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1. Readdressed and forwarded in accordance with reference (f).

2. Contents noted with following remarks:

a. Operation officially commenced on 15 March vice 10 March 1969.

b. Official Division SITREP Cumulative Losses (both friendly and enemy) differ from After Action Report Results, paragraph #11, page 18 and should be adjusted as follows:

Report Result,

FRIENDLY LOSSES

- (1) USMC
 - (a) 17 KIA vice 16 KIA
 - (b) 97 WIA(E) vice 103 WIA(E)
 - (c) 7 WIA(M) vice 10 WIA(M)
- (2) USA
 - (a) 4 KIA vice 3 KIA
 - (b) 28 WIA(E) vice 23 WIA(E)
 - (c) 2 WIA(M) vice 6 WIA(M)

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ENEMY LOSSES

- (1) Personnel - 157 NVA KIA vice 95 NVA KIA
- (2) Weapons
 - (a) 21 CSWC vice 15 CSWC
 - (b) 414 IWC vice 340 IWC

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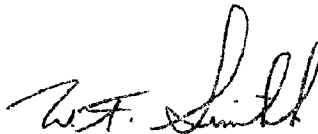
Subj: Command Chronology for period 1-30 June 1969

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Encl: ✓(1) 3d Marines Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions of reference (a), (b) and (c), enclosure (1) is submitted.

2. Upon removal of enclosure (1) this letter is downgraded to unclassified.



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3D MARINES COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 - 30 JUNE 1969

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

3d Marines (Rein)

Col P.D. LA FOND
Col W.F. SIMLIK1-27 June
28-30 June

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Hq Co, 3d Marines

1st Lt C.A. GREENFIELD
Capt B.B. PORTER1-22 June
28-30 June

1st Bn, 3d Marines

1st Col D.G. HERRON

1-30 June

2d Bn, 3d Marines

1st Col J.J. MONMAGUE

1-30 June

3d Bn, 3d Marines

1st Col R.C. SCHOLZE

1-30 June

ATTACHED UNITS

(NONE)

2. LOCATION

1-30 June: Dong Ha Combat Base

3. STAFF OFFICERS

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

1st Col H.M. SMITH

1-30 June

S-1

Capt B.B. PORTER

1-30 June

S-2

Capt W.J. QUIGLEY

1-30 June

S-3

Maj T.C. DOLSON

1-30 June

S-3A/NBC DEPLOYMENT OFF

1st Lt M.W. SHEPARD

1-30 June

S-3A/IN OFF

1st Lt P.E. PEDELES

1-30 June

S-3A/EE OFF/NBC OFF

1st Lt J.J. MURPHY

1-30 June

S-3A/IN OFF/TKING OFF

1st Lt G.E. PLANT

1-30 June

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PSC/ARTY IN OFF	Maj G. WASTILA	1-30 June
ALO	Maj T.J. RAUSCHER	1-30 June
S-4	Maj J.F.X. CONNOLLY	1-30 June
S-4A	1st Lt D.E. RAGSDALE	1-30 June
S-4A/Regt Supp O	1st Lt R.G. HOWE	1-31 June
S-5	Maj G.L. SHELLEY	1-6 June
	2d Lt F.S. ALLEN	19-30 June
Hq Co Supply O	1st Lt R.O. BURNS	1-30 June
MFO	1st Lt K.J. CONLON	1-4 June
	SSgt M.V. EVERHEART	5-30 June
COMM OFF	Maj J.H. HARTE	1-30 June
ASST COMM OFF	1st Lt D.M. SHARPE	1-9 June
	2d Lt R.Q. STATON	12-30 June
REGT SURGEON	Lt G.W. GREGORY (USN)	1-30 June
CHAPLAIN	Cmdr J.F. LABOON (CHC)	1-30 June

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC		USN		OTHER	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	ARVN	
16	207	2	4	OFF	ENL
				0	2

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. General overview of all activities.

The month of June commenced with the 3d Marine Regiment still engaged in Operation Virginia Ridge. The concepts of employment remained those of:

- (1) Minimum forces in the fixed installations (Con Thien, C-2, Con 1a and the Ho Bridge, FSB Muller) and maximum force on deep offensive operations;
- (2) Total coverage of the AO by infantry operations, by infantry with supporting arms (tanks, artillery, NGF, and air), or by supporting arms in line of maneuver units;
- (3) Maximum continued use of all supporting arms and weapons;
- (4) Flexible and changing tactics in each battalion area to meet new or increased enemy threats.

These concepts had paid dividends since the inception of Virginia Ridge and continued to do so, with the proof lying in the increasing number of enemy dead and the relative decrease of U.S. losses.

The initial disposition in June was with the 1st Battalion securing the Five Bases, LOC's, and other defensive positions; the 3d Battalion in the western portion of the AO; and the 2d Battalion in the center along Mutter's Ridge and Helicopter Valley.

The war along the fixed installations and LOC's continued to be a counter-guerrilla type of action, with the enemy's main activity being interdiction of the LOC's by mines and harassment of the positions by rockets and mortars. The one major exception was north and northeast of Con Thien where signs indicated a build-up of enemy forces in Leatherneck Square.

In the far west the activities were mostly counter-reconnaissance patrolling with both adversaries countering and ambushing the others efforts to reconnoiter. As this was rather an inactive area at the time, in the middle of June the 3d Battalion was redeployed from the west into Dong Ha Combat Base in preparation for a search and destroy operation in Leatherneck Square.

The central area of the AO was embroiled in a duel between small enemy mortar teams which obviously had an attrition mission vis-a-vis the Marines and the 2d Battalion who countered by maximal dispersal and continuous movement of batt units. There was no other notable activity in the central AO.

The Leatherneck Square operation by the 3d Battalion proved very fruitful. Making a night movement to contact, first by truck up Route #1 and then over-land by foot to the west, the battalion secured their night objectives without incident. Unbeknownst to the Marines, the massive Naval Gun and Artillery prep had trapped a NVA sapper unit between its objective (ARVN held C-1) and possible withdrawal. The ARVN killed 60 NVA in the confusion and then during the next three days, as the Marines swept west, they killed another 150 NVA of the covering force (for the Sapper attacks). Thus in three days over 200 NVA of the 33d Sapper Bn and the 270th NVA Regiment's, 6th Bn, were destroyed and both units rendered useless.

ENCLOSURE (1)

The 3d Battalion was sent to the Cua Viet for 5 days R & R and upon redeployment they assumed the fixed position posture, releasing the 1st Battalion to the Mutter's Ridge Area. Thus, the month ended with the 3d Battalion stretched along LOC's from Con Thien to Cam Lo and Cam Lo to Khe Gio Bridge; the 1st Battalion sweeping west along Mutter's Ridge and then north; and the 2d Battalion sweeping east, north of Mutter's Ridge toward A-4 and C-2 and then redeploying to the south in the Dong Ha Mountain-Camp Carroll area.

Plans had been drawn and were being implemented to emplace a "Denial Area" as a buffer zone along eastern Mutter's Ridge. The denial being accomplished by a combination of Seismic Intrusion Devices supported by artillery fire with a mass infusion of CS-2 in the valleys, streams, and redoubts utilized by the NVA. The areas south and east of the denial area would then be covered by multiple stingray patrols.

Also at the close of the month, plans had been drawn and were ready for execution of a new operation, Eaton Lake. The area of the new operation would be Mutter's Ridge, the Rockpile, Razorback, LZ Margo, and all areas east of the XD 83 grid line and north of the 52 grid line to the DMZ. The operation is held in abeyance at this writing.

The reporting period was an educational one in that various tactics were tried in each battalion's area to fight that particular war. The battalions continued to learn flexibility while exercising mobility, and the 3d Regiment accounted for 335 of the NVA while suffering the loss of 50 Marines. The figure reflects only a basis of reference. The full success of the month was measured in self satisfaction and the tactical coup of Leatherneck Square.

2. Command Relations. During the period 1-30 June, the Third Marine Regiment (Reb) was O'COM to the Third Marine Division (Rein).

3. Mission Assigned. During the period 1-30 June, the Third Marines continued to fulfill the mission as stated in Operation Order 6-69: "Commence search and destroy operation (Vinh Loc Ridge) north of Route #9 to locate and destroy enemy forces infiltrating across the DMZ."

4. Intelligence. During the month of June, the 3d Marine Regiment was involved in Operation Vinh Loc Ridge.

The primary tactic employed by the enemy throughout the month of June was standoff attacks by fire utilizing mortars and rockets. The enemy expended 15-760 rounds of ordnance in his attacks by fire.

During the period of 1-30 June, there were 72 contacts with the enemy. These consisted primarily of point contacts with the following exceptions:

a. 101400H - 10/2/3 - Had contact with 20-30 NVA in a bunker complex in the vicinity of YD 91263. Enemy employed SAM and RPG's before breaking contact. Results: 3 NVA KIA and 1 IWC.

b. 141300H - 11/2/3 - Approximately two squads of enemy attempted to initiate an ambush on a patrol from 11/2/3 in the vicinity of YD 07963. Results: 1 CSNG.

c. 161600H - 12/2/3 - Enemy detonated a command claymore on the point element of a patrol. Enemy then initiated contact with an estimated two squads employing SAM, EMP and RPG's. Results: 1 NVA KIA.

On the 17th of June, 3d Battalion, 3d Marines deployed into the Leatherneck Square area for operations against a suspected enemy buildup. After two days of fighting with elements of the 270th NVA Regiment and the 33d Independent Sapper Battalion, casualties inflicted on the enemy amounted to 75 NVA KIA, 62 NVA RBA, 2 VC KIA, 1 NVA POW's, 32 IWC and 13 CSNG. Listed below are some of the major contacts during this operation in Leatherneck Square:

a. 170800H - 171000H - 17/3/3 - Had contact with an unknown size enemy force in the vicinity of YD 188737. Results: 20 NVA KIA, 2 IWC and 2 CSNG.

b. 171540H - 18/3/3 - Had contact with an estimated NVA company in the vicinity of YD 195707. Results: 16 NVA KIA, 11 IWC and 3 CSNG.

c. 171330H - 18/3/3 and CP - Had contact with an estimated NVA company in the vicinity of YD 195707. Results: 26 NVA KIA, 3 NVA POW's, 12 IWC and 5 CSNG.

From the period 19-30 June 69, enemy activity was very light. The enemy during this time period continued to employ standoff attacks by fire as his basic tactic.

casualty list

The enemy throughout the month of June continued to utilize his mining capability to interdict LOC's and delay friendly movements within our AO. There were 19 incidents of mines and booby traps employed by the enemy during this period.

5. Operations.

a. 01 - 30 June - Virginia Ridge (Map: Vietnam 1:50,000, Series L 7014, Sheets 6142 IV and 6342 I)

6. Results of Operations.

a. Casualties Inflicted on the Enemy.

- (1) NVA KIA - 225
- (2) NVA KBA - 108
- (3) NVA POW - 5
- (4) VC KIA - 2

b. Casualties Sustained.

- (1) USMC KIA 50
- (2) USA KIA - 2
- (3) USMC WIA (evac) - 169
- (4) USN WIA (evac) - 4
- (5) USA WIA (evac) - 10
- (6) USMC WIA (minor) - 30
- (7) USMC MIA - 1

c. Equipment, Ordnance, and Supplies Captured.

(1) Weapons Captured

(a) Crew-Served

- 11 RPG-2 Launchers
- 2 RPG-7 Launchers
- 6 RPD's
- 1 82mm Mortar Complete
- 1 7.62mm Hvy M1 with extra barrel

(b) Individual

61 AK-47's
 1 AK-50
 1 SKS
 2 M-16's

(2) Ammunition Captured

4625 7.62mm rounds
 136 RPG rockets
 692 82mm rounds
 307 60mm rounds

(3) Explosives Captured

536 CHICOM grenades
 5 M-26 grenades
 32 Directional mines
 23 AT mines
 210 lbs of TNT

(4) Weapons Accessories Captured

133 AK-47 magazines
 2 RPD drum magazines
 1 82mm mortar base plate

(5) Individual Equipment Captured

47 NVA Packs
 26 Ponchos
 14 Canteens
 52 E-Tools
 14 Picks
 1 Pair of Binoculars
 6 Cartridge Belts
 1 Helmet

(6) Medical Gear Captured

3 NVA First aid packets and also small amounts of pills and liquids in bottles.

(7) Documents Captured

100 lbs of misc papers, letters, and diaries

(6) Food Captured

2460 lbs of rice

(9) Misc Gear Captured

500 feet of communication

1 Land phone

3 Flashlights

7 pair of NVA boots

7. Supporting Anal.

a. Air Support. During the month of June, 3d Marines received Air Support from 1st MAW, 7th Air Force, and US Army. Rotary wing support was provided by HAO-16, MAH-36, and HAO-39. Fixed wing support was provided by HAO-11, MAH-12, HAO-13, and the Air Force. Observer flights were provided by HAO-16 and the Air Force.

(1) Casualties

	US KIA	US MIA	US NBC	US KIA	CIV WIA	US Dogs	Total
1/3	4	39	21	2	0	0	46
2/3	43	55	16	14	0	1	129
3/3	45	20	31	18	1	0	115
2/9	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
Total	92	96	68	34	1	1	292

(2) CAS: 150 Flts 317 A/C 1,395,640 # of ordnance
 CSS: 64 Flts 78 A/C 469,500 # of ordnance

(3) Resupply

1/3 30,200 lbs
 2/3 167,650 lbs
 3/3 325,600 lbs
 Total 523,450 lbs

(4) A/C Flts

3d Mar Div	107 Flts	360 hrs	20 min
12th Mar	54 Flts	103 hrs	30 min
Total	161 Flts	463 hrs	50 min

(5) Gunships

38 Flts 51 hrs 30 min

(6) C & G

0/3 170 pax
 1/3 46 pax
 2/3 98 pax
 3/3 58 pax
 Total 372 pax

(7) General

Control functions - 2000
 Average control function - 66
 High 79 on 7 & 8 June 69
 Low 21 on 27 June 69
 1 Flare Ship Flt 1 hr
 1 Spooky Flt 2 hrs. 15 min
 Bn troop lifts - 2
 Co troop lifts - 11
 Plt troop lifts - 3
 81mm mortar sections lifts - 3

b. Artillery Support.

(1) Units providing artillery support

(a) Direct support was provided by 1st Bn, 12th Marines with the following units under their OPCON:

Btry A, 1st Bn, 12th Mar
 Btry B, 1st Bn, 12th Mar
 Btry C, 1st Bn, 12th Mar
 Btry C, 6th Bn, 33d Arty (USA)
 Btry C, 5th Bn, 4th Arty (USA)
 Btry 2d Prov, 1st Bn, 12th Mar

(b) General support was provided by the following batteries:

Btry B, 1st Bn, 40th Arty (USA)
 Btry H, 3d Bn, 12th Mar
 Btry K, 4th Bn, 12th Mar
 Btry L, 4th Bn, 12th Mar
 Btry LD, 4th Bn, 12th Mar
 Btry M, 4th Bn, 12th Mar

Btry A, 1st 8 inch
 Btry B, 1st 8 inch
 Btry C, 1st 8 inch
 Btry A, 5th Gun Group
 Btry B, 5th Gun Group
 Btry C, 5th Gun Group
 Btry A, 8th Bn, 4th Arty (USA)
 Btry B, 8th Bn, 4th Arty (USA)
 Btry C, 8th Bn, 4th Arty (USA)

(2) Significant Displacements.

	From	To	Date
Btry C, 1/12	ECB	C-2	18 June 69
Btry C, 5/4	FSB Nancy	Dong Ha	14 June 69
Btry C, 5/4	Dong Ha	A-4	15 June 69

(3) Missions Fired.

	Observed	Unobserved	H & I	Total
105mm	985	1367	1660	4012
107mm	109	231	245	585
155mm	212	185	127	524
175mm	5	39	0	44
8 inch	21	75	4	100
Total	1332	1897	2036	5265

(4) Ammunition Expended.

105mm	51224
107mm	3948
155mm	7414
175mm	638
8 inch	1142
Total	64366

(5) Control and Coordination

(a) Batteries which were OPCON to 1st Bn, 12th Marines received their fire missions from 1/12 FDC who was exercising tactical control and answered all calls for fire.

(6) KIA's: 39 (month of June 69)

8. Logistics

a. General. The helicopter resupply this month from Quang Tri LSA was excellent. No major problems were encountered. Prime effort was concentrated on ensuring passengers and mail was sent to the field as soon as possible.

b. Supply.

(1) Overall Supply Situation. The overall supply situation for this reporting period has been good. Highlights for this reporting period is the start of a wall to wall inventory in the warehouse to reconcile books and a complete wide inventory to determine true status of garrison property on hand.

c. Hospitalization and Evacuation.

(1) During the month of June, the 3d Marines showed a substantial decrease in malaria. The marked decline indicates that applied malaria programs, discipline and training, at company levels is the primary contributing factor. The implementation of unit R & R periods during the past month and troop locality would have to be considered as instrumental in the decrease.

(2) Sanitation. Sanitation conditions in our Dong Ha area continue to improve as evidenced by the monthly PMV inspection reports. The immediate remedial attention given to sanitation discrepancies are a major factor in the improvements.

The non-potable water used in the showers is under suspicion as a possible source of infection of the numerous skin rashes and fungus infections seen at this RAS. Chlorine is being added, on a test basis, to the enlisted and RAS shower units in an effort to reduce this flaring incident.

d. Transportation.

(1) Significant Problem Areas. Overall transportation support was very adequate for this reporting period. Division Motor Transport provided support for 3d Marines (Hq), 1/3, 2/3, and 3/3 rears located in Dong Ha and Quang Tri Combat Bases.

e. Service.

(1) Two of the five Sea Huts required to properly billet troops in the Regimental Area have been constructed.

(2) All services are satisfactory. Nothing of note to report.

9. Communications-Electronics.

a. Provided normal communications support of the Third Marine Regiment engaged in Operation Virginia Ridge.

b. The Regimental Message Center processed a total of 1497 messages. Of these were 1288 in-coming and 209 out-going.

c. A total of 110 pieces of communication equipment were turned in to the Regimental Repair Section for repair. Of this equipment, 4 items were Code H'd, 73 items were repaired and returned to operation, 24 pieces were evacuated to higher echelon and 9 pieces remain in the shop.

d. Significant Events.

(1) During the month of June, a marked decrease in total down time of the AN/TRC-27 circuits. During the month of May, the circuits were down approximately 30% of the time. Due to the use of the Converter, CV-2488, this down-time was reduced to 15% for the month of June.

10. Equipment. The T/E allowance was considered adequate during the reporting period. No recommendations for changes in the allowance were received.

11. Civic Action

a. Accomplishments during month of June.

(1) Support.

(a) Schools supported	5
(b) Hospitals and dispensaries supported	3
(c) Cost of military support	VN \$536,326

(2) The 3d Marines completed the Bo De School in Cam Lo and held the dedication on 10 June. Those attending the dedication ceremony were: Col P.D. Leford, CO 3d Mar; Lt Col H.M. Smith, XO 3d Mar; Col Kerrigan and Capt Sullivan, G-5; Commander Groff and Lt Bohn, CBMO-301.

(3) The deck of the school for Brou refugees in Cam Lo was completed. The Brou self-help labor under supervision of the 3d Marines have almost completed the brick walls on the school.

(4) A sewing school for the Brou refugees in Cam Lo is almost completed. The school is being constructed by Vietnamese builders with materials provided by the 3d Marines.

b. Significant problems encountered in the month of June.

(1) The Brou have not been showing up to work at their school in Cam Lo. The 3d Marines sent out an interpreter team from 7th ITT to investigate the problem. They found that the Brou laborers were not sure of how much work they should be doing and stood by, while the Marines did the work. The interpreter straightened them out and told them that the Marines were there to advise them, not to build their school.

(2) The 3d Marines help out the Brou refugees in Mai Loc by providing transportation to Mai Loc for the rice that the Brou purchase once a month in Quang Tri City. It took two days to do this because the Brou rice purchase representative arrived late and had not completed transaction for the rice and the loading of the trucks until late afternoon. This problem will be solved in the future by:

(a) Having the rice purchase representatives buy the rice and the labor to load it the day before the trucks arrive.

(b) Meeting them at the MAC-V compound, Quang Tri City, at a specific time.

(c) Drop off all the trucks at each place so they can be loaded simultaneously.

c. Major Problems Continuing.

(1) The 3d Marines will continue to support the Brou refugees in Mai Loc by transporting food and supplies to them.

(2) The 3d Marines are currently building three schools in Cam Lo. These are badly needed and must be completed before September when school starts.

12. Personnel and Administration.

a. Personnel.

(1) Critical Shortages

(a) One Mass Sergeant, Staff Sergeant, 3371.

(b) One Career Planning NCO, Staff Sergeant, 8421.

(2) Summary

(a) Gains: 4/MC Off, 18/MC Enl, 0/USN Off, 0/USN Enl

(b) Losses: 5/MC Off, 18/MC Enl, 0/USN Off, 0/USN Enl

(c) Monthly average strength: 18/MC Off, 206/MC Enl, 2/USN Off, 4/USN Enl

(3) Awards. During the month, one Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry and 2 Meritorious Masts were presented by the Regimental Commanding Officer.

(4) Morale continues to be excellent. Excellent club facilities and movies are available at the Regimental Command Post, DHCB. The R & R program continues to provide a boost to the morale of all hands. During this period, there were 2 in-country and 16 out of country R & R's taken by members of the Regimental Headquarters.

(5) Chaplain

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(a) Chaplain assigned: Cdr John F. LABOON, Jr. CHC, USN,

(b) Divine Services: Fifty-four services were held during the month with an attendance of 1001.

(c) Red Cross cases processed: 3.

(d) Cases counseled: 11

(e) Other significant activities.

1 Two visits to local churches.2 Two memorial services with the Battalion Chaplains.3 Distributed rosaries, medals, and testaments within the Regiment.

b. Discipline. The following disciplinary action was taken during the month of June.

(1) 4 violations of Article 92/UCMJ occurred during the month of June, which resulted in 4 NJP's.

(2) 1 violation of Article 128/UCMJ occurred during the month of June which resulted in 1 NJP.

(3) 1 Special Court Martial was completed during the month of June.

13. Training.

a. Training conducted during the month of June continued to emphasize individual and unit combat readiness. Buddy Aid/First Aid refresher training was conducted for 16 personnel assigned as stretcher bearers. Anti-malaria discipline measures were emphasized by lecture to all hands.

b Highlights

(1) Fam/test firing of weapons.

(2) RVN Orientation Training (COATIP)

(4) Formal/organizational schools - seven quotas were utilized as follows:

Organic Accounting Course	- 1
SNCO Leadership Course	- 2
Landmine Warfare Course	- 3
Infantry Weapons Repair School	- 1

(5) Application of GMS training continued in the preparation and maintenance of weapon positions, laying protective wire and sand bagging living areas. Individual protective measures were successfully utilized a number of times during attacks by fire. Alerts were conducted for defense against ground attacks.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Significant Events During or in Direct Relation to Combat Operations.

1 June. 0400H Company H at YD 063627 had their lines probed by an unknown sized NVA element. Company H initiated contact with small arms and automatic weapons fire resulting in (2) NVA KIA, (1) AK-47, (1) RPG Launcher, (3) RPG Rounds (12) Satchel Charges, (4) Chicoms, and (2) letters while friendly losses were (1) USMC WIA (evac).

0645H Company G, located at YD 064634, received 20 rounds of 82mm mortar incoming from vicinity YD 056635 resulting in (1) USMC KIA and (2) USMC WIA (evac).

0730H Company M found a bunker complex containing twelve bunkers and misc ordnance at vicinity YD 987626. Ordnance found included (33) 60mm mortar rounds, (271) 82 mm mortar rounds, (68) Chicom Grenades, and (4) RPD Ammo Drums. All bunkers and ordnance were destroyed.

1000H Company H in vicinity YD 064628 found (8) bunkers and (1) straw hutch approx one month old. Bunkers were destroyed.

1020H Company B point element from a platoon patrol detonated (2) anti-tank mines at YD 132710 resulting in (2) USMC KIA and (1) USMC WIA (evac).

1930H Company E spotted one NVA running north at YD 081598. Mortar mission was conducted and area searched with negative results.

2 June. 0900H Company E found (6) bunkers approx one week old in vicinity YD 078608. Bunkers were destroyed.

1430H Company H patrol found an old bunker complex YD 055634 containing misc ordnance. Ordnance found included (58) RPG rounds, (46) 60mm mortar rounds, (25) 82mm mortar rounds, (200) blocks of TNT, (4) cases of fuses for 60mm mortars. Also found were (20) NVA packs and misc NVA 782 gear.

1600H An AO received fire from vicinity YD 032653. One flight of fixed wing was run resulting in (3) NVA KBA and (3) bunkers destroyed.

1849H Company H point element came under fire by an unknown size enemy force in bunker complex at vicinity YD 045622. Upon reinforcement of point element, enemy broke contact and fled. An artillery mission was called on avenues of egress. During medevac, Company H received 15-20 rounds of 60mm mortars. An artillery mission was again called on suspected enemy mortar position. Results of contact were (2) USMC KIA and (7) USMC WIA (medevac). An AO spotted 6-10 NVA sitting on bunkers at YD 061680. An artillery mission was conducted resulting in (2) NVA KIA.

- 3 June. 0830H An AO ran five flights of fixed wing at YD 047626 resulting in 15-20 bunkers destroyed and (2) NVA KBA.
 1350H Company C received 16 rounds of 60mm mortars from vicinity YD 025534 resulting in (3) USMC KIA, (13) USMC WIA (evac), and (3) USMC WIA (minor).
 1710H Company I received 12 rounds 60mm mortar fire from vicinity YD 021638 resulting in (4) USMC KIA and (7) USMC WIA (evac).
 1600H Company H received fire from (2) NVA at YD 056625. Small arms fire was returned and 60mm mortar mission was fired resulting in (2) NVA KIA.
- 4 June. 0920H Company H patrol found (1) NVA KBA, (3) RPD LM's and (1) AK-47 at YD 051626.
 1100H Company E patrol found (10) fighting bunkers and misc NVA 782 gear at YD 049617. Bunkers and gear were destroyed.
 1315H Company I point element came under heavy fire from (35) to (40) NVA in bunkers at YD 971616. Enemy broke contact when artillery and fixed wing were called in. Results of contact were (4) USMC KIA, (12) USMC WIA (evac), (2) USMC WIA (minor), (2) NVA KBA, (1) NVA KIA and one AK-47 captured.
 1430H Company H found (20) bunkers at YD 047627.
 Between 1530H to 1700H Company E found (42) bunkers at YD 054613 and (20) bunkers at YD 057612. The unit destroyed all bunkers.
- 5 June. 0745H Company F found (2) NVA bodies killed by artillery at YD 051504.
 0815H Company F found (8) bunkers, (68) rounds 82mm mortars, (2) NVA KBA and (3) mortar pits at YD 057638.
 1030H Company E patrol found (1) NVA killed by small arms fire at YD 047617.
 1300H Company F found (4) NVA KIA, (2) AK-47's, (1) RPG launcher, (41) Chicom grenades, (9) RPG rounds, (2) Russian grenades, and misc NVA 782 gear at YD 058646.
 1620H 3d Battalion CP found (4) graves containing (4) NVA KIA's at YD 975623. NVA had been dead approx six months.
- 6 June. 0230H Company C ambush initiated contact with (3) NVA resulting in (1) NVA KIA at YD 016565.
 Between 0815H and 0945H Company H received 30 to 40 rounds of 82mm mortar fire from vicinities YD 029642 and YD 040625 which resulted in (4) USMC KIA and (7) USMC WIA (evac).
 1115H Company C found (6) Russian anti-tank mines at YD 025565.
 1300H Company H found (30) bunkers, (30) 82mm rounds, (15) RPG rounds and misc NVA 782 gear at YD 047624.

- 7 June. 0940H Company K exchanged fire with 4 NVA at XD 973640. After an artillery mission was called in on fleeing enemy the area was searched and yielded (1) NVA KIA and misc NVA gear. Friendly casualties were (1) USMC WIA (evac).
0700H 2D Battalion (-) conducted a helo-assault into an area south of DMZ (UR 0769 14, 0063), which had been arc lighted the previous night, for the purpose of exploiting the area and gathering a BDA.
0730H Company F captured (1) NVA POW hiding in a bunker at YD 021649. POW was carrying (1) AK-47 and (6) satchel charges.
0915H Company E found (2) NVA KIA's in 2 old graves at YD 055668.
1200H Company F found (20) bunkers, (5) gun pits and (11) 82mm mortar rounds at YD 028652.
1400H Company E found 2 NVA bodies in a stream bed at YD 054664. NVA had been killed by arc light.
1515H Company E patrol found (40) bunkers, destroyed by arc light, between YD 044674 and YD 044665. Also found were (2) NVA KBA at YD 042667.
- 8 June. 0715H Company K came in contact with (4) NVA at XD 949627 preparing new bunkers. Results of contact was (1) NVA KIA, (1) AK-47, and (1) RPG launcher.
1225H Company K made contact with (3) NVA at XD 950628 resulting in (3) NVA KIA, (2) AK-47, and (5) 82mm rounds.
1915H 2d Battalion CP found partially destroyed bunker complex containing (35) bunkers, (11) NVA KBA and (3) AK-47 rifles.
- 9 June. 0230H Company F at YD 027643 fired on movement in front of their lines. Upon searching the area at first light, blood trails, (2) cartridge belts and (1) AK-47 were found.
0650H Company F received (18) rounds of 82mm fire from vicinity YD 030632 resulting in (2) USMC WIA (evac).
0815H Company K fired 81mm mission on 5 NVA at XD 949633 resulting in (1) NVA KIA.
1000H Company K found (2) graves containing (2) NVA KIA at XD 949633.
- 10 June. 1400H Company K made contact with 4 to 5 NVA at XD 0943639 resulting in (3) NVA KIA, (1) USMC KIA, (3) USMC WIA (evac) and (3) USMC WIA (minor).
1530H Company E found (11) bunkers destroyed by arc light at YD 041652.
Between 1400H and 1930H Company K was engaged in heavy contact with 20 to 30 NVA in bunker complex at XD 943636. Artillery and fixed wing missions were called in. The results of the contact was (1) USMC KIA, (8) USMC WIA (evac), (6) NVA KIA, and (4) AK-47's.
1500H Company F found (12) bunkers, (1) SKS, misc mortar rounds and misc NVA 782 gear at XD 030637.

- 11 June. 0820H Company F squad patrol shot and killed (1) NVA fleeing from them at YD 032636. The squad searched the area and found fresh graves containing (5) NVA bodies and misc demolitions and mortar rounds.
1130H Company E patrol found (2) NVA KIA's in graves at YD 054646 and (3) NVA KBA in a bunker complex of 65 bunkers at YD 059644.
1600H Company G patrol found (1) NVA KBA in a grave at YD 061631.
- 12 June. Between 1155H and 1700H Company E was in heavy contact with an unknown size enemy force employing a heavy volume of RPG and 82mm fire at YD 051686. Unit attacked enemy position and caused them to break contact and flee to the north. The results of the contact were (2) USMC KIA, (6) USMC WIA (evac), (8) NVA KIA, (4) AK-47, (1) RPG launcher, and (1) 82mm Tube (destroyed).
- 13 June. 0615H Company G received (10) rounds of 60mm mortar from YD 048629 resulting in (6) USMC WIA (evac).
1237H USMC truck hit a mine and was heavily damaged at YD 091566. Sweep team reswept road and found (2) plastic mines.
1500H Company G spotted and fired on 3 NVA at YD 055620 killing one NVA. Search of area resulted in the finding of (14) bunkers, (1) 82mm mortar base plate, and misc NVA 782 gear and food stuffs.
- 14 June. 0810H 3d Battalion (-) began helilifting to VCB for the purpose of a two day rehab. The lift was completed at 1130H.
- 15 June. 0200H Company E LP exchanged fire with (4) NVA at YD 070662 resulting in (1) NVA KIA, (2) AK-47, and (1) USMC WIA (evac).
0400H Company E received 10 rounds of 60mm mortar fire from YD 077668 resulting in (1) USMC KIA and (6) USMC WIA (evac).
1030H Company M was helilifted from FSB Fuller to VCB to rejoin the 3d Battalion. The lift was completed at 1100H. Company M was relieved by Company H which was lifted to FSB Fuller at 0840H.
- 16 June. 1100H Company G found a bunker complex containing (23) bunkers at YD 032638. Unit destroyed bunkers.
1600H Company G platoon patrol came under fire from approx 10-15 NVA. Unit returned fire and conducted artillery mission. Results of the contact were (7) USMC WIA (evac) and (4) NVA KIA. An AO ran fixed wing mission on active mortar position at YD 041678 resulting in (4) NVA KBA and (1) mortar position destroyed.
- The 3d Battalion commenced search and destroy operations in Leatherneck Square area at 2300H after a night convoy move from Dong Ha Combat Base to Gio Linh.

17 June. 0615H 5 to 6 VC walked into Company I's perimeter at YD 193693. VC were taken under fire which resulted in (2) VC KIA and (1) IMC. Friendly casualties were (2) USMC WIA (evac).
 0930H Company M came under attack by an estimated NVA Company at YD 188737. Unit returned fire and air and artillery missions were called in. Results of contact were (11) USMC KIA, (11) USMC WIA (evac), (6) USMC WIA (minor), (10) NVA KIA, (2) AK-47's, (1) 50 cal MG and (1) RPD MG.
 1400H Company L, while moving to assist the 3d Battalions CP which was under heavy ground attack, came under fire from an unknown size enemy force. The unit returned fire and conducted fixed wing mission on enemy position. The contact resulted in (1) USMC KIA, (2) USMC WIA (evac), (2) USMC WIA (minor), (18) NVA KIA, (11) AK-47's and (3) RPG launchers.
 1400H 3d Battalion CP with a platoon of Company K for security came under heavy ground attack by an estimated NVA company at YD 195707. Unit engaged enemy in close combat and called artillery in when enemy broke contact and fled. Results of contact were (6) USMC KIA, (13) USMC WIA (evac), (30) NVA KIA (7) NVA KBA, (3) NVA POW, (10) AK-47's, (1) SKS, (1) M-16 (captured), (2) RPD (LMG) and (3) RPG launchers.
 1505H Company G, Second Battalion, Ninth Marines, was committed to assist the 3d Battalion.
 1550H Company F, Second Battalion, Ninth Marines was also committed to assist the 3d Battalion.
 1530H Company K (-) reinforced with Company A, 3d Tank Bn departed C-2 as a reaction force to assist the 3d Battalion.
 1615H Company B, 3d Tank Bn was committed to assist the 3d Bn.
 1615H An AO conducted a fixed wing mission on 70 to 100 NVA at YD 207704 resulting in (25) NVA KBA. Other AO missions included artillery and air missions on 5 NVA at YD 166763 resulting in (1) NVA KBA and (1) NVA KIA; air mission on (3) NVA at YD 184748 resulting in (4) NVA KBA; and air mission on (25) NVA resulting in (18) NVA KBA.
 2030H Company L ambush initiated contact with unknown size enemy force at YD 190699 resulting in (4) NVA KIA, (3) AK-47 and (1) 30 cal MG.
 2100H Company E received 16 rounds of 60mm mortar fire from YD 085629. An arty mission was conducted and area was searched finding (1) NVA KIA. Results of incoming were (2) USMC KIA, (12) USMC WIA (evac).

18 June. 0700H Company L had (2) NVA approach their perimeter at YD 190707. NVA were taken under fire and both killed. (1) AK-47 and (1) RPG launcher were captured.
 0830H 3d Bn CP captured (1) NVA POW who had strayed into their lines at YD 195707.
 1030H Company G at YD 030631, received 20 rounds of 82mm mortars from vicinity YD 025651 resulting in (1) USMC KIA and (11) USMC WIA (evac).

- 19 June. 0845H Company M found a grave containing (1) NVA KIA, who had been dead about three weeks at YD 166718.
- 20 June. 0715H Company M patrol found (5) NVA KIA's in graves at YD 175735. NVA had been dead 3 to 4 days.
1200H An AO ran a flight of fixed wing on (2) NVA resulting in (2) NVA KBA at YD 182762.
- 21 June. 1600H 3d Marines passed OPCON of the 3d Bn to 3d Mar Div for the purpose of conducting rehabilitation at the Cua Viet R&R Center.
- 22 June. 1640H Company B came in contact with an unknown size enemy force at YD 167672 resulting in (4) NVA KIA, and (4) AK-47's captured.
- 23 June. 0949H an AO ran a flight of fixed wing at YD 164752 resulting in (1) NVA KBA, (4) bunkers destroyed and (1) secondary explosion.
1350H Company F received (20) rounds 82mm mortar from YD 094676 resulting in (3) USMC KIA and (7) USMC WIA (evac).
- 25 June. 1200H 3d Marine Division passed OPCON of the 3d Bn back to 3d Marines.
1500H Company G found (1) NVA KBA at YD 068631 who had been dead about 2 days. Also found was (1) RPG launcher.
1600H 3d Marines passed OPCON of Companies F and G, Second Bn, Ninth Marines to 3d Marine Division.
- 27 June. 1030H A duster from 1/44 hit a AT mine at YD 057568 resulting in (1) USA KIA and (3) USA WIA (evac).
- 28 June. Between 0640H and 0830H Company M at A-4 received (8) 122mm rocket rounds from vicinity YD 055665 or YD 063671 resulting in (3) USMC WIA (evac).
- 29 June. 1200H Company B found (22) bunkers and misc documents and ordnance at YD 086634.

2. Other Significant Events.

- 28 June. Change of Command Ceremony conducted. Colonel W.F. SIMLIK assumed Command of Third Marine Regiment vice Colonel P.D. LA FOND, relieved.

