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Encl: (1) 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines Command Chronology  
(2) 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines Journal

1. In accordance with the provisions in references (a) through (d) enclosures (1) and (2) are hereby submitted.

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## PART I

## ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION  
3rd Battalion, 5th Marines

COMMANDER  
LTCol J. S. GRESTON  
to 6Apr70  
LTCol W. R. KEPHART  
fm 7Apr70 to 14Apr70  
LTCol J. S. GRESTON  
fm 15Apr70 to 30Apr70

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Company H&S

Company I  
Company K  
Company L  
Company M  
Company M/3/1

5th Marines CUPP Plt

1stLt J. J. SLOAN  
to 5Apr70  
Capt R. H. MULLEN  
fm 6Apr70 to 30Apr70  
Capt L. O. WHALEN  
1stLt P. NAPPI  
Capt J. T. MCNAMEE  
1stLt E. G. LEWIS  
Capt R. H. MULLEN  
to 5Apr70  
Capt R. D. KINCADE  
fm 6Apr70 to 30Apr70  
1stLt R. B. TURNER

2. LOCATION.

a. The 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines operated throughout the month of April with the rear CP located at An Hoa Combat Base (AT 875475). The forward CP remained at HILL 65 (AT 880580).

b. Rifle Companies and CUPP units participated in the 1st MARDIV Stack Arms program during the period 18-29 April. Each rifle company CP was opened on the following dates upon their return from the 48 hour period of stand down at Stack Arms.

<u>COMPANY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE/COORDINATES</u>
M	20 Apr 70	HILL 52 (ZC 216552)
K	23 Apr 70	HILL 37 (AT 920580)
	29 Apr 70	HILL 65 (AT 880580)
I	26 Apr 70	HILL 65 (AT 880580)
	29 Apr 70	AN HOA (AT 875475)
L	29 Apr 70	HILL 37 (AT 920580)

CUPP units, Company M and 5th Marines CUPP Platoon, maintained their CP's at HILL 55 (AT 964603) and HILL 25 (AT 839568) respectively.

3. STAFF OFFICERS

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Major V. A. VERNAY  
2ndLt J. P. MULLEN

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PART II

3rd Battalion, 5th Marines continued securing and pacification operations within an expanded TAOR in Quang Nam Province, I Corps Tactical Zone. In addition, limited reconnaissance in force operations were conducted in the area known as the "Arizona" on two separate occasions during the reporting period. Although limited to Company (-), both reconnaissance in force operations enhanced securing and pacification operations by disrupting the enemy's lines of communications.

The 51st ARVN Regiment maintained their CP at HILL 55 (AT 964603) with subordinate elements operating in 5th Marines, ROKMC, and 1st Marines TAOR's. Company L was assigned OPCON to 1st Marines during the period 16-27 April for the purpose of participating in a combined operation with the 51st ARVN. The combined area of operation encompassed the area known as Charlie Ridge. During the operation, Company L uncovered a weapons cache in which was included 54 SKS rifles, 2 82mm Mortars (complete), and 1 Chinese Communist machine gun.

Combined Unit Pacification Program (CUPP) units, Company M, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines and 5th Marines CUPP Platoon continued their securing and pacification operations within assigned AO's. GVN forces supporting the CUPP are RF and PF units from Dai Loc and Dien Ban Districts.

For the period 1-20 April, the CUPP units from the Chau Son AO vicinity (AT 9460) remained at HILL 55 while a screening operation was planned and conducted by elements of 5th Marines, 51st ARVN, and Dien Ban District National Police Forces. This operation resulted in the collection of 30 detainees, 3 of whom were later classified as VCI by District Intelligence personnel. During the ensuing period, RD Cadre Team and NFFF participation was generated to continually support CUPP in the Chau Son AO. Reorientation of personnel and units of Company M toward performing securing and pacification operations took place throughout the month. Emphasis was placed on the importance of each CUPP unit conducting combined operations in keeping with the mobile CAP concept. This goal was achieved as all units move constantly within their respective AO's. In addition, significant progress was made in operations planning by District Forces participating in CUPP. Mobility of CUPP units vicinity of HILL 55 increased measurably during the month as a section of 81mm Mortars became operable providing those units with the capability for both illumination and HE fire support missions. This capability alleviated the cumbersome logistics train required to support 2 60mm Mortar squads in the field. Fire coordination with Dai Loc and Dien Ban Districts continued to improve. Close coordination with both Districts enabled 81mm Mortars and Artillery preplanned fires to be processed in a timely manner prior to operations.

Security efforts of the 5th Marines CUPP Platoon continued during April as a result of the relatively high degree of rapport established with the civilian populace and the RF Platoons during March. Civilians are openly expressing their belief that the VC are no longer a threat. A significant number of civilian families have moved to the hamlets of Phu Huong and Lam Phung from the refugee camps in the immediate vicinity of Dai Loc District Headquarters. All three hamlets have elected Chief's and a number of lesser officials that live and work with the people. It is particularly noteworthy that 70 PSDF will permanently reside in the three hamlets of Loc Quan Village beginning 1 May 1970. Previously, they have maintained a presence in the village only during daylight hours.

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The Ha Nha nursery school vicinity (AT 807545) has in attendance some 200 children between the ages of 5-12. Presently, an officer from RF Company 193 serves as the school teacher with efforts continuing by Dai Loc District to procure the services of a civilian school teacher. Another nursery school vicinity (AT 820554) in the hamlet of Lam Phung was officially opened on 27 April. Materials for desks were provided by Marines, however, they were all constructed by the parents of the children that attend the school. The teacher for this school is one of the local village elders.

A significant short term high impact civic action project was completed during the month. An irrigation canal was constructed from vicinity (AT 817547) to vicinity (AT 817552). The villagers from Lam Phung supplied the labor force to build the canal, procured the pump and motor, and Marines of CUPP 2 procured culvert material and rock fill for the culvert across Route #4. This canal will enable the rice fields north of Lam Phung to be cultivated during the coming rice growing season.

The Battalion continued to perform daily security missions for engineer mine sweeps along Route #540 north to 5th Marines boundry and south to 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines AO. In addition, on varying days, security was provided engineer mine sweep operations west of HILL 65 along Route #4 to HILL 52. This support enabled truck resupply to be effected as well as necessary unit liaison to be conducted by vehicle. On 17 April security was provided for engineers to conduct a mine sweep along Route #4 west to the Thuong Duc CIDG Camp located vicinity (ZC 344533). This enabled a 34 ARVN Truck convoy to resupply the CIDG Camp.

Subordinate units of the Battalion participated in the Commanding General's Stack Arms Program during the month. A well coordinated series of helolifts enabled all units to be transported to and from Stack Arms in a timely manner.

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## PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. TOPICS.a. Personnel and Administration

(1) Strength. The Battalion began the month with a total strength of 51 Marine Officers, 1457 Marine enlisted, 3 Navy Officers and 62 Navy Enlisted. 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines now has a total on board strength of 47 Marine Officers, 1348 Marine Enlisted, 3 Navy Officers and 60 Navy Enlisted. The primary reason for the decrease was due to normal rotation without the normal input of personnel, etc.

(2) Morale. Morale and fighting spirit continued to be excellent, even with a lack of Battalion size and larger operations.

(3) Postal. Postal service was slightly hampered due to the mail strike in CONUS. However, the overall service during the month was excellent, especially considering the widely dispersed nature of company units within the Battalion TAOR.

(4) Discipline. During the month there were thirty one office hours and eight court martials held.

(5) Awards. There was one (1) Navy Commendation and fifty three (53) Purple Heart Medals awarded to the Battalion during the reporting period.

(6) Internal Management. Administration procedures and proficiency continued to be excellent.

b. Enemy, Weather, and Terrain

(1) Enemy. The reporting period started with an upsurge of enemy activity marking the start of the spring/summer offensive. This upsurge lasted only a short time, then enemy activity dropped sharply to its normal low level, consisting mainly of small scale attacks against friendly positions for the purpose of harassment. Other enemy activity consisted of the final gathering of rice, during the early part of the reporting period, and later, with the end of the rice harvest, turned to the collection of taxes from the local populace.

(2) Weather.

1. Rainfall: Light
2. Temperature
  - (a) Average high: 87
  - (b) Average low: 74
3. Light
  - (a) Average Sunrise: 0628
  - (b) Average Sunset: 1902

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(3) Terrain. During the reporting period, the predominant terrain feature was flat lowlands and small foothills, however, some patrols were in the mountainous terrain and double canopy of the "Charlie Ridge" area.

(4) Significant Casualties Inflicted/Sustained

<u>Friendly</u>		<u>Enemy</u>	
KIA	2	NVA KIA	7
WIA	37	VC KIA	8
DOW	1	NVA KBA	4
NBC	8	VC KBA	1
WIANE	13	NVA POW	0
NBCD	0	VC POW	1
MIA	0	VC RETURNEE	0
		VGI	0
		CD	21
		IC	1

(5) Significant Enemy Weapons Captured

5 AK-47 rifles; 1 K-59 pistol

(6) Significant Enemy Munitions Captured/Destroyed

6 60mm HE rounds; 38 Chi Com grenades

3 AK-47 magazines; 81 AK-47 rounds

(7) Significant Enemy Equipment/Foodstuffs Captured

8 lbs. documents; 2 ponchos; 4 packs

720 lbs. of rice; 4 cartridge belts; assorted medical gear

(8) Significant Enemy Caves, Tunnels, and Bunkers Found

2 base camps; 3 bunkers

(9) Mines/Booby Traps Found/Detonated

TOTAL: 18    FOUND: 11    DETONATED: 7  
 CASUALTIES: KIA 1    WIA 17    1 Dog KIA  
 TYPES/NUMBER: 81mm rounds - 4    60mm rounds - 2  
                   M-26 - 6                    Chi Com grenade - 1  
                   Boxmine - 1                Others - 4

c. Operations. Extensive combat patrols and ambushes were conducted throughout the month to interdict enemy movement into the AO. Emphasis was placed on screening operations on the periphery of secure or pacified areas. Continuous coordination was effected with both Dai Loc and Dien Ban Districts in order to increase GVN support of securing and pacification operations.

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d. Supporting Units/Agencies

(1) Engineers. 2nd Platoon, Company B, 1st Engineer Battalion supported 3/5 during the reporting period of April 1970.

(2) Shore Party. HST support was provided by Company B, 1st Shore Party Battalion.

(3) Scout Dogs. 3/5 employed 2 Scout Dog Teams and 3 Mine/Booby Trap dogs during the month of April 1970.

(4) Interpreters. Eighteen (18) Interpreters were employed by 3/5 during the reporting period.

(5) Snipers. Ten (10) Snipers comprising five teams of two men each were utilized by 3/5 during the reporting period.

(6) Ground Surveillance. Five (5) strings of a combination of mini-sids and magna-sids were laid during the month of April on likely avenues of approach leading from "Charlie Ridge" into the Thuong Duc Corridor. At the end of the reporting period there were seven (7) strings of sensor devices operational. These strings were monitored by one (1) three (3) man Ground Surveillance Team located at HILL 65.

e. Supporting Arms

(1) Air. The 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines was provided with what was considered excellent support during the reporting period. Helicopters (CH-46) flew 70 Medevac missions, 36 of which were emergency in nature. Beginning 18 April 70 and concluding 29 April 70 2134 personnel were transported to and from Stack Arms by CH-53's. There were a total of 54 OV-10 controlled artillery missions and fixed wing air strikes during the month of April. There were 36 beacon controlled flights and 19 Tactical Air Strikes. Helicopters (CH-53) flying "Mission 20" stopped at HILL 65 87 times and transported 543 personnel.

(2) Artillery. During the month of April 1970 2,855 rounds of artillery were fired in support of the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines. During the month there were 203 intelligence/interdiction missions fired, expending 2,130 rounds. There were 3 unobserved missions with 34 rounds fired, and the forward observers attached to the maneuver element controlled 39 missions and expended 691 rounds.

g. Training

(1) Regimental Indoctrination School. During the month of April 1970 all new personnel reporting to 3/5 attended Troop Indoctrination School, held by 5th Marine Regiment, for a five (5) day period.

(2) Division Schools. 3/5 personnel attended the following schools during April 1970:

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<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>LENGTH</u>	<u>ASSIGNED</u>	<u>COMPLETED</u>
Officer Leadership School	5 days	3	3
SNCO Leadership School	5 days	1	1
NCO Leadership School	2 weeks	7	4
Land Mine Warfare School	3 days	45	38
Embarkation	4 weeks	1	1
SNCO & Officer Orientation Course		1	1

(3) Battalion Training. The following is a report of the courses of instruction arranged and taught on the battalion level by this command during the month of April 1970.

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>INSTRUCTION TEAM FROM</u>	<u>NUMBER OF HOURS</u>
V. A. Benefits	Division V. A. Representative	
Supply Discipline	Bn S-4 Forward	1 hour
Medevac Procedures	Division Surgeons Representative	1 hour
Carrer Planning	Bn Carrer Planner	1 hour

(4) Company Training. The following is a report of instruction carried out by this command on the Company level during the month of April 1970.

KILO COMPANY

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
Mapping/Compass	2 hours
Med-Evac Procedures	1 hour
First Aid	1 hour
Company Tactics	1 hour
Platoon Tactics	1 hour
Squad Tactics	1 hour
Combat Patrols	1 hour
Night Ambushes	1 hour
Search & Seizures	1 hour
Supporting Arms	1 hour
F.O. Procedures	1 hour
Command Leadership	1 hour
Supply & Logistics	1 hour
Chain of Command	1 hour
Care and Cleaning	4 hours

NIKE COMPANY

F.O. Procedures	8 hours
Radio Procedures	8 hours
Use of Shackle Sheets	4 hours
First Aid	4 hours

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SUBJECT

Medevac Request  
 Personal Response  
 P/SID's  
 Spot Reporting  
 Planning an Ambush  
 Triggering an Ambush  
 Types of Ambushes  
 Field Sanitation  
 Drug Abuse  
 AN/PRC-25  
 M-60 Machine Gun  
 Mines and Booby Traps

HOURS

8 hours  
 4 hours  
 8 hours  
 1 hour  
 1 hour  
 1 hour  
 1 hour  
 1 hour  
 2 hours  
 1 hour  
 1 hour  
 1 hour

LIMA COMPANY

Artillery

1 hour

H&S COMPANY

Techniques of Military Instruction  
 Mobility and Rapid Implacement of  
 the 106mm Recoilless Rifle  
 Firing the 106mm Recoilless Rifle  
 Nomenclature, Functioning, and  
 Gun Drill on the 81mm Mortar

3 hours  
 3 hours  
 9 hours  
 40 hours

h. Logistics

(1) General. During the month of April 1970 the logistics situation in 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines has stabilized itself in deference to March. The increased personnel and expanded TAOR caused revision of supply procedures to accommodate organic as well as OPCON/ADCON units. The Battalion placed increased emphasis on a general clean up of both forward and rear areas during April 1970. In addition, embarkation readiness was continually stressed.

(2) Helicopter Resupply

(a) Helicopter resupply functioned smoothly during the month of April. Units being resupplied remained the same with the following exceptions: on 18 April the 1st and 3rd Squads, 3rd Platoon, Company M (CUPP COMPANY) were no longer supplied directly from An Hoa. Supplies for these two units were lifted directly to the Company CP (AT 9664) and redistributed by vehicle from there. On 20 April the 2nd Squad, 3rd Platoon, Company M (CUPP COMPANY) returned to the Chau Son area (AT 9464) and was directly resupplied by helicopter from An Hoa LOC every two days. Helicopter resupply for HILLS 25 and 52 continues every three days. A breakdown of the months helo resupply for the Battalion is as follows:

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DATE	LIFTS	TOTAL WEIGHT	TYPE AIRCRAFT
3 April	4	25,200 lbs.	(1) CH-53
6 April	13	34,900 lbs.	(2) CH-46
9 April	19	43,200 lbs.	(2) CH-46
12 April	4	19,700 lbs.	(1) CH-53
15 April	8	46,500 lbs.	(1) CH-53
21 April	4	15,800 lbs.	(1) CH-53
24 April	4	7,000 lbs.	(1) CH-53
27 April	9	14,800 lbs.	(1) CH-53
30 April	3	23,400 lbs.	(1) CH-53

(b) Ammo Resupply for HILL 52 Artillery Battery (all Class V)

16 April	6	14,700 lbs.	(1) CH-53
17 April	12	58,560 lbs.	(1) CH-53/(2) CH-46
23 April	1	400 lbs.	(1) CH-53

(c) All ammunition requests were filled with the following exception: G950 Red smoke was not available in the supply system until 12 April. All units received requested quantities thereafter. A-124 7.62mm Tracer was not in stock in the supply system until 23 April. All units received requested quantities thereafter. In addition, all units received the proper quantities of C-Rations and Sundry packs. Sundry packs were provided on the basis of 1 per 100 personnel every three (3) days. Extra items such as fresh fruit, canned fruit, juices, and dehydrated steaks were furnished upon request.

(d) All helo supplies are visually inspected to insure proper quantities and guarded prior to lift-off. HILL 65 received resupplies directly from Force Logistics Command in Da Nang every day. These supplies were brought to HILL 35 by truck convoy. In turn HILL 65 used general support assets from 1st Motor Transport to resupply HILL 37 every second day. In addition, supplemental supplies and water were transported to HILL 52, 25, and the 5th Marines CUPP Platoon every third day. HILL 65 also used its own assets to go to Da Nang for needed food stores, PX stores, and POL.

(3) Supply. Supply for the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines has entered a period of consolidation and redistribution in order to more adequately prepare for possible redeployment. Within this concept is the elimination of excess material that has built up over the years. Since April, supply has been conducting an annual inventory and disposed of as much unserviceable material as possible. Stocks of items that are T/E excess have been identified, declared excess and are awaiting disposition instructions from higher headquarters. Also a concerted effort has been made to reorganize the Supply Account under the guidance provided by the Command Material Management Inspection on 23 April 1970.

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(4) Battalion Armory. The Battalion Armory issued new Individual Custody Record cards to all members of the Battalion including Company M (CUPP COMPANY) in order to establish up to date records of all individual weapons. Individual weapons have been turned in to the Armory without adherence to established accounting procedures. Also rifle companies have recently returned from "Stack Arms" where individual weapons were exchanged without proper paperwork. Similiar action has been taken in regards to the organic weapons account. One hundred and fifty (150) excess M-16 rifles were turned in to Force Logistics Command. The Battalion is now operating with a 10% reserve of M-16 rifles.

(5) Motor Transport

(a) Increased emphasis was placed on Motor Transport administration and developing a functional audit trail on all vehicles. Additionally, increased emphasis was placed on a positive Preventive Maintenance Program for all vehicles. Battalion Order 11240.2 was published to fix the responsibility for daily preventive maintenance of vehicles upon Company Commanders.

(b) The Motor Transport Section continues to be split between HILL 65 and An Hoa Combat Base. Vehicles are located at HILL 65, 37, 25, and 52. This situation creates supervision problems and places an abnormal strain on the Motor Transport Section. The Division Motor Transport Officer gave assistance concerning the unique problem of operating a split Motor Transport Section. The Battalion Motor Transport Officer was displaced from An Hoa to HILL 65 to more closely supervise the maintenance of vehicles in the field.

(6) Embarkation. Progress has been made during April concerning embarkation readiness within the Battalion. On 10 April, an embarkation team from the 1st Mar Div Embarkation Office conducted a one day seminar for all interested personnel in the 5th Marines. Representatives from each section in H&S Co and two (2) Marines from each rifle company attended. Topics discussed included: proper tactical marking of boxes, agricultural inspection requirements, and proper completion of "cargo and loading analysis" forms. The seminar was followed by a visit on 21-22 April from the Assistant Division Embarkation Officer and two (2) of his staff. Their mission was to assist the Battalion in finding solutions to noted discrepancies. All sections were inspected and advised as to needed improvement.

(7) Cantonment Improvement. The Battalion Rear located at An Hoa Combat Base had shown significant improvement in appearance during April. "B" Company, 1st Engineers removed five (5) unused bunkers providing much needed space. In addition, all runway matting, excess construction material, railroad ties, rails, and engineer stakes have been removed. At HILL 65, five (5) ammo bunkers were reduced as a result of retrograded excess ammunition. All construction materials not needed have been centralized and are currently being retrograded from HILL 65. Six (6) prefabricated heads and ten (10) urinal barrels were constructed by 1st Engineers and delivered to HILL 65. These have been positioned at HILL 65, 25, and 52 to improve sanitary conditions.

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(8) Medical

(a) The Medical Section of the Battalion continued to operate from two (2) functional Aid Stations. A Battalion Surgeon is located at each of these facilities. Medical records are maintained at An Hoa Combat Base and HILL 65. Immunizations are given at both facilities.

(b) Mosquito netting is being used in unscreened living areas and new screening is being installed on all hardback construction with damaged screening. Continued emphasis has been placed on eliminating the rat population within the living and working spaces at An Hoa.

(c) The Battalion Aid Station conducts two (2) MEDCAPS per week at either of two (2) local Vietnamese Villages. An average of fifty (50) patients, primarily children, are seen each visit, although up to one-hundred (100) or more have been seen on certain days. The vast majority are superficial bacterial and fungal skin infections related to poor standards of personal hygiene and public health. Additional representative problems include upper respiratory infections, abdominal cramps and diarrhea, and minor eye and ear maladies.

(d) At the conclusion of each session, housecalls are made to sicker patients unable to ambulate. These usually consist of fevers of unknown origin (Malaria, viral illness) and intestinal parasites. To date, more unique diagnosis have been yaws, malnutrition, snake bite, jaundice (possible leptospirosis), possible typhoid fever, malaria, severe anemia presumably due to hookworm, and one (1) lady medevac for zengcsa. Plastic surgery has been done on this last patient but a full report is not available. A recent problem is the reduced number of elective surgical procedures being undertaken for Vietnamese patients in Da Nang. One patient with facial scars is a candidate for dermabrasion, and one with a hairlip has agreed to plastic surgery in the near future.

(e) It is estimated that during the month of March and April the BAS treated 800-900 Vietnamese patients of which approximately thirty (30) were personally transported to the local Vietnamese hospital.

i. Civic Action, Civil Affairs, Industrial Relations, Psychological Operations

(1) Civic Action

(a) Large amounts of wood were turned over to Dai Loc District this month. A system was implemented whereby the Dai Loc District Chief distributes all wood to local hamlets and village chiefs thereby upgrading the structure of Vietnamese channels. This policy was instituted to show the local Vietnamese that their officials are interested and capable of serving them. Two schools were opened in the Loc Quang Village during the reporting period. Ammunition boxes were supplied from the units at HILLS 65, 25, and 52 to families in Loc Quang for purposes of building desks. The buildings were constructed on a self help bases. School kits and a blackboard were provided to equip the school. A large culvert was constructed across Route #4 in Loc Quang Village to connect irrigation channels and is now operating. English classes were taught 3 times per week at Dai Loc District High School. This program has been met with a

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great deal of enthusiasm. On 20 April a volleyball meet was held by the S-5 for Phiem Ai and Loc My school. Many villagers watched the game and future games are in the planning stages.

(b) Two hundred and fifty books were given to Father Huong, Dai Loc, who is opening up a library. Wood was also provided to build book shelves. Physical Education Kits were distributed to Loc My, Truong An, Phiem Ai, Tam Hoa, and Dai Loc Schools. 5th Marines CUPP Platoon distributed 75 pounds of toys and puzzles to the Ha Nha Hamlet.

(2) Psychological Operations. Eight Aerial leaflet drops were conducted in the Battalion TACR. This propaganda was either Chieu Hoi or information on the rewards program for dud ordnance. Fifteen aerial broadcasts were used in the AO. Broadcasts conducted were pro GVN, Chieu Hoi, explaining CUPP & CAP Marines to Vietnamese, and anti-terrorist themes. An Audio Visual team showed four movies at night in Dia Phu Hamlet with a crowd of over 400 attending. The same team used its loudspeaker capabilities four times in the area between HILL 85 & 52 in support of 5th Marines CUPP. A combat loudspeaker team was used by M 3/1 CUPP explaining rewards program and the CUPP mission.

(3) Personal Response. Vietnamese Phrase Books were distributed to all units at the squad level, and every man in the CUPP unit. A personal response council composed of members of 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines subordinate units and discussed the problems that exist. Members of the S-5 team are currently visiting all units discussing the problems Marines have with Vietnamese.

(4) General WALT Scholarships. Twenty five secondary level students received 500\$VN each for the month of April. All students attend Dai Loc High School.

(5) Medical Assistance

(a) Seven Med-caps were held, two at Dai Phu Hamlet (AT 882573) with 74 persons treated, two at Truong An (AT 868574) with 106 persons treated, two at Tam Hoa (AT 863573) with 125 persons treated, one at Ha Nha (AT 793547) with 75 persons treated. The Battalion Aid Station treated an average of 6 persons per day. Also two student nurses are being trained daily at HILL 65 and are utilized on Medcaps.

(b) A large amount of medical supplies was turned over to Dai Loc Aid Station. The supplies included 1000 disposable hypodermic needles, 1 dozen bottles of vitamins, 25 pounds of bandages, 15 rolls of adhesive tape, and Vietnamese medical cards.

(6) Industrial Relation Activities. Five civilians are presently working at HILL 65 under the Appropriated Fund System. All five civilians work in support of 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines and tenant unit messhall at HILL 65.

j. Communications

a. Battalion operations were supported primarily by use of FM Radio

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Communications (AN/PRC-25, AN/PRC-77 and KY-38). AN/PRC-41's and AN/PRC-93 equipment with Bn TACP; ERC-88's and various wire communications equipment were employed in support of base defense HILL 65.

b. New Division CEOI went into effect on 15 April 1970. Numerous frequency problems were experienced on "L", "M", "I", 5th Mar CUPP Plt, and M 3/1 CUPP nets. Company I's frequency problems were corrected by a transfer of frequencies. Override problems with "M" and M 3/1 CUPP were corrected by trading their frequencies. "L" and 3/5 CUPP Plt still experienced interference problems throughout the month.

c. Liaison teams at Dai Loc and Dien Ban Districts were established on 8 April for the purpose of relieving Army Advisory Teams of the responsibility for procuring political clearance for fire missions from Vietnamese Officials.

d. PPS-6 school was conducted during the month at An Hoa for personnel from the rifle companies for the purpose of maintaining a pool of trained operators in each subordinate unit.

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SECRETPART IV

1. In accordance with reference (c), the below listed documents for the month of April are attached as enclosure (2):

- a. Daily Journal of SPOT REPORTS and MESSAGES. ✓
- b. Daily Situation Reports of current General Forecast, enemy contacts, significant events, and future forecasted events and activities. ✓
- c. 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines Fragmentary Orders 13-70 and 14-70. ✓
- d. 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines Operations Order 14-70 dated 180800H April 1970, submitted with appropriate overlays. ✓
- e. 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines message 120200Z/Apr70. ✓
- f. Field Radio Message 191735H April 1970 submitted with appropriate overlay.

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3rd Battalion,  
5th Marines  
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To: 012400H Apr70

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0035H	0040H	2	010030H	3/5 Co I at AT 919580 recieved approximately six (6) 60mm mortar rounds. None impacted inside the wire. Small arms returned with negative results.	S-3/F
0330H	0400H	3	010005H	3/1 CUPP Co M 13 at AT 923573 while in I.P. recieved nine (9) mortar rounds of unknown size. No casualties.	S-3/F
0335H	0410H	4	010055H	3/1 CUPP Co M 31 at AT 941598 while in I.P. recieved six (6) mortar rounds believed to be 82mm. Called 105 fire mission at 0100H, first round hit at 0105H, end of mission at 0120H, two (2) WP, 48 HE. AT 948598.	S-3/F
0415H	0420H	5	010215H	3/1 CUPP Co M 23 at AT 972639 while in I.P. recieved six (6) mortar rounds believed to be 60mm. Resulting in one (1) RF KIA	S-3/F
0440H	0510H	6	010320H	3/1 CUPP Co M 333 at AT 972639 while returning spotted three (3) NVA in hut. Opened fire with 150 rounds M-16, 400 rounds M-60. Called 105 illumination at 0400H shot out at 0405H, end of mission at 0425H. Resulting in two (2) NVA KIA. One (1) AK-47, one (1) ChiCom, three (3) books, two (2) hard back paper backs, two (2) NVA wearing uniforms and packs. AT 977633.	S-3/F
0445H	0520H	7	010300H	3/1 CUPP Co M 21 at AT 993637 while setting in I.P. recieved 25 frag grenades (suspected M-26) and 100-150 rounds small arms fire (AK-47). Returned 300 rounds M-16, 40 rounds M-79, 29 rounds HE 60mm 20 rounds illumination 60mm. Results eight (8) USMC WIA, one (1) RF WIA. Six (6) medevaced and three (3) waiting prior medevac at first light. AT 991634.	S-3/F
1920H	1935H	8	011540H	3/1 CUPP Co M 31 at AT 952612: patrol returned to CP had a 60mm mortar round.	S-3/F

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2135H	2145H	9	011815H	<p>command detonated booby trap explode resulting in one (1) USMC WIA and observed five (5) persons fleeing into hamlet into tree line near Chau Son-3. Patrol fired small arms at fleeing persons with negative results. Called emergency medevac. Medevac was fired upon by AK-47 fire. Escort expended on board ordnance at enemy with negative results.</p> <p>3/1 CUPP Co M 31 at AT 947612 patrol returning to CP detonated an AP mine possible 81mm or 105mm round with pressure release detonation, resulting in three (3) emergency and one (1) priority medevac. While awaiting medevac, spotted five (5) persons hiding behind a knoll underneath a parachute laid out on the ground vic AT 948608. Helo escorts while circling area vic AT 945615 received heavy AK-47 fire from tree line and when helos returned fire into tree line a secondary explosion occurred, possibly one (1) 250 lb bomb. Civilians fled from tree line after secondary explosion, but were not fired upon by gunships.</p>	S-3/F
2138H	2150H	10	012040H	<p>3/5 Co I CP at AT 919680 received incoming rounds believed to be mortars or rockets. Received no small arms fire. Initiated no counter mortar fire or small arms fire due to neg observance. No casualties.</p>	S-3/F
2300H	2330H	11	012123H	<p>3/5 Co L 11 at AT 877567 while set in ambush site unit heard movement from across river. Called 81mm fire mission with unknown results due to water barrier. AT 875565.</p> <p>SUMMARY:</p> <p>3/1 CUPP Co M 13 had continuous enemy contact through booby traps, small arms fire, and a lob bomb. M 21 received</p>	S-3/F

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2400H	2400H	12	012400H	heavy incoming frag grenades which re- sulted in nine (9) medevacs. 3/5 Co I CP recieved one (1) incoming round be- lieved to be 81mm mortar or rocket.  JOURNAL CLOSED.	

