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Encl: (1) Fifth Marines Command Chronology
(2) Headquarters Company, Fifth Marines Command Chronology
(3) First Battalion, Fifth Marines Command Chronology
(4) Second Battalion, Fifth Marines Command Chronology
(5) Third Battalion, Fifth Marines Command Chronology
(6) Combat After Action Report (Henderson Hill)

1. In accordance with the provisions of reference (a), (b) and (c), enclosures (1) through (6) are submitted as the Command Chronology for the Fifth Marine Regiment for the period 1-31 December 1968.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 December to 31 December 1968

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PART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. Designation

5th Marine Regiment

Colonel J. B. ORD, JR.

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Company, 5th Marines
1st Battalion, 5th Marines
2nd Battalion, 5th Marines
3rd Battalion, 5th Marines

1stLt A. A. DORNBACH
LtCol R. F. DALEY
LtCol J. W. STEMPLE
LtCol E. E. ATKINSON

ATTACHED UNITS

None

2. Location

Quang Nam Province, An Hoa, RVN Regimental CP

3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer

LtCol B. A. PATES, JR.

S-1

Capt R. E. STONER

S-2

Maj P. E. O'TOOLE

S-3

Maj J. F. CODY 1-14Dec68

S-4

Maj R. H. RIDGELY III 15-31Dec68

S-5

Maj L. A. BEHYMER

CommO

1stLt D. L. NEWMAN

MTO

Maj R. E. EDWARDS

Regt SupplyO

1stLt R. D. STROM

HqCo SupplyO

1stLt J. F. CONNELLY

Regimental Chaplain

2ndLt D. G. KEATING

Regimental Surgeon

LtCdr B. A. AHERN, USNR

Lt J. E. MCGILLICUDDY, USNR

4. Average Monthly StrengthUSMCUSNOFFENLOFFENL

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1. On 1 December 1968, the Fifth Marines continued operations in the assigned AO with 1/5 and Co M 3/5 opcon to the Regiment. 2/5 and 3/5 (-) were opcon to the First Marines while participating in Operation Meade River.
2. In order to assist the 5th Marines in securing its AO with the forces available, the Americal Division commenced operations in the Eastern Regimental AO and continued operations in that area throughout December. During this period, units of Americal discovered bodies of over 300 of the enemy apparently previously killed by air and artillery in support of the 5th Marines.
3. Additional assistance in securing the AO was provided by the 1st ARVN Ranger Group under the command of LtCol HUY. The Ranger Group was composed of the 21st, 37th, and 39th ARVN Ranger Battalions.
4. BLT 2/7 came under 5th Marines opcon on 5 December and remained with the Regiment until 25 December.
5. Operation Henderson Hill terminated at 062400H December 1968. A highly successful operation, Henderson Hill ended with a total of 435 NVA KIA and 267 VC KIA. For detailed information see enclosed After Action Report.
6. Operation Taylor Common under the command of Task Force Yankee (BGen DWYER) commenced on 070001H Dec. At 070830H, BLT 2/7 landed in LZ Champagne in the Arizona Area to begin the attack. With BLT 2/7 providing the blocking force, the 1st ARVN Ranger Group attacked SW through the Arizona Area toward BLT 2/7's positions. Upon completion of this phase, ARVN forces continued to conduct S&C operations in the Arizona Area. During the month of December, the 1st ARVN Ranger Group with the aid of FWF Supporting Arms killed 492 NVA and 38 VC while sustaining 69 ARVN KIA and 273 wounded.
7. On 7 and 8 December, 2/5 and 3/5 (-) returned to opcon of the Fifth Marines and in conjunction with 1/5, conducted a two day Regimental sweep of the area between Liberty Bridge and An Hoa. While the number of enemy killed was relatively small for the maneuver, enemy operations in the area were noticeably disrupted and the area stabilized prior to the departure of 2/5 and 3/5 (-) to opcon of the Third Marines.
8. On 11 December 3/5 minus Co L, chopped to the Third Marines. Co L provided security for Kilo Battery 3/11 in establishing a fire base (MARNE) to support operations of Third Marines in the canopy. 2/5 chopped to the Third Marines on 13 December. On 23 December, Fire Base Marne was disestablished having provided fire support until additional fire bases could be established further inland.

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9. On 25 December, BLT 2/7 returned to opoon of the Seventh Marines.

10. The remainder of the month, the Fifth Marines continued to conduct small unit operations with 1/5 and one company from 3/5 in order to engage the enemy and spoil his attempted attacks on An Hoa. During December, numerous small mortar attacks were made on An Hoa resulting in only minimum material damage being done to the base, and with no casualties. Occasional small mortar attacks and ground probes were made by the enemy against CAP's 2-9-1 and 2-9-2 without success. Lack of troops in the 5th Marines AO was successfully counter-balanced by increased use of supporting arms.

11. Base defenses were greatly improved during December as all units turned to in a maximum effort. Base development at An Hoa moved ahead at a rapid pace while preparations were made to receive Task Force Yankee, the Third Marines, and Taylor Common supporting units.

12. The 24 hour Christmas truce became effective at 241800H and within 10 minutes the first of seven violations initiated by the enemy occurred. Violations were responded to with decisive and overwhelming force.

13. The remainder of December was characterized by small unit offensive operations throughout the AO as 1968 came to a close.

14. For detailed information see the After Action Reports for Operations Henderson Hill and Taylor Common.

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15 Dec 1968PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Personnel and Administration

- a. The command received an input of 32 officers and 572 enlisted personnel during the month of December 1968.
- b. A total of 5 officers and 160 enlisted personnel were medically evacuated out of RVN during the month.
- c. The average chargeable strength for the Regiment was 105 Marine Officers, 3418 Marine Enlisted, 11 Naval Officers and 167 Naval Enlisted personnel.

Casualties for the month of December

<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIAE</u>	<u>WIANE</u>	<u>NBCE</u>
18	119	38	7

2. Intelligence

- a. General. During the month of December the S-2 section continued collection, analysis, and dissemination of intelligence information in support of Operations Henderson Hill and Taylor Common.

(1) During the reporting period liaison was continued in the An Hoa AO with intelligence collection agencies of GVN. The use of their operational personnel continued to provide valuable and current information concerning the organization and functioning of the enemy clandestine logistical support apparatus and NVA/VC operational units.

(2) Close operational coordination with Duc Duc District Headquarters and the First Reconnaissance Battalion permitted maximum surveillance and information of suspected enemy movements and locations.

- b. Cumulative enemy losses during the reporting period are as follows:

(1) NAV KIA 89/VC KIA 236

(2) DETAINEES 102

(a) NVA PW	0	(e) CIV DEF	19
(b) VC PW	3	(f) INN CIV	70
(c) NVA RTNE	3	(g) DOW	1
(d) VC RTNE	6	(h) UNCLASSIFIED	0

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(3) WEAPONS CAPTURED

(a) INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS 25

(b) CREW SERVED WEAPONS 0

(4) CAP 2-9-1 and 2-9-2 received no rallies during this reporting period.

c. Significant Aspects of Enemy, Weather, and Terrain(1) Enemy

(a) Enemy activity throughout the Regimental AO, while decreasing in intensity, increased in frequency during the reporting period. An increase in enemy sightings in the southwestern sector of the AO and in the Arizona Area was detected in early December. The general direction of movement was northeast, with indications that it originated in Base Area 112. In the latter part of the reporting period, the number of sightings in these areas lessened and there was no evident pattern as to direction of movement. As a result of FWF operations north of Go Noi Island and the heavy bombardment of the Island itself, numerous sightings took place in the northeastern sector of the AO, over a historically established enemy LOC stretching from western Go Noi Island to the mountainous regions in the southeastern portion of the AO. The predominant direction of movement was south-southeast.

(b) No significant enemy contact was made in the AO at the onset of Taylor Common which commenced at 070001 Dec 68. However an increasing number of booby trap and terrorist incidents have occurred during the reporting period. Terrorist activities included firing M-79 rounds into the Duc Duc Refugee Center, the slaying of an innocent civilian on Liberty Road, and the assassination of the Sub-Hamlet Chief of Mau Chanh (2). There were indications that enemy morale was quite low in the east-northeast portions of the AO. Four enemy from this area chieu Hoied in the second half of the reporting period. The general state of morale was reported as low, due to Marine air and artillery strikes, and the lack of adequate food and medical supplies.

(c) Due to an extension granted to the Americal Division, the 5th Marines AO was reduced in size in its southeastern area. A significant contact was made by three ARVN Ranger Battalions in the Arizona Area. The ARVN's made heavy contact with the 21st NVA Regiment. Indications are that the Regiment's Headquarters Group was located in the area swept by the ARVN Forces, and that all elements of the 21st NVA Regiment were contacted. Numerous low level agent reports also placed elements of the Q83 LF Battalion in the northern sector of the Arizona Area. However no contact was made with this unit. Other than the Q81 LF Battalion, which operated in the eastern half of the AO. There were no positive indications of other identifiable units working in the AO.

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(d) Reports of numerous bunkers in varying stages of construction suggest continued efforts by the enemy to fortify hamlets in the eastern and northeastern portions of the AO. A large rice cache (AT955523) was also uncovered in this area.

(e) The enemy continued to show no willingness to risk the defeat of his major units in an all-out effort against friendly base camps, outposts, or maneuver elements.

(2) Weather. The weather for the most part was partly cloudy, with a four day period of heavy clouds and moderate showers during the latter half of the reporting period. For the most part weather enhanced the use of air support in the AO.

(3) Terrain. The terrain has not hampered or appreciably influenced either friendly or enemy activity in the AO.

d. Miscellaneous

(1) Rice Captured:	92.9 Tons
(2) Ordnance:	
Chicom Grenades	29
RPG Boosters	4
AK-47 Ammo	60 Rounds
M-26 Grenades	1
RPG Rounds	3
82MM Rounds	24
(3) Equipment:	
Assorted 782 Gear	55 lbs.
Clothing	20 lbs
AK-47 Magazines	1
Chicom MG Magazines	1
Carbine Magazines	3
Medical Gear	10 lbs.
(4) Caches:	
AT955523	70 Tons Rice
AT825520	20 Tons Rice
AT840530	5 Tons Rice
	180 lbs. Corn

3. Training

a. During the period 1-31 December 1968, the following schools were attended by personnel of this command:

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(1)	Officers Leadership Course	2
(2)	Staff NCO Leadership Course	6
(3)	NCO Leadership Course	12
(4)	Vietnamese Language (III MAF)	1
(5)	Registered Publications Course	1
(6)	Basic Infantry Weapons Repair	2
(7)	Division Scout Sniper School	6
(8)	Basic Organic Supply Accounting	5
(9)	Basic Ammo Tech School	1
(10)	Career Advisory Course	1
(11)	Comm Crypto School	1
(12)	Kit Carson Orientation	3

b. The Regiment continued it's indoctrination training for all newly assigned personnel.

4. Operations

During the month of December all operational activities of the Fifth Marines were included in Operations Henderson Hill and Taylor Common.

5. Fire Support

In addition to normal operations, fire support and fire support coordination was provided for the 1st Ranger Group and 1/3 1st ARVN Division. Their units operating in coordination and cooperation with the Fifth Marines.

6. Air Support

a. See Enclosure (6).

b. On 11 December 1968, the TAGLOG under Task Force Yankee assumed responsibility for conducting resupply and tactical air support.

7. Logistics, Equipment, and Supply

a. Base Development: Base development during December can best be described as spectacular. In order to improve the capabilities of the base to support increased combat operations, the airfield was completely resurfaced (with AM-2 matting on the runway and turnarounds, and new MBAL matting on the taxiways and parking apron) and a new LSA was constructed (400' X 140' of MBAL). The location of the new LSA necessitated relocation of the Second Battalion to an area previously outside the perimeter. Construction of this new cantonment necessitated construction of (6) strong backs and (60) tent decks and relocation of many other structures. A new cantonment (18 tent decks) was also constructed for 1st Force Reconnaissance Company as well as numerous strong backs and tent decks for Task Force Yankee Headquarters, 3rd Marines Headquarters and other units located here. In addition several large bunkers were constructed and installation of a GCA

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was completed. NMGB-3 which laid the new runway and built the LSA has also commenced work on the following major construction projects;

- (1) Installation of new LAEDS and 600' X 60' helicopter refueling strip.
- (2) Construction of 7 new ammunition storage revetments and refurbishment of 15 existing ones.
- (3) Construction of a 500 man messhall.

b. Supply Support. Increased operations necessitated a large increase in the amount of Class I, III and V supplies consumed at An Hoa or in the field by units supported from the combat base. The following amounts of consumable supplies (by type) were received at An Hoa during December:

Class I - 622 Tons
Class III - 320 Tons
Class V - 546 Tons

In addition, 380 tons of Class II material was delivered via RUC line at LSU An Hoa to units located here.

c. Land Transportation. Unusually good weather during December permitted the delivery of necessary supplies, equipment and construction material to support the base development described above and the increased tempo of combat operations. However, continued lack of positive action by the agency tasked with maintenance on the MSR portends rapid deterioration should weather conditions worsen.

d. Air Transportation. Improvements in the airfield facilities described above have given An Hoa a greatly increased capability both to receive fixed wing aircraft and to operate helicopters in support of units in the field. For example, more than 2500 passengers and 3 1/2 million pounds of military cargo were flown into An Hoa during the first 8 days after runway resurfacing was completed. Resupply of units in the field was predominately by helicopter. More than 4000 passengers and 4400 tons of military cargo were lifted out from the new LSA during December.

8. Communications.

a. During the month of December 1968, communications in the Fifth Marine area of operation was maintained as previously established with the exception that Task Force Yankee assumed the responsibility of the radio relay communications to 1st Marine Division. In addition the 5th Marines and Task Force Yankee formed an integrated Message Center.

b. Friendly frequency interference has been a problem throughout this month on both radio and radio relay in the VHF range (FM). There is a definite

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requirement for good spare frequencies at both the Division and Regiment level.

c. Navy/Marine MARS Station, An Hoa, activated for MARS grams on 31 December 1968.

9. Medical

a. During the month of December 1968, the RAS continued in full operation. Seabee Hospital Corpsmen departed RAS when MCB-3 completed work on the airstrip and returned to Danang. RAS continued to provide medical support to various small detachments, the number and diversity of which increased with the establishment of Task Force Yankee at An Hoa. Medical assistance was provided the 3rd Marine Regiment on their arrival at An Hoa until they were able to operate their own Regimental and Battalion Aid Stations. A C&C Platoon from "A" Company, 1st Medical Battalion was established in the RAS bunker in support of Task Force Yankee. This platoon became operational on 11 December and on 13 December, assumed control of all medical evacuations, relieving RAS 1/5 of that task. During the reporting month RAS treated:

(1) Military (all services)	453
(2) Vietnamese treated at RAS	26
(3) MEDCAP in My Son (1)	85
(4) Immunizations	125

b. RAS 1/5 treated 290 Vietnamese at their MEDCAP dispensary on base.

c. On 7 December, the Regimental Surgeon accompanied the S-5 Officer on a MEDCAP in My Son (1).

d. On 10 December, training on the use of a Neil-Robertson litter was conducted for all Regimental Corpsmen.

e. Division EMS conducted sanitation inspections of all An Hoa based units on 19 and 21 December.

10. Civil Affairs

a. The Vietnamese sick call and medcaps held by 5th Marines treated a total of 1030 refugees during the month of December. Ten Vietnamese civilians were also medevaced from An Hoa to Danang.

b. A total of 383,725 \$VN worth of supplies from military sources were used for civic action programs during December. This consisted of 29,640 pounds of food, 1200 pounds of clothes, 500 pounds of soap, 82,655 pounds

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of scrap lumber, 210 sheets of scrap roofing tin, and 27 55-gallon drums. These supplies have made it possible for the Vietnamese refugees to build 179 houses with 20 more under construction, rebuild 7 schools, and repair or build 3 market places.

c. Efforts to clean up the sanitation hazard in the vicinity of the Tan My dispensary and Phu Da orphanage are continuing. Assistance to the orphanage is rendered whenever practical.

d. Further aid to the refugees of Duc Duc District is undertaken by 5th Marines by employing 500 to 600 refugees daily to do various jobs. A total of 400,000 sand bags were filled and put in place by Vietnamese during December to bolster the fortifications at An Hoa.

11. Psychological Operations

A ground broadcast team was permanently assigned to 5th Marines and will be working in support of all operations. During December, as a result of their efforts, a number of Hoi Chanhs turned themselves in. Furthermore, an increasing amount of ordnance is being turned in for rewards as a result of the posters and leaflets being distributed in the An Hoa area.

12. Chaplain

For most of the month of December, Protestant coverage of the An Hoa Complex on Sundays was provided by the Regimental Chaplain of the 3rd Marines. The Regimental Chaplain of 5th Marines coordinated Christmas Services for the Battalions on Operation Taylor Common as well as providing extensive Catholic services for the An Hoa area. A Christmas mass was also held at My Son (1) for the Vietnamese people with a gratifying response. It was the first mass said in this location for over two years.

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- ✓ 1. ^{5TH MAR} Fifth Marines ^{FRAG ORDER 114-68} Frag Order 115-68
 ✓ Fifth Marines ^{FRAG ORDER 116-68} Frag Order 117-68
 ✓ Fifth Marines Frag Order 118-68
 ✓ Fifth Marines Frag Order 119-68
 ✓ Fifth Marines Frag Order 121-68
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 ✓ Fifth Marines Frag Order 124-68
 ✓ Fifth Marines Frag Order 124-68, Modification of
 ✓ Fifth Marines Frag Order 125-68
 ✓ Fifth Marines Frag Order 126-68
- ✓ 2. Operations Henderson Hill and Taylor Common Monthly Journal
- ✓ 3. Operations Henderson Hill and Taylor Common Monthly Six Hour Sitreps
- ✓ 4. After Action Report Henderson Hill
- ✓ 5. Headquarters Company Command Chronology
- ✓ 6. First Battalion Fifth Marines Command Chronology
- ✓ 7. Second Battalion Fifth Marines Command Chronology
- ✓ 8. Third Battalion Fifth Marines Command Chronology
- ✓ 9. Fifth Marines Frag Order 116-68 (Base Defense) not submitted because it does not support the Command Chronology.
- ✓ 10. Frag Order 120-68 not issued.

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FROM: FIFTH MARINES
TO: FIRST BN FIFTH MARINES
SECOND BN FIFTH MARINES
THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES
SECOND BN ELEVENTH MARINES
HQ CO, FIFTH MARINES

HQ, 5TH MARINES
1ST MARINE DIVISION (REIN), FMF
AN HOA, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM
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FIFTH MARINES FRAG ORDER 114-68 (BASE DEFENSE ORDER)

A. FIFTH MARINES OPERATION ORDER 8-68

1. SITUATION: NO CHANGE

2. MISSION: NO CHANGE

3. EXECUTION:

A. 1/5: NO CHANGE

B. HQ CO: NO CHANGE

C. HQ BTRY 2/11: NO CHANGE

D. 3/5: NO CHANGE EXCEPT AS INDICATED BELOW

E. 2/5:

(1) ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY OF MANNING AND MAINTAINING BUNKERS
22, 23, 24 AND THAT IMMEDIATE AREA OF SECTOR D.

(2) MAN TOWER 2.

(3) ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR TANK SLOT 6.

(4) PROVIDE A 39 MAN REACTION FORCE FOR COMMITMENT AS DIRECTED.

F. BTRY E 2/11: NO CHANGE

J. B. ORD, JR.
COLONEL, U. S. MARINE CORPS
COMMANDING

Manin Oukethook 1st Sgt
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FROM: FIFTH MAR
 TO: BLT TWO SLANT SEVEN
 SECOND BN (REIN) ELEVENTH MAR

DRAFTER: S-3 MAJ J. F. CODY

CG FIRST MAR DIV

RELEASER: COL J. B. ORD, JR. CO

PREC: PRIORITY

CLASS: SECRET

REQUEST RELEASE:

SA FIRST ARVN RANGER GROUP
 CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE
 CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE

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FRAG ORDER 115-68 (TAYLOR COMMON)

- A. CG, FIRST MAR DIV MSG 040513Z DEC 68
- B. FIFTH MAR CPO 301A-68
- C. FIFTH MAR ADO 301A-68

1. SITUATION:

A. ENEMY: REF B AND CURRENT INTSUMS.

B. FRIENDLY:

(1) ARTY: 2/11 PROVIDES FOL DS:

(A) PREP OF LZ CHAMPAGNE FM L MINUS TWO HRS TO L MINUS ONE HOUR.

(B) LIGHT, MED, AND HVY SUPPORT AS REQ.

(2) AIR: FIRST MAW PROVIDES:

(A) AO SUPPORT FM L MINUS ONE HR.

(B) FIXED WING PREP OF LZ CHAMPAGNE FM L MINUS ONE HR TO L HR.

(C) HELILIFT OF BLT 2/7 FM AN HOA TO LZ CHAMPAGNE ON D-DAY AT L-HR.

(D) OTHER FIXED AND ROTARY WING SUPPORT AS REQ.

(3) ARVN FO CTS: FIRST ARVN RANGER GROUP LANDS VIC AT870568 AND AT913335 ON D PLUS TWO DAYS AND ATTACKS TO BLT 2/7 BLOCKING POSITS VIC AT825535, AT838524, AT851515, AND AT862508. ON D PLUS THREE DAYS EXECUTES PASSAGE OF BLT 2/7 LINES AND CONTINUES ATTACK SOUTH TO LZ CHAMPAGNE, THEN TO VIC AT805450, WHERE ARVN UNITS WHEEL AND ATTACK NORTH ALONG WEST BANK OF SONG THU BON TO VIC AT860490.

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2. MISSION: ON D-DAY AT L-HR LAND BY HELO IN LZ CHAMPAGNE AND CONDUCT SEARCH TO LOCATE AND DESTROY ENEMY FORCES IN ZONE, AND PROVIDE BLOCKS FOR ARVN FORCES CONDUCTING SEARCH TO LOCATE AND DESTROY ENEMY FORCES IN ADJACENT ZONE.

3. EXECUTION:

A. CONCEPT: ONE MARINE BLT CONDUCTS HELOASSAULT INTO LZ CHAMPAGNE ON D-DAY AT L-HR AND ATTACKS NORTH TO ESTAB FOUR COMPANY BLOCKS ALONG BLT LOA. TWO ARVN BNS LAND IN NORTH SECTION OF ARIZONA AREA ON D PLUS TWO DAYS AND ATTACKS SOUTH TO BLOCKS, EXECUTE PASSAGE OF BLT LINES ON D PLUS THREE DAYS, AND CONTINUES ATTACK SOUTH. ON ORDER, BLT WHEELS AND SWEEPS SOUTH IN TRACE OF ARVN FORCES TO LZ CHAMPAGNE CONDUCTING DETAILED SEARCH. ON ORDER ABOUT DA PLUS SIX DAYS BLT HELILIFTS FROM LZ CHAMPAGNE TO AN HOA.

B. BLT TWO SLANT SEVEN:

- (1) ON D-DAY AT L-HOUR CONDUCT HELOASSAULT INTO LZ CHAMPAGNE AND ATTACK NORTH TO SEIZE REGT OBJS 271, 272, 273, AND 274.
- (2) ESTAB COMPANY BLOCKING POSITS ON DESIG REGT OBJS (FRONT NORTH) NLT SUNSET ON D PLUS ONE DAY.
- (3) ON D PLUS TWO DAYS, FROM BLOCKING POSITS, SUPPORT ARVN ATTACK FROM NORTH TO SOUTH.
- (4) MAINTAIN DIRECT AND CLOSE LN WITH ATTACKING ARVN FORCES AND COORDINATE PASSAGE OF BLT 2/7 LINES BY THAT FORCE ON D PLUS THREE DAYS.
- (5) ON ABOUT D PLUS THREE DAYS, ON ORDER, BREAK BLOCKING POSITIONS, WHEEL, AND SWEEP SOUTH IN TRACE OF ARVN TO LZ CHAMPAGNE CONDUCTING DETAILED SEARCH TO LOCATE AND DESTROY ENEMY FORCES IN ZONE.
- (6) ON ABOUT D PLUS SIX DAYS, ON ORDER, RETROGRADE BY HELO FM LZ CHAMPAGNE TO AN HOA.

C. COORD INST:

- (1) D-DAY AND L-HR: 070800H DEC 68.
- (2) BLT 2/7 SOA: WEST BDRY FM ZC200555 SOUTH ON GL 20 TO ZC200450. SOUTH BDRY FM ZC 200450 EAST ON GL 45 TO AT838450. EAST BDRY FM AT838450 NORTH ALONG WEST BANK OF SONG THU BON/TINH YEN TO AT876511. NORTH BDRY FM AT876511 NW ON ROAD TO AT870520, THEN SW ON ROAD TO AT863516, THEN STRAIGHT LINE TO AT846525, THEN NW ALONG NORTH SHORE OF FINGER LAKE TO AT828544, THEN STRAIGHT LINE TO AT820546, THEN WEST ALONG SOUTH BANK OF SONG VU GIA TO ZC200555.

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- (3) LZ CHAMPAGNE: AT808478
- (4) REGT OBJ 271: AT825535
- (5) REGT OBJ 272: AT838524
- (6) REGT OBJ 273: AT851515
- (7) REGT OBJ 274: AT862508
- (8) SOA BOUNDARIES DESIG FCL'S. CLEAR AIR STRIKES WITHIN 1000 MTRS AND ARTY MSSIONS WITH 500 MTRS OF FCL'S WITH ADJACENT UNITS.
- (9) DIRLNAUTH

4. ADMIN-LOG: REF C.

5. COMELEC: REF B

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FROM: FIFTH MAR
TO: FIRST BN FIFTH MAR
SECOND BN FIFTH MAR
THIRD BN FIFTH MAR
HQ CO FIFTH MAR
SECOND BN ELEVENTH MAR
FIRST FORCE RECON

HQ FIFTH MAR
FIRST MARINE DIVISION (REIN), FMF
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FIFTH MARINES FRAG ORDER 116-68 (BASE DEFENSE ORDER)

- A. FIFTH MARINES OPERATION ORDER 8-68
- B. FIFTH MARINES FRAG ORDER 114-68 (BASE DEFENSE ORDER)

1. SITUATION: NO CHANGE

2. MISSION: NO CHANGE

3. EXECUTION:

A. 1/5: NO CHANGE

B. 2/5: CANCEL REFERENCE (B)

(1) ASSUME CONTROL OF "F" SECTOR AND ACCOMPLISH TASKS AS DIRECTED.

(2) PROVIDE A 15 MAN REACTION FORCE FOR COMMITMENT AS DIRECTED.

C. 3/5:

(1) MAINTAIN BUNKERS D-3 THROUGH D-24.

(2) MAN TOWER 2.

(3) ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY OF TANK SLOT 6.

(4) MAN ONLY 15 BUNKERS.

D. 2/11:

(1) ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY OF MANNING AND MAINTAINING BUNKERS D-1 AND D-2.

E. 1ST FORCE RECON:

(1) ASSUME CONTROL OF ASSIGNED SECTOR AND ACCOMPLISH TASKS AS DIRECTED.

(2) COORDINATE WITH "B" SECTOR COMMANDER, LT DORNBACK.

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F. HQ CO FIFTH MARINES

(1) MAINTAIN 12 BUNKERS.

(2) DO NOT MAN BUNKERS B-9, B-10 AND B-11.

G. BTRY E 2/11: NO CHANGE.

J. B. ORD, JR.
COLONEL, U. S. MARINE CORPS
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IRAC ORDER 117-68 (TAYLOR TOWN)

1. FIFTH MAR IRAC ORD 117-68 (HENDERSON HILL)

2. TERMINATE OPH HENDERSON HILL AT 052400Z DEC 68.

3. COMMENCE OPH TAYLOR TOWN AT 070000Z DEC 68.

4. CHANGE REF A FROM OPH HENDERSON HILL TO OPH TAYLOR TOWN.

5. D-LAE AND E-PR FOR REF A (FIFTH MAR THREE-DE-SHEEP IS NOT BEING TO BE FOR) 060700Z DEC 68.

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FRAG ORDER 112-68 (TAYLOR COMMON)

1. SITUATION:

A. HOSTILE: CURRENT INTENSUS.

B. FRIENDLY:

- (1) BTRY K (4/11) 2/11 ESTABLISH FIREBASE VIC AT045420.
- (2) SECOND BN ELEVENTH MARINES PROVIDES MOTOR TRANS.
- (3) CO B FIRST ENG BN PROVIDES:
 - (A) ONE ENG SQD DS FOR MINE CLEARANCE AND ENG SUPERVISION OF CLEARING ROAD OBSTACLES.
 - (B) ONE TD WITH CREW FOR ROAD CLEARANCE AND CONSTRUCTION OF FIREBASE.
 - (C) ONE DUMPTRK WITH CREW FOR ROAD CLEARANCE.

2. MISSION: SUPPORT BTRY K (4/11) 2/11 BY PROVIDING SECURITY FOR DEPLOYMENT TO, ESTABLISHMENT OF, AND OPERATION OF THE DESIG FIREBASE; AND PREPARE TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS IN BASE AREA 112.

3. EXECUTION:

A. CONCEPT: ONE ARTY BTRY (REIN) WITH ENG SUPPORT AND ONE RIFLE CO PROVIDING SECURITY CONDUCTS MOTOR MARCH TO DESIG SITE AND ESTABLISHES FIREBASE. ONE BN ASSUMES RESPONSIBILITY FOR AN HOA AO AND TWO BNS REPORT TO THIRD MARINES FOR PLANNING AND PREPARATION FOR OPS IN BASE AREA 112.

B. FIRST BN FIFTH MARINES:

- (1) ON ORDER ON 9 DEC 68 TERMINATE AN HOA SEARCH AND RELIEVE CO H 3/5 OF SOUTHERN AN HOA AO.

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- (2) ON RELIEF OF CO M 3/5 ESTAB HOLDING GARRISONS AT STRONG POINTS ALPHA, BRAVO, CHARLIE, AND DELTA.
- (3) ON RELIEF OF CO M 3/5 PROVIDE SECURITY FOR ALL OF LEB ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LEB BRIDGE AND SCREEN THE SOUTHERN APPROACHES TO AN HOA.

C. SECOND IN FIFTH MARINES:

- (1) ON ORDER TERMINATE AN HOA SWEEP AND RETURN TO AN HOA COMBAT BASE FOR RELOAD.
- (2) AT 092000H DEC REPORT TO THIRD MARINES FOR PLANNING AND PREP FOR OPS IN BASE AREA 112.
- (3) BE PREPARED TO CHOP TO THIRD MARINES ON ORDER.

D. THIRD IN FIFTH MARINES:

- (1) ON ORDER TERMINATE AN HOA SWEEP AND RETURN TO AN HOA COMBAT BASE FOR RELOAD.
- (2) AT 091600H DEC:
 - (A) RESUME OPCON CO M 3/5 FROM FIFTH MARINES.
 - (B) CHOP ONE RIFLE CO (REIN) TO FIFTH MARINES TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR BTRY K (4/11) 2/11 IN DEPLOYMENT TO AND ESTABLISHMENT OF DESIG FIREBASE.
- (3) AT 092000H DEC REPORT TO THIRD MARINES FOR PLANNING AND PREP FOR OPS IN BASE AREA 112.
- (4) BE PREPARED TO CHOP TO THIRD MARINES ON ORDER.

E. CO M 3/5:

- (1) ON ORDER TURN OVER PRESENT AO AND STRONG POINTS TO FIRST IN FIFTH MARINES.
- (2) AT 091600H REPORT OPCON TO THIRD IN FIFTH MARINES.

F. COORD INST:

- (1) DESIG FIREBASE: AT845420.
- (2) DETAILED.
- (3) BY PRIOR AGREEMENT CO BTRY K (4/11) 2/11 IS DESIGNATED COORDINATOR FOR DEPLOYMENT TO AND ESTAB OF DESIG FIREBASE.

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 FIRST MAF
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 THIRD BN (100TH) BATT BN FIFTH MAR

DIFFER: S-3 MAJ J. P. COFF
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FMAG ORDER 119-68 (TAYLOR COTTON)

A. FIFTH MAR FMAG ORD 119-68

1. SITUATION:

- A. SENTRY: CURRENT INTENSE.
 B. FILLIDAY: LAW REF A BERY K (4/11) 2/11 MOVES TO ESTAB FIREBASE
 MARNE VIC ATB45420.

2. MISSION: PROVIDE SECURITY FOR MOVEMENT TO, ESTABLISHMENT OF, AND
OPERATION OF FIREBASE MARNE.

3. EXECUTION:

A. CONCEPT: LAW REF A.

B. GO L 3/5:

- (1) AT 100700H PROVIDE SECURITY FOR NIGHT MARCH OF BERY K (4/11)
 2/11 FROM AN DOA TO FIREBASE MARNE.
 (2) ON ARRIVAL AT FIREBASE MARNE, ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR ASSIGNED
 AO AND PROVIDE SECURITY FOR THAT POSITION BY ESTABLISHING A
 POSITION DEFENSE AND CONDUCTING PATROL AND ABUSEL OPS.

C. COORD INSTRUCTIONS:

(1) BY PRIOR AGREEMENT:

(A) GO BERY K (4/11) 2/11 IS DESIG COORDINATOR FOR DEPLOYMENT
TO AND RETAB OF FIREBASE MARNE.

(B) GO L 3/5 PROVIDES HST.

(2) FIREBASE MARNE: ATB45420.

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- (3) CO L 3/5 AO: WEST BDRY FROM AT854410 NORTH ALONG EAST BANK
SONG THU BON TO AT856440. NORTH BDRY FROM AT856440 EAST
ALONG GL 44 TO AT880440. EAST BDRY FROM AT880440 SOUTH
ALONG GL 88 TO AT880410. SOUTH BDRY FROM AT880410 WEST
ALONG GL 41 TO AT854410.

4. ADMIN-LOG: NO CHANGE.

5. COMM ELEC:

A. CO L 3/5 LOCATE CP AT FIREBASE MARVE.

B. CO L 3/5 GUARD REGT TAC ONE FREQ 61.00 M-425. (SECONDARY 73.00
M-525).

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FROM FIFTH MAR

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FRAG ORDER 121-68

1. MAINTAIN ESTABLISHED BLOCKING POSITIONS WITH CO E (REIN).
2. EMPLOY REMAINDER BLT 2/7 IN SEARCH AND CLEAR OPERATIONS IN LUCRATIVE AREAS WITHIN YOUR AO.
3. BE PREPARED TO EXPLOIT ANY SITUATION WHICH MAY BE DEVELOPED BY ARVN RANGERS OR BLT 2/7.
4. MAINTAIN CLOSE COORDINATION WITH ARVN RANGER FORCES IN CONDUCT OF OPERATIONS.

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FRAG ORDER 123-68

- A. FIFTH MAR OP ORDER 7-68 231200H OCT 68
- B. FIFTH MAR MSG 130705Z DEC 68
- 1. COMMENCING 140700H DEC BLT 2/7 BEGINS DISPLACEMENT FROM WESTERN AO (ARIZONA AREA) TO SOUTHERN AO AS FOLLOWS:
 - A. 0800 CO E BLOCKING POSIT RELIEVED BY ARVN RANGER UNIT.
 - B. ABOUT 1000 CO F HELOLIFTS TO VIC CO A 1/5 CP AT894465.
 - C. 0900-1200 BLT 2/7 (-) CROSSES RIVER AT AT861489. TWO TANKS, TWO AMTRACS, ONE RIFLE PLT (4 SQDS) PROVIDE SECURITY OF SOUTH BANK OF RIVER ABOVE AND BELOW CROSSING.
 - D. 1200-1300 UNITS MOVE BY ROUTE MARCH VIC AT894465. BLT 2/7 S-3A HAS ROUTE OF MARCH INFO.
- 2. UPON REACHING MARCH OBJECTIVE ASSUME MISSION OF 3/5 IN SOUTHERN AO AS OUTLINED IN REF A AND MODIFIED BY REF B.

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FRAG ORDER 124-68 (TAYLOR COMMON)

A. FIFTH MAR OP ORDER 7-68 (TAYLOR COMMON)

B. FIFTH MAR MSG 151215Z DEC 68

I. SITUATION:

A. ENEMY:

(1) DURING THE FIRST PART OF DEC, MANY SIGNS OF RECENT AND CONTINUING ENEMY ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN NOTED NORTHEAST OF

LIBERTY BRIDGE. USK'S

AND LOW LEVEL AGENT REPORTS HAVE PLACED ENEMY UNITS WITHIN AND ADJACENT TO THIS AREA. ALSO INTERROGATION OF CIVILIANS AND DETAINEES HAS DISCLOSED THE ENEMY'S USE OF THIS AREA FOR THE PLANNING AND STAGING OF PROPOSED ATTACKS ON LIBERTY BRIDGE, AS WELL AS FOR RICE AND EQUIPMENT PROCUREMENT. THE VIET CONG INFRASTRUCTURE IS VERY ACTIVE THROUGHOUT THIS AREA, CONDUCTING PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGNS AND TASKING THE PEOPLE

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WITH SUPPORTING THE ENEMY'S WAR EFFORT. A MAIN ENEMY LOC RUNS FROM OLD BASE AREA 116, THROUGH THE CHAU PHONG (1) AND (2) AREA AND THEN NORTH-NORTHEAST INTO THE GO NOI ISLAND AND DUDGE CITY AREAS. IT IS CONTINUOUSLY USED FOR LOGISTICAL AND COMMUNICATION AS WELL AS TROOP MOVEMENTS, AS WITNESSED BY CONTINUOUS RECON SIGHTINGS DURING THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS. RECENTLY A LOCAL SOURCE STATED THAT THE HQ'S OF THE 36TH NVA REGIMENT AND AN NVA BATTALION ARE IN THIS AREA.

B. FRIENDLY:

(1) ARVN FORCES CONTINUE TO CONDUCT S&C OPNS IN ARIZONA AREA.

(2) ARTY: 2/11 PROVIDES FUL DS:

(A) PREP LZ WREN AND BLUEBIRD FM L MINUS TWO HRS TO L MINUS ONE HOUR.

(B) LIGHT: MED, HVT SPT AS REQ.

(3) AIR: FIRST MAW PROVIDES:

(A) AD SPT FM L MINUS ONE HR.

(B) FIXED WING PREP OF LZ WREN AND BLUEBIRD FROM L MINUS ONE HR TO L HR.

(C) HELILIFT OF BLT 2/7 FROM LZ VIC FIFTH MAR BAS (A1883467).

(D) OTHER FIXED AND ROTARY WING SPT AS REQ.

2. MISSIONS: AT L HR ON D DAY LAND BY HELICOPTER IN LZ WREN IN WESTERN GO NOI TO CONDUCT SEARCH TO LOCATE AND DESTROY ENEMY FORCES IN ZONE OF ACTION.

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B. EXECUTION:

A. CONCEPT: ONE MARINE BLT (WITH 3 COMPANIES) CONDUCTS HELD ASSAULT INTO LZ WREN AT L HR ON D DAY AND AIKS IN A SOUTHEASTERLY DIRECTION. TWO ADDITIONAL COMPANIES ESTABLISH BLOCKING POSITION TO SOUTHEAST AS HELD LANDED BLT SWEEPS TOWARD BLOCKING POSITION TO DESTROY ENEMY FORCES IN ZONE.

B. BLT TWO SLANT SEVEN:

(1) AT L HOUR ON D DAY CONDUCT 3 COMPANY ASSAULT INTO LZ WREN.

(2) ATTACK SOUTHEAST TO BLOCKING POSITIONS ESTABLISHED BY TWO COMPANIES FROM 1/5.

C. 1/5: ESTABLISH TWO COMPANY BLOCKING POSITION VIC A1982538 TO A1982529 TO A1969529. BE PREPARED TO DESTROY ENEMY FORCES DRIVEN INTO BLOCK.

D. COORD INSTRUCTIONS:

(1) D DAY AND L HOUR: 175745H DEC 68.

(2) BLT 2/7 SOA: FROM A1920540 NORTH TO A1920550, NORTHEAST TO A1950585, EAST TO BT000585, SOUTH TO BT000550, SOUTHEAST TO BT023513, TO BT003520, SOUTH TO RR TRACK ALONG RR TRACK TO LIBERTY ROAD, NORTH TO CLOSE ON AO EXTENSION A1920540.

(3) LZ WREN: A1962553.

(4) LZ BLUEBIRD: A1949543 (ALT).

(5) 2 COMPANIES FROM 1/5 WILL CHOP TO BLT 2/7 AT L HOUR.

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(6) PERIOD OF OPERATION: APPROXIMATELY 3 DAYS.

(7) BLT 2/7 ESTABLISH FCL IN COORD WITH 1/5.

(8) BY PRIOR AGREEMENT ARTY FIRE WITHIN 500 MTRS AND AIR STRIKES WITHIN 1000 MTRS OF BOUNDARIES WILL BE CLEARED BY ADJACENT UNITS.

(9) DIRLNAUTH.

4. ADMIN LOG: NO CHANGE.

5. COMM-ELECT:

A. TAW REGT CEOI DTD 14 OCT AND DIVO P02200.20.

B. GUARD THE FOLLOWING NETS

(1) REGT TAC #1 62.00 MHZ M-425.

(2) REGT TAC #2 (F) 62.30MHZ M-170.

(S) 36.33 MHZ M-1015.

(3) TACP LOCAL 43.2 MHZ M-908.

(4) ARTY LIAISON 68.35 MHZ M-196.

(5) LOC NET 47.00 MHZ M-485.

C. REGT TAC #1 WILL BE COVERED UTILIZING KY-38 AND PKC-11.

D. REPORT CP LOCATIONS AS ESTABLISHED.

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FRAG ORDER 124-68 MODIFICATION OF

A. FIFTH MAR MSG 151601Z DEC 68

1. FIFTH MAR TEMP FREE FIRE ZONE EFF 160800H DEC 68 UNTIL 212400H DEC 68 AS FOLLOWS: FROM A1920538 NE IN STRAIGHT LINE TO A1973575, THEN E TO BT000575, THEN S TO BT000550, THEN SE IN A STRAIGHT LINE TO BT020523, THEN S ALONG NS GL TO BT020520.

2. THE AREA ACQUIRED FROM FIRST MAR, SEVENTH MAR, AND SECOND BRIGADE ROKMC IS DESIGNATED A FREE FIRE ZONE ONLY. TROOPS WILL NOT ENTER THIS AREA.

3. MODIFY PARA 3D (2) OF REF A ACCORDINGLY.

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 FIFTH MAR FRAG O 125-68
 1. ON ORDER RETURN TO AT895861 AND ASSUME RASP FOR FIFTH MAR
 SOUTHERN AO. BE PREPARED TO ASSUME OCON OF 1/3/51.
 2. ON ORDER RETURN CO A AND CO C 1/5 TO PARENT CONTROL AND
 BE PREPARED TO MIO TWO COMPANIES TO 1/5.
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FRAG O 126-68

A. FIFTH MAR FRAG O 124-68 151601Z DEC 68

B. FIFTH MAR FRAG O 124-68 (MODIFICATION) 161405Z DEC 68

C. FIFTH MAR MSG 180215Z DEC 68

1. SITUATION: NO CHANGE

2. MISSION: CONTINUE CURRENT OPNS IN AO TO INCLUDE AREA DESCRIBED IN REF C PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED AS A FREE FIRE ZONE.

E. EXECUTION: 1/5 UPON RECEIPT THIS ORDER ASSUME MISSION OF BLT 273 AS ASSIGNED REF A.

A. CONDUCT DETAILED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPNS IN ASSIGNED AO.

B. COORD INST: PERIOD OF OPERATION 4 TO 5 DAYS.

R. ADMIN LOG: NO CHANGE.

S. COMM-ELECT: NO CHANGE.

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FROM 070001H TO

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IN	OUT	TIME	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
0001	-	1	070001H	JOURNAL OPENED TAYLOR COMMON	S.F.
0500	-	2	070500H	1/5 SPEC SIT REP #1 T.C.	S.F.
0500	-	3	070500H	2/5 SPEC SIT REP #1 T.C.	S.F.
0500	-	4	070500H	3/5 SPEC SIT REP #1 T.C.	S.F.
1100	-	5	071100H	1/5 SPEC SIT REP #2 T.C.	S.F.
1100	-	6	071100H	2/5 SPEC SIT REP #2 T.C.	S.F.
1100	-	7	071100H	3/5 SPEC SIT REP #2 T.C.	S.F.
1100	-	8	071100H	2/7 SPEC SIT REP #1 T.C.	S.F.
1130	1140	9	070930H	H 2/7 AT806473. UNIT OBS 3-5 EN MOVING INTO TREE-LINE AT AT814482. UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY MSN. FND 1 VC KIA.	S.F.D.
1220	1230	10	071030H	A 1/5 AT928516. USMC DET M-26 GREN SUP EXP DEV APPROX 01 MIN LATER, ANOTHER USMC DET 1 M-26 GREN SUP EXP DEV. TOTAL 4 USMC KIA. MEDEVAC CALLED.	S.F.D.
1330	1410	11	071225H	G 2/7 AT808509. UNIT CAPT 1 DETAINEE OF MILITARY AGE, SENT TO S-2 FOR CLASS.	S.F.D.
145	1600	12	071300H	H 2/7 AT807480. UNIT CAPT 5 MALE DETAINEES. WILL FOWARD TO S-2 FOR CLASS.	S.F.D.
1555	1600	13	071348H	C 1/5 AT955523. UNIT SPTD 2 VC RUNNING THROUGH VILLE AT AT955516. INIT FIRE W/TIGERS, 81MM MORTARS AND .50 CAL MG. SEARCH OF AREA REVEALED REINFORCED BUNKERS, 50-70 LBS OF RICE AND TWO MILLION NVA PIASTERS. 1 CIV AFTER INTER. STATED 2 BODIES WERE DRAGGED OFF BY ENEMY.	S.F.D.
1700	1700	14	071700H	1/5 SPEC SIT REP #3 T.C.	S.F.D.
1700	1700	15	071700H	1/5 SPEC SIT REP #3 T.C.	S.F.D.
1700	1700	16	071700H	3/5 SPEC SIT REP #3 T.C.	S.F.D.
1700	1700	17	071700H	2/7 SPEC SIT REP #2 T.C.	S.F.D.
1830	1830	18	071348H	C 1/5 AT955523. RICE TO BE HANDLED IN ACCORD WITH FOLLOW UP 1/5 RECOMMENDATIONS. EQUIP DESTROYED AND MONEY CONFISC AND FOWARDED TO S-2.	S.F.D.
1850	1855	19	071630H	D 1/5 AT910526. UNIT SPTD 6 VC CARRYING 1 82MM MORTAR TUBE MOV EAST ALONG BLUE LINE AT 909528. UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY MSN. UNABLE TO CHECK AREA DUE TO TO BLUE LINE.	S.F.D.
1930	1950	20	071500H	F 2/7 AT815495. USMC RECD MINOR SHRAPNAL WOUND FM FRIENDLY ARMY. TREATED AND RETURNED TO DUTY.	S.F.D.
1940	1950	21	071225H	G 2/7 AT808509. IN SAME VIC SUSPECT, UNIT FND FOLLOW UP 1 US BELT, 1 CHICOM, AND 1 US BAYONET.	S.F.D.
2215	2230	22	061705H	C 1/5 AT956523. SUBTRACT 4 DETAINEES FMOORIG 6 FOLLOW UP LEAVING 2 DETAINEES BEING FOWARDED TO S-2.	S.F.D.

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IN	OUT	S.R.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
2250	-	23	072110H	RECON INSERT SPILLWAY AT 798528. UNIT SPTD 9 VC IN 3 BOATS MOVING BACK AND FORTH ACROSS THE RIVER AT AT824552. UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY MSN. RESULTS: 2 BOATS DESTROYED AND 6 VC KIA.	S.F.D.
2330	-	24	072300H	1/5 SPEC SIT REP #4 T.C.	S.F.
2330	-	25	072300H	2/5 SPEC SIT REP #4 T.C.	S.F.
2330	-	26	072300H	3/5 SPEC SIT REP #4 T.C.	S.F.
2330	-	27	072300H	2/7 SPEC SIT REP #3 T.C.	S.F.
2355	-	28	072355H	RECON INSERT SPILLWAY AT 798528. UNIT OBS 3 VC IN 1 BOAT MOVING ACROSS RIVER AT AT824552. CALLED MAR ARTY MSN. RESULTS: 1 BOAT DESTROYED AND 3 VC KIA.	S.F.D.
2400	-	29	072400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	S.F.

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080001 H

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IN	OUT	SEC	MSG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
0001	-	1	080001H	JOURNAL OPENED TAYLOR COMMON	S.F.
0150	0200	2	080005H	K 3/5 AT941526 UNIT HEARD MOVEMENT TO DIRECT FRONT CONFIRMED MOVEMENT WITH STARLIGHT SCOPE OBS 2 IND WITH WPNS. UNIT CHALLENGED VERBY TWICE RECEIVING NO RESPONSE. POIST OPENED FIRE RES IN 2 USMC KIA FM FRIENDLY LP WHICH WAS MOVING OUT, LP HEARD CHALLENGE BUT DIDNT THINK IT REFERRED TO THEM, UNIT IS CONDUCT ING INVESTIAGION.	S.F.D.
0500	-	3	080500H	3/5 SPEC SIT REP #5	S.R.
0500	9	4	080500H	1/5 SPEC SIT REP # 5	S.F.
0500	-	5	080500H	2/5 SPEC SIT REP # 5	S.F.
0500	-	6	080500H	2/7 SPEC SIT REP # 4	S.F.
0825	0830	7	080801H	F 2/5 AT954517 MARINE WAS GORED BY WATER BUFFALO RES IN 1 NBC KTR. EVAC.	S.F.D.
1045	+	8	081100H	2/5 SPEC SIT REP # 6	S.F.
1115	-	9	080900H	SPILLWAY RECON INSERT OBS 9 EN AT82455485 CALLED MARINE ARTY MSN RES 4 WX KIA.	S.F.
1120	1140	10	081010H	F 2/7 AT833518 UNIT APP 3 VN MALES DEHS AND FD 4 VC KIA DISC. IN BUNKER.	S.F.D.
1130	1145	11	081030H	M 2/7 AT826514 UNIT FD 700 LBS OF RICE DESTROYED IN PLACE.	S.F.D.
1130	-	12	081100H	1/5 SPEC SIT REP #6	S.F.
1130	-	13	081100H	2/7 SOMCS IT REP # 5	S.F.
1130	-	14	081100H	3/5 SPEC SIT REP # 6	S.F.
1220	1340	15	081135H	F 2/5 AT948499. USMC DET M-26 GREN SUP EXP DEV AT AT948499. MEDEVAC CALLED. 1 USMC WIAE AND 2 USMC WIANE.	S.F.D.
1240	1340	16	081145H	B 1/5 AT908497. UNIT APPRND 5 MALE DETAINEES AGES 20-36. STATED 2 VC AT AT918488. DETAINEES BEING HELD FOR ITT.	S.F.D.
1340	1400	17	081340H	G 2/5 AT960495. UNIT SPTD 15 NVA AT AT960495. INIT FIRE WITH S/A. CALLED MAR ARTY MSN. RESULTS 1 NVA KIA AND 1 DETAINEE.	S.F.D.
1345	1340	18	081230H	F 2/5 AT948499. USMC DET 1 SUP EXP DEV M-26 GREN W/TRIP WIRE. 2 USMC WIANE.	S.F.D.
1515	1530	19	081340H	G 2/5 AT960495. ALSO FND 1 9MM PISTOL AND 4 FOLLOW UP CHI-COM GREN. CHANGE NVA TO VC. LINE D, AND LINE E. CHANGE 1 DETAINEE TO 3 DETAINEES.	S.F.D.
1520	1530	20	081145H	B 1/5 AT908497. CHANGE 5 DETAINEES TO 4 DETAINEES. FOLLOW UP IN LINES 'E' AND 'K'.	S.F.D.
1525	1530	21	081335H	K 3/5 AT925517. USMC DET M-26 GREN SUP EXP DEV AT ABOVE COORD. 1 USMC WIA MINOR.	S.F.D.
1400	2115	22	081400H	G 2/7 AT836529. UNIT CAPT 8 MALE DETAINEES AT AT838530. WILL FOWARD TO S-2.	S.F.D.

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IN	TIME	SER	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
1550	2030	23	081430H	K 3/5 AT927508. UNIT SPTD 50-60 VC RUNNING INTO TREELINE AT AT920502. CALLED MAR ARTY MSN. WILL CHECK AREA ON CLOSE OF SWEEP.	S.F.D.
1600	2030	24	081545H	L 3/5 AT939519. UNIT OBS 50-60 VC RUNNING SE INTO TREELINE AT AT939517. INIT FIRE WITH S/A. CALLED MAR ARTY MSN AND FIXED WING AIR STRIKES. CHECKED CLOSE AREA AND FND NUMEROUS HEAVY BLOODTRAILS AND 3 VC KIA.	S.F.D.
1700	-	25	081700H	1/5 SPEC SIT REP #7 T.C.	S.F.D.
1700	-	26	081700H	2/5 SPEC SIT REP #7 T.C.	S.F.
1700	-	27	081700H	3/5 SPEC SIT REP #7 T.C.	S.F.
1820	2030	28	081530H	M 3/5 AT895469. UNIT SPTD 40-50 EN W/PACKS IN TREELINE AT AT915489. NEG CLEARANCE FOR ARTY.	S.F.D.
1830	2030	29	081630H	M 3/5 AT895469. UNIT SPTD 25 EN W/PACKS AND RIFLES AT AT895485. CALLED MAR ARTY MSN. UNABLE TO OBS.	S.F.D.
1850	2030	30	081600H	E 2/7 AT854517. UNIT TAKEN UNDER FIRE FM TREELINE AT ABOVE COORD. RETURNED FIRE AND ASSAULTED POSIT. RESULTS 5USMC WIAE, 3NVA KIA, AND 3 AK-47. ALSO CAPT 1 NVA HELMET, AND 3 NVA UNIFORMS.	S.F.D.
2100	2115	31	081600H	E 2/5 AT854517. ADD 2 USMC WIAE.	S.F.D.
2130	2115			FOLLOW UP	
1830	2115	32	081420H	F 2/5 AT928490. USMC DET SUP EXP DEV M-26 GREN W/TRIP WIRE. 1 USMC WIAE. MEDEVAC CALLED.	S.F.D.
2130		33	081700H	G 2/5 AT928469. USMC DET SUP EXP DEV M-26 GREN W/TRIP WIRE AT ABOVE COORD. 2 USMC WIAE. MEDEVAC CALLED.	S.F.D.
2300	-	34	082300H	1/5 SPEC SIT REP #8 T.C.	S.F.
2300	-	35	082300H	2/5 SPEC SIT REP #8 T.C.	S.F.
2300	-	36	082300H	2/7 SPEC SIT REP #6 T.C.	S.F.
2300	0130	37	081000H	F 2/7 HAD 1 USMC NE DUE TO FRIENDLY ARTY.	S.F.D.
2330	0130	38	081045H	F 2/7 HAD 1 USMC NE DUE TO FRIENDLY ARTY.	S.F.D.
2330	0130	39	081515H	E 2/5 HAD 3 USMC NE DUE TO EN S/A FIRE.	S.F.D.
2330	0130	40	081615H	E 2/5 HAD 1 USMC E DET M-26 GREN RIGGED AS SUR EX PLOSIVE DEVICE.	S.F.D.
2330	0130	41	081700H	E 2/5 HAD 1 USMC E DET M-26 GREN RIGGED AS SUR EX PLOSIVE DEVICE HAS 2 USMC EVIC.	S.F.D.
2330	0130	42	081830H	G 2/7 AT816529 UNIT OBS #5 EN CALLED IN MARINE ARTY MSN. AND AIR STRIKE.	S.F.D.
2330	0130	43	082115H	M 3/5 AT89549 UNIT OBS 15 EN CALLED ON MARINE ARTY MSN.	S.F.D.
2400	-	44	082400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	S.F.

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0001	-	1	090001H	JOURNAL OPENED TAYLOR COMMON	S.F.
0500	-	2	090500H	1/5 SPEC SIT REP #	S.F.
0500	-	3	090500H	3/5 SPEC SIT REP #9	S.F.
0500	-	4	090500H	2/7 SPEC SIT REP #9	S.F.
0500	-	5	090500H	2/5 SPEC SIT REP #8	S.F.
0940	-	6	090745H	SPILLWAY RECON INSERT CALLED IN MARINE ARTY MSN ZC208546 RES 4 VC KIA.	S.F.
0940	-	7	090750H	SPILLWAY RECON INSERT CALLED IN MARINE ARTY MSN RES IN 40 NVA KIA.	S.F.
1000	1010	8	090800H	E 2/7 AT854517. UNIT KILLED 2 NVA KIA AND APP 1 EN CHEW HOI AND 1 SKS, 1 PISTOL.	S.F.D.
1010	1015	9	090755H	G 2/5 AT922462 MARINE DET M-26 GREN. RES IN 2 USMC WIA EVAC. MED EVCA CALLED.	S.F.D.
1015	1030	10	090815H	F 2/7 AT827531 UNIT TOOK 6 EN MOVING IN TREELINE UNDER FIRE AT825514 RES 1 VC KIA.	S.F.D.
1030	-	11	091100H	2/5 SPEC SIT REP # 10 T.C.	S.F.
1130	1200	12	091100H	G 2/7 AT840530 UNIT APP 2 2 VN FEMALES DETS. FORWD G CO CP FOR INTER BY ITT.	S.F.
1130	-	13	091100H	3/5 SPEC SIT REP # 10 T. C.	S.F.
1140	-	14	091100H	1/5 SPEC SIT REP #10 T.C.	S.F.
1420	1505	15	081145H	B 1/5 AT908497. DETAINEES CLASSIFIED BY ITT AS FOLLOW UP 3 INNOCENT CIV AND 1 ARVN UA.	S.F.D.
1500	1505	16	091230H	G 2/7 AT840830. WHILE SEARCHING VILLE AT ABOVE COORD, UNIT FND AND DESTROYED 1000 LBS OF RICE.	S.F.D.
1800	-	17	091700H	2/7 SPEC SIT REP #9 T.C.	S.F.
1800	-	18	091700H	1/5 SPEC SIT REP #11 T.C.	S.F.
1800	-	19	091700H	2/5 SPEC SIT REP #11 T.C.	S.F.
1800	1850	20	091230H	A 1/5 AT881481. UNIT CAPT 1 MALE DETAINEE, AGE 23. FOWARDED TO ITT FOR CLASS.	S.F.D.
1830	1850	21	091640H	E 2/7 AT858519. WHILE SEARCHING VILLE, UNIT FND 1 RPG AND BOOSTER. FOWARDED TO S-2.	S.F.D.
1840	1900	22	091800H	E 2/7 AT857517. N. DEF POS. UNIT TOOK INCOMING MORTAR FIRE. CALLED MAR ARTY MSN. UNABLE TO OBS. 11 USMC WIA.	S.F.D.
2030	-	23	091430H	C 1/5 AT913519. UNIT CAPT 1 DETAINEE, MALE, AGE 35-40. AT ABOVE COORD. FOWARDED TO S-2 FOR CLASS.	S.F.D.
2030	2040	24	091215H	D 1/5 AT89505. UNIT FND 1 UNEXPLODED 250 LB BOMB. DESTROYED IN PLACE.	S.F.D.
2100	2245	25	092015H	E 2/7 AT851517. UNIT RECD INCOMING MORTAR RDS AND SNIPER RDS. CALLED MAR ARTY MSN. UNABLE TO OBS RESULTS.	S.F.D.
2215	2245	26	091640H	E 2/7 AT858519. DELETE 1 RPG ROCKET LAUNCHER. FOLLOW UP	S.F.D.

