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

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

1st Battalion, 9th Marines

COMMANDER

Major D. J. FULHAM
1 Apr to 30 Apr 1967

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Company

1st LT THOMSEN
1 Apr 1967
Capt HUTCHINSON
2 Apr to 24 Apr 1967
2nd Lt THOMPSON
25 Apr to 30 Apr 1967

Company "A"

Capt SLATER
1 Apr to 30 Apr 1967

Company "B"

Capt SAYERS
1 Apr to 30 Apr 1967

Company "C"

Capt REED
1 Apr to 5 Apr 1967
1st Lt DIXON
5 Apr to 24 Apr 1967
Capt HUTCHINSON
25 Apr to 30 Apr 1967

Company "D"

Capt SHAW
1 Apr to 25 Apr 1967
Capt SASEK
26 Apr to 30 Apr 1967

ATTACHED UNITS

NONE

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From 1 to 2 April, Camp Carroll, RVN; 3 & 4 April, Chinook Combat Base, RVN; 5 to 11 April, the battalion CP moved with the companies in the field along "The Street Without Joy" Phong Dien, Thua Thien, RVN; 11 to 14 April, Dong Ha Combat Base, RVN; 14 to 18 April, the CP moved with companies in the field in the Quang Tri, Hai Lang area; 19 to 30 April, the CP was located at the Dong Ha Combat Base, RVN.

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

Major BEANS
11 Apr to 30 Apr 1967

S-1

2nd Lt RAMIREZ
1 Apr to 30 Apr 1967

S-2

1st Lt SNYDER
1 Apr to 30 Apr 1967

S-3

Major BEANS
1 Apr to 10 Apr 1967
Capt KEYS
11 Apr to 30 Apr 1967

S-4

Capt MANNING
1 Apr to 11 Apr 1967
2nd Lt BENIDICT
12 Apr to 30 Apr 19674. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
43	1272	3	55

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PART II

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In April, 1967, the 1st Battalion, 9th Marines (-) was engaged in operations against enemy forces in four different areas of operation. On 1 and 2 April, the battalion (-) was at Camp Carroll as the base defense battalion. In addition, elements of the battalion were used to protect vital bridges in the area and one company was used as Rough Rider security on a convoy to Khe Sanh. On 3 April, the battalion entrucked at Camp Carroll and traveled to the 4th MAR CP complex, via the Dong Ha Combat Base.

The battalion (-) made preparations on 4 April, for forthcoming operations along "The Street Without Joy". On the evening of 4 April, undercover of darkness, the battalion (-) proceeded by tactical foot march to the AO. Operation Bighorn commenced at 050001H April 1967, with the battalion (-) moving to its position at YD 580360 to await first light and the beginning of a search and destroy operation. The battalion was to conduct a coordinated search and destroy operation to the northwest with one company moving along both sides of "The Street Without Joy", and one company moving along the sand flats to the south. The first morning's sweep activities resulted in several mine incidents and 3 detainees were taken into custody. Company "A" took seven armed VC under fire in the afternoon of 5 April. The most significant contact began when 2 resupply vehicles (M-76 Otter) were ambushed by the enemy. One vehicle was disabled, and 5 members of the security force were wounded. A relief force was sent from Company "C" and Company "D". The Company "D" relief force received heavy automatic fire when it attempted to cross "The Street Without Joy" and was stopped short of its goal by enemy fire. This firefight continued until 2130 when Company "D" broke contact in order to permit Company "C" to sweep through the hamlet. Company "C" reached the resupply column and set up a protective perimeter around the besieged unit. It was decided to make a sweep of the nearby hamlet of AP Dong Ho 1 to insure the safety of helicopters which were to evacuate the marine casualties. Company "C" attempted the sweep at 1930. Thirty meters from the edge of the hamlet they were met by heavy automatic weapons fire, mortar fire, and grenades from a well dug-in, reinforced enemy. The lead platoon sustained heavy casualties in this encounter. The company CP group was in close proximity to the lead platoon as it moved and all but one of this group was killed instantly. Seven M-16 rifles were captured by enemy forces as they moved through the devastated platoon. On the following morning, 6 April, Company "A" made a sweep of the hamlet and found many abandoned positions, 2 AK-47 rifles, several VC bodies, and many blood trails.

Contacts on 6 & 7 April, were limited. Harassing/sniper fire was received throughout the daylight hours and artillery missions were called on suspected concentrations of enemy snipers.

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On 8 April, 60mm mortar fire was received in the CP area. After bringing artillery fire on the suspected enemy position, a search of the artillery impact area was made and an M-16 mine was encountered by the marines. Two casualties resulted and as a LZ, for extraction of the wounded, was being constructed, the enemy continued to harass with sniper fire. By this time the sweeping companies on "The Street Without Joy", had begun to move to the southeast.

In an attempt to investigate a bunker, a marine was killed by rifle fire from the bunker. The effort was continued by the marines and resulted in 1 VC KIA and the recovery of one of the M-16 rifles captured from Company "C". Search and destroy efforts continued and sporadic sniper fire and mine incidents were the only contacts made.

The battalion returned to the Chinook Combat Base on 10 April, and on 11 April, conducted a tactical motor march to the Dong Ha Combat Base. At this time it was suspected that enemy main force units would continue aggressive attacks upon strategic positions in the Quan Trieu Phong and Quan Hai Lang Districts. The battalion was to assist in defense of these areas and conduct search and destroy operations in the area south of Quang Tri.

Company "C" was OPCON of 1st Battalion, 4th Marines with Sparrow Hawk and reaction force commitments.

As the battalion (-) attempted to move to the AO on 13 April, they were stopped by a rain damaged bridge. The move was completed on 14 April. Six M-42 40mm vehicles (US Army) accompanied the battalion. They and the 106 RR platoon from H&S Company remained in a defensive perimeter to provide security for an Army Artillery Battery at La Vang. Some sniper fire was received after the battalion dismounted and moved to their positions. Throughout the operation it was apparent that enemy scout snipers kept marine units under observation from the high ground. Long range (300 to 500 meters) sniper fire was received by elements of the battalion throughout the operation, but little solid contact was made. On 14 April, Company "A", received heavy small arms automatic fire and engaged a small enemy unit. Two VC were killed and one was captured. Two French type submachine guns were also captured. The battalion CP and H&S Company manned a portion of the ARVN perimeter at La Vang on the night of 15 April, while the two letter companies continued normal night activities of ambushes and patrols.

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Sweep activities continued through 17 April with little contact other than sniper fire. On 18 April, the CP and Company "A", moved back to the Dong Ha Combat Base. Company "D" remained to continue search and destroy operations in the AO.

At 200001, Operation Prairie IV commenced. The battalion (-) had widespread responsibilities during the last 10 days of the month. The battalion (-) coordinated the defense of the Dong Ha Combat Base, provided 1 platoon as security for defense of Cam Lo Bridge, and provided an on base reserve reaction force of one platoon. In addition, the battalion maintained the Sparrow Hawk and was prepared to provide a relief force for the Cua Viet Facility and Gio Linh. Other commitments included providing relief or security forces to strategic routes or locations in the area of cognizance. The CAC at Cam Lo was OPCON to the battalion.

Company "D", continued its search and destroy missions south of Quang Tri City. Contact was intermittent and typically light. However, on 20 April an Army M-42 40mm vehicle accompanying a Company "D" sweep was hit by an anti-tank rocket. Three US Army KIA, one WIA, and two USMC WIA resulted. All other contacts were mine or sniper incidents.

Company "D", was replaced by Company "C" on 24 April. Company "C" maintained the same mission until the end of the reporting period. They encountered the same type of VC activities except for an incident of 25 April, when Company "C" received 25 rds of 60mm mortar fire.

Company "A" activities at the Cua Viet Facility included sweeps, patrols, and ambushes throughout the area. Again, mine and sniper incidents constituted the bulk of the contact with the enemy. One tunnel complex was located and destroyed at YD 395637.

On 28 April at 0242, the Dong Ha Combat Base was attacked by enemy forces firing 140mm rockets and 82mm mortars. The base sustained moderate damage and 9 KIA. There were 91 wounded in the attack which lasted 40 minutes. At first light on 28 April, Company "A" began searching for the enemy launch site. Seventy eight rocket launching positions aimed at the Dong Ha Combat Base were located and fifty four intact rockets captured at YD 256680. In addition, a launch site with 30 launching positions and 15 intact rockets was discovered by Company "A" at YD 256682.

The reporting period ended with the battalion moving to a new position within the Dong Ha perimeter, and the 9th Marine Regt. assuming the responsibility for coordination of base defense.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTSI. FMF Organizations committed to Combat and the SLF.

a. Combat missions assigned. During April 1967, the 1st Battalion, 9th Marines had four specific combat missions.

(1) Mission I

(a) On 1 & 2 April 1967 the battalion (-) continued its mission as base defense battalion at Camp Carroll.

(2) Mission II

(a) On 5 April 1967, conduct a search and destroy operation from LD YD 635379 in a northwesterly direction to the western boundry of assigned AO YD 584412. Reverse axis and conduct search and destroy operation in a southeasterly direction to eastern boundry YD 645374. On order, continue the search and destroy mission in a southern direction in conjunction with ARVN forces to ARVN airborne blocking position (Vic YD 611328) to (YD 653288). Maps: Vietnam 1:50,000 AMS Series L701, Sheets 6441 J, 6441 IV, 6443 II, 6542 II.

(3) Mission III

(a) The 1st Battalion, 9th Marines is to assist in defense of Quang Tri, Mai Dang, Hai Lang and in coordination with 1st ARVN Regt, conduct search and destroy operations in the area southwest of Mai Dang.

(4) Mission IV

(a) Provide one rifle Plt (Rein) for security and defense of Cam Lo Bridge site.

(b) Coordinate defense of Dong Ha Combat Base commencing 201200H Apr 1967, and provide reserve force of one rifle plt (Rein).

(c) Provide one rifle plt (Rein) as sparrow Hawk force on 15 minute alert during daylight hours.

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(d) Be prepared, on order, to reinforce or provide relief force for Cua Viet Facility and Gio Linh Arty Outpost as directed in the event of enemy attack.

(e) Be prepared to conduct ground surveillance and spoiling attacks throughout area of cognizance with assigned forces to detect and destroy infiltrating NVA Forces.

(f) Assume OpCon of Combined Action Company at Cam Lo including CAP P-1, P-2, P-3, and P-4.

(g) Provide security for routes #9 and #1 in area of cognizance utilizing combined action platoons and assigned forces.

(h) Be prepared to provide forces as required to conduct relief or provide assistance to Con Thien CIDG Camp, when established, in the event of enemy attack.

(i) Continue assigned mission southwest of Quang Tri City with one Company (Rein).

Company "B" (-)(Rein) was assigned a separate combat mission under OpCon 3d MARDIV/IIMAFREP, Khe Sanh.

b. Significant operations conducted. The battalion (-) participated in Prairie III on 1 and 2 April. Until 11 April, the battalion efforts were directed to the success of Operation Big Horn. The battalion (-) was again inserted into Prairie III activities from 11 to 19 April. From 20 April, to the end of the month, the battalion (-) was engaged in Prairie IV. It was directed in the event of enemy attack.

c. Casualties inflicted on the enemy.

(1) KIA (confirmed) 35
KIA (probable) 74
WIA (captured) 1
VCC 6

d. Casualties sustained.

USMC KIA 21
USMC WIA 85
USN KIA 1
USN WIA 4

Figures for casualties inflicted by Company "B" on enemy forces are not available at this time.

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Company "B", OPCON 3d MARDIV/IITMAFREP, Khe Sanh, casualties sustained:

USMC WIA	37
USMC KIA	23
USN WIA	1

e. New techniques employed. None.

f. Command Relations.

(a) 010001H April to 031159H April 1967: OPCON 3d Mar Regt.

(b) 031200H April 1967 to 031739H April 1967: OPCON 3d MarDivFwd.

(c) 031740H April to 111716H April 1967: OPCON 4th MarRegt.

