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SECTION I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA
 4th Marines (Rein)
 CAMP PAUL O. EVANS, VIETNAM
 Command Post (YD 538321)

COMMANDING OFFICER	COLONEL R. H. THOMPSON
EXECUTIVE OFFICER	LTCOL J. M. MCGEE
S-1 ADJUTANT	2D LT B. J. SHAHAN
S-2 OFFICER	MAJOR J. C. GONZALEZ (1JUN-14JUN67)
	MAJOR T. F. QUALLS (15JUN-30JUN67)
S-3 OFFICER	MAJOR D. R. WALKER
S-4 OFFICER	MAJOR J. A. LIMBEMAN
COMMUNICATION OFFICER	MAJOR J. W. CHRISTOPHERSON
ARTILLERY LIAISON OFFICER	CAPTAIN G. E. ELLIOT
AIR LIAISON OFFICER	MAJOR P. M. JACOBS (1JUN-26JUN67)
	MAJOR J. RYAN, JR. (27JUN-30JUN67)
REGIMENTAL SURGEON	LIEUTENANT T. D. GROSS, USNR (MC)
REGIMENTAL CHAPLAIN	LCDR B. G. FILMYER, USN (CC)
CO, HQ CO, 4TH MAR	CAPTAIN R. L. STEWART (1JUN-3JUN67)
	2D LT H. D. MORIS (4JUN-30JUN67)
CO, 1ST BN, 4TH MAR	MAJOR R. G. BELL
CO, 2D BN, 4TH MAR	LTCOL A. E. BENCH
CO, 1ST BN, 3D MAR (4JUN-29JUN67)	LTCOL P. A. WICKWIRE

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SECTION II
 COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
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PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

1. Personnel

a. Average monthly strength of Regimental Headquarters:

<u>USMC</u>		<u>NAVY</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
21	218	2	3

b. Hostile and Non-Hostile Casualties:

<u>HOSTILE</u>			<u>NON-HOSTILE</u>		
<u>KIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>DCW</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>DCW</u>
0	1	0	0	0	0

c. Personnel rotation during months:

<u>USMC</u>		<u>NAVY</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
2	28	1	0

d. Replacements received:

<u>USMC</u>		<u>NAVY</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
5	5	0	0

e. Summary

- (1) There are no critical personnel shortages.
- (2) Administration. Functioning in accordance with Division Bulletin 5040 of 4 November 1966.
- (3) 80% of the administrative personnel received on-the-job training in the field during Operation CHOCTAW and Operation CUMBERLAND. This training consisted of all phases of administration under combat conditions.
- (4) During the entire period of this report 75% of the personnel in the S-1/Adjutant Section were members of the reactionary platoon. They participated actively in the defense of the CO BI-THANH TAN AO to supplement the base security and defense. Inspection of personnel and equipment was held by the section head to assure that personnel and equipment were in a high state of readiness. All members fired at least 400 rounds with the M-16 for familiarization.

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2. Staff Studies and Estimates: None.
3. Local Newspaper: None.
4. Photographs: Pictures were taken of the Camp EVANS dedication.
5. Journal: None.
6. Discipline, Courts Martial, and Non-Judicial Punishment:
 - a. Courts Martial: 0.
 - b. Non-Judicial Punishment: 2.
7. Morale, PX, Postal Affairs, Liberty, and R&R:
 - a. Morale: Morale is considered excellent.
 - b. PX: Numerous Post Exchange items are currently stocked in our PX. This has been a definite asset to the Marines in the field and a morale booster for all concerned.
 - c. Postal: Unit #7 of the Third Marine Division Post Office is functioning to facilitate all outgoing and incoming mail in the operation area.
 - d. Liberty: None.
 - e. R&R: Quotas for the month were adequate and sufficient for one out of every nine Marines on the rolls. R&R continues to contribute to high morale.
8. Chaplain Support and Religious Services:
 - a. Worship services were conducted in the field for those of Catholic and Protestant faiths.
 - b. Lay Leaders assisted in accordance with Division Order 1730.2.

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SECTION III
COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
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INTELLIGENCE

1. During the period 1-30 June 67, the 4th Marines were conducting Operation CHOCTAW in the northern THUA THIEN, and southern QUANG TRI Provinces. The intelligence summary for that period is included in the CHOCTAW After Action Report.
2. During the period 5-30 June 67, the 4th Marines were conducting Operation CUMBERLAND in THUA THIEN Province, NAM HOA District. The intelligence summary for that period is to be included in the CUMBERLAND After Action Report.
3. During the period 7-11 June 67, the 4th Marines conducted Operation COIGATE in the THUA THIEN Province, PHU THU/PHU VANG District. The intelligence summary for that period is to be included in the COIGATE After Action Report.
4. During the period 25-28 June 67, the 4th Marines conducted Operation MARYLAND in THUA THIEN Province, PHU THU/PHU VANG District. The intelligence summary for that period is to be included in the MARYLAND After Action Report.

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SECTION IV
 COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
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OPERATIONS AND TRAINING

1. During this reporting period, the Fourth Marine Regimental Headquarters participated in Operations CHOCTAW, COLGATE, CUMBERLAND, and MARYLAND in PHONG DIEN, PHU THU/PHU VANG, and NAM HOA Districts. The detailed reports will be submitted in the respective after action reports. Excerpts from the after action reports are as follows:

- 2 Jun: MAJGEN F.C. THARIN visited the 4th Mar CP from 0950H to 1150H.
- 3 Jun: 4th Marines assumed mission for Operation CUMBERLAND.
- 4 Jun: 4th Marines assumed OPCON of CTG 79.4.
- 7 Jun: 4th Marines assumed OPCON K/3/26 and chopped them to 1st Bn, 3d Mar. Operation COLGATE commenced at 0630H.
- 11 Jun: Operation COLGATE terminated at 1200H. K/3/26 chopped to parent unit. CTG 79.4, less BLT 1/3, chopped to 3d MarDiv.
- 13 Jun: LTGEN R.E. CUSHMAN, JR. visited the CUMBERLAND AO.
- 16 Jun: EGEM L. METZGER visited the 4th Marines CP from 1100H to 1125H.
- 20 Jun: EGEM L. METZGER visited the 4th Marines CP from 0930H to 0945H. 4th Marines assumed OPCON of F/2/26 and chopped them to 1st Bn, 3d Mar. COL T.L. RANDALL visited the 4th Marines CP from 1500H to 1600H.
- 21 Jun: Assumed OPCON M/3/9 and 1st Plat LVT, 1st Amtrac Bn.
- 22 Jun: Chopped OPCON of M/3/9 and amtracs back to parent units.
- 23 Jun: Chopped OPCON of F/2/26 back to parent organization.
- 24 Jun: At 1200H a dedication ceremony was conducted for Camp Paul O. EVANS. Dedication remarks were made by the 4th Mar Regimental Commander, COL R.H. THOMPSON, and the 3d Marine Division Commander, MAJGEN B.A. HOCHMUTH. The latter unveiled the memorial plaque that will remain at Camp EVANS as a tribute to the Marines who have given their lives since the establishment of the 4th Marines present campsite.
 Assumed OPCON of F/2/26 for Operation MARYLAND.
- 25 Jun: Commenced Operation MARYLAND.
- 28 Jun: Concluded Operation MARYLAND. Chopped OPCON F/2/26 to parent unit.

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29 Jun: Chopped OPCON BLT 1/3 to CTG 79.4.

30 Jun: Commenced operation in support of ARVN operation (LAM SON 75) into VC Base 115 with two companies and command group from 1st Bn, 4th Mar.

2. CG, 3d Mar Div, MAJGEN B. A. HOCHMUTH, visited the 4th Mar CP on the below listed days and times.

1 Jun	1310-1420
2 Jun	0950-1150 1820-
3 Jun	-0835
5 Jun	1345-1440
13 Jun	1020-1105
20 Jun	1623-1750
21 Jun	1105-1135
22 Jun	1105-1110
23 Jun	1500-1545
24 Jun	1130-1545
29 Jun	1345-1415

3. Training during this period was limited to extensive OJT due to operational commitments. In addition, further familiarization was conducted with the M-16 rifle, including the presence of an M-16 Training Team. The personnel of the operations and training section had practical experience in infantry tactics as a part of the Camp Paul O. EVANS perimeter security force and as members of the reaction platoon. Also, first aid training was conducted by personnel of the Regimental Aid Station on a weekly basis.

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SECTION V
COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
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LOGISTICS

SUPPLY

1. Primary source of supply remained FLSG-A in PHU BAI. A unit from FLSG-A maintained supply point distribution from the Logistic Support Area (ISA). With the exception of a temporary shortage of sandbags and BA-386 batteries, all classes of supply were maintained in satisfactory quantities. Supplies were in sufficient quantities to support all operations.

During the period from 4-29 June, the ISA provided 1st Bn, 3d Marines with numerous quantities of Class II supplies including individual clothing and 782 equipment. No Class II supplies were carried by 1/3 upon entry into country for the aforementioned period.

RESUPPLY:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>HELO</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>HELO</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>HELO</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TK</u>
1 June	5,100	13 June	7,100	25 June	Neg	5 June	7,500
2 June	Neg	14 June	Neg	26 June	8,500	9 June	6,700
3 June	61,900	15 June	4,500	27 June	Neg	11 June	7,400
4 June	10,300	16 June	Neg	28 June	1,800	16 June	2,000
5 June	32,000	17 June	23,000	29 June	Neg	18 June	2,000
6 June	6,700	18 June	4,150	30 June	15,850	25 June	5,000
7 June	15,000	19 June	11,000	<u>Total Helo</u> 262,410lb		<u>Total Tk</u> 30,600lb	
8 June	Neg	20 June	Neg				
9 June	16,825	21 June	13,060				
10 June	Neg	22 June	15,415				
11 June	10,600	23 June	Neg				
12 June	Neg	24 June	8,000				

2. Total Helicopter resupply for COLGATE 16,201
3. Helicopter resupply for COLGATE run by SLF Helicopter.

MAINTENANCE

1. Third and Fourth echelon maintenance was provided by FLSG-A. The following contact teams were provided by FLSG-A on request of the ISA and provided valuable assistance to units located at Camp EVANS:

- a. Reefer repair team
- b. Tent repair team
- c. Optical repair team
- d. Ordnance repair team
- e. Arc welding team

2. A motor transport instruction team from FMFPAC conducted four days

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in support of 4th Marine operations moved 1410 tons of supplies, 10,684 Marines and travelled in excess of 10,625 miles.

SERVICE

1. EOD teams provided by FLSG-A were utilized as required. Two separate grade III lots of class V were destroyed during June.
2. Engineer Support continued to remain excellent. Following principal tasks were performed by "B" Company 3rd Engineer Battalion:
 - a. Continued to provide daily mine sweeps and water point distribution and control, including shower control.
 - b. Continued road building within the perimeter, cleared areas for defensive positions and supported the 4th Marine Civic Action program in Phong Dien District.
 - c. Assisted and controlled road and bridge damage on Route #1 in area of responsibility.
 - d. Construction of messhall for Headquarters Company, 4th Marines is in progress at this time.

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COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS

1. Normal communications were maintained between senior and subordinate Headquarters except teletype service due to lack of maintenance personnel and maintenance support. Division Tac #2 goes covered when requested. There were no security violations reported and the Command's Communication Network received 1295 messages and delivered 597 messages.

2. Lack of supply and maintenance support still impose a handicap on certain electronics and engineer equipment. The following items are in critical shortage:

RT-524

2 of 4 authorized (1 Code-X, WO 1-7600-7 March 1967 and one in the maintenance system).

AN/TGC-14A/V

4 of 6 authorized in maintenance system

Generator PU-239

One 20EW to maintain power for this and two subordinate Headquarters and attached units. One generator PU-239 turned in to FISCMA on 9 June 1967.

There is a need for one KW-7, one KY-8, One teletype and one radar repairman.

3. A manual radio retransmission facility was established on Hill 674 on 17 June 1967 and on Hill 840 on 29 June 1967. Both retransmission facilities are presently operating.

4. On the job training was held for message center personnel from 1st Bn 4th Marines and 2d Bn 4th Marines.

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FIRE SUPPORT COORDINATION & NAVAL GUNFIRE

1. Fire Support Coordination

A. During the month of June, the 3d Bn, 12th Marines (-) (Rein) was in direct support of the 4th Marines on Operations CHOCTAW, CUMBERLAND, COLGATE, and MARYLAND, and of CTG 79.4 on Operation BEARBITE.

B. During the month the following changes occurred:

(1) 3d Battalion, 12th Marines supported A/1/12 and W/2/12 (BLT 1/3) from 8-28 June.

(2) Number of missions fired: 3875

(3) Type of missions

- (a) Unobserved: 3533
- (b) Observed: 342

(4) Total missions

	HE	WP	ILL	TOTAL
(a) 105MM How	3270	652	101	4023
(b) 155MM How	604	612	73	6726
(c) 177MM How	452			463
(d) 81MM Gun	71			71
			Total	11,283

(5) Surveillance of missions

1 June. 1806H, Hotel Battery fired on a VC supply area for an airborne observer (Sacred Mike) at YD 543275. Fifty-four rounds HE were expended and two secondary explosions were reported.

2 June. At 1345H, the Second Provisional 155 Howitzer Battery fired at YD 476424 in support of elements of 2/4 who observed a platoon of VC in a tree line. One round WP and twelve rounds HE were expended. Four huts were destroyed and 10 VC KIA (Prob) resulted from the mission. At 1855H, Tango Battery fired at YD 347327 for elements of 2/4 who observed four VC in the open. One round of WP and nine HE, fuzes quick and VT, were expended. At 1912H, the four VC appeared again. Eight rounds of HE, fuzes VT, were expended. Results were two KIA (Conf) and one KIA (Prob).

3 June. At 1936H, Tango Battery fired at YD 423386 for elements of 2/4 who observed four VC. Three rounds WP and twelve rounds of HE were expended. A sweep made later by G/2/4 discovered two large trails of blood resulting

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in 2 KIA (Prob).

5 June. At 1230H, Hotel Battery fired at YD 577244, in support of 1/4, who observed two VC. One round of WP and twenty-two HE, fuzes quick and VT, were expended resulting in one KIA (Prob).

6 June. At 1900H, Hotel Battery fired at YD 594242 for elements of 1/4 who received heavy small arms fire. Eight rounds WP and twelve rounds HE were expended. Results were one KIA (Conf) and 5 KIA (Prob).

8 June. From 0815H-0953H, the 1st Prov 155 Howitzer, and Hotel Batteries fired at YD 583256 and YD 569246 for 1/4. Six rounds 155 HE and eight rounds 105 HE, fuzes Quick and VT, were expended resulting in one KIA (Prob).

10 June. At 1110H, the 1st Prov 155 How Btry fired at YD 586286 for elements of 1/4 who spotted VC in the open. One round WP and eight rounds HE, Quick and VT, were expended resulting in two KIA (Prob).

14 June. At 1346H, the 1st Prov 155 How Btry fired at YD 415372 for elements of 1/3 who observed three VC in the open. Eight rounds HE, fuzes Quick and VT, were expended resulting in three KIA (Prob) and a secondary explosion was observed. From 1600H-1630H, the 2d Prov 155 How Btry fired at YD 459255 for Punctuate I (a recon team) who reported VC closing in on their position. Eighteen rounds HE were expended resulting in one KIA (Conf). At 1853H, the 1st Prov 155 How Btry fired at YD 421365 for elements of 1/3. Three rounds WP and eighteen rounds HE were expended resulting in two KIA (Conf) and four KIA (Prob). At 1920H, the 1st Prov 155 How btry fired at YD 419380 for elements of 1/3, who observed five VC. One round of WP and eight rounds HE, (fuzes quick and VT) were expended resulting in three KIA (Prob).