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0001H	0001H	1	020001H	JOURNAL OPENED.	
	0055H	2	020040H	Fm 3/5 S-3 to 3/5 Co K recommending Co K 3(-) check area out of SID activations. Fire mission was called on heavy enemy movement.	S-3/F
012250H	020100H	3	012045H	3/5 Co I 32 at AT 930559: enemy initiated contact while unit was moving to ambush site. Fired 30-35 small arms rds, threw five (5) ChiComs. ChiComs landed approx 25-30 meters from unit. Squad returned 100 M-16 rounds and fired five (5) M-79 rounds. Enemy began to flee. Unit checked out area with negative results under illumination fired by 81's and artillery. AT 930558.	S-3/F
1125H	1300H	4	021010H	3/5 Co K 3 at AT 829583: found base camp area capable of holding 15 people. Found four (4) 60mm (HE) rounds, two (2) 61mm (HE) rounds, two (2) 60mm (WP) rounds, 1 can 7.62mm linked ammo for M-60 (200 rounds), 30 M-16 rounds, 77 AK-47 rounds, 3 M-16 magazines with 30 rounds, 1 M-26 frag grenade, 1 bag increments (105), 2 M57 firing devices, 1 bipod for M-16, and 200 ft electrical cord. All ordnance destroyed in place, other gear tagged for turn in.	S-2/F
1230H	1310H	5	021045H	3/5 Co K 12 at AT 812545: roadsweep found and destroyed one (1) 6 lb boxmine set up for command detonation with comm wire and one (1) PRC-25 battery (BA-386)	S-2/F
1320H	1342H	6	021015H	3/5 Co I 11 at AT 939596: Point man detonated 1 M-26 frag grenade with pressure release type booby trap, resulting in one (1) USMC WIA priority evac. Marine was wearing flak jacket and helmet but had not been to land mine warfare school. Booby trap was marked with cardboard on five foot bamboo stake.	S-2/F
1430H	1450H	7	021030	3/5 CUPP 2 at AT 809545: village chief	S-3/F

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	2205H	8	022205H	<p>of Ha Nha (2) was walking down road and spotted five (5) VC/NVA north of road in treeline. Chief fired eight (8) rds M-1 Carbine. VC/NVA returned fire with AK-47 fire wounding village chief in right leg and fled into mountains. Priority medevac called at 1100 and completed at 1140. CUPP 2 and 3 swept area with negative results.</p> <p>3/5 S-3 msg to 5th Mar. 3/5 CoL(-) along with 1st Recon Bn (boat team) will cross river at AT 844551 by boat into Arizona northern bank in preparation for operation. Duration 041800H Apr70</p> <p>SUMMARY:</p> <p>Enemy initiated contact with Co I 32 with small arms fire and grenades. Co I returned fire with negative results. 3/5 Co K 3 found base camp area capable of holding 15 people. All ordnance was destroyed in place and rest of gear was tagged for turn in. 3/5 Co K roadsweep found a six (6) lb boxmine and destroyed it in place. Mine was set for command detonation. 3/5 Co I 11 had point man detonate one (1) M-26 frag grenade booby trap resulting in one (1) USMC WIA priority evac. 3/5 CUPP 2 at Na Nha had the village chief wounded by five (5) VC/NVA while walking down a road.</p>	S-3/F
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0017H		2	030017H	Intelligence report from Dai Loc to 3/5 stating sites where NVA are staging number of mortars, rockets and rocket/mortar staging areas. Rating C-2 and B-2 Info.	S-3/F
0205H		3	030205H	5th Marines W.O. request AO extension be granted 1st Marines until 0706 00H Apr70	S-3/F
	0740H	4	030740H	3/5 S-3 message to 5th Marines reference a yr 030205H request for AO granted as requested if approved by your HQ.  SUMMARY:  3/5 had no casualties today, and no significant occurrences were reported.	S-3/M/F
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0830H	0915H	2	040700H	3/5 Co L 33 at AT834544 while in ambush site observed six (6) enemy with weapons, emerging from a hut approx 60 meters away. Ambush opened up with approx 200 small arms rounds and six (6) M-79 rounds resulting in three (3) VC/NVA KIA. L 33 secured area confirming three (3) KIA, and finding two (2) AK-47's, two (2) magazines (12 rounds), 30 ChiComs, medical gear, Documents, clothing and three (3) booby trap firing devices. One (1) pressure and another electrical. AT834544	S-3/F
1040H	1158H	3	041030H	3/5 Co L (-) at AT834544 two (2) females age 16-20 apprehended in vicinity this morning contact (see 04-0700H April) KCS through interrogation indicates three (3) females performed function of nurses for local VC/NVA units. Unit will continue to interrogate for information of immediate tactical value. Intentions are to keep two (2) Vietnamese females with CP group until return to Hill 65 then evac to 5th ITT.	S-3/F
1100H	1218H	4	041000H	5th Marines CUPP at AT800545 approx 35 VC/NVA entered hamlet of Ha Nha during night of 3 April 70. Four (4) ChiComs were thrown around huts at above grid. Enemy abducted hamlet Chief and one (1) other male while ten (10) huts were being destroyed. Vietnamese reported that VC/NVA were armed with rifles and wearing green utilities. Considerable propaganda was left at site of incident. Reportedly, enemy withdrew to north after the above action. Not previously reported is that CUPP 3 assumed explosions were friendly 60mm rounds. AT808545	S-3/F
1150H	1300H	5	041130H	3/5 Co L 31 at AT855547 while moving	S-3/F

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1115H	1318H	6	041050H	to day ambush site discovered one (1) 82mm mortar round rigged as booby trap. Booby trap was approx 1 foot off trail with trip across trail. 82mm mortar round camouflage with brush. Engineers blew in place.  3/5 Co K 2 at AT799561 patrol received approx ten (10) rounds small arms fire from approx 400 meters to north east. By undertermined enemy force. Called Arty fire mission at 1055H, first round hit at 1059H, one (1) WP, twelve (12) HE, end of mission at 1107, will search out area. AT801573	S-3/F
1220H	1325H	7	041202H	3/5 Co L 31 at AT855547 while moving to ambush position found one (1) ChiCom grenade approx 1 foot off trail rigged as a booby trap with trip wire across trail. Booby trap was blown in place by Engineers.	S-3/F
1615H	1637H	8	041637H	3/5 CUPP 1 (Follow up spot to 010300) at AT993637 mission of 3/1 CUPP explained/definition of operations and security measures as requested by 5th Marines S-3A Telcon in direct reference to M 21 activity.	S-3/F
2100H	2135H	9	042000H	5th Marines CUPP 3 at AT803547 had four (4) enemy mortar rounds impact at AT798547 vicinity of CUPP 3 ambush site. Negative casualties. Direction of fire Unknown.	S-3/F
	2350H	10	042350H	3/5 to 5th Marines Watch Officer concerning Vietnamese civilians being wounded and killed by Artillery at 032030H six (6) HE rounds impacted at AT865578 killing one (1) civilian and wounding four (4) others, and at 040300H six (6) HE rounds again impacted at same vicinity killing three (3) civilians and wounding four (4) others. Investigation revealed that battery "one	

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				<p>round" had been fired as intel target at same grid. Investigation reported being prepared by 2/11.</p> <p>SUMMARY:</p> <p>3/5 Co L at 0700H engaged six (6) enemy with small arms fire killing three VC/NVA taking misc. ordnance including two AK-47's and 30 ChiComs and took three (3) female detainees who worked as nurses for VC/NVA as a result of same incident. Co L found and destroyed one (1) 82mm and <del>one</del> ChiCom booby traps. Both trip wire type detonation. Co K took ten (10) rounds sniper fire with no casualties and 5th Marines CUPP 3 took four (4) incoming mortar rounds with no casualties.</p> <p>JOURNAL CLOSED:</p>	
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0730H	0803H	2	050500H	3/5 Co L at AT850549 squad member was shot by another squad member four (4) times. Marine received gun shot wounds while approaching the perimeter watch from the rear grabbing for the man's rifle. Man shot was not watches relief. Emergency medevac completed at 0600H. One (1) USMC NBC (E).	S-3/F
0930H	1005H	3	050900H	3/1 CUPP M 131 at AT940565 received five (5) incoming rounds 60mm mortar from vicinity AT945565 resulting in one (1) USMC KIA. Fired counter mortar fire, called medevac and will continue on patrol.	S-3/F
1040H	1048H	4	050830H	3/5 Co L 3 at AT863545 took 20 rounds AK-47 sniper fire from tree line returned with small arms fire, M-60 200 rounds, M-16 30 rounds, M-79 15 rounds. Called AO on station who fired onboard ordnance with negative results.	S-3/F
1245H	1300H	5	050930H	3/5 Co I 21 at AT932554 booby trap dog and handler were walking point element when an explosion occurred from a possible 155 command detonated type booby trap set ten (10) meters off trail. Results, one (1) USMC KIA, one (1) DOG KIA, one (1) USMC WIAE, and one (1) USMC WIANE. Booby trap set in tall grass.	S-3/F
1830H	1855H	6	051800H	5th Marines CUPP 2 at AT817549 Corpsman woke up individual to give him malaria tablet. Individual became irate and began to shout at fellow squad member. Corpsman tried to calm him down with negative results. Marine grabbed M-14 and fled north. After 20 minutes squad member was able to coax him back to squad position.	S-3/F
1925H	2030H	7	051905H	Hill 65 Surveillance Team AT878576	S-3/F

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2330H	2359H	8	052300H	<p>spotted four (4) VC heading to bunker. Called fire mission 105, 155, and 8 inch Arty. Called at 1810H, first round hit at 1820H. 17 rounds Arty, two (2) gun birds fired on target with no effect. Arty round had two (2) secondaries larger than 8 inch explosion. One (1) VC KIA. AT871558</p> <p>3/5 Co L 21 at AT879558 while set in ambush site received approx 200 rounds AK-47 fire from treeline to direct rear. Fired 10 rounds M-79, 100 rounds M-16, will check area at first light.</p> <p>SUMMARY:</p> <p>3/5 Co L had a Marine shot by another squad member resulting in one (1) USMC NBC (E). 3/1 CUFP M took four (4) mortar rounds resulting in one (1) USMC KIA. 3/5 Co L had two contact periods today with negative results. 3/5 Co I 2 had one (1) USMC KIA, one (1) dog KIA and two (2) USMC WIA's as a result of a booby trap. CP Surveillance Team called and adjusted Arty resulting in one (1) VC/NVA KIA.</p>	S-3/F
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0300H	0400H	2	060235H	3/5 Co I CP at AT917579 received incoming round (type unknown). Crater analysis will follow. Negative casualties.	S-3/F
1210H	1220H	3	061120H	3/5 Co K 32 at AT825585 detonated booby trap, M-26 with trip wire resulting in one (1) USMC WIAE and one (1) USMC WIAP.	S-3/F
1210H	1235H	4	061140H	3/5 Co K 32 at AT825586 after completing medevac continued patrol and tripped a second M-26 set as booby trap with trip wire. Resulted in one (1) USMC WIAE.	S-3/F
1300H	1340H	5	061130H	3/5 Co K 23 at AT804556 discovered four (4) children setting booby traps. Area search of immediate area resulted in the discovery of five (5) other children hiding in close proximity of booby trap area. Returned four (4) POW's and five (5) detainees (8 males and 1 female) to CP. Ordnance captured from POW's was two (2) 81mm warheads one (1) M-26 frag, two (2) M-16 magazines with rounds and two (2) M-16 rounds set as booby traps with trip wire and firing devices. Ordnance destroyed. POW's all male ages 9-12 detainees four (4) males and 1 female ages 9-12.	S-3/F
1340H	1400H	6	061335H	3/5 Co K 23 at AT804556 interrogation of POW's and detainees by KCS resulted in admission to setting booby traps, by the four (4) POW's and five (5) detainees.	S-2/F
1415H	1515H	7	061415H	5th Marines request for clearance for Recon Team; Turf Club and Texas Pete.	S-3/F
	1515H	8	061515H	3/5 COC: Clearance granted for Turf	M/S/F

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				Club and Texas Pete.	
1530H	1600H	9	061450H	3/5 Co I 2(-) at AT925552 while on patrol point element tripped booby trap across trail detonated M-26 frag grenade. Point man was (P) evac.	S-3/F
	2015H	10	062015H	3/5 request submission of crew served weapons report by 071000H to May fly.	S-3/F
2030H	2125H	11	062000H	3/5 Co K 21 at AT798563 ambush was moving to nite position and found a dummy hanging in a tree representing a Marine.	S-2/F
2130H	2221H	12	062030H	3/1 CUPP M 12 at AT922596 took one (1) 60mm round 25 meters from nite position. Negative casualties. AT924590	S-3/F
2155H	2235H	13	062115H	3/5 CUPP 3 at AT801547 took 30 rounds small arms fire and one (1) satchel charge. One (1) RF KIA returned small arms fire and M-79 (15) rounds, searched area with negative results.	S-3/F
				SUMMARY:  Co I took one incoming round with negative casualties and point man tripped booby trap M-26 frag with trip wire resulting in one (1) evac. Co K tripped two (2) M-26 type booby trap resulting in three (3) USMC WIAE, and found four (4) children setting booby traps with five (5) others in immediate vicinity. Resulting in four (4) POW's and five (5) detainees. CUPP Co M3/1 took incoming round with negative casualties. 5th Marines CUPP 3 had one (1) RF KIA in latest contact.	
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	0845H	2	070845H	3/5 rear to 3/5 3 or 6, 5th Marines 6 and Gen. will be going to Hill 52 and 25 not Hill 65.	S-3/F
1430H	1541H	3	071345H	3/5 Co I 23 and 7th Engineers at AT923561 returning from patrol observed 3 MRS 100's moving south on Liberty Road. Mine was detonated after 3rd truck was 25 meters past area. Explosion left hole 6 feet in diameter and 4 feet deep. Three (3) USMC were knocked down from concussion. Negative casualties.	S-3/F
2200H	2215H	4	072115H	3/5 Co K 13 at AT788544 ambush opened fire on boat coming up the river to the west with 100 rounds M-16, 100 M-60. Action initiated by unit, lasted 2½ minutes will check out area. AT 800542	S-3/F
2230H	2305H	5	072115H	3/5 Co K 13 follow up searched out area finding boat along northern bank. Boat contained one (1) body and misc. equipment.	S-3/F
	2322H	6	072322H	3/5 S-3 to May fly-6's S-6 SM6, Subj operational restrictions affecting dam site in battalion AO.  SUMMARY:  CUPP 3 swept area of previous contact. Found blood trails and two (2) detainees which were sent to Dai Loc HQ. Mine was detonated by 7th Engineers on Liberty Road, negative casualties. 3/5 Co K 13 opened up on boat coming up river to the west. One (1) KIA, medical equipment, and files as reported.	S-3/F
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0100H	0145H	2	072030H	3/1 (CUPP) M 12 while cleaning 45 Marine (E-3) shot himself in the right ankle. Marine was medevaced later because of possible bone damage.	S-3/F
1100H	1150H	3	081030H	7th Engineers at AT913591 had dump truck overturn resulting in one (1) NBC (M), truck being retrieved.	S-3/F
1530H	1635H	4	081430H	I 1 at AT921554 while setting in PPB observed three (3) Vietnamese civilians detonated explosion appeared to be M-79 round. Indications that round was being tampered with when explosion occurred. Three (3) casualties. One (1) with head wounds and two (2) with shoulder wounds. Civilians taken to Dia Loc Hospital. AT920552	S-3/F
1900H	1938H	5	081815H	3/5 Hill 65 CP surveillance at AT observed three (3) VC/NVA transporting rice from a bunker; one (1) had a weapon. D battery fired 18 rounds, 9 HE, 9 VT. One (1) KIA. Enemy grid AT870547.	S-3/F
2037H	2120H	6	081935H	I 14 at AT922551 while sitting 200 meters from ambush site, waiting until dark observed six to eight (6 - 8) VC/NVA with rifles. I 14 opened up and received AK-47 and ChiCom. VC/NVA fled into treeline. Negative casualties.	S-3/F
2120H	2130H	7	082100H	3/5 Co K at ZC214551 spotted light moving at the foot hills. Called in 81mm 55 HE were fired.	S-3/F
2330H	2355H	8	082115H	3/5 CUPP 2 at AT812546 was fired upon by VC/NVA. One (1) RF was wounded one (1) VC/NVA was killed. RF was medevaced.	S-3/F
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2400H	2400H	9	082400H	<p>3/1 CUPP M 12 while cleaning 45 a Marine (E-3) shot himself in the ankle. Marine was medevaced. I 1 at AM921554 while setting in PPB three (3) Vietnamese civilians detonated an explosion appeared to be M-79 round. Vietnamese civilians suffered wounds were taken to Dia Loc Hospital. 3/5 Hill 65 surveillance spotted three (3) VC/NVA transporting rice from a bunker. D battery fired 18 rounds resulting in one (1) VC/NVA KIA. I 14 made contact with six to eight (6 - 8) VC/NVA. Negative casualties. 3/5 Co K spotted light at foot hills. 55 HE 81mm rounds were fired.</p> <p>JOURNAL CLOSED:</p>	

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0930H	0955H	2	090850H	3/5 Co L 2 at AT855553 tripped 82 mm booby trap with trip wire resulting in one (1) USMC WIA (E) and three USMC WIA (P). All men were wearing full flak gear, and dispersed 15 meters apart. Medevac bird took approx 300 rounds AK-47 fire from enemy 200 meters away and returned fire with unknown results.	S-3/F
1200H	1223H	3	090800H	3/5 L 2 at AT854552 received 75-100 rounds small arms fire AK-47 and four (4) rounds M-79 from AT855553, patrol returned small arms fire and called 81mm fire mission. Negative results.	S-3/F
1400H	1445H	4	091345H	3/5 L 22 at AT855553 came under fire by 20 AK-47 rounds 150 meters away at AT856554 N.E. Returned small arms fire, and 5 M-79 rounds, swept area with negative results.	S-3/F
1600H	1640H	5	091500H	3/5 L 23 after returning from searching area of previous contact (091345H) one (1) Marine suffered from heat stroke emergency medevac was called in.	S-3/F
1800H	1840H	6	091700H	3/5 L 22 at AT855553 while moving from OP to permanent position received small arms fire from AT856553. Returned fire. Arty and 81mm were called in. Swept area with negative results.	S-3/F
2115H	2202H	7	092050H	3/5 CUPP at AT841569 on perimeter spotted a light moving down mountain S.E.. Called in 81's	S-3/F
	2215H	8	092215H	3/5 S-3 to 3/1 CUPP M 6 conference at Dien Ban at 101030H to discuss re-instatement support by dist of US/RF/PF. Also other related matters concerning Hill 55.	S-3/F

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2130H	2232H	9	092120H	3/1 CUPP Co M 13 at AT 922573 while in night position took one (1) M-79 rd. Checking area with illumination. Negative casualties resulted.	S-3/F
2130H	2150H	10	092130H	3/5 S-3 to 5th Mar S-3: request transportation for 18 Vietnamese and advisors from Dai Loc District, 3 National Police force, and one (1) Hoi Chanh, CIT from Hill 37 by truck to Hill 52 for screening civilians for VCS.	S-3/F
2305H	2315H	11	092215H	3/5 Co L 2 at AT 845546 while in nite pos took small arms fire and 5-7 RPGs from tree line. Returned fire with small arms and called for gunships. AT 844544.	S-3/F
2320H	2325H	12	092240H	3/5 Co L 21 at AT 844545 while in am-bush pos received sporadic small arms and one (1) RPG from tree line. Returned fire with small arms and two (2) LAAWs. Gunbirds are presently firing upon tree line. AT 843543.	S-3/F
2400H	100045H	13	092120H	3/1 CUPP Co M 13 follow-up to 092120H prepped area with 200 rounds M-60 fire and 10 rounds 60mm mortar fire. Searched area with negative results.  SUMMARY:  3/5 Co L 2 tripped a booby trap believed to be 82mm mortar round resulting in one (1) USMC WIA emergency evac and three (3) USMC WIA priority evacs. L 23 came under fire by 20 AK-47 rounds about 150 meters away. While sweeping area one (1) Marine suffered heat stroke and required emergency medevac.	S-3/F
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0220H	0235H	2	092215H	3/5 Co L 2 follow up to 092215 at AT 845546: while in nite pos received approximately 300 to 400 rounds of AK-47 fire and 300 rounds sniper fire, and 4-7 RPGs returned fire with M-16 400rds. 3 LAAWs and 15 M-79 rds. Also had fire support from Spooky. Spooky received approximately 20 rounds AK-47 fire. Will conduct thorough search at first light. AT 844547.	S-3/F
0220H	0240H	3	09240H	3/5 Co L 21 at 844545 while in nite pos received 300 rounds AK-47 fire, 5-7 Chicoms and 4 RPGs from tree line. Returned fire with 300 rounds M-16, 12 frag grenades, 3 LAAWs. Search of area at first light revealed 1 M-26 and 1 beer can filled with C-4. Both set with trip wires and rigged as booby traps. Destroyed in place.	S-3/F
1000H	1020H	4	100850H	3/5 Co I 3 at AT 926551 while on patrol with dog detection team. The dog located a M-79 round with pressure release device set as booby trap on trail. Blown in place.	S-2/F
1600H	1605H	5	101550H	3/5 Co L 2 at AT 873570: recon in force conducted river crossing from Arizona Territory. Returned to Hill 65.	S-3/F
2109H	2143H	6	102010H	3/5 Co K 21 at AT 797544: spotted a boat in Song Vu Gia River. Moving west to east. No personnel spotted in boat. Opened fire with M-16 and M-79. Boat continued down river.	S-3/F
2230H	2250H	7	102115H	3/5 Co I 12 at AT 926557: heard noises for approximately 90 minutes to south. Three (3) ChiComs were thrown into ambush site from a distance of approximately 30 meters, resulting in two (2) USMC WIA emergency and one (1) WIA routine. VC/NVA fled to south. Fired Small arms with	S-3/F

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2400H	2400H	8	102400H	<p>negative results. Medevac called and completed.</p> <p>SUMMARY:</p> <p>3/5 Co L found and destroyed two (2) booby traps. Also 3/5 Co I 3 found and destroyed one (1) booby trap. Co I also had three USMC WIA as a result of the contact at 102115H.</p> <p>JOURNAL CLOSED.</p>	

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0210H	0220H	2	102336H	3/1 C <sup>UP</sup> P Co M 332 at AT 971636: observed five (5) enemy moving east to west from AT 972636. Initiated small arms fire and pressured enemy. Reaction force joined in pursuit taking 1 RF WIAE as a result of 40 rounds AK-47 fire. Fired 700 rounds M-16, 45 rounds M-79 fire resulting in One NVA KIA with 9mm pistol roster of 2nd NVA Company, and 80 Dong. Captured pistol and other documents will be turned into Dai Loc District Headquarters	S-3/F
0830H	0855H	3	110800H	3/5 Hill 65 Surveillance at AT 878-576: observed one (1) VC enter a bunker at dusk last evening at AT 872548. Precision destruct called this morning at 0715H, 1st round impacted 0726, end of mission 0755H. One (1) secondary explosion resulted with small flame and black smoke.	S-3/F
1145H	1230H	4	111015H	3/5 Co K at AT 805547 had Hoi Chanh lead patrol accompanied by Dai Loc National Police and Intelligence squad into Na Nha ville taking 12 VCS and seven (7) other detainees will be returned to Dai Loc District Headquarters for interrogation.	S-2/F
	1100H	5	111045H	3/5 msg to all subordinate units: stressing rapid reaction against targets of opportunity, within and adjacent to 3/5 AO.	S-3/F
1318H	1357H	6	111200H	3/5 CUPP at AT 810545 found one (1) VC/NVA body estimated to have been dead a minimum of 3 days as a result of small arms fire. Patrol was led to body by children. Body was dressed in blue unif. with 38 cal pistol with five (5) rounds. RFs took pistol but all other gear will be turned in.	S-2/F
1532H	1650H	7	110930H	3/5 Co K at AT 813547 spotted five (5)	S-3/F

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1900H	1914 <sup>H</sup>	8	111740H	VC/NVA on the south side of the river bank. Recon OP at AT 794525 was notified who called in fire mission. Cobra gunship was called in. Unable to check area due to river barrier.	
	2328H	9	112308H	3/5 Co K 3 at AT 850579 while on patrol observed three (3) rocks pointed in the same direction a 10 lb charge. Seemed to be command detonated. Charge was blown in place.  3/5 S-3 to 3/1 CU <sup>P</sup> P: extension of expiration time for 51st ARVN recon team.  SUMMARY:  3/1 CU <sup>P</sup> P Co M 332 spotted five (5) NVA moving east to west. Pursuit was initiated and resulted in one (1) NVA KIA. A 9mm pistol was captured and a roster of the 2nd NVA Company. 3/5 Co K had Hoi Chanh lead patrol into village and picked up 12 VCS and seven (7) detainees. 3/5 Co K found a 16lb charge which appeared to be command detonated, the charge was destroyed in place.	S-2/F  S-3/F
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0455H	0530H	2	120415H	3/5 L 12 at AT883561 observed and estimated six (6) enemy moving in column towards ambush from north east in what appeared to be a preconceived approach. L 12 held their fire until column was 30-40 meters away and initiated 50-60 rounds small arms fire search at first light revealed what was thought to be enemy was PF cadre. One (1) PF KIA, Dia Loc District SA was informed of situation and investigation revealed KIA was member of RD Cadre whose activity of which he was not aware.	S-3/F
0755H	0805H	3	120730H	3/5 Ground Surveillance unit at Hill 65 AT878576, observed three (3) VC/NVA with packs and weapons at AT853 549, called Arty fire mission, 24 rounds, resulting in one (1) VC/NVA KIA.	S-3/F
	1000H	4	120200Z	3/5 S-3 msg to all 3/5 unit commanders: By mutual agreement with 2/5 at 111400H Apr70, the following AO boundary is effective until disestablished by this or higher GQ: from juncture of 3/5:2/5 AO boundary at AT 805540, south along 805 grid to 54 grid east to juncture of existing boundary vic Liberty Road at AT 919540. Area known as N. Arizona; contained on west by 805 grid on the north and east by the Song Vu Gis, and on the south by the 54 grid is designated "Arizona AO". Area south of these 54 grid remains responsibility of 2/5.	S-3/F
1020H	1055H	5	120845H	3/5 Co K 1 at AT 801575: on day patrol detonated a 60mm booby trap set in river bed with pressure type detonation resulting in three (3) USMC WIA. No dog detection team on patrol due to other commitment.	S-3/F

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1320H	1330H	6	121225H	3/5 Co K 3 at AT 811587: spotted 3 enemy enter a cave north of patrol. Fired small arms but received no return fire. Patrol attempting to set up cordon detonated one (1) ChiCom set as booby trap with trip wire. Negative casualties resulted. Patrol ended search and returned to base due to heavily booby trapped area.	S-3/F
2340H	2355H	7	122100H	3/1 CUPP Co M 23 at AT 989624: while investigating noise from hooches engaged VC/NVA in small arms fire. Initiated fire with 100 rds M-16 and seven (7) rounds M-79 receiving 30 rounds AK-47 fire and two (2) incoming ChiComs. With 81mm illumination on station, observed two (2) enemy fleeing down shore line dragging one (1) body, checked out drag marks.  SUMMARY:  3/5 had three (3) USMC WIAE as a result of a booby trap incident. One PF KIA and one (1) VC/NVA KIA. Mutual agreement between 2/5 and 3/5 added area known as "Northern Arizona" to 3/5 AO until disestablished by this or higher HQ.	S-3/F
2400H	2400H	8	122400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.	