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THIRD MARINES
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010001H
012400H

JOURNAL

JOURNAL, DISSEMINATED, ORDERS, AGTS

IN	OUT	NO	TIME	DESCRIPTION
			010001H	JOURNAL OPENED
		1	010015H	<u>L/3/3</u> : REACHED OBJECTIVE (015640).
		2	010400H	<u>H/2/3</u> : WAS PROBED BY (2) ENEMY NVA (06377); LINES FIRED ON ENEMY; RES: (1) NVA KIA & (1) IWC; NO ID ON BODY.
		3	010640H	<u>H/2/3</u> : RECEIVING INCOMING; 10-15 RND 60MM. RETURNED FIRE W/60MM & ARTY.
		4	010640H	<u>G/2/3</u> : RECEIVING INCOMING.
1030	1045	5	011045H	URS - B -3 RPT PASSED TO 1/3 - 3 VIC 133735.
		6	011250H	<u>1/3 CP</u> : ESTABLISHED (CP AT CLDH) RELIEVING 2/3 CP. REFER TO ENTRY #4: RESULTS OF G/2/3'S INCOMING; (1) USMC KIA; (2) USMC WIA (MEDEVAC).
		7	011000H	<u>H/2/3</u> : VIC (064628) FND (8) BUNKERS & (1) STRAW HOOTCH. BUNKERS WERE FM 2 WKS TO 2 MOS OLD. DESTROYED ALL.
		8	011315H	TROOP LIFT I (-) & M (-) FLIP FLOP.
		9	011340H	<u>C/1/3</u> : RELIEVED F/2/3 AT KGB.
		10	011330H	<u>M & I 3/3</u> : LIFT COMPLETE; ET: 23 MIN.
		11	011530H	<u>M/3/3</u> : VIC (987626) FND BUNKER COMPLEX OF (12) BUNKERS; (11) WERE (4x4x4) FIGHTING TYPE; (1) WAS (10x12) STORAGE TYPE
		12	011930H	<u>E/2/3</u> : SPTD (1) NVA/VC (081598) RUNNING N. FIRED SAF CONDUCTED 60MM MSN W/UNK RES.
		13	011020H	<u>B/1/3</u> : POINT ELEMENT DETONATED (2) AT MINES (132710); RES: (2) USMC KIA & (1) USMC WIA (MEDEVAC).
		14	012400H	JOURNAL CLOSED

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 TO 022400H

JOURNAL

TIME		DIG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ACTS
IN	OUT	NO	
		020001H	JOURNAL OPENED
		1 020900H	E/2/3: VIC (078608) FND 6 NEW BUNKERS APPROX 1 WEEK OLD. DESTROYED ALL BUNKERS
		2 021035H	EFFECT 291600H MAY 69 CG 3D MARDIV (REIN) ASSUMES OPCON OF E/2/3 FM 3D MAR AND SIMULTANEOUSLY PASSES OPCON TO 1ST BDE 5TH INF DIV (MECH)
		3 021250H	GEN STILLWELL ARRIVED THIS POS
		021345H	GEN STILLWELL DEPARTED THIS POS
		4 021430H	H/2/3: FND OLD BNKR COMPLEX MISC ORDNANCE, GEAR AND (1) AK-47 (055634)
		5 021600H	AO RCVD SAF FM (032653) RAN F/W RES: (3) KBA
		6 021849H	H/2/3: IN CONTACT VIC (045622) (1) USMC KIA (4) USMC MEDEVAC
		7 022122H	H/2/3: RCVG MTR FIRE FM VIC (043625) 5 USMC MEDEVAC
		8 022200H	MEDEVAC CHPR FOR H/2/3 FORCED DOWN IN CLDH AFTER 3D ATTEMPT OF GETTING CAS OUT. SHOT OUT 2 PREV TMS
		9 022230H	EFFECT 011200H JUN 69 CG 3D MARDIV ASSUMES OPCON OF E/2/3 FM 1ST BDE 5TH INF DIV (MECH) AND SIMULTANEOUSLY PASSES OPCON TO 3D MAR.
		10 022231H	EFFECT 011500H JUN 69 CG THIRD MARDIV (REIN) ASSUMES OPCON OF F/2/3 FROM 3D MAR AND SIMULTANEOUSLY PASSES OPCON TO 1ST BDE 5TH INF DIV (MECH)
		11 022400H	JOURNAL CLOSED

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030001H
032400H

NO	TIME	NO	TEXT
	030001H		JOURNAL OPENED
1	082200H		(LATE ENTRY) A/1/3: VIC (136647) RPTD MOVEMENT VIC (138653). FIRED 81'S W/UNK RES - WILL SEND OUT PTL IN AM.
2	030610H		<u>3/3 CP</u> : SPTD (2) NVA IN OPEN (968617) CONDUCTED ARTY MSN.
3	030830H		MEDEVAC CHPR RECVD S/F FM (047626) AO RAN (6) FLIGHTS F/W. RES: 15-20 BUNKERS DESTROYED (2) KBA.
4	031037H		<u>H/2/3</u> : MEDEVAC COMPLETE
5	030750H		<u>C/1/3</u> : RECVD RPT FM M/3/4 SWEEP TM OF ORTERS IN ROUTE #9 (015565). ENROUTE TO SITE DUSTER DETONATED MINE.
6	02 JUNE		AO SPTD 6-10 NVA SITTING ON BUNKERS (061680). (2) KIA
7	031350H		<u>L/3/3</u> : AT VIC (015640) RECVD (16) RND S 60MM MTR. CALLED ARTY & F/W. AO ON STATION. RES (3) USMC KIA, (14) USMC WIA (MEDEVAC)
8	031530H		<u>E/2/3</u> : VIC (055640), POINT ELEMENT CAME IN CONTACT WITH UNK SIZE EN FORCE. RETURNED S/F & 60MM; F/W & GUNSHIPS CALL W/GOOD COVERAGE. NEG CAS.
9	031710H		<u>L/3/3</u>: VIC 055640, PNT ELEMENT IN CONTACT W/UNK SIZE EN FORCE

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TWO INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS

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031710H

L/3/3: VIC (014640) RECVD 12 RND 82MM FIRE.

ALL RND HIT W/IN L PERIM. ARTY & AO WAS

WALLED. W/W WAS RAN ON SUSPECTD EN POS; RES:

(4) USMC KIA; (7) USMC WIA (EVAC).

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THIRD MARINES
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040001H
042400H

JOURNAL

INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, OTHERS

NO	TIME	DESCRIPTION
	040001H	JOURNAL OPENED
1	042100H	I/3/3: AT VIC (997614) LP'S ON EACH END OF THE COMPANY HAD MOVEMENT COMING FM N TO E. MOVEMENT WAS SLOW AND DELIBRATE AND WORKED ITS WAY AROUND ALL SIDES OF PERIMETER. SCOUT DOGS WERE ALERTED VERY STRONGLY IN THE DIRECTION OF THE MOVEMENT. OCCASIONALLY A STRANGE ODOR, SOMETHING LIKE MARIJUANA, WAS DETECTED. FIRED ARTY MSN ON LIKELY AVE OF APPROACH. WILL CHECK AREA AT FIRST LIGHT.
2	031600H	(LATE ENTRY) H/2/3: AT VIC (050640) SPOTTED 2 NVA SNIPERS WHICH IN TURN FIRED S/A. RETURNED S/A AND 60MM. RES: (2) NVA KIA
3	041000H	E/2/3: VIC (049617) WHILE ON PTL FND 10 BUNKERS AND FIGHTING HOLES, ALSO 782 GEAR DESTROYED ALL.
4	041205H	E/2/3: VIC (057624) FND MISC 782 GEAR. GEAR WAS KEPT IN E/2/3 POS.
5	040930H	H/2/3: VIC (051626) FND NVA GEAR AND (1) NVA BODY. DESTROYED GEAR: ADD (1) NVA KBA (2) IWC; (3) CSWC
6	041300H	HELILIFT OF F/2/3, G/2/3 & 2/3 81'S COMPLETED.
7	041500H	G/2/3: CHOPPED OPCON TO 3d MARDIV.
8	041500H	F/2/3: RETURNED OPCON TO 3d MARINES.

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(1) BNKER HAD BEEN USED AS FIRST AID STATION.
BNKERS PARTLY DESTROYED BY AIR AND/OR ARTY.
WILL CALL ARTY MEN ON AREA.

10 041700H E/2/3: FND (20) BNKERS (057612). DESTROYED.

11 041530H E/2/3: FND (42) BNKERS (0546130). DESTROYED.

12 041315H I/3/3: POINT ELEMENT VIC (971616) MADE
CONTACT WITH 35-40 NVA IN A BUNKER COMPLEX.
CONTACT INITIATED WITH (2) RPG RNDs & THEN
S/A & A/W. AIR, ARTY & 81'S WERE EMPLOYED
& ENEMY BROKE CONTACT. RES: (4) USMC KIA;
(12) USMC WIA EVAC; (2) USMC MINOR; (1) NVA
KIA; (2) NVA KBA; (1) AK-47 CAPTURED.

13 042130H AN LP OF H/2/3 VIC (030631) HEARD MOVEMENT
& THREW GRENADES & REQ'D S/A FIRE IN RETURN.

14 031345H FOLLOW-UP: AO WORKING FOR I/3/3 CONTACT
RAN F/W ON ENEMY FO (023643) KILLING ENEMY.
RESULTS: (1) NVA KBA.

15 042400H JOURNAL CLOSED

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 FROM 050001H
 TO 052400H

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TIME	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS
050001H	JOURNAL OPENED
1 050730H	3/3: CP COMMENCED MOVEMENT TO NEW POS(975623).
2 051000H	3/3: CP MIGRATION COMPLETED.
3 050745H	F/2/3: VIC (064644) FND (2) NVA BDYS KBA.
4 050845	F/2/3: AT (057647) FND NVA BNKER CMPLX OF (8) BNKERS; (48) RND 82MM; (1) CHICOM; (500 lbs) RICE, AND (1) CLAYMORE.
5 050947H	K/3/3: RECD 23 RND 60MM ALL IMPACTING OUTSIDE OF PERIMETER AT (948626).
6 050845H	F/2/3: AT (057638) FND (2) NVA BDYS KBA; 1 TO 2 DAYS OLD. ALSO FND 3 MTR PITS. DESTROYED ALL GEAR FOUND (20) 82MM RND; (50) 50 CAL RND (5) CHICOMS.
7 050825H	ROADSWEEP FM 1/3 FND 60MM RND ALONGSIDE ROAD. BLEW IN PLACE.
8	DISPLACEMENT OF 3/3 A COMMAND GRP COMPLETED OVERLAND TO (975623). DOES HAVE LZ
9 051030H	E/2/3: AT (047617) FND (1) NVA KILLED BY SAF. GREE UNIFORM; NO PATCHES; ALSO FND MARINE EQUIP.
10 051300H	F/2/3: AT (058646) FND (4) NVA KIA. APPEARED TO BE KILLED BY ARTY. ALSO FND (2) AK-47'S; (1) RPG; (23) AK-MAGS; (1) RPD AMMO DRUM; (20) LBS TNT; (20) SHAPE CHARGES; (20) FEET DET CORD (14) CHICOM GRENADES; (3) CLAYMORES; (9) RPG RND; (57) 60MM RND; (3) BLOCKS NVA EXPLOSIVE

- (13) PACKS WITH MISC GEAR; (10) LBS RICE;
(164) 82MM RNDs; (4) RUSSIAN MADE GRENADES.
- 11 051620H EFFECTIVE 041500H JUNE 69 CG, THIRD MARDIV (Rein)
ASSUMES OPCON OF F/2/3 FM 1ST BDE 5TH INF DIV
(Rein) AND SIMULTANEOUSLY PASSES OPCON TO 3D MAR.
- 12 051621H EFFECTIVE 041500H JUNE 69 CG, THIRD MARDIV (Rein)
ASSUMES OPCON OF G/2/3 FROM 3D MAR AND SIMULTANE
OUSLY PASSES OPCON TO 1ST BDE 5TH INF DIV (MECH)
- 13 051620H 3/3: OP FND (4) GRAVES (975623) INVESTIGATED
FND (4) BODIES. RES (4) NVA KIA.
- 14 051900H H/2/3: SPTD & ENGAGED W/SAF (1) NVA (044635).
- 15 051600H IN INVESTIGATION OF GRAVES REGISTRATION ASSERTED
IDENTIFICATION OF BODY WHO WAS REPORTED MIA BY
B/1/3. DELETE (1) MIA: CHANGE TO (1) KIA.
- 16 052400H JOURNAL CLOSED

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THIRD MARINES

FROM DHOB
TO 060001H
062400H

JOURNAL

IN	OUT	NO	TIME	EVENTS, MESSAGES, COMMENTS
			060001H	JOURNAL OPENED
		1	060230H	<u>0/1/3</u> : AT VIC (016565); (3) EN APPROACHED AMBUSH SITE. AMBUSH TRIGGERED CLAYMORE & FIRED M-60. EN HURLED FM ROAD BY BLAST & ROUTE OF ESCAPE BLOCKED BY M-60. RES: (1)NVA KIA.
		2	060815H	<u>H/2/3</u> : REVOD INCOMING-UNK CAL MTR. ARTY BEING FIRED. (1) EMER MEDEVAC: EN (029642) FRIENDLY (038635)
		3	061059H	<u>K/3/3</u> : RECVD INCOMING FM (968654).
		4	060945H	<u>H/2/3</u> : REQVING INCOMING- UNK CAL MTR. ARTY BEING FIRED.
		5	06	REFER TO ENTRIES 2&4. ADD (6) USMC WIA (EVAC) (4) USMC KIA.
		6	061340H	AO WORKING FOR 3/3 CONDUCTED ARTY MNS ON (973658) & (968654). (3) FLIGHTS F/W ON (976656) & (978653). SPTD A 60MM MORTAR TUBE (024670). CONDUCTED (2) FLIGHTS F/W - DESERD TUBE.
		7	060925H	<u>I/3/3</u> : PND (8) BNKERS & (15) FGTNG HOLES (969624).
		8	060545H	<u>L (-)</u> : LEFT LZ CHAMP
			061719H	ALL UNITS CROSSED BUFFER ZONE LINE.
		9	061055H	NOTIFIED DIV COG, <u>K/3/3</u> IS TAKING INCOMING MTR

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- 10 061450H K/3/3: AT VIC (969633) RECVD (12) RND 60MM.
ALL RND IMPACTED OUTSIDE PERIMETER. FIRED 81
& ARTY MSN.
- 11 061820H K/3/3: AT VIC (969633) RECVD (53) RND 60MM.
ALL RND IMPACTED OUTSIDE PERIMETER.
- 12 061935H K/3/3: AT VIC (956632) SGHTD (2) NVA IN OPEN
AT VIC (947630), CARRYING A 60MM MTR HEADING
NORTHWEST. CALLED IN 81MM & ARTY MSN.
- 13 061420H K/3/3: AT VIC (957633) PLT PTL FND (4) BNKERS,
USED APPROX 3-4 WKS AGO, MISC ORDNANCE &
EQUIPMENT. DESTROYED BNKERS, EQUIPMENT, ORDNANCE
- 14 061800H H/2/3: AT VIC (047624) WHILE MIGRATING FND;
APPROX (30) BNKERS; (3) FRESH GRAVES; (30) 82MM
RND ; (15) RPG RND & NUMEROUS 782 GEAR. WERE
MOVING OUT OF DROP ZONE AND DID NOT STOP TO
DESTROY GEAR.
- 15 062230H K/3/3: RECVD EMERGENCY RESUPPLY-COMPLETED.
- 16 062400H JOURNAL CLOSED

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		070001H	JOURNAL OPENED
1		070700H	LIFT COMMENCED - F/2/3, E/2/3.
2		070745H	E/2/3: LIFT COMPLETE
3		070758H	2/3: APPREHENDED (1) POW.
4		070759H	E&F/2/3: LIFT COMPLETE
5		090912H	2/3 LIFT COMPLETE
6		070945H	K/3/3: IN CONTACT WITH (4) NVA (973640). CONDUCTED ARTY MSN. RES: (1) USMC WIA (EVAC); (1) NVA KIA.
7		070930H	AO RECVD SAF (AK-47) FM CAVES IN RIDGELINE VIC (017656) TO (020658).
8		070730H	F/2/3: CAPTURED (1) NVA POW (021649) AND (1) AK-47.
9		071200H	F/2/3: AT VIC (028652) FND (20) BNKERS; (5) GUNPITS; (11) 82MM RND; ASSORTED INCREMENTS FOR 82MM. BLOWN IN PLACE.
10		070915H	E/2/3: AT VIC (052667), FND NVA GEAR; (2) BNKERS; (2) OLD GRAVES; (1) NVA SHIRT WITH MARKINGS ON COLLAR & ABOVE LEFT POCKET (TROUNG D-R-5). BNKERS & GEAR WERE DESTROYED BY BOMBS. BODIES WERE DECAYED AND OLD. RESULTS: (2) NVA KIA.
11		071400H	E/2/3: AT VIC (054664) FND (2) NVA BODIES NEAR STREAM WHILE ON S/D OPN. RES: (2) NVA KIA.
12		071830H	E/2/3: VIC (046667) RECVD (12) RND 82MM MORTAR. CALLED ARTY & 81 MSN W/NEG RESULTS.
13		071515H	E/2/3: FND FOLLOWING AT (044674): (20) OVERHEAD BNKERS - (4) MONTHS OLD; AT (042667) FND (2) DEAD NV

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			(2) WKS OLD; AT (044665) FND (20) BNKERS AND MISC
			HEAR AMMO; AT (035665) FND (2) BNKERS & MISC AMMO.
			DEE DESTROYED ALL BUNKERS AND AMMO.
	14	072400H	JOURNAL CLOSED

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				080001H	JOURNAL OPENED
			1	080900H	E/2/3: AT VIC (045664) A PLT CAME IN CONTACT WITH (2) NVA.
			2	080715H	K/3/3: AT VIC (944624), POINT ELEMENTS ENGAGED 4-5 NVA PREPARING NEW BNKERS. NVA FIRED A CLAYMORE AND FLED. ARTY MSN CALLED IN. RES: (1) NVA KIA; (1) AK-47 IWC; (6) CHICOMS; (1) CARTRIDGE BELT & (1) RPG INCH
			3	080815H	1/3: SWEEP TM 303 AT VIC (143613) FND BOOBY TRAPPED M-79 RND NEAR SHOULDER OF ROAD. RND WAS PLANTED IN GROUND TO BE DETONATED BY PRESSURE OF FOOT. M-79 RD BLOWN IN PLACE.
			4	080815H	1/3: SWEEP TM 307 AT VIC (104576) HAD (30) VIENAMESSE CHILDREN TURN IN (1) LAAW; (1) DUD 40MM LAAW RND; (1) M-79 RND; (79) M-16 MAGS (FULL); (1) M-26 FRAG GRND; (4) BAR MAGS (2) AK-47 MAGS AND (1) US BAYONET. CHILDREN WERE PAID 4,800 PIASTERS.
			5	080845H	1/3: SWEEP TM 303 AT VIC (133624) FND DUD 105MM RND. BLOWN IN PLACE.
			6	080745H	1/3: SWEEP TM AT VIC (151618) FND (1) DUD 82MM RND ALONG SHOULDER OF ROAD. BLOWN IN PLACE.
			7	080930H	E/2/3: SQD PTRL (049672) RECVD SAF FM 10 ENEMY VIC (049674). SQD RETND FIRE & CALLED ARTY. ENEMY BROKE CONTACT AND RAN NORTH. NO RESULTS.

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8	080935H	E/2/3: SQD PTL (054676) SPOTTED 4 ENEMY RUNNING NORTH OVER RIDGE VIC (052678). TOOK ENEMY UNDER FIRE. CALLED IN 60MM & ARTY. SEARCHED AREA W/NEG RESULTS. ADD (2) USMC WIA (EVAC).
9	081225H	K/3/3: VIC 953639 POINT ELEMENT HAD CONTACT WITH 2-3 ENEMY. EXCHANGED FIRE AND RAN FIXED WING W/NEG RES.
10	081545H	E/2/3: FT PTL (053666) RECIEVED (1) RND SNIPER FIRE FM (056671). FT RETURNED FIRE W/M-79 AND CALLED 81 MSN. PTL BEING SENT OUT TO CHECK AREA. NEG CAS.
11	081740H	TRUCK AT WATER POINT (148604) RECVD SAF (140598).
12	081915H	2/3: CO F FOUND BNKR CMLX (027643) AND (7) NVA BODIES AND (1) AK-47. CAUSE OF DEATH-BOMB DROP ON 06 JUNE.
13	082000H	E/2/3: SPT 8-8 NVA IN OPEN (068657). CONDUCTED 60MM & ARTY MSN. WILL CHECK AT FIRST LIGHT.
14	082400H	JOURNAL CLOSED

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090650H

F/2/3: (031639) RECEIVED 18 ENDS 82MM MORTAR FIRE.

FIRED 60MM, 81MM & ARTY. RES (2) USMC WIA (EVAC).

2

090230H

F/2/3: (027643) HEARD MOVEMENT IN FRONT OF LINES.

FIRED SAF & THREW GRENADES. SEARCH OF AREA DISCLOSED

BLOOD TRAILS; 2 CARTRIDGE BELTS & (1) AK-47; RES

(1) IWC (AK-47)

3

090807H

E/2/3: FND WELL USED TRAILS (068657 TO 071662).

MAIN TRAIL RUNNING SE WITH SMALL TRAILS RUNNING

VARIOUS DIRECTIONS. CHECKED AREA W/NEG RES.

4

090835H

1/3: SWEEP TM VIC (104576) 14 VIETNAMESE CHILDREN

TURNED IN 21 M-16 MAGS (FULL); 2 M-26 FRAGS & (1)

AN-PRO RECEIVER #10844. PAID CHILDREN 1250 PIASTERS.

5

090815H

K/3/3: (949633) SAW (5) NVA MOVING ACROSS HILL TOP

(945624). FIRED 81 MISSION. ADD (1) NVA KIA.

6

091130H

F/2/3: FINAL SEARCH FND 30-35 BNKERS; (4) MORE NVA

KBA & (2) MORE AK-47's; (3) DOCUMENTARY BOOKS.

7

091200H

E/2/3: FND (9) BNKERS (032664) & (30) BUNKERS (046658)

SEARCHED BOTH W/NEG FINDINGS.

8

091512H

COMMENCED H/2/3 & G/2/3 HELILIFT.

9

091555H

H/2/3: COMPLETE TO C-2.

10

091700H

CHOPPED OPCON OF H/2/3 AND ASSUMED OPCON OF G/2/3

FM 3D MARDIV AT 091700H.

11

091830H

F/2/3: AT VIC (029638) WHILE MOVING TO NIGHT POS,

POINT ELEMENT RECVD SAF. PULLED POINT ELEMENT BACK

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AND CALLED IN ARTY AND AIR. RES: DESTROYED (7) BNKERS

2(1) TRENCHLINE AND (1) MORTAR PIT.

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	100001H	JOURNAL OPENED
1	100130H	B/1/3: HAD GRND READ OUT OF EST (80) TROOPS IN 3 GRPS.
2	101715H	CONDUCTED CS DROP ON GRIDS (971660) (940653).
3	101030H	COMMENCED HELILIFT OF M PLT 3/3.
4	101130H	E/2/3: FND (11) BNKERS DESTROYED BY KIR ARC LIGHT 041652
5	101140H	E/2/3: FND (2) FRESH BNKERS AT (048643).
6	101400H	EFF 091200H - 3d MAR ASSUMES OPCON OF G/2/3 FM 1st BDE 5TH INF DIV. EFF 091700H OPCON OF H/2/3 PASSED 1st BDE 5TH INF.
7	101400H	K/3/3: AT VIC(943639), PLT MOVING UP HILL INITIATED CONTACT W/4-5 NVA & KILLED (1) NVA, THEN RECVD SAF & POSSIBLE RPG RND. K(-) IS MOVING TO JOIN UNIT THAT IS NOT IN CONTACT AT THIS TIME. PLT COMDR (SNCO) WOUNDED. (2) AO'S ON STATION; ARTY BEING FIRED; (1) FLIGHT F/W RAN. RES: (1) USMC KIA; (8) USMC WIA (EVAC); (6) NVA KIA; (4) AK-47'S CAPTURED.
8	101355H	L/3/3: PTL PNT ELEMENT MADE CONTACT W/UNK SIZE FORCE. (MORE TO FOLLOW).
9	101500H	F/2/3: PTL VIC (029634) FND BNKR COMPLX, (5) 82 RND; (23) 60MM RND; NUMEROUS DOCUMENTS & MISC GEAR & COMM GEAR. DESTROYED ORDNANCE IN PLACE.
10	101500H	F/2/3 PTL VIC (030637) FND (50) LB BAG OF RICE; 1 SKS; MISC ORDNANCE. DESTROYED ALL.
11	101815H	E/2/3: VIC (058643) FND 25-30 BNKRS W/FRESH TRAIL ACTVTY WILL CHECK AREA FURTHER IN MORNING.

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12	101500H	F/2/3: PTL VIC (032637) FND (11) BNKRS. DESTROYED ALL.
13	101900H	F/2/3: PTL VIC (030632) FND (2) MORTAR PITS W/MISC GEAR & ORDNANCE. DESTROYED ALL.
14	101915H	B/1/3: AT A-4 SPOTTED (15) NVA VIC (157738) MOVING N. FIRED ARTY. PTL WILL CHECK OUT AREA TOMORROW.
15	101600H	L/3/3: VIC (958634) SPOTTED (2) NVA APPROX 300METERS AWAY. SET UP HASTY AMBUSH WITH NEG RES THUS FAR.
16	101700H	L/3/3: VIC (960637) SPOTTED (1) NVA & OPENED FIRE W/SA. SEARCHED AREA W/NEG RESULTS.
17	102400H	JOURNAL CLOSED

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		110001H	JOURNAL OPENED
1		110820H	F/2/3: AT (032636) PTL SPOTTED (1) NVA WHILE SEARCHING BUNKERS. RES: (1) NVA KIA.
2		110830H	1/3: ROAD SWEEP AT (131628) TRUCK ON SWEEP HIT MINE & WAS HEAVILY DAMAGED.
3		110930H	K/3/3: AT (946630) RECVD (11) RND 60MM MORTAR WHICH IMPACTED OUTSIDE PERIMETER. ARTY MSN FIRED ON (942646) (943653).
4		111035H	1/3: PC AT (131628) HIT MINE. (2) USMC WIA (EVAC). ROAD CLOSED & BEING RESWEPT.
5		111000H	PAX TO K/3/3 COMPLETE.
6		111530H	1/3 REOPENED 561.
7		111224H	E/2/3: VIC (047639) FND (2) BNKERS (STILL INTACT). SEARCHED AREA & DESTROYED BUNKERS.
8		111100H	E/2/3: VIC (066649) FND (1) TRAIL GOING NE ALSO FND (2) CHICOMS; (10) AK RND & (1) NVA NEWS PAPER & (1) RPG RND. CHECKED AREA W/NEG RESULTS.
9		111040H	E/2/3: VIC (048643) FND (5) BNKERS COMPLETELY DESTROYED BY BOMBS. FND (1) FIRST AID KIT; (1) BTRY & 1 PR TROUSR
10		111130H	E/2/3: VIC (054646) FND (2) NVA KIA. BDYS DEAD 2-3 WKS.
11		110820H	F/2/3: VIC (032636) FND (5) NVA BODIES KIA IN GRAVES. ALSO FND (2) CLAYMORES; (37) SATCHEL CHARGES; (6) 60MM; (32) 82MM RND; (2) MG MAGS; (80) 82MM FUSES; (100) LBS OF RICE AND MEDICAL GEAR.
12		101830H	(LATE ENTRY) A PTL FM 1/3/3 DISCOVERED LAST MAN IN PTL

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			MISSING WHEN PTL TURNED AROUND TO FIND NEW ROUTE. DETAIL SEARCH IS BEING MADE W/AO ASSIST.
13	111400H	E/2/3:	FND (65) BNKERS; (3) NVA BODIES (KBA). NO INSIGNIA. BLEW (9) BUNKERS OUT OF C-4. FND (9) E TOOLS; (8) CHICOMS; (4) AK MAGS & 50-75 LBS OF RICE.
14	111600H	G/2/3:	VIC (061631) FND GRAVE W/1 NVA BODY KBA 2-3 WEEKS OLD W/NO INSIGNIAS. RES: (1) NVA KBA.
15	111600H	F/2/3:	VIC (032627) FND BNKER COMPLEX. ALSO FND (1) CLAYMORE; (7) CHICOMS; (25) RND AK AMMO; VARIOUS CLOTHING RAINGEAR AND COOKING GEAR; (1) 1.5 VOLT BTRY; (15) 3 MAN BNKERS (21) FIGHTING HOLES W/COVERS.
16	111615H	L/3/3:	FND (1) MORTAR PIT, (966636) ALSO (14) 82MM RND. DESTROYED ALL.
17	110800H to 111600H	K/3/3:	RETURNED TO SITE OF ENEMY CONTACT, FND AND DESTROYED MISC ORDNANCE.
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	121155H	1	E/2/3: PLT VIC (065675) RECEIVING SAF AND INCOMING INCOMING MORTARS FM (051686 & 058686). CALLED IN ARTY.
	120900H TO 121115H	2	RD SWEEP TM 303 FND (2) AT MINES (149612) & (131628). DESTROYED BOTH.
	121300H	3	D/1/3: FND A CAMOFLAGED TUNNEL AT (093603).
		4	REFER TO ENTRY (1). UNIT IN SEPARATE CONTACT THROUGHOUT THE DAY. RES: FRIENDLY (2) KIA; (4) WIA (EVAC). ENEMY (8) NVA KIA. (2) CSWC, (1) RPG LAUNCHER AND (1) 82MM TUBE.
	121500H	5	G/2/3: PTL FND (15) BUNKERS AND FT TRAILS. (082616).
	121735H	6	E/2/3: RECOVERED THE RECON KIA (MIA).
	120900H	7	I/3/3: PTL SPID (4) NVA (974618). CONDUCTED 60MM & 81MM MSN.
	121205H	8	3/3 OP: UTILIZED RETRANSMISSION PLANE TO HELP RELOCATE MIA OF L/3/3. FND HIM AND MEDEVACED SAME.
	121030H	9	I/3/3: AT VIC (963627), PLT WAS MOVING NW WHEN THEY DISCOVERED (7) A FRAME TYPE BNKERS. ALL BUNKERS WERE XXXX 6' X 5' X 4', WITH 4-6" OF LOGS AND 18" DIRT AS OVERHEAD CONSTRUCTION. (1) BUNKER HAD A (1) FOOT BY (6) INCH APERTURE FACING EAST. BUNKERS WERE 2-4 MO OLD. SEARCHED AREA AND DUG UP BUNKER FLOORING WITH NEO RESULTS. DESTROYED ALL BUNKERS.
	121500H	10	B/1/3: LP OBSERVED (10) ENEMY IN OPEN WITH PACKS MOVING TO NW VIC (160745). ARTY WAS CONDUCTED & ADJUSTED BY LP.
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	130001H	JOURNAL OPENED
1	131630H	G & CP 2/3: (056620) RECEIVED INCOMING OF 10 RND 60MM. (2) USMC WIA (EVAC). ARTY CALLED ON GRIDS (043656/045629).
2	121145H	E/2/3: FOLLOW UP - ADD (5) WIA (EVAC); ENEMY ADD (4) IWC; FRIENDLY ADD (2) WIA (EVAC).
3	130500H	1/3: SIR; CONDUCTING 81MM H&I MSN. RND IMPACTED IN INDEGENOUS HAMLET. RES: (2) INDEGENOUS KILLED, (2) WOUNDI
4	130300H	G/2/3: RECD (2) GRENADES; RETURNED SAF & GRENADES; SEARCHED AT 1ST LIGHT, FND (1) AK-47, (1) CHICOM.
5	130730H	K/3/3: (954639) RECD (29) RND 60MM. RND IMPACTED OUTSIDE PERIMETER. CONDUCTED ARTY & 81MM MSN ON (968656).
6	131130H	A/1/3: C-3 BRIDGE SECURITY APPREHENDED & DETAINED (2) VN WOMEN WHO HAD BLASTING CAPS & DET CORD. RELEASED THEM TO CIT, WHO ASSERTED THEM NOT TO BE VC.
7	131410H	3D MARDIV CHOPPED H/2/3 TO 3D MARINES EFFECTIVE 131030H AT DONG HA RAMP & SIMULTANEOUSLY PASSED OPCON TO 2/3.
8	131500H	G/2/3: (055620) SPOTTED 2-3 NVA IN OPEN VIC (048629). OPENED FIRE WITH 60MM KILLING (1) NVA. DESTROYED (14) BUNKERS & GEAR IN PLACE. FND 25 LBS RICE, (1) 82MM MORTAR BASE PLATE; MISC NVA 782 GEAR & MISC ORDNANCE. ADD (1) NVA KIA.
9	130830H TO 131230H	L/3/3: (952632) FND (3) NVA CLAYMORES WIRED FOR DET. WIRES WERE LEADING TO (2) BUNKERS. SEARCHED BNKRS AND

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			FND MISC ORDNANCE. BUNKERS & ORDNANCE DESTROYED.
			FND (3) CLAYMORES; (1) RPG RND & (27) CHICOMS.
10	130900H		I/3/3: (969618) FND (5) BNKERS. (4) WERE 5'x4'x4' AND (1) WAS 10'x 8'x 4'. ALSO FND (7) 60MM RNDs W/INCREMENTS ATTACHED BUT NO FUSES; (1) NVA CANTEN; (2) US FLAK JACKETS; (4) US PONCHO'S; (3) SETS US UTILITIES & (2) US HELMETS. BUNKERS DESTROYED.
11	131915H		A/1/3: (135645) REPORTED SIGHTING (3) ENEMY WEARING BLACK PJ'S INSIDE OUTER WIRE. TANKS FIRED (3) RNDs OF CANISTER & (4) RNDs WP. NO FURTHER MOVEMENT WAS SEEN. NO ACTION TAKEN AS THE ENEMY WAS IN AREA OF MINE FIELD. WILL CHECK OUT AREA IN MORNING.
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	140001H	JOURNAL OPENED
1	140020H	B/1/3: (A-4) RECEIVED (2) POSSIBLE 122MM RKTs FM EITHER (132735 OR 151770). RNDs IMPACTED OUTSIDE PERIMETER. NEG CASUALTIES.
2	140810H	3/3: HELILIFT COMMENCED 0810.
3	140715H	H/2/3: AT VIC (084639) RECVD (13) RNDs 82MM MORTAR. CALLED 60MM & ARTY MSN.
4	140906H	L/3/3: HELILIFT COMPLETED TO VCB.
5	140939H	H/2/4: HELILIFT COMPLETED
6	141015H	A CMND 3/3 LIFT TO VCB COMMENCED.
7	141015H	BOUNDARY CHANGE IN EFFECT
8	141055H	A CMND 3/3 LIFT TO VCB COMPLETED & COMM ESTABLISHED.
9	141130H	3/3 (-): HELILIFT COMPLETED
10	140830H	A/1/3: AT VIC (122658) PLT DISCVRD FRESH BNKR W/GOOD OVERHEAD. SERCHNG TRAIL IN AREA. PLT FND AT MINE. PTL BASE ESTABLSD & AREA BEING THOROUGHLY SEARCHED. BNKRS & MINE WILL BE DESTROYED.
11	141030H	H/2/3: VIC (079639) WAS AMBSHD BY APPROX (2) NVA SQDS. AT VIC (084639) RECVD (15) RNDs 82MM MTR. CALLED ARTY, FIRED 60 & 82MM AND SWPT AREA FINDING (1) AP MINE & (1) RPD W/AMMO. RES: ADD (1) CSWC.
12	141730H	E/2/3: OBSERVED (3) RNDs POSSIBLE 82MM IMPACTING APPROX 500METERS FM THEIR POSITION.
13	141130H	G/2/3: PTL FND (12) A FRAME BNKRS; MISC ORDNANCE, AND (1) BLOOD TRAIL.
14	142400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.

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		150001H	JOURNAL OPENED
1		150200H	E/2/3: VIC (070662) LP SPTD (4) NVA MOVING OUTSIDE LINES & INITIATED CONTACT. RECVD SAF IN RETURN. RES: (1) USMC WIA (EVAC).
2		150400H	E/2/3: VIC (070662) RECVD 60MM MTR FIRE FM VIC (077668). ARTY MSN FIRED ON SUSPECTED MTR LOCATION.
3		150550H	REFER ENTRY 2: EMERGENCY MEDEVACS E/2/3 OUT OF LZ. (2) PRIORITIES REMAIN UNTIL LATER. (5) TOTAL (EVACED).
4		150730H	H/2/3: HELILIFT COMMENCED.
5		150840H	H/2/3: HELILIFT COMPLETED.
6		150910H	M/3/3: HELILIFT COMMENCED.
7		151030H	M/3/3: HELILIFT COMPLETED.
9			REF ENTRY #1 SEARCHED AREA OF CONTACT FINDING (1) NVA KIA; (1) AK-47, & MISC GEAR. ADD (1) NVA KIA & (1) IWC.
10			REF ENTRY #2 RECVD (10) RND 60MM MTR FIRE. TOTAL RES: (1) USMC KIA; (6) USMC WIA (EVAC).
11		151050H	UH-34 MADE EMER LANDING ON ROAD APPARENTLY DUE TO POWER FAILURE. SECURITY PROVIDED FOR HELICOPTER. AWAITING EXT
12		151500H	DIV REPORTED TF MUSTANG OUT OF 3 MAR AO.
13		151400H	D/1/3: FND (5) OLD A FRAME BNKRS (057586) ALSO STENCH OF CS GAS IN AREA.
14			REFER TO ENTRY #11: HELICOPTER EXTRACTED AT 151500H
15		151630H	G/2/3: AT VIC (031631) RECVD SNIPER FIRE FM VIC (028633). UNIT RETURNED SAF & 81MM WITH UNK RES.
16		152400H	RES: (2) USMC WIA (EVAC). JOURNAL CLOSED

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	160001H	JOURNAL OPENED
1	160630H	"DUNBAR COUNTY" IN CONTACT W/UNK SIZE ENEMY FORCE. RES (1) USMC WIA (EVAO).
2	160755H	RECON TM (DUNBAR COUNTY) EXTRACTED.
3	161135H	K(-): REACHED OBJECTIVE (C-2).
4	161250H	M/3/3: DEPARTED VCB FOR DHCB.
5	161255H	2/3CP: AT VIC (040629) REPORTED (8) RND S UNK CAL IMPACTING AT VIC (034627). NEG ACTION TAKEN.
6	161100H	G/2/3: AT VIC (030631) DISCOVERED BNKR COMPLEX. CALLED IN F/W MSNS RESULTING IN (12) SECONDARY EXPLOSION AT VIC (032638) & (6) AT VIC (028638).
7	161800H	BOUNDARY CHANGE BETWEEN 1/3 & 3/3 IN EFFECT & WITH 3D MAR & 2D ARVN.
8	161600H	3/3(-): ARRIVED AT DHCB.
9	161855H	K/3/3 & A (-) : AT C-2 TAKING 122 ROCKETS.
10	161630H	G/2/3: VIC (040629) RECEIVING SAF. RES: (7) USMC WIA (E (4) NVA KIA.
11	162005H	3/3: LEFT DHCB.
12	162130H	I/3/3: DEBARKING.
13	162140H	I/3/3: CROSSED LOD
14	162215H	3/3:1 CROSSED LOD.
15	162300H	TRUCK CONVOY RETURNING TO DHCB.
16	162300H	3/3: M & I HAVE CROSSED LOD HOLDING FOR PREP FIRE ON NIGHT OBJECTIVE.

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- 17 161630H (LATE ENTRY) F/W WORKING FOR 12TH MARINES SPOTTED AN AO
WORKING FOR 2/3 FIRING 20MM RND S AT AN ENEMY POSITION;
F/W THOUGHT HE WAS MARKING TARGET & DROPPED (2) 500LB
BOMBS VIC G/2/3. BOMBS WERE DROPPED APPROX (3) KM
FROM TARGET AREA. RES (2) PRC-25 DESTROYED.
- 18 162400H JOURNAL CLOSED.

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	170001H	JOURNAL OPENED
1	170626H	A/1/3 & K/3/3 (-): AT C-2 RECVD (6) RND OF 122MM RKTS, W/ALL LANDING OUTSIDE PERIMETER. ARTY MSN CALLED ON (10506605) & (10586685).
2.	170630H	L/3/3: AT (193693) HAD 5-6 VC WALK INTO PERIMETER. UNIT OPENED FIRE & CALLED IN AO. RES: (2) USMC WIA (EVAC); (3) USMC WIA (MINOR); (2) VC KIA.
3	170850H	I/3/3: (206693) SPT (1) NVA/VC CARRYING A PACK (147287). SNIPERS AND M-60 GUN TM FIRED. SWEEP AREA W/NEG RES.
4	170855H	I/3/3: IN CONTACT W/UNK SIZE EN FORCE. ARTY BEING CALLED ON (175685).
5	170930H	M/3/3: AT (188726) IN SMALL ARMS CONTACT W/UNK SIZE ENEMY FORCE. AO ON STATION, RAN F/W. RES: (1) USMC KIA; (7) USMC WIA (EVAC).
6	171000H	L/3/3: MOVING TOWARDS M/3/3, MEETING SPORADIC ENEMY RESISTANCE. ARTY BEING FIRED ON (188685).
7	171015H	M/3/3: REQUEST EMERGENCY RESUPPLY OF AMMO.
8	171025H	M/3/3: MEDEVACS OUT AT 1025H.
9	171035H	K/3/3: AT C-2 REACTION FORCE FOR WIA 3/3 COMMITTED TO HILL 31 (170714).
10	171100H	K/3/3 (-): MISSION AS REACTION FORCE ABORTED, RETURNING TO C-2.
11	171115H	M/3/3: EMERGENCY RESUPPLY COMPLETED.
12	171230H	CB ROAD GRADER (070565) EAST OF KHE GIO BRIDGE HIT MINE.

