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Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2
(b) DivO 5750.1

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- Encl: (1) Daily Intelligence Summaries for March 1966, #60-90
- (2) S-3 Journal for March 1966
- (3) Command Chronology for 1st Battalion, 7th Marines
- (4) Command Chronology for 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines
- (5) Command Chronology for 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines
- (6) A/R Rpt (OPN UTAH)

1. In compliance with references (a) and (b), the following report and enclosures (1) through (5) are submitted.

(7) A/R RPT (OPN INDIANA)

2. Organization Data

a. 7th Marines

- (1) Command Post: CHU LAI, VIETNAM, vicinity BT 560048 (1-18 March 66)
vicinity BT 546018 (19-31 March 66)

(2) Command Structure:

Commanding Officer	Colonel O. F. PEATROSS
Executive Officer	Lieutenant Colonel R. W. WILSON
S-1	Captain W. J. BROOKS
S-2	Captain K. W. JOHNSON
S-3	Major E. N. SNYDER
S-4	Captain F. L. TOLLESON
Communications Officer	Major F. R. ANDERSON

b. 1st Battalion, 7th Marines

- (1) Command Post: CHU LAI, VIETNAM, vicinity BT 586016
- (2) Commanding Officer: Lieutenant Colonel J. P. KELLEY

c. 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines

- (1) Command Post: CHU LAI, VIETNAM, vicinity BT 504036

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ENCLOSURE (4)

- (2) Commanding Officer: Lieutenant Colonel L. N. UTTER
- d. 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines
- (1) Command Post: CHU LAI, VIETNAM, vicinity BT 538023
- (2) Commanding Officer: Lieutenant Colonel C. H. BODLEY
- e. Company A, 3rd Amphibian Tractor Battalion (010001H-291200H March 1966)
- (1) Command Post: CHU LAI, VIETNAM, vicinity BT 568039
- (2) Commanding Officer: Captain E. M. BAIR
- f. Company C, 1st Anti-Tank Battalion (010001H-291200H March 1966)
- (1) Command Post: CHU LAI, VIETNAM, vicinity BT 561047 (1-18Mar66)
vicinity BT 546018 (19-29Mar66)
- (2) Commanding Officer: Captain W. F. SNYDER
- g. Company C, 1st Engineer Battalion (010001H-291200H March 1966)
- (1) Command Post: CHU LAI, VIETNAM, vicinity BT 560048(1-18Mar66)
vicinity BT 546018(19-29Mar66)
- (2) Commanding Officer: Captain W. A. RENNER
- h. Company B, 1st Tank Battalion (010001H-291200H March 1966)
- (1) Command Post: CHU LAI, VIETNAM, vicinity BT 560048 (1-18Mar66)
vicinity BT 546018 (19-29Mar66)
- (2) Commanding Officer: Captain H. A. BERTRAND
- i. Average Monthly Strength

	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>	
	Off	Enl	Off	Enl	Off	Enl
Headquarters Company, 7th Marines	20	2277	2	3	22	2280
1st Battalion, 7th Marines	34	874	3	46	37	920
2nd Battalion, 7th Marines	30	900	3	47	33	947
3rd Battalion, 7th Marines	29	869	3	49	32	918
Company A, 3rd Amphibian Tractor Bn	9	302	0	0	9	302
Company C, 1st Anti-Tank Battalion	3	89	0	2	3	91
Co C, 1st Engineer Battalion	3	154	0	1	3	155
Company B, 1st Tank Battalion	105	3118	0	1	5	119
TOTAL, 7th Marine (Rein)	133	3583	11	49	144	3732

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~~SECRET~~3. Significant Events

a. Personnel. During the period, 505 personnel were lost, of which 375 were rotatees and 130 were medical evacuees. Four-hundred and twenty-two replacements were received, leaving a deficit of 83 personnel. Four-hundred twenty-two casualties were sustained, including 84 KIA, 337 WIA and one DOW.

b. Administration. No unusual problems were encountered during this period.

c. Intelligence. See attached sheet.

(1) Enemy Activity

(a) During March no significant change occurred in the enemy order of battle within the 7th Marines TAOR and reconnaissance zone.

(b) Two multi-battalion operations during March, planned and executed by the 7th Marines, were both successful and significant from an intelligence viewpoint. Operation TEXAS, 20-25 March and Operation INDIANA, 28-30 March confirmed the identity of several enemy units in western SON TINH District. The main units identified were the 21st NVA Regt. (AKA 36th), the 60th and 70th Battalions of the 1st VC Regiment and the 195 AA Battalion. In addition, Operation INDIANA resulted in the capture of two 12.7mm AA guns. These two major operations inflicted a total of 352 confirmed KIA on the enemy and another 441 possible KIA.

(c) VC Activity in the TAOR decreased by 30 per cent during March from the unusually heavy activity in February. Within the TAOR the VC initiated 35 incidents of small arms fire 10 grenade incidents, 13 booby trap incidents and three mortar incidents.

(2) Regimental Intelligence Section Activities

(a) Normal administrative and combat intelligence functions were carried out during the month. During the two major operations, a separate and adequate rear echelon was maintained to carry out the necessary functions within the regimental TAOR.

(3) Weather

(a) Ground operations were not significantly hampered by weather during March. There was a total of 6.9 inches of rain during four days of measurable rain and six days with a trace of precipitation during the month. The maximum temperature was 93 degrees, minimum temperature was 71 and the mean was 80. The mean relative humidity was 85%. There were ceilings less than 3,000 feet 14% of the month. The mean visibility was 7 miles.

(4) (a) Activities within the TAOR resulted in the apprehension of 203 captives of which there were 23 VCS, 1 VCC; 179 civilians were processed and returned to the area of apprehension. One M-1 rifle and one carbine were captured.

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d. Training. Heavy operation commitments hampered training during the period. Newly-joined personnel were indoctrinated at all levels, with particular emphasis at small unit levels where "lessons learned" was used as the primary medium of instruction.

e. Special Operations. Three major operations were conducted during the period, involving all of the battalions within the Regiment. Operation "UTAH", which involved 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines, and 1st Battalion, 7th Marines, marked the first contact by units of this Regiment with a NVA unit. In this case, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines was engaged in a fierce fight with the 21st Regiment of the NVA. A full report of this operation is contained in enclosure (5). Operations "TEXAS" and "INDIANA", which involved 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines and 1st Battalion, 7th Marines respectively also produced solid enemy contact. These operations are covered in detail by enclosures (4) and (6).

f. Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Warfare. There was no activity of significance during the reporting period.

g. Command and Control.

(1) The Commanding Officer, 7th Marines served as the Senior Troop Commander of the CHU LAI Enclave from 15-29 March, the period between the transfer of the ADC to III MAF and the establishment ashore of the 1st Marine Division.

(2) Commencing on 15 March the Regimental CP displaced to BT 546018. The move was completed on 19 March.

(3) At 291200H March 1966 OPCON of the 7th Marines was passed from the 3rd Marine Division to the 1st Marine Division. ADCON was passed at 311200H. Correspondingly, control of all attachments was passed from the 7th Marines to respective parent organizations.

(4) On 3 March Task Force Smith, under OPCON of 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines, was relieved of responsibility for the airfield defense and dissolved.

(5) On 31 March Companies "E" and "F", 7th Marines were passed to OPCON of the CHU LAI Defense Command.

h. Communications - Electronics. Nothing of significance for this reporting period.

i. Close Combat. All battalions were afforded the opportunity for close combat when they participated in the operations previously mentioned in this report. The most significant lesson learned is that, when engaged and desiring close contact, the VC will maneuver from their fighting positions to maintain close contact if this action will deny Marine units the use of supporting arms. Enclosures (4) through (6) contain the significant aspects of the close combat in which the battalions were engaged during period.

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j. Fire Support

(1) ARTILLERY. During the month of March 1966, artillery support was furnished by the 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines in carrying out their mission as direct support of the 7th Marines. Reinforcing fires were furnished by the 12th Marines. A total of 904 missions were fired, consisting of 715 H&I missions, 103 targets of opportunity, 43 fired in defensive concentrations, 15 registrations, 28 prep and fire for effect missions.

Ammunition expended totaled 8,864 rounds, consisting of 8,237 HE, 258 WP, 317 Illum, and 62 HC5MK.

(2) NAVAL GUNFIRE. The Naval Gunfire section provided liaison for one air spot NGF mission outside the TAOR, provided NGF liaison and spotting services for the ARVN multi-battalion operation south of QUANG NGAI, furnished two (2) artillery FO teams for Company "C", 1st Recon Battalion, on a four day patrol in the Reconnaissance Zone and sent artillery FO's on numerous motor convoys to QUANG NGAI. (None of these services was in support of the 7th Marines.

k. Logistics

(1) During the month of March two highly successful operations, from the viewpoint of logistics, were conducted. Both of these operations were planned and executed with little or no advanced notice. However no major logistic problems were encountered during either operation.

(2) Displacement of the Regimental CP was accomplished in five (5) days with no major complications. The smooth, precise, and professional manner in which the displacement took place was largely due to the advanced planning of the Headquarters Commandant and hard work of Company "C", 1st Engineer Battalion.

(3) Requisitions continued to be filled at a slow rate, however only repair parts are critical. Typewriters were received during March, helping relieve the critical shortage of office machines which was encountered in February. Several M422's were received by the Regiment during March, however the M274 Mechanical Mule availability remains the same as last month due to shortage of repair parts and engines. The shortage which existed in the Class IV field fortification materials area during February has been relieved to an extent due to the filling of several requisitions, however this Regiment is still short of its needs in this area.

(4) All required parts for repair and shortages are on valid requisitions; however, even though sufficient lead time has been allocated in submitting requisitions, repair parts and many high usage items have not been relieved. If relief does not come in certain critical areas, (parts for field ranges, brake cylinders, water containers, and spark plugs) the end items will soon be deadlined or out of use entirely.

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(5) This organization is presently testing a highly suitable plastic water container which, if adopted, will eliminate many problems created by the present metal variety. (Water loss due to loss of lids on cans and gaskets are but two).

(6) The "CRITIPAK" program has proven to be invaluable in obtaining some hard to get, and badly needed items and in many instances has been directly responsible for end items not being deadlined.

(7) The Cantonment Program is now beginning to progress and future planning calls for all personnel to be billeted on strongback tentage by June. The "Native Hut" program has been of great value, particularly in regards to storage areas, clubs, and chapel's.

l. Air Defense. With the move of the Regimental CP during the month a program of bunker construction for necessary operation facilities was initiated. Passive defense measures, sandbagging of vital installations and camouflaging were begun in the newly occupied area.

m. Combat Air Support

(1) First Marine Aircraft Wing aircraft provided the normal logistic, medical evacuation, and air observation within the enclave.

(2) Significant Events

(a) Operation "TEXAS" (20-25 March). During the six days of the operation a total of nine (9) battalion or battalion minus lifts were executed. The three USMC battalions, widely spaced and ranging over a large objective area, made maximum use of the rapid movement and flexibility afforded by the helicopter. Medical evacuation and resupply missions were executed with a minimum of delay time. CAS and LZ prep were utilized in each assault landing and TPQ-10 strikes were called during hours of darkness on avenues of approach into friendly positions. In one instance three TPQ-10 strikes were called by a battalion ALO on enemy units between 600 and 800 meters from the Battalion CP.

(b) Operation "INDIANA" (28-30 March). Two battalions were lifted into air-prepped landing zone on D-Day and D+1. A minimum of contact with the enemy precluded extensive utilization of CAS after the initial landing on D-Day. On D+2 one battalion was retracted by helicopter to the CHU LAI Enclave. No major problems were encountered during this abbreviated operation.

n. Medical Support. Of the 288 sick-call visits made to the Regimental Aid Station during the month of March, 21 were for respiratory infections, 8 for gastroenteritis, and 8 for venereal disease. Seven individuals were referred to "B" Medical Battalion for hospitalization. 144 immunization were given.

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(1) The 7th Marines provided medical and dental assistance to 7,970 civilians during the month of March, with a total of 19,901 treatments administered. The 1st Battalion, 7th Marines provided assistance to the following hamlets: TRUNG AN (1), BF 593002; TRUNG AN (2), BT 585000; NUCC MAN, BT 574 972; DONG BINH(1), BT 565003; DONG BINH(2), BT 564063; HOA VAN, BT 571014; VINH AN, BT 614010; HAI NINH, BT 609017; TAN MY, (1), BT 626006; BINH YEN NOI(1), BS 600977; BINH YEN NOI(2), BS 607978; BINH YEN NOI(4), 583980; MY HUE(1), 613983; MY HUE(2), 606982; and MY HUE (3), BS 603983. The 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines provided assistance to CHU LAI NEW LIFE HAMLET, BT 503060; LONG PHU(1), BT508041; and LONG PHU(2), BT 510030. The 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines provided assistance to AN THIEN, BT 520032; TRI BINH(1), BS 555 987; TRI BINH(4), BS 561977; and TRI BINH(5), BS 568971, on a regular basis. The corpsman stationed with the liaison officer at BINH SON, BS 594972, continued to conduct sick call at the district dispensary. It is noted there is a decrease in the number of civilians treated during March from the preceding month. This is attributed to combat operations which severely decreased the civic action capability within our TAOR.

(2) Commodities distributed in March included large quantities of soap, vitamins, candy, corn, wheat, rice and clothing. Distribution of these items has been coordinated with village and hamlet officials to insure equitable distribution. In addition to the above mentioned staples, several carpenter sets, wood working sets, sewing kits, masonry kits and school kits were dispensed. A set of library books (Vietnamese) was donated to the school in CHU LAI NEW LIFE HAMLET. Several bags of cement were provided for construction projects.

(3) Dental assistance was provided in all three battalions areas on a regular schedule. The Vietnamese patients are most appreciative of this service. Health trainees and government nurses continue to assist with daily sick call in six of the local dispensaries. Their knowledge and skills are being advanced by the informal instruction provided by our doctors and corpsmen.

(4) Music appreciation periods and English classes have been continued throughout the period. Joint sports participation events have been held with volleyball being the most popular.

(5) Constuction projects have included the building of two wells, one in LONG PHU (1), BT 507041, and LONG PHU (2), BT 510030. A hand pump was donated for use in the new well at LONG PHU (1). The 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines provided the necessary cement and the local inhabitants constructed the wells themselves. A set of swings was given to the children in LONG PHU (2). This is the fourth area we have provided with playground equipment.

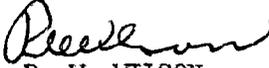
(6) The 1st Battalion, 7th Marines assisted the Catholic and Buddhist orphanages in BINH SON with a cash donation of 10,000 piasters being given to each orphanage. Powdered milk and other staple were also provided for their use.

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(7) The hog farm in CHU LAI New Life Hamlet continues to progress. Seventy-five ducklings were obtained from PHU BAI and have been added to the project. Arrangements have been made to introduce 10,000 carp fingerlings in the pond adjacent to the hog pen.

(8) The civic action program is progressing well. The recipients of our assistance continue to be responsive and receptive. Continued emphasis is being placed upon personal hygiene and improvement of educational facilities.


R. W. WILSON
By direction

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FROM: CO 7TH MARINES

TO: CG 3D MARDIV
CG III MAF
CG ADC GRU CHU LAI
7TH MARINES
SA 2D INF DIV

DRAFTER: W. H. HARMAN
RELEASES: K. W. JOHNSON *KW Johnson*
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INFO: 1ST MARINES
MAG-12
MAG-36
3D IIT
7TH CTT
11TH MARINES
MCB-4

1. 7TH MARINES
2. INTSUM NR 60 ENDING 011200H: MARCH
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY.

A. GROUND

(1) 1ST BN 7TH MARINES

(A) 281130H: A CO BT 630060 ARVN JUNK FLEET APPREHENDED 4 VCS IN A BOAT FOR NOT HAVING ID CARDS. FORWARDED TO IIT.

(B) 281600H: D CO BS 618985 VCS BY NAME OF LE COT, AGE 56, APPREHENDED FOR NOT HAVING ID CARD. VCS STATED IT WAS DESTROYED IN A FIRE. VCS LIVES IN THUNG HOA. FORWARDED TO IIT.

(C) 282100H: H&S CO BT 603003 SAW MOVEMENT AND HEARD VOICES. FIRED APPROX 75-RDS 7.62 WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

(D) 010550H: CO B PATROL OBSERVED 2VC GOING DOWN RIVER IN SMALL BOAT AT BS 618998. FIRED 100 RDS SA AND 10 RDS 81 ILLUMINATION FROM BS 617774. VCS DISEMBARKED AND DISAPPEARED INTO WATER.

(2) 2D BN 4TH MARINES

(A) 281200H: CO E APPREHENDED ONE VCS AT BT 4980** LOITERING NEAR THEIR LINES. FORWARDED TO IIT.

(3) 3D BN 7TH MARINES

(A) 282115H: K CO BS 564949 PATROL ENGAGED ONE VC. VC THREW ONE GRENADE. PATROL FIRED UNKNOWN AMOUNT 7.62 AT VC WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. 2 FRIENDLY WIA.

(B) 010905H: K CO PATROL RECEIVED SNIPER FIRE FROM BS 582944. PATROL MANEUVERED TOWARD SNIPER FIRING UNKNOWN AMOUNT 7.62 WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. PATROL RECEIVED 1-60MM MORTAR RESULTING IN ONE FRIENDLY WIA. A SECOND FRIENDLY WIA RESULTED FROM A (BAMBOO TYPE) BOOBY TRAP. (NON-EXPLOSIVE)

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4. PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT LOSSES.

A. PERSONNEL

(2) CAPTIVES,	DETECTORS,	RALLIERS	
VC	CAPTIVES	CHIEU HOI	SUSPECT
	0	0	6

10. WEATHER AND TERRAIN CONDITIONS.

A. WEATHER: 24 HR FORECAST AS OF 011200H: LOW 73, HIGH 94 DEG; HUMID 75%; VISIBILITY 7 MILES; WIND 10-15KTS FROM SOUTHEAST; PROGNOSIS PARTLY CLOUDY WITH POSSIBLE EARLY MORNING SHOWERS.

C. ASTRONOMICAL DATA FOR 02 MARCH

BHCT	0641
SUNRISE	0703
SUNSET	1854
TECT	1916
MOON PHASE	1ST QTR
MOON RISE	1354
MOON SET	0232

11. BRIEF DISCUSSION OF CAPABILITIES AND VULNERABILITIES: NONE

12. CONCLUSION: NONE

13. INFORMATION REPORTED DIRECTLY BY VIETNAMESE NATIONALS: (SEE PARA #15)

14. OTHERS: NONE

15. LATE REPORT:

A. AT 010730: ELEMENTS OF CO A TOOK UNDER FIRE APPROX 20 VC MOVING FROM TUYET DIEM (3) BS 659032 TO TUYET DIEM (4) BS 658017. CIVILIAN IN AREA RPTD VC WERE CARRYING HEAVY WPNS AN SOME ARMED WITH AUTO WPNS. VC DRESSED IN GREEN UNIFORMS; OTHERS IN BLACK PAJAMMAS. CO A CONTINUES TO ADVANCE AND OBSERVE IN PURSUIT. AC AND ARMY SUPPORT CALLED. RESULTS WILL BE FORWARDED WHEN OBTAINED.

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 SA 2ND ARVN DIVISION

INFO: 1ST MARINES
 MAG-12
 MAG-36
 3D IIT
 7TH CIT
 11TH MARINES
 MCB 4

1. 7TH MARINES
2. INTSUM NR 61 ENDING 021200H ^{MAK} FEBRUARY 1966.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY.

A. GROUND
 (1) 1ST BN 7TH MAR

(A) 012145H: CO D RIVER OP BT 621991 OBSERVED BOAT AT BT 624988 MOVING ACROSS RIVER. ILLUMINATION AND 10 ROUNDS M-14 WEAPON FIRED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. BOAT RETURNED TO SHORE AND OP WAS UNABLE TO APPREHEND PERSONNEL IN BOAT.

(B) 012200H: 1/7 CP SECURITY BT 604002 RECEIVED TWO ROUNDS CARBINE FIRE FROM UNKNOWN NR OF VC IN FRONT OF THEIR LINES. 38 ROUNDS M-14 FIRED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

(2) 2ND BN 7TH MAR NEGATIVE THIS REPORTING PERIOD

(3) 3D BN 7TH MAR

(A) 011200H: CO K BS 566938 WHILE SWEEPING PEU LE (2) HAMLET OVER 200 VIETNAMESE WERE QUESTIONED. 47 OF THE 200 WERE APPREHENDED AND SENT TO CHU LAI COLLECTION POINT.

(B) 011500H: CO K PATROL BS 568951 REPORTED HELO IN AREA FIRED ON BY VC IN SAME AREA OF PATROL. HELO-GUNNER RETURNED FIRE AND CO K PATROL CAPTURED ONE VC WIA. VC FORWARDED TO B MED.

(C) 011610H: CO M PATROL BS 575945 SET OFFBOOBY TRAP ON RAILROAD CULVERT WHICH RESULTED IN TWO USMC KIA AND ONE USMC WIA. PATROL SEARCHED AREA WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

(D) 011718H: CO M PATROL BS 575947 APPREHENDED ONE VCS. VCS HAD MANY WOUNDS WHICH WERE RECEIVED FROM AN M-79 BOOBY TRAP. VCS STATED VC MADE HIM IMPLACE BOOBY TRAPS. VCS FORWARDED TO B MED.

4. PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT LOSSES.

A. PERSONNEL

(2) CAPTIVES:	DEFECTORS	RALLIERS	
	CAPTIVE	CHIU HOI	SUSPECT
VC	1	0	48
NVN	0	0	0
NO OF ABOVE WOUNDED; 1 VC WIA			
(3) EQUIPMENT LOSSES:	NONE		

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10. WEATHER: 24 HR FORECAST AS OF 021200H FEBRUARY 1966
HIGH 90, LOW 72, HUMIDITY 80%, VISIBILITY 7+ MILES. WINDS 14 KNOTS
WITH GUSTS TO 20, FROM THE SOUTH AND SOUTH EAST.
CLOUD COVER: 3,000 SCATTERED BROKEN. FORECAST: PARTLY CLOUDY NO RAIN
IS EXPECTED.

11. BRIEF DISCUSSION OF CAPABILITIES AND VULNERABILITIES: NONE

12. CONCLUSION: NONE

13. INFORMATION REPORTED DIRECTLY BY VIETNAMESE NATIONALS: NONE

14. OTHERS: BINH SON LNO REPORTS

A. 010540H: ONE VC PLT LINE LATERATED THIRD PAT PLT AND USING GRENADES
AND BANGLORS ATTACKED. PAT PLT BROKE CONTACT AND VC WITHDREW ARTY FIRED.
PAT HAD 4 WIA, AND LOST ONE PISTOL, 3 BAR8s, 6M-1's, 2 CARBINES AND ONE
PRC-10. ONE GOV'T YOUTH CADRE LEADER KIA MY HUE HAMLET CHIEF AND NINE
CIVILIANS WIA. FIVE CIVILIANS WERE KIDNAPPED.

B. 011805H: AT BT 610950 2 COMPANIES OF VC WITH 60 MM MORTARS
AND ONE 57 RR RIFLE MOVED IN BY BOAT AT COORD BT 644944. S 2 7TH
MARINES EVAL F/3.

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 11TH MARINES
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1. 7TH MARINES
2. INTSUM NR 62 ENDING 031200H MARCH 1966.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY.

A. GROUND

(1) 1ST BN 7TH MARINES

(A) 021104H: Co. D, BS 628993, RECEIVED APPROX. 20 RDS S/A FIRE AND 2/60mm MORT ROUNDS FROM ESTIMATED 10 VC; VIC BS 635992, WHILE SCREENING CIVILIANS. MARINES RETURNED FIRE WITH 650 ROUNDS 7.62, 2 ROUNDS M-79, ONE USMC WAS WIA AND TWO CIVILIAN, FEMALES, WIA.

(B) 022050H: CO. D SAW MOVEMENT WITH BINOCULARS. SNIPER SCOPE AIMED IN ON MOVEMENT AND DETECTED INFRA-RED BEAM FROM BS 625986. FRIENDLY COORD BS 625987. AT THIS TIME TANK TURNED ON LIGHT AND SPOTTED ONE VC IN AREA. VC DID NOT HAVE INFRA-RED SCOPE WHEN SPOTTED. MARINES AT THIS TIME FIRED 20 RDS 50 CAL., 3 RDS M-79, 115 RDS 7.62. IN IMMEDIATE AREA WITH NEG. RESULTS. (S-2, 7TH MAR CMT: SNIPER SCOPE POSSIBLE, NO OTHER EVIDENCE AVAIL. SEE SICR U-UPE-U0191)

(2) 2D BN 7TH MARINES: NEGATIVE THIS REPORTING PERIOD.

(3) 3D BN 7TH MARINES:

(A) 030900H: CO. L, RAZORBACK PATROL RECEIVED TWO IN-COMING RIFLE GRENADES FROM VIC BS 576943. RESULTING IN FOUR (4) USMC WIA, (NOT EVACUATED). SEARCHED AREA WITH NEG. RESULTS.

4. PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT LOSSES.

A. PERSONNEL.

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(1) KIA BY:	<u>CONFIRMED</u>	<u>POSSIBLE</u>
1/7	0	4
2/7	0	0
3/7	0	0

(3) EQUIPMENT LOSSES: NONE

10. WEATHER AND TERRAIN CONDITIONS.

A. WEATHER: 24 HR FORECAST AS OF 031200H: LOW 73°, HIGH 92°, HUMID 80%; VISIBILITY UNRESTRICTED; WIND 12-18 KTS: FROM SOUTHEAST: PROGNOSIS: PARTLY CLOUDY WITH SCATTERED SHOWERS.

C. ASTRONOMICAL DATA FOR 04 MARCH 1966.

BMCT	0640
SUNRISE	0702
SUNSET	1854
EECT	1916
MOON PHASE	1ST QTR.
MOON RISE	1604
MOON SET	0435

11. BRIEF DISCUSSION OF CAPABILITIES AND VULNERABILITIES: NONE

12. CONCLUSION: NONE

13. INFORMATION REPORTED DIRECTLY BY VIETNAMESE NATIONALS: NONE

14. OTHERS: QUANG NGAI LNO REPORT.

A. 021745H: QUANG NGAI LNO: AGENT REPORTS 20 VC WERE KIA ON 23 FEBRUARY 1966, AT COORD. BS 630980. PROB REF. ATTK OF 21 FEB, SEE INTSUM NR. 52 OF 21 FEB 1966 PARA. 3.A.(1)(C).

B. 030905H: Co. A, 3D AMTRAC BN, LVT AT BT 556018, RECEIVED 4 RDS, SNIPER FIRE FROM BT 562012, WHILE RETURNING FROM FALSE CP. NO ACTION TAKEN.

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 TO: CG THIRD MARDIV
 CG III MAF
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INFO: 1ST MARINES
 MAG-12
 MAG-36
 3D ITT
 7TH CIT
 7TH MARINES
 MCB-4
 MCE-3

1. 7TH MARINES
2. INTSUM NR 63 ENDING 041200H MARCH 1966.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY.

A. GROUND

(1) 1ST BN 7TH MAR

(A) AT 031400H: D CO DELIVERED TO THIS CP TWO VCS APPREHENDED, AT 021110H VIC COORD BS 628993, AFTER DEMONSTRATION BY LOCAL CIVILIANS AS POSSIBLE VC PROVOCATORS. FORWARDED TO ITT AT 031730H.

(B) AT 031300H: A CO DELIVERED TO THIS CP A NOTEBOOK FOUND IN A HOUSE, VIC BT 624008. THE NOTEBOOK IS ALLEDGED TO HAVE WRITING ON CAMOUFLAGE, AMBUSHES, ETC. ALSO A ID CARD BELONGING TO PHAM THI KIEM WHICH WAS FOUND ON A TRAIL, VIC BS 628992, AFTER THE DEMONSTRATION OF 3 MARCH 1966.

(C) AT 031900H: C CO PATROL REPORTED, AT 031030H VIC COORD BT 561014, RECEIVING EIGHT RDS OF AUTOMATIC CARBINE FIRE FROM AN UNK NR OF VC LOCATED VIC BT 561017. RETURNED FORTY RDS OF 7.62 AND SEARCHED THE AREA NEG RESULTS.

(D) AT 032130H: B CO RPTD, AT 032045H VIC BS 607999, OBSERVING 1-VC MOVING TOWARD THE PROTECTIVE WIRE VIC BS 608999. THREW ONE HAND ILLUMINATION AND FIRED FOUR 7.62 RDS AT THE VC WHO WITHDREW TO THE TREE LINE.

(E) AT 040635H: H&S CO GUARD RPTD, AT 040055H VIC BT 586017, RECEIVING ONE ROUND OF CARBINE FIRE FROM AN UNKNOWN LOCATION. GUARD FIRED ONE 7.62 ROUND AT SUSPECTED LOCATION WITH UNK RESULTS.

(F) AT 040900H: A CO PATROL REPORTED, AT 040830H VIC COORDINATES BT-663033, ACTIVATING A BOOBY TRAP CONSISTING OF 2 M-26 GRENADES. FIVE MARINES WERE WOUNDED AND EVACUATED TO B-MED.

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(2) 2ND BN 7TH MAR. NEGATIVE RPT FOR THIS PERIOD.

(3) 3RD BN 7TH MAR.

(A) AT 032045H: M CO BS 541981, WHILE MOVING TO THE AMBUSH SITE OBSD 2 VC. FIRED 40 RDS OF 7.62 AND 2 RDS M-79. SEARCHED AREA, NEGATIVE RESULTS.

(B) AT 040745H: M CO BS 591936 SIGHTED 2 VIETNAMESE COMING DOWN THE TRAIL TOWARDS INTERROGATION POINT. VIETNAMESE SAW PATROL AND STARTED RUNNING. PATROL FIRED WARNING SHOTS AND STOP 1-VIETNAMESE. VCS IS BEING INTERROGATED.

(C) AT 040810H: M CO BS 591936 APPREHENDED 30 MALES AND 20 FEMALES FOR BEING AT THE INTERROGATION POINT. 50 VCS FORWARDED TO ITT.

4. PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT LOSSES.

A. PERSONNEL

(2) CAPTIVES:	DEFECTORS CAPTIVE	RALLIERS CHIEU HOI	SUSPECT
VC	0	0	53

B. EQUIPMENT

(4) OTHER: (1) 1- VC NOTEBOOK
(2) 1- ID CARD.

10. WEATHER AND TERRAIN CONDITIONS.

A. WEATHER: 24 HR FORECAST AS OF 041200H TO 051200H MAR 66: TEMP 70-86 DEGREES, HUMID 89 PCT VISIBILITY 4-8 MILES, WINDS 8-15 KTS FROM S-SW, PROGNOSIS: CLOUDY WITH LIGHT SHOWERS TONIGHT. CEILING: 3000 FT BROKEN HIGH BROKEN.

C. ASTRONOMICAL DATA FOR 05 MARCH.

BMCT	SR	SS	EECT	MP	MR	MS
0639	10701	1854	1917	QTR	1712	0532

11. BRIEF DISCUSSION OF CAPABILITIES AND VULNERABILITIES: NONE

12. CONCLUSION: NONE

13. INFORMATION REPORTED DIRECTLY BY VIETNAMESE NATIONALS: NONE

14. OTHERS: NONE

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 MAG-12
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 3D ITC
 7TH CIT
 11TH MARINES
 MCB-4
 MCB-3

1. 7TH MARINES
2. IMPSUM NR 64 ENDING 051200H MARCH 1966
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY.

A. GROUND

(1) 1ST BN 7TH MARINES

(A) 031700H: CO A BP 647046 APPREHENDED ONE VCS WHO COULD NOT PRODUCE AN ID CARD. VCS FORWARDED TO CHU LAI COLLECTION POINT.

(B) 040915H: CO D BT 625005 APPREHENDED ONE VCS IN SWEEP OF TAN HY. VCS WAS QUESTIONED BY INTERVIEWOR VCS LIED CONSTANTLY. VCS FORWARDED TO CHU LAI COLLECTION POINT.

(C) 040930H: CO B BT 622009 APPREHENDED ONE VCS IN SWEEP OF TAN HY. VCS WAS OF MILITARY AGE. VCS FORWARDED TO CHU LAI COLLECTION POINT.

(D) 041500H: CO D BS 624991 RECOVERED TWO ROUNDS S/A FIRE FROM UNKNOWN VC AT BS 613985. COMPANY SEARCHED AREA WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

(E) 050900H: CO A BT 657045 OBSERVED TWO FISHING BOATS ENTERING RIVER AT BT 650041. BOATS TURNED OUT TO SEA UPON SEEING A SCOUT FROM CO A. A VIETNAMESE PATROL BOAT IN AREA IS PRESENTLY SEARCHING BOATS.

(2) 2ND BN 7TH MARINES NEGATIVE REPORT THIS PERIOD.

(3) 3D BN 7TH MARINES

(A) 041145H: CO L BS 581939 TWO MARINES CROSSING DITCH AND BAMBOO FENCE SET OFF UNKNOWN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE. NO ENEMY ACTIVITY IN AREA WAS OBSERVED. TWO USMC WERE EVAC TO B MED.

(4) PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT LOSSES

(A) PERSONNEL

(2) CAPTIVES, DEFACTORS, RALLIERS

VC	CAPTIVES	CHIEU HOI	SUSPECTS
0	0	0	3
NR OF ABOVE WOUNDED 0			

10. WEATHER AND TERRAIN CONDITIONS.

A. WEATHER: 24HR FORECAST AS OF 051200H : TEMP 91-73, HUMID 87%, VISIBILITY UNREST, WINDS 4-8KTS, FROM S-SE, FORECAST SCATTERED ISOLATED SEWER.

C. ASTRONOMICAL DATA FOR 06 MARCH
 BMCT 0638, SR 0700, SS 1855, BECT 1917, MP 1ST QTR, MR 1817 MS 0624.

11. BRIEF DISCUSSION OF CAPABILITIES AND VULNERABILITIES: NONE

12. CONCLUSION: NONE

13. INFORMATION REPORTED DIRECTLY BY VIETNAMESE NATIONALS: NONE

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14. OTHERS: BINH SON LNO REPORT

IAI 050230H: DIST FORCE BS 59920 RECEIVED 15 ROUNDS OF 60 MM MORTAR
IAI FROM UNKNOWN NUMBER OF VC AT BS 576915. DIST FORCE RETURNED FIRE
WITH ARTY.

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CONCUR:

INFO: 1ST MARINES
MAG-12
MAG-36
3D IFF
7TH CIP
11TH MARINES
MCB-3
MCB-4

1. 7TH MARINES
2. INTSUM NR 65 ENDING 061200H MARCH.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY.

A. GROUND

- (1) 1ST BN 7TH MARINES: NEGATIVE REPORT FOR THIS PERIOD.
- (2) 2ND BN 7TH MARINES: NEGATIVE REPORT FOR THIS PERIOD.
- (3) 3RD BN 7TH MARINES: NEGATIVE REPORT FOR THIS PERIOD.

10. WEATHER AND TERRAIN CONDITIONS.

A. WEATHER: 24 HR FORECAST AS OF 061200H: TEMP 92-70 DEGRESS; HUMID 70 PCT; VISIBILITY UNRESTRICTED; CLOUD COVER PARTLY CLOUDY; WINDS 4-8 KTS FROM S-SE; FORECAST: POSSIBILITY OF SCATTERED RAIN SHOWERS.

B. ASTRONOMICAL DATA FOR 07 MARCH.

BMCT	SR	SS	ECT	MP	MR	MS
0638	0700	1855	1917	FULL	1919	0612

11. BRIEF DISCUSSION OF CAPABILITIES AND VULNERABILITIES: NONE
12. CONCLUSION: NONE
13. INFORMATION REPORTED DIRECTLY BY VIETNAMESE NATIONALS: NONE
14. OTHERS: BINH SON LNO REPORT OF 05 MARCH.