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2300	-	27	092300H
2300	-	28	092300H
2400	-	29	092400H

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IN	OUT	NO	DEC	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
0001	-	1	100001H	JOURNAL OPENED TAYLOR COMMON	S.F.
0500	-	2	100500H	1/5 SPEC SIT REP # 13 T.C.	S.F.
0500	-	3	100500H	2/7 SPEC SIT REP # 11 T.C.	S.F.
1000	-	4	100920H	G 2/7 AT840530 UNIT APP 1 VN FEMALE HIDING IN BUNKER WITH 400 LBS OF RICE. AND 1 MALE DETAINEE.	S.F.
1000	-	5	081400H	G 2/7 FOLLOW UP 3 DETS CLASS BY ITT AS INN CIVS.	S.F.
1000	-	6	081340H	G 2/5 FOLLOW UP 3 DETS CLASS BY ITT AS 1 INN CIV, 1 VC POW, 1 CIV DEF.	S.F.
1000	-	7	081145H	B 1/5 FOLLOW UP 4 DETS CLASS BY ITT AS 3 INN CIVS, AND 1 CIV DEF.	S.F.
1000	-	8	081010H	F 2/7 FOLLOW UP 3 DETS CLASS BY ITT AS 1 INN CIV 2 CIV DEFS.	S.F.
1000	-	9	091230H	A 1/5 FOLLOW UP 1 DET CLASS BY ITT AS INN CIV.	S.F.
1000	-	10	091100H	G** G 2/7 FOLLOW UP 2 DETS CLASS BY ITT AS INN CIV.	S.F.
1000	-	11	090800H	E 2/7 FOLLOW UP 1 DET CLASS BY ITT AS NVA RETINE.	S.F.
1000	-	12	071225H	G 2/7 FOLLOW UP 1 DET CLASS BY ITT AS VC POW.	S.F.
1000	-	13	071200H	H 2/7 FOLLOW UP 5 DET CLASS BY ITT AS 4 INN CIV AND 1 CIV DEF.	S.F.
1125	-	14	101015H	E 2/7 AT853517 UNIT RECD A/W FIRE FM AT850508 RES IN 3 USMC KIA AND 5 USMC WIA EVAC. UNIT CALLED IN 60MM AND 81MM MSN.	S.F.
1125	-	15	101100H	1/5 SPEC SIT REP #14 T.C.	S.F.
1125	-	16	101100H	2/7 SPEC SIT REP #12 T.C.	S.F.
1430	-	17	100920H	G 2/7 AT840530. FEMALE REL AS INN CIV. MALE FOLLOW UP FOWARDED TO ITT FOR FURTHER CLASS.	S.F.D.
1440	-	18	101230H	G2/7 AT835523. UNIT CAPT 1 MALE DETAINEE WHO HAD 5,400 PIASTERS IN HIS POSS. FOWARDED TO S-2	S.F.
1440	-	20	101230H	G 2/7 AT835523. RELEASED BY ITT AS INNOCENT FOLLOW UP CIVILIAN.	S.F.
1445	-	21	100645H	H 2/7 AT825520. UNIT DISC 20 TONS RICE AND CAPT 2 MALE DETAINEES. DESTROYED RICE. FOWARDED 2 DETAINEES TO S-2 FOR CLASS.	S.F.
1500	-	22	101325H	C 1/5 966521. UNIT WITH 2 TANKS SPTD 15-30 MN W/PACKS AT AT975517. FIRED 90MM, .30 CAL and .50 CAL RDS. MAR ARTY MSN CALLED. WILL CHECK AREA.	S.F.
1500	-	23	101232H	G 2/7 UNIT CAPT 1 DETAINEE AND FND 220 LBS RICE AT AT840530. FOWARDED DETAINEE TO ITT FOR CLASS AND DESTROYED RICE.	S.F.
1505	-	24	101050H	F 2/7 AT825542. UNIT CAPT 1 DETAINEE AT ABOVE COORD. FOWARDED TO S-2 FOR CLASS.	S.F.
1530	-	25	101501H	1/5 AT909492. CONVOY WITH 2 TANKS MOVING NORTH ON ROAD FND 3 MOTORCYCLES AND 1 VN KILLED. BODY FOWARDED TO BAS. MOTORCYCLES TO 1/5 FOWARDED	S.F.

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1535	-	26	100830H	RECON INSERT SADDLE BAG AT 946424. UNIT SPTD 4 VC WITH 1 RIFLE, 3 PACKS AND CARTRIDGE BELTS. SET UP AMBUSH. RESULTS 3 VC KIA AND 1 DETAINEE. ALL GEAR AND DETAINEE FOWARDED TO S-2.	S.F.
1720	-	27	101550H	B 2/7 AT 855518. WHILE SWEEPING AREA UNIT DISC 7 VC KIA. AIR STRIKES, 1 SKS AND 2 AK-47S. WEAPONS FOWARDED TO 2/7 CP.	S.F.
1800	-	28	101500H	D 1/5 AT 873503. UNIT SPTD 12 VN W/PACKS AND RIFLES MOVING S ALONG BLUE LINE AT AT 865505. CALLED MAR ARTY MSN OF 30 RDS 105 MM. UNABLE TO CHECK AREA DUE TO BLUE LINE.	S.F.
1800	-	29	101700H	1/5 SPEC SIT REP #15 T.C.	S.F.
1800	-	30	101700H	2/7 SPEC SIT REP #13 T.C.	S.F.
2000	-	31	101830H	B 1/5 AT 918520. WHILE ON PTRL, UNIT OBS 4 VN WOMEN CARRYING 1 WOUNDED VN MALE. UNIT TOOK MALE TO BN CP FOR MED TREATMENT AND WAS DETAINEE FOR CLASS BY ITT.	S.F.
0300	-	32	102045H	D 1/5 AT 886512. PLT AMB. UNIT OBS 5 VC W/WEAPONS MOVING NE AT AT 884512. INOT CONT WITH S/A AND OBS 1 VC FALL. WILL SEARCH AREA AT FIRST LIGHT.	S.F.
2200	-	33	102145H	C 1/5 AT 965524. NIGHT DEF POSIT. UNIT RECD 3-4 RDS 60MM MORTAR FIRE. UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY MSN. UNABLE TO OBS.	S.F.
2300	-	34	102300H	2/7 SPEC SIT REP #14 T.C.	S.F.
2300	-	35	102300H	1/5 SPEC SIT REP #16 T.C.	S.F.
2400	-	36	102400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	S.F.

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IN	OUT	SR	MSG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
0001	-	1	110001H	JOURNAL OPENED TAYLOR COMMON	S.F.
0820	0830	2	110735H	B 1/5 AT909501 UNIT SETTING IN OP SITE WAS AMB BY UNK NO OF EN RES IN 3 USMC KIA, AND 2 USMC WIA	S.F.
0830	0840	3	102045H	D 1/5 FOL UP SEARCHED AREA FD BROKEN BRUSH AND 2 SETS OF DRAG MARKS.	S.F.
1030	1100	4	110930H	B 1/5 AT925529 4 VN REFUGES BROUGHT CASKET WITH 1 VN KIA S-5 AND DDHQ WERE NOTICIFIED OF BODY.	S.F.
1030	1100	5	111000H	A 1/5 AT907498 ENG DET UNK TYPE SURPRISE EXPLOSIVE DEVICE. RES IN 2 USMC EVAC.	S.F.
1130	1149	6	100920H	G 2/7 FOL UP 2 DETS CLASS BY ITT AS 1 INN CIV, 1 CIV DEF.	S.F.
1130	1140	7	100645H	H 2/7 FOL UP 2 DETS CLASS BY ITT AS INN CIVS.	S.F.
1130	1140	8	091430H	C 1/5 FOL UP DET CLASS BY ITT AS CIV DEF.	S.F.
1130	1140	9	100830 H	RECON SADDLE BAG DET CLASS BY ITT AS CIV DEF.	S.F.
1130	1140	10	101230H	G 2/7 FOL UP DET CLASS BY ITT AS INN CIV.	S.F.
1130	1140	11	101232H	G 2/7 FOL UP DET CLASS BY ITT AS INN CIV.	S.F.
1140	1150	12	101325H	C 1/5 FOL UP SEARCH OF AREA REVEALED EMPTY RICE BARS AND RFS WILL RUN PATROLS IN AREA.	S.F.
1140	-	13	111100H	1/5 SPEC SIT REP # 16	S.F.
1215	1230	14	111015H	E 2/7 AT853517. ADD 1 USMC WIAE.	S.F.
1250	1300	15	111000H	A 1/5 AT907498. MINE DET BY ENG WAS 105MM RD HE FOLLOW UP PRESSURE TYPE. ADD 1 USMC WIAE.	S.F.
1200	-	16	111100H	2/7 SPEC SIT REP #16 T.C.	S.F.
1320	1330	17	111130H	RECON INSERT POLICY GAME. AT824454. UNIT SPTD 20 NVA AND 8 VC WEARING GRN UTS AND BLK PJS AT AT825475. THEY WERE CARRYING PACKS RIFLES AND 1 MG. CALLED MAR ARTY MSN. RESULTS: 1 NVA KIA.	S.F.
1400	-	18	110900H	A 1/5 AT915510. UNIT FND 1 NEW AK-47 MAG, WITH 20 RDS AT AT915510. FOWARDED TO S-2.	S.F.D.
1400	-	19	111131H	RECON INSERT SPILLWAY. AT798528. UNIT SPTD 20 NVA W/PACKS AND RIFLES AT AT206545. AO AND FIXED WING WORKED OVER AREA. RESULTS: 15 NVA KIA.	S.F.D.
1410	-	20	111315H	RECON INSERT SPILLWAY. AT798528. UNIT SPTD 15 NVA WEARING KHAOT'S W/PACKS AND RIFLES AT AT793557. CALLED FIXED WING STRIKES. 12 NVA KIA.	S.F.D.
1700	-	21	1111700H	1/5 SPEC SIT REP #19 T.C.	S.F.
1700	-	22	111700H	2/7 SPEC SIT REP #17 T.C.	S.F.
1900	-	23	111753H	D 1/5 AT894514. PLT CMBT PTRL. UNIT OBS 5 VC DRESSED IN WHITE, W/PPNS MOVING S AT AT889505. INIT CONT WITH S/A AND LAWS. CALLED MAR ARTY MSN. COULD NOT OBS RESULTS.	S.F.D.

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TIME	DATE	SIR	DAG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
0001	-	1	120001H	JOURNAL OPENED TAYLOR COMMON	S.F.
0600	-	2	120600H	1/5 SPEC SIT REP # 19	S.F.
0600	-	3	120600H	2/7 SPEC SIT REP # 20	S.F.
0800 0810	-	4	121050H	* F 2/7 FOLLOW UP DELETE PREVIOUS SPOTREP IN ITS UNIT. REPORT WAS INCORRECT.	S.F.D.
1100	-	5	121100H	2/7 SPEC SIT REP # 20.	S.F.
1100	-	6	121100H	1/5 SPEC SIT REP # 20	S.F.
1300 1400	-	7	121045H	D 1/5 AT905494. UNIT SPTD 15 YEAR OLD MALE DETAINEE WEARING CAMOFLAGED JACKET AND PONCHO. HE HAD 2000 PLASTERS IN HIS POSSESSION AND TRIED TO RUN WHEN CAPT. RUN WHEN CAPT. WILL FORWARD TO S-2 FOR CLASS.	S.D.
1430 XXXXX 111900Z 120200Z 120200Z 120200Z 120200Z 120200Z					
FOLLOWUP					
1700	-	9	121700H	1/5 SPEC SIT REP #23. T.C.	S.F.
1700	-	10	121700H	2/7 SPEC SIT REP #21. T.C.	S.F.
2130 2235	-	11	121950H	E 2/7 AT855498. UNIT RECD 3 INCOM GREN AND 20 RDS SNIP FIRE FROM APPROX 35 MTR IN FRONT OF THEIR POSIT. UNIT RETD FIRE AND CALLED 60MM MORTARS ON ROUTE OF DEPARTURE. 1 USMC WIAE.	S.F.D.
2130 2235	-	12	122036H	D 1/5 UNIT RECD 4-6 INCOM GREN. 1 USMC WIA MINOR. RETD FIRE WITH S/A, GREN, 60MM MORTARS AND 20 RDS 105MM. CHECKED AREA-NEG RESULTS.	S.F.D.
2200 2235	-	13	122045H	L 3/5 AT852419. LP RECD 2 INCOMING GREN. RETD FIRE WITH S/A GREN AND 81MM MORTARS. WILL CHECK AT FIRST LIGHT.	S.F.D.
2200 2235	-	14	122147H	G 1/5 AT970520. UNIT SPTD UNDET NUMBER OF EN MOVING SW AT AT966517. 81MM AND MAR ARTY BLOCKING FIRE CALLED. UNIT DEPLOYED TO BLOCK EGRESS ROUTE. FOLLOW UP WILL BE SUBMITTED.	S.F.D.
2230 2235	-	15	121805H	37th RANGER BN AT815495. UNIT WAS PROBED ON NW SIDE OF PERIMETER BY EST PLAT SIZE ELEMENT. RECD MORTAR FIRE AND SMALL ARMS. RETD FIRE W/UNKNOWN RESULTS. 1 ARVN WIAE.	S.F.D.
2230 2235	-	16	121955H	39th RANGER BN. AT830490. UNIT WAS PROBED ON EAST PERIMETER BY PLAT SIZE ELEMENT. RECD MORTAR AND SMALL ARMS. RETD FIRE. RESULTS 2 NVA KIA AND 1 AK-47 CAPT.	S.F.D.
2300	-	17	122300H	2/7 SPEC SIT REP #22 T.C.	S.F.
2300	-	18	122300H	1/5 SPEC SIT REP #24 T.C.	S.F.
2400	-	19	122400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	S.F.

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0001	-	1	130001H	JOURNAL OPENED	
0045	0100	2	130000H	C 1/5 AT965523. UNIT RECD 2 INCOMING GREN RES IN 3 USMC WIAE. UNIT RETD GREN AND CALLED SPOOKY ON STATION.	S.F.D.
0200	0210	3	122036H	D 1/5 AT912513. CORRECTION TO SPOTREP. 60MM MSN AND ARTY MSN WAS ERRONEOUS REPORT AND EN COORD CHANGE TO AT913513. FOLLOW UP	S.F.
0700	0710	4	122045H	L 3/5 AT852419. CORRECTION TO SPOTREP CHANGE EN TO AT853419 and UNIT RETD S/A FIRE AND M-26 GRENS.	S.F.
0600	-	5	130500H	2/7 SPEC SIT REP #23 T.C.	S.F.
0600	-	6	130 500H	1/5 SPEC SIT REP # 25 T.C.	S.F.
0930	-	7	122045H	L 3/5 FOLLOW UP SEARCHED AREA WITH NEG RESULTS	S.F.
0930	-	8	130010H	C 1/5 FOLLOW UP SEARCHED AREA WITH NEG RESULTS	S.F.
1100	-	9	131100H	2/7 SPEC SIT REP # 23 T.C.	S.F.
1100	-	10	131100H	1/5 SPEC SIT REP # 25 T.C.	S.F.
1230	1345	11	121045H	D 1/5 AT905494. DETAINEE CLASS BY IPT AS INN CIV. FOLLOW UP	S.F.
1230	1415	12	122147H	C 1/5 AT970520. CHECKED AREA WITH NEG RESULTS. FOLLOW UP	S.F.
1330	1415	13	131030H	A 1/5 AT907500. MINE SWEEP SEC. USMC DET M-33 GREN W/TRIP WIRE A-P DEV. 1 USMC WIAE	S.F.
1340	1416	14	131235H	C 1/5 AT965523. UNIT DETAINED 300 VN NATIONALS DUE TO RECENT HVY EN ACT IN THE AREA. PERSONELL FROM R.F. 116, 1/5 S-2, AND IPT ARE INTERROGATING THE DETAINEES AND ALSO UTILIZING A BLACKLIST.	S.F.
1710	1730	15	131350H	C 1/5 AT966523. UNIT SPDT 4 NVA W/PACKS AND HELMETS AT AT960520. UNIT FIRED 10 RDS 90MM. SNAKE SENT INTO AREA. MADE CONTACT. RETD FIRE WITH S/A AND M-79'S. SEARCH OF AREA REVEALED 4 AK-47S, 1 CARBINE, MEDICAL SUPPLIES, AND MISC 782 GEAR.	S.F.
1516	1525	16	131401H	C 1/5 AT975518. UNIT RECD AK-47 FIRE FROM EN COORD 975517. 1 USMC WIAE. RETD FIRE WITH S/A AND M-79S. RESULTS 1 NVA KIA AND 2 DETAINEES WIA. DETAINEES WILL BE FOWARDED TO IPT. MEDEVAC CALLED.	S.F.
1700	1730	17	131600H	39th RANGER BN AT827487. UNIT FND 1 CHI COM LT MG, 1 M-14, 1 M-14 BARRELL AND RECIEVER GROUP, 1 SKS, AND 1 M-1. WILL FOWARD TO CP.	S.F.
1915	1940	18	131845H	E 2/7 AT855497. UNIT RECD APPROX 40 RDS S/A AND 2 B-40 ROCKET ROUNDS FM AT860497. RETD FIRE WITH S/A AND CALLED 81MM MORTAR MISSION.	S.F.
2140		19	131831H	C 1/5 AT962521. UNIT RECON BY FIRE PREMATURELY SPRUNG VC AMB AT AT965523. UNIT RETD FIRE WITH S/A AND M-79. AO ON STAT DIR NAPAIM AND 250 LB BOMBS ON EN POSIT. AREA WILL BE SEARCHED AT FIRST LIGHT.	S.F.

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	OUT	(#)			
1700	-	20	131700H	LATE ENTRY 1/5 SPEC SIT REP #27 T.C.	S.F.
1700	-	21	131700H	LATE ENTRY 2/7 SPEC SIT REP # 25 T.C.	S.F.
2200	2215	22	130950H	37th RANGER BN. AT 790484. UNIT FND 2 NVA AND 1 VC BODY.	
2200	2215	23	131050H	39th RANGER BN. AT 817482. 4 ARVN PERSONNEL CAPT DURING TET SURRENDERED TO UNIT. TURNED OVER TO 13th LIF.	S.F.
2210	-	24	132145H	AN HOA COMBAT BASE. RECD 3 RDS 60MM FM UNK EN POSIT. ALL RDS IMPACTED 200M NORTH OF PERIMETER.	S.F.
2300	-	25	132300H	2/7 SPEC SIT REP #26 T.C.	S.F.
2300	-	26	132300H	1/5 SPEC SIT REP #28 T.C.	S.F.
2400	-	27	132130H	B 1/5 AT 915513 IP OBS 4 EN INT CONTACT WITH GRENS S/A AND ADJ 81 MM MSN RES UNK.	S.F.
2400	-	28	132230H	E 2/7 AT 855497 UNIT RECD 8 ARVN RDS FRIENDLY RES IN 1 USMC KIA, AND 1 USMC WIA EVAC.	S.F.
2400	-	29	131200H	C 1/5 AT 972508 UNIT APP 30 DEFS FORWD TO EN CP.	S.F.
2400	-	30	132400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	S.F.

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0001	-	1	140001H	JOURNAL OPENED TAYLOR COMMON	S.F.
0145	0150	2	132245H	G 2/7 AT831519 UNIT RECD 2 RSD M-79 FM AT830521 REIN IN 1 USMC EVAC MED-EVAC AT FIRST LIGHT.	S.F.
0600	-	3	140500H	2/7 SPEC SIT REP# 27	S.F.
0600	-	4	140500H	1/5 SPEC SIT REP # 29	S.F.
1045	1100	5	131831H	C 1/5 AT970532. UNIT WAS CHECKING AREA WHEN RECD FOLLOW UP MG AND S/A FM AT970535. 1 USMC KIA. UNIT RETD FIRE KILLING 1 NVA WITH SKS. WILL CONTINUE SEARCH.	S.F.
1050	1100	6	141030H	39th RANGER BN AT846497. UNIT FND 100 BLASTING CAPS. 50 CAPS HAD FUZES AND LIGHTERS ATTACHED.	S.F.
1115	-	7	141100H	1/5 SPEC SIT REP #30 T.C.	S.F.
1130	-	8	141100H	2/7 SPEC SIT REP #28 T.C.	S.F.
1200	1210	9	140930H	G 2/7 AT853508. WHILE UNIT WAS EST. OP. AT ABOVE COORD. FND 1 SKS WITH MAG AND 8 RDS. WILL SEARCH AREA. WPN FOWARDED TO S-2.	S.F.
1420	1500	10	141045H	C 1/5 AT963513. UNIT SPTD 2 EN DRESSED IN GRN SHIRTS AND BLK TROUSERS. EN RAN TO THE N WHEN SIGHTED. TAKEN UNDER FIRE AND CALLED 60MM MORTARS.	S.F.
1400	1500	11	141100H	B 1/5 AT904529. UNIT RECD S/A AND A/W FIRE FROM AT902518. 1 USMC KIA AND 2 USMC WIAE. RETD FIRE WITH S/A, 81MM MORTARS, MAR ARTY AND FIXED WING AIR STRIKES. MEDEVAC COMPLETED.	S.F.
1430	1500	12	141200H	F 2/7 CHOPPER RECD 10-15 SNIPER RDS FM AT837517. UNIT FIRED MG. 1 VC KIA.	S.F.
1640	1830	13	141230H	A 1/5 AT908493. USMC DET M-26 GREN W/TRIP WIRE A-P DEV. 1 USMC WIAE. MEDEVAC BY VEH.	S.F.
1700	1830	14	141530H	B 1/5 AT904520. USMC DET M-26 GREN W/TRIP WIRE A-P DEV 3 USMC WIAE. MEDEVAC CALLED.	S.F.
1730	1830	15	131831H	C 1/5 AT970532. UNIT WAS SEARCHING AREA OF AIR STRIKE WHEN HIT BY S/A AND A/W FIRE FM 2 REINFORCED BUNKERS. 6 USMC KIA AND 3 USMC WIAE. UNIT ATTEMPTED TO FLANK EN. AO ON STATION RAN FIXED WING AND ARTY GUN SHIPS USED TO SUPPRESS FIRE. CONTACT CONTINUES. 1 VC KIA.	S.F.
1910	1930	16	141720H	39th RANGER B.N. AT848494. ARVN DET A-P MINE WHEN GOING INTO NIGHT POSIT. 1 ARVN KIA, 1 ARVN WIAE MEDEVAC CALLED AND COMPLETED.	S.F.
1910	1930	17	141838H	39th RANGER BN. AT840492. UNIT DETAINED 3 VN. S/A RECD FM AT839501. CALLED ARTY ON EN POSIT. DETAINEES FOWARDED FOR INTERROGATION.	S.F.
1930	1945	18	141100H	B 1/5 AT904520. ADD 1 M-16 LOST.	S.F.
1930	1945	19	131831H	C 1/5 AT970532. ADD 14 VC KIA.	S.F.

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1700	-		20 141700H	LATE ENTRY 1/5 SPEC SIT REP #31 T.C.	S.F.
2300	2310		21 131831H	FOLLOW UP C 1/5 AT970532. ADD 2 USMC WIAE AND 1 SKS.	S.F.
2300	-		22 142300H	1/5 SPEC SIT REP #32 T.C.	S.F.
2310	2340		23 142300H	RF 116 AT966520. MAIN PERIMETER SPTD MOVEMENT AT AT966520. FIRED A/W AND S/A. MOVEMENT WAS RF AMB REND TO RF PERIMETER. NO CAUSUALTIES. RF 116 IS OPCONTO C 1/5 DURING RICE GATHERING OPS.	S.F.
2400	-		24 142400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	S.F.

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0001	-	1	150001H JOURNAL OPENED TAYLOR COMMON	S.F.
0500	-	2	150500H 1/5 SPEC SIT REP # 33	S.F.
0940	0930	3	131200H C 1/5 FOLLOW UP 30 DETS CLASS BY TTT AS INN CIVS.	S.F.
0940	0950	4	131235H C 1/5 FOLLOW UP 300 DETS CLASS BY TTT AS INN CIVS.	S.F.
1000	1030	5	141100H B 1/5 FOLLOW UP UNIT FD 1 OV KIA AND NUMEROUS BLOCH STRAINS.	S.F.
1100	1120	6	121600H C 1/5 LATE ENTRY UJIT APP 1 FEM DET AT965524 FORWD TO TTT AND CLASS AS INN CIV.	S.F.
1000	-	7	151100H 1/5 SPEC SIT REP #34	S.F.
1425	1435	8	151145H C 1/5 AT950525. TANK DET 80-100LB AT BOX MINE ON ROAD AT ABOVE COORD. 10 RF WIAE AND 5 USMC WIANE. MEDEVAC CALLED. MINESWEEP DISPATCHED FROM 1/5 CP.	S.F.
1540	1550	9	151300H B 1/5 AT900499. UNIT RECD S/A AND M-79S FM 896500. RETD FIRE WITH S/A AND M-79. CALLED ARTY AND FIXED WING. EN BRK CONTACT. NEG RESULTS.	S.F.
1700	-	10	151700H 1/5 SPEC SIT REP #35 T.C.	S.F.
1830	1900	11	151500H D 1/5 AT941523. WHILE ENROUTE TO RETRIEVE DAMAGED TANK, UNIT UNCOVERED 4 100-150 LB AT BOX MINES. DESTROYED IN PLACE.	S.F.
1910	1920	12	151815H 1/5 AT912528. 1/5 CP RECD 2 RDS 82MM MORTARS. FM AT915526. NEG DAMAGE. RDS WERE RECD WHILE 81MM MORTARS WERE SETTING BASEPLATE. COULD NOT FIRE COUNTER-MORTARS.	S.F.
1740	1800	13	131831H C 1/5 AT970532. 4 M-16, 2 M-89, 3 .45 PISTOLS MISSING, PRESUMED DESTROYED BY BOMBING. VPNS BELONGED TO CASUALTIES. AIR STRIKES WERE CALLED INTO AREA AFTER CASUALTIES WERE EXTRACTED.	S.F.
1745	1800	14	141630H B 1/5 AT906524. UNIT CAPT 1 FEMALE DETAINEE AND CHILD AT ABOVE COORD. DETAINEE ATTEMPTED TO EVADE MARINES AND HAD NO ID. DETAINEE FORWARDED TO TTT FOR CLASS.	S.F.
1940	2030	15	151830H 1/5 CP AT926527. VN NATIONAL CARRIED 1 WND MALE W/M-16 WOUND IN SHOULDER. INDIVIDUAL'S NAME APPEARS ON BLACKLIST. MEDEVAC TO NSA DANANG. GWARD WILL ACCOMPANY DETAINEE.	S.F.
1930	2030	16	151920H 21st RANGER BN AT831537. UNIT RECD S/A FIRE FM ESTIMATED PWT VC. NEG CASUALTIES. ARTY FIRED INTO GRID 835543. EN BRK CONTACT.	S.F.
2140	2200	20	151700H C 1/5 AT965523. UNIT RECD HVY VOLUME OF A/W AND S/A FIRE FM AT970530. EST COMPANY STRENGTH. EN DUG IN. HEAVILY FORTIFIED. UNIT RETD HVY A/W AND S/A FIRE. 2 NVA KIA.	S.F.
2145	2200	21	151730H C 1/5 AT963584. UNIT FND NUMEROUS MED SUPPLIES, DOCUMENTS, AND 3 CHI COM GREN. MED SUP AND GREN DESTROYED, DOC FORWARDED TO S-2.	S.F.

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2300	-	22	152300H	1/5 SPEC SIT REP #365 T.C.	S.F.
2300	2334	23	152200H	E 2/7 AT896467. UNIT RECD APPROX 300 S/A FM AT897473. ENIT RETD FIRE WITH S/A AND 81S. F 2/7 AT895467, 881456. STRONG POINTS A AND C RECD EN SNIPER RDS FM AT897474. FIRE WAS RETD UNTIL EN FIRE CEASED.	S.F.
2325	2335	24	152105H	JOURNAL CLOSED T.C.	S.F.
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0001	-	-	1	160001H	JOURNAL OPENED TAYLOR COMMON	S.F.						
0115	0120	-	2	160025	B 1/5 AT912513 UNIT RECD 7 RSD 155 MM ARTY FM UNK POIST RES IN 1 USMC VIA EVAC.	S.F.						
0430	0440	-	3	160305H	5 MARINES RECD 7-8 RDS 82 MM FM UNK POIST NEG DAM. UNIT FIRED COUNTER MTR FIRE. EN FIRE CEASED.	S.F.						
0430	0440	-	4	160350H	EN 1/5 CP RECD 1 RD EST ARTY NO CAUAXLITYS UNIT WILL MAKE CARTER ANAL.	S.F.						
0700	0730	-	5	152045H	CAP 291 UNIT GCS 2 EN MOVING TOWARD THEIR POIST AT889469 UNIT TOOK EN UNDER FIRE WITH S/A FIRE RES IN 2 VC KIA AND 2 IWS AND ASSORTED DOCUMENTS AND COMPASS AND 782 GEAR UNIT WILL SEARCH AREA AT FIRST LIGHT.	S.F.						
0900	0910	-	6	160350H	EN CP 1/5 FOL UP DETER RE WAS 105 HE AND CAME FM E BAT 2/11	S.F.						
0900	0910	-	7	160740H	B 1/5 AT914507 MARINE DET A.P. MINE RES 1 USMC E.	S.F.						
0900	0910	-	8	141630H	B 1/5 FOL UP DETS 2 CLASS BY ITT AS INN CIV.	S.F.						
0900	-	-	9	160500H	1/5 SPEC SIT REP #37	S.F.						
0900	1010	-	10	160910H	D 1/5 AT923523 MARINE DET A.P. MINE MED-EVAC BY TANK TO 1/5 CP. 1 USMC EVAC.	S.F.						
1100	-	-	11	161100H	1/5 SPEC SIT REP #38	S.F.						
1230	1235	-	12	161130H	C 1/5 AT966524. UNIT CAPT 1 FEMALE DETAINEE, AGE 25, WHO HAD NO I.D. CARD. FORWARDED TO ITT FOR CLASS	S.F.						
1300	1310	-	13	161100H	1/5 CP AT927527. VN CIV BROUGHT 1 WOUNDED DETAINEE 17 YEARS OLD TO 1/5 CP. MEDEVAC TO NSA DANANG UNDER GUARD.	S.F.						
1310	1315	-	14	161200H	B 1/5 AT903516. UNIT SPD 8 VC RUNNING FM VILLE AT AT897519. CALLED MAR ARTY MSN. 1 VC KIA.	S.F.						
0950	1010	-	15	160925H	LATE ENTRY 21ST RANGER BN. AT835545. MET LIGHT CONTACT AT AT835545. CALLED ARTY. CAPT 1 DETAINEE.	S.F.						
1340	1400	-	16	161135H	39TH RANGER BN. AT835476. LED BY INFORMER TO 2 VCI. 1 VC KIA. 2 DETAINEES, 1 MALE, 1 FEMALE.	S.F.						
1345	1400	-	17	161340H	21ST RANGER BN. AT835545. UNIT CAPT 1 DETAINEE AT ABOVE COORD.	S.F.						
1425	1440	-	18	161410H	29TH RANGER BN. AT837546. UNIT TRAPPED 1 VC IN BUNKER. IND BLEW HIMSELF UP.	S.F.						
1700	-	-	19	161700H	1/5 SPEC SIT REP #39	S.F.						
1835	1900	-	20	152045H	CAP 2-9-1 AT889469. ADD 1 VC KIA.	S.F.						
			FOLLOW UP									
1845	1900	-	21	160305H	5th MARINES. AT877474. DAMAGE REPORT AS FOLLOWS FOLLOW UP MINOR DAMAGE TO 1 2 1/2 TON TRUCK AND 3 M151 JEEPS. LAND LINES DESTROYED AND 1 CP TENT DESTROYED.	S.F.						
2300	-	-	22	162300H	1/5 SIT REP #40	S.F.						

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0001	-	1	170001H JOURNAL OPENED TAYLOR COMMON	S.F.
0600	-	2	170500H 1/5 SPEC SIT REP # 41	S.F.
1000	1010	3	170830H B 1/5 AT902510 MARINE DET A.P. MINE RES 1 USMC E.	S.F.
1000	1010	4	170800H B 1/5 AT998505 UNIT APP 3 DEFS FORWD TO BN CP.	S.F.
1115	-	5	171100H 2/7 SPEC SIT REP # 2	S.F.
1145	1150	6	171100H F 2/7 AT970554 UNIT FD BUNKER 5' DEEP, 15' WIDE 7' WIDE. DESTROYED BUNKER.	S.F.
1150	-	7	171100H 1/5 SPEC SIT REP # 45	S.F.
0700	0740	8	162100H LATE ENTRY. 21ST RANGER BN. AT826546. UNIT RECD GREN AND S/A FIRE FM ABOVE EN POSIT. 1 ARVN WIAE RETD FIRE WITH S/A. EN BRK CONTACT.	S.F.
1300	-	9	171300H 2/7 SPEC SIT REP #3 T.C.	S.F.
1400	1410	10	171230H B 1/5 AT912512. USMC DET M26 GREN W/TRIP WIRE A-P DEV. 1 USMC WIAE.	S.F.
1530	1535	11	171005H G 2/7 AT965554. UNIT RECD 1 RD ARTY WP WITHIN 30 METERS OF POSIT. 2 USMC WIAE AND 2 USMC WIANE. MEDEVAC CALLED AND COMPLETED.	S.F.
1530	-	12	171500H 2/7 SPEC SIT REP #4 T.C.	S.F.
1700	-	13	171700H 2/7 SPEC SIT REP #5 T.C.	S.F.
1700	-	14	171700H 1/5 SPEC SIT REP #43 T.C.	S.F.
1700	1750	15	171500H E 2/7 AT973553. UNIT APP 1 MALE DETAINEE. FOWARDED TO S-2.	S.F.
1700	1750	16	171550H A 1/5 AT982533. UNIT RECD 30 RDS A/W FIRE FM AT986532. RETD S/A FIRE AND CALLED MAR ARTY MSN.	S.F.
1730	1750	17	171005H G 2/7 AT964554. CHANGE FRNDLY COORD TO AT964554. FOLLOW UP WP MARKING RD WAS CALLED FOR AT966554 AND LANDED AT AT964554.	S.F.
1730	1750	18	171250H F 2/7 AT975550. UNIT APP 1 MALE DETAINEE AT ABOVE COORD. FOWARDED TO S-2 FOR CLASS.	S.F.
1750	1830	19	171520H 2/7 CP AT969545. UNIT RECD 2 SNIPER RDS FM AT968543. 1 USMC WIAE. U NIT RETD FIRE WITH S/A AND CALLED 81MM MORTARS AND ARTY TO PREP AREA.	S.F.
1850	1900	20	171820H 21ST RANGER BN. AT825535. UNIT RECD 10 RDS 82MM MORTARS. CALLED ARTY INTO EN POS AT850546. POS SILENCED.	S.F.
1915	1920	21	171800H H 2/7 AT912488. UNIT OBS 3-4 VN MOVING AT A LOW CRAWL. AFTER WHICH THEY RECD 2 RDS M-79 FM AT915490. UNIT RETD FIRE WITH S/A AND M-79S.	S.F.
2100	2105	22	171815H A 1/5 AT977527. UNIT RECD APP 50 RDS A/W FIRE FM AT981527. UNIT RETD FIRE WITH S/A, M-79, AND 3.5 RDS. RES UNK.	S.F.
2100	2105	23	172030H 21ST RANGER BN. AT825535. UNIT RECD INCOMING S/A AND MORTARS. RETD FIRE WITH S/A. RES UNK.	S.F.

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0001	-	1	180001H JOURNAL OPENED TAYLOR COMMON	S.F.
0500	-	2	180500H 1/5 SPEC SIT REP #45	S.G.
0500	-	3	180500H 2/7 SPEC SIT REP #8	S.F.
0745 0800	-	4	180615H D 1/5 AT946536 UNIT OBS 3 EN MOVING INTO KILLING ZONE. UNIT TOOK EN UNDER FIRE W/S/A RES 2 VC KIA AND FOOD AND BANGDES.	S.F.
0930 0940	-	5	180815H D 1/5 AT951530 UNIT APP 1 FEMALE DET AT ABOVE COORD FORWD TO BN CP.	S.F.
0930 0940	-	6	181401H C 1/5 AT FOLLOW UP 1 DET CLASS BY ITT AS CIV DEF.	S.F.
0930 0940	-	7	161130H C 1/5 FOLLOW UP DET CLASS BY ITT AS INN CIV.	S.F.
0930 0940	-	8	170800H B 1/5 1/5 3 DETS CLASS BY ITT AS INN CIV.	S.F.
1000 1040	-	9	172115H G 2/7 FOLLOW UP UNIT ED 1 VC KIA AND 1 HOMEMADE PACK WITH DOCUMENTS.	S.F.
1100 1115	-	10	180800H B 1/5 SQD AT923506 UNIT OBS 1 EN RUNNING FM HANLET UNIT TOOK EN UNDER FIRE WITH S/A RES 1 VC KIA.	S.F.
1100 1115	-	11	172145H H&S 1/5 FOLLOW UP UNIT SEARCHED AREA ED NUMEROUS FOOT PRINTS.	S.F.
1120	-	12	181100H 1/5 SPEC SIT REP #46	S.F.
1145 1145	-	13	101830H B 1/5 FOL UP ITT CLASS DET AS CIV DEF.	S.F.
1145	-	14	181100H 2/7 SPEC SIT REP #9 T.C.	S.F.
1410 1420	-	15	161135H 39TH RANGER BN. AT835476. DTNE CLASS BY ITT AS FOLLOW UP 1 VC POW AND 1 CIV DEF.	S.F.
1410 1420	-	16	141838H 39 RANGER BN AT840492. DTNE CLASS BY ITT AS 2 CIV DEF AND 1 INN CIV.	S.F.
1330 1340	-	17	181140H G 2/7 AT975532. UNIT FND 4 FRESH GRAVES AT ABOVE COORD. DUG UP GRAVES, CONTAINED 5 MALE BODIES ABOUT 1 DAY OLD, ALL OF MILITARY AGE AND WEARING BEACK CLOTHING. ALL HAD DIED FM SHRAPNEL WOUNDS.	S.F.
1610 1630	-	18	181435H 37TH RANGER BN. AT790478. UNIT APP 1 DETAINEE. FOWARDED TO ITT FOR CLASS.	S.F.
1700	-	19	181700H 1/5 SPEC SIT REP #47 T.C.	S.F.
1750 1800	-	20	181625H RECON INSERT GUNSMOKE AT798528. UNIT SPTD 5 NVA W/RIFLES, PACKS, AND 1 122MM ROCKET TUBE MOVING SE AT AT203565. CALLED MAR ARTY MSN. 2 NVA KIA.	S.F.
1800 1810	-	21	181015H E 2/7 AT969541. UNIT FND 1 STARLIGHT SCOPE, SER NO 14909 LYING IN BOMB CRATER. SCOPE FOWARDED TO BN CP.	S.F.
1935 1950	-	22	181710H E 2/7 AT928528. USMC DET UNK TYPE A-P DEV AT ABOVE COORD. 2 USMC WIAE, MEDEVAC COMPLETED.	S.F.
1710	-	23	181700H LATE ENTRY 2/7 SPEC SIT REP #10 T.C.	S.F.
1920 1940	-	24	181800H G 1/5 AT950526. UNIT SPTD 10 VC MALE IN VILLE AT AT956521. SNIPER FIRED 8 RDS, NEG RES.	S.F.
2140 2200	-	25	182040H F 2/7 AT969520. UNIT RECD APPROX 10 RDS 60MM FM UNK POSIT.	S.F.

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2145	2200	26	181800H	A 1/5 AT905516. UNIT RECD APPROX 40 RDS S/A FM AT906515. UNIT RETD FIRE WITH S/A, M-79S, LAAWS, AND MG RDS. WILL CHECK AREA AT FIRST LIGHT.	S.F.
2300	2312	27	182130H	AN HOA COMBAT BASE AT875475. JEEP COMING INTO THE PERIMETER RECD 4-5 RDS S/A FM FRNDLY TROOPS. 2 USMC NBCE. MEN WERE MEDEVACED AND INVESTIGATING OFFICER WAS OPPOINTED.	S.F.
2300	-	28	182300H	1/5 SPEC SIT REP #48 T.C.	S.F.
1830	1840	29	181750H	LATE ENTRY 21ST RANGER BN. AT825533. UNIT RECD 8 60MM MORTAR RDS FM AT840547. 1 ARVN WIANE. UNIT FIRED ARTY ON EN POSIT. RES UNK.	S.F.
1830	1840	30	181400H	LATE ENTRY 39TH RANGER BN. AT828488. UNIT APP 2 FEMALE DETAINEES AT ABOVE COORD. FOWARDED TO IIT FOR CLASS.	S.F.
2400	-	31	182400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	S.F.

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1839	1850	21	191645H	RECON INSERT GUNSMOKE. AT798528. UNIT SPTD 20 VC W/PACKS, RIFLES, AND 2 MORTAR TUBES MOVING E AT AT815507. CALLED MAR ARTY MSN. RESULTS: 13 VC KIA AND 1 LARGE SECONDARY EXPLOSION.	S.F.
1842	1850	22	191655H	G 2/7 AT973551. UNIT RECD APPROX 20 A/W FIRE FM AT970548. RETD FIRE WITH S/A, 60MM MORTARS AND UTILIZED HUEY GUNSHIP. ALSO CALLED MAR ARTY MSN WILL CHECK AREA.	S.F.
1935	2000	23	191715H	D 1/5 AT946508. UNIT SPTD 3 VC AT AT947517. UNIT INIT FIRE WITH S/A AND CALLED MAR ARTY MSN. SEARCHED AREA WITH NEG RESULTS.	S.F.
1939	2000	24	191800H	F 2/7 AT973551. UNIT FND 1 DEAD VC INSIDE BUNKER AT ABOVE COORD.	S.F.
2015	2220	25	191830H	H 2/7 AT911479. UNIT RECD 1 SNIPER ROUND FM AT913485. OBS SUSPECTED EN POS. NO FURTHER ROUNDS RECD.	S.F.
2135	2145	26	191900H	A 1/5 AT957523. UNIT SPTD 3 VC FILLING ILLUM CANNISTERS W/WATER ON OTHER SIDE OF RIVER AT AT957526. 10 MORE VC MOVED ONTO SANDBANK AS HASTY AMBUSH WAS SET UP. AMBUSH SPRUNG. 5 VC KIA, WILL CHECK AREA AT FIRST LIGHT.	S.F.
2130	2145	27	191945H	G 2/7 AT973551. UNIT RECD APPROX 20 RDS S/A FM AT978543. RETD FIRE WITH S/A, 60MM MORTARS, AND CALLED MAR ARTY MSN. WILL SEARCH AREA AT FIRST LIGHT.	S.F.
2135	2145	28	192030H	37TH RANGER BN. AT795460. UNIT RECD S/A AND A/W FM AT798460. ALSO TOOK HAND GREN. RETD FIRE WITH S/A, A/W, AND 60 MM MORTARS. RES UNK.	S.F.
2150	2155	29	192030H	L 3/5 AT853426. UNIT SPTD 3-4 VC MOVING NW XX IN XXXX IMM VIC OF AMB. UNIT WITHDREW FM AREA AND CALLED 25 RDS 60MM MORTARS. RES UNK.	S.F.
2158	2203	30	192100H	H 2/7 AT905471. UNIT RECD APPROX 50 RDS A/W FIRE FM AT915470. UNIT RETD FIRE WITH S/A, M-79S, AND CALLED 81MM MORTARS. WILL SEARCH AREA AT FIRST LIGHT.	S.F.
2225	2230	31	192200H	H 2/7 AT894466. UNIT RECD 2 IN COMING GREN. 1 USMC WIA RETD 2 GREN AT POSS EN POS. CANNED MORTAR .	S.F.
2220	2230	32	192045H	A 1/5 AT967521. UNIT SPRING AMB ON APPROX 10 VC MOVING SW AT AT968521. RES: 2 VC KIA. WILL SEARCH AREA AT FIRST LIGHT.	S.F.
2300	-	33	192300H	1/5 SIT REP #52 T.C.	S.F.
2400	-	34	192400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	S.F.

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0001	-	1	200001H	JOURNAL OPENED TAYLOR COMMON	S.F.
0600	-	2	200500H	1/5 SPEC SIT REP #53	S.F.
0900	0910	3	200730H	D 1/5 AT945505. UNIT FD 300 RDS OF AK-47 IN AMMO CAN DESTROYED AMMO.	S.F.
1000	1010	4	191900H	A 1/5 FOLLOW UP SEARCH OF AERA REV DRAGS MARKS.	S.F.
1000	1010	5	151830H	H&S 1/5 DELETE REPORT ENORMOUS REPORTING.	S.F.
1020	1030	6	191945H	G 2/7 FOLLOW UP SEARCH WITH NEG. RES.	S.F.
1020	1030	7	192100H	H 2/7 FOLLOW UP SEARCH OF AERA NEG. RES.	S.F.
1020	1030	8	191655H	G 2/7 FOLLOW UP SEARCH AERA NEG. RES.	S.F.
1045	1100	9	192045H	A 1/5 AT792045. UNIT FND 3 DRAG MARKS, 1 NVA FOLLOW UP CARTRIDGE BELT, AND 12 M-1 CASINGS.	S.F.
1100	-	10	201100H	1/5 SPEC SIT REP #54 T.C.	S.F.
1235	1245	11	201130H	H 2/7 AT911489. USMC DET UNK TYPE A-P MINE. 1 USMC WIAE. MEDEVAC CALLED AND COMPLETED.	S.F.
1420	1435	12	201215H	D 1/5 AT945503. UNIT SPTD 10 VC MOVING NW AT AT933506 W/PACKS AND RIFLES. UNIT INIT FIRE WITH S/A. CALLED MAR ARTY MSN. SEARCHED AREA-NEG RESULTS	S.F.
1700	-	13	201700H	1/5 SPEC SIT REP #55 T.C.	S.F.
1700	-	14	201700H	2/7 E SPEC SIT REP #2 T.C.	S.F.
1740	1755	15	201320H	G 1/5 AT951527. UNIT FND 1 25LB PRESSURE RELEASE TYPE A-T MINE. DESTROYED IN PLACE.	S.F.
2150	2200	16	201950H	DUC DUC HQ. AT855475. UNIT RECD 2 RDS M-79 FM UNKNOWN EN POS. 1 PF KIA. UNIT FIRED S/A AND M-79 AT POS EN COORD. NEG RES.	S.F.
2300	-	17	202300H	1/5 SPEC SIT REP #56 T.C.	S.F.
2400	-	18	202320H	AN HOA RECD 9 RDS 80MM FIRED COUNTER MOTAR FIRE EN FRIE CAUSED.	S.D.F.
2400	-	19	202400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	S.F.

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0001	210001H		JOURNAL OPENED TAYLOR COMMON	S.F.
0120 0130	210045H		A 1/5 AT985515 UNIT RECD 40 RDS B-40 FM AT973511 RES IN 1 USMC EVAC.	S.F.
0600	210600H		1/5 SPEC SIT REP #57	S.F.
0940 0940	210940H		E 2/7 AT901488 MARINE DET A. P. MINE RES IN 5 USMC EVAC.	S.F.
1100 1130	210802		CENS DET M-16 1 ST MAR DIV. TAP*TEST PUMP IGNITED BURNING 2 MARINES RES IN 2 NBC EVAC.	S.F.
1100 1120	211045H		B 1/5 AT913512 UNIT APP 5 VN DETS TO BN S-2	S.F.
1100 1130	211015H		A 1/5 AT966524 UNIT FD OLD SEWING MACH AND NVA FEED GLASSES. DEST ALL CWR.	S.F.
1100 1130	210905H		D 1/5 AT940500 MARINE DET M-26 A.P. MINE RES IN 1 USMC EVAC.	S.F.
1100	211100H		1/5 SPEC SIT REP #58 T.C.	S.F.
1234 1245	211105H		39TH RANGER BN. AT800483. UNIT MADE CONTACT WITH 1 VC. SEARCH OF AREA REVEALED 1 VC KIA.	S.F.
1312 1320	211100H		B 1/5 AT934513. UNIT CAPT 1 DETAINEE, 16 YEARS OLD, WITH NO I.D.I FOWARDED TO IIT FOR CLASS.	S.F.
1314 1320	211115H		B 1/5 AT936512. UNIT CAPT 1 DETAINEE HIDING IN BUNKER FOWARDED TO IIT FOR CLASS.	S.F.
1325 1334	211307H		D 1/5 AT940500. UNIT SPID 1 VC RUNNING AT AT937500. OPENED FIRE WITH S/A AND A/W. RES 1 VC KIA.	S.F.
1700	211700H		1/5 SPEC SIT REP #59 T.C.	S.F.
1700	211700H		2/7 SPEC SIT REP #41 T.C.	S.F.
1700	211700H		E 2/7 SPEC SIT REP #6 T.C.	S.F.
1805 1835	211530H		E 2/7 AT903497. UNIT RECD INCOMING FRNDLY ARTY. 1 USMC NBCE. MEDEVAC CALLED AND COMPLETED.	S.F.
2230 2235	212100H		D 1/5 AT945515. UNIT APP 2 DETAINEES AT ABOVE COORD. UNIT RECD S/A, A/W, AND GREN. RETD S/A AND CALLED MAR ARTY MSN. ALSO CALLED SPOCKY ON STATION.	S.F.
2300	212300H		1/5 SPEC SIT REP #60 T.C.	S.F.
2325 2330	212100H		A 1/5 AT979516. UNIT RECD 1 SNIPER RD FM UNK EN COORD. 1 USMC WIAE. MEDEVAC CALLED AND COMPLETED.	S.F.
2400	212400H		JOURNAL CLOSED	S.F.

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0001	21	220001H	JOURNAL OPENED TAYLOR COMMON	S.F.
0130 0140	2	220015H	5 TH MARINES HQ CP RECD 5 RDS 82 MM NO CAUSALITIES RDS IMPACTED AT821417	S.F.
0600	3	220600H	1/5 SPEC SIT REP # 1 61	S.F.
0600	4	220600H	2/7 SPEC SIT REP # 8	S.F.
0930 0940	5	222100H	D 1/5 AT945515 SEARCH OF AERA REVEALED 1 VN WIA DET FORWD TO BNCP.	S.F.
1100	6	171500H	F 2/7 POL UP DET CLASS BY ITT AS INN CIV.	S.F.
1100 1030	7	171250H	F 2/7 POL UP DET CLASS BY ITT AS INN CIV.	S.F.
1100 1030	8	191520H	D 1/5 POL UP DET CLASS BY ITT AS VC POW.	S.F.
1100 1130	9	22015H	5 MARINES HQ HVY EQUIP DAMAGED BY STACHAL CHARGES AND 1 RPG RD BY VC TERRIOTS AGAINST VN CIV.	S.F.
1100 1130	10	220930H	B 1/5 AT898504 UNIT APP 1 DET FORWD TO BN S-2.	S.F.
1100 1130	11	220830H	B 1/5 AT937517 UNIT KILLED 1 VC KIA AND APP 1 DET.	S.F.
1100 1130	12	220830H	C 1/5 AT913506 UNIT DEST 1 KITTLE A.P. MINE.	S.F.
1100 1130	13	220920H	B 1/5 AT912513 UNIT KILLED 1 VC KIA WITH S/A FIRE.	S.F.
1100 1130	14	220855H	G 2/7 AT923472 UNIT ED TUNNEL COMPLEX. DESTROYED.	S.F.
1130	15	221100H	1/5 SPEC SIT REP #62	S.F.
1130	16	221100H	2/7 SPEC SIT REP #.9	S.F.
2400	17	222400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	S.F.

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0001 -	1	230001H	JOURNAL OPENED TAYLOR COMMON	S.F.
0500 -	2	230600H	1/5 SPEC SIT REP #65	S.F.
0900 0910	3	230730H	B 1/5 AT997508 UNIT APP 1 DET WIA FORWD TO BNCP.	S.F.
0950 1000	4	230745H	A 1/5 AT984517 UNIT RECD S/A A/W FIRE FM EST 40 EN RES IN 1 USMC EVAC. UNIT RETD FIRE AND CALLED IN MARINE ARTY MSN AO REQUESTED AND 1 PLT OF A CO PROVIDE BASS OF FIRE FOR AOMMO RESUPPLY.	S.F.
1000 1030	5	230920H	D 1/5 AT945515 UNIT APP 1 DET FORWD TO BNCP.	S.F.
1115 -	6	231100H	1/5 SPEC SIT REP # 66	S.F.
1115 0	7	231100H	2/7 SPEC SIT REP 1# 13	S.F.
1245 1300	8	230830H	B 1/5 AT921529. MINE SWEEP LOC 1 M-26 GREN W/TRIP WIRE AT ABOVE COORD. DESTROYED IN PLACE.	S.F.
1418 1440	9	231035H	G 2/7 AT929478. UNIT OBS 6 VC W/PACKS AND RIFLES MOVING NW AT AT925485. CALLED 81MM MORTARS AND MAR ARTY MSN. SEARCHED AREA: NEG RESULTS.	S.F.
1700 -	10	231700H	1/5 SPEC SIT REP #67	S.F.
1750 1820	11	231115H	LATE ENTRY. B 1/5 AT918509. UNIT APP 1 MALE DETAINEE, 17 YEARS OLD. DETAINEE ADMITTED BEING LOOKOUT RUNNER FOR LOCAL VC UNIT. DETAINEE WILL BE FOWARDED TO ITT FOR FURTHER INTERROGATION.	S.F.
1945 2000	12	230745H	A 1/5 AT984517. SEARCHED AREA. FOUND MISC 782 FOLLOW UP GEAR. 10 KIA OBSERVED AND CONFIRMED BY AO.	S.F.
2120 2130	13	232115H	D 1/5 AT946516. UNIT RECD 8 INCOMING GREN AND 3 B-40 ROCKET RDS. RETD FIRE WITH S/A AND GREN. CALLED MAR ARTY MSN. UNABLE TO OBS RESULTS DUE TO DARKNESS.	S.F.
2105 2130	14	231845H	A 1/5 AT967518. UNIT SPTD 8 VC MOVING NE AT AT976513. CALLED MAR ARTY MSN. UNABLE TO OBS DUE DUE TO DARKNESS.	S.F.
2225 2240	15	232135H	C 1/5 AT922538. UNIT RECD 4 INCOMING RDS, BELIEVED TO BE 105MM HE. REQUESTED CEASE FIRE. WILL CONDUCT CRATER ANALYSIS AT FIRST LIGHT.	S.F.
2300 -	16	232300H	1/5 SPEC SIT REP # 68	S.F.
2400 -	17	232400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	S.F.