15 June. At 1810H, the 2d Prov 155 How Btry fired at YD 467251 for Punctuate I (a recon team) who observed VC in the open. Sixty-seven rounds HE were expended resulting in 6 KIA (Prob).

20 June. At 1000H, the 1st and 2d Prov 155 How Batteries fired at YD 480235 and YD 488233 for elements of 2/4 who reported a VC assembly area. Three rounds WP and eighty-two rounds HE were expended resulting in 3 KIA (Conf) and 6 KIA (Prob).

21 June. At 1055H, Alfa Btry fired at YD 468428 for elements of 1/3 who reported VC snipers. Fourteen rounds of HE were expended resulting in four KIA (Prob).

22 June. At 1015H, the 1st 155 How Btry fired at YD 609225 for Morbid II (a recon team) who saw three VC in the open. Six rounds WP and four rounds HE (fuzes VT) were expended resulting in three KIA (Prob).

28 June. At 1854H, Tango Battery fired on VC assembly area for Peerage I (a recon team) at YD 586202. One WP round and twenty-five HE rounds were expended. One raft was destroyed and two KIA (Prob) were reported. At 1943H,

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1st Prov 155 Howitzer Btry fired on eight VC vic YD 524215 for 2/4. Two WP and twenty-one HE rounds were expended. One KIA (Conf) and four KIA (Prob) were reported.

(6) Results of missions

(a) KIA (Conf): 33
 (b) KIA (Prob): 64

2. Naval Gunfire

A. Naval gunfire support available to the Fourth Marines during the month of June consisted on one destroyer on station for two days during Operation COLGATE and one destroyer on station for three days during Operation MARYLAND.

B. Ship	Class	Number of Days on Station
USS JENKINS	DD 446	Two
USS BIGALOW	DD 931	Three

C. Missions fired

H&T 39
 Total 39

D. Ammunition Expended

5/28 - 37
 5/29 - 60

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SECTION IX
COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
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MEDICAL AND DENTAL AFFAIRS

1. Medical

A. Average daily patient visits	7
B. Referrals to A Medical Company	22
C. Acute Diarrhea with gastroenteritis	4
D. Emergency Medical Care	48
1. Friendly	40
2. Enemy	8
3. MED CAF	1222

2. Dental

A. Average daily patient visits	14
B. Referrals to 3rd Dental Company	0

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SECTION X
 COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
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HEADQUARTERS COMPANY

1. Personnel. The chargeable strength as of 30 June 1967 was:

USMC		USN		TOTAL
<u>O. F.</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>O. F.</u>	<u>ENL</u>	
21	218	2	3	245

Of these, approximately 215 personnel are participating in Operation CHOCTAW and Operation CUMBERLAND. During the month, five Marine Officers and six enlisted Marines joined the company. One Naval Officer, two Marine Officers and twenty-eight enlisted were transferred to CONUS or other units in RVN.

2. Supply. Of 128 requisitions submitted to FLSG-ALPHA during the month, 13 were filled for a one percent completion rate.

3. Motor Transport. Company motor transport traveled 1,846 miles during the month. One vehicle deadlined to FLSU during June and five vehicles are still deadlined to FLSU from May. In addition, one vehicle deadlined for 2d echelon maintenance.

4. Training.

a. Training for the Company during the month of June consisted mainly of JTE. Ten hours were devoted to instructions on the firing and care and cleaning of the M-16 rifle. Classes were held by personnel from the Regimental Aid Station on First Aid.

b. One man departed for Vietnamese Language School on Okinawa.

5. Operations. The elements of Headquarters Company continued to participate in Operation CHOCTAW. On 3 June 1967, Operation CUMBERLAND commenced. Headquarters Company also participated in Operation COLGATE from 7-11 June 1967 and Operation MARYLAND from 25-28 June 1967. A rear is maintained in PHU BAI to facilitate the movement of supplies and new personnel to the operation area. The Regimental Snipers operated with outlying units. The Snipers had three KIA (Conf) and three KIA (Prob) while sustaining one sniper WIA.

6. Problem areas. No significant problem areas developed.

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SECTION XI
COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
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CIVIL AFFAIRS

1. Narrative Summary. On 7 June eighty refugees arrived in PHONG DIEN from areas recently infiltrated by Viet Cong. The Civil Affairs Team provided food for these people. Their children utilized the mobile showers and were treated by Med Cap. These refugees departed by 9 June for HUE.

On 14 June a fire in PHONG DIEN destroyed twelve houses with all contents leaving eighteen families homeless. The Civil Affairs Team was in the area when the fire broke out, and two USMC water trucks were diverted to fight the fire. Within three hours the fire was under control and food was on hand to feed the homeless families. Tin and carpenter tools were delivered to the families concerned and reconstruction of the moves was started.

A portable shower unit consisting of a fifty gallon drum with a shower head mounted horizontally to the bottom has been constructed by the Civil Affairs Team and has been used since 15 June with the Med Cap Program.

The Village Dispensary at PHONG DIEN Village has been painted inside and a bunker has been built for the patients. Paint and material were supplied by the Civil Affairs Team. Plans have been formulated to screen the windows and doors throughout the dispensary and the Civil Affairs Team has supplied screening for this project.

During the month of June, all physical damage inflicted in the Catholic refugee hamlet by the Viet Cong raid of 15 May was repaired. Damaged roofs and hamlet community facilities have been replaced. Mortar and shell holes have been filled and walls have been painted. A food shortage in the hamlet has been alleviated by Civic Action Team deliveries of rice and other foodstuffs. The Catholic Refugee Hamlet currently has a population of 825 persons.

Damage to PHONG DIEN Buddhist Temple, inflicted by the Viet Cong on 15 May, began being repaired in the first week in June. This work should be completed by the middle of July.

The Buddhist Refugee Hamlet has also built a concrete cased well during the month of June. Cement for this project was provided by the Civil Affairs Team.

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The PHONG DIEN grammar school (also severely damaged in the Viet Cong raid of 15 May) is being rebuilt. One wing of the school has been rebuilt with material provided by the Civil Affairs Team and engineer assistance from B Co., 3d Engineer Battalion.

Rice, bulgar wheat, and corn have been delivered to the Buddhist Hamlet leaders to alleviate food shortages.

The new refugee village is building a new well with cement provided by the Civil Affairs Team. Firewood, which is difficult for the villagers to obtain, is being delivered on a regular basis. Food supplies have been delivered as needed to alleviate food shortages.

On 29 June, approximately one and a half tons of captured paddy and husked rice was delivered to the PHONG DIEN District Chief.

2. Med Cap. The Med Cap Team has been active during June. During the last half of June the shower unit has been used with good success. The Med Cap routine has been conducted as follows:

Monday	New refugee hamlet
Wednesday	Buddhist Refugee Hamlet
Thursday	District Medical Station
Friday	Catholic Refugee Hamlet

1222 people were treated for various diseases and infections during the month of June. Also, 714 children were showered with the portable shower unit during this period.

Additional school supplement kits have been furnished to the local grammar school and more will follow.

CaT Results. CaT and Med Cap continue to enjoy cordial relations throughout the various hamlets. Projects discussed in previous months are being undertaken and are slowly nearing completion.

3. Statistical Summary. During the period covered the following commodities were distributed:

Cement	78 bags
Tin	137 sheets
Rice	5150 lbs.
Corn	6 bags
Wheat	18 bags
Cooking Oils	8 cases

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Powdered Milk	2 cases
Assorted Canned Goods	1 case
Soap	1050 bars
Screenwire	25 feet
Scrap wood	8 loads
School Supplies	3 boxes
Carpenter Kits	3 each
Midwife Kits	1 each
Head Covers	1 each

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SECTION VIII
COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
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AIR SUPPORT AND DEFENSE

1. Air Support Requirements: During the period covered this Regimental Headquarters participated in operations MARYLAND and COLGATE and is currently conducting operations CHOCTAW and CUMBERLAND. The air support provided is as follows:

A. Helicopter

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>REQ</u>	<u>TROOPS</u>	<u>RESUP/LOG/ADMIN</u>	<u>MEDEVAC</u>
REGT	75	79	7,500	7
1/4	51	20	20,450	34
2/4	39	58	38,430	44
1/3	59	3,732	51,785	40
3/12	2	3	0	0
3rd Recon	0	0	0	1
Totals	226	3,892	118,165	126

In addition to the above listed missions, it is noted that 45 missions were not completed or were cancelled due to the non-availability of helicopters due to the tactical situation.

B. Airstrikes

During the period covered, this Headquarters received a total of 44 flights of fixed wing in support of ground operations. These flights were utilized for landing zone preps and cover for assault landings. Other targets hit were rice storage areas and suspected enemy troop positions. Numerous enemy targets (troops) were destroyed by fixed wing during the closing days of the month in support of emergency recon extracts.

An ordnance expended report for the month is as follows:

Bombs	35,125 Tons
Munitions	12,375 Tons
2.75 Rockets	36,000 Pods

C. TPQ 10 Targets

Req	638
Hit	317
Ton	258.85

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3. The air support provided in most cases was excellent with special notice given to HMM 263 in the support of Operation CORCATE. Further utilization of the CH-53 is also noted in the transfer of 155MM Howitzers to KHE SANH by external lift. TPQ targets hit showed some reduced percentage in hits and ordnance expended.

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Supporting Documents, Jun 1967

Encl 1 Rpt June 67 Subj: Combat Operations After Action Report (Operation Colgate) 070630H to 111200H June 1967, w/1st End
Encl 2 Rpt 18 July Subj: Combat Operations After Action Report (Operation Maryland) 250600H to 280800H June 1967, w/1st End
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1. Readdressed and forwarded in accordance with reference (b).
2. Recommendations contained in the report are concurred in. Separate action has been taken to correct the supporting arms discrepancy mentioned in enclosure (1) to the basic report.

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Encl: 1(1) BHT 1/3 After Action Report
1(2) 3d Bn, 12th Mar After Action Report
1(3) Air Support
1(4) Operation Overlays (4 pgs)

1. Code Name: Operation COIGATE (Search and Destroy)
2. Dates of Operation: 070630H June 67 to 111200H June 67
3. Location: PHU THU/PHU VANG Districts, THUA THIEN Province. Boundaries of the area are as described in paragraph 6.C. (Intelligence).
4. Task Organization

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31005. Supporting Forces

A. Units

- (1) First MAW
- (2) 3d Bn, 12th Marines (-) (Rein)
Btry A, 1st Bn, 12th Mar

B. Detailed discussion of the support provided is as follows:

- (1) Artillery Support. See enclosure (2).
- (2) Air Support. See enclosure (3).

6. Intelligence

A. Enemy Situation

(1) Enemy disposition and strength

(a) Current intelligence indicated that up to two local force companies, the G116 (80 men) and the G117 (50 men), an independent recon company, the 11B (unknown strength), and one main force battalion, the 804th, were located on a well fortified peninsula in PHU THU/PHU VANG District. The combat effectiveness of the 804th Battalion was rated at fair during this period as a result of previous contact with ARVN forces.

(b) Enemy units operating within or in proximity to COLGATE and within reinforcing distance were the 810th Battalion (250 men), the 806th NVA Battalion (250 men), and two local force companies: the G118 (60 men) and G119 (100 men). All of these units had a combat effectiveness rated as fair and were within one night's travel of the COLGATE operating area in PHU THU/PHU VANG (D), THUA THIEN (P), RVN.

(2) Mission. The only directed missions controlling the enemy's activities were:

- (a) Disruption of GVN control within the PHU THU/PHU VANG area vic (YD 9614).
- (b) Interdict the GVN Revolutionary Development Program in the area southeast of HUE.
- (c) Interdict the main lines of communication.

B. Enemy Activity During the Period

(1) Prior to Operation COLGATE and as far back as March 1967, elements of the 804th Battalion and the local force companies attacked and overran PHU THU District Headquarters (YD 913190), inflicting heavy casualties and killing three U.S. Advisors. In April 1967, PHU HAI Combat Base was taken under attack by mortar fire and in May 1967, U.S. installations in HUE were also mortared. On the 2d of May ARVN forces contacted the 804th in Operation LAM SON 46, vic (YD 945214). It was

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believed that they encountered at least two companies and a headquarters unit of the 804th Bn. Fifty-nine of the enemy were killed.

(2) At the commencement of Operation COIGATE and upon completion of the landing zone preparation, observers noted that the entire area of operation was devoid of human activity. It was apparent the people had gone underground because they could not have dispersed that rapidly. This gave an indication of possible extensive bunker and tunnel complexes, which was to be borne out later. Intelligence had noted that tunnels existed; that trenches linked every hamlet to other hamlets; and that foxholes existed throughout the entire area of operation. It was highly probable that the enemy had fortified positions.

(3) Throughout the area of operation enemy sightings were reported in groups of 20-40 persons via (YD 960176) and (YD 965174). There were 15 family type bunkers found in vic (YD 9716).

(4) The enemy fought from reinforced bunkers in grid square (YD 9617). Thirteen air strikes and artillery bombardments failed to abate the heavy enemy fire. Both helicopters and fixed wing aircraft reported taking fire in the landing zones and area of operation.

C. Description of the Area of Operation

(1) PHU VANG District is northeast of the PHU BAI Vital Area and parallel to Highway #1. It has the SONG DAI GIONG as a southwest boundary and the DOM THUY TU (Bay) on the northeast. The Gulf of Tonkin with its inlet going into HUE is to the northeast some 3000 meters from the peninsula. The SONG THIEU MOA joins the lake at (YD 9317) with the SONG CONG QUAN and the bay on the southeast.

(2) Cover and Concealment. The entire area is open and sandy from Highway #1 to the Gulf of Tonkin. The area along the hamlets and rivers are spotted with trees and brush. Natural cover in the sandy area was provided by the numerous graves but considered poor at best. Concealment from aerial observation is limited to the inlets and river areas where there was a fair amount of vegetation. Man-made paddy dikes offered slight cover throughout the area. The paddy lands were under about two feet of water during the entire period of operation.

(3) Critical Terrain. There were no elevated land masses in the operating area. Terrain navigation, therefore, was necessarily difficult because of very few landmarks. The region bordered by the SONG THIEU HOA, the SONG HA TA, and the SONG CONG QUAN was two to four feet under water. The entire central strip of the peninsula is suitable for LZs, starting in the northwest in the vicinity of grid square (YD 9320) and running southeast to the vicinity of grid square (ZC 0212), there is a large stretch of sand covered with mounded graves and light brush within this area.

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(4) Observation and Fields of Fire. Observation and fields of fire were generally excellent except near built up areas where vegetation and diking were increased. This resulted in observation only being fair but caused no major reduction in the effect of small arms fire.

(5) Avenues of Approach. The main avenues of approach are the DOM CAU BAI inlet to the south and the DOM THUY TU waterway to the north and east. Overland movement is available from Highway #1 but is restricted to travel along levees and thru inundated paddies. Boat travel is the most expedient means to traverse the area from the peninsula to dry land near PHU BAI in the southeast. It is possible for the enemy to make his way slowly on foot moving southwest across the paddies.

(6) Weather. Operations were not hindered by weather. Temperatures ranged from 95-100 degrees as a high and 70-75 degrees as a low. Winds were light to moderate from the east and south. Rain showers occurred in the evening obscuring visibility for a period of time.

(7) Civilian Population. The majority of the population is concentrated on the peninsula in two strips of land 700 to 1000 meters wide. One strip is to the northeast near the bay, THUY TU, and the other runs along the road that is parallel to and north of the THIEU HOA River. This area has been under VC/NVA control for some time. It therefore can be concluded that much of the population was oriented toward their propaganda. Since it is a good rice producing area the food supply has been adequate.