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0001H	0001H	1	130001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
	0135H	2	130035H	3/5 S-3 msg to 3/1 Co M CUPP authorizing S-3/F and directing direct liaison be established with CO, 51st ARVN also request Co M CUPP employ 2 sqds, not actively enjoined in RF/PF, with 51st ARVN Recon elements.	
	0120H	3	130055H	3/5 S-3 msg to 3/5 Co I 6 informing of new AO boundary effective 181800H Apr70 and to continue employment of one (1) sqd minimum to conduct screen/patrol/ambush mission at request of CO 51st ARVN Regt.	S-3/F
1100H	1131H	4	130930H	3/1 Co M CUPP M2-1 at AT 994634 while moving into new CP site observed six (6) enemy fighting holes and threw an M-26 frag grenade into each hole and received four (4) secondary explosions resulting in one (1) USMC WIA.	S-3/F
1510H	1545	5	131455H	3/5 Co I3-4 at AT 921562 while moving to OP site spotted 81mm Illum rd under wire fence Rd was booby trapped with an M-26 frag grenade Booby Trap was blown in place.	S-3/F
1910H	1950H	6	131830H	3/5 Co I 1 at AT 946619 while at PPB received 25 rounds automatic weapons fire. Returned fire with 200 rounds M-60, 100 rds M-16, and six (6) rds M-79. 60mm Mortar fire mission called at 1835H, 1st rd at 1849, EOM at 1855H Five rounds fired. Negative results observed due to water barrier. AT 945616.	S-3/F
2046H		7	130232Z	5th Mar msg to 3/5 S-3 requested that Co from 3/5 participate in operation in Hung Quang 1/32 from 17-25 Apr70 be passed opcon 1/1. Passage of OPCON necessary to ensure proper fire support coordination during operation.	S-3/F
2100H		8	130235Z	5th Mar to 3/5 S-3 concerning temporary AO extension in Northwestern portion of 3/5 A. Known as Charlie Ridge. Duration 160600H Apr to 251800H Apr70.	S-3/F
	2210H	9	132025H	3/5 S-3 msg to all 3/5 units informing of new AO extension (Ref A 130235Z msg from 5th Marines).	S-3/F

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	2230H	10	132120H	<p>3/5 S-3 msg to 3/5 Co L 6 setting forth instructions for passing OPCON to 5th Mar for OPCON to 1/1 (1stMar) in order to participate in combined operation with 51st ARVN Regt. Ref A 5th Mar msg 130232Z.</p> <p>SUMMARY:</p> <p>A new AO extension will be in effect at 160600H Apr70, to include area known as Charlie Ridge, until 251800H Apr70. 3/5 Co I found and destroyed a booby trap today and had a brief period of contact with unknown results.</p>	S-3/F
2400H	2400H	11	132400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.	

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	1030H	2	140800H	3/5 K 22 at ZC209554 while returning to day position from ambush a .45 Caliber pistol was found. Serial No. 1352882. Investigation failed to determine who the owner was magazine and rounds were also in the pistol.	S-2/F
1335H	2150H	3	141245H	5th Marines to S-3 3/5 transfer of sensor strings to 51st ARVN Regt.	S-3/F
2140H	2150H	4	142130H	3/5 S-3 to 3/5 K 6 acknowledges the receipt of four (4) guns 155 Battery at Hill 52 provide Plt force OPCON to Battalion.	S-3/F
				SUMMARY:  Period ending 14 April 70 with findings and events that occurred during the last 24 hours. 3/5 K 22 found (1) one .45 caliber pistol the owner has not been determined. Transferring of sensor strings to 51st ARVN Regt. Battery four (4) guns 155 will move to Hill 52 and Co K will provide 1 Plt force OPCON to Battalion.	
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2125H	2140H	2	152115H	3/5 S-3 to 3/5 I 6 Bn will assume OPCON I 3 normal attachments commencing 161300H until approx 24th or 25th April 70 for combat operation vicinity Hill 65.  SUMMARY:  I Co will be security for Hill 65 commencing at 161300H until 24th or 25th April when L Co return from operation	S-3/F
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1240H	1320H	2	161150H	3/5 K 23 at AT841551 while on day- time combat patrol observed three (3) VC at AT841547, with rifles moving south. Enemy wearing black PJ's. 3/5 K 23 initiated small arms fire with 200 rounds M-16, and enemy fired 30 rounds AK-47 fire as they fled south. Could not search area of contact due to water barrier.	S-3/F
	1330H	3	161320H	3/5 S-3 message to 5th Marines S-3 concerning passing of Co L 3/5, OPCON to 1st Battalion, 1st Marines at 161315H Apr 70 upon crossing 5th/1st Marines boundry, vicinity AT9464. Motor March was conducted with combined 3/5 and 1st housekeeping assets.	S-3/F
1500H	1605H	4	161400H	3/5 K 32 at AT841551 after setting up OP observed two (2) enemy dressed in black, one (1) carrying a rifle. 3/5 K 32 initiated small arms fire with 50 rounds M-16. No return fire received as enemy fled to south. Could not search due to water barrier.	S-3/F
2220H	2315H	5	162030H	3/1 CUPP M 23B at AT983623 moving into ambush site engagement with twenty (20) blue uniform NVA some carrying small arms. Point initiated small arms fire one (1) NVA KIA returning fire enemy fled east. Arty was called for HE and Illum mission at 2033H, received at 2051H. Called 81mm mission at 0227H received at 2033H.	S-3/F
2300H	2325H	6	162300H	3/5 S-3 to 3/5 3/1 CUPP 6 concern- ing conference scheduled at Dien Ban District HQ at 170930H April 70 for re- insertion of CUPP unit into Chau Son.	S-3/F
				SUMMARY:  Summary ending period 16 April 70.	

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2400H	2400H	7	162400H	<p>Events and findings are as follows; 3/1 M 23B observed twenty (20) NVA carring small arms. M 23B point ini- tiated fire with small arms which re- sulted in one (1) NVA KIA, one (1) cart- ridge belt, four (4) M-26 frags. Co L OPCON to 1st Mar motor March was con- ducted. 3/5 6, 5th Mar 3 and 3/1 CUPP 6 scheduled at Dien Bn HQ at 170930H for conference concerning re-insertion of CUPP Unit into Chau Son.</p> <p>JOURNAL CLOSED:</p>	

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0004H	0050H	2	170004H	3/5 S-3 to 5th Marines S-3; preposed stack arms schedule passed for approval by higher HQ for 3/5 units.			S-3/F
1150H	1200H	3	171200H	3/5 M 23A at AT983623 while searching area of last nights contact found 600-700 lbs polished rice in seven (7) containers. Six (6) clay crocks and one (1) 55 gal. drum. Rice turned over to Dien Ban District for retro.			S-3/F
1400H	1520H	4	171400H	3/5 S-3 to all units and 3/5 rear. Tentative schedule for 3/5 subordinate elements to stack arms.			S-3/F
2030H	2040H	5	171900H	3/5 CP Ground Surveillance at AT878576 observed eight (8) VC/NVA in bunker area; all weapons and packs. Called in fire mission at 1905H first round hit at 1917H fired 48 rounds HE, end of mission 1930H. Results five (5) VC/NVA KIA. AT872559.			S-3/F
2125H	2140H	6	172055H	3/5 K 21 at AT798544 ambush observed three (3) VC/NVA in boat. Initiated fire with 300 rounds M-60, 200 rounds M-16 and 16 rounds M-79 resulting in one (1) VC/NVA body floating east in river. Unable to search boat due to river barrier. AT795542			S-3/F
2155H	2210H	7	172110H	3/1 (CUPP) M 2 at AT957630 observed VC/NVA on west side of river. Initiated with small arms fire; called fire mission of 81mm HE under Arty Illum. Observed one (1) VC/NVA KIA. AT955630			S-3/F
2230H	2235H	8	172130H	3/5 K at ZC213552 enemy psyops unit broadcasted Chieu Hoi to ARVN Battery. Fire mission called 2130H, first round hit at 2200H, 24 HE rounds were fired, end of mission at 2205H. Unable to search due to river barrier. ZC208542.			S-3/F
0830H		9	170830H	5th Marines COC readdressal from CG MC* DEC mine/booby trap dogs are 75-80% effective; accordingly, received dogs be utilized			S-3/F

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2400H	2400H	10	172400H	<p>as supplement to patrolling activity.</p> <p>SUMMARY:</p> <p>600-700 lbs of rice was found by 3/5 M 23A. All units were notified about the scheduled stack arms for 3/5. There were a total of seven (7) VC /NVA KIA.</p> <p>JOURNAL CLOSED:</p>	

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	0800H	2	180700H			3/5 S-3 issued Frag 0 14-70 realignment of forces.	S-3/F
2345H	0035H	3	172200H			3/1 CUPP CO M 2 at AT960631 received approx 100-150 Ak-47 rounds from est. nine (9) VC/NVA from north east. 3/1 M 2 fired small arms fire. M 2 called in for ammo resupply due to previous contact, and reactionary will be on station until morning. Results negative.	S-3/F
0945H		4	180945H			5th Marines S-3 telecon with 3/5 S-3 disestablish temporary AO boundry in north Arizona between 2/5 and 3/5. Effective 21 0600H Apr70, temporary AO extension reestablished until modified or disestablished. (121000H Apr 70 refers).	S-3/F
	1030H	5	181020H			3/5 S-3 message to all 3/5 unit commanders. Effective Immediately the AO extension north of the 54 grid line, so of the "northern Arizona" is returned to 2/5 until further notice.	S-3/F
1435H	1440H	6	181435H			3/1 CUPP M 2 sweeping area of contact as reported in 172110H Apr70 spot. Found one (1) additional VC KIA one (1) 9mm Soviet Makarov pistol, two (2) Chi Coms, four (4) M-26 frags, two (2) VC belts, two (2) cartridge belts, three (3) VC packs, one (1) pair of sandals, and misc clothing and medical gear. Documents forwarded to 51st ARVN Intelligence AT957630-AT954632.	S-3/F
0245H		7	180245H			5th Marines COC intelligence collection emphasis: complete spot reporting info on captured enemy material in order to permit thorough and timely evaluation of cache discoveries emphasis on New types of weapons and major items.	S-3/F
2035H		8	182035H			51st ARVN Regt request for AO for an operation schedule for 20 Apr to 4 May 70 from AT984584 west along highway to AT948 584 southwest along stream to AT940578	S-3/F

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	2230H	9	182035H	<p>south along 94 grid line to AT940544 then north east along north bank of Song Thu Bon River to 5th Marines boundry at AT977567 and north along 5th Marines boundry to close</p> <p>51st ARVN request for AO exrension has been acknowledged.</p> <p>SUMMARY:</p> <p>Summary ending period of 18 April 70 with emphasis on events and findings; one (1) VC KIA one (1) Soviet 9mm auto pistol two (2) VC belts, three (3) V6 packs containing clothing sandels and medical supplies. Disestablish temporary AO boundry in North Arizone between 2/5 and 3/5 effective 210600H April70. 51st ARVN request for AO extension for an operation thru 20 April - 4 May 70 has been acknowledged.</p>	S-3/F
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0024H	0040H	2	182345H	3/5 CUPP 2 at AT818550 received two (2) Chi Coms, 50 AK-47 rounds from approx two (2) VC/NVA. Negative casualties. Returned fire with 300 rounds M-16, 20 rounds M-79 resulting in one (1) VC/NVA KIA.			S-3/F
0900H	1735H	3	190900H	3/5 S-3 to collective minus CUPP 3/5. Concerning designation of restricted opns areas grids at AT898590, AT950613, AT940579 and AT960586. (overlay pasep)			S-3/F
				SUMMARY:			
				3/5 CUPP received two (2) Chi Coms and AK-47 fire with negative casualties.			
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0920H	0930H	2	200820H		3/5 Co K 32 at AT 852557: spotted one (1) VC/NVA dressed in black pajamas carrying a pack with no weapon. K 32 initiated small arms fire and called 81mm mortar fire mission resulting in one (1) VC/NVA KIA. Unable to search area due to water barrier.	S-3/F
2200H	2235H	3	202110H		3/1 Co M (CUPP Co) at AT 947605: while in platoon patrol base received five (5) ChiCom grenades resulting in negative casualties. Returned fire with small arms and swept area under illumination with negative results  SUMMARY:  3/5 Co K 32 spotted one (1) VC/NVA and initiated small arms fire and called 81mm mortar fire mission resulting in one (1) VC/NVA KIA. 3/1 Co M (CUPP) received five (5) incoming ChiCom grenades with negative casualties received.	S-3/F
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1855H	2000H	2	211800H	3/1 CUFP M 32 at AT948603 observation helo spotted one (1) VC/NVA entering bunker; contacted M 32 request that they check bunker. Checked area with negative results because observatiob helo had to leave due to fuel shortage.  SUMMARY:  Short summary ending period 21 Apr 70 with negative findings and one event which results was also negative.	S-3/F
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1540H	1625H	2	221430H	3/1 (CUPP) Co M at AT954603 two R.D. Cadre were moving to Hill 55 along a trail. A VC mine booby trap exploded, resulting in two (2) RD WIA's. WIA's were medevaced.		S-3/F	
1930H	2005H	3	221835H	3/1 CUPP Co M 32 at AT948605 before going on ambush, unit received 15-20 AK-47 rounds. M 32 returned fire with M-16 and M-79 rounds. Area was checked out finding two (2) booby traps, (1) 81mm and (1) 60mm rounds. Negative casualties on either side. Booby traps were blown in place.		S-3/F	
2122H	2220H	4	222015H	Initial 3/1 (CUPP) Co M 32 at AT952602 ambush received three (3) Chi Coms and AK-47 rounds. One (1) USMC WIA (not medevaced) called in 81mm mortar fire mission.		S-3/F	
				SUMMARY:			
				Two (2) RD's were wounded by booby trap on a trail moving to Hill 55. M 32 received AK-47 rounds before going on ambush. M 32 received three (3) Chi Coms and AK-47 rounds while in ambush site.			
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0045H	0120H	2	222345H	3/5 Co M CUPP at AT951602 received (14) Chi Coms and approx seven (7) 60mm rounds and 200 AK-47 rounds. M32 returned fire with M-16, M-79, LASWS, and Claymores. One (1) Marine WIA. Will sweep area at first light.	S-3/F
0155H	0235H	3	230100H	3/1 Co M CUPP at AT949605 while in night position received one (1) Chi Com resulting in one (1) USMC WIA. Fire was returned with M-16 and M-79 rounds. Medevac called and completed.	S-3/F
	0620H	4	222135H	3/5 S-3 message to all 3/5 unit commanders concerning enclosure (1) (Ambush and Countermeasures Tactics and Techniques), to BnBul 1500 dtd 19 Apr 70 notification of publication and dissemination.	S-3/F
2000H	2133H	5	232000H	Hill 65 Ground Surveillance at AT878-577 observed one (1) VC/NVA crossing river in a boat at grid AT879556, fire mission was called in (84 rounds) results unknown.  SUMMARY:  Short summary ending period of 23 Apr 70 with current events and enemy contact within 3/5 AO: 3/1 SM CUPP 32 encounter with enemy resulted in two (2) USMC WIA's. and negative findings. Bn Surveillance fire mission on one (1) VC/NVA crossing river in boat had results unknown.	S-3/F
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	1625H	2	241524H	3/5 S-3 msg to 3/1 Co M CUPP suspect meet- ing vic AT 974626 was significant; possibly Districts to have RD Cadre; NF start VCI op- erations.	S-3/F
	1807H	3	241750H	3/5 S-3 msg to 5th Mar 3/3A Gen Doehler visit to Hill 55 (M3/1) at 1600H toured Marines position and well pleased and took notes of situation within CUPP AO's.	S-3/F
	2115H	4	242007H	3/5 S-3 msg to 5th Mar S-3 concerning the operation from RD Cadre in Chieu Sons also support from 51st ARVN with M32 CUPP unit within respective AO.	S-3/F
	2205H	5	242120H	3/5 S-3 msg to 5th Mar S-3 emphasis was placed on the cooperation of Village Chief and the aid which he is asking, the villager to give the U <sup>S</sup> Forces.	S-3/F
2215H	2240H	6	242100H	5th Mar CUPP Plt at AT 807545 while on ambush initiated small arms fire on six (6) enemy with 200 rounds M-16, and enemy returned fire with 50 rounds M-16 and AK-47 fire as they fled south. Area searched revealed one (1) VC/NVA K <sup>I</sup> -A with pack, 2 ponchos, and as- sorted documents.  SUMMARY:  5th Marines C.O., Col ESTEY, and General DOEHLER visited 3/5 today with favorable com- ments. 5th Marines CUPP Plt killed one enemy in a brief contact. 3/5 suffered no casual- ties.	S-3/F
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	1300H	2		251230 <sup>H</sup>	3/5 S-3 to 5th Mar S-3 concerning temporary AO Extension.	S-3/F
1325H	1335H	3		251230H	3/5 Surveillance at AT 878576 observed five to eight VC/NVA at AT 874558. Called fire mission at 1235, 1st rds received at 1237, EOM 1250; results unknown.	S-3/F
1955H	2015H	4		251810H	3/5 Co M 3-2 observed three VC from AT 947607: VC wearing gray uniforms moving to a treeline at AT 946613. M 32 initiated small arms fire with 200 rounds M-16, 20 rounds M-79, and 100 rounds M-60. Received return fire from the enemy. Swept area with negative results.  SUMMARY:  3/5 Ground Surveillance called in fire mission on five to eight VC/NVA at AT 874558. 3/5 Co M 32 initiated small arms fire on 3 VC/NVA at AT 946613.	S-3/F
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1130H	1155H	2	260952H	Hill 65 Ground Surveillance at AT 878576 observed approx 15 VC/NVA moving northeast to southeast. No packs or weapons observed at grid AT 865590. Artillery was called in resulting in three (3) C/NVA KIA.				S-3/F	
1230H	1310H	3	261120H	Hill 65 Ground Surveillance at AT 878576 P-sid device received 10 suspected enemy movement at grid 865590. Artillery was called in with negative observed results.				S-3/F	
2130H	2150H	4	262100H	3/5 M42 at AT 805543 broadcast from AT 805538. M42 heard broadcast and called in 81mm fire mission. One HE round landed 50 meters short resulting in one (1) USMC WIA. Emergency medevac was called in and completed.				S-3/F	
				SUMMARY:					
				Hill 65 Gound Surveillance called arty mission resulting in three VC/NVA KIA. M42 heard VC propaganda broadcast and called in 81mm mission. One round fell short wounding one Marine.					
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1000H	1000H	2	271000H			3/5 S-3 effective 271000H this Headquar- ters assumes control and command of L Co 3/5	S-3/F
1825H	1847H	3	271805H			3/5 K 32 at 924555 moving to ambush site received four (4) incoming 60mm mortar rounds. No casualties.	S-3/F
1830H	1855H	4	271830H			3/5 S-3 to May fly and 3/5 rear. Co's conference scheduled for 281000H Apr 70 at Hill 65.	S-3/F
1910H	1925H	5	271805H			3/5 K 32 follow up called in 81mm fire mission at 1845H, first round hit at 1850H, end of mission at 1900H. Visual check of area negative.	S-3/F
2145H	2155H	6	272030H			3/1 CUPP M 23 at AT985623 received one (1) LOB Bomb and AK-47 fire from village. Returned fire with small arms, called 81mm illum fire mission. Search of area will be conducted. AT986619, AT987622.	S-3/F
2300H	2310H	7	272215H			3/5 K 31 at AT931561 observed enemy on trail. Initiated small arms fire 175 rounds M-16 and five (5) rounds M-79 as enemy fled to N.E.. Searched area with negative results.	S-3/F
						SUMMARY:	
						3/5 had no casualties today, three (3) periods of contact, two (2) were enemy in- itiated, and the other friendly. Negative results.	
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0550H	0600H	2	280435H	3/5 Co K 2-2 at AT 912604 observed one (1) VC/NVA walking along paddy dike. Fired 100 rounds M-16. VC/NVA fled to north. Area searched with negative results.	S-3/F
1822H	1915H	3	281800H	3/1 Co M CUPP Co M 1 at AT 918579 observed enemy 82mm mortar rounds impact in area where no friendly were present. Search of area to find any possible civilian casualties proved negative casualties.	S-3/F
2032H	2140H	4	281920H	3/5 Co M 2-2 at AT 812554 while on nite combat patrol moving north, observed one (1) female on trail, RF, third man in column opened fire with small arms. Results one (1) VC (Nurse) KIA. KIA carrying less than one days food supply, medical gear, wearing blk pajamas. Approx age 32.	S-3/F
2120H	2200H	5	281945H	3/5 Co K3 at AT 922546 received eight (8) incoming rounds of 60mm mortar approx 800 meters from the northeast. 81mm mission called and gun birds. Results unknown.	S-3/F
2255H	2320H	6	282210H	3/1 Co M CUPP Co M 3-2 at AT 957604 a trip flare went off at night position. 3 claymores were detonated. Unit also opened fire with M-16 and M-79 rounds. A sweep of the area was conducted under 81mm illum. with negative results.	S-3/F
				SUMMARY:  3/1 Co M CUPP Co observed 82mm mortar rounds impacting in area of no friendly or civilian personnel. 3/5 Co M 2-2 killed an NVA nurse. 3/5 Co K received eight (8) incoming 60mm mortar rounds.	
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0730H	0740H	2	290640H	3/5 Co M 23 found one (1) female detainee hiding in bunker while searching area of previous contact. Detainee sent in for interrogation.	S-3/F
1000H	1100H	3		3/5 S-3 visited Dien Ban District Chief Major LANG to coordinate screening/collection operation in Chau Son AO. Target date 2 May 1970.	S-3/F
1330H	1600H	4		ADC, General DOEHLER, visited tenant units at HILL 37 and Dai Loc District Chief, Major KHE, Col ESTEY and LtCol GESTSON accompanied.	S-3/F
1250H		5	291230H	3/1 Co M CUPP Co passed CUPP Progress Report to 3/5 S-3.	S-3/F
1400H	1425H	6	291230H	3/1 CUPP Co M 21 at AT 004643 observed young Vietnamese male kneeling in bush. Male started to walk away when observed but halted on order. Result one (1) detainee male taken to ARVN Compound for interrogation.	S-3/F
	1655H	7	291500H	Hill 65 Ground Surveillance at AT 878576 observed several VC/NVA with rifles and packs at AT 852545. Air Strike was called in resulting in approx. seven (7) VC/NVA KIA.  SUMMARY:  Hill 65 Surveillance observed seven (7) enemy, Air Strike called resulting in seven (7) VC/NVA KIA. 3/5 CUPP found one (1) detainee in bunker. 3/1 CUPP found one (1) Vietnamese male in bush. Detainee sent to ARVN compound.	S-3/F
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0210H	0234H	2	300100H	3/1 CUPP M 12 at AT922596 received four (4) thru six (6) 82mm mortar rounds. Also moderate AK-47 fire from three (3) to six (6) enemy. Returned fire with small arms and LAWS and M-60 machine gun. Swept area with negative results. AT919599. Bridge is burning at AT917594.	S-3/F
0220H	0245H	3	300100H	3/5 Co L at AT920581 received two (2) 82mm mortar rounds, wounding nine (9) USMC. Routine medavac.	S-3/F
0930H	0955H	4	300900H	3/5 CP engineers made an investigation of Bomb site in ville at AT880572. Holes were six feet deep by eight to ten feet in diameter. Exact grids are (1) AT87995721 and AT87965725. Bombs resulted in one (1) Vietnamese child killed (male), one (1) Vietnamese child wounded (female).	S-3/F
1220H	1300H	5	300915H	3/1 SM 131 while on patrol unit received ten sniper rounds from across river. Unit returned fire. 81mm fire mission was called in. Results negative.	S-3/F
1200H	1315H	6	301134H	Hill 65 Ground Surveillance at AT878-576 enemy movement was suspected at grid AT886607 northwest to southeast. Estimated ten (10) personnel. Fire mission 105mm HE rounds were called in. Results unknown.	S-3/F
1545H	1615H	7	301500H	3/5 K 2 at AT889561 observed one (1) VC/NVA across river. Fired three (3) 60mm HE on enemy. Results unknown due to water barrier. AT891556.	S-3/F
1745H	1820H	8	301720H	3/5 K 2 at AT891561 observed two (2) VC/NVA along river bank. Opened fire with small arms resulting in one (1) VC/NVA KIA. AT890556.	S-3/F
1950H	2040H	9	301925H	3/5 K 2 at AT895565 observed one (1) VC/NVA across river. 60mm fire mission was called on enemy grid at AT891556. Results unknown due to water barrier.	S-3/F

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2100H		10	302025H	<p>3/1 CUPP at AT954602 received six (6) incoming M-79 rounds of grenades. Fire was returned with M-79 approx 30 rounds. 200 M-16 rounds also 81mm illum and HE mission called at 2035H cleared at 2040H first found hit at 2041H end of mission at 2045. AT951604. Swept area with negative results.</p> <p>SUMMARY:</p> <p>3/5 had 9 USMC WIA(E) and 1 VC/NVA KIA. 7 periods of contact today; 4 enemy initiated and 3 friendly initiated. Bridge located at grid AT917594 on route 540, 3/5 northern AO, was destroyed by enemy early this morning. One (1) child Viet civilian was killed and another child wounded, and treated by 3/5 medcap, as a result of enemy LOB Bomb incident vicinity Dai Phu Hamlet.</p>	S-3/F
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SITREP #63 FROM 010001H TO 012400H APR 70  
1. (C) CURRENT LOC:  
BN CP -HILL 65 878577  
CO I -HILL 37 916582  
CO L -HILL 65 878577  
CC K -HILL 52 & 25/K(-) 215553/K3 839568  
CO M -AN HOA 8744474  
CO M 3/1 CUPP CO -HILL 55 966615