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0001	-	1	240001 H	JOURNAL OPENED TAYLOR COMMON	S.F.
0600	-	2	240600H	SPEC SIT REP 1/5 #69	S.F.
1145	1145	3	241101H	C 1/5 MARINE HAD ACCIDENTIAL DISCHARGE WTH .45 CAL. PISTOL INVEST BEING HEKD. 1 NBC EVAC.	S.F.
1145	-	4	241100H	1/5 SPEC SIT REP # 70	S.F.
1205	1225	5	241115H	D 1/5 AT930513. USMC DET M-26 GREN W/TRIP WIRE A-P DEVICE. 2 USMC WIAE. MEDEVAC CALLED AND COMPLETED.	S.F.
1305	1330	6	241220H	D 1/5 AT930525. USMC DET M-26 GREN W/TRIP WIRE A-P DEVICE. NEGATIVE CASUALTIES. CONTIUED PATROL.	S.F.
1310	1330	7	230730H	B 1/5 AT897508. WOUNDED DETAINEE DIED IN ROUTE TO FOLLOW UP BN BAS. SUBTRACT 1 MALE DETAINEE. ADD 1 VC KIA.	S.F.
1315	1330	8	241200H	B 1/5 AT907503. UNIT DISCOVERED 1 82MM MORTAR RD W/TRIP WIRE A-P DEVICE. BLOWN IN PLACE.	S.F.
1500	1510	9	240950H	D 1/5 AT936524. UNIT APP 2 MALE DETAINEES AT ABOVE COORD. DET AINEES FOWARDED TO S-2 FOR INTERROGATION.	S.F.
1700	-	10	241700H	1/5 SPEC SIT REP # 71 T.C.	S.F.
1750	1800	11	241700H	A 1/5 AT988537. UNIT APP 1 MALE DETAINEE AT ABOVE COORD. FOWARDED TO ITT FOR CLASS.	S.F.
1755	1800	12	240930H	B 1/5 AT936524. UNIT APP 2 MALE DETAINEES AT ABOVE COORD. FOWARDED TO ITT FOR CLASS.	S.F.
1700	1730	13	241545H	H 2/7 USMC WOUNDED BY ACCIDENTIAL DISCHARGE OF M-79. MEDEVAC BY VEH TO AN HOA.	S.F.
2000	2020	14	241810H	21st RANGER BN. AT835516. FIRST TRUCE VIOLATION OCCURRED 241810 WHEN EST PLT OF VC/NVA OPENED FIRE WITH S/A ON ELEMENT OF 21st RANGER BN. UNIT RETD FIRE WITH S/A. EN BRK CONTACT 241815.	S.F.
2025	2045	15	241915H	D 1/5 AT946511. TRUCE VIOLATION OCCURRED 241915 WHEN ELEMENT OF D 1/5 RECD 1 INCOMING CHICOM GRENADE FM UNK SOURCE. FIRST AID ADMIN TO 2 WIAE MEDEVAC CALLED AND COMPLETED.	S.F.
2125	2130	16	242030H	39th RANGER BN. AT846495. TRUCE VIOLATION THREE OCCURRED 242030H WHEN EST SQD VC FIRED S/A AND THREW GREN AT LP. CALLED ILLUM. CONTACT BRKN 242035.	S.F.
2220	2230	17	242131H	D 1/5 AT945516. FOURTH TRUCE VIOLATION OCCURRED WHEN UNIT RECD 1 CHICOM GREN RESULTING IN 2 USMC WIAE. RETD FRAG GREN. ARTY ILLUM CALLED. AREA SEARCHED W/NEG RESULTS. MEDEVAC CALLED AND COMPLETED BASKETBALL AND SPOOKY REQUESTED.	S.F.
2245	2255	18	242220H	D 1/5 AT944516. TRUCE VIOLATION FIVE OCCURRED UNIT RECD APPROX 15 GREN. 2 USMC WIAE. RETD FIRE W/LAAS, GREN, AND M-79S. ILLUM CALLED AND SPOOKY REQUESTED.	S.F.

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0001	-	1	250001H	JOURNAL OPENED TAYLOR COMMON	S.F.
0600	-	2	250600H	1/5 SEPC SIT REP # 73	S.F.
0600	0615	3	250451H	A 1/5 AT966520 UNIT RECD 6-8 INC GRENS RESIN 3 USMC EVAC. MED EVAC CALLED.	S.F.
1000	1010	4	250451H	A 1/5 FOL UP ADD 2 USMC NON EVAC. AND UNIT FD 3 CHI COM GRENS DESTROYED IN PLACE.	S.F.
1100	-	5	251100H	SPEC SIT REP # 74	S.F.
1250	1320	6	251140H	39 RANGER BN AT844499. TRUCE VIOLATION EIGHT OCCURED 251140 WHEN PATROL WAS FIRED UPON BY UNK SIZE EN. UNIT DID NOT RETN FIRE. CONTACT WAS BRKN BY ENEMY.	S.F.
1300	1330	7	251200H	A 1/5 AT968521. UNIT APP 1 FEMALE DETAINEE AT ABOVE COORD. DETAINEE HAD 5000 PLASTERS SEWN INTO CLOTHING. DETAINEE FOWARDED TO S-2 FOR CLASS.	S.F.
1415	1440	8	250600H	39 RANGER BN AT950498. UNIT APP 2 DETAINEES AT ABOVE COORD. FOWARDED TO ITT FOR CLASS.	S.F.
1700	1700	9	251700H	1/5 SPEC SIT REP #75 T.C.	S.F.
1810	1830	10	251545H	A 1/5 AT966422. TWO DETAINEES ENTERED UNIT'S PERIMETER WAVING CHOU HOI PASSES FM GA NOI ISLAND DETAINEES WILL BE FOWARDED TO S-2.	S.F.
2140	2145	11	252007H	21 RANGER BN. AT836516. UNIT RECD PROBE FM EST BN SIZE FORCE AT 830501. CALLED ARTY AND SPOOKY ON STATION. 1 NVA KIA.	S.F.
2200	2210	12	252140H	D 1/5 AT944516. UNIT RECD 1 INCOMING GRENADE. RETD 6 GREN AND CALLED ILLUM. NO FURTHER GREN RECD.	S.F.
2400	02420	13	252131H	D 1/5 AT948512 UNIT OBS 60 EN MOVING S. UNIT CAL LED IN MARINE ARTY MSN OF 300 RDS.	S.F.
2400	0020	14	252330H	D 1/5 AT944516 UNIT RECD 3 INCOM GRENS RES IN 3 USMC NON EVAC.	S.F.
2400	-	15	252400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.	S.F.

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0001 -	1	260001H	JOURNAL OPENED TAYLOR COMMON	S.F.
0600 -	2	260600H	1/3 SEPC SIT REP #77	S.F.
0840 0850	3	180815H	D 1/5 FOLLOW UP DET CLASS BY ITT AS INN CIV.	S.F.
0840 0850	4	211045H	B 1/5 FOLLOW UP DET CLASS BY ITT AS 4 INN CIV AND 1 CIV DEF.	S.F.
0840 0850	5	211100H	B 1/5 FOLLOW UP DET CLASS BY ITT AS INN CIV.	S.F.
0840 0850	6	211115H	B 1/5 FOLLOW UP DET CLASS BY ITT AS INN CIV.	S.F.
0840 0850	7	212100H	D 1/5 FOLLOW UP 3 DETS CLASS BY ITT AS CIV DEFS.	S.F.
0840 0850	8	221410H	G 2/7 FOLLOW UP 5 DETS CLASS BY ITT AS INN CIVS.	S.F.
0840 0850	9	230920H	D 1/5 FOLLOW UP DET CLASS BY ITT AS CIV DEF.	S.F.
0840 0850	10	240930H	B 1/5 FOLLOW UP 2 DETS CLASS BY ITT AS INN CIVS.	S.F.
0840 0850	11	240950H	D 1/5 FOLLOW UP 2 DETS CLASS BY ITT AS INN CIVS.	S.F.
1130 -	12	262200H	1/5 SPEC SIT REP # 78	S.F.
1130 1140	13	261045H	D 1/5 AT943500 MARINE DET A.P. MINE RES 1 USMC EVAC.	S.F.
1130 1140	14	260830H	B 1/5 AT914506 MARINE DET A.P. MINE RES 1 USMC EVAC.	S.F.
1505 1510	15	260731H	D 1/5 AT948509. UNIT OBS 10 EN W/ WPNS MOVING S AT AT948505. UNIT FIRED S/A AND AD ON STATION CALLED FIXED WING. CHECKED AREA NEG RESULTS.	S.F.
1700 -	16	261700H	1/5 SPEC SIT REP #79 T.C.	S.F.
1750 1755	17	261050H	21ST. RANGER BN. AT816505. UNIT RECD A/W AND S/A FM AT810505. UNIT RETD FIRE WITH S/A AND A/W FIRE CALLED AIR STRIKES AND ARTY.. UNIT HAS BEEN IN CONTACT ALL DAY. 5 ARVN KIA AND 21 ARVN WIAE.	S.F.
1805 1815	18	261440H	39TH RANGER BN. AT812495. UNIT RECD B-40 ROCKETS FM UNK EN POSIT. 1 KIA AND 7 WIAE. MEDEVAC CALLED AND COMPLETED.	S.F.
2030 2040	19	261900H	A 1/5 AT958517. U NIT OBS 4 VC W/PACKS MOVING S AT AT967511. UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY MSN.	S.F.
2210 2225	20	262010H	C 1/5 AT914514. WHILE MOVING TO N/POS, UNIT RECD S/A FM APPROX 12 EN AT AT903517. UNIT RETD FIRE WITH S/A AND M-79 RDS. CALLED 81MM MORTARS. EN BRK CONTACT. SEARCHED AREA NEG RESULTS.	S.F.
2215 2225	21	262050H	D 1/5 AT946515. WHILE MOVING TO N/POS, UNIT RECD 4 INCOMING GREN AND APPROX 35 RDS S/A FIRE. 2 USMC WIAE. UNIT RETD FIRE W/GREN AND S/A. CALLED MAR ARTY MSN ON ROUTES OF EGRESS. WIAE'S WILL BE MEDEVACED AT FIRST LIGHT.	SF
2300 -	22	262300H	1/5 SPEC SIT REP # 80 T.C.	S.F.
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0001	-	1	270001H	JOURNAL OPENED TAYLOR COMMON	S.F.
0100	0110	2	262345H	5 TH MARINES HQ CP RECD 1 RD 60 MM AND PR AMB MADE CONTACT WITH 30 EN UNIT FIRED ARTY MSN AT884 477 EN CONTACT CEASED.	S.F.
0600	-	3	270600H	1/5 SPEC SIT REP # 81	S.F.
0900	0910	4	251200H	A 1/5 FOLLOW UP DET CLASS BY ITT AS INN CIV.	S.F.
0900	0910	5	251545H	A 1/5 FOLLOW UP 2 DETS CLASS BY ITT AS VC RTNES.	S.F.
0930	0940	6	262345H	5 TH MAR CHANGE REPORT TO READ AS FOLLOWS PF MADE CONTACT WITH 7-8 EN VICE 30 EN AND UNIT SEARCHED AERA PD BLOOD STAINS.	S.F.
0100	1010	7	270800H	A 1/5 AT962516 UNIT RECD 40 RDS S/A FIRE FM ABOVE EN AT961511 RES IN 1 USMC EVAC.	S.F.
1100	-	8	271100H	1/5 SEPC SIT REP # 82	S.F.
1315	1325	9	271130H	C 1/5 AT914517. UNIT OBS 3 EN IN KHAKI AT KHAKI AT893522. CALLED MAR ARTY MSN. 30-40 EN FLUSHED OUT OF TREELINE. CONTINUED ARTY MSN. EN DISPERSED 3 VC KIA.	S.F.
1345	1410	10	271131H	A 1/5 AT966522. UNIT WAS APPROACHED BY VN WAVING CHOU HOI PASS. ALSO APPRND 1 MALE DETAINEE WHO ATTEMPTED TO FLEE THE AREA. WILL FOWARD DETAINEES TO ITT FOR CLASS.	S.F.
1700	1725	11	271700H	1/5 SPEC SIT REP # 83 T.C.	S.F.
1725	1805	12	271145H	A 1/5 AT971517. USMC DET 1 M-33 GREN W/TRIP WIRE A-P DEVICE. 1 USMC WIAE. MEDEVAC CALLED AND COMP.	S.F.
1727	1807	13	271100H	C 1/5 AT915515. UNIT APP 1 MALE DETAINEE, 45 YEARS OLD. FOWARDED TO ITT FOR CLASS.	S.F.
1736	1810	14	271131H	A 1/5 AT966522. CHOU HOI IS BEING UTILIZED WITH FOLLOW UP H B TEAM AND HAS VOLUNTARILY BROADCASTED TO OTHERS HE WILL MAKE FURTHER BROADCASTS THIS AFTERNOON AND EVENING. DETAINEES WILL BE FOWARDED TO AN HOA ON 28 DEC 68.	S.F.
1739	1814	15	271455H	39TH RANGER BN AT849505. UNIT RECD S/A AND A/W FIRE FM AT855497. 1 ARVN KIA AND 9 ARVN WIAE. UNIT RETD FIRE WITH S/A, A/W, AND M-79 RDS. CALLED ARTY AND AIR STRIKES. SEARCHED AREA. 18 NVA KIA. 1 RPG LAUNCHER. 2 B-41 RDS. 2AK-47. 2 AK-50. 2 6KG. AND 1 M-16. MEDEVAC CALLED AND COMPLETED.	S.F.
1345	1815	16	271240H	L 3/5 AT890482. UNIT RECD S/A FIRE FM AT888488. UNIT RETD FIRE WITH S/A, A/W, AND M-79 RDS. CHECKED AREA, NEG RESULTS.	S.F.
2020	2037	17	271945H	D 1/5 AT935515. WHILE MOVING TO N/POS, FND 1 M-26 GREN W/TRIP WIRE A-P DEVICE. WILL DESTROY AT FIRST LIGHT.	S.F.

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0040 0050 18 271925H L 3/5 AT914488 UNIT RECD S/A AND M-79 FIRE RES IN
2400 - 19 272400H 3 USMC EVAC AND 3 USMC NON EVAC.
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0001	-	1	280001H	JOURNAL OPENED TAYLOR COMMON	S.F.
0040	0050	2	272345H	C 1/5 AT914517 UNIT RECD 2 INCOM GRENS FM IMMED VIC RES IN 1 USMC EVAC.	S.F.
0600	-	3	270500H	1/5 SPEC SIT REP # 85	S.F.
0830	0840	4	280551H	D 1/5 AT948526 UNIT KILLED 3 VC KIA AND APP 3 VN FEMALE DETS. FORWD TO BNCP.	S.F.
1030	1040	5	271925H	L 3/5 FOLLOW UP UNIT RECOVERED ALL GEAR.	S.F.
1030	1040	6	280545 H	A 1/5 AT966515 UNIT RECD INC GREN AND 1 B-40 RD UNIT RETD FIRE SEARCHED AREA WITH NEG RES.	S.F.
1050	1055	7	280830H	C 1/5 AT923517 MARINE DET A-P. MINE RES IN 1 USMC NON EVAC.	S.F.
1100	-	8	281100H	1/5 SPEC SIT REP # 86	S.F.
1210	1215	9	281100H	D 1/5 AT934516. UNIT FND 1 M-26 GREN W/TRIP WIRE A-P DEV. BLOWN IN PLACE.	S.F.
1255	1305	10	280830H	37 RANGER BN AT850503. UNIT FND 1 FIELD PHONE AND 1 CLK. FOWARDED TO BN CP.	S.F.
1450	1520	11	281245H	B 1/5 AT924538. UNIT SPTD 7 VC IN BOAT ON RIVER AT XXXX AT906525. CALLED MAR ARTY MSN. SUNK BOAT CHECKED AREA NEG RESULTS.	S.F.
1450	1520	12	281315H	A 1/5 AT968508. AC RECD A/W FIRE FM AT966514. UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY MSN. WILL CHECK AREA.	S.F.
1641	1655	13	281345H	L 3/5 AT902469. USMC DET UNK TYPE A-P DEVINE. 1 USMC WIANE.	S.F.
1650	1720	14	281430H	39TH RANGER BN. AT8495050 ARVN DET UNK TYPE A-P DEVICE. 1 ARVN WIAE. MEDEVAC CALLED AND COMPLETED.	S.F.
1700	-	15	281700H	1/5 SPEC SIT REP #87 T.C.	S.F.
1745	1800	16	281315H	A 1/5 AT968508. UNIT CHECKING AREA OBS 30 VC AT FOLLOW UP AT966514. ATTEMPTING TO MAOVE FM AREA. UNIT INIT FIRE AND CALLED ARTY AND AIR STRIKES. EN RETD FIRE. SEARCHED AREA. FND 4 VC KIA AND 6 82MM MORTAR RDS. WILL XONTINUE SEARCH XX 29 DEC68. 2 USMC WERE WIAE. MEDEVAC WAS CALLED AND COMPLETED.	S.F.
2050	2120	17	281315H	A 1/5 AT968508. FOLLOW UP. ADD 1 VC KIA AND 2 USMC WIANE.	S.F.
2105	2120	18	281900H	B 1/5 AT925538. UNIT SPTD 6 BOATS CROSSING RIVER ATA AT902523. CALLED MAR ARTY MSN. OBS 1 SECONDARY EXPLOSION.	S.F.
2115	2120	19	281930H	D 1/5 AT932515. WHILE MOVING TO N/POS, UNIT RECD A/W FIRE FM XXXX AT931515. RETD FIRE WITH S/A, A/W, M-79, AND LAAWS. CALLED MAR ARTY MSN. WILL CHECK AREA AT FIRST LIGHT.	S.F.
2245	2300	20	282100H	D 1/5 AT943515. WHILE MOVING TO N/POS, USMC DET M-26 GREN W/TRIP WIRE A-P DEV. 1 USMC WIAE. WILL BE MEDEVAC AT FIRST LIGHT.	S.F.

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0600	-	2	290600H	1/5 SPEC SIT REP # 89	S.F.
1100	-	3	290920H	D 1/5 AT954507 UNIT FD 1500 LBS OF RICE AND NVA CLOTHING DESTROYED IN PLACE.	S.F.
1145	-	4	291100H	1/5 SPEC SIT REP # 90	S.F.
1300	1318	5	291140H	D 1/5 AT943501. USMC DET M-26 GREN W/TRIP WIRE A-P DEVICE. 1 USMC WIAE. MEDEVAC CALLED AND COMPLETED.	S.F.
1350	1420	6	291220H	D 1/5 AT943501. USMC DET M-33 GREN W/TRIP WIRE A-P DEVICE. 1 USMC WIAE. MEDEVAC CALLED AND COMPLETED.	S.F.
1400	1430	7	282215H	A 1/5 AT987520. FOLLOW UP. CHECKED AREA, NEGATIVE FOLLOW UP RESULTS.	S.F.
1410	1430	8	281315H	A 1/5 AT972516. CONTINUED SEARCH, FND FOLLOWING: 9 FUZES 82MM, 7 RDS 82MM, 1 M-1 CARBINE, 4 CHICOM GREN, 1 M-26 GREN, 2 20LB SATCHEL CHARGES, ASSORTED MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND 782 GEAR. DESTROYED SATCHEL CHARGES, FOWARDED OTHER GEAR TO S-2.	S.F.
1440	1510	9	291100H	L 3/5 AT907474. UNIT APP 10 VN MOVING NW AT ABOVE COORD. FOWARDED TO ITT FOR CLASS.	S.F.
1450	1515	10	291115H	L 3/5 AT893466. UNIT SPTD 6 VC MOVING NW AT ABOVE COORD AT919462. UNIT FIRED 81MM MORTAR MSN, RES UNKNOWN.	S.F.
1600	1605	11	291415H	39TH RANGER BN AT863539. UNIT RECD S/A AND A/W FM EST CO SIZE FORCE AT AT863541. RETD FIRE WITH S/A A/W, CALLED ARTY AND UTILIZING GUNSHIPS. 1 ARVN KIA AND 5 ARVN WIAE. MEDEVAC CALLED AND COMPLETED.	S.F.
1700	1703	12	291430H	D 1/5 AT935516. USMC DET M-33 GREN W/TRIP WIRE A-P DEVICE. 2 USMC WIAE. MEDEVAC CALLED AND COMPLETED.	S.F.
1700	-	13	291700H	1/5 SPEC SIT REP # 91 T.C.	S.F.
1750	1800	14	291430H	L 3/5 AT884475. UNIT FND 3 1/2 - 4 TONS OF RICE CONCENTRATED IN ONE AREA. AT ABOVE COORD. UNIT WILL RETURN 30 DEC 68 TO BAG RICE AND FOWARD IT TO AN HOA.	S.F.
1750	1800	15	291540H	L 3/5 AT888472. UNIT APP 1 MALE DETAINEE AT ABOVE COORD. DETAINEE HAD NO I.D. FOWARDED TO ITT FOR CLASS.	S.F.
2000	2020	16	291950H	37 RANGER BN AT868526. OP RECD S/A AND GREN FM UNK SIZE ENEMY. CALLED ARTY ON ROUTES OF EGRESS.	S.F.
2300	-	17	292300H	1/5 SPEC SIT REP # 92 T.C.	S.F.
2400	-	18	292400H	JOURNAL CLOSED - closed	S.F.

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0001	-	1	300001H	JOURNAL OPENED TAYLOR COMMON	S.F.
0100	0110	2	300009H	C 1/5 AT897494 UNIT KILLED 1 VC KIA AND FD 15 CHI COMS GRENS.	S.F.
0600	-	3	300600H	1/5 SPEC SIT REP # 93	S.F.
0830	0840	4	292215H	5 TH MARINES DEF POSIT TOWER TWO OBS MOVEMENT AT 878485 CALLED IN MARINE ARTY MSN MOVEMENT CEASED.	S.F.
0850	0850	5	300730H	D 1/5 AT945506 UNIT OBS 3 EN TOOK EN UNDER FIRE APP 1 DET WIA FORWD TO BNCP.	S.F.
1130	-	6	301100H	1/5 SPEC SIT REP # 94	S.F.
1100	-	7	300730H	D 1/5 FOLLOW UP UNIT FD 1600LBS OF RICE AND ASSORTED MED-GEAR DESTROYED EXCEPT MED - GEAR.	S.F.
1130	1140	8	220830H	B 1/5 FOL UP DET CLASS BY ITT AS INN CIV.	S.F.
1130	1140	9	241700H	A 1/5 FOL UP DET CLASS BY ITT AS CIV DEF.	S.F.
1130	1140	10	271131H	A 1/5 FOL UP 2 DETS CLASS BY ITT AS VC RTNE AND INN CIV.	S.F.
1130	1140	11	220930H	B 1/5 FOL UP DELETE SPOT REP DOUBLE REPORT.	S.F.
1130	1140	12	280551H	D 1/5 FOL UP 4 DETS CLASS BY ITT AS INN CIV.	S.F.
1130	1140	13	291100H	L 3/5 FOL UP 10 DETS CLASS BY ITT AS INN CIVS.	S.F.
1345	1350	14	300009H	C 1/5 AT897494. FOLLOW UP. ADD 7 VC KIA.	S.F.
1520	1525	15	301431H	A 1/5 AT985518. UNIT, SEARCHING FOR FRESH GRAVES REPORTED BY INTEL REPORT 291745H, FND 15 FRESH GRAVES 2 - 4 DAYS OLD, CONTAINING 15 VC KILLED BY SHRAPNEL. 15 KIA.	S.F.
1705	1725	16	301530H	A 1/5 AT975517. USMC DET 60MM MORTAR RD W/TRIP WIRE A-P DEVICE. 5 USMC WIAE. MEDEVAC CALLED AND COMPLETED	S.F.
1735	1745	17	301745H	D 1/5 AT952502. UNIT FND 1 FRESH GRAVE CONTAINING 1 NVA KIA RESULT OF ARTY.	S.F.
1840	1850	18	301700H	1/5 SPEC SIT REP # 95 T.C.	S.F.
1840	1850	19	301630H	D 1/5 AT944492. UNIT SPED 3 NVA W/WENS AT AT930492. SNIPERS FIRED UPON ENEMY. CHECKED AREA. NEG RESULTS.	S.F.
1900	1903	20	301855H	21 RANGER BN. AT843570. UNIT FND 4 NVA KIA FM AIR STRIKES. ALSO FND 1 TELESCOPE SAME LOCATION.	S.F.
2020	2025	21	301850H	B 1/5 AT924538. UNIT OBS 3 BOATS CROSSING RIVER AT AT891514. PASSENGERS WERE WEARING PACKS. UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY MSN. BOATS DESTROYED. 11 VC KIA.	S.F.
2300	-	22	302300H	1/5 SPEC SIT REP # 96 T.C.	S.F.
2400	-	23	302400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	S.F.

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0001	-	1	310001H	JOURNAL OPENED TAYLOR COMMON	S.F.
0600	-	2	310500H	1/5 SPEC SIT REP # 97	S.F.
0600	0610	3	310445H	A 1/5 AT966520 UNIT RECD INC GREN AND MTRS FM AT967516 RES IN 1 USMC EVAC.	S.F.
0800	0810	4	271100H	C 1/5 FOL DET CLASS BY ITT AS CIV DEF.	S.F.
0800	0810	5	291540H	L 3/5 FOL UP DET CLASS BY ITT AS INN CIV.	S.F.
0800	0810	6	300730H	D 1/5 FOL UP DET CLASS BY ITT AS INN CIV.	S.F.
0800	0810	7	221115H	A 1/5 FOL UP DELETE SPOT REP DOUBLE REPORT.	S.F.
1015	1020	8	310825H	D 1/5 AT933520 MARINE DET A.P. MINE RES 2 USMC E	S.F.
1130	1130	9	310945H	B 1/1 AT912514 MARINE OBS 20 EN IN OPEN RES CALLED IN MARINE ARTY MSN FRIECKER RDS. RES IN 10 VC KIA.	S.F.
1130	-	10	311100H	1/5 SPEC SIT REP # 98	S.F.
1230	1242	11	311115H	D 1/5 AT941494. USMC DET UNKNOWN TYPE A-P DEVICE. 2 USMC WIAE. MEDEVAC CALLED AND COMPLETED.	S.F.
1400	1405	12	311230H	B 1/1 AT912514. UNIT FND 1 250LB BOMB AT ABOVE COORD. ENG DESTROYED IN PLACE.	S.F.
1500	1515	13	310445H	A 1/5 AT966520. CHECKED AREA OF MORTAR SITES: NEG FOLLOW UP RESULTS.	S.F.
1505	1515	14	311300H	1/5 BN CP AT927527. UNIT APPROACHED BY VN FEMALE WHO STATED THAT SHE HAD 2 VC WHO DESIRED TO CHOU HOI. S-2 MADE ARRANGEMENTS TO BRING CHOU HOI'S IN. WILL FOWARDED 2 DETAINEES TO ITT.	S.F.
1507	1515	15	311435H	39 RANGER BN. AT885535. UNIT RECD S/A AND 82MM MORTAR RDS. UNIT RETD S/A AND A/W AND CALLED ARTY.	S.F.
1600	1605	16	311545H	21 RANGER BN. AT889548. UNIT WAS AMBUSHED BY UNKNOWN SIZE ENEMY FORCE AT ABOVE COORD. UNIT RETD FIRE WITH S/A AND A/W FIRE REQUESTED GUNSHIPS. 1 ARVN KIA. 6 ARVN WIAE. 1 USA WIAE. MEDEVAC CALLED.	S.F.
1640	1710	17	311335H	B 1/1 AT929505. UNIT SPD 4 VC W/ WPNS MOVING SW AT AT907504. UNIT KNIT FIRE WITH S/A. M-79. AND LAWS. NEGATIVE RESULTS.	S.F.
1700	-	18	311700H	1/5 SPEC SIT REP # 99 T.C.	S.F.
1925	1940	19	311545H	21ST RANGER BN. AT889548. ADD 1 ARVN WIAE. FOLLOW UP	S.F.
1930	1945	20	311445H	LATE ENTRY C 1/5 AT908493. VN MALE WOUNDED BY VC RAN TO UNIT'S POSIT. UNIT RECD S/A AND A/W FIRE. 2 TANKS AND 1 SQD REAC MOVED TO OP'S POSIT. RETD FIRE WITH S/A. A/W. FIRE. CHECKED AREA. NEG RESULTS WOUNDED VN MALE TAKEN TO GERMAN HOSPITAL.	S.F.
2035	2040	21	311830H	A 1/5 AT970513. WHILE MOVING TO N/POS. UNIT RECD SNIPER FIRE FM AT966515. CALLED MAR ARTY MSN. SNIPER TEAM WITH UNIT RETD FIRE. 3 VC KIA AND 1 AK-50 CAPTURED.	S.F.

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0001	-	1	020001H	JOURNAL OPENED HENDERSON HILL	S.F.
0500	-	2	020500H	1/5 SPEC SIT REP # 157 H.H.	S.F.
0900	0930	3	012115H	A 1/5 AT931497 UNIT HEARD WHAT SOUNDE DLIKE MTR TUBE AND OBS 1 RD IMPACT NEAR RED LINE. UNIT CALLED IN 54 RDS 105MM MIXED FUSE.	S.F.D.
0900	0930	4	020700H	M 3/5 AT908479 UNIT APP 2 CHEW HOI'S AND ONE A-47 NUMEROUS DOC AND 50 RDS A-47 AND M-16.	S.F.D.
0900	0930	5	020730H	D 1/5 AT913512 MARINE PICKED UP M-79 DUD RD WENT OFF RES 1 USMC EVAC.	S.F.D.
0915	0940	6	020740H	FIG NEWTON RECON INSERT OBS 5 EN AT806483 MOVING INTO TREELINE. UNIT CALLED IN MARINE ARTY MSN. RES IN 1 NVA KIA.	S.F.D.
1130	-	7	021100H	1/5 SPEC SIT REP # 158 H.H.	S.F.
1315	1330	8	012115H	A 1/5 SQD. AMB. A.T. 931 497. SEARCHED AREA WITH FOLLOW UP NEGATIVE RESULTS.	S.F.D.
1315	1330	9	021100H	D 1/5 PLT. CMBT. PTL. A.T. 876506. UNIT REC'D A/W FIRE FROM 4 TO 5 DIFFERENT EMPLACEMENTS VIC. A.T. 876503. RET'D 150 S/A RND. 15 M-79 RND. 44 RND. 105 HE. SEARCHED AREA WITH NEG. RES.	S.F.D.
1445	1445	10	021200H	D 1/5 PLT. CMBT. PTL. A.T. 895507. UNIT OBS. 30- 35 VC FOLLOWING IT IN GROUPS OF 4 OR 5, OPENED FIRE WITH 550-600 RND. S/A. 25 M-79 RND. AND CALLED MAR. ARTY MSN OF 40 RND. 105MM HE. SEARCH OF AREA PRODUCED 5 VC KIA AND 3 PACKS.	S.F.D.
1730	-	11	021700H	1/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 159 H.H.	S.F.
1800	1800	12	02 DEC.	SMALL UNIT SUMMARY SUBMITTED TO DIVISION	S.F.D.
1905	-	13	021800H	RECON INSERT FIG NEWTON OBS. 8 VC WITH PACKS AND RIFLES MOVING NORTH EAST AT A.T. 820485. CALLED MARINE ARTY MSN. RESULTING IN 2 VC KIA.	S.F.
2300	2320	14	022200H	D 1/5 CP DEF. POSIT. UNIT REC'D 2-4 INCOMING GREN RET'D 10 M-26. M-79 RND. OBS. EN. FLEEING & FIRED S/A. INITIAL SEARCH NEG. WILL SEARCH AT FIRST LIGHT.	S.F.D.
2300	2320	15	022205H	A 1/5 PLT. EQUIP. SEC. A.T. 865456. UNIT REC'D 5 RND. 82 MM MORTAR FIRE FROM A.T. 969476. RESULTING IN 1 USMC WIANE AND 1 USMC WIAE. AN HOA CMBT. BASE RET'D COUNTER MORTAR FIRE ON EN.	S.F.D.
2315	-	16	022300H	1/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 160 H.H.	S.F.
2400	-	17	022400H	JOURNAL CLOSED HENDERSON HILL	S.F.

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0001	-	1	030001H	JOURNAL OPENED HENDERSON HILL	S.F.
0100	0110	2	022220H	AN HOA COMBAT BASE RECEIVED 2 RND 82 MM MORTAR FIRE.	S.F.D.
0500	-	3	030500H	1/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. #161 H.H.	S.F.
1100	-	4	031100H	1/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. #162 H.H.	S.F.
1210	1235	5	032220H	D 1/5 CO. CP A.T. 912512. SEARCHED AREA AT FIRST LIGHT WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.	S.F.D.
1730	-	6	031700H	1/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. #163 H.H.	S.F.
1830	1930	7	031700H	D 1/5 AT890505 UNIT MADE THOROUGH SEARCH OF AREA FOR UNEXPLODED ORDNANCE WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.	S.F.D.
1840	1930	8	031605H	D 1/5 AT900505 WHILE ON PATROL USMC DET UNKNOWN SUPRISE EXPLOSIVE DEVICE WOUNDING TWO MARINES. MEDEVAC CALLED FOR WOUNDED MEN	S.F.D.
1900	1930	9	021400H	A 1/5 PLT CMBT PTRL AT929195. UNIT FOUND ASSORTED ENEMY DOCUMENTS. DOCUMENTS FOWARDED TO REGT. S23	S.F.D.
2000	-	10	031850H	RECON INSERT SPILLWAY OBS. APPROX. 40 VC MOVING ACROSS RIVER AT A.T. 846554. THEY WERE USING BOATS LOADED WITH WEAPONS AND GEAR. CALLED MAR. ARTY MSN KILLING 4 VC	S.F.
2000	2000	11	03 DEC	SUBMITTED SMALL UNIT SUMMARY TO DIVISION	S.F.D.
2315	-	12	032300H	1/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. # 164 H.H.	S.F.
2400	-	13	032400H	JOURNAL CLOSED. HENDERSON HILL	S.F.

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0900 -	2	040500H	1/5 SPEC. SIT. REP. #165 H.H.	S.F.
1030 1045	3	040900H	D 1/5 FT OP AT909497 OBS ENEMY W/HELMETS AND RIFLES MOVING TOWARD TREELINE AT AT898498. UNIT NOTIFIED MINESWEEP AND HAD AMT FIRE 10 RDS 106MM INTO TREELINE. ALSO CALLED MAR ARTY MSN OF 76 RDS 105MM. AREA WILL BE SEARCHED.	S.F.D.
1115 -	4	041100H	1/5 SEPC SIT REP #166 H.H.	S.F.
1350 1400	5	040900H	D 1/5 FT OP AT909497 AREA SEARCHED W/NEGATIVE FOLLOWUP RESULTS.	
1400 1400	6	041140H	A 1/5 PLT CMBT PTRL AT920492 UNIT FOUND UNEXPLODED 500 LB BOMB. ENG DESTROYED IN PLACE.	S.F.D.
1500 1530	7	041345H	D 1/5 FT OP AT907493 UNIT RECD 15 RDS SNIPER FIRE FROM AT900498. RTND FIRE W/SA AND LAWS. ALSO CALLED MAR ARTY MSN OF 20 RDS 105MM. ENEMY BRK CONTACT. AREA SEARCHED W/NEG RESULTS.	S.F.D.
1720 1618	8	041601H	D 1/5 FT OP AT924517 UNIT RECD 50 RDS SNIPER FIRE. TWO TANKS DISPATCHED. TANKS FIRED 500 RDS .50 CAL AND 15 RDS 90MM. WILL CHECK AREA.	S.F.D.
1715 1832	9	041700H	1/5 SEPT SIT REP #167 H.H.	S.F.
1900 2000	10	041601H	D 1/5 PLT CMBT PTRL AT911527. UNIT SEARCHED FOLLOWUP AREA. FOUND 1 STRUCTURE DESTROYED BY 90MM FIRE.	S.F.D.
2000 2030	11	041930H	H&S 3/5 DEF POSIT AT898469 USMC POSS CONTRACTION OF MALARIA. MEDEVAC CALLED.	S.F.D.
2000 2030	12	04 DEC	SMALL UNIT SUMMARY SUBMITTED TO DIVISION	S.F.D.
2400 -	13	042400H	JOURNAL CLOSED. HENDERSON HILL	S.F.

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0001	-	1	050001H	JOURNAL OPENED HENDERSON HILL	S.F.
0010	-	2	042300H	1/5 SPEC SIT REP #168 H.H.	S.F.
0500	-	3	050500H	1/5 SPEC SIT REP #169 H.H.	S.F.
1100	-	4	051100H	1/5 SPEC SIT REP #170 H.H.	S.F.
1330	1415	5	051210H	D 1/5 PLT CMBT PTRL AT905497. UNIT RECD 150 RDS S/A FM AT901500. UNIT UNIT RETD FIRE W/SA, M-60, AND LAWS. ALSO CALLED MAR ARTY MSN OF 18 RDS 105MM AREA SEARCHED W/NEG RESULTS.	S.F.D.
1335	1415	6	051215H	A 1/5 PLT CMBT PTRL AT945502. UNIT SPTD 8 ENEMY IN GRN UNIFORMS AT AT947502. UNIT INIT CNT W/SA AND ARTY. ENEMY BRK CNT. WILL SEARCH AREA.	S.F.D.
1700	-	7	051700H	1/5 SPEC SIT REP #171 H.H.	S.F.
1815	-	8	051700H	3/5 SPEC SIT REP #62 H.H.	S.F.
1900	-	9	051545H	A 1/5 PLT CMBT PTRL AT947502. WHILE ON PTRL, USMC DET M-33 GRN TYPE SUP EXP DEV WOUNDING TWO MARINES. MEDEVAC CALLED.	S.F.D.
2030	-	10	051825H	RECON INSERT VESPER BELLS OBS 3 EN IN DARK UTIES W/PACKS & RIFLES CROSSING SAND BAR AT AT972533. UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY MSN. 3 ENEMY KIA.	S.F.
2030	-	11	051830H	RECON INSERT SPILLWAY OBS 10 VC IN BLK PJ W/PACKS AND RIFLES MOVING E ON TRL TOWARD 4 BOATS AT AT835552. UNIT CLD MAR ARTY MSN. 8 VC KIA AND 2 BOATS SUNK.	S.F.
2040	-	12	051215H	A 1/5 PLT CMBT PERL AT959501. UNIT OBS 12 NVA FOLLOW UP WEARING GRN UTIES AND CARRYING WPNS RUN INTO VILLE. UNIT INIT FIRE WITH S/A. ALSO CALLED MAR ARTY MSN OF 163 RDS OF 105MM AND A FIXED WING AIR STRIKE. SET UP BLKING FORCE AND SEARCHED AREA. FND 3 NVA KIA AND EQIP. WILL CONT SEARCH AT FIRST LIGHT.	S.F.D.
2115	-	13	051850H	RECON INSERT SPILLWAY OBS 26 VC IN BLK PJ CRS RVR IN 4 BOATS AT AT846552 CRYING PCKS RFLS AND MISC GEAR IN BOATS. CALLED MAR ARTY MSN. RESULTS 16 VC KIA AND 4 BOATS SUNK.	S.F.
2315	-	14	052300H	1/5 SPEC SIT REP #172 H.H.	S.F.
2303	2430	15	052203H	CIV VILLE RECD 25-30 RDS 60MM FM AT878485. AN HOA FIRED COUNTER MTR FIRE ON EN COORD. ALSO DU DU HQ FIRED 81MM MSN ON AT850480 EN FIRE CEASED. DAMAGE TO VILLE UNKNOWN AND VILLE WILL BE SEARCHED AT FIRST LIGHT BY MARINE PSY OPNS PERSONAL.	S.F.S.D.
2400	-	16	052400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	S.F.

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0001	-	1	060000H	JOURNAL OPENED HENDERSON HILL	S.F.
0500	-	2	060500H	1/5 SEPC SIT REP # 173	S.F.
0500	-	3	060500H	3/5 SEPC SIT REP # 64	S.F.
1100	-	4	061100H	1/5 SEPC SIT REP #174	S.F.
1100	-	5	061100H	3/5 SEPC SIT REP # 65	S.F.
1130	1140	6	061100H	A 1/5 AT959501 UNIT FR 17 RDS 82MM. 1 SKS. 3 B-40 RDS AND ASSORTED 782 GEAR AND NVA UNIFORMS. FORWD GEAR TO S-2 EXCEPT 82 RDS DEST IN PLACE.	S.F.D.
1700	-	7	061700H	1/5 SPEC SIT REP #175	S.F.
1700	-	8	061700H	2/5 SPEC SIT REP #1	S.F.
1700	-	9	061700H	3/5 SPEC SIT REP #66	S.F.
1930	1930	10	052203H	CIV VILL AT870470. S-2 and DUC DUC PERS SEARCH OF FOLLOWUP AREA REVEALED 1 BLDY BANDAGE, 1 M-79 CASEING, AND 1 HUT DEST BY FIRE. AT AT870482 UNIT FND FRESH DIGGINGS. POSS WHERE MORTAR RDS WERE LOC. CIV IN PHU DA(2) STATED EST 10 VC ENTRD VILL ARMED WITH 3 AK-47s 1 M-79, & K-44 & MORTARS BY A TRL LOC AT AT871485. VIL MAU CHANH (2) STATED SML GRP OF VC CAME TO EDGE OF VILL AND FRD 10-15 RDS 60MM AND ALSO FRD MG AT AN AIRPLANE IN THIS AREA. ALSO STATED S/A RDS FRD AT CAP 2-9-1.	S.F.D.
1935	2030	11	051215H	A 1/5 PLT CMBT PTRL AT 947502. UNIT CONT SEARCH OF AREA AND FND 1 SKS MAG, 1 AK-47 MAG, 40 AK-47 RDS AND 782 GEAR AND MED SUP. GEAR SENT TO S-2	S.F.D.
1940	-	12	060930H	RECON INSERT WEDDING RING AT828458. UNIT APPR 3 DETAINEES. 1 MALE HAD IN HIS POSS AK-47 RDS AND GREN PINS. 2 WOMEN APP DUE TO ASSOC W/MALE. ALL 3 DETAINEES ATMPD TO FLEE WHEN MAR APPROACHED. WILL FOWARD TO ITT FOR CLASS.	S.F.
1945	2030	13	061330H	C 1/5 PLT CMBT PTRL AT949526. WHILE ON PTRL. FND 2 M-26 GREN. 1 HIT BY TIGER WOUNDING 1 USMC. 1 DESTROYED IN PLACE. WILL MEDEVAC USMC ON RESUPPLY.	S.F.D.
1950	2030	14	061600H	1/5 AT910489. VEH W/TRAILER FM D/2/11 FOLLOWING CONVOY OBS 2 YOUNG MALES W/ WPNS ALONG ROAD. RECD 2 RDS INTO VEH WOUNDING 1 USMC. VEH RET TO D/2/11.	S.F.D.
1955	2030	15	061705H	C 1/5 CO CMBT PTRL AT955524. UNIT SPTD 25 VC/NVA W/PACKS & RIFLES MOVING ALNG TREELINE AT AT965516 UNIT INIT CONTACT W/20 RDS 90MM, & 200 RDS .50 CAL ALSO CALLED FIXED WING W/NAPALM & 250/LB SNAKES. TIGER ACCT FOR 3 NVA. FIXED WING CONT. WILL S SEARCH AREA.	S.F.D.
2250		16	052203H	CIV VILL AT870470. REP FM DUC DUC HQ SEARCHED FOLLOWUP AREA FNDING 12 VC KIA FM MAR CONTER-MORTAR FIRE.	S.F.D.

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2215	-	17	061915H	RECON INSERT SPILLWAY AT 798528. UNIT SPTD 4 VC IN 1 BOAT MOVING BACK & FORTH ACROSS THE RIVER AT AT85185518. UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY MSN. RESULT: 4 VC KIA AND 1 BOAT DESTROYED.	S.F.
2230	-	18	062135H	RECON INSERT SPILLWAY AT 798528. UNIT SPTD 6 VC IN 3 BOATS MOVING BACK & FORTH ACROSS THE RIVER AT AT824548. UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY MSN. RESULT: 6 VC KIA AND 3 BOATS DESTROYED.	S.F.
2320	-	19	062300H	1/5 SPEC SIT REP #176 H.H.	S.F.
2325	2340	20	062400H	M 3/5 AT 905474 UNIT RECD 1 RD UKN TYPE. UNIT CALLED IN MARINE ARTY MSN ON EN POIST. AT913481.	S.F.D.
2330	-	21	062300H	2/5 SPEC SIT REP #2	S.F.
2300	-	22	062300H	3/5 SPEC SIT REP #67	S.F.
2400	-	23	062400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	S.F.

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FROM: FIFTH MAR
TO: CG, TASK FORCE YANKEE

DRAFTED: S-3 MAF R. E. RIDGELY III

INFO: CG, FIRST MAR DIV
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FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #1 FROM 070001H TO
070600H DECEMBER 1968 OPERATION TAYLOR COMMON

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED NORMAL NIGHT ACTIVITIES CONDUCTING SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.
3. CONTACTS: NONE
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
 - A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET 11 INCHES AND HOLDING.
 - B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.
 - C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE, BUT MARGINAL.
 - D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.
5. PLANS SUMMARY:

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6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: NONE

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FROM: FIFTH MAR
TO: CG, TASK FORCE YANKEE

DRAFTER: S-3 MAJ R. E. RIDGELY III

INFO: CG, FIRST MAR DIV
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071200H DECEMBER 1968 OPERATION TAYLOR COMMON

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1. UNIT LOCATIONS: BLT 2/7 CP AT806475 ALL OTHERS NO CH
CO A AT806475
CO F AT805481
CO G AT807475
CO H AT806475
2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED OPERATIONS IAW WITH FIFTH MAR
SPEC SITREP #1 AND HENDERSON HILL SITREP #178.
3. CONTACTS:
A. 070930H 2/7 CO H FLT S&C LOC AT806475. UNIT OBS 3-5 ENEMY MOVING
INFO TRAILLINE LOC AT811482. UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY MSN. UNIT SEARCHED
AREA FINDING 1 VC KIA.
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET 11 INCHES AND HOLDING.
B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.
C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO
LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.
D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.
5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS WILL CONTINUE OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MAR SPEC
SITREP #1 AND HENDERSON HILL SITREP #178.
6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:
1 VC KIA

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FROM: FIFTH MAR

TO: CG, TASK FORCE YANKEE

DRAFTER: S-3 MAJ E. H. RUDOLPH III

INFO: CG, FIRST MAR DIV
 FIRST BN FIFTH MAR
 SECOND BN FIFTH MAR
 THIRD BN FIFTH MAR
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FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #3 FROM 071201H TO
 071800H DECEMBER 1968 OPERATION TAYLOR COMBON

1. UNIT LOCATIONS:

1/5 CP AT927527	2/5 CP AT962524	3/5 CP AT975475	BLT 7 CP AT916499
CO A AT925518	CO B AT958522	CO I AT949528	CO L AT916499
CO B AT927527	CO F AT957520	CO K AT936525	CO P AT915507
CO C AT932530	CO G AT965521	CO L AT944534	CO Q AT916503
CO D AT910527		CO M AT946497	CO H AT922509

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED OPERATIONS LAW FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #A AND HENDERSON HILL SITREP #A78.

3. CONTACTS:

- A. 071225H 2/7 CO G CO S&C LOC AT908509. UNIT APPREHENDED 1 DETAINEE OF MILITARY AGE. UNIT WILL FORWARD TO S-2.
- B. 071225H (FOLLOW UP) 2/7 CO G CO S&C LOC AT908509. UNIT FOUND 1 U.S. CARTRIDGE BLT, 1 U.S. DAYONLT, AND 1 CHICOM GRN. UNIT FORWARDED TO S-2.
- C. 071300H 2/7 CO H CO S&C LOC AT907480. UNIT APPREHENDED 5 MALE DETAINEES LOC AT911482. UNIT WILL FORWARD TO S-2.
- D. 071348H 1/5 CO C CO S&C LOC AT955523. UNIT OBS 2 VC RUNNING THROUGH VILLAGE LOC AT955516. UNIT INITIATED CONTACT WITH 90MM, .50 CAL., AND 81MM MORTAR MSN. UNIT SEARCHED AREA REVEALING REINFORCED BUNKERS. UNIT INTERROGATED 1 CIVILIAN WHO STATED 2 BODIES WERE DRAGGED OFF. CIVILIAN ALSO REVEALED 50-70 TONS OF RICE AND 2,000,000 NVA PLASTERS.
- E. 071348H (FOLLOW UP) 1/5 CO C CO S&C LOC AT955523. RICE TO BE HANDLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH 1/5 RECOMMENDATION. UNIT CONFISCATED MONEY AND FORWARDED TO S-2. TO RECOVER SAME.
- F. 071500H 2/7 CO F CO S&C LOC AT915495. 1 USMC RECD MINOR SHRAPNEL WOUNDS FROM FRIENDLY ARMY. USMC TREATED AND RETURNED TO DUTY.

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G. 071630H 1/5 CO D CO DEF POSIT LOC AT910526. UNIT OBS 6 VC CARRYING 1 82MM MORTAR TUBE MOVING EAST ALONG RIVER LOC AT909528. UNIT CALLED MAR ARMY BSA FOR LAZARUS COVERAGE OF TARGET. UNIT UNABLE TO SEARCH AREA DUE TO RIVER.

H. 071030H 1/5 CO A CO SEC LOC AT928516. 1 USMC DET M-26 SUR EX DEVICE WHILE GOING UNDER BARB WIRE. ANOTHER USMC DET A SECOND M-26 SUR EX DEVICE APPROX ONE MINUTE LATER. UNIT CALLED MEDEVAC FOR 4 USMC.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET 11 INCHES AND RISING.

B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS ESTABLISH NIGHT POSITIONS AND CONDUCT SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

4 USMC WIA EVAC	3 VC KIA
1 " WIA MINOR	6 DETAINEES

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DRAFTERS: S-3 and R. H. RIDGELEY III

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FIFTH MAR SEC SITREP #4 FROM 071601H TO
072400H DECEMBER 1968 OPERATION TAYLOR COMCON

- UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
- SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS ESTABLISHED NIGHT POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED
SEVERAL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.
- CONTACTS:
 - 072110H RECON INSECT "SPILLWAY" LOC AT79752B. UNIT OBS 9 VC IN
3 BOATS MOVING BACK AND FORTH ACROSS RIVER LOC AT824552. UNIT
CALLED MAR ARTY FOR KILLING 6 VC AND DESTROYING 2 BOATS.
- SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
 - RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET 11 INCHES AND HOLDING.
 - STORE CONDITION FOUR CONTINUOUS.
 - LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO
LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.
 - TRUCK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUOUS.
- PLANS SUMMARY:

1/5, 2/5 (-), 3/5 (-) - OCCUPY PRESENT POSITIONS AND PREPARE TO CONTINUE
ATTACK 080700H. PROVIDE LOCAL SECURITY BY NIGHT PATROLS AND LIF'S.

GO H 3/5 - PROVIDE SECURITY OF LIB RD SOUTH AND SCREENS APPROACHES TO
AN HOA.

BLT 2/7 - OCCUPY PRESENT POSITIONS AND PREPARE TO CONTINUE ATTACK AT
FIRST LIGHT TO SEIZE BLT OBS F AND G.
- COMBATIVE CASUALTIES:

4 UNITS VIA MVAO	9 VC KIA
1 " VIA MIRON	6 DEF. LIVES

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FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP NR6 FROM 080601H TO

081200H DEC 1968 OPERATION TAYLOR COMMON

1. UNIT LOCATIONS:

1/5 CP AT920527 2/5 (-) AT951503 3/5 (-) AT944513 BLT 2/7 AT827515

CO A AT928522 CO E AT947508 CO I AT944513 CO E AT826515

CO B AT927527 CO F AT940500 CO K AT940520 CO F AT831518

CO C AT920527 CO G AT949499 CO L AT944522 CO G AT817503

CO D AT910525 CO M 3/5 AT896487 CO H AT822509

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MAR SPEC

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3. CONTACTS:

A. 080801H 2/5 CO F CO SWEEP LOC AT954517. WHILE ON SWEEP, 1

USMC WAS GORED BY WATER BUFFALO. UNIT CALLED MEDEVAC. RES:

1 USMC NBC EVAC.

B. 080900H RECON INSERT "SPILLWAY" LOC AT797528. UNIT OBS

9 ENEMY TAKING BODIES AND GEAR OUT OF WATER LOC AT824548. UNIT CALLED

MAR ARTY MSN KILLING 4 VC.

C. 081010H 2/7 CO F CO S&C LOC AT833518. UNIT APPREHENDED 3 VN MALES AS

VC SUSPECTS AND FOUND 4 VC KIA IN A BUNKER. UNIT WILL FORWARD 3 DET

TO S-2.

D. 081030H 2/7 CO E S&C LOC AT826514. UNIT FOUND 700 LBS OF LOOSE

RICE.

UNIT DESTROYED IN PLACE

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET 11 INCHES AND HOLDING.

B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO

LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNIT CONTINUE OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MAR SPEC

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6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

2 USMC KIA

1 USMC WIA MINOR

4 USMC WIA EVAC

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FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP NR 7 FROM 081201H TO
081800H DEC 1968 OPERATION TAYLOR COMMON

1. UNIT LOCATIONS:

1/5 CP AT911517 2/5 (-) AT927486 3/5 (-) AT933526 BLT 2/7 AT838525
CO A AT911513 CO E AT913480 CO I AT9111493 CO E AT860510
CO B AT927527 CO F AT913480 CO K AT909505 CO F AT827534
CO C AT911517 CO G AT925497 CO L AT938514 CO G AT838525
CO D AT905521 CO M 3/5 AT896487 CO H AT850514

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MAR SPEC
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3. CONTACTS:

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081135H 2/5 CO F CO S&C LOC AT948499. 1 USMC DET M-26 SUR EX
DEVICE RESULTING IN 1 USMC EVAC AND 2 USMC NON-EVAC. UNIT CALLED
MEDEVAC.

B. 081145H 1/5 CO B FT OP LOC AT908497. UNIT APPREHENDED 5 MALE DET.
DETAINEES STATED THERE WERE 2 VC LOC AT918488. DETAINEES WILL BE
FORWARDED TO S-2.

C. 081145H (FOLLOW UP) 1/5 CO B FT OP LOC AT908497. DELETE 1 DETAINEE
FROM ORIGINAL SPOTREP.

D. 081230H 2/5 CO F CO S&C LOC AT948499. 1 USMC DET M-26 SUR EX DEVICE
RESULTING IN 2 USMC WIA NON-EVAC. MEN TREATED AND RETURNED TO DUTY.

E. 081340H 2/5 CO G CO S&C LOC AT960495. UNIT OBS 15 NVA LOC AT970495.
UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY MSN. UNIT SEARCHED AREA AND FOUND 1 NVA KIA
AND APPREHENDED 1 XMALE DET. UNIT WILL FORWARD DET TO S-2.

F. 081340H (FOLLOW UP) 2/5 CO G CO S&C LOC AT960495. ADD 2 DET.
1 9MM PLSTOR AND 4 CHICOM GREN TO PREVIOUS SPOTREP.

G. 081340H (FOLLOW UP) 2/5 H CO K CO S&C LOC AT925517. 1 USMC DET M-26
SUR EX DEVICE RESULTING IN 1 USMC NON-EVAC. MAN TREATED AND RETURNED TO
DUTY.

H. 081400H 2/5 CO G CO S&C LOC AT836529. UNIT APPREHENDED 3 MALE DET LOC

AT838530. UNIT WILL FORWARD TO S-2.

I. 081420H 2/5 CO F CO S&C LOC AT928490. 1 USMC DET M-26 SUR EX DEVICE
RESULTING IN 1 USMC EVAC. UNIT CALLED MEDEVAC.

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J. 081430H 3/5 CO K CO S&C LOC AT927508. UNIT OBS 50-60 VC RUNNING INTO
KREELIN LOC AT920502. UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY MSN. UNIT WILL SEARCH
AREA.

K. 081530H 3/5 CO M CO S&C LOC AT895489. UNIT OBS 40-50 ENEMY DRAGGING
CASUALTIES WITH PACKS LOC AT915489. UNIT COULD NOT GET MAR ARTY MSN
DUE TO NEG CLEARANCE.

L. 081545H 3/5 CO L CO S&C LOC AT939519. UNIT OBS 50-60 VC MOVING SE
INTO TREELINE LOC AT939517. UNIT INITIATED CONTACT WITH S/A. UNIT
CALLED MAR ARTY MSN AND MAR AIR STRIKE. UNIT SEARCHED AREA AND FOUND
NUMEROUS HEAVY BLOOD STAINS ON GROUND AND 3 VC KIA.

M. 081600H 2/7 CO E CO S&C LOC AT854517. UNIT RECE S/A FIRE FROM ENEMY
LOC AT854517. UNIT RETURNED FIRE AND ASSAULTED POSIT RESULTING IN 5
USMC WIA EVACS AND 3 NVA KIA---. UNIT CAPTURED 3AK-47.

N. 081630H 3/5 CO M CO DEF POSIT LOC AT895469. UNIT OBS 25 ENEMY WITH
PACKS AND RIFLES. LOC AT895465. UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY MSN. UNIT UNABLE
TO OBSERVE.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET AND 11 INCHES.

B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

C.

LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO
LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

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D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

9. PLJNS SUMMARY: UNITS ESTABLISH NIGHT POSITIONS AND CONDUCT SMALL UNIT

COMBAT: SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

2 USMC KIA	3 NVA KIA
12 USMC WIA EVAC	20 VC KIA
6 USMC WIA MINOR	4 VC KIA DISC
	19 DETAINEES
	4 IWC

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FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP NR 8 FROM 081800H TO
 082400H DECEMBER 1968 OPERATION TAYLOR COMMNO

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNIT ESTABLISHED NIGHT POSITS AND CONDUCTED
 SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

3. CONTACTS:

- A. 081800H 2/7 CO F CO S&C LOC AT832517. 1 USMC GCD MINOR SHRAPNEL
 WOUNDS FROM FRIENDLY M-79. MAN TREATED AND RETURNED TO DUTY.
 B. 081845H 2/7 CO F CO S&C LOC AT831518. 1 USMC RECD MINOR SHRAPNEL
 WOUNDS FROM FRIENDLY ARTY. MAN TREATED AND RETURNED TO DUTY.