7. Mission. 4th Marines, while continuing to conduct operations GHOCTAN and GUMBERLAND, assumed the mission of conducting search and destroy operations to eliminate VC/NVA forces in the PHU THU area southeast of PHU BAI Combat Base (Camp McCARTHY).

8. Concept of Operation. 4th Marines, using one reinforced infantry battalion, conduct a helilift into blocking positions and conduct search and destroy operations throughout PHU THU AO. Upon completion of fixed wing and artillery prep fires on LZs, one company lands in LZ EAGLE (YD 968143) and one company in LZ HAWK (YD 997136) to establish blocking positions in southern portion of AO. Three companies land in LZ ROBIN (YD 930202) and commence search and destroy operations in southeasterly direction toward established blocking positions.

9. Execution. The concept of Operation COLGATE was presented to the CG, 3d Marine Division on 4 June 67. Upon approval, the 4th Marines Tactical Headquarters displaced to PHU BAI and BLT 1/3 trucked south to the pick up LZ for further commitment on 7 June 67. Operation COLGATE commenced at 070630H June 67.

7 June Search and destroy operations commenced upon landing at 0630H. A CH-46 received S/A fire from vic (YD 933203). Enemy fire was suppressed

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by gunships. A patrol from C/1/3 engaged 10 VC resulting in 2 VC KIA (Conf), one detainee and two weapons captured. A/1/3 made contact with 30 to 40 VC resulting in 2 friendly KIA and 12 WIA. Enemy losses totaled 5 KIA (Conf) and 4 KIA (Prob). Assumed OPCOM of H/2/26 at 1415H and chopped OPCOM of H/2/26 to 1/3 at 1655H. B/1/3 received S/A and 82MM fire from YD 961173 resulting in one friendly KIA and two WIA. Air strike called on enemy position resulted in two VC KIA (Prob). A/O conducted air strike in the vicinity (YD 962176) resulting in five KIA (Conf) and six KIA (Prob). C/1/3 apprehended two detainees while searching village. B/1/3 (YD 964172) detonated an unknown type explosive device resulting in seven friendly WIA. Air strike conducted in vic (YD 963171) resulted in two KIA (Prob). Artillery mission was called in the vic of (YD 965126) resulting in five VC KIA (Prob). Air strike was conducted on trench line at (YD 963170) resulting in two VC KIA (Conf).

8 June 1/3 units continued assigned mission. B/1/3 apprehended one wounded detainee hiding in a tunnel in the vicinity of (YD 969118). A/1/3 located three VC KIA in graves at (YD 969164). K/3/26 apprehended six detainees in the vicinity of (YD 950168). A/1/3 apprehended one detainee at (YD 957169). B/1/3 apprehended eight VN detainees (YD 969173) with one M-1 Carbine, one M-79, one B.A.R., and assorted ammunition and grenades. An airstrike was conducted vic (YD 973178) resulting in one VC KIA (Conf) and one KIA (Prob). K/3/26 received three friendly WIA from a CHICOM grenade rigged with a trip wire at (YD 973167). D/1/3 fired at three VC resulting in one KIA (Conf) and two detainees. B/1/3 captured two wounded VN males and discovered two CHICOM grenades in a tunnel (YD 971168). B/1/3 apprehended one detainee at (YD 947178). Artillery mission fired at five VC in vicinity of (YD 947178) resulting in two KIA (Prob). 1/3 units destroyed 33 bunkers, nine CHICOM grenades, and five dud bombs in vicinity of (YD 960173 to 969173).

9 June 1/3 continued assigned mission. B/1/3 fired at one VC in the vicinity (YD 972171) resulting in one VC KIA (Conf). A/1/3 fired at 21 VC located at (YD 963163) resulting in three KIA (Conf). A/1/3 apprehended three detainees in the vicinity (YD 963171). LP from C/1/3 fired on friendly patrol resulting in two friendly WIA at (YD 963160). B/1/3 captured one VN male and one female in the vicinity (YD 971168). VN male attempted to escape resulting in one VC KIA (Conf) and one detainee. C/1/3 apprehended one male detainee at (YD 962146). B/1/3 fired upon two VC in the vicinity (YD 971168) resulting in one friendly WIA and one VC KIA (Conf). B/1/3 apprehended three detainees with two M-1 Carbines at (YD 971168). Action resulted in one friendly WIA. PFs attached to C/1/3 fired upon one VC resulting in three detainees and one KIA (Prob). C/1/3 apprehended three detainees from vicinity (YD 963159). B/1/3 found one MK 50 automatic weapon in water hole (YD 971168).

10 June 1/3 continued assigned mission. A/1/3 fired upon approx 20 VC (YD 961177) resulting in four VC KIA (Conf). B/1/3 encountered two VN in

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the vicinity (YD 974166) resulting in one friendly WIA, one VC KIA (Conf) and one detainee. Also captured one .45 Cal pistol. At (YD 972171) B/1/3 found three VC killed by napalm in tunnel. A patrol from C/1/3 apprehended three PW at (YD 967474). One detainee stated he was a mortarman and led USMC unit to a hidden S2M. Also at the same location one case of 60MM ammunition was located.

11 June 1/3 continued assigned mission. C/1/3 at (YD 969146) received approx 200 rounds S/A fire. Returned fire with two rounds 60MM at which time contact was lost. 1/3 units commenced a tactical withdrawal at 0700H and Operation COUGAR terminated at 11200H.

10. Results

A. The following casualties were incurred during the period 7 June 1967 - 11 June 1967.

(1) KIA (Hostile)	3
KIA (Non-Hostile)	0
(2) WIA	29
Non-Hostile Inflicted	0

B. Enemy Personnel Losses:

(1) KIA (Conf)	35
(2) KIA (Prob)	28
(3) Missing Civilians	34
(4) Civil Defendants	11
(5) FN/VC	6
(6) PW/NVA	4

C. Enemy Weapons and Equipment Losses

(1) Weapons	
(a) Individual Weapons	9
(b) Crew-Served Weapons	1 82MM mortar
(2) Ammunition	
(a) M-79 Rounds	9
(b) S/A Rounds assorted	669
(c) 60MM Rounds	19
(d) CHIGOM Grenades	31
(e) 1/2 pound Blocks TNT	2
(3) Other	
(a) Rico	1000 Lbs.

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(b)	Packs	2
(c)	Medical Kit, Complete	1
(d)	60MM sight	1
(e)	Cartridge belts	4
(f)	Assorted clothing	22 Lbs.

D. Excess Equipment Losses: None.

11. Administrative Matters

A. Supply. FLSG-A, PHU-BAI, was the primary source of supply for Operation CHOCTAW. A limited ISA was established in PHU BAI by personnel organic to and attached to the 1st Battalion, 3rd Marines. No dump levels were established and items were drawn from FLSG-A on an "as required" basis. No supply problems were encountered during the operation.

B. Resupply. Resupply was handled by the 1st Platoon, Company B, 3d Shore Party Battalion. Supply point distribution was utilized and resupply was accomplished by helicopter. Resupply requests were transmitted via PHU-25 radio from an HST at the Battalion level in the field to an HST established at the 1st Battalion, 3d Marines ISA in PHU BAI.

C. Maintenance. There were no requirements for other than field maintenance.

D. Treatment of Casualties. All casualties were initially treated in the field. Evacuations, when required, were to Company A, 3rd Medical Battalion, PHU BAI.

E. Evacuation. All evacuation was accomplished by helicopters.

F. Hospitalization. All personnel requiring hospitalization were sent to Company A, 3rd Medical Battalion, PHU BAI.

G. Transportation. 1st Battalion, 3d Marines and "A" Battery, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines possessed limited organic transportation. Transportation to move the battalion with attachments from Operation CHOCTAW to PHU BAI was provided by 3rd Motor Transport Battalion. Once the aforementioned artillery battery was positioned in PHU BAI, 12th Marine Regiment augmented them with their organic vehicles to facilitate resupply.

H. Communications. There were no difficulties in the field of logistical communications.

I. Combat Engineer Operations. Engineer support was furnished by the 2d Platoon, Company A, 3d Engineer Battalion. Engineer support was centered upon destruction of enemy booby traps and reinforced bunkers.

12. Special Equipment and Techniques. None.

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The introduction into the objective area was smooth, rapid, and effective. The immediate establishment of blocking positions in the southeastern and southwestern sectors of the AO minimized the enemy's routes of escape. The pressure resulting from the three company sweep further restricted the enemy's movement and caused him to try and find sanctuary within the tunnel complexes in the PHU THU AO. The aggressive pursuit by infantry forces, to include careful probing of underground areas, resulted in a high number of captives.

PFs and ARVN Propaganda Teams contributed to the success of the operation to a degree that cannot be overemphasized by locating VC and exploiting their knowledge. The presence of these forces increased the ground commander's reaction capability by being able to obtain "on the spot" information from captives.

Good results were obtained during heavy night activities as a result of the enemy's inability to move during daylight hours.

14. Recommendations

A. That units operating in terrain that provides long range visibility assure they maintain a reaction force capable of moving immediately to exploit enemy sightings or findings regardless of distance from friendly forces.

B. That continuous use be made of the talents of the Armed Propaganda Teams and GUEP personnel when operating in populated areas. Sufficient number should be requested to provide this support at the company level.

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AIR SUPPORT

1. Air Support Requirements. The air support received during Operation COLGATE was as follows:

A. Helicopter

<u>UNITS</u>	<u>REQ.</u>	<u>TROOPS</u>	<u>RESUP/LOG/ADMIN</u>	<u>MEDEVACS</u>
REGT.	9	25	0	0
1/3	25	1456	16,201	10
	34	1481	16,201	10

HMM-263 was assigned in direct support of the regiment for Operation COLGATE. UH1E (armed) were utilized to cover flanks during initial hours after helilift was completed. They were directly instrumental in the capture of 7 suspects. Aerial observers were utilized as TAC(a) throughout daylight hours. Their ability to spot and report enemy movement, and to immediately request and control air when needed, contributed greatly to the success of the operation.

B. CAS/DAS 14 airstrikes were called in close support of attacking companies. Landing zone preparation consisted of 4 flights of fixed wing plus UH-1E (armed) helicopter escort. No direct air support was utilized. All flights with exception of LZ prep were scrambled. Ordnance reported expended as follows:

20,125 Tons bombs
6,175 Tons Napalm
30 pods 2,75" rockets
7 pods Zuni
7 Lazy Dogs

13 bombs were reported as duds, eleven of which were destroyed by ground elements.

C. TPQ-10. 9 targets were requested immediate. ASRT was down during time targets were valid.

2. Air Support Provided. The regimental TACP was co-located with DASC, which was an ideal arrangement. F-4E aircraft were requested on a daily basis to be stationed at HUE/PHU BAI Airfield. Helicopter support outside capabilities of HMM-263 aircraft was provided by MAG-16 (fwd).

This arrangement offered the commander the flexibility needed to respond to changes in the tactical situation. Advantage over previous operations are as follows:

A. Air support and tactical air were to come directly from bat-

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talion to DASC, reducing communications delay.

B. The regimental commander knew at all times his air support capability. He was not bound by his "yesterday's" estimate of the air support he would require.

With the exceptions listed below air support for Operation COLGATE was considered excellent. The exceptions are as follows:

- A. 13 reported bomb malfunctions
- B. lack of back up for ASRT.

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

2. Operation MARYLAND was a search and destroy operation conducted in the Phu Thu/Phu Vang District, Thua Thien Province of South Vietnam during the period 25 to 28 June 1967. The First Battalion, Third Marines provided a blocking force for an ARVN multi-battalion sweep through the Phu Vang District. Light contact was made by U.S. Forces but their rapid introduction into the objective area surprised local force Viet Cong and Main Force elements to the extent that several were captured or killed during escape attempts. Confirmed enemy losses of 114 KIA and 100 VCS detainees were reported by ARVN forces operating northwest of blocking positions established by First Battalion, 3d Marines.

3. Paragraphs 13 and 14 of the basic correspondence highlight lessons learned which may prove beneficial during future operations.

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1. Code Name: Operation MARYLAND (Search and Destroy)
2. Dates of Operation: 250600H June 67 to 280800H June 67
3. Location: PHU THU/PHU WANG District, THUA THIEN Province. Boundaries of the area are as described in paragraph 6.C (Intelligence).
4. Task Organization

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5. Supporting Assets

A. Units

- (1) 1st MAW
- (2) 3rd Bn, 12th Marines (Rein)
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D. Detailed discussion of the support provided is as follows:

(1) Artillery Support. Battery "A" 1st Battalion, 12th Marines, commanded by CAPT R. E. KENYON provided the artillery support for the operation. The battery moved with the Rough Rider from Camp EV NS to PHU BAI on 24 June 1967. At first light on 25 June, the battery moved into a position located at the northeast end of PHU BAI/HUE Airport at YD 895148. Since the position had been previously occupied by Battery "A" during Operation COLGATE, no difficulties were encountered in the second occupation. Communications, survey, and logistics were the same as reported in the COLGATE After Action Report.

During this operation, the infantry battalion, reinforced, was used primarily as a blocking force. Consequently, the artillery received only a few calls for fire, and there were no significant missions. Twenty-eight (28) rounds of HE and thirty-two (32) rounds of illumination were expended in support of the operation.

(2) Air Support. See Enclosure (3)

6. Intelligence

A. Enemy situation

(1) Enemy Disposition and Strength

(A) Intelligence indicated that there were two Local Force companies the C 116 (80 men) and the C 117 (50 men) and one Main Force Bn, the 804th (approximately 250 men), located on the well fortified peninsula in PHU VANG District. The combat effectiveness of the 804th Bn was rated fair as a result of previous UFG/ARVN operations.

(B) Within reinforcing distance was located the 810th Main Force Bn (250 men) and 806th NVA Bn (250 men) as well as two Local Force companies the C 118 (60 men) and C 119 (100 men). All of these units have a combat effectiveness rating of fair, and are within one night's travel of the "MAYLAND" operating area in PHU VANG District and THUA THIEN Province, RVN.

(2) Mission. The only known assigned missions controlling the enemy's activities are:

(A) To disrupt GVN control within the PHU VANG area (vic YD 96414).

(B) To disrupt the GVN Rural Development Program located in the area southeast of HUE.

(C) To interdict the main lines of communications.

B. Enemy Activity During the Period

(1) Proceeding Operation MAYLAND, elements of the 804th Bn, with

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Local Force Companies, attacked and overran PHU THU District Headquarters (YD 913190) in March 1967, inflicting heavy casualties and killing three U.S. Advisors. In April 67, PHU BAI Combat Base was taken under attack by mortar fire, and in May 1967, U.S. installations in HUE were mortared. In May (during ARVN Operation LAMSON 46 at YD 945214) ARVN units had contact with the 804th Bn. It is believed that contact was made with two companies and a headquarters unit of the 804th Bn. Fifty-nine of the enemy were killed.

(2) During Operation MARIKLAND the First Bn, Third Marines provided a blocking force for an ARVN multi-battalion sweep through PHU VANG District. Light contact was made through out the operation consisting of sporadic sniper fire from local VC forces in groups of two to three. Several wounded NVA were located in spider holes, and upon interrogation revealed that they had been there approximately twenty days from a previous contact with USMC forces. One captive had a surgical operation indicating the presence of trained medical personnel. It appeared that these NVA were wounded during Operation COLGATE and had been hiding since then, as COLGATE was the only operation conducted in that area recently. It was also learned from an interrogation of a NVA SSgt, that there were many spider holes in the area occupied by NVA forces (approximately 200) and that they were hiding to escape detection by USMC forces. No new unit identifications were made during the operation.