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		(1) MAN EVACED (USN). SWEEP TM MOVING TO SCENE. ARMY PC HIT MINE. RES: (3) WIA (EVAC).
13	171333H	M/3/3: RECEIVING INCOMING MORTAR FIRE. RES: (9) USMC KIA; (4) USMC WIA (EVAC).
14	171320H	MEDEVACS FM M/3/3 OUT. (4) USMC WIA; (9) USMC KIA.
15	171530H	3/3: CP REQ FOR EMER RESUPPLY.
16	171530H	K/3/3 (-): DEPARTED C-2 AS REACTIONARY FORCE.
17	171530H	L/3/3: RECVD SAF FM UNK EN FORCE (182701) W/NEG RES.
18	171550H	BALD EAGLE (F/2/9) COMMITTED FOR 3/3.
19	171550H	REQ FOR CO OF TANKS FM VCB.
20	171550H	BALD EAGLE (G/2/9) COMMITTED FOR 3/3.
21	171615H	CO B 3D TANKS COMMITTED FOR 3/3.
22	171629H	G/2/9: LIFTED OUT OF VCB.
23	171630H	L/3/3: EMER RESUPPLY OF AMMO.
24	171645H	RESUPPLY COMPLETE FOR 3/3 CP & (4) MEDEVACS LIFTED OUT.
25	171650H	G/2/9: REACHED 3/3 CP SIMULTANEOUSLY CHOPPED OPCON 3/3.
26	171700H	M/3/3: EMER RESUPPLY COMPLETE.
27	171720H	F/2/9: REACHED 3/3 CP SIMULTANEOUSLY CHOPPED OPCON 3/3.
28	171735H	REQ MADE FOR EMER RESUPPLY OF 81'S FOR 3/3 CP.
29	171800H	K/3/3: (148716) RECVD (10) RND 60MM FM (156717). A TANK TOOK DIRECT HIT. RES: (2) USMC WIA (MINOR).
30	171930H	E/2/3: RECVD INCOMING OF UNK CAL FM (085629). RES: (9) USMC WIA (EVAC).
31	171945H	E/2/3: PIT (082629) TAKING INCOMING.

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32 172015H CO B, 3D TANKS ARRIVED AT A-4.

33 172030H L/3/3: AMBUSH (190699) INITIATED CONTACT W/UNK EN FORCE
RES: (1) FR KIA; (2) EN NVA KIA; (2) AK-47 IWC.

34 17 JUNE 69 AO COMMITMENTS - WORKING FOR 3/3 CONDUCTED F/W MSNS,
GUNSHIP & ARTY MSNS. RESULTS: (55) NVA KBA; (5) NVA
KIA (ARTY).

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IN	OUT	NO	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS
		180001H	JOURNAL OPENED
		1	180330H F/2/9 REACHED K/3/3 (-) POS AT (148710).
		2	171400H (FOLLOW-UP) 3/3 CP & K PLT, VIC (195707), WHILE K PLT & 106'S WERE SETTING UP A DEFENSIVE PERIMETER, THE UNIT CAME UNDER INTENSIVE GROUND ATTACK BY AN ESTIMATED NVA COMPANY WHO PREPARED WITH RPG'S & 60MM MORTARS AND FOLLOWED UP BY UTILIZING SMALL ARMS, MACHINE GUNS, ROCKET LAUNCHERS AND FRAGS. K PLT & 106'S DEFENDED THE PERIMETER FROM FIXED POSITIONS. RES: (6) USMC KIA; (13) USMC WIA (EVAC); (26) NVA KIA; (3) NVA POW; (12) IWC; (5) CSWC. CAPTURED EQUIPMENT & DOCUMENTS: (10) 60MM RND; (30) CHICOMS; (2) ANTI PERSONNEL MINES; (35) AK-47 MAGS; (200) RPD RND; (500) AK-47 RND; MISC NVA 782 GEAR; VARIOUS S-2 INFO; PAPERS, WALLETS & MILITARY PAPERS. (FINAL)
		3	M/3/3 IN SMALL ARMS CONTACT W/ESTIMATED NVA COMPANY DUG IN ALONG HEDGEROWS. SUBTRACT (5) USMC WIA (EVAC). ADD (6) USMC WIA (MINOR); (10) NVA KIA, & (2) IWC. (FINAL)
		4	A PLT FROM L/3/3 WAS COMMITTED TO ASSIST 3/3 CP. AT VIC (190707), PLT ENGAGED AN ESTIMATED NVA PLT AT VIC (195706). WITH HELP FROM F/W, UNIT WAS ABLE TO CLOSE IN ON ENEMY POSITION WITH SMALL ARMS FIRE. PLT SWEEP THRU AREA & KILLED ALL ENEMY ENCOUNTERED. RESULTS: (1) USMC KIA; (1) USMC WIA (EVAC); (2) USMC WIA (MINOR); (8) NVA KIA; (11) IWC; (3) CSWC.

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5	170850H	A PLT FROM I/3/3, VIC (206693), SPTD (1) NVA/VC, (VIC 147287), CARRYING A PACK. UNIT EMPLOYED SNIPERS & M-60 MG. PLT OBSERVED ENEMY FALL & SWEEP AREA, BUT COULDN'T FIND THE BODY. RES: NEG.
6	171530H	L (-) 3/3: VIC (182702) RECVD S/A/F FM AN UNK SIZE EN FORCE VIC (182701). UNIT RETURNED SAF & SWEEP AREA W/NEG RES.
7	171800H	K/3/3: A/CO/3d TK BN XXXXXXXX (VIC 148716), RECVD APPROX (10) RND 60MM FM VIC (156717). ONE TK SUSTAINED MINOR DAMAGE FROM DIRECT HIT. UNIT CONDUCTED COUNTER MORTAR WITH 60MM, 81MM & ARTY MSN'S ON SUSPECTED ENEMY MORTAR POS. TK WILL BE PREPARED. RES: (2) USMC WIA (M)
8	172030H	AN AMBUSH FROM L/3/3 VIV (190699), INITIATED CONTACT W/UNK EN FORCE. UNIT SEARCHED AREA & FOUND (2) NVA KIA. AMBUSH SITE HAS BEEN RELOCATED. RES: (1) USMC KIA; (2) NVA KIA, (2) IWO.
9	180900H	E/2/3: DOG HANDLER KIA. (MEDEVAC NR C3405) & PER R. DOG TO BE EVACED ON SAME CHOPPER AS BODY. KILLED BY INCOMING ON 17 JUNE 69.
10	181140H	I/3/3: (LATE ENTRY). (196698) PLT AMBUSH SPTD 5-10 EN MOVING S. ENEMY WAS EXTREMELY WELL CAMOFLAGED. PLT OPENED FIRE & CALLED IN AO & GUNSHIP. NEG RES.
11	180830H	B/1/3 REPORTED A TANK LEAVING A-4 TO JOIN 3/3 HIT MINE W/NO DAMAGE. CONTINUED MISSION.

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		12	180857H L 1/3/3: (185695) CONDUCTING FIRE MSN ON (20) NVA IN OPEN. NEG RES.
		13	181030H G/2/3: (030631) RECEIVING INCOMING MORTAR FIRE FM (025651 & 031641) CALLED ARTY MSN W/(3) SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS AT GRID (031641). RES: (1) USMO KIA; (11) USMC WIA (EVAC); (1) WIA (MINOR).
		14	181015H 3/3 CP: (195707) HAD MOVEMENT OUTSIDE OF LINES. THREW FRAGS & SENT SQD TO CHECK AREA FINDING BNKR W/1 NVA INSIDE. RES: (1) NVA POW.
		15	172030H L/3/3: (190699) PLT CHECKED AREA OF AMBUSH FINDING (2) NVA KIA; (1) AK-47; (1) 30 CAL MG W/BARREL; MISC AMMO. RES: ADD (2) NVA KIA; (1) IWC; (1) CSWC.
		16	180945H D/1/3: (050586) PLT PTL FND (10) BNKRS. AREA HAS BEEN RE USED W/IN LAST FOUR DAYS. ALSO FND MISC GEAR & AMMO. GEAR, AMMO & STRUCTURE WILL BE DESTROYED. ONE OF BNK UNIDENTIFIED OBJ WILL BE RETAINED. FND (3) UNIDENTIFIED OBJ (8" IN DIA, 2" THICK W/SILVER ATTACHMENTS STICKING OUT. OBJ WERE 3' OFF GROUND & ANCHORED TO TREES, MISC GEAR & AMMO.
		17	180800H 3/3 CP: SECURITY PTL FND MISC KBA & KIA, ORDNANCE & WPNS (194707). RES: (7) KBA; (4) KIA; (1) RPG & (2) M-16
		18	171800H 180700H L/3/3: AT DIFFERENT TIMES (2) NVA APPROACHED LINES, UNIT KILLED THEM. RES (2) NVA KIA; (1) AK-47; (1) RPG LAUNCHER.

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19	180900H	1/3: ROAD SWEEP TM PROCEEDING TO C-2 RECVD AUTOMATIC WPNS FIRE FM VIC (147608). SWEEP TM RETURNED FIRE. LOCAL CAP & RF UNITS THINKING THEY WERE UNDER FIRE, FIRED AT EN RES IN THE DEATH OF A VIETNAMESE BOY BY CARBINE FIRE.
20	181930H	I/3/3: VIC (174697) WHILE IN PERIMETER HAD EN CLAYMORE FIRED AGAINST THEM. UNIT THEN HEARD MOVEMENT FROM ALL DIRECTIONS BY AN ESTIMATED (30) NVA. UNIT ENGAGED WITH SMALL ARMS FIRE. UNIT CALLED IN ARTY & NGF MSNS. AO ON STATION, FLARE SHIP ON STATION.
21	181630H	EX 3/3 CP & G PLT: VIC (030630) WHILE MOVING TO NIGHT POS RECVD (19) RND 82MM MORTAR FIRE. UNIT FIRED 60MM & ARTY MSN. AO ON STATION RAN F/W W/UNK RES.
22	182400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.

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IN	OUT	NO	190001H	JOURNAL OPENED
		1	190028H	2/3 CP & 0 PLT: (040628) RECVD (8) RND 82MM MORTAR FIRE. CALLED ARTY MEN ON GRID (027646). NEG OAS.
		2	191500H	(LATE ENTRY) 1/3/3 (1756694) POINT ELEMENT SPTD (2) ENEMY MOVING NORTH. ELEMENT OPENED UP W/SMT. RES: (1) NVA KIA.
		3	181900H 182030H	(LATE ENTRY) K/3/3: (175697) PLT SPTD (5) ENEMY MOVING TOWARDS 1/3/3 POS. ALSO 1/3/3 HAD MOVEMENT ON NORTH & WEST SIDE OF POS. OPENED FIRE W SMALL ARMS & 60MM. CALLED IN ARTY, NOF, 81MM'S & BASKETBALL WILL SEARCH AREA AT FIRST LIGHT.
		4	181515H	(LATE ENTRY) K/3/3: (164712) PLT FND BUNKER (4x4x6) WITH SMALL CACHE OF AMMO. BNKR & CACHE WAS APPROX 2 TO 3 MONTHS OLD. BUNKER WAS BOOBY TRAPPED, WILL BLOW IN PLACE TOMORROW. FND (2) CASES CHICOM, (30) 82MM, (75) 60MM RND (25) RPG ROUNDS, (50) RPG BOOSTERS, (1) CASE 7.62 AMMO, & (2) M-26 GRENADES.
		5	181530H	(LATE ENTRY) E/2/3: (083628) WHEN RESUPPLY HELICOPTER CAME IN, RECEIVED (1) RPG RND. HELICOPTER WAS NOT HIT. RES: (1) USMC WIA (MINOR).
		6	190330H	K/3/3: (150702) LP'S HEARD MOVEMENT OUTSIDE OF PERIMETER. FIRED SMALL ARMS & THREW GRENADES. WILL SEARCH AT FIRST LIGHT.
		7	190840H	G/2/9: PLT & SEC 81MM COMPLETED HELILIFT TO C-2.
		8	190845H	3/3: CP COMMENCED MOVEMENT.

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1/3/31 (163690) PLT SPOTTED (2) ENEMY MOVING WEST.

UNIT WAS UNABLE TO TELL IF ENEMY CARRIED WPNS OR PACKS.

SNIPERS OPENED FIRE & ARTY MSN WAS CALLED W/UNK RESULTS.

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			200001H	JOURNAL OPENED
		1	200805H	M/3/3: AT 167723 AT 175735 SPOTTED 10 NVA IN OPEN. ARTY MSN IS NOW BEING CONDUCTED.
		2	200715H	M/3/3: FND (5) NVA BODIES, (4) IN GRAVES, (1) ON TOP OF DECK. NVA UTILITIES WITH NO MARKINGS. APPEARED TO BE (3) OR (4) DAYS OLD. KILLED BY ARTY OF NGF. ALSO FND 100RND OF AK-47, 1 PICK, 2 E-TOLLS, 7 PR OF NVA BOOTS, 25 CHIEU HOI PASSES.
		3	191830H XX	(LATE ENTRY) E/2/3 VIC (068647), PIT FND (1) AK-47 W/2 MAG OF NEW AMMO BURIED IN STREAM BED. WPN WAS IN GOOD CONDITION & HAD NO RUST, COVERED W/GREASE. BURIED APPROX 2-3 DAYS. SENT BACK TO REAR.
		4	200902H	G/2/3: VIC (058632), FND (1) NVA MORTAR PIT W/20 82MM RND W/INCREMENTS ATTACHED AND (1) BOX OF FUSES. PIT HAD BEEN RECENTLY USED. BLEW ORDNANCE.
		5	201130H	MCB BULLDOZER HIT MINE AT VIC (134634). LIGHT DAMAGE TO VEHICLE. RES: (2) USN WIA (EVAC).
		6	201030H	E/2/3: (065636) POINT ELEMENT HIT BOOBY TRAP. RES: (2) USMC WIA (MINOR).
		7	200945H	F/2/3: (009649) FND (18) BUNKERS (2) CP BUNKERS, COOKING AREA, & LIVESTOCK STALLS W/COVERS. SEARCHED X AREA & DESTROYED BUNKERS.
		8	201045H	I/3/3: (167700) POINT ELEMENT FND (1) ANTI TANK MINE. MARKED MINE & WILL BLOW IN PLACE ER TROOPS LEAVE AREA.
		9	201300H	ALL 3/3 UNITS ARE OUT OF 3 CLICK AREA.

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		10	201130H	ALL 1/3 UNITS ARE OUT OF 3 CLICK AREA.
		11	201100H	G/2/3: SQD FND (3) A FRAME BUNKERS & 20' OF TUNNEL. THE BUNKERS WERE OLD W/NO SIGN OF RECENT USE. DESTROYED ALL.
		12	200800H	1/3/3: (163690) FND (1) 500 LB BOMB (UNEXPLODED) IN COMPANY POSITION. ALSO FND AN AIR VENT LEADING TO A TUNNEL COMPLEX. AIR VENT WAS 1-2 FT IN DIA EXTENDING APPROX 10 FT DOWN TO A 8-10 FT DIA CAVERN. CAVERN WAS APPROX 6 FT DEEP. A 5X5 FT TUNNEL LEAD 15 FT TO THE N NORTH & 10 FT TO THE WEST AND THEN STARTED DECLINING. THE CAVERN WAS APPROX 6 MO OLD. SEARCH OF AREA WAS HINDERED BY PARTIAL COLLAPSE OF TUNNEL & BAD AIR.
		13	201250H	AO RAN (1) FLT OF F/W ON 2 NVA IN OPEN. RES: ADD (2) NVA KBA.
		14	201945H	G/2/3: (065625) SPTD (3) NVA ON HILL (070635) 81MM & ARTY MSN CONDUCTED. OBSERVED SECONDARY EXPLOSION. WILL CHECK @ 1ST LIGHT.
		15	202400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.

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			210001H	JOURNAL OPENED
		1	210645H	M/3/3: LAUNCHED PTLS INTO ARC LIGHT AREA FOR BDA.
		2	210645H	1/3/3: INITIATED MOVEMENT TO RT #561 & CUA VIET R&R.
		3	210825H	E (-) 2/3: (062650) RECEIVING INCOMING OF UNK CAL FM (059655). CALLED ARTY MSN.
			FOLLOW UP TO ENTRY 3	E (-) 2/3: RECEIVED (15) RNDs 82MM MORTAR FIRE: RES: (1) USMC WIA (EVAC).
		4	211300H	3/3 (1): COMMENCED MOTOR MARCH TO CUA VIET.
		5	211345H	CP & B (-) (062628) RECVD UNK RNDs 82MM FM (079629) & (046636).
		6	211600H	3/3: CHOPPED OPCON 3D MARDIV.
		7	211330H	E/2/3: FND (2) BUNKERS, (3) A/P MINES & (1) E TOLD (063647).
		8	212030H	E PLT 2/3: VIC (054651) WHILE MOVING TO NIGHT POS POINT ELEMENT STEPPED ON AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE WHICH FLEW UP IN AIR AND BLEW IN HIS FACE. RES: (1) USMC (E) ^{WIA}
		9	212245H	A PLT 1/3 VIC (146604), LP W/STARLIGHT OBSERVED (3) FIGURES CARRING WPNS MOVING ACROSS RIVER TO NORTH APPROX 150 METERS FM PERIMETER. FIRED S/A WITH UNK RES.
		10	212100H	SENT IN BUSHMASTER REPORT FOR 21 & 22 JUNE 69.
		11	220035H	SENT IN SITREP NR 206-69 FM 211801H TO 212400H JUN 69.
		12	212400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.

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IN	OUT	NO	220001H	JOURNAL OPENED
		1		UPON ARRIVAL AT CUA VIET 3/3 DISCOVERED (1) MAN MISSING & THOUGHT TO BE IN OBJECTED AREA. (1) PLT OF M/3/3 WILL HELILIFT TO C-2 & THEN MOVE OVERLAND TO OBJECTED AREA.
		2	220615H	SENT IN SITREP #207-69 FM 220001H TO 220600H.
		3	220640H	F/2/9: (C-2) RECEIVED (9) RND OF 122MM RXTS ALL IMPACTING OUTSIDE PERIMETER. CONDUCTED COUNTER FIRE WITH ARTY AND DUSTER. NEG GAS
		4	221005H	E/2/3: REC'ING INCOMING MORTAR FM VIC (041677) (2) RND TOTAL IMPACTING OUTSIDE LINES.
		5	221030H	E/2/3: PLT FND MISC ORDNANCE AND 782 GEAR (048653).
221140H	221147H	6	221147H	SITREP 208-69 SUBMITTED.
		7	221000H	M/3/3: FND MISSING MAN
		8	221200H	U. 1671 IR 1869 CHOPPED TO 3D MARDIV
		9	221320H	M/3/3: LEFT C-2.
		10	221410H	F/2/3: PLT 003641 REC'ING 82MM MORTARS FM (013657). ARTY BEING FIRED.
		11	221640H	B/3/3: 168671 IN SMALL ARMS CONTACT W/UNK SIZE EN FORCE LIGHT CONTACT - ARTY ON 167683.
		12	221300H	1/3: REPORTED ARMY DUSTER HIT LARGE A/T MINE VIC 060569 JUST AS IT LEFT ROAD. DUSTER HEAVILY DAMAGED RESULTING IN (1) USA KIA, (4) USA WIA (EVAC).
			FOLLOW-UP TO 11	RES: (4) NVA KIA, (4) IWC & AK-50
		13	222335H	SITREP 210-69 SUBMITTED
		14	222400H	JOURNAL CLOSED

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			JOURNAL OPENED
230600H	230600H	1	230610H SITREP 211-69 SUBMITTED
		2	230845H F/2/3: (995640) RECVD 3 RND 82MM MORTAR FIRE FM (998658) NEG CASUALTIES.
		3	230845H E/2/3: (068655) RECVD 15-20 RND 82MM. RETURNED FIRE W/ARTY & 60MM. NEG 1 CAS.
		4	231300H E (-) 2/3: (068663) RECEIVING INCOMING MORTAR FIRE OF UNK CAL. FIRING ARTY MSN ON GRID (094676). RES: (2) USMC KIA; (4) USMC WIA (EVAC).
		5	231653H E/2/3: (068663) RECEIVING INCOMING MORTAR FIRE FM (058677).
232033H		6	211600H RECVD (P) MSG DTG 212000Z JUNE 69, CONFIDENTIAL, FM 3D MARDIV ASSUMED OPCON 3/3 AND SIMULTANEOUSLY PASSED OPCON TO 1ST BDE
		7	232400H JOURNAL CLOSED

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241505H
~~241525H~~ ~~XXXXXX~~ 10 ~~241530H~~ E/2/3: FND (2) OLD BUNKERS (080661). DESTROYED
 21 241300H 2/3: ESTIMATED INITIAL RPT BDA: FND (52) BUNKERS
 DESTROYED; (10) BUNKERS PARTIALLY DESTROYED AND MISC
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INCOMING MESSAGE ORDERS

SUBMITTED SITREP

IN	OUT	NO	TIME	MESSAGE
		10	241530H	SUBMITTED SITREP
		11	241300H	JOURNAL OPENED
		1	240125H	RECVD "FROST CALL" FM LT GAYLORD OF 11TH ENGRS.
		2	240220H	G (-) & 2/3 CP: VIC (068630) RECVD (6) RPG RNDs AND LIGHT SAF FM VIC (079630). ARTY MSN WAS CALLED. RESULTS (4) USMC WIA (EVAC). AO ON STATION AT 0330H.
		3	240600H	SUBMITTED SITREP NR 215-69
		4	240705H	F/2/3: LIFT COMMENCED
		5	240745H	F/2/3: LIFT COMPLETED
		6	240820H	ROADSWEEP 302 COMPLETE
		7	240830H	ROADSWEEP 308 COMPLETE
		8	240830H	ROADSWEEP 307 COMPLETE
		9	241200H	SUBMITTED SITREP NR 216-69
241525H	241525H XXXXXX	10	241330H	E/2/3: FND (2) OLD BUNKERS (080661). DESTROYED
		11	241300H	2/3: ESTIMATED INITIAL RPT BDA: FND (52) BUNKERS DESTROYED; (10) BUNKERS PARTIALLY DESTROYED AND MISC 782 GEAR.
		12	242340H	SUBMITTED 242400H SITREP
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			250001H	JOURNAL OPENED
		1	250600H	SITREP 219-69 SUBMITTED
250820H	250825H	2	250820H	2/3 CP & G PLT: RECEIVING INCOMING MORTARS FM VIC (078629) RECVD (15) RND 60MM. RES: (1) WIA (MINOR).
250830H	250830H	3	250830H	G (-) 2/3: RECEIVING INCOMING MORTARS FM VIC (078629) & (082621). RECEIVED (30) RND 60MM & 82MM.
250800H	250853H	4	250845H	3/3: COMMENCED MOVE TO DH RAMP. M&K ARRIVED DH @ 1015H
251000H		5	251200H	3D MAR ASSUMED OPCON OF 3/3 FM 3D MARDIV.
		6	251430H	K/3/3: ARRIVED AT C-2
		7	251445H	F/2/9: DEPARTED C-2 FOR VCB.
		8	251415H	1/3 CP: DISPLACING
		9	251900H	3/3 CP: AT CLDH
		10	251300H	I/3/3: AT CLDH & C-3 BRIDGE
		11	251415H	M/3/3: AT A-4
		12	251510H	1/3 CP: TRUCK MOVE TO HILL 37 COMPLETE.
		13	251615H	I/3/3: ARRIVED AT KHE GIO BRIDGE
		14	251535H	G/2/9: DEPARTED A-4 FOR VCB.
		15	251600H	G/2/9 & F/2/9: RETURNED OPCON TO 3D MARDIV
		16	251900H	BOUNDARY CHANGES WENT INTO EFFECT.
		17	251500H	G/2/3: FND (1) DEAD NVA & (1) RPG, KBA APPROX 1-2 DAYS OLD VIC (068631) RES ADD (1) NVA KBA (1) CSWC.
		18	251630H	G/2/3: FND 15 BNKERS VIC (088632) 10 WERE DESTROYED F AIR, 5 WERE PARTLY DESTROYED.
		19	251300H	F/2/3: FND (7) 3-4 MAN BNKERS VIC (048632) & (10) BNKERS VIC (051629), RECENTLY USED.
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			260001H	JOURNAL OPENED
		1.	261140H	SUBMITTED 1200 SITREP
		2	251900H 261200H	(LATE ENTRY) H/2/3 WAS CHOPPED OPCON TO 1/3.
262300H	262305	3	262050H	L/3/3: AMBUSH (013565) HEARD DIGGING IN ROAD (010564) SPTD (1) NVA IMPLACING MINE. INITIATED CONTACT W/NEB RES. SEARCHED & FIRE FND (2) PONGHOS.
		4	262400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.

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			270001H	JOURNAL OPENED.
		1	270930H	1/3/3: REPT CB TRUCK DETONATED A MINE (057568) IN VIC OF STONE QUARRY. EVIDENT THE MINE WAS SET AFTER THE AREA WAS SPRAYED W/CHEMICAL ON THE ROAD. MINOR DAMAGE TO TRUCK BUT (1) SMALL VN GIRL RECVD SCHRAPNEL.
		2	271015H	1/3/3: (042566) APPREHENDED & DETAINED (1) MALE INDONEOUS.
13445H	1350H	3	271100H 271130H	E/2/3: FND (3) LBS EN SHAPE CHARGE (092659) & (3) BUNKERS (6) MO OLD (093663). DESTROYED.
		4	271030H	A DUSTER FM 1/44 WHILE IM'ING THEIR VEHICLE WHICH WAS STATIONARY APPROX (1) HR BLEW UP (057568). (1) USA KI & (3) WIA MINOR ALSO @ STONE QUARRY (057568) A BUNKER BLEW UP WOUNDING (2) USN WIA (EVAC).
		5	271745H	C/1/3: FND A CACHE, VIC (046602), containing misc ORDNANCE EXCEPT (1) CAN 82MM FUSES THAT ARE BEING SENT BACK TO REAR.
		6	LATE ENTRY	280010H SUBMITTED 272400 SITREP.
		7	272400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.

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			280001H	JOURNAL OPENED
		1	280700H	A-4 RECEIVING INCOMING RKTs FM 063671/055665/OR
				043675 CONDUCTED ARTY MSN RES: (3) WIA (EVAC); (1)
				WIA (MINOR)
280735H	280735H	2	280735H	2/3 : LEAD ELEMENTS @ C-2
280930H	280930H	3	280830H	M/3/3: @ A-4 RECVD (4) MORE RKT RNDs FM 0668 & 0768.
				NEG CAS.
280930H		4	280800H	C/1/3: FND CACHE (046621)
		5	281030H	2/3: AT C-2, E/2/3 ENROUTE TO KGB.
281100H		6	272359H	A/1/3: RECVD (2) RNDs FR ARTY, REQ CHECK FIRE. RES:
				(1) WIA (EVAC).
		7	281500H	NEW BOUNDARIES IN EFFECT.
		8	281500H	2/3 CP: AT KGB
		9	281500H	11 (2) 2/3: RETURN OPCON 2/3.
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			290001H	JOURNAL OPENED
		1	290925H	1/3 & 2/3: PERMANENT BOUNDARIES WENT INTO EFFECT.
		2	291155H	SUBMITTED 1200H FAX SITREP.
291850H	291940H	3	291200H	B/1/3: FND (22) BUNKERS MISC ORDNANCE AND DOCUMENTS.
		4	291930H	G/2/3: (072598) MARINE HAD ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE OF CLAYMORE. RES: (1) WIA NBC
292200H		5	292147H	RECON TM DUNBAR COUNTY SPT AND RECVD SEVERAL RND S RR FIRE FM UNK SIZE UNIT OF NVA (076686). CONDUCTED ARTY MSN.
		6	292400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.

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			300001H	JOURNAL OPENED.
		1	301140H	3D MAR 8-5 RECEIVED SNIPER FIRE FM 186592.
		2	301100H	1/3/3: A SQD ENCOUNTERED A HERD OF WATER BE BUFFALO VIC (174598). (1) BEAST ATTACKED THE POINT MAN, WHO SHOT OR WOUNDED THE ANIMAL.
		3	301300H	CO B, 3d ENGR BN: CONVOY RECVD (5) M-79 RND5 FM (2) NVA (129669).
		4	302400H	JOURNAL CLOSED

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	DTG	Subject	Classification
✓ 1.	011122Z	Tactical Employment of Armor Assets in Direct Support of the Third Marines	C
✓ 2.	011600Z	3d Mar in Opn Virginia Ridge INTSUM No 30	C
✓ 3.	021200Z	3d Mar in Opn Virginia Ridge INTSUM No 32	C
✓ 4.	031122Z	3d Mar in Opn Virginia Ridge INTSUM No 33	C
✓ 5.	040518Z	Read-Aloud and Personnel Security	C
✓ 6.	041330Z	3d Mar in Opn Virginia Ridge INTSUM No 34	C
✓ 7.	051256Z	3d Mar in Opn Virginia Ridge INTSUM No 35	C
✓ 8.	051258Z	Gloves, Combat 8415-332-Size Red/1ge	UNCLASS
✓ 9.	051624Z	Request for Scout Dog Teams	S
✓ 10.	051604Z	3d Mar in Opn Virginia Ridge INTSUM No 36	C
✓ 11.	051216Z	Clearance for Arc Lights	S
✓ 12.	071615Z	3d Mar in Opn Virginia Ridge INTSUM No 37	C
✓ 13.	081100Z	3d Mar in Opn Virginia Ridge INTSUM No 38	C
✓ 14.	091204Z	3d Mar in Opn Virginia Ridge INTSUM No 39	C
✓ 15.	101346Z	3d Mar in Opn Virginia Ridge INTSUM No 40	C
✓ 16.	101348Z	Attachments/Detachments of Non-Organic Personnel	C
✓ 17.	101350Z	Exemplary Performance	C
✓ 18.	111246Z	3d Mar in Opn Virginia Ridge INTSUM No 41	C
✓ 19.	121116Z	3d Mar in Opn Virginia Ridge INTSUM No 42	C
✓ 20.	131140Z	3d Mar in Opn Virginia Ridge INTSUM No 43	C
✓ 21.	141240Z	3d Mar in Opn Virginia Ridge INTSUM No 44	C
✓ 22.	141124Z	Naval Gun Fire Support, Request for	S
✓ 23.	141125Z		C
✓ 24.	151630Z	OPCON of Reconnaissance Platoon	S
✓ 25.	151632Z	3d Mar in Opn Virginia Ridge INTSUM No 45	C
✓ 26.	160254Z	Transportation Request	C
✓ 27.	161246Z	3d Mar in Opn Virginia Ridge INTSUM No 46	C
✓ 28.	171820Z	3d Mar in Opn Virginia Ridge INTSUM No 47	C
✓ 29.	181724Z	3d Mar in Opn Virginia Ridge INTSUM No 48	C
✓ 30.	181726Z	Exemplary Combat Performance	C
✓ 31.	191544Z	3d Mar in Opn Virginia Ridge INTSUM No 49	C
✓ 32.	200246Z	Request for Arc Light	S
✓ 33.	201340Z	3d Mar in Opn Virginia Ridge INTSUM No 50	C
✓ 34.	201342Z	Spot Reports	C
✓ 35.	201344Z	Exemplary Performance	C
✓ 36.	211312Z	3d Mar in Opn Virginia Ridge INTSUM No 51	C
✓ 37.	220107Z	Immediate Tactical Plans	S
✓ 38.	221022Z	3d Mar in Opn Virginia Ridge INTSUM No 52	C

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✓ 39. 231254Z	3d Mar in Opn Virginia Ridge INTSUM No 53	C
✓ 40. 241225Z	3d Mar in Opn Virginia Ridge INTSUM No 54	C
✓ 41. 251146Z	3d Mar in Opn Virginia Ridge INTSUM No 55	C
✓ 42. 261129Z	3d Mar in Opn Virginia Ridge INTSUM No 56	C
✓ 43. 271140Z	3d Mar in Opn Virginia Ridge INTSUM No 57	C
✓ 44. 281150Z	Request for Tactical Support	S
✓ 45. 281152Z	Identifying Civilian Activity in Cal Lo District	S
✓ 46. 281330Z	28th Division Personal Response Instructors Trng Course	UNCLASS
✓ 47. 281400Z	3d Mar in Opn Virginia Ridge INTSUM No 58	C
✓ 48. 291150Z	3d Mar in Opn Virginia Ridge INTSUM No 59	C
✓ 49. 300646Z	HF/SSB Tar Net Test Results	C
✓ 50. 301356Z	3d Mar in Opn Virginia Ridge INTSUM No 60	C

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TO: CG THIRD MARINE

INFO: THIRD TANK BN

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TACTICAL EMPLOYMENT OF ARMOR ASSETS IN D/S OF THE THIRD
MARINES

1. DUE TO THE RECENT HIGH INCIDENCE OF MINE DAMAGE TO ARMOR WITHIN THE VIRGINIA RIDGE AO, IT WAS FELT THAT A REVIEW OF UTILIZATION OF THESE VALUABLE ASSETS WAS REQUIRED.

A. THE MAJOR ADVANTAGE ARMOR OFFERS THE INFANTRY UNIT IS ITS CRUSHING AND FIRE POWER EFFECTS AGAINST ENEMY PERSONNEL. SECONDLY IT SERVES AS A DETERRENT TO GROUND ATTACKS AGAINST CONVOYS, MINE SWEEPS, AND OTHER TARGETS OF A HIGHLY VULNERABLE NATURE.

B. AT THIS TIME THE THIRD TANK BN HAS TWO COMPANIES ON ACTIVE STATUS, EACH RUNNING AT ABOUT 50% EQUIPMENT STRENGTH. THE THIRD MARINES HAS ONE COMPANY IN D/S HAVING AN AVERAGE UP-STATUS OF 10-12 TANKS.

2. IN LIGHT OF THE LIMITED ASSETS AND THE CONSIDERED BEST UTILIZATION, THE FOLLOWING EMPLOYMENT POLICY WILL BE UTILIZED BY THE THIRD MARINES:

A. THIRD TANK ASSETS IN D/S WILL BE RETAINED AT SELECTED FIXED POSITIONS IN A READINESS POSTURE TO BE RAPIDLY EMPLOYED TO EXPLOIT GROUND CONTACTS, WHEREIN ARMOR WILL MATERIALLY CONTRIBUTE TO THE DESTRUCTION OF ENEMY FORCES.

B. THE RETENTION OF ARMOR ASSETS AT THESE FIXED POSITIONS WILL CONTRIBUTE TO POSITION DEFENSES BY THE ADDITION OF THE TANK DIRECT AND INDIRECT FIRE CAPABILITIES.

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C. SEVERAL TANKS WILL BE UTILIZED DAILY ALONG THE LINES OF COMMUNICATION TO PROTECT MINE SWEEPS AND SAFEGUARD THE ROADS FROM ENEMY MININGS AND AMBUSHES. THIS ROLE SERVES A SECONDARY FUNCTION IN THAT IT ALLOWS THE TANKS TO GAIN NEEDED "EXERCISE".

D. ARMOR ASSETS WILL NOT BE USED FOR SMALL SCALE PATROLS OR ROUTINE TANK INFANTRY MISSIONS EXCEPT AS DELINEATED ABOVE.

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30 MAR IS ON VIENTIANA RIDGE AREA INTSUM NO. 31

1800H TO 011800H JUN 69

1. SUMMARY OF EN ACTY

DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, EN ACTY WAS LIGHT IN THE 3D MAR AD. THERE WERE 2 INCIDENTS OF ATTACK BY MORT FIRE, 1 CONTACT INCIDENT, & 2 MISC SIGHTINGS.

A. GROUND FORCES

(1) 2D BN 30 MAR

(A) (LATE ENTRY) 311630H G/2/3 VIC YD 050636 REC'D APPROX 12-15 RND OF 82MM MORT FIRE WHILE ON THE MOVE. UNIT RETURNED FIRE W/ARTY & F/W MSNS. AO RPTED GOOD COVERAGE.

(B) (FOLLOW-UP RPT: REF INTSUM # 30) 311245H H/2/3 VIC YD 059636 WHILE SEARCHING BNKR CMPLX FND 15 CHICOM GRENS, 8 RPG RND, 100/12.7MM RND, 44/82MM MORT RND, 32 61MM MORT RND, 9 AT RND, 52 BLOCKS OF TNT, 85 SKS RND, 75 RND RND, & MISC 782 GEAR. UNIT DEST ALL RND.

(C) 010400H H/2/3 VIC YD 063677 RPT THEIR LINES WERE PROBED BY 2 NVA, WHO SET OFF TRIP FLARE. LINES ENGAGED EN W/SAF & M-79 RND. SEARCHED AREA & FND 2 NVA KIA, 1 RPG RPT LAUNCHER, 1 AK-47, 12 SATCHEL CHARGES, 4 CHICOMS, 2 LEPCONS, & MISC 782 GEAR. RES: 2 NVA KIA, 1 IWC, 1 CSWC

(D) 010730H H/2/3 VIC YD 063627 REC'D APPROX 10-15 RND OF 60MM MORT FIRE FM VIC YD 043625. UNIT RETURNED FIRE W/COMM & ARTY MSNS W/UNK RES.

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(E) 010730H G/2/3 VIC YD 065635 REC'D APPROX 20 RND
OF 60MM MORT FIRE FM VIC YD 056635. UNIT RETURNED FIRE
W/60MM & ARTY MSNS W/UNK RES.

(F) 010830H 2/3 RPT SWEEP TM # 307 VIC YD 104576 PAID
15 TH BOYS 1700 P'S FOR 29 M-16 MAGS, 1 FIRING LINE W/CAP
FOR CLAYMORE, & 100/5.56 RND.

(G) 011000H H/2/3 VIC YD 064628 FND 8 HVA BNKR'S & 1
STEAM HOOTH W/COOKING FACILITIES. BNKR'S WERE 2 WEEKS TO
2 MONTHS OLD. UNIT DEST BNKR CMPLX W/NEG FURTHER FINDINGS.

(H) 011100H 20 MAR

(I) 010730H - 011530H M/3/3 VIC XD 987626 FND OLD
CAMP W/11 FORTING BNKR, 1 STORAGE BNKR, 33/60MM MORT RND,
24/20MM MORT RND, 68 CHICOMS, & 4 AK-47 DRUMS OF BOLT
AMMO. UNIT SEARCHED CMPLX & DEST ALL BNKR'S & AMMO.

(J) IN LOSSES

HVA KIA - 119
HVA FBA - 73
HVA POW - 04
TIG - 69
CUB - 13

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1. 3D MAR IN OPN VIRGINIA RIDGE AREA INTSUM NO. 32.

2. 011801H TO 021800H JUNE 69

3. SUM OF EN ACTY
DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, EN ACTY WAS LIGHT IN THE
3D MAR AO. THERE WERE 2 SIGHTINGS TOTALING 16 NVA/VC
OBS'D.

A. GND FORCES

(1) 1ST BN 3D MAR

(A) (LATE ENTRY) 011020H B/1/3 DETONATED 2 AT MINES
ON ROAD VIC YD 132710. MINES WERE DET BY TROOPS STEPPING
ON THEM.