(d) 111717H April to 192400H April 1967: OPCON 3d MarDivFwd.

(e) 200001H April to 302400H April 1967: OPCON 9th MarRegt.

g. Equipment. Numerous malfunctions of the M-16 due to shortcomings in maintenance occurred during an engagement with the enemy. This adversity resulted from a need for familiarity with the unique properties of the M-16 rifle. One problem was caused by sand sticking to unnecessary oil on functioning parts of the rifle. A total of 40 rounds per man was allowed to accomplish the familiarization training. A minimum of 300 rounds should be fired by each marine to ensure the proper seating of the functioning parts of the weapon and to instill troop confidence and knowledge of care and cleaning of this unique weapon.

The vulnerability of the M-76 Otter to every weapon from small arms to mines was demonstrated when two resupply vehicles were ambushed by enemy forces. These vehicles are extremely helpful in resupply when weather restricts the use of helicopters. However, their obvious weakness limits their use.

h. Logistics. In the month of April, logistic support of combat operations was conducted through the LSA. Resupply was by helicopter, motor transport and small boats. Adverse weather and wide dispersion of units sometimes required extremely close coordination of resupply efforts in order to accomplish the mission. One resupply mission by motor transport M-76 Otter was ambushed by enemy forces.

Logistic matters in the establishment of a semi-permanent camp were handled in a routine matter.

i. Civic Action. No civic action programs were undertaken during this reporting period.

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j. Administration. Nothing significant to report.

k. Personnel. The following personnel were drop transferred by SR from this command:

USMC

<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
0	50

The following personnel were joined to this command:

USMC

<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
2	89

1. Intelligence. The battalion encountered mostly local and main force guerrillas during the four distinct periods of operation in April. The short time spent in the vicinity of Camp Carroll netted little in terms of contact. At one time reliable intelligence reported a main force battalion. Time on target artillery fires netted negative results in this area.

From 5 to 11 April the battalion operated in "The Street Without Joy" area on Operation Bighorn. Enemy strength was estimated at one main force battalion with a light mortar capability in the immediate area and an additional battalion to northwest. Mines and surprise firing devices were expected in large numbers. On the evening of 5 April, "C" Company made contact with an estimated 150 main force at YD 607392. The situation encountered was contrary to what was predicted in the order of battle. It had been estimated that enemy contact would be limited to delaying tactics in the form of mines and intermittent small arms fire. That the enemy decided on a deliberate ambush was attributed to the fact that two resupply M-76 Otters supported by an infantry squad presented an easy target. The ambush was designed to disable the Otters and inflict casualties on the reinforcing column. The route of enemy egress from this encounter was to the north.

The pattern of mine and surprise firing devices in the vicinity of "The Street Without Joy" was as predicted. All southern approaches to hamlets were protected by a combination of M-14 mines and M-16 mines. Mines were concentrated in graveyards and on uncultivated high ground. Only identifiable family trails were trafficable. The hamlets were conspicuously free of such ordnance possibly due to the large force of VC moving through the area at that time.

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First Battalion, 9th Marines moved to the area south of Quang Tri City on 13 April as a result of the attack on Quang Tri at 0245 6 April. Intelligence estimated the presence of the main force 808 battalion and the NVA 814 battalion in Quan Trieu Phong and Quan Hai Lang with the possible mission of attacking Hai Lang or Quang Tri in mid April. Contacts in this area during Prairie III were limited to sporadic sniper fire and surprise firing devices. From the bodies of 2 VC KLA and from interrogation of one VC captured, it was determined that light contact had been made with local elements of a main force unit. Yet no signs indicated the presence of large enemy units.

The varied missions and sprawling area of the Dong Ha perimeter defense from 20-30 April presented a peculiar intelligence challenge to a unit of this size. Operating principally below the YD 62 east west grid line, the battalion was principally concerned with the main force and local force enemy units operating as far west as Cam Lo Village, as far east as the mouth of the Cuu Viet River, and as far south as the village of Hai Lang. Missions assigned to 1st Bn, 9th Mar also directed that we keep abreast of terrain and new developments in enemy strength in the vicinity of the stronghold at Con Thien and the artillery position at Gio Linh.

Southwest of Quang Tri, in Hai Lang District, the situation continued as 1/9 had experienced since the 13th of the month. Contact was limited to sniper/harassing fire and surprise firing devices. Enemy activities around the combat base itself were limited, as expected, to snipers and local force guerrilla harassment. A sweep to locate a suspected local force sniper platoon in the vicinity of YD 2756 made light contact and discovered freshly dug positions in the area northeast of YD 2553 on 22 April.

No intelligence data was uncovered in the Cam Lo village area, although allied sources at the district headquarters report at least a platoon of local force active in their ZOA on a continuous basis. The battalion's Sparrow Hawk platoon exploited a recon discovery of a large cache of arms and mortar ordinance on 201110H at YD 344698.

The coordinated mortar and rocket attack on Dong Ha Combat Base on 280242H April was attributed at least in part to the enemy buildup which would be consistent with an attempt to recover substantial portions of the spring harvest. At least two rocket firing position at YD 263663 and YD 260610 were identified.

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m. Communications, Radio and wire communications were established and maintained in support of all battalion activities during April. No major difficulties were encountered.

n. Weather. From the first to approximately the sixth of April the weather was fair with moderate temperatures. Wind was from the northeast accompanied by high scattered clouds. Some early morning low clouds and fog were experienced.

The evening of seven April brought low clouds, moderate temperatures and light rain and mist. Such condition, lasting until 11 April, prevailed from late evening until late morning when the cover would lift allowing for hot temperatures and clear skies. These conditions were prohibitive of all but emergency air support. From 11-16 April, clear skies and hot temperatures again appeared. High clouds and northeasterly winds prevailed. On 16 April, a four day rain found the battalion southwest of Quang Tri during Operation Prairie III. From 20 until 30 April, hot mid-morning temperatures and moderate winds from the northeast spawned late afternoon thundershowers. Not more than 10 days out of the month could have been considered as having inclement weather conditions.

o. Fire Support. While engaged in Operation Bighorn during the month of April, 1115 rounds of 105mm howitzer ammunition was expended in support of the battalion. Five combat missions were fired and night H&I's were conducted routinely. During the period of April that the battalion was engaged in Prairie III, artillery use was limited due to a conspicuous lack of suitable targets. Several missions were fired against concentrations of snipers and nightly H&I fires were conducted. From 20 to 30 April, while on base defense, the battalion FSCC cleared and coordinated all missions through 9th Mar Regt FSCC.

On 28 April, in the early morning hours, the Dong Ha Combat Base was attacked by enemy forces using 140mm rockets. During the attack the battalion FSCC continued to function and cleared 5 missions that were forwarded for clearance at regimental FSCC. None were cleared because there were aircraft in the target area.

p. Air support. In the month of April, air support consisted primarily of observation, medical evacuation and resupply. Adverse weather conditions and a lack of suitable targets limited the use of air as a supporting arm. One fixed wing combat mission was flown in support of battalion activities. Medical evacuations and resupply were accomplished in a routine manner. One emergency medevac was carried out in hazardous weather and in an insecure landing zone, without incident.

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q. Activations/Deactivations/Redesignation. Nothing significant.

r. On 5 April 1967, Capt Robert W. REED 062450 was killed in action, while leading Company "C", 1st Battalion, 9th Marines against enemy forces in the Republic of Vietnam.

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0001	010001	JOURNAL OPENED
1300	011300	PFC T. JONES III, LCPL F. L. RIBERA, Dr tr by SR to CO, Camp S. D. Butler for rec only w/sk USAF Hosp Clark AFB
1300	011300	LCPL P. E. MILLAR FR sk to duty
1300	011300	LCPL E. W. RICHARDS To chg fr sk USS REPOSE
1300	011300	PFC A. CHERNIAWSKY, LCPL C. J. EMERY Dr tr to CO, Camp Butler
1300	011300	2dLt R. J. AARON Fr sk to duty
1300	011300	CPL C. E. CHESTER To chg fr sk USS REPOSE
0800	020800	SSGT C. C. BURNETT, PFC J. L. FRANKLIN, LCPL R. H. LOPEZ JOINED FR CONUS
1300	021300	LCPL J. W. ANDERSON, CPL R. R. STROUS Dr tr by SR w/sk CO, Camp S. D. Butler for rec only USAF Hosp Clark AFB
1300	021300	LCPL J. M. EGAN Dr tr to I&I Staff Hartford Conn by sr w/TAD pending hardship discharge
1300	031300	PFC F. L. FAIR To chg fr sk "D" MedBn
1300	031300	PFC J. L. BERRY, CPL E. L. LINDSAY Fr sk to du
1300	031300	1stLt W. R. CAMPBELL to TAD/MARCOR Matters
1300	031300	LCPL C. L. HIGGINS Dr tr by SR w/sk to camp Butler w/sk USAF Hosp Clark AFB
041300	041300	LCPL J. T. BREWER to TAD conn/R&R GYSGT R. A. RUSHING, HM3 E. J. KANIA
1300	041300	MAJ W. R. VON HARTEN Dr tr NearMarCorActy CONUS FFT CO NROTC Vanderbilt
1300	041300	Lt M.P. SCOTT Dr tr to CO, 3dMedBn
1300	041300	HM3 G. J. CARLUCCI To chg fr sk 3d MedBn

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1300	051300	LCPL J. E. O'HARE To chg fr sk "A" MedBn
1300	051300	CPL R. E. ROWE, PFC M. R. HUTCHINS Dr KIA vic Thua Thien RVN
1300	051300	LCPL B. W. BANBECK WIA vic Thua Thien RVN To sk Danang East Hosp NSA
1300	051300	LCPL W. BROCKENS, PFC H. L. GARVER, LCPL G. COMBS, PFC L. W. ELIE, PFC J. H. FOWLER, PFC P. L. HARRISON, PFC A. G. LIRA, PFC D. R. MANNING, J. W. SMITH, CPL R. H. PETTIT Dr KIA vic Thua Thien RVN
1300	051300	CPL C. L. SALTER, PVT J. A. SLAGEL KIA vic Thua Thien RVN
1300	051300	PFC D. E. BAILEY, CPL R. E. BUDD, LCPL J. J. COLLINS, PFC R. G. EDDY, LCPL E. L. FOOLS, LCPL L. O. MCELVEEN, PFC W. D. OWENS, LCPL C. E. RANSOM, PVT J. D. WATERMAN, SGT D. O. WILSON WIA vic Thua Thien RVN
1300	051300	SGT H. J. GREENE, PFC R. P. LOBUE, SSGT A. P. LOPER, PFC D. L. MERRILLAT, LCPL J. G. PANTELEON, PVT R. A. WALDO WIANE Thua Thien
1300	051300	CPL L. F. URBANECK, SGT C. C. VASQUEZ To TAD conn/w R&R
1300	051300	CPL M. A. LONG To Lv conn/w AnnLv P. I.
1300	051300	LCPL T. C. MCKELLAR To TAD conn/w R&R
1300	051300	CPL H. A. RUTLEDGE Jd fr Camp S. D. Butler
1300	051300	LCPL A. R. CHITSEY, PFC R. E. THOMPSON Fr sk USS REPOSE
1300	051300	CAPT R. W. REED Dr KIA Vic Thua Thien Prov RVN
1300	051300	PFC J. M. ARNOLD, PFC D. E. BALFOUR, PFC J. D. BIRKHEAD, CPL J. J. BRAUN, LCPL R. CALLAWAY, SGT J. B. COFER, SGT R. J. DEROCHE, SSGT S. R. MOON, PFC T. P. REGAN, LCPL E. W. RICHARDS SSGT J. K. HABERN, LCPL J. T. KEESE, PFC J. T. PETERSEN, SGT V. L. BIRD WIA Vic Thua Thien RVN
LCPL J. A. ARAHIE, LCPL J. W. BARILLO, SGT J. V. CARVER, PFC D. R. CHRISTENSEN LCPL R. E. MATHIS, PFC H. G. SHUBERT WIANE Vic Thua Thien Prov RVN		