C. Description of the Area of Operation.

(1) PHU VANG District is northeast of the PHU BAI vital area and parallel to Highway #1. It has the SONG BAI GIONG as a northwest boundary and the DOM THUY (Bay) on the northeast. The Gulf of TONKIN with its inlet going into HUE is to the northeast some 3,000 meters from the peninsula. The SONG THIEU HOI joins the lake at (YD 9317) with the SONG CONG QUAN and the Bay on the southeast.

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(5) Avenues of Approach. The main avenues of approach are the DOM CHU HAI inlet to the south and the DOM THUY TU waterway to the north and east. Overland movement is possible from Highway #1, but is restricted to travel along levees and thru inundated paddies. Boat travel is the most expedient means to get from the peninsula to dry land near PHU BAI in the southeast. It is possible for the enemy to make his way slowly on foot moving so thwest across the paddies.

(6) Weather. Operations were not hindered by weather. Temperatures ranged from 95-100 degrees as a high and 70-75 degrees as a low. Winds were light to moderate from the east and south.

(7) Civilian Population. The majority of the population is concentrated on the peninsula in two strips of land 700 to 1000 meters wide; one strip is to the north east near the bay, THUY TU, and the other runs along the road that is parallel to and is north of the THIEU HOA River. This area has been under VC/NVA control for some time, therefore the people are oriented toward their propaganda. Since it is a good rice producing area the food supply has been adequate. The attitudes of the civilian population can be described as friendly and they volunteered information on several occasions, both to PF's and USMC units. Word was received through District Headquarters that VC units returned to the area after Operation COLGATE (7-12 June) and beheaded a village chief and buried 20 villagers alive.

7. Mission: While continuing operations CHOCTAW and CUMBERLAND elements of the 4th Marines will expeditiously attack, search and destroy NV/VC elements in the PHU THU area of operations and establish blocking positions for ARVN forces.

8. Concept of Operation: 4th Marines with one reinforced infantry battalion conduct helilift into designated LZs and conduct search and destroy operation throughout PHU THU AO and establish blocking position for ARVN operations in adjacent area of operation.

9. Execution. The concept of Operation MARYLAND was presented to CG, 3d Marine Division on 23 June 1967. Upon approval, the 4th Marines tactical Headquarters displaced to PHU BAI and BLT 1/3 trucked south for further commitment on 25 June 1967. Operation MARYLAND commenced at 250600H June 1967.

25 June. Operation MARYLAND commenced at 0600H. The troop lift into designated LZs was completed at 0715H. C/1/3 apprehended two VN in spider trap at (YD 968135). D/1/3 exchanged S/L fire with five VC at (YD 962144) resulting in two VC KIA (Prob). D/1/3 picked up an additional four detainees at (YD 976144). D/1/3 fired on suspected enemy position resulting in one wounded detainee. Patrol from D/1/3 received five rounds 57MM RR fire while

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in the vic (YD 961172). B/1/3 located ~~600 lbs of~~ rice at (YD 977164). Rice delivered to Div G-5. D/1/3 shot one detainee in an attempt to escape (YD 948160) resulting in one VC KIA (Conf). D/1/3 apprehended three detainees at (YD 948162). D/1/3 took two VC under fire at (YD 951158) resulting in one VC KIA (Conf).

26 June. 1/3 continued assigned mission. F/2/26 exchanged S/A fire with one VC in a boat at (YD 967123). Observed VC fall in water resulting in one VC KIA (Prob) and one FR/WIA. D/1/4 (YD 958156) received S/A fire resulting in two FR/WIA. D/1/3 apprehended two detainees at (YD 956158). B/1/3 located two 250 lb bombs, 10-15 punji traps and four explosive devices at (YD 964175). F/2/26 apprehended seven detainees at (YD 967123). D/1/3 apprehended one detainee at (YD 948162). D/1/3 ~~threw~~ two grenades at enemy position (YD 947164) resulting in one VC KIA (Conf). D/1/3 picked up three detainees at (YD 966142). One detainee was located by O/1/3 at (YD 972140). D/1/3 apprehended two females in the vic of (YD 947162). D/1/3 took one VC under fire resulting in one VC KIA (Conf) at (YD 947167). B/1/3 fired upon three VC at (YD 966177), resulting in one VC KIA (Conf) and one KIA (Prob).

27 June. 1/3 continued assigned mission. F/2/26 received S/A fire from (YD 968127). Returned S/A fire resulting in one VC KIA (Conf), one VC KIA (Prob), one AK-47 rifle, and one detainee apprehended. A/1/3 located and evacuated 1,450 lbs rice (YD 964160). C/1/3 apprehended three female and one male detainee (YD 958144). Armed Propaganda Team attached to D/1/3 apprehended two female detainees at (YD 959147). C/1/3 located and evacuated 5,600 lbs rice from the vic (YD 957145). C/1/3 located two VC in spider trap in the vic (YD 963138). One grenade was thrown resulting in one VC KIA (Conf) and one wounded detainee. 7th IIT reclassified eighteen detainees as sixteen innocent civilians, one civilian defendant and one PW/NVA.

28 June. 1/3 continued assigned mission. One Marine was wounded by friendly fire when mistaken for enemy. 1/3 units commenced troop lift extraction from MARYLAND AO at 0700H. Lift was completed at 0900H. Chopped OPCON F/2/26 to 2/26 at 0905H. Operation MARYLAND terminated at 0800H.

10. Results

A. The following casualties were incurred during the period 25 June 1967 to 28 June 1967. (Operation MARYLAND)

(1) KIA (Hostile)	0
KIA (Non-Hostile)	0
(2) WIA	4
Non-Hostile Inflicted	0

B. Enemy Personnel Losses:

(1) KIA (Conf)	7
(2) KIA (Prob)	5

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(3)	PW/VC	2
(4)	PW/NV	4
(5)	RET/VC	1
(6)	Innocent Civilians	27
(7)	Civil Defendants	1
(8)	Detainees	35

C. Enemy Weapons and Equipment Losses:

(1) Weapons

(A)	Individual weapons	7
(B)	Group Served Weapons	0

(2) Ammunition

(A)	CHI COM Grenades	9
(B)	3/4 rounds assorted	700 rounds
(C)	1/2 pound TNT Blocks	13

(3) Other

(A)	Rice	7,650 pounds
(B)	Medical Supplies	10 pounds
(C)	Documents	20 pounds
(D)	Misc. clothing	10 pounds
(E)	782 Gear	10 pounds
(F)	Currency	\$13,285.00 Piasters

D. Friendly Equipment Losses: None

11. Administrative Matters

A. Supply. The primary source of supply for Operation MARYLAND was FLSG-1 at PHU BAI. The 1st Battalion, 3d Marines established a limited ISA at PHU BAI. FLSG-1 furnished items as required. No supply problems were encountered.

B. Resupply. The 1st Platoon, Company B, 3d Shore Party Battalion handled resupply. Helicopters were utilized for resupply from a supply point distribution center. The HRC-25 radio was utilized for resupply requests by an HST within the battalion to an HST established at the limited ISA in PHU BAI.

C. Maintenance. Field maintenance was the only requirement.

D. Treatment of Casualties. Initial treatment of casualties was in the field. Evacuated personnel were transported to Company A, Third Medical Battalion, at PHU BAI.

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E. Evacuation. Evacuation was accomplished by helicopter.

F. Hospitalization. Personnel requiring hospitalization were sent to Company A, 3rd Medical Battalion.

G. Transportation. Limited organic transportation was utilized by 1st Battalion, 3rd Marines, and Alpha Battery, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines. The 3rd Motor Transport Battalion was utilized to displace the battalion from Camp EVANS to PHU BAI. The 12th Marine Regiment augmented Alpha Battery at PHU BAI with their organic vehicles to accomplish resupply.

H. Communications. No difficulties were encountered.

I. Combat Engineering Operations. The 2nd Platoon, Company A, 3rd Engineer Battalion furnished engineer support. The main engineering effort was directed at the destruction of enemy booby traps and bunkers.

12. Special Equipment and Techniques: None

13. Commanders Analysis

The rapid entry of the 1st Bn, 3d Marines into the operating area provided a definite shock effect prohibiting the enemy from organizing into an effective unit that could react in force. This tactic left the enemy only two alternatives: to hold and engage the assaulting force or to disperse and attempt to hide. The latter is usually the means utilized by the NVA/VC forces as was the case in Operation MARYLAND. It has been discovered that best results are obtained if a unit follows the initial sweep force conducting a slow, methodical and probing search for personnel and buried caches.

The pressure resulting from the major sweep by the assaulting forces as they moved to the blocking positions on the northwest boundary of 1/3's area of operation, minimized the enemy's routes of escape. The encircled force chose to attempt to break through the ARVN sector which resulted in his taking heavy casualties and loss of weapons.

Once again, the Kit Carson Scouts proved their value in locating and identifying the enemy, as well as his explosive devices, weapons and ammunition caches. As a result of their past experience with VC/NVA units and utilization of their keen observation the Kit Carson Scouts definitely reduced the number of Marine casualties.

14. Recommendations

A. That when sweeping a large area the major force must sweep aggressively with speed to prevent the enemy from dispersing and leaving the area in small groups or as individuals. This unit should be followed by the remainder of the unit conducting a methodical search probing with spikes, sticks, etc.

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AIR SUPPORT

1. Air Support Requirements. During the period 25 June through 28 June, this regimental headquarters participated in Operation Maryland. The air support received during this period is as follows:

A. Helicopter

<u>Units</u>	<u>Req</u>	<u>Troops</u>	<u>Resm/Log/Admin</u>	<u>MedEvacs</u>
Regt.	6	30		0
1/3	17	2206	24,140	6
	23	2238	24,140	6

HMM-163 was assigned the majority of the air support for Operation Maryland. Again UH-1E's (armed) were utilized for helo escort during the initial insertion and extraction. The availability of CH-53's greatly decreased time and effort normally involved for the extraction.

Tac (a)'s worked constantly during daylight hours to spot enemy movement and provide any additional information helpful to ground units.

CAS/DAS. CAS/DAS was limited to helicopter cover during insertion and extraction due to the fact that the initial landing zones required no preparation, and there were no tactical air requests made.

5 flights for helicopter cover were received with no ordnance expended.

TPQ-10. None requested.

2. Air Support Provided. Again the regimental tacp was co-located with DASC, which was expressed as an ideal arrangement. The air support provided during Operation Maryland was acceptable, with few instances of aircraft availability.

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 ZEN/CO A THIRD SP BN
 ZEN/CO B THIRD AT BN
 ZEN/CO B THIRD ENGR BN
 ZEN/CO C THIRD TK BN
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 INFO: CG THIRD MARDIV
 FIRST MAR
 TWELFTH MAR
 THIRD RECCN BN
 THIRD ENGR BN
 FLSG-A

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 FRAG ORDER 27-67 (OPERATIONS CHOCTAW, CUMBERLAND, AND MARYLAND)
 A. MAPS: (CHOCTAW) VIETNAM, 1:50,000, AMS L7014, SHEETS 641

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 D IIIIN 6402, II AND III.
 (CUMBERLAND) VIETNAM, 1:50,000, AMS L7014, SHEETS 6541
 AND 6441.
 (MARYLAND) VIETNAM, 1:50,000, AMS L7014, SHEETS 6541 IV,
 6541 II, AND 6542 III.

B. 4TH MAR FRAG O 23-67
 C. 4TH MAR FRAG O 25-67
 D. DIV O P2222.2E (DIV CC I)
 E. DIV O P2222.4C (DIV COMM 50P)
 TASK ORGANIZATION
 4TH MARINES(-) (REIN) COL THOMPSON
 HQ CG(-)
 DET, 1ST CIT
 DET, 7TH III
 DET, 3D RECCN BN
 BLT, FIRST BN THIRD MAR (REIN) (MARYLAND) LTCOL WICKWIRE
 CO F, SECOND BN, TWENTY-SIXTH MAR
 (EFF, UNTIL 231220H JUNE 67)
 FIRST PLAT, CO B, THIRD RECCN BN
 (USA)

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 (EFF UNTIL 231222 H JUNE 67)
 CO , SECOND BN, TWENTY SIXTH MAR
 (EFF UNTIL 241800H JUNE 67)
 FIRST BN , FOURTH MAR(REIN) (CUMBERLAND) MAJ BELL
 DET B, CO A, THIRD SP BN
 DET HQ CO, FOURTH MAR(SNIPE TEAMS)
 DET? THIR ENGR BN
 PLAT, THIRD TK BN
 BTRY G, THIRD BN, TWELFTH MAR
 SECT BTRY D, FIRST BN, FORTY FOURTH ARTY(USA)
 SECOND BN, FOURTH MAR(REIN)(CHOCTAW) LT COL BENCH
 DET A, CO A, THIRD SP BN
 DET HQ CO, FOURTH MAR(SNIPE TEAMS)
 DET A, CO B, THIRD ENGR BN
 THIR BN (-)(438,), TWELFTH MAR LT COL MILES
 HQ BTRY
 BTRY H
 BTRY A, FIRST BN, TWELFTH MAR
 BTRY W, SECOND BN, TWELFTH MAR
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 SECOND PROB 155 MM HOW BTRY "T" (TD)
 CO A(-), THIRD SP BN
 COB(-), THIRD AT BN
 CO B, THIRD ENGR BN
 FIRST PLAT(-), CO A, THIRD TK BN
 FIRST PLAT(REIN), BTRY D, FIRST BN, FORTY FOURTH ARTY(USA)
 LT CAILE
 CAPT RILEY
 CAPT RUHLMAN
 SSGT HOUTEN
 LI FRANCIS

1. SITUATION
 - A. ENEMY FORCES. SEE CURRENT ISUMS.
 - B. FRIENDLY FORCES
 - (1) 3D MARDIV CONTINUES OPERATIONS ANGAINST VIET CONG AND NVA FORCES IN ASSIGNED AREA.
 - (2) 1ST MAW PROVIDES FIXED WING AND HELO SUPPORT.
 - (3) 7TH FLEET PROVIDES NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT TO III MAF AND CONDUCTS AMPHIBIOUS OPERATIONS AGAINST VIET CONG AND NVA FORCES IN I CORPS AREA.
 - (4) 3D RECON BN, GS.
 - (5) ARBN FORCES. ELEMENTS OF THE FIRST ARVN DIVISION WILL CONDUCT A COPLEMENTARY OPERATION NORTHWEST OF 4TH MARINES AREA OF OPERATION. (SEE OPERATION OVERLAY).
 - C. ATTACHMENTS AND DETACHMENTS. SEE TASK ORGANIZATION

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 2. MISSION. 4TH MARINES, WHILE CONTINUING TO CARRY OUT PRESENT SEARCH AND DESTROY MISSION TO INTERDICT LINES OF COMMUNICATION IN VIC CO BI THANH IAN (CHOCTAW) AND SECURITY MISSION FOR UPGRADING ROUTE 547(CUMBERLAND) , WILL ATTACK, SEARCH AND DESTROY NVA/VC ELEMENTS IN THE PHU THU AREA OF OPERATIONS(MARYLAND).
 3. EXECUTION
 A. CONCEPT OF OPERATION
 (1) OPERATION CHOCTAW. 4TH MARINES WILL CONTINUE AGGRESSIVE

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SMALL UNIT ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT ASSIGNED AO WITH ONE BATTALION AND SUPPORTING ARTILLERY.