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2. (C) LAST 24 HOURS:  
CO I CONDUCTED PAT/AMB IN EASTERN AO, ALONG ROUTE #540, AND PROVIDED SECURITY FOR 7TH ENGR ROAD SWEEPS ALONG ROUTE #540 IN AO. CO I REINFORCED PLATOON ALONG ROUTE #540 SOUTH OF LIBERTY BRIDGE TO PHYSICALLY PREVENT INCREASED ROAD MINING HAZARDS.  
CO L CONDUCTED PAT/AMB IN CENTRAL AO, SECURITY FOR EMPLACEMENTS OF SENSORR STRINGS ALONG SOUTHERN CHARLIE RIDGE, AND PROVIDED AUGMENTATION FORCES FOR DEFENSE OF HILL 65. CO K CONDUCTED PAT/AMB IN WESTERN AO TO INTERDICT ENEMY MOVEMENT INTO THUONG DUC CORRIDOR AND PROVIDED SECURITY FOR ENGR ROAD UPGRADING MSN TO CONTINUE THROUGH TOMORROW, AND PROVIDED MINE SWEEP SECURITY ALONG ROUTE #4.  
CO M REMAINED OPCON 5TH MAR AS AN HOA BASE AUG CO. CO M (CUPP CO) AND 5TH MAR CUPP PLT CONTINUED ASSIGNED MISSION IN AO'S WITH M-2-3 PROVIDING A BLOCKING FORCE IN COMBINED OPN WITH ELEMENTS OF 51ST ARVN.  
3. ENEMY CONTACT:  
(A) 010320H APR 70- 3/1 CUPP M-3-3-3 OBS 3 NVA, FIRED SAF 150 RDS M-16, 400 RDS M-60, RES -2 NVA KIA, 1 AK -47, CHICOM MISC GEAR - 977633  
(B) 010300H APR 70- 3/1 CUPP M-2-1 REC'D 25 INCOMING FRAGS, 150-200 RDS AK-47 FIRE. FIRED SAF 300 RDS M-16, 40 RDS M-79 AND 2 60MM MORTARS - RES 8 USMC WIA.  
(C) 011540H APT 70- M-3-1- HIT 60MM BOOBY TRAP (COMMAND DETONATED) SOUNDING 1 USMC (E) AND OBS 5 ENEMY FLEEING. FIRED SAF. NEG RES MEDEVAC ESCORT REC'D AK-47 FIRE AND FIRED ON BOARD ORDINANCE W/NEG RES. 952612  
(D) 011815H APR 70- M-3-1- DETONATED AP MINE (81 OF 105 RD) PRESS-REL TYPE - RES IN 3 USMC WIA, (E) EVAC, AND 1 USMC WIA (P) EVAC. MED-EVAC ESCORT RECEIVED HEAVY AK-47 FIRE FROM TREELINE, FIRED ON BOARD ORDINANCE AND HAD A (250LB BOMB OR EQUIVALENT) SECONDARY EXPLOSION. NEG RES. 948608-945615.  
(E) 012125H APT 70- L-1-1- WHILE SET IN AMB SITE HEARD MOVEMENT ACROSS RIVER, CALLED 81MM MSN. NEG RES 875565.  
4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:  
(A) LATE ENTRY -012115H MAR 70- 3/1 CUPP M-3-1- REC 1 LOB BOMB - RES IN 1 USMC WIA (E) EVAC. ARTY MSN CALLED. NEG RESULTS. 947612.  
(B) 010005H APT 70- 3/1 CUPP M-1-3 REC 9 INCOMING MORTAR ROUNDS - TYPE -UNKNOWN -NEG CASUALTIES. 923573.  
(C) 012040H APPR 70- 1 CO RECEIVED 1 INCOMING MORTAR OR ROCKET NEG RES. 919680.  
5. NEXT 24 HOURS:  
A. CO I AT 918579 WILL CONDUCT PAT/AMB IN EASTERN AO WITH EMPHASIS ON PROVIDING SECURITY FOR RT #540 SOUTH OF HILL 37. INCREASED SECURITY EFFORT TO CONSIST OF REINFORCING INDIA PLT WITH INFANTRY ON STARLIGHT SCOPES AND NOO FOR INCREASED NIGHT SURVEILLANCE OF ROUTE ITSELF. IN ADDITION, PROGRAM OF ARTY ILLUM ALONG RT#540 WILL CONTINUE.  
B. CO L AT 878577 WILL CONDUCT PAT/AMB IN CENTRAL AO; PROVIDE AUG FORCE FOR DEF HILL 65.  
C. CO K AT 215553 WILL CONDUCT PAT/AMB IN WESTERN AO; PROVIDES 2 SQDS FOR SECURITY 7TH ENGR WEST OF HILL 52 TO GL 17; PROVIDES 1 SQD AS SECURITY FOR ENGR MINE SWEEP FROM GL 17 TO HILL 52.  
D. CO M AT 874474 REMAINS OPCON 5TH MAR.  
E. CO M (CUPP COMPANY) AT 966615 WILL CONTINUE SECURITY /PACIF MSN WITH IN RESPECTIVE USMC SQD/PF/RF PLT AO'S.  
M2/3 AND RF PLT 706 PARTICIPATE IN BLOCKING FORCE IN COMBINED OPN WITH ELEMENTS 51ST ARVN.  
F. 5TH MAR CUPP PLT AT 839568 WILL CONTINUE SECURITY /PACIF MSN WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC SQD/RF PLT AO'S.  
6. CASUALTIES/MISC  
2 NVA KIA  
14 USMC WIA  
MISC GEAR:  
1 AK-47  
1 CHICOM  
GP-4  
BT  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L

SITREP #64 FROM 020001H TO 022400H APRIL 70 (U)

1. (C) CURRENT LOC:

BN CP - HILL 65 878577

CO I - HILL 37 918582

CO L - HILL 65 878577

CO K - HILL 52 &amp; 25/K(-) 215553/K3 839568

CO M - AN HOA 874474

CO M 3/1 CUPP CO - HILL 55 966615

5TH MAR CUPP PLT - HILL 25 839568

2. (C) CO I CONDUCTED PAT/AMB IN EASTERN AO WITH EMPHASIS ON PROVIDING SECURITY FOR RT#540 SOUTH OF HILL 37. INCREASED SECURITY EFFORT TO CONSIST OF REINFORCING INDIA PLT WITH INFANTRY ON STARLIGHT SCOPES AND NOD FOR INCREASING NIGHT SURVEILLANCE OF ROUTE ITSELF. IN ADDITION, PROGRAM OF ARTY ILLUM ALONG RT#540 CONTINUED. CO L (-) CONDUCTED RIVER CROSSING INTO NORTHERN ARIZONA AO;

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PROVIDES AUG PLT FOR DEFENSE OF HILL 65. CO K CONDUCTED PAT/AMB IN WESTERN AO; PROVIDED (1) ONE SQD FOR SECURITY FOR 7TH ENGR WEST OF HILL 52 TO GL 17; PROVIDED (1) SQD AS SECURITY FOR ENGR MINE SWEEP FROM GL 17 TO HILL 52. CO M REMAINED OPCON TO 5TH MAR. CO M 3/1 CUPP CO CONTINUED SECURING/PACIFICATION MSN WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC SQD/PF/RF PLT AO'S. M23 AND RF PLT 706 PARTICIPATED IN BLOCKING FORCE IN COMBINED OPN W/ELEMENTS OF 51ST ARVN.

3. (C) ENEMY CONTACT:

(A) LATE ENTRY: 012045H APRIL 70: 3/5 1+3-2 ENEMY INITIATED CONTACT FIRING 30-35 AK-47 RDS, 5 CHICOMS, 1+3-2 RET. S/A FIRE 100 X M-16, CALLED 81'S & ARTY. RESULTS NEG.

(B) 021030H APRIL 70: 5TH MAR CUPP 2 HAMLET CHIEF OF HA NHA (2) OBS 5 NVA/VC & FIRED 8 RDS M-1 CARBINE. ENEMY FIRED AK-47 WOUNDING HAMLET CHIEF (P) EVAC & FLED INTO MOUNTAINS. 5TH MAR CUPP 2&3 SWEEP AREA W/NEG RESULTS.

(C) 020954H APRIL 70: 3/1 CUPP M-1+3-1 RECEIVED 25+30 RDS FROM 5 VC/NVA IN TREELING. RET. FIRE RESULTING IN 1 VC POW WIA.

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## 4. (C) SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

(A) 021010H APRIL 70: 3/5 K-3 FOUND BASE CAMP, MISC. ORD AND GEAR. ORD DEST. GEAR FOR TURN IN.

~~(B) 021015H APRIL 70: 3/5 K-1-2 ROAD SNEEP FOUND AND DEST.~~

(1) 6LBS. BOX MINE RIGGED FOR CMD DET. NEG/RES.

(C) 021015H APRIL 70: 3/5 I-1-1 POINT TRIPPED (1) M-26 B/T PRESS/OR PRESS RELEASE. (1) USMC WIA (P) EVAC.

## 5. (C) NEXT 24 HOURS:

CO I-AT 918579 WILL CONDUCT PAT/AMB IN EASTERN AO WITH EMPHASIS ON PROVIDING SECURITY FOR RT#540 SOUTH OF HILL 37.

INCREASING SECURITY UTILIZATION OF NIGHT OBS DEVICES, ARTY ILLUM AND REINFORCED OP/LP'S WILL REMAIN INEFFECT TO MINIMIZE ROAD MINING HAZARDS. CO L AT 878577 WILL CONDUCT CO(-) SIZE SPECIAL OPN IN THE NORTHERN ARIZONA. DURATION 041800H APRIL 70.

PLT CO L, OPCON 3/5 WILL CONDUCT PAT/AMB VIC OF HILL 65.

CO K AT 215553 AND 839568 WILL CONDUCT PAT/AMB IN WESTERN AO TO INTERDICT ENEMY MOVEMENT INTO THUONG DUC CORRIDOR.

CO M AT 874474 WILL REMAIN OPCON TO 5TH MAR AS AN HOA BASE AUG CO.

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CO M 3/1 CUPP CO AT 966615 WILL CONTINUE SECURING/PACIFICATION MSN WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC/RF/PF AO'S. 5TH MAR CUPP PLT AT 839568 WILL CONTINUE SEC/PACIFICATION MSN WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC SQD/RF PLT AO'S.

## 6. (C) CASUAL/MISC:

(1) USMC (P) EVAC WIA

(1) CIVIL (VILLAGE CHIEF) WIA (P) EVAC

(1) POW WIA (MALE 40)

A. 4X60MM(HE)

B. 2X61MM(HE)

C. 2X60MM(WP)

D. CAN (200 RDS M-60)

E. 77 AK-47 RDS

F. 50X M-16 RD&MAG

G. 1 M-26 FRAG

H. 1 BAG INCRIMENTS

I. 1 BOX ASSORTED TOOLS

J. 200FT. ELEC. CORD

K. 2 M-57 FIRING DEVICES

L. 1 BIPOD FOR M-16

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C O N F I D E N T I A L  
 SITREP #66 FM 040001H TO 042400H APRIL 70 (U)

1. (C) CURRENT LOC:  
 BN CP AND L-Z - HILL 65 - 878577  
 CO I - HILL 37 - 918582  
 CO L (-) - ARIZONA TERRITORY - 850549  
 CO K - HILLS 52 & 25/K(-) 215553/K3 839568  
 CO M - AN HOA - 874474  
 CO M 3/1 CUPP CO - HILL 55 - 966615  
 5TH MAR CUPP PLT - HILL 25 - 839568

2. (C) LAST 24 HOURS:

(A) CO I AT 918579 CONDUCTED PAT/AMB IN EASTERN AO WITH EMPHASIS ON SECURITY FOR ROUTE 540 SOUTH OF HILL 37.

(B) CO L (-) CONDUCTED A RIVER CROSSING INTO NORTHERN ARIZONA (CM) 8354, AND SET UP DAY/NIGHT AMBUSHES. L2 PROVIDED BN CP AUGMENTATION FORCES AND CONDUCTED PAT/AMB VIC HILL 65.

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(C) CO K AT 215553 AND 839568 CONDUCTED PAT/AMB TO INTERDICT ENEMY INFILTRATION INTO THUONG DUC CORRIDOR.

(D) CO M AT 874474 REMAINED OPCON TO 5TH MARINES AS AN HOA BASE AUGMENTATION CO.

(E) CO M (CUPP CO) AT 966615 CONTINUED ASSIGNED SECURING/PACIFICATION MSN WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC/RF/PF AO'S.

(F) 5TH MAR CUPP PLT AT 839568 CONTINUED ASSIGNED SECURING/PACIFICATION MSN WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC SQUAD RF PLATOON AO'S.

3. (C) ENEMY CONTACT:

(A) 040700H - 3/5 L-3-3 AT 834544 WHILE IN AMBUSH SITE OBS 6 ENEMY W/WPNS. FIRED SAF. 3 VC/NVA KIA, 2 AK-47'S W/MAGS, 30 CHICOMS, MED GEAR, DOCUMENTS, AND 3 BOOBY TRAP FIRING DEVICES.

(B) 041030H - 3/5 L-3-3 APPREHENDED THREE FEMALE VC/NVA NURSES. WILL SEND TO 5TH MAR ITT FOR INTERROGATION. NURSES WERE APPREHENDED IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING 0700 CONTACT AT 834544.

(C) 041000H - 5TH MAR CUPP-3 AT 800545 OBS 5 VC/NVA ENTER HA NHA HAMLET. ENEMY THREW 4 CHICOMS, DESTROYED 10 HOOCHES, AND ABDUCTED HAMLET CHIEF AND ONE OTHER MALE, LEAVING PROPAGANDA LEAFLETS AS THEY FLED TO THE NORTH.

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(D) 041050H - 3/5 K-2 AT 799561 RECD 10 RDS SNIPER FIRE.  
FIRED SAF AND CALLED ARTY. SWEEP AREA W/NEG. RESULTS.

4. (C) SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

(A) 041150H - 3/5 L-3-1 AT 855547 FOUND AND DESTROYED ONE  
82MM BOOBY TRAP W/TRIP WIRE ACROSS TRAIL.

(B) 041202H - 3/5 L-3-1 AT 855547 FOUND AND DESTROYED  
1 CHICOM W/TRIP WIRE ACROSS TRAIL SET AS BOOBY TRAP.

(C) 042000H - 5TH MAR CUPP-3 HAD 4 ENEMY MORTAR ROUNDS IMPACT  
NEAR CUPP-3 AMB SITE AT 803547. NEG. CASUALTIES.

(D) 032355H - 3/5 L(-) AT 845548 SECURITY FOR RIVER  
CROSSING FIRED AT WHAT HE BELIEVED WAS ENEMY, WOUNDING A MARINE  
ON RIGHT FLANK WHO WAS TOO FAR IN ADVANCE OF COLUMN.

RES: 1 USMC WIAE.

5. (C) NEXT 24 HOURS:

(A) CO 1 AT 918579 WILL CONDUCT PAT/AMB IN EASTERN AO.  
REINFORCED OP/LP'S ALONG ROUTE 540 SOUTH OF HILL 37 WILL EMPLOY  
MAXIMUM SECURITY MEASURES TO MINIMIZE ROAD MINING HAZARDS.

(B) CO L(-) AT 061500H (H-HOUR) WILL CONDUCT RIVER CROSSING  
AND RETURN TO HILL 65. CO L WILL CONDUCT PAT/AMB VIC HILL 65,  
ALONG LOWER CHARLIE RIDGE, AND PROVIDE AUGMENTATION FORCES FOR  
DEFENSE OF HILL 65.

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(C) 00 K AT 215553 AND 839568 WILL CONTINUE PAT/AMB IN  
WESTERN AO TO INTERDICT ENEMY INFILTRATION INTO THUONG DUC  
CORRIDOR.

(D) CO M AT 874474 WILL REMAIN OPCON 5TH MAR AS AN HOA BASE  
AUG CO.

(E) CO M (3/1 CUPP CO) WILL CONTINUE SECURING/PACIFICATION  
MISSION IN ASSIGNED AO.

(F) 5TH MAR CUPP PLT WILL CONTINUE SECURING/PACIFICATION  
MISSION IN ASSIGNED AO.

6. (C) CASUALTIES/MISC:

1 USMC WIAE.

3 VC/NVA KIA

3 FEMALE VC/NVA (NURSES) DETAINEES

2 AK-47'S W/MAGS

30 CHICOMS

MISC. DOCUMENTS/ASSORTED GEAR

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SITREP #67 FROM 050001H TO 052400H APRIL 70 (U)

1. (C) CURRENT LOC:

BN CP-HILL 65 878577

CO I-HILL 37 918579

CO L-HILL 65 878577

CO K-HILL 52 &amp; 25/K(-) 215553/K3 839568

CO M-AN HOA 874474

CO M 3/1 CUPP CO-HILL 55 966615

5TH MAR CUPP PLT-HILL 25 839568

2. (C) A. CO I AT 918579 CONDUCTED PAT/AMB IN EASTERN AO, WITH EMPHASIS ON PROVIDING SECURITY FOR RT #540 SOUTH OF HILL 37.

B. CO L (-) CONDUCTED TACTICAL MOVE TO VIC 870566; CONDUCTED RIVER CROSSING AND RETURNED TO HILL 65. PLT CO L CONTINUED DAY/NITE

PAT/AMB VIC HILL 65.

C. CO K AT 215553 &amp; 839568 CONDUCTED PAT/AMB IN WESTERN AO TO

INTERDICT ENEMY INFILTRATION INTO THUONG DUC CORRIDOR.

D. CO M AT 874474 REMAINED OPCON TO 5TH MAR AS AN HOA BASE AUG CO.

E. CO M (CUPP CO) AT 966615 CONTINUED SECURING/PACIFICATION MSN

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WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC/RF/PF AO'S.

F. 5TH MAR CUPP PLT AT 839568 CONTINUED SECURING/PACIFICATION MSN

WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC SQD/RF PLT AO'S.

3. (C) ENEMY CONTACT:

A. 050900H APRIL 70 3/1 CUPP M-1-3-1 RECD 5 INCOMING 60MM

MORTAR RDS FROM VIC 945565 RESULTING IN 1 USMC KIA.

B. 050830H APRIL 70 3/5 L-3 TOOK 20 RDS AK-47 SNIPER FIRE FM

TREELING. RETURNED S/A/F M-60 200 RDS, M-16 30 RDS, M-79 15 RDS.

C. 052300H APRIL 70 3/5 L-2-1 WHILE SET IN AMBUSH SITE AT 879568

RECD APPROX 200 RDS AK-47 FIRE. FIRED 10 RDS M-79, 100 RDS M-16.

NEGATIVE RESULTS. WILL SEARCH AREA AT FIRST LIGHT.

4. (C) SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. 050500H APRIL 70 3/5 CO L-2 SQUAD MEMBER WAS SHOT 4 TIMES BY

ANOTHER SQUAD MEMBER. MARINE RECD GUNSHOT WOUNDS APPROACHED THE

PERIMETER WATCH FROM THE REAR AND GRABBED THE RIFLE OF THE MAN

ON WATCH. MAN SHOT WAS NOT WATCH RELIEF. (E) EVAC COMPLETE.

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AS POINT ELEMENT WHEN AN EXPLOSION OCCURED FROM A CONFIRMED 8" 155 COMMAND DETONATED TYPE B/T SET 10 METERS OFF TRAIL. RESULTS-1 USMC KIA, 1 DOG KIA, 1 USMC WIAE, 1 USMC WIA(NE), B/T SET IN TALL GRASS.

C. 051800H APRIL 70 5TH MAR CUPP 2 CORPSMAN WOKE UP USMC FOR MALARIA TABLET; USMC BECAME IRATE. STARTED SHOUTING AT SQD MEMBER, CORPSMAN TRIED CALMING USMC W/NEG RES. USMC GRABBED M-14 & FLED INTO A CLUSTER OF BUSHES. SQD LEADER WAS ABLE TO COAX HIM BACK. PRIORITY MEDEVAC CALLED AND COMPLETED.

D. 051905H APRIL 70 HILL 65 SURV TEAM OBS 4 VC MOVING TOWARD BUNKER. CALLED 105, 155 & 8" INCH F/M AT 1810 EOM 1910, GUNBIRDS ALSO FIRED ON BUNKER NEG/RES. ARTY RDS HAD (2) SECONDARIES EXPL. RES IN (1) KIA.

5. (C) NEXT 24 HRS:

A. CO I WILL CONTINUE PAT/AMB IN EASTERN AO WITH EMPHASIS ON PROVIDING SECURITY FOR RT #540 SOUTH OF HILL 37; WILL CONDUCT SPEC OPN TO THOROUGHLY SECURE RIVER BANK (IN AO) WITH GRID SQUARE AT 9054.

B. CO L WILL CONDUCT PAT/AMB VIC OF HILL 65 AND PROVIDE BN CP

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AUG FORCES. WILL PROVIDE SECURITY FOR EOD TEAM VIC 9362 TO DESTROY MISCELLANEOUS ORDNANCE.

C. CO K WILL CONDUCT PAT/AMB IN WESTERN AO TO INTERDICT ENEMY INFILTRATION INTO THUONG DUC CORRIDOR

D. CO M WILL REMAIN AS AN HOA BASE AUG CO.

E. CO M 3/1 CUPP CO WILL CONTINUE SECURING/PACIFICATION MSN WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC/RF/PF AO'S.

F. 5TH MAR CUPP PLT WILL CONTINUE SECURING/PACIFICATION MSN WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC SQD/RF PLT AO'S.

6. (C) CASUAL/MISC:

2 USMC KIA

1 USMC DOG KIA

1 USMC WIA (E)

1 USMC WIA (NE)

1 USMC NBC (E)

1 VC/NVA KIA

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C O N F I D E N T I A L  
 SITREP #68 FROM 060001H TO 062400H APR 70 (U)

## 1. (C) CURRENT LOC:

BN CP-HILL 65 878577  
 CO I-HILL 37 918574  
 CO L-HILL 65 878577  
 CO K-HILLS 52 & 25/K(-) 215553/K3 839568  
 CO M-AN HOA 874474  
 CO M 3/1 CUPP CO-HILL 55 966615  
 5TH MAR CUPP PLT-HILL 25 839568

## 2. (C) LAST 24 HRS:

(A) CO I CONDUCTED PAT/AMB IN EASTERN AO WITH EMPHASIS ON PROVIDING SECURITY FOR RT #540 SOUTH OF HILL 37; CONDUCTED SPEC OPN TO THOROUGHLY SEARCH ALONG RIVER BANK (IN AO) WITHIN GRID SQUARE AT 9054, WITH NO SIGNIFICANT FINDINGS. PROVIDED SECURITY FOR EOD TEAM

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 VIC 9362 TO DESTROY MISCELLANEOUS ORDNANCE.

(B) CO L CONDUCTED PAT/AMB VIC OF HILL 65 AND PROVIDED BN CP AUG FORCES.

(C) CO K CONDUCTED PAT/AMB IN WESTERN AO TO INTERDICT ENEMY INFILTRATION INTO THUONG DUC CORRIDOR.

(D) CO M REMAINED AS AN HOA BASE AUG CO.

(E) CO M 3/1 CUPP CO CONTINUED SECURING/PACIFICATION MSN WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC/RF/PF AQ'S.

(F) 5TH MAR CUPP PLT CONTINUED SECURING/PACIFICATION MSN WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC SQD/RF PLT AOS.

## 3. (C) ENEMY CONTACT:

(A) 062115H APRIL 70 3/5 CUPP 3 TOOK 30 RDS S/A AND (1) SATCHEL CHARGE. RESULTING IN (1) RF KIA. S/A WAS RETURNED AND (15) M-79 RDS; SEARCHED AREA W/NEG RES.

## 4. (C) SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

(A) 060235H APRIL 70 3/5 1 CP RECEIVED (1) INCOMING RD (TYPE UNKNOWN) CRATER ANALYSIS WILL FOLLOW. NEG CAS.

(B) 061120H APRIL 70 3/5 K-3-2 POINT MAN TRIPPED B/T, M-26 W/TRIP WIRE RESULTING IN (1) USMC WIAE AND (1) USMC WIA (P).

(C) 061140H APRIL 70 3/5 K-3-2 AFTER COMPLETING MEDEVAC CONTINUED

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PATROL & TRIPPED A SECOND M-26: SET AS B/T W/ TRIP WIRE.

RESULTS (1) USMC WIA (E).

(D) 061130H APRIL 70 3/5 K-2-3 DISCOVERED 4 CHILDREN SETTING B/T

FURTHER SEARCH OF AREA RESULTED IN THE DISCOVERY OF 5 OTHER

CHILDREN HIDING IN B/T AREA. THE (4) POW'S & DETAINEES WERE

EVACUATED TO 13TH ITT. ORDNANCE CAPTURED: (2) 81MM WARHEADS

(1) M-26 FRAG, (2) M-16 MAGS W/RDS & (2) M-16 RDS SET AS B/T

~~(E) 061135H APRIL 70 3/5 K-2-3 INTERROGATION OF POWS AND DETAINEES~~

BY KCS RESULTED IN ADMISSION TO SETTING B/T'S BY THE (4) POWS

AND (5) DETAINEES.

(F) 061450H APRIL 70 3/5 12(-) WHILE ON PATROL POINT ELEMENT

TRIPPED B/T ACROSS TRAIL; DETONATED M-26 FRAG. RESULTING IN

(1) USMC WIA (P) EVAC.

(G) 062000H APRIL 70 3/5 K2-1 AMB WAS MOVING TO NITE POS FD A DUMMY

REPRESENTING A MARINE WAS HANGING IN TREE.

(H) 062030H APRIL 70 3/1 CUPP M1-2 TOOK (1) 60MM RD 25 METERS FROM

NITE POS. NEG CASUAL.

5. (C) NEXT 24 HRS:

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(A) CO I WILL CONDUCT PAT/AMB IN EASTERN AO WITH PARTICULAR

EMPHASIS PLACED ON SECURITY FOR ROUTE #540 SOUTH OF HILL 37.

(B) CO L WILL CONDUCT PAT/AMB VIC OF HILL 65 AND PROVIDE BN CP

AUG FORCES.

(C) CO K WILL CONDUCT PAT/AMB IN WESTERN AO TO INTERDICT ENEMY

INFILTRATION INTO THUONG DUC CORRIDOR.

(D) CO M WILL REMAIN AS AN HOA BASE AUG CO.

(E) CO M 3/1 CUPP CO WILL CONTINUE SECURING/PACIFICATION MSN

WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC/RF/PF AOS.

(F) 5TH MAR CUPP PLT WILL CONTINUE SECURING/PACIFICATION MSN

WITHING RESPECTIVE USMC SQD/RF PLT AOS.

6. (C) CASUAL/MISC:

4 USMC WIA'S 2 81MM WARHEADS

1 RF KIA 1 M-26 FRAG

4 POW 2 M-16 MAGS W/RDS

5 DETAINEES 2 M-16 RDS SET AS B/T & FIRING DEVICES

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SIT REP #65 FM 030001 TO 032400 APRIL 1970

1. CURRENT LOC:

BN CP	HILL 65	AT 878577	
CO I	HILL 37	AT 918579	
CO L	HILL 65	AT 878577	
CO K	HILL 52 & 25	K (-)	ZC 215553
K3		K3	AT 839568
CO M	AN HOA	AT 874474	
CO M 3/1 CUPP CO	HILL 55	AT 966615	
5TH MAR CUPP PLT.	HILL 25	AT 839568	

2. CO I AT 918579 CONDUCTED PAT/AMB IN EASTERN AO WITH EMPHASIS ON PROVIDING SECURITY FOR RT#540 SOUTH OF HILL 37. INCREASED SECURITY UTILIZATION OF NIGHT OBSERVATION DEVICES, ARTY ILLUM AND REINFORCED OP/LP'S REMAINED INEFFECT TO MINIMIZE ROAD MINING HAZARDS. CO L (-) AT 878577 STOOD DOWN TO PREPARE FOR RIVER CROSSING INTO NORTHERN ARIZONA, CONDUCTED RIVER CROSSING INTO ARIZONA TO ESTABLISH DAY/NIGHT AMBUSHES ALONG ENEMY LOCS. PLT CO L, OPCON 3/5 CONDUCTED PAT/AMB VIC OF HILL 65. CO K AT ZC 215553 AND AT 839568 CONDUCTED PAT/AMB IN WESTERN AO TO INTERDICT ENEMY MOVEMENT INTO THUONG DUC CORRIDOR. CO M AT AT 874474 REMAINED OPCON TO 5TH MAR AS AN HOA BASE AUG. CO.

3. ENEMY CONTACT: NEGATIVE

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NEGATIVE

5. COMPANY OPERATIONS: CO I AT AT 918579 WILL CONDUCT PAT/AMB IN EASTERN AO, WITH EMPHASIS ON PROVIDING SECURITY FOR RT#540 SOUTH OF HILL 37. NIGHT OBSERVATION DEVICES, AND ARTY ILLUMINATION WILL CONTINUE TO BE UTILIZED BY REINFORCED OP/LP'S TO MINIMIZE POSSIBLE ROAD MINING HAZARDS. CO L (-) (CM) AT 8354 WILL ESTABLISH DAY/NIGHT AMBUSHES FOR A PERIOD OF TWO DAYS. SECOND PLT. CO L WILL REMAIN OPCON 3/5, CONDUCT PAT/AMB VIC HILL 65, AND PROVIDE AUGMENTATION FORCE FOR DEFENSE OF HILL 65. CO K AT ZC 295553 AND AT 839568 WILL CONDUCT PAT/AMB IN WESTERN AO TO INTERDICT ENEMY INFILTRATION INTO THUONG DUC CORRIDOR. CO M AT AT 874474 WILL REMAIN OPCON TO 5TH MAR AS AN HOA DEFENSE AUGMENTATION CO. CO M (CUPP CO) AT AT 966615 WILL CONTINUE SECURING/PACIFICATION MISSION WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC/RF/PF AO'S. 5TH MARINES CUPP PLT AT AT 839568 WILL CONTINUE SECURING/PACIFICATION MISSION WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC SQD/RF PLT AO'S.

6. CASUALTIES: NEGATIVE

FM 3/5 COC  
TO 5TH MAR COC

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SIT REP #69 FM 070001 TO 072400 APRIL 1970

1. CURRENT LOC:

BN CP	HILL 65 AT 878577
CO I	HILL 37 AT 918574
CO L	HILL 65 AT 878577
CO K	HILLS 52 & 25 K (-) ZC 215553/K3 AT 839568
CO M	AN HOA AT 874474
CO M 3/1 CUPP CO	HILL 55 AT 966615
5TH MAR CUPP PLT.	HILL 25 AT 839568

2. LAST 24 HOURS: CO I CONDUCTED PAT/AMB IN WESTERN AO WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS PLACED ON SECURITY FOR RT#540 SOUTH OF HILL 37, CO L CONDUCTED PATROL/AMBUSH VIC HILL 65 AND PROVIDED BN CP AUGMENTATION FORCES. CO K CONDUCTED PAT/AMB IN WESTERN AO TO INTERDICT ENEMY INFILTRATION INTO THUOND DUC CORRIDOR. CO M REMAINED AS AN HOA BASE AUGMENTATION CO. CO M 3/1 CUPP CO CONTINUED SECURING/PACIFICATION MISSION WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC/RF/PF AO'S. 5TH MARINES CUPP PLT CONTINUED SECURING/PACIFICATION MISSION WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC/RF AO'S.