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- C. 081335H 3/5 CO K CO S&C LOC AT925517. USMC DET M-26 SUR EX DEVICE
 RECEIVING MINOR SHRAPNEL WOUNDS. MAN TREATED AND RETURNED TO DUTY.
 D. 081515H 2/5 CO E CO S&C LOC AT948504. UNIT RECD APPROX 300 ARDS S/A
 FROM ENEMY LOC AT947513. UNIT FIGHT FIRE WITH S/A AND A/W. UNIT
 CALLED MAR ARTY MSN AND MAR AIPG ST ONE. RES: 3 USMC WIA NON-EVAC.
 E. 081615H 2/5 CO E CO S&C LOC AT944500. USMC DET M-26 74 3/ 83; 883
 RESULTING IN 1 USMC WIA EVAC. UNIT CALLED MEDEVAC.
 F. 081600H (FOLLOW UP) 2/7 CO E CO S&C LOC AT854517. ADD 2
 USMC WIA EVACS.
 G. 081700H 2/5 CO G CO S&C LOC AT928469. USMC DET M-26 SUR EX
 DEVICE RESULTING IN 2 USMC WIA EVACS.
 H. 081830H 2/7 CO G CO DEF POSIT LOC AT816529. UNIT OBS 5 3, 3.6
 WITH WPNS AND WEARING KHAKI UNIFORMS LOC AT837342. UNIT
 CALLED MAR ARTY MSN. 7, 83 7, -?) 3 TO OBS DUE TO DARKNESS.
 I. 082115H 3/5 CO M DEF POSIT LOC AT895496. UNIT OBS 15 ENEMY LOC
 AT 895487. UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY MSN. UNIT UNABLE TO OBSERVE.
 4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
 A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET 11 INCHES AND HOLDING.
 B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.
 C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO

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 LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY:

1/5, 2/5 (-), 3/5 (-) - OCCUPY PRESENT POSITIONS AND PREPARE
 TO COMMENCE ATTACK AT FIRST LIGHT. PROVIDE LOCAL SECURITY BY
 NIGHT PATROLS AND LPS.

19 3/5 - PROVIDES SECURITY OF LTR RD SOUTH AND SCREENS APPROACHES TO
 ATN MOA

FLT 277- OCCUPIES PRESENT POSITIONS AS BLOCKING FORCE FOR 21ST, 27TH,
 AND 39TH AVN RANGER BNS IN ARIZONA AREA.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

2 USMC KIA	3 NVA KIA
17 USMC WIA EVAC	24 VC KIA
11 USMC WIA VIA MINOR	19 DETAINEES
1 USMC NBC EVAC	4 IWC

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FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP NR 03 FROM 090001H TO
090600H DECEMBER 1968 OPERATIONS TAYLOR COMMON

1. UNIT

LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED NORMAL NIGHT ACTIVITIES CONDUCTING

SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MANS IN ASSIGNED AO.

3. CONTACTS: NONE

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET 11 INCHES AND HOLDING.

B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO

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LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNIT CONDUCT OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP
NR 03.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

2 USMC KIA	3 NVA KIA
17 USMC WIA EVAC	24 VC KIA
11 USMC WIA MINOR	19 DETAINEES
1 USMC NBC EVAC	4 IWC

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FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP NR 10 FROM 090501H TO
091200H DECEMBER 1958 OPERATIONS TAYLOR COMMON

1. UNIT LOCATIONS:

1/5 CP AT913517 2/5(-) AT 875475 3/5(-) AT994467 FLT 2/7 AT338525
CO A AT897497 CO E AT875475 CO I AT892478 CO E AT360510
CO B AT927527 CO F AT875475 CO K AT386485 CO F AT827534
CO C AT913517 CO G AT875475 CO M 3/5 AT396487 CO G AT338525
CO D AT896507 CO L AT903494 CO H AT350514

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS:

a. FLT 2/7 REMAINS IN BLOCKING POSITS.

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a. 21ST, 37TH, AND 39TH ARVN RANGER BNS LANDING COMPLETE 091200H.

b. ARVN RANGER BNS CONTINUING ATK IN SOUTH WESTERLY DIRECTION.

c. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: 3 NVA KIA.

d. OTHER UNITS CONTINUED OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP NR 8.

3. CONTACTS:

a. 090750H RECON INSERT "SPILLWAY" LOC AT797528. UNIT OBS 60 ENEMY
MOVING EAST ALONG ROAD LOC ZC205555. UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY MSN
KILLING 40 NVA.

b. 090745H RECON INSERT "SPILLWAY" LOC AT797528. UNIT OBS 4 ENEMS IN 2
BOATS LOC ZC203545. UNIT CALLED MARAARTY MSN KILLING
4 VC.

c. 090755 2/5 CO G CO S&S LOC AT922462. USMC DET M-26 SUR EX DEVICE
RESULTING IN 2 USMC KIA EVAC. UNIT CALLED NEDEVAC.

d. 090800H 2/7 CO E FLT 527 LOC AT854517. UNIT HEARD MOVEMENT IN
BUSHES IN THEIR NEAR VIC. UNIT THREW 2 M-26 GREN, SEARCHED
AREA FINDING 2 NVA KIA, 4 SKS, 1 PISTOL, ASSORTED NVA 702 GEAR,
AND DOCUMENTS. UNIT ALSO APPREHENDED 1 ENEMY CHOC HOI.

e. 090815H 2/7 CO E CO S&S LOC AT927531. UNIT OBS 6 ENEMY
MOVING IN TREE LINE LOC AT925514. UNIT TOOK ENEMY UNIFORMS
AND RESULTS IN 1 NVA KIA.

1ST MARD (V2100/479/67) CO G FLT 520 LOC AT910302. UNIT ALTERNATELY CALLED MARAARTY MSN

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 AS VC SUSPECTS. UNIT WILL BE FORWARDED TO CO CP FORD
 INTERROGATION.

2. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET 11 INCHES AND HOLDING.

B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO
 LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

3. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS WILL CONTINUE TO CARRY OUT OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH
 MAR SPEC SITREP AR 3 AND FRAGO 118-58 (TAYLOR COMMON).

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

2 USMC KIA

45 NVA KIA

19 USMC WIA EVAC

29 VC KIA

11 USMC WIA MINOR

22 DETAINEES

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 FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP NR 11 FROM 091200H TO
 091800H DEC 1968 OPERATION TAYLOR COMMON

1. UNIT LOCATIONS:

1/5 CP AT 927527 2/5 BN AT 875475 3/5 CP AT 867468 BLT 2/7 AT 838525
 CO A AT 867466 CO I AT 867468 CO E AT 860510
 CO B AT 927527 CO K AT 875475 CO F AT 827534
 CO C AT 927527 CO L AT 875475 CO G AT 838525
 CO D AT 880506 CO M AT 867486 CO H AT 850514
 21ST RANGER BN AT 890554 37TH RANGER BN AT 866547 39TH RANGER BN AT 8885

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS:

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A. BLT 2/7 MAINTAINED BLOCKING POSITS AND DESTROYED TUNNEL COMPLEXES AND BUNKERS.

B. ARVN RANGER BNS CONTINUED ATK IN SW DIRECTION.

C. OTHER UNITS CONTINUED OPNS IAW FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP NR 8 AND FRAGO 118-68 (TAYLOR).

3. CONTACTS:

A. 081145H 1/5 CO B OP LOC AT 908497 (FOLLOW UP). DEF CLASSIFIED BY ITT AS 3 INN CIV AND 1 ARVN UA.

B. 091230H 2/7 CO G PLT CMBT PTL LOC AT 840830. WHILE SEARCHING W/LE UNIT FOUND 1000LBS OF RICE. UNIT DESTROYED IN PLACE.

C. 091230H 1/5 CO A CO S&C LOC AT 881481. UNIT APPREHENDED 1 MALE DEF. UNIT WILL FORWARD TO ITT.

D. 091630H 2/7 CO E CO S&C LOC AT 858519. WHILE SEARCHING W/LE, UNIT FOUND 1 RPG AND BOOSTER. UNIT FORWARDED TO S-2.

E. 091800H 2/7 CO E DEF POSIT LOC AT 857517. UNIT RECD INCOMING MORTAR FIRE FROM ENEMY LOC AT 858531. UNIT CALLED MAR ARMY MSN. UNL TO OBS. 4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET 11 INCHES AND HOLDS

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C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO
LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY REMAINS PASSABLE.

D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS ESTABLISH NIGHT POSITIONS AND CONDUCT SMALL
UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

6. CASUALTIES:

	USMC	
2 USMC KIA	45 NVA KIA	
20 USMC WIA EVAC	29 VC KIA	
11 USMC WIA MINOR	23 DET	
1 USMC NBC MINOR	2 INN CIV	
	7 IAC	

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2 IAC	

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FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP NR 12 FROM 091801H TO
 092400H DECEMBER 1968 OPERATION TAYLOR COMMON

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: CO H 2/5 AT 875475 ALL OTHERS NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS ESTABLISHED NIGHT POSITION AND CONDUCTED SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSION IN ASSIGNED AO.
3. CONTACTS:
 - A. 091215H 1/5 CO D CO S&C LOC AT 898505. UNIT FOUND 1 250 LB BOMB. UNIT DESTROYED IN PLACE.
 - B. 091430H 1/5 CO C PLT CMBT PTL LOC AT 913519. UNIT APPREHENDED 1 MALE DET. UNIT FORWARDED TO S-2.
 - C. 091640H (FOLLOW UP) 2/7 CO E CO S&C LOC AT 858519. DELETE 1 RPG

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 ROCKET LAUNCHER.

D. 092015H 2/7 CO E CO DEF POSIT LOC AT 851317. UNIT REC'D 2 60MM MORTAR RDS AND S/A RDS FROM ENEMY LOC AT 851508. UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY MSN. UNABLE TO OBS.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

- A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET 11 INCHES AND HOLDING.
- B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY:

1/5, 2/5, 3/5 (-) - OCCUPY PRESENT POSITIONS AND PROVIDE LOCAL SECURITY

BY NIGHT PATROLS AND LP'S.

CO L 3/5

PREPARES FOR MOVEMENT TO FIREBASE MARNE.

BLT 2/7

OCCUPIES PRESENT POSITIONS AS BLOCKING FORCE FOR 21ST, 37TH, AND 39TH ARVN RANGER BNS IN ARIZONA AREA.

ARVN BNS-OCCUPIES PRESENT POSITIONS AND CONTINUES ATTACK AT FIRST LIGHT.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

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2 USMC KIA	45 NVA KIA	4 ARVN KIA	6 NVA KIA
20 " WIA EVAC	29 VC KIA	11 " KWIA EVAC	23 VC KIA
11 " WIA MINOR	24 DETAINEES		4 POW
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 FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP NR 13 FROM 100001H TO
 100600H DECEMBER 1968 OPERATION TAYLOR COMMON
 1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
 2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED NORMAL NIGHT ACTIVITIES CON-
 DUCTING SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.
 3. CONTACTS: NONE
 4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
 A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET 11 INCHES AND HOLDING.
 B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.
 C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN 40A TO

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 LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.
 0. TRACK CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.
 E. FIFTH MAR ASSUMED OP CON AND PASSED OP CON OF CO H 2/5 TO SECOND
 BN FIFTH MAR AT 091900H. FIFTH MAR ASSUMED OP CON CO L 3/5 AND CHOPPED
 CO M 3/5 TO THIRD BN FIFTH MAR AT 091800H.
 5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS CONTINUE OPERATIONS 1AM FIFTH MAR SPEC
 SITREP NR 12.
 6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

USMC		ARVN RANGERS	
2 USMC KIA	45 NVA KIA	4 ARVN KIA	6 NVA KIA
20 " WIA EVAC	29 VC KIA	10 " WIA EVAC	43 VC KIA
11 " WIA MINOR	24 DETAINEES		4 POW
1 " NBC EVAC	42 INN CIV		3 DETAINEES
	6 IWC		3 IWC

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FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP NR 14 FROM 100601H TO 101200H DEC 68 OPN

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1. UNIT LOCATIONS:

CO A AT8994466 21ST RANGER BN AT862545

CO D AT892497 37TH RANGER BN AT852548

CO L AT863443 39TH RANGER BN AT872578

ALL OTHERS NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED OPERATIONS TAV FIFTH
MAR SPEC SITREP NR 12.

3. CONTACTS:

A. 071200H 2/7 CO H CG S&C LOC AT807480. 50 DETAINEES CLASSIFIED
BY ITT AS 4 INN CIV AND 1 CIV DEF. (FOLLOW UP)

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B. 071225H 2/7 CO G CG S&C LOC AT809539. MALE DETAINEE CLASSIFIED
BY ITT AS VC POW. (FOLLOW UP)C. 081010H 2/7 CO F CG S&C LOC AT837518. 3 DETAINEES CLASSIFIED BY
ITT AS 1 INN CIV AND 2 CIV DEF. (FOLLOW UP)D. 081145H 1/5 CO B CG S&C LOC AT908497. 4 DETAINEES CLASSIFIED BY
ITT AS 3 INN CIV AND 1 CIV DEF. (FOLLOW UP)E. 081340H 2/5 CO G CG S&C LOC AT960495. 3 DETAINEES CLASSIFIED BY
ITT AS 1 INN CIV, 1 VC POW, AND 1 CIV DEF. (FOLLOW UP)F. 081400 2/7 CO G CG S&C LOC AT830529. 3 DETAINEES CLASSIFIED BY
ITT AS 3 INN CIV. (FOLLOW UP)G. 090800H 2/7 CO E CG S&C LOC AT854517. DETAINEE CLASSIFIED BY ITT
AS NVA RINE.H. 091100H 2/7 CO G CG S&C LOC AT840530. 2 DETAINEES CLASSIFIED BY
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CLASSIFIED BY ITT AS INN CIV. (FOLLOW UP)J. 100920H 2/7 CO G CG S&C LOC AT890530. UNIT APPREHENDED 1 VN FEMALE
HIDING IN BUNKER WITH 400 LBS OF RICE. UNIT DESTROYED RICE AND
WELLFORWARD DETAINEE TO ITT.

K. 101015H 2/7 CO E PLT S&C LOC AT853517. UNIT REPORTED

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 UNIT RET'G FIRE AND CALLED MAR 62PM AND 81PM MSN.
 4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
 A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET 11 INCHES AND HOLDING.
 B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.
 C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HUA
 TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.
 D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.
 5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS CONTINUE OPERATIONS TAW FIFTH MAR SPEC
 SITREP NR 12.
 6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

	USMC	ARVN RANGERS
5 USMC KIA	45 NVA KIA	4 ARVN KIA
25 USMC WIAE	1 NVA RINE	11 ARVN WIAE
11 USMC WIA (M)	29 VC KIA	23 23 VC KIA
1 USMC NBCE	2 VC POW	4 POW
	24 DETAINEES	3 DETAINEES
	5 CIV DEF	3 IWC
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FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP NR. 15 FROM 101201H TO
 101800H DECEMBER 1968 OPERATION TAYLOR COMMON

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: 1/5 CP AT927527 2/5 BN AT875475 3/5 (-) AT867468
 CO A AT867486 CO I AT867486
 CO B AT927527 CO K AT875475
 CO C AT965524 CO M AT867486
 CO D AT890511 CO L 3/5 AT853417

BLT 2/7 AT838525 21ST BN AT852526
 CO F AT860510 37TH BN AT834544
 CO F AT827534 39TH BN AT859519

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CO G AT838525

CO H AT850514

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MAR SPEC
 SITREP NR. 12.

3. CONTACTS:

A. 100645H 2/7 CO H CO S&C LOC AT825520. UNIT DISCOVERED 20 TONS OF
 RICE AND APPREHENDED 2 MALE DETAINEES. UNIT DESTROYED ALL RICE AND
 WILL FORWARD DETAINEES TO S-2.

B. 100830H RECON INSERT "SADDLE BAG" LOC AT946424. UNIT OBS 4 VC WITH
 1 RIFLE, 3 PACKS AND CARTRIDGE BELTS MOVING ALONG TRAIL LOC AT952393.
 UNIT SET UP AMBUSH RESULTING IN 3 VC KIA, 1 DETAINEE, AND ALL GEAR
 CAPTURED.

C. 100920H 2/7 CO G CO S&C LOC AT840530. ADD 1 MALE DETAINEE TO INITIAL
 SPOTREP. UNIT RELEASED FEMALE DETAINEE AS INN CIV. WILL FORWARD MALE
 DETAINEE TO ITT. (FOLLOW UP)

D. 101050H 2/7 CO F CO S&C LOC AT825542. UNIT APPREHENDED 1 DETAINEE.
 UNIT FORWARDED TO S-2.

E. 101230H 2/7 CO G PLT CM31 PTL LOC AT835523. UNIT APPREHENDED 1 MALE
 DETAINEE WITH 5,400 PIASERS AND 62 DONG. UNIT FORWARDED TO S-2.

F. 101230H 2/7 CO G PLT CM31 PTL LOC AT835523. UNIT RELEASED DETAINEE

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CLASSIFIED BY 111 AS INN CIV. (FOLLOW UP)

G. 101232H 277 CO G CO S&C LOC AT840530. UNIT APPREHENDED 1 DETAINEE AND FOUND 220 LBS OF RICE. UNIT DESTROYED RICE AND FORWARDED DETAINEE TO 111.

H. 101325H 175 CO C PLT CBRT PTL LOC AT966521. UNIT WITH TWO TANKS OBS 15-30 ENEMY WITH PACKS MOVING SE LOC AT975517. UNIT INITIATED CONTACT WITH 90MM, .30 CAL. AND .50 CAL. UNIT ALSO CALLED MAR ARTY MSN. UNIT WILL CHECK AREA.

I. 101500H 175 CO D PLT CBRT PTL LOC AT873503. UNIT OBS 12 ENEMY IN OPEN MOVING SOUTH ALONG RIVER WITH PACKS AND RIFLES LOC AT865505. UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY MSN. UNABLE TO CHECK AREA DUE TO RIVER.

J. 101501H 175 CONVOY LOC AT939492. CONVOY WITH TWO TANKS MOVING NORTH ON ROAD FOUND 3 MOTORCYCLES AND 1 VN KIA. UNIT FORWARDED BODY TO BAS AND MOTORCYCLES TO 175 FORWARD.

K. 101550H 277 CO E CO S&C LOC AT855518. WHILE SWEEPING AREA UNIT FOUND 1 VC KIA, 1 SKS, AND 2 AK-47. UNIT FORWARDED WPNS TO 277 CP.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: DELETE 3 INN CIV AND ADD 1 DETAINEE TO CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES.

5. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET 11 INCHES AND HOLDING.

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B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

E. FIFTH MARINES ASSUMED OP CON CO A 175 101800H.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNIT ESTABLISH NIGHT POSITIONS AND CONDUCT SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

	USMC	ARVN	
5 USMC KIA	45 NVA KIA	5 ARVN KIA	18 NVA KIA
25 " WIAE	1 " RTNE	14 " WIAE	1 " POW
11 " WIA (M)	39 VC KIA		25 VC KIA
1 " NBCE	2 " POW		4 " POW
	32 DETAINEES		12 DETAINEES
	16 INN CIV		2 CIV DEF
	5 CIV DEF		5 IWC
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FIFTH MARSPEC SITREP NR. 16 FROM 101801H TO 102400H DECEMBER 1968 OPERATIONS TAYLOR COMBON

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS ESTABLISHED NIGHT POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

3. CONTACTS:

A. 101830H 1/5 CO B C-PTL LOC AT 918520. UNITS OBS 4 VN WOMEN CARRYING 1 WOUNDED VN MALE. VN MALE HAD BEEN TREATED BY THE VC AND UNIT APPREHENDED HIM AS A DETAINEE. UNIT CARRIED HIM TO THE BN CP FOR MED TREATMENT. DETAINEE WILL BE FORWARDED TO S-2.

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B. 102045H 1/5 CO D PTL AMB LOC AT 886512. WHILE SETTING IN AMB UNIT OBS 5 VC WITH WPNs MOVING NE LOC AT 884512. UNIT INITIATED CONTACT WITH S/A AND OBS 1 VC FALL. SEARCH OF AREA REVEALED INDICATIONS OF HEAVY ENEMY ACTIVITY. DUE TO HEAVY UNDERGROWTH, UNIT WILL CONTINUE SEARCH AT FIRST LIGHT.

C. 102145H 1/5 CO C DEF POSN LOC AT 965524. UNIT REC'D 3-4 60MM RDS WHICH LANDED OUTSIDE THE PERIMETER. UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY MSN AND OBS 2 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS. STILL CHECK AREA AT FIRST LIGHT.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET 11 INCHES AND HOLDING.

B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HUA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY:

1/5-OCCUPIES PRESENT POSITS AND PROVIDES SECURITY FOR LIB RD AND LIB BRIDGE.

2/5-PREPARES FOR OPERATION IN BATT 2.

3/5-WPNs CO L CHPS TO THIRD MAR 110001H AND PREPARES FOR WPNs IN BATT 2.

CO L 3/5-PREPARES DEFENSIVE POSITIONS AT FIREBASE MARNE.

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 BLT 277-OCCUPIES PRESENT BLOCKIN POSITS UNTILL PASSAGE THROUGH LINES
 BY ARVN FORCES THEN CONDUCTS SEARCH AND CLEAR UPS IN MINH TAN (2),
 MY DUNG, AND MY HOA AREAS.
 ARVN RANGER BNS-PASS THROUGH BLT 277 LINES AND CONTINUE THE ATK
 IN A SOUTH WESTERLY DIRECTION.
 o CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

USMC		ARVN	
9 USMC KIA	45 NVA KIA	5 ARVN KIA	18 NVA KIA
25 " WIAE	1 " RTNE	14 " WIAE	1 " POW
21 " WIA (M)	39 VC KIA		23 VC KIA
1 " NBCE	2 " POW		4 POW
	33 DETAINEES		12 DETAINEES
	10 INN CIV		4 CIV DEF
	5 CIV DEF		5 POW
	10 IMC		

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FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP NR 17 FROM 110001H TO
110600H DECEMBER 1968 OPERATION TAYLOR COMMUN

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED NORMAL NIGHT ACTIVITIES CON-
DUCTING SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

3. CONTACTS: NONE

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET 11 INCHES AND HOLDING.

B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO

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LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNIT CONDUCT OPERATIONS (AW FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP
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6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

5 USMC KIA	45 NVA KIA	5 ARVN KIA	18 NVA KIA
25 USMC WIAE	1 NVA RTNE	14 ARVN WIAE	1 NVA POW
10 USMC WIA (M)	39 VC KIA		23 VC KIA
12 USMC NBCE	2 VC POW		2 VC POW
	33 DETAINEES		12 DETAINEES
	16 INN CIV		2 CIV DEF
	5 CIV DEF		5 INC
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FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP NR 16 FROM 110601H TO
 111200H DECEMBER 1968 OPERATION TAYLOR COMMON

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: CO C AT965524 21ST BN AT835504
 CO D AT897508 37TH BN AT817518
 39TH BN AT835490

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MAR SPEC
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3. CONTACTS:

A. 091430H (FOLLOW UP) 1/5 CO C PLT CMST PTL LOC AT913519. DETAINEE
 CLASSIFIED BY ITT AS CIV DEF.

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B. 100645H (FOLLOW UP) 2/7 CO H CO S&C LOC AT825520. 2 DETAINEES
 CLASSIFIED BY ITT AS 2 INN CIV.

C. 100830H (FOLLOW UP) RECON INSERT "SADDLE BAG" LOC AT946428.
 DETAINEE CLASSIFIED BY ITT AS CIV DEF.

D. 100920H (FOLLOW UP) 2/7 CO G CO S&C LOC AT840530. 2 DETAINEES
 CLASSIFIED BY ITT AS 1 INN CIV AND 1 DIV DEF.

E. 101015H (FOLLOW UP) 2/7 CO E CO S&C LOC AT853517. ADD 1 USMC VIA
 EVAC.

F. 101230 (FOLLOW UP) 2/7 CO G PLT CMST PTL LOC AT835523. DETAINEE
 CLASSIFIED BY ITT AS INN CIV.

G. 101232H (FOLLOW UP) 2/7 CO G CO S&C LOC AT840530. DETAINEE
 CLASSIFIED BY ITT AS INN CIV.

H. 102045H (FOLLOW UP) 1/5 CO D PLT AMB LOC AT886512. UNIT SEARCHED
 AREA AND FOUND BROKEN DOWN BRUSH AND 2 SETS OF DRAG MARKS.

I. 101325H (FOLLOW UP) 1/5 CO C PLT CMST PTL LOC AT966521. UNIT
 SEARCHED AREA REVEALING EMPTY RICE BAGS. SUSPECT ENEMY WAS MAKING
 RICE RUN.

J. 110735H 1/5 CO B FT OP LOC AT909501. WHILE SETTING IN OPPOSIT,
 UNIT WAS AMB FROM EAST AND WEST OF ROAD BY UNKNOWN NUMBER OF ENEMY
 WITH A/W AND S/A WPNS. ENEMY LOC AT907505. UNIT RET'D FIRE AND
 CALLED MAR 81MM MSN. AU ON STATION AND 1 PLT OF CO D DETACHED TO

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3. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET 11 INCHES AND HOLDING.

4. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

5. LIBERTY BRIDGE CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HUA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

6. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

7. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS WILL CONTINUE OPERATIONS IN FIFTH MAR SPEC

8. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

USMC	45 NVA KIA	5 ARVN KIA	18 NVA KIA
28 USMC WIAE	1 NVA RTNE	19 ARVN WIAE	1 NVA POW
11 USMC WIA CM	39 VC KIA	26 VC KIA	
1 USMC NBCE	2 VC POW	2 VC POW	
33 DETAINEES	21 INN CIV	14 DETAINEES	
	8 CIV DEF	7 INN CIV	
	10 IWC	4 CIV DEF	
		7 IWC	

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REAR OF ENEMY POSIT. RES: 3 USMC KIA AND 2 USMC WIA EVAC.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET 11 INCHES AND HOLDING.

B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

C. LIBERTY BRIDGE CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HUA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS WILL CONTINUE OPERATIONS IN FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP NR 16.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

USMC	45 NVA KIA	5 ARVN KIA	18 NVA KIA
28 USMC WIAE	1 NVA RTNE	19 ARVN WIAE	1 NVA POW
11 USMC WIA CM	39 VC KIA	26 VC KIA	
1 USMC NBCE	2 VC POW	2 VC POW	
33 DETAINEES	21 INN CIV	14 DETAINEES	
	8 CIV DEF	7 INN CIV	
	10 IWC	4 CIV DEF	
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FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP 19 FROM 111140H TO

111800H DECEMBER 1968 OPERATION TAYLOR COMMON

1. UNIT LOCATIONS:

1/5 CP AT927527 2/5 BN AT875475 BLT 2/7 AT838525 21ST BN AT883557

CO A AT896466 CO E AT864510 37TH BN AT868563

CO B AT927527 CO F AT827534 39TH BN AT905534

CO C AT964524 CO G AT838524

CO D AT 890520 CO H AT850514

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED OPERATIONS 14V FIFTH MAR SPEC

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3. CONTACTS:

A. 110900H 1/5 CO A MINE SWEEP SECURITY LOC AT915510. UNIT FOUND 1 NEW AK-47 MAGAZINE WITH 20 RDS. UNIT FORWARDED TO S-2.

C. 111200H 1/5 CO A ROAD SWEEP SECURITY LOC AT907498. ENGRS DET UNKNOWN TYPE SUR EX DEVICE WOUND 2 USMC. UNIT CALLED MEDEVAC FOR 2 USMC WIA EVAL.

E. 111000H (FOLLOW UP) 1/5 CO A ROAD SWEEP SECURITY LOC AT907498. MINE DET BY ENGRS WAS 105MM HE PRESSURE TYPE. ADD 1 USMC WIA NON-EVAC.

D. 111130H RECON INSERT "POLICY GAME" LOC AT824454. UNIT OBS 20 NVA AND 8 VC WEARING GREEN UTILITIES, CARRYING PACKS, RIFLES AND 1 MACHINEGUN. UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY ASN KILLING 1 NVA. ENEMY LOC AT825475 AND AT817470.

E. 111130H RECON INSERT "SPILLWAY" LOC AT797528. UNIT OBS 20 NVA WITH PACKS AND RIFLES LOC ZC06545. UNIT CALLED FIXED WING STRIKES THROUGH 1 AD IN AREA KILLING 15 NVA.

F. 111315H RECON INSERT "SPILLWAY" LOC AT797528. UNIT OBS 15 NVA WEARING MARKS WITH PACKS AND RIFLES LOC AT793557. UNIT CALLED FIXED WING STRIKES KILLING 12 NVA.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET 11 INCHES AND HOLDING.

C. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

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C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

E. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS ESTABLISH NIGHT POSITIONS AND CONDUCT SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

USMC		ARVN		
6 USMC KIA	73 NVA KIA	11 ARVN KIA	38 NVA KIA	
30 USMC WIAE	1 NVA RTNE	36 ARVN WIAE	1 NVA POW	
12 USMC WIA (M)	39 VC KIA		26 VC KIA	
1 USMC NBCE	2 VC POW		4 VC POW	
	33 DETAINEES		16 DETAINEES	
	21 INN CIV		7 INN CIV	
	8 CIV DEF		4 CIV DEF	
	10 IWC		11 IWC	

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FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP NR. 20 FROM 111800H TO
 112400H DECEMBER 1968 OPERATION TAYLOR COMMON

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: 21ST BN AT838497 ALL OTHERS NO CHANGE
 37TH BN AT814496
 39TH BN AT835499

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS ESTABLISHED NIGHT POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED
 SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

3. CONTACTS:

A. 111430H 1/5 CO A PLT CMBT PTL LOC AT913506. USMC HEARD MOVEMENT
 TO HIS REAR AND TURNED TO INVESTIGATE WITH PISTOL DRAWN. PISTOL

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ACCIDENTALLY DISCHARGED WOUNDING 1 USMC IN RIGHT THIGH. UNIT CALLED
 MEDEVAC. INVESTIGATING OFFICER APPOINTED.

B. 111620H 2/7 CO F CO DEF POSIT LOC AT842551. UNIT REC'D 2 RDS AK-47
 FROM ENEMY LOC AT843548. UNIT RET'D FIRE WITH S/A RESULTING IN 1 VC KIA.
 C. 111753H 1/5 CO D PLT CMBT PTL LOC AT894584. UNIT OBS 5 VC DRESSED
 IN WHITE WITH WPMS MOVING SOUTH LOC AT889505. UNIT INITIATED CONTACT
 WITH S/A AND LAWS. UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY GSN. UNIT COULD
 NOT OBS DUE TO DARKNESS.

D. 111900H RECON INSERT "SPILLWAY" LOC AT797526. UNIT OBS 100 NVA
 WEARING KHAKIS AND BLUE UTILITIES WITH PACKS AND RIFLES LOC AT
 7956, AT7955, AT7856, AND AT7855. AO AND FIXED WING, WHO WERE IN THE
 AREA ALL AFTERNOON, RAN AIR STRIKES RESULTING IN 20 NVA KIA.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET 11 INCHES AND HOLDING

B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO
 LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY:

1/5 OCCUPIES PRESENT POSITS AND PROVIDES SECURITY FOR LIB ROAD AND

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LIB BRIDGE.

275-PREPARES FOR OPNS IN BA 112.

CO L 375-PREPARES DEFENSIVE POSITIONS AND PROVIDES SECURITY FOR
FIREBASE MARNE.

BLT 277-OCCUPIES BLOCKING POSIT FROM AT850530 TO AT865530. CONDUCTS
S&C OPNS AND MAINTAINS CAPABILITY TO EXPLOIT SITUATION WHICH MAY
DEVELOP.

ARVN RANGER BNS-MAINTAINS POSITIONS NORTH AND WEST OF VC BUNKER COMPLEX
ALONG HIGH GROUND FROM AT825487 TO AT840492.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

USMC
8 USMC KIA
30 USMC WIA E
12 USMC WIA (N)
2 USMC NBCE

93 NVA KIA
1 NVA RTNE
40 VC KIA
2 VC POW
33 DETAINEES
21 INN CIV
8 CIV DEF
10 IWC

ARVN
19 ARVN KIA
43 ARVN WIA E

63 NVA KIA
1 NVA POW
26 VC KIA
4 VC POW
16 DETAINEES
7 INN CIV
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 FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP NR 21 FROM 120001H TO
 120600H DECEMBER 1968 OPERATIONS TYALOR CAMPION
 1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
 2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNIT CONTINUED NORMAL NIGHT ACTIVITIES CON-
 DUCTING SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.
 3. CONTACTS:
 A. 101250h (FOLLOW UP) 277 CO F CO S&C LOC AT 825542. DELETE COM-
 PLETE COMPLETE SPOTREP PREVIOUSLY REPORTED ON SITREP NR 15.
 4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
 A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET 11 INCHES AND HOLDING.

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 B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.
 C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HUA TO
 LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.
 D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.
 5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS WILL CONTINUE OPERATIONS 1AW FIFTH MAR SPEC
 SITREP NR 20.
 6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

USMC	ARVN
8 USMC KIA	19 ARVN KIA
30 USMC WIAE	43 ARVN WIAE
12 USMC WIA (M)	
4 USMC NBCE	
93 NVA KIA	63 NVA KIA
1 NVA RTNF	1 NVA POW
40 VC KIA	26 VC KIA
2 VC POW	4 VC POW
32 DETAINEES	16 DETAINEES
21 INN CIV	7 INN CIV
8 CIV DEF	4 CIV DEF
10 IWC	10 IWC
	3 CSWC

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FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP NR 22 FROM 120601H TO
721200H DECEMBER 1968 OPERATION TAYLOR COMMON

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: CO D AT912515 ALL OTHERS NO CHANGE.

21ST BN AT818480

37TH BN AT826497

39TH BN AT827488

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED OPERATIONS 14W FIFTH MAR
SPEC SITREP NR 20.

3. CONTACTS:

A. 110735H (FOLLOW UP) 1/5 CO B FT OP LOC AT939501 * SEARCHED

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WITH NEG RESULTS.

B. 111800H 1/5 CO C PLT S&C LOC AT965522. UNIT FOUND 3,330 RDS OF
MIXED 7.62 AND AK-47 AMMO. UNIT ALSO FOUND ASSORTED DOCUMENTS.
UNIT DESTROYED AMMO AND FORWARDED DOCUMENTS TO 1/5 CO.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET 11 INCHES AND HOLDING.

B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AIR FORT TO
LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS WILL CONTINUE OPERATIONS 14W FIFTH MAR SPEC
SITREP NR 20.

6. K CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

USMC

8 USMC KIA

30 USMC WIAE

12 USMC WIA (M)

2 USMC NBCE

93 NVA KIA

1 NVA KINE

40 VC KIA

2 VC POW

32 DETAINEES

21 INN CIV

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20 ARVN KIA

43 ARVN WIAE

68 NVA KIA

1 NVA POW

26 VC KIA

4 VC POW

16 DETAINEES

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FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #23 FROM 121201H TO 121800H DECEMBER 1968

OPERATION TAYLOR COMMON

1. UNIT LOCATIONS:

175 CP AT927527 275 BN AT875475 BLT 277 AT838525 21ST BN AT883557

CO A AT894466

CO E AT854497 37TH BN AT8685

CO B AT927527

CO F AT827534

39TH BN AT906534

CO C AT964524

CO G AT838524

CO D AT912515

CO H AT850514

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED OPERATIONS TAW FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #20.

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3. CONTACTS:

A. DELETE SPOTREP 101230H (FOLLOW UP) REPORTED ON SITREP #17.

B. DELETE SPOTREP 111315H REPORTED ON SITREP #19.

C. DELETE SPOTREP 111910H REPORTED ON SITREP #20.

D. 120445H 175 CO D PLT CMBT PTL LUC ATJ925494. UNIT APPREHENDED 15 YEAR OLD MALE WEARING CAMOUFLAGED JACKET AND PUNCH. DETAINEE HAD 2,000 PIASERS IN HIS POSSESSION. DETAINEE TRIED TO RUN WHEN APPREHENDED. UNIT WILL FORWARD TO S-2.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET 11 INCHES AND HOLDING.

B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS ESTABLISH NIGHT POSITIONS AND CONDUCT SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

USMC

ARVN

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8 USMC KIA	93 NVA KIA	20 ARVN KIA	68 NVA KIA
30 USMC WIAE	1 NVA RTNE	43 ARVN WIAE	1 NVA POW
12 USMC WIA (M)	40 VC KIA		26 VC KIA
2 USMC NBCE	2 VC POW	4 VC POW	
	32 DETAINEE	16 DETAINEES	
	21 INN CIV	7 INN CIV	
	8 CIV DEF	4 CIV DEF	
	10 IWC	16 IWC	

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FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP NR 24 FROM 121810H TO
 122400H DECEMBER 1968 OPERATION TAYLOR COMMON

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS ESTABLISHED NIGHT POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.
3. CONTACTS:

A. 121905H 37TH ARVN RANGER BN LOC AT815495. UNIT WAS PROBED FROM THE NW OF THEIR POSITIONS BY AN ESTIMATED PLATOON SIZE ELEMENT LOC AT815496. UNIT REC'D MORTAR FIRE AND S/A. UNIT RET'D FIRE WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS. RES: 1 ARVN WIA EVACED.
 B. 121955H 39TH ARVN RANGER BN LOC AT834499. UNIT WAS PROBED ON THEIR EASTERN PERIMETER BY AN ESTIMATED PLATOON SIZE

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ELEMENT LOC AT831491. UNIT REC'D MORTAR FIRE AND S/A. UNIT RET'D FIRE WHICH RESULTED IN 2 NVA KIA AND 1 AK-47 CAPTURED.

C. 121950H 2/7 CO E CO DEF POSIT LOC AT855493. UNIT REC'D 13 INCOMING GRENS AND 20 RDS SNIPER FIRE RESULTING IN 1 USMC WIA EVAC. UNIT RET'D FIRE AND CALLED MAR 60MM MORTAR MSN APPROX 35 METERS IN FRONT OF THEIR LINES.

D. 122036H 1/5 CO D CO DEF POSIT LOC AT912513. UNIT REC'D 4-6 INCOMING GRENS RESULTING IN 1 USMC WIA MINOR. UNIT RET'D FIRE WITH S/A. GRENS, 60MM MORTARS AND 20 RDS OF 105MM. UNIT CHECKED AREA WITH NEG RESULTS.

E. 122045H 3/5 CO L FT LP LOC AT952419. UNIT REC'D 2 INCOMING GRENS. UNIT RET'D GRENS, S/A, AND CALLED 81MM MSN. UNIT WILL SEARCH AREA AT FIRST LIGHT.

F. 122147H 1/5 CO C SQD CMBT PTL LOC AT970520. UNIT OBS UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF ENEMY MOVING SV LOC AT966517. UNIT CALLED MAR 81MM AND ARTY BLOCK FIRES. UNIT DEPLOYED TO BLOCK EGRESS ROUTE.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: DELETE 1 INN CIV AND ADD 1 JET DUE TO TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR.

A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET 11 INCHES AND HOLDING.

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B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN
HDA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

E. PLANS SUMMARY:

1/5- OCCUPIES PRESENT POSIT AND PROVIDES SECURITY FOR LIB RD
AND LIB BRIDGE.

2/5- CHOPS TT THIRD MARINES 130001H.

CO L 3/5- PREPARES DEFENSIVE POSITS AND PROVIDES SECURITY FOR
FIREBASE MARNE.BLT 2/7- OCCUPIES BLOCKING POSITS FROM AT855530 TO AT865530.
CONDUCTS S&C OPNS AND MAINTAINS CAPABILITY TO EXPLOIT SITUATION
WHICH MAY DEVELOPE.ARVN RANGER BNS- MAINTAIN POSITS NORTH AND WEST OF VC BUNKER
COMPLEX ALONG HIGH GROUND FROM AT825487 AND AT840492.

G. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

USMC	ARVN		
8 USMC KIA	20 INN CIV	20 ARVN KIA	17 IWC
34 USMC WIAE	8 CIV DEF	44 ARVN WIAE	3 CSWC
13 USMC WIA (M)	10 IWC	70 NVA KIA	

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2 USMC NBCE

93 NVA KIA

1 NVA RTNE

40 VC KIA

2 VC POW

32 DETAINEES

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1 NVA POW

26 VC KIA

4 VC POW

16 DETAINEESKX

7 INN CIV

4 CIV DEF

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP NR 25 FROM 130001H TO
130600H DECEMBER 1968 OPERATION TAYLOR COMMON

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED NORMAL NIGHT ACTIVITIES
CONDUCTING SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

3. CONTACTS:

A. 130010H 1/5 CO C SQD PL LOC AT965523. UNIT REC'D 12 INCOM-
GREN FROM ENEMY LOC AT966524. UNIT RET'D GRENS, CALLED
MEDEVAC FOR 3 USMC, AND REQUESTED SPOOKY ON STATION.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET 11 INCHES AND HOLDING.

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B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN
HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

E. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS WILL CONTINUE OPERATIONS 1AW FIFTH MAR
SPEC SITREP NR 25.

USMC

8 USMC KIA
37 USMC WIAE
13 USMC WIA (M)
2 USMC NBCE

ARVN

61 NVA KIA
1 NVA RT/E
40 VC KIA
2 VC POW
33 DETAINEES
20 INN CIV
8 CIV DEF
10 IWC

20 ARVN KIA
14 ARVN WIAE

70 NVA KIA
1 NVA POW
26 VC KIA
4 VC POW
16 DETAINEES
7 INN CIV
4 CIV DEF
17 IWC
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FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP NR 26 FROM 130539H TO

131200H DECEMBER 1968 OPERATION TAYLOR COMMON

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: CO C AT 064523

21ST BN AT 816474

37TH BN AT 785469

39TH BN AT 01/482 TO AT 840495

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP NR 24.

3. CONTACTS:

AT 121045H (FOLLOW UP) 1/5 CO D PLAT CMBT PFL LOC AT 055494.

DETAINEE CLASSIFIED BY ITT AS INN CIV

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B. 122045H (FOLLOW UP) 3/5 CO L FT LP LOC AT 852419. UNIT

SEARCHED AREA WITH NEG RESULTS.

C. 130010H 1/5 CO C SQD LP LOC AT 065523. UNIT SEARCHED AREA

WITH NEG RESULTS.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET 11 INCHES AND HOLDING.

B. STORM CONDITION FOR CONTINUES.

C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN

HQA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS WILL CONTINUE OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP NR 24.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

8 USMC KIA	61 NVA KIA	20 ARVN KIA	10 NVA KIA
37 USMC WIA E	1 NVA RTNE	44 ARVN WIAE	1 NVA POW
13 USMC WIA M	40 VC KIA		26 VC KIA
2 USMC NBCE	2 VC POW		9 VC POW
	33 DETAINEES		16 DETAINEES
	21 INN CIV		17 INN CIV

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FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #27 FROM 131201H TO 131800H DEC 68
 OPERATION TAYLOR COMMON

1. UNIT LOCATIONS:

1/5 CP AT927527	BLT 2/7 AT838525	21ST BN AT817469
CO A AT894466	CO E AT854497	37TH BN AT831464
CO B AT912513	CO F AT837534	39TH BN AT831491
CO C AT964524	CO G AT838524	
CO D AT927527	CO H AT850514	

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUES OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #24-3. CONTACTS:

A. 122147 1/5 CO C SQD CMBT PTL LOC AT974520. UNIT SEARCHED AREA WITH NEG RESULTS. (FOLLOW UP).

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B. 131030H 1/5 CO A MINE SWEEP SECURITY LOS AT 977500. 1 USMC DET M-33 SUR EX DEVICE RESULTING IN 1 USMC KIA EVAC. UNIT EVACED USMC TO AN HOA BT VEHICLE.

C. 131235H 1/5 CO C CO S&C LOC AT965523. WHILE SEARCHING AREA, UNIT APPREHENDED 300 DETAINEES BECAUSE OF RECENT HEAVY ENEMY ACTIVITY IN THE AREA AND THE EVIDENCE OF LARGE ENEMY RICE CACHES WHICH HAVE BEEN HARBORED BY THE CIVILIANS. PERSONNEL FROM RF 116 CO, 1/5 S-2, AND 11T ARE INTERROGATING THE SUSPECTS AND ALSO UTILIZING A BLACKLIST.

D. 131350H 1/5 CO C CO S&C LOC AT966523. UNIT OBS 4MVA WITH PACKS AND HELMETS LOC AT960520. UNIT FIRED 5MM AND SENT PATROL INTO AREA. PATROL MADE CONTACT AND FIRED S/A AND M-79 RDS. SEARCH OF THE AREA REVEALED 4 AK-47, 1 CARBINE, MEDICAL GEAR, AND MISC 782 GEAR.

E. 131401H 1/5 CO C PLT CMBT PTL LOC AT975518. UNIT REC'D AK-47 FIRE FROM ENEMY LOC AT975517 RESULTING IN 1 USMC KIA EVAC. UNIT RET'D FIRE WITH S/A AND M-79 RDS. UNIT SEARCHED AREA RESULTING IN 1 NVA KIA AND 2 WOUNDED DETAINEES. DETAINEES WILL BE FORWARDED TO 11T. UNIT CALLED MEDEVAC.

F. 131600H 39TH RANGER BN LOC AT827487. UNIT SEARCHED BUNKER

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 IN AREA AND FOUND 1 CHINCOM LIGHT MACHINE GUN, 1 M-14 RIFLE,
 1 SKS, 1M-1, AND 1M-14 BARREL AND RECEIVER GROUP. UNIT
 DESTROYED BUNKER AND WEAPONS FORWARDED TO CP.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

- A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET 11 INCHES AND HOLDING.
- B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.
- C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN
 HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.
- D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS ESTABLISH NIGHT POSITIONS AND CONDUCT
 SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

8 USMC KIA	USMC	62 KKNVA KIA	20 ARVN KIA	70 NVA KIA
39 USMC WIAE		1 NVA RTNE	44 ARVN WIAE	1 NVA POW
13 USMC WIA (M)		40 VC KIA	25 VC KIA	
2 USMC NBCE		2 VC POW	16 DETAINEES	
		335 DETAINEES	16 DETAINEES	
		21 INN CIV	7 INN CIV	

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4 CIV DEF
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FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #28 FROM 131801H TO
 132400H DECEMBER 1968 OPN TAYLOR COMMON

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS ESTABLISHED NIGHT POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.
3. CONTACTS:
 - A. 130950H 37TH RANGER BN LOC AT 790484. UNIT LOCATED SEVERAL FRESH GRAVES AND OPENED THEM FINDING SEVERAL ITEMS OF BLOODY NVA WEBB GEAR, 2 NVA KIA, AND 1 VC KIA. KIA'S KILLED BY ARMY GUNSHIP 12 DEC. UNIT ALSO FOUND AREA THAT LOOKED AS THOUGH IT HAD BEEN USED BY CO SIZE UNIT WITHIN 24 HOURS. UNIT MADE THOROUGH SEARCH OF AREA.
 - B. 131050H 39TH RANGER BN LOC AT 817482. 4 ARVN PERSONNEL

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- CAPTURED DURING TET SURRENDERED TO UNIT. 2 WERE PF'S. 1 39TH RANGER, AND 1 MASTER SGT ENGINEER. UNIT TURNED THEM OVER TO 13TH ITT.
- C. 131200H 1/5 CO C SQD CMBT PTL LOC AT 972508. UNIT APPREHENDED 30 DETAINEES AND FOUND 1 SET OF NVA UTILITIES. DETAINEES AND UTILITIES BROUGHT TO 1/5 CP.
 - D. 131831H 1/5 CO C SQD CMBT PTL LOC AT 962521. UNITS RECON BY FIRE PREMATURELY SPRUNG VC AMB LOC AT 965523. UNIT RET'D FIRE WITH S/A M-79 FIRE. AO ON STATION DIRECTED AIR STRIKE ON ENEMY POSITION. UNIT WILL SEARCH AREA AT FIRST LIGHT.
 - E. 131845H 2/7 CO E CO DEF POSIT LOC AT 855497. UNIT REC'D 1 APPROX 40 RDS SNIPER FIRE AND 2 B-40 ROCKETS. UNIT RET'D 1 FIRE WITH S/A AND CALLED MAR 81MM MSN.
 - F. 132130H 1/5 CO B SQD LP LOC AT 912513. UNIT WAS APPROACHED BY 4 ENEMY. UNIT THREW 2 GRENS AND FIRED S/A AND RETURNED TO LINES. UNIT CALLED 60MM, 81MM MSNS, AND FIRED M-79'S.
 - G. 132145H AN HOA COMBAT BASE LOC AT 875475. UNIT REC'D 13 RDS 60MM FROM UNKNOWN POSIT. ALL RDS IMPACTED 200 METERS NORTH OF THE PERIMETER.

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H. 132230H 2/7 CO E CO DEF POSIT LOC AT 855497. UNIT REC'D 1
 BRDS FRIENDLY ARTILLERY RESULTING IN 1 USMC KIA AND 1
 USMC WIA EVAC. UNIT CALLED CHECK FIRE ON ALL FRIENDLY
 SUPPORT AND CALLED MEDEVAC.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

- A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET 11 INCHES AND HOLDING.
- B. STORM CONDITIONS FOUR CONTINUES.
- C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN
 HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.
- D. TRACK VE HICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY:

- 1/5 - OCCUPIES PRESENT POSITS AND PROVIDES SECURITY FOR LIB RJ
 AND LIB BRIDGE.
- CO L3/5 - PREPARES DEFENSIVE POSITS AND PROVIDES SECURITY FOR
 FIREBASE MARNE.
- BLT 2/7 - OCCUPIES BLOCKING POSITS AND PREPARE FOR REHAB AT
 AN HOA.
- ARVN RANGER BNS - MAINTAIN POSITS NORTH AND WEST OF VC BUNKER
 COMPLEX ALONG HIGH GROUND FROM AT 825497 TO AT 840492.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

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	USMC	ARVN
9 USMC KIA	62 KNVA KIA	20 ARVN KIA
40 USMC WIAE	1 NVA RINEE	44 ARVN WIAE
13 USMC WIA (M)	40 VC KIA	1 NVA POW
2 USMC NBCE	2 VC POW	27 VC KIA
	365 DETAINEES	4 VC POW
	21 INN CIV	20 DETAINEES
	8 CIV DEF	11 INN CIV
	15 IWC	4 CIV DEF
		21 IWC
		4 CSNC

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FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP NR 28 FROM 140031H TO
144500H DECEMBER 1968 OPERATION TAYLOR COMMON

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNIT CONTINUED NORMAL NIGHT ACTIVITIES
CONDUCTING SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

3. CONTACTS:

A-132245H 2/7 CO G SQD AMB LOC AT 831519. UNIT REC'D 3400H

M-79 FROM ESTIMATED 2-ENEMY LOC AT 831521. UNIT RET'D FIRE

WITH 37A- ENEMY BROKE CONTACT AND UNIT CALLED HYDEVACT.

RES: 1 USMC WIA EVACT

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

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A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET 11 INCHES AND HOLDING.

B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN
HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

E. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS WILL CONTINUE OPERATIONS 1AW FIFTH MARINES
SPEC SITREP NR 28.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

USMC

9 USMC KIA

51 USMC WIAE

13 USMC WIA(M)

2 USMC NBCE

62 NVA KIA

1 NVA RTNE

40 VC KIA

2 VC POW

365 DETAINEES

21 INN CIV

8 CIV DEF

15 IWC

ARVN

20 ARVN KIA

44 ARVN WIAE

72 NVA KIA

1 NVA POW

27 VC KIA

1 VC POW

20 DETAINEES

11 INN CIV

1 CIV DEF

21 IWC

1 CSWC

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FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #30 FROM 140600H TO
141200H DECEMBER 1968 OPERATION TAYLOR COMBAT

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: 2/7 IN AT850490 21ST ARVN IN AT845495
37TH ARVN IN AT848478
39TH ARVN IN AT847480 TO
AT864500
2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MAR
SPEC SITREP #28.
3. CONTACTS:
 - A. 131800H (FOLLOW UP) 1/5 CO C PIA CHIEF PTL LOC AT970532.
WHILE SEARCHING AREA UNIT REC'D S/A AND A/W FIRE FROM ENEMY
LOC AT970535. UNIT RET'D FIRE KILLING 1 NVA AND CAPTURING
1 SXS. UNIT HAD 1 USMC KIA.
 - B. 140930H 2/7 CO C SQD OP LOC AT855508. WHILE UNIT WAS SET-
TING UP OP, FOUND 1 SXS WITH MAGAZINE AND 8 RDS. UNIT WILL
SEARCH AREA. WPN WILL BE SENT TO S-2.
 - C. 141030H 39TH RANGER IN LOC AT846497. WHILE MOVING FROM
OBJ 10 TO AT856501 UNIT FOUND 100 BLASTING CAPS. 50 CAPS
HAD FUSE AND LIGHTERS ATTACHED.
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
 - A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET 11 INCHES AND RISING.
 - B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.
 - C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN
HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.
 - D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.
5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS WILL CONTINUE OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MAR
SPEC SITREP #28.

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6. CUMULATIVE CATEGORIES:

USMC
 1710 USMC KIA 63 NVA KIA
 5841 " WIA 1 " RTNE
 15 " WIA (M) 42 VC KIA
 2 " NECE 2 " POW
 363 DETAINEES
 21 INN CIV
 8 CIV DEF
 17 IG

ARVN
 20 ARVN KIA 72 NVA KIA
 44 " WIA 1 " POW
 27 VC KIA
 4 " POW
 20 DETAINEES
 11 INN CIV
 4 CIV DEF
 21 INC
 4 CSWC

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FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #30 FROM 141201H TO 141800H DEC 68 OPN TAYLOR
 COMMON

1. UNIT LOCATIONS:

1/5 CO AT927527 BLT 2/7 BN AT894466

CO A AT894466

CO B AT912513

CO C AT965523

CO D AT927527

21ST BN AT059489

37TH BN AT852132

39TH BN AT854444

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED OPN TAY FIFTH MAR SPEC
SPEC SITREP #28.

3. CONTACTS:

A. 131831H (FOLLOW UP) 1/5 CO C PLT CMBT PTL LOC AT970532.
 WHILE SEARCHING AREA; UNIT REC'D S/A AND IAW FIRE FROM

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2 REIN BUNKERS. RES: 6 USMC KIA AND 13 USMC WIA EVAC.
 UNIT FLANKED TARGET. AD ON STATION RAN RIXED WING STRIKE
 AND ARTY. GUNSHIPS USED TO SUPPRESS FIRE. UNIT FOUND 11
 VC KIA.

B. 141045H 1/5 CO C CO S&C LOC AT963513. UNIT OBS 2 ENEMY
 DRESSED IN GREEN SHIRTS AND BLACK TROUSERS. ENEMY RAN TO
 NORTH WHEN OBSG UNIT. UNIT CALLED 60MM MSN SEARCHED AREA
 WITH NEG RESULTS.

C. 141100H 1/5 CO B PLT CMBT PTL LOC AT904520. UNIT REC'D
 A/W AND S/A FIRE FROM FRONT AND BOTH SIDES RESULTING IN
 1 USMC KIA AND 2 USMC WIA EVAC. UNIT REC'D FIRE WITH S/A
 AND M-79 FIRE. UNIT CALLED MAR 81MM, ARTY, AND FIXED
 WING MSN. UNIT CALLED MEDEVAC AND SEARCHED AREA WITH NEG
 RESULTS.

D. 141200H 2/7 CO F CO S&C LOC AT836517. CHOPPER REC'D 110-15
 RDS SNIPER FIRE. UNIT FIRED MACHINEGUN KILLING 1 VC KIA.

E. 141230H 1/5 CO A SQD OF LOC AT948493. 1 USMC DIED M-26
 SUR EX DEVICE RESULTING IN 1 USMC WIA EVAC. USMC EVACED
 BY VEHICLE.

F. 141530H 1/5 CO B PLT CMBT PTL LOC AT904520. 1 USMC DIED
 M-26 SUR EX DEVICE RESULTING IN 3 USMC WIA EVACS.

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4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET 11 INCHES AND HOLDING.

B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AQ HQA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS ESTABLISH NIGHT POSITIONS AND CONDUCT SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AOA.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

USMC		ARVN	
17 USMC KIA	63 NVA KIA	20 ARVN KIA	72 NVA KIA
50 USMC WIAE	1 NVA RTNE	44 ARVN WIAE	1 NVA POW
13 USMC WIA (M)	42 VC KIA		27 VC KIA
2 USMC NBCE	2 VC POW		4 VC POW
	365 DEF		20 DEF
	21 INN CIV		11 INN CIV
	8 CIV DEF		4 CIV DEF
	17 INC		21 INC
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FIFTH MAR SPEC STREEP #34 FROM 141801H TO 142430H DEC 68 JPN

TAYLOR COMBAT

1. UNIT LOCATIONS; NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS ESTABLISHED NIGHT POSITION AND CONDUCTED SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSION IN ASSIGNED AO.

3. CONTACTS:

A. 131831H (FOLLOW UP) 1/5 CO C PLT CMT PTL LOC AT970532.

ADD 14 VC KIA.

B. 131831H (FOLLOW UP) 1/5 CO C PLT CMT PTL LOC AT970532.

ADD 2 USMC WIA EVAC AND 1 SKS.

C. 141720H 39TH RANGER BN LOC AT848494. 1 ARVN DEF SUR EX DEVICE WHILE MOVING INTO NIGHT POSIT RESULTING IN 1 ARVN KIA AND 1 ARVN WIA EVAC.

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D. 141838H 39TH ARVN BN LOC AT840492. UNIT RECD IS/A FIRE FROM ENEMY LOC AT 839501. AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME AN OP LOC AT840492 CAPTURED 3 JET. UNIT CALLED ARTY ON ENEMY POSIT AND INTERROGATED DETAINEES.

E. 141100H 1/5 CO B PLT CMT PTL LOC AT944520 (FOLLOW UP).

ADD 1 M-16 LOST.

F. 142300H RF 116 UNIT LOC AT968520. CO C 1/5 OBS MOVEMENT.

LOC AT966520. UNIT FIRED A/N AND IS/A. UNIT FOUND DMI MOVEMENT WAS RF AMB RETURNING TO RF PERIMETER. RF 116 IS WORKING WITH CO C DURING RICE CLEARING OPS. AMB RET'D TO PERIMETER WITH NO CASUALTIES.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET 11 INCHES AND HOLDING.