052115H: RECEIVING 81MM FIRE FROM VC AT BS 592924. PF'S AT BS 566-928 REC'D S/A FIRE. ONE CIVILIAN KIA, FOUR CIVILIANS WIA'S.

052330H: A CO 3RD AMTRACKS BT 5503, SIGHTED VC. FIRED 2 RDS AND VC RETURNED 1 RD. FIRED 8 MORE RDS AND PURSUIT BY FIRE BUT VC FLED.

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 MAG-36
 3D ITT
 7TH CIT
 11TH MARINES
 MCB-4
 MCB-3

1. 7TH MARINES
2. INTSUM NR 66 ENDING 071200H MARCH
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY.

A. GROUND

- (1) 1ST BN 7TH MAR: NEGATIVE RPT FOR THIS PERIOD.
- (2) 2ND BN 7TH MAR: NEGATIVE RPT FOR THIS PERIOD.
- (3) 3RD BN 7TH MAR: NEGATIVE RPT FOR THIS PERIOD.

4. PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT LOSSES.

10. WEATHER AND TERRAIN CONDITIONS.

A. WEATHER: 24 HR FORECAST AS OF 071200H TO 081200H: TEMP 73-90 DEGREES, HUMID 70 PCT TONIGHT TILL 0900. 0900 TO 1200 98PCT. CEILING: PARTLY CLOUDY, WINDS 5-7 KTS FR SE, VISIBILITY: UNRESTRICTED, PROGNOSES: FAIR.

B. ASTRONOMICAL DATA FOR 08 MARCH.

BMCT	SR	SS	EMCT	MP	MR	MS
0637	0659	1855	1917	FULL	2019	0657

11. BRIEF DISCUSSION OF CAPABILITIES AND VULNERABILITIES: NONE
12. CONCLUSION: NONE
13. INFORMATION RPTD DIRECTLY BY VIETNAMESE NATIONALS: NONE
14. OTHERS:

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DEG:
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INFO: 1ST MARINES
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MAG-36
3D IFF
7TH CIT
1ST MARINES
MCB-4
MCB-3

1. 7TH MARINES
2. INTSUM NR 67 DNDING 081200H MARCH
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY.

GROUND

- (1) 1st BN 7TH MAR: NEGATIVE RPT FOR THIS PERIOD.
- (2) 2ND BN 7TH MAR: NEGATIVE RPT FOR THIS PERIOD.
- (3) 3D BN 7TH MAR:

(A) 071130H: CO I BS 542978 RECEIVED 3 RDS SNIPER FIRE FROM VIC BS 543976. RETURNED FIRE WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

(B) 071215H: CO L RAZORBACK PATROL (SQUAD) BS 57996* OBSERVED 22 PERSONNEL MOVING FROM BS 595936 IN EASTERLY DIRECTION AT A RUN IN BLACK UNIFORMS AND CARRYING WEAPONS. HEARD SHOOTING IN AREA.

4. PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT LOSSES.
10. WEATHER AND TERRAIN CONDITIONS.

A. WEATHER: 24 HR FORECAST AS OF 081200H TO 091200H: TEMP 76° LOW, 90° HIGH, HUMID 70%, CEILING 3000 TO 8000 SCATTERED, WINDS 4-8 KTS FROM SOUTH TO SOUTHEAST, VISIBILITY UNRESTRICTED, PROGNOSIS: SCATTERED SHOWERS TO THE WEST.

B. ASTRONOMICAL DATA FOR 09 MARCH.

BMCT	SR	SS	RECT	MP	MR	MS
0637	0659	1855	1917	FULL	2118	0840

11. BRIEF DISCUSSION OF CAPABILITIES AND VULNERABILITIES: NONE
12. CONCLUSION: NONE
13. INFORMATION RPTD DIRECTLY BY VIETNAMESE NATIONALS: NONE
14. OTHERS: BINH SON LNO REPORT.

A. 090940 - BS 592948 AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF VC ATTACKED PF'S WITH CARBINE AND AUTO WEAPONS FROM BS 590945 - 592948 - 582948. PF RETURNED FIR WITH ARTY AND 81MM.

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MAG-12
MAG-36
3D IFF
7TH CIT
11TH MARINES
MCB-3
MCB-4

1. 7TH MARINES
2. INTSUM NR 68 ENDING 091200H MARCH.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY.

A. GROUND

(1) 1ST BN 7TH MARINES

(A) 080830H: CO A 22 VCS WERE DELIVERED TO THEIR POSITION BY JUNK FLEET. VCS WERE APPREHENDED AT GRID SQUARES 6305 AND 6506. DURING INTERROGATION TWO ADMITTED BEING VC AND THEY ALSO IMPLICATED THREE OTHERS. ALL FORWARDED TO IFF.

(B) 081230H: CO A BT 620030, WERE APPROACHED BY TWO VIETNAMESE FEMALES WHO STATED THERE WERE TWO MEN IN A BOAT OFF SHORE. MEN FISHED BY DAY AND CARRIED GRENADES FOR VC BY NIGHT. PATROL BORROWED A BOAT FROM LOCAL CIVILIANS AND APPREHENDED THE TWO MEN. ONE DENIED ANY CONNECTIONS WITH THE VC. THE OTHER ADMITTED SIGNALING VC WHENEVER PATROLS WERE IN THE AREA.

(C) 081300H: CO D BS 641978, TANK FIRED 1 RD 90MM HE AT SUSPECTED AMBUSH SITE AT BS 639964. RD CAUSED A SECOND EXPLOSION APPROX. THE SAME AS THE ONE FROM THE 90MM RD. (BLACK SMOKE 80M WIDE 50M HIGH) FIRED 3 MORE RDS WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

(D) 090915H: CO D BT 648003, PLT SIZE PATROL OBSERVED 6 VCS MOVING IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION AT BT 650003. CALLED TO STOP BUT VCS FLED. PATROL FIRED 30 RDS M-60 WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

(2) 2ND BN 7TH MARINES: NEGATIVE REPORT FOR THIS PERIOD.

(3) 3RD BN 7TH MARINES

(A) 082035H: CO M BS 555993, REC'D ONE RD SNIPER FIRE FROM VC AT BS 556991. NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.

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4. PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT LOSSES.

A. PERSONNEL.

(2) CAPTIVES, DEFECTORS, RALLIERS

VC	CAPTIVES	CHIEU HOI	SUSPECTS
	3	0	21

5. NEW OBSTACLES. AG'S REPORT OF 081430H MARCH 66.

1. NEW TRENCHES AND BUNKERS BS 720952 AND BS 721953.
2. NEW FOXHOLES BS 708940 AND BS 712932.
3. 5 VC IN GREEN UNIFORM BS 720835.

10. WEATHER AND TERRAIN CONDITIONS.

A. WEATHER: 24 HR FORECAST AS OF 091200H: TEMP 84-72 DEGREES; HUMID 90% WINDS 8-10 KTS FROM WEST; VISIBILITY 4-6 MILES CLOUD COVER 1000 SCATTERED 2000 BROKEN TOPS 8000; FORECAST: CONTINUED CLOUDY WITH RAIN SHOWERS.

B. ASTRONOMICAL DATA FOR 10 MARCH.

BMCT	SR	SS	EECT	MP	MR	MS
0636	0658	1855	1917	FULL	2218	0922

11. BRIEF DISCUSSION FO CAPABILITIES AND VULNERABILITIES: NONE

12. CONCLUSION: NONE

13. INFORMATION RPTD DIRECTLY BY VIETNAMESE NATIONALS: NONE

14. OTHERS:

(1) LATE REPORT.

(A) 081315H: CO D TANK BS 641978, FIRED 24 RDS ON SUSPECTED ENEMY POSITION BS 652978. RESULTS WERE NEGATIVE.

(2) BINH SON LNO REPORT OF 082000H MARCH.

(A) VIETNAMESE AGENT ESCAPED FROM AREA AND STATED 84 VC AT BS 608952 AND 94 VC AT BS 612956. CHU LAI FIRED ARTY SUPPORT. RESULTS UNKNOWN.

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 1ST MARINES
 MAG-12
 MAG-36
 3D IFF
 7TH CIT
 MCB 4
 MCB-3

1. 7TH MARINES
2. INTSUM NR 69 ENDING 101200H MARCH.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY.

A. GROUND

(1) 1ST BN 7TH MAR:

(A) AT 091400H: D CO DELIVERED TO THIS CP TWO LETTERS FOUND ON A TRAIL VIC BS 628992. ONE WAS WRITTEN BETWEEN A WOMAN AND HER BROTHER, THE OTHER TO THE ABOVE MENTIONED WOMAN FROM THE HEAD OF THE VC WOMAN'S ASSOCIATION.

(B) AT 091700H: D CO DELIVERED TO THIS CP ONE VCS, APPREHENDED AT 091615H VIC BT 616010, FOR NOT HAVING A ID CARD. FORWARDED TO ITE.

(2) 2ND BN 7TH MAR: NEGATIVE RPT FOR THIS PERIOD.

(3) 3RD BN 7TH MAR:

AT 091120H: L CO OP-39 BS 570955 DETONATED A BLU-3 BUTTERFLY BOMB. 3-USMC KIA. EOD FOUND TWO MORE BOMB AND DESTROYED THEM ON SITE. (S-2 CPT: MAG-12 IS CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION).

AT 092100H: M CO BS 554994 RECD 1 INCOMING GRENADE BS 553993. ILLUMINATED THE AREA, SPOTTED 6 VC CROSSING RICE PADDY. FIRED HEAVY VOLUME OF S/A. SEARCH THE AREA, NEGATIVE RESULTS.

4. PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT LOSSES.

A. PERSONNEL.

(2) CAPTIVES, DEFACTORS, RALLIERS

VC	CAPTIVES	CHIEU HOI	SUSPECTS
	0	0	1

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10. WEATHER AND TERRAIN CONDITIONS.

A. WEATHER: 24 HR FORECAST AS OF 101200H: TEMP 87-73 DEGREES: HUMID 87%. WINDS 6-11 KTS FROM NORTH: VISIBILITY 7-10 MILES: CLOUD COVER: 8000 FT- 10,000 FT SCATTERED AND BROKEN. FORECAST: CLOUDY WITH LIGHT SHOWER IN THE EARLY MORNINGS.

B. ASTRONOMICAL DATA FOR 11 MARCH.

BMCT	SR	SS	EECT	MP	MR	MS
0636	0658	1856	1918	FULL	2314	1006

11. BRIEF DISCUSSION OF CAPABILITIES AND VULNERABILITIES: NONE

12. CONCLUSION: NONE

13. INFORMATION RPTD DIRECTLY BY VIETNAMESE NATIONALS:

A. THE VILLAGERS OF VINH AN STATED THAT 100 NVA TROOPS ARRIVED AT VIC BS 567918. AT LAST RPT THEY WERE STILL IN THE AREA, ARMED WITH 60MM MORTARS AND 2- MG'S. (F/6)

B. A CO RPTD THAT THE VILLAGERS OF VINH AN STATED THAT THE VC OF BINH SON DIST ARE PAYING THE PEOPLE TO PLACE M-26 TYPE BOOBY TRAPS NEAR MARINE POSITIONS.

C. A CO RECD INFORMATION THAT THE VC NO LONGER USE SAMPANS OR BASKET BOATS TO CROSS THE RIVER, INSTEAD THEY HAVE CONSTRUCTED A BAMBOO TRIANGLE TO ACT AS WATER WINGS.

14. OTHERS. BINH SON LNO RPT, 091855H, (F/6 S-2 7TH MAR EVAL) (B/2 VIETNAMESE)

400 VC AT COORD 538900, 539904, AND 521906.

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INFO: 1ST MARINES
 11TH MARINES
 MAG-12
 MAG-36
 3D IPT
 7TH CIT
 MCB-4
 MCG-3

1. 7TH MARINES
2. INSER NR 70 ENDING 111200H HRCZ.
3. SUMMARY OF ARMY ACTIVITY.

A. GROUND

- (1) 1ST BN 7TH MARINES: NEG. THIS REPORTING PERIOD.
- (2) 2D BN 7TH MARINES: NEG THIS REPORTING PERIOD.
- (3) 3RD BN 7TH MARINES:

(A) AT 101400H: CO. K, RECEIVED SNIPER FIRE FROM UNK NO. OF VC VIC BS 568940. CO. K, RETURNED FIRE AND CALLED IN ARMY. ARMY COVERAGE WAS GOOD. SEARCHED AREA WITH NEG RESULTS.

(B) AT 101445H: CO. K, VIC BS 570935, RECEIVED SEVERAL ROUNDS SNIPER FIRE FROM AN EST. 4 VC, VIC BS 565936. RETURNED FIRE AND CALLED ARMY. MISSION. ARMY COVERAGE WAS GOOD, SEARCH OF AREA GAVE NEG RESULTS.

(C) AT 101505H: CO K, REC. SNIPER FIRE FROM VIC BS 573935. RETURNED FIRE AND CALLED ARMY. MISSION, ARMY COVERAGE GOOD. SEARCHED AREA WITH NEG. RESULTS. ONE USMC KIA BY SNIPER FIRE.

(D) AT 101545H: CO. K, APPREHENDED THIR VCS, FEMALE, VIC BS 574937, VCS WERE APPREHENDED AT THE REQUEST OF CO. K'S INTERPRETOR. VCS ARE BEING DETAINED.

(E) AT 101615H: CO. E, OBSERVED A SMALL SECONDARY EXPLOSION IN A BURNING HOUSE VIC BS 573937. THE EXPLOSION WAS BELIEVED TO BE THAT OF A GRENADE.

(F) AT 101630H: CO K, VIC BS 574924, REC SEVERAL RDS SNIPER FIRE FROM VIC BS 578923. RETURNED FIRE AND CALLED ARMY. MISSION. COVERAGE WAS GOOD. SEARCHED AREA WITH NEG. RESULTS.

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(G.) AT 101725H: CO. K, REPT. 1 VC BOOBY TRAP VIC BS 573922. BOOBY TRAP SEEMED TO BE A VC GRANADE WITH TRIP WIRE ATTACHED TO BUSHES. BOOBY TRAP DESTROYED IN PLACE.

(H.) AT 101840H: CO. K, APPREHENDED 1 VCS VIC BS 577917. VCS WAS APPREHENDED AT THE REQUEST OF CO. K'S INTERPRETOR. VCS WILL BE DETAINED UNTIL PATROL RETURNS.

(I.) AT 101930H: CO. K, APPREHENDED 3 VCS VIC BS 587925. VCS WERE APPREHENDED AT THE REQUEST OF CO. K'S INTERPRETOR, VCS WILL BE DETAINED UNTIL PATROL RETURNS.

(J.) AT 110750H: PATROL RECEIVED FIVE RDS SNIPER FIRE FROM VIC BS 587935 FROM UNK NO. VC. PATROL RETURNED FIRE WITH NEG RESULTS.

(K.) AT 110830H: CO. L APPREHENDED 1 VCS VIC BS 584929. VCS WAS APPREHENDED FOR HAVING PUNJI TRAP IN HIS HOUSE. RETAINING VCS WITH UNIT.

(L.) AT 110900H: CO. K, REPORTED 1 VC BOOBY TRAP LOC VIC BS 592928, DETONATED BY A MARINE. MARINE WIA EV. CULATED TO B MED.

(M.) AT 111005H: CO. K, VIC BS 587925, RECEIVED SNIPER FIRE FROM UNK NO. VC. VIC BS 589925. ONE USMC WILL EVACUATED TO B MED.

(N.) AT 111040H: CO. L, VIC BS 589925, OBSERVED 6 VC, VIC BS 585929. VC WERE MOVING SOUTH, 4 VC WERE ARMED AND 2 WERE UNARMED. CO L FIRED S/A FIRE AT VC WITH NEG. RESULT.

4. PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT LOSSES.

A. PERSONNEL.

(2) CAPTIVES, DEFECTORS, RALLIERS

	CAPTIVES	CHIEU HOI	SUSPECTS
VC	0	0	8

10. WEATHER AND TERRAIN CONDITIONS.

A. WEATHER: 24 HR FORECAST AS OF 111200H: TEMP 83-72 DEGREES: HUMID 88%, WINDS 4-8 KTS. FROM NW. VIBILITY 4-6 MILES: CLOUD COVER: 500 SCATTERED VAR. BROKEN, 1500-2000 SCATTERED BROK. FORECAST: MOSTLY CLOUDY WITH SCATTERED SHOWERS.

B. ASTRONOMICAL DATA FOR 12 MARCH.

BMCT	SR	SS	EECT	MP	MR	MS
0635	0657	1856	1918	FULL	----	1050

11. BRIEF DISCUSSION OF CAPABILITIES AND VULNERABILITIES: NONE

12. CONCLUSIONS: NONE

13. INFORMATION RPTD DIRECTLY BY VIETNAMESE NATIONALS: NONE

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14. OTHERS: AT 110750H: A VIETNAMESE PC HIT A MINE ON ROAD VIC BS 591935. FOUR VIETNAMESE WIA'S WERE EVACUATED TO B MED. ONE WIA WAS BINH SON DISTRICT CHIEF.

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 CG III MAF
 CG ADC GRU CHU LAI
 7TH MARINES ALL UNITS
 SA 2ND ARVN DIVISION

INFO: 1ST MARINES
 11TH MARINES
 MAG-12
 MAG-36
 3D FTT
 7TH CIT
 MCB-4
 MCB-3

1. 7TH MARINES
2. INTSUM NR 71 ENDING 121200H MARCH
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY.

A. GROUND

(1) 1ST BN 7TH MARINES:

(A) AT 112154H: D CO BS 624983 SAW LIGHT WHICH APPEARED TO BE A SIGNAL AT BS 624983. USED SEARCH LIGHT AND SPOTTED 3VC. FIRED 4 RDS 90MM WP AND 50 RDS OF CAL 50 IN AREA OF LIGHT. LIGHT WENT OUT AT THIS TIME. UNKNOWN RESULTS.

(2) 2ND BN 7TH MARINES: NEGATIVE THIS REPORTING PERIOD.

(3) 3RD BN 7TH MARINES:

(A) AT 111625H: K CO SNIPER FIRED 1 SA RD FROM BS 587922. RETURNED FIRE AND CALLED IN HU 1E. HU 1E FIRED IN IMMEDIATE AREA. K CO SENT OUT RECON ELEMENT WHO APPREHENDED 3 VCS. 2 VCS WERE PICKED UP AT BS 586923. ONE VCS AT BS 587922 TURNED HIMSELF IN CARRYING A VIETNAMESE FLAG. VC HAD SHRAPENAL WOUNDS IN UPPER PART OF CHEST. SHRAPENAL WOUNDS DUE TO HU 1E. 1 USMC WIA.

(B) AT 111915H: 3/7 S-2 BS 568928 INTEROGATION OF VCS REVEALED LOCATION OF VC PLT AT COORD BS 568928. FIRED TOT AT COORD WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS.

(C) 120935H: 3/7 BS 582923 HU 1E SPOTTED 3 VC WITH WPNS IN TRENCH. HU 1E FIRED AT VC KILLING 2VC AND WOUNDING ONE. WIA WAS EVAC TO 3/7 CP FORWARD. ON RETURN TO PICK UP BODIES HU 1E SPOTTED APPROX 8 MORE VC. HU -1E FIRED POSSIBLY KILLING 2 MORE VC BS 582923. ARTILLERY MISSION CALLED ON BS 582923. (EQUIP CAPTURED - SEE PERSONNEL AND EQUIP LOSSES).

4. PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT LOSSES.

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4. PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT LOSSES.

A. PERSONNEL

(1) KIA BY:	CONFIRMED	POSSIBLE	
1/7	0	0	
2/7	0	0	
3/7	2	2	

(2) CAPTIVES, DEFECTORS, RALLIERS			
	CAPTIVES	CHIEU HOI	SUSPECTS
VC	1	0	3
NVA	0	0	0
NO OF ABOVE WOUNDED 2			

(3) EQUIPMENT LOSSES.

(A) 1 M-1 RIFLE
 1 US CARBINE
 1 GAS MASK - UNKNOWN MAKE
 1 CARTRIDGE BELT

10. WEATHER AND TERRAIN CONDITIONS: 24 HR FORECAST AS OF 121200H: TEMP LOW 72°, HIGH 81°, HUMID: 87%, WINDS 10 KTS FROM EAST, VISIBILITY: UNRESTRICTED, CLOUD COVER: 3,000 to 4,000 VAR, FORECAST: CLOUDY TO PARTLY CLOUDY WITH VISIBILITY GENERALLY UNRESTRICTED.

C. ASTRONOMICAL DATA FOR 13 MARCH.

BMCT	SR	SS	ECT	MP	MR	MS
0634	0656	1856	1918	LAST	0011	1138

11. BRIEF DISCUSSION OF CAPABILITIES AND VULNERABILITIES: NONE

12. CONCLUSION: NONE

13. INFORMATION REPORTS DIRECTLY BY VIETNAMESE NATIONALS.

A. 112100H: 3/7. PHU LE HAMLET - NAMES OF VC IN PHU LE: NGUYEN TAO - AUTONOMOUS, & ADMINISTRATIVE LDR, NGUYEN RAY - PUBLIC HEALTH, HOTHU - NONE, BOI - SNIPER, THAM SAU - SNIPER NGUYEN XUAN - SNIPER, HUYNH NHAN - SNIPER. THERE ARE 15 MORE BUT NAMES ARE NOT KNOWN. AROUND AND INSIDE OF THE HAMLET FENCE AND ON TRAILS VC DUG HOLES AND PLACED SHARPE STICKS IN THEM. VC MOVE TO PHUOC THUAN WHEN MARINES COME. VC PUT MINES ALONG THE ROAD TO PHU LE. (COORD PHU LE BS 575928, COORD PHUOC THUAN BS 567921)

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SA 2ND ARVN DIVISION

INFO: 1ST MARINES
11TH MARINES
MAG-12
MAG-36
3D ITT
7TH CIT
MCB-4
MCB-3

1. 7TH MARINES
2. INTSUM NR 72 ENDING 131200H MARCH.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY.

A. GROUND

- (1) 1ST NB 7TH MARINES:

(A) 122210H: CO D BS 625984 OBSERVED MOVEMENT THROUGH INFRA-RED LIGHT ACROSS RIVER BED. TANK IN AREA FIRED ONE ROUND 90mm WP. SEARCHED AREA WITH INFRA-RED LIGHT OBSERVED NO MORE MOVEMENT.

- (2) 2ND BN 7TH MARINES NEGATIVE THIS REPORTING PERIOD.

- (3) 3D BN 7TH MARINES

(A) 121235H: CO L BS 579939 RECEIVED A HEAVY VOLUME OF AUTOMATIC FIRE FROM UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF VC AT BS 576940 WHICH RESULTED IN ONE USMC WIA MED EVAC TO B MED. FIRE WAS RETURNED AND HU-1E'S ON STATION RAN STRIKE AND DESTROYED SIX VC HUTS AND POSSIBLY KILLING TWO VC.

(B) 121800H: H & S CO BS 566937 APPREHENDED 7 VCS FOR ACTING IN A SUSPICIOUS MANNER. ONE VCS NAME APPEARED ON THE VC BLACK LIST. ALL VCS FORWARDED TO CHU LAI COLLECTION POINT.

(C) 121837H: CO L BS 574932 FOUND ONE CAVE 4'X4'X9' WITH A BED INSIDE. CO L DESTROYED CAVE AND BED.

4. PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT LOSSES.

A. PERSONNEL

(1) KIA BY:	CONFIRMED	POSSIBLE
1/7	0	0
2/7	0	0
3/7	0	0

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(2) CAPTIVES, DEFECTORS, RALLIERS

	CAPTIVES	CHIEU HOI	SUSPECTS
VC	0	0	0
NVA	0	0	0

NO OF ABOVE WOUNDED. NONE

(3) EQUIPMENT CAPTURED: NONE

10. WEATHER AND TERRAIN CONDITIONS: 24 HR FORECAST AS OF 171200H:
 TEMP LOW 73 HIGH 90 HUMID: 87% WINDS 6-12KTS FROM SOUTH EAST VISIBILITY
 UNRESTRICTED, CLOUD COVER: 2,000 SCATTERED AND BROKEN. PARTLY CLOUDY
 WITH NO RAIN EXPECTED.

11. BRIEF DISCUSSION OF CAPABILITIES AND VULNERABILITIES: NONE

12. CONCLUSION: NONE

13. INFORMATION REPORTS DIRECTLY BY VIETNAMESE NATIONALS. NONE

14. OTHERS:

AO OBSERVED 35 TO 40 PEOPLE BUILDING CIRCULAR GUN POSITION AT
 BS 550913. PEOPLE WERE BEING SUPERVISED BY 5 OR 6 VC IN CAMOUFLAGED
 UTILITIES.

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 7TH MARINES ALL UNITS
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INFO: 1ST MARINES
 11TH MARINES
 MAG-12
 MAG-36
 3D ITT
 7TH CIT
 MCB-4
 MCB-3

1. 7TH MARINES
2. INTSUM NR 73 ENDING 141200H: MARCH
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY

A. GROUND

(1) 1ST BN 7TH MARINES:

(A) 121300H: CO D BT 624001 APPREHENDED 1 VCS SUSPECT LIED ABOUT AGE AND NAME ON BIRTH CERTIFICATE AND ID CARD. FORWARDED TO CHU LAI COLLECTION POINT.

(B) 130930H: CO A BT 622021 APPREHENDED 1 VCS. ID CARD HAD BEEN ALTERED. PF STATES VCS SEEN WITH VC ON OCCASIONS. FORWARDED TO 1/7 COLLECTION POINT.

(2) 2ND BN 7TH MARINES: NEGATIVE REPORT THIS PERIOD.

(3) 3RD BN 7TH MARINES:

(A) 130915H: CO K BS 581946 VCS FOUND HIDING IN CANE FIELD. VCS STATES HE WORKS FOR VC. FORWARDED TO CHU LAI COLLECTION POINT.

(B) 131235H: CO H&S BS 587947 WHILE ENTERING CHAU TU (2) MARINE OPENED GATE DETONATING BOOBY TRAP. 1 FRIENDLY WIA EVACUATED TO B MED.

(C) 131510H: CO K BS 585944 PF TRIPPED BOOBY TRAP. PF KIA.

(D) 131400H: CO K BS 588944 2 MARINES WOUNDED BY BOOBY TRAP WHILE CHECKING OUT CANE FIELD. 1 ENGR FOUND BOOBY TRAP WHILE SEARCHING FIELD WITH MINE DETECTOR. 2 WIA EVACUATED TO B MED.

(E) 141055H: CO L BS 577927 MAN MOVING EAST ALONG HEDGE-ROW CHALLENGED BY MARINES. RAN IN WESTERLY DIRECTION. VC WOUNDED IN RIGHT LEG. CONDUCTED SEARCH FOR WEAPONS WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. 1ST AID ADMINISTERED. VC EVACUATED TO B MED. DOW.(141230)

4. PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT LOSSES.

A. PERSONNEL

(1) KIA BY:	CONFIRMED	POSSIBLE
1/7	0	
2/7	0	
3/7	1 VCS	

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(2) CAPTIVES, DEFECTORS, RALLIERS	CAPTIVES	CHIEU HOI	SUSPECTS
VC	0	0	3
NVA	0	0	0
NO OF ABOVE WOUNDED: NONE			

(3) EQUIPMENT CAPTURED: NONE

10. WEATHER AND TERRAIN CONDITIONS: 14 HR FORECAST AS OF 141200H: TEMP: HIGH 90°, LOW 72°, HUM: 70%, VISIBILITY: UNRESTRICTED, WINDS: 6-12 KTS FROM S-SE, CLOUD COVER: 3,000 TO 8,000 SCATTERED, PROGNOSIS: PARTLY CLOUDY WITH SCATTERED SHOWERS AFTER 1500.

11. BRIEF DISCUSSION OF CAPABILITIES AND VULNERABILITIES: NONE

12. CONCLUSION: NONE

13. INFORMATION REPORTS DIRECTLY BY VIETNAMESE NATIONALS. NONE

14. OTHERS:

13 MARCH:

A. NATIONAL POLICE REPORT: BOOBY TRAP SET OFF BY VIETNAMESE THIS MORNING WAS PLACED BY 1 VC WHO HAD A BAG OF 4 M-26 GRENADES AND DID NOT HAVE TIME TO SET ALL OF THEM. BAG OF GRENADES PICKED UP BY BINH SON PF. VC WAS SEEN RUNNING INTO PHU LE (3). NATIONAL POLICE ALSO INFORMED THAT MANY BOOBY TRAPS WERE PLACED IN CANE FIELDS. CAUTION SHOULD BE TAKEN. (SEE LATE REPORT ITEM 15)

B. NATIONAL POLICE REPORT 131500H: 1 VC COMPANY AT BS 567945 CONSISTING OF 120 PERSONNEL. THERE IS A TUNNEL 150 METERS DEEP RUNNING FROM BS 567945 TO BS 556912. 1 VC GUERRILLA PLATOON WITH 30 PERSONNEL ARMED WITH 1xM-79, 5 RUSSIAN RIFLES AND 22 CARBINES.

C. NATIONAL POLICE REPORT: NATIONAL POLICE INDICATE THERE ARE 2VC PLATOONS AT BS 575924 AND BS 575916.

15. LATE REPORT:

A. 131145: 3/7 BS 584947 VIETNAMESE WORKING IN CANE FIELD SET OFF BOOBY TRAP WOUNDING 7 VIETNAMESE WORKERS. ONE WORKER HAD LEFT LEG BLOWN OFF.

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 CONCUR:

INFO: 1ST MARINES
 11TH MARINES
 MAG-12
 MAG-36
 3D IIT
 7TH CIT
 MCB-3
 MCB-4

1. 7TH MARINES
2. INTSUM NR 74 ENDING 151200H: MARCH.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY.

A. GROUND

(1) 1ST BN 7TH MARINES:

(A) 142100H: CO D SECURITY BS 628989, SPOTTED ONE VC WITH LIGHT ON RIDGE LINE BS 627984. FIRED 4 RDS OF 90MM HE. FIRST RD HIT VC AND THE OTHER 3 HITTING IN THE SAME GENERAL AREA.

(2) 2ND BN 7TH MARINES: NEGATIVE REPORT FOR THIS PERIOD.

(3) 3RD BN 7TH MARINES:

(A) 141130H: CO I PATROL BS 506974, APPREHENDED 4 VCS, 3 MALE AND 1 FEMALE. VCS WERE MAKING PUNJI STAKES AT THE TIME OF APPREHENSION. PATROL DESTROYED PUNJI STAKES AND VCS WERE FORWARDED TO EPL.

(B) 141545H: CO L BS 586937, SPOTTED 2 VCS AT BS 585937, CHALLENGED BY VIETNAMESE DCG HANDLER. VCS RAN WEST OF RICE PADDIES. FIRED UPON BY S/A WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. ARTY MISSION CALLED. AFTER ARTY MISSION PATROL APPREHENDED 1 VCS HIDING IN THE VIC. OF THE FIRE MISSION.

(C) 142120H: CO M BS 545995, HEARD MOVEMENT AT BS 540999, AND SPOTTED 2 PEOPLE AT BS 545993. FIRED ONE RD M-79 AND SEARCHED AREA WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

4. PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT LOSSES.

A. PERSONNEL

(1) KIA BY:

1/7
 2/7
 3/7

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1
 0
 0

POSSIBLE

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(2) CAPTIVES, DEFECTORS, RALLIERS

	CAPTIVES	CHIEU HOI	SUSPECTS
VC	0	0	5
NVA	0	0	0
NO OF ABOVE WOUNDED:	NONE		

10. WEATHER AND TERRAIN CONDITIONS:

A. WEATHER: 24 HR FORECAST AS OF 151200H: TEMP: HIGH 98, LOW 75, HUMID: 64%, VISIBILITY: 7 MILES, WINDS: 8 KTS, CLOUD COVER: 3000 SCATTERED 2800 BROKEN, PROGNOSIS: POSSIBILITY OF RAIN SHOWERS.

B. ASTRONOMICAL DATA FOR 16 MARCH.

SR	SS	MR	MS	BMCT	EECT	MP
0654	1857	0255	1411	0632	1919	LAST QTR

11. BRIEF DISCUSSION OF CAPABILITIES AND VULNERABILITIES: NONE
12. CONCLUSION: NONE
13. INFORMATION REPORTED DIRECTLY BY VIETNAMESE NATIONALS. NONE
14. OTHERS: QUANG NGAI LNO REPORT OF 15 MARCH 66.

A 15 VEHICLE RESUPPLY CONVOY FROM QUANG NGAI TO TRACH TRU STOPPED AT MO DUC BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE AMBUSH AT 748507. ESCORT COMPANY WENT FORWARD ON FOOT DOWN THE ROAD AND WERE HIT AT ABOVE COORD AT 1430H. APC RUSHED DOWN AND HIT ESTIMATED 200 VC CROSSING RIVER AT 764512, VC PROCEEDED TO VILLAGE 767512 AND NEVER LEFT. VILLAGE WAS DESTROYED BY AIR. NGF KILLED AT LEAST 6 VC FROM 752532 TO 768528; RESULTS ESTIMATED 50 VC KIA OF WHICH 25 WERE CONFIRMED BY US TROOPS, 14 WPNS CAPTURED. FRIENDLY LOSSES 30 KIA, 3 WIA AND 1 MIA, MIA IS COMPANY COMMANDER.

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CG ADC GRU CHU LAI
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RELEASES: K. W. JOHNSON *KW Johnson*
PRECEDENCE: PRIORITY
CLASSIFICATION: CONFIDENTIAL
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CONCUR:

INFO: 1ST MARINES
11TH MARINES
MAG-12
MAG-16
3D IFF
7TH CIT
MCB-3
MCB-4

1. 7TH MARINES
2. INTSUM NR 75 ENDING 161200H MARCH.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY.

A. GROUND

(1) 1ST BN 7TH MARINES:

(A) 150900H: D CO RPTD THAT AO OBSD SIX VC VIC BS 659995. THREE DRESSED IN GREEN SHIRTS AND BLACK TROUSERS AND THREE WERE DRESSED COMPLETELY IN BLACK. AO FIRED ON VC POSSIBLY KILLING ONE.

(B) 160730H: D CO LOC BT 624009 OBSD SIX VC DRESSED IN BLACK RUNNING VIC BT 646007. VC APPEARED TO CARRY WEAPONS. FIRED 3X81MM MORT AND 50X7.62 ROUNDS WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

(C) 160930H: D CO LOC BT 653003 RECD APPROX 150 RDS OF FIRE FROM 8 VC ARMED WITH M-1 CARBINES AT VIC BT 654003. RETURNED FIRE EXPENDING 10X-19, 200MM-14 AND 300MM-60 RDS. TWO VC WOUNDED BY RETURN FIRE, VC ESCAPED.

(2) 2ND BN 7TH MARINES: NEGATIVE RPT FOR THIS PERIOD.

(3) 3RD BN 7TH MARINES: NEGATIVE RPT FOR THIS PERIOD.

4. PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT LOSSES.

A. PERSONNEL

(1) KIA BY:	CONFIRMED	POSSIBLE
1/7	0	1
2/7	0	0
3/7	0	0

(3) POSSIBLE WIA: 2

10. WEATHER AND TERRAIN CONDITIONS.

A. WEATHER: 24 HR FORECAST AS OF 161200H: TEMP 71-88 DEGREES, HUMID 90 PCT VISIBILITY 7-10 MILES, WINDS 10-15 WITH GUST TO 20 KTS FR SOUTH, CEILING 1800-1500 FT BROKEN, PROGNOSIS, ISOLATED RAINSHOWERS.