3. ENEMY CONTACT: NEGATIVE.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: 062115 APRIL 1970 FOLLOW-UP 3/5 CUPP 3 AT AT 801547 SWEEP OF AREA OF PREVIOUS CONTACT FOUND FOUR AK-47 SHELLS & BLOOD TRAILS. DETAINED TWO VIETNAMESE FEMALES WITH 20 LBS POLISHED RICE AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES. RF'S WILL SEND DETAINEES TO DAI LOC HQ.

071345 APRIL 1970 3/5 CO I 2-3 AND 7TH ENGINEERS RETURNING FROM PATROL OBS 3 MRS 100'S MOVING SOUTH ON ROUTE#540. MINE WAS DETONATED AFTER 3RD TRUCK WAS 25 METERS PAST AREA. EXPLOSION LEFT HOLE 6 FEET IN DIAMETER AND 4 FEET DEEP. THREE USMC WERE KNOCKED DOWN FROM THE CONCUSSION. NEGATIVE CASUALTIES.

072115 APRIL 1970 3/5 CO K 1-3 AMB OPENED FIRE ON BOAT COMING UP THE RIVER TO THE WEST WITH 100 ROUNDS M-16, 100 ROUNDS M-60. ACTION INITIATED BY UNIT LASTED 2½ MIN. WILL CHECK OUT AREA.

072115 APRIL 1970 3/5 CO K 1-2 FOLLOW-UP, SEARCHED AREA FINDING BOAT ALONG NORTHERN BANK. BOAT CONTAINED ONE BODY, THREE SMALL ARMS, AND MISC EQUIPMENT.

5. NEXT 24 HOURS: CO I WILL CONDUCT PAT/AMB IN EASTERN AO WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS PLACED ON SECURITY FOR RT #540 SOUTH OF HILL 65. CO L (-) WILL CONDUCT PAT/AMB VICINITY HILL 65 AND PROVIDE BN CP AUG. FORCES. PLT (REIN) CO L CONDUCTS RIVER CROSSING UNDER DARKNESS INTO NORTHERN ARIZONA TO CONDUCT DAY/NIGHT AMBUSHES. CO K WILL CONDUCT PAT/AMB IN WESTERN AO TO INTERDICT ENEMY INFILTRATION INTO THUONG DUC CORRIDOR. CO M WILL REMAIN AS AN HOA BASE AUG. CO. CO M 3/1 CUPP CO WILL CONTINUE SECURING/PACIFICATION MISSION WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC/RF/PF AO'S. 5TH MARINES CUPP PLT WILL CONTINUE SECURING/PACIFICATION MISSION WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC SQD/RF AO'S.

6. CASUALTIES/MISC:

1 VC/NVA KIA

2 FEMALES DETAINEES

MEDICAL SUPPLIES

20 LBS POLISHED RICE

2 AK-47'S

5 MAGIZINES AND ROUNDS

1 M-16 WITH ONE MAGIZINE AND ROUNDS

1 CHICOM

6 PAIR SANDALS

FM 3/5 COC.  
TO 5TH MAR COC

CONF  
SIT REP #70 FM 080001 TO 082400 APRIL 1970

1. CURRENT LOC:

BN CP	HILL 65	AT 878577
CO I	HILL 37	AT 918574
CO L (*)	HILL 65	AT 878577
CO K	HILLS 52 & 25	K (-) ZC 215553/K3 AT 839568
CO M	AN HOA	AT 874474
CO M 3/1 CUPP CO.	HILL 55	AT 966615
5TH MAR CUPP PLT.	HILL 25	AT 839568

2. LAST 24 HOURS: CO I CONDUCTED PAT/AMB IN EASTERN AO, EMPLOYED REINFORCED OP/LP'S TO PROVIDE MAXIMUM SECURITY FOR ROUTE#540 SOUTH OF HILL 37. CO L CONDUCTED PAT/AMB VIC HILL 65, PROVIDED BN CP AUGMENTATION FORCES, AND AT 081930 L2 CONDUCTED A RIVER CROSSING INTO NORTHERN ARIZONA TO CONDUCT DAY/NIGHT AMBUSHES IN ACCORDANCE WITH 3/5 FRAGO 14-70. CO K CONDUCTED PAT/AMB IN WESTERN AO TO INTERDICT ENEMY INFILTRATION INTO THUONG DUC CORRIDOR. CO M REMAINED OPCON 5TH MARINES AS AN HOA BASE AUGMENTATION CO. CO M 3/1 CUPP CO CONTINUED ASSIGNED SECURITY/PACIFICATION MISSION WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC/RF/PF AO'S. 5TH MARINES CUPP PLT CONTINUED ASSIGNED SECURITY/PACIFICATION MISSION WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC SQD/RF PLATOON AO'S.

3. ENEMY CONTACT:

(A) 081815 APRIL 1970 3/5 HILL 65 CP SURVEILLANCE OBSERVED 3 VC/NVA AT AT 870547 TRANSPORTING RICE FROM BUNKER; ONE HAD A WEAPON. CALLED FIRE MISSION RESULTING IN 1 ENEMY KIA.

(B) 081935 APRIL 1970 I 1-4 AT AT 922551 SPOTTED SIX TO EIGHT VC/NVA CARRYING WEAPONS. I 1-4 OPENED UP WITH HEAVY FIRE AND RECEIVED LIGHT AK-47 RETURN FIRE. VC/NVA FLED INTO TREELINE. CHECKED AREA WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

(C) 082115 APRIL 1970 3/5 CUPP 2 AT AT 812546 RECEIVED 15 INCOMING ROUNDS WOUNDING ONE RF. CUPP 2 RETURNED FIRE RESULTING IN ONE VC/NVA KIA. MEDEVAC WAS CALLED AND COMPLETED FOR RF. CAPTURED ONE AK-50, THREE CHICOMS, ONE M-26 GRENADE.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

(A) LATE ENTRY -- AT 072030 APRIL 1970, 3/1 CUPP CO M 1-2 WHILE CLEANING 45 CAL PISTOL, MARINE HAD ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE RESULTING IN ONE USMC NBCE.

(B) 081150 -- 7TH ENGINEERS AT AT 913591 HAD DUMP TRUCK OVERTURN RESULTING IN ONE USMC NBCE.

(C) 081430 -- I - 1 AT AT 921554 OBSERVED THREE VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS AT AT 920552 ACCIDENTLY DETONATE M-79 RD. INDICATIONS WERE THAT ROUND WAS BEING TAMPERED WITH AT TIME OF EXPLOSION. RESULTS WERE THREE CIVILIANS WITH HEAD AND SHOULDERS WOUNDS. CIVILIANS WERE TAKEN TO DAI LOC HOSPITAL.

(D) 082100 -- CO K AT ZC 214551 SPOTTED LIGHTS MOVING IN FOOTHILLS AT ZC 207563 MOVING NORTH TO SOUTH. CO K CALLED FIRE MISSION FIRING 55/81MM HE RDS. WILL CHECK OUT AREA AT FIRST LIGHT.

5. NEXT 24 HOURS: CO I WILL CONDUCT PAT/AMB IN EASTERN AO, EMPLOY REINFORCED OP/LP'S TO PROVIDE MAXIMUM SECURITY FOR ROUTE#540 SOUTH OF HILL 37. CO L (-) WILL CONDUCT PAT/AMB VIC HILL 65, PROVIDE AUGMENTATION FORCES FOR DEFENSE OF HILL 65, AND L-2 (REIN) WILL REMAIN IN NORTHERN ARIZONA TO CONTINUE DAY/NIGHT AMBUSHES. COK WILL CONDUCT PAT/AMB IN WESTERN AO TO INTERDICT ENEMY INFILTRATION INTO THUONG DUC CORRIDOR. CO M WILL REMAIN OPCON 5TH MARINES AS AN HOA BASE AUGMENTATION COMPANY. CO M 3/1 CUPP CO WILL CONTINUE ASSIGNED SECURITY/PACIFICATION MISSION WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC/RF/PF PLATOON AO'S. 5TH MARINES CUPP FLT WILL CONTINUE ASSIGNED SECURITY/PACIFICATION MISSION WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC SQD/RF PLT AO'S.

6. CASUALTIES/MISC:

2 VC/NVA KIA

1 RF WIA

1 USMC NBC

3 CIVILIANS NBC

1 AK-50

3 CHICOMS

1 M-26 FRAGMENTATION GRENADE

FM 3/5 COC  
TO 5TH MAR COC

CONF

SIT REP #71 FM 090001H TO 092400H APRIL 1970.

1. CURRENT LOC:

BN CP	HILL 65 AT 878577
CO I	HILL 27 AT 918574
CO L (-)	HILL 65 AT 878577
CO K	HILLS 52 AND 25/K (-) ZC 215553/K 3 AT 839568
CO M	AN HOA AT 874474
CO M 3/1 CUPP CO	HILL 55 AT 966615
5TH MAR CUPP PLT	HILL 25 AT 839568

2. LAST 24 HOURS: CO I CONDUCTED PAT/AMB IN EASTERN AO, EMPLOYED REIN-  
FORCED OP/LP'S TO PROVIDE MAXIMUM SECURITY FOR ROUTE 540 SOUTH OF HILL 37.  
CO L CONDUCTED PAT/AMB VICINITY HILL 65, PROVIDED BNCP AUGMENTATION FORCES.  
CONDUCTED DAY/NIGHT AMBUSHES IN ACCORDANCE WITH 3/5 FRAG O 14-17. CO K CON-  
DUCTED PAT/AMB IN WESTERN AO TO INTERDICT ENEMY INFILTRATION INTO THUONG DUC  
CORRIDOR. CO M REMAINED OPCIEN 5TH MARINES AS AN HOA BASE AUGMENTATION CO.  
CO M3/1 CUPP CO CONTINUED ASSIGNED SECURITY/PACIFICATION MISSION WITHIN RESPEC-  
TIVE USMC/RF/PF AO'S. 5TH MAR CUPP PLT CONTINUED ASSIGNED SECURITY/PACIFICA-  
TION MISSION WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC SQD/RF PLATOON AO'S.

3. ENEMY CONTACT: 090850 3/5 L-2 AT AT855553 TRIPPED BOOBY TRAP (82mm BT) RE-  
SULTING IN (4) USMC KIA. MEDAV BIRD CAME UNDER FIRE, RETURNED FIRE WITH UN-  
KNOWN RESULTS. 091223H 3/5 L-2 AT AT854552 RECEIVED AK-47 ROUNDS FROM GRID  
AT855552, RETURNED FIRE. MISSION WAS CALLED IN, NEGATIVE RESULTS. 091345H  
3/5 L-22 AT AT855553 CAME UNDER FIRE BY AK-47 ROUNDS 150 METERS AWAY. RE-  
TURNED FIRE AND SWEEPED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. 091700H 3/5 L-22 AT AT855553  
CAME UNDER FIRE WHILE MOVING BACK TO PERMANENT POSITION. RETURNED SMALL ARMS  
FIRE, CALLED IN 81mm AND ARTILLERY. SWEEPED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. 092215H  
3/5 L 2 WHILE IN NIGHT POSITION TOOK SMALL ARM AK FIRE AND RPG'S FROM TREE-  
LINE. RETURNED FIRE WITH SMALL ARMS AND CALLED FOR GUNSHIPS. 092240H 3/5  
L-21 WHILE IN NIGHT AMBUSH RECEIVED SPORADIC SMALL ARMS AK FIRE AND (1) RPG  
FROM TREELINE. RETURNED FIRE WITH SMALL ARMS FIRE AND 2 LAWS. GUNBIRDS ARE  
PRESENTLY FIRING UPON TREELINE. 092120H 3/1 CUPP M 13 WHILE AT NIGHT/POSI-  
TION RECEIVED (1) M-79 ROUND. RETURNED FIRE WITH 100 M-60 ROUNDS, SEARCHED AREA  
WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. NO CASUALTIES.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: 091500H 3/5 L 2 AFTER RETURNING FROM SEARCHING AREA  
OF PREVIOUS CONTACT (1) MARINE SUFFERED HEAT STROKE. EMERGENCY MEDEVAC WAS  
CALLED IN. 092050H 3/5 CUPP. RF ON PERIMETER SPOTTED A LIGHT MOVING DOWN  
MOUNTAIN SOUTH EAST CALLED IN 81mm.

5. NEXT 24 HOURS: CO I WILL CONDUCT PAT/AMB IN EASTERN AO, EMPLOY REIN-  
FORCED OP/LP'S TO PROVIDE MAXIMUM SECURITY FOR ROUTE #540 SOUTH OF HILL 37.  
CO L (-) WILL CONDUCT PAT/AMB VICINITY OF HILL 65 PROVIDE AUGMENTATION  
FORCE FOR DEFENCE OF HILL 65, L 2 (REIN) CONDUCTING (RECON IN FORCE) WILL  
RETURN FROM ARIZONA TO HILL 65 BY CONDUCTING RIVER CROSSING OPERATION AT  
AT873568 AT H/HOUR 101500H APRIL 1970. CO K WILL CONDUCT PAT/AMB IN WEST-  
ERN AO TO INTERDICT ENEMY INFILTRATING INTO THUONG DUC CORRIDOR. CO M WILL

REMAIN IN OPCON 5TH MARINES AS AN HOA BASE AUGMENTATION CO. CO M 3/1 CUPP CO WILL CONTINUE ASSIGNED SECURITY/PACIFICATION MISSION WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC/RF/PF PLATOON AO'S. 5TH MAR CUPP PLT WILL CONTINUE ASSIGNED SECURITY/PACIFICATION MISSION WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC SQD/RF PLATOON AO'S.

6. CASUALTIES/MISC:

2 USMC (E)

2 USMC (P)

1 USMC (R)

FM 3/5 COC  
TO 5TH MAR COC

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SIT REP #72 FM 100001H TO 102400H APRIL 1970.

1. CURRENT LOC:

BN CP	HILL 65 AT 878577
CO I	HILL 37 AT 918574
CO L	HILL 65 AT 878577
CO K	HILLS 52 AND 25/K(-) ZC 215553/K 3 AT 839568
CO M	AN HOA AT 874474
CO M 3/1 CUPP CO	HILL 55 AT 966615
5TH MAR CUPP PLT	HILL 25 AT 839568

2. LAST 24 HOURS: CO I CONDUCTED PAT/AMB IN EASTERN AO, EMPLOYED REIN\* FORCED OP/LP'S TO PROVIDE MAXIMUM SECURITY FOR ROUTE #540 SOUTH OF HILL 37. CO L (-) CONDUCTED PAT/AMB VICINITY OF HILL 65, PROVIDED AUGMENTATION FORCES FOR DEFENCE OF HILL 65. L 2 AT 873570 RECON IN FORCE CONDUCTED RIVER CROSSING FROM ARIZONA TERRITORY RETURNED TO HILL 65. CO K CONDUCTED PAT/AMB IN WESTERN AO TO INTERDICT ENEMY INFILTRATION INTO THUONG DUC CORRIDOR. CO M REMAINED OPCON 5TH MAR AS AN HOA BASE AUGMENTATION CO. CO M3/1 CUPP CO CONTINUED ASSIGNED SECURITY/PACIFICATION MISSION WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC/RF/PF AO'S. 5TH MAR CUPP PLT CONTINUED ASSIGNED SECURITY/PACIFICATION MISSION WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC SQD/RF PLATOON AO'S.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS: FOLLOW UP TO 092215H APRIL 70 3/5 L 2 AT AT 845546 WHILE IN NIGHT POSITION RECEIVED ABOUT 700 ROUNDS OF AK-47. SPOOKY WAS CALLED IN. SPOOKY ALSO RECEIVED APPROX 26 AK-47 ROUNDS. SWEEPED AREA AT FIRST LIGHT, NEGATIVE RESULTS. FOLLOW UP TO 092240 L 21 AT AT 884545 WHILE SET IN NIGHT AMBUSH RECEIVED 300 ROUNDS AK FIRE 4 RPG'S AND 7 CHICOMS FROM A TREELINE 100 METERS AWAY. FIRED SMALL ARMS FIRE M-16 300 ROUNDS 3 LAWS AND 12 FRAGS. RESULTS UNKNOWN. 102040H APRIL 70 3/5 K 21 AT AT 797544 SPOTTED BOAT MOVING WEST TO EAST ALONG SONG VU GIA. NO ENEMY OBSERVED IN BOAT. INITIATED SMALL ARMS FIRE M-16 M-79, RECEIVED NEGATIVE RETURN FIRE, BOAT CONTINUED DOWN RIVER. 102115H APRIL 70 3/5 I 2 AT AT 926557 HEARD NOISES FOR APPROX 90 MINUTES, RECEIVED 3 INCOMING CHICOMS RESULTING IN (2) (E) USMC WIAE AND 1(R) USMC WIAE. FIRED SMALL ARMS FIRE WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS. MEDEVAC COMPLETE.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: FOLLOW UP TO 092240H APRIL 70 AS A RESULT OF AREA SEARCH, L 21 FOUND 2 BOOBY TRAPS, 1 M-26 AND ONE BEER CAN FILLED WITH C-4. BOTH RIGGED FOR TRIP WIRE DETONATION. DESTROYED. 3/5 I 3 AT AT 926557, BOOBY TRAP DETECTOR DOG LEADING A COMBAT PATROL FOUND 1 M-79 ROUND WITH PRESSURE RELEASE DEVICE SET AS BOOBY TRAP. DESTROYED.

5. NEXT 24 HOURS: CO I WILL CONDUCT PAT/AMB IN EASTERN AO, EMPLOY REINFORCED OP/LP'S TO PROVIDE MAXIMUM SECURITY FOR ROUTE #540 SOUTH OF HILL 37. CO L WILL CONDUCT PAT/AMB VICINITY HILL 65, LOWER CHARLIE RIDGE AND PROVIDE AUGMENTATION FORCES FOR DEFENCE OF HILL 65. (1) PLT CO K IN CONJUNCTION WITH 193 RF(S) WILL CONDUCT CORDON OF HA NHA VILLE LOCATED WITHIN 3/5 CUPP 3 AO. NPFF'S AND HOI CHANH INTELL SQD WILL CONDUCT SEARCH OF VILLE FOR VCI AND VCS. CO M WILL REMAIN OPCON 5TH MAR AS AN HOA BASE AUGMENTATION CO. CO M3/1 CUPP CO WILL CONTINUE ASSIGNED SECURITY/PACIFICATION MISSION WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC/RF/PF AO'S. 5TH MAR CUPP PLT WILL CONTINUE ASSIGNED SECURITY/PACIFICATION MISSION WITHIN



RESPECTIVE USMC SQD/RF PLT AO'S. CUPP 3 WILL ASSIST IN CORDON OPERATION OF HA NHA VILLE.

6. CASUALTIES/MISC:

2 USMC WIAE (E)

1 USMC WIAE (R)

3 BOBBY TRAPS FOUND AND DESTROYED (1 M-26 W/TRIP WIRE, 1 CAN, (12 OZ), FILLED W/C-4 WITH TRIP WIRE AND 1 M-79 ROUND RIGGED W/PRESS RELEASE DEVICE).

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

SITREP #73 FROM 110001H TO 112400H APRIL 1970

1. CURRENT LOC:

BNCP-HILL 65-878577

CO I-HILL 37-918574

CO L-HILL 65-878577

CO K-HILL 52 &amp; 25/K(-) 215553/K3 839568

CO M -AN HOA-874474

CO M 3/1 CUPP CO-HILL 55-966615

5TH MAR CUPP PLT-HILL 25-839568

2. LAST 24 HOURS:

(A) CO I CONDUCTED PAT/AMB IN EASTERN AO, EMPLOYED REINFORCED OP /LP'S TO PROVIDE MAX SECURITY FOR ROUTE #540 SOUTH OF HILL 37.

(B) CO L CONDUCTED PAT/AMB VIC HILL 65, LOWER CHARLIE RIDGE AND PROVIDED AUGMENTATION FORCES FOR DEFENCE OF HILL 65.

(C) CO K (-) IN CONJUNCTION WITH 193 RF'S CONDUCTED CORDON OF HA-NHA VILLE LOCATED WITHIN 3/5 CUPP 3 AO. NPFF'S AND HIO-CHANH. INTEL. SQD CONDUCTED SEARCH OF VILLE FOR VCI &amp; VCS.

(D) CO M REMAINED OPCN 5TH MAR AS AN-HOA BASE AUGMENTATION CO.

(E) CO M 3/1 CUPP CO CONTINUED ASSIGNED SECURITY / PACIFICATION MISSION WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC /RF/PF AO'S

(F) 5TH MAR CUPP PLT CONTINUED ASSIGNED SECURITY/PACIFICATION MSN WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC SQD/RF PLATOON AO'S.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS:

(A) 102330H 3/1 CUPP M3-3-2 AT 971636 OBS.

5 ENEMY MOVING EAST TO WEST FROM 972636. INITIATED S.A.F. AND PURSUED ENEMY. RESULTING IN (1) RF WIAE (1) NVA KIA.

(B) 110930H 3/5 CO K AT 813547 SPOTTED 5 VC/NVA ON THE SOUT SIDE OF RIVER BANK RECON OP AT 794525 WAS NOTIFIED WHO CALLED IN F/M. COBRA GUNSHIP WAS CALLED IN. UNABLE TO CHECK AREA DUE TO RIVER BARRIER.

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4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

(A) 110800H APRIL 70 3/5 HILL 65 SURVEILLANCE OBS 1 VC ENTER A BUNKER AT DUSK LAST EVENING AT 872548. MISSION WAS CALLED IN, RESULTED IN A SMALL FLAME.

(B) 111015H APRIL 70 3/5 CO K AT 805547 HAD HOI-CHANH LEAD PATROL ACCOMPANIED BY DAI LOC NATIONAL POLICE. AND INTELLIGENCE SQD. INO HA-NHA VILLE. TAKING 12 VCS 7 OTHER DETAINEES. THEY WERE TAKEN TO DAI-LOC DIST HQ FOR INTERROGATION.

(C) 111200H APRIL AUP 1TH MAR CUPP-2 AT 810545 FOUND ONE (1) VC/NVA. BODY. PRESUMED TO HAVE BEEN DEAD ABOUT 3 DAYS BY SAF. THE PATROL WAS LED TO THE BODY BY VN CHILDREN.

(D) 111740H APRIL 70 3/5 K3 AT 850579 WHILE ON PATROL OBSERVED 3 ROCKS POINTED IN THE SAME DIRECTION, INVESTIGATION OF AREA LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF A 10LB CHARGE, SEEMED TO BE COMMAND DETONATED. CHARGE WAS BLOWN IN PLACE.

5. NEXT 24 HOURS:

(A) CO I WILL CONDUCT PAT/AMB IN EASTERN AO EMPLOY REINFORCED OP/LP'S TO PROVIDE MAX. SEC FOR ROUTE #540 SOUTH OF HILL 37.

(B) CO L WILL CONDUCT PAT/AMB VIC HILL 65, LOWER CHARLIE RIDGE AND PROVIDE AUGMENTATION FORCES FOR THE DEFENCE OF HILL 65.

(C) CO K WILL CONDUCT PAT/AMB IN WESTERN AO. TO INTERDICT ENEMY INFILTRATION INTO THOUONG DUC CORRIDOR.

(D) CO M WILL REMAIN OPCN 5TH MAR AS AN-HOA BASE AUG CO.

(E) CO M 3/1 CUPP CO WILL CONTINUE ASSIGNED SECURING/PACIFICATION MISSION WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC/RF/PF AO'S.

(F) 5TH MAR (CUPP) PLT (-) WILL CONTINUE ASSIGNED SECURING/ PACIFICATION MSN WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC SQD/RF PLT AO'S CUPP 3 WILL ASSIST IN CORDON OPERATION OF HO-N A VILLE.

6. CASUAL / MISC. :

(1) RF WIA

(2) VC/NVA KIA

(12) VCS

(7) DETAINEES

(1) 9MM PISTOL

(80) DONGS

DOCUMENTS

(1) .38 CAL PISTOL

(2) CHI-COMS

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(C) 111200H APRIL AUP TTH MAR CUPP-2 AT 810545 FOUND ONE (1) VC/NVA • BODY • PRESUMED TO HAVE BEEN DEAD ABOUT 3 DAYS BY SAF. THE PATROL WAS LED TO THE BODY BY VN CHILDREN.

(D) 111740H APRIL 70 3/5 K3 AT 850579 WHILE ON PATROL OBSERVED 3 ROCKS POINTED IN THE SAME DIRECTION, INVESTIGATION OF AREA LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF A 10LB CHARGE, SEEMED TO BE COMMAND DETONATED. CHARGE WAS BLOWN IN PLACE.

5. NEXT 24 HOURS:

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(B) CO L WILL CONDUCT PAT/ AMB VIC HILL 65, LOWER CHARLIE RIDGE AND PROVIDE AUGMENTATION FORCES FOR THE DEFENCE OF HILL 65.

(C) CO K WILL CONDUCT PAT/ AMB IN WESTERN AO. TO INTERDICT ENEMY INFILTRATION INTO THOUONG DUC CORRIDOR.

(D) CO M WILL REMAIN OPCN 5TH MAR AS AN- HOA BASE AUG CO.

(E) CO M 3/1 CUPP CO WILL CONTINUE ASSIGNED SECURING/PACIFICATION MISSION WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC/RF/PF AO'S.

(F) 5TH MAR (CUPP) PLT (-) WILL CONTINUE ASSIGNED SECURING/ PACIFICATION MSN WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC SQD/RF PLT AO'S CUPP 3 WILL ASSIST IN CORDON OPERATION OF HO-N A VILLE.

6. CASUAL / MISC • :

(1) RF WIA

(2) VC/NVA KIA

(12) VCS

(7) DETAINEES

(1) 9MM PISTOL

(80) DONGS

DOCUMENTS

(1) .38 CAL PISTOL

(2) CHI-COMS

(1) CARTRIDGE BELT

(4) OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS, MAPS

(1) 10LB COMAND DET. CHARGE.

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FM 3/5 COC  
TO 5TH MAR COC

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SIT REP #74 FM 120001 TO 122400 APRIL 1970

1. CURRENT LOC:

BN CP	HILL 65	AT 878577
CO I	HILL 37	AT 918574
CO L	HILL 65	AT 878577
CO K	HILLS 52 & 25	K (*) ZC 215553/K3 AT 839568
CO M	AN HOA	AT 874474
CO M 3/1 CUPP CO.	HILL 55	AT 966615
5TH MAR CUPP PLT.	HILL 25	AT 839568

2. LAST 24 HOURS:

CO I CONDUCTED PAT/AMB IN EASTERN AO, EMPLOYED REINFORCED OP/LP'S TO PROVIDE MAXIMUM SECURITY FOR ROUTE#540 SOUTH OF HILL 37. CO L CONDUCTED PAT/AMB VIC HILL 65, LOWER CHARLIE RIDGE AND PROVIDED AUGMENTATION FORCES FOR DEFENSE OF HILL 65. CO K CONDUCTED PAT/AMB IN WESTERN AO TO INTERDICT ENEMY INFILTRATION INTO THUONG DUC CORRIDOR. CO M REMAINED OPCON 5TH MAR AS AN HOA BASE DEFENSE CO. CO M 3/1 CUPP CO CONTINUED ASSIGNED SECURITY PACIFICATION MISSION WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC/RF/PF AO'S. 5TH MAR CUPP PLT CONTINUED ASSIGNED SECURITY/PACIFICATION MISSION WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC/RF PLT AO'S.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS:

(A) 120415 APRIL 1970 L 1-2 AT AT 883561 OBSERVED ESTIMATED SIX ENEMY MOVING TOWARD AMBUSH FROM NORTHEAST IN COLUMN. L 1-2 OPENED UP 30-40 METERS AWAY. SEARCH AT FIRST LIGHT REVEALED ONE PF KIA. DAI LOC DISTRICT WAS INFORMED.

(B) 120730 APRIL 1970 3/5 HILL 65 GROUND SURVEILLANCE OBSERVED 3 VC/NVA WITH WEAPONS. CALLED IN FIRE MISSION OF 24 HE ROUNDS RESULTING IN 1 VC/NVA KIA.

(C) 121225 APRIL 1970 3/5 CO K 3 AT AT 811587 SPOTTED 3 VC/NVA GOING INTO CAVE NORTH OF PATROL. K3 OPENED FIRE WITH SMALL ARMS AND TWO LAAWS, RECEIVED NEGATIVE FIRE IN RETURN. ARTY MISSION WAS CALLED. WHILE ATTEMPTING TO CHECK OUT AREA A CHICOM BOOBY TRAP WAS DETONATED WITH NEGATIVE CASUALTIES. NO DOG TEAM WAS USED.

