	CUA VIET	1-30 April
Det, Btry "W", 1st Bn, 12th Mar.	C-4	1-30 April
Btry "A", 1st Bn, 40th Artillery (USA)	QUANG TRI	17-30 April

(b) Reinforcing fires were provided by batteries from the 12th Marines (-) (reinf), located at DONG HA and C-1.

(2) Significant Displacements

(a) On 2 April, 1st Plt, 1st Armored Amph Tractor Co. displaced from C-4 to CUA VIET.

(b) On 17 April, A/1/40 (USA) displaced to QUANG TRI and came under OPCOM of 3/12.

(c) On 17 April, I/3/12 displaced from QUANG TRI to WUNDER BEACH.

(d) On 27 April, G/2/12 displaced to KHE SANH and OPCOM was passed to 1st Bn, 11th Marines.

(e) On 27 April, I/3/12 displaced from WUNDER BEACH to QUANG TRI.

(3) Missions Fired

Observed	201
Unobserved	129
E&I's	1069
TOTAL	1399

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(4) Ammunition Expended

	HE	WP	ILL	HC SMOKE	CS	TOTAL
105mm	9,142	320	77	57	0	9,596
107mm	3,394	122	27	0	6	3,549
TOTAL	12,536	442	104	57	6	13,145

(5) Naval Gunfire provided the following support:

5"/38	-	8,412 rds.
5"/54	-	859 rds.
8"/55	-	1,237 rds.
TOTAL		10,508 rds.

(6) Control and Coordination

(a) Batteries OPCON to 3d Bn, 12th Marines received their fire missions from 3d Battalion, 12th Marines (forward) who was exercising tactical control and answering all calls for fire.

(b) Missions within 500 meters of a regimental boundary were cleared through Division FSCC. All missions in the portion of the A.O. south of the CUA VIEW river were cleared with the 1st ARVN Regiment FSCC.

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P. Air Support

(1) During the month of April 1968, the Third Marines Regiment and its attached units received air support from 1st Marine Air Wing units, 7th Air Force, 9th MAW and U. S. Army. Rotary Wing support was provided by MAG-36, MAG-16, and MAG-39. Fixed wing support came from MAG-11, MAG-12, MAG-13, and 7th Air Force units. Observer flights were provided by MAG-16 and U. S. Army units.

(2) Rotary WingMedevac Missions

- A. 3d Marine Regiment (HQ Co):
3 KIA (US), 12 WIA (US), 9 MHC (US), 6 ILL (US)
and 1 ILL (CIV).
- B. 1st Bn, 3d Marine Regiment:
13 KIA, (US), 26 WIA(US), 31 MHC(US), 2 WIA (PF).
- C. 2nd Bn, 4th Marines:
4 KIA (US), 24 WIA(US), 33 MHC (US), 1 WIA (CIV),
and 9 WIA (VC).

(3) Totals:

<u>KIA</u>	<u>MHC</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>ILL</u>
20 (US)	73 (US)	38 (US)	11 (US)
	3 (CIV)	2 (CIV)	
		3 (PF)	
		9 (VC)	

Totals: (US) 142

Other 5 (CIV), 3 (PF), and 9 (VC).

(4) Gunships

UH-1E gunships of VMO-6 provided considerable support for Third Marines during the month of April. River patrol, sparrowhawk and close air support missions were performed. Gunship expended a total of 134, 2.75 in rockets and 70,000 rounds of 7.62MM ammunition. A breakdown of missions is as follows:

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<u>Flights</u>	<u>A/C</u>	<u>Mission</u>	<u>Ordinance</u>
15	29	River Sweep	None
7	14	CAS	134-2.75", 70,000 rds.
1	1	Sparrowhawk	None

(5) Command and Control

Command and Control functions provided by 1st Wing helicopters supported all units of Third Marines. A breakdown is as follows:

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Flights</u>	<u>No A/C</u>	<u>Passenger/Cargo</u>
Third Marines	7	14	36 / 250 lb.
1/3	4	8	47 / 0
*BLT 2/4	1	2	14 / 0
	<u>12</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>97 / 250 lb.</u>

*Does not include support provided by 9th MAB.