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C. ASTRONOMICAL DATA FOR 17 MARCH.

BMCT	0641
SR	0653
SS	1857
EECT	1919
MR	0344
MS	1505
NP	LAST

11. BRIEF DISCUSSION OF CAPABILITIES AND VULNERABILITIES: NONE

12. CONCLUSION: NONE

13. INFORMATION RPTD DIRECTLY BY VIETNAMESE NATIONALS: NONE

14. OTHERS:

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C. 161700H: AO REPORTING NO SIGN REARRANGEMENT AS YET OBSERVED.

8. ENERGY MOVEMENTS:

B. LOCATION:

(1) 161915H: BIRM BOE LEO REPORTS, 105TH BN OF THE 197TH REGT. 400 VC, NOW AT BS 69091A. WEAPONS ARE 1/81MM MORTAR, 2/60MM MORTARS, 1/57 RR, 1 AA MG, 2/30 CAL MG'S, AND 8 BAR'S, WITH ADEQUATE INDIVIDUAL WEAPNS. (S-2 7TH MAR. P/R)

10. WEATHER AND TERRAIN CONDITIONS:

A. WEATHER: 24 HR FORCAST AS OF 171200H: TEMP- HIGH 90°, LOW 74° HUMID. 80% VISIBILITY: UNCHANGING, WINDS 6-12 KTS, FROM SE CEILING 2,000 - 3,000 BROKEN. PROGNOSIS: LITTLE CHANGE IN WEATHER.

C. ASTRONOMICAL DATA FOR 18 MARCH.

BMCT	0630
SR	0652
SS	1857
EECT	1919
MR	0428
MS	1556
MP	LAST

11. BRIEF DISCUSSION OF CAPABILITIES AND VULNERABILITIES: NONE

12. CONCLUSION: NONE

13. INFORMATION RPTD DIRECTLY FROM VIETNAMESE NATIONALS:

15. LATE REPORT:

A. 171035H: CO. M 4/7 APPREHENDED ONE VCS DURING SWEEP. VCS WAS 60 YEAR-OLD VO THANG, FIELD INTERROGATION REVEALED THAT ONE VC PLATOON WAS IN THIS AREA (BS 549898) THE NIGHT OF 16 MARCH. VC PLATOON DEPARTED FOR MY LOC (WEST) AT 170400H. VCS FORWARDED TO COLLECTION POINT.

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4TH MARINES
MAC 12
MAC 26
7D INT
7TH CIV
MCL 4
MCL 2

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S-2 _____
S-3 _____
S-4 _____
SPL. SERV. _____
M. T. _____
COMM. _____

- 1. 7TH MARINES
- 2. INTSUM NR 77 DENDING 181200 MARCH
- 3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY.

A. GROUND

(1) 1ST BN 7TH MARINES:

(A) 180300H: D CO BS 624992 OBSERVED 4 BOATS AT BS 619000. FIRED 15 RDS OF 7.62 MM AND 8 RDS OF 50 CAL ACROSS BOW OF BOATS. BOATS THEN MOVED TO BS 619005.

(2) 2ND BN 7TH MARINES: NEGATIVE THIS REPORTING PERIOD.

(3) 3RD BN 7TH MARINES:

(A) 171045H TO 171130H: I CO, II CO, M CO BS 549998 TO BS 549999 OPERATION WEST VIRGINIA: APPREHENDED 14 VCS AND 7 VCC. THE 14 VCS WERE FORWARDED TO CHU LAI COLLECTION POINT. SIX (6) VCC WERE FORWARDED TO CHU LAI COLLECTION POINT. ONE VCC (FEMALE) WAS FORWARDED TO QUANG NGAI HOSPITAL FOR A BROKEN COLAR BONE. WOMAN IS UNDER CUSTODY OF NATIONAL POLICE.

4. PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT LOSSES.

A. PERSONNEL:

(2) CAPTIVES, DEFECTORS, RALLIERS

	CAPTIVES	DEFECTORS	SUSPECTS
VC	6	0	1
NVA	0	0	0
NO OF ABOVE WOUNDED	0		

10. WEATHER AND TERRAIN CONDITIONS: 24 HR FORECAST AS OF 181200H: TEMP: 73° 90°, HUMID: 75%, WINDS: 6-7 K'S INCREASING TO 18 K'S S LATER IN THE DAY, VISIBILITY: UNRESTRICTED WITH EXCEPT FOR NO CLOUDY MORNING fog, CLOUD COVER: 3,000 TO 6,000 BROKEN, PROGNOSIS: SCATTERED RAIN SHOWERS AND THUNDERSTORMS AFTER 1700.

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C. ASTRONOMICAL DATA FOR 19 MARCH:

SUN RISE	0652	SUNSET	1857
MOON RISE	0510	MOON SET	1646
MOON PHASE	LAST		

11. BRIEF DISCUSSION OF CAPABILITIES AND VULNERABILITIES: NONE
12. CONCLUSION: NONE
13. INFORMATION REPORTS DIRECTLY BY VIETNAMESE NATIONALS. NONE
14. OTHERS:

A. BINH SON LNO REPORT: 180030H: OUTPOST BS 605920 WAS ATTACKED BY UNKNOWN NUMBER VC ARMED WITH GRENADES AND BAR'S. PF RETURNED FIRE AND WITHDREW LEAVING ONE FRIENDLY KIA AND ONE FRIENDLY WIA LENSE ON HILL. VC CASUALTIES ARE UNKNOWN. FRIENDLY 81 MM MORTARS FIRED. 180240H: FRIENDLY FORCES REOCCUPIED OUTPOST.

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 11TH MARINES
 MAG-12
 MAG-36
 3D IFF
 7TH CITY
 MCB-4
 MCB-3

1. 7TH MARINES
2. INDSUM NR 78 ENDING 191200H MARCH 1966.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY.

A. GROUND

(1) 1ST BN 7TH MARINES

(A) 181100H: CO D PLT REIN PATROL AT BT 623007 RECEIVED SIX ROUNDS FROM ONE VC AT BT 623008 ARMED WITH AN M-1 CARBINE. PATROL RETURNED FIRE AND SEARCHED AREA WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

(B) 181100H: CO D PLT REIN PATROL AT BT 629004 OBSERVED ONE VC IN THE SAME AREA. VC WAS ARMED WITH ONE M-1 CARBINE AND WAS CARRYING DOCUMENTS. PATROL FIRED ON VC POSSIBLY WOUNDING HIM. PATROL SEARCHED AREA AND RECOVERED DOCUMENTS THAT THE VC DROPPED

(C) 181200H: CO D PLATOON REIN PATROL AT BT 626006 APPREHENDED ONE VCS. VCS HAD SOMEONE ELSE'S ID CARD AND TRIED TO RUN FROM THE PATROL. VCS WAS FORWARDED TO CHU LAI COLLECTION POINT.

(D) 181355H: CO C SQD REIN PATROL BS 611949 RECEIVED 120 ROUNDS S/A FIRE FROM APPROX 5 VC. PATROL RETURNED FIRE WITH 150 M-14 ROUNDS 5 M-79 ROUNDS AND 200 M-60 ROUNDS. SEARCHED AREA AND FOUND ONE VC KIA.

(E) 190045H: CO A BT 617001 RECEIVED ONE ROUND S/A FIRE FROM UNKNOWN LOCATION. ILLUMINATION WAS FIRED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

(F) 190050H: CO B BS 604995 RECEIVED 3 ROUNDS S/A FIRE FROM UNKNOWN LOCATION. ILLUMINATION WAS FIRED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

(G) 190015H: CO A SQD (REIN) PATROL BT 609007 OBSERVED 2 VC IN SAME VICINITY. ILLUMINATION FIRED AND 15 ROUNDS M-14 AND ONE M-79 ROUND WERE FIRED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

(H) 190130H: TO 190200H: H&S CO GUARD HEARD PERSONS AT PROTECTIVE WIRE BT 592014 592012, 588012 AND BS 585015. TEN ROUNDS M-14 WERE FIRED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

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 DTG:
 CONCUR:

INFO: 1ST MARINES
 11TH MARINES
 MAG-12
 MAG-36
 3D IIT
 7TH CIT
 MCB-4
 MCB-5

1. 7TH MARINES
2. INTSUM NR 79 ENDING 201200H MARCH.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY.

A. GROUND

(•) 1ST BN 7TH MARINES:

(A) 190600H: CO D AT BS 618985 APPREHENDED 1 VCS. IDENTIFIED BY CHAIRMAN OF BINH NGHIA VILLAGE COMMITTEE AS A VC SUPPLY CADRE. FORWARDED TO IIT.

(B) 191730H: CO D BT 621009 APPREHENDED 1 VCS. VCS POINTED OUT BY VILLAGE CHIEF OF BINH GIANG AS A VC. FORWARDED TO IIT.

(C) 190800H: CO D BT 619014 APPREHENDED 1 VCS. VCS IDENTIFIED BY BINH NGHIA VILLAGE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN AS A VC SUPPLY CADRE. FORWARDED TO IIT.

(D) 190900H: CO D BT 634004 APPREHENDED 1 VCS. NO ID CARD. FORWARDED TO IIT.

(E) 191245H: CO A BT 615017. 21 VCS DELIVERED TO A CO BY ARVN JUNK FLEET. ALL SUSPECTED AS VC SUPPLIERS. FORWARDED TO IIT.

(F) 191503H: CO A ROVING PATROL AT BT 556010 APPREHENDED 1 VCS. VCS HAD 2 SET OF ID PAPERS NO ID CARD. FORWARDED TO IIT.

(G) 191955H: CO A BT 615009 RECD 1 INCORING GRENADE AND ORB 9:00 IN BLACK P.S. VC TRIPPED A RELE CO A THRU 2 GRENADES AND FIRED 2 RDS 7.62. NEG RESULTS.

(H) 200955H: CO C BT 602954 DELIVERED TO BOOTH CP 6 ML. A2 ADAPTER GRENADE PROJECTOR DEVICE AND 1 VC PROPAGAND SIGN. FORWARDED TO BH-2.

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4. PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT LOSSES.

A. PERSONNEL

(2) CAPTIVES, DEFECTORS, RALLIERS

VC

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CAPTIVES CHIEU HOI SUSPECTS

B. EQUIPMENTS: 6 - ADAPTER, GRENADE PROJECTION, M.42.

10. WEATHER AND TERRAIN CONDITIONS: 24 HR FORECAST AS OF 201200H: TEMP 82-73 DEGREES, HUMID: 82%, VISIBILITY 3-5 MILES, WINDS 3-6 KT FROM N-NE. CLOUD COVER 3000 VARIABLE BROKEN, FORECAST PARTLY CLOUDY WITH INTERMITTENT RAIN.

11. BRIEF DISCUSSION OF CAPABILITIES AND VULNERABILITIES: NONE

12. CONCLUSION: NONE

13. INFORMATION RPTS DIRECTLY BY VIETNAMESE NATIONALS. NONE

14. OTHERS:

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11TH MARINES
MAG-12
MAG-36
3D IIT
7TH CIT
MCB-4
MCB-3

1. 7TH MARINES
2. INTSUM ER 80 ENDING 211200H MARCH.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY.

A. GROUND

(1) 1ST BN 7TH MAR

(A) 201050H: D CO SQD PATROL BS624982 RECD 5-RDS CARBINE FIRE FROM 1 VC IN BLACKS PJ'S BS 628982. PATROL RETURN LIGHT VOLUME OF FIRE AND SWEEP AREA. NEGATIVE RESULTS.

(B) 202150H: C CO SQD PATROL BS 578975 RECD 5 RDS CARBINE FIRE FROM 1 VC BS 578968. PATROL RETURNED FIRE WITH 1-106 RD, 15-81MM ILLUMINATIONS. CHECKED AREA NEGATIVE RESULTS.

(2) 2ND BN 7TH MAR: NEGATIVE REPORT FOR THIS PERIOD.

(3) 3RD BN 7TH MAR

(A) 201615H: K CO BS 579961 RECD 3 RDS SNIPER FIRE FROM 1 VC APPROXIMATELY 100 METERS SOUTHWEST OF PATROL. RETURNED FIRE. NEGATIVE RESULTS.

4. PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT LOSSES.

10. WEATHER AND TERRAIN CONDITIONS.

A. WEATHER: 24 HR FORECAST AS OF 211200H: TEMP 74-91 DEGREES, HUMID: 80% VISIBILITY: UNRESTRICTED, WINDS 3-6 KT WESTERLY, CEILING: CLEAR, FORECAST: FAIR WITH GROUND FOG IN THE EARLY MORNING HOURS.

11. BRIEF DISCUSSION OF CAPABILITIES AND VULNERABILITIES: NONE

12. CONCLUSION: NONE

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13. INFORMATION RPTS DIRECTLY BY VIETNAMESE NATIONALS.

STBD-56: NATIONAL POLICE RPTS UPON INTERROGATION OF REFUGEES DELIVERED TO THIS CP TODAY BY MARINES RPTS THAT VC FLED FROM MARINES THROUGH THE LOC-THANH HAMLET TO THE BINH-THOY AT COORD 468886, 4786. AT THE PRESENT TIME 2 PLT VC AT TRA-AN VILLAGE ALONG SONG TRA BONG RIVER. THEY PLAN TO AMBUSH FRIENDLY TROOPS. ONE VCC INFO US THERE IS 1 VC CO AT DUC-AN HAMLET, COORD 511916. THEY HAVE 1-81MM MORT, 1-MG, 3-BARS, INDIVIDUAL WPNS ADEQUATE. RICE FIELD AT COORD BS-519934 WAS PLANTED BY VC AND IS SOON TO BE HARVESTED. (F/6) S-2 7TH MARINES.

14. OTHERS: NONE

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 11TH MARINES
 MAG-12
 MAG-26
 2D ITT
 7TH CIT
 MCB-4
 MCB-3

1. 7TH MARINES
2. INTSUM NR 81 ENDING 221200H MARCH.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY.

A. GROUND

(1) 1ST BN 7TH MARINES

(A) 211000H: CO D BT 621005 APPREHENDED ONE VCS FOR TRYING TO ESCAPE FROM PATROL IN BOAT. VCS WAS FORWARDED TO CHU LAI COLLECTION POINT.

(B) 211100H CO D BT 620010 APPREHENDED ONE ARVN DESERTER WHO STATED HE WAS FORCED INTO A VC PLATOON AT TAN HY HAMLET. ARVN DESERTER FORWARDED TO CHU LAI COLLECTION POINT.

(2) 2ND BN 7TH MARINES: NEGATIVE REPORT FOR THIS PERIOD.

(3) 3D BN 7TH MARINES: NEGATIVE REPORT FOR THIS PERIOD.

4. PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT LOSSES.

A. PERSONNEL: 1VCC 1VCS APPREHENDED BY CO D 1ST BN 7TH MARINES.

10. WEATHER: 24HR FORECAST AS OF 221200H: TEMP 9-74 DEGREES, HUMID: 80%
 VISIBILITY: UNRESTRICTED, WINDS 10-15 KTS WITH GUSTS TO 25, FROM THE SE
 CLOUD COVER: 7,000 HIGH AND BROKEN. NO RAIN IS EXPECTED FOR THE CHU LAI
 AREA.

11. BRIEF DISCUSSION OF CAPABILITIES AND VULNERABILITIES: NONE

12. CONCLUSION: NONE

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11TH MARINES
MAG-12
MAG-36
3D IPT
7TH CIT
MCB-3
MCB-4

1. 7TH MARINES
2. INTSUM NR 82, ENDING 231200H MARCH 1966.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY.

A. GROUND

(1) 1ST BN 7TH MAR

(A) 222035H: CO C BS592910 TRUCK SET OFF LAND MINE, DAMAGE TO TRUCK MINUTE. LEFT DAMAGED TRUCK WITH SECURITY FOR PICK UPON RETURN TRIP.

(B) 222105H: CO A BT 613017 RECD 1-INCOMING GRENADE, RETURNED FIRE WITH 10 RDS S/A FIRE, 1-GRENADE, 1-M-79 AREA ILLUM AND SEARCHED WITH NEG RESULTS.

(C) 222235H: CO C BT 627989 RECD POSSIBLE 1-MORT RD. FIRED 15 RDS S/A FIRE, 10 RDS 60MM MORT HE AND 81MM MORT ILLUM IN GENERAL AREA, NOTHING OBSD. WILL CHECK CRATER IN MORING.

(2) 2ND BN 7TH MAR

(A) 222100H: CO HAS BS 573983 HEARD NOISE IN FRONT OF POSITION. TANKS USED SEARCH LIGHT TO ILLUM AREA. SA 2 PEOPLE RUNNING AWAY, FIRED ON SAME NEG RESULTS.

(B) 222115H: CO HAS BS573963 RECD 3 RDS SNIPER FIRE. RETURNED FIRE AND USED TANK LIGHT WITH NEG RESULTS.

(C) 222240H: CO H BT 519001 RECD 1 INCOMING GRENADE. RESULTS 1- FRIENDLY WIA. FIRED 5 TO 6 RDS S/A IN RETURN WITH NEG RESULTS.

4. PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT LOSSES.

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10. WEATHER AND TERRAIN CONDITIONS.

A. WEATHER: 24 BR FORECAST AS OF 231200H: TEMP 75-93 DEGREES, WINDS 4-7 KTS S-SE, VISIBILITY: UNRESTRICTED, CEILING 1200-1500 FT BROKEN, HUMID: 89%. FORECAST HOT AND FAIR.

B. TERRAIN: NO CHANGE.

C. ASTRONOMICAL DATA FOR 24 MARCH 66.

BMCT	0625
SR	0647
SS	1858
EECT	1920
MR	---
MS	---
MP	NEW

11. BRIEF DISCUSSION OF CAPABILITIES AND VULNERABILITIES: NONE

12. CONCLUSION: NONE

13. INFORMATION RPTS DIRECTLY BY VIETNAMESE NATIONALS: NONE

14. OTHERS: 210600H MAR COMPANY DELTA BS 618985 APPREHENDED BOAT WITH VC SUPPLIES. 13 PERSONS APPREHENDED ON BOAT AND FORWARDED TO BINH SON BY NATIONAL SECURITY POLICE. SUPPLIES WILL BE FORWARDED TO BINH SON FIRST AVAILABLE TRANSPORTATION. SUPPLIES ARE :

1- KILO OF SMALL CANDLES
 39-- TUBES OF TOOTHPASTE
 20 DOZES OF COUGH DROP
 10 YBS OF BLACK MATERIAL
 35 BAGS OF TEA
 9 CASES OF VARIOUS MEDCINE
 2 GROSS MATCHES
 100--BARS VIET SOAP

15. LATE ENIFFIES. NONE

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 11TH MARINES
 MAG-12
 MAG-36
 3D ITT
 7TH CTF
 MCB-3
 MCB-4

1. 7TH MARINES
2. INTSUM NR 83 ENDING 241200H MARCH.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY.

A. GROUND

(1) 1ST BN 7TH MAR

(A) 231030 & 231400H: D CO PATROL SEARCH AND DESTROY MISSION OF LE TRUY (2) HAMLET RECD CARBINE FIRE FROM 694974. PATROL RETURN 25 RDS M-60 10 RDS M-14. NEGATIVE RESULTS. WHILE SEARCHING HAMLET BS697977 6 VCS WERE APPREHENDED. 1-VCS LYING ABOUT AGE, 1-NO ID CARD, 3-FOR RUNNING, 1-WOUNDED AFTER BEING CHALLENGED. EVAC TO B-MED. 6 VCS FORWARDED TO ITT.

(B) 232310H: D CO BS 627990 SPOTTED 1 FISHING BOAT MOVING S-N. 4 BOATS MOVING E-W AND BACK W-E. FIRED AT BOAT MOVING S-N AND HIT IT. LIGHTS WHEN OUT. NEGATIVE RESULTS.

(2) 2ND BN 7TH MAR

(A) 232120H: H CO FIRE TEAM AMBUSH #3 BS 519995 SIGHTED 3 MEN CRAWLING ALONG GROUND AS IF LAYING WIRE. OPENED FIRE WITH M-14 AT POINT BLANK 2 METERS AND DEPARTED AREA AFTER HEARING MANY VOICES AROUND AMBUSH SITE. RESULTS 3-VC KIA

(B) 232200H: E CO OF CHARLIE BS 558993 SIGHTED 2 MEN ON LEFT FLANK OF OP. OP PERSONNEL WITH DREW AT BASE OF HILL WHEN ILLUMINATION FAIL TO GO OFF. THREW 1-GRENADE AND FIRED SEVEN RDS 7.62. NEGATIVE RESULTS.

4. PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT LOSSES.

1/7 APPREHENDED 6 VCS
 2/7 3 VC KIA *POSS*
 3/7 NONE

10. WEATHER AND TERRAIN CONDITIONS.

A. WEATHER: 24 HR FORECAST AS OF 341200H: TEMP 90-76 DEGREES, WINDS 8-12 KTS SE. VISIBILITY: UNRESTRICTED, CEILING 1200-1500 FT BROKEN HUMIDITY: 96%. NO RAIN EXPECTED FOR CHU LAI AREA.

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B. TERRAIN: CO CHANGE.

C. ASTRONOMICAL DATA FOR 35 MARCH 1966.

SR 0646
SS 1859
MR 0841
MS 2135
BMC 0623
EECT 1921
MP ~~NEW~~

11. BRIEF DISCUSSION OF CAPABILITIES AND VULNERABILITIES: NONE
12. CONCLUSION: NONE
13. INFORMATION REPORTED DIRECTLY BY VIETNAMESE NATIONALS NONE
14. OTHERS: NONE
15. LATE REPORTS: NONE

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INFO: 1ST MARINES
 11TH MARINES
 MAG-12
 MAG-36
 3D IIT
 7TH CIT
 MCB-4
 MCB 7

1. 7TH MARINES
2. INTSUM NR 84 ENDING 251200H MARCH.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY.

A. GROUND

(1) 1ST BN 7TH MARINES

S/S
 (A) 241440H: CO A BS 605994 RECEIVED SIX ROUNDS A/A FIRE FROM UNKNOWN NUMBER OF VC AT BS 609004. FIRE WASE RETURNED AND AREA SEARCHED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

(B) 250115H: CP SECURITY BS 590015 OBSERVED BLINKING LIGHT AT BS 592017. 7 ROUNDS M-14 WERE FIRED AT LIGHT WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

S/A
 (C) 250130H: CP SECURITY BS 590015 RECEIVED FIVE ROUNDS A/A FIRE FROM BS 592017. 25 M-14 ROUNDS AND 10 81MM MORTAR ILLUMINATION WAS FIRED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

(D) 250300H: CP SECURITY BS 590015 OBSERVE ONE VC AT BS 592017. COULD NOT DETERMINE IF ARMED. FIVE ROUNDS M-14 ROUNDS ONE GRENADE AND ILLUMINATED AREA WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS

(2) 2ND BN 7TH MARINES

S/A
 (A) 241105H: CO G BS 520013 RECEIVED FOUR ROUNDS S/A FIRE WHICH RESULTED IN ONE USMC WIA. RETURNED FIRE AND SEARCHED AREA WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

(B) 242100H: CO E BS 544994 OBSERVED AND CHALLENGED ONE MAN AT BS 544993. MAN DID NOT STOP. 30 CAL MG AND 7 REW ONE GRENADE WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

4. PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENTS LOSSES: NONE

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10. WEATHER AND TERRAIN CONDITIONS.

A. WEATHER: 24 HR FORECAST AS OF 251200H: TEMP 94-75 DEGREES, WINDS 10-15 KNOTS FROM THE SE. VISIBILITY UNRESTRICTED, CEILING 3,000 BROKEN AND SCATTERED.

B. TERRAIN: NO CHANGE.

C. ASTRONOMICAL DATA FOR 26 MARCH 1966.

SR	0645
SS	1859
MR	0920
MS	2229
BMCT	0623
EECT	1921
MP	NEW

11. BRIEF DISCUSSION OF CAPABILITIES AND VULNERABILITIES: NONE

12. CONCLUSION: NONE

13. INFORMATION REPORTED DIRECTLY BY VIETNAMESE NATIONALS: NONE

14. OTHERS: NONE

15. LATE REPORTS: NONE

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10. WEATHER AND TERRAIN CONDITIONS.

A. WEATHER: 24 HR FORECAST AS OF 251200H: TEMP 94-75 DEGREES, WINDS 10-15 KNOTS FROM THE SE. VISIBILITY UNRESTRICTED, CEILING 3,000 BROKEN AND SCATTERED.

B. TERRAIN: NO CHANGE.

C. ASTRONOMICAL DATA FOR 26 MARCH 1966.

SR	0645
SS	1859
MR	0920
MS	2229
BMCT	0623
EECT	1921
MP	NEW

11. BRIEF DISCUSSION OF CAPABILITIES AND VULNERABILITIES: NONE

12. CONCLUSION: NONE

13. INFORMATION REPORTED DIRECTLY BY VIETNAMESE NATIONALS: NONE

14. OTHERS: NONE

15. LATE REPORTS: NONE

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INFO: 1ST MARINES ✓
 11TH MARINES ✓
 MAG-12 ✓
 MAG-36 ✓
 3D ITT ✓
 7TH CIT ✓
 MCB-4 ✓
 MCB-3 ✓

1. 7TH MARINES
2. INTSUM NR ~~8~~⁵ ENDING ~~251200H~~⁶ MARCH
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY.

A. GROUND

- (1) 1ST BN 7TH MARINES

(A) 250850H: CO D PLT PATROL BT 656000 RECEIVED 8 TO 10 RDS CARBINE FIRE FROM 2VC AT BT 660006. RETURNED FIRE WITH 45 RDS 7.62 AND 3 M-79. NEGATIVE RESULTS.

(B) 251225H: CO C SQUAD PATROL BS 571991 APPREHENDED 1VCS WHO RAN FROM MARINES. FORWARDED TO CHU LAI COLLECTION POINT.

- (2) 2ND BN 7TH MARINES: NEGATIVE REPORT THIS PERIOD.

- (3) 3RD BN 7TH MARINES: NEGATIVE REPORT THIS PERIOD.

4. PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT LOSSES:

A. PERSONNEL

- (2) CAPTIVES, DEFECTORS, RALLIERS

	CAPTIVES	CHIEU HOI	SUSPECTS
VC	0	0	1

8. ENEMY MOVEMENTS:

B. LOCATION:

(1) 22 MARCH: BINH SON DISTRICT POLICE REPORTED VC GUERRILLAS AND HAMLET COMMITTEE CADRES CROSSED TPA BONG RIVER TO BS 468886 TO BS 476886. C-3

10. WEATHER AND TERRAIN CONDITIONS.

A. WEATHER: 24 HR FORECAST AS OF 261200H. TEMP 76° TO 92°, WIND: 4-8 KTS FROM NORTH, HUM: 82%, VISIBILITY: 7 MILES, CLOUD COVER: 2000-3000 BROKEN, 500-1000 SCATTERED TO BROKEN, PROGNOSIS: CLOUDY TO PARTLY CLOUDY.

C. ASTRONOMICAL DATA FOR 26 MARCH 1966.

SR 0645 SS 1859 MR 0920 MS 2229 BMCT 0623 BECT 1921 MP NEW

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11. BRIEF DISCUSSION OF CAPABILITIES AND VULNERABILITIES: NONE
12. CONCLUSION: NONE
13. INFORMATION REPORTED DIRECTLY BY VIETNAMESE NATIONALS: NONE
14. OTHERS: BINH SON DIST CHIEF REPORT: BINH SON DISTRICT CHIEF REPORTS TO S+2 7TH MARINES THAT VC CONTINUE TO USE FERRY SITE BS 614950 TO MOVE AT NIGHT IN REPEATED HARASSMENTS AGAINST DIST HEADQUARTERS.
TIME: 261100H
15. LATE REPORTS: NONE

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INFO: 1ST MARINES
11TH MARINES
MAG-12
MAG-36
3D ITT
7TH CIT
MCB-3
MCB-4

1. 7TH MARINES
2. INTSUM NR 86 ENDING 271200H MARCH.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY.

A. GROUND

(1) 1ST BN 7TH MARINES

(A) 262300H: BOOTH CP BS 586012, POST 6 REC'D 1 RD S/A FIRE FROM VC IN IMMEDIATE VIC. RETURNED FIRE WITH 2 RDS M-14 AND THREW 1 M-26 GRENADE WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

(B) 270429H: CO D BS 625988, SPOTTED A LIGHT IN FRONT OF THEIR POSITION BS 624984. ONE PERSON WAS OBSERVED. FIRED 15 RDS AUTO-RIFLE AND 2 ILLUMINATION RDS POSSIBLY WOUNDING ~~ONE~~ VC. SEARCHED AREA WITH NEGATIVE FINDING.

(2) 2ND BN 7TH MARINES: NEGATIVE REPORT FOR THIS PERIOD.

(3) 3RD BN 7TH MARINES: NEGATIVE REPORT FOR THIS PERIOD.

4. PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT LOSSES.

(3) POSS WIA ONE

10. WEATHER AND TERRAIN CONDITION.

A. WEATHER: 24 HR FORECAST AS OF 271200H: TEMP 89 LOW 73, HUMID 73%, WINDS 12 KNOTS FROM NORTH EAST, VISIBILITY: UNRESTRICTED, CEILINGS 2000-3000 SCATTERED 7000 BROKEN OCCASINAL SCATTERED HIGH BROKEN. PROGNOSIS: CONTINUE CLOUDY TO PARTLY CLOUDY.

C. ASTRONOMICAL DATA FOR 28 MARCH.

SR 0644 SS 1859 MR 1003 MS 2324 BMCT 0622 EENT 1921 MP NEW

11. BRIEF DISCUSSION OF CAPABILITIES AND VULNERABILITIES: NONE

12. CONCLUSION: NONE

13. INFORMATION REPORTED DIRECTLY BY VIETNAMESE NATIONALS: NONE

14. OTHERS: BINH SON LNO REPORT OF 26 MARCH. 262130H: AN HOA OP BS 4786 REC'D MORTAR FIRE. CHU LAI ARTY FIRED IN SUPPORT.

NOTE: ERRATA: CHANGE MY PRECEDING INTSUM TO READ NR 85 ENDING 261200H MARCH.

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11TH MARINES
MAG-12
MAG-36
3D IFT
7TH CIT
MCB-3
MCB-4

1. 7TH MARINES
2. INTSUM NR 87 ENDING 281200H: MARCH.
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY.
 - A. GROUND

(1) 1ST BN 7TH MARINES

(A) 271130H: CO D PLT PATROL BS 628006 OBSERVED A GROUP OF WOMEN WHO STARTED TO RUN WHEN PATROL APPROACHED. THE PATROL BEGAN TO PURSUE THE WOMEN AND WAS FIRED UPON BY 5 TO 6 VC LOCATED BS 627008 AND BS 630008. RECEIVED 50 SA RDS FM FIRST POSITION AND 2 SA RDS FM SECOND POSITION. PATROL RETURNED 25 RDS M-60, 50 RDS 7.62, AND 4 RDS M-79 WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS. VIETNAMESE WOMEN DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF VC AMBUSH. AT 251505H: PATROL FOUND ONE VIETNAMESE WOMAN WITH GUNSHOT WOUND IN LEG. BELIEVED TO BE CIVILIAN. SENT TO B-MED.

(B) 272015H: CO B BS 612982 PLT SIGHTED 12 TO 15 VC IN THREE BOATS AT SHORE WHILE IN ROUTE TO NIGHT POSITION. PLT CHALLENGED VC WHO THEN ATTEMPTED TO FLEE. BOATS MOVED OUT OF SIGHT TO CENTER OF STREAM. PATROL FIRED ON BOATS AND RECEIVED LIGHT SA FIRE FROM THE BOATS. PATROL RETURNED FIRE WITH 7.62 AND M-79 WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS.

(C) 272220H: CO C RECEIVED 2 INCOMING GRENADES BS 569998. RETURNED FIRE WITH 2 M-79, 10 7.62 RDS AND 2 WP GRENADES WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS.

(D) 272330H: CO A BS 614009 RECEIVED ONE INCOMING GRENADE. FIRED ONE RD M-14 WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

(2) 2ND BN 7TH MARINES: NEGATIVE REPORT THIS PERIOD

(3) 3RD BN 7TH MARINES

(A) 272200H: CO M REACTIONARY PLATOON WAS INFORMED BY HELO IN SUPPORT OF CO M THAT 15 VC WERE FLEEING TO THE NORTH OF VICINITY BS 548975. HELO TOOK VC UNDER FIRE AND SAW 5 VC FALL. AN ELEMENT FROM REACTIONARY PLT WAS SENT OUT TO SEARCH AREA WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. 5 VC POSSIBLE KIA.

4. PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT LOSSES.

(3) POSS KIA FIVE (5)

10. WEATHER AND TERRAIN CONDITION.

A. WEATHER: 24 HR FORECAST AS OF 281200H: TEMP: 75° LOW, HIGH: 87°, HUMID: 83%, WINDS: 8-10 KTS WITH GUSTS TO 15 KTS FROM NORTH EAST, VISIBILITY: 5 MILES IN SHOWERS AND 6 MILES WITH HAZE IN EARLY MORNING. CEILINGS: 2000-3000 FEET SCATTERED, PROGNOSIS: PARTLY CLOUDY WITH OCCASIONAL SHOWERS.

C. ASTRONOMICAL DATA FOR 29 MARCH.

SR 0643 SS 1859 MR 1148 MS 0023 MP NEW BMCT 0621 RENT 1921

11. BRIEF DISCUSSION OF CAPABILITIES AND VULNERABILITIES: NONE

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- 12. CONCLUSIONS: NONE
- 13. INFORMATION REPORTED DIRECTLY BY VIETNAMESE NATIONALS: NONE
- 14. OTHERS: NONE

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FROM: 7TH MARINES

TO: CG THIRD MARDIV
 CG III MAF
 CG ADC GRU CHU LAI
 7TH MARINES ALL UNITS
 SA 2ND ARVN DIVISION

DRAFTER: R. W. SAAVEDRA
 RELEASER: K. W. JOHNSON *K. W. Johnson*
 PRECEDENCE: PRIORITY
 CLASSIFICATION: CONFIDENTIAL
 DTG:
 CONCUR:

INFO: 1ST MARINES
 11TH MARINES
 MAG-12
 MAG-36
 3D ITT
 7TH CIT
 MCB-3
 MCB-4

1. 7TH MARINES

2. INTSUM NR 88 ENDING 291200H MARCH:

3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY.

A. GROUND

(1) 1ST BN 7TH MARINES. NEGATIVE REPORT FOR THIS PERIOD.

(2) 2ND BN 7TH MARINES. NEGATIVE REPORT FOR THIS PERIOD.

(3) 3RD BN 7TH MARINES.

(A) 290100H: I CO LINES RECD 1-INCOMING GRENADE BS 525999. MARINES PICK UP GRENADE AND THREW IT BACK. MARINE WAS WOUNDED BUT NOT SERIOUS. NEGATIVE RESULTS.

4.4 PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT LOSSES. NONE

10. WEATHER AND TERRAIN CONDITION.

A. WEATHER: 24 HR FORECAST AS OF 291200H: TEMP 73-85 DEGREES, HUMID: 78 PCT. VISIBILITY: 7 MILES. WINDS: 10-15 KTS, N.NE. CEILING: 3000-7000 FT SCATTERED. FORECAST: PARTLY CLOUDY WITH OCCASIONAL RAINSHOWER THIS EVENING.

B. ASTRONOMICAL DATA FOR 30 MARCH:

SR: 0642 SS; 1859 MR: 1246 MS: 0124 BMCT: 0620 EECT: 1931 MP: FIRST.

11. BRIEF DISCUSSION OF CAPABILITIES AND VULNERABILITIES: NONE

12. CONCLUSION: NONE

13. INFORMATION REPORTED DIRECTLY BY VIETNAMESE NATIONALS: NONE

14. OTHERS: NONE

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1. 7TH MARINES
2. INTSUM NR 89 ENDING 301200H MARCH
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY.