(2) 2D BN 3D MAR

(A) 011930H E/2/3 OBS'D 1 NVA/VC RUNNING TOWARD
THEIR UNIT VIC YD 081598. FIRED SA AND 60MM MORTARS
W/NEG RES.(B) 020900H E/2/3 FND 6 NEW BUNKERS VIC YD 078608.
BUNKERS WERN APPROX 1 WEEK OLD. DEST BY UNIT.(C) 021130H H/2/3 FND AN OLD BUNKER COMPLEX W/SIGNS
OF RECENT ACTY VIC YD 055634. SEARCHED AREA FINDING
58 RPG RKTS, 5 AT MINES, 200 LBS OF TNT, 540/7.62MM RDS,
25/82MM MORT RDS, 46/60MM MORT RDS W/ 4 BOXES OF FUSES,
30 BOOSTER CHARGES FOR RPG, 20 CHICOM GRENADES, 20 NVA
PACKS, 10 CANTEENS, 12 E-TOOLS, 20 PONCHOS, 4 CLAYMORE
TYPE MINES, MISC SMALL AMOUNTS OF FOOD, AND 1 AK-47
W/FULL MAG. RES: 1 IWC

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(S) OTHER

(A) 021600H AO OBS'D 15 NVA NEAR BUNKERS VIC YD 032653.
DIRECTED F/W DESTROYING 3 BUNKERS AND KILLING 3 NVA.
RES: 3 NVA KBA

4. IN LOSSES

NVA KIA = 119
NVA KB A = 76
NVA POW = 4
INC = 70
CSWC = 13

5. = 14. NEG

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1. 3D MAR IN OPEN VIRGINIA RIDGE AREA INTSUM NO. 33.

2. 021801H TO 031800H JUNE 69

3. SUMMARY OF EN ACTY
DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, EN ACTY WAS MODERATE IN THE
3D MAR AO. THERE 2 CONTACT INCIDENTS, 2 AO SIGHTINGS, 2
INCIDENTS OF ATTACK BY MORT FIRE, & 2 MISC SIGHTINGS.

A. GROUND FORCES

(1) 1ST BN 3D MAR

(A) 022200H A/1/3 VIC YD 136647 HRD MVNT IN VIC
YD 138653. UNIT FIRED 81MM MSN, 7 WP RNDs, & 44 HE RNDs
W/NEG RES. UNIT PLANS TO SEND OUT A PLT IN THE MORNING
TO CHECK OUT THE AREA.(B) 030750H C/1/3 VIC YD 015565 REC'D RPT FM H/3/4
SWEEP TM OF CRATERS IN RTE #9. AT APPROX 030430H UNIT
HEARD EXPLOSIONS IN THAT VIC. 1 DUSTER DETONATED A MINE
WHILE MOVING TO AREA. DAMAGE DONE TO DUSTER, BLOWN WHEEL
& TRACK OFF.

(2) 2D BN 3D MAR

(A) 021849H H/2/3 VIC YD 051624 AFTER RECEIVING AFTER-
NOON RESUPPLY, UNIT PREP FIRED (YD 045622), & STARTED MVNT
TO THE NW TO ESTABLISH A NEW NIGHT PSN. POINT ELEMENT CAME
IN CONTACT W/EN IN BNKRS AT YD 045622. COMPANY WITHDREW TO
PSN OF RESUPPLY & REQ A MED EVAC. MED EVAC BIRDS REC'D SAW
IN LZ, UNABLE TO LAND. UNIT THEN REC'D 15-20 RNDs OF
INCOMING MORT RNDs AT YD 051624. MED EVACS ATTEMPTED AGAIN
W/MORE INCOMING RNDs. POINT ELEMENT REINFORCED AND CONTACT
BROKE. ARTY MSN CALLED ON EN & ACTIVE MORTS. SPOOKY AND
FLARE SHIP WORKING FOR UNIT. AT 031037H MEDEVAC WAS ATTEMPTED
AND COMPLETED.

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(B) 031530H E/2/3 VIC YD 055620 RPT THEIR POINT ELEMENT CAME UNDER CONTACT W/UNK SIZE EN ELEMENT VIC YD 048617. UNIT RETURNED FIRE W/SAF & 60MM, ARTY, AIR & GUNSHIPS. UNIT RPTED GOOD COVERAGE OF TARGET.

(3) 3D BN 3D MAR

(A) 030610H 3/3 CP VIC XD 968617 OBS'D 2 NVA SOLDIERS IN OPEN APPROACH THEM FM W & RETURN TO THE W. UNIT CALLED IN ARTY & 81MM MSNS ON EN W/UNK RES.

(B) 031350H L/3/3 VIC YD 015640 REC'D 16 RND OF 60MM MORT FIRE FM VIC YD 025634. 2 RND WERE DIRECT HITS IN FGT HOLES. UNIT CALLED ARTY MSN ON SUSP EN PSN. AO CALLED IN ALSO TO RUN F/W.

(4) OTHER

(A) (LATE ENTRY) 020245H RECON TM "FIRE RADER" VIC XD 968616 AT THIS TIME REC'D CHICONS, SATCHEL CHARGES, & RPG'S. AT 0250H TM BEGAN RECEIVING HVY SAF, RPG'S, & CHICONS. TM WAS EXTRACTED AT 0418H UNDER HVY SAF. TM ESTIMATED CONTACT WAS W/18 ENEMY. TOT WAS CALLED IN ON AREA, AFTER EXTRACT, W/UNK RES.

(B) (LATE ENTRY) 2 JUNE 69 AO VIC YD 061680 SPTED 6-10 NVA SITTING ON SOME BNKRS. AO CONDUCTED A FLIGHT OF F/W ON EN, RESULTING IN 2 NVA KBA. RES: 2 NVA KBA

(C) 030830H AO RPT MEDEVAC CHOPPER VIC YD 047626 REC'D SAF. AO RAN 5 FLIGHTS OF F/W RESULTING IN 15-20 BNKRS DEST & 2 NVA KBA. RES: 2 NVA KBA

4. EN LOSSES

NVA KIA - 119
NVA KBA - 80
NVA POW - 04
IWC - 70
CSWC - 13

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INSTALLATION AND PERSONNEL SECURITY

A. MSG DTG 290540Z MAY 69 CG, III MAF/I CORPS COORDINATOR

1. RECENT ENEMY ACTIVITY HAS DEMONSTRATED AN INCREASE IN WELL PLANNED, COORDINATED ASSAULTS ON FRIENDLY INSTALLATIONS. THESE ATTACKS HAVE BEEN REALIZED WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF INDIGENOUS PERSONNEL, EMPLOYED BY FRIENDLY FORCES OR HAVING ACCESS TO OR NEAR FRIENDLY INSTALLATIONS.

2. THE ENEMY REALIZES THE INDIGENOUS PERSONNEL ARE AN EXCELLENT SOURCE OF INTELLIGENCE AS TO FRIENDLY POSITIONS, CAPABILITIES, LOCATIONS OF KEY BILLETTS/PERSONNEL WITHIN THE TARGET AREAS.

3. PAST CASES WITHIN 3D MARINES DO INCLUDE THE USE OF A 13 YEAR OLD WATER BUFFALO TENDER TO DETERMINE TARGETS FOR A 15 YEAR OLD BOY FO ON A DISTANT HILL. THE FO WOULD FIX THE FRIENDLY POSITION WITH HIS WATER BUFFALO HERD. THE OTHER BOY SERVED TO GUIDE THE ENEMY MORTAR TEAM INTO POSITION. THE BUFFALO BOY OBSERVED THE POINT OF IMPACT AND ADVISED THE MORTAR TEAM AS TO ADJUSTMENTS.

4. THE ENEMY HAS COME TO REALIZE THE MARINES PROPENSITY FOR FRIENDSHIPS WITH CHILDREN AND YOUNG GIRLS. VC/NVA UTILIZE THIS INTELLIGENCE ASSET OFTEN BY THREATENING THE AGENTS' LIFE AND/OR THAT OF THEIR FAMILIES. ONE RECENT CASE IN PARTICULAR IS NOTED BELOW: A 15 YEAR OLD GIRL HAD BEEN SEEN QUITE OFTEN IN VICINITY OF C-3 BRIDGE. IN A VERY SHORT TIME SHE WAS WELL WITHIN THE CONFIDENCE OF THE MARINES. HER CONSTANT PRESENCE AND OBVIOUS INTEREST IN THE AREA SOON AROUSED SUSPICION AND A CIT TEAM WAS DISPATCHED TO QUESTION HER. IT WAS LATER FOUND THAT THE 15 YEAR OLD GIRL HAD FIRE PLAN SKETCHES OF THE ENTIRE COMPOUND. HER METHOD OF RELAYING INFORMATION TO HER MENTORS WAS TO "DROP IT BY A TREE TO BE PICKED UP."

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5. IN ORDER TO ELIMINATE OR REDUCE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF ENEMY INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION A PROGRAM OF CLOSE PERSONNEL SUPERVISION AND EFFECTIVE SCREENING OF INDIGENEOUS PERSONNEL IN AND NEAR FRIENDLY INSTALLATIONS IS HEREBY DIRECTED.

6. FURTHER GUIDANCE AS TO ELIMINATION/REDUCTION OF THIS PROBLEM IS PUBLISHED IN REF A.

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1. 3D MAR IN OPN VIRGINIA RIDGE AREA INTSUM NO. 34.

2. 031801H TO 041800H JUNE 69

3. SUM OF BN ACTY
 DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, BN ACTY WAS MODERATE IN THE
 3D MAR AO. THERE WAS 1 INCIDENT OF ATTACK BY MORT FIRE,
 1 CONTACT INCIDENT, & 5 MISC SIGHTINGS.

A. GROUND FORCES

(1) 2D BN 3D MAR

(A) (LATE/ENTRY) 031600H H/2/3 SPTED 2 SNIPERS &
 EXCHANGED SAF W/THEM, VIC YD 056625. UNIT KILLED BOTH
 SNIPERS. RES: 2 NVA KIA

(B) 040930H H/2/3 VIC YD 051626 ON PATROL FND 1
 NVA KBA, 3 RPD (LIGHT MG), 1 AK-47, 3 CLAYMORES, 2 BAGS
 OF SATCHEL CHARGES, 1 RPG RND, 11/82MM RND, & 2/60MM
 RND. UNIT DEST ALL AMMO & RETURNED WPNS TO REAR.
 RES: 1 NVA KBA, 3 CSWC, & 1 IWC

(C) 041000H E/2/3 VIC YD 049617 FND 10 BNKRS & 15
 FIGHTING HOLES. UNIT ALSO FND MISC 782 GEAR. UNIT DEST ALL
 THE GEAR & BNKRS.

(D) 041205H E/2/3 VIC YD 057624 FND 2 CHICOMS IN
 POUCH & MISC OTHER 782 GEAR. UNIT HAS GEAR IN THEIR
 POSSESSION.

(E) 041430H H/2/3 VIC YD 047627 FND APPROX 20 LIVING
 BNKRS. 1 BNKR HAD BEEN USED AS A 1ST AID STATION & STILL
 HAD FRESH BLOOD IN IT. BNKRS HAVE BEEN ALREADY PARTLY DEST
 BY ARTY B/OR AIR. BUT ARTY WILL BE DROPPED ON THIS PSN
 AGAIN AT A LATER DATE.

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(2) 3D IN 3D MAR

(A) (LATE ENTRY) 031710H 1/3/3 VIC YD 014640 REC'D
12/821M MORT RNDZ FM VIC YD 021638 UNIT CALLED IN ARTY, &
B/W ON SUSP EN PSN W/UNK RES.

(B) 032100-040500H 1/3/3 VIC XD 997614 HAD MVNT COMING
FM THEIR N & E. MVNT WAS SLOW & DELIBERATE, WORKING ITS WAY
AROUND ALL SIDES OF UNITS PERIMETER. UNIT FIRED ARTY ON
LIKELY AVENUES OF APPROACH & TOSSED GRENADES WHEN MVNT BE-
CAME EXTREMELY CLOSE. ALL MVNT CEASED AT 040430H.

4. EN LOSSES

NVA KIA - 121
NVA KBA - 81
NVA POW - 04
IWC - 71
CSWC - 16

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REQUEST FOR SCOUT DOG TEAMS

1. REQUEST (6) SCOUT DOG TEAMS BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THIS HEADQUARTERS ASAP FOR SUPPORT TO SUBORDINATE UNITS.
2. TEAMS TO REPORT TO HEADQUARTERS, THIRD MARINES (S-3).

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1. 3D MAR IN OPN VIRGINIA RIDGE INTSUM NO. 35.
2. 041801H TO 051800H JUNE 69
3. SUM OF EN ACTY
DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, EN ACTY WAS LIGHT IN THE
3D MAR AO. THERE WERE 3 CONTACT INCIDENTS AND 1 INCIDENT
OF ATTACK BY MORTAR FIRE.

A. GND FORCES

(1) 1ST BN 3D MAR

(A) 050825H 1/3 REPORTED THAT THE SWEEP TEAM FND
1 US 60MM MORT RM ALONG SIDE OF ROAD VIC YD 136617.
UNIT DEST RD IN PLACE.

(2) 2D BN 3D MAR

(A) (LATE ENTRY) 041530H E/2/3 VIC YD 030631 FND
12 BUNKERS APPROX 1 MONTH OLD AND USED APPROX 2 WEEKS
AGO. ALSO FND 1 NVA HELMET AND 10 LBS OF RICE. ALL DEST
BY UNIT.

(B) (LATE ENTRY) 041700H E/2/3 VIC YD 057612 FND
20 BUNKERS, 1 NVA PACK, AND 1 PICK. NO SIGN OF RECENT
ACTY. ALL DEST BY UNIT.

(C) 041945H H/2/3 VIC YD 030631 OBS'D AND MADE CONTACT
W/1 NVA/3C ON TRAIL. SA FIRE WAS EXCHANGED W/NEG RES.

(D) 042130H H/2/3 VIC YD 030631 HRD MOVEMENT AND THREW
GRENADES AND REC SA FIRE IN RETURN.

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(E) 050745H F/2/3 VIC YD 064644 FND 2 NVA BODIES, 1 AK-47, AND MISC 782 GEAR. SEARCHED AREA FURTHER W/NEG RES. RES: 1 IVC AND 2 NVA KIA.

(F) 050845H F/2/3 ELEMENT VIC YD 057638 FND APPROX 80 BUNKERS, 3 MORTAR PITS, 2 NVA BODIES KILLED BY ARTY, 20/82MM MORT RDS, 5 CHICOM GRENADES, AND 15/50 CAL RDS. AREA HAD BEEN USED IN PAST WEEK BY UNK NO. OF EN. RES: 2 NVA KBA.

(G) 050850H F/2/3 ELEMENT VIC YD 057647 FND 4 NVA BODIES KILLED BY ARTY, 2 AK-47'S, 1 RPG-2 LAUNCHER, 23 AK-47 MAGS, 1 DRUM MAG FOR RPD, 13 NVA PACKS, 20 LBS OF TNT, 15/110 LB BAGS OF RICE, 20 OF DET CORD, 20 SHAPE CHARGES, 44 CHICOM GRENADES, 2 RUSSIAN GRENADES, 3 CHICOM DIRECTIONAL TYPE MINES, 9 RPG RKTs, 164/82MM MORT RDS, 57/60MM MORT RDS, 107/50 CAL RDS, 25 E-TOOLS, 8 PICKS, 13/82MM MORT AIMING DEVICES, AND MISC DOC'S. RES: 4 NVA KIA, 2 IVC, AND 1 CSWC

(H) 051030H E/2/3 VIC YD 045617 FND MISC US GEAR. VIC YD 047617 UNIT FND 1 NVA BODY KILLED BY SMALL ARMS APPROX 2-3 DAYS BEFORE. SEARCHED AREA FURTHER W/NEG RES. SENT US GEAR TO CP. RES: 1 NVA KIA

(I) 051230H H/2/3 VIC YD 029633 FND FRESH BUNKER AND 82MM MORTAR PIT. ALSO FND 3/82MM MORT RES. DEST BY UNIT.

(3) 3D BN 3D MAR

(A) (FOLLOW-UP RPT: REF INTSUM # 34) 031710H L/3/3 REC INCOMING 82MM MORT FIRE. AO OBS'D EN FO IN BOMB CRATER VIC YD 023643. DIRECTED F/W ON EN FGN RESULTING IN 1 NVA KBA.

(B) (LATE ENTRY) 041315H TO 041900H I/3/3 VIC XD 971616 MADE CONTACT W/35-40 NVA. NVA INITIATED CONTACT W/2 RPG RKTs, THEN USED SA AND GRENADES. NVA ELEMENT WAS SET IN ON BOTH SIDES OF TRAIL RUNNING SE-NW IN BUNKERS AND FIGHTING HOLES. F/W AND ARTY MSNS WERE CALLED IN ON AREA. PARTIAL SEARCH OF AREA DISCLOSED 3 NVA BODIES KILLED BY A/S AND 1 AK-47. RES: 3 NVA KBA AND 1 IVC

(C) 050940H K/3/3 VIC XD 966626 REC 23 INCOMING RDS OF 60MM MORTAR FIRE FM VIC XD 965625. FIRED 82MM MORTAR AND ARTY MSNS. UNK RES.

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4. EN LOSSES

NVA KIA - 134
NVA KBA - 87
NVA POW - 4
IWC - 75
CSMC - 17

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1. 3D MAR IN OPN VIRGINIA RIDGE AREA INTSUM NO. 36.

2. 051801H TO 061800H JUNE 69

3. SUM OF EN ACTY
DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, EN ACTY WAS LIGHT IN THE
3D MAR AO. THERE WERE 3 ATTACKS BY MORTAR FIRE AND
2 CONTACT INCIDENTS.

A. GND FORCES

(1) 1ST BN 3D MAR

(A) 060230H C/1/3 VIC YD 016565 AMBUSHED 3 NVA.
UNIT FIRED SA, AW, AND CLAYMORE MINES. RES: 1 NVA KIA

(B) 061315H C/1/3 VIC YD 025565 FND 6 RUSSIAN AT MINES
AND 7 US CLAYMORE MINES SET UP TO DETONATE W/DET CORD.
AREA SHOWED SIGNS OF RECENT AND HVY EN MOVEMENT. DEST
RUSSIAN MINES AND SAVED CLAYMORES.

(2) 2D BN 3D MAR

(A) 051900H H/2/3 VIC YD 044635 OBS'D AND FIRED ON
1 NVA/VC. UNIT THEN REC'D SA FIRE FM UNK NO. OF EN.
CALLED ARTY MSN. UNK RES.

(B) 060815H H/2/3 VIC YD 038635 REC'D APPROX 35-40 RDS
INCOMING 82MM MORTAR FIRE FM VIC YD 025653. AT 0945H UNIT
REC'D APPROX 30 RDS INCOMING 82MM MORTAR FIRE VIC YD 043633
FM VIC YD 024645. IN BOTH CASES COUNTER BTRY WAS FIRED
WITH UNK RES.

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(3) 3D BN 3D MAR

(A) (LATE ENTRY) 051620H 3/3 WHILE SETTING IN NEW CP
VIC XD 975623 FND 4 GRAVES W/4 NVA BODIES BURIED APPROX
6-12 MONTHS. RES: 4 NVA KIA

(B) 060925H 1/3/3 VIC XD 969624 FND 8 BUNKERS AND
15 FIGHTING HOLES. AREA WAS APPROX 4-6 MONTHS OLD AND
USED IN THE PAST 2 WEEKS. OPENINGS OF BUNKERS WERE
FACING NORTH AND ALL WERE CONNECTED WITH COMM WIRE.
MISC GEAR WAS FND IN AREA INCLUDING 10 OLD BATTERIES
AND NOTEBOOK WITH NUMBERS WRITTEN IN IT.

(C) 061100H K/3/3 VIC XD 969633 REC'D 30 RDS INCOMING
60MM MORTAR FIRE FM VIC XD 977646. COUNTER BTRY WAS
FIRED. UNK RES.

(D) 061130H K/3/3 VIC XD 956633 FND 4 BUNKERS AND
4 FIGHTING HOLES. AREA WAS 4-6 MONTHS OLD W/NO SIGN OF
RECENT USE. ALSO FND 16 CHICOM GRENADES, 1 RPG BOOSTER,
AND 1 CHICOM CLAYMORE TYPE MINE. DEST BY UNIT.

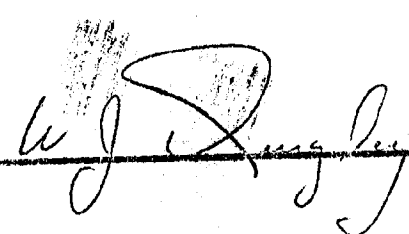
4. EN LOSSES

NVA KIA - 40
NVA KBA - 86
NVA POW - 4
IWC - 75
CSWC - 17

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14. CORRECTION - INTSUM # 35 AT ENTRY (3)(B) CHANGE THE
3 NVA KBA TO 1 NVA KIA AND 2 NVA KBA.

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CLEARANCE FOR ARCLIGHTS

1. FINAL CLEARANCE IS GIVEN FOR BELOW LISTED ARCLIGHTS.
ALL FRIENDLY TROOPS ARE OUTSIDE THE REQUIRED SAFETY ZONE.

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1. 3D MAR IN OPN VIRGINIA RIDGE INTSUM NO. 37.
2. 061800H TO 071800H JUNE 69
3. SUM OF EN ACTY
 DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, EN ACTY WAS LIGHT IN THE
 3D MAR AO. THERE WAS 1 CONTACT INCIDENT AND 1 INCIDENT
 OF ATTACK BY MORTAR FIRE.

A. GND FORCES

(1) 1ST BN 3D MAR

(A) 070730H 1/3 REPORTED THAT THE SWEEP TEAM PAID
 900 \$VN TO 4 VN CHILDREN FOR 1 FULL M-16 MAG AND 1 CLAYMORE
 MINE VIC YD 078571.

(2) 2D BN 3D MAR

(A) (LATE ENTRY) 061800H H/2/3 VIC YD 04762, WHILE
 MOVING SOUTH OUT OF NORTHERN AREA FND APPROX 30 BUNDLES,
 30/82MM MORT RDS, 15 RPG RKTS, AND MISC 782 GEAR.
 UNIT DID NOT DEST GEAR FND FOR LACK OF TIME AND LIGHT.

(B) 070730H F/2/3 VIC YD 021649 FND 1 NVA IN BUNKER.
 NVA DID NOT CHIEU HOI, BUT SURRENDERED WHEN UNIT APPROACHED
 HIM. NVA WORE CARTRIDGE BELT W/2 CHICOM GRENADES, CARRIED
 6 SMALL SATCHEL CHARGES, 1 HAMMOCK, AN AK-47, AND MISC
 SMALL AMOUNTS OF RICE AND CORN. FIB: 1 NVA POW AND 1 LWC

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(C) 070915H R/2/3 VIC YD 052667 FND 2 OLD BUNKERS AND 2 GRAVES W/OLD DECAYED BODIES. IN AREA ALSO FND 1 STRETCHER, 1 POUCH, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ LBS OF TNT, 1 FIRST AID PACK, AND MISC SMALL AMOUNT OF FOOD. ONE OF THE NVA'S SHIRTS HAD THE MARKINGS "TRUONG D-R-5". RES: 2 NVA KIA

(D) 071200H R/2/3 VIC YD 028652 FND 20 BUNKERS, 5 AW PSNS, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ 82MM MORT RDS, AND INCREMENTS FOR 82MM MORT RDS. DEST BY UNIT.

(3) 3D EN 3D MAR

(A) (SAME ENTRY) 061120H K/3/3 VIC XD 957633 FND 1 OLD BUNKER USED APPROX 3-4 WEEKS AGO, 16 CHICOM GRENADES, 2 CHICOM CONJUNCTIONAL TYPE MINES, 1 RPG RKT, 3 E-TOOLS, 3 POUCHS, AND 1 HELMET. DEST BY UNIT.

(B) (SAME ENTRY) 061145H K/3/3 VIC XD 969633 REC'D 12 RDS INCOMING 60MM MORTAR FIRE FM VIC XD 975658. CALLED ARMY RES. UNK RES.

(C) 061140H K/3/3 VIC XD 969633 REC'D APPROX 53 RDS INCOMING 60MM MORTAR FIRE FM VIC XD 997630. FIRED 81MM MORT AND ARMY RES. UNK RES.

(D) 061935H K/2/3 VIC XD 956633 OBS'D 2 NVA/VC IN OPEN MOVING W/ 60MM MORT TUBE VIC XD 947630. CALLED ARMY RES. UNK RES.

(E) 070940H R/2/3 VIC XD 973638 MADE CONTACT W/4 NVA VIC XD 973640. NVA BROKE CONTACT AND FLED LEAVING BEHIND 1 DEAD NVA, 2 RPG RDS, 3 CLAYMORE TYPE MINES, AND MISC 702 CLAY. CALLED ARMY RES. UNK RES. RES: 1 NVA KIA

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(A) 061130H R/2/3 VIC YD 094722 HRD MOVEMENT OF UN K VC. OF UN SOUTH AND SE OF THEIR PSN. OBS'D 3 UN, BYS W/ APPROX 10-15 IN AREA. MORTARS WERE FIRED IN SUPPORT OF UN W/ UNK RES. UN WAS EXTRACTED.

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4. EN LOSSES

NVA KIA - 145
 NVA KIA - 88
 NVA POW - 5
 INC - 76
 CSWC - 17

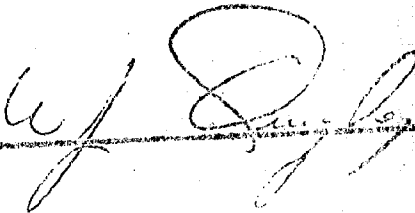
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10. LATE ENTRIES

(A) 071400H E/2/3 VIC YD 045664 FND 2 NVA BODIES
 KILLED BY BOMBING. RES: 2 NVA KIA

(B) 071515H E/2/3 VIC YD 044674 FND 20 OVERHEAD
 BUNKERS APPROX 4 MONTHS OLD; VIC YD 042667 FND 2 NVA BODIES,
 NVA HAD BEEN DEAD APPROX 2 WEEKS, ALSO FND 4 LBS OF TNT
 AND 2 CANTEENS; VIC YD 044665 FND 20 BUNKERS DEST BY BOMBING
 AND 2 CHICOM GRENADES, 1/82MM MORT RD, AND 6 RPG BOOSTERS;
 VIC YD 035665 FND 2 BUNKERS, 8 RPG RKTS, 1/82MM MORT PIT
 AND 1 RD, AND 6 RPG RKT BOOSTERS. RES: 2 NVA KIA

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1. 3D MAR IN OPS VIRGINIA RIDGE INTSUM NO. 38.
2. 071801H TO 081800H JUNE 69.
3. SUM OF ENEMY ACTY
ENEMY ACTY WAS LIGHT IN THE 3D MAR AO DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD.
THERE WERE 5 CONTACT INCIDENTS, 1 ATTACK BY MORTAR FIRE AND 2
ENEMY SIGHTINGS.

A. GRND FORCES

(1) 1ST BN 3D MAR

(A) 072030H B/1/3 SID DETECTED GRND MOVT VIC YD 115743.
ARTY WAS CALLED. 2130H SID DETECTED TRACK VEHICLE MOVT VIC YD 119748.
MORE ARTY WAS REQUESTED BUT DENIED. 2325H MOVT WAS DETECTED
TO NE. ARTY MSN FOLLOWED MOVT RESULTION IN 1 SECONDARY EXPLOSION
VIC YD 133754.

(B) 081740H H&S 1/3 TRUCK BEING WASHED AT C-3 BRIDGE RECD
SAF FM YD 140598. PTL SENT TO CHECK OUT AREA.

(2) 2D BN 3D MAR

(A) 071830H E/2/3 RECD 12 RINDS 82MM MORT FM YD 036677 &
YD 057687. CALLED IN ARTY & 81MM MSNS ON YD 036677.

(B) 080930 E/2/3 RECD SAF FM 10 EN VIC YD 049674. RETD
FIRE AND TOOK COVER AROUND BOMB CRATER. EN RAN TO N. CALLED
ARTY MSN W/NEG RES.

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(C) 060935H 2/2/3 OBSD 4 EN RUNNING N OVER RIDGE VIC
 YD 052678. ENEMY TAKEN UNDER FIRE W/SA, 60 MM AND ARTY. SEARCHED
 AREA W/NO RES.

(C) 081545H E/2/3 FIRETEAM LEFT BEHIND TO BLOW BNKR VIC
IN 053666 RECD 1 RND SNIPER FIRE FM YD 056671 WHEN REJOINING
UNIT. RECD FIRE W/1453Z 81MM MORT. SEARCHED AREA W/NEG RES.

(E) 081600H W/2/3 OBSD 6 BN VIC YD 074655. FIRED 81MM MSN.
FBI SEARCHED AREA W/MEX RES.

(2) 30 IN 30 MAIL

(A) XC745200. RECAPTIVED 4-5 NVA WORKING ON LAKE COMB. W/ VIG YD 240627. 1 CHICOM GREEN CLAYMORE, 1 BIRD HAT AS BIRD HAT, 1 GREEN BK CON. 10 ON SITUATION 1 AN PW AND WORKED ARTY & 81MM MSN. RES: 1 AK-47, 3 CHICOM GREENS & 1 CART BUILT FWD, 0850H K WAS ASSAULTED W/ VIG YD 240627-0900. 24-7 4-5 NVA USING 3 CLAYMORES & SA. K RPTED PW'S AND EVANGELIST W/ SHOOTING AND CALLED ARTY & 81MM MSN TO 1000 K IN MOUNTAIN. 1000H AREA & SEARCHED PW'S FINDING 1 INK KIA, 1 AK-47, 1 RPG-7 SHOOTER AND BND, 6 CHICOMS, 1 CLAYMORE MINES, 5 OVERHEAD BUNKERS, 1 E-TOOL, SHAVING GEAR, PROTEIN BARS, AND 1000 MAPPING CART BOTE, 1000H 4-5 NVA BELIEVED TO BE THE SAME GR. FIND SAW VIG YD 250530. EN WAS ARMED W/ AK-47'S, M-16'S AND CLAYMORES. K CALLED ARTY AND PW AND ASSAULTED HILL. EN RAN TO NW, SEARCHED AREA FINDING 3 NVA KIA, 2 AK-47'S, 4 AK-47 MAGS, 1 OLD RPG BND W/ BOSTER, 1X82MM FWD, 11 CHICOM GREENS, 1 E-TOOL, 1 LEATHER HETT, 5 OVERHEAD BUNKERS, 5 OVER BUNKERS AND 1 CHINESE WIRE PHONE. RES: 4 NVA KIA, 4 INK, 1 CSNG.

(b) OTHER:

(A) 080745H SEVENTH TEAM FND 1 DUD 82MM MORT RND ALONG
SHOULDER OF ROAD VIC YD 151618. RND BLOWN IN PLACE.

(F) 88015H SWEEP IN FMD BOOBY-TRAPPED M-79 RND NEAR
SHOULDER OF ROAD VIC YD 103613. RND PLANTED IN GRID TO BE DETONATED
BY PRESSURE OF FOOT. RND BLOWN IN PLACE.

(C) 030856H AO WORKING W/3/3 RAN 2 FLTS PW VIC YD 968663.
MSH RESOLVED IN 3 DEST BNKRS AID 1 SEC EXPLOSIONS. ALSO DIRECTED
2 ARMY MSUS ON SAME GRID DESTROYING 6-8 BNKRS.

(D) 080945H SWERD TM FND DUD 105MM RND 10M OF ROAD VIC
TD 133621. RND BLN IN PLACE.

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1. 3D MAR IN OPN VIRGINIA RIDGE INTSUM NO. 39.
2. 081801H TO 091800H JUNE 69
3. SUM OF EN ACTY
 DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, EN ACTY WAS LIGHT IN THE
 3D MAR AO. THERE WAS 1 INCIDENT OF ATTACK BY MORTAR FIRE.

A. GND FORCES

(1) 1ST BN 3D MAR

(A) 090835H 1/3 SWEEP TEAM PAID 1250 \$VN FOR 21 FULL
 M-16 MAGS, 2 M-26 GRENADES, AND 1 AN-PRC RADIO RECEIVER
 TO 14 VN CHILDREN VIC YD 104576.

(B) 091000H B/1/3 SPOTTED 12 INDIGENOUS PERSONNEL
 IN BLACK PJ'S RUNNING NE VIC YD 139697. UNIT PURSUED
 AND CAUGHT 3 OF THE PEOPLE, OTHER FLED INTO THE ARVN AO.
RES: 3 DET

(2) 2D BN 3D MAR

(A) 081915H F/2/3 VIC YD 027643 FND A BUNKER COMPLEX,
 7 NVA BODIES KILLED BY BOMBING APPROX 2 DAYS PRIOR, AND
 1 AK-47. AT 091130H UNIT REPORTED SEARCHING AREA FURTHER
 AND FINDING 4 MORE BODIES, 2 MORE AK-47'S, 40 CHICOM
 GRENADES, 10 E-TOOLS, 10 RPG RKTs, 1 US 3.5 RKT, 10/82MM
 MORT RDS, 1 POWER MEGAPHONE, 40 SATCHEL CHARGES, 35/60MM
 MORT RDS, AND 300/7.62MM RDS. RES: 11 NVA KBA AND 3 IWC

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(B) 082200H E/2/3 OBS'D 7-8 NVA/VC IN OPEN VIC
 027643 FIRED SA AND 60MM MORT. RES.

(C) 090230H F/2/3 VIC YD 027643 HRD MOVEMENT IN
 FRONT OF LINES. FIRED SA AND THREW GRENADES. SEARCHED
 AREA FINDING BLOOD TRAILS, 2 BLOODY CARTRIDGE BELTS,
 AND 1 AK-47. RES: 1 IWC

(D) 090650H F/2/3 VIC YD 031639 REC'D 18 INCOMING RDS
 OF 82MM MORT FIRE FM VIC YD 030632. FIRED 60MM MORT,
 81MM MORT, AND ARTY. UNK RES.

(E) 090807H E/2/3 VIC YD 068657 AND YD 071662 FND
 WELL-USED TRAIL RUNNING SE-NW AND MANY SMALL TRAILS
 RUNNING IN ALL DIRECTIONS. SEARCHED AREA W/NEG RES.

(F) 091200H E/2/3 VIC YD 032664 FND 9 BUNKERS DEST
 BY BOMBING AND VIC YD 046658 FND APPROX 30 BUNKERS DEST
 BY ARTY APPROX 1 MONTH AGO. SEARCHED AREA W/NEG FINDINGS.

(3) 3D BN 3D MAR

(A) 090815H K/3/3 OBS'D 5 NVA/VC MOVING ACROSS HILLTOP
 VIC YD 945624. FIRED 81MM MORTAR MSN. UNIT OBS'D 1 NVA
 GET BLOWN UP BY MORTAR RD. RES: 1 NVA KIA

(B) 091000H K/3/3 VIC YD 949633 FND 2 GRAVES W/2 NVA
 BODIES KILLED APPROX 1 WEEK BEFORE BY SHRAPNEL. SEARCHED
 AREA FURTHER W/NEG RES. RES: 2 NVA KIA

4. BN LOSSES

NVA KIA - 152
 NVA KBA - 99
 NVA POW - 5
 DET - 3
 IWC - 83
 CSWC - 18

5. - 13. NEG

14. (LATE ENTRIES)

(A) CORRECTION TO ENTRY IN INTSUM # 38 BY K/3/3 AT
 080715H THERE WERE ONLY 3 IWC, DELETE 1 IWC FROM TOTALS.

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1. 3D MAR IN OPN VIRGINIA RIDGE INTSUM NO. 40.

2. 091801HTO 101800H JUNE 1969.

3. SUM OF ENEMY ACTY

DURING THE ABOVE REPORTING PERIOD, ENEMY ACTY IN THE 3D MAR AO WAS LIGHT TO MODERATE. THERE WAS 3 SA CONTACTS AND 2 ENEMY FORTIFIED POSNS FND. 1 LARGE ENEMY FORCE WAS SITED.

A. GRND FORCES

(1) 1ST BN 3D MAR

(A) 100130H B/1/3 SID DETECTED 80 TROOPS IN 3 GRPS OF 18 TO 25 MEN AND 2 SMALLER GRPS MOVING S VIC YD 119714. SMALLER GRPS MOVED TO YD 120709. CALLED ARTY MSN, 60MM, 81MM AND DUSTERS. FO REPORTED ARTY ON TARGET HITTING SEVERAL SMALL GRPS OF RETREATING TROOPS.

(2) 2D BN 3D MAR

(A) 091830H F/2/3 POINT ELEMENT RECD SAF FM YD 029637 AND YD 032638. ARTY AND AIR CALLED IN. A/S ON YD 029637 RESULTED IN 5 LARGE SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS, NUMEROUS SMALL SECONDARIES AND 7 BUNKERS, 1 TRENCHLINE AND 1 MORTAR PIT DEST.

(B) 101130H E/2/3 FND 11 BUNKERS DEST BY ARC LIGHT VIC YD 041652. SEARCHED AREA. NO SIGN OF RECENT ACTY OBSERVED.

(C) 101140H E/2/3 FND VIC YD 048643 TWO FRESH BUNKERS L&X2° W/SIGNS OF RECENT ACTY. SEARCHED AREA AND DEST BUNKERS.

(3) 3D BN 3D MAR

(A) 101355H L/3/3 VIC XD 959636 POINT MADE CON W/UNK SIZE EN FORCE. NO FURTHER INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME.

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(B) 101400H K/3/3 INIT CON W/4-5 NVA VIC YD 943639 KILLING
 1 NVA, RECD SAF AND POSSIBLE RPG RND. AO CALLED ON STATION. FIRED
 ARTY MSN AND RAN 1 FLIGHT OF F/W. RES: 3 NVA KIA.

4. ENEMY LOSSES

NVA KIA	=	155
NVA KRA	=	99
NVA POW	=	5
DEAT	=	3
INC	=	83
OSWC	=	18

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ATTACHMENT/DETACHMENT OF NON-ORGANIC PERSONNEL

1. IN ORDER FOR THIS HEADQUARTERS TO PROVIDE BETTER, MORE TIMELY EXTERNAL SUPPORT TO SUBORDINATE UNITS, THE REGIMENTAL PROGRAM/POLICY IS REITERATED:

A. REQUESTS FOR ATTACHMENTS/DETACHMENTS MUST BE PROCESSED THROUGH OPERATIONAL CHANNELS. THEY SHOULD INCLUDE TYPE OF SUPPORT, MISSION (IF NOT APPARENT), DURATION OF REQUIREMENT, AND ANY OTHER MODIFYING OR ASSISTING COMMENTS.

B. PRIORITIES FOR ADDITIONAL SUPPORT, AT ANY TIME, ARE BASED UPON 3D MARINES KNOWLEDGE OF THE BN'S CURRENT STATUS ON ATTACHED/DIRECT SUPPORT UNITS. THUS, BN'S ARE DIRECTED TO SUBMIT CHANGES IN TASK ORGANIZATION AS THEY OCCUR.

C. TO ENSURE RECONCILIATION OF SUPPORT STATUS IT IS SUGGESTED THAT A WEEKLY RECAP BE SUBMITTED AS A BACK UP.

2. ALL UNITS WILL SUBMIT CURRENT TASK ORGANIZATION BY 121800H JUNE 69.

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1. THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE SECOND BN ARE HEREBY
CONGRATULATED FOR THE PROFESSIONALISM DISPLAYED IN CON-
DUCTING THE HELICOPTER ASSAULT OF 7 JUNE 1969.
2. THE MINIMUM TIME REQUIRED FOR THE ASSAULT, THE EFFECTIVE
NEUTRALIZATION OF THE ENEMY, AND THE CLOSE AIR-GROUND CO-
ORDINATION ARE INDICATORS OF PROPER PLANNING AND UTILIZA-
TION OF SUPPORTING ARMS.
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1. 3D MAR IN OVN VIRGINIA RIDGE INTSUM NO. 41.

2. 101800H TO 111800H JUNE 1969.

3. SUM OF ENEMY ACTY
 DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, ENEMY ACTY WAS AGAIN LIGHT TO MODERATE IN THE 3D MAR AO. THERE WERE 8 ENEMY FORTIFIED PSNS FND, 2 ENEMY SIGHTINGS, 2 SA CONTACTS, 1 ATTACK BY FIRE AND 1 STRING OF MINES FND ALONG ROUTE 558.