(6) Resupply

Resupply missions during the month of April totaled 65,720 lbs in support of Third Marine units. A total of 30 flights throughout the month provided the support. A breakdown is as follows:

<u>No Flights</u>	<u>No A/C</u>	<u>Total Load</u>	<u>Unit</u>
1	2	2,000#	1/3
29	56	63,700#	2/4
<u>30</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>65,700#</u>	<u>Total</u>

(7) Air Observation

During the month excellent coverage of the AO was provided by both American Beauty and Southern observers. Observer flights covered the AO for a total of 83.3 hours distributed among 76 flights. A breakdown of support is as follows:

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Flights</u>	<u>No A/C</u>	<u>Hours</u>
American Beauty	32	32	44.5
Southern	<u>44</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>38.8</u>
	<u>76</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>83.3 Totals</u>

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(8) CSS, TPQ, CAS

Fixed Wing support for Third Marines dropped a total of 445,300 lbs of bombs in support of operations within the AO. Support was provided in the form of CAS and TPQ-10 missions.

CAS

<u>No Flts</u>	<u>A/C</u>	<u>Ordinance</u>
23	46	144,850#

TPQ/CSS

<u>No Flts</u>	<u>A/C</u>	<u>Ordinance</u>
51	73	300,450#

(9) Control Functions

During April 1968, Third Marine controllers provided a total of 1,391 individual control functions. The lowest day in traffic occurred 11 April with only 13 functions. The high day was 30 April with a total of 87. Such was indicative of an increased tempo in operations within Third Marines AO as the month drew to a close. The average daily number of control function for the month was 46.3.

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Q. Activitions/Deactivations/Redesignations. None.

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R. Psychological Operations

(1) During the month of April, Third Marines employed two armed propaganda teams. One four man team worked with BLT 2/4 on search and destroy operations and company sweeps. The other four man team was utilized by the 1st Amphib Bn for MEDCAPS and patrols to villages and hamlets in their AO. Reports from the using units indicated the APT's worked well in their attempts to gain the support of the populace.

A two man loudspeaker (HB) team was employed with BLT 2/4 but due to technical difficulties with the loudspeaker equipment the team was unable to broadcast more than fifteen minutes of CHIEU HOI appeals.

A "bullhorn" was requested and received from Division PSY-OPS. Presently the bullhorn is signed out to BLT 2/4 for their upcoming joint operations with ARVN forces. It should prove effective in broadcasting surrender appeals and in issuing instructions to the local Vietnamese populace.

A number of aerial loudspeaker missions and leaflet drops were requested in the NAPOLEON/SALINE AO. Target areas consisted of known and suspected enemy locations and civilian population centers. Surrender and CHIEU HOI appeals were directed at NVA/VC targets. Themes directed at civilians included the rewards program, exploitation of recent enemy defeats and support the GVN appeals. Also about 3000 copies of the "Free South" newspaper were distributed to the local Vietnamese. Articles in the newspaper exploited the victories of the GVN in the "TET" offensive.

Third Marines continued to employ 8 KIT CARSON Scouts with 1/3 and 1st Amphib Bn. Reports on these scouts continued to be favorable.

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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 and individual basis.

(2) Highlights

(a) One corporal attended a KY-28/38 maintenance course at Da Nang.

(b) One corporal attended a basic organic supply accounting course at DANANG on a Force Level.

(c) A one day personal response course was conducted on a Division Level at QUANG TRI. The Regimental Headquarters was represented by the Regimental Sergeant Major.

(d) A one week course in Fire Team assault boat training was conducted at CUA VIET. A total of 28 Marines attended.

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- ✓1. Staff Journals 01 April - 30 April 1968.
- ✓2. Third Marines message - 031515Z - April 1968
- ✓3. CG Third MarDiv message - 080845Z - April 1968
- ✓4. Third Marines message - 091341Z - April 1968
- ✓5. Third Marines message - 180812Z - April 1968
6. Msg 030050Z Subj: SITREP #126, Operation Napoleon/Saline

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

1/GCK/gck
April 1968

STAFF JOURNALS

010001H Apr68

0001	1	Journal opened
1208	2	Fm Gco 2/4 Rec'd Approx 7rds of Med Arty counter Batt. being called (yd 250754)
1347	3	Fm Gco 1/3 LVT hit mine on resupply when hit mine 5 minor WIA's (yd 301700).
1635	4	Fm Bco 1/3 Found 2 rocket sites, 30 chicom gren, 19 A/T mines, 30 rds for 82mm & 60mm mort. 1 122mm rocket, 1,000 rds 7.62mm, 1RPG.
2400	5	Journal closed

020001H Apr68

0001	1	Journal opened
1100	2	Fm Gco 2/4 Took speradic sniper fire returned fire; Results 2fr WIA (Medevac) 3 NVA KIA's.
1832	3	Fm Gco 2/4 Found Equipment, Bodies and Ordinance.
2400	4	Journal closed