B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITIONS THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY:

1/5 - OCCUPIES PRESENT POSITS PROVIDING SECURITY FOR NORTHERN AO TO INCLUDE LIB BRIDGE AND LIB ROAD NORTH. CO C IN CONTACT

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 ATTACKS ENEMY POSITIONS AT 9753. CO A RETURNS TO OPCON OF 3/5
 151200H.
 3LT 2/7 - ON ORDER ASSIST 1/5 IN DEVELOPING CONTACT IN AT 9753
 CO F 2/7 RELIEVES CO A 1/5 OF SECURITY RESPONSIBILITIES FOR
 STRONG POINTS IN SOUTHERN AO.
 CO L 3/5 - PREPARES DEFENSIVE POSITS AND PROVIDES SECURITY FOR
 FIREBASE MARNE.
 ARVN RANGER BNS - COMMENCE OPNS IN NEW AO'S FOLLOWS:
 21ST BN - 810540 ALONG RIVER TO 810546, TO 810620, TO
 810520.
 37TH BN - 200450 TO 810480 TO 810440 TO 790440, TO 200440
 TO 200480.
 39TH BN - 200510 TO 810510 TO 810480 TO 200480.
 6. CUM CASUALTIES:

USMC		ARVN	
17 USMC KIA	63 NVA KIA	21 ARVN KIA	72 NVA KIA
52 USMC WIAE	1 NVA RTNE	45 ARVN WIAE	1 NVA POW
13 USMC WIA (M)	56 VC KIA		27 VC KIA
2 USMC NBCE	2 VC POW		4 VC POW
	365 DET		23 DET

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FIFTH MARINES

TO: 12FAJ JOG TASK FORCE YANKEE

INFO: ZEN/FIRST BN FIFTH MARINES

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FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP NR 33 FROM 150000Z

150000Z DECEMBER 1968 OPERATION TAYLOR COMBAT

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED NORMAL NIGHT ACTIVITIES

CONDUCTING SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

3. CONTACTS: NONE

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET 11 INCHES AND HIGHER.

B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN

HQA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

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1. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS CONTINUES OPERATIONS TAYLOR FIFTH MAR SPEC.

SITREP NR 32.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES.

USMC

17 USMC KIA

32 USMC WIAE

13 USMC WIA (M)

2 USMC NBCE

53 NVA KIA

1 NVA RINE

56 VC KIA

2 VC POW

365 DETAINEES

21 INN CIV

8 CIV DEF

18 IWC

ARVN

21 ARVN KIA

45 ARVN WIAE

12 NVA KIA

1 NVA POW

27 VC KIA

4 VC POW

23 DETAINEES

11 INN CIV

4 CIV DEF

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FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP NR 34 FROM 150531Z THU

151200H DECEMBER 1968 OPERATION TAYLOR COMMUN

1. UNIT LOCATIONS:

1/5 CO AT 1927527

21ST BN AT 1837531

ALL OTHERS NO CHANGE

CO A AT 899473

37TH BN AT 1818478

CO B AT 911513

39TH BN AT 1823488

CO C AT 965524

CO D AT 927527

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS:

UNITS CONTINUED OPERATIONS TAW FIFTH MAR

SPEC SITREP NR 32.

3. CONTACTS:

A. 121600H (LATE ENTRY) 1/5 CO C PLT CMRT P/L LOC AT 965524.

UNIT APPREHENDED 1 FEMALE DEF AS A VC SUSPECT. DEF FURN.

WARDEN TO ITT AND ITT CLASSED AS INN/CIV.

B. 131200H (FOLLOW UP) 1/5 CO CO LOC AT 912538. 33 DETAINEES

CLASSED BY ITT AS INN/CIV.

C. 131235H (FOLLOW UP) 1/5 CO C CO S&C LOC AT 965523. 300

DETAINEES CLASSED BY ITT AS INN/CIV.

D. 141100H (FOLLOW UP) 1/5 CO B PLT CMRT P/L LOC AT 925194.

UNIT FOUND 1 VC KIA AND NUMEROUS BLOOD POOLS.

E. 150925H 37TH RANGER BN LOC AT 1814476. UNIT REC'D 6/8 FIRE

FROM ENEMY LOC AT 1814476. UNIT CALLED ARTY ON ENEMY POSIT.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET 11 INCHES AND HOLDING.

B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN

HQA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

D. FIFTH MAR ASSUMED RESP OF PROVIDING RAPID REACTION PLT (REIN).

(SPARROW HAWK) TO TF YANKEE AS OF 151200H DEC 68. BLT 2/7 WILL PROVIDE.

E. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS WILL CONTINUE OPERATIONS TAW FIFTH MAR

SPEC SITREP NR 32.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

USMC

17 USMC KIA

62 USMC WIAE

13 USMC WIA (H)

2 USMC NBCE

54 NVA KIA

1 NVA RTNE

56 VC KIA

2 VC POW

366 DETAINEES

352 INN/CIV

8 CIV DEF

18 LVC

21 ARVN KIA

45 ARVN WIAE

ARVN

72 NVA KIA

1 NVA POW

27 VC KIA

2 VC POW

23 DETAINEES

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FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #35 FROM 1512014 TO 1513004 DEC 68 OPM TAYLOR
 COMNAV

1. UNIT LOCATIONS:

175 CP AT927527 BLT 277 BN AT894467

CO A AT934486

CO B AT912513

CO C AT965524

CO D AT927527

ZIST BN AT821538

37TH BN AT805475

39TH BN AT804486

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED OPNS 1ST FIFTH MAR
 SPEC SITREP #32.

3. CONTACTS:

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A. 151831H (FOLLOW UP) 175 CO C PLT CMBT PFL LOC AT970532.

ADD 4 M-10, 2 M-79, AND 3 .45 CAL. PISTOLS MISSING. PRE-

SUMED DESTROYED BY BOMBING. WEAPNS BELONGED TO CASUALTIES.

AIR STRIKE CALLED INTO AREA AFTER CASUALTIES WERE EXTRACTED.

B. 141030H 175 CO B PLT CMBT PFL LOC AT935524. UNIT APPREHENDED

1 FEMALE WITH CHILD. DETAINEES TRIED TO EVADE MARINES AND HAD

NO ID. UNIT FORWARDED TO III.

C. 151145H 175 CO C LOC AT950525. TANK DET 80-100 LB BOX MINE

ON ROAD. RES: 12 RF MIA EVAC AND 5 USMC MIA NON EVAC.

UNIT CALLED REDEVAC AND CONTINUED MINE SWEEP DISPATCHED

FROM 175 CP.

D. 151200H 175 CO B PLT CMBT PFL LOC AT933499. UNIT TAKEN

UNDER FIRE BY S/A AND M-79 FIRE FROM ENEMY LOC AT895530.

UNIT REP'D FIRE WITH S/A AND M-79 FIRE. UNIT CALLED MAX

ARTY MSN AND FIXED WING STRIKE. ENEMY BROKE CONTACT.

(K) SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: DELETED NVA KIA AND ADD'D VC KIA DUE TO
 TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR.

A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET 11 INCHES AND HOLDING.

B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD

AWAY TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

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3. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS ESTABLISH NIGHT POSITS AND CONDUCT SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

6. COM CASUALTIES:

USMC		ARVN	
17 USMC KIA	63 NVA KIA	21 ARVN KIA	72 NVA KIA
10 USMC MIA	1 NVA RINE	45 ARVN MIA	1 NVA POW
18 USMC MIA (M)	57 VC KIA		27 VC KIA
2 USMC INCE	2 VC POW		2 VC POW
	368 DET		23 DET
	352 INN CIV		11 INN CIV
	8 CIV DEF		5 CIV DEF
	18 IWC		21 IWC
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FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #36 FROM 151801H TO
152400H DECEMBER 1968 OPERATION TAYLOR COMMON

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNIT ESTABLISHED NIGHT POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

3. CONTACTS:

A. 151500H 1/5 CO D MINE SWEEP LOC AT941523. WHILE ENROUTE TO RETRIEVE DAMAGED TANK, UNIT UNCOVERED 4 100-150 BL AT BOX MINES. UNIT DESTROYED IN PLACE.

B. 151730H 1/5 CO C DEF POSIT LOC AT963584. UNIT FOUND NUMEROUS MED SUPPLIES, DOCUMENTS, AND 3 CHICOM GREN. MED SUPPLIES AND GREN DESTROYED. DOCUMENTS FORWARDED TO S-2.

C. 151700H 1/5 CO C PLT COMBAT PTL LOC AT965523. UNIT RECD.

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HVY VOLUME OF FIRE FROM ENEMY LOC AT970530. EST CO STRENGTH. ENEMY DUG IN AND HEAVILY FORTIFIED. UNIT RETD HVY A/W AND S/A FIRE. ENEMY BROKE CONTACT. RES: 2 MVA KIA.

D. 151815H 1/5 CP DEF POSIT LOC AT912528. UNIT RECD 2 RDS 82MM MORTARS FROM ENEMY LOC AT915526. RDS WERE RECD WHILE 81'S WERE SETTING BASEPLATE. COULD NOT FIRE COUNTER MORTARS. NEG DAMAGE.

E. 151830H 1/5 CP LOC AT926527. VN NATIONAL BROUGHT 1 WOUNDED MALE WITH M-16 WOUND IN SHOULDER. INDIVIDUALS NAME APPEARED ON BLACKLIST. UNIT MEDEVACED TO NSA, DANANG. GUARD WILL ACCOMPANY HIM.

F. 151920H 21ST BN LOC AT831537. UNIT RECD 7A FIRE FROM EST SQ OR PLT OF VC LOC AT835543. UNIT CALLED ARTY HSN ON ENEMY. CONTACT BROKEN.

G. 152105H 2/7 CO DEF POSIT LOC AT895457 AND AT881456.

800GPOINTS A DN C RECD ENEMY SNIPER FIRE FROM AT897474. UNIT RETD FIRE AND ENEMY BROKE CONTACT.

H. 152200H 2/7 CO E CO DEF POSIT LOC AT896467. UNIT RECD APPROXIMATELY 300 RDS S/A FIRE FROM ENEMY LOC AT897473.

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UNIT RETD FIRE WITH 87A AND 81MM FIRE.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET 11 INCHES.

B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY:

1/5- OCCUPIES PRESENT POSITS PROVIDING SECURITY FOR 5TH MAR
NORTHERN AO TO INCLUDE LIB BRIDGE AND LIB RD NORTH. CO C
REMAIN IN CONTACT WITH ENEMY POSITS IN AT9753. COA MOVES TO
REIN CO C.

BLT 2/7- PREPARES FOR HELD LIFT COMMENCING 170745H INTO LZ
WHEN AT962553. CO H 2/7 CHOPS TO 5TH MAR 161200H AND ASSUMES
RESPONSIBILITY FOR STRONGPOINTS IN 5TH MAR SOUTHERN AO.

CO L 3/5 - PREPARES DEFENSE POSITS AND PROVIDES SECURITY FOR
FIREBASE MARNE.

ARVN RANGERS - CONDUCT OPNS IN AREAS DESCRIBED IN 5TH MAR SIT-
REP #32.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

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USMC		ARVN	
17 USMC KIA	65 NVA KIA	21 ARVN KIA	72 NVA KIA
52 USMC WIAE	1 NVA RTNE	45 ARVN WIAE	1 NVA POW
18 USMC WIA (H)	57 VC KIA		21 VC KIA
2 USMC NBCE	2 VC POW		2 VC POW
	369 DETAINEES		23 DETAINEES
	352 INN CIV		11 INN CIV
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FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP NR 37 FROM 160001H TO

160600H DECEMBER 1968 OPERATION TAYLOR COMMON

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED NORMAL NIGHT ACTIVITIES CONDUCTING SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

3. CONTACTS:

A. 160025H 1/5 CO B CO DEF POSIT LOC AT912513. UNIT REC'D 7

RDS BELEIVED TO BE ARTY FROM UNKNOWN POSIT. RES: 1 USMC

WIA EVAC. UNIT CALLED CHECK FIRE ON ALL ARTY MSNS AND

USMC WILL BE REDEYACED AT FIRST LIGHT. CRATER ANALY TEAM WILL INVESTIGATE.

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B. 160305H TTH MAR HQS CP LOC AT877474. UNIT REC'D 7-8 RDS

82MM FROM UNK POSITS. UNIT FIRED COUNTER AIR FIRE ON LOC

AT885496. AT889495. AND AT885500. NO CASUALTIES. DAMAGE RPT WILL FOLLOW.

C. 160350H 1/5 BN CP DEF POSIT LOC AT926525. UNIT REC'D 1

RD BELEIVED TO BE ARTY WHICH LANDED INSIDE PERIMETER.

UNIT CALLED CHECK FIRE AND WILL MAKE CRATER ANALYSIS.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET 11 INCHES AND HOLDING.

B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS WILL CONTINUE OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP NR 36.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

USMC

ARVN

17 USMC KIA

65 NVA KIA

21 ARVN KIA

72 NVA KIA

53 USMC WIAE

1 NVA RTNE

45 ARVN WIAE

1 NVA POW

18 USMC WIA(M)

57 VC KIA

27 VC KIA

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 18 IWC

2 VC POW
 23 DETAINEES
 11 INN CIV
 5 CIV DER
 21 IWC

4 CSWC

LATE ENTRY: 152045H CAP 2-9-1 SQD AMB LOC AT 889469. UNIT OBS 2
 ENEMY LOC AT 890469 MOVING TOWARD THEIR POSIT. UNIT
 TOOK ENEMY UNDER FIRE WITH S/A RESULTING IN 2 VC KIA.
 UNIT THEN REC'D A/W FIRE FROM 10-15 ENEMY IN ADJACENT
 TREELINE WHILE RECOVERING BODIES. UNIT RET'D FIRE,
 CALLED MAR 81MM MSN, AND PULLED FORCES BACK TO CAP
 2-9-1. UNIT CAPTURED 1 9MM PISTOL, 1 SK-47, 1 CHICOM
 GREN, 1 M-26 GREN, ASSORTED DOCUMENTS, 782 GEAR, AND
 1 COMPASS. ADD ABOVE CASUALTIES TO CUMULATIVE
 CASUALTIES TOTALING 59 VC KIA AND 20 OWC.

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FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP NR 38 FROM 160600H TO
161200H DECEMBER 1968 OPERATION TAYLOR COMMON.

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: CO AT AT966516 ALL OTHERS NO CHANGE

21STBN AT825536

37THBN AT805477

39THBN AT835477

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MAR
SPEC SITREP NR 36.

3. CONTACTS:

A. 141630H (FOLLOW UP) 1/5 CO B PLT CMBU PTL LOC AT905524.

DETAINEE CLASSED BY IIT AS 2 INN CIV.

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B. 160350H (FOLLOW UP) 1/5 BN CP LOC AT926526. GRAIOR ANALY-
SIST DETERMINED RD WAS 105 HE WHICH CAME FROM BTRY E 2/11.C. 160740H 1/5 CO B FT OF LOC AT914507. 1 USMC DET AP MINE
OF UNKNOWN TYPE. UNIT CALLED MEDEVAC.D. 160910H 1/5 CO D PLT S&C LOC AT932523. 1 USMC DET AP MINE
USMC EVACED BY TANK TO BN CP.E. 160925H 21ST RANGER BN LOC AT835545. UNIT HAS LIGHT CON-
TACT WITH ENEMY OF EST PLT SIZE. UNIT APPREHENDED DETA-
AINEE RUNNING LOC AT835545. UNIT CALLED IN ARTY ONE EN-
GAGED W/ENEMY WITH S/A.

F. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS/

A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7FEET 11 INCHES AND HOLDING.

B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN
HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS WILL CONTINUE OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MAR
SPEC SITREP NR 36.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES.

USMC

17 USMC KIA 65 NVA KIA
 55 " WIAE 1 " RTNE
 18 " WIA (M) 59 VC KIA
 2 " NBCE 2 VC POW
 369 DETAINEES
 354 INN CIV
 8 CIV DEF
 20 IWC

ARVN

21 ARVN KIA 12 NVA KIA
 15 " WIAE 1 " POW
 27 VC KIA
 2 " POW
 24 DETAINEES
 11 INN CIV
 5 CIV DEF
 21 IWC
 4 USMC

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C O N F I D E N T I A L
 FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #39 FROM 161201H TO 161800H DEC 68 OPN TAYLOR
 COMMON

1. UNIT LOCATIONS:

1/5 CP AT927527 BLT 2/7 BN CP A1894467 21ST BN A1825545
 CO A A1985511 37TH BN A1805470
 CO B A1912513 39TH BN A1831477
 CO C A1965524
 CO D A1927527

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED OPNS 1AW FIFTH MAR
 SPEC SITREP #36.

3. CONTACTS:

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A. 160350H (FOLLOW UP) 5TH MAR HQS CP LOC A1877474. DAMAGE
 ASSESSMENT: ENEMY MORTARS DESTROYED LAND LINES AND ONE GP
 TENT AND THERE WAS MINOR DAMAGE TO 1-2 1/2 TON TRUCK AND
 3 M-151 JEEPS.

B. 161100H 1/5 CP LOC A1927527. VN CIV BROUGHT 1 WOUNDED
 17 YEAR OLD MALE TO CP. MEDEVACED TO NSA DAMANG BUCK
 GUARD. UNIT APPREHENDED HIM AS A DETAINEE.

C. 161130H 1/5 CO C PLT CMBT PTL LOC A1935524. UNIT APPRE-
 HENDED 1 FEMALE. AGE 25, BECAUSE SHE HAD NO ID. UNIT WILL
 FORWARD TO ITT.

D. 161135H 39TH RANGER BN LOC A1835470. UNIT WAS LEAD BY AN
 INFORMER TO THIS VIC WHERE THERE WERE TWO IMPORTANT VC IN
 HIDING. UNIT APPREHENDED ONE AS A DETAINEE AND THE OTHER
 WAS KILLED TRYING TO ESCAPE. UNIT ALSO APPREHENDED THE
 WIFE OF AN NVA BN XO AS STATED BY INFORMER. RES: 2 JINES
 AND 1 VC KIA.

E. 161200H 1/5 CO B PLT CMBT PTL LOC A1903516. UNIT OBS 8 VC
 RUNNING FROM VILLE LOC A1897519. UNIT CALLED MARK AREA 10N
 RESULTING IN 1 VC KIA.

F. 161340H 21ST RANGER BN LOC A1835470. UNIT APPREHENDED 1

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DET. WILL FORWARD TO III.

G. 1ST BATT 39TH RANGER BN LOC AT 837546. WHILE SEARCHING AREA, UNIT TRAPPED 1 VC IN A BUNKER. VC THEN BLEW HIMSELF UP.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET 11 INCHES AND HOLDING.

B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS ESTABLISH NIGHT POSITS AND CONDUCT SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

6. NUM CASUALTIES:

USMC		ARVN	
17 USMC KIA	65 NVA KIA	21M ARVN KIA	72 NVA KIA
55 USMC WIAE	1 NVA RTNE	45 ARVN WIAE	1 NVA POW
18 USMC WIA (M)	60 VC KIA		29 VC KIA
2 USMC NBCE	2 VC POW		2 VC POW
	271 DET		26 DET
	350 INN CIV		11 INN CIV
	8 CIV DEF		5 CIV DEF

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ZEN/SECOND BN FIFTH MAR
ZEN/THIRDBN FIFTH MAR
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FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #32 FROM 161901H TO 162403H DEC 68 DMN TAYLOR
COMMON

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS ESTAB NIGHT POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AREAS.
3. CONTACTS:
 - A. 152045H CAP 2-3-1 SGT AND LOC A1869469. ADD 1 VC KIA.
 - B. 161910H 1/5 CO A CO DEF POSIT LOC A1977517. UNIT OBS 5 VC WITH WPNS. RUMBLING SE LOC A1978518. UNIT OPENED FIRE WITH S/A AND M-79 FIRE RES. IN 2 VC KIA.
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

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- A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET 11 INCHES AND HOLDING.
- B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.
- C. LIBERTY FERRY CROSSING REMAIN OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.
- D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.
- 5. PLANS SUMMARY:
 - 1/5-OCCUPIES PRESENT POSITS PROVIDING SECURITY FOR 5TH MAR NORTHERN AU TO INCLUDE LIB BRIDGE AND LIB RD NORTH. CO A AND C ESTAB BLOCK IN CONJUNCTION WITH BLT 2/7.
 - BLT 2/7-COMMENCING 170745H LANDS IN LZ WREN A1962553 WITH COMPANIES E, F, AND G AND SWEEPS IN A SOUTHWESTERLY DIRECTION TO BLOCK ESTAB BY COMPANIES A AND C.
 - CO H 2/7-MAINS STRONGPOINTS AND PROVIDES SECURITY IN SOUTHERN AU.
 - CO L 3/5-PREPARE DEFENSE POSITS AND PROVIDES SECURITY FOR FIREBASE MARNE.
 - ARVN RANGERS-CONDUCT OPNS IN AREAS DESCRIBED IN 5TH MAR SPEC SITREP #32.
- 6. CUM CASUALTIES:

17 USMC KIA	65 NVA KIA	21 ARVN KIA	12 NVA KIA
55 USMC WIAE	1 NVA RTNE	42 ARVN WIAE	1 NVA POW

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18 USMC WIAE	63 VC KIA	29 VC KIA
2 USMC NBCE	2 VC POW	2 VC POW
	371 DET	26 DET
	354 INN CIV	71 INN CIV
	8 CIV DEF	5 CIV DEF
	20 IWC	2 IWC
		1 USMC

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FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #41 FROM 170001H TO 170600H DEC 68 OPN TAYLOR
 COMMON

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED NORMAL NIGHT ACTIVITIES
 CONDUCTING SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.
3. CONTACTS: NONE
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
 - A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET 11 INCHES AND HOLDING.
 - B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.
 - C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING RE MAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN
 HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

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5. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.
6. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS CONTINUE OPN TAYLOR FIFTH MAR SPEC
 SITREP #0.
6. COM CASUALTIES:

17 USMC KIA	65 NVA KIA	21 ARVN KIA	2 NVA KIA
55 USMC MIA	1 NVA RTNE	45 ARVN MIAE	1 NVA POW
18 USMC MIA(M) 63 @ KIA			29 VC KIA
2 USMC NBCE	2 VC POW		2 VC POW
	371 DET		3 DET
	354 INN CIV		11 INN CIV
	8 CIV DEF	M	5 CIV DEF
	20 IMC		21 INC
			4 CSWC

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FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP NR 44 FROM 170601H
TO 171200H DECEMBER 1968 OPERATION TAYLOR COMMON
1. UNIT LOCATIONS:

CO A 1/5 AT96515	BLT 2/1(+) AT965554	31TH BN AT798410
CO C 1/5 AT961544	CO E AT965554	39TH BN AT800482
	CO F AT965551	
	CO G AT965554	
	CO H AT965554	

ALL OTHERS NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED OPERATIONS 1AW FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP NR 40.

3. CONTACTS:

A. 1164100H 21ST RANGER BN LOC AT846546. UNIT REC'D GREN AND S/A FROM EST ENEMY SQD LOC AT846544. UNIT RET'D S/A. RES:
1 ARVN WIAE.

B. 170800H 1/5 CO B PLT S&C LOC AT908505. UNIT APPREHENDED 3 MALE DETAINEES AS VC SUSPECTS. UNIT FORWARDED DETAINEES TO BN OP.

C. 170830H 1/5 CO B PLT S&C LOC AT902510. 1 USMC DET AP MINE WITH TRIP WIRE RESULTING IN 1 USMC WIA EVAC. UNIT CALLED MEDEVAC.

D. 171100H CO F CO S&C LOC AT965554. UNIT FOUND BUNKER UNDER CONSTRUCTION. BUNKER WAS 5 FEET DEEP, 15 FEET LONG, AND 7 FEET WIDE AND WELL CAMOUFLAGED FROM AIR. UNIT DESTROYED.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: 1AW FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP NR 40.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS WILL CONTINUE OPERATIONS 1AW FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP NR 40.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

USMC		ARVN	
17 USMC KIA	65 NVA KIA	21 ARVN KIA	72 NVA KIA
50 USMC WIA 3	1 NVA RTNE	46 ARVN WIA E	1 NVA POW

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63 VC KIA
2 VC POW
3/4 DETAINEES
354 INN CIV
8 CIV DEF
20 IWC

29 VC KIA
2 VC POW
26 DETAINEES
11 INN CIV
5 CIV DEF
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 FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #43 FRO 171201H TO 171800H DEC 68 OPM TAYLOR
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1. UNIT LOCATIONS:

1/5 OP AT947547 CO L 3/5 AT83442 BLT 2/A (-) AT969540
 CO A AT916515 CO H AT894468
 CO B AT912513 21ST BN AT845544
 CO C AT961544 31TH BN AT805477
 CO D AT947541 39TH BN AT834477

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED OPNS IAW FIFTH MAR
 SPEC SITREP #44.

3. CONTACTS:

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A. 171005H 2/A CO G CO SWEEP LOC AT964554. UNIT REC'D ARTY
 RD WITHIN 39 METERS OF POSIT RESULTING IN 2 USMC WIA EVAC
 AND 2 USMC NON-EVAC. UNIT CALLED FOR WP MARKING RD FOR
 AT966554. UNIT CALLED MEDEVAC.

B. 171230H 1/5 CO B PLT CMBT PTL LOC AT912512. 1 USMC DET
 M-26 SUR EX DEVICE RES IN 1 USMC WIA EVAC. UNIT
 CALLED MEDEVAC.

C. 171450H 2/A CO F CO SWEEP LOC AT915550. UNIT APPREH
 1 MALE DET. UNIT FORWARDED TO S-2.

D. 171500H 2/A CO E PLT CMBT PTL LOC AT973553. UNIT APPREH
 1 MALE DET. UNIT FORWARDED TO S-2.

E. 171540H 2/A H&S CO OP LOC AT969545. UNIT REC'D 2 SNIPER
 RDS FROM EN LOC AT968543 RES IN 1 USMC WIA EVAC.
 UNIT RET'D FIRE WITH S/A, CALLED 81MM MSN, AND ARTY MSN.
 UNIT THEN CALLED MEDEVAC.

F. 171550H 1/5 CO A PLT CMBT PTL LOC AT984533. UNIT REC'D
 A/W FIRE FROM EN LOC AT966534. UNIT RET'D S/A FIRE AND
 CALLED MAR ARTY MSN.

G. 171800H 2/A CO H FT OP LOC AT912488. UNIT OBS 3-4 VC
 MYG AT A LOW CRAWL AFTER WHICH THEY REC'D 2 M-79 RDS

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 FROM EN LOC AT 915490. UNIT RET'D FIRE WITH S/A AND
 M-79 FIRE. RESULTS UNKNOWN.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: 1AW FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #40.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS ESTAB NIGHT POSITS AND CONDUCT
 SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

6. UNIT CASUALTIES:

USMC		ARVN	
17 USMC KIA	65 NVA KIA	21 ARVN KIA	72 NVA KIA
60 USMC WIAE	1 NVA RTNE	46 ARVN WIAE	1 NAV POW
20 USMC WIA(M)	63 VC KIA		29 VC KIA
2 USMC NBCE	2 VC POW		2 VC POW
	316 DET		26 DET
	354 INN CIV		11 INN CIV
	8 CIV DEF		5 CIV DEF
	4 INC		21 IWC
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1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
 2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS ESTAB NIGHT POSITS AND CONDUCT
 SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.
 3. CONTACTS:
 A. 1000H 1/5 CO A CO DEF POSIT LOC AT977527. UNIT REC'D
 AT 100150 RD A/W FIRE. UNIT RET'D FIRE ON EN POSIT
 LOC AT881527 WITH S/A, M-79, AND 3.5 ROCKET FIRE.
 B. 1000H 21ST RANGER BN AT825535. UNIT REC'D 10 MORTAR RDS
 FROM EN LOC AT850546. UNIT CALLED ARTY MSN AND EN

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 MORTARS SILENCED.
 C. 1000H 1/5 H&S CO DEF POSIT LOC AT927527. UNIT REC'D 4
 MORTAR RDS OUTSIDE PERIMETER FROM EN LOC AT880540.
 UNIT FIRED COUNTER MORTAR FIRE.
 D. 1000H 21ST RANGER BN LOC AT825535. UNIT REC'D MORTARS
 AND S/A FIRE FROM EN LOC AT823547. UNIT RET'D FIRE.
 E. 1000H 1/5 H&S CO DEF POSIT LOC AT927527. OF OBS APPROX
 6 PERSONS MVG SE LOC AT928521. UNIT FIRED 106 RR AND
 81MM INTO AREA. PERSONS DISPERSED. UNIT WILL SEARCH
 AREA AT FIRST LIGHT.
 F. 1001H 2/1 CO G CO DEF POSIT LOC AT968538. UNIT REC'D
 AT 100150 FIRE FROM EN LOC AT 961929 AND AT966541 RESULTING
 IN 1 USMC EVAC AND 1 USMC NON-EVAC. UNIT RET'D FIRE WITH
 S/A, 81MM, 81MM, AND CALLED MAR ARTY MSN.
 4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
 A. FERRY AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7FT 11 INCHES AND HOLDING.
 B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.
 C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN
 HRA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.
 D. TRUCK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

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5. PLANS SUMMARY:

1/5 (-) - OCCUPIES PRESENT POSITS PROVIDING SECURITY FOR 5TH MAR NORTHERN AO TO INCLUDE LIB BRIDGE AND LIB RD NORTH.

CO A AND C 1/5 - HOLD BLOCK IN CONJUNCTION WITH BLT 2/7.

BLT 2/7 (-) - CONSOLIDATE POSITS AND PREPARES TO CONTINUE ATK TOWARD CO A AND CO C BLOCK.

CO H 2/7 - MANS STRONGPOINTS AND PROVIDES SECURITY IN SOUTHERN AO BY PATROLS, AMBUSHES AND OP'S.

CO L 3/5 - CONTINUES WORK ON DEF POSITS AND PROVIDES SECURITY FOR FIREBASE MARNE.

ARVN RANGERS - CONDUCT OPNS IN AREA DESCRIBED IN FIFTH MAR.

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6. CUM CASUALTIES:

USMC		ARVN	
17 USMC KIA	65 NVA KIA	21 ARVN KIA	72 NVA KIA
61 USMC WIAE	1 NVA RTNE	46 ARVN WIAE	1 NVA POW
21 USMC WIA(N)	63 VC KIA		29 VC KIA
2 USMC NBCE	2 VC POW		2 VC POW
	376 DET		26 DET
	354 INN CIV		11 INN CIV

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 FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP NR 45 FROM 180000H TO
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1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED NORMAL NIGHT ACTIVITIES CONDUCTING SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.
3. CONTACTS: NONE
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: IAW FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP NR 44.
5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS CONDUCT OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP NR 44.
6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

USMC		ARVN	
17 USMC KIA	65 NVA KIA	21 ARVN KIA	72 NVA KIA
61 USMC WIAE	1 NVA RTNE	46 ARVN WIAE	1 NVA POW
21 USMC WIA (M)	63 VC KIA		29 VC KIA

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FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP NR 46 FROM 180601H TO
181200H DECEMBER 1968 OPERATION TAYLOR COMMON

1. UNIT LOCATIONS:

CO G 2/7 AT911536 ALL OTHERS NO CHANGE
CO F 2/7 AT970540

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MAR
SPEC SITREP NR 44.

3. CONTACTS:

A. 1401830H (FOLLOW UP) 1/5 CO B PLT CMBT PTL LOC AT918540.
DET CLASSED BY ITT AS INN CIV.
B. 131401H (FOLLOW UP) 1/5 CO C PLT CMBT PTL LOC AT975518.

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1 OF 2 DET CLASSED BY ITT AS 1 CIV DEF.

C. 141830H (FOLLOW UP) 39TH RANGER BN LOC AT840492. 3 DET
CLASSED BY ITT AS 1 INN CIV AND 2 CIV DEF.

D. 161130H (FOLLOW UP) 1/5 CO C LOC AT966524. DET CLASSED BY
ITT AS INN CIV.

E. 161135H (FOLLOW UP) 39TH RANGER BN LOC AT835476. 2 DET
CLASSED BY ITT AS 1 VC POW AND 1 CIV DEF.

F. 170800H (FOLLOW UP) 1/5 CO B PLT S&C LOC AT908505. 3 DET
CLASSED BY ITT AS 3 INN CIV.

G. 172115H 2/7 CO G CO DEF POSIT LOC AT968540. UNIT FOUND
1 VC KIA AND 1 HOMEMADE PACK WITH DOCUMENTS. UNIT FOR-
WARDED TO S-2.

H. 180615H 1/5 CO D PLT AMB LOC AT946536. UNIT OBS 3 ENEMY
MOVING WEST INTO KILLING ZONE. UNIT TOOK ENEMY UNDER FIRE
WITH S/A RESULTING IN 2 VC KIA. AFTER INIT CONTACT, UNIT
REC'D 1 M-79 RD AND S/A FIRE. NEG CASUALTIES.

I. 180800H 1/5 CO B SQD CMBT PTL LOC AT923506. UNIT OBS 1
ENEMY RUNNING FROM HAMLET LOC AT943506. UNIT TOOK ENEMY
UNDER FIRE RESULTING IN 1 VC KIA.

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 J. 180815H 1/5 CO D PLT S&C LOC AT 951530. UNIT APPREHENDED
 1 FEMALE DET AS A VC SUSPECT. UNIT FORWARDED DET TO BN CP.
 4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
 A. DELETE 330 DETAINEES AND INN CIV FROM CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES.
 B. ALL OTHERS IAW FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP NR 44.
 5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNIT CONTINUE OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MAR SPEC
 SITREP NR 44.
 6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

USMC		ARVN	
17 USMC KIA	65 NVA KIA	21 ARVN KIA	72 NVA KIA
61 USMC WIAE	1 NVA RTNE	46 ARVN WIAE	1 NVA POW
21 USMC WIA (M)	67 VC KIA		29 VC KIA
2 USMC NBCE	2 VC POW		3 VC POW
	47 DETAINEES		26 DETAINEES
	28 INN CIV		12 INN CIV
	10 CIV DEF		8 CIV DEF
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C O N F I D E N T I A L
 FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #47 FROM 181201H TO 181800H DEC 68 OPM TAYLOR
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1. INIT LOCATIONS:

1/5 CP AT 927527 2/7 (-) AT 894456 CO F 2/7 AT 969523
 CO A AT 965515 CO G 2/7 AT 978210
 CO B AT 912513 CO H 2/7 AT 894456
 CO C AT 950527 CO L 3/5 AT 843421
 CO D AT 927527

21ST BN AT 835532 37TH BN AT 807461 39TH BN AT 807484

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED OPNS TAW FIFTH MAR SPEC
 SITREP #44.

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3. CONTACTS:

A. 181435H 37TH RANGER BN LOC AT 90478. UNIT APPREN
 1 MALE DET AS A VC SUSPECT. UNIT FORWARDED TO III.
 B. 181140H 2/7 CO G PLT CMPT PTL LOC AT 975532. UNIT FOUND
 4 FRESH GRAVES. UNIT DIG UP GRAVES WHICH CONTAINED 5 VN
 MALES OF MILITARY AGE WHO HAD DIED FROM SHRAPNEL WOUNDS,
 AND WEARING BLACK CLOTHING. BODIES WERE ABOUT 1 DAY OLD.
 C. 181800H 1/5 CO C CO DEF POSIT LOC AT 950526. UNIT OBS TO
 VC IN VILLE LOC AT 965515. UNIT HAD SNIPER O FIRE 8 RDS.

NEG RES.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: TAW FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #44.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS ESTAB NIGHT POSITS AND CONDUCT SMALL
 UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

6. COM CASUALTIES:

17 USMC KIA	65 NVA KIA	21 ARVN KIA	12 NVA KIA
61 USMC WIAE	1 NVA RTN		
21 USMC WIA(M)	72 VC KIA	5 ARVN WIAE	1 NVA POW
2 USMC NBCE	2 MCPW		29 VC KIA
	47 DET		3 VC POW
	28 INN CIV		27 DET
			14 INN CIV

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FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP NR 48 FROM 131321H TO

182400H DECEMBER 1968 OPERATION TAYLOR COMMON

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED NIGHT ACTIVITIES CONDUCTING
ING SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

3. CONTACTS:

A. 181015H 2/7 CO E CO S&C LOC AT 969541. WHILE SEARCHING
ARE, UNIT FOUND 1 STAKLIGHT SCOPE (SER. NO. 14909) LYING
IN BOMB CRATER. UNIT FORWARDED TO BN CP.B. 181400H 39TH RANGER BN PLT CMBT PFL LOC AT 828488. UNIT
APPREHENDED 2 FEMALE DET. UNIT FORWARDED TO 111.

C. 181710H 2/7 CO E CO MARCH (FLANK SECURITY) LOC AT 928528.

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1 USMC DET UNKNOWN TYPE AP SUR EX DEVICE. UNIT CALLED
MEDEVAC FOR 2 USMC WIA EVAC.D. 181750H 21ST RANGER BN LOC AT 825533. UNIT RECD 60MM RDS
FROM ENEMY LOC AT 840547 RESULTING IN 1 ARVN WIA NON-EVAC.
UNIT CALLED ARTY MSN AND MEDEVAC. RESULTS UNKNOWN.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET 11 INCHES AND RISING.

B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN
HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

E. CO A 1/5 AND CO C 1/5 CHOPPED TO PAENT UNIT 181530H. CO
F 2/7 AND CO G 2/7 CHOPPED TO 1/5 181530H.

5. PLANS SUMMARY:

1/5 (REIN) - WITH 2 COMPANIES FROM BLT 2/7 CONTINUES SEARCH
AND DESTROY OPNS IN WESTERN GO NOI.BLT 2/7 (-) - PREPARES TO CONDUCT OPNS VIC OF PHU NUOAN'S NE
OF AN HOA.CO H 2/7 - MANS STRONGPOINTS AND PROVIDES SECURITY IN SOUTHERN
AO BY PATROLS, AMBUSHES, AND C'S.**CONFIDENTIAL**

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 CO L3/5 -CONTINUOUS WORK ON DEF POSITS AND PROVIDES SECURITY
 FOR FIREBASE MARNE.
 ARVN RANGERS - CONDUCT OPNS IN ARE DESCRIBED IN FIFTH AN
 SPEC SITREP NR 32.
 6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

17 USMC KIA	65 NVA KIA	21 ARVN KIA	72 NVA KIA
63 " WIAE	1 " RINE	46 " WIAE	1 " POW
21 " WIA (M)	72 VC KIA	1 " WIA (M)	8 VC KIA
2 " NBCE	2 " POW	3 " POW	
	47 DETAINEES	29 DETAINEES	
	28 INN CIV	12 INN CIV	
	10 CIV DER	8 CIV DER	
	20 IWC	21 IWC	
		4 CSWC	

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FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #49 FROM 190001H TO

190500H DECEMBER 1968 OPERATION TAYLOR CUTION

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE.

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED NORMAL NIGHT ACTIVITIES CONDUCTING SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED A.

3. CONTACTS: NONE.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: 1ST FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #48.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS CONDUCT OPERATIONS IN FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #48.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

17 USMC KIA	65 NVA KIA	21 ARVN KIA	72 NVA KIA
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63 USMC WIAE	1 NVA RTRE	46 ARVN WIAE	1 NVA POW
21 USMC WIA (M)	72 VC KIA	1 ARVN WIA (M)	29 VC KIA
2 USMC NBCE	2 VC POW		3 VC POW
	47 DETAINEES		25 DETAINEES
	28 INN CIV		12 INN CIV
	10 CIV DE		8 CIV DE
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FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #50 FROM 190501H TO

191200H DECEMBER 1968 OPERATION TAYLOR COMMON

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: CO C175 AT924538 ALL OTHERS NO CHANGE
CO G 2/7 AT9275352. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED OPERATIONS TAY FIFTH MAR
SPEC SITREP #48.

3. CONTACTS:

A. 131401H 1/5 CO C PLT CMBT PTL LOC 975518. 2 DET CLASSED 1

BY: ITT AS 2 CIV DEF. (FOLLOW UP).

B. 160925H (FOLLOW UP) 21ST RGR BN LOC AT835545. ADJUTANT
AND ITT CLASSED 2 DET AS 2 CIV DEF.

C. 161100H (FOLLOW UP) 1/5 H&S CO DEF POSIT LOC AT927527. 4

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DET CLASSED BY ITT AS 1 CIV DEF.

D. 161135H 39TH RGR BN LOC AT835476. ADJUTANT
CLASSED 3 DET AAS CIV DEF.E. 161340H (FOLLOW UP) 21ST RGR BN LOC AT835545. 4 DET
CLASSED BY ITT AS CIV DEF.

F. 181800H (LATE ENTRY) 1/5 CO A CO DEF POSIT LOC AT925516.

INIT REC'D APPROX 40 RDS S/A FIRE FROM ENEMY LOC AT925515.

INIT RET'D FIRE WITH S/A, M-79, LAWS, AND M-60 FIRE.

INIT WILL SEARCH AREA AT FIRST LIGHT.

G. 181800H (FOLLOW UP) 1/5 CO A CO DEF POSIT LOC AT925515.

INIT SEARCHED AREA WITH NEG RESULTS.

H. 182040H (LATE ENTRY) 2/7 CO F CO DEF POSIT LOC AT925520.

UNIT REC'D APPROX 10 RDS 60MM FROM UNKNOWN ENEMY POSIT.

NO ACTION TAKEN.

I. 181400H (FOLLOW UP) 39TH RGR BN LOC AT828488. 2 DET
CLASSED BY ITT AS 2 CIV DEF.J. 190745H 1/5 CO C SQD CMBT PTL LOC AT947526. 1 USMC DET
60 LB BOX MINE (AT). UNIT CALLED MED EVAC FOR 4 USMC VIA
EVACS.K. 191055H 1/5 CO A PLT CMBT PTL LOC AT933525. UNIT FOUND 1
135 SPIDER HOLES, 0 REIN BUNKER (6' X 10'), NVA 732 GEAR,
AND 1 CHICOM GREN. UNIT NOTIFIED S-2 AND DESTROYED ALL967
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4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. ADD 1 DET TO ARVN CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES DUE TO TYPOGRAPHICAL
 ERROR.

B. ALL OTHERS TAW FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #48.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS WILL CONTINUE OPERATIONS TAW FIFTH MAR
 SPEC SITREP #48.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

	USMC	ARVN	
17 USMC KIA	65 NVA KIA	21 ARVN KIA	72 NVA KIA
67 USMC WIAE	1 NVA RINE	46 ARVN KIA	1 NVA POW
21 USMC WIA (M)	72 VC KIA	1 ARVN WIA (M)	29 VC KIA
2 USMC NBCE	2 VC POW		3 VC POW
	47 DETAINEES		35 DETAINEES
	28 INN CIV		12 INN CIV
	13 CIV DEF		16 CIV DEF
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 FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP NR 51 FROM 191201H TO
 191800H DECEMBER 1968 OPERATION TAYLOR COMMON
 1. UNIT LOCATIONS:

1/5 CP AT927527

BLT 2/7(-) AT994466

CO A AT964522

CO B AT912513

CO C AT927527

CO D AT945503

21ST BN AT922535

37TH BN AT802464

39TH BN AT803474

CO 2 3/5 AT930421

CO F 2/7 AT92550

CO E 2/7 AT92550

CO H 2/7 AT994466

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MARINES
 SPEC SITREP NR 48.
 3. CONTACTS:

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 AT 191100H 2/7 CO G CO S&C LOC AT92531. AD OBS 3 ENEMY LOC
 AT970543. AD CALLED AIR STRIKES. AD OBS NEG RESULTS.
 UNIT WILL CHECK AREA.
 B. 191220H 1ST ENGR BN INBOUND CONVOY LOC AT911478. JUMP TRK
 HIT SMALL MINE IN MIDDLE OF RD. BELIEVED TO BE COMMAND
 DET. DAMAGE TO TRK: WINDSHIELD BLOWN OUT. CONVOY CON-
 TINUED TO AN HOA.
 C. 191300H 39TH ARVN BN PLT CABT PTL LOC AT926437. UNIT
 CAPT 1 CKC AND APPREHENDED 3 DETAINEES (2 FEMALES & 1
 MALE).
 D. 191345H 1/5 CO D CO S&C LOC AT922506. UNIT OBS 20 ENEMY
 LOC AT925498. UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY MSN. ENEMY DISPERSED
 TO EAST. SEARCH OF AREA NEG RESULTS.
 E. 191350H 1/5 CO D CO S&C LOC AT925505. PREP FIRE UP OBS.
 WOUNDED 8 CIV AND KILLED 4. DISTRICT CHIEF CLEARED VILLET
 AREA IS FREE FIRE ZONE. FIRST AID ADMIN AND MED EVAC
 CALLED.
 B. ALL OTHERS IAW FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP NR 48
 5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS ESTABLISH NIGHT POSITIONS AND CONDUCT
 SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

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 6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

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 17 USMC KIA
 67 USMC WIAE
 21 USMC WIA (M)
 2 USMC NBCE

65 NVA KIA
 1 NVA RTNE
 72 VC KIA
 2 VC POW
 47 DETAINEES
 28 INN CIV
 13 CIV DEF
 20 INC

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 21 ARVN KIA
 45 ARVN WIAE
 1 ARVN WIA (M)
 72 NVA KIA
 1 NVA POW
 29 VC KIA
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FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP NR 52 FROM 191800H TO
192400H DECEMBER 1968 OPERATION TAYLOR COMMON

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS ESTABLISHED NIGHT POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.
3. CONTACTS:
 - A. 191430H RECON INSSRT "GUNSMOKE" LOC AT 798528. UNIT OBS 15 VC WITH PACKS, RIFLES AND 1 MORTAR TUBE MOVING SE LOC AT 806509. UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY MSN RESULTING IN 7 VC KIA. COULD NOT OBS OTHERS DUE TO TREELINE.
 - B. 191520H 1/5 CO D PLT CMBT PTL LOC AT 923504. UNIT OBS 10

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- VC WITH PACKS AND RIFLES MOVING EAST LOC AT 942504. UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY MSN. UNIT CHECKED AREA AND FOUND AND APPREHENDED 1 DET. DET FORWARDED TO ITT.
- C. 191630H 2/7 CO F CO DEF POSIT LOC AT 973551. CHOPPERS REC'D SNIPER FIRE FROM ACROSS RIVER LOC AT 989553. NO ACTION TAKEN.
- D. 191631H 2/7 CO F CO DEF POSIT LOC AT 973551. UNIT FOUND OLD FRENCH TYPE AP MINE AND NUMEROUS BUNKERS IN VARIOUS STAGES OF COMPLETION. UNIT DESTROYED MINE IN PLACE.
- E. 191645H RECON INSSRT "GUNSMOKE" LOC AT 798528. UNIT OBS 20 VC WITH PACKS, RIFLES, AND 2 MORTAR TUBES MOVING EAST LOC AT 815507. UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY MSN KILLING 13 VC. UNIT OBS 1 LARGE SECONDARY EXPLOSION.
- F. 191655H 2/7 CO G CO DEF POSIT LOC AT 973551. UNIT REC'D S/A FIRE FROM ENEMY LOC AT 974548. UNIT RET'D FIRE WITH S/A. 60MM AND UTILIZED HUEY GUNSHIP. UNIT ALSO CALLED MAR ARTY MSN. UNIT WILL CHECK AREA.
- G. 191715H 1/5 CO D PLT CMBT LOC AT 946508. UNIT OBS 3 VC LOC AT 947517. UNIT INITIATED FIRE WITH S/A AND CALLED MAR ARTY MSN. SEARCH OF AREA NEG RESULTS.

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H. 191800H 2/7 CO F CO DEF POSIT LOC AT973551. UNIT FOUND 1 DEAD VC INSIDE BUNKER. NO ACTION TAKEN.

I. 191830H 2/7 CO H DEF POSIT LOC AT911479. UNIT REC'D 1 SNIPER RD FROM ENEMY LOC AT913485. UNIT OBS SUSPECTED POSIT. UNIT REC'D NO FURTHER RDS.

J. 191900H 1/5 CO A PLT CMET PTL LOC AT957523. UNIT OBS 3 VC FILLING ILLUM CANISTERS WITH WATER ON OTHER SIDE OF RIVER LOC AT957520. 10 VC MOVED ONTO SAND BANK AS AMBUSH WAS SET UP. UNIT SPRUNG HASTY AMB. UNIT FILLED 5 VC. WILL SEARCH AREA AT FIRST LIGHT.

K. 191945H 2/7 CO G CO DEF POSIT LOC AT973551. UNIT REC'D S/A FIRE FROM ENEMY LOC AT978543. UNIT RET'D FIRE WITH S/A. 60MM MORTARS. AND CALLED MAP ARTY MSN. UNIT WILL SEARCH AREA AT FIRST LIGHT.

L. 192030H 3/5 CO L SQD AMB LOC AT853426. UNIT OBS 3-4 VC MOVING NW IN IMMED VIC. UNIT WITH DREW FROM AREA AND CALLED 60MM MSN. RES UNKNOWN.

M. 192030H 37TH RNGR BN LOC AT795460. UNIT REC'D S/A AND A/W FIRE AND HAND GREN FROM UNKNOWN SIZE FORCE LOC AT 794460. UNIT RET'D FIRE WITH S/A. A/W, AND 60MM MORTAR

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FIRE. RES UNKNOWN.

N. 192045H 1/5 CO A SQD AMB LOC AT967521. UNIT SPRUNG AMB ON APPROX 10 VC MOVING SW LOC AT966521. UNIT KILLED 2 VC AND WILL SEARCH AREA AT FIRST LIGHT.

O. 192100H 2/7 CO H SQD AMB LOC AT905471. UNIT REC'D A/W FROM ENEMY LOC AT915470. UNIT RET'D FIRE WITH S/A. 4-79. AND CALLED 81MM MSN. UNIT WILL SEARCH AREA AT FIRST LIGHT.

P. 192200H 2/7 CO H CO DEF POSIT LOC AT894466. UNIT REC'D 2 INCOMING GREN RESULTING IN 1 USMC MIA EVAC. UNIT RET'D 2 M-26 GREN. CHANGE 1 USMC MIA EVAC TO NON-EVAC.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

- A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET 11 INCHES AND HOLDING.
- B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.
- C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.
- D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY:

1/5 - CONTINUES SEARCH AND DESTROY OPNS IN AC. CHOPS CO F AND G BACK TO BLT 2/7.

BLT 2/7 CONDUCTS JOINT S&G OPNS WITH CO E 2/7 ANA D707 RF CO.

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 NA POLICE FORCES AND INTEL PACKET IN PHU NHUAN 6 AND 7.
 ASSUMES OPCON OF CC F AND 6 2/7 PREPARES CC F, CC 6, AND
 COMMAND GROUP FOR HELO REACTION FORCE.
 CO H 2/7 - MANS STRONGPOINTS AND PROVIDES SECURITY IN SOUTHERN
 AO BY PATROLS, AMBUSHES, AND CP'S.
 CO I 3/5 - CONTINUES WORK ON DEF POSITS AND PROVIDES SECURITY
 FOR FIREBASE MARNE.
 APVN RANGERS - CONDUCT CPNS IN AREA DESCRIBED IN FIFTH MARINES
 SPEC SITREF NR 52.

6 CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

USMC		NVA		ARVN	
17 USMC KIA	65 NVA KIA	21 ARVN KIA	72 NVA KIA		
6 USMC WIAE	1 NVA PTNE	46 ARVN WIAE	1 NVA PCW		
22 USMC WIA (M)	100 VC KIA	1 ARVN WIA (M)	25 VC KIA		
2 USMC NBCE	2 VC PCW		3 VC PCW		
	48 DETAINEES		58 DETAINEES		
	26 INN CIV		12 INN CIV		
	13 CIV DEF		16 CIV DEF		
	20 IWC		22 IWC		
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 FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #53 FROM 200001H TO
 200600H DECEMBER 1968 OPERATION TAYLOR COMMON
 1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE.
 2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED NORMAL NIGHT ACTIVITIES
 CONDUCTING SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.
 3. CONTACTS:
 A. 192318H 39TH RNGR BN LOC AT 045475. UNIT REC'D 3 RDS BELIEVED
 TO BE FRIENDLY ARTY (105MM). UNIT RPT TO 5TH MAR.
 CRATER ANALYSIS TEAM TO BE INSERTED FROM 2/11 BY RANGER
 GROUP. CHECK WITH FDC'S AND BATTERIES FIRING DATA WITH
 NEG RESULTS AS TO WHO FIRED. RES: 1 ARVN KIA AND 6 ARVN
 WIA EVAC.

PAGE TWO RUMHLA 0330Y **C O N F I D E N T I A L**
 4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: 1AW FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #52.
 5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS CONDUCT OPERATIONS 1AW FIFTH MAR SPEC
 SITREP #52.
 6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

17 USMC KIA	65 NVA KIA	22 ARVN KIA	72 NVA KIA
67 USMC WIAE	1 NVA RTNE	52 ARVN WIAE	1 NVA POW
22 USMC WIA (M)	100 VC KIA	1 ARVN WIA (M)	29 VC KIA
2 USMC NBCE	2 VC POW		3 VC POW
	48 DETAINEES		36 DETAINEES
	28 INN CIV		12 INN CIV
	12 CIV DEF		16 CIV DEF
	20 IWC		22 IWC

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FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #54 FROM 2005014 TO 2012004 DEC 68 OPN TAYLOR C7440N

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: CO E 2/7 AT918495 ALL OTHERS NO CHANGE

CO F 2/7 AT894456

CO G 2/7 AT894456

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED OPNS IAW FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #52.

3. CONTACTS:

A. 1814254 (FOLLOW UP) 37TH RANGER BN LOC AT790478. 1 DET

CLASSIFIED BY ITT AS INN CIV.

B. 1915554 (FOLLOW UP) 2/7 CO G CO DEF POSIT LOC AT973551.

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SEARCHED AREA WITH NEG RES.

C. 1919004 (FOLLOW UP) 1/5 CO A PLT AMB LOC AT957523. SEARCHED AREA WITH NEG RES.

D. 1919454 (FOLLOW UP) 2/7 CO G CO DEF POSIT LOC AT973551. SEARCHED AREA WITH NEG RES.

E. 1920454 (FOLLOW UP) 1/5 CO A PLT AMB LOC AT957521. SEARCHED AREA REVEALING 3 DRAG MARKS, 1 NVA CARTRIDGE BELT, AND 12 4-1 CASINGS.

F. 1921004 (FOLLOW UP) 2/7 CO H SDD AMB LOC AT905471. SEARCHED AREA WITH NEG RES.

G. 2007304 11/5 CO D PLT CMBT PTI LOC AT945505. UNIT FD 500 RDS OF AK-47 IN AMMO CAN IN IMMED VIC. UNIT DESTROYED SAME.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. DELETE SPOTREP 1518304 (FOLLOW UP). DOUBLE RPTD.

B. ALL OTHERS IAW FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #52.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS WILL CONTINUE OPN IAW FIFTH MAR

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17 USMC KIA	55 NVA KIA	22 ARVN KIA	72 NVA KIA
57 USMC WIAE	1 NVA RTNE	52 ARVN WIAE	1 NVA POW
22 USMC WIA (4)	100 VC KIA	1 ARVN WIA (4)	29 VC KIA
2 USMC NBCE	2 VC POW		2 VC POW
	47 DET		38 DET
	28 INN CIV		13 INN CIV
	12 CIV DEF		16 CIV DEF
	28 INC		22 INC
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 FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #55 FROM 201201H TO
 201800H DECEMBER 1968 OPERATION TAYLOR COMMON
 1. UNIT LOCATIONS:

1/5 CP AT921527 BLT 2/7 (-) AT894466 CO L 3/5 AT839421
 CO A AT966522 CO E AT900480 CO H 2/7 AT894466
 CO B AT914513 41ST BN AT823536
 CO C AT927527 37TH BN AT804466
 CO D AT945503 39TH BN AT800474

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED OPNS 1AW FIFTH MAR SPEC
 SITREP #54.

3. CONTACTS:

A. 192318H (FOLLOW UP) 39TH RNGR BN LOC AT805475. CRATER
 ANALYSIS TEAM CONFIRMED 3 105MM RDS WERE FIRED FROM AN
 HOA INTO FRIENDLY POSIT. FURTHER INVESTIGATION WILL BE
 CONDUCTED AT AN HOA.

B. 201130H 2/7 CO H CMBT PTL (PLT) LOC AT911489. 1 USMC DET
 UNKNOWN TYPE AP MINE RESULTING IN 1 UNMC WIA EVAC. UNIT
 CALLED MEDEVAC.

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C. 201215H 1/5 CO D PLT CMBT PTL LOC AT945503. UNIT OBS 10
 VC MOVING NW LOC AT933506. UNIT INITIATED FIRE WITH S/A.
 UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY MSN. SEARCHED AREA WITH NEG RESULTS.
 D. 201300H 1/5 CO C ROAD SWEEP LOC AT951547. UNIT FOUND 1
 25 LB PRESSURE TYPE AT MINE. UNIT DESTROYED IN PLACE.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: 1AW FIFTH MAR SPEN SITREP #52.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNIT ESTABLISH NIGHT POSIT AND CONDUCT
 SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MSNS IN ASSIGNED AO.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

USMC		ARVN	
17 USMC NIA	65 NVA KIA	24 ARVN NIA	72 NVA KIA
28 USMC WIAE	1 NVA RTNE	52 ARVN WIAE	1 NVA POW
22 USMC WIA (M)	100 VC NIA	1 ARVN WIA (M)	29 VC KIA
2 USMC NBC	2 VC POW		3 VC POW
	47 DETAINEES		38 DETAINEES
	28 INN CIV		13 INN CIV
	12 CIV DEF		16 CIV DEF
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FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP NR 56 FROM 201801H TO
 202004H DECEMBER 1968 OPERATION TAYLOR COMMON

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS ESTABLISHED NIGHT POSITS AND CONDUCTED SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.
3. CONTACTS:
 - A. 204235H 21ST RNGR BN AT 635537. UNIT REC'D SA AND B-40 ROCKET FIRE RESULTING IN 1 NIA DN 3 ARVN KIA EVAC. UNIT RET'D FIRE AND CALLED MEDEVAC.
 - B. 202300H HQ 5TH MAR LOC AT 676468. UNIT REC'D 9 RDS BELIEVED TO 60M OUTSIDE THE PERIMETER. UNIT FIRED COUNTER MORTAR FIRE ON SUSPECTED ENEMY POSITS. CRATER ANALYSIS WILL BE MADE AT FIRST LIGHT. NO CASUALTIES AND NO DAMAGE.