1300	051300	PFC R. G. MOTTIE, LCPL D. BRANDJES, CPL C. E. GIBBS WIA Vic Thua Thien RVN
1300	051300	WIANE Vic Thua Thien RVN LCPL R. D. O'CONNELL
1300	051300	LCPL B. W. VANBECK WIA Vic Thua Thien RVN To not chg to sk NSA
1300	051300	PFC T. J. CHANCELLOR Dr tr w/sk Camp S. D. Butler
1300	061300	SSGT T. E. BLEVINS, CPL D. T. CAMPBELL, To TAD in conn/s R&R
1300	061300	LCPL R. REESE To chg fr sk USS REPOSE
1300	061300	PFC M. E. DURBIN To chg fr sk "D" MedBn LCPL P. DEVINE
1300	061300	SSGT S. WELLS WIA Vic Thua Thien RVN
0800	070800	1stLt P. L. MEADE, CPL B. P. MISKO, LCPL R. G. SHELTON To TAD conn/w R&R
1300	071300	SSGT C. R. PIPER Dr tr to CG, MCRDpe PISC
1300	071300	CPL J. J. BRAUN, LCPL R. CALLAWAY Dr tr to Camp Butler w/sk USAF Hosp Clark AFB
1300	071300	PFC R. C. DAVIS To not chg "A" Med
1300	071300	LCPL T. K. GELINAS, CPL F. E. LITTLEJOHN, SGT R. W. PORTER, PVT N. G. YERDON, PVT R. MOORE JOINED CONUS
1300	071300	PFC J. O. FOSTER Dr tr CO, MAG21 2dMAW Beaufort S.C.
1300	071300	LCPL L. W. GOINES, CPL C. E. BENEDICT, CPL R. G. POWER Fr TAD in conn/w R&R
1300	081300	1stLt W. R. CAMPBELL, CPL J. B. BEAMISH Fr TAD conn/w R&R
1300	081300	PFC W. D. OWENS To chg fr sk "A" med
1300	081300	LCPL J. R. BASHAM, LCPL R. J. BASHAM Dr tr NearMarCorActy TransFacility CONUS
1300	081300	LCPL B. L. HOUSTON Dr KIA vic Thua Thien RVN
1300	081300	CPL A. J. PIOTROWSKI WIANE Vic Thua Thien RVN
1300	081300	LCPL S. W. EDWARDS, LCPL R. BALL To chg Fr sk USS REPOSE

081300	081300	LCPL D. B. HARP To Ann Lv OKINAWA
1300	081300	CPL J. D. RITTER Dr tr to CG 9THMAB
1300	081300	HM3 G. J. PAGE To chg fr sk USS REPOSE
1300	081300	CAPT G. L. MANNING To not chg "A" Med
1300	081300	CPL C. E. CARVALLO To TAD comm/w R&R
1300	081300	LCPL J. P. HALVERSON Dr tr 3dFSR
1300	081300	LCPL J. D. HATCHER Dr KIA Vic Thua Thien
0800	090800	SSGT J. K. HABERN, PFC J. E. MURPHY Dr tr Camp S. D. Butler w/sk PFC B. W. HORTON, PFC W. W. ROSE, LCPL B. HARVEY PFC D. L. DRUM, PVT C. J. KEENE, LCPL W. A. GETZ, PVT G. L. WHEELER, CPL G. G. BURT, SGT R. T. DAVIES, LCPL D. L. DELMONT, PFC R. J. HORNING, PFC C. W. HIXON, PFC W. E. HUGART PVT R. MARTIN, PFC I. S. MORGAN, LCPL E. O. WINSLOW, LCPL D. M. BARDEN, PFC D. A. BARONE PFC M. WHITE, PFC R. G. LLATA, PVT S. J. POWERS, PVT S. L. LEWIS, LCPL C. B. SAWYER, PVT H. E. WILKINS, PVT J. E. SCOTT PVT F. V. SMITH JOINED CONUS
0800	091300	CPL R. E. BUDD Dr tr to Camp Butler w/sk PFC J. T. MATHEWS, PFC D. A. FRANCIS, PVT W. J. TURNER, PFC M. P. BOYMAN, LCPL J. R. MCNELLY, PFC S. L. CONANT, LCPL L. A. BETTS , SSGT C. A. BRINGHAM, LCPL D. R. EVANS, PFC T. D. GARNER, CPL D. L. HYNES, SSGT S. WELLS, PFC R. WHEATON
101300	101300	CPL W. MEANS WIA Vic Thua Thien RVN
1300	101300	PFC D. C. WILSON To chg fr/sk "A" Med
1300	101300	SGT J. S. THOMAS Dr HONDIS Eoffe
1300	101300	CPL A. D. FELDE, LCPL R. L. CASKINETTE, CPL R. F. BUDD Dr tr 5th MARDIV
1300	101300	LCPL L. D. DACK DR TR CO MAG-26 2dMAW
1300	101300	HMC F. J. STOMBAUGH DR TR CO, HOEN
1300	101300	HM2 PIETERS DR TR CO 3dMEDEN
1300	101300	SGT D. T. DALY, LCPL W. H. PRILLIAMN TO TAD/R&R

1300	101300	LCPL G. C. HANEY FR TAD/R&R
1300	101300	LCPL J. H. FERRIL TO TAD/VIETNAM LANG SCOL
1300	101300	LCPL R. J. HUBBARD TO CHG FR SK USS REPOSE
1300	101300	HM3 L. M. SCHEDLEBAUER WIA Vic Thua Thien TO SK CO "A" 3MED
1300	101300	HA E. J. KANIA TO TAD/R&R
1300	101300	LCPL A. SOTO, PVT E. L. RAYNOR JD CONUS
1300	111300	CPL L. F. URBANEK FR TAD/R&R, SSGT T. E. BLEVINS, LCPL J. L. HALL
1300	111300	CPL R. A. SKATEZ, PVT F. O. CARTER, LCPL R. W. NELSON, PFC J. J. SHARPE, PFC B. J. BRIDGES, PFC D. C. COCRAN, PFC J. J. DORF, PFC R. A. CHANT, PFC E. D. DAVIS JOINED CONUS
1300	111300	PFC H. G. SCHUBERT TO NOT CHG TO SK NSA
1300	111300	LCPL J. L. HALL FR TAD R&R
1300	111300	HM3 W. J. BEHRENS FR SK "A" MED TO YOKOSUKA CAPT S. L. MANNING
1300	111300	.CPL N. A. NICHOLS, LCPL W. L. WILLIAMS, PFC J. L. FRENCH, PFC M. M. GUILFOYLE, LCPL J. K. CASPER, PFC D. G. DARDWIN, LCPL T. M. BACON, LCPL T. F. BARTOS, PFC W. R. BLACK, PFC D. R. CHRISTENSEN, PFC F. J. PAIR, PFC T. E. FERGUSON, PFC J. W. MIZER, PFC J. W. ROBSON, PFC J. G. ROBESCH, PFC H. G. SCHUBERT LCPL R. H. STOCK, PFC R. W. THORTON, LCPL T. R. COFIELD, LCPL G. R. COLLIER, LCPL F. N. DAVIS, LCPL R. S. HEBERT, LCPL R. A. LEMAY, LCPL T. N. MORRIS, PFC J. P. WHITEFIELD, PFC COBB, PFC W. W. JOHNSON, PVT D. J. JORDAN PVT G. E. MCCULLOUGH, LCPL W. G. SMITH, LCPL J. H. SNYDER, PFC A. F. QUICK DR TR TO 3DEN/26
1300	111300	LCPL T. J. RENAKER DR TR CAMP BUTLER PRD R. C. EDDY PFC D. E. HALFOUR
1300	111300	LCPL J. T. BREWER, SGT C. C. VASQUEZ FR TAD/R&R
1300	111300	LCPL A. S. SANTOS, LCPL D. W. SCHMIDT, PFC W.W. MCCARTHY TO CHG FR SK "A" MED
1300	111300	SGT F BARTON DR HON DIS

131300	1300	SGT J. B. COFER DR TR CAMP BUTLER
1300		LCPL J. P. DEPAOLI, PFC R. A. FIGUEROA, LCPL A. C. HORNUNG LCPL J. T. JOHNSON, PFC W. R. MESSIER, LCPL A. C. MOORE, PFC H. MULLINS, LCPL M. R. NIELSON, PFC H. PARSLEY, LCPL J. PRICE PFC D. M. STECKI, LCPL R. R. VALENHAUZER, PFC T. R. WILLEY, LCPL R. J. WORDLAW, PFC D. L. BERNADR, PFC M. L. BEASLEY, PFC C. W. BRADY, LCPL JM. FARNER, PFC P. J. KASBAR, PFC R. KNAPP, LCPL D. L. REED, LCPL M. L. SMITH, LCPL R. S. HERSOM JD FR 3/26
1300	131300	CPL J. J. BEGLEY, PFC E. M. DICKENS, LCPL R. M. FROST, LCPL R. W. HARLAN, PFC J. L. HIGHT, LCPL W. M. HIRST, PFC R. W. HUCZEK, PFC J. D. MAYFIELD, LCPL C. H. MOLES, PFC C.E. ROZIER, LCPL F. B. SALGARDO, LCPL T.M. SLOSS, PFC D. A. SOLDATO, LCPL YBARRA JD 3/26 SSGT L. C. LESLIE, CPL LINDER, PFC D. E. SANUDERS, SGT J. H. WALLER, PFC L. R. ROBERTS
1300	131300	PFC R. MESA, PFC J. L. MCDANIEL, PFC G. R. FINDLEY, PFC O. WEBB, JOINED CONUS
1300	131300	PVT R. E. MANSHARDT, PVT D. C. HAVER, PFC P. M. SUMMERS, SGT P. E. TOMS, SSGT J. R. MALONE JOINED
1300	131300	SSGT M. B. RUF, SSGT J. M. REINES DR TR 3/3
1300	131300	GYSGT F. FEROUTKA, SSGT L. R. BURNS 3/3 JD
1300	141300	SGT R. J. DEROCHE, PFC J. D. BIRKHEAD DR TR CAMP BUTLER CPL R. W. CRABTREE LCPL FRESHOUR, HM3 F. A. TESSLER
1300	151300	CPL R. W. KRISEL DR TR NEARMARCORACTY CONUS FFT
1300	151300	PFC T. C. LARIMER, CPL H. TUCKER, PFC W. G. THOMAS, LCPL J. W. DAVIS, PFC J. T. PETERSEN FR SK TO DUTY
1300	151300	PFC D. S. SIMMONS WIA Vic Thua Thien RVN
1300	151300	SGT D. H. HALE TO TAD/MUMMS SCOL
1300	151300	LCPL L. P. PAIZZA DR TR HOEN FOR DU/COMM CO

1300	161300	LCPL G. A. OWENS, PFC G. O. GEORGE, PFC E. L. ERNST, PFC J. S. FISCHBECK, PFC R. W. KIDD, PFC D. L. NICHOLSON DR TR CO 3/26
1300	161300	PFC M. E. MAINE TO CHG FR SK NSA
1300	161300	CPL J. A. JIMENEZ, LCPL D. B. HARP
		PVT M. KING TO NOT CHG TO SK A MED
1300	161300	LCPL C. E. CARVALLO FR TAD/R&R, LCPL W. JACKSON, LCPL C. KING, CPL F. DAVILLA
1300	161300	SGT D. J. MCMAHON DR TR HQBN, 3dMARDIV
1300	161300	CPL L. E. LITTLEJOHN TO TAD EMERG LV CONUS
1300	161300	CPL G. H. CARLSON, CPL J. R. YEAGLE JD CONUS
171300	171300	SGT J. V. CARVER WIANE vic Quang Tri RVN
171300	171300	LCPL M. A. GARRISON DR TR 5THMARDIV
171300	171300	PFC M. R. O'BRIEN TO NOT CHG USS SANCTUARY
1300	171300	CPL R. L. COOLMAN DR TR NEARMARGORACTY CONUS LCPL G. E. KLEPK
1300	171300	PFC D. F. CULLY FR UA
1300	171300	CPL J. B. BEAMISH, CPL B. P. MISKO FR TAD R&R
1300	171300	LCPL D. BRANDJES, CPL C. E. CARLTON, PFC M. G. CARLTON, PFC M. G. MOTTIE DR TR CAMP BUTLER
1300	171300	PFC J. L. RUCKER, LCPL R. ROBINSON, CPL D. A. WILSON JD FR 2/9
1300	171300	PFC J. L. RUCKER WIA Nic Dong Ha To sk USS REPOSE
181300	181300	SGT J. C. NEWMAN, LCPL D. W. COLLIER, LCPL J. S. CATCHLOW, LCPL R. J. P. LISINSKI, LCPL W. D. CAIN, SSGT S. P. LOPER, TAD/R&R
1300	181300	CPL J. J. BEGLEY, CPL J. A. NARKER RED LCPL
1300	181300	PFC M. KING FR SK TO CHG
1300	181300	CPL G. W. HURLEY DR TR CAMP BUTLER
1300	181300	PFC L. R. EVELYN, TO N/C NSA
1300	181300	LCPL J. W. SKELTON DD FR CAS CO TRANSFAC WMEPAC