030001H Apr68

0001	1	Journal opened
1205	2	Fm 1st Amtrac Bn Rec'd 27rds Med Arty RVS Results 2 WIA(Minor) Firing NCFMSIV.
1401	3	Fm Gco 2/4 Fnd 2 bodies larger than regular NVA Photos of bodies will be sent to 3d Mar Reg S-2 (274687).
2400	4	Journal closed

040001H Apr68

0001	1	Journal opened
1335	2	Fm Bco 1st Amtrac Bn OBS 8rds Med Arty impact at (yd293752).
2400	3	Journal closed

050001H Apr68

0001	1	Journal opened
No significant info	2	to report
2400	2	Journal closed

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060001H Apr68

0001 1 Journal opened
 1555 2 Fm 3dMar 1/4 A-4 Aircraft destroyed
 4 bunkers and 6 structures.
 1830 3 Fm Eco Found 8 RPG, 9 82mm, 1 case 7.62 rds.
 2400 4 Journal closed

070001H Apr68

0001 1 Journal opened
 0342 2 Fm 1st Amtrac :Spot Report: in vic 288727
 PPS-5 RADAP at C-4 spotted 25-30 Persons
 moving South to North, fired 4.2mm MSN
 results UNK.
 0850 3 Fm Eco 2/4 Found numerous 782 Gear and
 75 Bunkers.
 0920 4 Fm Eco 2/4 Dug up two Graves each had 1
 NVA Body.
 1755 5 Fm 2/4 :Spot Report: Geo Spotted 3NVA in
 open, in vic 270697, Sniper took same
 under fire (1 NVA KIA).
 2400 6 Journal closed

080001H Apr68

0001 1 Journal opened
 1917 2 Fm 1/3 :Spot Report: In vic 342634 Aco
 Rec'd 20-60mm Mortar, and MGF Returned
 Fire W/Arty MSW.
 2400 3 Journal closed

090001H Apr68

0001 1 Journal opened
 1120 2 Fm Eco 1/3 Found 17 82mm rds, 18 60mm rds
 1 A/T mine and Assorted 782 Gear.
 2400 3 Journal closed

100001H Apr68

0001 1 Journal opened
 0046 2 Fm Eco 2/4 LP Spotted 6-9 Persons took
 under fire with S/A and M-79.
 2250 3 Fm 1st Amtrac Bn in vic 338670 Popular
 Force unit in Fire-Fight, Amtracs giving
 mortar support.
 2400 4 Journal closed

110001H Apr68

0001 1 Journal opened
 0006 2 Fm Camp Kiestler took 4-7 rds incoming Div
 Notified (Capt Cloud) 0012 took 15-20 rds
 incoming 0015 took 40 rds.
 2400 3 Journal closed

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120001H Apr68

0001 1 Journal opened
1150 2 Fm Aco 1/3 Rec'd 7 M-79 rds, Sweep area
neg results, neg casualties.
2400 3 Journal closed

130001H Apr68

0001 1 Journal opened
0917 2 Fm Hco 2/4 While searching ville fnd
3 tin boxes containing: 3 RPG rds, 2 boxes
50cal rds, 2 82mmrds, 2 60mm rds. (255658)
0921 3 Fm Hco 2/4 Fnd 2 ChiComm Claymore Mines
hidden in fighting holes. (265650)
1510 4 Fm Gco 2/4 Fnd 13rds 60mm, 13 50cal rds
Assorted papers, 2 ChiComm gern, 1 AK-47
Mag. (268679)
2400 5 Journal closed

140001H Apr68

0001 1 Journal opened
No significant info to report
2400 2 Journal closed

150001H Apr68

0001 1 Journal opened
1857 2 Fm Gco 2/4 Civilians reported NVA moving
around Lia An about 3 days ago and suspected
Rocket sites.
2400 3 Journal closed

160001H Apr68

0001 1 Journal opened
0816 2 Fm 1st Amtrac Bn Patrol hit suprise
firing device substaining 2 WIA's
Medevac 1 WIA minor.
2400 3 Journal closed

170001H Apr68

0001 1 Journal opened
1440 2 Fm Aco 1/3 Taken under fire By 3 Auto
rifles, Light machine gun, and M-79,
Results 3 KIA's 3WIA's Medevac.
2400 3 Journal closed