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C. SIGNIFICANTE EVENTS:

- A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET 11 INCHES AND HOLDING.
- B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.
- C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.
- D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.
- E. PLANS SUMMARY:
 - A. 1/5 - CONTINUES SEARCH AND DESTROY OPNS IN AO.
 - B. BLT 2/7 - CONDUCTS JOINT S&C OPNS WITH CO E 2/7 AND 707TH RF CO. MAT POLICE FORCES. AND INTEL PACKET IN PHU NHUAN (4) AND (7). MAINTAIN CO F, CO G AND COMMAND GROUP FOR HELO REACTION FORCE.
 - C. CO H 2/7 - MANS STRONGPOINTS AND PROVIDES SECURITY IN SOUTHERN AO BY PATROLS, AMBUSHES, AND OP'S.
 - D. CO L 3/5 - CONTINUES WORK ON DEF POSITS AND PROVIDES SECURITY FOR FIREBASE MARNE.
 - E. ARVN RANGERS- CONDUCT OPNS IN AREA DESCRIBED IN FIFTH MARINE SPEC SITREP NR 32.
- F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

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17 USMC KIA	65 NVA KIA	23 ARVN KIA	72 NVA KIA
68 USMC WIAE	1 NVA RTNE	52 ARVN WIAE	1 NVA POW
22 USMC WIA (M)	100 VC KIA	1 ARVN WIA (M)	29 VC KIA
2 USMC NOCE	2 VC POW		3 VC POW
	47 DETAINEES		38 DETAINEES
	28 INN CIV		13 INN CIV
	12 CIV DEF		16 CIV DEF
	40 IWC		22 IWC
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FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #57 FROM 210000H TO 210600H DEC 68 OPN TAYLOR
COMMON

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED NORMAL NIGHT ACTIVITIES
CONDUCTING SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

3. CONTACTS:

A. 202010H 21ST RANGER BN LOC AT051531. UNIT DETECTED EN MOVEMENT LOC
AT839534. UNIT THEN RECD 82MM BARRAGE, S/A, A/W, AND RPG FIRE. UNIT
ALSO SPOTTED SUSPECTED S/PK POIST. UNIT CALLED ARTY MSN AND RECD FIRE
WITH ORGANIC WPNS. RES: 7 ARVN WIA EVAC AND 3 VC KIA.

B. 210001H 1ST RANGER GROUP LOC AT075475. UPDATE OF OPERATIONAL

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TOTALS: 23 NIA, 50 WIAE, 2 WIA (M), 31 VC KIA, 12 NVA KIA,
1 NVA POW, 3 VC POW, 34 DET, 12 CIV DET, 12 INN CIV,
21 IWC, AND 4 CSWC.

C. 210015H 39TH RANGER BN LOC AT008482. UNIT DETECTED MOVEMENT
BY EN LOC AT003483. UNIT THEN RECD HEAVY VOLUME OF S/A
AND A/W AND GREN. UNIT WAS FORCED TO WITHDRAW TO AT000481.
UNIT CALLED ARTY MSN AND RECD FIRE WITH ORGANIC WPNS.
UNIT ALSO CALLED SPOOKY ON STATION. RES: 1 ARVN KIA AND
1 ARVN NIA.

D. 210045H 1/5 CO A CO DEF POSIT LOC AT965515. UNIT RECD 4
B-40 RDS FROM EN LOC AT273511 RES IN 1 USMC KIA
AND 1 USMC WIA EVAC. UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY MSN ON EN
LOC.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: 1AV FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #56.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS CONDUCT OPN 1AV FIFTH MAR SPEC
SITREP #56.

6. COM CASUALTIES:

USMC		ARVN	
18 USMC KIA	65 NVA KIA	24 ARVN KIA	72 NVA KIA
69 USMC WIAE	1 NVA RTNE	65 ARVN WIAE	1 NVA POW

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22 USMC WIA (M)	100 VC KIA	2 ARVN WIA (M)	34 VC KIA
2 USMC NBCE	2 VC POW	1 ARVN KIA	3 VC POW
	47 DET		24 DET
	28 INN CIV		13 CIV DEF
	12 CIV DEF		14 INN CIV
	20 IWC		21 IWC
			4 CSWC

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 FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #58 FROM 210501H TO 211200H DEC 68 UPN TAYLOR
 COMMON

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: CO E 2/7 AT908490 ALL OTHERS NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED OPNS IAW FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #56.
3. CONTACTS:
 - A. 160925H (FOLLOW UP) 21ST RANGER BN LOC AT835545. DELETE 1 DET.
 - B. 202010H (FOLLOW UP) 21ST RANGER BN LOC AT824536. ADD 1 ARVN WIA EVAC.
 - C. 210015H (FOLLOW UP) 39TH RANGER BN LOC AT806485. CHANGE 1 MIA TO READ 1 ARVN KIA.

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 D. 210802H OPNS DET MAG-16 1ST MAW LOC AT875475. WHILE WORKING ON A TAP-TEST PUMP. PUMP IGNITED INTO LARGE FLAME RES IN 2 USMC NBC EVACS. CRASH TRUCKS/CREWS RESPONDED IMMED AND EXTINGUISHED FLAME. PUMP TEMP OUT OF COMMISSION. CAUSE OF ACCIDENT UNKN. INVEST BEING HELD. UNIT CALLED MEDEVAC.
 E. 210905H 1/5 CO D PLT CMBT PTL LOC AT940500. 1 USMC DET M-26 SRK EX DEVICE AND UNIT OBS 1 EN RUNNING FROM AREA. UNIT TOOK EN UNDER FIRE, WHO FLED INTO TREELINE. CALLED MEDEVAC.
 F. 210940H 2/7 CO E CO S&C LOC AT901488. 1 USMC DET AP MINE WITH TRIP WIRE RES IN 5 USMC WIA EVACS. UNIT CALLED MEDEVAC.
 G. 211045H 1/5 CO B PLT CMBT PTL LOC AT913512. UNIT APPREHENDED 5 DET AS VC SUSPECTS. FORWARDED TO BN S-2.
 H. 211100H 1ST RANGER GRP LOC AT875475. UNDATE CASUALTY TOTALS TO READ 38 DET, 13 INN CIV. AND 10 CIV DEF.
 4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: IAW FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #56.
 5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS WILL CONTINUE OPNS IAW FIFTH MAR SPEC

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4. CUM CASUALTIES:

18 USMC KIA	05 NVA KIA	25 ARVN KIA	12 NVA KIA
75 USMC WIAE	1 NVA RTNE	08 ARVN WIAE	1 NVA POW
22 USMC WIA(M)	100 VC KIA	2 ARVN WIA(M)	34 VC KIA
4 USMC NBCF	2 VC POW		3 VC POW
	52 DET		37 DET
	28 INN CIV		16 INN CIV
	12 CIV DEF		13 CIV DEF
	20 IWC		21 IWC
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FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP NR 59 FROM 211201H TO
211800H DECEMBER 1968 OPERATION TAYLOR COMMON

1. INIT LOCATIONS:

1/5 CP AT927527	2/7(-) CP AT894466	CO W 2/7 AT894466
CO A AT965521	CO E AT903489	CO L 3/5 AT848418
CO B AT912513	CO F AT903488	21ST BN AT823536
CO C AT927527	CO G AT945478	37TH BN AT802446
CO D AT944502		39TH BN AT819481

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED OPNS IAW FIFTH MAR SPEC
SITREP NR 56.

3. CONTACTS:

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A. 211100H 1/5 CO B CO S&C LOC AT934513. UNIT APPREHENDED 1 DET
WITH NO ID. FORWARDED TO ITT.

B. 211105H 39TH RNGR BN S&C LOC AT800483. UNIT MADE CONTACT
WITH VC. SEARCH OF AREA REVEALED 1 VC KIA.

C. 211115H 1/5 CO B CO S&C LOC AT936512. UNIT APPREHENDED 1
DET HIDING IN BUNKER. FORWARDED TO ITT.

D. 211330H 37TH RNGR BN LOC AT802457. UNIT APPREHENDED 11
DET AS VC SUSPECTS (1 MALE & 10 FEMALES). FORWARDED TO ITT.

E. 211307H 1/5 CO D PLT CMBT PTL LOC AT943500. UNIT OBS 1
VC RUNNING LOC AT937500. UNIT OPENED FIRE WITH S/A AND
A/W RESULTING IN 1 VC KIA.

F. 211530H 2/7 CO E CO S&C LOC AT903497. UNIT REC'D INCOMING
FRIENDLY ARTY RESULTING IN 1 USMC NBC EVAC. UNIT
CALLED MBDEVAC.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: IAW FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP NR 56.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS ESTABLISH NIGHT POSITS AND CONDUCT
SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSION IN ASSIGNED AO.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

18 USMC KIA	66 NVA KIA	25 ARVN KIA	12 NVA KIA
75 USMC WIAE	1 NVA RTNE	68 ARVN WIAE	1 NVA POW
22 USMC WIA(M)	100 VC KIA	2 ARVN WIA(M)	35 VC KIA
5 USMC NBCE	2 VC POW		3 VC POW
	54 DETAINEES		48 DETAINEES
	28 INN CIV		16 INN CIV
	12 CIV DEF		13 CIV DEF
	20 IWC		21 IWC
			1 CSWC

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FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP NR 60 FROM 211801H TO

212400H DECEMBER 1968 OPERATION TAYLOR COMMON

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS ESTABLISHED NIGHT POSITS AND CONDUCTED SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

3. CONTACTS:

A. 211330H (FOLLOW UP) 37TH RNGR BN LOC AT802457. CHANGE SPOTREP TO READ: APPREHENDED 10 DET AS VC SUSPECTED (2 MALE & 6 FEMALE).

B. 211945H 39TH RNGR BN LOC AT622479. UNIT REC'D S/A AND 80MM MORTAR FIRE FROM ENEMY LOC AT620490 AND AT630490

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UNIT RET'D FIRE WITH S/A AND CALLED MAR ARTY

MSN. RES: 1 VC KIA.

C. 211945H (FOLLOW UP) 39TH RNGR BN. LOC AT622479. ADD 2 ARVN

VIA EVAC. UNIT CALLED MEDEVAC.

D. 212100H 1/5 CO D SQD CMBT PTL LOC AT945515. UNIT APPRE-

HENDED 2 MALE DET IN SMAE VIC. UNIT THEN REC'D S/A AND

A/W AND GRN. UNIT RET'D SA AND CALLED MAR ARTYMSN.

UNIT ALSO HAD SPOOKY ON STATION.

E. 212100H 1/5 CO A SQD CMBT PTL LOC AT979516. UNIT REC'D 1

RD SNIPER FIRE FROM UNKNOWN ENEMY POSIT RESULTING IN 1

USMC WIA EVAC. UNIT CALLED MEDEVAC.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET 11 INCHES AND HOLDING.

B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN

HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY:

1/5 - CONTINUES SEARCH AND DESTROY OPNS IN AO.

BLT 2/7 - CO E CONDUCTS S&C OPNS IN VIC OF PHU NHUAN (6) AND

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 (7). CO F AND G PATROL INTO HIGH GROUND IN EASTERN LIMITS OF
 5TH MAR AO.
 CO H 2/7 - MANS STRONGPOINTS AND PROVIDES SECURITY IN SOUTHERN
 AO BY PATROLS, AMBUSHES, AND OP'S.
 CO L 3/5 - PREPARES TO DISESTABLISH FIREBASE MAKNE.
 ARVN RINGERS- CONDUCT OPNS IN AREA DESCRIBED IN FIFTH MAR
 SPEC SITREP NR 32.
 6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

USMC		ARVN	
18 USMC KIA	66 NVA KIA	25 ARVN KIA	72 NVA KIA
76 USMC WIAE	1 NVA RTNE	70 ARVN WIAE	1 NVA POW
22 USMC KIA(M)	100 VC KIA	2 ARVN WIA(M)	36 VC KIA
5 USMC NDE	2 VC POW		3 VC POW
	56 DETAINEES		47 DETAINEES
	26 INN CIV		16 INN CIV
	12 CIV DEF		13 CIV DEF
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FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #61 FROM 220001H TO 220600H DEC 68 OPN TAYLOR
COMMON

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNIT CONDUCTED NORMAL NIGHT ACTY
CONDUCTING SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSION IN ASSIGNED AO.
3. CONTACTS:
A. 220015H HQS 5TH MAR DEF POSIT LOC AT821467. UNIT RECD
RDS 82MM MORTARS WHICH IMPACTED 30 METERS IN FRONT OF
BUNKER 4. "A" SECTOR. UNIT FIRED COUNTER MORTAR FIRE ON
SUSPECTED EN POSITS LOC AT882502 AND AT861504. EN CEASED FIRE.
THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES.
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: IAW FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #60.

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5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS CONDUCT OPNS IAW FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #60.
6. CUM CASUALTIES:

USMC		ARVN	
18 USMC KIA	65 NVA KIA	25 ARVN KIA	72 NVA KIA
76 USMC WIAE	1 NVA RTNE	70 ARVN WIAE	1 NVA POW
22 USMC WIA (M)	101 VC KIA	2 ARVN WIA (M)	36 VC KIA
5 USMC NBCE	2 VC POW		3 VC POW
	56 DET		47 DET
	28 INN CIV		16 INN CIV
	12 CIV DEF		13 CIV DEF
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FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #62 FROM 220600H TO

221200H DECEMBER 1968 OPERATION TAYLOR COMMON

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: CO D 1/5 AT944517 ALL OTHERS NO CHANGE

CO F 2/6 AT894466

CO F 2/7 AT905447

CO B 2/7 AT921474

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED OPERATIONS 1ST FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #60.

3. CONTACTS:

A. 171250H (FOLLOW UP) 2/7 CO F LOC AT975550. DET CLASSED

BY ITT AS INN CIV.

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B. 171500H (FOLLOW UP) 2/7 CO F PLT CMRT PTL LOC AT973553.

DET CLASSED BY ITT AS INN CIV.

C. 191520H 1/5 CO D PLT CMRT PTL LOC AT923504. DET CLASSED

BY ITT AS VC RTNF.

D. 212100H (FOLLOW UP) 1/5 CO D SQD CMRT PTL LOC AT945515.

SEARCH OF AREA REVEALED 1 WIA VN WHO WAS APPREHENDED AS A

VC SUSPECT. UNIT FORWARDED DET TO BN CP.

E. 220015H (FOLLOW UP) HQS 5TH MAR LOC AT871471. INVEST OF

SUSPECTED INCOMING MTR POS REVEALED THAT WYV EQUIP LOCATED

WEST OF POWER PLANT WAS HIT BY SATCHEL CHARGES FM VC TERROR

ISTS. ONE BULL DOZER, STEAM ROLLER, AND PRIME MOVER, BE

LONGING TO CIV IN CHARGE OF INDUSTRIAL SITE, WERE DAMAGED.

ALSO POWER PLANT WAS HIT BY ONE RPG RD (MINOR DAMAGE).

INCIDENT BELIEVED TO BE TERRORISTS ACTION AGAINST VN CIV.

F. 220830H 1/5 CO B PLT CMRT PTL LOC AT934517. UNIT ORS 4-5

ENEMY LOC AT931511. UNIT TOOK ENEMY UNDER FIRE WITH S/A

FIRE AND CALLED IN MAR 81MM MSM. UNIT SEARCHED AREA AND

FOUND 1 VC KIA AND APPREHENDED 1 MAF (WOUNDED) AS A VC

SUSPECT.

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G. 220830H 1/5 CO C SCD CMRT PTL LOC AT913506. UNIT FOUND 1
 KETTLE MINE APPROX 15 LBS BLACK POWDER AND TNT. UNIT DE
 STROYED IN PLACE.

H. 220855H 2/7 CO G CO S&C LOC AT923472. UNIT FOUND TUNNEL
 COMPLEX. COMPLEX HAD EXCELLENT COVERAGE OF NORTH DIRECTION.
 ENERS DESTROYED.

V. 220920H 1/5 CO R PIT CMRT PTL LOC AT912513. UNIT OBS 1
 ENEMY MOVING SW LOC AT916502. UNIT TOOK ENEMY UNDER FIRE
 WITH S/A RESULTING IN 1 VC KIA.

J. 220930H 1/5 CO R SCD CMRT PTL LOC AT898504. UNIT APPRE-
 HENDED 1 VN MALE AS VC SUSPECT. FORWARDED TO S-2.

K. 221030H 21ST BNCR BN LOC AT820537. 1 ARVN DET AP MINE RE-
 SULTING IN 2 ARVN WIA EVACS. UNIT CALLED MEDEVAC.

L. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: 1AW FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #60.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS WILL CONTINUE OPNS 1AW FIFTH MAR SPEC
 SITREP #60.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

USMC		ARVN	
18 USMC KIA	65 NVA KIA	25 ARVN KIA	72 NVA KIA
76 USMC WIAE	1 NVA RTNE	72 ARVN WIAE	1 NVA POW
22 USMC WIA(M)	103 VC KIA	2 ARVN WIA(M)	36 VC KIA

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5 USMC NRCE	2 VC POW	3 VC POW
	1 VC RTNE	47 DETAINEES
	59 DETAINEES	16 INN CIV
	30 INN CIV	13 CIV DEF
	12 CIV DEF	22 IWC
	20 IWC	4 CSWC

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FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP NR 63 FROM 221201H TO

221800H DEC 68 OPM TAYLOR COMMON

1. UNIT LOC:

V/S CP AT927527

BIT 2/7 CP AT894466

CO H 2/7 AT894466

CO A AT965521

CO F AT894466

CO L 3/5 AT849419

CO B AT912513

CO F AT874444

21ST BN AT823536

CO C AT927527

CO G AT952484

37TH BN AT802466

CO D AT945515

39TH BN AT819481

2. SUM OF EVENTS: UNITS CONT OPNS IAW FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP NR 60.

3. CONTACTS:

A. 221100H 1/5 CO B BLOCKING FORCE LOC AT920513. TANKS WITH

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BLOCKING FORCE ORS 5 VC RUNNING OUT OF VILLE LOC AT922495.

TANKS OPENED FIRE RESULTING IN 1 VC KIA.

B. 221230H 2/7 CO G CO S&C LOC AT952483. 1 USMC DET M-26 SUR

FX DEVICE RESULTING IN 4 WIA EVAC AND 2 WIA NON-EVAC. UNIT

CALLED MEDEVAC.

C. 221230H 2/7 CO H RD SEC LOC AT910490. OP ORS 3 VC WITH

WPNS LOC AT905485. UNIT OPENED FIRE WITH S/A AND M-79 FIRE.

VC MOVED INTO TREELINE WHERE THEY JOINED 7 MORE VC. TANK

FIRED INTO TREELINE AND UNIT CALLED 81MM MSN. UNIT SEARCHED

AREA AND FND 1 60MM MORTAR RD WITH TRIP WIRE AND HVY BLOOD

TRAILS.

D. 221410H 2/7 CO F CO S&C LOC AT914485. UNITS ORS 6 VC WITH

WPNS MOVE INTO TREELINE LOC AT917483. VC THEN RET'D FROM

TREELINE WITHOUT WPNS ON WATER BUFFALOES. UNIT SET UP

BLOCKING FORCE AND VC FLED SE. UNIT THEN SWEEPED AREA AND

APPREHENDED 5 DET. FORWARDED TO S-2.

E. 221655H 39TH BNGR BN LOC AT820489. 1 ARVN DET AP MINE.

UNIT CALLED MEDEVAC FOR 1 ARVN WIA EVAC.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: IAW FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP NR 60.

5. PLANS SUM: UNITS ESTAB NIGHT POSITS AND CONDUCT SMALL UNIT

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 OMT/SECURITY MSNS IN ASSIGNED AD
 6 CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

18 USMC KIA
 80 USMC WIAE
 26 USMC WIA(M)
 5 USMC NRCF

USMC

65 NVA KIA
 1 NVA RTNF
 104 VC KIA
 2 VC POW
 1 VC RTNF
 64 DETAINEES
 30 INN CIV
 12 CIV DEF
 20 IWC

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25 ARVN KIA 72 NVA KIA
 73 ARVN WIAE 1 NVA POW
 2 ARVN WIA(M) 36 VC KIA
 3 VC POW
 47 DETAINEES
 16 INN CIV
 13 CIV DEF
 21 IWC
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FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP NR 64 FROM 221801H TO

222400H DEC 68 OPN TAYLOR COMMON

1. UNIT LOC: NO CHANGE

2. SUM OF EVENTS: UNIT CONT OPNS 1AW FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP NR 60.

3. CONTACTS:

A. 221100H 2/7 CO F CO DEF POSIT LOC AT913477. WHILE QUESTION-

WE DET. DET GRABBED USMC'S M-79. IN STRUGGLE. M-79 DES-

CHARGED KILLING DET. UNIT BURIED VC.

B. 222145H 3/5 CO L SOD AMR LOC AT842419. UNIT OBS BOAT ON

RIVER MOVING S.

C. LOC AT844428. UNIT FIRED S/AM AND CALLED 60MM MORTAR

MSN. WAIRE TO DETERMINE RESULTS. WILL CHECK AT FIRST LIGHT.

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C. 222000H 1/5 CO R SOD AMR LOC AT911574. 1 USMC DET UNKNOWN

TYPE AF MINE RESULTING IN 2 USMC WIA NON-EVAC. UNIT RET'D TO CP.

D. 222300H 39TH RGR BN OP LOC AT823479. UNIT REC'D AW AND SA FIRE FROM ENEMY LOC AT830479. UNIT CALLED ARTY MSN RESULTING IN 1 VC KIA AND 1 AM-47 CAPT.

E. 202320H HQS 5TH MAR.

LOC AT876468. (FOLLOW UP) ADD 5 ROS

60MM MORTARS.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. RIVER AT IIR BRIDGE 8 FEET AND DIDDING.

B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONT.

C. IIR BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. PD FROM AN HOA D

IIR BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONT.

5. PLANS SUM:

1/5 - CONT SMO OPNS IN AO.

RT 2/7 - CO F AMPLISHES HWY S OF AN HOA COMBAT BASE AND PREPARES FOR DEPARTURE FROM AN HOA ON 23 DEC. CO F AND CO G ITL INTO HIGH GROUND IN E LIMITS OF 5TH MAR AO.

CO H 2/7 - MANS STRONGPOINTS AND PROVIDES SECURITY IN S AO BY PTX. AMPLISHES. AND OP'S.

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00 1 3/5 - COMPLETES DISSESTAR OF FIREBASE MARNE. PTLS BACK TO
AM HOA.

6 CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

USMC		ARVN	
18 USMC KIA	65 NVA KIA	25 ARVN KIA	72 NVA KIA
28 USMC WIAE	1 NVA RTNF	73 ARVN WIAE	1 NVA POW
28 USMC WIA(M)	105 VC KIA	2 ARVN WIA(M)	37 VC KIA
5 USMC NRCE	2 VC POW		3 VC POW
	1 VC RTNF		47 DETAINEES
	64 DETAINEES		16 INN CIV
	30 INN CIV		13 CIV DEF
	12 CIV DEF		22 IWC
	20 IWC		4 CSWC

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 FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #65 FM 230001H TO
 230600H DEC 68 DPN TAYLOR COMMON
 1- UNIT LOC: NO CHANGE
 2- SUM OF EVENTS: UNITS CONT NIGHT ACT IAW FIFTH MAR SPEC
 SITREP #64-
 3- CONTACTS:
 A- 222330H 1ST BNGR GRP LOC AT 875475- UPDATE ON TOTAL DET
 AND CLASSIFICATIONS: 46 DET. 1 NVA POW. 22 CIV
 DEF. 17 INN CIV. DELETE 1 DET WHO WAS LOST IN MEDICAL
 CHANNELS BEFORE BEING INTERROGATED.
 B- 230250H 39TH BNGR BN LOC AT 819481- UNIT REC'D MORTARS.

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 S/L A/W. AND RPG PKTS FROM N. VC WITHIN 100 MTRS AND
 APPROX 100 IN OPEN. INITIATED FLARESHIP. GUNSHIPS. SPOOKIE.
 AND ARTY ILLUM. UNIT RET'D FIRE WITH ORGANIC WPNS RESULT-
 ING IN 4 VC KIA.

4- SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
 A- RIVER AT FIR BRIDGE 8 FEET 1 INCH AND HOLDING.
 B- ALL OTHERS IAW FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #64.

5- PLANS SUM: UNITS CONDUCT OPNS IAW FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #64.
 6- CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

USMC		ARVN	
18 USMC KIA	65 NVA KIA	25 ARVN KIA	72 NVA KIA
8 " WIAE	1 " RTNF	33 " WIAE	1 " POW
76 " WIA(M)	105 VC KIA	2 " WIA(M)	41 VC KIA
5 " NBCF	2 " POW	3 " POW	
	1 " RTNF	46 DETAINEES	
	64 DETAINEES	16 INN CIV	
	30 INN CIV	13 CIV DEF	
	12 CIV DEF	22 IWC	
	20 IWC	4 CSWC	

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 FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #66 FROM 230600H TO 231200H DEC 68 OPN TAYLOR
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- 1- UNITY LOCATIONS: CO F 2/7 AT894466 ALL OTHERS NO CHANGE
- 01 G 2/7 AT928488
- 2- SUM OF EVENTS: UNITS CONT OPNS IAW FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #64.
- 3- CONTACTS:
 - A- 230250H (FBI UP) 39TH RANGER BN LOC AT819481- UNIT SEARCHED
 AREA AND FOUND 4 NVA KIA- EN WITHDREW TO E- BUT IS NOW
 MOVING SW.
 - B- 230250H (FBI UP) 39TH RANGER BN LOC AT819481- UNIT HAD 1
 ARVN KIA 7 ARVN WIA AS RES OF EN ACTION- UNIT

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 CALLED MEDEVAC.

- C- 230730H 1/5 CO R SPD CMRT PTI LOC AT897508- UNIT OBS 4
 EN IN HAMLET- UNIT TOOK EN UNDER FIRE WITH S/A-
 UNIT SEARCHED AREA AND APPROX 1 WOUNDED MALE DET-
 FORWARDED TO BN CP.
- D- 230745H 1/5 CO A PLT CMRT PTI LOC AT984517- UNIT RECD S/A
 AND A/W FIRE FROM EST 40 EN LOC AT985514- UNIT RETO A/W
 FIRE CALLED MAR ARTY MSN REQUESTED ADJON STATION AND
 REQUESTED ANOTHER PLT TO PROVIDE BASE OF FIRE FOR AMMO
 RESUPPLY- EN BROKE CONTACT- RES: 1 USMC WIA EVAC.
- E- 230855H 21ST RANGER BN LOC AT821507- UNIT MADE CONTACT WITH
 APPROX 30 VC- UNIT CALLED ARTY MSN AND REQUESTED GUNSHIPS
 ON STATION- RES: 7 NVA KIA- 1 NVA POW AND 1 MACHINEGUN CAPT
- F- 230920H 1/5 CO D PLT CMRT LOC AT945515- UNIT APPROX-
 KILLED 1 MALE DET- FORWARDED TO BN CP.
- 4- SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
 - A- RIVER AT 11R BRIDGE 8 FT 1 1/2 INCHES AND RISING.
 - B- ALL OTHERS IAW FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #64.
- 5- PLANS SUM: UNITS WILL CONT OPNS IAW FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP
 #64.
- 6- CUM CASUALTIES:

18 USMC KIA	65 NVA KIA	26 ARVN KIA	72 NVA KIA
8 USMC WIA	1 NVA PTW	80 ARVN WIA	2 NVA POW
26 USMC WIA(M)	105 VC KIA	2 ARVN WIA(M)	41 VC KIA

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5 USMC MRCE

2 VC POW

3 VC POW

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FIFTH MAR SITREP NR 67 FROM 231201H TO
231800H DEC 68 OPN TAYLOR COMMON

1- UNIT LOC:

1/5 CO AT927527

BIT 2/7 AT894466

CO H 2/7 AT894466

CO A AT965521

CO F AT894466

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CO B AT912513

CO F AT894466

21ST BN AT835516

CO C AT927527

CO G (-) AT894466

37TH BN AT831491

CO D AT945515

39TH BN AT830478

2- SUM OF EVENTS: UNIT COMPT OPNS 1AW FIFTH MAR SITREP NR 64.

3- CONTACTS:

4- 230830H 1/5 CO B MINE SWP SEC LOC AT921529. UNIT FD M-26

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CREW RIGGED AS SUR FX DEVICE. UNIT DESTROYED IN PLACE.

5- 231035H 2/7 CO G PIT CMRT PTI LOC AT929478. UNIT ORS 6 VC

WITH PACKS AND RIFLES LOC AT925485. UNIT CALLED 81MM MSN

AND ARTY MSN. SEARCHED AREA WITH NEG RESULTS.

6- 231545H 21ST BNCR BN LOC AT8351 AND 8451. UNIT HAS BEEN

IN CONTACT THROUGHOUT THE DAY. UNIT CALLED IN AIRSTRIKES

AND GUNSHIPS AGAINST ENEMY. RES: 12 ARVN KIA AND 13 ARVN WIA EVAC.

7- SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A- RIVER AT LIB BRIDGE 8 FEET 1 1/2 INCHES AND HOLDING.

B- ALL OTHERS 1AW FIFTH MAR SITREP NR 64.

5- PLANS SUM. UNITS ESTAR NIGHT POSITS AND CONDUCT SMALL UNIT

CMRT/SECURITY MSNS IN ASSIGNED AD.

8- CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

USMC

18 USMC KIA

8 USMC WIAE

26 USMC WIA(M)

5 USMC NRCE

65 NVA KIA

1 NVA RTME

105 VC KIA

2 VC POW

1 RTME

66 DETAINEES

ARVN

38 ARVN KIA

93 ARVN WIAE 2 NVA PW

2 ARVN WIA(M)

41 VC KIA

3 VC POW

46 DETAINEES

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FIFTH MAR SITREP NR 53 FROM 231301H TO
232400H DEC 60 OPN TAYLOR COMADN

1. UNIT LOC: NO CHANGE
2. SUM OF EVENTS: UNIT CONT'NIGHT ACTIVITIES CONDUCTING SMALL
UNIT CMBT/SECURITY MSNS IN ASSIGNED AO.
3. CONTACTS:
 - A. 230745H (FOLLOW UP) 1/5 CO A PLT CMBT PFL LOC AT 904517.
SEARCH OF AREA REVEALED MISC 732 GEAR AND AO OBS TO NVA KIA.
 - B. 221115H 1/5 CO B PLT CMBT PFL LOC AT 913509. UNIT APPRE-
HENDED 1 MALE DEF. DEF ADMITTED BEING LOOKOUT RUNNER FOR LOCAL
VC UNIT. FORWARDED TO 1LT.
 - C. 231045H 1/5 CO A PLT CMBT PFL LOC AT 965513. UNIT OBS 3 VC

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MOVING NE LOC AT 976513. UNIT CALLED MAR ARMY MSN. UNABLE
TO OBS DUE TO DARKNESS.

- D. 232115H 1/5 CO D CO DEF POSIT LOC AT 945513. UNIT REC'D 3
INCOMING GREN AND 3 B-40 RKT'S. UNIT REP'D SA AND GREN.
UNIT CALLED MAR ARMY MSN TO COVER ROUTE OF EGRESS.
- E. 232135H 1/5 CO C CO DEF POSIT LOC AT 922530. UNIT REC'D 4
INCOMING RDS BELIEVED TO BE 105MM HE. UNIT REQ CHECK FIRE
AND WILL CONDUCT CRATER ANALYSIS AT FIRST LIGHT.
- F. 232400H 1/5 ST RNGR GROUP LOC AT 975415. CUMULATIVE TOTAL FOR
23 DEC 60: ADD 33 KIAE, 147 NVA KIA, 1 MACH REGUN, 1 ANTI-
AIRCRAFT GUN, 15 AK-47, 1 AK-56, 1 CH COM PISTOL, 4 B-40
RKT LAUNCHERS, 3 B-40 RKT LAUNCHERS, 14 GRENS, 32 B-40 RDS,
20 B-40 RDS, 1 82MM AIMING DEVICE, 35 62MM RDS, 2000 FT
COM FIRE, 2 CHINESE FIELD PHONES, AND 1 CHINESE RADIO.
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
 - A. RIVER AT LIB BRIDGE 6 FEET 1 1/2 INCHES AND HOLDING.
 - B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONT.
 - C. LIB BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. RD FROM AN 40A TO
LIB BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.
 - D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONT.

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3. PLANS SUMMARY:

1/5 - OCCUPIES PRESENT POSITS AND CONF S&C OPNS IN AO. PROVIDES SECURITY FOR LIB RD SOUTH AND LIB BRIDGE.

BLT 2/7 - CO F AMBUSHES HWY S OF AN HOA COMBAT BASE. CO G (-) DEPARTS AN HOA.

CO H 2/7 - MANS STRONGPOINTS AND PROVIDES SECURITY IN S AO BY PTLS, AMBUSHES, AND OP'S. PREPARES TO TURN OVER POSITS TO CO L 3/5.

CO L 3/5 - PREPARES TO ASSUME POSITS OF AN HOA STRONGPOINTS.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

USMC		ARVN	
13 USMC KIA	75 NVA KIA	37 ARVN KIA	23# NVA KIA
81 USMC WIAE	1 NVA REE	126 ARVN WIAE	2 NVA POW
26 USMC WIA (M)	105 VC KIA	2 ARVN WIA (M)	37 VC KIA
5 USMC NBCE	2 VC POW		3 VC POW
	1 REE		47 DETAINEES
	67 DETAINEES		17 INN CIV
	30 INN CIV		25 CIV DEF
	12 CIV DEF		40 INC
	24 INC		14 CSAC

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FIFTH MAR SITREP NR 69 FROM 250001H TO

240600H DEC 68 OPN TAYLOR COMMON

1. UNIT LOC: NO CHANGE

2. SUM OF EVENTS: UNITS CONDUCT NORMAL NIGHT ACTIVITIES CONDUCTING
SMALL UNIT CMRY/SECURITY MANS IN ASSIGNED AO.

3. CONTACTS: NONE

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: 1AM FIFTH MAR SITREP NR 68.

5. PLANS SUM: UNITS CONDUCT OPNS 1AM FIFTH MAR SITREP NR 68.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

18 USMC KIA	75 NVA KIA	37 ARVN KIA	230 NVA KIA
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8 USMC WIA	1 NVA RTMC	126 ARVN WIA	2 NVA POW
28 USMC WIA(M)	105 VC KIA	2 ARVN WIA(M)	37 VC KIA
5 USMC NRCE	2 VC POW		3 VC POW
<	1 VC RTMC		47 DETAINEES
		67 DETAINEES	17 INN CIV
	30 IN CIV		25 CIV DEF
	12 CIV DEF		40 IWC
	20 IWC		14 CSWC

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C O N F I D E N T I A L
 FIFTH MAR SITREP #70 FROM 240601H TO
 241200H DEC 68 OPN TAYLOR COMMON
 1. UNIT LOC: CO D 1/5 AT945517 ALL OTHERS NO CHANGE
 2. SUM OF EVENTS: UNITS CONT OPNS IAW FIFTH MAR SITREP #68.
 3. CONTACTS:
 A. 241115H 1/5 CO D CO S&C LOC AT930513. 11 USMC DET M-26 AP
 DEVICE WOUNDING 2 USMC WIA EVAC. UNIT CALLED MEDEVAC.
 4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: IAW FIFTH MAR SITREP #68.
 5. PLANS SUM: UNITS WILL CONT OPNS IAW FIFTH MAR SITREP #68.
 6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

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USMC		ARVN
18 USMC KIA	75 NVA KIA	37 ARVN KIA
83 USMC WIAE	1 NVA RTNE	125 ARVN WIAE
25 USMC WIA(M)	105 VC KIA	2 ARVN WIA(M)
6 USMC NBCE	2 VC POW	3 VC POW
	1 VC RTNE	47 RETAINERS
	67 DETAINEES	17 INN CIV
	30 INN CIV	25 CIV DEF
	12 CIV DEF	40 INC
	20 INC	14 CSWC

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FIFTH MAR SITREP NR 71 FROM 241201H TO

241800H DEC 68 OPN TAYLOR COMMON

1. UNIT LOC:

1/5 CP AT927527

PLT 2/7 AT894466

CO H 2/7 AT894466

CO A AT965521

CO F AT894466

CO L 3/5 AT875475

CO B AT912513

21ST BN AT395516

CO C AT927527

37TH BN AT850485

CO D AT845515

39TH BN AT846495

2. SUM OF EVENTS: UNITS CONT OPMS LAW FIFTH MAR SITREP NR 68.

3. CONTACTS:

A. 230730H (FOL UP) 1/5 CO B PLT CMRT PTL LOC AT897508 WOUND-

ED DET DIED WHILE ENROUTE TO BN BAS. DELETE 1 DET AND ADD

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1. VC KIA:

B. 240930H 1/5 CO B PLT CMRT PTL LOC AT936524 UNIT APPRE-

HENDED 2 MALE DET. FORWARDED TO ITT.

C. 240950H 1/5 CO D PLT CMRT PTL LOC AT936524 UNIT APPRE-

HENDED 2 MALE DET. FORWARDED TO S-2.

D. 241200H 1/5 CO B PLT CMRT PTL LOC AT907503 UNIT FD 1 82MM

MORTAR RD RIGGED AS AP DEVICE. DESTROYED IN PLACE.

E. 241220H 1/5 CO D PLT CMRT PTL LOC AT930525 1 USMC

DET M-25

GREN RIGGED AS AP DEVICE. NEAR CASUALTIES. CONT PTL

F. 241700H 1/5 CO A PLT CMRT PTL LOC AT988537 UNIT APPRE-

HENDED 1 MALE DET. FORWARDED TO ITT.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: LAW FIFTH MAR SITREP NR 68.

5. PLANS SUM: UNITS ESTAB NIGHT POSITS AND CONDUCT SMALL UNIT
CMRT/SECURITY MSNS IN ASSIGNED AO.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

USMC

ARVN

18 USMC KIA

75 NVA KIA

37 ARVN KIA

230 NVA KIA

83 USMC WIAE

1 NVA RTME

125 ARVN WIAE

2 NVA POW

26 USMC WIA(M)

105 VC KIA

2 ARVN WIA(M)

17 VC KIA

6 USMC WICE

2 VC POW

3 VC POW

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1 VC RTNE
 71 DETAINEES
 30 INN CIV
 12 CIV DEF
 20 INC

47 DEYAINES
 17 INN CIV
 25 CIV DEF
 40 INC
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FIFTH MAR SITREP NR 72 FROM 241801H TO

242400H DEC 68 OPN TAYLOR COMMON

1. UNIT LOC: NO CHANGE

2. SUM OF EVENTS: UNITS ESTAB NIGHT POSITS AND CONDUCTED SMALL UNIT SECURITY MSNS IN ASSIGNED AO.

3. CONTACTS:

A. FIRST TRUCE VIOLATION - 241810H 1ST BNGR BN DEF POSIT LOC

AT 835516. UNIT REC'D FIRE FROM EST PLT ENEMY LOC AT 831512.

UNIT RET'D FIRE WITH S/A. ENEMY BROKE CONTACT.

B. SECOND VIOLATION - 241915H 1/5 CO D DEF POSIT LOC AT 946511.

UNIT REC'D 1 INCOMING GREN RESULTING IN 2 USMC VIA EVACS.

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UNIT ADMINISTERED FIRST AID AND CALLED MEDEVAC.

C. THIRD VIOLATION - 242030H 39TH BNGR BN DEF POSIT LOC AT

846495. UNIT REC'D S/A AND GREN FROM EST SQD VC. UNIT

FIRED ILLUM AND ENEMY BROKE CONTACT. ENEMY POSIT LOC

AT 845498.

D. FOURTH VIOLATION - 242131H 1/5 CO D DEF POSIT LOC AT 845516.

UNIT REC'D 1 CHICOM GREN RESULTING IN 2 USMC VIA EVACS.

UNIT RETALIATED WITH FRAG GREN. CALLED ARTY ILLUM. AREA

SEARCHED WITH NEG RESULTS. UNIT CALLED MEDEVAC. REQ

FLASHSHIP AND SPOOKY ON STATION.

E. FIFTH VIOLATION - 242220H 1/5 CO D DEF POSIT LOC AT 944516.

UNIT REC'D APPROX 15 INCOMING GREN RESULTING IN 2 USMC VIA

EVACS. UNIT RET'D FIRE WITH APPROX 25 GREN. 5 LAWS. 20

M-79. UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY MSN ON ROUTES OF EGRESS. ILLUM

CALLED. SPOOKY CALLED TO ENGAGE ENEMY ALONG ROUTES OF

EGRESS. SPOOKY REC FIRE FROM 954513.

SPOOKY RETURNED FIRE.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. RIVER AT LIB BRIDGE 3 FEET 6 INCHES AND HOLDING.

B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONT.

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 C. LIB BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. RD FROM AN HOA TO
 LIB BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.
 D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CON'T.
 5. PLANS SUM: ALL UNITS OCCUPY PRESENT POSITS IN HIGH STATE OF
 READINESS AND MAINTAIN VIGILANCE DURING CHRISTMAS CEASEFIRE
 PERIOD.
 CO L 3/5 - RELIEVES CO H 2/7 IN AN HOA STRONGPOINTS.
 CO H 2/7 - CHOPS TO BLT 2/7 AS OF 251200H.
 6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

USMC		ARVN	
18 USMC KIA	75 NVA KIA	37 ARVN KIA	230 NVA KIA
89 USMC WIAE	1 NVA RTNE	126 ARVN WIAE	2 NVA POW
26 USMC WIA(H)	106 VC KIA	2 ARVN WIA(H)	37 VC KIA
6 USMC NRCE	2 VC PW		3 VC POW
	1 VC RTNE		47 DETAINEES
	71 DETAINEES		17 INN CIV
	30 INN CIV		25 CIV DEF
	12 CIV DEF		40 INC
	20 INC		14 CSWC

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FIFTH MAR SITREP 73 FROM 250000H TO 250600H DEC 68 URM TAYLOR COMMON

1. UNIT LOC: NO CHANGE

2. SUM OF EVENTS: UNITS CON'T NORMAL NIGHT ACTIVITIES CONDUCTING SMALL UNIT SECURITY MSNS IN ASSIGNED AO.

3. CONTACTS:

A. SIXTH TRUCE VIOLATION - 250300H 39TH RMR BN DEF POSIT LOC AT847497. UNIT REC'D FIRE FROM SMALL VC ELEMENT. UNIT RET'D FIRE. ENEMY BROKE CONTACT. NEG CASUALTIES.

B. SEVENTH VIOLATION - 250451H 1/5 CO A DEF POSIT LOC AT966520. UNIT REC'D 4-8 INCOMING REN RESULTING IN 3 USMC KIA EVAC. UNIT REC'D GREN AND S/A. ALSO HAD SPOOKY ON STATION. MED-

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EVAC CALLED.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: 1AW FIFTH MAR SITREP 72.

5. PLANS SUM: UNITS CONDUCT OPNS 1AW FIFTH MAR SITREP 72.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

USMC		ARVN	
18 USMC KIA	75 NVA KIA	37 ARVN KIA	230 NVA KIA
92 USMC MIAE	1 NVA RTNE	126 ARVN MIAE	2 NVA POW
26 USMC MIA(M)	106 VC KIA	2 ARVN MIA(M)	37 VC KIA
6 USMC NRCE	2 VC POW		3 VC POW
	1 VC RTNE		47 DETAINEES
	71 DETAINEES		17 INN CIV
	30 INN CIV		25 CIV DEF
	12 CIV DEF		40 IWC
	20 IWC		14 CSUC

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 ZEN/SECOND BN FIFTH MAR
 ZEN/THIRD BN FIFTH MAR
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C O N F I D E N T I A L
 FIFTH MAR SITREP #74 FROM 250601H TO
 251200H DEC 68 OPN TAYLOR COMMON
 V. UNIT LOC: CO B 1/5 AT925438
 CO C 1/5 AT912513

1. SUM OF EVENTS: UNITS CONT OPNS IAW FIFTH MAR SITREP #72.
 3. CONTACTS:
 A. 250451H (FOL UPY 1/5 CO A CO DEF POSIT LOC AT966520) AND
 2 USMC NON-EVACS. UNIT SEARCHED AREA AND FOUND 3 CHICOM
 GREN. DESTROYED IN PLACE.
 4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: IAW FIFTH MAR SITREP #72.
 5. PLANS SUM: UNITS WILL CONT OPNS IAW FIFTH MAR SITREP #72.

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 6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

USMC		ARVN	
18 USMC KIA	75 NVA KIA	37 ARVN KIA	230 NVA KIA
92 USMC MIAE	1 NVA RTNE	125 ARVN MIAE	2 NVA POW
28 USMC MIA(M)	105 VC KIA	2 ARVN MIA(M)	37 VC KIA
5 USMC NBCE	2 VC POW	1 ARVN RTNE	3 VC POW
	1 USMC RTNE		47 DETAINEES
71 DETAINEES			17 INN CIV
30 INN CIV			25 CIV DEF
12 CIV DEF			40 IWC
20 IWC			14 CSMC

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FIFTH MAR SITREP NR 75 FROM 251201H TO

251800H DEC 68 OPN TAYLOR COMMON

1. UNIT LOC:

1/5 CP AT927527

2/7 AT 894466

CO M 3/5 AT 894466

CO A AT 965521

CO F AT 894466

21SR BN AT835515

CO B AT927527

CO H AT894466

37TH BN AT851485

CO C AT912513

39TH BN AT846495

CO D AT945515

2. SUM OF EVENTS: UNITS CONT OPNS IAW FIFTH MAR SITREP NR 72

3. CONTACTS:

A. 250500H 39TH RNGR BN LOC AT80498. UNIT APPREHENDED 2 DET.
FORWARDED TO ITT.

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B. 251100H 39TH RNGR BN LOC AT844499. TRUCE VIOLATION NR 8
OCCURRED WHEN PTL WAS FIRED UPON BN UNKNOWN SIZE INEY
FORC LOC AT 844508. UNIT DID NOT RETN FIRE. ENEMY BROKE
CONTACT.C. 251200H 1/5 CO A SEC PTL LOC AT948521. UNIT APPREHENDED
1 FEMALE DET WHO HAD 5.000 PLASTERS SEWN IN CLOTHING.
FORWARDED TO S-2.D. 251545H 1/5 CO A CO DEF POSIT LOC AT966122. UNIT APPRE-
HENDED 2 DET WHO ENTERED PERIMETER WAVING CHOI HOI PASSES
FM GOI NOI ISLAND. FORWARDED TO S-2.E. TRUCE VIOLATION NR 9. 251600H DISTRICT CHIEF RPT THAT HAMLET
CHIEF OF MAU CHAN 2 WAS ASSASSINATED BY 3 VC NEAR HAMLET RICE MACH-
INE (AT8947).

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: IAW FIFTH MAR SITREP NR 72.

5. PLANS SUM: UNITS ESTAB NIGHT POSITS AND CONDUCT SMALL UNIT
CMBT/SEC MSNS IN ASSIGNED AOI.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

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18 USMC KIA	75 NVA KIA	37 ARVN KIA	230 NVA KIA
92 USMC WIAE	1 NVA CTNE	125 ARVN WIAE	2 NVA POW
28 USMC WIA (M)	105 VC KIA	2 ARVN WIA(M)	37 VC KIA
6 USMC NBCE	2 VC POW		3 VC POW
	1 VC RTNE		49 DETAINEES
	74 DETAINEES		17 INN CIV
	30 INN CIV		25 CIV DEF
	12 CIV DEF		40 IWC
	20 IWC		14 CSWC

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FIFTH MAR SITREP NR 76 FROM 251801H TO

252400H DEC 68 OPN TAYLOR COMMON

1. UNIT LOC: NO CHANGE

2. SUM OF EVENTS: UNITS ESTAB NIGHT POSITS AND CONDUCTED SMALL
UNIT CMBT/SECURITY MSNS IN ASSIGNED AO. CHRISTMAS CEASEFIRE
PRD TERMINATED 251800H WITH 9 VIOLATIONS IN 5TH MAR AO.

3. CONTACTS:

A. 252007H 21ST RNGR BN DEF POSIT LOC AT835516. UNIT REC'D
SA AND AW FIRE FROM EST ENEMY BN LOC AT835501. UNIT
CALLED ARTY AND REQUESTED SPOOKY. UNIT RET'D FIRE RESULTING
IN 1 NVA KIA.

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B. 252100H 1/5 CO D CO DEF POSIT LOC AT944516. UNIT REC'D 1
INCOMING GRE. UNIT RET'D 6 GRENADES AND CALLED FOR ILLUM.
ENEMY BROKE CONTACT.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 8 FEET 6 INCHES AND FLOODING.

B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONT.

C. LIB BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. NO FROM AN HOA TO
LIB BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONT.

5. PLANS SUM:

1/5 - OCCUPIES PRESENT POSITS PROVIDING SECURITY FOR 5TH MAR N AO
TO VIC LIB BRIDGE AND LIB RD N.

CO L 3/5 - OCCUPIES AN HOA STRONGPOINTS AND PROVIDES SECURITY FOR
LIB RD S.

BLT 2/7 - REMAINING ELEMENTS DEPART AN HOA. BLT CHOPS TO 7TH
MAR EFFECTIVE 260800H.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

USMC

18 USMC KIA

75 NVA KIA

37 ARVN KIA

231 NVA KIA

92 USMC WIAE

1 NVA RTNE

126 ARVN WIAE

2 NVA POW

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28 USMC WIA(M)

106 VC KIA

2 ARVN WIA(M)

37 VC KIA

6 USMC NBCE

2 VC POW

3 VC POW

1 VC RTNE

49 DETAINEES

74 DETAINEES

17 INN CIV

30 INN CIV

25 CIV DEF

12 CIV DEF

40 IWC

20 IWC

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 FIFTH MAR SITREP NR 77 FROM 250000H TO
 260400H DEC 68 OPN TAYLOR COMMON

1. UNIT LOC: NO CHANGE.
2. SUM OF EVENTS: UNITS CONT NORMAL NIGHT ACTIVITIES CONDUCTING SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MANS IN ASSIGNED AO.
3. CONTACTS:
 - A. 252130H 1/5 CO D SQD MIB LOC AT948512. UNIT OBS 60 ENEMY WITH WPNS MOVING S LOC AT952503. UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY MSN ON ENEMY AND ROUTES OF EGRESS WILL SEARCH AT FIRST LIGHT.
 - B. 252330H 1/5 CO D CO DEF POSIT LOC AT944516. UNIT REC'D 3 INCOMING GREN FROM ENEMY IN IMMED VIC. UNIT RET'D SA AND

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- GREN, RES: 3 USMC WIA NON-EVAC.
- C. 252340H 39TH RNGR BN LOC AT846495. 2 VC GOT INSIDE PERIMETER AND DET 2 HAND GRENS WOUNDING 2 ARVN WIA EVACS. UNIT CALLED MEVEAC.
 4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: 1AW FIFTH MAR SITREP NR 76.
 5. PLANS SUM: UNITS CONDUCT OPNS 1AW FIFTH MAR SITREP NR 76.
 6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

USMC		ARVN	
13 USMC KIA	75 NVA KIA	37 ARVN KIA	238 NVA KIA
92 USMC WIA	1 NVA RTNE	128 ARVN WIAE	2 NVA POW
3 USMC WIA(M)	154 VC KIA	2 ARVN WIA(M)	37 VC KIA
4 USMC NBCE	2 VC POW		3 VC POW
	1 VC RTNEE		49 DETAINEES
	74 DETAINEES		17 INN CIV
	31 INN CIV		25 CIV DEF
	12 CIV DEF		40 IWC
	20 IWC		14 CSWC

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FIFTH MAR SITREP #76 FROM 260601H TO
261200H DEC 68 OPN TAYLOR COMMON

1. UNIT LOC: NO CHANGE
2. SUM OF EVENTS: UNITS CON'T OPNS IAW FIFTH MAR SITREP #76.
3. CONTACTS:
 - A. 180815H (FOL UP) 1/5 CO D BDT S&C LOC AT951530. DET CLASSED AS INN CIV BY ITT.
 - B. 211045H (FOL UP) 1/5 CO B PLT CMBT PTL LOC AT913512. 5 DET CLASSED BY ITT AS 4 INN CIV AND 1 CIV DEF.
 - C. 211100H (FOL UP) 1/5 CO B S&C LOC AT934513. DET CLASSED BY ITT AS INN CIV.
 - D. 211115H (FOL UP) 1/5 CO B S&C LOC AT936512. DET CLASSED BY ITT AS INN CIV.

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- E. 212100H (FOL UP) 1/5 CO D PLT CMBT PTL LOC AT945515. 3 DET CLASSED BY ITT AS 3 CIV DEF.
- F. 211410H (FOL UP) 2/7 CO G S&C LOC AT914485. 5 DET CLASSED BY ITT AS 5 INN CIV.
- G. 230920H (FOL UP) 1/5 CO D PLT CMBT PTL OOC AT945515. DET CLASSED BY ITT AS CIV DEF.
- H. 240910H (FOL UP) 1/5 CO B PLT CMBT PTL LOC AT936524. 2 DET CLASSED BY ITT AS 2 INN CIV.
- I. 240954H (FOL UP) 1/5 CO D PLT CMBT PTL LOC AT936524. 2 DET CLASSED BY ITT AS 2 INN CIV.
- J. 260920H 1/5 CO B S&C CMBT PTL LOC AT914506. 1 USMC TRIPPED WIRE TO CLAYMORE TYPE AP MINE WHICH DIDN'T GO OFF. USMC MOVED APPROX 50 METERS MORE AND TRIPPED WORE TO 2 M-26 GREN ATTACHED TO 105MM RD. GREN DET BUT 105 MM RD DIDN'T RESULTING IN 1 USMC VIA EVAC. UNIT CALLED MEDEVAC.
- K. 261045H 1/5 CO D PLT CMBT PTL LOC AT943500. 1 USMC DET M-26 A MINE RESULTING IN 1 USMC VIA EVAC. UNIT CALLED MEDEVAC.
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: IAW FIFTH MAR SITREP #76.
5. PLANS SUM: UNITS WILL CON'T OPNS IAW FIFTH MAR SITREP #76.

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6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

USMC		ARVN	
18 USMC KIA	75 NVA KIA	37 ARVN KIA	231 NVA KIA
94 USMC WIAE	1 NVA RTNE	126 ARVN WIAE	2 NVA POW
31 USMC WIA(P)	106 VC KIA	2 ARVN WIA(M)	37 VC KIA
8 USMC NBCE	2 VC POW		3 VC POW
	1 VC RTNE		49 DETAINEES
	74 DETAINEES		17 INN CIV
	46 INN CIV		25 CIV DEF
	17 CIV DEF		40 IWC
	20 IWC		14 CSWC

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FIFTH MAR SITREP NR 79 FROM 261201H TO

261800H DEC 68 OPN TAYLOR COMMON

1. UNIT LOC:

1/5 CP AT927527

CO L 3/5 AT894466

OO A AT965521

21ST BN AT825507

OO B AT927527

37TH BN AT803503

OO C AT912513

39TH BN AT820521

OO D AT945515

2. SUM OF EVENTS: UNITS CON'T OPNS 1AW FIFTH MAR SITREP NR 76.

3. CONTACTS:

A. 260731H 1/5 CO D PLT CMBT PTL LOC AT948509. UNIT OBS 10

ENEMY WITH WPNS MOVING S LOC AT948505. UNIT FIRED SA AND

AO ON STATION CALLED MAR FIXED WING ON ENEMY POSIT. CHECKED

AREA WITH NEG RESULTS.

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B. 261050H 21ST RNGR BN LOC AT816505. UNIT REC'D AW AND SA

FIRE FROM ENEMY LOC AT816505. UNIT RET'D AW AND SA FIRE.

UNIT CALLED AIR AND ARTY MSNS. RES: 5 ARVN KIA AND

21 ARVN WIAE.

C. 261440H 39TH RNGR BN LOC AT812495. UNIT REC'D B-40 RKTS

FROM UNKNOWN ENEMY POSIT RESULTING IN 1 ARVN KIA AND 7

ARVN WIAE. MEDEVAC CALLED.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: 1AW FIFTH MAR SITREP NR 76.

5. PLANS SUM: UNITS ESTAB NIGHT POSITS AND CONDUCT SMALL UNIT

CMBT/SECURITY MSNS IN ASSIGNED AO.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

USMC

18 USMC KIA

94 USMC WIAE

31 USMC WIA(M)

6 USMC NBCE

75 NVA KIA

1 NVA RTNE

106 VC KIA

2 VC POW

1 VC RTNE

17 CIV DEF

20 IWC

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74 DETAINEES

46 INN CIV

43 ARVN KIA

156 ARVN WIAE

2 ARVN WIA(M)

3 VC POW

40 IWC

14 CSWC

ARVN

231 NVA KIA

2 NVA POW

37 VC KIA

3 VC POW

49 DETAINEES

17 INN CIV

25 CIV DEF

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 5TH FIFTH MAR
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FIFTH MAR SITREP #60 FROM 261610H TO
 262000H DEC 66 OPN TAYLOR COMMON

1. UNIT LOC. NO CHANGE.

2. SUM OF EVENTS: UNITS ESTAB NIGHT POSITS AND CONDUCTED SMALL
 UNIT CMBT/SECURITY MSNS IN ASSIGNED AO.

3. CONTACTS:

261900H 1/5 CO A CO DEF POSIT LOC AT958517. UNIT OPS 4 VC
 5TH BACKS MOVING S LOC AT967511. UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY
 100. WILL SEARCH AT FIRST LIGHT.