1300	191300	CPL C. O. HONORS, CPL C. FAYETTE, CPL D.P. TERCERO FR TAD R&R
1300	191300	CPL L. A. MILES, LCPL L. TCHONNIE DR TR CG 5th MARDIV
1300	191300	CPL J. C. WLODCHARK DR TR CO MB NAD BANGOR WASH
1300	191300	DPL D. A. GRAHAM, LCPL C. S. RANSON, ICPL E. V. RODRIGUEZ TO TAD R&R
1300	191300	LCPL J. F. BEAN FR SK USS REPOSE
1300	191300	PFC W. W. ROSE, WIA Vic QUANG TRI PROV RVN
1300	191300	LCPL R. A. HARVIEUX, PFC D. S. SIMMONS DR TR CAMP BUTLER
1300	191300	LCPL P. D. HUGHES DR TR NEARMARCORACTY CONUS PFF
1300	201300	CPL J. C. WARREN, LCPL K. D. LEASE TAD R&R
1300	201300	PFC D. M. HEWITT, PFC G. C. LEFORDD, ICPL J. T. JOHNSON, SGT A. V. RIOS WIANE QUANG TRI
1300	201300	CPL D. L. COLER DR TR CG 2D MARDIV
1300	201300	LCPL J. P. DEPAOLI WIA QUANG TRI RVN
1300	201300	CPL D. E. MUIR DR TR CG 5THMARDIV
1300	201300	LCPL AM. TURNER DR TR NEARMARCORACTY CONUS 1STLT M. E. YAGGY DR TR NEARMARCORACTY
1300	201300	HM3 G. P. GROUSE DR TR BALT MARYLAND SEPARATION
1300	211300	LCPL E. W. RICHARDS DR TR CAMP BUTLER
1300		LCPL W. S. WOLAK DR TR 5TH MARDIV
1300	211300	LCPL R. OLIVERI, PFC R. LOPEZ TO NOT CHG NSA
1300	211300	LCPL D. J. MONTIGNY, LCPL R. P. JEPSON TAD R&R
1300	213100	2dLT J. D. CARTER JD CONUS
1300	211300	PFC R. J. MORRIS, SSGT G. L. WALTER, 2dLT C. J. BUDDINGER JOINED CONUS
1300	211300	PFC W. C. BONES, H.N. FRANKHAUSER TO SK NSA
1300	211300	PFC GREER DR DIED ACCID DISCH VIC QUANG TRI

1300	211300	CPL C. A. THOMPSON TO SPLV CONUS
1300	213100	HN D. N. CUMMINGS, HM3 C. HERMAN, HM3 VANTINE JD FR 3D MEDEN
1300	211300	LCPL R. W. MANNER DR TR NEARMARGORACTY CONUS EAD EMERG LV
1300	221300	CPL E. DEDRICK DR TR CO MB NAS LAKEHURST N.J.
1300	221300	CPL J. MACAIS DR TR CG, 5TH MARDIV LCPL I. WATSON
1300	221300	SSGT W. T. NICKLAUS DR TR CG, 5TH MARDIV CAMPEN
1300	231300	PFC H. G. SCHUBERT TO CHG FR SK NSA
1300	231300	PFC P. L. ELLIS TO TAD/R&R
1300	231300	CPL J. L. SEICE, LCPL R. L. BURKET DR TR CG, 2D MARDIV
1300	231300	PFC M. C. MCCAIL, CPL L. T. DENNIS, LCPL R. CASTRO, LCPL H. M. WAMOFF DR TR CG 2D MARDIV
241300	241300	CPL J. G. POMERLEAU, LCPL J. E. CASTROBRAMOS DR KIA VIC KHE SAHN RVN
1300	241300	SGT S. J. CAMPBELL WIA TO NOT CHG TO SK 22-CSF
1300	241300	SGT S. J. CAMPBELL WIA NOT CHG TO SK 22-CSF
1300	241300	CPL E. P. TARN, LCPL A. R. MCGRATH, LCPL A. RAZDRITH, LCPL SKELTON, LCPL E. G. WILK, PFC W. L. TADDER, PFC L. V. ROBERTS WIA TO NOT CHG CHG TO SK 22-CSF
1300	241300	PFC G. O. DOSS, LCPL T. W. ZDORJEWSKI WIA TO NOT CHG "A" MED
1300	241300	LCPL R. L. BARBER, LCPL W. R. BARTH, PFC D. B. HAMILTON, LCPL D. T. PEREZ, PFC J. I. SUTTON, PFC L. F. GEIGER, LCPL F. G. RIPORELLA DR KIA VIC KHE SAHN RVN
1300	251300	LCPL S. SANTOS DR TR CAMP S. D. BUTLER
1300	251300	LCPL L. L. DUPLESSIS FR TAD/R&R
1300	251300	SSGT A. P. LOPER FR TAD/R&R

1300	251300	LCPL J. J. COLLINS TO CHG FR SK "A" MED
1300	251300	GYSGT PERCULTS TO TAD/R&R
1300	251300	PVT J. M. POISSON WIA VIC QUANG TRI PROV RVN TO SK "D" MEDEN
1300	261300	CPL J. E. BEST, LCPL R. N. PRATT, PFC R. B. SARGENT, PFC W. N. PETTIS, PFC H. HILL DR TR CO, 3/26
1300	261300	LCPL D. L. CARPERTENER, CPL B. H. PICKETT TO TAD R&R
1300	261300	1stLt KRAMER FR SK TO CHG
1300	261300	CAPT L. E. SAHW DR TR TO 126
1300	261300	LCPL D. W. COLLIER FR TAD R&R
1300	261300	PFC H. HARRIS TO CHG FR SK "D" MEDEN
1300	261300	PFC R. JONES TO NOT CHG TO SK "D" MEDEN
1300	261300	PFC R. E. WEBB TO NOT CHG "A" MED
1300	261300	CPL B. F. DEAVES TO CHG FR SK USS PRINCETON
1300	261300	LCPL L. O. MCELVEEN TO CHG FR SK "A" MEDEN
1300	261300	CPL W. R. CHADWELL, CLPL J. E. DUKES TO TAD IN CONN R&R
1300	261300	PFC R. C. LOLLER TO NOT CHG TO SK "D" MEDEN
1300	271300	LCPL D. T. KELLY, LCPL R. D. TRUMBLE, LCPL LCPL CLARK, PFC J. E. CHADWICK, LCPL E. DALE, CPL F. A. MIELE, JD FR 3/26
1300	271300	1ST LT W. F. DELANEY DR TR TO CO HOEN FOR DU W/RDCADRE
1300	271300	LCPL D. T. PEREZ DR KIA VIC KHE SAHN RVN
1300	271300	LCPL J. K. WINSLOW TO TAD IN CONN R&R
1300	271300	HM3 M. R. DOTSON JD FR USNS ICELAND
1300	271300	HN J. H. HAEN TO CHG FR SK USS REPOSE DR TR 3D SHORE PARTY BN
1300	271300	CPT CONTANIO JD FR H&S CO 3DATHN

1300	281300	SGT W. C. DENNIS, PFC R. S. KING, PFCJ. R. MANSWELL, PFC J. M. WOODBURN, JD FR 3/26
1300	281300	LCPL M. J. BRADLEY FR TAD CONN W SPLV
1300	281300	PVT M. J. POISSON DR TR SR CAMP BUTLER
1300	291300	PFC G. A. MARZOLINE FR SK TO DUTY
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1300	291300	PFC G. D. SMITH WIA VIC DONG HA TO SK NSA
1300	291300	PFC W. D. BROWN FR SK TO DUTY
1300	291300	LCPL L. OWENS DR TR CONUS FFT 2D MARDIV
1300	291300	SGT C. C. VASQUEZ DR TR BY SR TO CG, 2D MARDIV
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1300	291300	PFC K. A. LEONARD, LCPL W. R. BARTH, PFC D. J. HEFFERMAN, LCPL R. L. BARBER, LCPL R. M. WAINZ DR KIA VIC KHE SANH RVN
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1300	301300	CPL R. FOWLER TO CHG FR SK "A" MED
1300	301300	LCPL G. T. DEATLEY, PFC G. A. VIZER TO CHG FR SK "D" MED
1300	301300	PFC C. M. MARLOW DR TR CAMP S. D. BUTLER
1300	301300	SSGT R. E. COOPER TO TAD IN CONN W R&R
1300	301300	PFC D. P. PREJEAN WIANE VIC QUANG TRI PROV RVN
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1300	301300	LCPL R. E. MCMAHON, PFC T. A. WALSH TO CHG FR SK DANANG NSA
1300	301300	SGT R. J. BRUBB, LCPL B. V. LOMBARDO TO TAD IN CONN W R&R
1300	301300	LCPL S. J. ALLEMAND TO CHG FR SK "D" MED

1300	301300	PFC E. J. EBERHARDT TO CHG FR SK NSA
1300	301300	PFC E. L. ELLIS FR TAD IN CONN/R&R
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Dong Ha Combat Base, Republic of South Vietnam

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030001 April 1967

TO (Date and hour)

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IN	OUT				
		1	032400	No entries	
		2	042400	No entries	
1100		4	051100	Scat 2/Rug 2 Message for S-2 from Scat S-2	
1105		5	051105	Scat 2/Rug 2 Message for S-2 action	
	1140	6	051140	Rug 2/Rug D Activity report from S-2	S-2 action
	1705	23	051705	Rug 2/Scat 2 - 3 VCS arrive your location	
	1705	24	051705	Rug 2/Scat 2 Request any available information regarding friendly contact this day on Operation Big Horn.	
1250		9	061250	Brown Grown 45R - Scat - Intelligence Report on VC Battalion.	S-2 File
	1900	16	071900	Rug 2/Scat 2 Intsum 3	File
	0800	3	080800	Rug 2/Scat 2 Intsum	File
	1715	16	081715	Rug 2/Scat 2 Request information on enemy activity.	File, S-2
	2040	18	082040	Rug 2/Rug A,C,D; Intelligence Report	File
	0625	2	090625	Scat/Rug 72 Hour Weather Forecast	File, S-2
	0745	4	090745	Rug 2/Scat 2 Intsum report to Scat 2	File
0800		5	090800	Scat/Rug - S-2 action new position	File
0600		2	100600	Scat/Rug 72 Hour Weather Forecast	File
0945		10	100945	Rug D/Rug Message on VC village	File
	1115	11	101115	Rug 2/Scat 2 Final spot report # 5	
				CHINOOK BASE	
		1	112400	No entries	
				DONG HA COMBAT BASE	
		1	122400	Nonentries	
0630		1	130630	Punjab/Rug 72 Hour weather forecast	File
0625		2	140625	Punjab/Rug 72 Hour weather forecast	File
0500		1	150500	Punjab/Rug 72 Hour weather forecast	File
		1	162400	No entries	
0625		3	170625	Punjab/Rug 72 Hour weather forecast	File
		1	182400	No entries	