180001H Apr68

0001 1 Journal opened
0046 2 Fm Aco 1/3 LP spotted 8-10 personal with
82mm mortar, LP opened up with M-16 Enemy
opened up with AK-47 rifle Killing 1 man.
1120 3 Fm Dco 1/3 Skimmer boat capized in River
2 persons Missing Conducting search.
2400 4 Journal closed

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190001H Apr68

0001 1 Journal opened
 No significant info to report
 2400 2 Journal closed

200001H Apr68

0001 1 Journal opened
 0530 2 Fm 1st Amtrac Bn PF's made contact w/approx
 4-5 VC, Costal group 11 fired illum,
 results UNK.
 0855 3 Fm 1st Amtrac Bn LVT hit mine, 3 Medivacs.
 1420 4 Fm 1st Amtrac Bn LVT was total loss.
 2400 5 Journal closed

210001H Apr68

0001 1 Journal opened
 0545 2 Fm 2/4 :Spot Report: 2 persons moving
 in vic 255654 opened fire w/s arms fire
 killed one, detained one.
 0635 3 Fm River Assut :Spot Report: in vic
 299671, 204676 2 USMC bodies were recovered.
 1045 4 Fm 1st Amtrac:Spot Report: A-1 Rec'd 11
 rnd's 85mm Arty fired to in vic 235855.
 2400 5 Journal closed

220001H Apr68

0001 1 Journal opened
 0030 2 Fm Gco 2/4 Sq. ambush had contact with enemy
 force estimated to be 100-150 in strength.
 1 Friendly Medevac completed at 220045.
 2400 3 Journal closed

230001H Apr68

0001 1 Journal opened
 0010 2 Fm 3dMar Rec'd 42 rnds of 100mm Arty
 4 Medevac not included in our totals,
 3 minor.
 0400 3 Fm Fco 2/4 Spotted Enemy moving into
 Ambush sight. Fired at them w/small arms
 and M-79.
 2400 4 Journal closed

240001H Apr68

0001 1 Journal opened
 2155 2 Fm 1st Amtrac Bn A1 Reported 16 secondary
 explosions resulting from NGF.
 2317 3 Fm 3dMar REGT took 56 rnds incoming.
 2400 4 Journal closed

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0001 1 Journal opened

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0435 2 Fm Gco 2/4 Ambush made contact with enemy
of UNK strength, Result 1 NVA (KIA).

2400 3 Journal closed

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0001 1 Journal opened

No significant info to report

2400 2 Journal closed

270001H Apr68

0001 1 Journal opened

No significant info to report

2400 2 Journal closed

280001H Apr68

0001 1 Journal opened

0205 2 Fm Gco 2/4 Made contact with 6 enemy
Medevac chopper took s/a Results 5
WIA Medevac's.

2400 3 Journal closed

290001H Apr68

0001 1 Journal opened

0230 2 Fm Eco 2/4 Spotted 3 figures fired S.A.F.

0515 3 Fm Eco 2/4 Spotted movement in front of
their position.

2125 4 Fm 2/4 Reported A-1 spotted large force
moving N-S fire MSN.

2400 5 Journal closed

300001H Apr68

0001 1 Journal opened

0145 2 Fm Traffic control boat rec'd S.A.F.

0840 3 Fm Hco 2/4 Receiving s/a and Auto
weapon fire being supported by river
control craft.

1024 4 Fm Hco 2/4 Rec'd 10 rnds incoming fr
approx 5200 mills.

1131 5 Fm Hco 2/4 Observed 6 NVA running NW
believed to have dropped 4.

1137 6 Fm LCV 1477 took hit from RPG rocket
resulting in 3 KIA's 5 medevac also
LCV 1485 rec'd 1 RPG hit no casualties
were taken but damage done to craft.

1415 7 Fm Hco 2/4 Is crossing stream and has
foothold in ville receiving incoming arty
and heavy S.A.F.

1415 8 Fm Fco 2/4 Receiving Auto/SAF RPG rnds
from hamlet of Dai Do.

1730 9 Fm Bco 1/3 while crossing river rec'd
1 RPG rnd and SAF, return SAF.