262010H 1/5 CO C SQD AMB LOC AT914514. WHILE MOVING INTO
 NIGHT POSIT, UNIT REC'D S/A FROM APPROX 12 ENEMY LOC AT
 9517. UNIT RET'D FIRE WITH S/A AND M-79 RDS. CALLED

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MAR 81MM MSN. ENEMY BROKE CONTACT. SEARCHED AREA WITH
 NEG RESULTS.

262050H 1/5 CO D SQD AMB LOC AT946515. WHILE MOVING INTO
 NIGHT POSIT, UNIT REC'D 4 INCOMING GREN AND S/A FIRE.
 UNIT RET'D FIRE WITH GREN AND S/A. UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY
 FOR ON ROUTES OF EGRESS. RES: 2 USMC WIA EVAC. WILL
 EVAC AT FIRST LIGHT.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. RIVER AT L B BRIDGE 6 FEET 6 INCHES AND HOLDING.

B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CON'T.

C. LIB BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. RD FROM AN HOA TO
 L B BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CON'T.

5. PLANS SUM:

1/5 - OCCUPIES PRESENT POSITS PROVIDING SECURITY FOR 5TH MAR
 FROM TO VIC LIB BRIDGE AND LIB RD N.

3/5 - OCCUPIES AN HOA STRONGPOINTS AND PROVIDES SECURITY
 FOR LIB RD S.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

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42 USMC KIA	75 NVA KIA	43 ARVN KIA
43 USMC WIAE	1 NVA RTNE	158 ARVN WIAE
3 USMC WIA(M)	106 VC KIA	2 ARVN WIA(M)
1 USMC NBCE	2 VC POW	
	1 VC RTNE	
	74 DETAINEES	
	46 INN CIV	
	17 CIV DEF	
	20 IWS	

231 NVA KIA
2 NVA POW
37 VC KIA
3 VC POW
49 DETAINEES
17 INN CIV
25 CIV DEF
40 INC
14 CSWC

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FIFTH MAR SITREP NR 81 FROM 270001H TO 270600 DEC 68 OPN TAYLOR COMMON

1. UNIT LOC: NO CHANGE

2. SUM OF EVENTS: UNITS CON'T NOKMAL NIGHT ACTIVITIES CONDUCTING SMALL UNIT CMBT/SECURITY MSNS IN ASSIGNED AO.

3. CONTACTS:

A. 262345H HQS 5TH MAR LOC AT677475. UNIT REC'D 1 INCOMING

B. EST TO BE 60MM WITH NEG DAMAGE. AT THE SAME TIME PF AMB LOC AT

886471 MADE CONTACT WITH EST 30 ENEMY. UNIT

FIRED MAR ARTY MSN ON ENEMY POSIT LOC AT686471. ENEMY

BROKE CONTACT.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: IAW FIFTH MAR SITREP NR 80.

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5. PLANS SUM: UNITS CONDUCT OPNS IAW FIFTH MAR SITREP NR 80.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

USMC	ARVN
18 USMC KIA	75 NVA KIA
98 USMC WIAE	43 ARVN KIA
31 USMC WIA(M)	156 ARVN WIAE
6 USMC NBCE	2 ARVN WIA(M)
	231 NVA KIA
	2 NVA POW
	37 VC KIA
	3 VC POW
	49 DETAINEES
	17 INN CIV
	25 CIV DEF
	14 CSWC
	40 IWC
	20 IWC

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

FIFTH MAR SITREP NR 82 FROM 270601H TO 271200H DEC 68 OPN TAYLOR
 COMMON

1. UNIT LOC: NO CHANGE
2. SUM OF EVENTS: UNITS CONT OPNS IAW FIFTH MAR SITREP NR 80.
3. CONTACTS:
 - A. 251200H (FOL UP) 1/5 CO A PLT CMBT PTL LOC AT 963521. DET
 CLASSED BY ITT AS INN CIV.
 - B. 251545H (FOL UP) 1/5 CO A CO DEF POSIT LOC AT 966518. 2
 DET CLASSED BY ITT AS 2 VC RTNES.
 - C. 260800H TO 262050H 1ST RNGR GROUP. UP DATE OF CUM CAS FOR
 26 DEC 68: 7 ARVN KIA, 30 ARVN WIAE, 74 NVA KIA, 13 IWC,
 3 CSWC.
 - D. 262345H (FOL UP) HQS 5TH MAR LOC AT 877475. CHANGE RPT TO

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READ: PF AMB MADE CONTACT WITH 7-8 ENEMY VICE 30 ENEMY.
 UNIT SEARCHED AREA AND FD NUMEROUS BLOOD STAINS AND CLOTHING.
 E. 270800H 1/5 CO A PLT CMBT PTL LOC AT 962516. UNIT REC'D SA
 FROM ENEMY LOC AT 961511, UNIT RET'D FIRE WITH SA AND
 ENEMY BROKE CONTACT. RES: 1 USMC WIAE. UNIT CALLED MED-
 EVAC.

F. 271000H 39TH RNGR BN LOC AT 815507 AND AT 814508. UNIT FD
 CAVES RPTD BY INTEL, 1000 LBS MILLED RICE, 1 TYPEWRITER
 (DESTROYED), AND 1 FLASHLIGHT LOC AT 815507. UNIT ALSO FD
 10 NVA KBA LOC AT 814508.

G. 271100H 21ST RNGR BN LOC AT 83 5516. UNIT FD 1 OLD FRENCH
 RIFLE.

H. DELETE SPOTREPS 261050H (21ST RNGR BN) AND 261440H (39TH
 RANGR BN) DUE TO DOUBLE RPTING.

4. SIGNIFICATN EVENTS: IAW FIFTH MAR SITREP NR 80.
5. PLANS SUM: UNITS WILL CONT OPNS IAW FIFTH MAR SITREP NR 80.
6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

18 USMC KIA	75 NVA KIA	45 ARVN KIA	314 NVA KIA
97 USMC WIAE	1 NVA RTNE	168 ARVN WIAE	2 NVA POW

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31 USMC WIA (M)
6 USMC NBCE106 VC KIA 2 ARVN WIA (M)
2 VC POW
3 VC RTNE
74 DETAINEES
47 INN CIV
17 CIV DEF
20 IWC38 VC KIA
3 VC POW
50 DETAINEES
19 INN CIV
26 CIV DEF
54 IWC
17 CSWCGP-4
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FROM: FIFTH MAR/
TO: CG, TASK FORCE YANKEL

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MAR
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FIFTH MAR SITREP #83 FROM 271201H TO
271800H DEC 68 OPN TAYLOR COMMON

1. UNIT LOC: 1/5 CO AT927527 CO L 3/5 AT894466 21ST BN AT835515
CO A AT965521 37TH BN AT854507
CO B AT927527 39TH BN AT858503
CO C AT912513
CO D AT945515
2. SUM OF EVENTS: UNITS COMPT OPNS IAW FIFTH MAR SITREP #80.
3. CONTACTS:
 - A. 271100H 1/5 CO C PLT CMBT PTL LOC AT915515. UNIT APPREHENDED 1 DUE DET. FORWARDED TO IPT.
 - B. 271130H 1/5 CO C PLT CMBT PTL LOC AT914517. UNIT OBS 3 ENEMY IN KHAKI UNIFORMS LOC AT893522. UNIT CALLED MAR ARMY MSN. 30-40 ENEMY FLUSHED OUT OF TRAILLINE AND DISPERSED. RES: 3 VC KIA.
 - C. 271131H 1/5 CO A PLT CMBT PTL LOC AT966522. UNIT APPREHENDED 1 DET WITH CHOI HOI PASS. UNIT ALSO APPREHENDED 1 DET WHO ATTEMPTED TO FLEE. FORWARDED DETS TO IPT.
 - D. 271131H (POL UP) 1/5 CO A PLT CMBT PTL LOC AT966522. CHOI HOI IS BEING UTILIZED WITH PHYOPS TEAM AND IS MAKING VOLUNTARY BROADCASTS. DETS WILL BE FORWARDED TO AN MOA 28 DEC.
 - E. 271145H 1/5 CO A PLT CMBT PTL LOC AT971517. 1 USMC DET M-33 AP MINE RESULTING IN 1 USMC VIA EVAC. UNIT CALLED MEDEVAC.
 - F. 271240H 3/5 CO L PLT CMBT PTL LOC AT890482. UNIT REC'D S/A FIRE FROM ENEMY LOC AT888488. UNIT RET'D FIRE WITH S/A, A/W, AND M-79 FIRE. CHECKED AREA WITH NEG RESULTS.
 - G. 271455H 39TH RGR BN LOC AT849505. UNIT REC'D S/A AND A/W FIRE FROM ENEMY LOC AT855497. UNIT RET'D FIRE WITH S/A, A/W AND M-79 FIRE. UNIT CALLED MAR ARMY AND AIR MSNS. CALLED MED EVAC FOR 1 ARVN KIA AND 9 ARVN WIAE. UNIT SEARCHED AREA AND FOUND 18 NVA KIA, 1 RPG, 2 B-41 RDS, 2 AK-87, 2 AK-50, 2 CGC, AND 1 M-16.
 - H. 271605H 37TH RGR BN LOC AT855508. UNIT REC'D S/A FIRE FROM ENEMY LOC AT860508 RESULTING IN 1 ARVN KIA AND 9 ARVN WIA. UNIT RET'D FIRE WITH S/A AND A/W FIRE. UNIT CALLED MEDEVAC.

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4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: IAW FIFTH MAR STRAT #80.
5. PLANS SUM: UNITS ESTAB NIGHT POSITS AND CONDUCT SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MNS IN ASSIGNED AO.
6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

<u>USMC</u>		<u>ARVN</u>	
18 USMC KIA	75 NVA KIA	47 ARVN KIA	332 NVA KIA
98 " WIAE	1 " MINE	186 " WIAE	2 " POW
31 " WIA(M)	109 VC KIA	2 " WIA(M)	38 VC KIA
6 " NECE	2 " POW		3 " POW
	3 " MINE		50 DETAINEES
	77 DETAINEES		19 INN CIV
	47 INN CIV		26 CIV DEF
	17 CIV DEF		62 L&C
	20 L&C		18 CS&C

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OR 271645Z
 FROM: FIFTH MAR
 TO: CG, TASK FORCE YANKEE

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MAR
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5TH MAR STR2A #84 271801H-272400H OPR TAYLOR C

1. UNIT LOC: NO CHANGE

2. SUM OF EVENTS: UNITS ESTAB NIGHT POSITS AND CONDUCTED SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MENS IN ASSIGNED AO.

3. CONTACTS:

A. 271925H 3/5 CO L SQD A&B LOC AT911488. WHILE MOVING INTO NIGHT POSIT, UNIT REC'D A/W AND M-79 FIRE FROM APPROX 16 ~~100~~ 100 YDS AND AT913482. UNIT RET'D FIRE WITH S/A, A/W AND M-79. UNIT CALLED MAR 81MM AND ARTY MENS. CO CP DISPATCHED REACTION FORCE. ENEMY BROKE CONTACT. RES: 3 USMC WIA EVAC AND 3 USMC WIA NON-EVAC. UNIT LOST 1 M-16, 3 CLAYMORES, 30 PCP-UPS, 12 M-79 RES, 280 LOS M-60 AMMO, 9 GRN AND 3 TRIP MINES.

B. 271945H 1/5 CO D SQD A&B LOC AT935515. WHILE MOVING INTO NIGHT POSIT, UNIT FOUND 1 M-26 AP MINE. WILL DESTROY AT FIRST LIGHT. ^{NVA POW}

^{PMW} C. 272045H 37TH RGR BN LOC AT955505. UNIT APPREHENDED 1 ~~RESC~~ DUT. WILL FORWARD TO IPT.

^{PMW} D. 272400H 1ST RGR GROUP LOC AT875475. UPDATE CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES TO READ: ADD 1 USA WIA, 14 ARVN KIA, 57 WIA, ~~22~~ NVA KIA, 29 INC AND 3 CSWC.

E. DELETE SPOTTER'S DTG 271000H (39TH RGR BN), 271110H (21ST RGR BN), AND 271455H (39TH RGR BN) DUE TO DOUBLE REPTING.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. RIVER AT LIB BRIDGE REMAINS 8 FEET 6 INCHES AND HOLDING.

B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONT.

C. LIB BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. RD FROM AN HOA TO LIB BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.

D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONT.

5. PLANS SUMMARY

1/5 - OCCUPIES PRESENT POSITS PROVIDING SECURITY FOR 5TH MAR IN AO TO VIC LIB BRIDGE AND LIB RD N.

CO L 3/5 - OCCUPIES AN HOA STRONGPOINTS AND PROVIDES SECURITY FOR LIB RD S.

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6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

18 USAC KIA	<u>USMC</u> 75 NVA KIA
101 " WIAE	1 " RTNE
34 " WIA(M)	109 VC KIA
6 " NBCE	2 " POW
	3 " RTNE
	77 DETAINEES
	47 INN CIV
	17 CIV DEF
	20 IWC

1 USA WIAE	<u>ARVN 448</u> 65 NVA KIA
59 ARVN KIA	33 " POW
225 " WIAE	38 VC KIA
2 " WIA(M)	3 " POW
	51 DETAINEES
	19 INN CIV
	26 CIV DEF
	82 IWC
	20 CSWC

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OR 280532Z DEC 68

FROM: FIFTH MAR
TO: CG, TASK FORCE YANKER

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TOD: 280515Z/CN-518/KW

FIFTH MAR SITREP #86 FROM 280601H TO
261200H DEC 68 OPN TAYLOR COLON

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1. UNIT LOG: CO G 1/5 AT900504 ALL OTHERS NO CHANGE
2. SUM OF NEWS: UNITS CONDUCTED OPNS IAW FIFTH MAR SITREP #84.
3. COMMENTS:
 - A. 271922H (8PM UP) 3/5 CO L 3-8 AMB LOC AT911486. AREA COVERED WITH VT THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT. AS RESULT UNIT ABLE TO RECOVER ALL EQUIPMENT AND ORDNANCE.
 - B. 280545H 1/5 CO A PLT AMB LOC AT965515. UNIT REC'D 1 INCOMING S-40 RD AND 3 INCOMING GRN. ENEMY POSITS AT963517 AND IMMED VIC. UNIT REC'D FIRE WITH M79 RED 60MM MSN. UNIT CALLED MAR ARMY MSN. AREA SEARCHED WITH NEG RESULTS.
 - C. 280553H 1/5 CO D PLT CMT PTL LOC AT943526. UNIT OBS 4 ENEMY ON ROAD. UNIT TOOK ENEMY UNDER FIRE WITH S/A RESULTING IN 3 VC KIA AND ALSO APPREHENDED 4 FEMALE DEF. FORWARDED TO BN CP.
 - D. 280830H 1/5 CO G FT CP LOC AT923517. 1 USMC DEF AF BLIND OF UNKNOWN TYPE RESULTING IN 1 USMC WIA NO-EVAC. TREATED BY COMPSAL.
 - E. 280900H AO WORKING FOR 1ST REGR GROUP. AO OBS 100 VC AND CIV IN OPEN AND IN CAVES LOC AT845540. UNIT CALLED ARMY MSN.
 - F. 281100H 1/5 CO D PLT CMT PTL LOC AT 934516. UNIT FOUND 1 M-26 AT FINE. DESTROYED IN PLACE.
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: IAW FIFTH MAR SITREP #84.
5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS WILL CONT OPNS IAW FIFTH MAR SITREP #84.
6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

USMC		ARVN	
18 USMC KIA	75 NVA KIA	1 USA WIA (M)	418 NVA KIA
102 " WIAE	1 " RTME	39 ARVN KIA	3 " POW
35 " WIA(M)	112 VC KIA	225 " WIAE	48 VC KIA
6 " MBOE	2 " POW	2 " WIA(M)	3 " POW
	3 " RTME		51 DETAINEES
	81 DETAINEES		19 INN CIV
	47 INN CIV		26 CIV DEF
	17 CIV DEF		82 INC
	20 INC		20 USMC

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FROM: FIFTH MAR
TO: CG, TASK FORCE YAMKOE

INFO: FIRST BN FIFTH MAR
SECOND BN FIFTH MAR
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FIFTH MAR SITREP #87 FROM 281201H TO
281800H DEC 69 OPN TAYLOR COMMON

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1. UNIT LOC: 1/5 CO AT927527 CO L 3/5 AT894466 21ST BN AT835515
CO A AT965521 37TH BN AT850503
CO B AT927527 39TH BN AT845515
CO C AT905505
CO D AT945515
2. SUM OF EVENTS: UNITS CONT OPER 1ST FIFTH MAR SITREP #84.
3. CONTACTS:
 - A. 280330H 37TH INGR BN LOC AT850503. UNIT FOUND 1 FIELD PHONE AND 1 CMO. FORWARDED TO BN CP.
 - B. 281245H 1/5 CO B DEF POSIT LOC AT924538. UNIT OBS 7 VC IN BOAT LOC AT906525. UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY BSG. SUNK BOAT. UNIT SEARCHED AREA WITH NEG RESULTS.
 - C. 281315H 1/5 CO A LOC AT968508. AO WORKING IN CO A AO REPTD REC'G A/W FIRE FROM ENEMY LOC AT966514. UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY BSG. WILL CHECK AREA.
 - D. 281345H 3/5 CO L PLT CMT PTL LOC AT902469. 1 USMC DEF UNKNOWN TYPE AT DEVICE RESULTING IN 1 USMC KIA NON-EVAC. UNIT SEARCHED AREA FOR OTHER AT DEVICES WITH NEG RESULTS.
 - E. 281315H (POL BY) 1/5 CO A 2 PLT CMT PTL LOC AT968508. UNIT REPTD FIRE FROM EST 30 VC ATTEMPTING TO MOVE FROM THE AREA RESULTING IN 2 USMC KIA. UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY AND AIR BSGS ON ENEMY LOC AT966514. UNIT SEARCHED AREA AND FOUND 4 VC KIA AND 6 82MM MORTAR RDS. WILL CONT SEARCH 29 DTR. UNIT CALLED MEDVAC.
 - F. 281430H 39TH INGR BN LOC AT849505. 1 ARVN DEF UNKNOWN TYPE AT DEVICE RESULTING IN 1 ARVN KIA. UNIT CALLED MEDVAC.
 - G. 281530H 21ST INGR BN LOC AT845515. UNIT REPTD S/A AND A/W FIRE FROM CO SIZE FORCE LOC AT859519. UNIT CALLED ARTY BSG AND UTILIZING CONSOLES.
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: 1ST FIFTH MAR SITREP #84.
5. PLANS SUM: UNITS ESTAB NIGHT POSITS AND CONDUCT SMALL UNIT CMT/SECURITY OPS IN ASSIGNED AO.

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6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

		USMC	ARVN				
18	USMC KIA	75	NVA KIA	1	USA WIA(M)	418	NVA KIA
105	" WIAE	1	" RTNE	59	ARVN KIA	3	" POW
35	" WIA(M)	116	VC KIA	226	" WIAE	38	VC KIA
6	" RECH	2	" POW	2	" WIA(M)	3	" POW
		3	" RTNE			51	DEFATIGUES
		81	DETAINEES			19	IN: CIV
		47	IN: CIV			26	CIV DEF
		17	CIV DEF			83	INC
		20	INC			20	CSWC

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OR 281625Z DEC 68

FROM: FIFTH MAR

TO: CG, TASK FORCE YANKEE

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FIFTH MAR SITREP #88 FROM 281801H TO
282400H DEC 68 OPN TAYLOR COMMOB

1. UNIT LOC: NO CHANGE

2. SUM OF EVENTS: UNITS ESTAB NIGHT POSITS AND CONDUCTED SMALL UNIT CMBT/ SECURITY MSNS IN ASSIGNED AO.

3. CONTACTS:

- SAW A. 281115H 1/5 CO B DEF POSIT LOC AT927537. WHILE GIVING CLASSES ON LAWS, LAAW MISFIRED AND BACKBLAST HIT 1 USMC RESULTING IN 1 USMC NBCE. MED-EVAC CALLED AND LIVESTIGATION UNDER WAY.
- B. 282045H 1ST RGR GROUP LOC AT875475. UPDATE CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: ADD 1 ARVN KIA, 3 WIAE, AND 1 WIA(M).
- C. 282215H 1/5 CO A CO DEF POSIT LOC AT967520. UNIT REC'D 8 INCOMING 82MM MORTAR RDS. NO CASUALTIES. UNIT FIRED COUNTER MORTAR FIRE ON AT979530.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

- A. RIVER AT LIB BRIDGE 8 FEET 6 INCHES AND HOLDING.
- B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONT.
- C. LIB BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. RD FROM AN HOA TO LIB BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.
- D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONT.

5. PLANS SUM:

1/5 - OCCUPIES PRESENT POSITS PROVIDING SECURITY FOR 5TH MAR N AO TO VIC LIB BRIDGE AND LIB RD N.

CO L 3/5 - OCCUPIES AN HOA STRONGPOINTS AND PROVIDES SECURITY FOR LIB RD S.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

USMC		ARVN	
18 USMC KIA	75 NVA KIA	1 USA WIA(M)	418 NVA KIA
105 " WIAE	1 " RTNE	60 ARVN KIA	3 " POW
35 " WIA(M)	116 VC KIA	229 " WIAE	38 VC KIA
7 " NBCE	2 " POW	3 " WIA(M)	3 " POW
	3 " RTNE		51 DETAINERS
	81 DETAINERS		19 INN CIV
	47 INN CIV		26 CIV DEF
	17 CIV DEF		83 IAC
	20 IAC		20 CSAC

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TO: 280030Z/CCN/Q08

FIFTH MAR SITREP #89 FROM 290001H TO
290600H DEC 68 OPN TAYLOR COMMON

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1. UNIT LOC: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONT'D NORMAL NIGHT ACTIVITIES CONDUCTING SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MANS IN ASSIGNED AO.
3. CONTACTS:
 - A. 281315H (FOL UP) 1/5 CO A LOC AT968508. ADD 1 VC KIA AND 2 USMC WIA NON-EVAC.
 - B. 281900H 1/5 CO B DEF POSIT LOC AT925538. UNIT OBS 6 BOATS CROSSING RIVER LOC AT902523. UNIT CALLED MAR ARMY MSN AND OBS 1 SECONDARY EXPLOSION.
 - C. 281930H 1/5 CO D S&D AMB LOC AT932515. WHILE MOVING TO NIGHT POSIT, UNIT REC'D A/W FIRE FROM ENEMY LOC AT931515. UNIT RET'D FIRE WITH S/A, M-79, AND LAWS. UNIT CALLED MAR ARMY MSN. WILL CHECK AREA AT FIRST LIGHT.
 - D. 282100H 1/5 CO D S&D AMB LOC AT943515. WHILE MOVING TO NIGHT POSIT, USMC DET M-26 AP MINE RESULTING IN 1 USMC WIA. WILL MEDEVAC AT FIRST LIGHT.
 - E. 282101H 1/5 CO D S&D AMB LOC AT942520. WHILE MOVING TO NIGHT POSIT, UNIT REC'D 1 INCOMING GREEN AND S/A FIRE FROM LINED VIC. UNIT RET'D FIRE WITH S/A. CHECKED AREA WITH NEG RESULTS.
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: IAW FIFTH MAR SITREP #88.
5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS CONDUCT OPS IAW FIFTH MAR SITREP #88.
6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

USMC		NVA		ARVN	
18 USMC KIA	75 NVA KIA	1 USA WIA(M)	418 NVA KIA		
105 " WIAE	1 " RTNE	60 ARVN KIA	3 " POW		
38 " WIA(M)	117 VC KIA	229 " WIAE	38 VC KIA		
7 " RECE	2 " POW	3 " WIA(M)	3 " POW		
	3 " RTNE		51 DETAINED		
	81 DETAINED		19 INN CIV		
	47 INN CIV		26 CIV DEF		
	17 CIV DEF		83 IWC		
	20 IWC		20 CSWC		

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TOP: 290435Z/CCN 622/000

FIFTH MAR SITREP #90 FROM 290601H TO
 291200H DEC 68 OPN TAYLOR COMBON

- UNIT LOC: 21ST ARVN BN AT866514 ALL OTHERS NO CHANGE
 37TH ARVN BN AT856515
 39TH ARVN BN AT845544
- SUM OF EVENTS: UNIT CONT OPS IAW FIFTH MAR SITREP #88.
- CONTACTS:
 - 290917H 21ST ARVN BN LOC AT859519. UNIT FOUND 5 NVA KIA AND 1 AK-47 IN AREA OF CONTACT LAST NIGHT.
 - 290920H 1/5 CO D PLT CMPT PTL LOC AT954507. UNIT FOUND 1500 LBS OF RICE AND 3 BATS OF NVA UTILITIES (BLOODY WITH SHRAPNEL HOLES IN THEM). UNIT DESTROYED.
- SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: IAW FIFTH MAR SITREP #88.
- PLANS SUM: UNITS WILL CONT OPS IAW FIFTH MAR SITREP #88.
- CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

USMC		ARVN	
18 USMC KIA	75 NVA KIA	1 USA WIA(M)	423 NVA KIA
105 " WIAE	1 " RTNE	60 ARVN KIA	3 " POW
38 " WIA(M)	117 VC KIA	229 " WIAE	38 VC KIA
7 " ABCE	2 " POW	3 " WIA(M)	3 " POW
	3 " RTNE		51 DEFAINES
	81 DEFAINES		19 INN CIV
	47 INN CIV		26 CIV DEF
	17 CIV DEF		84 IWC
	20 IWC		20 CSWC

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OR 291205Z DEC 68

FROM: FIFTH MAR
TO: CG, TASK FORCE YANKEE

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FIFTH MAR SITREP #91 FROM 291201H TO
291800H DEC 68 OPN TAYLOR COMMON

1. UNIT LOC: 1/5 CP AT927527 CO L 3/5 AT894466 21ST BN AT852547
CO A AT965521 37TH BN AT858526
CO B AT927527 39TH BN AT860532
CO C AT897493
CO D AT945515
2. SUM OF EVENTS: UNITS CONT OPS IAW FIFTH MAR SITREP #88.
3. CONTACTS:
 - A. 281315H (FOL UP) 1/5 CO A LOC AT972516. UNIT CONT SEARCH AND FOUND THE FOLLOWING: 9 FUZES (82MM), 7 RDS 82MM, 1 M-1 CARBINE, 4 CHICOM GREN, 1 M-26 FREN, 2 20 LB SATCHEL CHARGES AND ASSORTED MEDICAL AND 782 GEAR. UNIT DESTROYED EXPLOSIVES AND FORWARDED OTHER GEAR TO S-2.
 - B. 282215H (FOL UP) 1/5 CO A LOC AT967520. UNIT CHECKED AREA WITH NEG RESULTS.
 - C. 291100H 3/5 CO L PLT CMST PTL LOC AT907474. UNIT AFTERHENDED 10 DEF MOVING NW LOC AT THEIR IIM VIC. FORWARDED TO IFT.
 - D. 291115H 3/5 CO L DEF POSIT LOC AT893466. UNIT OBS 6 VC MOVING NW LOC AT919462. UNIT FIRED 81MM MORTAR MSN. RESULTS UNKNOWN.
 - E. 291140H 1/5 CO D PLT CMST PTL LOC AT943501. 1 USMC DEF M-26 AP DEVICE RESULTING IN 1 USMC WIAE. UNIT CALLED MEDEVAC.
 - F. 291220H 1/5 CO D PLT CMST PTL LOC AT943501. 1 USMC DEF M-33 AP DEVICE. UNIT CALLED MEDEVAC FOR 1 USMC WIAE.
 - G. 291415H 39TH RNGR BN LOC AT863539. UNIT REC'D S/A AND A/W FIRE FROM 1ST CO SIZE FORCE LOC AT863541. UNIT RET'D FIRE WITH S/A AND A/W FIRE. ALSO CALLED ARTY MSN AND UTILIZING GUNSHIPS. RES: 1 ARVN KIA AND 5 ARVN WIAE. UNIT CALLED MEDEVAC.
 - H. 291430H 1/5 CO D PLT CMST PTL LOC AT935516. 1 USMC DEF M-33 AP DEVICE RESULTING IN 2 USMC WIAE. UNIT CALLED MEDEVAC.
 - I. 291540H 3/5 CO L PLT CMST PTL LOC AT888472. UNIT AFTERHENDED 1 MALE DEF. DEF HAD NO ID. FORWARDED TO IFT.
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: IAW FIFTH MAR SITREP #88.
5. PLANS SUM: UNITS ESTAB NIGHT OPS. UNIT CMST/SECURITY ISNS IN ASSIGNED AO.

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6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

<u>USMC</u>		<u>ARVN</u>	
18 USMC KIA	75 NVN KIA	1 USA WIA(M)	423 NVA KIA
109 " WIAE	1 " RTNE	61 ARVN KIA	3 " POW
38 " WIA(M)	117 VC KIA	234 " WIAE	38 VC KIA
7 " MBCE	2 " POW	3 " WIA(M)	3 " POW
	3 " RTNE		51 DETAINÉES
	92 DETAINÉES		19 LAN CIV
	47 LAN CIV		26 CIV DEF
	17 CIV DEF		84 IWC
	21 IWC		20 USMC

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292400H DEC 68 OPN TAYLOR COMBON6314/PES
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1. UNIT LOC: ROZELLE
2. SUM OF EVENTS: UNITS ESTABLISHED NIGHT POSITS AND CONDUCTED SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY TASKS IN ASSIGNED AO.
3. CONTACTS:
 - A. 291855H 35TH REGT BN LOC ATB60540. UNIT REC'D S/A AND INCORPORATING MORTARS FROM ENEMY LOC ATB55542. UNIT REC'D S/A, A/W AND CALLED MAR ARTY MSN.
 - B. 291950H 37TH REGT BN LOC ATB66526. CP REC'D SMALL ARMS AND GREN FROM ENEMY LOC ATB67520. UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY MSN. NEG FRIENDLY CASUALTIES.
 - C. 292135H 1ST REGT GROUP LOC ATB75475. UPDATE CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: ADD 65 NVA KIA, 2 ORCON LT MACHINEGUNS, 1 ORCON AA MACHINEGUN, 7 AK-47'S AND 2 RE-G'S. PREVIOUS CASUALTIES ARE 7 KIA AND 31 WIAE.
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
 - A. RIVER AT LIB BRIDGE 8 FEET 6 INCHES AND HOLDING.
 - B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONT.
 - C. LIB BRIDGE PARTY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. RD FROM AN HOA TO LIB BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.
 - D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONT.
5. PLANS SUM:

1/5 - OCCUPIES POSITS PROVIDING SECURITY FOR 5TH MAR N AO INCLUDING LIB BRIDGE AND LIB RD N. ASSUMES OPCON OF CO B 1/1 AT 300645H. CO B 1/1 PREPARES TO ASSUME MISSION OF CO C 1/5. CO C 1/5 RELIEVES CO L 3/5 IN PROVIDING SECURITY FOR 5TH MAR S AO TO INCLUDE LIB RD S.

CO L 3/5 - CHOPS BACK TO PARENT UNIT 301800H.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

USMC		ARVN	
18 USMC KIA	75 NVA KIA	1 USA WIA(M)	488 NVA KIA
109 " WIAE	1 " RTNA	66 ARVN KIA	3 " POW
38 " WIA(M)	117 VC KIA	265 " WIAE	38 VC KIA
7 " MICE	2 " POW	3 " WIA(M)	3 " POW
	3 " RTNA		51 DETAINEES
	92 DETAINEES		19 INN CIV
	47 INN CIV		26 CIV DEF
	17 CIV DEF		91 IWC
	21 IWC		25 IWC

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FIFTH MAR SITREP NR 93 FROM 300600H TO

300600H DEC 68 OPN TAYLOR COMMON

1. UNIT LOC: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CON'T NORMAL NIGHT ACTIVITIES CONDUCTING SMALL UNIT CMOT/SECURITY MSNS IN ASSIGNED AO.

3. CONTACTS:

A. 300600H 1/5 CO C FT AMB LOC AT 097494. UNIT OBS IS TO 20 ENEMY MOVING INTO TREELINE LOC AT 091495. UNIT CALLED IN MAR ARTY MSN AND MOVED IN TO CHECK AREA. UNIT SET UP CLAYMORE MINE AND WHEN IT HEARD FURTHER MOVEMENT, DET CLAYMORE. SEARCHED AREA AND FOUND 1 VC KIA WITH 15 CHICOM GREN. VC WERE MOVING SW TOWARD AN HOA.

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B. 292215H TOWER NR 2 SPOTTED MOVEMENT VIC AT 073405 CALLED ARTY MSN 500M FROM END OF AIRSTRIP. MOVEMENT CEASED. WILL CHECK OUT IN MORNING.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: IAW FIFTH MAR SITREP NR 92. DELETE 4 ARVN WIAE FM CUM CAS.

5. PLANS SUM: UNITS CONDUCT OPNS IAW FIFTH MAR SITREP NR 92.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

USMC

10 USMC KIA

109 USMC WIAE

30 USMC WIA(M)

7 USMC NBCE

75 NVA KIA

1 NVA RTNE

110 VC KIA

2 VC PW

3 VC RTNE

92 DETAINEES

47 INN CIV

11 CIV DEF

21 IWC

ARVN

430 NVA KIA

3 NVA POW

30 VC KIA

3 VC POW

51 DETAINEES

19 INN CIV

20 CIV DEF

91 IWC

25 CSWC

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TO: 300730H / 300654H

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FIFTH MAR SITREP #94 FROM 300601H TO
21200H DEC 68 OPN TAYLOR COMPO

UNIT LOC: NO CHANGE

SUM OF EVENTS: UNITS CONT OPS IAW FIFTH MAR SITREP #92.

CONTACTS:

- A. 220830H (FOL UP) 1/5 CO B PLT CMBT PTL LOC AT934517. DET CLASSED BY ITT AS INN CIV.
- B. 220930H (FOL UP) 1/5 CO B SQD CMBT PTL LOC AT898504. DELETE DETAINEE DUE TO DOUBLE RPTING.
- C. 241700H (FOL UP) 1/5 CO A PLT CMBT PTL LOC AT988537. DET CLASSED BY ITT AS CIV DEF.
- D. 271131H (FOL UP) 1/5 CO A PLT CMBT PTL LOC AT966522. 2 DET CLASSED BY ITT AS 1 VC RTNE AND 1 INN CIV.
- E. 280551H (FOL UP) 1/5 CO D PLT CMBT PTL LOC AT948526. 4 DET CLASSED BY ITT AS 4 INN CIV.
- F. 291100H (FOL UP) 3/5 CO L PLT CMBT PTL LOC AT907474. 10 DET CLASSED BY ITT AS 10 INN CIV.
- G. 300730H 1/5 CO D PLT CMBT PTL LOC AT945505. UNIT OBS 3 ENEMY IN THEIR REAR VIC. UNIT TOOK ENEMY UNDER FIRE WITH S/A. UNIT SEARCHED AREA AND AT-RU-HEADED 1 WOUNDED VN FLEE. FORWARDED TO BA CP.
- H. 300730H 1/5 CO D PLT CMBT PTL LOC AT945507. (FOL UP) UNIT FOUND 1600 LBS OF RIC. AND ASSORTED MED GEAR. UNIT DESTROYED RICE AND FORWARDED MED GEAR TO S-2.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: IAW FIFTH MAR SITREP #92.

5. PLANS SUM: UNITS WILL CONT OPS IAW FIFTH MAR SITREP #92.

6. CUM CAS:

16 USMC KIA	75 NVA KIA	1 USA WIA(M)	488 NVA KIA
109 " WIAE	1 " RTNE	68 ARVN KIA	3 " POW
38 " WIA(M)	118 VC KIA	263 " WIAE	38 VC KIA
7 " NDCB	2 " POW	3 " WIA(M)	3 " POW
	4 " RTNE		51 DETAINEES
	92 DETAINEES		19 INN CIV
	63 INN CIV		26 CIV DEF
	18 CIV DEF		91 IWC
	21 IWC		25 CSWD

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TO: CG, TASK FORCE YANKEE

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TOD: 381845Z/CCA 665/202

FIFTH MAR SITREP #95 FROM 301201H TO
301800H DEC 68 GPN TAYLOR COLLEGE

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- UNIT LOC: 1/5 CP AT927527 CO C 1/5 AT894466
CO A AT965521 21 ST BN AT852526
CO B AT927527 37TH BN AT868526
CO D AT951501 39TH BN AT867531
CO B 1/1 AT912516
- SUM OF EVENTS: UNITS CONT OPNS IAW FIFTH MAR SITREP #92.
- CONTACTS:
 - 300009H (POL UP) 1/5 CO C FT AMB LOC AT897494. ADD 7 VC KIA.
 - 301401H 1/5 CO D CO DEF POSIT LOC AT952502. UNIT FOUND 1 FRESH GRAVE. GRAVE CONTAINED 1 NVA KIA RESULT OF ARTY.
 - 301431H 1/5 CO A PLT SEC LOC AT985518. UNIT FOUND 15 FRESH GRAVES RPTD BY INTEL RPT 291745H. GRAVES CONTAINED 15 VC KILLED BY SHRAPNEL.
 - 301530H 1/5 CO A PLT CMPT PTL LOC AT975517. 1 USMC DET 60MM MORTAR AP MINE RESULTING IN 5 USMC WIAE. UNIT CALLED MEDEVAC.
- SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: IAW FIFTH MAR SITREP #92.
- PLANS SUM: UNITS ESTAB NIGHT POSITS AND CONDUCT SMALL UNIT CMPT/SECURITY MNS IN ASSIGNED AO.
- CUM CAS:

<u>USMC</u>		<u>ARVN</u>	
18 USMC KIA	76 NVA KIA	1 USA WIA(M)	488 NVA KIA
114 " WIAE	1 " RTNE	68 ARVN KIA	3 " POW
38 " WIA(M)	141 VC KIA	263 " WIAE	38 VC KIA
7 " NBCE	2 " POW	3 " WIA(M)	3 " POW
	4 " RTNE		51 DETAINES
	92 DETAINES		19 INN CIV
	63 INN CIV		26 CIV DEF
	18 CIV DEF		91 IAC
	21 IAC		25 CSWC

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OP 301715Z DEC 68

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FIFTH MAR SITREP #96 FROM 301801H TO
302400H DEC 68 OPN TAYLOR COMMON

1. UNIT LOC: NO CHANGE

2. SUM OF EVENTS: UNITS ESTAB LIGHT POSITS AND CONDUCTED SMALL UNIT COMBAT/ SECURITY MMS IN ASSIGNED AO.

3. CONTACTS:

- BAP*
- A. 301630H 1/5 CO B CO DEF POSIT LOC AT944492. UNIT OBS 3 MVA WITH WPNS LOC AT930492. ~~SEEN~~ FIRED ON ENEMY. CHECKED AREA WITH NEG RESULTS.
 - B. 301850H 1/5 CO B CO DEF POSIT LOC AT924538. UNIT OBS 3 BOATS CROSSING RIVER LOC AT891514. PASSENGERS WERE WEARING PACKS. UNIT CALLED MAR ARMY MEN DESTROYING BOATS AND RESULTING IN 11 VC KIA.
 - C. 301855H 21ST RGR BN LOC AT953547. UNIT FOUND 4 MVA KIA FROM AIR STRIKES. ALSO FOUND 1 TELESCOPE IN SAME LOC.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

- A. RIVER AT LIB BRIDGE 8 FEET 6 INCHES.
- B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONT.
- C. LIB BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. RD FROM AN HOA TO LIB BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.
- D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONT.

5. PLANS SUM:

1/5 - PROVIDES SECURITY FOR 5TH MAR N AO INCLUDING LIB BRIDGE AND LIB RD N.
CO C 1/5 - PROVIDES SECURITY FOR 5TH MAR S AO INCLUDING LIB RD S AND MANNING OF STRONGPOINTS.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

USMC		ARVN	
18 USMC KIA	76 NVA KIA	1 USA WIA(M)	492 NVA KIA
114 " WIAE	1 " RTME	68 ARVN KIA	3 " POW
38 " WIA(M)	152 VC KIA	263 " WIAE	38 VC KIA
7 " NDCE	2 " POW	3 " WIA(M)	3 " POW
	4 " RTME		51 DETAINEES
	92 DETAINEES		19 IMM CIV
	63 IMM CIV		26 CIV DEF
	18 CIV DEF		91 LVC
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FIFTH MAR SITREP #97 FROM 510001H TO
310600H DEC 68 OPN TAYLOR COMMON

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- UNIT LOC: NO CHANGE
- SUM OF EVENTS: UNITS CONT' NORMAL NIGHT ACTIVITIES CONDUCTING SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MANS IN ASSIGNED AO.
- CONTACTS:
 - 310445H 1/5 CO A CO DEF POSIT LOC AT966520. UNIT REC'D 1 INCOMING GRENADE FROM INMED VIC AND 8-10 RDS 82MM FROM ENEMY LOC AT967516 RESULTING IN 1 USMC WIAE. UNIT REP'D FIRE WITH S/A AND FIRED COUNTER MORTAR FIRE. WILL MEDEVAC WIA AT FIRST LIGHT.
- SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: IAW FIFTH MAR SITREP #96.
- PLANS SUM: UNITS CONDUCT OPNS IAW FIFTH MAR SITREP #96.
- CUM CAS:

<u>USMC</u>		<u>ARVN</u>	
18 USMC KIA	76 NVA KIA	1 USA WIA(M)	492 NVA KIA
115 " WIAE	1 " RTNE	68 ARVN KIA	3 " POW
38 " WIA(M)	152 VC KIA	263 " WIAE	38 VC KIA
7 " NBCE	2 " POW	3 " WIA(M)	3 " POW
	4 " RTNE		51 DETAINEES
	92 DETAINEES		19 INN CIV
	63 INN CIV		26 CIV DEF
	18 CIV DEF		91 INC
	21 INC		25 CSWC

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TOD: 3/05/42/686/500
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U. 300730H (FOL UP) 1/5 CO D PLT CMPT PTL LOC AT 245505. JET CLASSED
BY ITT AS INN CIV.

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FIFTH MAR SITREP 100 FROM 311801H TO
312400H DEC 68 OPN TAYLOR COMMON

1. UNIT LOC: NO CHANGE
2. SUM OF EVENTS: UNITS ESTAB NIGHT POSITS AND CONDUCTED SMALL UNIT CMBT/SECURITY MSNS IN ASSIGNED AO.
3. CONTACTS:
 - A. 311445H 1/5 CO C OP LOC AT 93349. VN MALE WOUNDED BY VC RAN TO UNIT'S POSIT. UNIT THEN REC'D S/A AND A/W FIRE. PARANT UNIT DISPATCHED 1 SQD REACTION FORCE. UNIT RET'D FIRE WITH S/A AND A/W FIRE. SEARCHED AREA WITH NEG RESULTS. VN MALE TAKEN TO GERMAN HOSPITAL.
 - B. 311545H 21ST RNGR BN LOC AT 839549. ADD T ARVN WIAE.

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- C. 311800H 1/5 CO A SQD AMB LOC AT 93351. WHILE MOVING TO NIGHT POSIT, UNIT REC'D S/A FIRE FROM ENEMY LOC AT 93351. UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY MSN AND RET'D FIRE RESULTING IN 2 VC KIA AND 1 AK-54 CAPTURED.
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
 - A. RIVER AT L10 BRIDGE 8 FEET 6 INCHES AND HOLDING.
 - B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONT.
 - C. L10 BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. RW FROM AN HOA TO L10 BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE.
 - D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONT.
5. PLANS SUMMARY:
 - 1/5 - PROVIDES SECURITY FOR 5TH MAR N AO INCLUDING L10 BRIDGE AND L10 RW N. CO C 1/5 - PROVIDES SECURITY FOR 5TH MAR S AO INCLUDING L10 RW S AND MANNING OF STRONGPOINTS.
6. CUM CAS:

USMC

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18 USMC KIA	70 NVA KIA	1 USA WIAE	432 NVA KIA
119 USMC WIAE	1 NVA RING	1 USA WIA(M)	3 NVA POW
38 USMC WIA(M)	164 VC KIA	69 ARVN KIA	53 VC KIA
7 USMC NBCE	2 VC POW	270 ARVN WIAE	3 VC POW
	4 VC PTNE	5 ARVN WIA(M)	51 DETAINEES

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93 DETAINEES

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FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP NR 155 FROM 010001H TO
010600H DEC 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNIT CONTINUED NORMAL NIGHT ACTIVITIES CONDUCTING SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

3. CONTACTS:

A. 302115H 3/5 CO M SQD AMB LOC AT 874460. UNIT OBS 5 VC MOVING WEST IN THE IMMED VIC. UNIT DET CLAYMORE MINES AND PULLED BACK TO FIRE 60MM MSN ON ENEMY POSIT. UNIT WILL SEARCH AT FIRST LIGHT.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET 5 INCHES AND HOLDING.
B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

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C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FEERY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE, BUT MARGINAL.

D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNIT CONDUCT OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP NR 154.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

35 USMC KIA
221 USMC WIA EVAC
39 USMC WIA MINOR
1 USMC NBC KIA
14 USMC NBC EVAC
3 USMC NBC MINOR
2 USN WIA EVAC
1 VN FORCES WIA EVAC
1 VN FORCES WIA MINOR

422 NVA KIA
8 NVA KIA DISC
13 NVA POW
3 NVA RTNE
104 VC KIA
2 VC KIA DISC
4 VC POW
1 VC RTNE
74 DETAINEES
36 INN CIV
12 CIV DEF
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FIFTH MARINES SPEC SITREP #156 FROM 010601H TO
011200H DECEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MAR
SPEC SITREP #154.

3. CONTACTS:

A. 302115H (FOLLOW UP) 3/5 CO M SQD AMB LOC A1874460. UNIT SEARCHED
AREAA WITH NEG RESULTS.

B. 010905H 1/5 CO D PLT CBT PAT LOC A1906497. USMC DET M-26 GREN
RIGGED W/TRIP WIRE AS SUR EX DEV. UNIT CALLED MEDEVAC AND COMBT
MSN.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET AND 4 INCHES

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B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES

C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HUA
TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE, BUT MARGINAL.

D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS WILL CONTINUE OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MAR
SPEC SIT #154.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

35 USMC KIA

222 USMC WIA EVAC

39 USMC WIA MINOR

1 USMC NBC KIA

14 USMC NBC EVAC

3 USMC NBC MINOR

2 USN WIA EVAC

1 VN FORCES WIA EVAC

1 VN FORCES WIA MINOR

422 NVA KIA

8 NVA KIA DISC

13 NVA POW

3 NVA RTNE

194 VC KIA

W VC KIA DISC

4 VC POW

1 VC RTNE

74 DETAINEES

36 INN CIV

12 CIV DEF

39 IWC

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FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP NR 157 FROM 011201H TO
011800H DEC 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: 1/5 CP AT927527

CO M AT897434

CO A AT942515

CO C AT927535

CO D AT913513

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNIT CONTINUED TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS LAW FIFTH
MARINES SPEC SITREP NR 154.

3. CONTACTS:

A. 011120H FIRST RECON BN INSERT "LUNGA POINT". UNIT OBS TO

NVA WITH PACKS & RIFLES LOC AT813508. CALLED MAR ARTY MSN KILLING 3 NVA.

B. 011130H FIRST RECON BN INSERT "LUNGA POINT". UNIT OBS 5 VC WITH

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PACKS AND RIFLES LOC AT805498. CALLED MAR ARTY MSN KILLING 4 VC.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET 11 INCHES AND HOLDING.

B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO
LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE, BUT MARGINAL.

D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS ESTABLISH NIGHT POSITIONS AND CONDUCT
SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

35 USMC KIA
222 USMC WIA EVAC
39 USMC WIA MINOR
1 USMC NBC KIA
14 USMC NBC MINOR
3 USMC NBC MINOR
2 USN WIA EVAC
1 VN FORCES WIA EVAC
1 VN FORCES WIA MINOR

425 NVA KIA
8 NVA KIA DISC
13 NVA POW
3 NVA RINE
198 VC KIA
2 VC KIA DISC
4 VC POW
1 VC RINE
74 DETAINEES
36 INN CIV

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39 IWC

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FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #158 FROM 011801H TO 012400H DECEMBER 1968
OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS ESTABLISHED NIGHT POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.
3. CONTACTS:

A. 011530H FIRST RECON BN INSERT "NIGHT SCHOLAR". APPROX 10 VC DISCOVERED TRAIL UNIT HAD USED TO ASSUME POSITION. ENEMY WALKED TO WITHIN 10 FEET OF FRDLY TROOPS. UNIT INITIATED CONTACT WITH S/A FIRE KILLING 1 VC. ENEMY SCATTERED AND UNIT CALLED FIXED WING AIR STRIKE.

B. 011720H FIRST RECON BN INSERT "LUNGA POINT". UNIT OBS 5 VC WITH WPNS MOVING NE LOC A180493. UNIT CALLED MAR ARMY MSN KILLING 3 VC.

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4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

- A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET 11 INCHES AND HOLDING.
- B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.
- C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE, BUT MARGINAL.
- D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY:

1/5 - CO A CONDUCTS PATROLS AND AMBUSHES VIC CU BAN (3) (A19552)
CO C MAINTAINS SECURITY OF LIB BRIDGE AND LIB ROAD NORTH. CO D CONDUCTS PATROLS AND AMBUSHES VIC NY LOC (A19151).
CO M 3/5 - CONDUCTS SECURITY OF LIB ROAD SOUTH AND SCREENS SOUTH APPROACHES TO AN HOA BY PATROLS AND AMBUSHES.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

35 USMC KIA
222 USMC WIA EVAC
9 USMC WIA MINOR
1 USMC NBC KIA
14 USMC NBC EVAC
2 USMC NBC MINOR
2 USN WIA EVAC

425 NVA KIA
8 NVA KIA DISC
13 NVA POW
3 NVA RTNE
202 VC KIA
2 VC KIA DISC
4 VC POW

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1 VN FORCES WIA EVAC
1 VN FORCES WIA MINOR
8

1 VC RTNE
74 DETAINEES
36 INN CIV
12 CIV DEF
39 IWC
5 CSWC

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FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP NR 159 FROM 020001Z TO
 020600H DEC 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED NORMAL NIGHT ACTIVITIES CONDUCTING SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.
3. CONTACTS: NONE
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
 - A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET 11 INCHES AND HOLDING.
 - B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.
 - C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FEERY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE, BUT MARGINAL.
 - D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

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5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS CONDUCT OPERATIONS 14W FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP NR 158.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

35 USMC KIA
 222 USMC WIA EVAC
 39 USMC WIA MINOR
 1 USMC NBC KIA
 14 USMC NBC EVAC
 3 USMC NBC MINOR
 2 USN WIA EVAC
 1 VN FORCES WIA EVAC
 1 VN FORCES WIA MINOR

425 NVA KIA
 8 NVA KIA DISC
 13 NVA POW
 3 NVA RTNE
 202 VC KIA
 2 VC KIA DISC
 4 VC POW
 1 VC RTNE
 74 DETAINEES
 36 INN CIV
 12 CIV DEF
 39 IWC
 5 CSWC

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FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP NR 160 FROM 020501H TO
021200H DEC 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNIT CONTINUED OPERATIONS
SITREP NR 158.

3. CONTACTS:

A. 012115H 1/5 CO A SQD AMB LOC AT931497. UNIT HEARD WHAT
SOUNDED LIKE MORTAR TUBE LOC AT928487. UNIT ALSO OBS 1 RD IMPACT
NEAR ROAD. UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY MSN. UNIT WILL SEARCH AT FIRST LIGHT.
B. 020730H 3/5 CO M SQD OP LOC AT908479. UNIT APPREHENDED 2 ENEMY
CHOI HOI'S MOVING NORTH ALONG ROAD OF WHICH ONE HAD WPN. UNIT
WILL FORWARD TO AN HOA ALONG WITH WPN AND NUMEROUS DOCUMENTS. RES:

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2 DET AND 1 AK-47.

C. 020730H 1/5 CO D PLT CBT PTL LOC AT913512. USMC PICKED UP DOW M-79
RD WHICH DETONATED. MEDEVAC CALLED FOR 1 USMC WIA EVAC.D. 020740H RECON INSERT "FIG NEWTON" LOC AT805459. UNIT OBS 5 EN
MOVING EAST INTO TREELINE LOC AT806483. UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY MSN
KILLING 1 NVA.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET 11 INCHES AND HOLDING.

B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

C. LIBERTY BRIDGE ~~EBBET~~ CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO
LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE, BUT MARGINAL.

D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNIT CONTINUE OPERATIONS IAW MAR SPEC SITREP NR 158.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

35 USMC KIA
223 USMC WIA EVAC
39 USMC WIA MINOR
1 USMC NBC KIA
14 USMC NBC EVAC
3 USMC NBC MINOR

426 NVA KIA
8 NVA KIA DISC
13 NVA POW
3 NVA RTNE K
202 VC DIA
2 VC KIA DISC

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2 USN WIA EVAC
1 VN FORCES WIA EVAC
1 VN FORCES WIA MINOR

4 VC POW
1 VC RTNE
76 DETAINEES
36 INN CIV
12 CIV DEF
40 IWC
5 CSWC

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1. UNIT LOCATIONS: 1/5 CP AT927527 CO H AT897468
CO A AT942515
CO C AT927535
CO D AT913513

3. CONTACTS:

B. 021100H CO D 1/5- PLANT CMB PTL LOC AIB76506. UNIT REC'D A/W FIRE FROM EST 4 OR 5 DIFFERENT DIRECTIONAL LOC VIC AIB76503. UNIT RET'D S/4, 11-79 AND CALLED MACHINE GUNNY TEAM. SEARCHED AREA WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

C. 021200H C O D 1/5 PLAT CMB PFL LOC AB95507. UNIT OBS 30-35 VC WHO WERE FOLLOWING FREELY UNIT IN GROUPS OF 4 OR 5. UNIT INITIATED CONTACT WITH S/A FIRE AND M-79 FIRE. CALLED AIRLINE ARTY PSN. UNIT SEARCHED AREA AND FOUND 5 VC KIA AND 3 PACKS.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET 11 INCHES AND HOLDING.

B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

G. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE, BUT MARGINAL.

D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS ESTABLISH NIGHT POSITIONS AND CONDUCT SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

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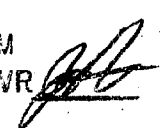
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 30 " WIA MINOR
 1 " NBC KIA
 14 " NBC EVAC
 3 " NBC MINOR
 2 USN WIA EVAC
 1 VN FORCES WIA EVAC
 1 " " WIA MINOR

426 NVA KIA
 9 " KIA DISC
 13 " POW
 3 " RTNE
 207 VC KIA
 2 " KIA DISC
 4 " POW
 1 " RTNE
 75 DETAINEES
 36 INT CIV
 12 CIV DEF
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CO M 3/5 - CONDUCTS SECURITY OF LIB ROAD SOUTH AND SCREENS SOUTH APPROACHES TO AN HOA BY PATROLS AND AMBUSHES.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

35 USMC KIA	426 NVA KIA
224 " WIA EVAC	8 " KIA DISC
40 " WIA MINOR	13 " POW
1 " NBC KIA	3 " RTNE
14 " NBC EVAC	209 VC KIA
3 " NBC MINOR	2 " KIA DISC
2 USN WIA EVAC	4 " POW
1 VN FORCES WIA EVAC	1 " RTNE
1 " " WIA MINOR	76 DEATHS
	36 INN CIV
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	40 IWC
	5 CSWC

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FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #163 FROM 030001H TO
030600H DECEMBER 1968 OPERATION HEMPHISON HILL

- UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
- SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED NORMAL NIGHT ACTIVITIES CONDUCTING SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.
- CONTACTS:
 - 022005H AN HOA COMBAT BASE LOC AT 863456. CORRECTION OF PREVIOUS SPOTREP CO A 1/5 PM SECURITY. UNIT REC'D 3 RDS 82MM AND "A" SECTOR. AN HOA DEF PERIMETER REC'D 2 RDS 82MM.
- SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
 - RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET 11 INCHES AND HOLDING.
 - STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.
 - LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE, BUT MARGINAL.
 - TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.
- PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS CONDUCT OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #162.
- CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

35 USMC KIA	426 NVA KIA
224 " WIA EVAC	8 " KIA DISC
40 " WIA MINOR	15 " POW
1 " NBC KIA	3 " MINE
14 " NBC EVAC	209 VC KIA
3 " NBC MINOR	2 " KIA DISC
2 USN WIA EVAC	4 " POW
1 VN FORCES WIA EVAC	1 " RTNE
1 " " WIA MINOR	76 DEATHS
	36 ILL CIV
	12 CIV DEF
	40 IWS

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 FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP NR 164 FROM 030601H TO
 031200H DEC 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP NR 162.
3. CONTACTS: NONE
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
 - A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET 11 INCHES AND HOLDING.
 - B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.
 - C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HUA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE, BUT MARGINAL.
 - D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

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5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS WILL CONTINUE OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP NR 162.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

35 USMC KIA	426 NVA
224 USMC WIA EVAC	8 NVA KIA DISC
40 USMC WIA MINOR	13 NVA POW
1 USMC NBC KIA	3 NVA RTNE
14 USMC NBC EVAC	209 VC KIA
3 USMC NBC MINOR	2 VC KIA DISC
2 USN WIA EVAC	4 VC POW
1 VN FORCES WIA EVAC	1 VC RTNE
1 VN FORCES WIA MINOR	76 DETAINEES
	36 INN CIV
	12 CIV DEF
	40 IWC
	5 CSWC

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FIFTH MAR SPEC SIT REP NR165 FROM 031201H TO
031800H DEC 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: 1/5 CP AT927527 CO M AT897468

CO A AT942515

CO C AT927535

CO D AT913513

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP NR 162.