A. GROUND

(1) 1ST BN 7TH MARINES.

Rec Fire (A) 291410H: A CO BS626991 RECD APPROX 15 RDS S/A FIRE FROM BS628995. OBSD AREA NO ACTION TAKEN.

3 VC Fired upon (B) 291945H: A CO REAR BT 615010 3 VC SET OFF TRIP FLARE AND THREW 1 INCOMING M-26 INCOMING GERNADE. RETURNED 7 M-26 GERNADES AND 20 RDS 7.62.
1- VC KIA POSS.

fired AT VC (C) 292315H: A CO BT 613013 VC TRIPPED FLARE WAS SEEN RUNNING SOUTH. FIRED 20 RDS WITH NEG RESULTS.

4. PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT LOSSES.

A. PERSONNEL

1 KIA/VC POSS.

10. WEATHER AND TERRAIN CONDITION.

A. WEATHER: 24 HR FORECAST AS 301200H: HIGH - 90 LOW - 74; HUM: 76%, WINDS 6-12 KT NE. VIS: UNRESTRICTED, CLOUD COVER: 3000-4000 SCATTERED VARIABLE BROKEN 12000 SCATTERED. FORECAST: PARTLY CLOUDY BECOMING CLOUDY DURING NIGHT.

11. BRIEF DISCUSSION OF CAPABILITIES AND VULNERABILITIES: NONE

SR::0642 SS: 1859 MR 1401 MS: 0223 BMCT: 0620 EECT: 1921 MP: FIRST

11. BRIEF DISCUSSION OF CAPABILITIES AND VULNERABILITIES: NONE

12. CONCLUSION: NONE

13. INFORMATION RPT DIRECTLY BY VIETNAMESE NATIONALS: NONE

14. OTHER: NONE

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FROM: 7TH MARINES

TO: CG III MAF
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CG ADC GRU CHU LAI
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INFO: 1ST MARINES
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- 1. 7TH MARINES
- 2. INTSUM NR 90 ENDING 311200H MARCH.

SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY.

A. GROUND

- (1) 1ST BN 7TH MARINES: NEGATIVE THIS REPORTING PERIOD.
- (2) 2ND BN 7TH MARINES: NEGATIVE THIS REPORTING PERIOD.
- (3) 3RD BN 7TH MARINES: NEGATIVE THIS REPORTING PERIOD.

10. WEATHER AND TERRAIN CONDITIONS.

A. WEATHER: 24 HR FORECAST AS OF 311200H: TEMP: HIGH 90°, LOW 74°. HUMIDITY 90%, VISIBILITY: 7 MILES OCCASIONNAL TO 5 MILES IN BLOWING SAND, WINDS: 5 TO 10 KNOTS. FROM SOUTH EASTERLY: CLOUD COVER: PARTLY CLOUDY TO CLEAR.

- 11. BRIEF DISCUSSION OF CAPABILITIES AND VULNERABILITIES: NONE
- 12. CONCLUSION: NONE
- 13. INFORMATION REPORTED DIRECTLY BY VIETNAMESE NATIONALS: NONE
- 14. OTHERS:

BINH SON LNO REPORT OF 30 MARCH:

302145H: INTELL AGENT (B/3) REPORTS 2 VC PLT'S AT BINH THUY, EVERY DAY GUARDS WATCH AT 602751, 596958, AND 609948. THEY MEET AT 606954 EACH MORNING. VC RECENTLY CAPTURED VILLAGE RICE STORE AT 606954.

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SECTION: S-3
 UNIT: 7th Marines
 OPENED: 010030HMar66
 CLOSED: 011325HMar66

IN	OUT	SERNO	DTG	MESSAGE	ACTION
010030		1	010030H	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. Spetrep. A. Co K B. 282115H C.En-564949, Fr-564949. D. Patrol engaged 1 VC. VC threw 1 grenade and fled. E. Patrol fired at VC with unk no. of M-14 with negt results. F.O G.2 H-N Negt.	S-F
010100		2	010050H	FR: BINH SON to 7thMar. BINH SON req'd CHU LAI to fire 6 rds on the following coord. 460873, 475863 and 463862.	S-F
010500		3	010450H	FR: BINH SON to 7thMar. Spetrep. A. BS B. 010400H. C.En-614935. D. PAT Ft in position at coord 614935 hit by est 1 Co of VC. VC carrying 3 mortars. E. PAT plt broke contact, fire mission called F.Negt G.2 H thru N Negt.	S-F
010715		4	010715H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. Spetrep. A. Co B B. 010550H C.En-612998, Fr-617994. D. 2 men in boat were obs'd going down river at 612998, upon firing 2 men van- ished into water. E. Fired 100 rds s/a, and 10 rds 81 illum. F thru N Negt.	S-F
010725		5	010725H	FR: Convey to 7thMar. Convey passed ChPt#33 at 0645 and ChPt#24 at 0717.	S-F
010725		6	010725H	FR: Convey to 7thMar. Bridge out at 405138. Con- vey will be held up for approx 1 hr.	S-F
010734		7	010754H	FR: 2/4 to 7thMar. 2/7 all back assumed responsi- bility for TAOR positions at 0745.	S-F
010915		8	010905H	FR: BSLMO to 7thMar. BINH SON going to sheet in GS 6594. Passed to 1/7.	S-F
010930		9	010930H	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. Spetrep. A. Co K B. 010730H C.1-582944, 2-583942. D. Rec'd sniper fire from 582- 944. E. Moved an element towards sniper. Element rec 1 60mm mortar rd resulting in 1 friendly WIA from mortar rd and 1 WIA from boobytrap. WIA's evao to B Med. F.Negt G.2 H thru N Negt. (G-3)	S-F
010939		10	010939H	FR: Convey to 7thMar. Convey has movement from out in road at 0934.	S-F
011050		11	011050H	FR: Convey to 7thMar. 6x6 hit trap eche in road at 408133. Left rear wheel blown off. Negt casualties will be towing 6x6 to ChPt#22.	S-F
	011055	12	011043H	FR: 7thMar to Convey. ARVN is clearing road from BAO BAO bridge to LY TIN dist. hqs. Friendly element operating hill 54 complex BT 3915.	S-F
011215		13	011215H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. Co A began retraction.	S-F
011315		14	011313H	FR: Convey to 7thMar. Convey departed ChPt#22.	S-F
011325	(LATE ENTRY)	15	010405H	FR: BSLMO to 7thMar. 1 Co of VC have moved into coord 610932. Suspect mortar attack shortly. Req Arty be layed EX 98 & 99.	S-F

SECTION: S-3
 UNIT: 7th Marines
 OPENED: 011332HMar66
 CLOSED: 012035HMar66

IN	OUT	SERNO	DTG	MESSAGE	ACTION
011332		16	010430H	FR: 7thMar to BSLMO. Ref your 010405H ex 98 and 99 are covered by arty.	S-F
	(LATE ENTRY)				
011340		17	011340H	FR: Convey to 7thMar. Convey at CkPt#32.	S-F
011415		18	011415H	FR: Convey to 7thMar. Convey at CkPt#24.	S-F
011427		19	011427H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. Spetrep. A. 1/7 B. 011110H C.1-645014, 2-653011 D. Co A obs'd 20 to 30 VC at 0950 in vic of BT 654014 at approx 1000 meters. Sparrow Hawk was called for but was delayed until 1110 by administrative errors caused by procedures used by DASC. E. 011110 Sparrow Hawk sqd was picked up and landed via 653011 no contact. At 011410H, Sparrow Hawk was retracted from DONG LE(4). F thru N Negt.	S-F
011443		20	011443H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. Sparrow Hawk arrived at TUST DIEM(4) at 1425.	S-F
011448		21	011448H	FR: Convey to 7thMar. Convey is at CkPt#33.	S-F
011456		22	011456H	FR: Convey to 7thMar. Convey back in TAOR.	S-F
011630		23	011630H	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. Spetrep. A. Co K B. 011500H C. BS 568951 D. VC sniper fired upon hole. E. Hole gunner returned fire. F. Hole closed in on VC and captured 1 VC. VC was wounded. F thru I Negt. J.1 K.1 L thru N Negt.	S-F
011655		24	011655H	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. A. Co M patrol B. 011610H C. BS 575945 D. Beehytrap on railroad culvert unk device. E. Patrol is returning by truck. More info to follow when patrol is debriefed. F.2 G.1 H-N Negt	S-F
011707		25	011700H	FR: BSLMO to 7thMar. Req to fire coord 614949.	S-F
				GRANTED.	
011721		26	011707H	FR: BSLMO to 7thMar. Req to know if there are friendly troops in BINH SON free fire zone. If so req location.	S-F
011825		27	011825H	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. Spetrep. A. Co K B. 011500H C. BS 568951 D. Sniper fired at hole. E. Hole returned fire. F. thru I Negt. J.1 K thru N Negt.	S-F
011905		28	011905H	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. Spetrep. A. 3/7 B. 011200H C. BS 566938 D. 47 VCS detained. E. Sent to IIT. F thru N Negt.	S-F
011920		29	011920H	FR: BSLMO to 7thMar. Changes in positions JG 15 595926, JG 19 605922, PAT Plat 614935.	S-F
012035		30	012035H	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. Spetrep. A. 3/7 B. 011718H C. BS 575947 D. VCS WIA while implacing a M-79 beehy trap. Stated VC were forcing him to do so. E. Evac to B Med/. F-K Negt. H.1 M & N Negt.	S-F

SECTION: S-3
 UNIT: 7th Marines
 OPENED: 012130HMar66
 CLOSED: 022125HMar66

IN	OUT	SERNO	DTG	MESSAGE	ACTION
012130		31	012130H	FR: BSLMO to 7thMar. Spetrep A. BSLMO B. 012115H C. BS 614934 D. At 010340H 1 VC plt infiltrated PAT plt. Using grenades and banglers they attacked. E. PAT plt broke contact and VC with drew. Arty was called F.5 G.5 H.None I.5 J.5 K.None L.None M. PAT lost 1 pistol, 3 BAR's, 6 M-1's, 2 carbines, 1 PRG -10, 1 Govt Cadre leader, MY HUE hamlet Chief KIA, 9 civilian kidnapped.	S-F
012310		32	012310H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. Spetrep A. 1/7 B. 012145H C. 604002 D. Rec'd 2 rds of carbine fire. E. Returned 38 rds of 7.62. F thru H Negt.	S-F
012310		33	012310H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. Spetrep. A. 1/7 B. 012145H C. 624988 D. Seen boat moving across river. E. Fired illum and 10-20 rds of M-14. Boat returned to shore. F thru H Negt.	S-F
020724		34	020715H	FR: BSLMO to 7thMar. QHO 15 at BS 595975 and BS 586997 for today. Passed to 1/7.	S-F
021025		35	021010H	FR: BSLMO to 7thMar. BINH SON req to fire coord 586940, 586938, 585935. VC harrasing bridge. GRANTED.	S-F
021240		36	021240H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. Spetrep. A. Co D B. 021100H C. 1-635992, 2-628993. D. Rec'd 20 rds auto wpns fire and 2 60mm mortars, 2 civilians and 1 Marine wounded. E. Returned fire with s/a, 650 rds of M-14, 2 rds M-79 5 rds of 90mm area being checked out at present time. F. O G. 1 to BAS H. O I. Unconfirmed J. Dak K. O L. 4 MAN Neg	S-F
021310		37	021310H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. Patrol BLOODHOUND cancelled.	S-F
021508		38	021400H	FR: BSLMO to 7thMar. Req CMU LAI fire H&I tonight on 612957, 611960, 617957, 625960, 622962, 628962 on priority 1 and 604943, 600946, 599945, 595948, 594949 on priority 2. 2 VC Co at 605955 with 200 civilian workers. Their missions to cut the road between coords 576964 and 593934.	S-F
021745		39	021745H	FR: QMLNO to 7thMar. Have agent who reports 20 VC KIA on 25 Feb at coord 630980 (THUONG HOA) VC were attacking post.	S-F
021825		40	021825H	FR: BSLMO to 7thMar. Pass to 1/7 VC have victory celebration at BS 659962 tonight at 2000H. Co with 57 MAR now at location (B-3) Passed to 1/7 and S-2.	S-F
022050		41	022050H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. Spetrep. A. Co D B. 022035H C. 1-625986, 2-625987. D. Saw an infra-red light source E. Tank turned on white light to observe more closely, but VC ducked down with next results. Passed to G-3.	S-F
022125		42	022125H	FR: 11thMar to 7thMar. GMR picked up incoming rd at 022115H from coord 4989005380. Passed to ADC.	S-F

SECTION: S-3
 UNIT: 7th Marines
 OPENED: 022130HMar66
 CLOSED: 032035HMar66

IN	OUT	SERNO	DTG	MESSAGE	ACTION
022130		43	021920H	FR: BSLnO to 7thMar. The following changes are effected in location of local forces. 228th RF Co has amb at BS 552892, 537895. The 936th RF Co has amb BS 451862, 468854. JMG 22 new at BS 587948. The 7th and 4th PAT new at BS 618883 the 5th and the 6th PAT new at BS 613934.	S-F
022305		44	022305H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. Spetrep. A. Co D B. 022245H C.1-625986, 2-625987. D. Saw infra-red power source E. Fired 20 rds 50 cal., 3 rds M-79, 115 rds a/a in area, results unk will continue to observe area under illum.	S-F
030936		45	030932H	FR: 7thMar to BSLnO. Req to know if there is a S-F new dist. chief and what his name is.	S-F
030945		46	030945H	FR: Co A 3rd Anfrac to 7thMar. A. Co A B. 030905 C.1-562012, 2-556018. D. LVT rec'd 4 rds sniper fire when returning to CP from False CP. E-N Negt.	S-F
031010		47	031010H	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. Spetrep. A. RAZORBACK 3/7 B. 030900H C. BS 576943 D. Received 2 incoming rifle grenades from via 576943. Resulting in 4 WIA non evac. E. Searched area with negt results. F.Neg G.4 H thru N Negt.	S-F
031040		48	031040H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. Spetrep. A. A Co 3rd Anfrac B. 030905 C.En-562012, Fr-556018. D. LVT rec'd 4 rds sniper fire an return from 3/7 CP to Anfrac CP. E thru N Negt.	S-F
031045		49	031045H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. BLOODHOUND departed at 1020H	S-F
031050		50	031050H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. UNICORN patrol departed.	S-F
031320		51	031320H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. Spetrep. A. Co A B. 031130H C.1-662038, 2-653038. D. 3 VC were sighted running out of village when we arrived in vill. Civ identified as VC. E. Searching area and trying to regain contact. F thru N Negt.	S-F
031615		52	031800H	FR: BSLnO to 7thMar. Req verification of your answer on IAC of friendly units. Clairification on req Y Code Group OpOrder 245.	S-F
031825		53	031825H	FR: BSLnO to 7thMar. Are there any friendly units in ARVN free fire zone.	S-F
	031925	54	031845H	FR: 7thMar to BSLnO. Your 031800H. Req you refer to frag Qr 366 for info on friendly troops.	S-F
032030		55	032000H	FR: BSLnO to 7thMar. The following changes are effected in location of local forces.	S-F
032035		56	032035H	FR: Pinch hitter 3 to 7thMar. Do you have any friendly units south of Grid line 80. NEGOT.	S-F

SECTION: 8-3
 UNIT: 7th Marines
 OPENED: 032115HMar66
 CLOSED: 041135HMar66

IN	OUT	SERNO	DTG	MESSAGE	ACTION
032115		57	032115H	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. A. Co M and N-03 B. 032045H C. 541981 D. While moving to amb site saw 2 VC. E. Fired 40 rds M-14 and 2 M-79 rds. Checked area. Neg results. F thru N Negt.	S-F
032135		58	032135H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. A. Co B CP B. 032045H C.1-608999, 2-607999. D. Obs'd 1 VC moving to wire. E. Security thru 1 hand grenade illum, 4 rds M-14. VC withdrew to trees. F thru N Negt.	S-F
040800		59	040750H	FR: BSLNO to 7thMar. QMG 15 will be at coord BS 596975 with civilian workers. Passed to 1/7.	S-F
	040838	60	040838H	FR: 7thMar. to BSLNO. There will be no run from 7thMar today.	S-F
040950		61	040950H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. Spetrep. A. Co A B. 040830H C. BT 663033. D. Patrol set off 2 M-26 beaby traps. 5 USMC WIAB. E. Med evac to B Med F. Negt C.5 H thru N Negt.	S-F
041000		62	040945H	FR: 7thMar to BSLNO. Skeptic operation is being conducted to day. National Police req cancelled because no time to pick them up net because oper- ation cancelled.	S-F
041005		63	040955H	FR: BSLNO to 7thMar. Senior Adviser and Dist. chief en way to your position, please send mail and ISUMS for BINH SON back to them.	S-F
041030		64	041030H	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. Spetrep. A. Co M B. 040745H C. 591936 D. 2 individuals coming down trail toward interrogation point. Stopped and ran at above coord E. PATS fired at them stopping 1. F-K None L.1 M thru N Negt.	S-F
041035		65	041035H	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. Spetrep. A. S-2 B. 040810H C. 591936 D. Apprehended some 30 males and 20 females VCS. E. Holding pending further interroga. at above coords. Resulting VCS will be sent to Pan- zer 327. F. None G-K None L. Pass 50 M&N Negt.	S-F
	041040	66	041020H	FR: 7thMar to 2/7. 50 cal. MG positions via BS 545528 and 538832. Trenches and auto wps located at base of hill 97 in GS 5482.	S-F
	041050	67	041020H	FR: 7thMar to CO 7thMar. Pass to 2/7 rear for relay to 2/7 CO last elements red hat going in.	S-F
	041125	68	041121H	FR: 7thMar to 2/7. Have any of your elements been omitted at this time.	S-F
041130		69	041130H	FR: 2/7 to 7thMar. Ref your MSG 041121, F and G Co's were omitted.	S-F
	041135	70	041135H	FR: 7thMar. to BSLNO. E Co 2/7 is providing security for M Battery 3/11 in your area.	S-F

SECTION: S-3
 UNIT: 7th Marines
 CLOSED: 050240HMar66
 OPENED: 041240HMar66

IN	OUT	SENGO	DTG	MESSAGE	ACTION
041240		71	041240H	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. Spetrep A. Co L B. 041145H C. BS 581939 D. 2 personnel crossing ditch and bamboo fence set off unk explosion device. E. No enemy activity, men were treated and evac to B Mod, G.2.	S-F
041310		72	041310H	FR: 2/7 to 7thMar. 2/7 is in position as of 1230H. ARVN rec'd mortars at 041240H. VC concentra- tion at BS 552837. Unit is counter attacking.	S-F
041320		73	041310H	FR: BSLNO to 7thMar. 1 Bn VC recently to coord S-F BS 513852, 515855, 523856. Plan to attack 228th RF Co coord. BS 568888. VC Hq now at BS 520850. Req CHU LAI Arty fire.	S-F
041335		74	041330H	FR: 7thMar to BINH SON. Ref your 041310H. Area site of friendly operation now in progress. Req denied.	S-F
041405		75	041405H	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. Followup of Spetrep at 041035H. 28 were held as VCS.	S-F
041525		76	041525H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. Spetrep, A. Co B. B. 041500H C. En-613958, Fr-624991 D. Rec'd 2 rds e/a fire. E. Obs'd area for source. Unable to locate source. F thru E Negt.	S-F
041545		77	041545H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. Spetrep. A. Co A B. 031700H C. 647046. D. Apprehended 1 VDS. Suspect not able to produce an ID card. E. Forwarded to 1/7 collec- tion point. F thru K Negt. L. 1 MAN Negt.	S-F
041615		78	041615H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. Co B will be firing e/a on 061730 to 061830H Firing point coord 605000, Left LL 65°, Right LL 90°. Max range 200 meters.	S-F
041645		79	041233H	FR: 7thMar to 2/7. Send plt sines security force with engr's south on road to make repairs as required.	S-F
041646		80	041646H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. Patrols SQUIRREL-1A, 3A and 1B all cancelled due to lack of FP's.	S-F
042055		81	042055H	FR: BSLNO to 7thMar. There is 1 VC Regt at BS 452904, 460900, 453900 and 460905 with crew-served wps, 82 mortar, many bars, Russian ground mag, individual wps. Intentions unk.	S-F
050215		82	050215H	FR: BSLNO to 7thMar. Receiving incoming mortar fire at coord 580935 and 590935.	S-F
	050232	83	050232H	FR: 7thMar to BSLNO. Req to know more info on incoming mortar and counter-battery.	S-F
050240		84	050240H	FR: BSLNO to 7thMar. Spetrep. A. BS B. 050230H 0.1-580935, 590922 and 576915, 2-599920 D. From 0115 to 0210, rec'd approx 15 rds of 60mm mortar fire. E. Fired counter battery w/no obs results. F thru H Negt.	S-F

SECTION: S-3
 UNIT: 7th Marines
 OPENED: 050305HMar66
 CLOSED: 051640HMar66

IN	OUT	SERNO	DTG	MESSAGE	ACTION
050305		85	050305H	FR: Convey to 7thMar. Departed CkPt#1.	S-F
050326		86	050326H	FR: Convey to 7thMar. Reached CkPt#2.	S-F
050340		87	050340H	FR: Convey to 7thMar. Reached CkPt#3.	S-F
050355		88	050355H	FR: Convey to 7thMar. Reached CkPt#4.	S-F
	050355	89	050355H	FR: 7thMar to Convey. Possible enemy mortar activity at coord 580955, 590922 and 576915.	S-F
050408		90	050408H	FR: Convey to 7thMar. Reached destination.	S-F
	050430	91	050430H	FR: 7thMar to BSLMO. We will be running a convey for S-1 emergency ammo resupply sometime before dawn. We will notify you exact TOD as soon as we know it. Can you notify PF units and roadblocks along the way to open gates and allow convey to pass through. Req reply ASAP.	S-F
050800		92	050800H	FR: Convey to 7thMar. Convey departed CkPt#5.	S-F
050825		93	050825H	FR: Convey to 7thMar. Convey passed CkPt#4.	S-F
050830		94	050830H	FR: BSLMO to 7thMar. CG 15 has a patrol coord 595-975. They will be there until 1800 today.	S-F
050840		95	050840H	FR: Convey to 7thMar. Convey passed CkPt#1.	S-F
050855		96	050855H	FR: Convey to 7thMar. Convey has returned.	S-F
050950		97	050950H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. Spetrep. A. Co A B. 050900H C. Co-630041, Fr-657045. D. 2 fishing boats entering river turned out to sea when sighting 1 of our sqd's. E. 1 boat team hid when fired upon but the other went out to sea. The Viet. patrol boat is now checking boats at sea F thru H North.	S-F
051045		98	051045H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. 1/7 A Command Group departed for BINH SON. ETA is 1230H.	S-F
051140		99	051140H	FR: Convey to 7thMar. Convey departed IP at 051140H.	S-F
051145		100	051145H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. Command Group A departed 1/7 GP.	S-F
051150		101	051150H	FR: Convey to 7thMar. Convey passed CkPt#2.	S-F
051200		102	051200H	FR: Convey to 7thMar. Convey passed CkPt#3.	S-F
051210		103	051210H	FR: Convey to 7thMar. Convey passed CkPt#4.	S-F
051215		104	051215H	FR: Convey to 7thMar. Convey reached destination.	S-F
051550		105	051540H	FR: BSLMO to 7thMar. BINH SON reports 1 Co Regular VC at BS 640100, 642905, 650914, 650900, 644913, 647911, the last 4 sets of coords should be given priority. Req CHU LAI fire mission.	S-F
051555		106	051555H	FR: 7thMar to BSLMO. Ref your 051540H. No CHU LAI Arty currently in position to shoot this mission. Would require re-lay of 155 guns, involving 20 minute delay. Suggest you fire on target with own arty from your position.	S-F
051620		107	051620H	FR: Convey to 7thMar. Convey left BINH SON.	S-F
051630		108	051630H	FR: Convey to 7thMar. Convey passed CkPt#3.	S-F
051640		109	051640H	FR: Convey to 7thMar. Convey passed CkPt#2.	S-F

SECTION: 8-5
 UNIT: 7th Marines
 OPENED: 051630ZMar66
 CLOSED: 061115ZMar66

IN	OUT	SERNO	DTG	MESSAGE	ACTION
051658		110	051658H	FR: Convey to 7thMar. Convey returned to the IP.	S-F
051822		111	051822H	FR: BSLMO to 7thMar. VC mines in the culvert BS 585947 and 585955.	S-F
	051834	112	051834H	FR: 7thMar to BSLMO. Req to know more info on convey and est. TOD.	S-F
052045		113	051845H	FR: BSLMO to 7thMar. The following changes are effected in location of local forces. QMG 07 now at 577-946. QMG 10 now at 621845. QMG 11 now at 609904. QMG 14 now at 609920, with amb at 581952. QMG 15 now at 577987. 1st PAT now at 597728. 2nd PAT now at 615934. 3rd PAT at 625862. 4th and 7th PAT at 597720. 5th and 6th PAT now at 592131.	S-F
052120		114	052115H	FR: BSLMO to 7thMar. Receiving incoming 60mm from initial coord 590922. Since this time enemy has displaced to coord 592924. Incoming from 60mm.	S-F
052150		115	052130H	FR: BSLMO to 7thMar. Spetrep. A. BS B. 052115H O. En-592924. Fr-602922. D. Rec'd 6 60mm rds. E. Fired mortar barrage. F thru H Bgt.	S-F
052245		116	052155H	FR: BSLMO to 7thMar. Spetrep. A. BS. Addition to spetrep above. WJ using 81mm rather than 60mm. FF's at 596928 now receiving s/a fire. F. 1 civilian 4.8 civilian H thru H Bgt.	S-F
052325		117	052315H	FR: 7thMar to BSLMO. 1/7 elements will lead convey to RIEN SOE. Req to know when convey arrives at BS.	S-F
060010		118	060010H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. Spetrep. A. Co A B. 052350H G. 5505 D. Enemy sighted. We fired 2 rds. Enemy fired 1 rd. We returned 8 rds. E. Pursuit by fire but enemy fled. F thru H Bgt.	S-F
060055		119	060755H	FR: Convey to 7thMar. Convey departed OkPw/1(IP).	S-F
060800		120	060800H	FR: Co C AT's to 7thMar. Will test fire s/a on beach from 061300H to 061400H.	S-F
060824		121	060824H	FR: Convey to 7thMar. Convey reached OkPw/5.	S-F
060840		122	060840H	FR: Convey to 7thMar. Discovered mine in road, will blow in place. BS 589948.	S-F
060915		123	060915H	FR: Convey to 7thMar. Have blown mine and are moving again.	S-F
060918		124	060918H	FR: Convey to 7thMar. Convey at OkPw/A.	S-F
	060945	125	060945H	FR: 7thMar to 1stMar. Convey moving to your position is using freq. B-184 call sign STRU I-Bay.	S-F
060945		126	060945H	FR: Convey to 7thMar. Reached OkPw/6.	S-F
061010		127	061010H	FR: Convey to 7thMar. Convey passed OkPw/7.	S-F
	061115	128	061115H	FR: 7thMar to BSLMO. 3/7 req you switch to their freq. (Granted)	S-F

SECTION: S-3
 UNIT: 7th Marines
 OPENED: 061135H Mar 66
 CLOSED: 071040H Mar 66

IN	OUT	SERNO	DTG	MESSAGE	ACTION
061135		129	061135H	FR: Convey to 7thMar. Convey 1 mile North of CKPt#7.	S-F
061145		130	061145H	FR: Convey to 7thMar. Convey at CKPt#6.	S-F
061155		131	061155H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. Spetro, A, Co C. B. 061045H C. 595975 D, Co C set off G-4 charge in water hole to enlarge it for swimming. Explosion caused rocks to in- jure 2 village children approx. 100 yds away, E, Med eyes req. at 1045H completed at 1130H to B Med, F thru H Bn. (Sync to QUANG NGAI)	S-F
061210		132	061210H	FR: Convey to 7thMar. Convey passed CKPt#5.	S-F
061224		133	061224H	FR: Convey to 7thMar. Convey passed CKPt#4.	S-F
061240		134	061240H	FR: Convey to 7thMar. Convey passed CKPt#3.	S-F
061246		135	061246H	FR: Convey to 7thMar. Convey passed CKPt#2.	S-F
061258		136	061258H	FR: Convey to 7thMar. Convey passed CKPt#1.	S-F
061335		137	061335H	FR: Engr's to 7thMar. Mine discovered in road 588948 to BINH SON, was a 155 shell w/30 lbs. plastic explosive attached. Road now clear, PF's have left the area.	S-F
061925		138	061922H	FR: BSLNO to 7thMar. The following changes are ef- fected in location of local forces. The 228th RF Co has amb at BS 552892, 539885. The 936th RF Co has amb at 480864, 480868.	S-F
061945		139	061943H	FR: BSLNO to 7thMar. Req to know if any friendly troops coord BS 589962.	S-F
061950		140	061950H	FR: 7thMar to BSLNO. Ref your 061945H, no friendly troops in that area.	S-F
062030		141	062028H	FR: BSLNO to 7thMar. BINH SON req to fire at coord 611957. Req Granted.	S-F
062145		142	062140H	FR: BSLNO to 7thMar. BINH SON req to fire on coord 594926. Req Granted.	S-F
070730		143	070745H	FR: BSLNO to 7thMar. BINH SON req permission to fire coord 597933 and 597931. Permission granted.	S-F
070730		144	070730H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. QNG 15 is at coord 595977 with civilian workers until 071800H. Passed to 1/7.	S-F
070800		145	070800H	FR: BSLNO to 7thMar. BINH SON req to fire coord 589- 937. (Granted)	S-F
070945		146	070930H	FR: BSLNO to 7thMar. Req to fire coord 582945, 585- 945, 584940 and 578951. Granted.	S-F
071030		147	071030H	FR: BSLNO to 7thMar. 1 VC Co at coord 582945, 585- 945, 584940, 578951 and 592946 preparing to amb next convey. Req to fire arty mission. NEGATIVE.	S-F
071030		148	071030H	FR: 7thMar. to BSLNO. Ref your 070930H. Req to know if you fired arty mission.	S-F
071040		149	071040H	FR: BSLNO to 7thMar. VC have possible amb at BS 582- 954. BINH SON is sending a L-19 to check out area.	S-F

SECTION: S-3
 UNIT: 7th Marines
 OPENED: 071104HMar66
 CLOSED: 071950HMar66

IN	OUT	SERNO	DTG	MESSAGE	ACTION
	071103	150	071103H	FR: 7thMar to BSLMO. Ref your 071030H. Task Force Delta reports no VC in area. We have tanks capable of observing direct fire on target area. Will support if any incident occurs. Will not fire arty.	S-F
071110		151	071103H	FR: BSLMO to 7thMar. B-3 source provides info that 1 Guerilla Co is providing security for VC med evac between coord BS 506865 to BS 536994. Med evac is from BS 523840 to BS 520937 passing thru BS 518877 and 520887.	S-F
071400		152	071400H	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. Spetrep. A. Co I O7A B. 071130H C.Pr-542978, Em-543976. D. Rec'd 3 rds sniper fire. E. Returned fire. No further activity. Continued mission.	S-F
071405		153	071233H	FR: 7thMar to Convey. Do not RPT. Do not depart IP until directed by 7thMar.	S-F
071410		154	071350H	FR: 7thMar to Convey. RAZORBACK obs'd 22 armed men in black moving from 595936 to east at 1215H.	S-F
071420		155	071420H	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. Spetrep. A. RAZORBACK B. 071215H C. BS 595936, Fr- Predesignated area. D. Est 100 people moving from Pre-designated area. PF plt can't be obs. at this time. Workers that were working in that area are no longer doing so. Spotted 22 persons moving from 595936 in easterly direction at run. Wearing black uniforms and carrying wms. Heard firing in area. F thru H Next.	S-F
071430		156	071450H	FR: Convey to 7thMar. Convey has departed IP.	
071507		157	071507H	FR: Convey to 7thMar. Convey passed CkPt#2.	S-F
071530		158	071530H	FR: Convey to 7thMar. Convey passed CkPt#4.	S-F
071535		159	071535H	FR: Convey to 7thMar. Convey passed CkPt#3.	S-F
071600		160	071600H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. Command Grp has returned to CP.	S-F
071610		161	071600H	FR: 7thMar. to Convey. Co A 1/4 will be in the vic of Razorback. If you have available space pick up Co A on your return.	S-F
071615		162	071615H	FR: Convey to 7thMar. Convey passed CkPt#6.	S-F
071625		163	071625H	FR: Convey to 7thMar. Convey is at pick-up point.	S-F
071630		164	071630H	FR: BSLMO to 7thMar. Resupply req: 2 cases of BA 279 30 cases of C Rations by 08 Mar.	S-F
071655		165	071650H	FR: 7thMar to Convey. 1/7 req Co B be returned to Co B position instead of 1/7 CP.	S-F
071725		166	071725H	FR: Convey to 7thMar. Departed pick-up point.	S-F
071729		167	071729H	FR: Convey to 7thMar. Passed CkPt#6.	S-F
071805		168	071805H	FR: Convey to 7thMar. Passed CkPt#5.	S-F
071825		169	071825H	FR: Convey to 7thMar. Passed CkPt#4.	S-F
071858		170	071858H	FR: Convey to 7thMar. Passed CkPt#3.	S-F
071900		171	071900H	FR: Convey to 7thMar. Passed CkPt#2.	S-F
071920		172	071920H	FR: Convey to 7thMar. Passed CkPt#1.	S-F
071950		173	071950H	FR: BSLMO to 7thMar. Convey to use caution at BS 504-955. possibility of mined road.	S-F

SECTION: S-3
 UNIT: 7th Marines
 OPENED: 071955HMar66
 CLOSED: 081602HMar66

IN	OUT	SERNO	DTG	MESSAGE	ACTION
071955		174	071910H	FR: BSLnO to 7thMar. The following changes are effected in location of local forces. 936th RF Co has amb at BS 465866 and 473867. QNG 15 new at BS 581974 with amb at 592876. QNG 24 new at 996005. QNG 25 new at 973-007. 4th PAT Plt new at BS 614935. 5th PAT plt new at 593934. 6th PAT plt new at BS 596927. 7th PAT plt new at BS 593934.	S-F
080300		175	070300H	FR: QNLnO to 7thMar. Req clearance for priority bombing at coords 714960. (GRANTED).	S-F
080725		176	080725H	FR: Convey to 7thMar. Departed CkPt#1.	S-F
080729		177	080729H	FR: Convey to 7thMar. Passing CkPt#2.	S-F
080740		178	080740H	FR: Convey to 7thMar. Passed CkPt#4.	S-F
080805		179	080805H	FR: ADC to 7thMar&1stMar. 2 Bn's concerned a legible enough after action report to S-3 7thMar. Within 72 hours after receipt of this MSG and hand written reports accepted. Passed to 1/7 and 2/7.	S-F
080852		180	080852H	FR: Convey to 7thMar. Convey Passed CkPt#7.	S-F
080945		181	080942H	FR: BSLnO to 7thMar. Permission to fire coord 580958 and 590945. (Permission granted.)	S-F
081010		182	081010H	FR: Convey to 7thMar. Passed CkPt#6.	S-F
081020		183	081044H	FR: 7thMar to BSLnO. Req you send coord of QNG 24 and QNG 25.	S-F
081028		184	081028H	FR: Convey to 7thMar. Passed CkPt#5.	S-F
081040		185	081040H	FR: Convey to 7thMar. Passed CkPt#4.	S-F
081050		186	081050H	FR: Convey to 7thMar. Passed CkPt#3.	S-F
081055		187	081055H	FR: Convey to 7thMar. Passed CkPt#2.	S-F
081100		188	081100H	FR: Convey to 7thMar. Passed CkPt#1.	S-F
081100		189	081100H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. Patrol Bloodhound departed.	S-F
081100		190	081050H	FR: BSLnO to 7thMar. Spetrep. A. PF unit B.080940H C.Fr-592948, En-590945, 592948, 582948 and 581945. D. A number of VC attacked PF in proses of clearing road at 0940H with M-1 carbine and auto wpns. E. PF returned fire arty and 81mm being fired. F.Nene G.2 H-N Negt.	S-F
081145		191	081145H	FR: Co A LVT's to 7thMar. Will be test firing s/a off beach out to sea. 081400H to 081600H and 091400 to 091600H.	S-F
081255		192	081225H	FR: BSLnO to 7thMar. BINH SON arty firing coord BS 582948, 582947 and 583942.	S-F
081400		193	081400H	FR: BINH SON run departed 7thMar. New departed CkPt #1.	S-F
081425		194	081425H	FR: BS run to 7thMar. Arrivial BINH SON.	S-F
081530		195	081530H	FR: BS run to 7thMar. Returned to the TAOR.	S-F
081602		196	081548H	FR: BSLnO to 7thMar. QNG 7 located at BS 577964. Has amb tonight at 581957 and 588959. Passed to 1/7.	S-F