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1830	10	Fm 1st Amtrac in support of Bco 1/3 sustained 3 casualties fm SAF 1 KIA 2 Medevac, tractor A121 hit 3 mines on port side neg casualties tractor now burning and receiving RPG rnds.
1905	11	Fm 2/4 Element engaged w/NVA force of Bn size engaging enemy w/SAF Arty and Air fr casualties as follows 4 KIA's 53 Medevac enemy is UNK.
2210	12	Fm 1st Amtrac Bn Trac was hit by three RR rnds trac destroyed, Bco 1/3 destroyed 106 RR.
2235	13	Fm 1st Amtrac Bn had fire caused by enemy 3 NBC medevacs.
2400	14	Journal closed

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THIRD MAR

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DTG 0 031515Z

FM THIRD MARINES
TO CG THIRD MARDIV
INFO THIRD SQDN, FIFTH ARMD CAV
21 FIRST AMTRAC BN
FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES

S-3 SECTION
MAJ D. J. MURPHY
3APR68

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A. VERBAL INSTRUCTIONS G-3 3DMARDIV 021100H APR 68
1. IAW REF A OPCON B/1/3 PASSED TO 3D SQDN,
5TH ARMD CAV EFF 031610H APR 68.

REL BY COL M. A. HULE

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FM CM THIRD MARDIV
TO THIRD MAR REGT
THREE OF FOUR ARMORED CAV

97 Hamsbury
140090H APR 68

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O'CON

14030 MARDIV ASSUMED O'CON OF B/1/3 EFFECTIVE 071800H
APRIL 1968

2230 MARDIV PASSED O'CON OF B/1/3 TO 3D MAR REGT EFFECTIVE
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FM THIRD MARINES

TO C3THIRD MARDIV

INFO THIRD SQDN, FIFTH ARMD CAV

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FIRST BN THIRD MARINES

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1.50 MAR ASSUMED OPCON B/1/3 FROM 3D SQDN 5TH ARMD CAV

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 FM THIRD MARINES
 TO US THIRD MARDIV
 INFO FIRST BN THIRD MARINES
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 C O N F I D E N T I A L
 OPSTAT #52 AS OF 111500Z APR 68
 1ST ANTRAC BN
 PART I

REPT LVT-5
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 REPT 052
 REPT LVT-1
 REPT 003
 REPT 020
 1-3 MAR
 PART I

COLOR LCOL JARMAN, U. V. /16 APR 68
 PART II

PAGE TWO 0920 C O N F I D E N T I A L
 COMM LCOL JARMAN, U. V. ASSUMED COMMAND OF 1ST BN, 3RD MAR
 AT 160001H APR 68, RELIEVING LCOL WOODALE, X. W.
 BT

TOP 18 1535-11 APR 68 / CON 1ACH
 CKD BY: RCH

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 FM: 3RD MAR
 TO: CG, 3RD MAR DIV
 INFO: 1ST AMTRAC BN
 BN 2/4
 1ST BN, 3RD MAR
 3RD BN, 12TH MAR
 CTG 79.4
 CTF CLEARWATER

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RELEASABLE INFO DO NOT SERVICE OPERATION NAPOLEON/22LINE
 PRSP #126 FROM 030001H TO 030600H APRIL 68

UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: ALL UNITS MAINTAINED STRONG DEF POSITIONS
 AND CONDUCTED AGGRESSIVE PATROLS, AMBUSHES AND LP'S IN ASSIGNED
 AO'S.

ENEMY CONTACT: NONE

OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. LATE ENTRY: AT 020900H, E/2/4 WHILE SWEEPING VILLAGE VIC
 (YD 218725) FOUND LITERATURE BELIEVED TO BE DOCUMENTS.
 FORWARDED THEM TO 3RD MAR S-2.

B. AT 022300H, LP FROM C/1/3 VIC (YD 268704) OBSERVED 2 NVA VC
 MOVING TOWARD POSITION. WHEN THEY CAME WITHIN 25 METERS OF LP,
 THEY TURNED AND STARTED MOVING AWAY. THE LP FIRED M-16'S
 AND THREW M-26 GRENADES. SWEEPED AREA WITH NEG RESULTS

5. PLANS: ALL UNITS WILL CONDUCT AGGRESSIVE PATROLS, AMBUSHES AND
 OP'S IN ASSIGNED AO'S. B/1/3 WILL BE CHOPPED TO THE 3RD BATTALION
 OF THE 5TH ARMORED CAV REGT USA. A PROV CO FROM 1ST AMTRAC BN
 WILL ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR C-4. BLT 2/4 REVERTS TO BASIC MISSION,
 CONCLUDING OPERATIONS UNDER DIV OPN O 8-68.

CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: 1. 168 KIA

2. 816 WIA (REDEVAC)

3. 613 WIA (MILJCR)

4. 1 KIA

B. ENEMY: 1. 1083 NVA KIA

2. 44 NVA POW

3. 57 VC KIA

4. 3 VC POW

5. 213 DET

6. 80 IRR CS

7. 322 IRR CS

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