(D) 122100 APRIL 1970 3/1 CUPP CO M 2-3 INVESTIGATED NOISE COMING FROM HOOTCHES AND OBSERVED TWO VC/NVA. INITIATED FIRE WITH 100 ROUNDS M-16 AND 7 ROUNDS M-79. ENEMY RETURNED FIRE WITH APPROX 30 ROUNDS AK-47 FIRE AND THREW TWO CHICOMS WHILE WITHDRAWING. SWEEPED AREA UNDER 81MM MORTAR AND ARTY ILLUM ARTY FIRE MISSION AT 2115 RECEIVED AT 2120 OBSERVED ONE BODY AND TWO VC/NVA RUNNING AWAY TO THE SOUTH.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

(A) 120845 APRIL 1970 3/5 CO K 1 AT AT 801575 WHILE ON PATROL DETONATED A BOOBY TRAP BELIEVED TO BE 60MM MORTAR ROUND. RESULTS WERE TWO EMER AND ONE PRIOR EVAC. BOOBY TRAP WAS IN RIVER AND NO DOG TEAM WAS USED.

(B) 120200 REF A CONFERENCE W/S-3 5TH MAR. AT 111400 APRIL 1970 BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT WITH 2/5 AS APPROVED BY REF A THE FOLLOWING TEMPORARY AO BOUNDARY IS EFFECTIVE UNTIL DISESTABLISHED BY THIS OR HIGHER HEADQUARTERS. FROM

JUNCTURE OF 3/5:2/5 BOUNDARY AT AT 805540 SOUTH ALONG 805 GRID TO 54 GRID EAST TO JUNCTURE OF EXISTING BOUNDARY VIC LIBERTY ROAD. ATAT919540 ARE KNOWN AS NORTHERN ARIZONA: CONTAINED ON WEST BY 805 GRID ON THE NORTH AND EAST BY THE SONG VU GIA AND ON THE SOUTH BY THE 54 GRID IS DESIGNATED ARIZONA AO AREA SOUTH OF 54 GRID REMAINS RESPONSIBILITY OF 2/5 (SEE OVERLAY).

5. NEXT 24 HOURS: CO I WILL CONDUCT PAT/AMB IN EASTERN AO, EMPLOY REINFORCED OP/LP'S TO PROVIDE MAXIMUM SECURITY FOR ROUTE#540 SOUTH OF HILL 37. CO L WILL CONDUCT PAT/AMB VIC HILL 65, LOWER CHARLIE RIDGE, AND PROVIDE AUGMENTATION FORCES FOR DEFENSE OF HILL 65. CO K WILL CONDUCT PAT/AMB IN WESTERN AO TO INTERDICT ENEMY INFILTRATION INTO THUONG DUC CORRIDOR. CO M WILL REMAIN OPCON TO 5TH MAR AS AN HOA BASE AUGMENTATION COMPANY. CO M 3/1 CUPP WILL CONTINUE ASSIGNED SECURITY/PACIFICATION MISSION WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC/RF/PF?AO'S. 5TH MARINES CUPP PLT WILL CONTINUE ASSIGNED SECURITY/PACIFICATION MISSION WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC SQD/RF PLT AO'S.

6. CASUALTIES/MISC.

- 1 PF KIA
- 1 VC/NVA KIA
- 2 EMER AND 1 PRIOR MEDEVAC USMC.

FM 3/5 COC  
TO 5TH MAR COC

CONF

SIT REP #75 FM 130001H TO 132400H APRIL 1970.

1. CURRENT LOC:

BN CP	HILL 65 AT878577
CO I	HILL 37 AT918574
CO L	HILL 65 AT878577
CO K	HILLS 52 AND 25 K (-) ZC215553/K 3 AT839568
CO M	AN HOA AT874474
CO M 3/1 CUPP CO	HILL 55 AT966615

2. LAST 24 HOURS: CO I CONDUCTED PAT/AMB IN EASTERN AO, EMPLOYED REINFORCED OP/LP'S TO PROVIDE MAXIMUM SECURITY FOR ROUTE # 540 SOUTH OF HILL 37. CO L CONDUCTED PAT/AMB VICINITY HILL 65, LOWER CHARLIE RIDGE, AND PROVIDED AUGMENTATION FORCES FOR DEFENCE OF HILL 65. CO K CONDUCTED PAT/AMB IN WESTERN AO, TO INTERDICT ENEMY INFILTRATION INTO THUONG DUC CORRIDOR. CO M REMAINED OPCON TO 5TH MAR AS AN HOA BASE AUGMENTATION CO. CO M 3/1 CUPP CO CONTINUED ASSIGNED SECURITY/PACIFICATION MISSION WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC/RF/PF AO'S. 5TH MAR CUPP PLT CONTINUED ASSIGNED SECURITY/PACIFICATION MISSION WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC SQD/RF PLT AO.

3. ENEMY CONTACT: 131830H APRIL 70 I 1 WHILE AT PPB RECEIVED 25 ROUNDS AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE, RETURNED FIRE WITH 200 ROUNDS M-60, 100 M-16 AND 6 ROUNDS M-79 60mm MORTAR FIRE MISSION CALLED AT 1835H, FIRST ROUND HIT AT 1849H, END OF MISSION AT 1855H. FIVE ROUNDS FIRED. NEGATIVE RESULTS DUE TO WATER BARRIER.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: 131455H APRIL 70 I 34 WHILE MOVING TO OP SITE SPOTTED 81mm ILLUMINATION ROUND UNDER WIRE FENCE. ROUND WAS BOOBY TRAPPED WITH M-26 FRAG. BOOBY TRAP BLOWN IN PLACE.

5. NEXT 24 HOURS: CO I WILL CONDUCT PAT/AMB IN EASTERN AO, EMPLOY REINFORCED OP/LP'S TO PROVIDE MAXIMUM SECURITY FOR ROUTE #540 SOUTH OF HILL 37. CO L WILL CONDUCT PAT/AMB VICINITY HILL 65, LOWER CHARLIE RIDGE, AND PROVIDE AUGMENTATION FORCES FOR DEFENCE OF HILL 65. CO K WILL CONDUCT PAT/AMB IN WESTERN AO, TO INTERDICT ENEMY INFILTRATION INTO THUONG DUC CORRIDOR. CO M WILL REMAIN OPCON TO 5TH MAR AS AN HOA BASE AUGMENTATION CO. CO M 3/1 CUPP WILL CONTINUE ASSIGNED SECURITY/PACIFICATION MISSION WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC/RF/PF AO'S. 5TH MAR CUPP PLT WILL CONTINUE ASSIGNED SECURITY/PACIFICATION MISSION WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC SQD/RF PLT AO'S.

6. CASUALTIES/MISC:  
NEGATIVE

FM 3/5 COC  
TO 5TH MAR COC

CONF

SIT REP # 76 FM 140001H TO 142400H APRIL 1970.

1.. CURRENT LOC:

BN CP	HILL 65 AT878577
CO I	HILL 37 AT918574
CO L	HILL 65 AT 878577
CO K	HILLS 52 AND 25 K(-) ZC215553/K 3 AT839568
CO M	AN HOA AT874474
CO M 3/1 CUPP CO	HILL 55 AT966615

2. LAST 24 HOURS: CO I CONDUCTED PAT/AMB IN EASTERN AO, EMPLOYED REINFORCED OP/LP'S TO PROVIDE MAXIMUM SECURITY FOR ROUTE # 540 SOUTH OF HILL 37. CO L CONDUCTED PAT/AMB VICINITY HILL 65, LOWER CHARLIE RIDGE, AND PROVIDED AUGMENTATION FORCES FOR DEFENCE OF HILL 65. CO K CONDUCTED PAT/AMB IN WESTERN AO, TO INTERDICT ENEMY INFILTRATION INTO THUONG DUC CORRIDOR. CO M REMAINED OPCON TO 5TH MAR AS AN HOA BASE AUGMENTATION CO. CO M 3/1 CUPP CO CONTINUED ASSIGNED SECURITY/PACIFICATION MISSION WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC/RF/PF AO'S. 5TH MAR CUPP PLT CONTINUED ASSIGNED SECURITY/PACIFICATION MISSION WITHIN USMC SQD/RF PLT AO.

3. ENEMY CONTACT: NEGATIVE

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: 140800H APRIL 70 K 22 AT ZC209554 WHILE RETURNING TO DAY POSITION FROM NIGHT AMBUSH A .45 CALIBER PISTOL WAS FOUND. SERIAL NO 1352882. MAGAZINES AND ROUNDS WERE ALSO FOUND IN PISTOL. INVESTIGATION FAILED TO DETERMINE WHO OWNED THE WEAPON.

5. NEXT 24 HOURS: CO I WILL CONDUCT PAT/AMB IN EASTERN AO, EMPLOY REINFORCED OP/LP'S TO PROVIDE MAXIMUM SECURITY FOR ROUTE # 540 SOUTH OF HILL 37. CO L WILL CONDUCT PAT/AMB VICINITY HILL 65, LOWER CHARLIE RIDGE, AND PROVIDE AUGMENTATION FORCE FOR DEFENCE OF HILL 65. CO K WILL CONDUCT PAT/AMB IN WESTERN AO, TO INTERDICT ENEMY INFILTRATION INTO THUONG DUC CORRIDOR. CO M WILL REMAIN OPCON 5TH MAR AS AN HOA BASE AUGMENTATION CO. CO M 3/1 CUPP WILL CONTINUE ASSIGNED SECURITY/PACIFICATION MISSION WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC/RF/PF AO'S. 5TH CUPP PLT WILL CONTINUE ASSIGNED SECURITY/PACIFICATION MISSION WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC SQD/RF PLT AO'S.

6. CASUALTIES/MISC:

(1) .45 CALIBER PISTOL/MAGAZINES AND ROUNDS.

FM 3/5 COC  
TO 5TH MAR COC

CONF

SIT REP #77 FM 150001 TO 152400 APRIL 1970

1. CURRENT LOC:

BN CP	HILL 65	AT 878577
CO I	HILL 37	AT 919580
CO L	HILL 65	AT 878577
CO K	HILLS 52 and 25	K(-) ZC 215553/K3 AT 839568
CO M 3/1 CUPP CO	HILL 55	AT 966615
5TH MAR CUPP PLT.	HILL 25	AT 839568

2. LAST 24 HOURS: CO I CONDUCTED PAT/AMB IN EASTERN AO, EMPLOYED REINFORCED OP/LP'S TO PROVIDE MAXIMUM SECURITY FOR ROUTE#540 SOUTH OF HILL 37. CO L CONDUCTED PAT/AMB VIC HILL 65, LOWER CHARLIE RIDGE, AND PROVIDED AUGMENTATION FORCES FOR DEFENSE OF HILL 65. CO K CONDUCTED PAT/AMB IN WESTERN AO TO INTERDICT ENEMY INFILTRATION INTO THUONG DUC CORRIDOR. CO M REMAINED OPCON TO 5TH MARINES AS AN HOA BASE AUGMENTATION COMPANY. CO M3/1 CUPP CONTINUED ASSIGNED SECURITY/PACIFICATION MISSION WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC/RF/PF AO'S. 5TH MAR CUPP PLT CONTINUED ASSIGNED SECURITY/PACIFICATION MISSION WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC SQD/RF PLT AO'S.

3. ENEMY CONTACT: NEGATIVE

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NEGATIVE

5. NEXT 24 HOURS: CO I WILL CONDUCT PAT/AMB IN EASTERN AO WITH ONE PLT SOUTH OF HILL 37 ALONG ROUTE#540 AND ONE PLT (-) NORTH OF HILL 37: ONE SQD REMAIN AT HILL 37 TO PROVIDE CP SECURITY AND ENGINEER ROAD SWEEP SECURITY NORTH AND SOUTH ALONG ROUTE#540. ONE PLT WILL BE OPCON TO THE BATTALION TO ASSUME PAT/AMB/BASE AUGMENTATION MISSION PRESENTLY BEING CONDUCTED BY CO L. CO L WILL PASS OPCON TO 1ST BN., 1ST MAR UPON (MUTUALLY AGREEABLE TIME) CROSSING 5TH MAR/1ST MAR BOUNDARY VIC GRID 9464 AT APPROX 161330 APRIL 1970 WHILE CONDUCTING TACTICAL VEHICLE MOVEMENT TO HILL 10 (HILL 10'S ASSEMBLE AREA FOR 1/1 FORCES). CO K WILL CONDUCT PAT/AMB IN WESTERN AO TO INTERDICT ENEMY INFILTRATION INTO THUONG DUC CORRIDOR. CO M WILL REMAIN OPCON TO 5TH MAR AS AN HOA BASE AUGMENTATION COMPANY. CO M 3/1 CUPP WILL CONTINUE ASSIGNED SECURITY/PACIFICATION MISSION WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC/RF/PF AO'S. 5TH MAR CUPP PLT WILL CONTINUE ASSIGNED SECURITY/PACIFICATION MISSION WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC SQD/RF PLT AO'S.

6. CASUALTIES/MISC: NEGATIVE.



FM 3/5 COC  
TO 5TH MAR COC

CONF

SIT REP # 78 FM 160001H TO 162400H APRIL 70

1. CURRENT LOC:

BN CP	HILL 65 AT 878577
CO I	HILL 37 AT 919580
CO L	HILL 65 AT 878577
CO K	HILLS 52 AND 25 K(-) ZC 215553/K 3 AT 839568
CO M 3/1 CUPP CO	HILL 55 AT 966615
5TH MAR CUPP PLT	HILL 25 AT 839568

2. LAST 24 HOURS: CO I CONDUCTED PAT/AMB IN EASTERN AO WITH ONE PLT SOUTH OF HILL 37 ALONG ROUTE # 540 AND ONE PLT (-) NORTH OF HILL 37, ONE SQD REMAINED AT 37 TO PROVIDE CP SECURITY AND ENGINEER ROAD SWEEP SECURITY NORTH AND SOUTH ALONG ROUTE # 540 ONE PLT WAS OPCON BN TO PAT/AMB/BASE AUGMENTATION MISSION PRESENTLY BEING CONDUCTED BY CO L. CO L PASSED OPCON TO 1ST BN, 1ST MAR UPON MUTUALLY AGREEABLE TIME CROSSED 5TH MAR 1ST MAR BOUNDARY VICINITY GRID AT9464 AT APPROX 161300H APRIL 70 CONDUCTED TACTICAL VEHICLE MOVEMENT TO HILL 10 (HILL 10'S ASSEMBLY AREA FOR 1/1 FORCES). CO K CONDUCTED PAT/AMB IN WESTERN AO TO INTERDICT ENEMY INFILTRATION INTO THUONG DUC CORRIDOR. CO M REMAINED OPCON 5TH MAR AS AN HOA BASE AUGMENTATION CO. CO M 3/1 CUPP CONTINUED ASSIGNED SECURITY/PACIFICATION MISSION WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC SQD/RF PLT AO.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS: 161150H APRIL 70 3/5 K 23 AT AT841551 WHILE ON DAY PATROL 3 VC WERE SPOTTED WITH RIFLES AT AT841547 MOVING SOUTH. K 23 INITIATED SMALL ARMS FIRE WAS UNABLE TO SEARCH AREA DUE TO RIVER BARRIER. 161400H APRIL 70 3/5 K 32 AT AT841551 WHILE IN OP OBSERVED 2 ENEMY ONE CARRYING A RIFLE. K 32 INITIATED SMALL ARMS FIRE (M-16) NEGATIVE RETURN FIRE RECEIVED. ENEMY FLED TO THE SOUTH. WAS UNABLE TO SEARCH DUE TO WATER BARRIER. 162030H APRIL 70 3/1 CUPP M 23B MOVING INTO AMBUSH SITE, ENGAGEMENT WITH 20 BLUE UNIFORM NVA SOME WERE CARRYING SMALL ARMS. POINT INITIATED SMALL ARMS FIRE KILLING 1 NVA EBEMY FLED TO EAST.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: 161330H 3/5 S-3 CONCERNING PASSING OF CO L 3/5, OPCON TO 1ST MAR BOUNDARY AT AT9464 MOTOR MARCH WAS CONDUCTED WITH COMBINED 3/5 AND 1/1.

5. NEXT 24 HOURS: CO I WILL CONTINUE TO CONDUCT PAT/AMB IN EASTERN AO WITH ONE PLT SOUTH OF HILL 37 ALONG ROUTE #540, AND ONE PLT (-) NORTH OF HILL 37; ONE SQD REMAINS AT HILL 37 TO PROVIDE CP SECURITY AND ENG RD SWP SECURITY NORTH AND SOUTH ALONG ROUTE #540, ONE PLT OPCON BN WILL ASSUME PAT/AMB/BASE AUGMENTATION MISSION OF HILL 65. CO L OPCON TO 1ST BN 1ST MAR WILL CONDUCT OPERATION WITH 1st BN 1ST MAR. CO K WILL CONDUCT PAT/AMB IN WESTERN AO TO INTERDICT ENEMY INFILTRATION INTO THUONG DUC CORRIDOR. CO M WILL REMAIN OPCON 5TH MAR AS AN HOA BASE AUGMENTATION CO. CO M 3/1 CUPP CO WILL CONTINUE ASSIGNED SECURITY/PACIFICATION MISSION RESPECTIVE USMC/RF/PF AO'S. 5TH MAR CUPP PLT WILL CONTINUE ASSIGNED SECURITY/PACIFICATION MISSION WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC SQD/RF PLT AO'S.

6. CASUALTIES/MISC:

(1) NVA KIA

(1) CART BELT,  
(4) M-26 FRAGS.

FM 3/5 COC  
TO 5TH MAR COC

CONF

SITREP #79 FM 170001 TO 172400 APR70

1. CURRENT LOC:

BN CP	HILL 65 AT 878577
CO I	HILL 37 AT 919580
CO L	OPCON 1/1
CO K	HILLS 52 & 25 K(-) ZC 215553/K3 AT 839568
CO M	AN HOA AT 874474
CO M 3/1 CUPP CO.	HILL 55 AT 966613
5TH MAR CUPP PLT.	HILL 25 AT 839568

2. LAST 24 HOURS: CO I CONDUCTED PAT/AMB IN EASTERN AO W/ONE PLT SOUTH OF HILL 37 ALONG ROUTE#540, AND ONE PLT (-) NORTH OF HILL 37; ONE SQD REMAINED AT HILL 37 TO PROVIDE CP SEC. AND ENGR ROAD SWEEP SEC NORTH AND SOUTH ALONG ROUTE#540. ONE PLT OPCON BN ASSUMED PAT/AMB/BASE AUG MSN OF HILL 65. CO L OPCON TO 1ST BN., 1ST MAR. CONDUCTED OPN WITH 1ST BN., 1ST MAR. CO K CONDUCTED PAT/AMB IN WESTERN AO TO INTER-DICT ENEMY INFILTRATION INTO THUONG DUC CORRIDOR. CO M REMAINED OPCON 5TH MAR. AS AN HOA AUG CO. CO M 3/1 CUPP CO CONTINUED ASSIGNED SEC/PACIFICATION MSN WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC/RF/PF AO'S. 5TH MAR CUPP PLT CONTINUED ASSIGNED SEC/PACIFICATION MSN WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC/RF AO'S.

3. ENEMY CONTACT:

(A) 171900H APR70 3/5 CUPP GROUND SURVEILLANCE OBS 8 VC/NVA IN BUNKER AREA. ALL HAD WEAPONS AND PACKS. FIRE MISSION CALLED AT 1905 FIRED 28 ROUNDS, RESULTED IN 5 VC/NVA KIA.

(B) 172055H APR70 3/5 CO K 2-1 AMB OBS 3 VC/NVA IN A BOAT. INITIATED FIRE W/300 ROUNDS M-60, 200 RDS M-16, and 16 RDS M-79, RESULTING IN 1 VC/NVA BODY FLOATING EAST IN RIVER. UNABLE TO SEARCH DUE TO RIVER BARRIER.

(C) 172110H APR70 3/1 CUPP CO M 2 OBS VC/NVA ON WEST SIDE OF RIVER. INITIATED FIRE WITH SAF. CALLED FIRE MISSION OF 81MM HE UNDER ARTY ILLUM OBS 1 VC/NVA KIA.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

(A) 162024H APR70 FOLLOW-UP CO M2-3 WHILE SEARCHING AREA OF LAST NIGHT CONTACT, FOUND 600-700 LBS POLISHED RICE AND 1 55 GALLON DRUM TURNED OVER TO DIEN BAN DIST.

(B) 172130H APR70 3/5 CO K ENEMY PSY-OPS UNIT BROADCASTED CHIEU HOI TO ARVN BTRY. FIRE MISSION CALLED AT 2130 1ST RD 2200, 24 HE ROUNDS WERE FIRED EOM 2205. UNABLE TO SEARCH DUE TO RIVER BARRIER.

5. NEXT 24 HOURS: CO I WILL CONDUCT PAT/AMB IN EASTERN AO WITH ONE PLT SOUTH OF HILL 37 ALONG RT#540. ONE PLT(-) NORTH OF HILL 37 ALONG RT#540. ONE SQD REMAINS AT HILL 37 TO PROVIDE CP SEC AND ENGR ROAD SWEEP SEC NORTH AND SOUTH ALONG RT#540. ONE PLT OPCON BN ASSUMED PAT/AMB/BASE AUG MSN VIC HILL 65. CO L OPCON TO 1ST BN., 1ST MAR. WILL CONDUCT OPN WITH 1/1. CO K WILL CONDUCT PAT/AMB IN WESTERN AO TO INTERDICT ENEMY INFILTRATION INTO THUONG DUC CORRIDOR. CO M WILL STAND DOWN FROM 180800H TO 201200H APR70 AND HELOLIFT TO STACK ARMS. CO M3/1 and 5TH MAR CUPP PLT WILL CONTINUE ASSIGNED SEC/PACIFICATION MSN WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC/RF/PF AO'S.

6. CASUALTIES/MISC.

7 VC/NVA KIA  
700 LBS POLISHED RICE.

TO 3/5 COC  
FM 5TH MAR COC

CONF

SITREP #80 FM 180001 TO 182400 APR70

1. CURRENT LOC:

BN CP	HILL 65 AT 878577
CO I	HILL 37 AT 919580
CO L	OPCON 1/1
CO K	HILLS 52 & 25 K(2) ZC 215553/K3 AT 839568
CO M	STACK ARMS
CO M 3/1 CUPP CO.	HILL 55 AT 966615
5TH MAR CUPP PLT.	HILL 25 AT 839568

2. LAST 24 HOURS: CO I CONDUCTED PAT/AMB IN EASTERN AO WITH ONE PLT SOUTH OF HILL 37 LONG RT#540. ONE PLT SOUTH OF HILL 36 TO PROVIDE CP SEC. NORTH AND SOUTH ALONG RT#540. ONE PLT I3 OPCON BN ASSUMED PAT/AMB/BASE AUG MSN VIC HILL 65. CO L OPCON TO 1ST BN, 1st MAR WILL CONDUCT OPN WITH 1/1. CO K CONDUCT PAT/AMB IN WESTERN AO TO INTERDICT ENEMY INFILTRATION INTO THUONG DUC CORRIDOR. CO M STAND DOWN FROM 180800 TO 201200 APR70 AND HELO LIFTED TO STACK ARMS. CO M3/1 AND 5TH MAR CUPP PLT CONTINUED ASSIGNED SEC/PACIFICATION MSN WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC/RF/PF AO'S.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS.

(A) 172200APR70 3/1 CUPP CO M 2 AT AT 960631 RECEIVED APPROX 100-150 RDS AK-47 FIRE FROM EST 9 VC/NVA FROM N.E. M2 RETURNED SAF.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

(A) 180945 APR70 5TH MAR 3-3 TELECON WITH 3/5 S-3 DISESTABLISHED TEM AO BOUNDARY IN N. ARIZONA BETWEEN 2/5 AND 3/5 EFFECTIVE 210600 APR70, TEMP AO EXTENTION REESTABLISHED UNTIL MODIFIED OR DISESTABLISHED (121000 APR70 REFERS).

(B) 181435 APR70 3/1 CUPP CO M2 SWEEP AREA OF PREVIOUS CONTACT (SPOT REP 172110) FOUND ONE ADDITIONAL VC KIA. OTHER GEAR AND ITEMS WERE FOUND WHICH WERE TURNED OVER TO 51ST ARVN INTELLIGENCE.

(C) 180245H APR70 MESSAGE: 5th MAR COC INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION EMPHASIS. COMPLETE SPOT REPORTING, INFO ON CACHES AND CAPTURED ENEMY MATERIEL.

5. NEXT 24 HOURS: CO I WILL CONTINUE TO CONDUCT PAT/AMB IN EASTERN AO WITH ONE PLT SOUTH OF HILL 37 ALONG RT#540 AND ONE PLT (-) NORTH OF HILL 37. ONE SQD REMAINS AT HILL 37 TO PROVIDE CP SEC AND ENGR RD SWEEP SECURITY NORTH AND SOUTH ALONG RT#540. ONE PLT I3 OPCON BN, ASSUME PAT/AMB/BASE AUG MISSION VIC HILL 65. CO L OPCON 1/1 WILL CONDUCT OPN WITH 1/1. CO K WILL CONDUCT PAT/AMB IN WESTERN AO TO INTERDICT ENEMY INFILTRATION INTO THUONG DUC CORRIDOR. CO M WILL REMAIN AT STACKARMS, UNTIL 201200H APR 70. CO M3/1 AND 5TH MAR CUPP PLT WILL CONTINUE ASSIGNED SECURITY/PACIFICATION MISSION WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC/RF/PF AO'S.

6. CASUALTIES/MISC.

- 1 VC KIA
- 1 9MM SOVIET MAKAUOU PISTOL
- 2 CHICOM GRENADES
- 4 M-26 GRENADES
- 2 VC CARTRIDGE BELTS
- 3 VC PACKS
- 1 PAIR SANDALS
- MISC. CLOTHING AND MEDICAL GEAR.

FM 3/5 COC  
TO 5TH MAR COC

CONF

SITREP #81 FM 190001 TO 192400 APR70

1. CURRENT LOC:

BN CP	HILL 65 AT 878577
CO I	HILL 37 AT 919580
CO L	OPCON 1/1
CO K	HILLS 52 & 25 K(-) ZC 215553/K3 AT 839568
CO M	STACK ARMS
CO M3/1 CUPP COI	HILL 55 AT 966615
5TH MAR CUPP PLT	HILL 25 AT 839568

2. LAST 24 HOURS: CO I CONDUCTED PAT/AMB IN EASTERN AO, WITH ONE PLT SOUTH OF HILL 37 ALONG RT#540 AND ONE PLT (-) NORTH OF HILL 37. ONE SQD REMAINED AT HILL 37 TO PROVIDE CP SECURITY AND ENGR RD. SWP SEC. NORTH AND SOUTH ALONG RT#540. ONE PLT I3 OPCON BN. ASSUMED PAT/AMB/BASE AUG MSN VIC HILL 65. CO L OPCON TO 1/1 CONDUCTED OPN WITH 1/1. CO K CONDUCTED PAT/AMB IN WESTERN AO TO INTERDICT ENEMY INFILTRATION INTO THUONG DUC CORRIDOR. CO M REMAINED AT STACK, UNTIL 201200H APR70. CO M3/1 and 5TH MAR CUPP PLT. CONTINUED ASSIGNED SEC/PACIFICATION MSN WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC/RF/PF AO'S.

3. ENEMYCONTACT:

(A) 182345 APR70 3/5 CUPP 2 AT 818550 REC'D TWO CHICOMS, 50 ROUNDS AK-47 FM APPROX TWO VC/NVA. NEG CASUALTIES. RETURNED FIRE WITH 300 ROUNDS M-16, 20 rds M-79. RESULTING IN ONE VC/NVA.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NEGATIVE.

5. NEXT 24 HOURS: CO I WILL CONDUCT PAT/AMB IN EASTERN AO, WITH ONE PLT SOUTH OF HILL 37 ALONG RT#540 AND ONE PLT (-) NORTH OF HILL 37 ONE SQD REMAINS HILL 37 TO PROVIDE CP SEC. AND ENGR RD SWP SEC NORTH AND SOUTH ALONG RT#540. ONE PLT I3 OPCON BN, ASSUMED PAT/AMB/BASE AUG MSN VIC HILL 65. CO L WILL CONTINUE OPCON 1/1 AND CONDUCT OPN WITH 1ST BN, 1ST MAR. CO K WILL CONDUCT PAT/AMB IN WESTERN AO TO INTERDICT ENEMY INFILTRATION INTO THUONG DUC CORRIDOR. CO M WILL RETURN FROM STACK ARMS PROGRAM 201200 APR70. CO M 3/1 CUPP CO AND 5TH MAR CUPPMPLT WILL CONTINUE ASSIGNED SEC/PACIFICATION MSN WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC/RF/PF AO'S.