SECTION: S-3
 UNIT: 7th Marines
 OPENED: 082000HMar66
 CLOSED: 091635HMar66

IN	OUT	SERNO	DTG	MESSAGE	ACTION
082000		197	081920H	FR: BSLnO to 7thMar. 1 VC Co is presently at BINH THUY Village. They will cross route 1 from coord 580960 to 590940 tonight moving supplies and workers. Req CHU LAI fire H&I on 578940, 594956, 592950, 595949, 598950 and 600951. (GRANTED).	S-F
082030		198	082000H	FR: BSLnO to 7thMar. Fire mission. Enemy troops coord BS 612956. 84 VC BS 612956. 94 VC req VT be used. Observe cannot adjust. Reporting agent has just escaped from this area.	S-F
082100		199	082040H	FR: BSLnO to 7thMar. At present time PAT plt engaged with enemy. BINH SON req to fire coord 585944, 585942 and 585946.	S-F
082140		200	082120H	FR: BSLnO to 7thMar. CAT KILLER 917 reported at 081430H newly dug trenches and bunkers at BS 727952 and 721953. At BS 708940 and 712934 there are 12 new fox holes. At BS 720935 5 VC with green uniforms were obs'd running.	S-F
082150		201	082150H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. Spetrep. A. Co D B. 081300H C. Fr- 039964, En-641978. D. Tanks fired 1 rd 90mm HE and possible ambush site. Rd caused a second explosion approx same as the 90mm rd. Black smoke was coming from area. E. Fired 8 more rds with negt results. F thru N Negt.	S-F
082215		202	082215H	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. Spetrep. A. Co M B. 082035H C. Fr-555933, En-556991. D. Rec'd 1 rd sniper fire. E thru N Negt.	S-F
091445		203	091445H	FR: BSLnO to 7thMar. Req to fire at coord 585944, 585942, 585946 and 580955. (GRANTED).	S-F
091505		204	091457H	FR: 7thMar to BSLnO. Granted all except 580955, on your msg. 091438H.	S-F
091500		205	091500H	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. Spetrep. A. Co L Razerback 09A B. 091120H C. 570955 D. OP#39 reported white smoke at vic 570955. OP#39 had a 3 man OP at that location. Radio comm was lost, last 09A. A red snake was seen later. E. A sqd of 09B was dispatched at 1135 to search area. Discovered crater and analysis being conducted possible booby trap. F, G thru N Negt. Passed to G-3, ADC, S-1.	S-F
	091536	206	091536H	FR: 7thMar to BSLnO. 3/7 vehicle returning from your position rec'd approx. 35 rds from 4 points, vic 588948. Do you have any info of PF or VC activity in that area.	S-F
091546		207	091546H	FR: BSLnO to 7thMar. Ref your 091536H. PF unit in minor conflict at given coords. Passed to 3/7.	S-F
091635		208	091635H	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. Ref 091500H. Pressure type mine that was detonated and 2 more still in area. Will be cleared first thing tomorrow. Passed to G-3 and ADC.	S-F

SECTION: S-3
 UNIT: 7th Marines
 OPENED: 091910HMar66
 CLOSED: 101633HMar66

IN	OUT	SERNO	DTG	MESSAGE	ACTION
091910		209	091903H	FR: BSLnO to 7thMar. BINH SON intell. agent B-2 reports 400 VC at coord 538900, 539904 and 521906.	S-F
091930		210	091920H	FR: BSLnO to 7thMar. LF locations.	S-F
092000		211	092000H	FR: EOD to 7thMar. Type mine at 570955 frag bomb type BLU-3B lot number 105-15.	S-F
092040		212	092015H	FR: BSLnO to 7thMar. Spetrep. A. BS B. 092025H C.1-526936, 2-584943, XIA 587945, 585947. D. VC trying to cut the road at 589943 E. Req CHU LAI arty fire on coord. F thru N Negt.	S-F
092130		213	092130H	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. A. M Co MLR B. 092100H C.1-554994 2-553993. D. Rec'd 1 incoming grenade. E. Illum area saw 6 VC running across rice paddy. Fired s/a, search of area, negt results. F thru N Negt.	S-F
092135		214	092100H	FR: BSLnO to 7thMar. There are friendly troops coord 576964 and 589924.	S-F
100845	LATE ENTRY	215	092106H	FR: BSLnO to 7thMar. There are friendly troops coord 576964, 589024, 589924.	S-F
100840		216	092015H	FR: BSLnO to 7thMar. Spetrep. A. BS B. 092025H C.1-526946, En-589943, 587945, 585947. VC attempting to cut road at BS 589943. E. Req. CHU LAI to fire on enemy coords. F thru N Negt.	S-F
100900		217	091906H	FR: BSLnO to 7thMar. (LATE ENTRY) The following changes are effected in location of local forces. The 228th RF Co has amb at BS 553882. NG10 now at BS 625886. QNG 15 now at BS 577987, with amb at 585987.	S-F
100905		218	091855H	FR: BSLnO to 7thMar. (LATE ENTRY) Intell. report Vietnamese rating B-2. 400 VC at coord 538900, 539904, 521906.	S-F
100915		219	100803H	FR: BSLnO to 7thMar. NG 15 at coord 595975 checking ID cards.	S-F
101005		220	101005H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. Co D requests to conduct patrol today with plt(-) and PP's. To depart at 1030 and return at 1200. Objective TAN HY and SONTRA. Going to make liaison with local PP's and gather info.	S-F
101445		221	101445H	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. Spetrep. A. Co K B. 101400H C.1-568940, C2-581945. D. Rec'd sniper fire from vic coord 568940. E. Co K returned fire and called arty fire Arty fired with good coverage search of area failed to reveal VC casualties. F thru N Negt.	S-F
101530		222	101530H	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. Spetrep. A. Co K B. 101445H C.1-565936, 2-570935 D. Sniper fire rec'd, believed to be 4 VC. E. Returned fire called arty. Arty coverage of area good. Search of area failed to reveal VC casualties. F thru N Negt.	S-F
101633		223	101633H	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. Spetrep. A. Co K B. 101615H C. BS 573937 D. Small secondary explosive in a burning house believed to be hand grenades. E. Cleared area and continued to mission. F thru N Negt.	S-F

SECTION: S-3
 UNIT: 7th Marines
 OPENED: 101640HMar66
 CLOSED: 110916HMar66

IN	OUT	SERNO	DTG	MESSAGE	ACTION
101640		224	101640H	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. Spetrep. A. Co K B. 101505H C.1-573935 BS D. Sniper fired on maneuvering unit. E. Re- turned fire and called in arty. Med evac one Marine to B Med. F.Nene G.1 H thru N Negt.	S-F
101735		225	101735H	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. Spetrep. Co K B. 101630H C.1-578923 2-574924. D. Rec'd s/a sniper fire from above coord. E. Returned fire, arty mission fired coverage good. Search of area revealed nothing. F thru N Negt.	S-F
101750		226	101750H	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. Spetrep. A. Co K B. 101725H G. 573922 D. Found 1 VC booby trap which appeared to be VC grenade. E. Destroyed in place. F thru N Negt.	S-F
101803		227	101803H	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. Spetrep. E. Co K B. 101545H G. 574937 D. Apprehended 3 female VCS. E. Interpreters info reveal they are not from this hamlet. Will retain, VCS. F thru K Nene. L.3 M&N Negt.	S-F
122158		228	102158H	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. Spetrep. A. Co K B. 101730H C. 577- 917. D. Apprehended 1 VCS. E. Will retain until patrol re- turns. F thru K Nene. L.1 M&N Negt.	S-F
101930		229	101930H	FR: BSLMO to 7th Mar. The following changes are ef- fected in location of local forces. QMG 15 now at 581974 with amb at 587977. Passed to 1/7.	S-F
			(LATE ENTRY)		
102215		230	102215H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. Spetrep. A. Co A B. 102200H G. 613016 D. Discovered 1 treoper missing. E. Searched area and village adjacent but no signs. Will continue search in the morning. F thru G Nene. M.1 I thru N Negt. (Have found missing Marine)	S-F
110720		231	110720H	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. Spetrep. A. Co K B. 101930H C.587925 D. Apprehended 3 VCS. E. Will retain w/patrol. F thru K Negt. L.3 M&N Negt.	S-F
110840		232	110840H	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. Spetrep. A. 3/7 forward CP B. 110805H C. 591935 D. While carrying Capt Long and other personnel blew mine at BS 591935. Request vehicles for wounded. Also fight between PF and snipers at BS 587935. E. Skeptic 3 FWD ready to assist.	S-F
110920		233	110902H	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. Spetrep. A. Ref spetrep 110805H A. 3/7 FWD. B. 110750H C. BS 591935 D. Vietnamese PC hit mine on road causing 4 WIA's. E. Req emergency hole evac. F.Negt G.4 evac to B Med by hole. F thru N Negt.	S-F
110912		234	110912H	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. Spetrep. A. Co L B. 110830H C. BS 584929 D. Apprehended 1 VCS, age 54. Discovered punji trap in VCS house. E. Retained VCS with unit. F thru K Negt. L.1 M&N Negt.	S-F
110916		235	110916H	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. Spetrep. A. 3/7 FWD B. 110750H C.-1-587935, 2-BS 592934. D. Rec'd sniper fire. E. PATS returned fire. F thru N Negt.	S-F

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 UNIT: 7th Marines
 OPENED: 110922HMar66
 CLOSED: 112200HMar66

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110922		236	110922H	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. Spetrep. A. Co K B. 110900H C. BS 592928 D. VC beehy trap detonated by Marine. E. Med evas to B Med by helo. F. Negt G.1 H thru N Negt.	S-F
111115		237	111115H	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. Spetrep. A. Co K B. 111005H C. F-589925, Em-587925. D. Rec'd sniper fire while moving from CP to railroad tracks. E. Returned fire. F. Negt G.1 Emergency evas to B Med. H thru N Negt.	S-F
111120		238	111120H	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. Spetrep. A. Co L B. 111040H C.-2 589925, 1-585929. D. Obs'd 6 VC vic 585929 moving south. 4 with wpm 2 with out. E. Co L fired s/a fire and VC fled. Search of area revealed no VC casualties. F-N Negt.	S-F
111705		239	111705H	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. Sptrpt. A. Co K B. 111525H C.1-587- 922, 2-588924. D. Rec'd 1 rd sniper fire. E. Returned fire in area of sniper. Called in gun boat to check area with negt results. F. Negt G.1 H thru N Negt.	S-F
111710H		240	111710H	FR: 3rdMarDiv to 7thMar. Now in condition yellow.	S-F
111800		241	111800H	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. Spetrep. A. Co K B. 111525H C. BS 588924 D. Sniper fired 1 rd from coord 587922. E. Return- ed fire in area of sniper. Called in gun ship who fired in immediate area. F. Negt G.1 H thru N Negt.	S-F
111805		242	111805H	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. Spetrep. A. Co K B. 111635H C. BS 586923, BS 587922. D. 2 VCS were picked up by recon ele- ment sent out by Co K. Reason of capture, they were found in area from which previous sniper fire came from. 1 VCS found at coord BS 587922 turned himself in. He was carry- ing a Vietnamese flag. The VCS had schrapnel wounds in upper part of chest. He was also in vic of previous sni- per fire. Schrapnel wounds due to gun ship firing in area of sniper. F-K Negt. L.3 M. Negt N.1 Vietnamese Flag.	S-F
111956		243	111956H	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. Spetrep. A.3/7 FWD B. 119915H C. BS 593934. D. Interigation of VC revealed location of VC plt at coord BS 568928. E. Fired TOF at these coord. Will search area at first light. F thru N Negt.	S-F
112044		244	112010H	FR: BSLMO to 7thMar. The following changes are effec- tive in location of local forces. 228th RF Co has amb at 552892 and 587885. QNG 15 now at 577987. 1st PAT Plt now at 595937. The 4th, 5th, and 6th and 7th PAT Plt now at 595937. Passed to 1/7.	S-F
112200		245	112200H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. Spetrep. A. Co D B. 112020H C.1-624983, 2-628989. D. Saw light looked as if signaling across river. Used search light and saw 3 VC. Fired 4 rds 90mm WP in same area of light, also fired 50 rds of 50 cal. E. Light went out. VC disappeared. F thru N Negt.	S-F

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 UNIT: 7th Marines
 OPENED: 112200HMar66
 CLOSED: 130110HMar66

IN	OUT	SERNO	DTG	MESSAGE	ACTION
120755		246	120755H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. Added patrol from Co A, EFD 120030H, ETR 121300H. Some of patrol 1 Sqd Rein(+) w/1 FO, Mission BAD, Patrol will go to TUYET DIEM(1) GS6504. Possible caches of arms. Notified G-3.	S-F
120935		247	120935H	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. Spetrep. A. 3/7 gun ship(HURY) * B. 120020H C. BS 502923 D. Gun ship spotted 3 VC w/wps in trench. E. Gun Ship fired on VC, 2 VC and 1 WIA, WIA was evas to 3/7 OP FWD, on return to pick up bodies, Gun Ship spotted approx. 8 more VC, Gun ship fired on VC possible killing 2 more VC. Arty mission now being called on same. F thru H None. 2 and possible 2 more. J. 1 K thru L None. M. 1 M-1 rifle and 1 US carbine. N. 1 gas mask and 1 cartridge belt.	S-F
121055		248	121052H	FR: BSLng to 7thMar. QNG 15 will be at coord. B S 594976 till 1900 tonight.	S-F
121105		249	121105H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. Location of PF's in 1/7 TAOR, QNG 22 at 590000(12 PF's) QNG 15 at 613983(11 PF's) QNG 15 at 595975(19 PF's) QNG 15 at 501970(20 PF's) Unk. Unit at 614014, (12 PF's)	S-F
121350		250	121350H	FR: 3/7 to 7th Mar, Spot Rept. A. Co L B. 121235H C. 1-576940, 2-579959 D. Co. L rec'd heavy volume auto fire. E. Returned fire and VC fled west, Ruys on station ran strike. F. None G. 1 via wvas to D med. H-N Neg.	S-F
121350		251	121325H	FR: 1/7 to 7th Mar. Will be firing 50 cal and M-60 from firing point. 613020 on an az. of 5°. Impact area NOM QNG island. 0000 to 1200 on 14th, 15th and 16th Mar. M-14 marking range 0000-1600 on 24th and 28thMar:0000 to 1200 on 25th and 29thMar.	S-F
121625		252	121625H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. Add to Patrols squad ambush D Co EOD 122030 TOR 130630 ambush site 626007.	S-F
121830		253	121830H	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. Spthopt. A. 3/7 Klendike 50 B. 121305H C. 592933 D. Ruys rept 15 to 20 VC armed fleeing south at coord 573932. E. Ruys and M4's fired rockets and strafed area. Klendike 50 controlled. Damage assigt completely neutralized area. F-N Neg.	S-F
121935		254	121935H	FR: BSLMO to 7thMar. QNG 15 has amb. at BS 579903 The 3d PAT FLT has amb. at BS 624056.	S-F
121945		255	121945H	FR: BSLMO to 7thMar. BINH SON Req to fire BS 551920 and 549919 Rec reply ASAP.	S-F
130110		256	130110H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. Spthopt. A. D Co. 1/7 B. 122210H C. F-625984 H. 628909 D. Saw man in bush with Infrared light. Man was flashing light across river. E. Fired 1 and 90mm. There was no more movement or light. F-N Neg. I-L J-N Neg.	S-F

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 UNIT: 7th MARINES
 OPENED: 112200HMar66
 CLOSED: 141055HMar66

IN	OUT	SERNO	DTG	MESSAGE	ACTION
130120		257	130120H	FR 3/7 to 7thMar. Spthoyt. A. E Co. B. 121837H G. 574932 D. Found 1 Cave with 1 bed. 4 Ft. wide, 4 ft. high, 9 ft. long. E. In process of blowing. F-H Neg.	S-F
130130		258	130130H	FR 3/7 to 7thMar. Spthoyt. A. E-S Co. B. 121800H C. BS 566937 D. Apprehended 6 VOS and 1 BC in PHU LE (2) while sweeping by H-S. E. 6 VOS, 1 VOC sent to IFF, CHU LAI. F-J Neg. K-L. L-6 M-N Neg.	S-F
130150		259	130145H	FR B SMO to 7thMar. Interrogator is CHU LAI capable S-F of providing fire support to TRA BONG.	S-F
130746		260	130740H	FR 7thMar to BSMO. Req to know is Qng 22 located at 580948 and is Qng 13 located at 578907. (Affirm)	S-F
131200		261	131200H	FR 3/7 to 7thMar. Spthoyt. A. K Co. B. 130915H C. 581946 D. VOS found hiding in cane field picked up by K Co. E. VOS questioned by N. Police and interpreter, VOS stated he works for VU also stated VU collected rice from CHAU TU(4) and that 12 to 15 VU were in village last night. VOS will be sent to IFF. L. neg	S-F
131250		262	131250H	FR 3/7 to 7thMar. Spthoyt. A. AO 3/7 B. 131130H C. BS550913 D. AO reptd 35 to 40 people digging gun positions and being guarded by 6 to 7 VU in camouflage utilities. E. AO controlled arty mission which was fired on coord 550913, target coverage was excellent, no further movement.	S-F
131410		263	131410H	FR 1/7 to 7thMar. Spthoyt. A. Co. D. B. 121300H C. 1A2-624001 D. Apprehended 1 VOS. Lied about age and the names on his birth certificate and ID are diff. E. Forwarded to death collections pt at 121335H as a VOS. Forwarded to IFF at 121340H. F-K None L-1 M-N None.	S-F
131500		264	131500H	FR 3/7 to 7thMar. A. K Co. B. 131400H C. 580944 D. 2 Marines wounded by beehy trap while checking out cane field. 1 engr with detector hit beehy trap while while searching field. E. Evac to B Med. F-O G-2, H-N. None.	S-F
131440		265	131440H	FR 3/7 to 7thMar. A. 3/7 HAS 34 B. 131235H C. 587947 D. While entering CHAU TU 2 complex marines opened gate detonating beehy traps. E. Evac to B Med. F. None G-I H-N. none.	S-F
131556		266	131556H	FR 3/7 to 7thMar. Spthoyt. A. "K" Co. B. 131510H C. 586944 D. PF tripped beehy trap killing him instantly. Vietnamese took change of body and took body to rd. E. Vietnamese vehicle picked up body. F. IFF G-N. Neg.	S-F
141055		267	141055H	FR 3/7 to 7thMar. Spthoyt. A. "L" Co. B. 141000H C. BS577927 D. Man moving along hedgerow E. Chasll alleged by Marines. Ran in westerly direction.	S-F

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 UNIT: 7th Marines
 OPENED: 141055HMar66
 CLOSED: 142030HMar66

IN	OUT	SERNO	DTG	MESSAGE	ACTION
				(CONTINUATION OF ENTRY # 267)	
				B. Fired shots individual failed to stop. Shot in right leg. Conducted search for weapons with neg results. 1st aid rendered. Med evac called for and completed to B Med. P, Neg G&L, neg J, I K-H, neg.	S-F
141130		268	141050H	FR BSLAO to 7thMar. Cag-15 will be at 595975 until 141800H.	
141255		269	141255H	FR 3/7 to 7thMar. All 3/7 units will be retracted to 3/7 CP this afternoon.	S-F
141455		270	141455H	FR 3/7 to 7thMar. A. "I" Co. 140 B. 141130H C. 5506973-F D. Patrol observed 4 VC making panji stakes. Patrol apprehended 3 males and 1 female VCS. E. Patrol destroyed panji stakes and returned 4 VCS to 3/7 CP for transfer to IIT. F-K, neg L-4. M-H, neg.	
141605		271	141605H	FR H&D Co 3/7 to 7thMar. Spthopt. A. H&S Co. B. 141525H C. 584947 D. Eagle blowing Ghicom grenade beehy trap resulted in 1 fr. WIA. E. Not serious, small piece shrapnel in stomach. Evac to skeptic BAS F, neg G, I H-N, neg.	S-F
141656		272	141605H	FR 3/7 to 7thMar. Spthopt. A. "L" Co. B. 141545H C. C-1 586937 C-2 586937 D. Spotted two VCS males. E. Challenged by vietnamese dog handlers. VCS ran west of rice paddies. Fired upon by small arms with neg results. Arty mission called. After Arty mission "L" Co. captured 1 VCS hiding in vic of fire mission. F, neg. I, I M-H, neg.	S-F
141840		273	141840H	FR Q&L to 7thMar. Spthopt. 15 vehicle resupply convey from Quang Ngia to Trach Tru stopped at NO DUO because of possible ambush at 740507, escort Co went forward on foot down the road and were hit at above coord at 1430H, APC rushed down and hit estimated 200 VC crossing river at 764512 VC proceed to village 767512 and never left. Village was destroyed by art. NCF killed at least 6 VC from 752532 to 760520, results this far estimated 50 VC KIA of which 25 were confirmed by US, 14 were captured. Friendly losses 30 KIA, 3 WIA, and 1 MIA. MIA was company commander. It is felt here that this estimate is low.	S-F
141935		274	141935H	FR 1/7 to 7thMar. Patrol Field Mouse 1 A from B Co has been cancelled.	S-F
142005		275	142025H	FR 3/7 to 7thMar. All 3/7 units have retracted.	S-F
142030		276	141950H	FR BSLAO to 7thMar. The following changes in location of local forces are effected: QNG #10 now at BS 597926 with ambushes BS 623870, QNG #14 are at BS 625932, QNG #15 has ambush at BS 592902, QNG #22 are at BS 606920, The 1st and 2nd PAT plat now at BS 614935, the 3rd and 4th PAT plat now at BS 592934, the 5th and 6th PAT plat now at 626862, the 7th PAT plat now at 609904.	S-F

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 UNIT: 7th Marines
 OPENED: 142045HMar66
 CLOSED: 151830HMar66

IN	OUT	SERNO	DTG	MESSAGE	ACTION
142045		278	142045H	FR AT'S to 7thMar. 3 each Security saw what looked like a flare hit the water then a boom.	S-F
142120		279	142120H	BSImO to 7thMar. ARVN Arty is firing on VC at coord 615950. 620941.	S-F
142140		280	142140H	FR 1/7 to 7thMar. SptBnpt. A. "D"Co. B. 142100H G. Bn BS 623904 Fr BS 620909 D. 1 VC with light on ridge line E. Fired 4 rds 90mm HE 1st rd hit VC, 3 more rds hit in general vic. I-ene.	S-F
142145		281	142145H	FR 3/7 to 7thMar. SptBnpt. A. "H"Co. B. 142120H G. BS 540995 and BS 545993 D. Heard movement at 540995 saw two people at coord 545993 E. Fired 1 M-79 rd, searched area with neg results. F-N, neg.	S-F
151325		282	151305H	FR BSImO to 7thMar. QG/15 will be at BS 645984 until 151800H.	S-F
151535		283	151535H	FR 3/7 to 7thMar. Operation C-H. During the period 180545H to 142030H march 66 an operation C-H 3/7 accounted for the following. VC killed by air 10 VCS captured 61 VCG-11 VC wounded by air 1. VC possible killed by air 2. VC DOW 1. As a result of interrogation of VCS and VCG an agent of national police and ARVN intell. stated 8 VC killed by air A-4 and MUNT strike.	S-F
151605	(LATE ENTRY)	284	151605H	FR 3/7 to 7thMar. SptBnpt. A. 2 platoon "K"Co. B. 141400H G. 01 577950 02 BS 573957 H. 6 VCS were determined to be VCG by BINH SON interrogation para. E. VC was interrogated by National Police and S-2 of 3/7. One VCS determined to be ARVN deserter and the other VCS had various VC connections. F-J neg. K-6. L-N neg.	S-F
151605		285	151605H	FR 1/7 to 7thMar. SptBnpt. A. "D"Co. B. 150900H G. 659995 D. Hole spotted 6 VC, 3 in green shirts and dark trousers and 3 were in all black. 1 had a wpm. E. Hole took them under fire and VC got under cover. F-N, none. L, pass. J-N none.	S-F
151605		286	151605H	FR 1/7 to 7thMar. SptBnpt. A. "D"Co. B. 151030H G. 624982 D. Sent patrol to look for 4, 2 duds where how, were firing night before. Found 4 civ. that were wounded by 4.2. 1 evac to B Med. E. Treated other 3 and sent them back to 624982. F-N, none.	S-F
151555	(LATE ENTRY)	287	151555H	FR 1/7 to 7thMar. A. "L"Co. B. 141245H G. 1-506957 0x2-506957 D. Sighted 2 VCS males. E. Dispatched VN dogs and handlers. Handlers challenged VCS and they ran west across rice paddy. Fired SA and called arty. While searching area after mission apprehended 4 VCS hiding in area. F-K none. L-4 HAN-none.	S-F
151830		288	151830H	1/7 to 7thMar. "D"Co. Street Car via 627905 fr 151800" S-F to 160700H.	S-F

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 UNIT: 7th Marines
 OPENED: 152015HMar66
 CLOSED: 160030HMar66

IN	OUT	SERNO	DTG	MESSAGE	ACTION
152015		289	151945H	BSLMO to 7thMar. Location of FF.	S-F
152025		290	152018H	BSLMO to 7thMar. Req CHU LAI fire coord 441868 435070, 427075, 447070 Rpt location of 1st VC Bn.	S-F
152030		291	152030H	FR 7thMar to BSLMO. Your 152018H fire req approved.	S-F
152120		292	152125H	FR 7thMar to BSLMO. Your 152018H fire mission completed.	S-F
152155		293	152153H	FR BSLMO to 7thMar. Rec 81mm mortar fire fr 477895 470805, 456803 VC attempt to cut rd at 587948, 589957. Req CHU LAI fire arty at above coord. Req VT be used.	S-F
152155		294	152159H	FR 7thMar to BSLMO. Which coord do you want fired.	S-F
152200		295	152207H	FR 7thMar to BSLMO. Will fire 470805, 456803 and 477895. Will not fire 587948 and 589957.	S-F
161510		296	161310H	FR 1/7 to 7thMar. Will be firing M-79 at coord 602016 from 1320 to 1345. Will be firing .45 cal at coord 600020 fr 1800 to 1830.	S-F
161615		297	161615H	FR 1/7 to 7thMar. "D" Co. sqd size ambush fr 162100H to 170000H coord 627005.	S-F
161640		298	161640H	FR ADC to 7thMar. Operation Groundhog cancelled. (Plan of CO's). Co's will sweep east fr grid squares 5493 & 5392 towards highway and will be at highway before dark.	S-F
161920		299	161910H	FR BSLMO to 7thMar. The following changes are effected in the local forces QNG 9 has ambush 625878 QNG 14 now at 610002. 7th PAT platoon now at 624057.	S-F
162000		300	162000H	FR 3/7 to 7thMar. Alternate plan will be executed vice primary plan. Alternate plan calls for all units to move as planned except that the rear units will move by LVT and 5 ton truck along the following route: 530027, 604915, 550095, 555900, and 540901. Retraction of all units will take place at 171700H by same means.	S-F
162015		301	162010H	FR BSLMO to 7thMar. Relative number on FF's recruited: 1965-Jan-0, Feb-16, Mar-10, total-26. 1966-Jan-0, Feb-19, Mar-00, total 99.	S-F
152500 (LATE ENTRY)		302	152500H	FR 2/7 to 7thMar. "D" Co. sqd size ambush fr 162100H to 170000H coord 627005. Will be firing M-79 at coord 602016 from 1320 to 1345. Will be firing .45 cal at coord 600020 fr 1800 to 1830.	S-F
160010		303	151945H	FR BSLMO to 7thMar. The following changes in location of Local Forces are effec. The 469th has ambush at BS 607915. QNG 15 now at BS 501975, with ambush at BS 587977. QNG 09, QNG 10 and QNG 11 PAT now at BS 602922. The 3d and 7th PAT platoon now at 614935. 2nd PAT platoon now at 592934.	S-F
160030		304	160030H	FR 3/7 to 7thMar. Right flank Co will be firing weapons this morning at 0930H. They have a range set up.	S-F

SECTION: S-3
 UNIT: 7th Marines
 OPENED: 160255ZMar66
 CLOSED: 162300ZMar66

IN	OUT	SERNO	DTG	MESSAGE	ACTION
160955		304	160955H	FR 1/7 to 7thMar. SptBapt. A. "D"Co B. 160730H C. 01 646007 02 642009 D. Spotted 6 VCS running and appeared to be carrying wps. They were dressed in black. E. The were taken under fire by 3-81 rds and 50 rds of 7.62. F-N, none.	S-F
161025		305	161025H	FR 1/7 to 7thMar. SptBapt. A. "D"Co B. 160930H C. 01 654003 02 653003 D. Patrol was fired upon by ADC approx 8 VC w/M-1 carbines. VC fired approx 150 rds. E. Patrol returned fire and maneuvered on VC. Fired 10 M-79 rds, 200 7.62 rds and 300rds M-60. F-I, none. J-L, none. K-N, none.	S-F
161240		306	161240H	FR 1/7 to 7thMar. Patrol additions 161600-171600 Fieldmouse-2 will be at 590997 and Fieldmouse 2-A will be at 587002; 171600-181600H Fieldmouse 2 will be at 588998 and Field mouse 2A will be at 582001.	S-F
161310		307	161310H	FR 1/7 to 7thMar. Will be firing M-79 at coord. S-F 602016 fr 1320 to 1345. Will be firing .45 cal at coord. 600020 fr 1800 to 1830.	S-F
161615		308	161615H	FR 1/7 to 7thMar. "D"Co sqd size ambush fr 162100H to 170000H coord. 627007.	S-F
161640		309	161640H	FR ADC to 7thMar. Operation Argus/Thor cancelled (Plans of note). Gain will sweep East fr grid squares 5493 & 5392 towards highway and will be at highway before dark.	S-F
161920		310	161910H	FR BSLMO to 7thMar. The following changes are effected in the local forces: QMG 9 has amb. at 625078 QMG 14 now at 618002. 7th PAT plst now at 624857.	S-F
162000		311	162000H	FR 3/7 to 7thMar. Alternate plan will be executed if primary plan. Alternate plan calls for all units to move as planned except that the rear units will move by LVT and 5 ton truck along the following routes: 538027, 604915, 550095, 355900 and 340901. Retraction of all units will take place at 171700H by same means.	S-F
162015		312	162010H	FR BSLMO to 7thMar. Relative no. on PF's recruited 1965-Jan-0, Feb-16, Mar-10, total-26. 1966-Jan-0, Feb-19, Mar-00, total-99.	S-F
162230		313	162230H	FR 2/7 to 7thMar. A. "G"Co B. 162100 C. 512020 D. Co G rec'd 3-4 rds incoming fr unknown origin. E. At same time Co H PFs amb. vic 515030 hrd 2 people walking trail, opened fire and heard wps. Checked area and found traces of person being dragged away. F-I, none. J-I, none. K-N, none.	S-F
162300		314	162250H	FR BSLMO to 7thMar. Sen ADV? REQ TO to introduce new counterpart to GO, 7thMar. and others. Req convenient time for meeting. Preferably 19 March.	S-F

SECTION: S-3
 UNIT: 7th Marines
 OPENED: 170630ZMar66
 CLOSED: 180355ZMar66

IN	OUT	SERVO	DTG	MESSAGE	ACTION
170630		314	170630H	FR 3/7 to 7thMar. 3/7 is not utilizing astrac AT's failed to show in time at 3/7 CP. 3/7 units will utilize landing craft rubber. (LOR).	S-F
171050		315	171050H	FR G-3 to 7thMar. Operation Groundhog has been changed to operation West Virginia. (ADDITION TO ABOVE MSG.)	S-F
(CONTINUED FROM ABOVE ENTRY).				Name of Operation Groundhog was changed as directed by G-3 3d MarDiv. accord. with CG 3d MarDiv, MSG 161450Z.	
171315H		316	171315H	FR 3/7 to 7thMar. SptRept. A. 3/7 CP forward B. 171145 C. C1 BS 552902 C2 BS 549903 D. Received one rd of sniper fire. E. Dispatched unit with neg results checking cane field.	S-F
171620		317	171620H	FR 1/7 to 7thMar. Co A will fire 60mm mortars using practice ammo, on 191345H to 191430H firing pt. BS 614010 Target area 618921, 618926, and 599012.	S-F
171919		318	171919H	FR 7thMar to Div. All 3/7 units returned at 1912.	S-F
172110		319	172005H	FR BSLMO to 7thMar. The following changes are effec- ted in location of local forces. The 228th RF Co has ambush at 537884 and 553892. QMG 12 now at 578984. QMG 15 now at 602922. The 5th and 6th PAT platoon now at 629861.	S-F
172119		320	172119H	FR 3/7 to 7thMar. During operation West Virginia 3/7 elements accounted for the following: 7 VCG, 14 VCS. 6 VCC were sent to 3rd ITT. 1 VCC was sent to QUANG NGAI hospital with a broken collar bone. Sus- pected as being VC squad ldr. 14 VCS were forwarded to 3rd ITT for further interrogation.	S-F
172200		321	172200H	FR 3rd AMTRACES to 7thMar. SptRept. A. 3d amtracs B. 172130H C. BS 588026 D. Fishing boat came within 400 yds of beach gun. E. Fired both gun at boat driving it out to sea. F-N. neg.	S-F
180120		322	180107H	FR BSLMO to 7thMar. SptRept. A. BINH SON B. 180030 C. 605920 D. Outpost hit by VC with grenades and BAR. E. PF's returned fire and withdrew leaving VC in command of outpost. Friendly 81mm mortar now being fired. F-1 left on hill. G-1 left on hill. H-unknown I-unknown. J-unknown. K-N. neg.	S-F
180232		323	180240H	FR BSLMO to 7thMar. Ref msg 180030H Friendly forces have regained control of outpost.	S-F
180355		324	180355H	FR 1/7 to 7thMar. Spt Rept. A. "D" Co B. 180300H C. C1 619000 C2 624992 D. Observed 4 boats with lights stationary at above coord. E. 15 rds of 7.62 and 8 rds 50cal was fired across bow of boat as warning shots. Boat then moved away now stationary at 619005. will continue to observe. F-N. neg.	S-F

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 UNIT: 7th Marines
 OPENED: 180025HMar66
 CLOSED: 181935HMar66