3. CONTACTS:

A. 022200H 1/5 CO D LOC AT912512 (FOLLOW UP). SEARCHED AREA AT FIRST LIGHT WITH NEG RESULTS.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

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A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET 11 INCHES AND HOLDING.

B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE, BUT MARGINAL.

D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS ESTABLISH NIGHT POSITIONS AND CONDUCT SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

35 USMC KIA

426 NVA KIA

224 USMC WIA EVAC

8 NVA KIA DISC

40 USMC WIA MINOR

13 NVA POW

1 USMC NBC KIA

3 NVA RTNE

14 USMC NBC EVAC

209 VC KIA

3 USMC NBC MINOR

2 VC KIA DISC

2 USN WIA EVAC

4 VC POW

1 VN FORCES WIA EVAC

1 VC RTNE

1 VN FORCES WIA MINOR

76 DETAINEES

36 INN CIV

12 CIV DEF

40 IWC

5 CSWC

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6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

35 USMC KIA	426 NVA KIA
226 " WIA EVAC	8 " KIA DISC
40 " WIA MINOR	13 " POW
1 " NBC KIA	3 " RTAE
14 " NBC EVAC	223 VC KIA
3 " NBC MINOR	2 " KIA DISC
2 USN WIA EVAC	4 " POW
1 VN FORCES WIA EVAC	1 " RTAE
1 " " WIA MINOR	76 DETAINES
	36 LAF CIV
	12 CIV DEF
	40 TWC
	5 OSWG

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1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED MORAL NIGHT OPERATIONS CONDUCTING SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IF ASSIGNED TO.
3. CONTACTS: NONE
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
 - A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET 11 INCHES AND RISING.
 - B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.
 - C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM CHICAGO TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE, BUT NARROW.
 - D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.
5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS CONDUCT OPERATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SETPLAN 106.

35	USMC	KIA	426	AVA	KIA
226	"	WIA	8	"	KIA DESG
40	"	WIA	13	"	POW
1	"	NBC	3	"	DETH
14	"	NBC	213	VC	KIA
3	"	NBC	2	"	KIA DESG
2	USMC	WIA	4	"	POW
1	VN	FORCES	1	"	DETH
1	"	"	76	DEATH	DETH
		WIA	36	INN	CIV
		MINOR	12	CIV	DEP
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			5	OSW	

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041200H DECEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

- UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
- SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED OPERATIONS LAW FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #166.
- CONTACTS:
 - 040900H 1/5 GO D FIRE TM CP LOC AT8909497. UNIT OBS 5-10 LEMMY WITH HELMETS AND RIFLES MOVING TOWARD THREELINE LOC AT898498. UNIT NOTIFIED MINESWEEP RMC HAD ANTRUCKS FIRE 10 RDS 106MM INTO THREELINE. UNIT ALSO CALLED MAR ARTY MSN. AREA WILL BE SEARCHED.
- SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
 - RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET 11 INCHES AND HOLDING.
 - STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.
 - LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HON TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE, BUT MARGINAL.
 - TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.
- PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS ALL CONTINUE OPERATIONS LAW FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP #166.
- CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

35 USMC KIA	426 NVA KIA
226 " VIA EVAC	8 " KIA DISC
40 " VIA MINOR	13 " POW
1 " NBC KIA	3 " RTNE
14 " NBC EVAC	213 VC KIA
3 " NBC MINOR	2 " KIA DISC
2 USN VIA EVAC	4 " POW
1 VN FORCES VIA EVAC	1 " RTNE
1 " " VIA MINOR	76 DEATHS
	36 LL CIV
	12 CIV DEF
	40 IAC
	5 CSW

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FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP NR 169 FROM 041201H TO
041800H DECEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: 1/5 CO A1927527 CO M A1897468

CO A AT924505

CO C A1927535

CO D AT910515

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED OPERATIONS 14W FIFTH MAR SPEC
SITREP NR 166.

3. CONTACTS:

A. 040900H (FOLLOW UP) 1/5 CO D FIRE TM OP LOC AT900497. UNIT

SEARCHED AREA WITH NEG RESULTS.

B. 041140H 1/5 CO A PLT CBMT PTL LOC AT920493. UNIT FOUND UNEXPLODED
500 LB BOMB. ENGRS DESTROYED IN PLACE.

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C. 041345H 1/5 CO D FIRE TM OP LOC AT907493. UNIT

REC'D 15 RDS SNIPER FIRE FROM ENEMY POSIT LOC AT900498. UNIT REPTD
FIRE WITH S/A AND LAWS. UNIT CALLED MAR AKTY NSM. ENEMY ERKED
CONTACT. AREA SEARCHED WITH NEG RESULTS.

D. 041601H 1/5 CO D FIRE TM OP LOC AT924511. UNIT REC'D 30 RDS SNIPER
FIRE. TWO TANKS DISPATCHED. TANKS FIRED 50 CAL AND 81MM AREA
SEARCHED WITH NEG RESULTS.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET 11 INCHES AND HOLDING.

B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO
LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE, BUT MARGINAL.

D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS ESTABLISH NIGHT POSITIONS AND CONDUCT SMALL
UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

35 USMC KIA

426 NVA KIA

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226 USMC WIA EVAC 8 NVA KIA DISC

40 USMC WIA MINOR 13 NVA POW

1 USMC NBC KIA

3 NVA RTNE

14 USMC NBC EVAC

213 VC KIA

3 USMC NBC MINOR

2 VC KIA DISC

2 USN WIA EVAC

4 VC POW

1 VN FORCES WIA EVAC

1 VC RTNE

1 VN FORCES WIA MINOR

76 DETAINEES

36 INN CIV

12 CIV DEF

40 IWC

5 CSWC

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FIFTH MARINES SPECMSITREP #170 FROM 041801H TO
042400H DECEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL
1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS ESTABLISHED NIGHT POSITIONS
AND CONDUCTED SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.
3. CONTACTS:
A. 041930H 3/5 CO H&S DEF POSIT LOC. AT 890459. 1 USMC POSSIBLY
CONTRACTED MALERIA. UNIT CALLED MEDEVAC.
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET 11 INCHES AND HOLDING.
B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.
C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA
TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE, BUT MARGINAL.

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D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY:

1/5 - CO A CONDUCTS PATROLS AND AMBUSHES VIC LA THAP (4) (AT9351)
AND CHAU PHONG (1) (AT9450). CO C MAINTAINS SECURITY
OF LIB BRIDGE AND LIB ROAD NORTH. CO D CONDUCTS PATROLS
AND AMBUSHES VIC PHU NHUAN (3) (AT9050).
CO M 3/5 - CONDUCTS SECURITY OF LIB ROAD SOUTH AND SCREENS
SOUTH APPROCHES TO AN HOA BY PATROLS AND AMBUSHES.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

35 USMC KIA
226 USMC WIA EVAC
40 USMC WIA MINOR
1 USMC NBC KIA
15 USMC NBC EVAC
3 USMC NBC MINOR
2 USN WIA EVAC
1 VN FORCES WIA EVAC
1 VN FORCES WIA MINOR

426 NVA KIA
8 NVA KIA DISC
13 NVA POW
3 NVA RINE
213 VC KIA
2 VC KIA DISC
4 VC POW
1 VC RINE

76 DETAINEES
16 CIVIL
12 CIV DEF
40 IMC
5 CSME

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FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP A71 FROM 050001H TO
050600H DECEMBER 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

- UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
- SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED NORMAL NIGHT ACTIVITIES CONDUCTING SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.
- CONTACTS: NONE
- SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
 - RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET 11 INCHES AND HOLDING.
 - STORM CONDITION FOUR COMPLICES.
 - LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM LN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE, BUT MARGINAL.
 - TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE COMPLICES.
- PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS CONDUCT OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP A70.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

35 USMC KIA
226 " WIA EVAC
40 " WIA MINOR
1 " NBC KIA
15 " NBC EVAC
3 " NBC MINOR
2 USN WIA EVAC
1 VN FORCES WIA EVAC
1 " " WIA MINOR

426 NVA KIA
8 " KIA DISC
13 " POW
3 " RYME
213 VC KIA
2 " KIA DISC
4 " POW
1 " RYME
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36 IAN CIV
12 CIV DEF
40 IWC
5 CSWC

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FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP NR 172 FROM 050601H TO
051200H DEC 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: BLT 2/7 AT875475 ALL

OTHERS NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP NR 170.

3. CONTACTS: NONE

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET 11 INCHES AND HOLDING.

B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE, BUT MARGINAL.

D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

E. 051030H DEC 1968 ASSUMED OP CON BLT 2/7.

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5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS CONTINUE OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP NR 170. BLT 2/7 PREPARES FOR FORTHCOMING OPERATION.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

35 USMC KIA

226 USMC WIA EVAC

40 USMC WIA MINOR

1 USMC NBC KIA

15 USMC NBC EVAC

3 USMC NBC MINOR

2 USN WIA EVAC

1 VN FORCES WIA EVAC

1 VN FORCES WIA MINOR

426 NVA KIA

8 NVA KIA DISC

13 NVA POW

3 NVA RTNE

213 VC KIA

2 VC KIA DISC

4 VC POW

1 VC RTNE

76 DETAINEES

36 INN CIV

12 CIV DEF

40 IWC

5 CSWC

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051800H DEC 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: 1/5 CP AT927527 3/5 BN(-) AT897468

CO A AT924505 CO M AT897468

CO B AT927527 BLT 2/7 BN AT875475

CO C AT927527

CO D AT912513

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNIT CONTINUED OPERS IAW FIFTH MAR SPEC
SITREP NR 170.

3. CONTACTS:

A. 051210H 1/5 CO D PLT CMST PTL LOC AT905497. UNIT RECD 150 RDS FROM
ENEMY LOC AT901500. UNIT RETD FIRE WITH S/A, A/W AND LAAWS. UNIT
CALLED MAR ARTY MSN. AREA SEARCHED WITH NEG RESULTS.

B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO
LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE BUT MARGINAL.

D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

E. 051300H DEC 1968 ASSUMED OPCON 3/5. 051400H 1/5 ASSUMED
OPCON CO B FROM 3/5.5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS CONTINUE OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP
NR 170.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

35 USMC KIA

226 USMC WIA EVAC

40 USMC WIA MINOR

1 USMC NBC KIA

15 USMC NBC EVAC

3 USMC NBC MINOR

2 USN WIA EVAC

1 VN FORCES WIA EVAC

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1 VN FORCES WIA MINOR

426 NVA KIA

8 NVA KIA DISC

13 NVA POW

3 NVA RTNE

213 VC KIA

2 VC KIA DISC

4 VC POW

1 VC RTNE

76 DETAINEES

36 INN CIV

12 CIV DEF

40 IWC

5 CSWC

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FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP NR 174 FROM 051801H TO 052400H DEC 68 OPN
HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS ESTABLISHED NIGHT POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED SMALL UNIT COMBAT SECURITY MISSIONS (IN ASSIGNED ROLES)
3. CONTACTS:

A. 051215H 1/5 CO A PLT CMBT PTL LOC AT959501 (FOLLOW UP). UNIT OBS 12 NVA WEARING GREEN UTILITIES AND CARRYING WPNS RUN INTO BUNKERS IN VILLE LOC AT947502. UNIT INITIATED FIRE WITH S/A AND CALLED MAR ARTY MSN AND MAR AIR STRIKE. UNIT SET UP BLOCKING FORCE AND SEARCHED AREA. UNIT FOUND 3 NVA KIA AND EQUIP. UNIT SUSTAINED 2 USMC WIA EVAC. UNIT WILL CONT SEARCH AT FIRST LIGHT. CALLED MEDEVAC.

B. 051545H 1/5 CO A PLT CMBT PTL LOC AT947502. 1 USMC DET M-33 GREN RIGGED AS SUR EX DEVICE WOUNDING 2 USMC. UNIT CALLED MEDEVAC FOR 2 USMC.

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C. 051825H RECON INSERT "VESPER BELLS" LOC AT998461. UNIT OBS 3 ENEMY IN DARK UTILITIES WITH PACKS AND RIFLES CROSSING SAND BAR LOC AT972533. UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY MSN KILLING 3 NVA.

D. 051830H RECON INSERT "SPILLWAY" LOC AT797528. UNIT OBS 10 VC IN BLACK PJ'S WITH PACKS AND RIFLES MOVING EAST ON TRAIL TOWARD 4 BOATS LOC AT835552. UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY MSN KILLING 3 VC AND SINKING 2 BOATS.

E. 051850H RECON INSERT "SPILLWAY" LOC AT797528. UNIT OBS 26 VC IN BLACK PJ'S CROSS RIVER IN 4 BOATS LOC AT846552. ENEMY CARRYING PACKS, WPNS AND MISC GEAR. UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY MSN KILLING 16 VC AND SINKING 4 BOATS.

F. 052045H RECON INSERT "SPILLWAY" LOC AT797528. UNIT OBS 12 VC WEARING BLACK PJ'S CROSSING RIVER IN 2 BOATS LOC AT852552. UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY MSN KILLING 8 VC AND DESTROYING 1 SELF-PROPELLED BOAT.

G. 052230H CIVILIAN REFUGEE VILLE LOC AT870470. ENEMY INITIATED MORTAR ATTACK AGAINST INNOCENT, DEFENSELESS, REFUGEE VILLAGE. VILLAGE REC'D 25-30 RDS 60MM. DAMAGE ASSESSMENT WILL BE SUBMITTED IN FOLLOW UP. TWO RDS ESTIMATED 82MM IMPACTED 200 METERS OUTSIDE BASE PERIMETER NORTH SIDE OF RUNWAY BETWEEN REFUGEE VILLE AND BASE WIRE. AND HOA FIRED COUNTER MORTAR FIRE, SILENCING 1 ENEMY MORTAR.

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 POSIT LOC AT 878485. MORTARS ALSO FIRED FROM WITHING FRIENDLY VILLE,
 MAU CHANH (2). FIRE ON THIS ENEMY MORTAR WAS WITH HELD. DUC DUC
 DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS WAS REQUESTED TO FIRE 81MM COUNTER MORTAR
 AT ENEMY POSITS LOC AT 850480 AND DID SO. ENEMY CEASED FIRE. MARINE
 PSY OPNS PERSONNEL WILL EXPLOIT SITUATION IN BOTH PHU DA (2) AND MAU
 CHANH (2) IN MORNING.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

- A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET 11 INCHES AND HOLDING.
- B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.
- C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO
 LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE, BUT MARGINAL.
- D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY:

1/5 - COA A CONDUCTS PATROLS AND AMBUSHES VIC LA THAP (2) (AT9450) AND
 LA NAM (3) (AT9551). CO B PROVIDES SECURITY OF LIB BRIDGE AND LIB RD
 NORTH. CO C MOVES TO SECURE LOD FOR TAYLOR COMMON. CO D CONDUCTS PATROLS

AND AMBUSHES VIC PHU NHUAN (1) (AT9052).

3/5 (-) - REHAB AND PREPARE FOR TAYLOR COMMON.

CO M 3/5 - PROVIDES SECURITY OF LIB RD. SOUTH AND SCREENS SOUTH
 APPROACHES TO AN HOA BY PATROLS AND AMBUSHES.

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BLT 2/7 - PREPARES FOR TAYLOR COMMON.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

35 USMC KIA	432 NVA KIA	76 DETAINEES
230 USMC WIA EVAC	8 NVA KIA DISC	36 INN CIV
40 USMC WIA MINOR	13 NVA POW	12 CIV DEF
1 USMC NBC KIA	3 NVA RTNE	40 IWC
15 USMC NBC EVAC	245 VC KIA	5 CSWC
3 USMC NBC MINOR	2 VC KIA DISC	
2 USN WIA EVAC	4 VC POW	
1 VN FORCES WIA EVAC	1 VC RTNE	
1 VN FORCES WIA MINOR		

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FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP NR 175 FROM 060001H TO
060600H DEC 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED NORMAL NIGHT ACTIVITIES CONDUCTING SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.
3. CONTACTS: NONE
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
 - A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET 11 INCHES AND HOLDING.
 - B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.
 - C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE, BUT MARGINAL.
 - D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.
5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS CONDUCT OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP NR 174.

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6. CUMULATIVE CASULTIES:

35 USMC KIA	432 NVA KIA
230 USMC WIA EVAC	8 NVA DISC
40 USMC MINOR	13 NVA POW
1 USMC NBC KIA	3 NVA RTNE
15 USMC NBC EVAC	245 VC KIA
3 USMC NBC MINOR	2 VC KIA DISC
2 USN WIA EVAC	4 VC POW
1 VN FORCES WIA EVAC	1 VC RTNE
1 VN FORCES WIA MINOR	76 DETAINEES
	36 INN CIV
	12 CIV DEF
	40 IWC
	5 CSWC

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FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP NR 176 FROM 060601H TO

061200H DEC 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED OPERATIONS LAW FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP NR 174.

3. CONTACTS:

A. 061100H 1/5 CO A SQD CMBT PTL LOC AT 959501. UNIT FOUND 17 82MM RDS.

1 SKS, ASSORTED 782 GEAR, NVA UNIFORMS, AND 3 B-40 RDS. UNIT

FORWARD GEAR TO S-2 EXCEPT 82MM RDS WHICH WERE DESTROYED IN PLACE.

UNIT CONTINUES SEARCH OF AREA.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET 11 INCHES AND HOLDING.

B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.

C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO

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LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE, BUT MARGINAL.

D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNIT CONTINUE OPERATIONS LAW FIFTH SEC SITREP NR 174.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

35 USMC KIA

230 USMC WIA EVAR

40 USMC WIA MINOR

1 USMC NBC KIA

15 USMC NBC EVAC

3 USMC NBC MINOR

2 USN WIA EVAC

1 VN FORCES WIA EVAC

1 VN FORCES WIA MINOR

432 NVA KIA

8 NVA DISC

13 NVA POW

3 NVA RTNE

245 VC KIA

2 VC KIA DISC

4 VC POW

1 VC RTNE

76 DETAINEES

36 INN CIV

12 CIV DEF

41 JWC

5 CSWC

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FIFTH MAR SPEC SITREP NR177 FROM 061201H TO
061800H DEC 1968 OPERATION HENDERSON HILL

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: 1/5 CO AT9227527 2/5 BN (-) AT924535

CO A AT924505 3/5 BN (-) AT897468

CO B AT927527 CO M AT897468

CO C AT957525 BLT 2/7 AT875475

CO D AT912513

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS CONTINUED OPERATIONS IAW FIFTH MAR SPEC
SITREP NR 174.

3. CONTACTS:

A. 052203H CIVILIAN REFUGEE VILLE LOC AT870470 (FOLLOW UP). S-2 AND
DUC DUC PERSONNEL SEARCHED VILLE REVEALING 1 BLOODY BANDAGE, 1 M-79
CASEING, AND 1 SMALL HUT DESTROYED BY FIRE VIC AT-870482. SEARCH
TEAM FOUND FRESH DIGGINGS, POSSIBLY WHERE MORTAR RDS WERE LOC AND

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BY QUESTIONING VILLAGERS IN PHU DA (2) DETERMINED THAT ESTIMATED
10 VC ENTERED VILLE ARMED WITH 3 AK-47, 1 M-79 MORTARS, AND 1
K-44 BY A TRAIL LOC AT871485. VILLAGERS IN MAU CHANH (2) STATED
THAT A SMALL GROUP OF VC CAME TO EDGE OF VILLE AND FIRED 10-15
RDS 60MM AND ALSO FIRED MACHINGUN AT AN AIRPLANE IN THIS AREA.
VILLAGERS ALSO STATED THAT A FEW S/A RDS WERE FIRED AT CAP UNIT
2-9-1. PERSONNEL AT CAP 2-9-1 ALSO OBS MORTAR FLASHES.

B. 051215 (FOLLOW UP) 1/5 CO A PLT CNBT PTL LOC AT947502. UNIT CONJ
SEARCH OF AREA AND FOUND THE ADDITIONAL ARTICLES: 1 SKS, 1 SKS
MAGAZINE, 1 AK-47 MAGAZINE, 40 AK-47 RDS, 4 CANTEENS, 2 CANTEEN
COVERS, 1 SKS BAYONET WITH SCABBARD, 2 NVA CRATRIDGE BELTS, 2
SURGICAL CLOTHS, 4 PAIR SURGICAL GLOVES, 1 PAIR CLOTH GLOVES, 2
PAIR SURGICAL SCISSORS, 1 MEDICAL THERMOMETER, 1 SYRINGE WITH
NEEDLES, 1 SURGICAL MASK, 3 BOTTLES OF MEDICINE AND MISC MEDICAL
PILLS. UNIT WILL FORWARD TO S-2.

C. 060930H RECON INSERT "WEEDING RING" LOC AT328458. UNIT APPREHENDED
3 DETAINEES. 1 DETAINEE HAD AK-47 RDS AND GREN PINS IN HIS POSSES-
SION. ALL 3 DETAINEES ATTEMPTED TO FLEE WHEN UNIT APPROACHED. UNIT
WILL FORWARD DETAINEES TO ITT FOR CLASSIFICATION.

D. 061330H 1/5 CO C LOC AT949526. WHILE MOVING CO THROUGH OBJ, UN

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AOpn Trng		
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 FOUND 2 M-26 GREN RIGGED AS SUR EX DEVICES. UNIT BLEW ONE GREN IN
 PLACE. TANK DET THE OTHER GREN WOUNDING 1 USMC. USMC TREATED AND
 PLACED ON TANK FOR EVACUATION ON RESUPPLY CHOPPER.
 E. 061600H 2/11 BTRY D JEEP WITH TRAILER LOC AT 910489. VEHICLE WITH
 TRAILER FOLLOWING CONVOY ON LIB ROAD OBS 4 YOUNG MALES.
 TWO MALES HAD WEAPONS. WHEN VEHICLE WENT THROUGH AREA, VEHICLE
 RECEIVED TWO RDS WOUNDING 1 USMC(MINOR). VEHICLE RETURNED TO AN
 HOA.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

- A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET 11 INCHES AND HOLDING.
- B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.
- C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO
 LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE, BUT MARGINAL.
- D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.
- E. 061800H ASSUMED OP CON 2/5 (-).

5. PLANS SUMMARY: UNITS ESTABLISH NIGHT POSITIONS AND CONDUCT SMALL UNIT
 COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO. FIFTH MAR WILL TERMINATE OPN
 HENDERSON HILL 062400H.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

35 USMC KIA 432 NVA KIA

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231 USMC WIA EVAC	8 NVA KIA DISC
41 USMC WIA MINOR	13 NVA POW
1 USMC NBC KIA	3 NVA RTNE
15 USMC NBC EVAC	245 VC KIA
3 USMC NBC MINOR	2 VC KIA DISC
2 USN WIA EVAC	4 VC POW
1 VN FORCES WIA EVAC	1 VC RTNE
1 VN FORCES WIA MINOR	79 DETAINEES
	36 INN CIV
	12 CIV DEF
	42 IWC
	5 CSWC

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1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: UNITS ESTABLISHED NIGHT POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED
SMALL UNIT COMBAT/SECURITY MISSIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.

3. CONTACTS:

A. 052203H (FOLLOW UP) CIVILIAN REFUGEE VILLAGE LOC AB78465. REPRESENTATIVES FROM DUC DUC DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS SEARCHED AREA FINDING 12 VC KIA FROM MAR COUNTER MORTAR FIRE.

B. 061705H 1/5 CO C CO COMBAT PTL LOC AT955524. UNIT OBS 25 NVA WITH PACKS AND RIFLES MOVING ALONG BRIDGELINE LOC AT965516. UNIT INITIATED CONTACT WITH 90MM AND .50 CAL. UNIT CALLED MAR FIXED WING MSN. UNIT OBS 3 NVA KIA. UNIT WILL SEARCH AREA.

C. 061915H RECON INSERT "SPILLWAY" LOC AT797523. UNIT OBS 4 VC IN BOAT MOVING BACK AND FORTH ACROSS RIVER LOC AT831551. UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY MSN KILLING 4 VC.

D. 062100H 3/5 CO M S.D. AND LOC AT905874. WHILE WAITING IN ARE, UNIT REC'D 1 RD OF UNKNOWN ORIGIN, BELIEVED TO BE B-40 ROCKET. UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY MSN ON SUSPECTED ENEMY POSIT LOC AT911481.

E. 062135H RECON INSERT "SPILLWAY" LOC AT797523. UNIT OBS 5 VC IN 3 BOATS MOVING BACK AND FORTH ACROSS RIVER LOC AT832458. UNIT CALLED MAR ARTY MSN KILLING 6 VC AND SINKING 3 BOATS.

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4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

- A. RIVER AT LIBERTY BRIDGE 7 FEET 11 INCHES AND RISING.
- B. STORM CONDITION FOUR CONTINUES.
- C. LIBERTY BRIDGE FERRY CROSSING REMAINS OPEN. ROAD FROM AN HOA TO LIBERTY BRIDGE REMAINS PASSABLE, BUT MARGINAL.
- D. TRACK VEHICLE CONDITION THREE CONTINUES.

5. PLANS SUMMARY:

1/5 - CO A CONDUCTS PELS AND AMBUSHES VIC LA THAP (1) (AT9451) AND CHAU PHONG (1) (AT9450). CO B PROVIDES SECURITY OF LIB BRIDGE AND LIB RD NORTH. CO C SECURES LOD FOR TAYLOR COMMON. CO D CONDUCTS PELS AND AMBUSHES VIC PHU NHUAN (3) (AT9050).

2/5 (-) - REHAB AND PREP FOR TAYLOR COMMON.

3/5 (-) - REHAB AND PREP FOR TAYLOR COMMON.

CO M 3/5 - PROVIDES SECURITY OF LIB RD SOUTH AND SCREENS SOUTH APPROACHES TO AN HOA.

BLT 2/7 - PREP FOR TAYLOR COMMON.

THIS IS FINAL HENDERSON HILL STREP. TERMINATE HENDERSON HILL 062000L. COMMENCE TAYLOR COMMON 070001H.

6. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

35 USMC KIA	435 NVA KIA
231 " WIA EVAC	8 " KIA DISC
41 " WIA MINOR	13 " POW
1 " NBC KIA	3 " RTM
15 " NBC EVAC	267 VC KIA
3 " NBC MINOR	2 " KIA DISC
2 USN WIA EVAC	4 " POW
1 VN FORCES WIA EVAC	1 " RTM
1 " " WIA MINOR	79 DETAINEES
	36 INN CIV
	12 CIV DEF
	42 IMC
	5 CSWC

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1. ADD ADDITIONAL SPOTREPS TO HENDERSON HILL:

A. 020700H (FOLLOW UP) 3/5 CO M SQD OP LOC AT908479. 2 DET CLASSIFIED BY ITT AS 2 NVA RTNE.

B. 061705 (FOLLOW UP) 1/5 CO C CMBT PTL LOC AT956523. SEARCH OF AREA REVEALED MISC 782 GEAR AND EQUIPMENT AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES. UNIT APPREHENDED 6 WOMEN DET. UNIT WILL FORWARD GEAR AND DET TO S-2.

C. 061705H (FOLLOW UP) 1/5 CO C CMBT PTL LOC AT956523. DELETE 4 DET FROM THE 6 REPORTED ON INITIAL FOLLOW UP.

D. 061800H 1/5 CO D SQD CMBT PTL LOC AT912512. UNIT APPREHENDED 1 VN MALE AS VC SUSPECT. UNIT WILL FORWARD TO S-2.

2. ADD ADDITIONAL CASUALTIES TO CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES:

6 NVA RTNE

3 DETAINEES

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 1st Marine Division (Rein), Fleet Marine Force
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 To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
 Subj: Combat After Action Report for Operation HENDERSON HILL

Ref: (a) 1st Mar DivO 3480.1A
 (b) 5th Mar OpOrder 7-68
 (c) 5th Mar FragO 100-68
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 (3) Third Bn, Fifth Mar After Action Report }
 (4) Fifth Mar Base Defense Order 8-68

1. Code Name. Operation HENDERSON HILL
2. Dates of Operation. 231200H October 1968 to 062400H December 1968.
3. Location. Quang Nam Province, Republic of Viet Nam.
4. Control of Command Headquarters

Fifth Marines

COL J. B. ORD, JR.

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5. Task Organization

Fifth Marines

COL J. B. ORD, JR.

1st Bn, Fifth Mar

LTCOL R. F. DALEY

H&S Co, 1st Bn, Fifth Mar

Co A, 1st Bn, Fifth Mar

Co B, 1st Bn, Fifth Mar

Co C, 1st Bn, Fifth Mar

Co D, 1st Bn, Fifth Mar

2nd Bn, Fifth Mar

LTCOL R. F. STEMPLE

H&S Co, 2nd Bn, Fifth Mar

Co E, 2nd Bn, Fifth Mar

Co F, 2nd Bn, Fifth Mar

Co G, 2nd Bn, Fifth Mar

Co H, 2nd Bn, Fifth Mar

3rd Bn, Fifth Mar

LTCOL H. E. ATKINSON

H&S Co, 3rd Bn, Fifth Mar

Co I, 3rd Bn, Fifth Mar

Co K, 3rd Bn, Fifth Mar

Co L, 3rd Bn, Fifth Mar

Co M, 3rd Bn, Fifth Mar

6. Supporting Forces

a. Artillery. During much of the period covered by this report, the 5th Marines had only one third of the maneuver assets available to secure the AO. The tactic of substitution of fire support for maneuver elements was employed with effectiveness throughout the operation. As necessity required maneuver elements to abandon areas; the gap was filled by fires developed by the combined intelligence efforts of the Infantry/Artillery S-2. The effectiveness of the combined intelligence target effort is born out by the following three significant indicators:

(1) No coordinated attack was mounted in the An Hoa area during this period although the enemy did have the capability.

(2) The vital MSR (Liberty Road) remained secure with no mining incidents.

(3) Several Chieu Hoi's and POW's disclosed on interrogation, that artillery fire had repeatedly frustrated their operations, both planned and executed.

The artillery's ability to maneuver fires is felt to have been a significant contribution towards accomplishment of the 5th Marines mission in the An Hoa area.

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b. Naval Gunfire. Naval Gunfire support was not utilized during this operation.

c. Air Support. The Regiment received 469 Tactical Air Strikes during this period. It received 31 sorties of suppressive fire from SPOOKY and 16 sorties of flares. The medevacs were usually handled by the Division Medevac Package. There were 226 missions evacuating 567 medevacs of which 102 were emergencies. The resupply and troop lifts were handled by a direct support package which flew 752 hours, CH-46's and UH-1E's 370 hours. There were 2146 troops lifted on tactical troop movements.

7. Intelligence

a. Estimate of Enemy strength, location, disposition and situation prior to operation.

(1) Enemy order of battle information maintained at the commencement of operation.

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>CAT</u>	<u>STR</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
141st Regt	NVA	C	1550	AT9752
21st Regt	NVA	C	750	AT8453, 8354, 8852
2nd Bn, 36th Regt	NVA	C	225	AT9551
R-20	LF	C	345	AT9450
V-25 Bn	LF	C	340	AT9452
3rd Sapper Bn	NVA	C	280	ARI ZONA AREA
Q-81 LF BN	LF	C	155	AT8744
Q-83 LF BN	LF	C	175	AT7948
14th AA Co, 21st Regt	NVA	C	110	AT8452
41st Const Co	NVA	PR	120	ZC1547
31st Trans Bn,				
21st NVA Regt	NVA	PR	200	AT8853
T-89 Sapper Bn	MF	C	375	AT9551, 9553

(2) This OOB information was that actually developed prior to the commencement of Operation HENDERSON HILL through contact, interrogation of detainees, translation of captured documents and various agent reports.

b. Enemy strength, location, disposition and situation actually found.

(1) The receipt of intelligence developed through contacts, interrogation of detainees, translation of captured documents and various agent reports indicated that the following units were operating within the area of operations during the course of Operation HENDERSON HILL, (23 Oct - 6 Dec 1968). Current OOB as follows:

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<u>UNIT</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>CAT</u>	<u>STR</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
R-20 Bn	MF VC	C	200	BT0058
V-25	MF VC	C	200	AT9556
1st Bn, 36th Regt	NVA	C	180	AT9739
Q-81 Bn	LF VC	C	190	BT0551
10th Co, 60th Bn,				
21st Regt	NVA	C	85	AT8453
3rd Sapper Bn	NVA	C	265	AT8753
1st Comm Bn	NVA	PR	420	AT7949
38th Regt Hqs	NVA	C	250	BT0254

(2) Light to moderate contacts were experienced from 23-31 Oct 1968. During this period cordon and search/screening operations were initiated throughout My Loc (1) and (2) Hamlets, Xuyen Hoa (5), Duy Xuyen District; Mau Chanh (2), Thu Ban (1) and (2) and Phu Nhuan (6) and (7) Hamlets, Duc Duc District in order to neutralize Viet Cong efforts to apply pressure against the population and economic centers to further their rice procurement programs, tax collection and reorganization of political armed cadre. 988 field interrogations were conducted by a task unit of Regimental S-2, ITT and CI personnel. 146 indigenous personnel were detained and transferred to Duc Duc District Headquarters for verification and authentication of ID Documents. 43 Vietnamese were detained for further interrogation, 25 of these were of counter-intelligence interest. Concurrent with this operation, two maneuver battalions initiated clear and search operations vicinity Chau Phong (1) and (2) after conclusive indications of enemy activity in this area were determined. Initial reports from unrelated sources revealed elements of the 1st Bn, 36th NVA Regiment coupled with the 23rd Transport Company and other elements of the 36th NVA Regiment were harboring in this sector of the AO.

(3) During the month of November enemy activity increased in intensity and frequency. An increase in the enemy sighting in the Northeast sector of the AO, and throughout the Arizona Area was detected in early November. Predominant direction of movement was to the North-Northeast of the Regimental AO. The enemy's attempt to move large elements of his force toward the Danang vital area were seriously hampered during 1-20 November as 5th Marines maneuver elements sought out enemy platoon/company size elements attempting to move through the North-Northeastern Sector of the AO. This increase of enemy movement was highlighted when field interrogation on 1-3 November 1968 reported the 1st Bn, 36th NVA Regiment located vicinity AT9651, and the 1st Co, 2nd Bn Quang Da Province VC located vicinity AT9551. Operations in the Chau Phong area (AT9651) terminated on 13 November 1968 resulting in: 43 NVA KIA/26 VC KIA/12 PW's. On 18 November 1968 Recon teams sighted 80 NVA at AT801483 and 75 NVA vicinity of AT806479. An artillery fire mission resulted in 48 NVA KIA and three secondary explosions. During operation HENDERSON HILL (23 Oct - 6 Dec 1968), Recon teams sighted a total of 1975 NVA/VC moving predominantly North-Northeast within the Arizona Area. These sightings resulted

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in 508 NVA/VC KIA. In addition, ammunition, explosives, medical supplies, and large rice caches were captured. Approximately 110 tons of rice were recovered from 23 Oct - 6 Nov 1968. This action seriously deprived the enemy's maneuver elements of logistical support.

(4) Enemy forces conducted light to moderate attacks on isolated outposts and An Hoa Combat Base during the reported period. Efforts by the enemy to fortify hamlets throughout the AO continued to be evident. The enemy continued to show no willingness to risk the defeat of his major units in detail in an all out effort against outposts and Marine maneuver elements. The enemy continued to employ moderate AA fire within the AO resulting in light to moderate damage to friendly aircraft.

(5) Mine Incidents. A total of 65 explosive devices were encountered during Operation HENDERSON HILL. 41 mines/booby traps were detonated and 24 discovered and destroyed. Explosive device incidents were principally restricted to the LOC's and primary trails of the An Hoa Combat Base and astride the Liberty Road extension.

(6) Combat effectiveness of the enemy troops encountered was generally fair to marginal. Detainees and ralliers were usually young and inadequately trained South Vietnamese and NVA conscripts. Enemy moral continued to be described as poor to fair by detainee sources. Supporting arms coupled with food shortage continue to have a deteriorating effect on enemy morale.

8. Mission. In the assigned AO: Secure and protect routes of ingress and egress for movement of friendly logistical support; support and protect U. S. and RVN installations, units, and convoys; and secure and hold the An Hoa Combat Base in order to conduct aggressive offensive operations to seek and destroy or capture enemy forces, weapons, material, and positions. Cordon to deny escape of enemy personnel from designated Regimental Objectives, and provide security to GVN forces conducting search of objectives.

9. Concept of Operations. One Battalion establishes a base of operations in vicinity of Liberty Bridge (AT925530) and conducts offensive operations in the Fifth Marines Northern AO. One Battalion establishes a base of operations in the Fifth Marines Southern AO. One Battalion crosses to the western side of the Song Thu Bon, maintains a mobile base of operations, and conducts offensive operations into the western Fifth Marines AO. Battalions limit or extend the depth of operations depending on the enemy situation, weather and the ability to resupply.

10. Execution

a. 1st Bn, Fifth Marines maintained responsibility for the northern Battalion AO of the Regimental AO and provided security for the north and south sides river at Liberty Bridge to include security for ferry operations. In addition, 1/5 provided security for daily mine sweeps to clear Liberty

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Road from the bridge to the Southern boundary of the Battalion AO. 1/5 kept Liberty Road open and protected friendly convoys by convoy escort, surveillance and interdiction of enemy threats with OP's and night ambushes; and with patrols along the axis of the road.

b. 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines established a base of operations in the western AO, maintaining a mobile base of operations, and conducted offensive operations to destroy enemy forces. One rifle company was normally maintained on a rotating basis at An Hoa Combat Base prepared to deploy within one hour to a designated area in the western AO by helicopter, on foot, or by small boat.

c. 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines established a base of operations at My Son (1) and conducted offensive operations to destroy the enemy in the Southern AO. 3/5 provided security for daily mine sweeps in order to clear and maintain Liberty Road open between An Hoa and the Northern boundary of their AO. Protection was also provided for friendly convoys by constant surveillance and interdiction of enemy threats to the road with day OPs and night ambushes and patrols along the road. 3/5 maintained one rifle company on a rotating basis at An Hoa prepared to deploy within one hour to any designated area in the southern AO by helicopter, on foot, or by motor vehicle.

d. During this operation, on numerous occasions, 2/5 and 3/5 (-) were chopped to other Regiments for operations within the 1st Marine Division TAOR. During such periods, the Western AO was covered by observation of recon inserts, aerial observers; artillery and air strikes covered the area by fire. The western AO (Arizona Area) was covered also by heavy H&I fires. When 3/5 (-) was involved in other operations; the southern AO was the responsibility of one company (Rein) from 3/5. This company was able to meet the minimum requirements of the 3/5 assigned mission, the gap being filled by maximum use of supporting arms.

e. For detailed operational events, see enclosures (1), (2) and (3) (Battalion After Action Reports).

11. Results

FRIENDLY

35 USMC KIA
231 " WIA EVAC
41 " WIA MINOR
1 " NBC KIA
15 " NBC EVAC
3 " NBC MINOR
2 USN WIA EVAC
1 VN FORCES KIA
1 " " WIA EVAC

ENEMY

435 NVA KIA
8 " KIA DISC
13 " POW
9 " RINE
267 VC KIA
2 " KIA DISC
4 " POW
1 " RINE
81 DETAINEES
36 INN CIV
12 CIV DEF
42 IWC
5 CSWC

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a. Resupply. FLC maintained 10 days of Class I, III and V at the An Hoa LSA. Field resupply was accomplished by both helicopter and road.

b. Maintenance. First and second echelon maintenance was performed by individual units. LSU maintenance section supplied contact teams for generators, small arms, and office machinery.

c. Treatment of Casualties Evacuation and Hospitalization. Battalions maintained partial BAS's in the field. Evacuation was to 1st Med Bn in Danang.

d. Transportation. Due to heavy rains the deterioration of the MSR from An Hoa to Liberty Bridge presented a problem on road traffic. Delay in ferry operation was also detrimental to road transportation.

13. Communications

a. Radio Communications were highly reliable throughout the operation. The AN/PRE-77/KY-38's were used to provide secure voice communications on Division TAC #1 and Regimental TAC #1.

b. Radio Relay communications were considered excellent. The AN/TRC-97 proved to be highly reliable and was used as the primary radio relay link to Division. The AN/MRC-62 was used on back-up and was satisfactory but was hampered by frequency interference and power failures.

c. Friendly interferences on FM continued to be a problem throughout the operation on both radio and radio relay. A means of "Sole user" frequencies is considered mandatory to increase the quality of Radio and Radio Relay communications.

14. Commander's Analysis

a. This operation was characterized by:

(1) Quick reaction, maximum utilization of the forces available, company size spoiling attacks against limited objectives designed to keep the enemy off balance as well as maximum use of supporting arms.

(2) Ambushes and patrols interdicting known/suspected enemy lines of communications, rice growing areas, and storage areas for food, arms, and equipment.

(3) Coordinated operations with ARVN, CAPS, and Popular and Regional Forces to protect friendly rice harvests and put the maximum amount of rice into secure storage areas. Combat patrols/ambushes were also coordinated with Popular and Regional Forces.

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(4) Static defenses on key terrain such as Liberty Bridge were complemented by aggressive small unit actions along likely avenues of approach.

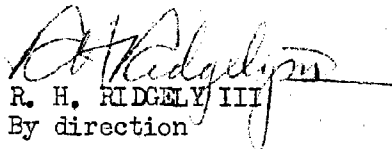
(5) Excellent relations were established and maintained with local District (Duc Duc) Officials as well as civilians. Of particular significance was the assistance given by MR. CAN, the Vietnamese engineer in charge of the An Hoa Industrial Complex project which was suspended a few years ago. His assistance has been invaluable.

b. The Quick Reaction. Company size spoiling attacks utilizing helicopters for insertion and extraction and occasionally utilizing native boats were conducted. (These small boats proved to be a practical and successful method of crossing the Song Thu Bon). Attacks were pointed toward enemy forces based on intelligence and actual sightings. The Regiment's capability to conduct deep penetrations against enemy harbor sites and LOC's was limited due to the presence of only one battalion. This gap was filled in part by maximum use of supporting arms.

c. Returnee and PW reports indicate that friendly combat patrols in the principal rice growing areas, and saturation of known LOC's and harbor sites with ambushes were successful in thwarting the enemy's attempt to obtain and transport rice and other supplies. Coordinated operations resulted in over 200 tons of rice being placed in secure storage areas.

d. Static positions and strongpoints were improved, particularly within the An Hoa Combat Base. Defensive positions were immeasurably improved as well as coordination of base defenses. Alert conditions, required actions to be taken, and assignment of responsibilities were spelled out in detail in Base Defense Order, Operation Order 8-68 (Enclosure 4).

15. Recommendations. It is considered imperative that Battalion/Regiment size operations be conducted against the enemy's known areas of concentration before he consolidates his forces, prepares them physically and mentally, and is able to logistically support large scale operations.


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 (b) 5th Marines AdminO 301A-68

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TASK ORGANIZATION: Annex A (Task Organization)

1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy Forces. Current INPSUMS.
- b. Friendly Forces
 - (1) Supporting Units. Annex B (Supporting Units).
 - (2) Local Friendly Forces. Annex C (Local Friendly Forces).
- c. Attachments and Detachments. Annex A (Task Organization).

2. MISSION

Defend the An Hoa Combat Base against enemy attack.

3. EXECUTION

- a. Concept of Operations. Establish five defensive sectors and utilize all forces available. Each defensive sector will be tied in with the Regimental COG where overall control will be exercised. The Combat Base Defense Coordinator will coordinate all defensive sectors to ensure unity and a positive defensive posture. Annex E (Operations Diagram).
- b. Sector A. In the defensive sector designated in Annex E (Operations Diagram) carry out the following tasks:
 - (1) Construct and man 14 bunkers.
 - (2) Construct 3 tank slots.
 - (3) Provide security for the helicopter LZ.
 - (4) Be prepared to provide a 20 man reaction force for commitment as directed.

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- (5) Man two bunkers as OP's during daylight hours.
- c. Sector B. In the defensive sector designated in Annex E (Operations Diagram) carry out the following tasks:
 - (1) Construct and man 12 bunkers.
 - (2) Construct 2 tank slots.
 - (3) Be prepared to provide a 10 man reaction force for commitment as directed.
 - (4) Prepare 2 60mm mortar pits in locations to be designated.
- d. Sector C. In the defensive sector designated in Annex E (Operations Diagram) carry out the following tasks:
 - (1) Construct and man 11 bunkers.
 - (2) Be prepared to provide a 20 man reaction force for commitment as directed.
 - (3) Prepare 2 60mm mortar pits in locations to be designated.
- e. Sector D. In the defensive sector designated in Annex E (Operations Diagram) carry out the following tasks:
 - (1) Construct and man 24 bunkers.
 - (2) Construct 1 tank slot.
 - (3) Provide security for the GCA and TACAN equipment.
 - (4) Be prepared to provide a 12 man reaction force for commitment as directed.
 - (5) Man four bunkers as OP's during daylight hours.
 - (6) Prepare 2 60mm mortar pits in locations to be designated.
- f. Sector E. In the defensive sector designated in Annex E (Operations Diagram) carry out the following tasks:
 - (1) Construct and man 7 bunkers.
 - (2) Be prepared to provide a 20 man reaction force for commitment as directed.

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- (3) Man one bunker as an OP during the daylight hours.
- (4) Prepare 2 60mm mortar pits in locations to be designated.

g. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) A detailed terrain analysis will be conducted and kept on file.
- (2) Guidance on the specification for the building or reconstruction of bunkers and tank slots will be requested from Company B, 1st Engineer Battalion.
- (3) Establish weatherproof individual ammo kit boxes for all bunkers with the following minimum requirements:
 - (a) 10 M-26 or M-33 hand grenades.
 - (b) 5 pop-up white parachute flares (stored separately).
 - (c) 840 cartridges of 5.56 ammunition.
 - (d) 200 cartridges of 7.62 ammunition.
 - (e) 2 LAAWs.
- (4) Ammo kit boxes will be stored in each bunker and checked daily.
- (5) A weekly drill will be scheduled and supervised so that personnel are familiar with the location of the defensive positions.
- (6) All bunkers within each defense sector will be numbered according to Annex E (Operations Diagram).
- (7) Install claymore mines permanently.
- (8) Priority of work:
 - (a) Build or reconstruct bunkers.
 - (b) Put in defensive wire.
 - (c) Prepare supplementary positions.
- (9) Inspections will be scheduled by this Headquarters.
- (10) All towers will be manned 24 hours a day.
- (11) Major changes to the task organization will be promulgated by changes to Annex A (Task Organization). Minor and temporary changes will be promulgated by current frag orders.

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

a. General. Reference (b).

- b. Distribution of field fortification materials to accomplish construction tasks assigned in paragraph 3 will be coordinated by the Regimental S-4 in accordance with priorities established by this Headquarters.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

a. Radio

- (1) Regimental TAC #2 will be used as the Base Defense Net (BDN).
- (2) Unless otherwise specified, the BDN will be activated at 1800H daily and secured at 0700H.
- (3) The following units will enter the Base Defense Net at 1800H daily or as directed:
 - Sector A
 - Sector B
 - Sector C
 - Sector D
 - Sector E
 - Seabees
 - MAG-16
 - Sector Tanks
 - Sector 60mm Mortar Control Pits
- (4) Radios for the 60mm mortar control pits will be provided by the company providing the 60mm mortars.
- (5) All other units located within the An Hoa Combat Base will activate Regimental TAC #2 when an alert is in effect and remain up until secured by net control.
- (6) The 5th Marines is Net Control Station.

b. Wire

- (1) A telephone will be installed in each sector COC. A continuous telephone watch will be maintained from 1800H until 0700H daily and during other periods of alert. A check of each sector line will be made at least every half hour by the Regimental Switchboard Operator.

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TASK ORGANIZATION

5th Marines

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Sector A

Maj GERDING

Det, 1st Bn, 5th Marines
 Det, 3rd Plt, Co A, 1st MT Bn
 Det, LSU, FLC
 Det, 4th Plt, Co A, 3rd AmTrac Bn
 Det, Co B, 1st Tk Bn

Sector B

Lt DORNBACH

Hq Co, 5th Marines
 Det, Co B, 1st Engr Bn

Sector C

Maj SCOTT

Hq Btry, 2/11
 Btry F, 2/11
 Btry T, 2/11

Sector D

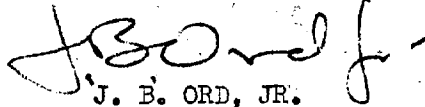
Maj HERTLING

Det, 3rd Bn, 5th Marines
 Det, 2nd Bn, 5th Marines
 Opns Det, MAG 16, 1st MAW
 4.2 Mtr Btry, 2/11

Sector E

Capt CAVANAUGH

Btry E, 2/11
 1st Plt, 3rd 155mm SP Gun Btry
 1st Plt, 3rd SP How Btry


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- (2) Telephone communications will be installed from each mortar control pit in sectors B, C, D and E to the Regimental COC.
 - (3) Telephone communications will be installed from each tank in sector A, B and D to the Regimental COC.
 - (4) Telephones for the 60mm mortar control pits will be provided by the company providing the 60mm mortars.
 - (5) All sector telephones will be checked at 1500H daily to ensure that the lines and telephones are operating properly.
 - (6) During alerts, a conference call will be established with all sectors, and phones will be manned at all times.
 - (7) Units responsible for each sector will ensure that two wire lines, using different routes, are laid from sector COC's to the 5th Marines COC, and that one wire line is laid from each tank and 60mm mortar control pit to the 5th Marines COC.
 - (8) All wire lines will be buried.
- c. During alerts, sitreps from each sector will be sent to the Regimental S-3 every half hour or as otherwise directed. Wire will be the primary means of transmitting the sitreps.
- d. The alert signal will be sounded by siren and by telephone to each sector COC. The all clear will be passed by telephone. Annex F (Alert Conditions).
- e. Pyrotechnics
- (1) Alternate means of communications are as follows:
 - (a) Red Star Cluster - in trouble, need assistance.
 - (b) Green Star Cluster - friendly unit returning back into sector.

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TASK ORGANIZATION

5th Marines

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Sector A

XO, 1st Bn, 5th Marines

Det, 1st Bn, 5th Marines
 Det, 3rd Plt, Co A, 1st MT Bn
 FLSG Alfa, F16
 Det, 4th Plt, Co A, 3rd AMTrac Bn
 Det, Co B, 1st Tk Bn

Sector B

CO, HqCo, 5th Marines

HqCo, 5th Marines
 Det, Co B, 1st Engr Bn
 Det, 1st Force Recon Co

Sector C

XO, 2nd Bn, 11th Marines

Hq Btry, 2/11
 Btry F, 2/11
 Btry K, 4/13
 Alfa Plt, 1st 175 Gun Btry

Sector D

XO, 3rd Bn, 5th Marines

Det, 3rd Bn, 5th Marines
 SU #1, MAG-16
 Det, Regt Res Co

Sector E

CO, Btry D, 2/11

Btry E, 2/11
 1st Plt, 3rd 155mm SP Gun Btry
 1st Plt, 3rd 8" How Btry
 Composite 81mm Mort Sect, 5th Marines

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Sector F

Det, 2nd Bn, 5th Marines
Btry W, 2/11
Det, CMR Team #2, 11th Marines

XO, 2nd Bn, 5th Marines

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Annex B (Supporting Units) to Operation Order 8-68

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1. Direct Support Units Located at An Hoa Combat Base:

<u>2d Bn, 11th Marines</u>	LtCol JAMESON
Hq Btry, 2/11	
4.2 Mtr, 2/11	
Btry E, 2/11	
Btry F, 2/11	
Btry G, 2/11	
Btry T, 2/11	
<u>Co B, 1st Engr Bn</u>	Capt VAN ORDEN
<u>Det. Co B, 1st Tk Bn</u>	Lt KNIGHT
2d Plat, Co B, 1st Tk Bn	
4th Plat, Co B, 1st Tk Bn	
<u>Co B, 1st SP Bn (HSE)</u>	Lt HUTCHISON
<u>4th Plat, Co A, 3d AmTrac Bn</u>	Lt TROYLES
<u>3d Plat, Co C, 11th MT Bn</u>	Lt BILLARD
<u>LSU Det, FIC For Trps Pac</u>	CWO BRUCE
<u>13th ITT, For Trps Pac</u>	Capt BARTLETT

2. General Support (Reinforcing) Units Located at An Hoa:

Combat Base

<u>1st Plat, 3rd 155 SP Gun Btry</u>	Lt CANARIO
<u>1st Plat, 3rd SP How Btry</u>	Lt SIGMAN
<u>Orns Det, MAG 16, 1st MAW</u>	Lt CHASE
<u>Det, NCEU 301</u>	LTJG RYAN
<u>Det, 15th Aero Port, USAF</u>	SSgt ARNOLD

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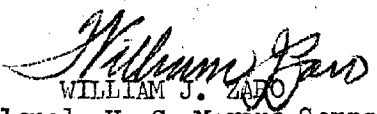
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1. Direct Support Units Located at An Hoa Combat Base:

<u>2nd Bn, 11th Marines</u>	LtCol JAMESON
Hq Btry, 2/11	
Btry E, 2/11	
Btry F, 2/11	
Btry W, 2/11	
Btry K, 4/13	
1st Plt, 3rd 155 Gun Btry	
1st Plt, 3rd 8" How Btry	
Alfa Plt, 1st 175 Gun Btry	
<u>Co B, 1st Engr Bn</u>	Capt HEIN
<u>Det, Co B, 1st Tk Bn</u>	1stLt COHEN
2nd Plt, Co B, 1st Tk Bn	
4th Plt, Co B, 1st Tk Bn	
<u>Co B, 1st SP Bn (HSP)</u>	1stLt HUTCHISON
<u>4th Plt, Co A, 3rd AmTrac Bn</u>	Gysgt FOSTER
<u>3rd Plt, Co A, 1st MT Bn</u>	1stLt BILLARD
<u>FLSG Alfa, FIC</u>	2ndLt LACKY
<u>13th HHT, For Trps Pac</u>	Capt DUGGAN
2. <u>General Support (Reinforcing) Units Located at An Hoa Combat Base:</u>	
<u>SU #1, MAG-16</u>	1stLt DAVIS
<u>Det, CEMU 301</u>	LtJG SCHERMAN
<u>Det, 15th Aeroport Sqdn, USAF</u>	SSgt WALTERS


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Annex C (Local Friendly Forces) to Operation Order 8-68

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1. Local Friendly Forces, An Hoa Area:

a. U. S. Forces

- (1) MACV Adv Tm 15, Duc Duc Dist (AT863477)
- (2) CAP 291 (AT890468)
- (3) CAP 292 (AT867488)

b. RVN Forces

- (1) Duc Duc Dist Hq (AT863477)
- (2) PF Plat 116 (Dist Hq AT863477)
- (3) PF Plat 124 (Dist Hq AT863477)
- (4) PF Plat 118 (Jail Security Dist Hq AT863477)
- (5) PF Plat 117 (CAP 291 AT890468)
- (6) PF Plat 121 (CAP 292 AT867488)
- (7) An Hoa Industrial Complex Civil Guard Force (AT898472)
- (8) RF Co 116 (Dist Hq AT863477)
- (9) RF Co 707 (AT863477)

2. Local Friendly Forces, Nong Son Area

a. U. S. Forces

- (1) 3-A Special Forces Team, USA (AT814314)

b. RVN Forces

- (1) PF Plat 111 (AT817373)
- (2) PF Plat 112 (AT825373)

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(3) PF Plat 113 (AT824373)

(4) RF Co 369 (AT898472)


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Annex F (Alert Conditions) to Operation Order 8-68

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1. ALERT CONDITION IV. Normal tactical alert condition. No indication of abnormal enemy activities. Defense sectors will comply with the following:
 - a. All bunkers will be manned with at least 2 Marines.
 - b. One Marine will be alert and on duty at all times in each bunker.
 - c. Be able to muster reaction force in 60 minutes.
2. ALERT CONDITION III. Increase in ground and/or fire activity expected within twelve hours. Increase in normal defense posture indicated. Defense sectors will comply with the following:
 - a. All bunkers will be manned with at least 3 Marines.
 - b. One Marine will be alert and on duty at all times in each bunker.
 - c. Be able to muster reaction force in 60 minutes.
3. ALERT CONDITION II. Enemy ground and/or fire activity eminent. Maximum defense posture (active and passive indicated). Defense sectors will comply with the following:
 - a. All bunkers will be manned with at least 4 Marines.
 - b. Two Marines will be alert and on duty at all times in each bunker.
 - c. Be able to muster reaction force in 30 minutes.
 - d. Blackout of area.
 - e. Fifty percent alert.
4. ALERT CONDITION I. Friendly units and installation under ground and/or fire attack. Defense sectors will comply with the following:
 - a. All bunkers will be manned with at least 4 Marines.
 - b. One hundred percent alert in all bunkers.
 - c. Blackout of area.
 - d. Reaction force mustered and standing by.

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- e. All supplementary position will be manned.
- f. One hundred percent alert.


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2d Bn, 11th Marines	6
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Det, Co B, 1st Tk Bn	3
Co B, 1st SP Bn (HST)	1
4th Plat, Co A, 3d AmTrac Bn	1
3rd Plat, Co A, 1st MT Bn	1
LSU Det, FIC, For Trps Pac	1
13th INT, For Trps PAC	2
1st Plat, 3rd 155mm SP Gun Btry	1
1st Plat, 3rd 8 in SP How Btry	1
Det, Hq Bn, 1st Mar Div	4
Opns Det, MAG 16, 1st MAW	1
Det, WGBU-301 CM8U 301 CA1	1
Det, 15th Aero Port USAF	1
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