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0640		2	190640	Punjab/Rug 72 Hour weather forecast		File
		1	202400	No entries		
	1145	15	211145	Rug 2/All Base Defense Units - Passwords for 21 April 1967.		
	2005	29	212005	Rug 2/Rug A Intelligence Report		File
1910		30	211910	TP/Rug 2 Intelligence Report		File
2255		17	221255	Rug A1/Rug 2 Positions of suspected VC Units		File S-2
2200		25	232200	Senator 2/Rug 2 Agent Report 302 NVA Bn		File
		1	242400	No entries		
0413		2	250413	Rainbelt 3/Rug 2 VC movement report		File S-2
1330		18	251330	Rug D-3/Rug 2 2-VCS, Checking ID cards		File
2025		33	252025	TP 2/Rug 2 Reported MineField & Coordinates		File S-2
		1	262400	No entries		
		1	272400	No entries		
1155		8	281155	Rug P 2/Rug Reports of enemy unit coordin		File S-2
1945		27	281945	Senator 2/Rug 2 Attack Expected		S-2
1735		24	291740	Rug 2A/Rug 2 MineField of trip wire report		S-2
		1	302400	No entries		

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0001	Comment	040001	Journal Opened	Comment
0650	1	040650	1/9/4th Mar. Sitrep #02 (040530H Apr 1967)	F
1207	2	041207	1/9/4th Mar. Sitrep #03 (041200H Apr. 1967)	F
1230	3	041230	4th Mar/Rug(1/9). Thrust Lines for Operation Bighorn.	F
1815	4	041815	1/9/Seat(4th Marines) Sitrep#04 (041800)	F
1930	5	041930	1/9 departed Chinook Base for Operation Bighorn.	F
2400	Comment	042400	Journal Closed.	Comment

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0001	Comment	050001	Journal Opened.	
0500	1	050500	1/9/4th Mar. Sitrep #01	F
1050	2	051050	4th Mar/1/9. Per. to cross LOD Granted.	F
1227	3	051227	1/9/4th Mar. Final Sportrep fr. A.	F
1230	4	051230	1/9/4th Mar. Sitrep #02.	F
1345	5	051345	1/9/4th Mar. Sportrep fr. A Final	F
1347	6	051345	1/9/4th Mar. Spotrep fr. A Final	F
1349	7	051349	1/9/4th Mar. Spotrep fr. D Final	F
1355	8	051355	1/9 4th Mar. Spotrep fr. A Final	F
1825	9	051825	1/9/4th Mar. Sitrep #03.	F
1850	10	051850	1/9/4th Mar. Final Spotrep Fr. Charlie	F
1945	11	051945	1/9/4th Mar. Final Spotrep Fr. Alfa	F
2215	12	052215	1/9/4th Mar. Requested unit from 2/9 to proceed to our position.	F
2330	13	052330	1/9/4th Mar. Sitrep #04.	F
2400	Comment	052400	Journal Closed.	F

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0001	Comment	060001	Journal Opened.	Comment
0515	1	060515	1/9 assumed OPCON of 2/9 Hotel and LVTH Charlie 2.	F
	0545 2	060545	1/9/4th Mar. Sitrep #05.	F
	0855 3	060855	1/9/4th Mar. Final Spotrep Fr. Charlie.	F
	0945 4	060945	1/9/4th Mar. Final Spotrep Fr. A-3.	F
	0950 5	060950	1/9/4th Mar. Final Spotrep Fr. 2/9.	F
	1100 6	061100	1/9/4th Sitrep #06.	F
	1210 7	061210	1/9/4th Mar. Final Spotrep Fr. Delta.	F
	1215 8	061215	1/9/4th Mar. Final Spotrep Fr. Alfa	F
	1302 9	061302	1/9/4th Mar. Final Spotrep Fr. Charlie	F
	1800 10	061800	1/9/4th Mar. Sitrep #07.	F
	1830 11	061830	1/9/4th Mar. Final Spotrep Fr. Delta.	F
	1832 12	061832	1/9/4th Mar. Final Spotrep Fr. Delta.	F
	2130 13	062130	1/9/4th Mar./Rug Units. Frag Order #01	F
	2328 14	062328	1/9/4th Mar. Sitrep #08.	F
2400	Comment	062400	Journal Closed	Comment

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0001	Comment	070001	Journal Opened.	F
	0515 1	070515	1/9/4th. Sitrep #09.	F
	1025 2	071025	1/9/4th Mar. Final Sportrep Fr. Delta	F
	1125 3	071125	1/9/4th Mar. Final Spetrep Fr. Delta	F
	1230 4	071230	1/9/4th Mar. Sitrep #10.	F
	1425 5	071425	1/9/4th Mar. Final Spetrep from Delta	F
	1430 6	071430	1/9/4th Mar. Final Spotrep From Charlie	F
1440	7	071440	4th Mar/1/9. Chop OPCON to 2/9 and LVTH-2C.	F
	1730 8	071730	1/9/4th Mar. Sitrep #11.	F
	2100 9	072100	1/9/All 1/9 Units. Frag Order #02.	F
2400	Comment	072400	Journal Closed.	Comment

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1/9/4th Mar. Final Spotrep From Alfa.

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1/9/4th Mar. Sitrep #10.

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1/9/4th Mar. Final Spotrep From Charlie.

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0001	comment	090001
0550	1	090550
1130	2	091130
1712	3	091712
1741	4	091741
2000	5	092000
1100	6	091100
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Journal Opened.

1/9/4th Mar. Sitrep #17.

1/9/4th Mar. Sitrep #18.

1/9/4th Mar. Sitrep #19.

1/9/4th Mar. Final Spetrep Fr. Alfa.

1/9/4th Mar. Frag Order #03.

1/9/4th Mar. Sitrep #20.

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100001H Apr 1967

102400H Apr 1967

0001	Comment	100001	Journal Opened.	Comment
0530	1	100530	1/9/4th Mar. Sitrep #21.	F
0930	2	100930	1/9/4th Mar. Final Spotrep from Delta.	F
1445	3	101445	1/9/4th Mar. Final Spotrep from Delta.	F
1743	4	101743	1/9/4th Mar. Sitrep #23.	F
2315	5	102315	1/9/4th Mar. Sitrep #24.	F
2400		102400	Journal Closed	Comment

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Chinook Base Perimeter

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110001H Apr 1967

112400H Apr 1967

0001	Comment	110001
0530	1	110530
1130	2	111130
1645	Comment	111645
1715	Comment	111715
1716	Comment	111716
1700	3	111700
1840	Comment	111840
2330	4	112330
2400	Comment	112400

Journal Opened.
 1/9/4th Mar. Sitrep #25.
 1/9/4th Mar. Sitrep #26.
 Enroute from Chinook Base to Dong Ha.
 Chop OPCON 4th Marines.
 OPCON 3rd Marines Division Forward.
 1/9/4th Mar. Sitrep #27.
 Units arrived at Dong Ha Combat Base.
 1/9/3dMarDiv. Sitrep #01.
 Journal Closed.

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Dong Ha Combat Base

120001H Apr 1967 122400H Apr 1967

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 0530 1 120530
 1130 2 121130
 1715 3 121715
 2330 4 122330
 2400 Comment 122400

Journal Opened.
 1/9/3d MarDiv. Sitrep #02.
 1/9/3d MarDiv. Sitrep #03.
 1/9/3d MarDiv. Sitrep #04.
 1/9/3d MarDiv. Sitrep #05.
 1/9 Journal Closed.

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	0520	1
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2400	Comment	132400

Journal Opened.
 1/9/3d MarDiv. Sitrep #06.
 Chopped OPCON to 1/4. (Co "C").
 1/9/3d MarDiv. Sitrep #07.
 1/9/3d MarDiv. Sitrep #08.
 1/9/3d MarDiv. Sitrep #09.
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0001	Comment	140001
0625	1	140625
1400	2	141400
1627	3	141627
1919	4	141919
2320	5	142320
2400	Comment	142400

Journal Opened.	Sitrep #10.
1/9/3d MarDiv.	Final Spotrep Fr. Alfa
1/9/3d MarDiv.	Final Spotrep Fr. Delta.
1/9/3d MarDiv.	Final Spotrep Fr. Alfa.
1/9/3d MarDiv.	Sitrep #13.
Journal Closed.	

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150001H Apr 1967

152400H Apr 1967

0001	Comment	150001
0530	1	150530
1017	2	151017
1102	3	151102
1115	4	151115
1700	5	151700
1700	6	151700
1823	7	151823
2330	8	152330
2400	Comment	152400

Journal Opened.

1/9/3d MarDiv. Sitrep #14.

1/9/3d MarDiv. Final Spotrep From Alfa.

1/9/3d Mar Div. Final Spotrep From Alfa.

1/9/3d MarDiv. Sitrep #15.

1/9/3d MarDiv. Final Spotrep Fr. Alfa.

1/9/3d MarDiv. Final Spotrep Fr. Delta.

1/9/3d MarDiv. Sitrep #16.

1/9/3d MarDiv. Sitrep #17.

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160001 H Apr. 1967 162400 H Apr. 1967

0001	Comment	160001	Journal Opened		Comment
0530	1	160530	1/9 /3dMarDivFwd. Sit Rep #18 (160530HApr67)		F
1135	2	161135	1/9 /3dMarDivFwd. Sit Rep #19 (161130HApr67)		F
1730	3	161730	1/9 /3dMarDivFwd. Sit Rep #20 (161730HApr67)		F
1920	4	161920	1/9 /1/9 Units Frag Order #21		F
2330	5	162330	1/9 /3dMarDivFwd. Sit Rep #21 (162330HApr67)		F
2400	Comment	162400	Journal Closed		Comment

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170001 H Apr 1967 172400 H Apr 1967

0001	Comment	170001	Journal Opened		Comment
0530	1	170530	1/9/3dMarDivFwd	Sit Rep #22 (170530HAPR67)	F
1026	2	171026	1/9/3dMarDivFwd	Final Spot Rep From Co.A-	F
1320	3	171320	1/9/3dMarDivFwd	Final Spot Rep From Co.D	F
1635	4	171635	1/9/3dMarDivFwd	Sit Rep#23 (171130HApr 67)	F
1712	5	171712	1/9/3dMarDivFwd	Final Spot Rep From Co.A	F
1755	6	171755	1/9/3dMarDivFwd	Sit Rep#24 (171730HApr 67)	F
2015	7	172015	1/9/ 1/9 Units	Frag Order# 22	F
2130	8	172130	1/9/3dMarDivFwd	Sit Rep#25 (172130HApr 67)	F
2400	Comment		Journal Closed		

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180001H Apr 1967 182400 H Apr 1967

0001	Comment	180001	Journal OPENED	
	0515 1	180515	1/9/3dMarDivFwd Sit Rep #26 (180530HApr67)	F
	1155 2	181155	1/9/3dMarDivFwd Final Spot Rep Fm Co.D	F
	1205 3	181205	1/9/3dMarDivFwd Sit Rep #27 (181130HApr67)	F
1235	Comment	181235	1/9 Convoy departed truck point enroute	
			Go Dong Ha.	
	1310 4	181310	1/9/3dMarDivFwd Final Spot Rep Fm Co.D	F
1355	Comment	181355	1/9 Convoy Arrived at Dong Ha	F
	1730 5	181730	1/9/3dMarDivFwd Sit Rep #28 (181730HApr67)	F
	2330 6	182330	1/9/3dMarDivFwd Sit Rep #29 (182330HApr67)	F
2400	Comment	182400	Journal Closed	

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190001 H Apr 1967 192400 H Apr 1967

0001	Comment	190001	Journal Opened	
	0530 1	190530	1/9/3dMarDivFwd Sit Rep #30 (190530HApr67)	F
0800	2	190800	Co.A 1/9 Chopped OPCON to 1/4	
	1200 3	191200	1/9/3dMarDivFwd Sit Rep #31 (191130HApr67)	F
	1730 4	191730	1/9/3dMarDivFwd Sit Rep #32 (191730HApr67)	F
2140	5	192140	3dMarDivFwd/1/9 OPCON reappointment M972	
			starting 200001 H	F
	2330 Comnt	192330	Journal Closed	