IN	OUT	SEENO	DTG	MESSAGE	ACTION
180025		325	180025H	FR 1/7 to 7thMar. Change in Bloodhound patrol D Co. patrol will depart combat base going south-easterly to grid square 6497. Patrol will return on a northwest direction. Time of Departure 1800H, time of return 1800H.	S-F
181035		326	181035H	FR 1/7 to 7thMar. A Co. will be firing M-79S-F on 21Mar fr coord 603017. Left limits are 265° Right limits are 275°. They will be firing for 300 meters. They will also fire .45 cal pistol fr 1100 to 1130.	
181200		327	181200H	FR 1/7 to 7thMar. (Correction to earlier entry). Bloodhound patrol will depart combat base going north to grid squares 6200 and 6300.	S-F
181450		328	181450H	FR 1/7 to 7thMar. SptBpt. A. "D" Co. B. 181100H C. 01 626006 02 623007 D. 1 VC fired at patrol. VC was in black PJ's and carrying M-1 rifle, carbine. VC fired appr. 6 rds. E. Patrol returned fire and searched area with neg results. F-M, neg.	S-F
181500		329	181500H	FR 1/7 to 7thMar. SptBpt. A. Co. "D" B. 181100H C. 629004 D. Point spotted VC on trail carrying carbine and documents. Documents were dropped by VC when he fled. Documents recovered and returning with patrol. F-I, none. J-1 poss. K-M none. N-Unknown documents.	S-F
181505		330	181505H	FR 1/7 to 7thMar. A. "G" Co. (Ptn) B. 181325 01-614948 02-611949 D. Rec'd 120 rds carbine fire fr appr 5 VC. E. returned fire 150 rds M-14 and 5 M-79 and 200 M-60 rds. F-N-N neg. I-1 J-N none.	S-F
181735		331	181735H	FR 1/7 to 7thMar. "E" Co will be firing on 20Mar. fr 1730 to 1830. They will be firing M-60, M-14 and .45 cal. Left firing limit 065°, right firing limit 90°. They will fire from 605000 at a sand dune 30 meters away.	S-F
181920		332	181925H	FR BS180 to 7thMar. Following changes in local fences are effective: QMG 08 now at BS 616017. QMG 07 now at BS 605948. The 7th PAT plst now at BS 618082.	S-F
181935		333	181935H	FR QUANG NGAI to 7thMar. At 0840 2 RF Co's came under attack at BS 699583. At 0845 we had to report 1 US WIA. We dispatched Med Evac to area and before they get there we had 5 US WIA. RF Co's had dispersed and US forces were by themselves. AO's reported VC moving out of area to the west at 0930. VC Co observed crossing the river at BS 605576, 646573, and 637572. At 1200 Mirale Mike landed at May Vond BS 700600.	S-F

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 UNIT: 7th Marines
 OPENED: 181935HMar66
 CLOSED: 192210HMar66

IN	OUT	SERNO	DTG	MESSAGE	ACTION
(CONTINUATION FROM LAST ENTRY)				So far they have policed up 5 KIA's and 32 WIA's.	
182100		334	182050H	FR BSLMO to 7thMar. Outpost AN HOA at 474864 is presently under attack. Req arty be prepared to fire in that direction on call.	S-F
182110		335	182100H	FR BSLMO to 7thMar. Be advised that bridge at coord 597927 is presently under attack by unknown no. of VC's.	S-F
190110		336	190110H	FR 1/7 to 7thMar. SptBapt. A. "B"Co. B. 190050H C. F-604995 E. Southwest. D. Received 5 rds sniper fire. E. Fired 1 rd of Ill and searched. F-N neg.	S-F
190120		337	190120H	FR 1/7 to 7thMar. SptBapt. A. "A"Co. B. 190015. C. 613011. E. Fired 15 rds aa and 1 rd M-79. Area Ill searched. Neg results. F-N neg.	S-F
190135		338	190135H	FR 1/7 to 7thMar. SptBapt. A. "A"Co. B. 190045. C. 613011. D. Received 1 rd of incoming SA fr trench line via 613011. E. Returned 35 rds SA and 3 M-79 rds. Area Ill and neg results.	S-F
190250		339	190250H	FR 1/7 to 7thMar. SptBapt. A. H-S B. 190130H C. E-592014, 591012, F-506015, 541014, D. Sentries on post at coord 586014 and 541014 on Co perimeter heard persons in wire or forward of wire causing cans to rattle. E. appr 10 rds 7.62 fired F-N neg.	S-F
190645		340	190635H	FR 7thMar. to BSLMO. Req any new info on attack of bridge in your area by VC.	S-F
191045		341	191045H	FR 1/7 to 7thMar. SptBapt. A. "D"Co. B. 190530H-190915H. C. 625005 D. neg contact, incoming 60mm mortar rd at above coord. F-K neg. L. 5. M-N. neg.	S-F
191050		342	191050H	FR 1/7 to 7thMar. Patrols south of Co "C" will be operation outside TAOB, 19-20-21 March, 1/7 has notified BINH SON.	S-F
191305		343	191305H	Have completed to new CP at 191045H.	S-F
191340		344	191325H	FR 7thMar. to BSLMO. Prem will be operating outside of TAOB on 22 March 66.	S-F
191535		345	191525H	FR BSLMO to 7thMar. Friendly forces presently occupy AN HOA.	S-F
192030		346	192130H	FR 1/7 to 7thMar. Ill round landed via 606010, started fire.	S-F
192210		347	192210H	FR 1/7 to 7thMar. 12 houses on fire in HAI BINH. 2 was destroyed.	S-F

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 UNIT: 7th Marines
 OPENED: 200035HMar66
 CLOSED: 210000HMar66

IN	OUT	SERNO	DTG	MESSAGE	ACTION
200035		340	200021H	FR 7thMar forward to 7thMar rear. Evac captives, captured equipment, refugees to BINH SON dist Hq LZ, Special emphasis on tagging, Req no writing on or displacement of documents.	S-F
201045		349	201045H	FR 7thMar 14 to 7thMar. We are ready to take off.	S-F
201100		350	201100H	FR 2/7 to 7thMar. 2/7 has assumed the positions of 3/7.	S-F
201130 Y		351	201125H	FR 7thMar to B SImO. There will be no liaison run today.	S-F
201220		352	201220H	FR 1/7 to 7thMar. SptRept. A. "D"Co. Bloodhound #3 patrol. B. 201050H C En BS 620002. Fr 624902 D. Reco'd 5 rds carbine fire from 1 VC in black PJ's E. returned fire, swept area and found tracks in sand, no blood trail. F-N neg.	S-F
201420		353	201420H	FR 1/7 to 7thMar. Co C will be registering 106's and 60mm mortars at 1800H. fr coord 579977.	S-F
201715		354	201715H	FR 3/7 to 7thMar. SptRept. A. Razor Back patrol. (Tanks) B. 201615H C. BS 579961 D. Reco'd 5 rds sniper fire E-N neg.	S-F
201900		355	201914	FR BSIImO to 7thMar. The following changes in location of local forces are effected in location of QNG #14 now at 593934, QNG #15 has ambush at 607919, 1st PAT plt has ambush at 613936, 2nd PAT plt now at 596927, the 5th PAT plt has ambush at 627864.	S-F
202240		356	202240H	FR 1/7 to 7thMar. SptRept. A. "C"Co. B 202150H C. 1-578906 2-578975 D. Reco'd 5 rds sniper carbine fire. E. Fired 1 106 RR, 15 rds Simm Illum, results unknown. F-N neg.	S-F
202245		357	202245H	FR 7thMar to 1/7. There will be a convoy to BINH SON fr CHU LAI, you will provide 2 plts for security and Convoy Commander and comm, Convoy to leave IP at 0700H, 31 vehicles fr 11th Mar, 6 veh for security and one fr Eng and 1 tow truck.	S-F
202310		358	202300H	FR BSIImO to 7thMar. VC have infiltrated NUC MAN market.	S-F
210735		359	210735H	FR 1/7 to 7thMar. Convoy departed GkPW1.	S-F
210740		360	210740H	FR Convoy to 7thMar. Convoy passed GkPW2.	S-F
210000		361	210000H	FR Convoy to 7thMar. Convoy arrived GkPW #3, BINH SON.	S-F

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 UNIT: 7th Marines
 OPENED: 211700HMar66
 CLOSED: 222130HMar66

IN	OUT	SERNO	DTG	MESSAGE	ACTION
211700		362	211700H	FR 1/7 to 7thMar. Co B has departed to 1/4 Opcon.	S-F
212035		363	212035H	FR 1/7 to 7thMar. Crocodile patrol will be cancelled.	S-F
212210		364	212210H	FR 1/7 to 7thMar. Convoy fr 7thMar departed	S-F
221300		365	221300H	FR 1/7 to 7thMar. Candell patrol Bloodhound #3 for 23Mar and replace it with a Plt reinforcement fr Co D Mission S&D, TOD 230500H, TOR 231100H, LVT's will be used to and return, will use PF's in caves and have armed Huey for support coord of operation is BT 655035 (TUYET DIEM).	S-F
221050		366	221050H	FR 1/7 to 7thMar. Convoy departed C Co	S-F
221920		367	221920H	FR 1/7 to 7thMar. Cave destruction mission in TUYET DIEM(1) that was scheduled for 0700 to 1300H on 22Mar, and put off until 23Mar will now go on 24Mar all times and actions remain as planned.	S-F
221925		368	221925H	FR 1/7 to 7thMar. D Co Bloodhound patrol #2 for 22-23 March has been cancelled.	S-F
222000		369	222000H	FR 1/7 to 7thMar. Convoy passed CkPt #2.	S-F
222025		370	222025H	FR 1/7 to 7thMar. Convoy veh hit mine just this side of CkPt #3, Convoy is now moving.	S-F
222045		371	222045H	FR 1/7 to 7thMar. SptBatt. A Co "B". B. 222035H C. 592910 D. Truck in convoy set off land mine, damage to truck minute. E. leaving damaged truck with security will pick up on return trip. F-N neg.	S-F
222050		372	222050H	FR 2/7 to 7thMar. SptBatt. A. H-S B. 222115 C. 573963 D. Received 3 rds sniper fire. E. Returned fire and used tank search light. Neg results.	S-F
222055		373	222055H	FR 1/7 to 7thMar. SptBatt. A. Co A. B. 222105H C. 613017 D. Received 1 incoming grenade. E. returned 10 rds SA fire, 1 grenade, 1 M-79 rd, area being illum and searched. F-N neg.	S-F
222130		374	222130H	FR 2/7 to 7thMar. SptBatt. A. H-S B. 222100H C. 573963 OP 69 D. heard noise in front of position. E. Tanks used searchlight to illum area, saw two people running away. fired on same with neg results. F-N neg.	S-F

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 UNIT: 7th Marines
 OPENED: 222300H 66
 CLOSED: 241500H 66

IN	OUT	SERNO	DTG	MESSAGE	ACTION
222300		375	222300H	FR 1/7 to 7thMar. SptBtpt. A. Co D B. 222335 C. 627989 D. Rec'd possible 1 mortar rd. E. Fired 15 rds SA, 10 rds 60mm ME, and 81mm illum in general area, nothing observed, will check crater in morning. other items neg.	S-F
222330		376	222330H-	FR 2/7 to 7thMar. A. H Co. B. 222240H C. 519001 D. Co H reported 1 incoming grenade suspected VC. E. fired 5 to 6 rds SA in return with neg results. F-memo. G-1 (arm & leg) I-J- unknown.	S-F
230345		377	230345H	FR 1/7 to 7thMar. A. H&S Co. B 230345H C.1 585019 C2 585017 D. Rec'd 1 incoming rd carbine fire. E. fired 1 rd 7.62 in general direction. Called for illum, neg results. Other items neg.	S-F
231035		378	231035H	FR 1/7 to 7thMar. Bloodhound patrol #2 landed at 0947 and will arrive at objective at 1020H. had air support on station.	S-F
232300H		379	232300H	FR 1/7 to 7thMar. SptBtpt. A. Co D. B. 231200H C. 694974 F-697977 D. While conduct- ing a search and destroy mission received 1 rd sniper fire fr BS 694974. E. The company directed SA fire at the sniper with neg results. F-N neg.	S-F
240005		380	240005H	FR 1/7 to 7thMar. SptBtpt. A. Co D. B. 232310H C. 1-BS 620902 2-BS 627990 D. A fishing boat moving S-N, 4 boats moving E-W, and boat W-E. E. Fired 30 rds 30 cal on boat believed to be hit, light went out. No persons obser- ved. F-N neg.	S-F
240025		381	240025H	FR 2/7 to 7thMar. SptBtpt. A. E Co. B. 232200H C. BS 550993 D. OP #0 detected two men on left flank of OP, OP withdrew to base of hill when illum failed to go off. E. Threw 1 grenade and fired several rds 7.62. F-N neg.	S-F
240240		382	240240H	FR 2/7 to 7thMar. SptBtpt. A. H Co. B. 232120H C. BS 519995 B. H Co. Ambush #3 sighted 3 men crawling along ground as if laying wire E. Opened fire with M-14 at point-blank approx 2 meters and departed area after hearing many voices around their position. I-3.	S-F
241500		383	241500H	FR 1/7 to 7thMar. SptBtpt. A. Co A. B. 241440H C.1 609004 C2 609994 D. Rec'd carbine fire E. FTM searching area. F-N neg.	S-F

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 UNIT: 7th Marines
 OPENED: 241505Z MAR 66
 CLOSED: 250505Z MAR 66

IN	OUT	SERNO	DTG	MESSAGE	ACTION
241505		384	241505H	FR 2/7 to 7thMar. A. Co G. B. 241105H C. 518012 D. Sniper fired 4 rds fr coord's 516012 E. Returned fire with 4 rds. F. none G. 1 WIA evac to B med and returned to BAS. H-N neg.	S-F
(FOLLOW UP TO 241500H)					
				C1 600004 and 600000 G2 605994 D. Rec'd sniper fire in an area of 400 yds in depth. Rds occurred between 1445 and 1500H. There were two snipers and they fired approx 8 rds M-1 E. Ftn search found 6 M-1 cartridges 3-.50cal cartridges and 1 ID tag. All were found in a house and there were also spider holes discovered.	
241730		385	241730H	FR 7thMar to 7thMar(rear)-Forward Open switched to rear control.	S-F
242145		386	242145H	FR 2/7 to 7thMar. SptRpt. A. E Co. B. 242055H C. BS 544994 D. Oates spotted man approx 75 meters in front of position. Man ran when challenged. E. Oates fired 30 cal and threw 1 grenade. F-N neg.	S-F
242150		387	242000H	FR BSLAO to 7thMar. 1st PAT plt has ambush at 624939. 5th PAT plt has ambush at 609244.	S-F
250145		388	250145H	FR 1/7 to 7thMar. SptRpt. A. 1/7 CP B. 250130H C. E-592017 F-590015 D. Rec'd 5 rds sniper fire in area of 81 plt. E. Fired 25 rds 7.62 and 10 illum. F-N. neg.	S-F
250215		389	250215H	FR 1/7 to 7thMar. SptRpt. A. 1/7 CP. B 250115H C. E-592017 F-590015 D. Observed blinking light at post #2. E. Security fired 7 rds 7.62. F-N. neg.	S-F
250345		390	250345H	FR 1/7 to 7thMar. SptRpt. A. 1/7 CP. B. 250300H C. E-592017 F-590015 D. Security observed 1 person in wire. E. Marine threw 1 grenade M-26. Illum area with 81. Observed another man behaving in furtive manner. Marine fired 5 rds M-14. All with unknown results. F-N. neg.	S-F
250425		391	250425H	FR 1/7 to 7thMar. SptRpt. A. 1/7 CP B. 250400H C. E-592017 F-590015 D. 81 plt observed 1 man in front of wire. E. Fired 3 rds 7.62. F-N. neg.	S-F
250505		392	250505H	FR 1/7 to 7thMar. SptRpt. A. 1/7 CP B. 250430H C. E-592017 F-590015 D. Post 5 observed 5 to 5 persons approaching wire. E. Fired 110 rds 7.62 and threw 1 M-26 grenade. 81 illum area. F-N. neg.	S-F

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 UNIT: 7th Marines
 OPENED: 251940H MAR 66
 CLOSED: 262100H MAR 66

IN	OUT	SERNO	DTG	MESSAGE	ACTION
251940		393	251940H	FR BSLmO to 7thMar. Request fire mission S-F 473885. One VC battalion. C-3 Fire for effect.	
252115		394	252115H	FR BSLmO to 7thMar. Fire mission 480870 S-F AN NOA outpost rec 6mm fire. Fire 6 rds at target.	
252100	-	395	252100H	FR BSLmO to 7thMar. PAT's and VC fire- fight at 614930. Req arty ill be fired ASAP.	S-F
261100		396	261050H	FR EXO BINH SON to 7thMar. If possible go to "B" Med, contact Chief Garrison, check out personal effects. Wallet and camera of WC Phillips.	S-F
261130		397	261130H	FR 7thMar to BSLmO. From G1 patrol operating outside TAOR 262000H to 270500H via CHAU TU complex. Will send overlay.	S-F
261210		398	261210H	FR BSLmO to 7thMar. Req that when the runS-F from 7thMar stops at 3/7, they pick up mail for the personnel at BINH SON. One sqd of Marines, 2 radiomen and 1 corpsman. The corpsman has not had his mail for 7 weeks. The only time he got it was when he left 3/7 itself and picked it up. They are put in a box marked BINH SON in the S-1 mail room but are never picked up.	
261950		399	261935H	FR BSLmO to 7thMar. The following changes in local forces are effective. 1st PAT plt now at 615934, has ambush at 622930. The 3rd PAT plt now at 612937, has ambush at 614944. The 7th PAT plt has ambush at 621854.	S-F
262050		400	261945H	FR BSLmO to 7thMar. 1. Fire mission. 2. 446877, 505821, 482862, 470851, 464857. 3. N-A 4. N-A 5. N-I 6. NE for all targets, NE and 3 illum for last 3. 8. Fire first two targets at 2100. Fire 3 targets at 2400 when not fixing req arty be layed on TX 71, 70, 69 and 68. Burst on confirmed B-2 intell report, of impending attack on AN DIEM outpost coord. 548888.	S-F
262100		401	262020H	FR 7thMar. to BSLmO. Ref your 261945. No net under stand format used in your message. Req you provide format or else explain what you want fired at each target at what time.	S-F
262100		402	262035H	FR BSLmO to 7thMar. Req your 262020H. Format used is enclosure 3 of SOP for liaison Officer with additional instructions. Req first two targets be fired at 2100 using NE and 3 ill rds each target. Additional req	S-F

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 OPENED: 277095ZMar66
 CLOSED: 277095ZMar66

IN	OUT	SERNO	DTG	MESSAGE	ACTION
(CONTINUED FROM LAST ENTRY)				for N-I fires TE 70 and 71. Req 4 rds HE per hr. 262200H until 270400H.	
262200		403	262100H	FR BSLMO to 7thMar. AN HOA under attack at present time. Req HE rds be fired on all targets submitted on fire req 261945H.	S-F
262215		404	262150H	FR BSLMO to 7thMar. AN HOA rpts rds effective on target. Req repeat mission also illum req for 10 minutes BS 474864.	S-F
262250		405	262220H	FR 7thMar to BSLMO. Ref your 262150H. HE S-F rds being repeated. Target out of range BS illum.	S-F
262235		406	262200H	FR 7thMar to BSLMO. Ref your 262100H. Miss-F complete 2155. Do you need more fires.	S-F
262255		407	262235H	FR BSLMO to 7thMar. Ref your 262145H. S-F disregard 2400 fire req. Ref for N-I fires will be made shortly.	S-F
270045		408	262300H	FR BSLMO to 7thMar. Req N-I fires on TX 69, 68, 70, 71 be discontinued. Req you shackle FRE D-139A and send to this station as we do not have a list of FREQ. Be advised VC broke contact at AN HOA.	S-F
270055		409	262340H	FR BSLMO to 7thMar. AN HOA rpts that of S-F fire req only 1 rd was received at approx. 2100. Req that you fire coord 464055, 470051, and 483005 req 5 rds at each coord.	S-F
270058		410	270050H	FR 1/7 to 7thMar. SptRpt. A. 1/7 OP B. 262300H. C. C-1 unk C-2 BS 586012 D. Rec'd 1 rd incoming SA fire at post no. 6. E. returned fire with 2rds M-14, threw 1 M-26 grenade with neg results, will check at first light. F-N, neg.	S-F
270425		411	270425H	FR 2/7 to 7thMar. SptRpt. A. 2/7 B. 270 350H C. BS 495037 D. Grenade exploded. E. investigating. F-neg. G-2, none med evac. Located at aid station. H-N, neg.	S-F
270055		412	270000H	FR BSLMO to 7thMar. BIRM SON req clearande to fire coord 584950.	S-F
270930		413	270930H	FR 1/7 to 7thMar. "O"Co has cancelled combat patrol for 290400H.	S-F
271505		414	271505H	FR 1/7 to 7thMar. A. D Co. Bloodhound 1 patrol B. 271130H C. C-1 627000 & 630000 C-2 628006 D. Observed a group of women breaking into a run when they observed Marines approaching. The patrol pursued which caused the VC to prematurely open fire. Approx 50 rds M-2 & M-1 carbina fire were recorded fr 5-6 VC. 2 rds fr secondary positions. See C-1.	S-F

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 UNIT: 7th Marines
 OPENED: 271630ZMar66
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IN	OUT	SERNO	DTG	MESSAGE	ACTION
(CONTINUED FROM LAST ENTRY).				E. Patrol returned 25 rds M-60, 50 rds 7.62mm and 4 M-79. People were questioned about VC exiting, denied any knowledge of VC activity. F-N, neg.	
271530		415	271530H	FR Follow up to 271505H (10 min later, patrol found wounded vietnamese with gun shot wound in leg. Believed to be a civilian.	S-F
271930		416	271930H	FR 3/7 to 7th Mar. 3/7 rpts that 3 ARVN delivered at Hsg to the Capt of the Sin guns at OP#39 of ARVN activity 272100H along rt fr 583936, to 584948 to 589942 to 590950 and return to starting point.	S-F
272155		417	272000H	FR BSLMO to 7thMar. The following changes in location of local forces are effected: The 932 RF Co now at 474864, QMG #09 now at 607915, 3rd PAT plt has ambush at 608044.	S-F
272130		418	272130H	FR 1/7 to 7thMar. Cancelled patrol C-1 due to ARVN operating in area.	S-F
272200H		419	272200H	FR 1/7 to 7th Mar. SptRpt. A. Co "B" pack rat patrol. B. 272015H C. BS 612982. D. Sighted 3 boats at shore with approx 12 to 15 VC while in route to night position. E. Patrol cancelled VOS who then attempted to flee area. Patrol fired 7.62 rds and M-79 rds with neg results. F-N, neg.	S-F
272205		420	272205H	FR 3/7 to 7thMar. SptRpt. A. M Co. B. 271330H C. BS 549958 D. Ref my SitRep of 27 March, Reactionary Plt fr M Co was informed by helo that 15 VC were fleeing to the north vic coord BS 540975, helo's took VC under fire and saw 5 fall. E. An element fr reactionary plt was sent out to search area, no trace of VC casualties. I. 5 poss.	S-F
280005		421	280005H	FR 1/7 to 7thMar. A. G2 B. 272220H G2- 569998 D. Rec'd 2 incoming grenades. E. Returned fire with 2 M-79 rds, 10 M-14 and 2 WP grenades F-I, none J-t poss. K-N, none.	S-F
281220		422	281145H	FR BSLMO to 7thMar. Req you clear fire mission at 505928. VC digging trenches in that area.	S-F
281635		423	281630H	FR BSLMO to 7thMar. Local forces will have ambushes at 590950 and 589954 until 281800H.	S-F

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SECTION: S-3
 UNIT: 7th Marines
 OPENED: 282004HMar66
 CLOSED: 292027HMar66

IN	OUT	SERNO	DTG	MESSAGE	ACTION
282004		424	281900H	FR BSLMO to 7thMar. The following changes S-F are effected in location of local forces: QNO 7 has ambushes at 584956 and 583946. The 1st PAT plt is at BS 626862, 628864 and 628860. The 2nd PAT plt is now at 625855. The 3rd PAT plt BS 593934 with ambushes at BS 590950. The 4th PAT plt now at BS 614934, 612933. The 5th PAT plt is now at BS 613937. The 6th PAT plt now at BS 614935 with ambush at BS 612-937. The 7th PAT plt now at BS 593934.	
282150		425	282120H	FR BSLMO to 7thMar. ALO. Req flight 14 step here to pick up two men to transport 60 weapons to QUANG NGAI prefer not to go over road. (Due to no contact with 1/4 forward, message was passed through division to 7thMar. ALO at QUANG NGAI.)	S-F
282310		426	282230H	FR BSLMO to 7thMar. 1. Fire mission. 2. BS 508888 to be fired at 2400. 632973 634962 to be fired at 0500. 3. Not applicable 4. 602922 5. VC moving supplies. 8. Fire for effect. (FSCC action taken).	S-F
290345		427	290345H	FR 3/7 to 7thMar. SptRpt. A. "I" Co B. 290- 100 G. 525999 D. I 2 CP rec'd 1 incoming grenade, was picked up and thrown back. F.neg. G. 1 H-N.neg.	S-F
290440		428	290430H	FR BSLMO to 7thMar. Bridge at BS 290410H was assaulted by one sqd of VC with auto weapons. Friendly units engaged supported with 81mm. Will keep you informed to latest development.	S-F
290913		429	290913H	FR 2/7 to 7thMar. First lift off at 0915H.	S-F
	290934	430	290934H	FR 7thMar to BSLMO. Be advised 3/7 patrol S-F operating outside TAOR via GS 5594 291400 to 300700H.	S-F
291723		431	291723H	FR 1/7 to 7thMar. SptRpt. A. Co A B. 29- 1400H C. B 628993 F 626991 D. Rec'd approx 15 rds of SA fire. E. Observed area but could not locate enemy. did not return fire. F-N. neg.	S-F
292027		432	291950H	FR BSLMO to 7thMar. The following changes S-F are effected in location of local forces: QNO 9 now at 602922. QNO 14 now at 602922. 1st PAT plt has ambushes at BS 629962 and 618860.	S-F

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SECTION: S-3
 UNIT: 7th Marines
 OPENED: 292100ZMar66
 CLOSED: 302130ZMar66

IN	OUT	SERNO	DTG	MESSAGE	ACTION
292100		433	292100Z	FR 1/7 to 7thMar. SptRpt. A. A2 rear B. 291945H C. BF 615010 D. 3 VC hit trip flare. They throw 1 incoming grenade, M-26. E. Returned 7 M-26 grenades and 20 rds of 7.62. F-H, neg, I-l suspected. J-N, neg.	S-F
300500		434	300500Z	FR 1/7 to 7thMar. SptRpt. A. Co A B. 292315H C. E 615013 F A Co CP D. VC tripped flare was seen running south. E. Fired 20 rds 7.62. F-N, neg.	S-F
300055		435	300052Z	FR 7thMar rear to BSLMO. There will be no S-F liaison run today.	
301310		436	301300Z	FR BSLMO to 7thMar. QNG/15 captured, 5th Marines at 500977 captured unit. Be informed that they are PF and return their weapons. Req immediate action and explanation.	S-F
301520		437	301330Z	FR 7thMar to BSLMO. Ref your 301300Z PF's S-F picked up drunk and firing weapons. Marines at OP 59 have weapons, will return the weapons when a responsible person claims them.	
301750		438	301750Z	FR BSLMO to 7thMar. Local forces will search and clear area bounded by 572956, 579959, S-F 597929, 588919 on 310500H to 311800H. Req oord 505922, 502928, 576930, 593937, 576939, 574945, 502947, 579953. be plotted as temp- orary concentrations for duration-Req call signs and snaffle freq. assigned mission as well as TXN number.	
301800		439	301800Z	FR BSLMO to 7thMar. Req new SOI on next S-F run.	
301910		440	301910Z	FR BSLMO to 7thMar. The following changes S-F are effected in the location of local forces: QNG 7 amb at 509943, 504956 QNG 10 now at 613938 and 600934. QNG 12 now at 602922. QNG 15 now at 501974. 1st PAT Plt now at 621861.	
301925		441	301925Z-	FR 7thMar to BSLMO. Ref your 301800Z. Use spare 1 and alphabet code 29-31 Mar for 1 April. Will send SOI next scheduled run 011330Z.	S-F
302130		442	302130Z	FR BSLMO to 7thMar. Fire req at 607953 606954, 470010 and 470007. (Approved).	S-F

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SECTION: 8-3
 UNIT: 7th Marines
 OPENED: 310920HMar66
 CLOSED:

IN	OUT	SERNO	DTG	MESSAGE	ACTION
310920		443	310900H	FR BSLMO to 7thMar. 1. Fire mission 2. 627935 3. Not applicable 4. Will not be observed. 5. Troop build up. 6. HE 8. Fire 5 rds HL.	S-F
310930		444	310930H	FR 7thMar convoy to 7thMar. Convoy is at checkpoint 2.	S-F
310940		445	310940H	FR 7thMar convoy to 7thMar. Convoy is at chkpt 3. Trunk has broken down.	S-F
310950		446	310950H	FR 7thMar convoy to 7thMar. Convoy left vehicle at chkpt 2, and are proceed- ing to destination.	S-F
311020		447	311020H	FR 7thMar convoy to 7thMar. Convoy is at chkpt 5.	S-F
311040		448	311040H	FR 7thMar convoy to 7thMar. Convoy is at chkpt 6.	S-F
311055		449	311055H	FR convoy to 7thMar. Convoy is at chkpts- no. 7.	S-F
311815		450	311815H	FR 7thMar convoy to 7thMar. Departed chkpt 7.	S-F
311820		451	311820H	FR 7thMar convoy to 7thMar. Convoy passed chkpt 7.	S-F
311840		452	311840H	FR 7thMar convoy to 7thMar. Convoy passed chkpt 5.	S-F
311845		453	311845H	FR 7thMar convoy. Passed chkpt 4.	S-F
311855		454	311855H	FR 7thMarine convoy. Passed chkpt 3.	S-F
311910		455	311910H	FR 7thMar convoy. Passed chkpt 1.	S-F
311920		456	311920H	FR 7thMar convoy to 7thMar. Convoy returned with all vehicles.	S-F
311935		457	311930H	FR BSLMO to 7thMar. The following oh-S-F angles in location of local forces are effected: 469th RF Co now at 474864. 228th RF Co has ambush at 527884 and 553 872. QMG 10 now at 597962 and 602922. 1st PAT plt has ambush at 630867 and 620862.	S-F
312145		458	312145H	FR 7thMar to 1/7. You will have 1 Co on 1 hr alert for flyaway operation being conducted in the TRA BONG area. Co. will be rein with mortars and FO and PAC tm. Alert will be fr 0700 to 1800 1 AUG.	S-F
312150		459	312150H	FR 1/7 to 7thMar. Alert Co(Rein) will be Co B.	S-F
312215		460	312215H	FR 1/7 to 7thMar. Ptrl Paokrat ⁵ has been cancelled for tonite due to 1 man took ill.	S-F
312355		461	312355H	FR 1/7 to 7thMar. SptRpt. A. 2d Plt A Co. B. 312230H C. BT 610016 D. AT 2200H GP observed 4 persons at BT 611016. Sent out ptrl, found nothing. Upon returning,	S-F

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Subj: Operation UTAN, After Action Report

Ref: (a) COMUSMACV Dir No 335-8

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1. Readdressed and forwarded in accordance with reference (a). The following comments are submitted concerning recommendations contained in this report:

a. Heavy Lift Helicopter. The time required to retrieve downed helicopters is variable, dependent upon such factors as the terrain and situation, damage sustained, and whether or not the helicopter can be made air worthy in a short period of time or requires extensive repairs. When extensive, time-consuming repairs are indicated, requests should be submitted for a heavy lift helicopter, to remove the disabled aircraft. In other cases, security forces will have to be provided while repairs are accomplished.

b. DASC. The desirability of placing a DASC with the Task Force CP was demonstrated during Operation DOUBLE EAGLE I and II. Every effort will be made to provide a DASC collocated with the Task Force CP when the size of the force and the distance of the operating area from an established DASC warrants such placement.

c. Equipment Floats. Equipment maintenance floats are maintained for high usage items, such as the PRC-10 radio and handsets. Float levels must be closely monitored to insure that adequate quantities are available to meet emergency as well as known and anticipated operational requirements.

d. Enemy Tactics. It is mandatory that commanders employ scouts and security elements to preclude premature, close engagement with well camouflaged enemy units in heavily fortified positions. The judicious use of scouts to locate the enemy and his dispositions prior to close engagement is mandatory. Subsequently, supporting arms must be brought to bear quickly followed by fire and maneuver to destroy the enemy.

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e. Collocation of ARVN/USMC CP's. The practice of collocating ARVN and Marine Corps Command Posts during coordinated operations has been standard procedure for this Division and will continue to be in future coordinated operations.

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(b) After Action Report 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines
(c) After Action Report 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines
(d) After Action Report 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines
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✓(2) Operation Overlay of Operations D+1
✓(3) Operation Overlay of Operations D+2
✓(4) Operation Overlay of Operations D+3

1. Code Name. Operation UTAH
2. Dates of Operation. 040900H to 071825H, March 1966
3. Location. SON CHAU Village, QUANG NGAI Province, Vietnam; AMS Map Series L701, 1:50,000 Sheets 6756 I and IV.
4. Command/Control Headquarters. Commanding General, Task Force Delta.
5. Task Organization.

Task Force Delta

1st Battalion (-) (Rein), 7th Marines
2nd Battalion (-) (Rein), 7th Marines
2nd Battalion (-) (Rein), 4th Marines
3rd Battalion (-) (Rein), 1st Marines
3rd Battalion, 11th Marines

Brigadier General PLATT
Lieutenant Colonel KELLY
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6. Supporting Forces.

a. Artillery.

(1) The 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines provided direct support (DS) for the operation. General Support was fired from the CHU LAI Enclave

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by a 155mm gun battery. The battalion provided fires for ARVN units and also provided FO teams to the ARVN Airborne Battalions. The DS was provided by two 155mm Howitzer batteries (SP) and one battery of 105mm Howitzers. The use of FO teams with the ARVN units was successful.

(2) At about 040700H, one 155mm Howitzer Battery (SP) moved from the CHU LAI Enclave to BINH SON in the vicinity of BS 599912 and provided early DS until afternoon when another SP 155 Howitzer Battery arrived at the firing position. On 5 March a command group from 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines and one battery of towed 105mm Howitzers were moved from the CHU LAI Enclave and emplaced in the firing positions at BINH SON.

(3) The artillery group, through the use of maximum sustained fire, on two occasions, prohibited the overrunning or serious threat to two friendly units. There were 66 observed missions and 96 unobserved missions. 651 rounds of 105mm; 3785 rounds of 155mm Howitzers and 77 rounds of 155 gun ammunition was fired. Enemy casualties credited to the artillery group were 57 confirmed KIA and 150 possible KIA.

(4) The teamwork, coordination and cooperation between the fire support personnel, U. S. Army Advisors and ARVN forces was excellent. One problem encountered early in the operation was an overloading of the conduct of fire frequency. This was quickly eliminated but shows strongly the need for an SOP when units from different regiments or forces are committed.

b. Air Support.

(1) During the operation Task Force Delta was supported by U. S. Army O-1F observation aircraft; USAF flare planes and B-57's; A-4 attack aircraft from MAG-12 and UH-34's and UH-1E's from MAG-36. Air support procedures utilized in previous Task Force Delta operations were employed since all Marine units participating initially were a part of those operations. This resulted in smooth operating procedures as the operation grew in size from a two battalion to an eight battalion operation.

(2) The initial execution of this operation was the helilift of ARVN troops resulting in 10 helicopters put out of action by hostile fire. This delayed somewhat the helilift of Marine units into the objective area until additional aircraft were obtained.

(3) A forward LSA was not established in the objective area but the method of originating all logistical support from LZ Quail in CHU LAI was satisfactory because of the size of the operation and the fact that the helicopters could be based at their home field.