6. CASUALTIES/MISC. NEGATIVE.

FM 3/5 COC  
TO 5TH MAR COC

CONF  
SITREP #82 FM 200001 TO 202400 APR70

1. CURRENT LOC:

BN CP	HILL 65 AT 878577
CO I	HILL 37 AT 919580
CO L	OPCON 1/1
CO K	HILLS 52 & 25 K(-) ZC 215553/K3 AT 839568
CO M	HILLS 52 & 25 M(-) ZC 215553/M3 AT 839568
66 M 3/1 CUPP CO.	HILL 55 AT 966615
5TH MAR CUPP PLT.	HILL 25 AT 839568

2. LAST 24 HOURS: CO I CONDUCTED PAT/AMB IN EASTERN AO WITH ONE PLT SOUTH OF HILL 37 ALONG RT#540 AND ONE PLT (-) NORTH OF HILL 37. ONE SQD REMAINED AT HILL 37 TO PROVIDE CP SEC AND ENGR RD SWP NORTH AND SOUTH ALONG RT#540. ONE PLT I3 OPCON BN ASSUMED PAT/AMB/BASE AUG MSN VIC HILL 65. CO L OPCON 1/1. CO K CONDUCTED PAT/AMB IN WESTERN AO TO INTERDICT ENEMY INFILTRATION INTO THUONG DUC CORRIDOR.. CO M RETURNED TO HILLS 52 & 25 FROM STACK ARMS PROGRAM AT 201200 APR70. CO M 3/1 CUPP CO CONTINUED ASSIGNED SEC/PACIFICATION MSN WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC/RF/PF AO'S. 5TH MAR CUPP PLT CONTINUED ASSIGNED SEC/PACIFICATION MSN WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC/RF AO'S.

3. ENEMY CONTACT:

(A) 200820H APR70 3/5 CO K 3-2 AT 852557 OBS 1 VC/NVA IN BLACK PJ'S CARRYING A PACK WITH NO WEAPON. INITIATED SMALL ARMS FIRE AND CALLED IN 81MM FIRE MISSION RESULTING IN 1 VC/NVA KIA. UNABLE TO SEARCH BODY DUE WATER BARRIER.

(B) 202110H APR70 3/1 CUPP CO M 3-2 AT 947605 WHILE IN PPB UNIT RECEIVED 5 INCOMING CHICOMS NEGATIVE CASUALTIES. RETURNED FIRE WITH M-16. SEARCHED AREA UNDER 81MM ILLUM WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

(C)

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NEGATIVE.

5. NEXT 24 HOURS: CO I WILL CONTINUE TO CONDUCT PAT/AMB IN EASTERN AO, ONE PLT SOUTH OF HILL 37, ALONG RT#540, ONE SQD AS HILL 37 SEC AND RD SWP SEC. I3 REMAIN AT HILL 65 OPCON 3/5. CO K WILL BE HELOLIFTED TO STACK ARMS. CO L WILL REMAIN OPCON TO 1/1. CO M WILL CONDUCT PAT/AMB IN WESTERN AO TO INTERDICT ENEMY INFILTRATION INTO THUONG DUC CORRIDOR. CO M CUPP CO AND 5TH MAR CUPP PLT WILL CONTINUE ASSIGNED SEC/PACIFICATION MSN WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC/RF/PF AO'S. DESIGNATED PERSONNEL WILL HELOLIFT TO STACK ARMS.

6. CASUALTIES/MS.

1 VC/NVA KIA.

FM 3/5 COC  
TO 5TH MAR COC

CONF  
SITREP #83 FM 210001 TO 212400 APR70

1. CURRENT LOC:

BN CP	HILL 65	AT 878577
CO I	HILL 37	AT 919580
CO L	OPCON 1/1	
CO K	STACK ARMS	
CO M	HILLS 52 & 25	M(-) ZC 215553/M3 AT 839568
CO M 3/1 CUPP CO.	HILL 52	AT 966615
5TH MAR CUPP PLT.	HILL 25	AT 839568

2. LAST 24 HOURS: CO I CONDUCTED PAT/AMB IN EASTERN AO, ONE PLT(-) NORTH OF HILL 37, ONE PLT SOUTH OF HILL #37 ALONG RT#540. ONE SQD REMAINED AT HILL 37 AS CP SEC AND ENGR RD SWP SEC NORTH AND SOUTH. I3 REMAINED OPCON TO 3/5 AS SEC. FOR HILL 65. CO K WAS HELOLIFTED TO STACK ARMS. CO L REMAINED OPCON 1/1. CO M CONDUCTED PAT/AMB IN WESTERN AO TO INTERDICT ENEMY INFILTRATION INTO THUONG DUC CORRIDOR. CO M 3/1 CUPP CO AND 5TH MAR CUPP PLT CONTINUED ASSIGNED SEC/PACIFICATION MSN WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC/ RF/PF AO'S. TWO SQDS CO M 3/1 WERE HELOLIFTED TO STACK ARMS AND ONE SQD OF 5TH MAR CUP PLT WAS HELOLIFTED TO STACK ARMS.

3. ENEMY CONTACT: NEGATIVE.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NEGATIVE.

5. NEXT 24 HOURS: CO I WILL CONTINUE TO CONDUCT PAT/AMB IN EASTERN AO, ONE PLT (-) NORTH OF HILL 37, ONE PLT SOUTH OF HILL 37 ALONG RT#540, AND ONE SQD AS HILL 37 SEC AND ENGR RD SWP SEC. I3 REMAINED OPCON 3/5 AS BN SEC. CO K REMAIN STACK ARMS. CO L REMAIN OPCON 1/1. CO M CONDUCTED PAT/AMB IN WESTERN AO TO INTERDICT ENEMY INFILTRATION INTO THUONG DUC CORRIDOR. CO M 3/1 CUPP CO AND 5TH MAR CUPP PLT WILL CONDUCT ASSIGNED SEC/PACIFICATION MSN WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC/RF/PF AO'S. DESIGNATED PERSONNEL WILL REMAIN AT STACK ARMS.

6. CASUALTIES/MISC: NEGATIVE.

FM 3/5 COC  
TO 5TH MAR COC

CONF

SIT REP #84 FM 220001 TO 222400 APR70

1. CURRENT DOC:

BN CP	HILL 65 AT 878577
CO I	HILL 37 AT 919580
CO L	OPCON 1/1
CO K	STACK ARMS
CO M	HILLS 52 & 25 M(-) ZC215553/M3 AT839568
CO M 3/1 CUPP CO.	HILL 55 AT 966615
5TH MAR CUPP PLT.	HILL 25 AT 839568

2. LAST 24 HOURS: CO I CONDUCTED PAT/AMB IN EASTERN AO, ONE PLT(-) NORTH OF HILL 37, ONE PLT SOUTH OF HILL 37 ALONG RT#540. ONE SQD AS HILL 37 SEC AND RD SWP SEC. I3 REMAINED OPCON 3/5 AS BN SEC. CO L REMAINED OPCON 1/1. CO K REMAINED STACK ARMS. CO M CONDUCTED PAT/AMB IN WESTERN AO TO INTERDICT ENEMY INFILTRATION INTO THUONG DUC CORRIDOR. CO M 3/1 CUPP CO AND 5TH MAR CUPP PLT CONTINUED ASSIGNED SECURITY/PACIFICATION MSN WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC/RF/PF AO'S.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS:

(A) 221835H APR70 3/1 CUPP CO M 3-2 AT 948605 WHILE PREPARING TO LEAVE ON AMBUSH REC'D 15-20 RDS AK-47 FIRE FROM AT 944605. M3-2 RET SAF WITH M-16 AND M-79 AND SWEEPED AREA FINDING NEGATIVE CASUALTIES. FOUND AND DESTROYED TWO BOOBY TRAPS, ONE A 60MM HE ROUND AND ONE 81MM HE ROUND. BOTH WERE RIGGED FOR PRESSURE TYPE DETONATION AND BLOWN IN PLACE.

(B) 222015H APR70 3/1 CUPP CO M 3-2 AT 952602 RECEIVED THREE CHICOM GRENADES AND 50 AK-47 ROUNDS WHILE SET IN AMBUSH POSITION, RESULTING IN 1 USMC WIA. M3-2 RET SAF AND CALLED 81MM FIRE MISSION WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

(A) 221430H APR70 3/1 CUPP CO M AT 954603 REPORTED TWO RD CADRE PERSONNEL MOVING TO HILL 55 ALONG TRAIL WHEN A BOOBY TRAP EXPLODED WOUNDING BOTH. BOOBY TRAP WAS COMPOSED OF C-4 AND BAMBOO WITH UNKNOWN TYPE DETONATION. 2 RD CADRE WIA.

(B) COL TIEN, PROVINCE CHIEF, VISITED HAMLET OF LAM PHUNG (CUPP 2 AO) AND COMMENTED FAVORABLY ON PROGRESS THAT CUPP WAS MAKING IN THUONG DUC CORRIDOR.

5. NEXT 24 HOURS: CO I WILL CONDUCT PAT/AMB IN EASTERN AO, ONE PLT NORTH OF HILL 37, ONE PLT SOUTH OF HILL 37 ALONG RT#540, AND ONE SQD AS HILL 37 SEC AND RD SWP SEC NORTH AND SOUTH. I3 REMAINS OPCON 3/5AS BN AUG PLT, AND PREPARE TO HELOLIFT OT STACK ARMS. CO K WILL RETURN FROM STACK ARMS AND ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR EASTERN AO, WITH ONE PLT, (K1) ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR BN CP AUG PLT HILL 65. ~~CO L~~ **CO L** WILL REMAIN OPCON 1/1. CO M WILL CONDUCT PAT/AMB IN WESTERN AO TO INTERDICT ENEMY INFILTRATION INTO THUONG DUC CORRIDOR. CO M 3/1 CUPP CO WILL CONTINUE ASSIGNED SEC/PACIFICATION MSN WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC/RF/PF AO'S. 2 SQUADS RETURN FROM STACK ARMS. 5TH MAR CUPP PLT WILL CONTINUE ASSIGNED SEC/PACIFICATION MSN WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC/RF AO'S. ONE SQD RETURN FROM STACK ARMS.

6. CASUALTIES/MISC.

1 USMC WIA  
2 BOOBY TRAPS FOUND & DESTROYED.



FM 3/5 COC  
TO 5TH MAR COC

CONF  
SITREP #85 FM 230001 TO 232400 APR70

1. CURRENT LOC:

BN CP	HILL 65 AT 878577
CO I	HILL 37 AT 919580
CO L	OPCON 1/1
CO K	HILL 37 AT 919580
CO M	HILLS 52 & 25 M(-) ZC 215553/M3 AT 839568
CO M 3/1 CUPP CO.	HILL 55 AT 966615
5TH MAR CUPP PLT.	HILL 25 AT 839568

2. LAST 24 HOURS: CO I CONDUCTED PAT/AMB IN EASTERN AO, ONE PLT NORTH OF HILL 37, ONE PLT SOUTH OF HILL 37 ALONG RT#540 AND ONE SQD AS HILL 37 SEC. I3 REMAINED OPCON 3/5 AS BNCP AUG PLT. CO I PREPARED TO BE HELOLIFTED TO STACK ARMS. CO K RETURNED FROM STACK ARMS AND ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR EASTERN AO, WITH ONE PLT FOR BN CP SEC. CO L REMAINED OPCON 1/1. CO M CONDUCTED PAT/AMB IN WESTERN AO TO INTERDICT ENEMY INFILTRATION INTO THUONG DUC CORRIDOR. CO M3/1 CUPP CO AND 5TH MAR CUPP PLT CONTINUED ASSIGNED SECURITY/PACIFICATION MSN WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC/RF/PF AO'S. DESIGNATED PERSONNEL RETURNED FROM STACK ARMS.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS:

(A) 230100H APR70 3/1 CO M 3-2 WHILE IN NITE POS RECEIVED 1 CHICOM GRENADE, RESULTING IN ONE USMC WIA. FIRE WAS RETURNED WITH M-16 AND M-79 ROUNDS. MEDEVAC CALLED AND COMPLETED.

(B) 222345 3/1 CO M 3-2 AT 951602 FOLLOW-UP SPOT RECEIVED 14 CHICOMS AND 7 60MM ROUNDS AND 200 AK-47 ROUNDS. M3-2 RETURNED FIRE WITH M-16, LAAWS, AND CLAYMORES. 1 USMC WIA. SWEEPED AREA WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

(C) 232000H APR70 HILL 65 GROUND SURVEILLANCE OBSERVED 1 VC/NVA CROSSING RIVER IN A BOAT AT 879556. FIRE MISSION WAS CALLED IN, RESULTS UNKNOWN.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NEGATIVE.

5. NEXT 24 HOURS: CO I WILL BE HELOLIFTED TO STACK ARMS. CO K WILL CONDUCT PAT/AMB IN EASTERN AO, ONE PLT NORTH OF HILL 37 AND ONE PLT SOUTH OF HILL 37 ALONG RT#540. ONE SQD AS HILL 37 SEC. K1 WILL BE OPCON BN. AS BN CP AUG PLT HILL 65. CO L WILL REMAIN OPCON 1/1. CO M WILL CONDUCT PAT/AMB IN WESTERN AO TO INTERDICT ENEMY INFILTRATION INTO THUONG DUC CORRIDOR. CO M 3/1 CUPP CO AND 5TH MAR CUPP PLT WILL CONTINUE ASSIGNED SEC/PACIFICATION MSN WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC/RF/PF AO'S. DESIGNATED PERSONNEL WILL BE HELOLIFTED TO STACK ARMS.

6. CASUALTIES/MISC:  
2 USMC WIA

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FM THIRD BN FIFTH MAR COC

TO FIFTH MAR COC

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

SITREP #86 FROM 240001H TO 242400H APR 70 (C)

1. CURRENT LOC:

BN CP /KI HILL 65 878577

CO I STACK ARMS

CO L OPCON 1/1

CO K(-) HILL 37 919580

CO M HILLS 52 &amp; 25 M(-) 215553 / M3 839568

CO M 3/1 CUPP CO HILL 55 966615

5TH MAR CUPP PLT HILL 25 839568

2. LAST 24 HRS (C):

A) CO I HELOLIFTED TO STACK ARMS.

B) CO L REMAINED OPCON 1/1

C) CO K CONDUCTED PAT/AMB IN EASTERN AO; ONE PLT NORTH OF H-37, ONE SOUTH OF H-37 ALONG RT# 540 AND ONE SQD AS H-37 SEC. KI REMAINED OPCON BN, AS BN CP AUG. PLT HILL 65.

D) CO M CONDUCTED PAT/AMB IN WESTERN AO TO INTERDICT ENEMY INFILTRATION INTO THUONG DUC CORRIDOR.

E) CO M 3/1 CUPP CO CONTINUED ASSIGNED SEC/PACIFICATION MSN WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC/RP/PF AO'S. ~~DESIGNATED PERSONNEL WILL BE HELOLIFTED TO STACK ARMS.~~F) 5TH MAR CUPP PLT CONTINUED ASSIGNED SEC/PACIFICATION MSN WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC SQD/RP/PLT AO'S. ~~DESIGNATED PERSONNEL WILL BE HELOLIFTED TO STACK ARMS.~~

3 (C) ENEMY CONTACT: X

A) 242100H APR 70 3/5 CUPP PLT INITIATED FIRE ON 6VC/NVA. ENEMY RETURNED FIRE W/50 RDS AK-47 &amp; M-16 FIRE RESULTS : (1) VC/NVA KIA.

4. (C) SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NEG

5. (C) NEXT 24 HRS:

A) CO I STACK ARMS

B) CO L WILL REMAIN OPCON 1/1

C) CO K WILL CONDUCT PAT/AMB IN EASTERN AO, ONE PLT MINUS NORTH OF H-37, ONE PLT SOUTH OF H-37 ALONG RT# 540 AND ONE SQD AS H-37 SEC. KI WILL REMAIN OPCON BN CP, AS BN CP AUG. PLT HILL 65.

D) CO M WILL CONDUCT PAT/AMB IN WESTERN AO TO INTERDICT ENEMY MOVEMENT INTO THUONG DUC CORRIDOR.

E) CO M 3/1 CUPP CO WILL CONTINUE ASSIGNED SEC/PACIFICATION MISSION WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC/RP/PF AO'S. DESIGNATED PERSONNEL AT STACK ARMS.

F) 5TH MAR CUPP PLT WILL CONTINUE ASSIGNED SEC/PAC. MISSION WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC SQD /RP PLT AO'S. DESIGNATED PERSONNEL AT STACK ARMS.

6. CASUAL/MISC:

(1) VC/NVA KIA.

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#0020

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FM 3/5 COC  
TO 5TH MAR COC

CONF

SITREP #87 FM 250001 TO 252400 APR70

1. CURRENT LOC:

BN CP	HILL 65 AT 878577
CO I	STACK ARMS
CO K	HILL 37 AT 919580
CO L	OPCON 1/1
CO M	HILLS 52 & 25 CoM (-) ZC 215553/M3 AT 839568
CO M 3/1 CUPP CO.	HILL 55 AT 966615
5TH MAR CUPP PLT.	HILL 25 AT 839568

2. LAST 24 HOURS: CO I REMAINED AT STACK ARMS. CO K CONDUCTED PAT/AMB IN EASTERN AO WITH ONE PLT (-) NORTH OF HILL 37, ONE PLT SOUTH OF HILL 37 ALONG RT#540 AND ONE SQD AS HILL 37 SEC. KI REMAINED OPCON 3/5 AS HILL 65 BN CP AUG PLT. CO L REMAINED OPCON 1/1. CO M CONDUCTED PAT/AMB IN WESTERN AO TO INTERDICT ENEMY INFILTRATION INTO THUONG DUC CORRIDOR. CO M 3/1 CUPP CO CONTINUED ASSIGNED SEC/PACIFICATION MSN WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC/RF/PF AO'S. DESIGNATED PERSONNEL AT STACK ARMS. 5TH MAR CUPP PLT CONTINUED ASSIGNED SECURITY/PACIFICATION MSN WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC/RF AO'S. DESIGNATED PERSONNEL AT STACK ARMS.

3. ENEMY CONTACT:

(A) 251230 APR70 HILL 65 GROUND SURVEILLANCE UNIT AT 878577 OBSERVED 5-8 VC/NVA AT 874558 WEARING GREEN UTILITIES. CALLED AND ADJUSTED ARTY 155 FIRE MISSION, 18 ROUNDS HE, WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS. OBS 3 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS.

(B) 251810 APR70 3/1 CUPP CO M 3-2 AT 947607 OBS 3 VC/NVA MOVING INTO TREELINE. FIRED SAF AND REC 20-30 RDS AK-47 RETURN FIRE. SWEEPED AREA WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NEGATIVE.

5. NEXT 24 HOURS: CO I RETURNS FROM STACK ARMS. CO K WILL CONDUCT PAT/AMB IN EASTERN AO, ONE PLT (-) NORTH OF HILL 37, ONE PLT SOUTH OF HILL 37 ALONG RT#540, AND ONE SQD AS HILL 37 SEC. KI WILL REMAIN OPCON 3/5 AS HILL 65 BN CP AUG PLT. CO L WILL REMAIN OPCON 1/1. CO M WILL CONDUCT PAT/AMB IN WESTERN AO TO INTERDICT ENEMY INFILTRATION INTO THUONG DUC CORRIDOR. CO M 3/1 CUPP CO WILL CONTINUE ASSIGNED SEC/PACIFICATION MSN WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC/RF/PF AO'S. DESIGNATED PERSONNEL RETURN FROM STACK ARMS. 5th MAR CUPP PLT WILL CONTINUE ASSIGNED SEC/PACIFICATION MSN WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC/RF AO'S. DESIGNATED PERSONNEL RETURN FROM STACK ARMS.

6. CASUALTIES/MISC. NEGATIVE.

FM 3/5 COC  
TO 5TH MAR COC

CONF

SIT REP #88 FM 260001H TO 262400H APRIL 70

1. CURRENT LOCATION

BNCP/KL	HILL 65	878577
CO I	HILL 65	878577
CO K(-)	HILL 37	919580
CO L	OPCON 1/1	
CO M	HILLS 52 AND 25	M(-) 215553/M 3 839568
CO M 3/1 CUPP CO	HILL 55	966615
5TH MAR CUPP PLT	HILL 25	839568

2. LAST 24 HOURS: CO I RETURNED TO HILL 65 FROM STACK ARMS AND PREPARES TO ASSUME MISSION OF BASE AUGMENTATION CO. CO K(-) CONDUCTED PAT/AMB IN CENTRAL AO, ONE PLT (-) NORTH OF HILL 37 ALONG ROUTE # 540, AND ONE SQUAD AS HILL 37 SECURITY. K 1 REMAINED OPCON 3/5 AS HILL 65 BNCP AUGMENTATION PLT. CO L REMAINED AS OPCON AT 1/1. CO M CONDUCTED PAT/AMB IN WESTERN AO, TO INTERDICT ENEMY INFILTRATION INTO THUONG DUC CORRIDOR. COM 3/1 CUPP CO CONTINUED ASSIGNED SEC/PACIFICATION MISSION WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC/RF/PF AO'S DESIGNATED PERSONNEL RETURNED FROM STACK ARMS. 5TH MAR CUPP PLT CONTINUED ASSIGNED SEC/PACIFICATION MISSION WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC SQUAD/RF PLT AO'S DESIGNATED PERSONNEL RETURNED FROM STACK ARMS.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS: 260952H APRIL 70 HILL 65 GROUND SURVEILLANCE OBSERVED APPROX (15) VC/NVA MOVING NE TO SE NO PACKS OF WEAPONS OBSERVED AT GRID 865590 ARTILLERY WAS CALLED IN RESULTING IN 3 VC/NVA KIA. 261120H APRIL 70 HILL 65 GROUND SURVEILLANCE P SID DEVICE RECEIVED 10 SUSPECTED ENEMY MOVEMENTS AT GRID 865590. ARTILLERY WAS CALLED IN, WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: 262100H APRIL 70 3/5 M42 HEARD VC BROADCASTING FROM GRID 805538. 81 FIRE MISSION WAS CALLED ONE SHORT ROUND, HE LANDED 5 METERS FROM AMB RESULTING IN (1) USMC WIA; EMERGENCY MEDAVAC WAS CALLED AND COMPLETED.

5. NEXT 24 HOURS: CO I WILL ASSUME BNCP SEC AND CONDUCT PAT/AMB VICINITY HILL 65 AND PROVIDE AUG FORCES FOR DEFENCE OF HILL 65. CO K WILL CONDUCT PAT/AMB IN EASTERN AO, ONE PLT (MINUS) NORTH OF HILL 37 ALONG ROUTE #540 AND ONE SQD AS HILL 37 SEC. K 1 WILL REMAIN OPCON TO 3/5 BN AS AUG FORCE. CO L OPCON TO 1/1 WILL BE HELOLIFTED TO HILL 65 THEN TO STACK ARMS. CO M WILL CONDUCT PAT/AMB IN WESTERN AO TO INTERDICT ENEMY INFILTRATION INTO THUONG DUC CORRIDOR. CO M 3/1 CUPP CO WILL CONTINUE ASSIGNED SEC/PACIFICATION MISSION WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC/RF/PF AO'S 2 SQDS WILL BE HELOLIFTED TO STACK ARMS. 5TH MAR CUPP PLT WILL CONTINUE ASSIGNED SEC/PACIFICATION MISSION WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC SQUAD/RF PLT AO'S 1 SQUAD WILL BE HELOLIFTED TO STACK ARMS.

6. CASUALTIES/MISC:

3 VC/NVA KIA  
1 USMC WIA (E MEDAVAC)

FM 3/5 COC  
TO 5TH MAR COC

CONF

SIT REP #89 FM 270001H TO 272400H APRIL 70

1. CURRENT LOCATION:

BNCP/K L	HILL 65	878577
CO I	HILL 65	878577
CO K(-)	HILL 37	919580
CO L	STACK ARMS	
CO M	HILLS 52 AND 25	M(-) 215553/M 3 839563
CO M 3/1 CUPP CO	HILL 55	966615
5TH MAR CUPP PLT	HILL 25	839568

2. LAST 24 HOURS: CO I ASSUMED BN CP SECURITY AND CONDUCTED PAT/AMB VICINITY HILL 65. CO K(-) CONDUCTED PAT/AMB IN EASTERN AO, ONE PLATOON MINUS NORTH OF HILL 37, ONE PLATOON SOUTH OF HILL 37 ALONG ROUTE #540, AND ONE SQUAD AS HILL 37 SECURITY K 1 REMAINED AT HILL 65 AS BASE AUGMENTATION PLT. CO L HELOLIFTED TO STACK ARMS. CO M CONDUCTED PAT/AMB IN WESTERN AO TO INTERDICT ENEMY INFILTRATION INTO THUONG DUC CORRIDOR. CO M 3/1 CUPP CO CONTINUED ASSIGNED SECURITY/PACIFICATION MISSION WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC SQUAD/RF PLT AO'S.

3. ENEMY CONTACT: 272030H APRIL 70 3/1 CUPP M 23 RECEIVED (1) LOB BOMB AND AK-47 FIRE FROM VILLAGE. RETURNED FIRE WITH SMALL ARMS CALLED 81MM FIRE MISSION ILLUM. SEARCH OF AREA CONDUCTED, RESULTS (1) FEMALE DETAINEE. 272215 APRIL 70 3/5 K 31 WHILE IN AMBUSH SITE OBSERVED (3) VC/NVA ON TRAIL FIRED SMALL ARMS FIRE WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: 271805H APRIL 70 3/5 K 32 MOVING TO AMB SITE RECEIVED (4) INCOMING 60MM MORTAR ROUNDS. NO CASUALTIES. 271805H APRIL 70 FOLLOW-UP CALLED 81 MM FIRE MISSION AT 1845H, FIRST ROUND HIT AT 1850H, END OF MISSION 1900H FIRED 2 WP AND 20 HE VISUAL CHECK OF AREA WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

5. NEXT 24 HOURS: CO I WILL CONTINUE SECURITY OF BNCP AND CONDUCT PAT/AMB VICINITY HILL 65 AND PROVIDE AUG. FORCES FOR DEFENCE OF HILL 65. CO K WILL CONDUCT PAT/AMB IN EASTERN AO, ONE PLT (MINUS) NORTH OF HILL 37, ONE PLT SOUTH OF HILL 37 ALONG ROUTE #540, AND ONE SQD AS HILL 37 SEC. K 1 WILL REMAIN AT HILL 65 AS AUG. PLT. CO L REMAINS AT STACK ARMS. CO M WILL CONDUCT PAT/AMB IN WESTERN AO TO INTERDICT ENEMY INFILTRATION INTO THUONG DUC CORRIDOR. CO M 3/1 CUPP CO WILL CONTINUE ASSIGNED SEC/PACIFICATION MISSION WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC.RF/PF AO'S. 5TH MAR CUPP PLT WILL CONTINUE ASSIGNED SEC/PACIFICATION MISSION WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC SQD/RF PLT AO'S.

6. CASUALTIES/MISC:

3/5 HAD NO COMBAT CASUALTIES TODAY  
1 FEMALE DETAINEE (AGE 45)

FM 3/5 COC  
TO 5TH MAR COC

CONF

SIT REP # 90 FM 280001H TO 282400H APRIL 70

1. CURRENT LOCATION:

BNCP/K1	HILL 65	878577
CO I	HILL 65	878577
CO K(-)	HILL 37	919586
CO L	STACK ARMS	
CO M	HILLS 52 AND 25	M(*) 215553/M 3 839568
CO M 3/1 CUPP CO	HILL 55	966615
5TH MAR CUPP PLT	HILL 25	839568

2. LAST 24 HOURS: CO I CONTINUED PAT/AMB VICINITY HILL 65, AND PROVIDED BNCP AUGMENTATION. CO K(-) CONDUCTED PAT/AMB IN EASTERN AO, ONE PLT (MINUS) NORTH OF HILL 37, ONE PLT SOUTH OF HILL 37 ALONG ROUTE #540, AND ONE SQUAD AS HILL 37 SECURITY. K 1 REMAINED AT HILL 65 AS HILL 65 AUG. PLT FOR BASE DEFENSE. CO L AT STACK ARMS. CO M CONDUCTED PAT/AMB IN WESTERN AO TO INTERDICT ENEMY INFILTRATION INTO THUONG DUC CORRIDOR. CO M 3/1 CUPP CO CONTINUED ASSIGNED SECURITY/PACIFICATION MISSION WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC/RF/PF AO'S. DESIGNATED SQDS AT STACK ARMS. 5TH MAR CUPP PLT CONTINUED ASSIGNED SEC/PACIFICATION MISSION WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC SQD/RF PLT AO'S. DESIGNATED SQD AT STACK ARMS.

3. ENEMY CONTACT: 280435H APRIL 70 3/5 K 22 WHILE SET IN AMB FIRED SMALL ARMS FIRE AT 1 VC/NVA ON TRAIL. RESULTS NEGATIVE. 912604. 281920H APRIL 70 3/5 CO M 22 AT 812554 ON NIGHT PATROL OBSERVED FEMALE ON TRAIL. RF FIRED SMALL ARMS FIRE. RESULTS 1 VC (NURSE) KIA.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: 282210H APRIL 70 3/5 SM 32 AT 957604 A TRIP FLARE WENT OFF AT N/POS. 3 CLAYMORES WERE DETONATED ALSO OPENED UP WITH M-16 AND M-79 ROUNDS. SWEEP UNDER LOOM WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. 281800H APRIL 70 3/1 CO M 1 AT 918579 OBSERVED 3 ENEMY MORTAR ROUNDS IMPACT NEAR AREA OF CIVILIAN POPULACE. SEARCHED AREA, NEGATIVE CIVILIANS CASUALTIES. 281945H APRIL 70 3/5 K 3 RECEIVED 8 INCOMING 60 MM MORTAR RDS. CALLED AO ON STATION AND FIRED COUNTER MORTAR. NEGATIVE RESULTS.