- (2) OPERATION CUMBERLAND. 4TH MARINES WILL CONTINUE SECURITY MISSION FOR ENGINEERS UPGRADING ROUTE 547 (VIC NAM HOA).
- (3) ~~OPERATION MARYLAND~~. 4TH MARINES WITH ONE REINFORCED INFANTRY BATTALION, WILL CONDUCT HELILIFT INTO DESIGNATED LZs AND CONDUCT SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION THROUGHOUT PHU THU AO AND ESTABLISH BLOCKING POSITIONS FOR ARVN OPERATION ALONG NORTHWEST BOUNDARY.
- (4) SEE OPERATION OVERLAY (PASEPP)
- (4) HQ CO
- (1) CONDUCTS INTERNAL SECURITY OF CP.
- (2) SUPPLEMENT PERIMETER FORCES AS REQUIRED.

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(3) MAINTAIN A PROVISIONAL RIFLE PLATOON FOR DEPLOYMENT AS REQUIRED ON ORDER.

(4) CONTINUE ASSIGNED MISSION OF SECURITY FOR RADIO RELAY ON HILL 674 (YD 516220).

C. FIRST BN, THIRD MAR

(1) ON OR ABOUT 23 JUNE, UPON TERMINATION OF PRESENT MISSION MOVE TO ENTRUCKING POINT VIC YD 461399 FOR FURTHER MOVEMENT TO 4TH MAR CP COMPLEX.

(2) ON 24 JUNE MOVE INFANTRY ELEMENTS TO PHU BAI BY TRUCK TO PREPARE FOR FURTHER COMMITMENT.

(3) AT 2500Z H JUNE LAND THREE COMPANIES IN LZ EAGLE (YD 987139) AND COMMENCE A RAPID NORTHWESTERLY SEARCH AND DESTROY TO BLOCKING POSITION VIC (YD 947168 AND YD 959176) WHILE TWO COMPANIES LAND IN LZ HAWK (YD 998122) AND QUICKLY ESTABLISH BLOCKING POSITION VIC (YD 955132).

(4) F/2/26 CHOP TO 2/26 EFFECTIVE 231200H JUNE 67.

(5) AT A TIME MUTUALLY AGREEABLE WITH 2/4 ON THE MORNING OF 23 JUNE 67, RELINQUISH CP COMPLEX SECURITY MISSION.

(6) ASSURE CLOSE COORDINATION BETWEEN ADVANCING FORCES.

D. FIRST BN (REIN), FOURTH MAR. (OPERATION CUMBERLAND)

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 ZEN/CO C THIRD TK BN
 ZEN/FIRST PLAT(REIN) BTRY D, FIRST BN FORTY FOURTH ARTY(USA)

INFO: CG THIRD MAR DIV
 CG FINAV
 12 MARINES
 30 RECON BN
 3rd ENGR BN
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 SECURITY MISSION FOR ENGINEETS UPGRADING ROUTE 547 VIC NAM HOA (YD 75E 135).

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- E. SECOND BN (REIN) FOURTH MAR. (OPERATION CHOCTAW)
- (1) MOVE OVERLAND TO 4TH MARINES PERIMETER ON 22 JUNE 67.
 - (2) AT A TIME MUTUALLY AGREEABLE WITH 1/3 OF THE MORNING OF 23 JUNE 67 ASSUME CP COMPLEX SECURITY MISSIONS TO INCLUDE 51, TO CONDUCT SEARCH AND DESTROY MISSION WITHIN AO (SEE OVER) TO DENY ENEMY LINES OF COMMUNICATIONS AND TO DESTROY NVA /VC BUNKERS WITH AGGRESSIVE PATROLS, AMBUSHES, AND SMALL UNIT TACTICS.
 - (3) ONE PLATOON TO CONDUCT ACTIVITIES IN VIC PHONG DIEN DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS. ADDITIONAL COMBINED OPERATIONS WITH LOCAL FORCES AND DIRECT LIAISON AUTHORIZED SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF 4TH MARINES
 - (4) PROVIDE SECURITY FOR DAILY ROAD SEEP BETWEEN PERIMETER AND HIGHWAY 1. PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SECURITY AS REQUIRED.
 - (5) MAINTAIN RIFLE PLATOON ON FIFTEEN MINUTE ALERT AS SPARROW HAWK, WITH REMAINDER OF COMPANY PREPARED TO FOLLOW WITHIN ONE HOUR, TO COME TO THE AID OF DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS AT PHONG DIEN, HONG DIEN, HONG TRA, AND QUANG DIEN.
 - (6) MAINTAIN CAPABILITY TO COMMIT TWO COMPANIES AND A COM-

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 MAND GROUP AS REACTION FORCE FOR OPERATION CHOCTAW, CUMBERLAND OR
 MARYLAND ON ONE HOUR NOTICE.

(7) CONDUCT ACTIVITIES NIGHTLY IN VIC OF BRIDGES AND
 CUMBERTS ON WIL AT 1. (YD 599329) AND ROUTES TO THAT AREA. DIR-
 LAUTH WITH DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS.

G. THIRD BN (-) (REIN) TWELFTH MAR

(1) DS, 4TH MARINES

(2) COORDINATE ALL FIRE SUPPORT FOR OPERATIONS CHOCTAW,
 CUMBERLAND AND MARYLAND.

(3) DISPLACE ON BATTERY 105 MM CN 24 JUN TO SUPPORT
 OPERATION MARYLAND AS REQUIRED.

H. CO BC-1 THIRD AT BN. DS, 2/4

I. CO B, THIRD ENGR BN

(1) PROVIDE SUPPORT AS REQUIRED

(2) PROVIDE TWO 2 MAN DEMOLITION TEAMS TO I.4.

J. CO (-) THIRD TK BN. DS, 2/4

K. FIRST PLAT (REIN) BTRY D, FIRST BN 44TH ARTY (USA)

(1) M-429. DS, 2/4

(2) M-55S. DS, 4TH MARINES

(3) M-55S-3. DS, 2/4

L. COORDINATING INSTRUCT

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(2) PREVIOUS THRUST POINTS SUPERCEDED. FOLLOWING THRUST POINTS ARE IN EFFECT:

EMOCTAW	
CHARLIE	YD 3737
DELTA	YD 4433
ECHO	5726
EXTING	YD 5723
BOLF	YD 5328
HOTEL	YD 4626
MARYLAND	
XRAY	YD 9913
YANKEE	YD 9716
CUMBERLAND	
BOYS	YD 6612
GIRLS	YD 64E7
CITIES	YD 75E9

(3) THIS ORDER EFFECTIVE FOR PLANNING ON RECEIPT FND FOR EXECUTION ON ORDER.

- 4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. REF B
- 5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION ELECTRONICS.

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A. REF D, E, FOURTH MAR COI AND FIRST ARVN DIV SOI
B. FREQUENCY ASSIGNMENTS

UNIT	FREQ	CALL SIGN
4TH MAR REGT TAC	(P) 68.3 M-1256 (S) 42.15 M-638	SCAT
BLT 1/3 TAC	(P) 43.45 M-598 (S) 56.55 M-827	LEASE BREAKER
CO 2/26 TAC CONDUCT OF FIRE	(P) 46.9 M-665 (S) 37.15 M-489	POLISH ALFA
NGF SPOT NGF CONTROL	41.6 M-557 3396 (USB) M-78	
3D ARVN REGT (SA)	(P) 43.8 M-592/A-37 (S) 55.85 M-793/A-38	UFTOWN TRAILS II
2ND BN 7TH CAV SQDN	(P) 42.3 M-542/A-17 (S) 57.95 M-235/A-18	GRIFFIN LOADER SIERRA 9
C. AIR NETS FOLLOWING FREQ TO BE USED FROM L HOUR TO L PLUS 120 MIN ONLY.		
L1 NAME	32.3 M-1116	
L1 LABEL	33.2 M-442	

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 IACP LOCAL 32.1 M-1141
 UPON COMPLETION OF LANDING REVERT TO
 IACP LOCAL 42.8 M-563
 HSI 34.5 T-21
 LZ CONTROL 48.8 M-679

D. CP LOCATION
 3D WARD IV YD 882140
 4TH MAR YD 533318
 4TH MAR TAC YD 881136
 1/3 YD 988138
 3D ARVN REGT YD 693277

2/7 CAV SQDN
 E. NO CHANGE IN COMM/CRYPTO GRARD
 F. TELEPHONE SERVICE WILL BE INSTALLED FROM SHOVE TO AFTERGLOW
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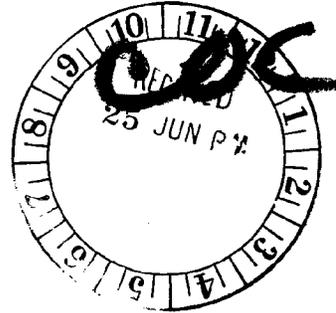
IMMEDIATE/ROUTINE 251060 JUNE 67

FROM: FOURTH MAR
TO: CG THIRD MARDIV
INFO: FIRST BN THIRD MAR
SECOND BN TWENTY SIXTH MAR
THIRD BN TWELFTH MAR

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OPERATION MARYLAND SITREP 01, 250600H-251200H JUNE 67



1. UNIT LOCATIONS:

CP/1/3	YD 984160
N/1/3	YD 992137 AND MOVING
D/1/3	YD 971166
C/1/3	YD 967135 AND MOVING
H/1/3	YD 965155
F/2/26	YD 949137

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: OPERATION MARYLAND COMMENCED AT 0600H WITH FIRST ELEMENTS OF 1/3 LANDING AT LZ EAGLE VIC (YD 933139). AT 0715H HELO LIFT COMPLETED AND 1/3 COMMENCED MOVEMENT IN A NE DIRECTION TO BLOCKING POSITIONS IAW FRAG 0 21-27. F/2/26 ASSUMED BLOCKING POSITIONS (YD 934152 TO YD 965122).

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3. CONTACTS:

A. AT 0945H C/1/3 APPREHENDED TWO VC IN A SPIDER TRAP AT (YD 968135) ALSO CAPTURED ONE CIL COM GRENADE FOUR BLASTING CAPS AND SEVERAL DOCUMENTS.

B. AT 1000H D/1/3 EXCHANGED S/A WITH FIVE VC AT (YD 962144). VC WERE WEARING CAMOUFLAGED PONGIOS. RESULTING IN TWO VC KIA (PROB).

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: AT 0900H AP TEAM WITH D/1/3 INTERROGATED VIETAGERS AT (YD 976144). FOUR PERSONS VOLUNTARILY TURNED THEMSELVES IN. RESULTS FOUR DETAINERS.

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5. PLANS: 1/3 TO CONTINUE ASSIGNED MISSION. ESTABLISH BLOCKING POSITIONS VIC (YD 930162 TO YD 962178) IAW FRAG ORDER 27-87. F/2/26 TO MAINTAIN BLOCKING POSITION (YD 934152 TO YD 965122).

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

FR: 0 KIA
0 WIA

EN: 0 KIA (CONF)
2 KIA (PROB)
0 PW/NVA
0 PW/VC
0 RET/VC
0 INN CIV
6 DETAINERS
0 WPNS CAPTRD

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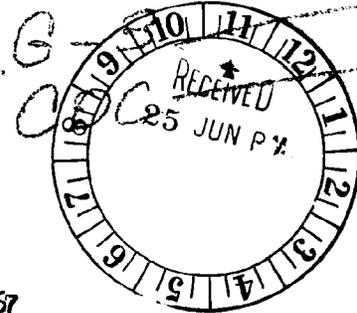
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FROM: FOURTH MAR
TO: CG THIRD MAR DIV

INFO: FIRST BI THIRD MAR
SECOND BI TWENTY SIXTH MAR
THIRD BI TWELFTH MAR

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OPERATION MARYLAND SITREP 02, 251200Z-251800Z JUNE 67

1. UNIT LOCATIONS:

GP/2/3	YD 956166 AND MOVING
A/1/3	YD 956166 AND MOVING
B/1/3	YD 965177
C/1/3	YD 942169
D/1/3	YD 956166
F/2/26	YD 949138

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2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: 1/3 CONTINUED S&D MISSION IN ASSIGNED AO. CONDUCTED SWEEP IN NW DIRECTION TO ESTABLISH BLOCKING POSITION VIC (YD 930162 TO YD 962178). F/2/26 MAINTAINED BLOCKING POSITION VIC (YD 934152 TO YD 965122).

3. CONTACTS:

- A. AT 1200H AP TEAM WITH D/1/3 FIRED ON SUSPECTED ENEMY POSITION WITH AUTOMATIC WPNS. RESULTS CAPTURED ONE WOUNDED DETAINEE.
- B. AT 1500H PATROL FROM B/1/3 LINKED UP WITH ARMS AT (YD 965172) AND RECEIVED FIVE ROUNDS OF 57MM RR FIRE. NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO FRIENDLY UNITS IN THE AREA.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: AT 1135H B/1/3 LOCATED APPROX 600 LBS OF RICE AT (YD

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977364) RICE WILL BE DELIVERED TO DIV S-5.

5. PLANS: 1/3 TO CONTINUE ASSIGNED MISSION. ESTABLISH BLOCKING POSITION VI C (YD 930162 TO YD 962178) LAW FRAG ORDER 27-67. F/2/26 TO MAINTAIN BLOCKING POSITIONS (YD 934252 TO YD 968179).

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

FR: 0 KIA
0 WIA

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 0 KIA (CONF)
 0 KIA (PROB)
 2 PW/NVA
 1 PW/VC
 0 RET/VC
 2 INN CIV
 7 DETAINEES
 0 WPNS CAPTD

FIVE DETAINEES RECLASSIFIED BY 7TH ITT AS TWO PW/NVA, ONE PW/VC, AND TWO INNOCENT CIVILIANS.

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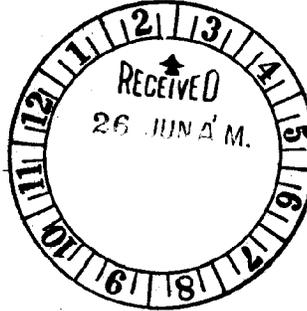
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OPERATION MARYLAND SITREP 03, 251800H--252400H JUNE 67

1. UNIT LOCATIONS:

G/1/3	YD965714
A/1/3	YD962168
B/1/3	YD965714
C/1/3	YD942163
D/1/3	YD949162
F/2/26	YD953133

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2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: 1/3 CONTINUED ASSIGNED MISSION. ESTABLISHED BLOCKING POSITION AND COMMENCED EXTENSIVE PATROLLING.

3. CONTACTS:

- A. AT 1500H D/1/3 APPREHENDED ONE DETAINEE JET (YD948160). DETAINEE TRIED TO ESCAPE AND WAS SHOT. RESULTING IN ONE VC KIA (CONF).
- B. AT 1500H C/1/3 RECEIVED SNIPER FIRE FROM (YD949169). RETURNED S/A FIRE AND M-79 FIRE WITH UNDETERMINED RESULTS.
- C. AT 1645H D/1/3 CAPTURED THREE DETAINEES AT (YD948162). ONE DETAINEE HAD A HEAD WOUND AND WAS TREATED BY CORPSMANS.
- D. AT 2030H D/1/3 TOOK TWO VC UNDER S/A AT (YD951158). RESULTS ONE VC KIA (CONF) ALSO CAPTURED ONE M-26 GRENADE.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: AT 1900H B/1/3 FOUND AND DESTROYED ONE TUNNEL 8'x10' AT

(YD94175)

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5. PLANS: 1/3 TO CONTINUE ASSIGNED MISSION, CONDUCT EXTENSIVE PATROLLING. MAINTAIN AMBUSHES AND IP'S.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

FR: 0 KIA
0 WIA +2

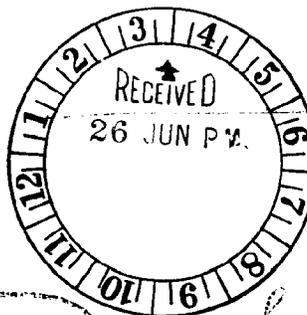
EN: 1 KIA (CONF)
2 KIA (PROB) +1
2 PW/NVA
1 PW/VC
0 RET/VC
2 INN CIV
10 DETAINEES +1
0 WPNS

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OPERATION MARYLAND SITREP 04, 260000L-260600H J UN 67

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: 1/3 CONTINUED AS TROOP POSITION. MAINTAINED POSITIONING POSITIONS, AMBUSHES, I/P'S AND CONDUCTED EXTENSIVE PATROLLING.