A. GRID FORCES

(1) 1ST BN 3D MAR

(A) 101915H B/1/3 OBSD 15 NVA VIC YD 157733 MOVING TO N. ARTY WAS CALLED IN.

(2) 2D BN 3D MAR

(A) (LATE ENTRY) 101500H F/2/3 PTL VIC YD 030637 FND 50LB BAG OF RICE, 1 SKS, MISC RADIO GEAR, 782 GEAR, 12 X 2MMAN BUNKERS, 8 RND 82MM, 10 RND 60MM AND 7 BLOCKS OF TNT. RADIO GEAR IS BEING EVACUATED TO F/2/3'S PSN, ALL OTHER GEAR WAS DEST. RES: 1 TWC.

(B) (LATE ENTRY) 101500H F/2/3 PTL VIC YD 029634 FND 1 COM AND BUNKER, 15 BUNKERS, 10 FTG HOLES, 5 RND 82MM, 23 RND 60MM, 1 SATCHEL CHARGE, MISC COM AND 782 GEAR AND NUMEROUS DOCUMENTS. DOCUMENTS AND COM GEAR TO BE EVACUATED, ALL OTHER GEAR WAS DESTROYED.

(C) (LATE ENTRY) 101500H F/2/3 PTL VIC YD 032637 FND 11 BUNKERS. DEST ALL BUNKERS.

(D) 101815H E/2/3 VIC YD 058643 FND 25-30 BUNKERS W/FRESH TRL ACTY.

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(D) 101900H F/2/3 VIC YD 030632 FND 2 MORT PTTS, 2 CHICOM GREN, 37 RND 82MM, 36 X 82MM FUSES, 2 CANS MORTAR INCREMENTS, 1 DELAY MORTAR FUSES. DELAY MORT FUSES ARE BEING EVAC. OTHER GEAR AND MORT PTTS DEST.

(F) 110820H F/2/3 VIC YD 032636 WAS SEARCHING BNKR COMPLEX WHEN NVA RAN IN FRONT OF THEM. PTL OPENED FIRE W/SA, KILLING NVA. SEARCH REVEALED NVA HAD NEG ID. RES: 1 NVA KIA.

(G) 111010H E/2/3 VIC YD 048643 FND 4 BNKRS DEST AND 1 UNDA-AGED BNKR. ALSO FND 1 FIRST AID PACKET, 1 PR NVA TROUSERS, 1 BATTERY, 1 BLANK DOG TAG. GEAR WAS EVAC AND BUNKERS WERE BLOWN.

(H) 111100H E/2/3 VIC YD 066649 FND 1 TRL GOING NE, 2 CHICOM GREN, 10 AK-47 RND, 1 NVA NEWSPAPER AND 1 RPG RND. PAPER WAS EVAC TO E/2/3'S PSN.

(I) 111120H E/2/3 VIC YD 047639 FND 2 BNKRS. DEST BUNKERS AND SEARCHED AREA.

(J) 111130H E/2/3 VIC YD 054646 FND TWO 2-3 WEEK OLD NVA BODIES KILLED BY ARTY. BODIES HAD NOT BEEN BURIED. RES: 2 NVA KIA.

(3) 3D BN 2D MAR

(A) REF 3D MAR LITSUM NO. 40 PARA 3A(3)(B) K/3/3 HAD CON W/APPROX 20-30 NVA IN BNKR COM. VIC XD 943636. 1800H MEDEVAC WENO HIT BY RPG RND FIRED FM 300M N OF ZONE. AO RAN F/W ON BUDNY PSN. 1940H K HAD ANOTHER CON AND FIRED ORGANIC WPNS TO SUPPRESS EN FIVE. ARTY AND F/W CALLED IN. K CAPTURED 4 AK-47'S, 4 CASES OF 25 CHICOM GRENS EACH, 20 NVA E-TOOLS, 20 STICKS TNT, 10 AK-47 MAGS AND 3 LARGE SACKS OF RICE. R.S: 3 NVA KIA, 1 IWC.

(B) (LATE ENTRY) 101600H L/3/3 OBSD 2 NVA VIC XD 963637, APPROX 300M FM FRIENDLY ELEMENT. PTL SENT TO SEARCH AREA. 1700H AMBUSH OBSD 1 NVA XD 969637. AMBUSH OPENED FIRE. SEARCHED AREA AND MOVED TO NEW AILASH SITE.

(C) 110930H K/3/3 VIC XD 946630 RECD 11 RND 60MM IMPACTING OUTSIDE PERIMETER FM XD 942646. AO ON STATION AND ARTY CALLED IN.

(4) OTHER

(A) 100530H ROADSWEPT TM 303 VIC YD 131628 ROADSWEPT TRUCK HIT MINE. TRUCK SENT TO RETRIEVE DAM TRUCK HIT MINE; 4 MORE MINES WERE FND AND ANOTHER WAS DETONATED BY PC. MINES WERE PLASTIC AND WERE PLANTED IN STAGGERED FASHION 20M APART IN TIRE TRACKS. FOUR OF MINES WERE NEW AND BURIED 3-4 INCHES BELOW GROUND. ROUTE 558 WAS CLOSED AND RESWEPT.

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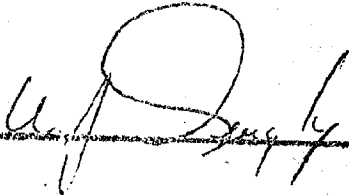
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4. ENEMY LOSSES

NVA KIA ~	161
NVA KIA ~	99
NVA POW ~	5
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1. 3D MAR IN OPN VIRGINIA RIDGE INTSUM NO. 42.

2. 111800H TO 121800H JUNE 1969.

3. SUM OF ENEMY ACTY.

DURING THE ABOVE REPORTING PERIOD, ENEMY ACTY WAS LIGHT IN THE 3D MAR AO. THERE WERE 5 ENEMY FORT PSNS FND, 6 GRAVES FND, 1 ATTACK BY SA AND MORT, 1 E. ENY SIGHTING AND 2 AT MINES FND.

A. GROUND FORCES

(1) 1ST BN 3D MAR

(A) 121300H D/1/3 VIC YD 093603 FND CAMO TUNNEL ENTRANCE AND NUMEROUS FOOTPRINTS. ALSO FND TRENCH RUNNING E-W W/NO SIGNS OF RECENT ACTY.

(2) 2D BN 3D MAR

(A) RES 3D MAR INTSUM NO. 41 PARA 3A(2)(F) 110820H F/2/3 VIC YD 032636 FND 5 GRAVES W/BODIES. FND 2 CLAYMORES, 37 SATCHEL CHARGES, 6 RND 60MM, 36 RND 82MM, 2 DRUM MAGS FOR MG, 80 SCREW-ON FUSES FOR 82MM, 100 LBS OF RICE, MISC MEDICAL AND 782 GEAR AND NUMEROUS DOCUMENTS. DOCUMENTS EVAC TO QUANG TRI. RES: 5 NVA KIA.

(B) (LATE ENTRY) 111400H E/2/3 VIC YD 059644 FND 65 BIKES, 5 NVA KBA APPROX 3 DAYS OLD WEARING GREEN UTILITIES W/NO PATCHES OR INSIGNIA AND 1 NVA MORT PIT. ALSO FND 9 NVA E-TOOLS, 8 CHICONS, 4 AK-47 MAGS W/AMMO, 50-75 LBS OF RICE AND 1 NVA PACK. 9 BUNKERS WERE DEST. RES: 3 NVA KBA.

(C) (LATE ENTRY) 111600H F/2/3 VIC YD 032627 FND NKR COMPLEX, 1 CLAYMORE, 1 CHICON GREN, 25 AK-47 RND, 15-3 MAN BUNKERS, 21 FTG HOLES W/COVERS, 1 COOKING SHED, ANIMAL PENS, DOCUMENTS, VARIOUS CLOTHING AND RAINGEAR, 1-1.5V BATTERY AND COOKING GEAR. DOCUMENTS SENT TO QUANG TRI. ALL OTHER GEAR DEST.

(D) (LATE ENTRY) 111600H G/2/3 VIC YD 061631 FND GRAVE W/1 NVA KBA 2-3 WEEKS OLD. NO INSIGNIA WAS FOUND. RES: 1 NVA KBA.

(E) 121155H E/2/3 VIC YD 065675 RECD SPORADIC SAF AND 82MM MORT FIRE FM YD 051686 AND YD 058686 FM UNK SIZE UNIT. E ASSAULTED ENEMY KILLING 8 NVA AND CAPTURING 1 RPG LAUNCHER AND ONE 82MM MORT TUBE. ARTY WAS CALLED IN DURING CONTACT. RES: 8 NVA KIA, 2 CSWC.

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(2) 121500H 6/2/3 VIC YD 082616 FND 15 BAKRS AND FRESH TRLS APPROX 3 DAYS OLD. BAKRS WERE DEST.

(3) 121735H 6/2/3 VIC YD 051683 COMPLETED RECOVERY OF 1 R CON RT KIA. UNIT IS MOVING S W/BODY.

(3) 3D EN 3D HAR

(A) REF 3D HAR INTSUM NO. 40, PARA 3A(3)(B) 110800H K/3/3 RETURNED TO STATE OF CON VIC AD 943636. FND AND DEST 130 CHICOM GREY, 45 BLOCKS TRM, 16 RND 82MM, 500 AK-47 RND, 17 CANS OF 3 EACH 82MM MORT FUSES, 10 CANS OF 3 EACH 82MM BOOSTERS, 17 AK-47 MAGS, 3 CLAYMORES AND 500 LBS OF RICE.

(B) (LATE ENTRY) 111615H L/3/3 VIC XD 966636 FND AND DEST 1. PARTIALLY DEST ENEMY MORT PSN AND 14 RND 82MM MORT.

(C) 120900H L/3/3 VIC XD 969618 OBSD 2 NVA MOVING SW AND 2ND NVA NOT MOVING VIC XD 974618. 60MM AND 81MM NVA CALLED IN AND AREA SEARCHED.

(4) OTHER

(A) 120900H ROADSWEEP TM 303 VIC YD 149612 AND YD 131628 FND 1 AT MINE 9 INCHES IN DIAM IN EACH LOCATION. BOTH MINES WERE DEST.

4. ENEMY LOSSES

NVA KIA	-	175
NVA KBA	-	103
NVA POW	-	5
DEF	-	3
IWC	-	88
CSWC	-	20

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1. 3D MAR IN OPN VIRGINIA RIDGE INTSUM NO. 43.

2. 121500H TO 131800H JUNE.

3. SUM OF ENEMY ACTY.
DURING THE ABOVE REPORTING PERIOD, ENEMY ACTY IN THE 3D MAR AO WAS MOBILE. THERE WERE 3 ATTACKS BY FIRE, 1 CONTACT BY GREN, 1 REPTED FORT PSD FND, 1 ENEMY SIGHTING AND 1 MINING INCIDENT.

4. GRID FORCES

(1) 1ST BN 3D MAR

(A) 121500H (LATE ENTRY) B/1/3 OF CBSD TO NVA IN OPEN W/PAKTS MOVING NW VIC YD 160745. OF ADJUSTED ARTY MSN AND CBSD CORRECT HITS ON 3 IVA.

(B) 131237H C/1/3 VIC YD 001566 TRUCK HIT MINE AND WAS HEAVILY DAMAGED. RESULPT ROAD A D FOUND 2 PLASTIC MINES. MINES WERE REMOVED IN PLACE.

(2) 2D BN 3D MAR

(A) REF 3D MAR INTSUM NO. 42 PARA 3A(2)(B) E/2/3 VIC YD 06537H. FND 4 AK-47'S, 13 AK-47 MAGS W/AMMO, 1 CLAYMORE MINE, 3 RPG RDS, 1 CAL TIF, 6 CHICOM GREN, 5 LBS RICE, 5 CARTRIDGE BULBS, MISC 782 GEAR AND 1 DOCUMENT W/SKETCH OF AMBUSH PLAN. DOCUMENT WILL BE RETURNED TO S-2. RES: 1 INC.

(B) 130300H G/2/3 VIC YD 055620 RECD 2 GREN IN PERIMETER. THREW GREN AT SUSP AREA. SEARCHED AREA AND FND 1 AK-47 AND 1 CHICOM GREN. RES: 1 INC.

(C) 130615H G/2/3 VIC YD 055620 RECD 10 RDS 60MM PH YD 018029, CARRIED IN ARTY AND FIRED 60MM AND 81MM RDS. RTL SENT TO SEARCH AREA FND BUNKERS AND OBSD 2-3 NVA IN OPEN. STRD 60MM MSN KILLING 1 NVA. ALSO FND 25 LBS OF RICE, 1 60MM MORTAR BASE PLATE AND MISC NVA 782 GEAR AND ORDNANCE. DEST IN BUNKERS AND GEAR. RES: 1 NVA KIA.

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(D) 130059H F/2/3 VIC XD 032625 OBSD RND5 OF UNK CAL IMPACTING 100M PM THEIR PSN. CALLED IN ARTY MSN ON XD 033631 HAD XD 043650. INCOMING THEN CEASED.

(3) 30 DN 3D MAR

(A) 121030H (DATE ENTRY) 1/3/3 VIC XD 963627 DESC SEVEN 2-4 MONTH OLD A-TRAIL BUNKERS 6' X 5' X 4' W/OVERHEAD OF 4-6 INCHES OF LOGS AND 18 INCHES OF DIRT. 1 BUNKER HAD APERTURE 1 FOOT BY 6 INCHES FACING E. SEARCHED AREA AND DUG UP BUNKER FLOORING. DEST BUNKERS.

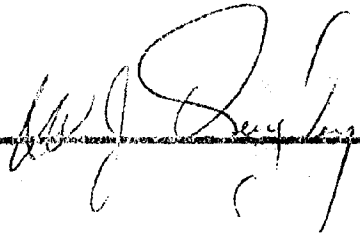
(B) 130730H K/3/3 VIC XD 954639 RECD 29 RND5 60MM IMPACTING OUTSIDE PERIMETER FM XD 968656. CALLED IN ARTY AND 81MM MSN AND INCOMING CEASED.

4. ENEMY LOSSES

NVA KIA	-	175
NVA KRA	-	103
NVA POW	-	5
DEP	-	3
TWC	-	93
OSNG	-	20

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1. 3D MAR IN OPN VIRGINIA RIDGE INTSUN NO. 44.

2. 131800H TO 141800H JUNE 1969.

3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTY.
 DURING THE ABOVE REPORTING PERIOD, ENEMY ACTY IN THE 3D MAR AO WAS LIGHT. THERE WERE 4 ATTACKS BY FIRE, 3 ENEMY FORT POSNS FND, 2 SA CON AND 1 ENEMY SIGHTING.

A. GROUND FORCES.

(1) 1ST BN 3D MAR

(A) 131915H A/1/3 VIC YD 135747 OBSD 3 ENEMY WEARING BLACK PJ'S INSIDE WIRE, 3 CANISTER AND 4 WP RNDZ WERE FIRED. ENEMY WAS IN FIRE FIELD.

(B) 132355H B/1/3 RECD 2 X122MM ROCKETS IMPACTING VIC YD 115695 FM YD 151789. ARTY AND NGF MSNS CALLED IN.

(C) 140020H D/1/3 RECD 2 POSS 122MM ROCKETS IMPACTING OUTSIDE PERIMETER FM YD 132735 OR YD 151770. FIRED ARTY AND NGF MSNS.

(D) 140830H A/1/3 VIC YD 122658 FND FRESH DNKR W/GOOD OVERHEAD. ALSO FND TRL. SEARCHED TRL AND FND AT HOME. BUNKER AND MINE DEST.

(2) 2D BN 3D MAR

(A) 132315H G/2/3 VIC YD 058618 R. CD 2 RNDZ SAF FM E.

(B) 140715H H/2/3 VIC YD 054639 RECD 13 RNDZ 82MM MORT FROM YD 081631. 60MM AND ARTY MSNS CALLED IN.

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(C) 141300H 11/2/3 VIC YD 079639 WAS AMBUSHED BY APPROX 2 NVA SQD. CALLED IN 60MM, 82MM AND ARTY MSNS. AT YD 084635 H RECD 15 RND 82MM MORT FIRE. CALLED IN 60MM, 82MM AND ARTY MSNS THEN SWEEPED THRU AREA FINDING 1 RPD, AMMO FOR RPD AND 1 AP MINE. RES: 1 CSUC.

(3) 3D BN 3D MAR

(A) 130830H 1/3/3 VIC XD 952632 FND 3 NVA CLAYMORES WIRED FOR DETONATION. WIRES LED TO 2 BUNKERS. FND 1 RPG RND AND 27 CHICOM GRENADES IN BUNKERS.

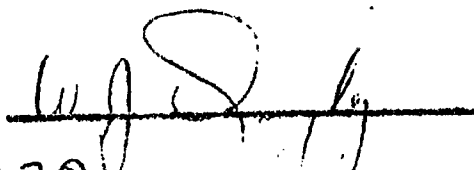
(B) 130900H 1/3/3 VIC XD 969618 FND 4 BUNKERS 5' X 4' X 4' AND 1 BUNKER 10' X 8' X 4'. ALL HAD 4-6 INCHES AND 18-24 INCHES OF DIRT ON OVERHEAD. ALSO FND 7 RND 60MM, 1 NVA CANTEN, 2 US FLAK JACKETS, 4 US PONCHOS, 3 PR OF US UTILITIES, AND 2 US HELMETS.

4. ENEMY LOSSES

NVA KIA	-	175
NVA KBA	-	103
NVA POW	-	5
DET	-	3
IWC	-	93
CSUC	-	21

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IMMEDIATE DTG: 141424 2 JUNE 69FM: THIRD MARINES
TO: CG THIRD MARDIV (G-3)

INFO: FIRST BN, TWELFTH MARINES

NAVAL GUN FIRE SUPPORT, REQUEST FOR

1. THE 3d MARINE REGIMENT REQUIRES THE SUPPORT OF A HEAVY CRUISER DURING THE PERIOD OF 16 JUNE TO 23 JUNE TO SUPPORT A MAJOR COMBINED MARINE/ARVN OPERATION IN LEATHERNECK SQUARE JUST SOUTH OF THE DMZ.

2. IT IS FELT THAT A CRUISER'S ACCURATE AND HEAVY VOLUME OF 8/55 IS ESSENTIAL FOR SUPPORT OF THIS OPERATION AGAINST A SUSPECTED ENEMY REGIMENT. WE PLAN ON USING THE CRUISER FOR INTENSE PREPARATION FIRE PRIOR TO THE ATTACK, BLOCKING FIRES AND FLANK PROTECTION FIRES DURING THE ATTACK, AND ON TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY AS THEY PRESENT THEMSELVES. NAVAL GUNFIRE ILLUMINATION WILL BE USED TO SUPPORT A NIGHT ATTACK ON 16 JUNE AND THROUGHOUT THE OPERATION, AS REQUIRED. OPERATIONAL ELEMENTS WILL BE WELL WITHIN THE RANGE OF THE CRUISER'S HEAVY GUNS AT ALL TIMES, THUS GAINING FULL EFFECT FROM THIS PROPOSED DEPLOYMENT.

3. DUE TO THE ANTICIPATED VOLUME OF FIRES, IT IS FELT THAT THE ADDITION OF NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT WILL BE NECESSARY IN LIGHT OF CURRENT ARTILLERY ASR'S.

4. THE MOST SALIENT POINT, HOWEVER, IS THE NECESSITY FOR HARD, MASSIVE FIRES INTO THE DMZ (WITHIN THE RULES OF ENGAGEMENT) TO PROTECT THE FLANKS OF THE FRIENDLY FORCES AGAINST ACTIVE MORTAR AND ROCKET FIRES. THE GFL OF A NGF VESSEL IS OPTIMUM FOR THIS IMPORTANT ROLE.

5. PLEASE ADVISE REGARDING THIS REQUEST ASAP.

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1. ON 11 JUNE COMPANY E RECEIVED THE MISSION TO MOVE NORTH AND RECOVER THE BODY OF A FALLEN MARINE. ALTHOUGH THE ENEMY LAID IN WAITING FOR YOUR APPROACH, THROUGH THE USE OF SOUND TACTICS AND OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP YOU WERE ABLE TO INFLECT HEAVY LOSSES UPON THE ENEMY AND ACCOMPLISH YOUR MISSION.

THE FAMILY OF THE FALLEN MARINE WILL FOREVER BE THANKFUL FOR THE COURAGE OF THE MEN OF COMPANY E, SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES IN RECOVERING THEIR SON.

FOR HIS FAMILY, FOR THE MARINE CORPS, I EXTEND TO YOU MY HEARTFEST THANKS FOR A JOB WELL DONE. COL LA FOND SENDS.

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OPCON OF RECONNAISSANCE PLATOON

1. AT 141300Z A PLATOON OF 3D RECON BN WILL BECOME OPCON 3d MARINES. THEY INTURN WILL BE PASSED TO 2d BN. THE PLATOON CONSISTS OF A HQ AND THREE (3) RECON TEAMS AND THE DURATION OF COMMITMENT IS INDEFINITE.

2. THE RECON PLATOON COMMANDER CAN ADVISE ON EMPLOYMENT, HOWEVER, SPECIFIC GUIDELINES ARE:

A. PATROLS WILL BE MAINLY ON THE BORDER OF THE DMZ (UP TO 1 KM INTO THE DMZ) WITH THE GENERAL MISSION OF REPORTING ON ENEMY INFILTRATION INTO 3D MARDIV AO AND BUILDUP OF FORCES IN DMZ. SUPPLEMENTARY MISSION TO LOCATE AND BRING FIRE TO BEAR ON ENEMY MORTARS, ROCKETS, ANTI-AIRCRAFT, AND TROOP CONCENTRATIONS.

B. PATROLS ENTERING DMZ WILL BE (10) MEN MINIMUM.

C. ALL PATROLS WILL BE INSERTED AND EXTRACTED IF NECESSARY, BY A PLATOON SIZED FORCE FROM 2D BN. IF IN THE DMZ AND IN DANGER, THE PATROL CAN BE JOINED BY AN EXTRACTION FORCE OF (60) MEN (REIN PLT).

D. RECON PLT MEMBERS WILL NOT BE USED AS POINTS, SCOUTS, OR SCREENS FOR INFANTRY UNITS. THEY WILL BE REQUIRED TO HELP DEFEND THEMSELVES AND THE UNIT WHEN OPERATING WITH A PLATOON SIZED INFANTRY UNIT.

3. RECOMMENDED INITIAL EMPLOYMENT.

A. UL 0470, LR 0668.

TWO ENTRY POINTS USED BY ENEMY IN AND OUT OF DMZ: 047687 - INCREASED TRAIL ACTIVITY NORTH OF THIS POINT. APPEARS THAT ENEMY COULD BE MOVING THROUGH THIS POINT. 061693 KNOWN INFILTRATION ROUTE VERIFIED BY POW. (NOTE TRAIL AT 060696)

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B. UL 9967 LR 0165
ENEMY CONSISTANTLY USED STREAM AT 662659 IN MAY
TO ENTER OUR AO. NO INDICATIONS HE IS USING IT NOW.

4. KEEP THIS HQ INFORMED AS TO:
A. PLANNED PATROLS
B. PATROLS IN EFFECT (USE NORMAL SIT REPS)
C. PATROL ACTIONS (USE NORMAL SIT REPS)
5. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT.

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1. 3D MAR IN OPN VIRGINIA RIDGE INTSUM NO. 45.

2. 141800H TO 151800H JUNE 1969.

3. SUM OF ENEMY ACTY
DURING THE ABOVE REPORTING PERIOD, ENEMY ACTY WAS LIGHT IN THE
3D MAR AO. THERE WERE 3 ENEMY FORT BSNS FND, 3 ATTACKS BY FIRE,
AND 1 SA CON W/4 ENEMY.

A. GRND FORCES

(1) 1ST BN 3D MAR

(A) 151400H D/1/3 VIC YD 057586 FND 5 OLD A-FRAME BIKRS
4 FT BY 8 FT. THERE WAS CS GAS IN THE AREA.

(2) 2D BN 3D MAR

(A) (LATE ENTRY) 141120H G/2/3 FM YD 046629 TO YD 049631
FND 12 A-FRAME BIKRS CAPABLE OF HOUSING 3 PEOPLE EACH, 8 AT
MINES, 2 RPG RNDs AND 1 BLOOD TRL HEADING NE. DEST BIKRS AND
ORDNANCE.(B) (LATE ENTRY) 141730H E/2/3 OBSD 3 RNDs 82MM IMPACTING
YD 056660 FM YD 043679. AO ON STATION CALLED IN ARTY ON SUSP
MORT PSN.(C) 150200H 2/3 LP VIC YD 070662 INIT CON W/4 NVA. EN
RETURNED SAF. UNIT FIRED 60MM AND ARTY ON AVENUES OF ESCAPE.
SEARCH OF AREA REVEALED 1 NVA KIA, 1 AK-47, 3 CHICOM GREM, 1
AK-47 MAGS AND 3 LBS OF FOOD. RES: 1 NVA KIA, 1 IWC.(D) 150400H E/2/3 RECD 10 RNDs 60MM FM YD 077668, FIRED
SA AT EN PSN. CALLED IN 60MM AND ARTY MSNS.

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4. ENEMY LOSSES.

NVA KIA	=	176
NVA KBA	=	103
NVA POW	=	5
DET	=	3
INC	=	94
CSWC	=	21

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FM: 3RD MARINES
TO: 3RD MARDIV
INFO: 3RD BN, 3RD MARINES

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SUBJ: TRANSPORTATION REQUEST

1. VEHICULAR TRANSPORTATION IS REQUESTED TO MOVE 3RD BN FM ~~THE~~ TO DONG HA BOAT RAMP.

2. SURFACE TRANSPORTATION IS REQUESTED FOR SAME UNIT FM DONG HA BOAT RAMP TO R & R CENTER CUA VIET.

3. IT IS REQUESTED THAT 3RD BN ARRIVE DONG HA BOAT RAMP
NLT: 170900H FOR PLANNING PURPOSES.

4. PROJECT OFFICER MAJ DOLSON DH 3464

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1. 3D MAR IN OPN VIRGINIA RIDGE INTSUM NO. 46.
2. 151801H TO 161300H JUNE 1969.
3. SUM OF ENEMY ACTY.
 DURING THE ABOVE REPORTING PERIOD, ENEMY ACTY WAS LIGHT IN THE 3D MAR AO. THERE WERE 2 SA CON, 2 ATTACKS BY FIRE AND 1 ENEMY FORT AREA FND.
 - A. GROUND FORCES.
 - (1) 2D BN 3D MAR
 - (A) (LATE ENTRY) 151630H G/2/3 VIC YD 031631 RECD SNIPER FIRE F. YD 028633. RETURNED SAF AND SLIM TO THAT VIC.
 - (B) 160630H 2/3 RECON TM DUNBAR COUNTY VIC YD 048675 RECD SAW AND CHICON GREEN FM UNK SIZE BN FORCE MOVING FM S TO NW. ENEMY WORE GREEN UNIFORMS AND CARRIED AK-47'S. TM WITHDREW TO E AND WAS EXTRACTED.
 - (C) 161100H G/2/3 VIC YD 030631 FND 23 WELL CAMO DUNKERS FM YD 032633 TO YD 028638. F/W CALLED RESULTING IN 12 SECONDARIES AT YD 032638 AND 6 SECONDARIES AT YD 028638.
 - (D) 161255H G/2/3 VIC YD 031631 OBSD 8 RND 82MM IMPACTING SEVERAL HUNDRED METERS FM PSN. AO ON STATION DIRECTED SLIM IISH.
 - (E) 161255H 2/3 CP VIC YD 040629 OBSD 8 RND 82MM CAL IMPACT AT YD 034627.
 - B. AIR ACTY
 - (1) 12 JUNE RAN A/S ON ACT MORT PSN YD 041678 RESULTING IN 1 KBA, 1 MORT PSN DEST, 1 SEC EXPLOSION, 1 SEC FIRE. RES: 1 KBA.

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(2) 12 JUNE RAN A/S ON ACTIVE MORT PSN YD 058685 RESULTING
IN 2 KIA. DIRECTED ARTY MSN RESULTING IN 2 KIA. RES: 2 KBA,
2 KIA.

4. ENEMY LOSSES

NVA KIA	-	178
NVA KBA	-	109
NVA POW	-	5
DET	-	3
INC	-	94
CENIC	-	21

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1. 30 MAR TO OPI VIRGINIA RIDGE INES W NO. 47.

2. 151800H TO 171800H JUNE 1969.

3. SON OF BATTLE ACTY.
DURING THE ABOVE REPORTING PERIOD, BATTLE ACTY WAS HEAVY IN THE
3D BN AO. THESE WERE 4 ATTACKS BY FIVE, 2 KILLING INCIDENT,
AND 7 CONTACTS.

4. GROUND FORCES

(1) 1ST BN 3D MAR

(A) 151845H 4/1/3 AT C-2 RECD 8 RND 122MM ROCKETS WHICH
IMPACTED OUTSIDE OF PERIMETER FM VIC YD 065660. ARTY BSN CALLED
IN.

(B) 170645H 4/1/3 AND 4/3/3 AT C-2 RECD 6 RND 122MM ROCKETS
WHICH IMPACTED OUTSIDE OF PERIMETER FM VIC YD 105660 AND YD 105668.
CARTON IN CLUMPER ARTY AND 8MM RND. TEL SENT TO CHECK OUT AREA.

(C) 171205H 1/3 ROADGRADER AND ARTY PO VIC YD 070565 HIT
2 LARGE PLASTIC MINES. 0/1/3 AND SWEPT IN SEARCHED AREA.

(2) 2D BN 3D MAR

(A) 161600H (LATE ENTRY) 3/2/3 VIC YD 031638 COMMAND
DECHARGE CLAYMORE WAS SET OFF ON POINT ELEMENT. RECD 3A AND
AWP AND RFG'S FM 2 SQDS OF BATTY. RETURNED SAF, 60MM AD ARTY
CALLED IN KILLING 4 NVA. A/E RESULTED IN 14 SECONDARIES.
RES: 1 NVA KIA.

(2) 3D BN 3D MAR

(A) 170605H 1/3/3 VIC YD 193693 CDED 5-6 VC. INET CON
W/12 KILLING 2 VC. CALLED IN AO AND CHECKSHIP. SWEPT AREA. FND
1 M-50, 2 CHICONS, 1 RFG RND, 1 WALKET AND 1 TD CARD.
RES: 2 VC KIA, 1 INC.

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(B) 170630H M/3/3 VIC YD 201702 RECD [REDACTED] AND AWF FM [REDACTED] CALLED IN ARTY AND AO ON STATION.

(C) 170930H M/3/3 VIC YD 184720 HAD CON W/UNK SIZE EN FORCE. AO AND F/W ON STATION.

(D) 171000H L/3/3 VIC YD 198710 HAD SCATTERED SA CON W/UNK SIZE EN FORCE VIC YD 188685. CALLED IN ARTY MSN.

(E) 171330H CP AND K/3/3 VIC YD 194707 RECD INCOMING MORTAR FIRE OF UNK CAL OR NUMBER FM VIC YD 204704. AT SAME TIME EN INITIATED GRND ATTACK. CALLED IN ARTY.

(F) 171333H M/3/3/ VIC YD 187726 RECD INCOMING MORT OF UNK CAL OR NUMBER VIC YD 176746. CALLED IN ARTY MSN.

(G) 171540H L/3/3 VIC YD 185705 HAD CON W/UNK SIZE EN FORCE RES 10 NVA KIA. RES: 10 NVA KIA.

B. AIR ACTY

(1) 161817H AO RAN 1 FLT F/W VIC YD 030630 RES IN 9 BNKRS DESTD AND 14 SEC EXPL.

(2) 170945H AO RAN 1 FLT OF GUNSHIPS ON NVA IN OPEN RES IN 4 KBA. ARTY MSN FIRED. RES: 4 NVA KBA

(3) 171215H AO RECD SAF FM YD 184740. RAN 1 A/S RES 3 NVA KBA. RES: 3 NVA KBA.

(4) 171230H AO RAN OV-10 ORD VIC YD 166763 RES IN 1 NVA KBA. FIRED 2 ARTY MSNS RES 3 NVA KIA. RES: 1 NVA KBA, 3 NVA KIA.

(5) 171615H AO OBSD 20-25 NVA IN OPEN VIC YD 198711. RAN OV-10 ORD RES IN 4 KBA. RAN 2 A/S RES IN 18 KBA. RES: 22 NVA KBA.

(6) 171645H AO OBSD 70-100 NVA IN OPEN VIC YD 207704. RAN 1 A/S, 2 GUNSHIPS AND OV-10 ORD RES 25 KBA. RES: 25 NVA KBA.

4. ENEMY LOSSES

NVA KIA	-	195
NVA KBA	-	164
VC KIA	-	2
NVA POW	-	5
DET	-	3
IWC	-	95
CSWC	-	21

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1. 3D MAR IN O.N VIRGINIA RIDGE INTSUM NO. 48.

2. 171801H TO 181800H JUNE 1969.

3. SUM OF ENEMY ACTY.
 DURING THE ABOVE REPORTING PERIOD, ENEMY ACTY WAS AGAIN HEAVY
 IN THE 3D MAR AO. THERE WERE 8 BN CON, 1 MINING INCIDENT, 1 BN
 PORT PSN FND, 3 ATTACKS BY FIRE, AND 2 ENEMY SIGHTINGS.

A. GRND FORCES.

(1) 1ST BN 3D MAR

(A) 180830H B/1/3 TANK HIT MINE VIC YD 142722 W/NEG DAM
 TO TANK.

(B) 180900H A/1/3 ROADSW EP TM VIC YD 135623 RECD SAF FM
 5 BN VIC YD 134623. TM RETURNED SAF. EN BROKE CON MOV W.

(C) 180945H D/1/3 VIC YD 050586 FND 10 BAKRS WHICH HAD
 BEEN USED W/IN LAST 4 DAYS. ALSO FND MISC GEAR AND AMMO AND
 2 U/I OBJECTS 8 INCHES BY 2 INCHES W/SILVER ATTACHMENTS.
 OBJECTS WERE 3 L.C.SES OFF GRND AND ANCHORED TO TREES. DEST
 GEAR, AMMO AND STRUCTURE.

(2) 2D BN 3D MAR

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(A) 172000H E/2/3 VIC YD 082629 RECD APPROX 16 RND 60MM
 MORT FIRE FM YD 085629. CALLED IN ARTY IN KILLING 1 NVA.
 RES: 1 NVA KIA.

(B) 181030H G/2/3 VIC YD 030631 RECD INCOMING MORT FIRE
 OF UNK CAL FM YD 031641 AND 18-20 RND 82MM FM YD 024643. CALLED
 IN A COUNTER MORT IN AD RAN F/W ON YD 025643. OBSD 3 SEC
 EXPLOSIONS. CALLED IN ARTY IN ON YD 031641.

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(3) 3D BN 3D MAR

(A) REF 3D MAR INTSUM #47 PARA 3A(3)(C) 170800H-171000H
M/3/3/ VIC YD 188737 FND 10 NVA KIA, 2 AK-47'S, 1 RPD MAG,
1 50 CAL MAG. RES: 10 NVA KIA, 2 IWC.

(B) (LATE ENTRY) 171400H 1/3/3 VIC YD 196678 OBSD 5-10
EN NOV 8. AMBUSHED EN AND CALLED IN AO AND GUNSHIPS.

(C) REF 3D MAR INTSUM #47 PARA 3A(3)(G) L/3/3 VIC YD 190707
HAD CON W/EST NVA PLT. ACT RES IN 8 ADD NVA KIA AND 11 AK-47'S
AND 3 RPG'S CAPTD. RES: ADD 8 NVA KIA, 11 IWC, 3 CSWC.

(D) REF 3D MAR INTSUM #47 PARA 3A(3)(E) 3/3 CP AND K/3/3 VIC
YD 195707 HAD CON W/EST NVA CO. EN EMPLOYED RPG'S, SAF, AWP,
RL AND FRAGS IN CON. CON RES IN 26 NVA KIA, 3 NVA POW'S AND 10
AK-47'S, 1 SKS, 1 M-16, 2 RPD, 2 RPG-2, AND 1 RPG-7 CAPTD.
SEARCHED OF AREA FND 10/60MM MORT RND, 30 CHICOMS, 2 AP MINES,
35 AK-47 MAG, 200/RPD RND, 500/AK-47 RND, ATSC 782 GEAR AND
DOCUMENTS. RES: 26 NVA KIA, 3 NVA POW'S, 12 IWC, 5 CSWC.

(E) (LATE ENTRY) 171530H L/3/3 VIC YD 182702 RECD SAF FM
UNK SIZE EN FORCE VIC YD 182701. RETURNED SAF.

(F) 171800H K/3/3 VIC YD 148716 RECD 10 RND 60MM MORT FIRE
FM YD 156717. TANK TOOK HIT W/LIGHT DAM. FIRED 60MM MORT, 81MM
MORT AND ARTY MSNS.

(G) 171800H AND 180700H L/3/3 VIC YD 190707 OBSD 1 NVA AT
EACH TIME. FIRED SAF RES 2 NVA KIA. SEARCHED AREA FND 1 AK-47,
1 RPG. RES: 2 NVA KIA, 1 IWC, 1 CSWC.

(H) 172030H L/3/3 AMBUSHED UNK SIZE EN FORCE VIC YD 190699
RES 4 NVA KIA AND CAPTD 3 AK-47'S, 1 7.62MM HMG W/ADD BARREL.
RES: 4 NVA KIA, 3 IWC, 1 CSWC.

(I) 180800H 3/3 CP VIC YD 194707 FND 4 NVA KIA, 7 NVA ABA,
2 M-16'S, 1 RPG-2, 57 CHICOMS, 8 RND 60MM, 4 CANS 60MM PRIMERS
AND INCREMENTS, 11 RPG RND, 6 RPG BOOSTERS, 3 AP MINES, 25 LB
CHOW, 10 LB DEMO, FUSES AND IGNITERS, 20 AK-47 MAGS W/AMMO,
100 RND AK-47. RES: 4 NVAKIA, 7 NVA KIA, 2 IWC, 1 CSWC.

(J) 180857H 1/3/3 VIC YD 185695 FIRED ARTY MSN ON 20 NVA
VIC YD 175685.

(K) 181015H 3/3 CP OBSD MOVT OUTSIDE LINES. THREW FRAGS.
SEARCHED AREA. FND BARR W/1 NVA. RES: 1 NVA POW.

(L) OTHER

(A) REFER 3D MAR INTSUM # 47 PARA 3D(6). AO OBSD 70-100
NVA VIC YD 204704. AO FIRED 2 ARTY MSNS RES 5 NVA KIA.
RES: ADD 5 NVA KIA.

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4. ENEMY LOSSES

NVA KIA -- 255
 NVA KBA -- 171
 VC KIA -- 2
 NVA POW -- 9
 DVC -- 3
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FM: CO, THIRD MARINES
TO: FIRST BN, TWELFTH MARINES

INFO: ~~66~~ THIRD MARDIV
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EXEMPLARY COMBAT PERFORMANCE

1. THE MARINES OF THE THIRD REGIMENT WISH TO THANK THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE FIRST BN, TWELFTH MARINES FOR THEIR CONTINUOUS OUTSTANDING ARTILLERY SUPPORT. WITHOUT YOUR OBVIOUS HIGH STANDARDS, NOTEWORTHY PROFESSIONALISM, AND SEEMING INDEFATIGABILITY, OPERATION VIRGINIA RIDGE WOULD UNDOUBTABLY HAVE NOT ATTAINED ITS PRESENT LEVEL OF SUCCESS.
2. DURING THE FIRST 45 DAYS IN THE VIRGINIA RIDGE AO THE CANNONEERS OF YOUR UNIT HAVE ACCOUNTED FOR 66 KNOWN ENEMY DEAD. IT IS CERTAIN THAT FOR EVERY ENEMY KILLED YOU HAVE SAVED MARINE LIVES TEN FOLD, PLUS MORE.
3. WE, THE THIRD MARINES JUST WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT WE ARE AWARE AND THANKFUL FOR YOUR SUPPORT WHICH HAS ALWAYS BEEN PRESENT REGARDLESS OF THE WEATHER, THE HOUR, OR THE MYRIAD OTHER ADVERSE CONDITIONS.
4. WE THANK THE BEST DIRECT SUPPORT ARTILLERY BATTALION IN RVN FOR A JOB WELL DONE. COLONEL LA FOND SENDS.