5. NEXT 24 HOURS: CO I WILL HELOLIFTED TO AN HOA AND BECOME OPCON 5TH MAR AS AN HOA BASE AUG CO. CO K(-) WILL CONDUCT FOOT MARCH TO HILL 65 AND ASSUME RESP. FOR CENTRAL AO AND PROVIDE AUG FORCES FOR DEFENSE OF BNCP HILL 65. (K 1 PASSES OPCON FROM BNCP TO CO K). CO L HELOLIFTS FROM STACK ARMS TO HILL 37 AND ASSUMES RESP. FOR EASTERN AO, CONDUCT PAT/AMB WITH EMPHASIS ON PROVIDING SECURITY FOR ROUTE #540. CO M WILL CONDUCT PAT/AMB IN WESTERN AO TO INTERDICT ENEMY INFILTRATION INTO THUONG DUC CORRIDOR. CO M 3/1 CUPP CO WILL CONTINUE SEC/PACIFICATION MISSION WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC/RF/PF AO'S. DESIGNATED SQDS RETURN FROM STACK ARMS. 5TH MAR CUPP PLT WILL CONTINUE ASSIGNED SEC/PACIFICATION MISSION WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC SQD/RF PLT AO'S. DESIGNATED SQD RETURN FROM STACK ARMS.

6. CASUALTIES/MISC:  
1 VC KIA (FEMALE)

FM 3/5 COC  
TO 5TH MAR COC

CONF

SIT REP #91 FM 290001H TO 292400H APRIL 70

1. CURRENT LOCATION:

BNCP K CO	HILL 65	878577
CO I	AN HOA	874474
CO L	HILL 37	919580
CO M	HILLS 52 AND 25	M(-) 215553/M 3 839568
CO M3/1 CUPP CO	HILL 55	966615
5TH MAR CUPP PLT	HILL 25	839568

2. LAST 24 HOURS: CO I HELOLIFTED TO AN HOA AND BECAME OPCON 5TH MAR AS AN HQD BASE AUGMENTATION CO. CO K CONDUCTED FOOT MARCH TO HILL 65 AND ASSUME RESP FOR CENTRAL AO AND PROVIDED AUG FORCES FOR DEFENSE OF BNCP HILL 65. CO L WAS HELOLIFTED FROM STACK ARMS TO HILL 37 AND ASSUMED RESP FOR EASTERN AO, CONDUCTED PAT/AMB WITH EMPHASIS ON PROVIDING SECURITY FOR ROUTE #540. CO M CONDUCTED PAT/AMB IN WESTERN AO TO INTERDICT ENEMY INFILTRATION INTO THUONG DUC CORRIDOR. CO M 3/1 CUPP CO CONTINUED SEC/PACIFICATION MISSION WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC/RF/PF AO'S. DESIGNATED SQDS RETURNED FROM STACK ARMS. 5TH MAR CUPP PLT CONTINUED ASSIGNED SEC/PACIFICATION WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC SQD/RF PLT AO'S. DESIGNATED SQDS RETURNED FROM STACK ARMS.

3. ENEMY CONTACT: 291500H APRIL 70 HILL 65 GROUND SURVEILLANCE AT 878576 OBSERVED SEVERAL VC/NVA AT GRID 852545 W/PACKS AND RIFLES. AIR STRIKE WAS CALLED IN RESULTING IN APPROX 7 VC/NVA KIA.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: 290640H APRIL 70 3/5 CO M 23 FOUND ONE FEMALE DETAINEE HIDING IN A BUNKER, WHILE SEARCHING AREA OF PREVIOUS CONTACT. DETAINEE SENT IN FOR INTERROGATION. 291230H APRIL 70 3/1 CUPP M 21 AT 004643 OBSERVED YOUNG VIETNAMESE MALE KNEELING IN BUSH. MALE STARTED TO WALK AWAY WHEN OBSERVED, BUT HALTED ON ORDER. MALE WAS DETAINED AND TURNED OVER TO ARVN COMPOUND FOR INTERROGATION.

5. NEXT 24 HOURS: COI WILL REMAIN OPCON 5TH MAR AS BASE AUGMENTATION CO. CO K WILL CONDUCT PAT/AMB IN VICINITY HILL 65 AND WILL PROVIDE BNCP SECURITY AS HILL 65 AUG COMPANY. CO L WILL CONDUCT PAT/AMB IN EASTERN AO, ONE PLT NORTH OF HILL 37, ONE PLT SOUTH OF HILL 37 ALONG ROUTE #540, AND PLT AS HILL 37 SECURITY. CO M WILL CONDUCT PAT/AMB IN WESTERN AO TO INTERDICT ENEMY INFILTRATION INTO THUONG DUC CORRIDOR. CO M 3/1 CUPP CO WILL CONTINUE ASSIGNED MISSION OF SEC/PACIFICATION WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC/RF/PF AO'S. 5TH CUPP PLT WILL CONTINUE ASSIGNED SEC/PACIFICATION MISSION WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC SQD/RF PLT AO'S.

6. CASUALTIES/MISC:  
7 VC/NVA

FM 3/5 COC  
TO 5TH MAR COC

CONF

SIT REP #92 FM 300001H TO 302400H APRIL 70

1. CURRENT LOCATION:

BNCP/K CO	HILL 65	878577
CO I	AN HOA	874474
CO L	HILL 37	919580
CO M	HILLS 52 AND 25	M 215553/M 3 839568
CO M 3/1 CUPP 20	HILL 55	966605
5TH MAR CUPP PLT	HILL 25	839568

2. LAST 24 HOURS: CO I OPCON TO 5TH MAR AS BASE AUG CO. CO K CONDUCTED PAT/AMB IN VICINITY HILL 65 AND PROVIDED BNCP SEC AS HILL 65 AUG CO. CO L CONDUCTED PAT/AMB IN EASTERN AO, ONE PLT SOUTH OF HILL 37 AND ONE PLT NORTH OF HILL 37 AND ALONG ROUTE #540, AND PLT AS HILL 37 SEC. CO M CONDUCTED PAT/AMB IN WESTERN AO TO INTERDICT ENEMY INFILTRATION INTO THUONG DUC CORRIDOR. CO M 3/1 CUPP CO CONTINUED ASSIGNED SEC/PACIFICATION MISSION WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC/RF/PF AO'S. 5TH MAR CUPP PLT CONTINUED ASSIGNED SEC/PACIFICATION MISSION WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC SQD/RF PLT AO'S.

3. ENEMY CONTACT: 300100H APRIL 70 3/1 CUPP M 12 RECEIVED 4 THRU 6 82MM MORTAR ROUNDS. ALSO MODERATE AK-47 FIRE FROM 3 TO 6 ENEMY. RETURNED FIRE WITH SMALL ARMS AND M-60 MACHINE GUN. SWEEPED AREA W/NEGATIVE RESULTS. 300100H APRIL 70 3/5 CO L RECEIVED (2) 82MM MORTAR ROUNDS. RESULTING IN 9 USMC (NE). 300915H APRIL 70 3/1 CUPP M 13 RECEIVED SNIPER ROUND FROM ACROSS FIVER. RETURNED FIRE WITH SMALL ARMS. 81'S CALLED, RESULTS UNKNOWN. 301500H APRIL 70 3/5 K 2 OBSERVED (1) VC/NVA ACROSS RIVER FIRED 60MM MORTAR AND RECEIVED 3 HE ROUNDS AT ENEMY GRID. RESULTS UNKNOWN. 301720H APRIL 70 3/5 K 2 OP OBSERVED (2) VC/NVA ALONG RIVER BANK. OPENED FIRE WITH SMALL ARMS RESULTING IN (1) VC/NVA KIA.

4. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: 301134H APRIL 70 HILL 65 SURVEILLANCE DETECTED ENEMY MOVEMENT EST (10) PERSONNEL L) FIRE MISSION WAS CALLED IN. NEGATIVE RESULTS.

5. NEXT 24 HOURS: CO I WILL REMAIN OPCON TO 5TH MAR AS AN HOA BASE AUG CO. CO K WILL CONDUCT PAT/AMB IN VICINITY OF HILL 65 AND PROVIDE BNCP SEC AS HILL 65 AUG CO. CO L WILL CONDUCT PAT/AMB IN WESTERN AO, ONE PLT SOUTH OF HILL 37, ONE NORTH OF HILL 37, AND ALONG ROUTE #540, ONE PLT AS HILL 37 SECURITY. CO M WILL CONDUCT PAT/AMB IN WESTERN AO TO INTERDICT ENEMY INFILTRATION INTO THUONG DUC CORRIDOR. CO M 3/1 CUPP WILL CONTINUE ASSIGNED SEC/PACIFICATION MISSION WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC/RF/PF AO'S. 5TH MAR CUPP WILL CONTINUE ASSIGNED SEC/PACIFICATION MISSION WITHIN RESPECTIVE USMC SQD/RF PLT AO'S.

6. CASUALTIES/MISC:

9 USMC WIA (M)  
1 VC/NVA KIA



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ZNY SSSSS  
P 021110Z APR 70  
FM THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES COC  
TO THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES (REIN)  
INFO FIFTH MARINES COC

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PASS TO 3/5 REAR (ATTN: XO)  
THIRD BN, FIFTH MAR FRAG O 13-70  
A. MAP: VN 1:50,000 AMS SERIES 7014; SHEET 6640IV  
B. THIRD BN, FIFTH MAR FRAG O 11-70  
TASK ORGANIZATION: NO CHANGE EXCEPT 3/5 ASSUMES OPCON 1ST PLT  
LIMA COMPANY EFFECTIVE 021700H APR 70.

1. (S) SITUATION

A. ENEMY: INDICATIONS ARE THAT CONFINES OF OPERATIONAL AREA ARE BEING USED BY SMALL GROUPS OF ENEMY AS LOC, STAGING AREA FOR MOVEMENT INTO ASSEMBLY AREAS FROM WHICH ATTACKS ARE LAUNCHED AGAINST LOCAL U.S. AND GVN FORCES.

B. FRIENDLY: NO CHANGE EXCEPT 1ST RECON BOAT TEAM DET SUPPORTS CO L (-) RIVER CROSSING AT 843550.

2. (S) MISSION: THIRD BN, FIFTH MAR CONTINUES ASSIGNED MISSION IN AO; CONDUCTS CO (-) SIZE RECON IN FORCE IN NORTHERN ARIZONA CM 8554 TO FIND, FIX, AND DESTROY THE ENEMY, HIS INSTALLATIONS AND HARBOR SITES.

3. (S) EXECUTION

A. CONCEPT OF OPNS: COMMENCING 022100H APR 70 COMPANY L (-) CONDUCTS RIVER CROSSING INTO NORTHERN ARIZONA TO CONDUCT RECON IN FORCE CM 8354 FOR PERIOD OF 2 DAYS.

B. CO 1: CONTINUE MISSION ASSIGNED REF B.

C. CO K: (1) CONTINUE MISSION ASSIGNED REF B.

(2) PROVIDE ONE SQD TO SECURE ASSEMBLY AREA AT 847556.

(3) PROVIDE GUIDES FOR CO L (-) TO ASSEMBLY AREA FROM

RENDEZVOUS PT AT 848563.

(4) MOVE RUBBER BOATS STAGED AT HILL 25 UNDER COVER DARKNESS TO ASSEMBLY AREA.

(5) UPON COMPLETION OF RIVER CROSSING MOVE SECURITY ELEMENT WITH RECON BOAT TM AND BOATS TO HILL 25 TO AWAIT TRANS TO HILL 65.

D. CO L (-)

(1) COMMENCING 021700H APRIL 70 PASS ONE PLT TO 3/5 FOR PURPOSE CONDUCTING PAT/AMB VIC HILL 65 AND AUGMENTING DEFENSES HILL 65.

(2) CONDUCT TACTICAL MOVE UNDER COVER DARKNESS TO RENDEZVOUS PT AT 848563 AND JOIN WITH GUIDES FM K CO; MOVE FM RENDEZVOUS PT TO ASSEMBLY AREA AT 847556.

(3) CONDUCT RIVER CROSSING VIC AT 843550.

(4) CONDUCT RECON IN FORCE WITHIN OPERATIONAL AREA FOR PERIOD OF 2 DAYS.

(5) ASSEMBLE VIC 872567 NLT 041500H APR 70 IN ORDER TO CONDUCT RIVER CROSSING.

E. CO M: OPCON 5TH MAR

F. CO M (CUPP COMPANY): CONTINUE ASSIGNED MISSION.

G. 5TH MAR CUPP PLT: CONTINUE ASSIGNED MISSION.

H. COORDINATING INSTR

(1) OPERATIONAL AREA BOUNDARY FM 021500H TO 041800H APR 70 FOR CO L (-): FM GL 8152 NORTH TO SOUTHERN BANK SONG VU GIA GENERALLY EAST ALONG SOUTH BANK OF RIVER TO ~~GL 880555 ON IN STRAIGHT LINE TO 8754 SOUTH TO 8752 WEST TO~~ CLOSE AT 8152.

(2) OPERATIONAL AREA BOUNDARY IS FIRE COORDINATION LINE.

(3) ESTIMATED TERMINATION OPN: 041600H APR 70.

(4) THIS CONFIRMS MY ORAL ORDER OF 021600H APRIL 70.

I. RESERVE: 1ST PLT, CO L: BE PREPARED ON 30 MIN ALERT FOR COMMITMENT WITHIN OPERATIONAL AREA.

4. (S) ADMIN/LOG: NO CHANGE.

5. (S) COMD/COMM/ELEC: NO CHANGE; CO L REPORT CP WHEN ESTABLISHED.

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TO THIRD BN FIFTH MAR (REIN)

INFO FIFTH MAR COC

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PASS TO 3/5 REAR (ATTN:XO)

THIRD BN FIFTH MAR FRAG O 14-70

A. MAP : VN 1:50,000 AMS SERIES 7014: SHEET 6640 IV

B. THIRD BN FIFTH MAR FRAG O 11-70 TASK ORGANIZATION : NO CHANGE

1. (S) SITUATION

A. ENEMY. CONFINES OF OPERATIONAL AREA CONTINUE TO BE USED BY SMALL GROUPS OF ENEMY AS LOC, STAGING AREA FOR MOVEMENT INTO ASSEMBLY AREAS FROM WHICH ATTACKS ARE LAUNCHED AGAINST LOCAL U.S. AND GVN FORCES. B. FRIENDLY. NO CHANGE EXCEPT 2/11 FIRES SCHEDULED TOT IN SUPPORT OF PLT (REIN) OPERATING IN ARIZONA.

2. (S) MISSION: THIRD BN FIFTH MAR CONTINUES ASSIGNED MISSION IN AS; CO L CONDUCTS SQD (REIN) SIZE AMBUSHES IN N. ARIZONA AO CM 8454-8554.

3. (S) EXECUTION.

A. CONCEPT OF OPNS: COMMENCING 082030H APR 70 PLT (REIN) CO L CONDUCTS RIVER CROSSING VIC 872568 INTO N. ARIZONA. ESTABLISHES DAY/NIGHT AMBUSHES TO INTERDICT MOVEMENT AND INFLICT MAXIMUM NO OF CASUALTIES UPON THE ENEMY; PRIORITY OF 81MM MORT FIRE FROM HILL 25 (SEC) TO PLT IN N. ARIZONA.

B. CO I : CONTINUE MISSION ASSIGNED REF B.

C. CO K: CONTINUE MISSION ASSIGNED REF B.

D. CO L : (1) CONTINUE MISSION ASSIGNED REF B AT REDUCED STRENGTH. COMMENCING H- HOUR D-DAY CONDUCT ONE PLT (REIN) SIZE RIVER CROSSING OPN INTO N. ARIZONA WITH MISSION ASSIGNED TO SURREPTITIOUSLY SUPPORT CONCEPT OF OPNS. (3) ENSURE LIFE LINES ARE ARRANGED SO THAT TROOPS CAN EXPEDIOUSLY MOVE ACROSS RIVER; ALL NON- SWIMMERS WILL WEAR LIFE VESTS.

(4) EXERCISE POSITIVE CMD/CONTROL TO ENSURE: MOVEMENT BY STEALTH THROUGHOUT OPN PERIOD; MAXIMUM TROOP SAFETY WHILE CROSSING RIVER

(5) MINIMIZE COMM/ELEC TRAFFIC THROUGHOUT .

(6) CONDUCT PRE OPN MINE/BOOBY TRAP COUNTER MEASURE LECTURE.

E. CO M: OPCON 5TH MAR

F. CO M (CUPP COMPANY): CONTINUE ASSIGNED MISSION.

G. 5TH MAR CUPP PLT: CONTINUE ASSIGNED MISSION.

H. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

(1) AO EXTENSION FOR CO L IN EFF FM 081500H TO 101800H AS FOLLOWS: FM JUNCTURE EXISTING AO BOUNDARY AT 8756 WEST ALONG RIVER BANK TO GL 83 SOUTH TO GRID 8353 EAST TO GRID 8753 NORTH TO 8754 THEN NORTH EAST TO JUNCTURE EXISTING BOUNDARY AT 880555.

(2) BOUNDARY IS FCL.

(3) THIS CONFIRMS MY ORAL ORDER ISSUED AT 3/5 FWD CP ( HILL 65) AT 0800H ON 8 APR 70.

1. RESERVE: CO L(-) : BE PREPARED ON 30 MIN ALERT FOR COMMITMENT WITHIN OPN AREA.

4. ADMIN/LOG: NO CHANGE

5. (S) CMD/COMM/ELEC: NO CHANGE.

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Operation Order 14-70

Ref: (a) Map: VN 1:50,000 AMS Series L 7014; Sheets 6540 I and IV

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy. See Current INTSUMS and PERINTREPS.

b. Friendly.

(1) 1st MAW provides fixed wing and helo air support as requested.

(2) 2/11 provides DS for 5th Marines; elements of 2/11 provide supporting fires as directed by 2/11.

(3) Dai Loc and Dien Ban District Forces continue current assigned securing and pacification missions in combined effort with designated CUPP units.

(4) 51st ARVN Regt continues coordinated operation within designated areas of operation throughout 5th Marines AO.

2. MISSION. 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines participates in Stack Arms; realigns forces and continues Category I and II operations in assigned AO with primary emphasis on securing/pacification operations.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operations. Commencing 180800H April 1970 subordinate elements participate in 1st Marine Division Stack Arms Program and assume responsibility for new AO as prescribed by Time/Movement Schedule. (See Annex A (Time/Movement Schedule) and Annex B (Operations Overlay))

b. Company I.

(1) Conduct helolift to/from Stack Arms in accordance with Concept of Operations.

(2) Upon completion of helolift to HILL 65 provide forces for defense of HILL 65 and conduct day/night patrols/ambushes throughout Central AO as directed.

(3) Upon completion of helolift to An Hoa Combat Base pass O<sup>P</sup>CON to

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5th Marines as Base Augmentation Company.

c. Company K.

(1) Conduct helolift to/from Stack Arms in accordance with Concept of Operations.

(2) Upon completion of helolift to HILL 37 assume responsibility for Central AO.

(3) Maintain no less than one platoon reinforced south of HILL 37 along Route #540 with assigned mission of conducting aggressive day/night patrols/ambushes to prevent enemy interdiction of Route #540. Primary emphasis on prevention of mining on and adjacent to Route #540.

(4) Maintain no less than one platoon minus size force north of HILL 37 with assigned mission of conducting aggressive day/night patrols/ambushes to secure Route #540 and to interdict enemy movement into AO from the west. Primary emphasis on prevention of mining on and adjacent to Route #540.

(5) Coordinate with Commanding Officer, Company D, 7th Engineers and provide mine sweep security forces north along Route #540 to 5th Marines/1st Marines AO Boundary and south to Liberty Bridge Combat Outpost.

(6) Coordinate all day/night patrols/ambushes with Commanding Officer, 2nd CACO, 1st Platoon, Company M (CUPP Company), and SA Dai Loc District located at HILL 37; insure no conflicting patrols or ambushes.

(7) Upon completion of helolift to HILL 65 assume responsibility for Central AO; conduct securing operations as directed; provide forces for engineer mine sweep security along Route #4 and for augmentation of HILL 65 defenses; on order, conduct coordinated Recon in Force throughout N. Arizona AO; be prepared, on order, to provide platoon reinforced size force to relieve/reinforce CACO and District Forces in assigned AO.

d. Company L.

(1) Conduct helolift to/from Stack Arms in accordance with Concept of Operations.

(2) Upon completion of helolift to HILL 37 assume responsibility for Eastern AO and mission assigned Company K in subparagraph 3. C (3) through (6) above.

(3) Be prepared, on order, to provide one platoon reinforced size unit to relieve/reinforce CACO or District Forces in assigned AO.

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(1) Conduct helolift to/from Stack Arms in accordance with Concept of Operations.

(2) Upon completion of helolift to HILL 52 and 25 assume responsibility for Western AO. Primary emphasis on interdicting enemy movement into AO from the south, west and north.

(3) Conduct combined operations throughout assigned AO in cooperation/coordination with Commanding Officer, RF Company 193 and 117.

(4) Coordinate daily with CUPP Platoon Commander, 1stLt TURNER, to insure coordinated day/night activities.

(5) Ensure 81mm/60mm mortar support to CUPP units as requested.

(6) Be prepared, on order, to provide up to one platoon reinforced size force for coordinated Recon in Force in N. Arizona AO.

f. Company M (CUPP Company): no change.

g. 5th Marines CUPP Platoon: no change.

h. Reserve: Designated Platoon Reinforced, Company K: be prepared for commitment within Battalion AO on 30 minute standby.

i. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) ANNEX A (Time/Movement Schedule).

(2) ANNEX B (Operations Overlay).

(3) Boundaries are Fire Coordination Lines.

(4) Invoke strict measures to counter mines/booby traps within assigned AO.

(5) Operations within Restricted Operating Areas on approval of the Commanding Officer only.

(6) Submit night/day activities NLT 0900 daily.

(7) Minimize noncombatant casualties.

(8) Vehicle occupants of authorized vehicles on Route #4 west of HILL 65 limited to driver and one shotgun. In case of cargo to protect, a third Marine is authorized to ride in cargo bed of vehicle to prevent theft.

(9) Utilize VR/Courier/PAX helo as becomes available to transport personnel.

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(10) Initial SPOT REPORTS will be submitted within 30 minutes of the time of incident. Submit follow up SPOT REPORTS as necessary; final SPOT REPORTS immediately upon termination of action or event.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS: no change.

5. COMMAND -- ELECTRONICS.

a. Command Post: Report opening and closing of Company CP by IMMEDIATE message.

b. Electronics.

(1) Make maximum use of all covered nets.

(2) Emphasize communications security measures with all radio operators.

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ANNEXES:

✓ A -- Time/Movement Schedule

✓ B -- Operations Overlay

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## ANNEX A (Time/Movement Schedule)

Ref: None.

1. SITUATION. Basic Order.2. MISSION. Basic Order.3. EXECUTION.

	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>MODE</u>	<u>NO.</u> <u>PERSONNEL</u>	<u>FM</u>	<u>TO</u>
a.	Co M	180800H	Helo	(177)	An Hoa	Stack Arms
	M21 (CUPP)	180800H	Helo	(59)	Hill 55 LZ	Stack Arms
	M33 (CUPP)	180800H	Helo		Hill 55 LZ	Stack Arms
	Co M (-)	201200H	Helo	(177)	Stack Arms	Hill 52
	M3	201200H	Helo	(60)	Stack Arms	Hill 25
	M21 (CUPP)	201200H	Helo	(59)	Stack Arms	Hill 55
	M33 (CUPP)	201200H	Helo		Stack Arms	Hill 55
b.	Co K (-)	210800H	Helo	(131)	Hill 52	Stack Arms
	K3	210800H	Helo	(49)	Hill 25	Stack Arms
	3/5 CUPP 3	210800H	Helo	(16)	Hill 52	Stack Arms
	M 11 (CUPP)	210800H	Helo	(18)	Hill 37	Stack Arms
	M 31 (CUPP)	210800H	Helo	(26)	Hill 55	Stack Arms
	Co K (-)	231200H	Helo	(135)	Stack Arms	Hill 37
	K1	231200H	Helo	(45)	Stack Arms	Hill 65
	3/5 CUPP 3	231200H	Helo	(16)	Stack Arms	Hill 52
	M 11 (CUPP)	231200H	Helo	(18)	Stack Arms	Hill 37
	M 31 (CUPP)	231200H	Helo	(26)	Stack Arms	Hill 55
c.	Co I (-)	240800H	Helo	(136)	Hill 37	Stack Arms
	I 3	240800H	Helo	(48)	Hill 65	Stack Arms
	3/5 CUPP 2	240800H	Helo	(16)	Hill 25	Stack Arms
	M 12 (CUPP)	240800H	Helo	(18)	Hill 37	Stack Arms
	M 23 (CUPP)	240800H	Helo	(22)	Hill 55	Stack Arms
	Co I	261200H	Helo	(184)	Stack Arms	Hill 65
	3/5 CUPP 2	261200H	Helo	(16)	Stack Arms	Hill 25
	M 12 (CUPP)	261200H	Helo	(18)	Stack Arms	Hill 37
	M 23 (CUPP)	261200H	Helo	(22)	Stack Arms	Hill 55

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<u>UNIT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>MODE</u>	<u>NO.</u> <u>PERSONNEL</u>	<u>FM</u>	<u>TO</u>
d. Co L*	270800H	Helo	(180)	Hill 65	Stack Arms
3/5 CUPP1	270800H	Helo	(16)	Hill 25	Stack Arms
M 13 (CUPP)	270800H	Helo	(12)	Hill 37	Stack Arms
M 32 (CUPP)	270800H	Helo	(28)	Hill 55	Stack Arms
Co L*	291200H	Helo	(180)	Stack Arms	Hill 37
3/5 CUPP 1	291200H	Helo	(16)	Stack Arms	Hill 25
M 13 (CUPP)	291200H	Helo	(12)	Stack Arms	Hill 37
M 32 (CUPP)	291200H	Helo	(28)	Stack Arms	Hill 55

\* Company L to Stack Arms dependent upon termination of OPCON to 1st Marines.

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P 120200Z APR 70  
FM THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES  
TO THIRD BN FIFTH MARINES (REIN)  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L

REF: A CONFERENCE W/S-3 FIFTH MAR

1. AT 111400H APR 70 BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT WITH 2/5 AS APPROVED  
BY REF A THE FOLLOWING TEMPORARY AO BOUNDARY IS EFFECTIVE UNTIL  
DISESTABLISHED BY THIS OR HIGHER HQ; FROM JUNCTURE OF 3/5  
2/5 BOUNDARY AT AT805540 SOUTH ALONG 805 GRID TO 54 GRID EAST TO  
JUNCTURE OF EXISTING BOUNDARY VIC LIBERTY ROAD AT AT919540.  
AREA KNOWN AS NORTHERN ARIZONA; CONTAINED ON WEST BY 805 GRID, ON  
THE NORTH AND EAST BY THE SONG VU GIA, AND ON THE SOUTH  
BY THE 54 GRID IS DESIGNATED "ARIZONA AO". AREA SOUTH OF 54  
GRID REMAINS RESPONSIBILITY OF 2/5. (SEE OVERLAY) (PASEP).

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## FIELD RADIO MESSAGE

FM 3/5 S-3  
TO COLLECTIVE MINUS CUPP 3/5

## DESIGNATION OF RESTRICTED OPNS AREAS


A. 5TH MAR LTR 3/BSC/mws OVER 3800 SERIAL NO. 003A10270 DTD 13APR70

1. HEAVILY MINED/BOOBY TRAPPED AREAS WITHIN BN AO ARE DESIGNATED RESTRICTED OPNS AREAS BY REF A. THESE AREAS ARE GENERALLY WITHIN 200-300 METER RADIUS OF FOLLOWING COORDINATES: AT 898590, AT 950613, AT 940579, AND AT 960586. (OVERLAY PASEP).

2. EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT THIS MSG ALL COMMANDERS WILL PLAN AND EXECUTE ALL COMBAT OPNS WITHIN THEIR AOS EXCLUSIVE OF THE ABOVE DESIGNATED RESTRICTED OPNS AREAS.

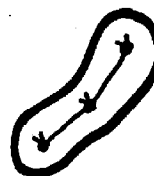
3. WHEN AUTHORIZED BY THIS OR HIGHER HQ, OPNS WITHIN RESTRICTED OPNS AREAS WILL BE CONFINED TO DAYLIGHT, SMALL UNIT COLUMN MOVEMENT WITH STRICTEST ADHERENCE TO MINE/BOOBY TRAP COUNTER MEASURES.

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Restricted Operations Areas  
Map 1:50,000 AMS  
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