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200001 H Apr 1967 202400 H Apr 1967

0001	Comment	200001	Journal Opened	
0001	1 1	200001	1/9 became OPCON to 9th Mar Regt.	
0001	2	200001	Operation Prairie III ended, Operation Prairie IV Commenced	
	0530 3	200530	1/9/9th Mar Regt. Sit Rep #01	F
	1130 4	201130	1/9/9th Mar Regt Sit Rep #02	F
	1210 5	201210	1/9/9th Mar Regt. Final Spot Rep Fm 1/9-5	F
	1250 6	201250	1/9/Co A Grid Ref Points States 3669 and Color 3272.	F
	1420 7	201420	1/9/9th Mar Regt. Final Spot Rep fm CAC 3	F
	1730 8	201730	1/9/9th Mar Regt. Sit Rep #03	F
	1930 9	201930	Co.C/1/9 Final Spot Rep	F
L.E.	1200 10	201200	1/9 assumed OPCON of CAC 1,2,3, and 4.	F
	2330 11	202330	1/9/9th Mar Regt. Sit Rep #04	
2400	Comment	202400	Journal Closed	

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210001 H Apr 1967 212400 H Apr 1967

0001	Comment	210001	Journal Closed		
	0530	1	210530	1/9/9th Mar Regt	Sit Rep #05 F
	1130	2	211130	1/9/9th Mar Regt	Sit Rep #06 F
	1200	3	211200	1/9/9th Mar Regt	Final Spot Rep Fm CAC 2 F
	1220	4	211220	1/9/9th Mar Regt	Final Spot Rep Fm 1/9-5 F
	1555	5	211555	1/9/9th Mar Regt	Final Spot Rep Fm CAC 2 F
	1730	6	211730	1/9/9th Mar Regt	Sit Rep #07 F
	2300	7	212300	1/9/9th Mar Regt	Sit Rep #08 F
00	Comment	212400	Journal Closed		

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220001 H Apr 1976

222400 H Apr 1967

0001	Comment	220001	Journal Opened	
	0530 1	220530	1/9/9th Mar Regt Sit Rep #09	F
0910	2	220910	Co.D/1/9 Final spot Rep	F
	1010 3	221010	1/9/9th Mar Regt Final Spot Rep fm Co. A	F
	1125 4	221125	1/9/9th Mar Regt Final Spot Rep fm 11th Eng.	F
	1130 5	221130	1/9/9th Mar Regt Sit Rep #10	F
	1440 6	221440	1/9/9th Mar Regt Final Spot Rep fm Co.C	F
	1730 7	221730	1/9/9th Mar Regt Sit Rep #11	F
00	Comment	221900	New Grid Code Reference Points: Cigarettes 3149, Movie Stars 3246, Soup 3649, Candies, 3746	
	2330 8	222330	1/9/9th Mar Regt Sit Rep #12	F
2400	Comment	222400	Journal Closed	

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230001 H Apr 1967 232400 H Apr 1967

0001	Comment	230001	Journal Opened		
	0530 1	230530	1/9/9th Mar Regt	Sit Rep #13	F
	1045 2	231045	1/9/9th Mar Regt	Final Spot Rep Fm Co. D	F
	1130 3	231130	1/9/9th Mar Regt	Sit Rep #14	F
	1350 4	231350	1/9/9th Mar Regt	Final Spot Rep Fm RECON	F
1600	Comment	231600	Capt. Hutchinson assumed command of Co. C		
			and Lt. Thompson assumed command of H&S Co.		
	1612 5	231612	1/9/9th Mar Regt	Final Spot Rep Fm Co. D	F
	1656 6	231656	1/9/9th Mar Regt	Final Spot Rep Fm Co. D	F
	1730 7	231730	1/9/9th Mar Regt	Sit Rep #15	F
	2330 8	232330	1/9/9th Mar Regt	Sit Rep #16	F
2400	Comment	232400	Journal Closed		

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240001H Apr 67

242400H Apr 67

0001	1	240001	Journal Opened	
	0530	2	240530	1/9 / 9th MarRegt Situation Report #17 F
	1000	3	241000	1/9 / 9th MarRegt Final Spot Report FM TP-2 F
	1005	4	241005	1/9 / 9th MarRegt Final Spot Report FM TP-2 F
	1200	5	241200	1/9 / 9th MarRegt Situation Report #18 F
	1735	6	241715	1/9 / 9th MarRegt Situation Report #19 F
1730		7	241730	1/9/D and 1/9/C completed switch
	2330	8	242330	1/9 / 9th MarRegt Situation Report #20 F
000		9	242400	Journal Closed

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250001H Apr 67

252400H Apr 67

0001	1	250001	Journal Opened		
	0530	2	250530	1/9 / 9th MarRegt Situation Report #21	F
	1130	3	251130	1/9 / 9th MarRegt Situation Report #22	F
	1230	4	251230	1/9 / 9th MarRegt Initial Spot Rep FM "C"	F
	1400	5	251400	1/9 / 9th MarRegt Final Spot Rep FM "C"	F
	1440	6	251440	1/9 / 9th MarRegt Final Spot Rep FM Engr	F
	1605	7	251605	1/9 / 9th MarRegt Final Spot Rep FM "C"	F
	1700	8	251700	1/9 / 9th MarRegt Situation Report #23	F
	1900	9	251900	1/9 / 9th MarRegt Final Spot Rep FM "C"	F
	2330	10	252330	1/9 / 9th MarRegt Situation Report #24	F
2400	11	252400	Journal Closed		

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260001H Apr 67

262400H Apr 67

0001	1	260001	Journal Opened		
	0500	2	260500	1/9 / 9th MarRegt	Situation Report #25 F
	1130	3	261130	1/9 / 9th MarRegt	Situation Report #26 F
	1730	4	261730	1/9 / 9th MarRegt	Situation Report #27 F
	2115	5	262115	1/9 / 9th MarRegt	Final Spot Rep FM "A" F
	2300	6	262300	1/9 / 9th MarRegt	Situation Report #28 F
2400	7	262400	Journal Closed		

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270001H Apr 67

272400H Apr 67

0001	1	270001	Journal Opened	
0530	2	270530	1/9 / 9th MarRegt Situation Report #29	F
1130	3	271130	1/9 / 9th MarRegt Situation Report #30	F
1200	4	271200	1/9 / 9th MarRegt Initial Spot Rep FM "A"	F
1515	5	271515	1/9 / 9th MarRegt Final Spot Rep FM "A"	F
1610	6	271610	1/9 / 9th MarRegt Initial Spot Rep FM TP-2	F
1645	7	271645	1/9 / 9th MarRegt Final Spot Rep FM "C"	F
1730	8	271730	1/9 / 9th MarRegt Situation Report #31	F
2330	9	272330	1/9 / 9th MarRegt Situation Report #32	F
2345	10	272345	1/9 / 9th MarRegt Final Spot Rep FM "C"	F
2400		272400	Journal Closed	

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280001H Apr 67

282400H Apr 67

0001	1	280001	Journal Opened	
	0525	2	280525	1/9 / 9th MarRegt Situation Report #33 F
	0630	3	280630	1/9 / 9th MarRegt Final Spot Rep FM "A" F
	1130	4	281130	1/9 / 9th MarRegt Situation Report #34 F
	1200	5	281200	1/9 / 9th MarRegt Final Spot Rep FM "A" F
	1735	6	281735	1/9 / 9th MarRegt Situation Report #35 F
	1830	7	281830	1/9 / 9th MarRegt Final Spot Rep F
	2330	8	282330	1/9 / 9th MarRegt Situation Report #36 F
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290001 H Apr 1967 292400 H Apr 1967

0001	Comment	290001	Journal Opened		
	0530 1	290530	1/9/9th Mar Regt	Sit Rep # 37	F
	1130 2	291130	1/9/9th Marines	Sit Rep #38	F
	1350 3	291359	1/9/9th Mar Regt	Final Spot Rep Fm Co.C	F
	1730 4	291730	1/9/9th Mar Regt	Sit Rep #39	F
	2330 5	292333	1/9/9th Mar Regt	Sit Rep #40	F
2400	Comment	292400	Journal Closed		

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300001 H Apr 1967 302400 H Apr 1967

0001	Comment	300001	Journal Opened	
	0530 1	300530	1/9/9th Mar Regt Sit Rep #41	F
	1130 2	301130	1/9/9th Mar Regt Sit Rep #42	F
1200	Comment	301200	9th Mar Regt assumed perimeter responsibilities	F
	1545 3	301545	1/9/9th Mar Regt Final Spot Rep Fm Co. C.	F
	1730 4	301730	1/9/9th Mar Regt Sit Rep #43	F
1820	5	301820	CAC 2/1/9 Final Spot Rep	F
	1920 6	301920	1/9/9th Mar Regt Final Spot Rep Fm Co.C	F
	2330 7	302330	1/9/9th Mar Regt Sit Rep #44	F
2400	Comment	302400	Journal Closed	