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1. 3D MAR IN OPN VIRGINIA RIDGE INTSUM NO. 49.

2. 181801H TO 191800H JUNE 1969.

3. SUM OF ENEMY ACTY.
 DURING THE ABOVE REPORTING PERIOD, ENEMY ACTY WAS LIGHT TO MODERATE
 IN THE 3D MAR AO. THERE WERE 3 SA CON, 3 EN FORT PSNS FND, 2 ATTACKS
 BY FIRE AND 1 SFD FND.

4. USHD FORCES

(1) 1ST BN 3D MAR

(A) (LATE ENTRY) 180900H 1/3 SWEEP TM VIC YD 147608 RECD
 AWF. RETURNED FIRE AND CONTINUED SWEEP.

(B) 190955H C/1/3 VIC YD 073574 FND 82MM MORT RND W/C-RAT
 CAN RIGGED AS SFD. DEST IN PLACE.

(2) 2D BN 3D MAR

(A) (LATE ENTRY) 181530H E/2/3 VIC YD 083628 RESUPPLY HELD
 RECD RPK RND FM YD 078681. RETURNED FI E FM AIR.

(B) 191120H F/2/3 VIC YD 995639 RECD 1 RND 82MM MORT FM
 YD 026657. CALLED IN GUNTER ARTY MSN.

(C) 191130H G/2/3 FND 9 OLD A-FRAME BIKRS VIC YD 031631
 TO YD 035635. DEST BIKRS.

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(3) 3D BY 3D MAR

(A) (LATE ENTRY) 181500H 1/3/3 VIC YD 175694. OBSD 2 IN NOV H. FIRED SA. RES: 1 NVA KIA.

(B) (LATE ENTRY) 181515H K/3/3 FND BOOBY TRAPPED BUNK 4 FT BY 4 FT BY 6FT VIC YD 164712. ALSO FND 24 ONICOM GREENS, 30 RND 82MM MORT, 75 RND 60MM MORT, 25 RPG RND, 50 RPG BOMBERS, 1 CASE 7.62MM AMMO AND 2 M-26 FRAG GREN. DEST ALL.

(C) (LATE ENTRY) 181630H OP 3/3 VIC YD 030630 RECD 19 RND 82MM MORT FM YD 026647. CALLED IN 60MM AND ARTY MSNS. AO ON STATION RAN F/W W/UNK RES.

(D) 181900H-182030H 1/3/3 VIC YD 175697 OBSD 5 IN YD 175693. MAD MOVT TO N AND W. FIRED SA, 60MM, ARTY MSN, HGF, 81MM AND FLARESHIP. SEARCHED AREA W/NEG RES.

(E) 190330H M/3/3 LP VIC YD 158702 HRD MOVT OUTSIDE PERIMETER. FIRED SA AND THREW FRAGS. SEARCHED AREA W/NEG RES.

(F) 190830H 1/3/3 VIC YD 175694 FND 2 STRAW BILIBETS, 1 RPG RND AND 1 M-26 FRAG GREN.

(G) 190845H M/3/3 VIC YD 166718 FND 1 GRAVE W/NVA BODY APPROX 3 WEEKS OLD. RES: 1 NVA KIA.

(H) 191230H M/3/3 VIC YD 162723 FND 3 TR SANDALS, 70 AK-47 RND AND DRIED BLOOD ON GRASS. BEST GEAR AND AMMO.

(I) 191310H 1/3/3 VIC YD 173694. OBSD 1 NVA VIC YD 168696. FIRED SA, AO AND GUNSHIPS ON STATION. ALSO FND 2 BUNKS 4' X 4' X 6', W/LOGS AND 12 INCHES OF DIRT FOR OVERHEAD.

4. IDENTITY LOSSES.

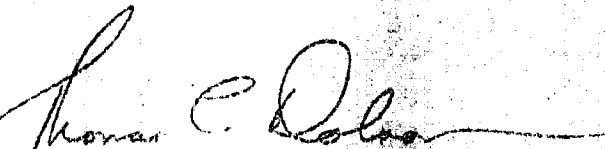
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TO: CG, THIRD MARDIV

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TACTICAL PLANNING FOR THE THIRD MARINES

1. IT IS MY INTENTION TO FINISH THE PRESENT WESTERLY ATTACK OF THE THIRD BATTALION IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. THEY WILL THEN BE TURNED SOUTH TO PARALLEL ROUTE #561, SWEEPING EAST OR WEST OF THAT LOC, DEPENDENT ON THE ENEMY SITUATION. I ANTICIPATE THE ENTIRE OPERATION TO BE COMPLETED IN ABOUT FIVE (5) DAYS (24 JUNE).
2. UPON THE CONCLUSION OF THEIR PRESENT OPERATION I WISH TO SEND THE THIRD BATTALION TO THE CUA VIET R & R CENTER FROM 25 TO 29 JUNE. THEIR PLANNED REST IS WELL DESERVED AFTER 66 CONTINUOUS DAYS OF COMBAT EMPLOYMENT. AFTER THE RECENT DEBILITATION OF ELEMENTS OF THE 270TH REGIMENT AND THE 33D SAPPER BATTALION, IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE VIRGINIA RIDGE AO WILL REMAIN RELATIVELY STABLE. PRESENTLY THE AO IS BEING WELL COVERED BY TWO BATTALIONS, AND UPON REVERSION OF LEATHERNECK SQUARE TO THE 2D ARVN, THIS SAME TWO BATTALION FORCE IS CONSIDERED TEMPORARILY ADEQUATE. THIRD BATTALION, THIRD MARINES WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE CUA VIET IN A RESERVE ROLE.
3. UPON COMPLETION OF THE THIRD BATTALION R & R, THEIR FUTURE COMMITMENT, AS WELL AS THE REST OF THE THIRD MARINES, WILL BE CONTINGENT ON ANY ADJUSTMENT OF OUR AREA OF OPERATION AS DIRECTED BY THE COMMANDING GENERAL.

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REQUEST FOR ARC LIGHT

1. IT IS REQUESTED THAT HELICOPTER VALLEY BE ARC LIGHTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. ALTHOUGH PART OF THE VALLEY WAS HIT ON PREVIOUS MISSIONS, IT STILL REMAINS THE AREA OF GREATEST NVA INTEREST IN THE THIRD MARINES AO. IT ALSO IS THE SOURCE OF THE PREPONDERANCE OF MORTAR ATTACKS ON OUR FORCES.

2. REQUESTED DROP ZONE IS UL/020538, LL/028631, LL/043615, UR/037652. TOT IS ASAP. THE TARGET AREA WILL BE EXPLOITED AS THE ARC LIGHT WILL ALSO SERVE AS A PREP FIRE.

3. TARGET INFO PASEP.

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1. 3D MAR IN OPN VIRGINIA RIDGE INTSUM NO. 50.

2. 191801H TO 201800H JUNE 1969.

3. SUM OF ENEMY ACTY.

DURING THE ABOVE REPORTING PERIOD, ENEMY ACTY WAS LIGHT IN THE 3D MAR AO. THERE WERE 3 MINING INCIDENTS, 1 EN PORT PSNS FND, 1 ENEMY SIGHTING AND A MINOR AMOUNT OF ENEMY GEAR FND.

A. GRND ACTY.

(1) 1ST BN 3D MAR

(A) (LATE ENTRY) 191455H TRUCK HIT PLASTIC MINE VIC YD 065590 ROAD WAS RESWEPT.

(B) 201130H BULLDOZER VIC YD 134634 HIT MINE OR LIVE RND. SEARCHED AREA W/NEG RES.

(2) 2D BN 3D MAR

(A) 191830H E/2/3 VIC YD 068647 FND 1 AK-47 COVERED W/GREASE W/2 MAGS OF NEW AMMO BURIED 2-3 DAYS IN STREAM BED. RES: 1 IWC.

(B) 200902H G/2/3 VIC YD 058632 FND 1 MORT PIT W/20 RND 82MM MORT W/INCREDENTS. ALSO FND 1 BOX FUSES. BLEW IN PLACE.

(C) 200945H F/2/3 VIC YD 009649 FND 18 BKRS, 2 OF WHICH WERE LIVESTOCK STALLS W/COVERS. COOKING AREA, 2 CH COMS, 1 RND 82MM MORT, AND MISC FOOD AND 782 GEAR. DEST BKRS.

(D) 201030H E/2/3 VIC YD 065636 POINT HIT BOOBY TRAP W/TRIP WIRE. BOOBY TRAP PRODUCED VERY SMALL EXPLOSIONS.

(E) 201100H G/2/3 VIC YD 056624 FND 3 OLD A-FRAME BKRS AND TUNNELS. SEARCHED AND DEST BKRS AND TUNNELS.

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(B) 3D BN 3D MAR

(A) (LATE ENTRY) 191300H-191700H L/3/3 VIC YD 165707
 FMD 20 NVA PACKS, 11 CANTERERS, 40LB FOOD AND POWDERED MILK,
 12 PR UTILITY TROUSERS, 3 E-TOOLS AND MISC DOC, MEDICAL GEAR
 AND PERSONAL PAPERS NEAR STREAM.

(B) 191800H I/3/3 VIC YD 163690 OBSO 2 BN MOV W VIC
 YD 158687, SNIPERS OPENED FIRE AND ARTY MEN CALLED IN.

(C) 200715H I/3/3 VIC YD 164723 FMD 4 NVA KIA IN GRAVES
 AND 1 NVA KIA ON GRND. NVA WORE UTILITIES W/NO MARKINGS. ALSO
 FMD 100 RND AK-47, 1 PICK, 2 E-TOOLS, 7 PR BOOTS, 25 CHIEU HOI
 PASSES. RES: 5 NVA KIA.

(D) 200800H I/3/3 VIC YD 163690 FMD AIR VENT 1-2FT IN
 CLAM LEADING DOWN 10FT TO 8-10FT CAVERN 6FT DEEP. 5FT BY 5FT
 TUNNEL LED TO THE N AND 10FT W. APPROX AGE 6 MO.

(E) 201045H L/3/3 VIC YD 167700 FMD 1 AT MINE. BLOWN IN
 PLACE.

2. AIR ACTY.

(1) 201250H AO OBSO 2 NVA VIC YD 182762. RAN 1 FLT F/W.
RES: 2 NVA KIA.

4. ENEMY LOSSES

NVA KIA.	=	262
NVA KBA	=	173
VC KIA	=	2
NVA POW	=	9
DET	=	3
REC	=	127
CSHC	=	32

5. TFRU 14. NEG.

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TO: FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES
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SPOT REPORTS

1. SPOT REPORTS ARE NECESSARY TO THE SMOOTH FUNCTIONING OF THIS REGIMENT, HOWEVER TEDIOUS AND DIFFICULT THEY MAY BECOME. WE CANNOT MAKE TIMELY DECISIONS, PROVIDE YOU WITH ADEQUATE SUPPORT, OR FULFILL OUR OBLIGATIONS TO DIVISION WITHOUT PROMPT REPORTING.

2. OFTEN THE ONLY WAY WE FIND A UNIT IS IN CONTACT, IS THROUGH THE FSCC, AND THEN BECAUSE THE UNIT HAS REQUESTED SUPPORTING ARMS. SEVERAL HOURS LATER WE GET THE INITIAL SPOT REPORT OVER THE TACTICAL NET. OFTEN INFORMATION FROM THE FSCC IS NOT ACCURATE AND MUST BE CORRECTED.

3. HENCEFORTH, ANY, REPEAT ANY, CONTACT OR ENEMY SIGHTING WILL BE REPORTED TO THIS HQ WITHIN ONE (1) HOUR OF OCCURRENCE. ONLY THE BARE ESSENTIALS NEED BE INCLUDED IN THE INITIAL SPOT. SET THE PRECEDENCE OF THE MESSAGE HIGH ENOUGH TO MEET THIS TIME FRAME.

4. TO ASSIST IN YOUR REPORTING, IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT ONE OFFICER OR SENIOR NCO BE INCLUDED AS PART OF THE BATTALION'S FIELD CP FOR JUST THAT PURPOSE.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT.

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FM: THIRD MARINES
TO: NINTH MOTOR TRANSPORT BN

INFO: ~~6~~ THIRD MARDIV

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EXEMPLARY PERFORMANCE

1. ON THE NIGHT OF 16 JUNE 1969, COMPANY C, NINTH MT BN WAS ASSIGNED THE MISSION OF SUPPORTING A NIGHT MOVEMENT TO CONTACT OF THE THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES.

2. THIS MISSION PERFORMED UNDER BLACK OUT CONDITIONS WAS BOTH UNIQUE AND DANGEROUS. YET THE MEN OF CHARLIE COMPANY, ABLY LED BY CAPT T.V. AILEN AND HIS THREE SERIAL COMMANDERS, PERFORMED FLAWLESSLY. THEY DISPLAYED NOT ONLY SOUND TECHNICAL KNOW-HOW, BUT COOLNESS AND DISCIPLINE WHILE DRIVING A HAZARDOUS ROUTE. WITH NO FRIENDLIES ON THEIR FLANKS AND A DEAFENING NAVAL AND ARTILLERY BOMBARDMENT RAINING OVER AND AROUND THEM, THE CONVOY COMPLETED ITS MISSION WITHOUT LOSS OF EQUIPMENT OR PERSONNEL.

3. AS THIS TACTICAL MOVE WAS A FIRST FOR MANY OF THE MEN OF COMPANY C, THEIR PERFORMANCE WAS SUPERB. A MOST DESERVED WELL DONE.

4. COLONEL LA FOND SENDS.

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1. 3D MAR IN OPN VIRGINIA RIDGE INTSUM NO. 51.

2. 201300Z TO 211500Z JUNE 1969.

3. SUM OF LIGHT ARTY.

DURING THE ABOVE REPORTING PERIOD, THERE WAS LIGHT INFANTRY ACTY
 IN THE 3D MAR FC. THERE WERE 2 ATTACKS BY FIRE, 1 BN SIGHTING
 AND 1 BN FORT TON FLD.

A. GRND FORCES

(1) 2D BN 3D MAR

(A) 202945H G/2/3 VTC YD 065625 OBSD 3 NVA ON HILLTOP
 VTC YD 070335. CALLED IN CLFM MORT AND ARTY MSNS. OBSD 1 SEC
 EXPLOSION.

(B) 210825H D/2/3 VTC YD 062650 RECD 15 RND 82MM MORT
 FM YD 052652. CALLED IN ARTY MSNS.

(C) 211330H E/2/3 VTC YD 063647 RECD 2 BUNKRS, 3 AP MINES
 AND 1 E-300L. DEST ALL GEAR IN PLACE.

(D) 211345H G/2/3 VTC YD 062628 RECD 49 RND 82MM MORT
 FM YD 079629 AND YD 066630. CALLED IN ARTY MSN.

(2) OTHER

(A) (LATE ENTRY) RECD 3D MAR INTSUM NO. 47 PARA 3B(2).
 170045H 40 FIED 1 ARMY MSN. REF: 1 NVA KIA.

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4. ENEMY LOSSES

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 NVA KDA - 173
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 NVA POW - 9
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TO: FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES
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THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES

INFO: CG, THIRD MARDIV

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IMMEDIATE TACTICAL PLANS

- A. FRAG ORDER 73-69
B. GUIDANCE FROM CG, THIRD MARDIV 202100H

1. REF A AND B ALTERED MOST CURRENT PLANS. IN LIGHT OF THE MOVEMENT OF 3/3 TO THE GUA VIET, CG, THIRD MARDIV WILL LEAVE F AND G/2/9 OPCON TO THIRD MARINES. COMPANY B, THIRD TANKS WILL REMAIN D/S.

2. UPON THE VACATING OF 3/3'S PORTION OF LEATHERNECK SQUARE, THAT AO WILL TEMPORARILY BECOME THE RESPONSIBILITY OF 1/3. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THIS WILL LAST LESS THAN 24 HRS AND 1/3 WILL NOT CONDUCT OPNS IN THAT AREA EXCEPT IN SUPPORT OF M/3/3 AS NOTED IN REF A.

3. THE THIRD MARINES IS GOING TO ATTEMPT TO GAIN THAT PORTION OF THE 2D ARVN AREA BOUNDED ON THE NORTH BY THE 69 GRID LINE AND LYING BETWEEN RT #561 AND RT #1. THE FIRST BN WILL PLAN AND SUBMIT TO THIS HQ A CONCEPT FOR AN OPERATION IN THIS AREA BY 211500H TO COMMENCE 22 JUNE FOR ABOUT 3 DAYS. THIS OPERATION WILL NOT INVOLVE ARMOR AND SHOULD BE SIMPLE TO EXECUTE.

4. THE COMPANIES OF 2/9, F & G, WILL OCCUPY AND PATROL FROM THE FIXED POSITIONS (A-4 AND C-2) EXCLUSIVELY (REF B). THIS WOULD ALLOW THE FIRST BN ONE (1) OR TWO (2) COMPANIES FOR EXECUTION OF PARAGRAPH 3. DURATION OF F AND G OPCON IS ANTICIPATED TO BE THROUGH 24 OR 25 JUNE.

5. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT MOST OF THE TANK ASSETS WILL REMAIN ALONG RT #561 UNDER OPCON OF 1/3. SOME, HOWEVER, MAY BE RE-DEPLOYED TO VINH DAI.

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6. THIS MSG IS FOR PLANNING ONLY. EXECUTION WILL BE BY
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1. 3D MAR IN OPN VIRGINIA RIDGE INTSUM NO. 52.

2. 211800H TO 221800H JUNE 1969.

3. SUM OF ENEMY ACTY
 DURING THE ABOVE REPORTING PERIOD, ENEMY ACTY WAS LIGHT I. THE
 3D MAR AC. THERE WERE 3 ATTACKS BY FIRE, 2 MINING INCIDENTS
 AND 1 ENEMY SIGHTING.

A. GEND FORCES

(1) 1ST BN 3D MAR

(A) 212245H A/1/3 VIC YD 146604 OBSD 3 FIGURES W/WPNS
 MOV ACROSS RIVER TO N APPROX 150M FM PERIMETER. FIRED SA W/UNK
 RES.

(B) 221300H ARMY DUSTER VIC YD 060569 HIT LARGE AT MINE
 AS IT LEFT ROAD. ROADSWEPT THE RESCUE ROAD.

(2) 2D BN 3D MAR

(A) 212030H E/2/3 VIC YD 054652 POINT ELEMENT TRIPPED
 SFD WHICH FLEW UP IN AIR AND BLEW IN HIS FACE.

(B) 221005H E/2/3 YD 054656 RECD 2 RND S POSS 82MM MORT
 FM YD 041677. CALLED IN ARTY MSN.

(C) 221030H E/2/3 YD 048653 FND 2 CHICO GREN IN POUCH,
 1 FIRST AID POUCH AND BELT W/STAR ON BUCKLE. UNIT SEARCHED AREA
 FURTHER W/NEG RESULTS.

(D) 221410H F/2/3 YD 003641 RECD RND S 82MM MORT FIRE
 FM YD 013657. RND S IMPACTED 150M FM PERIMETER. CALLED IN ARTY
 MSN.

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(3) 2D BN 9TH MAR

(A) 220640H F/2/9 YD 131640 RECD 7 RINDS 122MM ROCKET
 LANDING OUTSIDE PERIMETER FM VIC YD 045673. CALLED IN COUNTER
 ROCKET FIRE W/ARTY AND DUSTERS.

4. ENEMY LOSSES

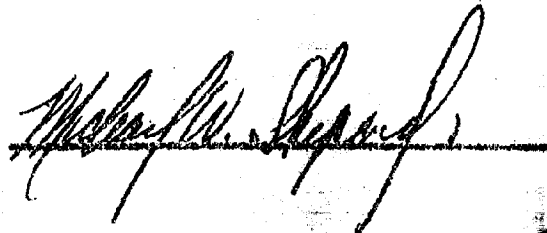
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1. 3D MAR IN OVN VIRGINIA RIDGE INTSUM NO. 53.

2. 221801H TO 231000H JUNE 1969.

3. SUM OF ENEMY ACTY.
DURING THE ABOVE REPORTING PERIOD, ENEMY ACTY WAS LIGHT IN THE
3D MAR AO. THERE WERE 4 ATTACKS BY FIRE AND 1 SA COM.

4. GRND FORCES.

(1) 1ST BN 3D MAR

(A) (LATE ENTRY) B/1/3 221640H VIC YD 167672 HAD SMALL AND
SPORADIC CON W/UNK SIZE EN FORCE VIC YD 167683. SEARCHED AREA AND
FOUND 4 NVA KIA AND 4 AK-47'S. RES: 4 NVA KIA, 4 IWC.

(2) 2D BN 3D MAR

(A) (LATE ENTRY) 221400H F/2/3 VIC YD 003641 RECD 30 RND
82MM MORT IMPACTING 150M OUTSIDE OF PERIMETER FM YD 013657. CALLED
IN ARTY MSN.

(B) 230845H F/2/3 VIC YD 995640 RECD 3 RND 82MM MORT FM
XD 998658. CALLED IN ARTY MSN. AO ON STATION.

(C) 230845H E/2/3 YD 068655 RECD 15-20 RND 82MM MORT FM
YE 053675 AND YD 065675. CALLED IN ARTY AND MORT MSNS.

(D) 231300H - 231653H E/2/3 VIC YD 068663 RECD 22 RND 82MM
MORT FM YD 094676. CALLED IN ARTY MSN. AO ON STATION.

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(3) OTHER

(A) 230949H AO RAN 1 FLE F/W YD 164752 DEST 4 ENKR.
 RES: 1 SECONDARY FIRE AND 1 NVA KBA. RES: 1 NVA KBA.

(B) CORRECTION TO INTSUM: ADD 50 NVA KTA DUE TO
 "OPERATION HIGHRISE". RES: 50 NVA KTA.

4. ENEMY LOSSES

NVA KIA = 317
 NVA KBA = 174
 VC KIA = 2
 NVA POW = 9
 DET = 3
 IWC = 131
 CSWC = 32

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2. 3D MAR IN OVN VIRGINIA RIDGE INTSUM NO. 14.

3. 3D MAR TO 3D MAR JUNE 1969.

4. 3D MAR ON ENEMY ACT.

5. 3D MAR THE ABOVE REPORTING PERIOD, ENEMY ACT WAS LIGHT IN THE 3D MAR. THERE WAS 1 SA CON AND 1 EN FOR THE 3D MAR.

6. 3D MAR FORCES.

7. 3D MAR 3D MAR

8. 3D MAR 2/3 GP AND G VIC YD 068630 RECD LIGHT SHOT AND 1 3D MAR YD 079530, CALLED IN ARTY HUS. SPOOKY ON STATION.

9. 3D MAR 2/3 GP VIC YD 080661 FWD 2 OLD BUNKERS. SEARCHED FOR THE BEST BUNKERS.

10. 3D MAR

11. 3D MAR 3D MAR TO 3D MAR INTSUM NO. 14. PARA 3A(2)(1) DELIVERED 1 3D MAR AND 1 50 CAL MAG. ADD 1 50 CAL MACHINE GUN AND 1 3D MAR. REF: 3D MAR.

12. 3D MAR LOSERS

REF: 3D MAR 317
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DET - 3
IWC - 131
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1. 3D MAR IN OMN VIRGINIA RIDGE INTSUM NO. 55.

2. 241801H TO 251800H JUNE 1969.

3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTY.

DURING THE ABOVE REPORTING PERIOD, ENEMY ACTY WAS LIGHT IN THE 3D MAR AO. THERE WERE 2 MINING INCIDENTS AND 2 ATTACKS BY FIRE.

A. GROUND FORCES.

(1) 1ST BN 3D MAR

(A) 250910H 1/3 MINE SWEEP VIC YD 135624 FWD 2 AT MINES IN ROAD. RECD SAF FM UK SIZE BN FORCE. RETURNED SAF. F/2/9 SWEEP THRU AREA W/HIG RES.

(B) 251200H 1/3 TRUCK ON RT 9 HIT LARGE MINE VIC YD 012565. WRECKER RETRIEVING TRUCK ALSO HIT MINE. ROAD RESWEEP FM HILL 37 TO W.

(2) 2D BN 3D MAR

(A) 250615H 2/3 GP AND G PIT VIC YD 080638 RECD 15 RND 60MM MORT FM YD 078629. CALLED IN 81MM MORT AND ARTY MSNS.

(B) 250815H G/2/3 VIC YD 084635 RECD 30 RND 60MM MORT AND 82MM MORT FM YD 082621 AND YD 078629. CALLED IN 60MM MORT AND 81MM MORT AND ARTY MSNS.

(3) OTHER

(A) (LATE ENTRY) 23 JUNE AO YD 155725 OBSD 6-8 NVA. FIRED 1 ARTY MSN RES IN 2 SHG EXPLOSIONS AND 4 NVA KIA. RES: 4 NVA KIA.(B) CORRECTION TO INTSUM DUE TO "OPERATION HIGHRISE". ADD: 21 NVA KIA AND 2 IWC.

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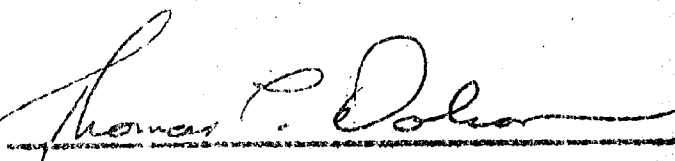
4. TWENTY LOSSES

NVA KIA - 342
 NVA ICBA - 174
 VC KIA - 2
 NVA POW - 9
 DNT - 3 (RELEASED AS INN CIV)
 IWC - 133
 SNCW - 34

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1. FROM 10 0000 HILL RIDGE IN 1969.
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7. FROM 10 0000 HILL RIDGE IN 1969.

(A) (LATE ENTRY) 251300H F/2/3 FND 7 3-4 MAN. BUNKERS AT
10 088630 AND 10 3-4 MAN BUNKERS YD 051629. AREA APPEARED TO HAVE
BEEN RECENTLY OCCUPIED. ALSO FND 782 GEAR, AMMO, FOOD, 1 LETTER,
1 TROOP JUNE 2 AND 1 BOOK. ALL GEAR AND 2 BUNKERS WERE DEST.

(B) (LATE ENTRY) 251500H G/2/3 YD 068631 FND 1 NVA KBA
AND 1 NVA. RES: 1 NVA KBA, 1 CSWC.

(C) (LATE ENTRY) 251630H G/2/3 YD 088632 FND 10 BUNKERS DEST
BY AIR AND 5 BUNKERS PARTIALLY DEST. ALSO FND 3LB RICE, 3BINS 82MM
MORT, 1 TROOP COMM WIRE, 2 CANS 82MM MORT FOAMS AND MIXED PAPERS.
DEST ALL GEAR, PAPERS RETURNED TO 3-2.

4. ENEMY LOSSES

NVA KBA . 342
NVA KBA . 175
V3 KBA . 2
NVA POW . 9
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100 . 133
CSWC . 35

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1. 3D MAR IN OPEN VIRGINIA RIDGE INSUM NO. 57.
2. 261801H TO 271800H JUNE 1969.

3. SUMMARY ACTY.
DURING THE ABOVE REPORTING PERIOD, ENEMY ACTY IN THE 3D MAR AO WAS LIGHT. THERE WERE 3 MINING INCIDENTS, 1 CACHE FND, 1 AMBUSH AND 1 ENEMY FORT PSN FND.

A. GROUND FORCES

(1) 1ST BN 3D MAR

(A) 271100H G/1/3 YD 046662 FND ENEMY CACHE. NO FURTHER INFO AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME.

(2) 2D BN 3D MAR

(A) 271100H AND 271130H L/2/3 YD 092659 AND YD 093662 FND 3LB EN S APE CHARGE AND 3 6-MONTH OLDBIRDS. SEARCH D AREA AND DEST BIRDS AND SHAP CHARGE.

(3) 3D BN 3D MAR

(A) 262050H L/3/3 YD 013565 OBSD 1 IMA PLCTING MINE IN ROAD AT YD 010564. INIT AND SEARCHED AREA. FND 1 MINE AND 2 POUCHES.

(B) 270930H L/3/3 YD 057568 TRUCK HIT MINE ON ACCESS ROAD. MINE HAD BEEN PLACED FOR SEVERAL DAYS. ROAD SWEEP PRIOR TO INCIDENT. SEARCHED AREA W/NEG RES.

(C) 271015H L/3/3 AMBUSH DETAINED 1 MALE INDIGENOUS YD 042566. DETAINEE WAS WEARING CIV CLOTHING AND HAD 1 HYPODERMIC SYRINGE, 1 MACHETE AND PHOTOS OF HIMSELF BUT NO I.D. INDIVIDUAL TURNED OVER TO ITT FOR INTERVIEW.
RES: 1 DET.

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(4) OTHER

(A) 271030H DUSTER BN 1/10. WHILE STOPPED FOR APPROX. 30 MINUTES FOR ROUTINE MAINT. CHECK WHEN SUDDENLY THE VEH. BLEW UP. RESWEPT ROAD. VIC OF INCIDENT YD 057568. ALSO SAME DTG. THE SEABEES WERE IN VC GUN EMPLACEMENT BN ENEMY TO BIKR RESULTING IN DET SPD IN FORM OF ARMO CAN WOUNDING 1 VN CIV IN VIC YD 057568

4. ENEMY LOSSES

NVAKIA	--	342
NVA KBA	--	175
VC KIA	--	2
NVA POW	--	9
DET	--	1
INN CIV	--	3
IWC	--	133
CSWC	--	35

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FM: THIRD MARINES
TO: CG, THIRD MARINE DIVISION

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REQUEST FOR TACTICAL SUPPORT

1. ON 25 JUNE THE CG WAS PRESENTED AND APPROVED A NIN OPERATIONAL CONCEPT FOR THE EASTERN BORDER'S RIDGE PORTION OF THE THIRD MARINES AO.

2. AFTER INTERNAL STAFFING AND INITIAL CONTACTS WITH DIVISION STAFF MEMBERS THE FOLLOWING ITEMS OF SUPPORT ARE REQUESTED.

A. DEFOLIATION - FROM THE CG TO THE CG N-8 GRID LINES AND NORTH OF THE CG E-W GRID LINE, ASAP AFTER 6 JULY.

B. AERIAL DELIVERED CS - COMMENCING ABOUT 7 JULY, AND RUNNING DAILY FOR 30 DAYS: FIVE (5) FLIGHTS OF CS BOMBS. EACH FLIGHT WILL HAVE TWO (2) AIRCRAFT, EACH AIRCRAFT WILL CARRY SIX (6) CS BOMBS. TOTAL AREA COVERED PER DAY WILL BE 75,000 SQUARE METERS.

C. SEISMIC INTRUSION DEVICES - TEN (10) SID STRINGS WILL BE EMPLACED IN THE DENIAL AREA, IF AVAILABLE, IN THE FIRST WEEK OF JULY.

D. ARTILLERY AMMUNITION - IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT 900 ROUNDS WILL BE EXPENDED DAILY IN THIS PORTION OF THE AO:

(1) 350 ROUNDS IN THE H&I AREA JUST SOUTH OF THE DMZ.

(2) 550 ROUNDS IN THE ACTUAL AREA TO BE DENIED THE ENEMY.

ALTHOUGH THIS IS NOT A FORMAL REQUEST FOR AN INCREASE IN ASH FOR OUR DS BATTALION, SUCH MAY BECOME NECESSARY AND IF SO WILL BE BY SEPARATE CORRESPONDENCE.

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3. A FINALIZATION OF THE CONCEPT ENVISIONS THE USE OF THE GAS AND DEFOLIATION TO DENY THE ENEMY USE OF STREAMS, VALLEYS, AND OTHER REDOUBT AREAS. THE SIDS WILL BE EMPLACED ALONG KNOWN OR SUSPECTED ROUTES WHICH WILL BE AVOIDED BY IN THE PLACEMENT OF AERIAL CS. UPON ACTIVATION OF THE SID'S, ARTILLERY BATTERIES WILL DELIVER A COMBINATION OF SHELLS AND FUSES, TO INCLUDE SOME CS. THUS, WHILE IT IS RECOGNIZED THAT NOT ENOUGH GAS OR ARTILLERY ROUNDS EXIST TO FORM A UNBREACHABLE BARRIER, CHANNELIZATION OF THE ENEMY FOR DESTRUCTION WILL PRODUCE THE DESIRED RESULTS.

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LIMITING CIVILIAN ACTIVITY IN CAM LO DISTRICT

A. CO THIRD MAR MSG DTG 291408Z MAY 69

1. SINCE 13 JUNE 69 THE NUMBER OF INCIDENTS ALONG ROUTE #9 IN THE 3D MARINES AO HAS INCREASED APPRECIABLY. FIVE (5) LIVES HAVE BEEN LOST, TWENTY (20) INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN WOUNDED, AND NINE (9) VEHICLES HAVE BEEN DESTROYED OR HEAVILY DAMAGED. THESE INCIDENTS HAVE OCCURRED IN SPITE OF INCREASED PATROLS/AMBUSHES AND THE ASPHALT SURFACING OF THE ROAD.

2. ON THE NIGHT OF 26 JUNE, A 3D BN AMBUSH HEARD DIGGING, SIGHTED THE LOCATION WITH A STARLIGHT SCOPE, AND NOTICED A PERSON IN CIVILIAN CLOTHING DIGGING IN A MINE. THE PERSON WAS FIRED UPON AND FLED LEAVING AN UNPLANTED MINE. THIS IS THE FIRST TANGIBLE EVIDENCE THAT THE INCIDENTS ARE NOT NVA INITIATED, BUT RATHER VC/VCI ACTIVITIES.

3. AS CITED IN REF A, THE USE OF THE HILL AREA ALONG RT #9 WEST OF HILL 37 (YD 089579), FOR WOOD CUTTING AND FISHING, WAS CONTINGENT ON A REASONABLE LEVEL OF SECURITY IN THE AREA. FURTHER, THAT WHEN THE TACTICAL COMMANDER RESPONSIBLE FOR SECURITY OF THE LOC AND U.S. FORCES IN THE AREA, FELT THE SITUATION HAD REACHED A STAGE OF HIGH THREAT, THE CIVILIANS WOULD BE TEMPORARILY DENIED USE OF THIS AREA FOR BOTH THEIR SAFETY AND THE SAFETY OF U.S. FORCES.

4. IT IS FELT THAT THE THREAT HAS INCREASED TO A POINT WHERE FOR TACTICAL NECESSITY THE CIVILIANS MUST BE KEPT EAST OF HILL 37 UNTIL THE SITUATION IS MORE STABLE. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THIS RESTRICTION WILL BE OF SHORT DURATION AND WILL BE LIFTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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IT WAS HOPED THAT GVN OFFICIALS AND U.S. ADVISORY PERSONNEL WOULD UNDERSTAND OUR CONCERN FOR BOTH CIVILIAN AND MILITARY LIVES AND SAFETY, AND ASSIST BY USING THE V.I.S. TO INFORM THE PEOPLE OF THE TACTICAL DECISION AND BASIS FOR THAT DECISION. THEY HAVE DECLINED TO HELP. IT IS STILL HOPED THAT THE GVN AND THE DIVISION G-5 CAN GIVE TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE TO ANY NEEDY REFUGEES DENIED THE MEANS TO LIVELIHOOD BY THE TEMPORARY RESTRICTION.

6. THE 3D MARINES ARE DISAPPOINTED OVER THE LACK OF INTELLIGENCE FROM INDIGENOUS PERSONNEL REGARDING THESE INCIDENTS. ALTHOUGH IT IS REALIZED MANY OF THEM HAVE NO ACTIVE CONNECTION WITH THE VC, MANY ARE FELT TO BE AWARE OF THE MININGS AND AMBUSHES BEFORE THEY OCCUR, YET ARE NOT INTERESTED ENOUGH TO AID US.

7. THE CG WILL BE KEPT INFORMED OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS REGARDING THIS PROBLEM.

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PRIORITY DTG: 281330 2 JUNE 69

FM: CO, THIRD MARINES
TO: CG, THIRD MARDIV (ATTN: G-5)

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28TH DIVISION PERSONAL RESPONSE INSTRUCTORS TRAINING COURSE

A. CG, THIRD MARDIV MSG 110746Z JUNE 69

1. THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER IS NOMINATED FOR THE QUOTA
ALLOCATED BY REFERENCE A.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>SER NO</u>	<u>RTD</u>
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1. 3D MAR IN OPN VIRGINIA RIDGE INTSUM NO. 58.

2. 271801H TO 281800H JUNE 1969.

3. SUM OF ENEMY ACTY.
DURING THE ABOVE REPORTING PERIOD, ENEMY ACTY WAS LIGHT IN THE 3D MAR AO. THERE WERE 2 ATTACKS BY PIRN, 1 AIRCRAFT AND 1 HELICOPTER SIGHTING.

A. GROUND FORCES

(1) 1ST BN 3D MAR

(A) REFER 3D MAR INTSUM NO. 57. PARA 3A(1)(A) 271745H C/1/3 YD 046622 FWD 1 RPG-2 RND, 1 LONG HANDLE CHICOM GREN, 1 RND 81MM MORT, 2 RND 82MM MORT, 17-11LB BLOCKS TNT, 5 SHORT CHICOM GRENS, 5-2 1/2 LB BLOCKS TNT, 10-11LB BLOCKS C-3, 100 AK-47 RND, 2 SATCHEL CHARGES, 3 NVA HELMETS, 1 AK-47 MAG, 30 FUSES FOR 82MM MORT AND 1 BOOK. DEST ALL EXCEPT 1 CAN 82MM MORT FUSES.

(2) 3D BN 3D MAR

(A) 280640H 11/3/3 AT A-4 RECD 4 RND 122MM RKT 3 OF WHICH IMPACTED OUTSIDE PERIMETER FM YD 063671, YD 055665, YD 043675. CALLED IN ARTY FSN. 280830H RECD 4 MORE RND 122MM RKT ALL IMPACTING OUTSIDE PERIMETER FM YD 0668 AND YD 0768. CALLED IN ARTY FSN.

(3) OTHER

(A) (LATE ENTRY) 26 JUNE AO YD 035645 OBSD 1 NVA IN OPEN. RAN A/S RESULTING IN 3 BARRS DEST AND 1 NVA KIA. RES: 1 NVA KIA.

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(B) 280925H MCB 53 YD 090577 ROAD SWEEP TM FND CLAYMORE
MINE ON SIDE OF ROAD. DEST IN PLACE.

(C) CORRECTION TO 3D MAR INTSUM DUE TO "OPERATION HIGH-
RISE". ADD 5 NVA KBA.