3. CONTACTS:

A. AT 2230H P/2/26 TOOK SIX VC UNDER FIRE AT (YD 972110). SEARCH OF AREA DISCLOSED TWO BOXES OF S/A A70, TWO CARTRIDGE BELTS, TWO CHI COM CARTRIDGES AND TWO CHI COM CARTRIDGES.

B. AT 2300H P/2/26 EXCHANGED FIRE WITH ONE VC IN A BOAT AT (YD 957423). OBSERVED VC FALL IN THE WATER. RESULTS OF CONTACT ONE PRISONER AND ONE (PROB). ALSO IMPRISONED TWO M-1 CARTRIDGES, TWO CHI COM CARTRIDGES AND TWO CARTRIDGE BELTS.

C. AT 0200H MIGHTY PATROL BOAT (YD 958156) DISCLOSED S/A TRUCK AND OTHER VEHICLES AT (YD 958156). DISCLOSED S/A TRUCK AND OTHER VEHICLES AT (YD 958156).

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4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE

5. PLANS: 1/3 TO MAINTAIN BLOCKING POSITIONS AND CONDUCT S&D MISSION IN ASSIGNED
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6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

FR: 0 KIA
3 WIA

FI: 2 KIA ~~ACTUAL~~
3 KIA (PROB)
2 PW/NVA
1 PW/VC
0 REB/VC
2 IHH CIV
20 DETAINÉES
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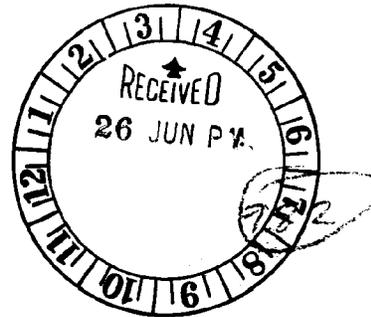
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OPERATION MARYLAND STRIP 05, 260600Z-261200Z JUNE 67

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE EXCEPT:

F/2/26 YD 939117

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: 1/3 UNITS MAINTAINED BLOCKING POSITION AND CONDUCTED S&D OPERATIONS IN ASSIGNED AO. EXTENSIVE PATROLLING CONDUCTED IN SUPPORT OF LOCAL SECURITY.

3. CONTACTS: NONE

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. STRIP 04, PARA 3/3 REPORTS RESULT OF ACTION AS ONE VC KIA (PROD). ONE DETAINEE WAS ALSO NOTED ON SPOT REPORT (DEV J-49) BUT NOT PICKED UP ON STRIP. DETAINEE IS PICKED UP ON THIS STRIP.

B. REF (DEV J-49) FIVE DETAINEES HAVE BEEN RELEASING AS UNDETAINEE DETAINEE BY 7TH IVP AT 0715CH.

C. AT 0615H, D/1/3 WHILE CONDUCTING STRIP TO THE NIG OF (YD 260156) APPREHENDED TWO DETAINEES.

D. AT 0850H, B/1/3 LOCATED (2) 250 LB BOMBS, 10-15 PINE TREES AND 2000 LBS ILLUMINATING TYPE EXPLOSIVE DEVICES IN THE NIG (YD 960175 - 960175). ALL BOMBS WERE DESTROYED.

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E. (LATE ENTRY) AT 252245H, F/2/26 APPREHENDED SEVEN DETAINEES FROM THE VIC (YD 967123).

F. AT 1030H, D/1/3 LOC (YD 948162) APPREHENDED ONE DETAINEE WHO TRIED TO FLEE AS PATROL APPROACHED.

G. AT 0930H, C/1/3 FOUND IN A HOUSE LOC (YD 947167) THE FOLLOWING MEDICAL SUPPLIES, 100 TABLETS OF TETRACYCLINE, HYDROCHLORIDE, FIVE GRAMS CRYPTOMYCIN, 2 BOTTLES STRIPTOMYCIN, 19 BOTTLES STERILE WATER AND ONE BOTTLE QUININE TABLETS. ALL CAPTURED MATERIAL TO BE RETURNED TO CP.

5. PLANS: 1/3 UNITS TO MAINTAIN BLOCKING POSITIONS AND CONTINUE TO CONDUCT MISSION IN ASSIGNED AO.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

FR: 0 KIA
3 MIA

EN: 2 KIA (CONF)
3 KIA (PROB)
2 PW/MVA
1 PW/VC
0 RET/VC
7 INN CIV
21 DETAINEES
4 WPHS OPTRD

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OPERATION MARYLAND SITREP 06, 261200H-261800H JUNE 67

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: 1/3 UNITS CONTINUED TO CONDUCT S&D OPERATIONS WITHIN ASSIGNED AO. PRESENT BLOCKING POSITIONS WERE MAINTAINED AND EXTENSIVE PATROLLING CONDUCTED.
3. CONTACTS: (LATE ENTRY) AT 252230H, 2/D/1/3 WHILE IN BLOCKING POSITION HEARD NOISE IN THE VIC OF (YD 947164). TWO GRENADES WERE THROWN AT SUSPECTED AREA RESULTING IN ONE VC KIA (CONF).
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
 - A. AT 0815H, 1/D/1/3 WHILE ON PATROL IN THE VIC (YD 966142) APPREHENDED THREE VN MALES. TWO OF WHICH HAD ALTERED I.D. CARDS, THE OTHER HAD REFUSED TO COME OUT OF HOUSE.
 - B. AT 1100H, C/1/3 FOUND THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES IN THE SAME HOUSE AS MEDICAL SUPPLIES REPORTED EARLIER (REF DIV J-93). FOUR ARMY BLANKETS, THREE MATTRESSES, AND SURGICAL MASK. ONE OLD VN MALE WITH LEG WOUND CAUSED BY GUN SHOT WAS IN THE HOUSE. VN MALE TO BE EVACUATED AS DETAINEE.
5. PLANS: 1/3 UNITS PREPARE TO MOVE SOUTH TO THE VIC OF YD 945145 ACROSS TO YD 972168. AND CONTINUE S&D OPERATIONS. 2/3 UNITS REMAIN IN PRESENT BLOCKING POSITIONS.

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ALL UNITS TO ESTABLISH IPS, AMBUSHES AND CONDUCT PATROLLING ACTIVITIES.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

FR: 0 KIA
3 WIA

EN: 3 KIA (CONF)
3 KIA (PROB)
2 PW/NVA
1 PW/VC
0 RET/VC
7 INN CIV
25 DETAINEES
4 WPNS CAPTRD

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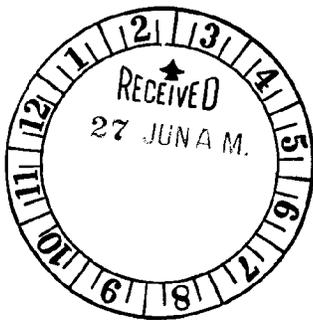
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OPERATION MARYLAND SITREP 07, 260000Z-262400Z JUNE 67

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE EXCEPT
D/1/3 YD942165
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION: *1/3* CONTINUED TO MAINTAIN BLOCKING POSITION.
ESTABLISHED AMBUSHES LP'S AND CONDUCTED EXTENSIVE PATROLLING.
3. CONTACTS:
 - A. AT 1715H APT WIND *D/1/3* APPREHENDED ONE PERSON AT (YD946200).
APT STATES THAT SHE IS ONE OF 15-20 PERSONNEL KNOWN TO BE HELPING
THE VC.



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- B. AT 1530H APT WITH D/1/3 APPREHENDED ONE FEMALE AT (YD947162). APT STAFF SHE HAS BEEN HELPING THE VC.
- C. AT 2215H AMBUSH PATROL FROM D/1/3 TOOK ONE VC UNDER S/A FIRE AT (YD947161) RESULTS ONE VC KIA (CONF).
- D. AT 2120H B/1/3 TOOK THREE VC UNDER FIRE AT (YD966177). RESULTING TO ONE VC KIA (CONF) AND ONE VC KIA (PROB). ALSO CAPTURED 13,285 PLASTERS AND ONE M-26 GRENADE.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE

5. PLANS: 1/3 TO CONTINUE SEARCH AND DESTROY MISSION. MAINTAIN AMBUSHING IP'S AND CONDUCT EFFENSIVE PATROLLING.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

FR: 0 KIA
3 WIA

EN: 5 KIA (CONF)
 4 KIA (PROB)
 2 PW/MIA
 1 PW/VC
 0 RET/VC
 7 INN CIV
 27 DETAINEES
 1 MENS CPED

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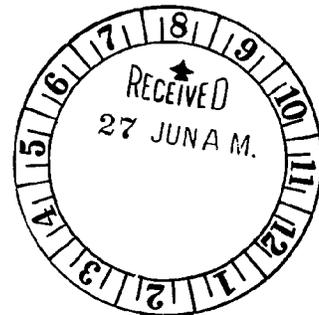
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OPERATION MARYLAND SITREP 06, 270000H-270600H JUNE 67

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE ✓
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: 1/3 CONTINUED TO MAINTAIN BLOCKING POSITIONS, INTERCEPTS, IPS, AND CONDUCT EXTENSIVE PATROL MISSIONS.
3. CONTACTS: AT 212345H 1/2/26 REC'D S/A FIRE FROM [unclear] AT A HOUSE V.C (YD 968127). RETURNED S/A FIRE RESULTING IN ONE VC KIA (CONF), ONE VC KIA (PROP), CAPTURED ONE D. MAZNER, ONE AK-47, TWO CHI COM MG WEAPONS, MA GAZINES, TWO CHI COM GRENADES, AND SIX 1/2 LB BLOCKS OF TNT.
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
5. PLANS: 1/3 TO CONTINUE SED MISSION WITH [unclear] AMBUSHES, IPS, AND CONDUCT PATROLING.
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

FR: 0 [unclear]

EN: 6 KIA CONF
 5 KIA PROP
 2 PW/NVA
 1 P1/VO
 0 RET/VO
 7 INM CIV
 28 DETAINEES
 7 WNS GRND

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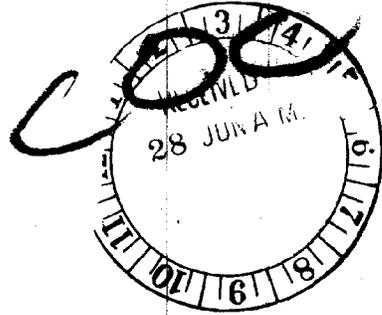
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OPERATION MARYLAND SITREP 09 270600H-271200H JUNE 67

1. INIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE EXCEPT:

<i>1/1/3</i>	YD 953161 TO YD 962154
<i>CP & 1/1/3</i>	YD 965175
<i>1/1/3</i>	YD 960142
<i>1/1/3</i>	YD 967163
<i>1/2/6</i>	YD 950157 TO YD 977123

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: 1/3 CONTINUED EXTENSIVE S&D OPERATIONS IN A SE DIRECTION WITHIN ASSIGNED AO.

3. CONTACTS: NONE

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. AT 0750H, 1/1/3 LOCATED 1,450 LBS RICE IN HIS VIC (YD 964160). RICE TO BE BAGGED AND RETURNED TO OG FOR DISPOSITION.

B. AT 0800H, 1/1/3 APPREHENDED TWO VN FEMALES (ONE W/BALX), AND TWO SPIDER TRAPS IN VIC OF (YD 958144). CHIEF HOI STATES THE TWO FEMALES ARE FOOD CARRIERS.

5. PLANS: 1/3 TO CONTINUE S&D OPERATIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

FR: 0 KIA
3 MIL.

EN: 6 KIA (CONF)
5 KIA (PROB)
2 H/NVA
1 PW/VC
0 MIA/VC
7 UNN CIV
30 RETAINEES
7 HENS QTRD

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- OPN MARYLAND SITREP #7, 261801-262400H JUN 67
1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE EXCEPT C/1/3 YDS42165
 2. SUMMARY OF OPN: 1/3 CONTD TO MAINTAIN BLOCKING PSN. ESTABLISHED AMBUSHES LP'S & CONDUCTED EXTENSIVE PATROLLING.
 3. CONTACTS: A. AT 715H APT WITH D/1/3 APPREHENDED ONE FEMALE AT (YD948164). APT STATES THAT SHE IS ONE OF 15-30 PERSONNEL KNOWN TO BE HELPING THE VC.
 - B. AT 1530H APT WITH D/1/3 APPREHENDED ONE FEMALE AT (YDS47162). APT STATES THAT SHE HAS BEEN HELPING THE VC.
 - C. AT 2215H AMBLH PTL FM D/1/3 TOOK ONE VC UNDER SA FIRE AT (YD947167). RESULTS ONE VC KIA(CONF).
 - D. AT 2120H B/1/3 TOOK 3 VC UNDER FIRE AT (YD966177). RESULTING IN 1 VC KIA(C) & 2 VC KIA(P). ALSO CPTD 13,285 PIASTERS & 1 M-26 GRENADE.
 4. SIG. EVENTS: NONE
 5. PLANS: 1/3 TO CONTINUE S&D MSN. MAINTAIN AMBUSHES LP'S & CONDUCT EXTENSIVE PATROLLING.
 6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES: FR: 3 WIA
EN: 5 KIA(C), 4 KIA(P), 2 PW/NVA, 1 PW/VC, 7 INN CIV, 27 DET,
4 WPNS; CPTD

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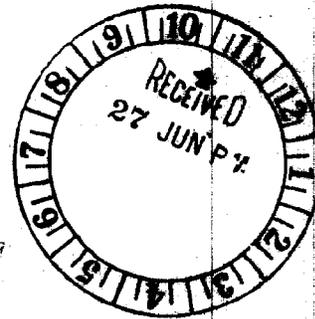
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OPN MARYLAND SITREP 09 270601-271200H JUN 67

1. LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE EXCEPT:

M/1/3 YD963161 TO YD962154

CP & B/1/3 YD965175

C/1/3 YD966142

E/1/3 YD947163

F/2/26 YD930157 TO YD971125

2. SUMMARY: 1/3 CONTINUED EXTENSIVE S&D OPNS IN A SE DIRECTION WITHIN ASSIGNED AO

3. CONTACTS: NONE

A. EVENTS: A. AT 0750H, M/1/3 LOCATED 1,450 LBS RICE IN THE VIC (YD 064160) RICE TO BE BAGGED AND RETURNED TO CP FOR DISPOSITION

B. AT 0800H, C/1/3 APPREHENDED TWO VN FEMALES (ONE W/BABY), AND TWO SPIDER TRAPS IN VIC OF (YD958144) CHIEU HOI STATES THE TWO FEMALES ARE FOOD CARRIERS

5. PLANS: 1/3 TO CONTINUE S&D OPNS IN ASSIGNED AO.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES: FR: 3 WIA

EW: 6 KIA CONF, 5 KIA PROB, 2 PW/NVA, 1 PW/VC, 7 INN CIV, 30 DET
7 WENS OPTRD.