(4) Helicopter operations and support were outstanding. The largest problem encountered was the resupply of units and the evacuation of casualties during the first day and night. Helicopters were under fire most of the time and several ammunition resupply flights were completed only by ejecting cargo while flying at a low level. Even

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this resulted in 17 small arms hits on the aircraft. Nighttime evacuations were made under blackout conditions. The afternoon of the second day saw the return to normal operating procedures.

(5) Fixed wing air support was employed at a maximum tempo of operations. Day and night operations were conducted and were controlled by both ground and airborne controllers. Landing zone preparations were controlled by airborne controllers and were generally effective. Post-operations analysis disclosed, though, that preps could have been accomplished in greater density. TPQ-10 and visual air strikes were conducted outside the objective area as blocking actions. The results are believed to have been highly effective.

(6) Aerial observation was relatively simple because of the small size of the operating area and density of enemy forces. TAC(A), Catkiller and U. S. Army observation craft were used in search, attack and destroy missions and their capability was maintained by assigning fixed wing attack aircraft to them for their control.

7. Intelligence.

a. Throughout the month of February 1966 intelligence reports indicated the movement of a large number of enemy troops into QUANG NGAI Province. In late February reconnaissance in force operations conducted by the 2nd ARVN Division in eastern SON TINH District ascertained through interrogation of an NVA prisoner the presence of the 36th (AKA 21st) NVA Regiment in QUANG NGAI Province. It was further believed by this Headquarters that the enemy possessed an anti-aircraft capability with at least .50 caliber AA machine guns. All of the above intelligence information was accepted as being valid and current on the evening of 3 March.

b. The intelligence information upon which Operation UTAH was planned, was provided to Task Force Delta by the 2nd ARVN Division, which through analysis of interrogation reports, agent reports, Red Haze and Spar reports compiled the following estimate of enemy forces in the objective area:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>STRENGTH</u>
36th NVA Regiment	BS 5481	Unk
	BS 5482	
	BS 5483	
	BS 5581	
	BS 5582	
52nd Battalion	BS 5583	
	BS 6782	300
	BS 6781	
T.19 Company	BS 5392	100
T.18 Company	BS 6887	50
210th Doc Lap Co.	BS 5684	100

c. VC Strength and Situation Actually Found as the Operation was conducted.

(1) Although LZ ALFA, (BS 545830) had initially been secured by

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ARVN units, Companies "B" and "G" of the 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines had scattered contact with VC remaining in the landing zone at the outset of the operation on 4 March 1966.

(2) In the early afternoon of 4 March, the 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines established firm contact with what was later evaluated to be two well entrenched VC battalions, deployed from BS 556834 to BS 556828. Company "H" of 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines was committed at this time and a large scale fire-fight ensued which lasted until 1900 of the same day, at which time the three rifle companies consolidated positions on the best defensive ground and commenced maximum employment of all supporting arms. The enemy did not commence withdrawal until after dark of the same day.

(3) On 5 March, Companies "L" and "M" of 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines made heavy contact with enemy forces in the vicinity of coordinates BS 555838 and BS 562838. This contact was maintained throughout the afternoon and the VC broke contact that night. Later intelligence indicated that the enemy force in this contact consisted of one battalion with both NVA and Main Force VC troops.

d. Upon completion of the operation the total enemy losses were as follows:

696	VC KIA (includes 332 possible)
68+	VC WIA
4	VCC
18	VCS
46	Weapons

e. The operation was considered quite successful from an intelligence viewpoint. The coordinated efforts of intelligence agencies throughout QUANG NGAI developed accurate and timely information on the enemy in a very limited period of time, facilitating the rapid employment of friendly forces to the area. It also amplified the already well known reliability of intelligence reports emanating from the 2nd ARVN Division Advisory Group.

f. Operational Consideration.

(1) Considering the lack of time available for preparation and planning, the intelligence portion of the operation ran smoothly. Support from rear units facilitated the execution of intelligence functions throughout the operation.

(2) Consideration should be given to the possibility of integrating the intelligence functions of US and ARVN forces when conducting combined operations.

g. Significant Intelligence Gained.

(1) NVA troops encountered during Operation UTAH were extremely well armed, well trained, and possessed excellent fire discipline.

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(2) NVA fire discipline and tactics encountered on this operation dictate extensive use of scouts and light screening forces while advancing in the attack on VC positions in-as-much as the VC will allow troops to advance within 25 to 30 meters before opening fire thus neutralizing the use of friendly supporting arms and air.

h. Terrain.

(1) Critical Terrain Features.

Hill 97 (BS 539826)
 Hill 85 (BS 541817)
 Hill (BS 553837)
 Hill (BS 557825)

(2) Observation and fields of fire. The terrain traversed during the course of the operation was comparatively flat and unobstructed by obstacles or heavy foliage. It was, however, laced and crisscrossed with hedgerows. The VC were able to take maximum advantage of these features for killing zone fires.

(3) Cover and Concealment. The essential natural materials universally used by combat troops for concealment were in spare supply in the objective area. However, the VC demonstrated their usual remarkable ability to conceal themselves even in relatively open terrain.

(4) Obstacles. No major obstacles were encountered during the course of the operation.

8. Mission. Task Force Delta, in conjunction with elements of the 2nd Infantry Division, ARVN, executes a search and destroy operation from LZ ALFA southeast to National Highway Number 1 in the SON CHAU Village area.

9. Concept of Operations. At 0900 hours, 4 March 1966, the First ARVN Airborne Battalion executes a heliborne assault into LZ ALPHA vicinity BS 545830, securing the landing zone and then commencing a search and destroy operation to the southeast on the north side of the road leading from the landing zone southeast to National Highway Number 1. Immediately on completion of the ARVN lift, the Second Battalion (-)(Rein), 7th Marines executes a helilift into LZ ALPHA moves to the south side of the road, and then commences a search and destroy operation to the southeast on the south side of the road.

10. Execution.

a. Planning. An oral warning order was issued at 031720H March to Second Battalion, 7th Marines and Third Battalion, Eleventh Marines, followed by a briefing at the 7th Marines Command Post at 032200H March when the oral operation order was given. Between the issuance of the warning order and the operations order, a meeting took place at the 2nd Infantry Division ARVN Command Post at QUANG-NGAI between members of the Task Force Delta staff and the 2nd Division Commander and staff for coordination purposes.

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SECRETb. D-Day, March 66.(1) Second Battalion (-)(Rein), 7th Marines.

(a) At 040700, Company E(-) escorted Battery "M" Fourth Battalion, 11th Marines to vicinity BS 599923, BINH SON. At 041040H, the remainder of the 2nd Battalion commenced helilifting from LZ CARP (BT 509052) to LZ ALPHA (BS 545830) completing the lift by 041430H. Initial contact was light and the battalion moved to the south, as per original orders, after coordination with the senior advisor of the ARVN Airborne Battalion. The ARVN Battalion at that time was oriented to the northeast. At 041330H, Commanding Officer, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines was ordered to assist the ARVN Airborne who had become heavily engaged. Security was placed on two downed helicopters in the vicinity of BS-545830 and BS 536817 and at 041342H, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines moved to the east to tie in with the ARVN right flank. The ARVN unit was heavily engaged on the southern slopes of the hill located in the vicinity of BS 553837 and reported the enemy moving to the northeast. At 041450H, Companies "F" and "G" ("F" on the left), moving to the east to make contact with the ARVN units, came under heavy small arms (SA), automatic weapons and mortar fire. Initial reports indicated enemy movement to the southeast. Company "H" was ordered to the right flank to protect the battalion right flank. During the next five hours, the battalion remained engaged with the enemy at ranges as close as 50 meters. One platoon of Company "F" was for a time out off from the remainder of the company. After several hours of fierce fighting, the platoon was reunited with the company. Close air support and artillery support were utilized with good effect allowing the battalion to consolidate on the best defensive ground and better employ supporting arms on the enemy. By 041930H, the battalion had established a perimeter defense in the vicinity of BS 553829. Helicopters were employed under blackout conditions to remove over 70 friendly casualties and simultaneously resupply the battalion. The enemy force was estimated to be two main force battalions armed with 81mm and 60mm mortars, 57mm recoilless rifles, 50 caliber machine guns and other automatic weapons with an excellent supply of ammunition. Sporadic SA and mortar fire were received throughout the night, most of which was directed at helicopters. (See enclosure (1) and reference (b)).

(2) 3rd Battalion (-)(Rein), 1st Marines. 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines received their warning order at 041015H and were further ordered to form in an LZ in the vicinity of BT 556052. "X" Company (Rein) departed CHU LAI at 041245H to provide security for a convoy and to further provide security for TFD CP. At 041500H, the 3rd Battalion (-) 1st Marines commenced its helilift into the designated LZ, located vicinity of BS 554875, and completed the lift at 041815H. There was no contact with the enemy during the helicopter landing. The battalion moved into blocking positions with Company "L" in the vicinities of BS 536855, BS 546856, and BS 550858; Company "M" in the vicinity of BS 568861, BS 563853, and BS 577861, and Company "I" deployed in the vicinity of BS 555873. Very little action developed for the remainder of the day. At 042330H, the 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines was directed to search and destroy to the south and southwest at first light of 5 March (see enclosure (1) and reference (c)).

(3) 2nd Battalion (-)(Rein), 4th Marines. At 042035H 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines received their warning order to be prepared to

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provide a command group and two rifle companies. At 02330H, TFD Frag Order 171-66 assigned the mission to land in an LZ vicinity of BS 560792 commencing at 050830H. A third company, Company "B" 1st Battalion, 7th Marines, was added to the battalion the morning of 5 March. (See reference (a)).

c. D+1, 5 March 1966.

(1) 2nd Battalion (-)(Rein), 7th Marines. The battalion was assigned the mission of blocking movement from the east from its position in the vicinity of BS 553829 and further assigned as TFD reserve. Companies patrolled aggressively, out to 1000 meters, seeking contact with the enemy. There was no enemy contact through the day or night. (See enclosure (2) and reference (b)).

(2) 3rd Battalion (-)(Rein), 1st Marines. At 050730H, the 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines orders were changed from conducting search and destroy operations to instead reinforce the ARVN Airborne Battalion, which had been under heavy attack since 050515H. At 050800H, the battalion commenced movement to the south to relieve the pressure on the ARVN Airborne Battalion. With Company "L" on the right and Company "M" on the left, the battalion encountered light resistance until 051100H when both companies became heavily engaged with a large VC force lodged in well-prepared positions and spidertraps in an area which was heavily mined and booby-trapped. By 051400H, the enemy had been expelled from the objective area, vicinity of BS 553856 and a link up with the ARVN was made by Company "L". Company "M" continued the attack on the objective vicinity of BS 558857 until 051330H when Company "I" passed through to keep pressure on the enemy. The battalion remained in positions for the remainder of the night. (See enclosures (2) and ref (c)).

(3) 2nd Battalion (-)(Rein), 4th Marines. At 050800H, the battalion commenced a helilift from CHU LAI area (Hill 69) to an LZ located vicinity of BS 560792. The landing was opposed by heavy and accurate small arms fire, with one helicopter being downed, but was completed by 051107H. Company "B", 1st Battalion, 7th Marines, attached to the battalion stayed in the LZ providing security for the downed helicopter. At 051115H, 2nd Battalion (-), 4th Marines moved to the LOD at BS 5679 to BS 5879 and crossed the LOD at 051300H with Company "E" on the right and Company "G" on the left. The battalion reached its march objective vicinity BS 570817 at 051500H and was ordered to establish blocking positions in that vicinity and remain for the night. Light enemy fire was received throughout the night. Company "B", 1st Battalion, 7th Marines still in the LZ providing security for the downed helicopter, came under heavy attack during the afternoon from an estimated two VC companies from the east, south and west. The 3rd Platoon, Company "B" was ordered to attack to the southwest but was pinned down by heavy fire. Air strikes were called with excellent results. Heavy fire, including 60mm mortar fire was received from the south and east but friendly artillery, 81mm mortars and two air strikes nullified this threat temporarily. At 051630H, the VC completed the encirclement of the company by moving troops to the north. Registrations were plotted for friendly 60 and 81mm mortars and artillery in preparation for the night defense. At 051700H, an emergency ammunition

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resupply request was admitted and reinforcements requested. All M-79, 3.5" WP and all 3.5" HE had been expended and 7.62mm ammunition was low. At 052000H, the emergency ammunition resupply arrived but the helicopter received intense SA fire, including fire from two 50 caliber machine guns, from 360° and sustained several hits. The helicopter pulled away, the drop zone moved and the helicopter then made a low flyover dropping ammunition from a low level. The helicopter took 17 hits including one 50 caliber round. A second helicopter followed the same approach and delivery procedure and received 11 hits. Enemy fire was so intense, medical evacuation could not be made at this time. At 052030H, the VC fired preparatory fires with 60 and 81mm mortars and attacked from all sides. The main efforts came from the north, west and southwest. This engagement lasted until 060130H when the VC abruptly broke contact. During the engagements, three assaults of about 100 VC each was made on the company perimeter. Friendly artillery fire was adjusted to within 50 meters to disrupt the attacks. Flare aircraft were utilized continuously and effectively until 060600H. At 060500H, the company received heavy 60 and 81mm mortar fire and moderate SA fire for about 20 minutes. It is conservatively estimated that 90 VC were KIA during the night.

(a) 1st Battalion (-)(Rein), 7th Marines. The battalion received its warning order at 051030H to provide one command group for movement by vehicle to the vicinity of BINH SON. At 051145H, the command group departed its CHU LAI CP and arrived at BINH SON, vicinity BS 598914 at 051245H. Company "K", 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines, reported to the Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 7th Marines at 051320H, having moved from the TFD Command Post to BINH SON by truck, and Company "E", 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines reported at 051325H. At 051405H, the Commanding General, TFD issued oral orders assigning 1st Battalion, 7th Marines the mission of TFD reserve and to proceed to blocking positions between BS 5786 and BS 5986. At 051810H, the Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 7th Marines moved into blocking positions on the hill located vicinity BS 576862. There was no contact through the night. (See enclosure (2) and reference (e)).

d. D+2, 6 March 1966.

(1) 2nd Battalion (-)(Rein), 7th Marines. At 060750H, the battalion was directed to relieve the 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines in their blocking positions vicinity BS 570815. This was accomplished by 061215H. The mission assigned was to block movement from the north for the sweep of both ARVN forces and the 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines. No contact was made during the day and only light contact through the night. (See enclosure (3) and reference (b)).

(2) 3rd Battalion (-)(Rein), 1st Marines. At 060800H, the Commanding Officer, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines requested heavy air and artillery preparation of their objective. This preparation was continued until 061245H and the battalion assaulted the objective but found no enemy remaining in the area. Weapons, documents and other items of equipment were found as was a very large well-developed tunnel complex which required 5000 pounds of composition of C-4 explosive to destroy. A thorough search was made of the tunnel complex. At 061130H,

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Company "K" was chopped from 1st Battalion, 7th Marines and joined its parent organization. No further contact was made during the day or night.

(3) 2nd Battalion (-)(Rein), 4th Marines. At 060745H, the battalion was directed to conduct a search and destroy operation back to their original LZ vicinity BS 560792 to relieve the pressure on Company "B", 1st Battalion, 7th Marines which was guarding the downed helicopter and had been engaged throughout the night. The battalion's mission was to attack the hill in the vicinity of BS 556791 after being prepped by air. The hill was taken at 061455H and the battalion moved into defensive positions. The helicopter in the LZ was recovered at 061030H. Light contact was encountered through the night. (See enclosure (3) and reference (d)).

(4) 1st Battalion (-)(Rein), 7th Marines. At 061030H, Company "K", 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines was chopped to its parent organization. At 061415H, Reconnaissance Company, 2nd ARVN Division was attached for use as a reaction force. At 062140H, the battalion was directed to move to a trail junction vicinity BS 543839 and to search the adjacent area for enemy KIA and WIA. Company "L", 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines was assigned to the battalion effective 071000H. No contact was made throughout the remainder of the day and night. (See enclosure (3) and reference (e)).

e. D+3, 7 March 1966.

(1) 2nd Battalion (-)(Rein), 7th Marines. The battalion was directed to conduct a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of its perimeter until 071200H, and then execute a tactical march to Highway Number 1. No contact was made but 12 VCS were captured and various articles of enemy equipment were found during the morning. At 071200H, the battalion crossed the IP vicinity BS 573817 with two companies abreast. No contact was made. At 071550H the battalion closed on National Highway Number 1 at BS 630804 for transportation back to their CHU LAI area of responsibility. The battalion closed on their Command Post at 071810H. (See enclosure (4) and reference (b)).

(2) 3rd Battalion (-)(Rein), 1st Marines. The battalion destroyed the cave complex found on 6 March. At 071000H, Company "L" was chopped to 1st Battalion, 7th Marines. At 071300H, the battalion began to return to their CHU LAI Command Post by helicopter, completing the lift by 071830H. (See enclosure (4) and reference (c)).

(3) 2nd Battalion (-)(Rein), 4th Marines. The battalion was directed to conduct a search and destroy operation to the east to the vicinity of BS 638758. Light contact was made and a small amount of VC equipment and weapons found. The battalion closed on BS 638758 at 071500H for movement by truck to their CHU LAI Command Post. Movement was completed at 071945H. (See enclosure (4) and reference (d)).

(4) 1st Battalion (-)(Rein), 7th Marines. At 070825H, the battalion moved west to carry out orders issued on 6 March 1966. Juncture with Company "L", 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines was made at 071000H at BS 569847 and the company chopped to the 1st Battalion,

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7th Marines at that time. Forty seven VC KIA were found. At 071330H, the battalion secured an LZ at BS 541839 for the helilift of Company "E" 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines and Company "L", 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines to their respective enclave command post locations. The 1st Battalion, 7th Marines command group lifted out and closed on their enclave command post at 1550H. (See enclosure (4) reference (c)).

f. Psychological Operations. The TFD Psychological Operations Officer was assisted in his duties by the U. S. Army 27th Psychological Operations Detachment and a daily U-10 aircraft was provided by the 5th Air Command Squadron. Throughout the operation a total of 226,500 leaflets were dropped in the objective area. Two special leaflets and two tape recorded broadcasts were devised. One rallier was received. The leaflets were addressed to enemy troops appealing for ralliers, safe conduct passes, warnings to villagers to evacuate the area and explanations of the presence of Marines in the area. A broadcast instructing enemy troops in the use of the safe conduct pass and a broadcast designed to announce ARVN/USMC success and enemy losses and placing the responsibility for damage to private property were used.

11. Results.

a. Friendly Casualties.

	<u>KIA</u>	<u>DOW</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>WIA (non-evac)</u>
	97	1	229	49

b. Enemy Casualties and Captures.

VC-KIA (body count)	364
VC-KIA (estimate)	332
VC-WIA (estimate)	67
VGC	4
VC Ralliers	1
VCS	34

c. Captured Equipment.

DPW-IM 6	3
AK-SubMG	23
SKS-carbine	6
ChiCom 7.62	3
RPG-rocket launcher	1
ChiCom LMG	3
ChiCom HMG	1
57mm Recoilles Rifle	1
60mm Mortar	1
81mm Mortar	1
ChiCom Pistol	2
M-1	1
Tompson SMG	1
BAR	2
ChiCom Grenades	66
Typewriter	1
Power Unit (possible detonating device)	1
Wire Cutters	1
Enfield Rifle	1
M-14 Rifle	2

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d. The theater of operations was searched as thoroughly as possible both during the operation and during the movement east to Highway Number 1 on D+3 for enemy bodies and equipment. A report from ARVN forces has not been received as of this date.

12. Administrative Matters.

a. No administrative order was published. It was determined that all logistical support could be controlled from the Operation Section of FLSU #1 because of the initial small size of the operation. As the operation progressed and expanded a small detachment of Task Force Delta Headquarters was inserted for logistical control with all logistical matters submitted to TFD Headquarters and passed to FLSU #1 at CHU LAI. This system was used the first day but the requirements soon demanded additional organization in FLSU #1. On 5 March an HST was established in LZ QUAIL (BS 560047) at CHU LAI, with direct support helicopters for the duration of the operation.

b. Large amounts of radio equipment had to be exchanged. Thirty three handsets were used in 3 days which required units within the enclave to turn in equipment to FLSU #1.

c. Initial planning directed all casualties to be delivered to Company "B" 3rd Medical Battalion at CHU LAI. As the operation progressed the facilities of the USS REPOSE were added. A casualty reporting officer was placed at Company "B" 3rd Medical Battalion to report and maintain records of casualties. During the early phase of the operation, surgeons from other enclave units assisted at Company "B" 3rd Medical Battalion collection and clearing point.

d. Motor transportation of two battalions from the objective area to the CHU LAI Enclave was executed with no difficulty.

e. A requirement to designate and stage selected supplies near a large LZ exists. A site next to the fueling area at MAG-36 has been selected for the LSA site during future operations. FLSU #1 is preparing an initial stockage list, with proper description, for publication to all units in the enclave with ordering procedures. Upon notification of a pending operation these supplies will be positioned at the LSA with the HST.

13. Special Equipment and Techniques. Five gallon plastic water cans were used on a trial basis during Operation UTAH. These plastic cans are lighter, easier to handle and considerably cheaper to procure. Results of this test are considered excellent and a minimum of 3000 should be purchased for future operations in order to fully evaluate their use.

14. Commander's Analysis.

a. The most significant feature of Operation UTAH, as compared with previous operations conducted by Task Force Delta, was the nature of the enemy engaged and the manner in which he fought. Previous Task Force Delta operations had encountered primarily local force and

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some elements force Viet Cong units which tactics involved the employment of long range sniping and harassing fires, and a marked unwillingness to engage Marines in fixed combat. As a result of these "harass and withdraw" tactics, the units of Task Force Delta have developed counter tactics stressing rapid, aggressive pursuit to fix and engage these VC. During Operation UTAH the enemy encountered was a regiment of the North Vietnamese Army, well armed and equipped, well trained, and willing to engage the Marine and ARVN forces from their strongly fortified and excellently camouflaged defensive positions. In addition, these highly disciplined troops did not hesitate to move from their prepared positions to counterattack in force whenever and wherever they felt it advantageous to do so. Upon initial contact with this strongly entrenched and determined enemy, the aggressiveness of the Marine units proved to be somewhat of a hindrance to their effectiveness, for the speed with which they established close contact limited the effectiveness of supporting arms. After these initial engagements, upon trying to withdraw to allow the necessary room for supporting arms fires, the counterattacks of the Viet Cong again closed the contact to the point where supporting arms were hampered. This feature of Operation UTAH emphasizes the importance of two aspects of the Vietnamese environment. The first of these is the continuous necessity for accurate intelligence and proper employment of scouting and security elements in the movement to contact. Utilization of these means not only ensures rapid exploitation of the type of contacts encountered in previous operations, but also provides sufficient warning of a well-defended position to be able to utilize full strength of supporting fires before fully engaging the enemy. The second of these points is the necessity, once closely engaged with such an enemy force, to be able to quickly withdraw, employ supporting arms, and reengage quickly enough to avoid losing contact.

b. This operation can serve as an outstanding example of the benefits to be derived from a close working relationship between the U. S. field commanders and the U. S. Advisors to ARVN units. In two separate instances the 1st ARVN Airborne Battalion ran into situations in which they were receiving heavy pressure from the Viet Cong forces. In both cases, without prior coordination and without ever meeting face-to-face with the Marine commanders involved, the advisors were able to arrange supporting attacks by the adjacent Marine battalions which relieved the pressure from the ARVN Battalion. The TFD staff and the staff and advisors of the 2nd Infantry Division, ARVN were co-located during the operation. Planning and coordination measures resulting from the close proximity of the staff and commanders were excellent. In order to obtain the same close coordination during future joint USMC-ARVN operations, it is considered essential that the Command Posts of the ARVN and USMC units involved should be co-located and planning and intelligence functions be adjacently operated.

c. The heavy volume of anti-aircraft fire encountered during the helicopter landing on D-Day resulted in two aircraft being shot down. In order to protect these aircraft from the Viet Cong while salvage operations were taking place, infantry units were assigned this security mission from the only available unit, the 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines. Thus this battalion, while committed in a very heavy engagement with North Vietnamese forces, was deprived of nearly 25 per cent of their

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combat power for security during the salvage operations. This points out the necessity for a heavy lift helicopter capability to be able to remove disabled aircraft from the objective area and free the infantry units from the necessity of providing security for these aircraft for extended periods of time.

d. During Operation UTAE the air coordination was provided by the DASC at CHU LAI. This caused a number of problems due both to occasional communication failures, and the necessity for the DASC to not only control aircraft in the objective area but also the normal enclave air functions. A particular difficulty involved realistic assignment of priorities for aircraft working in both areas during the first day of operations. This problem indicates the need for a DASC to be located integrally within the Task Force Headquarters to ensure better communications and better control of the air support for an operation. If this is not feasible, direct, separate communications to the supporting DASC are required, and priority must be given to the operation that is receiving the heaviest engagement.

e. Large amounts of radio equipment had to be replaced during the operation. The handset for the AN/PRC-10 radio was a particular problem. In order to provide adequate replacements as these were turned in for repair, the entire supply at FLSU #1 was exhausted and a call was placed to units within the enclave to turn in handsets in order to meet the requirements. This indicates the need for an adequate equipment float to be maintained at FLSU #1 to provide for timely replacement of high usage items turned in for repair without having to sap the resources of enclave operating units.

15. Recommendations.

a. A heavy lift capability helicopter is urgently needed to recover damaged aircraft from the field and transport them to secure maintenance and repair facilities. Field repair and salvage operations within the objective area invariably require tying down infantry units for extended periods of time to provide security for the aircraft and repair parties. In a fast moving combat situation, particularly when the maneuver elements are often only a battalion command group with two rifle companies, we cannot afford to relinquish so significant a portion of the unit's combat power for security when there can be means available to alleviate this problem.

b. In order to ensure adequate control and coordination air support during operations the DASC should be located within the Task Force Command Post. Not only will this increase the responsiveness of the DASC to the commander's needs, but the DASC can then concentrate its attention and activities on the problems of the operation and not be distracted by the routine functioning of enclave air support.

c. An equipment float should be established at FLSU #1 to provide an adequate quantity of replacements of high usage items such as AN/PRC-10 radios and their accessories so that these items may be promptly given to operating units as their equipment becomes inoperable.

d. It must be recognized that in the Vietnamese environment Marines

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must be prepared to face an enemy who varies from the poorly equipped, indigenous guerrilla to the highly trained, well equipped regular forces of the North Vietnamese Army. A significant portion of the intelligence effort during any operation should be directed toward attempting to determine which type of enemy will be encountered to assist the commander in preparing his plans. In addition, the commanders themselves should take steps in the conduct of the operation to rapidly engage and hold a withdrawing enemy force, and yet provide sufficient security/scouting forces to prevent engaging a strong force without ensuring the maximum available benefit from supporting arms fires.

e. In joint operations with ARVN forces it is strongly recommended that the ARVN and USMC Command Posts be co-located and such facilities as are required by the operations and intelligence functions be mutually shared. The ARVN forces generally have much better access to local intelligence sources than Marine units, and the joint operation of the intelligence network would provide more timely and comprehensive intelligence services. The co-location of operations centers is perhaps even more essential to ensure close coordination and cooperation between ARVN and Marine maneuvering elements in the field.

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1. Readdressed and forwarded in accordance with reference (a). The following comments are submitted concerning recommendations contained in this report:

a. Tactics. As in operation UTAH the enemy again demonstrated his will and ability in defending heavily fortified hamlets in a determined and skillful manner. The use of helicopter zones on high ground away from defended areas in the low ground is considered sound.

b. Intelligence. Timely intelligence is vital to successful reduction of heavily fortified areas such as those encountered in Operation TEXAS. Concentrated visual reconnaissance and rapidly delivered aerial photography are needed to determine the degree of fortification in objective areas.

c. Supporting Arms. Experience has indicated that ordnance with delay fuses are the most effective against "hard" targets (caves, tunnels and underground installations) and targets located in areas having a heavy canopy. This Headquarters is studying methods of employment of nontoxic riot control agents and the delivery of these munitions for such targets.

d. Enemy Tactics. Use of underground installations during artillery and air strikes, manning firing positions once supporting fires lifted, and holding fire until assault troops were within 15 - 20 meters of defended position characterized enemy tactics in Operation TEXAS. These tactics point up need for sustained bombardment using delay fused artillery and 1000 lb bombs to penetrate underground positions, napalm on tree lines and hedge rows on outer edges of hamlets, and strafing runs by aircraft to keep enemy under cover while assault troops attack across open areas. Validity of basic infantry tactics in attack against fortified positions reaffirmed.

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e. Unity of Command. The success of Operation TEXAS and the smooth manner in which it was executed demonstrates the importance of tactical integrity and command unity. The fact that several units in Operation TEXAS had previously conducted joint combat operations together was definitely instrumental to the success of this operation and is a valid consideration for all such future operations.

f. Communications. The inadequacy of PRC-10 and PRC-9 radios is recognized. Replacement of these radios is being accomplished as assets become available.

g. Collocation of ARVN/USMC CP's. As was recognized in Operation UTAH, collocation of ARVN and USMC Command Posts during coordinated operations is an essential command and control principle and has become a standard operating procedure for this Division.

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Resultsa. Friendly Casualties

(1) KIA	11
(2) WIA	55
(3) Non-Battle Casualties	1

b. Enemy Casualties and Captives

(1) KIA (Confirmed)	69
(2) KIA (Estimated)	160
(3) VCC	1
(4) VCS	5

c. Captured Equipment. Nineteen weapons were captured, including two 12.7mm AA guns. Twelve of the individual weapons were destroyed to facilitate withdrawal of the capturing unit. Various articles of individual equipment and ammunition were destroyed.

d. Friendly Equipment Losses. One 3.5 Rocket Launcher (Damaged).

13. Administrative Matters

a. Resupply. Initially resupply was plagued by communications problems and a general lack of knowledge of the proper use of newly assigned HBT personnel. These problems were readily eliminated and subsequent resupply missions were conducted efficiently. Two helicopters were assigned to the LSA daily, which greatly enhanced resupply efforts.

b. Maintenance. Only 1st echelon maintenance was accomplished at the LSA. Evacuation of end items to FLSG-B, and replacement of the evacuated items by FLSG-B was accomplished by helicopter and worked very well.

c. Casualty Evacuation. No problems encountered.

14. Special Equipment and Techniques. None.

15. Commanders Analysis. The VC again demonstrated the ability to defend a well-fortified complex and to later exfiltrate the battle area. A VC unit, probably the rear guard of a larger unit, was engaged by an under-strength Marine Rifle Company. The VC were defending a complex that was extremely well-fortified and well-organized and the VC unit was able to deliver withering small arms fire against the company. Three aggressive assaults enabled the company to carry a part of the

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perimeter, but were unable to hold the tenuous position because of heavy casualties and intense fire. The company withdrew to consolidate its positions for a further attack, that would occur after the arrival of reinforcements. The reinforcing units had difficulty locating the position and did not arrive until after nightfall, thus delaying the attack until daylight. Despite systematic artillery and TPQ-10 destruction missions and the utilization of continuous illumination, the VC were able to exfiltrate the area. Contact could not be maintained and was never regained. Experience has demonstrated that because of their inherent knowledge of the terrain, the VC are capable of exfiltrating any area during darkness, and that preventing the exfiltration has been, thus far, an insuperable task.

16. Recommendations. No new tactics, techniques or procedures were encountered or utilized during Operation INDIANA. The analyses previously discussed in the After-Action Reports for Operations UTAH and TEXAS, are considered valid for Operation INDIANA.

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e. Significant Intelligence.

The employment of 12.7mm AA guns in support of the enemy force encountered by Company C, 1st Battalion, 7th Marines is a further indication that the 195th AA Battalion continues to support elements of the infantry units operating in the area.

f. Terrain(1) Critical Terrain

Hill 97	BS 538826
Hill 85	BS 541816
Hill	BS 547812
Hill	BS 556788

(2) Observation and fields of fire.

The relatively flat rice paddies joined with low rolling hills covered with dense vegetation afforded excellent observation and fields of fire to the enemy.

(3) Cover and Concealment

The defensive fortifications constructed by the enemy afforded him excellent cover and concealment.

(4) Obstacles

The major obstacles were the extensive defense works constructed by the enemy.

9. Mission. 1st Battalion (-) 7th Marines (Rein) to land in LZ vic BS 565794 and establish blocking positions for subsequent ARVN sweep to the west.

10. Concept of Operation. The 7th Marines CP was established vic QUANG NGAI Airfield. One battery of artillery with the headquarters group was pre-positioned vic QUANG NGAI Airfield prior to L-Hour. An additional battery proceeded to the same position in a later convoy. 1st Battalion, 7th Marines landed in an LZ vic BS 565774 and established blocking positions on northern and western sides of PHUOC LOC (1) (BS 5576 and 5676). If contact was established ARVN forces would sweep westward toward the blocking positions.

11. Execution

a. Planning. At approximately 281000H a phone call from the Senior Advisor, 2nd ARVN Division to the CEU LAI Enclave Commander/Commanding Officer 7th Marines revealed that units of the 2nd ARVN Division were in heavy contact with the VC. Liaison was established and the decision was made to land 1st Battalion, 7th Marines as a blocking force for a subsequent ARVN sweep from the East. Based on previous experience from operations conducted in the general area, an LZ was selected. A meeting of the Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 7th Marines and supporting units was held at 1200H and the helilift of 1st Battalion, 7th Marines commenced at 1400H.

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b. D-Day 28 March. Commencing at 1400H, 1st Battalion, 7th Marines was helilifted into LZ vic BS 565774. The landing was completed at 1656H without incident. 1st Battalion, 7th Marines commenced movement to previously designated blocking positions with the first company moving out at 1620H. By 1730H 1st Battalion, 7th Marines was deployed as indicated by enclosure (1), with Companies "B" and "D" patrolling out to 800 meters from their respective objectives without contact. At 1625, the company was enroute to objective C, the point of Company C sighted a VC outpost at BS 556786. When discovered, the VC fled. The 3rd platoon pursued the VC and became heavily engaged at BS 554794. The platoon deployed as a base of fire while the first platoon enveloped the village from the right. After artillery preparation, the first platoon was able to secure the hill at BS 557796. The second platoon attempted to assault the village from the left, but were unable to do so because of intense fire. All platoons managed to withdraw to the vic company CP (BS 555791) by 1930, where a perimeter was formed with the ARVN Strike Company. "D" Company arrived at 2000H, joined the perimeter and remained there for the remainder of the evening which was passed without incident.

c. D+1 29 March. The 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines secured the LZ vicinity BS 545810 at 291050H, and commenced S&D operations to the southeast. At 1220 the battalion assumed blocking positions along grid line 80 while 1st Battalion assaulted and occupied the high ground at BS 554796. The 2nd Battalion then moved south and consolidated at VINH LOC (6) (BS 545797) for the evening. The battalion received 2 rounds of 81mm mortar within the CP perimeter during the night. 1st Battalion searched the hamlets at BS 554796, BS 553792, BS 553788, BS 545788. B Company's objective at BS 554797 was taken in conjunction with 2nd Battalion as the latter provided a blocking force along grid 80. During the search of the villages by the 1st Battalion, 20 additional VC bodies, two 12.7mm anti-aircraft guns, and various equipment and ammunition were found. Seven marine bodies were recovered and evacuated. During the searching operations several encounters were made with small numbers of VC. At 0741H Company C sighted seven armed VC vicinity BS 546780. Artillery was directed on the target, positively killing three VC and probably killing or wounding the remaining four. At 1146H Company D fired 81mm mortars at ten VC in a treeline vicinity BS 546794 with unknown results. At 2205H, Company D observed two groups of five VC approaching their lines vicinity BS 554788. The targets were engaged with small arms fire. A casualty assessment could not be made.

d. D+2 30 March. After re-searching and destroying caves and tunnels vicinity BS 542798, the 2nd Battalion commenced helilift to LZ GOOSE (BP 504035). The lift was completed at 1040H without incident. Company E remained in LZ GOOSE as a rapid reaction force in the event the convoy returning by road required assistance. The convoy under OPCOM of Commanding Officer, 3rd Battalion(-), 11th Marines(Rein), returned that unit and 1st Battalion, 7th Marines to CHU LAI Combat Base at 1415H. The convoy movement was completed without incident.