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	0450	1	150450	Rug/Reappoint - Sit Rep # 57		File
	0630	2	150630	Rug/Reapp. -FINAL Rep # 1 FMB		File
	0650	3	150650	Rug/Rug Rear- NBC Report FM Rug B		File S-1
	1445	12	151445	Rug/Reapp. Final Spot Rep # 2 FMB		File
	1442	12	151442	Rug/Reapp. Final Spot Rep # 3 FMB		File
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	2105	16	202105	Rug/All Units Frag Order		File
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	1115	5	281115	Rug D/ Rug Final Spot Report # 2		File
	1137	6	281137	Rug/Reap. Sit Rep # 110		
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	Comment		281450	Rug D reports 1 more MVA moving on their left flank will maneuver to capture alive if possible.		
	1445	12	281445	Rug/Rug C Change in Reg order 26 to op ord 5-67.		
	Comment		281523	2 rounds incoming landed near southern perimeter firing counter battery fire at suspected possit.		Comment
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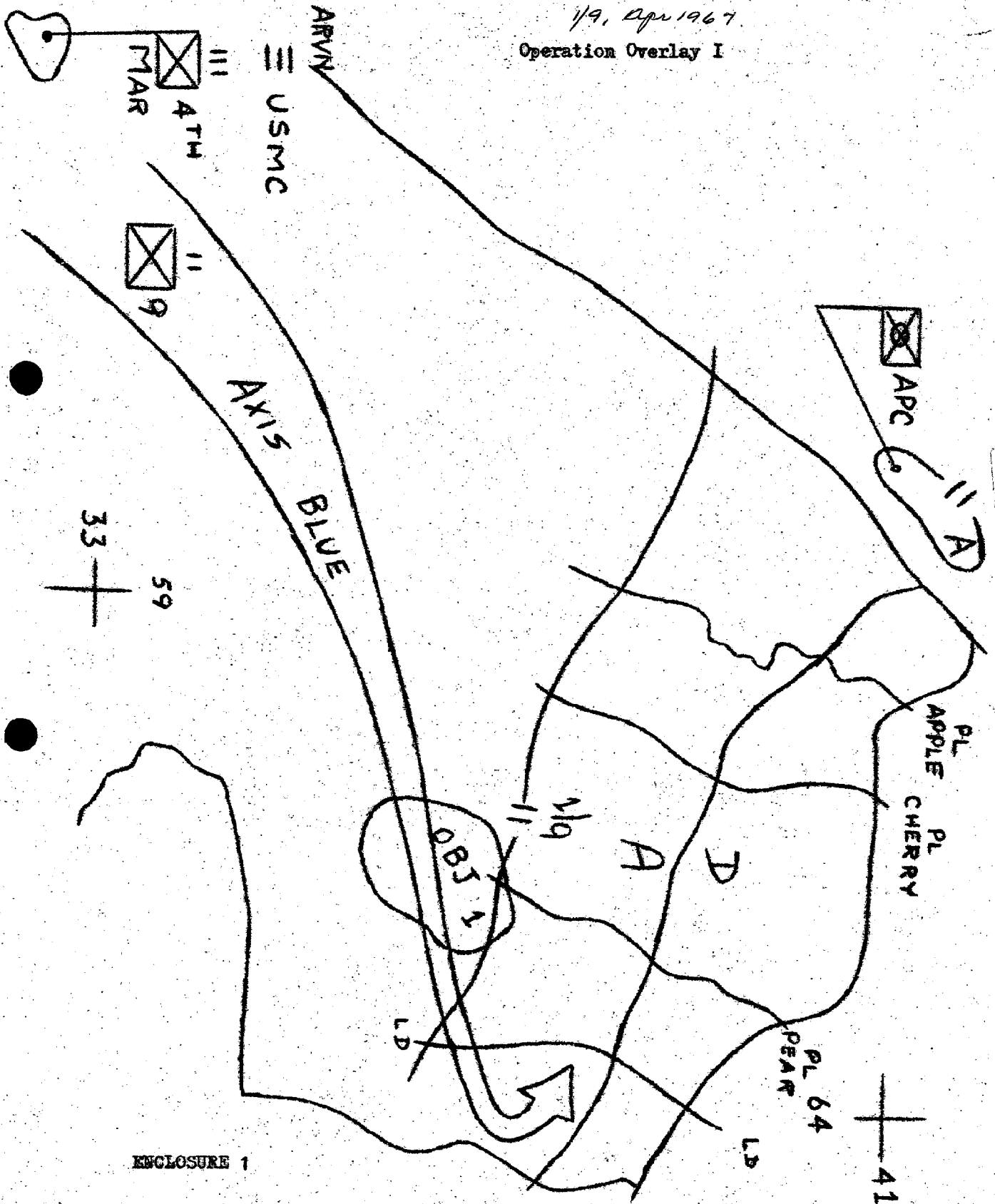
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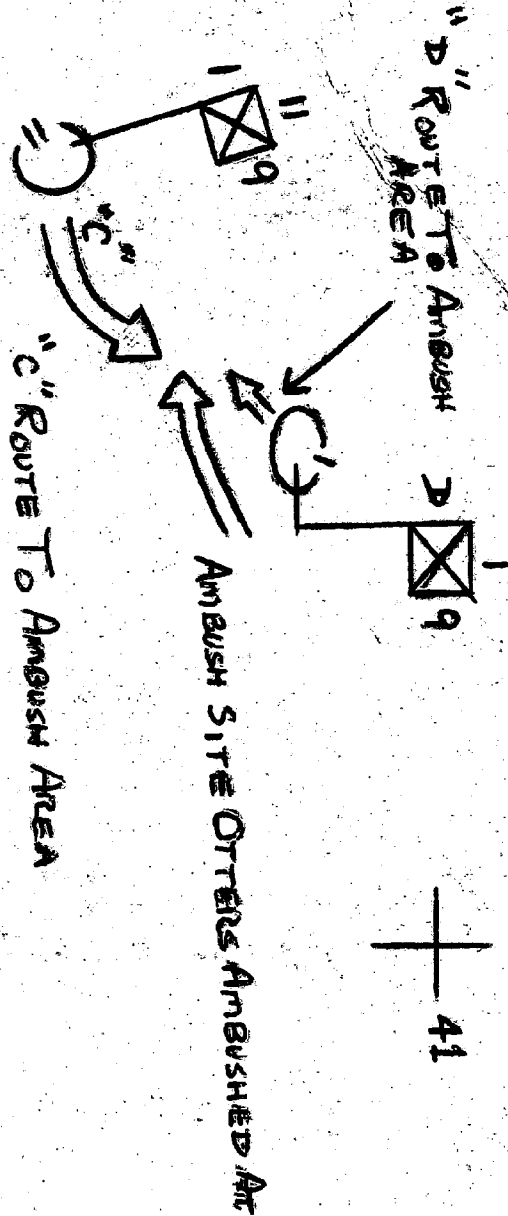
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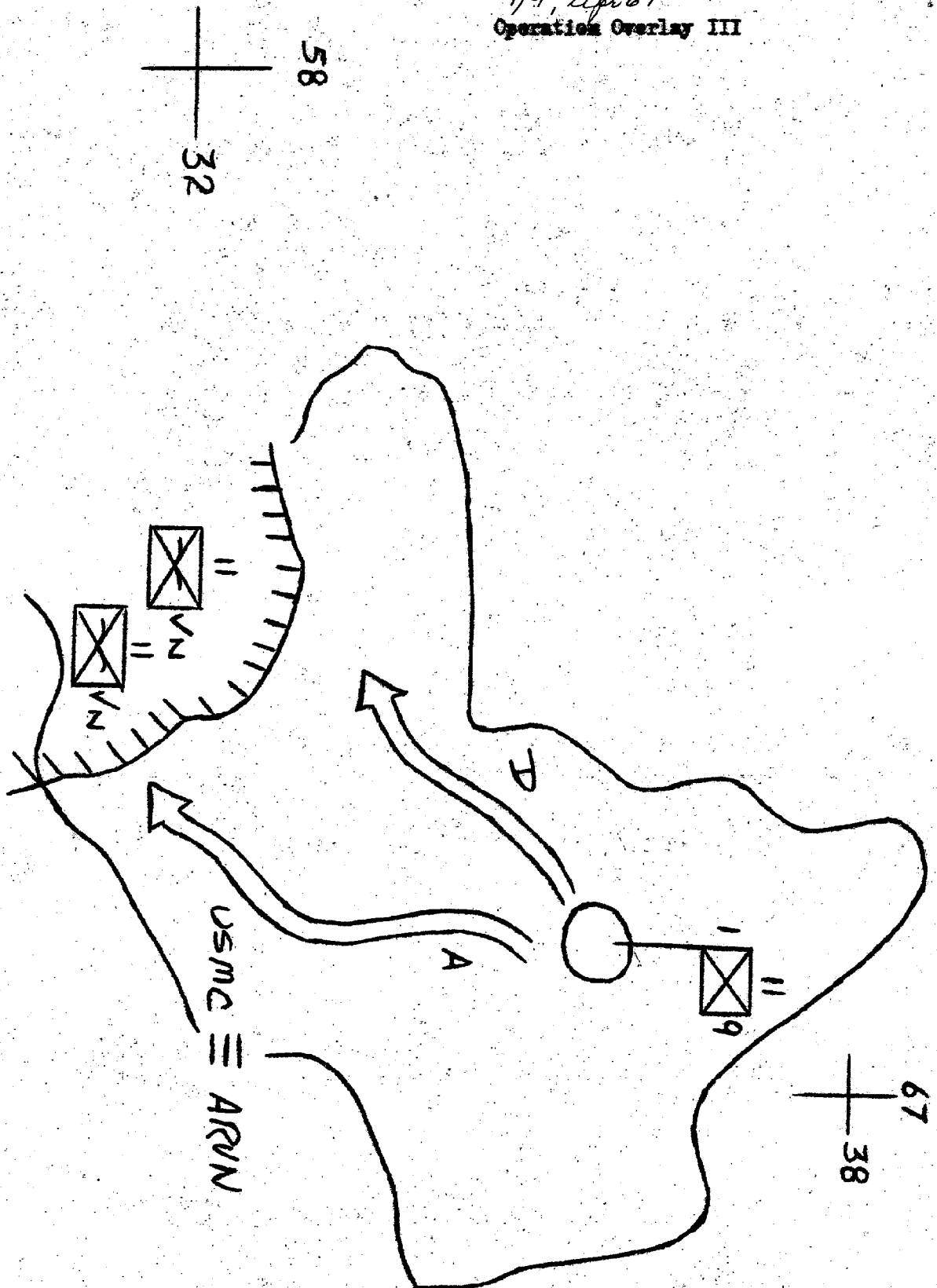
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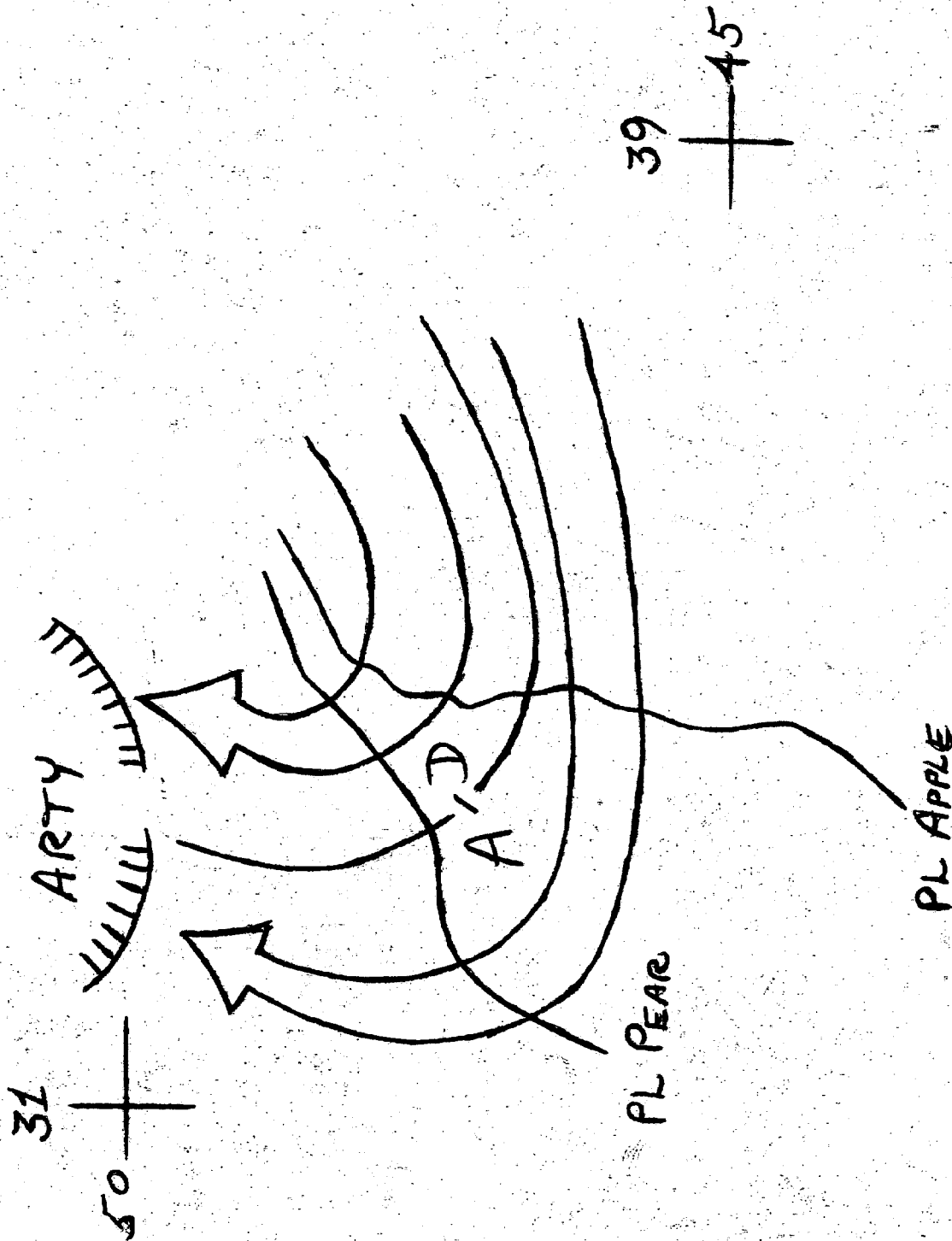