4. ENEMY LOSSES

NVA KIA	-	342
NVA KBA	-	181
VC KIA	-	2
NVA POW	-	9
DET	-	1
INN CIV	-	3
INC	-	133
CSWC	-	35

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TO: CG 3D MAR DIV
INFO: CG TASK FORCE HOTEL
1ST BN 3D MAR
2D BN 3D MAR
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1. 3D MAR IN OPN VIRGINIA RIDGE INTSUM NO. 59.
2. 281801H TO 291800H JUNE 1969.
3. SUM OF ENEMY ACTY.
DURING THE ABOVE REPORTING PERIOD, THERE WAS NO OBSD ENEMY ACTY.
4. ENEMY LOSSES

NVA KIA	-	342
NVA KBA	-	181
VC KIA	-	2
NVA POW	-	9
DET	-	1
INN CIV	-	3
IWC	-	133
CSWC	-	35
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FM: CG 3RD MAR

TO: CG 3RD MARDIV

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HF/SSB EAR NET TEST RESULTS (C)

1. CG THIRD MARDIV 110454Z JUNE 69

2. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF A, THE FOLLOWING RESULTS WERE NOTED:

A: 3RD MAR TACP - ESTABLISHED SATISFACTORY COMMUNICATION AT EACH TEST PERIOD

B: 1ST BN TACP - ESTABLISHED SATISFACTORY COMMUNICATION ON FIRST DAY; EQUIPMENT FAILURES PREVENTED FURTHER TESTING

C: 2ND TACP - NOT IN A FIXED SITE TO USE EQUIPMENT

D: 3RD TACP - NOT IN A FIXED SITE TO USE EQUIPMENT

3. 3RD MAR TACP RECOMMENDS THAT A TEST FOR DISTANCE BE INCLUDED IN FUTURE HF/SSB TESTS.

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1. 3D MAR IN OPN VIRGINIA RIDGE INTSUM NO. 60.
2. 291801H TO 301800H JUNE 1969.

3. SUM OF ENEMY ACTY.
DURING THE ABOVE REPORTING PERIOD, ENEMY ACTY WAS LIGHT IN THE 3D MAR AO. THERE WAS 1 ENEMY FORT AREA FND, 1 SNIPER INCIDENT, AND 2 ATTACKS BY FIRE.

A. GRND FORCES.

(1) 1ST BN 3D MAR

(A) 291200H B/1/3 YD 086634 FND 22 BNKRS, 2 RPG RNDs, 3 AK-47 W/AMMO, 1 AK-47 DRUM MAG W/AMMO, 7 RNDs 82MM MORT, 1 RND 60MM MORT, 3 BLOCKS TNT, 1 PONCHO, 9 CHICOM GRENS, 4 BAGS RICE, 1 PR WIRE CUTTERS, 2 AT MINES, 1 DIR MINE, 1 NVA GRAVE MARKER AND MISC DOC. DEST ORDNANCE AND BNKRS. FORWARDED DOCUMENTS TO S-2.

(2) OTHER

(A) 292147H RECON TM DUNBAR COUNTY RECD 10-12 RNDs RR FIRE AT YD 088698 FM YD 076686. CALLED IN ARTY MSN.

(B) 301140H S-5 3D MAR JEEP TRAVELING E APPROX 500M E OF VINH DAI ROCK CRUSHER YD 184588 RECD 8 RNDs OF SNIPER FIRE FM ACROSS RIVER TO N.

(C) 301300H B/3D ENGR VIC YD 129669 RECD APPROX 5 RNDs M-79 FM 2 NVA VIC YD 126670. FIRED SAF AND NOTIFIED M/3/3 OF SNIPERS.

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4. ENEMY LOSSES

NVA KIA	=	342
NVA KBA	=	181
VC KIA	=	2
NVA POW	=	9
DET	=	1
INN CIV	=	3
IWC	=	133
CSWC	=	35

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FRAG ORDER 59-69

- A. 3D MAR OP ORD 6-67 WITH REVISED CONCEPT
- B. 3D MAR FRAG ORD 56-69
- C. 3D MAR OPS OVERLAY DTG 301630H

1. SITUATIONA. ENEMY

(1) ~~SENSOR~~ STRING #502 LOCATED AT YD05305865 HAS BEEN ACTIVATED SEVEN TIMES IN THE LAST FOUR DAYS. ALL ENEMY MOVEMENT WAS TO THE NW.

(2) ENEMY SIGHTINGS AND MORTAR ATTACKS REMAIN RELATIVELY HIGH IN THE HELICOPTER VALLEY AREA (CENTERED ON 0364 GRID SQUARE).

B. FRIENDLY

3/4 CP ECB

A/1/4 (912575)

B(-) 1/4 (902609)

B PLT (892615)

2. FIRST BN

A. NO CHANGE FROM REF A, B, & C.

B. LIAISON OFFICER FROM THIRD MARINES LOCATED AT 2D ARVN REGT HQ ON REGT TAC #1 (DELMAR X-RAY).

C. 2D ARVN PLAN TO 1/3 AT CAM LO BY COURIER ON 01 JUN.

3. SECOND BN

A. CONTINUE MISSION AS PER REF A, B, & C.

B. CONDUCT LIMITED SCALE OPERATIONS IN THE DOUG HA, KHO XA AREA IN CONJUNCTION WITH YOUR CONCEPT PREVIOUSLY APPROVED, UNTIL YOUR DATA OPERATIONS ARE OVER THEN CONCLUDES (SOMETIME 03 JUN).

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VERIFY AND EXPLOIT INFO PARA 1A (1) ABOVE.

4. THIRD BN

CONDUCT COMPLETE MORTAR SUPPRESSION PROGRAM BEFORE HELILIFT
OF 1 JUNE.

5. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

A. SECOND AND THIRD BATTALIONS ENSURE CLOSE & CONTINUOUS COORDINATION
OF FRIENDLY ADJACENT UNITS TO ENHANCE MUTUAL FIRE SUPPORT IN CRITICAL
AREA NOTED IN PARAGRAPH 1A (2).

B. ALL UNITS TAKE MAXIMUM ADVANTAGE OF ARTILLERY FIRES FOR PREPS,
AND ON PREVIOUS KNOWN & SUSPECTED MORTAR & OP SITES.

C. PRIORITY OF AERIAL OBSERVER COVERAGE TO FIRST BATTALION
DURING PROXIMITY TO IMZ; THIRD BATTALION WHILE CONDUCTING 010700
HELILIFT; AND UNITS IN CONTACT OR UNDER FIRE AT TIME OF OCCURRENCE.

D. THE BOUNDARY CHANGE SCHEDULED FOR 011200H (REF C) WILL BE
HOLD IN ABEYANCE UNTIL AFTER FIRST BATTALION'S OPERATION NE OF
CON THIEU IS COMPLETED (SOMETIME 03 JUNE). IN LIEU OF SAME A TEMPORARY
BOUNDARY WILL BE EFFECTED ON ORDER 1 JUNE WHEN CO. E & CP OF SECOND
BN CROSS THE CAM LO RIVER, AS FOLLOWS: FROM CURRENT BOUNDARY AT YD 010570
EAST ALONG 57 GRID LINE TO CAM LO RIVER, THEN FOLLOW RIVER TO 09 GRID
LINE, THEN NORTH ALONG 09 LINE TO PRESENT BOUNDARY AT YD 090630.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT.

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FRAG ORDER 60-69

- A. THIRD MARINES OF ORDER 6-69 AND REVISED CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS FOR VIRGINIA RIDGE AO
- B. THIRD MARINES FRAG ORDER 56-69
- C. THIRD MARINES OVERLAY (PASEP) DTG 301630H MAY 69

1. SITUATION:

- A. ENEMY SITUATION REMAINS THE SAME IN THIRD MARINES AO.

B. FRIENDLY

(1) 4TH MAR BEGINS RECON OF LZ SIERRA-MAC AREA IN ANTICIPATION OF EMPLOYMENT IN THAT AREA IN APPROX ONE WEEK.

(2) 2D ARVN POSITIONS AS FOLLOWS: CP & 5TH BN AT (151701), 3D COMPANY AT (148706). CP & 3 COMPANIES OF 1ST BN AT (147682).

(3) 4TH MAR POSITIONS AS FOLLOWS: A/1/4 FSB RUSSELL; B (-) 1/4 AT (901609); B PLT AT (891615); 3/4 CP & M/3/4 AT ECB.

2. FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES.

A. CONTINUE EXPLOITATION OF SPECIFIED STRIKE ZONE THROUGH 030800H, KEEPING CONTINUOUS FIRES BETWEEN FRIENDLY ELEMENTS AND THE DIZ.

B. PATROL AND AMBUSH TO MORTAR RANGE FROM FIXED POSITIONS.

3. SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES.

NO CHANGE EXCEPT RECON TEAM COMING EVENT (U/L 0660, L/R 0859) MAY BE USED TO ASSIST IN MISSION TO VERIFY AND EXPLOIT SENSOR STRING ON DONG KIO.

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4. THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES. NO CHANGE

5. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

A. TO ENSURE EFFECTIVE FIRE AND MANEUVER ALONG THE COMMON 3D & 4TH MAR BNDRY, AND PREVENT ENEMY EXPLOITATION OF SAME, A FLOATING BNDRY HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED. INITIALLY THE 4TH MAR WILL GAIN APPROX 2 KILOMETERS OF OUR AO. IN A SHORT TIME IT WILL SHIFT WEST AND THE 3D MAR WILL MANEUVER IN THE VICINITY OF LZ SIERRA. AT 021200H THE FOLLOWING BNDRY IS EFFECTED: FM DMZ AT 970660, SOUTH TO 971650, TO 972640, TO 976630, TO 980620, TO 982610, TO PRESENT BNDRY AT 984599.

B. THE BNDRY BETWEEN THE 2D AND 3D BN WILL BE TEMPORARILY CHANGED AS FOLLOWS: FM THE DMZ AT 011658 SOUTH TO 011650, TO 020644, TO 026640, TO 030635 TO PRESENT BNDRY AT 038624. IT WILL BE CHANGED 0/0 03 JUNE 69. THIS IS TO ALLOW THE 2D BN TO COUNTER THE ENEMY ACTIONS AGAINST THEIR FORCES WHICH HAVE RISEN IN THE PAST FEW DAYS. AFTER SEVERAL DAYS THIS BNDRY WILL BE SHIFTED TO THE EAST TO PROVIDE THE 3D BN ADDITIONAL MANEUVER ROOM AND ENHANCE STRIKING THE ENEMY FROM A NEW DIRECTION.

C. THE BATTALIONS ARE COMMENDED ON THEIR INCREASED USE OF OBSERVED FIRES. IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED THAT COMPANY COMMANDERS AND THEIR FO'S PRE-PLAN AND SUBMIT EARLY MORNING AND LATE AFTERNOON MORTAR SUPPRESSION FIRES. TO ENSURE TIMELY PREP FIRES PLAN THE ROUTE AND POSSIBLE TARGETS WITH AN ESTIMATED TIME SCHEDULE. THESE PREP FIRES WILL THEN BE FIRED AS PER SCHEDULED, OR AS TIME-ADJUSTED BY THE COMPANY.

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THIRD MARINE FRAG ORDER 61-69

- A. THIRD MARINES OP ORDER 6-69 WITH REVISED CONCEPT OF OPERATION IN VIRGINIA RIDGE AO
 B. THIRD MARINES FRAG ORDER 60-69

1. SITUATION

A. ENEMY. DURING THE PERIOD OF 30 MAY-2 JUNE THERE HAVE BEEN INDICATIONS THAT THE ENEMY HAS MOVED AN UNKNOWN SIZE FORCE INTO THE FSB MAC AREA. RECENTLY THERE HAVE BEEN INCREASED ENEMY SIGHTINGS AND HEAVY TRAIL ACTIVITY REPORTED IN AND AROUND THIS PARTICULAR AREA. ON 020225H RECON TEAM FIRE RAIDER, WHO HAD BEEN INSERTED INTO THIS AREA, WAS ATTACKED BY AN UNKNOWN SIZE ENEMY UNIT WHILE OCCUPYING FSB MAC. AN EMERGENCY EXTRACT WAS REQUIRED AFTER THE TEAM HAD TAKEN HEAVY CASUALTIES. INDICATIONS ARE THAT THE ENEMY EMPLOYED A SAPPER UNIT IN THIS ATTACK. FREQUENTLY DURING RECENT INTERROGATIONS OF ENEMY POW'S CAPTURED IN THIS AO, HILL 425 HAS BEEN MENTIONED AS A POINT OF INTEREST BY THE ENEMY IN REGARDS TO FUTURE OPERATIONS IN THIS AO. HILL 425 HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS FSB MAC (966617). THE ENEMY'S INTENTIONS ARE NOT CLEAR, BUT ONE POSSIBILITY IS A GROUPING OF FORCES FOR AN OPERATION AGAINST THE ROCK-PILE.

B. FRIENDLY. 4TH MARINES ARE UNABLE TO EXPLOIT RECON TEAM FIRE RAIDER'S (U/L 9662, L/R 9861) INTELLIGENCE FOR SEVERAL DAYS DUE TO PRESENT LACK OF FORCES.

2. CONCEPT. THIRD MARINES MAINTAINS PRESENT TACTICAL ORIENTATION IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN PORTION OF AO, WHILE SENDING ONE BATTALION IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION TO EXPLOIT RECENT INTELLIGENCE GAINED BY RECONNAISSANCE ELEMENTS.

3. FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES. NO CHANGE

4. SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES. NO CHANGE

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5. THIRD BN, 1ST MARINES.

A. COMMENCING 3 JUNE REORIENT OPERATIONS TO THE WEST. LOCATE AND DESTROY ENEMY FORCES IN THE VICINITY OF HILL COMPLEX ALBERTA AND LAM.

B. SUBMIT SCHEME OF MANEUVER AND SUPPORT REQUIRED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

C. MAKE MAXIMUM USE OF PRE-PLANNED, OBSERVED FIRES.

6. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

A. BOUNDARY CHANGE SCHEDULED FOR 021200H (para 5. A. REF (B)) IS CANCELLED. INSTEAD THE FOLLOWING BOUNDARY CHANGE IS EFFECTED AS OF 1200H THIS DATE: FM DMZ AT 933655, SOUTH TO 935640, TO 934630, TO 938620, TO 950610 TO PRESENT BNDRY AT 965606.

B. PRIORITY OF AERIAL OBSERVATION TO 3D BN COMMENCING 3 JUNE.

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 COMPANY A, THIRD TANK BN
 COMPANY B, THIRD TANK BN

FRAG ORDER 62-69

- A. THIRD MARINES OF ORDER 6-69 WITH REVISED CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS IN VIRGINIA RIDGE AO.
 B. COMPANY A THIRD TANK BN OF ORDER 1-69
 C. THIRD MARINES MSG DTG 291408Z (FISHING AND WOODCUTTING PROGRAM FOR REFUGEES OF CAM LO)

1. SITUATIONA. ENEMY

THE ENEMY CONTINUES TO HAVE THE CAPABILITY TO MAINTAIN PRESSURE ON FRIENDLY FORCES WITHIN OUR AO THROUGH THE EMPLOYMENT OF ATTACKS BY FIRE. THE SITUATION ALSO DICTATES THAT AT A MOMENT OF THE ENEMY'S CHOICE, HE COULD CONDUCT MODERATE GROUND/SAPPER ATTACKS DIRECTED AGAINST SELECTED MILITARY TARGETS. IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ABOVE, THE ENEMY HAS CONTINUED TO DISPLAY THE CAPABILITY OF EMPLOYING MINES AND BOOBY TRAPS TO HARASS AND DELAY FRIENDLY MOVEMENT.

B. FRIENDLY

(1) CO A 3d TANK BN D/S 1/3. TANKS WILL OCCUPY FIXED POSITIONS ALONG ROUTE #561 AND PATROL SAME AS DIRECTED BY 1/3 AND REF B.

(2) UNIT LOCATIONS:

C-1-9	(980585)
D-1-9	(957565)
G-2-4	(911590)

2. MISSION

3d MARINES CONTINUES TO CONDUCT SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS NORTH OF ROUTE #9 TO LOCATE AND DESTROY ENEMY FORCES INFILTRATING ACROSS THE DMZ. 3d MARINES PROVIDES SECURITY FOR FSB FULLER, KHE GIO BRIDGE, A-4, C-2, C-3 BRIDGE, AND CAM LO DIST HQ.

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3. EXECUTION**A. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS**

3d MARINES CONTINUES TO CONDUCT SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN VIRGINIA RIDGE AO. WITH ONE BATTALION IN THE NW, ONE BATTALION IN THE NORTH CENTRAL PORTION OF OUR AO AND ONE BATTALION OCCUPYING FIXED POSITIONS ALONG ROUTE #9 AND #561 WHILE CONDUCTING LIMITED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS.

B. FIRST BATTALION (OVERLAY ATTACHED)

(1) CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR A-4, C-2, C-3 BRIDGE, CAM LO DIST HQ., KGB, AND LINES OF COMMUNICATION WITHIN AO.

(2) CONDUCT S/D OPERATIONS IN THE ROUTE #9 PASS AREA & THE KHO KA - ABOUT CAO - DONG MA HILL COMPLEXES.

(3) PROVIDE SECURITY FOR MINE SWEEPS WITHIN AO.

(4) WORK IN COOPERATION & COORDINATION WITH GVN FORCES TO PREVENT DUPLICATION OF EFFORT & GAIN MAXIMUM MUTUAL SUPPORT FOR YOUR TASKS & THEIRS.

(5) PROVIDE SECURITY TO RESURFACING OF ROUTE #9 TO KGB. INFORM THIS HQ AS TO STATUS OF PROJECT.

(6) IN COORDINATION WITH THE CAM LO DISTRICT CHIEF & DSA, SUPPORT THE GVN PROGRAM ENCOMPASSED BY REF C. PROVIDE BY PASS FROM (YD 027565) TO (YD 024564) FOR INDIGENOUS TRAVEL WEST IN PURSUIT OF FISHING PROGRAM.

(7) PROVIDE FIRE SUPPORT COORDINATION & SUPPORT TO THE MAI LOC TAOR (CIDG)

C. SECOND BN

CONTINUE TO CONDUCT EXTENSIVE SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN AO.

D. THIRD BN

(1) CONTINUE EXTENSIVE SEARCH & DESTROY OPERATIONS IN AO.

(2) PROVIDE SECURITY FOR AND CONDUCT SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS FROM PSB FULLER.

E. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

(1) SECURITY FOR FIXED POSITIONS WILL ENCOMPASS AS A MINIMUM DAY & NIGHT PATROLS AND AMBUSHES TO ENEMY MORTAR RANGE.

(2) MANEUVER BNS CONCENTRATE ON MOBILITY, MASSING ONLY UPON CONTACT, AND MAXIMUM USE OF FIRES TO SUPPORT TACTICAL MANEUVER.

(3) THE PRESENT UN-TIMELINESS IN WHICH SPOT REPORTS ARE BEING SUBMITTED IS NOT IN KEEPING WITH 3d MARINES REQUIREMENTS. ALL SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION AS TO ENEMY CONTACTS, INCOMING, ETC. WILL BE PASSED VIA PERSONAL TRAFFIC OR MESSAGE TO THIS HQ. CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO THIS FRAGMENTARY SPOT REPORT WILL BE MADE AS THEY OCCUR. A FINAL SPOT REPORT WILL BE SUBMITTED AS SOON AS PRACTIBLE AFTER ENEMY CONTACT HAS CEASED.

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- 4. ADMIN AND LOGISTICS. N/C
- 5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS. N/C
- 6. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT.

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FRAG ORDER 63-69

- A. OP ORDER 6-69
- B. FRAG ORDER 60-69
- C. 3D MAR MSG DTG 052100H JUNE 69 (ARC LIGHTS)
- D. 3D MAR MSG DTG 061700H JUNE 69 (BOUNDARY CHANGE)

1. SITUATION.

- A. ENEMY. NO CHANGE
- B. FRIENDLY.

(1) FROM 061825H TO 070625H JUNE 69, 7TH AIR FORCE WILL CONDUCT A SERIES OF SIX (6) ARC LIGHT MISSIONS WITHIN THE NORTH CENTRAL PORTION OF 3D MAR AO AS DESCRIBED IN REF C.

2. MISSION. 3D MARINES CONTINUES TO CONDUCT SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS NORTH OF RT #9 TO LOCATE AND DESTROY ENEMY FORCES INFILTRATING ACROSS THE DMZ. 3D MARINES PROVIDES SECURITY FOR FSB FULLER, KHE GIO BRIDGE, A-4, C-2, C-3 BRIDGE AND CAM LO DISTRICT HQ.

3. EXECUTION.

A. CONCEPT. 3D MARINES CONTINUES TO CONDUCT SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN VIRGINIA RIDGE AO WITH ONE BN IN THE NW; ONE BN OCCUPYING FIXED POSITIONS ALONG ROUTES #9 AND #561 WHILE CONDUCTING LIMITED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS. THE REMAINING BN WILL CONDUCT AN EARLY MORNING HELO-ASSAULT ON 7 JUNE TO EXPLOIT THE ARC LIGHTS AND COLLECT BDA.

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1. FIRST BN. CONTINUE PRESENT MISSION AS ASSIGNED.

C. SECOND BN (A). AT H-HOUR ON 7 JUNE 69 HELO-ASSAULT INTO 3 LZ'S TO EXPLOIT THE ARC LIGHTS. UPON LANDING, DISPATCH EXTENSIVE PATROLS THROUGHOUT DROP ZONES TO CAPTURE PRISONERS, DESTROY ENEMY MUNITIONS/EQUIPMENT, AND ACCUMULATE BDA. DURATION OF EXPLOITATION OPERATION IS 48.72 HOURS.

D. THIRD BN. CONTINUE PRESENT MISSION AS ASSIGNED.

4. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

A. H-HOUR 0750H

B. LZ'S FOR HELO-ASSAULT

(1) 052648 - RESERVE COMPANY, CP AND 81MM MORTARS

(2) 021647 - ONE ASSAULT CO

(3) 051663 - ONE ASSAULT CO

C. BOUNDARY CHANGE AS DIRECTED IN REF D.

D. REPORT TO THIS HQ

(1) NUMBER OF 12 MAN LIFTS PER UNIT

(2) COMMENCEMENT OF LIFT

(3) SIT REPS ON LIFT EVERY 30 MIN

(4) COMPLETION OF LIFT

5. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. NO CHANGE

6. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS.

A. REPORT DISPLACEMENT AND RELOCATION OF CP.

B. CYPHER COMMUNICATIONS ASAP AFTER DISPLACEMENT.

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FRAG ORDER 64-69

- A. 3D MAR OP ORDER 6-69 WITH REVISED CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS
IN VIRGINIA RIDGE AO.
B. 3D MAR FRAG ORDER 62-69.

1. SITUATION.

A. ENEMY. THE ENEMY HAS BEEN CONDUCTING ATTACKS BY FIRE
AS HIS PRIMARY OFFENSIVE TACTIC, ALTHOUGH HE HAS THE CAP-
ABILITY OF INCREASING OPERATIONS WITHIN OUR AO, IN SUPPORT
OF A POSSIBLE OFFENSIVE AGAINST VCB.

B. FRIENDLY.	C (-) -1-9	979584
	C PLT -1-9	987592
	E-2-4	932584
	H-2-4	924590

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE

3. EXECUTION.

A. FIRST BN. NO CHANGE

B. SECOND BN.

(1) 08 JUNE ASSUME OPCON G-2-3 AT DONG HA RAMP.

(2) CONDUCT RELIEF IN PLACE OF CO H BY CO G VIC
050651.

(3) MOVE CO H VIA MOTOR MARCH TO DONG HA RAMP AND
CHOP SAME TO 3D MARDIV.

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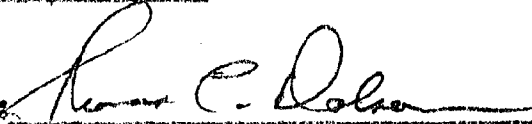
(4) CONTINUE ASSIGNED MISSIONS IN AO.

C. THIRD BN. NO CHANGED. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

(1) THRUST POINTS REF C IN EFFECT 086000H.

(2) FLIP-FLOP OF CO M PLTS FROM DONG HA MTN AND VIC
976622 SCHEDULED 08 JUNE.4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. NO CHANGE5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS. NO CHANGE6. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT.

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PRAG ORDER 65-69

A. OF ORDER 6-69 WITH REVISED CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS IN VIRGINIA RIDGE AO

B. PRAG ORDER 62-69

1. SITUATION

A. ENEMY. ON 6 JUNE THE HQTRS OF THE 246TH INDEPENDENT NVA REGT WAS LOCATED WITHIN 1000 METERS OF YD 005600. ON 7 JUNE THE HQTRS OF THE 27B NVA INDEPENDENT REGT WAS LOCATED WITHIN 1500 METERS OF YD 075624. THE SIZE OF THE COMBAT ELEMENTS WITH THESE HQTRS IS UNKNOWN, BUT IT IS RECKONED TO BE AT LEAST A REINF COMPANY AND MORE LIKELY A BATTALION.

B. FRIENDLY

2/H CP & G (912591)
H/2/H PLT (933585)
H/2/H PLT (934586)
H/2 /H PLT (921591)
H/3/H (DEB)

2. MISSION: N/C

3. EXECUTION (OPERATION OVERLAY ATTACHED)

A. CONCEPT.

(1) MANEUVER. WITHIN THE OVERALL CONCEPT OF CONTINUED B/D OF THE ELEMENTS OF ALL THREE BATTALIONS WILL PARTICIPATE IN A COORDINATED OPERATION TO SEARCH FOR AND CLEAR THE AO OF ENEMY UNITS NOTED IN PARA 1A. ONE BATTALION (.) WILL DRIVE SOUTH

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THROW THE DMZ AGAINST A BLOCK EMPLACED IN THE EAST AND SOUTH BY ELEMENTS OF DMH FIXED POSITION BATTALION. A COMPANY SIZED ELEMENT FROM THE REMAINING BATTALION WILL PROVIDE A MOBILE SEARCH AND BLOCKING FORCE FROM THE WEST. THE OPERATION SHOULD PRODUCE RESULTS OR REFUTE THE INTELLIGENCE WITHIN 48-72 HOURS.

(2) FIRES. MAXIMUM USE WILL BE MADE OF PREP FIRES. ALL UNITS WILL UTILIZE NDP'S FOR EACH NEW POSITION. PRIORITY OF FIRES DURING COORDINATED S/D OPERATION TO UNITS INVOLVED. PRIORITY OF AERIAL OBSERVER COVERAGE TO 2D BN.

B. FIRST BN.

(1) CONTINUE MISSIONS AS PER REF (B).

(2) PROVIDE A BLOCK ALONG THE DONG MA-KHO XA RIDGE, ACROSS THE KHE CHUA VALLEY, AND NORTH ALONG WESTERN BOUNDARY TO THE STREAM LINE VIC YD 087655. BLOCK EMPLACED BY 091800H FOR A PERIOD OF ABOUT 48-72 HOURS. DUE TO LIMITED FORCES AVAILABLE PLACE MAXIMUM EMPHASIS TOWARD DENYING ENEMY INFILTRATION TO EAST AND SOUTH ALONG KNOWN AND SUSPECTED ENEMY ROUTES.

(3) BE PREPARED ON ORDER TO REINFORCE AND EXPLOIT ANY SIZEABLE ENEMY CONTACT WITH D/S TANK COMPANY AND A PLT TO COMPANY (-) SIZED INFANTRY FORCE.

C. SECOND BN.

(1) UPON COMPLETION OF EXPLOITATION AND BDA OF ARC LIGHT AREA, CONDUCT A SOUTHWARD DRIVE IN AO TO LOCATE AND DESTROY ENEMY FORCES NOTED IN PARA 1A.

(2) AT 091100H CONDUCT RELIEF-IN-PLACE OPERATION VIC YD 062644. CO G TO FIELD AND CO H TO CUA VIET (9-13 JUNE).

(3) SUBMIT BDA BY COURIER WHEN COMPLETE.

D. THIRD BN.

(1) CONTINUE ASSIGNED MISSION AS PER REF (A) AND (B).

(2) CONDUCT SCHEDULED PLATOON HELILIFT TO PSB FULLER ABOUT 091230H.

(3) PROVIDE CO (-) ELEMENT TO BEGIN SWEEP ALONG VALLEY NORTH OF DONG HA MTN AND ACT AS MOBILE WESTERN BLOCK. UNIT IN POSITION ASAP AFTER COMPLETION OF TASK (2) ABOVE.

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E. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

(1) MAXIMUM DIRECT LIAISON BETWEEN BLOCKING UNITS OF 1/3 AND 3/3 AND CP OF 2/3. EACH BLOCKING UNIT REPORT DIRECTLY TO 2/3 WHEN IN POSITION AND POSIT REPS AS REQUESTED OVER 2/3'S TAG NET. OPCON AND NORMAL CONTROL REMAINS WITH PARIENT BATTALION.

(2) ALL UNITS MAKE MAXIMUM USE OF PREP AND NIGHT DEFENSIVE FIRES.

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5. N/C

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FRAG ORDER 66-69

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REF: (A) OP ORDER 6-69 WITH REVISED CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS
 IN VIRGINIA RIDGE AO
 (B) FRAG ORDER 65-69

1. SITUATION

A. THE ENEMY HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY ACTIVE WITHIN 3D MAR AO. AT PRESENT HE IS ATTEMPTING TO GAIN ENTRY INTO THE NW PORTION OF THE AO TO ESTABLISH HIMSELF IN THE AREA OF FSB MACK (967617), WHILE SIMULTANEOUSLY TRYING TO EXTRACT THE REMNANTS OF HIS FORCES ENCIRCLED IN 2/3'S AO. THERE HAVE BEEN INDICATIONS OF A LARGE BUILDUP NORTH OF A-4 ALONG THE DMZ. FURTHER INDICATIONS POINT TOWARD A POSSIBLE REGIMENTAL SIZE ATTACK AGAINST A-4. ALSO IN THE EASTERN PART OF THE AO THE ENEMY IS IN WHAT APPEARS TO BE THE INITIAL STAGES OF A MINING EFFORT AGAINST ROUTE #561.

B. 2d BN 4th MAR CP AND G/2/4 OPERATING FROM FSB RUSSEL (911591), 5th BN 2d ARVN OPERATE WEST FROM GIO LINH, 1st BN 2d ARVN OPERATE WEST FROM C-1.

2. FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES

A. CONTINUE PRESENT MISSION.

B. REMOVE EASTERN PORTION OF BLOCKING FORCE, WHILE KEEPING SOUTHERN AND SOUTHEASTERN BLOCKS SOUTH OF HILL COMPLEX (FM 035606 TO 067606) AND KHE CHUA VALLEY.

C. SUBMIT POSSIBLE INNOVATIONS WITHIN 24 HRS CONCERNING DAY AND NIGHT SECURITY ALONG LINES OF COMMUNICATIONS TO LESSEN ENEMY THREAT AND DECREASE MINE INCIDENTS.

3. SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES

A. CONTINUE PRESENT MISSION.

B. DISPATCH ONE COMPANY TO THE NORTH VIC (052682) AND RECOVER RECON KIA.

C. MAKE MAXIMUM USE OF FIRE SUPPORT TO PREP ROUTES OF ADVANCE AND POSSIBLE ENEMY POSITIONS. CONTINUOUS AO COVERAGE WILL BE PROVIDED FM 120700H UNTIL E/2/3 RETURNS TO POINT 3 CLICKS SOUTH OF DMZ.

4. THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES

A. CONTINUE PRESENT MISSION.

B. CONTINUE CO (-) SIZED SEARCH IN VALLEY NORTH OF DONG HA MTN DAY AND NIGHT OF 12 JUNE AND LONGER IF DEEMED NECESSARY.

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5. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

A. ALL UNITS WILL KEEP RESPECTIVE S-1 APPRAISED OF ANY CHANGE OF COMPANY POSITION, RESUPPLY LZ, PRIORITY OF RESUPPLY AND ANY OTHER INFORMATION WHICH MAY IMPINGE UPON PROPER COORDINATION OF TACTICS AND LOGISTICS.

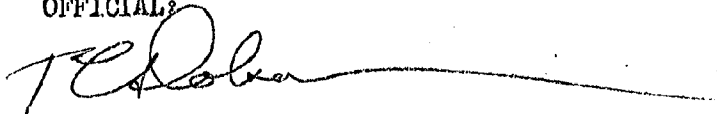
B. ALL UNITS ARE INFORMED TO SUBMIT ANY AND ALL REQUESTS FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS TO THIS HEADQUARTERS. ALL REQUESTS WILL BE CONSIDERED. REGIMENTAL PSYOPS OFFICER WILL VISIT ALL UNIT CP'S POSITIONS WITHIN NEXT 4 DAYS.

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FRAG ORDER 67-69

MAP: VIETNAM 1:50,000, SERIES L 7014, SHEETS 6142 IV
AND 6342 I

REF: (A) OP ORDER 6-69 WITH REVISED CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS
IN VIRGINIA RIDGE AO
(B) FRAG ORDER 66-69

1. SITUATION

A. THE CIDG FORCES IN THE MAI LOC AREA CAME UNDER HEAVY
ATTACK BY A SIZEABLE ENEMY FORCE THIS AFTERNOON IN GRID
SQUARES 1451 AND 1251.

B. E COMPANY RECOVERED BODY OF RECON KIA AT 121700H.

C. FRIENDLY UNIT LOCATIONS:

M/3/4 (984514)

2/4 CP AND G (-) (912591)

G/2/4 PHT (932599)

H/2/4 (937565)

2. FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES

A. CONTINUE ASSIGNED MISSION

B. ASSIST COMPANY H IN THEIR MOVE FROM C-2 TO 2/3 AO
AT 131000H.

3. SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES

A. CONTINUE ASSIGNED MISSION.

B. EVACUATE RECON KIA TO SAFE, REPEAT SAFE LZ SOUTH OF
SONG NGAN RIVER AND THEN REQUEST MEDEVAC. INFORM THIS
HEADQUARTERS WHEN THIS IS ACCOMPLISHED.

C. COMPANY H WILL BE TRUCKED FROM DONG HA RAMP TO C-2
AND THEN PROCEED BY FOOT TO 2/3'S AO.

D. BE PREPARED TO ASSUME OPCON OF COMPANY H AROUND
131200H AS THEY ENTER EASTERN EDGE OF YOUR AO.

4. THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES

A. CONTINUE ASSIGNED MISSION.

B. REDEPLOY M (-) AS YOU DESIRE.

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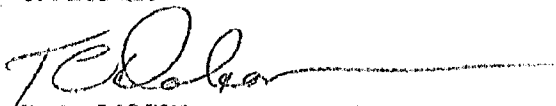
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FRAG ORDER 68-69

MAP: VIETNAM 1:50,000, SERIES L 7011, SHEETS 6442 IV
 AND 6342 I

REF: (A) OP ORDER 6-69 WITH REVISED CONCEPT
 (B) FRAG ORDER 66-69

1. SITUATION

- A. ENEMY. NO CHANGE FROM REF (B)
 B. FRIENDLY.

(1) 1/5 MECH INFANTRY CONDUCTS S/D OPNS TO EXPLOIT
 ENEMY CONTACT VIC 1151 AND 1251 REF (B).

(2) FOURTH MARINES COMMENCES S/D OPNS TO THE NE
 OF FSB RUSSEL WITH THE HELILIFT OF H/2/4 TO RELIEVE L/3/3
 VIC 952629.

(3) UNIT LOCATIONS.

2/4 CP AND G (-) - FSB RUSSEL
 PLT G/2/4 - 932599
 H (-) - 911563

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE

3. EXECUTION.

A. 3D BN (-) CONDUCTS HELILIFT TO VCB FOR (2) DAYS
 REHAB AND PREPARATION FOR OPERATIONS IN THE LEATHERNECK
 SQUARE AREA.

B. FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES.

- (1) CONTINUE ASSIGNED MISSION.
 (2) YOUR PROPOSED OPERATION (TEUTONIC KNIGHT)
 HAS BEEN CANCELLED BY HIGHER PRIORITY OPERATION.
 (3) BE PREPARED TO INCREASE FORCES AND PATROLLING
 BETWEEN C-2, A-4, AND NORTH DURING PERIOD COMMENCING 16
 JUNE.

C. SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES.

- (1) CONTINUE ASSIGNED MISSION.
 (2) ASSUME OPCON M/3/3 AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR FSB
 FULLER AND EXTENDED AO UPON HELILIFT OF 3D BN CP TO VCB.
 (3) BE PREPARED TO RELIEVE M/3/3 ON FSB FULLER ON
 15 JUNE WITH ORGANIC UNIT.
 (4) BE PREPARED TO ACCEPT PLATOON 3D RECON BN
 (THREE TEAMS) D/S ON 14 OR 15 JUNE. RECON WILL BE UTILIZED
 JUST BELOW AND INTO DMZ UNDER THE COGNIZANCE OF 2D BN 3D
 MAR. (5) BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT ZIPPO ON 15 JUNE FOR
 ASSAULT ON AND EXTENDED OPERATIONS IN LEATHERNECK SQUARE
 AREA COMMENCING 16 JUNE. MORE TO FOLLOW.

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B. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

(1) BOUNDARY CHANGE BETWEEN 3D MARINES AND 4TH MARINES EFFECTIVE UPON HELILIFT OF 3D BN CP AS FOLLOWS:
SE FROM DMZ ALONG PRES 2/3 - 3/3 BOUNDARY TO (988651),
SE ALONG STREAM TO (987637), SE IN A STRAIGHT LINE TO
(991633), S IN STRAIGHT LINE TO STREAM AT (992625), S
ALONG STREAM TO (990623), S IN STRAIGHT LINE TO (991615),
SW IN STRAIGHT LINE TO STREAM AT (989607), S ALONG STREAM
TO PRESENT 3D MAR AND 4TH MAR BOUNDARY AT (989600).

(2) 3D BN SUBMIT NUMBER OF (12) MAN LIFTS PER
UNIT ASAP.

(3) 3D BN MAINTAINS FIRE SUPPORT COORDINATION IN
AO UNTIL HELILIFT OF CP. UPON HELILIFT OF CP NOTIFY H/2/4.

(4) HELILIFT OF H/2/4 WILL BE CONDUCTED ON 3d BN
12 CONTROL FREQ.

(5) 3D BN NOTIFY THIS HQ UPON COMMENCING HELILIFT,
CLOSING AND OPENING OF COMMAND POST, SITREPS DURING LIFT
EVERY 30 MINUTES, AND COMPLETION.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

3D MAR WILL NOTIFY WJ-5 AND S-4 IN QUANG TRI TO ENSURE
THEY MAKE NECESSARY LIAISON/PREPARATIONS FOR (2) - DAY
REHAB.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS. NO CHANGE

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FRAG ORDER 69-69

MAP: VIETNAM 1:50,000, SERIES L 7014, SHEETS 6442 IV,
AND 6342 I

REF: (A) OF ORDER 6-69 WITH REVISED CONCEPT
(B) FRAG ORDER 62-69

1. SITUATION
 - A. ENEMY. NO CHANGE
 - B. FRIENDLY. H/2/4 LOCATED VIC (953628); M/3/4 AT ECE;
5TH BN, 2D ARVN OPERATES FM GIO LINH; 1ST BN, 2D ARVN OPERATES
FM C-1.
2. FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES. CONTINUE ASSIGNED MISSION
3. SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES.
 - A. AT 150700 HELILIFT (1) COMPANY FM VIC (065630) TO
DHM AND RELIEVE COMPANY OF 3/3 OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR FSE
FULLER.
 - B. FOLLOWING LIFT TO FULLER, HELILIFT COMPANY OF 3/3
TO VCB AND UPON COMPLETION OF LIFT CHOP OPCON BACK TO 3/3.
 - C. BEGIN DEPLOYMENT OF RECON INSERTS BY DARK THIS DATE.
4. THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES.
 - A. CONTINUE REHAB AT VCB.
 - B. BE PREPARED TO ASSUME OPCON OF M/3/3 WHEN HELILIFT
TO VCB IS COMPLETED.
5. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.
 - A. FOLLOWING BOUNDARY IS EFFECTED BETWEEN 1/3 AND 2/3
AT 0600 ON 15 JUNE: FM DMZ AT 083688 SOUTH ALONG STREAM TO
085655 TO 084650 TO PRESENT BNDRY AT 087640.
 - B. 2/3 NOTIFY THIS HEADQUARTERS OF TIME FOR BEGINNING
AND COMPLETION OF LIFTS FOR 15 JUNE.
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Frag Order 70-69

Ref: (a) 3d Marines OP Order 6-69 with Revised Concept.
 (b) 3d Marines Frag Order 62-69.
 (c) 3d Mar Mag 140800H June 69 (Opcon of Recon Plt).