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4. Command Headquarters. Commanding Officer, 7th Marines.
5. Reporting Officer. Colonel O. F. PEATROSS, Commanding Officer, 7th Marines.

6. Task Organization

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<u>2nd Battalion (-) 7th Marines (Rein)</u>	Lieutenant Colonel UTTER
<u>3rd Battalion (-) 11th Marines (Rein)</u>	Lieutenant Colonel WATSON

7. Supporting Forces

a. Artillery. 3rd Battalion (-) 11th Marines (Rein) provided general support to USMC and ARVN units throughout the operation. Batteries "C" and "I", 11th Marines were positioned at QUANG NGAI Airfield (vic BS 606721) on D-Day. Battery "I" was pre-positioned prior to L-Hour and provided initial fire support. One platoon of 3rd 8" Howitzers Battery and one platoon of 3rd 155mm Gun Battery, positioned at BS 570965, fired H&I fires to the north of 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines LZ on the night of 28 March. Batteries "C" and "I" provided continuous support, throughout the night of D-Day, in the form of systematic destruction fires. On D+1 Battery "M", 4th Battalion, 11th Marines, provided support to the 1st Battalion, 7th Marines.

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11th Marines was positioned vic BS 597919 to support the landing of 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines. Artillery fire was particularly effective in denying routes of egress to the VC on the night of D-Day. On the night of D+1 artillery H&I fires were effective in suppressing mortar fire that was harassing the 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines C. P.

b. Air

(1) Helicopter Support. Helicopter support was provided primarily by MAG-36, with some CH-46 augmentation from MAG-16. On each of the 3 days of the operation a battalion size helilift was accomplished without any major problems. The concept of assigning two H-34 helicopters per battalion plus two others to the LSA proved again to be sound. These aircraft, responding to requests through the S-4 channels, provided adequate and timely logistic support to the operating battalions. Medical evacuation and armed UH-1E support were utilized by one battalion during the afternoon and evening of D-Day.

(2) Close Air Support. Fixed wing strikes prepared both assault landing zones on D-Day and D+1, and 10 other close air support missions were flown in support of 1st Battalion, 7th Marines. During both nights TPQ-10 strikes were targeted in avenues of approach into the two battalion positions.

8. Intelligence.

a. The 3rd Battalion, 5th Regiment, 2nd ARVN Division conducted an operation on 28 March in south central SON BINH District, west of highway #1. An estimated VC battalion was engaged north of the SONG TRA KHUC River in the vicinity of BS 6275 during the morning of 28 March. The 7th Marines were appraised of the situation and USMC assistance was requested.

b. During Operations UTAH and TEXAS, firm intelligence was established indicating an increased enemy interest in the area along the banks of the SONG TRA KHUC River. Elements of both the 21st NVA Regiment and the 1st VC Regiment were engaged during these operations. With this knowledge of the terrain and the enemy, planning was initiated for rapid deployment to the area.

c. Enemy Forces Encountered.

After the initial landing on the afternoon of 28 March, Company C, 1st Battalion, 7th Marines, operating in the area of VINH LOC (2), (BS 5578), engaged a VC force estimated to be two companies. Heavy fire, including mortar and .50 caliber machine gun fire, was received. After severe fighting the company withdrew to the high ground BS 555791, so as to permit supporting arms to operate against the well-entrenched enemy in VINH LOC. The battle continued throughout the afternoon until the VC withdrew at approximately 1900. A search of the hamlet on 29 March resulted in the capture of two 12.7mm AA guns.

d. Upon completion of the operation the total enemy losses were as follows:

VC KIA	229	(including 160 possible)
VCS	1	
VCC	5	
Wpns.	19	(Including two crew served weapons)

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1. Code Name. Operation TEXAS (Search and Destroy Operation)
2. Date of Operation. 200930H - 251915H March 1966
3. Location. QUANG NGAI Province, BINH SON and SON TINH Districts.
4. Command Headquarters. TASK FORCE DELTA BGen ENGLISH
5. Task Organization

<u>Task Force Delta</u>	BGen ENGLISH
3rd Battalion (-)(Rein), 7th Marines	LtCol BODLEY
2nd Battalion (-)(Rein), 4th Marines	LtCol KELLEY
3rd Battalion (-)(Rein), 1st Marines	LtCol YOUNG
3rd Battalion (-)(Rein), 11th Marines	LtCol WATSON

6. Supporting Forces

a. Air

(1) The 1st Marine Air Wing, and in particular MCG-36, provided excellent support to the Task Force during the entire operation. A total of nine battalion or battalion(-) size troop

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lifts were accomplished by the helicopters of MAG-36. Four of these lifts were assault lifts, and were preceded by heavy artillery and air preparation of the landing zones. Minimum preparation time for each lift was one-half hour for artillery, followed by one-half hour of air strikes. In some instances these preparations were extended as L-Hour was slipped.

(2) TPQ-10. In conjunction with the ARVN 2nd Infantry Division G-2 Advisor and the Task Force G-2, targets were submitted to the CHU LAI DASC, each evening, on avenues of approach into friendly unit positions and suspected VC escape routes and assembly areas. On the night of D+2, 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines called for TPQ-10 strikes in a CAS role 500 to 800 meters in front of the battalion's positions. These strikes were successful in all respects, and increased use of this procedure is seen as a possible solution to the problems surrounding CAS at night and during inclement weather conditions.

(3) Medical Evacuation. Throughout the operation med-evac response by MAG-36 was excellent. In many cases, helicopters on other missions, including the Task Force command and control helicopters, were utilized to transport wounded Marines to Co B, 3rd Medical Battalion at CHU LAI.

(4) Flare Aircraft. During the night of D-Day illumination of the battle area was provided by U.S. Air Force C-123 aircraft from DA NANG. For the remainder of the operation these aircraft were not available, and illumination was provided by MAG-36 C-117. The flare aircraft were used particularly in conjunction with aerial observers to patrol the southern portion of the battle area along the SONG TRA KHUC. The limited flare capacity of the C-117, and the inability to relieve it on station caused gaps in the lighting operation during which VC could escape across the river. The USAF C-123 flare planes appear to be the best answer to illumination during major operations.

(5) Ordnance. In spite of intense artillery and air attacks on the villages of PHUONG DINH(2) and PHUOC LOC(1) and (3), little damage was done to these heavily fortified areas. It is considered essential in preparing an area with such extensive cave and tunnel networks to employ 1000 and 2000 pound bombs with short delay fuzes to provide for maximum damage to the target.

b. Artillery

(1) Planning for the artillery support of Operation TEXAS was begun at a late evening planning conference on 19 March at the ADC Command Group Headquarters. At 200500H, Battery M, 4th Battalion, 11th Marines (155mm Howitzers, SP), Battery I, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines (105mm Howitzers), and HQ Battery(-), 3rd Battalion, 11th

Marines departed CHU LAI by motor convoy to establish firing positions in the vicinity of BS 555888. Co M, 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines provided convoy escort on the move to the firing positions, and remained with the artillery group to provide security. Battery M was laid and commenced firing landing zone preparation fires at 200730H. On 21 March it was determined that further artillery support was required, and two additional firing batteries were called for from CHU LAI. At 211200H Battery K, 4th Battalion, 11th Marines (155mm Howitzer, SP) reported to the artillery group and was positioned at BS 559912, and at 211925H Battery H, 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines (105mm Howitzers) joined the main artillery group's firing positions. Additional reinforcing fires were gained on 22 March by displacing Plt A, 3rd 8 inch Howitzer Battery to OP 59 (BS 551887), which is within the 7th Marines sector of the CHU LAI enclave.

As operations shifted further to the south it became necessary to shift several of the artillery positions on 23 March. At 231400H Battery Z, 4th Battalion, 11th Marines was moved to BS 551887, where it joined Battery H, 4th Battalion, 11th Marines. The Command Group, with Battery I, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines and Battery H, 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines displaced to BS 625845 at 231508H.

Retraction of artillery units began during the late afternoon of 24 March, with the Command Group and Batteries H and I returning to CHU LAI by convoy at 241715H. Batteries K and M returned at 251915H.

(2) A total of 269 missions were fired during the operation, expending 7199 rounds totalling 235 tons of ammunition. On 21 March Batteries M and I answered a continuous fire mission for 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines which lasted from 1330 to 1500. During this period 1346 rounds were fired. For the operation as a whole artillery accounted for 22 KIA (confirmed) and 40 KIA (possible). These figures do not reflect the very important role played by artillery in suppressing VC fires, which substantially aided Marine and ARVN forces to regain freedom of maneuver after being heavily engaged with VC elements, and substantially contributed to the destruction of two fortified villages.

(3) The most significant problem encountered by the artillery units was the inadequacy of the PRC-9 radio. In order to maintain reliable communications between the forward observers, liaison teams, battery positions and the Task Force FSCC, the PRC-25 radio was the only equipment capable of reaching the required distances. Because of the scarcity of PRC-25 radios, it was necessary to double up on several of the conduct of fire nets, in several instances causing dangerous delays in the transmission of fire requests over crowded nets.

7. Intelligence

A. During the night of 18- 19 March AN HOA outpost (BS 4786) was attacked by an estimated VC Battalion. Attempts to helilift ARVN reinforcements into the outpost at daybreak were repulsed by heavy ground fire. On the morning of 19 March 7th Marines were advised that AN HOA was in enemy hands and USMC assistance was requested.

B. Initially, it was believed that elements of the 36th NVA Regiment reinforced with elements of the 195th AA Battalion were in the area, reorganizing after operation UTAH. With this information rapid planning was initiated for the execution of Operation TEXAS.

C. Enemy Forces Encountered

(1) On 21 March Companies K and L, 3rd Battalion 7th Marines, made contact with an estimated two VC Companies in well prepared positions near THACH AN HOC (BS 5084). The enemy fire was heavy and accurate. After helilifting into a new area, Companies K and L again encountered enemy forces on 22 March in the PHUOC LOC area (BS 5677). The enemy delivered intense fire by mortars, automatic weapons and M-79's. Documents and completed interrogation of captives from these actions indicated that the 60th and 90th Battalion of the 1st VC Regiment participated in the action.

(2) Companies M and K, 3rd Battalion 1st Marines, with the ARVN 2nd Strike Company, 2nd Infantry Division, encountered the enemy on the afternoon of 21 March in the area of XUAN HOA (BS 505805). Here, an estimated Company of two platoons was well entrenched and concealed. The battle continued throughout the afternoon until the VC broke contact and withdrew at nightfall. Investigation of enemy positions on the morning of 22 March indicated the probable presence of an engineer unit in support of the VC force encountered.

(3) The 2nd Battalion 4th Marines engaged enemy forces on 21 March in their landing zone near PHUONG DINH (BS 495825). Heavy fire was received from a reinforced VC battalion in PHUONG DINH (BS 501826). Throughout the day the 2nd Battalion 4th Marines fought against heavy and dogged resistance in an attempt to sieze PHUONG DINH. The VC broke contact and withdrew from the area under heavy pressure.

D. Upon completion of the operation the total enemy losses were as follows:

854 VC KIA (Including 429 possible)
 2 VCC
 49 VCS
 23 WPMS (Including 2 Crew Served)

E. Significant Intelligence Gained

(1) Documents and captives confirmed the presence of elements of the 1st VC Regiment in the objective area in addition to the 21st (AKA 36th) VC Regiment.

(2) As indicated by excellent fire discipline the 1st VC Regiment is well trained and well led.

(3) The presence of two VC regiments reinforced by the 195th AA Battalion and an estimated 5 engineer companies in the SON TINH and BINH SON District areas indicates that the VC intend to conduct major military operations in the area bounded by the SONG TRA BONG and SONG TRA KHUC rivers.

F. Terrain

(1) Critical terrain Features

Hill 23 (BS 5677)
 NUI TROC (BS 523792)
 NUI TRON (BS 515780)
 NUI NHAN (BS 537785)

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(2) Observation and Fields of Fire

Enemy positions in XUAN HOA permitted the enemy excellent observation and fields of fire. Friendly observation was limited by foliage and extensive fencework utilized by enemy forces. The area between Hill 23 and PHUOC LOC is open and provides good observation and fields of fire.

(3) Cover and Concealment

Enemy cover and concealment in both PHUOC LOC and XUAN HOA is excellent due to extensive work on fortifications and trench systems.

(4) Obstacles

The major obstacles were the defensive networks and trenchline constructed by the enemy in fortified hamlets throughout the area.

(5) Avenues of Approach

Avenues of approach are open and subject to enemy observation in both XUAN HOA and PHUOC LOC.

8. Mission.

a. The initial mission assigned to 7th Marines was to conduct a joint search and destroy operation with the 5th Airborne Battalion, ARVN, and one battalion(-)(Rein), 7th Marines from landing zone vic BS 434867 eastward through the TRA BONG Valley and to re-occupy the government outpost of AN HOA located vic BS 474864.

b. After successfully completing this mission on D-Day, it was decided to introduce an additional battalion(-)(Rein) of Marines and continue search and destroy operations eastward into BINH SON and SON TINH Districts, QUANG NGAI Province. With the activation of Task Force Delta on the night of D+1, the mission became, and remained for the duration of the operation, to continue joint ARVN/USMC search and destroy operations in SONG TINH District.

9. Concept of Operation. 3rd Battalion(-)(Rein), 11th Marines was to provide general artillery support to USMC and ARVN units. Battery M, Battery I, and Detachment, Headquarters Battery, 11th Marines were to be pre-positioned vicinity BS 555888 prior to L-Hour. 3rd Battalion (-), 7th Marines was to land vicinity BS 434867 and commence search and destroy operations, in conjunction with the 5th ARVN Airborne Battalion, to the east and southeast.

10. Execution

a. Planning. A call from the Senior Advisor, 2nd ARVN Division on 19 March confirmed that an ARVN Outpost (vicinity BS 474964) had been overrun by an estimated VC battalion. 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines was placed on a 6-hour alert while Commanding Officer 7th Marines made liaison with the 2nd ARVN Division. At 192200H a planning conference was conducted by Task Force Delta and an oral frag order was issued. This was followed by a written frag order at 200500H.

b. D-Day, 20 March 1966. At 200500H, the artillery units and the Task Force Delta Headquarters departed CHU LAI Enclave by motorized Convoy. Task Force Delta was established at BINH SON (vicinity BS 598923), while the artillery group was established vicinity BS 555888. Company M, 7th Marines provided convoy security and local security for the artillery group. At 200930H, 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines commenced helilift to vicinity BS 434867. The lift was completed by 201130H without incident. The battalion commenced search and destroy operations and established night defensive positions as depicted in enclosure (1). At 201600H Company I, reinforced with one section 81mm mortar was helilifted to the AN HOA outpost (BS 474864). Thirty-one RF bodies, various weapons and ammunition were recovered. At 201900H, an anti-personnel mine was detonated and one marine was killed. No contact was established throughout the night.

e. D+1 21 March 1966. At first light, 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines commenced search and destroy operations as indicated by enclosure (2). At 1515H the left flank of Company L received intense small arms fire from an estimated 10-15 VC (BS 503847). Fire was returned which killed 4 VC. Two weapons were recovered. As the company continued east they were again assaulted by small arms fire from an estimated VC company located at BS 505847. The VC attempted to assault the left flank and were caught in the open where they were struck with mortars, M-79, and small arms. An estimated 15 VC were killed during the action. During the foregoing action, Company K moved to BS 509835 to provide support to Company L and was also subjected to intense small arms fire. The companies lost contact with the VC and established night positions as shown in enclosure (2). At 1830H the battalion CP was taken under fire by 30 VC located at BS 495833. Fire was returned with unknown results. The remainder of the evening was spent without contact. 2nd Battalion(-), 4th Marines commenced helilift to LZ vicinity BS 495825 at 0830H. Company F landed at 0845H and was immediately subjected to a heavy volume of small arms fire from the north, south and east. The company maneuvered to secure the LZ, while air strikes were directed against PHUONG DINH(2) (BS 504826). At 1230H the battalion(-) crossed LOD (300 meters west of PHUONG DINH)(2). When within 10 meters of the western edge of the village, the right flank came under intense small arms fire, 57mm recoilless rifle fire, and 60mm mortar fire. Company E attempted to assault the outer perimeter, under a base of fire from the remaining companies, but was unable to penetrate. Company D moved along a concealed route to the high ground to the north of the village. Upon moving into position the company was pinned down by heavy small arms fire and high explosive weapons. The company nevertheless was able to deliver a base of fire sufficient to ease the pressure on Company E, permitting Company E to carry a portion of the outer perimeter. At this time it was discovered that the fortifications consisted of 3 distinct perimeters, which made further assault inadvisable. Company E withdrew to positions near the LOD. After covering Company E's withdrawal, Company D also moved to positions near the LOD. At 1200H, Battery K, 12th Marines moved up to BS 599912 to add further support to the operation. At 1600H 3rd Battalion(-), 1st Marines and the 2nd ARVN Strike Company commenced helilift to an LZ vicinity BS 495807. The zone was secured without contact, however small arms fire was received in approach and retirement lanes vicinity BS 4881. While approaching the LZ one helicopter crashed and burned, killing everyone aboard except the pilot, who later died from severe burns. The cause of the crash is unknown but is believed to have resulted from a small arms hit on a vital part of the aircraft. At 1805H Company K and the 2nd ARVN Strike Company commenced a search and destroy operation through XUAN HOA (1) vicinity BS 505805). By nightfall Company K had moved through a heavy volume of small arms fire from an estimated VC company to secure XUAN HOA (1), while the ARVN Strike Company secured their objective and established blocking positions vicinity BS 507802. Both companies remained in contact with the VC for two hours during which time the VC were hit by fires from artillery and armed helicopters.

By 2300H, night positions were established as indicated in enclosure (2). At 1925H battery H, 12th Marines moved to BS 551866 to further supplement the artillery.

d. D+2, 22 March 1966. At 0800H the 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines conducted search and destroy operations as depicted in enclosure (3). Several slight skirmishes occurred that resulted in 2 VC KIA. At 1615H the battalion was helilifted to vicinity BS 566775. The lift was completed without incident, and at 1815H they commenced a sweep toward PHUOC LOC (BS 560766). At 1830H the rear elements were taken under fire by snipers. Simultaneously Companies K and L were taken under intense fire from an estimated VC battalion that was entrenched along the northern edge of PHUOC LOC(1). Two thousand rounds of 155mm artillery and numerous air strikes were directed against the area. The combined efforts of infantry and supporting arms resulted in 60 VC KIA (confirmed) and 125 VC WIA (possible). At 1730H Platoon A, 3rd 8 inch Howitzer Battery displaced to vicinity BS 539655 to add more artillery support to the operation. 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines commenced a sweep of PHUONG DINH (2) at 0800H as indicated by enclosure (2). One hundred and forty-six VC bodies, as well as various ammunition caches were found in PHUONG DINH (2). At 1800H the battalion was established for the night in PHUONG DINH (2), as indicated by enclosure (2).

At 220700H, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines commenced sweep of XUAN HOA while the ARVN Strike Company seized hill 22 (BS 515802). At 1505H the battalion commenced search and destroy operations to the east as shown by enclosure (3). Night positions were established as depicted by enclosure (3). The night was spent without contact.

e. D+3, 23 March 1966. At 0410H 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines CP received 40 rounds of 82mm and 60mm mortar fire. Artillery and mortar fire were directed on suspected enemy firing positions. At 1015H, Company M was detached as Task Force Reserve and was helilifted to the objective area. Company L was helilifted to assume the mission as Task Force Reserve. At 1330H the Battalion commenced search and destroy operations as shown in enclosure (4). No contact was established. Night positions were established (see enclosure 4) and the night was passed without contact.

At 0845H, 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines continued to search PHUONG DINH (2) in company with one platoon from the 2nd Strike Company, 2nd ARVN Division. At 1300H the battalion commenced helilift to BS 56777 where they established positions to remain for the night as Task Force Reserve. During the lift a helicopter was disabled by small arms fire and Company D was assigned the mission of providing security for the downed aircraft. The company remained with the helicopter (BS 495825) for the remainder of the night.

At 1100H, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines commenced search and destroy operations to the south and established blocking positions at BS 558776 and BS 558772. Light defense positions were established as indicated by enclosure (4).

Commencing at 1400H Batteries H, I, and K and the command group displaced to BS 624845, BS 625844, BS 551887 and BS 624845, respectively, to enable artillery to more adequately cover the target area.

f. D+4, 24 March 1966. 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines continued search of PHUOC LOC (1) and PHUOC LOC (3). Co C (-), 1st Engineer Battalion was helilifted to the area to assist in the destruction of the tunnel complex. The battalion remained in the area for the night.

At 0840H 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines was helilifted to BS 495825. In conjunction with Company C, 1st Engineer Battalion, the battalion destroyed all caves and tunnels in PHUONG DINH (2). At 1500H COMUSMACV arrived for an inspection and tour of the area. At 1645H the battalion commenced helilift to return to their positions within the CHU LAI enclave. The lift was completed at 1830H and OpCon was returned to 1st Marines.

At 0830H Co K, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines completed a search and destroy operation in inhabited areas between grid line 78 and the river (see enclosure 5). The battalion commenced helilift at 1100H for return to positions within the CHU LAI enclave. Lift was completed at 1230H and OpCon was returned to the 1st Marines. At 1715H Batteries H and I and the command group returned to CHU LAI. Batteries K and M remained in position to provide support for 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines.

g. D+5, 25 March 1966. At 0630H 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines commenced a sweep of PHUOC LOC (2) and (3). Company C, 1st Engineer Battalion commenced destruction of the tunnel complex. The remainder of the day was spent processing villagers for intelligence, distributing captured rice to refugees, and conducting Civil Affairs activities. The battalion was returned by helicopter to the CHU LAI enclave with the last units arriving at 1705H.

Batteries K and M returned to the CHU LAI enclave commencing at 1630H. Plat A, 3rd 8 inch Howitzer Battery remained in position.

11. Results

a. Friendly

(1) KIA - 47

(2) DOW - 2

(3) MIA - 212

b. Enemy

- (1) KIA (confirmed) - 253
- (2) KIA (estimated) - 281
- (3) KBA (confirmed) - 122
- (4) KBA (estimated) - 148
- (5) VCC - 2
- (6) VCS - 49

c. Captured Equipment. Twenty-three weapons (including 3 crew served) and various items of enemy equipment were captured.

12. Administrative Matters

(a) Supply. The major problem encountered with resupply was the request for odd lots of ammunition by the ARVN units who were under the OpCon of Marine units. It is recommended that a stockpile of carbine and .30 calibre ammunition be made available at the Class V dump.

(b) Medical Evacuation. Because of the outstanding helicopter support and the competence of the HST personnel, no significant problems were encountered with medical evacuation. Even during peak periods medical evacuation was conducted smoothly and with a minimum of lost time.

(c) Maintenance. Equipment was maintained by the evacuation of end items to LSA for exchange. The equipment was passed on to FLSG-B, repaired and returned to the stock for further exchange. This system worked very well.

(d) Communications. The overloading of the conduct of fire nets and the inadequacy of the UHF command net were two significant problems encountered with communications. The former problem was caused by the inadequacy of the PRC-9 and the lack of availability of the PRC-25 to the artillery battalion. This resulted in an ever-diminishing number of conduct of fire nets and a consequent overloading of the nets that could be supported by the PRC-25. The latter problem can be attributed to the impractical bulk of the PRC-47, the virtual impossibility of operating this radio while on the move and the short life of the BB451.

The nub of the matter is that, although some excellent communications equipment is available, the majority of the equipment available to the infantry and artillery battalions is in the late twilight of usefulness.

13. Special Equipment and Techniques

a. Psychological Operations

(1) Seventeen hours of broadcasting was accomplished and 402,000 leaflets were dropped during the operation. The broadcasts were planned to convince the local civilians that the presence of the VC was causing the destruction of their land. The majority of the leaflets were safe conduct passes. Dropping of these passes was coordinated with a broadcast appeal for the VC to accept the CHIEU HOI proposal. Leaflets exploiting GVN/US medical aid given to injured civilians were also employed.

(2) VCS and refugees indicate that:

(a) Many people would leave but prefer the VC as the lesser of two evils, the greater being leaving their property and ancestors.

(b) Persons who do not comply with VC demands are taken to the mountains for three months of political indoctrination.

(c) Most people consider the VC an inescapable, necessary evil.

14. Commanders Analysis

a. As in operation UTAH the most significant feature of operation TEXAS was the nature of the opposition encountered and the type and extent of their fortifications. The three most significant engagements of the operation took place in fortified hamlets, emphasizing the experiences gained from recent operations that indicate the VC are more likely to defend the populated low-lying areas rather than adopting the classical concept of defense from prominent "high ground" terrain. Within these fortified hamlets the Viet Cong have demonstrated a highly developed ability to construct the elaborate trenchworks, tunnel systems and underground bunkers and command posts able to withstand the effects of all the ordnance normally employed by Marine aviation and artillery units against them. In addition, these main force units have exhibited a high degree of proficiency in the planning and execution of protective defensive fires, allowing friendly units to close to a range which limits the effectiveness of friendly supporting arms, and then engaging them with well-planned small arms, mortar, recoilless rifle and automatic weapons fires. It is imperative that all Marine units be made aware of these capabilities of the Viet Cong, and that they remain equally prepared to engage this type of activity as well as the sniping, booby trapping, and harassing tactics employed by the local force guerrillas. Specific recommendations follow in paragraph 15 below.

b. One of the most gratifying aspects of Operation TEXAS was the manner in which the battalions from two regiments were committed to the operation on very short notice, with a minimum of detailed planning, and yet experienced only minor problems in the functions of command and control, administration, and logistics. This success can be largely attributed to the fact that all of these units had previously operated together under Task Force Delta and the manner in which all functions were performed was familiar to all participating units.

c. There were only two significant problems encountered in the field of communications. The first of these was the overcrowding of the artillery conduct of fire nets caused by the necessity to use the PRC-25 radio, and the artillery battalion's shortage of these radios. The second was the inadequacy of the command net to handle logistic support requests and routine reports. The PRC-47 is a large, heavy radio that is virtually impossible to operate while on the move. In addition, the relatively short battery life of the BB451 creates an additional logistical burden. These factors combined to make utilization of this equipment erratic and an unnecessary hardship to the personnel carrying these radios.

d. Operation TEXAS again demonstrated the value of co-locating the command posts during a combined USMC/ARVN operation. With the forward CP of the 2nd Infantry Division, ARVN only a few meters from the Task Force CP the mutual cooperation and coordination of effort between the two forces was accomplished with an absolute minimum of confusion and lost time.

15. Recommendations

a. The tendency for the Viet Cong to defend hamlets in "low ground" areas presents two possible areas for Marine exploitation. The first of these is to concentrate intelligence collection apparatus, reconnaissance and aerial photography on these areas at the expense of the relatively fruitless surveillance of heavily forested mountain areas. To be sure, these areas cannot be ignored, but it is considered that more intensive study of the populated and cultivated regions will, in the long run, produce more valuable intelligence information. The second means for exploitation of this tendency is to plan, wherever possible, for helicopter landing zones to be located on higher ground. The seizure and securing of the landing zone is the most critical phase of any helicopterborne assault, and advantage should be taken of any opportunity to minimize enemy contact during this phase in order to reduce losses to men and helicopters. It is acknowledged that in most cases this will reduce the number of helicopters which can be landed in one zone at a time, however since most lifts are accomplished by "daisy-chaining" smaller sections of helicopters, this would not appreciably increase the time required to land a unit or build up a zone.

b. The extensive field fortifications found in PHUONG DINH (2),

XUAN HOA (1), and PHUOC LOC (1), as noted above, were relatively unscathed by the ordnance employed against them. It is recommended that the full range of ordnance available to marine units, such as 1000 and 2000 pound bombs with delay fuzes, and increased utilization of medium and heavy artillery (and Naval gunfire, when available) with similar delay fuzes, be employed against such "hard" targets. Additional consideration should be given to the feasibility of using aerial or artillery-delivered non-toxic riot control agents to reduce the effectiveness of enemy units operating from these strongholds.

c. The skill of the Viet Cong in the conduct of their defense can only be countered by continuing to emphasize the proper preparation and training of Marines to meet a capable, determined enemy. Such basic tactics as the employment of scouting and security elements to provide early warning of well prepared defensive positions must be stressed at all levels of command. Once engaged, the unit commander and his men must be equally prepared to press the attack, if profitable, or to quickly withdraw to facilitate full employment of supporting arms fires. Both of these techniques were demonstrated with notable success during Operation TEXAS.

d. The smooth functioning of the Task Force during this operation cannot be considered "automatic", and steps must be taken to ensure this type of coordination. Fundamental to this was the fact that the participating units had all worked together under previous operations. This type of mutual understanding and familiarity with operating procedures can be best exploited by utilizing, wherever possible, the principles of tactical integrity and unity of command. In those circumstances where this is not possible, contingency plans must be prepared to include sufficiently detailed planning data concerning routine administrative and control procedures to allow rapid and effective response to quick reaction situations.

e. The experience of marine units in Vietnam demonstrated months ago the inadequacy of the PRC-10 radio, and steps were immediately taken to replace it as the primary communications link within the infantry battalions and regiments with the PRC-25. It is now time to realize that the PRC-9 is no more adequate than was the PRC-10, and if we are to provide Marines with rapid, effective artillery fire support the number of PRC-25's available to the artillery battalion and regiment must be increased in order to insure a sufficient number of conduct of fire nets to enable prompt reaction to fire requests. The problems attendant to the PRC-47 and the UHF command net may be very simply resolved by assigning an FM frequency to be used for processing logistic support requests and routine operational and intelligence reporting.

f. It is recommended that the policy of co-locating the USMC and ARVN command posts during a joint operation be continued, as the most expeditious manner to ensure a closely coordinated effort.

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Indiana

SITREP NR 4 FOR OPERATION INDIANA. PERIOD 291200H TO 291800H
MAR 66.

- A. 1/7, 2ND RVN DIV STRIKE CO IN PERIMETER DEFENSE AT BT 557785
2/7 IN PERIMETER DEFENSE AT BT 545799
37TH RANGER BN (RVN) BT 599767
3/5 (RVN) BT 588763
7TH MARINES CP NO CHNAGE

B. B CO. COMPLETED S AND D VIC BU AHHHHHHMMMMMMMMMMMM HREE USMC BODIES
THAT WERE KIA ON 28 MAR WERE RECOVERED. THEY WERE EVACUATED.

PAGE 2 RUMSMC 110E [REDACTED]
TWENTY ADDITIONAL VC BODIES AND TWO DAMAGED HEAVY CAL AA GUNS
WERE FOUND IN THE FILLAGE. THE VILLAGE WAS FORTIFIED WITH WIRE
OBSTACLES, BUT NO TUNNELS WERE DISCOVERED. THE POPULACE CONSISTED
OF OLD PEOPLE ONLY. REPORTEDLY ALL YOUNG MEN LEFT AS THE
MARINES LANDED. A CIVILIAN REPORTED THAT AT 282400H ABOUT 70
VC PASSED BY THE VILLAGE, MOVING NORTHWEST.

CO. C COMPLETED S AND D MISSION VIC BS 553791. NOTHING
OF SIGNIFICANCE WAS FOUND.

CO. D COMPLETED S AND D MISSION VIC BS 545788.
MANY TRENCHES WERE FOUND IN THE AREA. AT 291230H

2/7 COMMENCED BLOCKING FOR 1/7 AND 1/7 MOVED TO SEIZE
HIGH GROUND AT BS 545798. 2/7 CONTINUED TO BLOCK UNTIL
291550H WHEN COMMENCED MOVE TO NITE POSITIONS.

CO. E DESTROYED CAVES AT BS 540807 AND BS 543798. 2/7
APPREHENDED 3 VCS AND 2VCC. ONE CHI COM SMG WITH AMMO AND
MAGAZINES WAS CAPTURED.

PSY WAR ACTIVITIES CONSISTED OF TAPED BROADCASTS FROM AIRCRAFT
AND LEAFLET DROPS. 23,000 LEAFLETS WERE DROPPED IN THE 0°3'58.3
-43-. THE LEAFLETS WERE DESIGNED TO CONVINCCE THE LOCAL POPULACE
THAT ALL DESTRUCTION FROM AIR AND ARTY WAS A RESULT OF THE LOCAL

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 POPULACE HARBORING THE V.C.
 C. NO CONTACT DURING THE PERIOD.
 D. NONE

E. 1/7 WILL MOVE IN A TACTICAL COLUMN FROM PRESENT POSITION TO
 BS 611760 COMMENCING AT 300730H. THE BN WILL PROCEED FROM THAT
 POINT TO CHU LAI BY MOTOR CONVOY. 7TH MARINES CP, "I" BTRY AND
 "C" BTRY, ELEVENTH MARINES WILL MOVE IN CONVOY WITH 1/7.
 COMMENCING AT 300830H 2/7 WILL BE HELI LIFTED FROM 545801 TO
 CHU LAI

TPQ-10 STRIKES HAVE BEEN REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING COORDINATES:

BS 466780, 888740, 577818, 579821, 575828, 576831, 571331,
 571834, 553836, 551837, 573844, 575846, 571848, 569845, 566843,
 567849, 564849, 561847, 554847, 551848, 559849, 558853, 557857,
 554855, 551357, 565852, 564856, 564859, 569856, 569853, 569859,
 573861, 577857, 573868, 577869, 577873, 575873, 569863,
 566862, 561861, 563863, 564867, 562867, 558871, 556869,
 558867, 556866, 554864, 553861, 552862, 548862, 547856,
 545854, 543853, 539855, 542874, 539872, 527827, 523819,

F. CORRECTED FRIENDLY CASUALTY REPORT AS FOLLOWS:
 TEN (10) KIA; FORTY-FOUR (44) WIA.

PAGE 4 RUMSMC 110E [REDACTED]
 ENEMY CASUALTIES: 63 KIA (CONF); 160 KIA (POSS) CORECTION
 TO ENEMY CASUALTIES, SIT REP NR. 3: DISREGARD "90 WIA (CONF)".
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FINAL SITREP FOR OPERATION INDIANA AS OF 301500H MAR 66.
A. ALL UNITS CURRENTLY LOCATED AT NORMAL POSITIONS
WITHIN CHU LAI ENCLAVE.
B. 2/7 COMMENCED HELO LIFT TO 2/7 TAOR AT 300829H. THE
LIFT WAS COMPLETED AT 301045H. ALL REMAINING UNITS
COMMENCED MOVEMENT BY MOTORIZED CONVOY AT 301045H. THE LAST
ELEMENTS CLOSED ON CHU LAI AT 301500H.
CG AT 300745H ON AO REPORTED 3 SAMPANS AT BS 555757. USMC ARTY
WAS FIRED RESULTING IN 6 VC KIA. NO OTHER CONTACTS WAS

PAGE TWO RUMSMC 170E [REDACTED]
ESTABLISHED.
D. NONE
E. NONE
F. FRIENDLY CASUALTIES: 11 KIA: 44 WIA
ENEMY CASUALTIES: 69 KIA (CONF): 150 KIA (POSS)
1 VCC, 6 VCS
19 WPNS WERE CAPTURED INCLUDING 2 12.7 MM AA WPNS WITH
MOUNTS. 12 OF THESE WEAPONS WERE DESTROYED.
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