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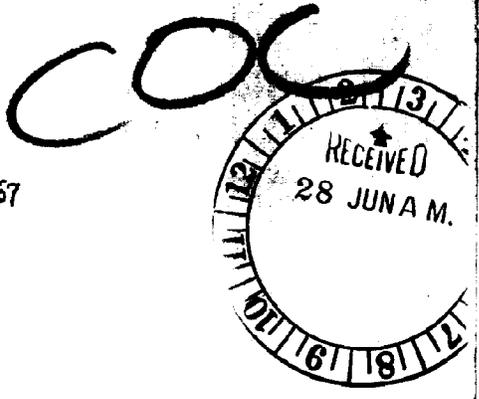
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OPERATION MARYLAND SITREP 10, 271201Z-271800Z JUNE 67

- 1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE EXCEPT

CP/1/3	YD 965175 AND MOVING
A/1/3	YD 969148
B/1/3	YD 965175 AND MOVING
C/1/3	YD 960141
D/1/3	YD 947163 AND MOVING
- 2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: 1/3 CONTINUED EXTENSIVE S&D MISSION WITHIN ASSIGNED AO.
- 3. CONTACTS: NONE
- 4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

- A. AT 1200H AP TEAM WITH C/1/3 APPREHENDED ONE MALE AND ONE FEMALE AT (YD 959143). BOTH DETAINEES APPEAR TO HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF VC ACTIVITIES IN PHU THU AREA.
- B. AT 1505H AP TEAM WITH D/1/3 APPREHENDED TWO FEMALES AT (YD 959147). AP TEAM INTERROGATED BOTH DETAINEES AND RECLASSIFIED THEM AS INN CIV.
- C. AT 1345H F/2/26 FOUND AN AMMO CAN CONTAINING TWO MAGAZINES, SEVEN STICKS OF TNT, TWO SUPPLEMENTARY CHARGES FOR ARTY ROUNDS AND ONE BOTTLE WITH SEVERAL DOCUMENTS AT (YD 957128).
- D. AT 1400H C/1/3 FOUND 5,600 LBS OF UNPOLISHED RICE IN TWO CONTAINERS COVERED WITH MUD AT (YD 957145). RICE TO BE EVACUATED.

- 5. PLANS: 1/3 TO CONTINUE S&D OPERATIONS ESTABLISH AMBUSHES, LP'S AND CONDUCT EXTENSIVE PATROLLING.
- 6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

FR: 0 KIA
3 WIA

EV: 6 KIA (CONF)
5 KIA (PROB)
2 PW/NVA
1 PW/VC

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EM: 0 REE VC
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7 WPNS CPTRD

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THIRD IN TWELFTH MAR

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OPERATION MARYLAND SITREP 11, 271800Z-272100Z JUNE 67



1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE EXCEPT:

C/1/3 YD 993113
B/1/3 YD 993113
W/1/3 YD 975112

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: 1/3 CONTINUED ASSIGNED MISSION, ESTABLISHING AMBUSHES LPS AND CONDUCTING EXTENSIVE PATROLLING.

3. CONTACTS: AT 1900H C/1/3 FOUND TWO VC IN A SPIDER TRAP AT (YD 963138). VC REFUSED TO COME OUT. A GRENADE WAS THROWN IN RESULTING IN ONE VC KIA (CONF) AND THE CAPTURE OF ONE WOUNDED DETAINEE.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: 7TH IFF REPORTED AT 1500H, THAT 18 DETAINEES HAVE BEEN RECLASSIFIED AS 16 IIRN CIV, ONE CIV DEF AND ONE PW/NVA.

5. PLANS: 1/3 TO MAINTAIN NIGHT TIME POSITIONS. MAINTAIN AMBUSHES, LPS, AND CONDUCT EXTENSIVE PATROLLING.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

FR: 0 KIA
3 WIA

EN: 7 KIA (CONF) ✓
5 KIA (PROB) ✓
2 PW/NVA ✓
1 PW/VC ✓
0 REF VC ✓
25 IIRN CIV ✓
35 DETAINEES ✓
7 WPNS CAPTR ✓
1 CIV DEF ✓

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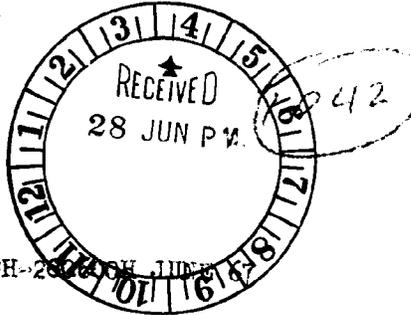
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THIRD BN TWELFTH PAR



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OPERATION MARYLAND SUPREP 12, 280000H-280000H JUNE 67

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: 1/3 UNITS BAIL AHEAD NIGHT TIL 3 POSITIONS AND COMMENCED MOVEMENT TO LZ EAGLE AND HAWK VIC (YD 9913 AND YD 9513).
3. CONTACTS: NONE
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: AT 0045H, AFTER RECEIVING ENEMY SNIPER FIRE A REGIMENT WENT TO WAKE HIS RELIEF FOR RADIO WATCH AND WAS MISTAKEN FOR ENEMY. HE WAS FIRED UPON AND WOUNDED IN THE RIGHT THIGH AND LEFT ARM AND HAND.
5. PLANS: 1/3 UNIT WILL COMMENCE HELO LIFT AT APPROX 0700H FROM LZ EAGLE VIC (YD 9913) TO COL CO BEACH. F/2/26 TO COMMENCE HELO LIFT AT APPROX 0700H FROM LZ HAWK VIC (YD 9513) TO PHU BAI COMBAT BASE. CHOP OPCON TO 2/26 UPON ARRIVAL. 1/3 CHOPPED OPCON TO TG 79.4 ON ORDER. UPON COMPLETION OF TROOP LIFT OPERATION MARYLAND TO TERMINATE ON ORDER.
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

FR: 0 KIA
4 WIL

EN: 7 KIA (CONF)
5 KIA (PROB)
2 PW/NVA
1 PW/VC
0 REF VC
9 INN CIV
35 DETAILINES
7 MPNS CAPTD

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OPERATION MARYLAND SITANO 15, 200501H-280800H JUN 67

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE.
2. SUM OF OPERATIONS: 1/3 UNIT MOVE TO LZ EAGLE AND HAWK AND COMMENCE TROOP LIFT AT 0700H. TROOP LIFT COMPLETED AT 0905H. F/2/26 CHOPPED OPCON FM 1/3 TB 2/26 AT 0905H. OPERATION MARYLAND WAS TERMINATED ON ORDER AT 0800H.
3. CONTACTS: NONE.
4. SIGN EVENTS: NONE.
5. PLANS: NONE.
6. CUM LOSSES: FR: 0 KIA, 4 WIA.
EN: 7 KIA(C) 5 KIA(P) 2PW/NVA 1 PW/VC
0 RET/VC 9 INN CIV 35 DETAINEES
7 WPNS CAPTURED

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SECTION I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA
4TH MERRINES (REIN)
CAMP PAUL O EVANS, VIETNAM
COMBAT REGT (YD 538321)

COMMANDING OFFICER	COLONEL R.H. THOMPSON (1Jul-9Jul67)
	COLONEL Wm. L. DICK (10Jul-31Jul67)
EXECUTIVE OFFICER	LTCOL J. M. MCGEE
S-1 ADJUTANT	2D LT B. J. SHAHAN
S-2 OFFICER	MAJOR T. F. QUALLS
S-3 OFFICER	MAJOR D. R. WALKER
S-4 OFFICER	MAJOR J. A. LINNEMAN
COMMUNICATION OFFICER	MAJOR J. W. CHRISTOPHERSON
ARTILLERY LIAISON OFFICER	MAJOR G. E. ELLIOT
AIR LIAISON OFFICER	MAJOR J. RYAN, JR.
REGIMENTAL SURGEON	LIEUTENANT T. D. GROSS, USNR (MC)
REGIMENTAL CHAPLAIN	LCDR B. G. FILMYER, USN (CC)
CO, HQ CO, 4TH M&R	2D LT H. D. MORIS (1Jul-14Jul67)
	CAPT P. K. HENDERSON (15Jul-31Jul67)
CO, 1ST BN, 4TH M&R (1Jul-6Jul67) (16Jul-31Jul67)	MAJOR R. C. BELL (1Jul-29Jul67)
	LTCOL E. A. DEPTULA (30Jul-31Jul67)
CO, 2D BN, 4TH M&R	LTCOL A. E. BENCH (1Jul-14Jul67)
	MAJOR W. FIELD (15Jul-18Jul67)
	LTCOL J. W. HAMMOND JR. (19Jul-31Jul67)

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CO, BCT, 2D BN, 3D MAR
(21Jul-26Jul67)

LTCOL

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SECTION II
 COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
 1-31 July 1967

Personnel - Administration

1. Personnel

a. Average monthly strength of Regimental Headquarters

<u>USMC</u>		<u>NAVY</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
20	214	2	4

b. Hostile and Non-Hostile Casualties:

<u>HOSTILE</u>			<u>NON-HOSTILE</u>		
<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>DOM</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>DOM</u>
0	12	0	0	1	0

c. Personnel Rotation during month:

<u>USMC</u>		<u>NAVY</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
1	6	0	0

d. Replacements received:

<u>USMC</u>		<u>NAVY</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
3	8	0	1

e. Summary:

(1) There are critical personnel shortages in the following MOS's:

one - 0302
 two - 2815
 five - 2831

(2) Administration. Functioning in accordance with Division Order 5450.1.

(3) All administrative personnel received on-the-job training in the field during Operations FREMONT and CUMBERLAND. This training consisted of all phases of administration under combat conditions.

(4) During the entire period of this report 50% of the personnel in the S-1/Adjutant Section were members of the reaction platoon. They

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participated actively in the defense of the CO BI THANH TAN TACH to supplement base security and defense. Inspection of personnel and equipment were held by the section head to assure that personnel and equipment were in a high state of readiness.

2. Staff studies and estimates: None
3. Local Newspapers: None
4. Photographs: None
5. Discipline, Courts-Martial and NJP
 - a. Courts-Martials: 0
 - b. NJP: Three
6. Morale, PX, Postal Affairs, Liberty and RER:
 - a. Morale: Morale is considered excellent
 - b. PX: Numerous Post Exchange items are currently stocked in our PX located at the forward echelon by the PX Officer from PHU BAI. This has been a definite asset to the Marines in the field and a tremendous morale booster for all hands.
 - c. Postal: Unit #7 of the Third Marine Division Post Office is functioning to facilitate all out going and incoming mail in the Operation area.
 - d. Liberty: None
 - e. RER: Quotas for the month were adequate and sufficient for one of each twelve Marines of the rolls. RER continues to contribute to high morale.
7. Chaplain Support and Religious Services:
 - a. Worship services were conducted in the field for those of the Catholic and Protestant faiths.
 - b. Lay leaders assisting in accordance with Division Order 1730.2.

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SECTION III
COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1-31 July 1967

INTELLIGENCE

1. During the period 1-9 July 67 the 4th Marines conducted Operation CHOCTAW in the northern THUA THIEN Province, and southern QUANG TRI Province. The Intelligence summary for that period is included in the CHOCTAW After Action Report.
2. During the period 1-31 July 67, the 4th Marines were conducting Operation CUMBERLAND in THUA THIEN Province, NAM HOA District. The Intelligence summary for that period is to be included in the CUMBERLAND After Action Report.
3. During the period 10-31 July the 4th Marines were conducting Operation FREMONT in northern THUA THIEN Province, and southern QUANG TRI Province. The Intelligence summary for that period is to be included in the FREMONT After Action Report.
4. During the period 1-31 July 67 a daily rifle inspection was conducted on the personnel in the S-2 section to insure the rifles were in condition for immediate use. An AK-47 is being maintained by the S-2 for demonstration and schooling purposes.

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SECTION IV
 COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
 1-31 July 1967

OPERATIONS AND TRAINING

1. During this reporting period, the Fourth Marine Regimental Headquarters participated in Operations CHOCTAW, CUMBERLAND, and FREMONT in PHONG DIEN and N.M. HO Districts. Detailed reports will be submitted in the respective After Action Reports. Excerpts from the After Action Reports are as follows:

- 1 Jul: One section LVTs from 1st Antrac Bn arrived CUMBERLAND and chopped OPCON to 1/4.
- 6 Jul: Two sections, 1st SLT Btry arrived Camp EVANS and chopped OPCON from 12th Marines to 3d Battalion, 12th Marines.
- 7 Jul: Assured OPCON of all units on Base perimeter, DONG HA, assuming responsibility for defense of DONG HA Combat Base, CAU VIET, and GIO LINH. Command Group displaced to DONG HA. Suspended Operation CUMBERLAND and chopped OPCON 1st Bn (-), 4th Marines to CG, 3rd MarDiv.
- 8 Jul: EGEN L. METZGER visited Camp EVANS from 1425H to 1515H.
- 9 Jul: Operation CHOCTAW terminated.
- 10 Jul: Operation FREMONT commenced. Change of command effected with COL Wm. L. BECK relieving COL R. H. THOMPSON as CO, 4th Marines.
- 11 Jul: Chopped OPCON and responsibility for DONG HA Combat Base, CAU VIET, and GIO LINH to CG, 3d MarDiv and Command Group returned to Camp EVANS.
- 15 Jul: EGEN L. METZGER visited Camp EVANS for change of command ceremony for 2d Battalion, 4th Marines.
- 16 Jul: Assured OPCON 1st Battalion, 4th Marines from 9th Marines on arrival from DONG HA.
- 17 Jul: Resumed Operation CUMBERLAND. C/1/4 was chopped to 2/4.
- 20 Jul: 1st Battalion, 4th Marines chopped section of antracs to parent unit.
- 21 Jul: Assumed OPCON BLT 2/3 from CTG 79.5
- 22 Jul: LTJEN R. E. CUSHMAN visited Camp EVANS from 0925H to 1000H.
- 26 Jul: Chopped OPCON BLT 2/3 to CTG 79.5
- 27 Jul: C/1/4 chopped from 2/4 back to 1/4.

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2. CG, 3d Mar Div, MAJOR B. F. HOBBINS, visited Camp EVANS on the below listed days and times:

10 Jul	1710-1735
20 Jul	1035-1100
22 Jul	0640-1000
23 Jul	1310-1340
26 Jul	1125-1200
28 Jul	1035-1120

3. Training during this period was limited to extensive OJT due to operational commitments. In addition, further familiarization firing was conducted with the M-16 rifle. The personnel of the Operations and Training Section had practical experience in infantry tactics as part of the Camp PAUL O. EVANS reaction platoon. Also, first aid training was conducted by personnel of the Regimental Aid Station on a weekly basis.

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SECTION V
 COMMAND AIR POLICE
 1-31 July 1967

LOGISTICS

Supply

1. Primary source of supply remained FLSG-A, PHU BAI. Supply point distribution was maintained from the ISA. The flow of supplies remained sufficient to support operations and no critical shortages were experienced.
2. On 15 July IG inspection occurred, including supply, embarkation, MT and Ordnance.