1. Situation.

a. Enemy. PASEP

b. Friendly.

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(1) 2d ARVN Regt will patrol daily from C-1 in the area south of 3/3's zone of action. Other ARVN forces will remain east of RR tracks.

(2) Armor. Company A, 3d Tank Bn (Rein), D/S to 3/3, will provide the armor portion of a Reaction Force/Reserve from C-2.

(3) Artillery. 1/12 remains D/S 3d Marines with:
 4.2" Btry at A-4
 105 Btry at C-2
 155 Btry at C-2
 155 Btry at C-2

Reinforcing Units:
 L/4/12 (155 SP) at Dong Ha West
 8" Plt at C-2

(4) Air. 1st MAW and 7th AF as requested.

(5) NGF. A heavy cruiser and a destroyer are available from 16 to 23 June. The primary use of the NGF will be for massive retaliatory fires into the DMZ, bunker destruction, and illumination.

2. Mission. No change from reference (a).

3. Execution.

a. Concept. (Operation Overlay)

(1) Maneuver. The 3d Regiment will continue to conduct mobile operations with two battalions while holding the fixed positions with a minimum of forces. The maneuver area, however, will be split with one battalion operating west of the fixed positions in the Lutter's Ridge area while the other mobile battalion conducts an east to west attack through Leatherneck

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Square, against the fixed positions. The attack in Leatherneck Square will commence with a night movement to contact.

(2) Fires. The concept of Fire Support continues to be:

- (a) Maximum use of preplanned fires.
- (b) Continuous employment of observed fires.
- (c) Minimum of one NDF for each new position.
- (d) Imaginative use of smoke and H & I fires.
- (e) Integration of CAS and arty fires at all times.
- (f) Continued use of heavy A/C ordnance for bunker destruction. NGF's will be employed as noted in para 1 b (5).

b. First Bn.

(1) Continue present mission in accordance with ref (a) and (b).

(2) Readjust forces in order to increase patrol and ambush activity (day and night) along the western flank of 3d Bn's AO, commencing 161800H and continuing for duration of the Leatherneck Square Operation.

c. Second Bn. Continue present mission in accordance with ref (a), (b), and (c).

d. Third Bn.

(1) Complete rehab on afternoon of 16 June and motor march to DNGB.

(2) Upon EENT 16 June, conduct motor march up Route #1 and using same as LOD by 162300H commence night movement to contact west within zone. The night movement will be supported, nonilluminated.

(3) Be prepared at daylight on 17 June to attack to the west, to destroy all enemy forces in the Leatherneck Square area, supported by an armor/infantry reaction/reserve force (from C-2).

e. Coordinating Instructions.

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(1) The 3d Bn will establish direct liaison with the 2d ARVN Regt. prior to 161800H. 3d Marines will assist with personnel and equipment as requested.

(2) Reconnaissance of Leatherneck Square prior to 161800H will be limited to one aerial recon by the 3d Bn. All other reconnaissance will be cleared by this Hq.

(3) Maximum security is directed on this operation. Need to know only. NOFORN prior to 161800H unless cleared by this Hq.

4. Administration and Logistics.

a. All requests for tactical and logistical transportation, direct to this Hq for security reasons.

b. Evening meal 16 June for 3/3 will be at 3d Marines' Mess.

5. Command and Communications.

a. 3d Marines CP remains at DHOB.

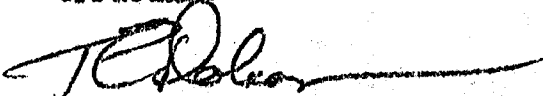
b. 3/3 report closing and opening of CP's.

6. Acknowledge Receipt.

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FRAG ORDER 71-69

MAP: VIETNAM 1:50,000, SERIES L 7014, SHEETS 6442 IV AND
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REF: (A) 3D MARINES OP ORDER 6-69 W/REVISED CONCEPT
(B) 3D MARINES FRAG ORDER 62-69
(C) 3D MARINES MSG 140800H JUNE 69
(D) 3D MARINES FRAG ORDER 70-69

1. SITUATION

A. ENEMY. BATTALION SIZE ELEMENTS OF THE 270TH REGT HAVE MADE A MAJOR EFFORT TO MOVE INTO THE EASTERN PORTION OF OUR AO. DUE TO QUICK REACTION BY FRIENDLY FORCES, THE ENEMIES INSERTION HAS BEEN COMPLETELY SEVERED RESULTING IN THE ISOLATION OF ONE BN PLUS COMPANY SIZE UNITS OF ANOTHER. INDICATIONS ARE THAT THE ENEMY HAS BEEN MAULED BY FRIENDLY UNITS AND MASSIVE SUPPORTING ARMS DURING THE LAST 24 HOURS. THERE ARE FURTHER INDICATIONS THE ENEMY REALIZES HIS PLANS ARE DISRUPTED AND THE SITUATION HAS BECOME A MATTER OF SURVIVAL. IT IS EXPECTED THE ENEMY WILL MAKE MAXIMUM EFFORT, UTILIZING THE COVER OF DARKNESS TO INFILTRATE HIS REMAINING UNITS BACK TO THE DMZ. IN THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN PORTIONS OF 3D MARINES AO THE SITUATION REMAINS THE SAME.

B. FRIENDLY. COMPANIES A AND B, 3D TANK BN D/S 3D BN.

2. MISSION NO CHANGE FROM REF (A)

3. EXECUTIONA. FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES

(1) PROVIDE ONE PLATOON SECURITY FOR CO B 3D TANKS FROM A-4 TO VIC 148710 TO LINK UP WITH F/2/9 AND K (-) 3/3 AT 180700H.

(2) UPON COMPLETION OF SECURITY MISSION RETURN PLATOON OVERLAND TO VIC A-4.

(3) CONTINUE TO PATROL HEAVILY THE AREA NORTH OF THE 67 GRID LINE EAST OF A-4 AND C-2 TO BLOCK ENEMY AVENUES OF EGRESS FROM 3/3'S AO.

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B. SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES

(1) INSERT RECON TEAM INTRIGUE ON 18 JUNE.

(2) REALIGN FORCES TO ACCOMPLISH PRIMARY MISSION.
THIS MAY DIMINISH THE RECON MISSION. MORE TO FOLLOW.C. THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES(1) CONTINUE THE ATTACK TO THE WEST TO LOCATE AND
DESTROY ALL ENEMY WITHIN YOUR AO. DO NOT, REPEAT NOT EMPLOY
THE COMPANY PATROL BASE SEMI-STATIC SEARCH AND DESTROY CONCEPT.(2) BE PREPARED TO RELEASE CO'S OF 2/9 ON ORDER AS
SITUATION DICTATES.(3) CONTINUE TO EMPLOY TANKS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR
MISSION (IE) EXPLOITATION OF GROUND CONTACTS, WHEREIN ARMOR WILL
MATERIALLY CONTRIBUTE TO THE DESTRUCTION OF ENEMY FORCES.

(4) ENSURE TANKS ARE KEPT AWAY FROM KNOWN MINED ROUTES.

D. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS(1) PLATOON FOR TANK SECURITY WILL COME UP ON 3/3'S
COF NET UPON ENTERING THEIR AO.(2) CO B 3D TANKS WILL MAINTAIN CONSTANT COMMUNICATIONS
WITH K (-) 3/3 UNTIL LINK UP IS COMPLETE.(3) 3D MARINES S-3 WILL MAKE LIAISON VISIT WITH 2/3
TO DISCUSS FUTURE USE OF AND PLANS FOR RECON ASSETS.4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. NO CHANGE

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FRAG ORDER 72-69

MAP: VIETNAM 1:50,000, SERIES L 7014, SHEETS 6442 IV AND
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REF: (A) 3D MAR OP ORDER 6-69 W/REVISED CONCEPT
 (B) 3D MAR FRAG ORDER 70-69

1. SITUATION

A. ENEMY. SINCE 16 JUNE ELEMENTS OF THE 270TH NVA REGT SUPPORTED BY THE 33D INDEPENDENT SAPPER CO HAVE SUFFERED (59) KIA AND (6) POW IN CONTACT WITH 2D ARVN REGT VICINITY C-1 AND (134) KIA AND (4) POW AT HANDS OF 3D BN, 3D MARINES IN LEATHERNECK SQUARE.

B. FRIENDLY. COMPANIES A AND B, 3D TANK BN D/S OF 1/3 AT A-4 AND C-2 RESPECTIVELY.

2. FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES

A. CONTINUE PRESENT MISSION.

B. F/2/9 AND G/2/9 CHOPPED OPCON TO 1/3 AT 191530H TO BE UTILIZED IN DEFENSE OF FIXED POSITIONS.

C. BE PREPARED ON APPROX 21 JUNE TO ACCEPT A RECON PLATOON OPERATING OUT OF A-4. COMMAND RELATIONSHIP TO FOLLOW.

3. SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES

A. CONTINUE PRESENT MISSION.

B. ASSUME CONVOY SECURITY 21 JUNE TO 30 JUNE.

C. DISCONTINUE RECON SUPPORT MISSION EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

4. THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES

A. CONTINUE ATTACK TO THE WEST.

B. BE PREPARED ON ORDER TO REORIENT FORCES AND ATTACK PARALLEL TO AND EAST OF ROUTE #561 TOWARDS CAM LO RIVER.

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FRAG ORDER 73-69

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REF: (A) 3D MAR OP ORDER 6-69 WITH REVISED CONCEPT
 (B) 3D MAR FRAG ORDER 70-69
 (C) GUIDANCE FROM CG AT 202100H

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1. FIRST BATTALION.

- A. CONTINUE PRESENT MISSION.
- B. HAVE ONE TANK COMPANY AND COMPANY B ON 30 MINUTE STANDBY AT A-4 TO ACT AS A REACTION FORCE TO ASSIST COMPANY M IF REQUIRED.
- C. IF REACTION FORCE IS COMMITTED, CHOP OPCON OF SAME TO 3/3.

2. SECOND BATTALION. NO CHANGE

3. THIRD BATTALION.

- A. REFERENCE (C) DICTATES YOUR IMMEDIATE RELOCATION TO R & R AT CUA VIET. CONDUCT AT 1ST LIGHT, OVERLAND DISPLACEMENT OF BN (-) TO VEHICLE PICK-UP POINT OF YOUR CHOICE ON RT #561.
- B. RETAIN 81MM SECTION, SMALL COMMAND ELEMENT, AND SECURITY AT LZ VIC YD 167700. HELILIFT THIS SUPPORT GROUP AND COMPANY M FROM PRESENT POSITIONS AT 211700H.

4. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

- A. HELIZONES FOR COMPANY M WILL BE SOUTH OF 72 GRID LINE. CAN BE ONE ZONE PER PLATOON. 3/3 NOTIFY THIS HQ OF POINTS & NUMBER PAX ASAP.
- B. 3/3 NOTIFY THIS HQ OF ANTICIPATED PICKUP POINT AND TIME, RT #561 ASAP.
- C. PASS CHANGES TO LOGISTICS SCHEDULING AND REQUIREMENTS ASAP.

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FRAG ORDER 74-69

MAP: VIETNAM 1:50,000, SERIES L 7014, SHEETS 6442 IV AND
 6342 I

REF: (A) 3D MAR OP ORDER 6-69 AND REVISED CONCEPT
 (B) 3D MAR FRAG ORDER 73-69

1. SITUATION.

A. ENEMY. CURRENT INTSUM (PASEP)B. FRIENDLY.

(1) 2D ARVN REGT PLANS TO ENTER NORTHERN PORTION
 OF LEATHERNECK SQUARE ALLOWING 3D MARINES TO CONDUCT S/D
 OPNS IN SOUTHERN PORTION.

(2) UNIT LOCATIONS: H/2/4 (954625)
 F PIT/2/4 (944623)
 F (-)/2/4 (940610)

2. FIRST BATTALION.

A. CONTINUE ASSIGNED MISSION.

B. YOUR CONCEPT OF OPNS SUBMITTED THIS DATE IS APPROVED
 AND IS TO BE EXECUTED AS SCHEDULED.

3. SECOND BATTALION. NO CHANGE4. THIRD BATTALION.

A. CONDUCT R & R AT CUA VIET R & R CENTER.

B. DON'T BE A LITTERBUG.

5. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

A. NEW BOUNDARY BETWEEN 1/3 AND 2D ARVN EFFECTIVE
 220600H (PASEP).

B. THE FOLLOWING BOUNDARY CHANGE BETWEEN 1/3 AND 2/3
 IS IN EFFECT AT 220600H FOR A PERIOD OF ABOUT 4 DAYS.

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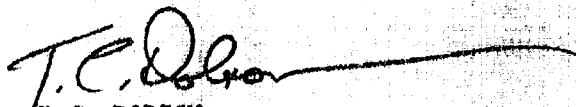
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FRAG ORDER 75-69

MAP: VIETNAM 1:50,000, SERIES L 7014, SHEETS 6442 IV AND 6342 I

REF: (A) 3D MAR OP ORDER 6-69 AND REVISED CONCEPT
 (B) FRAG ORDER 62-69
 (C) TACTICAL PLANNING GUIDANCE LETTER 22 JUNE 69

1. SITUATION.

A. ENEMY. ON 20 AND 21 JUNE, SENSOR STRING 510 LOCATED VIC YD 101646 HAS BEEN ACTIVATED EIGHT TIMES FOR A TOTAL MOVEMENT OF 126 PERSONNEL. DIRECTIONS OF MOVEMENT HAVE BEEN TO THE NE, S, SW, AND NW. IT MAY BE POSSIBLE THAT PATROLS FROM F/2/9 WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR SOME OF THE ACTIVATION ALTHOUGH 144 RND'S OF 105MM HE AMMO WERE FIRED ON FOUR ACTIVATIONS. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE ENEMY MAY BE USING THE BOUNDARY BETWEEN 1/3 AND 2/3 AS A CORRIDOR FOR MOVEMENT IN AND OUT OF OUR AO. ACTIVATIONS HAVE FOLLOWED NO TIME PATTERN WITH THE EARLIEST ACTIVATION BEING 0034H AND THE LATEST BEING 1700H. IT SHOULD BE INTERJECTED THAT THE ENEMY DOES MOVE DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS.

B. FRIENDLY.

(1) CO B, 3D TANKS REVERTS TO D/S 3D MAR ON 23 JUNE AND MOVES TO VINH DAI. CO A, 3D TANKS REMAIN D/S OF 1ST BN.

(2) 5TH BN, 2D ARVN REGT OPERATES FM GIO LINH; 1ST BN, 2D ARVN REGT OPERATES FM C-1.

(3) 4TH MAR - F (-) 2/4 VIC (954623); F PLT (965617); H (-) 2/4 (952629); PLT (953643). M/3/4 AT EOB.

C. ATTACHMENTS/DETACHMENTS. F&G COMPANIES ARE TO BE RETURNED TO TFH O/O ON 24 OR 25 JUNE.

2. FIRST BN

A. UPON COMPLETION OF S/D OPNS IN SOUTHERN LEATHERNECK SQUARE, CONDUCT PATROLS IN GS YD 1064 TO CHECK FOR ENEMY MOVEMENT AS NOTED IN PARA 1 A.

B. BE PREPARED FOR DETACHMENT OF F & G 2/9 ON ORDER 24 OR 25 JUNE.

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C. BE PREPARED FOR RELIEF IN AO ON 25 JUNE BY 3D BN. UPON RELIEF BE PREPARED TO ASSUME NEW AO IN WESTERN PORTION OF 3D MARINES AO.

3. SECOND BN.

A. CONDUCT PLANNED HELO ASSAULT ON 24 JUNE.

B. UPON COMPLETION OF S/D IN HELO VALLEY, CONTINUE EASTWARD SWEEP TOWARD FIXED POSITIONS.

4. THIRD BN.

A. CONTINUE R & R.

B. ON 25 JUNE RELIEVE 1/3 OF PRESENT AO AND SECURITY MISSION FOR FIXED POSITIONS AND LOC'S.

5. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

A. 3D BN AND 1ST BN CONDUCT LIAISON PRIOR TO DATE OF RELIEF ON INTELLIGENCE, SURVEILLANCE DEVICES, SUPPORTING ELEMENTS, TENANTS IN AND AROUND FIXED POSITIONS, AND FIRE SUPPORT COORDINATION.

B. OVERLAY OF BOUNDARIES EFFECTIVE ON 25 JUNE PASEP OF 24 JUNE.

C. UNITS ARRANGE FOR OWN TRANSPORTATION FOR REDEPLOYMENTS. INFO THIS HEADQUARTERS.

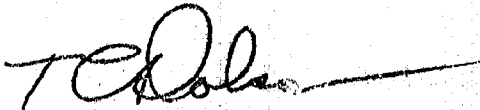
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REF: (A) OP ORDER 6-69 WITH REVISED CONCEPT
 (B) 3D MAR PLANNING MSG (IMMEDIATE TACTICAL PLANS) DTG 220107Z
 JUNE 69
 (C) ANNEX A (OPNS OVERLAY) TO FRAG ORDER 76-69 (PASEP)

1. SITUATION

A. ENEMY. CURRENT INTSUMS

B. FRIENDLY.

(1) 2D ARVN REGT LOCATIONS - 4TH BN (A-1)
 1ST BN (C-1)

(2) 4TH MAR LOCATIONS - H (-) 2/1 (952647), H PLT (963640),
 F (-) 2/1 (954623), F PLT (960617).

(3) ARMOR

(A) CO A, 3D TANKS D/S 3/3 EFFECTIVE UPON 3/3'S
 ASSUMPTION OF 1/3'S AO 25 JUNE.

(B) CO B, 3D TANKS D/S 3D MARINES AT VINH DAY.

(4) ARTILLERY. 1/12 REMAINS D/S 3D MARINES

(A) A BTRY AT FSB FULLER

(B) B BTRY AT C-2

(C) C BTRY ENROUTE TO ROCK PILE

(D) W BTRY AT A-4

(E) PROV BTRY AT C-2

(F) C 5TH OF THE 4TH (USA) AT A-4

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(G) 4/12 G/S 3D MARDIV

(H) 1/40 G/S XXIV CORPS

(I) 1/44 G/S XXIV CORPS

(5) AIR. AS REQUESTED FROM 1ST MAW AND 7TH AIR FORCE.

(6) NGF. AS REQUIRED

(7) PLATOON, 3D RECON BN, D/S 3/3 UPON RELIEF OF 1/3 AT A-4.
MISSION: DMZ PATROLS.

C. ATTACHMENTS AND DETACHMENTS.

(1) F AND G/2/9 DETACHED FROM OPCON 3D MAR AND RETURNED TO PARENT UNIT (VCB) UPON ARRIVAL AND RELIEF OF 1/3 BY 3/3 AT A-4 AND C-2.

(2) FOUR DOG TMS ATTACHED TO 3/3 WILL BE PASSED TO 1/3 EFFECTIVE 25 JUNE.

(3) BATTALIONS WILL RETAIN OTHER NORMAL ATTACHMENTS AND D/S UNITS.

2. MISSION. 3D MARINES CONTINUES TO CONDUCT SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS NORTH OF ROUTE 9 TO LOCATE AND DESTROY ENEMY FORCES INFILTRATING ACROSS THE DMZ. 3D MARINES PROVIDES SECURITY FOR PSB FULLER, KHE GIO BRIDGE, A-4, C-2, C-3 BRIDGE, AND CAM LO DIST HQ.

3. EXECUTION.

A. CONCEPT. (ANNEX A OPNS OVERLAY, PASET)

(1) MANEUVER. IN KEEPING WITH AN ESTABLISHED ROTATION PROGRAM, THE BATTALIONS WILL BE READJUSTED AS TO AO'S AND MISSIONS. UPON ROTATION, THE DISPOSITION WILL BE: ONE BN MANNING THE FIXED POSITIONS IN THE EASTERN AO, ONE BN WILL S/D ALONG MUTTER'S RIDGE, AND THE REMAINING BN WILL SECURE THE DONG HA MTN COMPLEX, KHE GIO BRIDGE AND S/D IN THE SW PORTION OF AO (WEST OF HILL 37).

(2) FIRES. FIRES WILL CONTINUE TO BE EMPLOYED IN PRIORITY AS FOLLOWS:

(A) CONTACT MISSIONS

(B) PREPARATORY FIRES

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(C) MORTAR SUPPRESSION FIRES

(D) H & I FIRES

(E) SPECIAL PROGRAMS. ARTILLERY FIRES WILL BE OBSERVED WHENEVER POSSIBLE. AIR SUPPORT WILL BE IMAGINATIVELY EMPLOYED TO MAXIMUM CAPABILITY. PRIORITIES OF SUPPORT WILL BE TO THE UNITS IN THE NW PORTION OF THE REGIMENTAL AO.

B. FIRST BN.

(1) UPON RELIEF IN PLACE BY THE 3D BN, CONDUCT OPERATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR FRAG ORDER 175-69, TO LOCATE AND DESTROY THE ENEMY AND HIS SUPPLIES WITHIN YOUR AO.

(2) ENSURE F AND G/2/9 ARE ASSEMBLED AND READY TO MOTOR MARCH TO VCB UPON ARRIVAL OF ELEMENTS OF 3/3 IN SAME TRUCKS.

(3) BE PREPARED TO ASSUME TEMPORARY OPCON OF H/2/3 ON ORDER 25 JUNE (FSB FULLER).

(4) BE PREPARED O/O TO INSTITUTE NEW CONCEPT DISCUSSED 24 JUNE.

C. SECOND BN.

(1) CONTINUE S/D OPNS TO EAST, CLOSING ON THE FIXED POSITIONS ALONG RT 561 BY 28-29 JUNE.

(2) BE PREPARED TO PASS OPCON OF H/2/3 AND FSB FULLER O/O 25 JUNE TO 1/3 FOR TEMPORARY CONTROL DURING AO ADJUSTMENTS.

(3) UPON COMPLETION OF PARA C (1), BE PREPARED TO ASSUME NEW AO AS PER REF (C).

D. THIRD BN.

(1) USING FIRST AVAILABLE TRANSPORTATION, MOVE FROM CUA VIET TO NEW AO AND RELIEVE IN PLACE THE 1ST BN.

(2) UPON RELIEF OF 1/3, EXECUTE THE FOLLOWING TASKS:

(A) PROVIDE SECURITY FOR A-4, C-2, C-3B, CLDH, AND KGB.

(B) CONDUCT S/D OPNS IN THE RT 9 PASS AREA AND THE KHO XA - ABOUT CAO - DONG MA HILL COMPLEX.

(C) PROVIDE SECURITY FOR ALL MINE SWEEPS IN AO.

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(D) WORK IN COOPERATION AND COORDINATION WITH GVN FORCES TO PREVENT DUPLICATION AND GAIN MAXIMUM MUTUAL SUPPORT FOR YOUR TASKS AND THEIRS.

(E) PROVIDE FIRE SUPPORT COORDINATION FOR MAY LOG TAOR.

E. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

(1) ALL BATTALIONS EXERCISE CONTINUOUS LIAISON WITH ADJACENT UNITS DURING THIS CRUCIAL AO READJUSTMENT.

(2) BOUNDARIES PORTRAYED ON REF (C) WILL BE EFFECTED BASED UPON KNOWLEDGE OF BATTALION'S SITUATIONS AND DESIRES. KEEP THIS HQ INFORMED AS TO EFFECTIVE TIMES OF RELIEF AND AS TO UNIT LOCATIONS.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. NO CHANGE

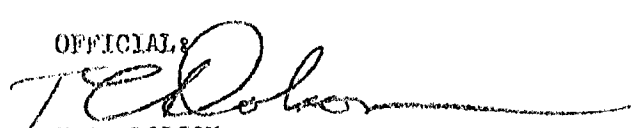
5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS. NO CHANGE

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FRAG ORDER 77-69

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REF: (A) OP ORDER 6-69 WITH REVISED CONCEPT
(B) 3D MAR PLANNING MSG DTG 220107Z JUNE 69
(C) OVERLAY (PASEP) TO FRAG ORDER 76-69

1. SITUATION

A. ENEMY. NO CHANGE

B. FRIENDLY. F (-) 2/4 VIC (950615)
F PIT VIC (960616)
F PIT VIC (968622)
M/3/4 (ECB)
E/2/9 VIC (992559)

2. FIRST BATTALION. NO CHANGE

3. SECOND BATTALION.

A. CONTINUE EASTWARD SWEEP. UPON REACHING 11 N-S
GRID LINE, CLOSE QUICKLY ON ROUTE #569 AND MOVE BY TRUCKS
TO VIC NEW AO (KGB TO BILL 37).

4. THIRD BATTALION. NO CHANGE

5. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

A. BOUNDARY BETWEEN 2/3 AND 3/3 EFFECTIVE 261800H AS
FOLLOWS: FM RED LINE AT 085690, E TO 100690, SE TO 110680,
S ALONG 11 GRID LINE TO ROAD AT 110644, FOLLOW ROAD WEST TO
PRESENT BOUNDARY.

B. BOUNDARY BETWEEN 1/3 AND 3/3 EFFECTIVE 261800H AS
FOLLOWS: FM ROAD AT 110644, S ALONG 11 GRID LINE TO 110610,
TO 080504, TO BLUE LINE AT 071604, ALONG BLUE LINE TO 051604,
SW TO 040595, TO 030585, TO 020576, TO PRESENT BOUNDARY AT
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FRAG ORDER 78-69

MAP: VIETNAM 1:50,000, SERIES L 7014, SHEETS 6442 IV AND
 6342 I

REF: (A) OPERATION ORDER 6-69
 (B) 3D MAR PLANNING MSG DTG 220107Z JUNE 69

1. SITUATION

A. ENEMY. NO CHANGEB. FRIENDLY.

(1) UNIT LOCATIONS:

M/3/4	ECB
E (-)/2/9	(976568)
PLT G/2/4	(964641)
PLT F/2/4	(972622)
PLT F/2/4	(960616)

(2) IT IS NOT ANTICIPATED THE 2D ARVN REGT WILL CONDUCT PATROLS WEST OF THE 18 N-S GRID LINE UNTIL THEIR CURRENT OPERATION WEST OF KHE SANH IS TERMINATED. ADDITIONAL TERRITORY CAN BE OBTAINED WEST OF THE 18 N-S GRID LINE FOR SPECIAL MISSIONS OF SHORT DURATION.

2. FIRST BATTALION.

A. CONTINUE SATURATION PATROLLING IN AO WHILE WAITING SUPPORT TO BE FIRMED UP FOR "DENIAL" CONCEPT PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED. IT IS ANTICIPATED DENIAL PROJECT WILL BEGIN AT EARLIEST 6 JULY.

B. PASS OPCON OF H (-) TO 2/3 ON ORDER 28 JULY.

3. SECOND BATTALION.

A. UPON REACHING RT #561 ON 28 JUNE MOTOR MARCH TO VIC HILL 37 - KHE GIO BRIDGE.

B. CONDUCT RELIEF IN PLACE OF L/3/3 AT KHE GIO BRIDGE AND PROVIDE SECURITY FOR SAME.

C. UPON RELIEF OF L/3/3 AT KHE GIO BRIDGE ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR NEW AO AND SIMULTANEOUSLY ASSUME OPCON OF H (-)/2/3.

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D. COMMENCE SATURATION PATROLS IN NEW AO PAYING SPECIAL ATTENTION TO LOGS.

4. THIRD BATTALION.

A. BE PREPARED FOR RELIEF IN PLACE OF 1/3/3 AT KHE GIO BRIDGE 28 JUNE.

B. COMMENCE PLANNING FOR COMPANY SIZE OPERATION IN RAO VUOI AREA TO BEGIN ABOUT 1 JULY.

C. CONSIDER LIMITED SEARCH AND DESTRUCTION OPERATIONS EAST OF PRESENT AO AS INTELLIGENCE DICTATES.

5. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

A. 3D BN ASSIST 2D BN AS REQUESTED IN THEIR CLOSURE ON C-2 AND MOTOR MARCH THROUGH 3D BN AO.

B. CLOSE COORDINATION BETWEEN 1/3 AND 2/3 IS NECESSARY. 2/3'S NORTHERN BOUNDARY (VALLEY) IS OVER SHADOWED BY HIGH GROUND IN 1/3'S AO.

C. 2/3 NOTIFY THIS HQ UPON REACHING RT #561 AND ESTABLISHMENT OF CP AT KHE GIO BRIDGE.

D. BOUNDARIES INTO EFFECT ON ORDER 28 JUNE ARE THOSE REFLECTED IN MAP (H) MODIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

(1) BETWEEN 1/3 AND 3/3: FM DMZ AT 082686 SOUTH ALONG STREAM TO 085655 THEN SOUTH TO 088616.

(2) BETWEEN 1/3 AND 2/3: FM PRESENT 3D MAR - 14TH MAR BOUNDARY AT 989601 EAST TO 012608 NE TO 013621 THEN EAST TO 088616.

(3) BETWEEN 2/3 AND 3/3: FM PRESENT 3/3 - MAI LOC BOUNDARY AT 100560 NORTH TO 100518 THEN WEST ALONG NORTH SLOPE OF RT #9 TO 090579 THEN NORTH ALONG 09 N-S GRID LINE TO CLOSE AT 088616.

E. OVERLAY PASEP.

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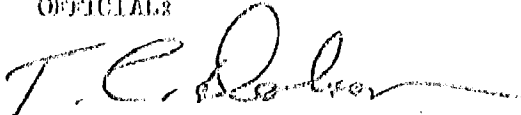
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REF: (A) OPERATION ORDER 6-69
 (B) 3D MAR PLANNING MSG DTG 220107Z JUNE 69

1. FIRST BATTALION. NO CHANGE IN PRESENT MISSION
2. SECOND BATTALION.

A. CONDUCT SEARCH AND CLEAR OPERATION IN AO TO:
 DENY ENEMY ACCESS TO RT #9 (AND FEEDER ROADS); DESTROY CACHES
 AND BUNKERS. DURATION OF OPERATION ABOUT ONE (1) WEEK.
 CIVILIANS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN AO DURING THE CONDUCT OF THE
 OPERATION, UNLESS RIDING IN CIVILIAN VEHICLES AUTHORIZED COM-
 MERCE WITH VCB.

B. PROVIDE SECURITY FOR MINE SWEEPS ORIGINATING FROM KHE
 GIO BRIDGE.

C. PROVIDE SECURITY FOR ROUTE #9, KGB AND PSB FULLER IN AO.

3. THIRD BATTALION.

A. CONTINUE SECURITY FOR A-1, C-2, C-3 BRIDGE, OLDH, LOC'S
 LOCATED IN AO.

B. CONDUCT LONG DURATION PATROLS IN GRID SQUARES 1063 AND
 1064 TO RECONNOITER FOR AND DESTROY ENEMY ENCOUNTERED.

C. CONDUCT LIAISON WITH CIDG IN MIA LOC REGARDING UPCOMING
 OPERATION ASAP. SUBMIT CONCEPT ON OPERATION PRIOR TO ITS
 COMMENCEMENT.

4. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

A. 2/3 AND 3/3 - IN AREAS WHERE CIVILIANS ARE ALLOWED OR
 HAVE BEEN ALLOWED IN THE PAST RULES OF ENGAGEMENT REQUIRE THAT
 PRIOR TO INITIATING CONTACT THE UNIT ENSURES THAT THEIR TARGET
 IS IN FACT ARMED AND POSING A THREAT TO THE UNIT.

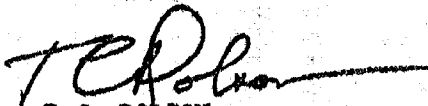
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SUBJ: PLANNING GUIDANCE FOR OPERATION EATON LAKE

REF: (A) THIRD MARDIV OPERATION ORDER 21-69 (ROUGH)

ENCL: (1) OPERATIONAL OVERLAY FOR PLANNING

1. AS PER REFERENCE (A), THE 3D MARINES WILL CONCLUDE OPERATION VIRGINIA RIDGE AND COMMENCE OPERATION EATON LAKE EARLY IN JULY 1969. EATON LAKE WILL COMMENCE ABOUT 6 JULY WITH A SHIFTING OF 3D MARINES ELEMENTS TO THE WEST AND THEIR DISPLACEMENT OF THE 4TH MARINES UNITS.

2. THE MISSION ASSIGNED TO THE 3D MARINES BY REF (A) IS:
 "ON ORDER, OCCUPY AND ASSUME CONTROL OF OPERATIONS IN NEW AO.
 ON ORDER ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR SECURITY OF ROUTE #9 WITHIN
 NEW AO."

3. THE SEQUENCE OF EVENTS ENVISIONED FOR THE COMMENCEMENT OF EATON LAKE IS:

A. 2D BN CONDUCTS HELO RELIEF-IN-PLACE OF ELEMENTS OF 2/4 IN VIC OF LZ'S SIERRA, MAC, WINCHESTER (XD 905588), AND ON FSB RUSSELL (XD 912591) AND ASSUME NEW AO. CONDUCT S/D OPERATIONS WITH EMPHASIS ON DENYING ENEMY USE OF UPPER CAM LO VALLEY INFILTRATION ROUTES.

B. 1ST BN SIMULTANEOUSLY RELIEVES ELEMENTS OF 2/3 AT FULLER AND KHE GIO BRIDGE AND ASSUMES NEW AO. COMMENCES "DENIAL-STING RAY" CONCEPT, COMMENCING ABOUT 7 JULY, TO CONTAIN THE ENEMY IN AND NORTH OF THE DENIAL AREA, KEEPING THE LOC OPEN AND PREVENTING ENEMY INFILTRATION TO THE SOUTH AND EAST.

C. 3D BN, UPON RELIEF-IN-PLACE AT A-4, C-2, etc., MOTOR MARCH TO ELLIOT CB RELIEVE UNIT THEREIN AND CONDUCT S/D OPERATIONS TO THE NORTH AND WEST WITH EMPHASIS ON DENYING ENEMY USE OF THE RIVER VALLEYS RUNNING NW TO SE IN AO. PROVIDE SECURITY FOR LOC IN AO.

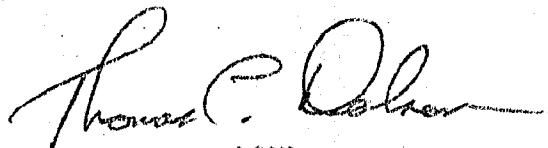
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4. DATES HAVE NOT BEEN ASSIGNED TO THE SEQUENCE OF EVENTS AS THEY ARE NOT FIRM AND SUBJECT TO ADVANCEMENT OR DELAY FROM THE 6 JULY TARGET DATE.

5. THE AO'S ENVISIONED (ENCLOSURE (1)) ARE SUBJECT TO MINOR ADJUSTMENTS AS MORE DETAILED RECONNAISSANCE IS MADE, ENEMY INFORMATION IS REFINED, AND LIAISON WITH THE 4TH MARINES IS ACCOMPLISHED.

6. ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE WILL BE PUBLISHED AS AVAILABLE AND AN OPERATION PLAN WILL BE DISTRIBUTED ASAP. THE LATTER WILL CONTAIN DETAILED INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION PLUS THE NORMAL ANNEXES FOR FIRE SUPPORT, COMM, LOGISTICS, ETC.

7. AS A MATTER OF INTEREST THE 3D MARINES CP WILL DISPLACE TO VGB SOON AFTER THE DISSOLUTION OF TASK FORCE HOTEL (7 JULY).



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PERISHABLE INFORMATION, DO NOT SERVICE
THIRD MARINES OPERATIONS IN VIRGINIA RIDGE AO
SITREP NR 161-69 FM 101201H TO 101800H JUNE 1969

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1. UNIT LOCATIONS: 3D MARINES CP (DHCB)

1/3:	2/3:	3/3:
CP (CLDH)	CP (MOVING)	CP & I (975623)
A(-) (C-2)	G(-) (MOVING)	K(-) (942637)
A PLT (C-3 BRIDGE)	E PLT (061646)	K PLT (953638)
B (A-4)	E PLT (053644)	L(-) (961637)
C(-) (KGB)	E PLT (074646)	L PLT (963638)
C PLT (025579)	F PLT (024626)	L PLT (962634)
D(-) (081606)	F PLT (032626)	M(-) (018611)
D PLT (067594)	F(-) (030631)	M PLT (FSB FULLER)
D PLT (095608)	G PLT (055625)	

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: ALL UNITS CONDUCTED SCHEDULED DAY ACTS.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS:

A. AT 101400H, K/3/3, AT VIC 943639, WHILE PLT PATROL WERE MOVING UP HILL INITIATED CONTACT WITH APPROX 4-5 NVA & KILLED (1) NVA, THEN THE PATROL RECEIVED S/A FIRE AND POSSIBLE RPG RND. UNIT FIRED ARTY AND (1) FLIGHT OF F/W WAS RUN. TWO AO'S ON STATION. RESULTS: ADD (1) USMC KIA; (3) USMC WIA(MEDEVAC); (3) WIA(MINOR); (3) NVA KIA.

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. AT 101130H, E/2/3, AT VIC 041652, FND (11) BUNKERS DESTROYED BY ARC LIGHT. SEARCHED BUNKERS WITH NEG RESULTS.

B. AT 101140H, E/2/3, AT VIC 048643, FND (2) FRESH BUNKERS. SIGNS OF RECENT ACTIVITY. UNIT SEARCHED AREA WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. DESTROYED BUNKERS.

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5. PLANS: ALL UNITS WILL CONDUCT SCHEDULED NIGHT ACTS.

1/3: A(-) 1/3 WILL OPERATE FROM C-2, WITH A PLT PROVIDING SECURITY FOR C-3 BRIDGE. B/1/3 OPERATES FROM 2 PROVIDE SECURITY FOR A-1. C/1/3 OPERATES FROM KHE GIO BRIDGE WITH ONE PLT OPERATING FROM A BLOCKING POS AT VIC CAM PHU. D/1/3 WILL OPERATE FROM PLT SIZE BLOCKING POSITIONS VIC (080596), (095618), AND (078607).

2/3: E, F, G 2/3 WILL MOVE TO THE SOUTH & SET UP COMPANY PATROL BASE & CONDUCT EXTENSIVE PATROLS.

3/3: H(-) 3/3 WILL CONDUCT S/D OPNS TO EAST ALONG VALLEY, NW OF DONG HA MTN, WITH ONE PLT PROVIDING SECURITY FOR PSB FULLER. I WILL OPERATE FROM COMPANY PATROL BASE SENDING OUT TWO PLT PATROLS. L/3/3 WILL OPERATE FROM COMPANY PATROL BASE SENDING OUT TWO PLT PATROLS. K/3/3 WILL OPERATE FROM COMPANY PATROL BASE SENDING OUT ONE PLT PATROL.

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6. CUMULATIVE TOTALS:

A. FRIENDLY

- (1) ADD (1) USMC KIA
- (2) ADD (3) USMC WIA(MEDEVAC)
- (3) ADD (3) USMC WIA(MINOR)

B. ENEMY

- (1) ADD (3) NVA KIA

7. ARVN/USMC OPERATIONS: NONE

8. U.S. EQUIPMENT RECOVERED: NONE

9. A. SCOUT/SNIPER TMS EMPLOYED: (7)

- (2) WITH 1/3
- (2) WITH 2/3
- (3) WITH 3/3

B. SCOUT DOGS EMPLOYED: (5)

- (1) WITH 1/3
- (4) WITH 2/3

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THIRD MARINES OPERATIONS IN VIRGINIA RIDGE AO
SITREP NR 216-02 MM 240300H & 241200H JUNE 1969

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE EXCEPT
C/1/3 (MOVING)
F/2/3 (MOVING)
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: ALL UNITS CONDUCTED SCHEDULED DAY ACTS.
3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
5. PLANS: ALL UNITS WILL CONDUCT SCHEDULED DAY ACTS.
6. CUMULATIVE TOTALS: NO CHANGE

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