Resupply

1. Resupply for July was accomplished by helicopter.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Helo</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Helo</u>
1Jul67	3650	19Jul67	6300
2Jul67	7000	20Jul67	15250
4Jul67	3150	21Jul67	14800
6Jul67	10150	23Jul67	14450
8Jul67	7150	24Jul67	17000
9Jul67	7000	25Jul67	3000
11Jul67	6850	26Jul67	10250
12Jul67	9450	28Jul67	16050
13Jul67	9100	30Jul67	13500
14Jul67	4200	31Jul67	8500
15Jul67	7600		
16Jul67	7700		
17Jul67	6900		

2. Total helicopter resupply for July 211,000

Maintenance

1. Third and fourth echelon maintenance was provided by FLSG-A. Contact teams were also provided by FLSG-A.

Transportation

1. Third Motor Transport Battalion continued to conduct a daily "Roadrunner" between PHU BAI and Camp EVANS. Significant activities included:

3 July -- Bridge damaged by VC explosive device at ID 604311. Convoys required to use bypass.

9 July - 1/4 departed from CUMBERLAND to DONG HA.

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16 July - Pontoon bridge blown at Check Point 21. Two companies 1/4 plus B&S arrived. Thirty nine trucks remained overnight (From DONG HA with 1/4). Engineers repaired bridge.

17 July - Convoy from DONG HA carrying 1/4 remained overnight.

18 July - 1/4 convoy proceeded to CUMBERLAND. "Roadrunner" held for four hours on possible emergency move.

20 July - CUMBERLAND truck convoy taken under fire. One M-35 vehicle destroyed.

24 July - 1/4 rear began move to PHU BAI.

27 July - Co C 1/4 to CUMBERLAND from Camp EVANS.

28 July - Platoon of Ontos to CUMBERLAND

31 July - Eight trucks with troops returned. "Roadrunner" truck accident killed one Marine. Twenty men from Shore Party to PHU BAI.

3. 2d and 3d ME Platoon logged 7,585 miles, carried 8,313 troops and 948,000 lbs of cargo during July.

Services

1. "B" Company Engineers continued to provide daily mine sweeps and water point distribution and control. A continuous road building project was enhanced by the procurement of asphalt. Co B, 3d Engineer Battalion continues to assist and control all road and bridge damage in area of responsibility. A total of ten mines were located on routine mine sweeps.

2. EOD team from FLSG-4 exploded fifteen tons of Grade III ammo.

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SECTION VI
 COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
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COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

1. Normal communications were maintained between this, senior and subordinate Headquarters except teletype service due to lack of maintenance personnel and maintenance support. Division TAC net #2 goes covered when requested. Covered radio and teletype capabilities maintained with the CUMBERLAND area. There were no security violations reported. The Command's communication network received 1285 messages and delivered 475 messages during this period.

2. Lack of supply and maintenance support still imposes a handicap on certain electronic equipment. Critical items are:

RT-524

2 of 4 authorized (1 code X) WO 1-7600-7
 17Mar67 and one in maintenance system
 (During the month of July)

AN/TGC-144/V

3 of 6 authorized in maintenance system
 and 3 of 6 on Pri 02 regn Doc # 7168-0001
 and 7173-0003

AN/GGC-3

2 of 3 authorized in maintenance system

AN/TPS-21

2 of 3 authorized in maintenance system

There is a critical need for one KW-7, one KW-8 and one radar repairman.

3. Established a manual retransmission facility on Hill 674 on 17 June 1967 and continuing. Established radio relay communication to the CUMBERLAND operating area.

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6. Naval Gunfire.

Significant events: Naval gunfire support was utilized in the Fourth Marines area of operations on two occasions during the month of July:

A. In support of the security element for the survey party from USS SERRA RAND (AGS-24), which was located adjacent to the HUONG DIEN sub-sector headquarters. USS WEDDERBURN (DD-684) was on station for three days. I&I fires were coordinated through the Fourth Marines FSOC.

B. In support of BLT 2/3 while it conducted a search and clear operation in the MY CHINH area as a part of Operation FREMONT. USS MONTGOMERY (DD-948) was on station five days in support of this Operation.

Summary:

A. Ships in support Days on station

USS WEDDERBURN (DD-684)	3
USS MONTGOMERY (DD-948)	5

B. Missions fired:

Observed	6
Unobserved	8
I&I	33
Total	47

C. Ammunition expended

	HE	ILL	WP	TOTAL
5"38	262	66	0	328
5"54	150	0	0	150

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**SECTION VIII
COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1-31 July 1967**

AIR SUPPORT AND DEFENSE

1. Air support requirements. During the period covered this Headquarters received the following air support:

A. Helicopter

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Req</u>	<u>Troops</u>	<u>Res/Log/Ldnin</u>	<u>Modvna</u>
REGT	87	283	8,500	44
1/4	34	253	16,250	51
2/4	43	630	214,130	103
2/3	1	0	200	3
JRVN	1	550	0	0
	166	1716	239,080	201

B. Airstrikes

During the period covered this Headquarters requested 8 fixed wing sorties. These sorties were requested in support of helicopter landings in the form of landing zone prep. 17 other missions were scrubbed and utilized on enemy troops and occupied bunkers and foxholes. The ordnance reported to have been expended is as follows:

<u>Type</u>	<u>Amount</u>
D1	29
D6	7
D25	4
D2	644

C. TPQ 10 targets

Req	443
Hit	236
Ton	217.75

2. Air support provided: The air support provided was acceptable, periods of nonavailability being nearly nonexistent. Medovac reaction time continues to be outstanding and all medovacs seldom respond more than 20 minutes in the field after their injury is reported.

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SECTION IX
 COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
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MEDICAL AND DENTAL AFFAIRS

1. Medical

a. Average daily patient visits	08
b. Referrals to 4 Medical Company	05
c. Acute Diarrhea with gastroenteritis	03
d. Emergency Medical Care	10
1. Friendly	08
2. Enery	02
3. MedCap	1,776
e. Routine Immunizations	234

2. Dental

a. Average daily patient visits	16
b. Referrals to 3rd Dental Company	11

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**SECTION I
COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1-31 July 1967**

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY 4TH MARINES (-) (REIN)

1. Personnel.

(a) The chargeable strength as of 31 July 1967 was:

USMC		NAVY		TOTAL
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	
20	214	2	4	250

(b) Hostile and Non-Hostile Casualties:

HOSTILE			NON-HOSTILE		
<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>DOW</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>DOW</u>
0	12	0	0	1	0

(c) Personnel rotating during month:

USMC		NAVY	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
1	6	0	0

(d) Replacements received:

USMC		NAVY	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
3	8	0	1

2. Supply. Number of requisitions submitted to FISG-ALPHA during the month 262. 13 were filled for a 4.9% completion rate.

3. Motor Transport. Company motor transport vehicles traveled 1825 miles during the month. Three vehicles deadlined to FLSU during July. Two vehicles still deadlined for 2nd echelon maintenance.

4. Training. Training for the company during the month of July consisted mainly of 48 men FPM firing the M16A1, 500 rounds, 15 firing the .45 cal. pistol, 12 firing M79 grenade launcher. 37 personnel attended first aid lecture and M-16 lecture. Reactionary Platoon attended 15 hours of first aid lecture. (combat casualties)

5. Operations. The elements of Headquarters Company continued on Operation CUMBERLAND. On 10 July 1967, Operation FREMONT commenced. A rear is maintained in PHU BAI to facilitate the movement of supplies and new personnel to the operations area. Regimental snipers operated with outlying

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units and had two confirmed kills, seven probable KIA's and no probable WIA while sustaining one WIA.

6. Problem areas. No significant problem areas developed.

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SECTION XI
COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1-31 July 1967

CIVIL AFFAIRS

Civil Affairs

Part I: Statistical Summary. During the period covered the following commodities were distributed:

Cement	28 bags
Cooking Oil	6 cases
Tin	220 sheets
Rice	86 bags
Wheat	7 bags
Corn	4 bags
Salt	1 case
School Kits	2 boxes
Powered Milk	2 cases

Part II: Narrative Summary. Ten bags of cement were delivered to the Catholic village (YD 528347) to be used for making well casings. These casings will be used throughout different villages. One load of wood was delivered to the new refugee hamlet (YD 531340).

The Psy War Team has accompanied each Med Cap and has obtained good results in each village.

One hundred and twenty-five sheets of tin and six bags of cement were distributed to new refugees hamlet. These commodities will be used to build kitchens and head facilities.

Work on the Buddhist temple (YD 525348) is progressing satisfactorily. The most damaged section of the temple has been repaired.

Fifteen people were killed and eighteen injured when a civilian bus hit a mine on Highway #1 located about 2½ miles north of PHONG DIEN. The Regimental Surgeon with his section and Civil Affairs Team were called to the accident to provide assistance. One Vietnamese boy was evacuated from PHONG DIEN at 1700, 14 July due to 3rd degree burns over most of his body. The boy was reported to have been playing with an illumination grenade.

The Civil Affairs Team delivered 5 bags of bulgar wheat, 3 bags of corn, 3 cases of cooking oil, and 3 cases of powdered milk to PHONG DIEN District Headquarters to feed approximately 15 new refugee families that just moved into the village.

Four bags of rice, 5 bags of cement, some cooking oil, four boxes of salt and a pig which was brought in from the operation were distributed

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to the Catholic Village. Forty-six bags of rice captured on the operation were turned over to the District Headquarters.

Part III: Med Cap. The Med Cap Team has been active during July. The shower unit is still being used with good success. The Med Cap routine has been conducted as follows:

Monday	1000	New refugee hamlet	(YD 531340)
Tuesday	1000	Buddhist Refugee Hamlet	(YD 528348)
Wednesday	1000	District Medical Station	(YD 528344)
Thursday	1000	Catholic Refugee Hamlet	(YD 528347)

A total of 1776 people were treated for various diseases and infections during the month of July. Also 410 children were showered with the portable shower unit during this period.

UNIT results: GAT and Med Cap continue to enjoy cordial relations throughout the various hamlets. Projects for previous months are being undertaken and are slowly nearing completion.

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**4th Marine Regiment
Supporting Documents, Jul 1967**

- Encl 1 Msg 030807 Z Subj: Planning Conference**
- 2 Ovl 200315 Z Subj: Overlay to Accompany 4th Marines Message on
Boundary Extension; Operation CUMBERLAND**
- 3 Msg 221115 Z Subj: Operation CUMBERLAND: Current Status**
- 4 Msg 260025 Z Subj: CUMBERLAND Area Security Mission**

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PLANNING CONFERENCE

A. CG , 3D MARDIV 021123Z JUL 67

1. IAW REF A THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ARE SUBMITTED PERTINENT TO THE SUBJECT PLANNING CONFERENCE TO BE HELD ON 6 JUL 67.

A. UNITS ANTICIPATED TO REMAIN IN PHONG DIEN DISTRICT VIC CAMP EVANS.

B. ENVISION OPERATING AREA TO EXTEND FROM THE SONG NHUNG (VIC YD 390464) SOUTHWEST BEYOND THE SONG BO ABOUT 2,000 METERS. IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE LATTER EXTENSION WILL ENHANCE SUCCESSFUL COMBINED OPERATIONS ON BOTH SIDES OF THIS MAIN THOROUGHFARE.

C. THE GENERAL CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS INCLUDES AN ACTIVE SCREEN PARALLEL TO NTL RT 1 FROM THE SONG NHUNG TO AN LO WITH AN EMPHASIS ON EXTENSIVE NIGHTTIME ACTIVITIES. SMALL UNIT ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE AO WITH ALL FORCES AVAILABLE IS THE KEY TO DENYING THE ENEMY THE LINES OF COMMUNICATIONS HE REQUIRES TO OBTAIN FOOD, SUPPLIES, AND

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MAINTAIN HIGH MORALE.

D. THERE WILL BE NO MAJOR CHANGE IN THE GENERAL CONCEPT TO PREVENT THE ENEMY FROM INTERFERING WITH THE FORTHCOMING CAMPAIGNS AND AND ELECTION. IT WILL BE ASSURED THAT THE SCREEN BETWEEN THE MOUNTAINOUS

AREA AND THE POPULATED AREAS (PARAI, C. ABOVE) WILL BE IN PLACE AND ACTIVE. ALSO THAT THE UNITS WORKING CLOSELY WITH LOCAL FORMCES CONTINUE THEIR EFFORTS AND THE REACTION FORCE IS IN SUCH A POSTURE THAT IT MIGHT REACT ON A SHORT NOTICE BY FOOT, VEHICLE, OR AIR.

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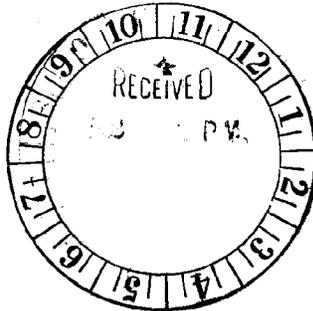
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SUBJ: OPERATION CUMBERLAND: CURRENT STATUS

A. CG 35 MAR DIV 202047Z JUL 67

1. ON 22 JUL 67, CG FOURTH MARINES VISITED THE CUMBERLAND OPERATIONAL AREA. REPRESENTATIVE OF FA3, ENGINEERS, AND LSA ARE ON THE SCENE TO FINALIZE THE INTERNAL ARRANGEMENT FOR THE FORWARD ARTILLERY POSITION. PROGRESS TO DATE INDICATES SITE WILL BE READY FOR INITIAL BATTAL FA3 ELEMENTS WITHIN FIVE DAYS. (28 JULY).

2. 60 TON BRIDGE VIC (YD 7513) WILL BE COMPLETED ON 29 JUL 67, ASSUMING NO UNFORSEEN CONSTRUCTION DELAYS. IN ADDITION, MCB REPRESENTATIVES INDICATE THAT ROCKCRUSHER SITE ADJACENT TO SOUTHWEST END TO BRIDGE WILL BE FULLY OPERATIONAL ON 3 AUGUST 67.

3. IN RESPONSE TO REF A, A FORWARD ARTILLERY POSITION WILL BE PREPARED FOR OCCUPANCY OF 175MM GUN BEGINNING 28 JUL 67.

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CUMBERLAND AREA SECURITY MISSION

1. WITHIN THE PAST MONTH ENEMY AMBUSH AND HARRASSING ACTIVITIES HAVE INCREASED IN THE CUMBERLAND AREA OF OPERATION. CONSEQUENTLY, THERE HAS BEEN A DECREASE IN THE AMOUNT OF WORK ACCOMPLISHED IN THE U

UPGRADING OF ROUTE 947 AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE FORWARD ARTILLERY POSITION.

2. THE NORMAL SECURITY STEPS INherent IN OPERATING IN TERRAIN THAT

IS CONDUCTIVE OF AMBUSH ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN TAKEN. THESE INCLUDE MAXIMUM PATROLLING ACTIVITIES; REINFORCEMENT OF CONVOYES WITH TRACK VEHICLES AND INCREASED FIREPOWER; UNINTERRUPTED COMMUNICATIONS; USE OF RECON BY FIRE; LIMITED DEFILIAATION; A/C'S S ON STATION AND THE UTILIZATION OF REACTION FORCES. IN ADDITION, CONBOY MOVEMENT TIMES VARY DAILY AND SCOUT DOGS ARE USED TO SUPPLEMENT SECURITY PATROLS.

3. ADDITIONAL NON-ORGANIC SUPPORT THAT, IF AVAILABLE, WOULD ENHANCE THE SECURITY AND ENGINEERING EFFORT INCLUDE THE ENGINEER CLEARING OF ROADSIDES (SIMILAR TO THE CAM LO-CON THIEN ROAD), THE EMPLOYMENT OF

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HELIBORNE CONDENSATION UNUCLEI DEVICES (USA), AND M-55 SUPPORT FOR CONBOY SECURITY. THE THREE M-55S PRESENTLY ASSIGNED TO THE 4TH MARINES ARE REQUIRED TO SUPPORT OPERATION FREMONT ATAMP EVANS.

4. AIT IS REQUESTED THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO PROVIDING THE ADDITIONAL SUPPORT SET FORTH IN APARA 3. ABOVE.

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