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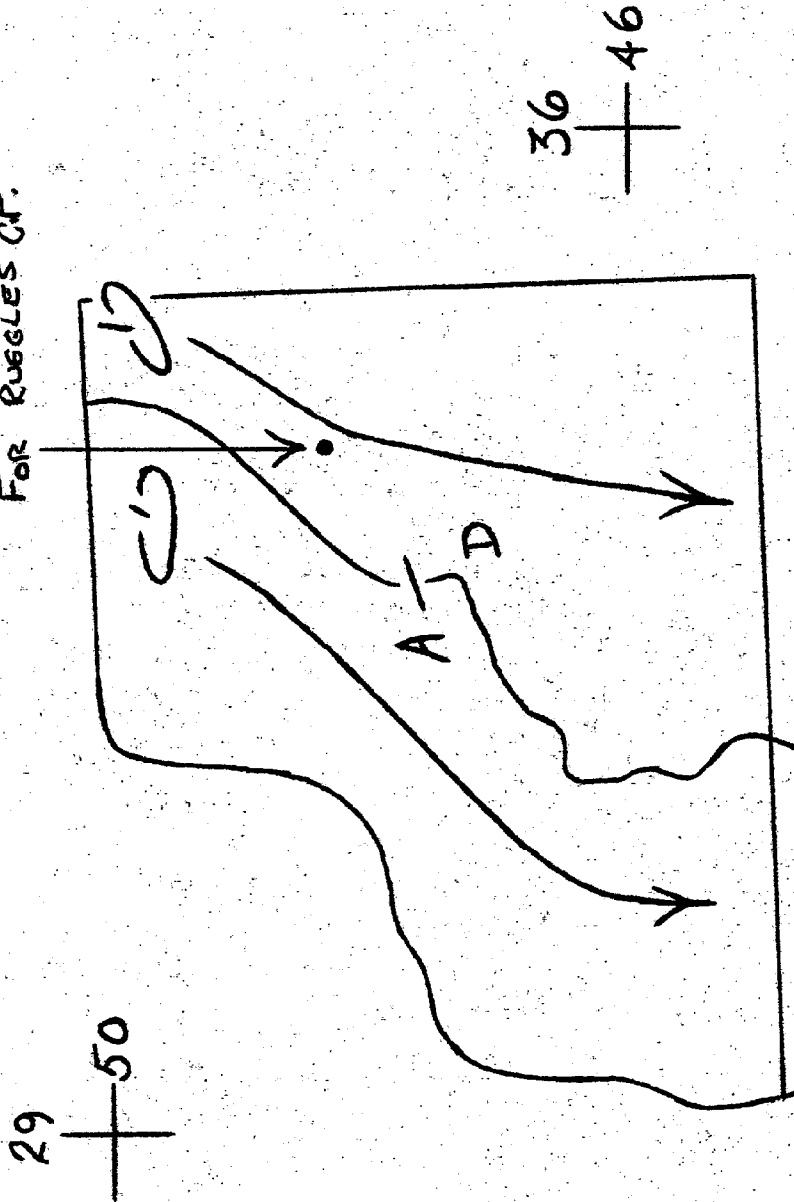
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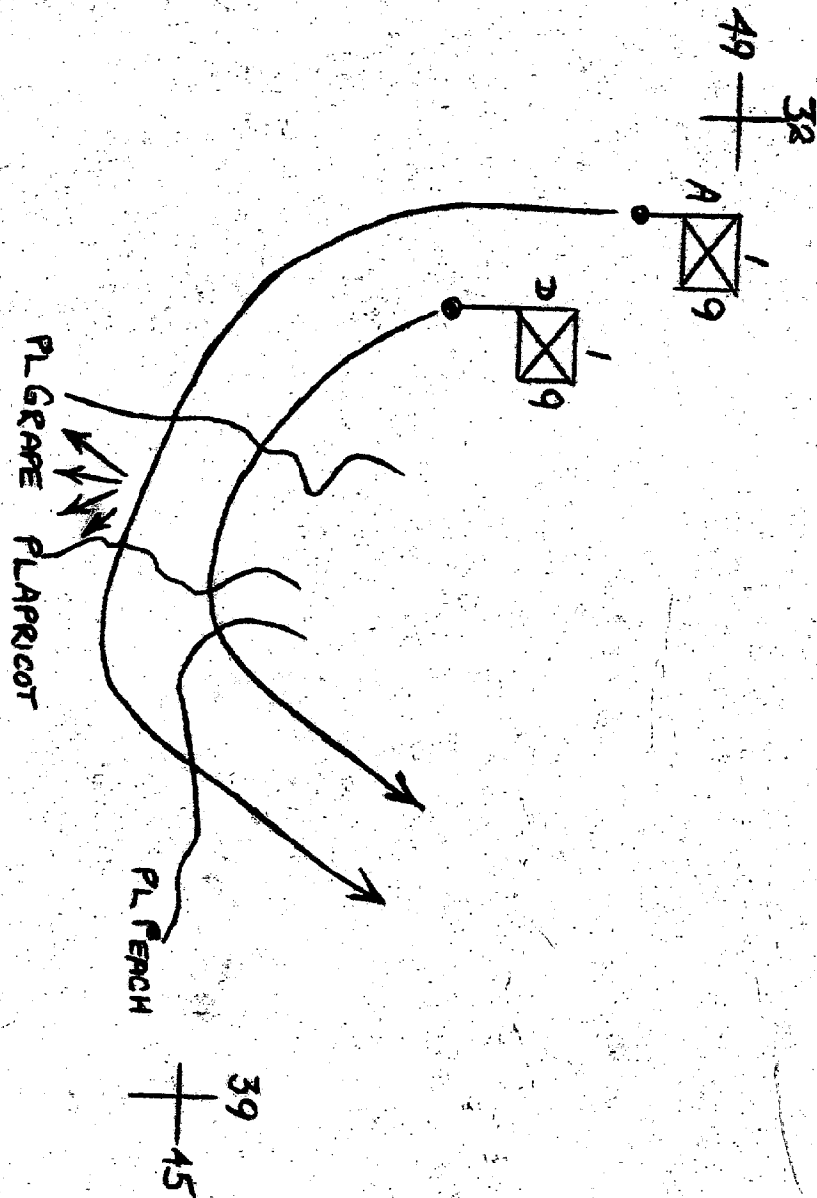


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3. Location. Quan Phong Dien, Quan Quang Dien
4. Task Organization.

1st Battalion, 9th Marines

Maj FULHAM

H&S Company (-)(Rein)

Capt HUTCHINSON

H&S Co (-)(Rein)
InfM, "D" Btry, 2nd Bn, 12th Mar
Det, Co "A", 3rd SP Bn
Det, Co "B", 3rd Engr Bn

Company "A" (-)(Rein)

Capt SLATER

Co "A"
FO Tm, "D" Btry, 2nd Bn, 12th Mar
Det, Co "B", 3rd Engr Bn
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1stLt DIXON (5 Apr-11Apr)

Company "C" (-)(Rein)

Co "C"
Det, Co "B", 3rd Engr Bn
Det, H&S Co
FO Tm, 81mm Mortar Plt
Det, Med Plt
Det, Comm Plt

Company "D" (-)(Rein)

Capt SHAW

Co "D"
Det, Co "B", 3rd Engr Bn
FO Tm, "D" Btry, 2nd Bn, 12th Mar
Det, H&S Co
FO Tm, 81mm Mortar Plt
Det, Med Plt
Det, Comm Plt

5. Supporting Forces.

a. Artillery. Artillery was used during Operation Big Horn on targets of opportunity including troops in the open, counter mortar fire and small arms harassing fire, and H&I fires. Two illumination missions in support of night activities were fired.

A total of 1115 rounds of 105mm Howitzer ammunition was fired in direct support of 1st Battalion, 9th Marines. Five combat missions were fired with a total round expenditure of 590 rounds. Five hundred twenty-five rounds were fired in harassment and interdiction.

b. Air. During Operation Big Horn adverse weather conditions and lack of suitable targets restricted the use of air as a supporting arm. The majority of air support consisted of resupply and medevacs with daily unscheduled aerial observation aircraft available. No fixed wing close air support was requested. The medical evacuation and resupply were conducted as planned with no major difficulties. A total of seventy-two (72) personnel were evacuated. Eight of these were emergency medevacs that were accomplished with maximum speed. Three sorties of C117 aircraft in night illumination missions were flown on 5 April. On the morning of 6 April 60 marine casualties were medevaced.

The only ordnance delivered by air was six 2.75 rockets and approximately 200 7.62 rounds. This was expended by a HULE (Gun Ship), who while flying cover for resupply was requested by the ALO to take under attack (1) one building, sheltering a sniper who was delivering fire to the landing zone. The building was destroyed, sniper silenced, and small secondary explosions observed.

c. Armor. The use of armor was limited to the participation of one platoon of M-48 tanks in a block that was set up to prevent the egress of enemy troops.

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6. Intelligence. From the battalion's past experience in this area, it was estimated that mines and surprise firing devices would be the main manifestation of a withdrawing enemy. Numerous routes of exit both by land and water also contributed to conclusion that the enemy would choose to delay and withdraw rather than remain concentrated. Various reports of main force battalions operating in the vicinity of YD 5043 and YD 5940 indicated that more than the light contact encountered by 1st Battalion, 9th Marines in Operation Chinook II was to be expected. The enemy was credited with the capability of committing main force units on the company level, with 60mm mortars, and of being reinforced from the northwest.

The expected pattern of mines and surprise firing devices was also a product of the 1st Battalion, 9th Marines experience in this area. All grave yards in the vicinity of a village were highly suspected of being mined, as well as all untraveled high ground. Trails in villages and "The Street Without Joy" itself were assumed to be mined. Mine threats were expected to be limited to the anti-personnel variety.

In all but one incidence the order of battle was as predicted in the intelligence estimate. The move from the 4th Marines CP to the objective assembly area in the vicinity of (YD 603364) was hampered only by the light rain and low clouds which reduced visibility. The first unit to approach "The Street Without Joy" from the south in the vicinity of grid square (YD 6038) encountered M14 and M16 mines in the grave yards surrounding the hamlet of Ap Dong Ho (2). In this area the grave yard is surrounded by barbed wire and is only sparsely traveled by civilians. Cultivated fields and well traveled family trails are the only reasonable safe avenues of approach along the southern approach to the village. Mines are usually clearly marked by dried brush along the trails or by crosses made of bamboo sticks in the ground.

The one strong contact made by 1st Battalion, 9th Marines was a horseshoe ambush executed by an estimated enemy company of main force troops upon two (2) resupply otters and their security at (YD 607392). The ambush was deliberate and well planned to protect the southern approach to the hamlet of Ap Dong Ho (1). Although set up to kill foot troops, the initial action crippled the vehicles and remained in position to inflict further casualties in a brief action. Recently dug fighting holes and the long east-west trench lines to the south of the village were used to inflict casualties on reinforcements. Interrogation of villagers the following day disclosed that a main force unit estimated at 150 was seen moving north from the hamlet of Ap Trung Kieu (1), the evening of the ambush. Enemy route of egress was around to the north and by water.

At 0540, 8 April 1967 the CP (YD 612387) received 40 rounds of 60mm mortars from two (2) tubes located in the vicinity of (YD 597394). The mortar fire was inaccurate and no adjustments were made by the enemy tubes. A sweep of short duration such as this does little to hinder the enemies capabilities of freedom of movement in this area.

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The sand flats between highway #1 and "The Street Without Joy" are sparsely vegetated and easily trafficable. The village area offers good cover and concealment, but poor fields of fire to any close contact. The area near Ap Than Gam (2) and south offers excellent cover from the bamboo treeline along the periphery of the hamlets. Fields of fire into the rice paddies are excellent from each village.

The major obstacles to troop movements were mines and surprise firing devices concentrated along southern and northern approaches to hamlets. They continued to discourage tactical troop movement by channelizing marines into safe routes of access. Rice paddies in (YD 6040, 6140, and 6432) were flooded and impassible. All others were dry and easily traversed.

Critical terrain in this area is, within and around a hamlet. In the case of "The Street Without Joy" airborne observation of the dikes bordering the bay would be desirable.

The weather during this operation was typefied by a daily morning overcast, clearing towards mid-day. Bright sunlight and the highly reflective properties of the white sand raised daily temperature to the high 80's.

Six men of the Armed Propoganda Team were attached to 1st Battalion, 9th Marines for four of the six days of the operation. When given adequate time they were useful in gaining local intelligence data and exploiting local propoganda themes. The attitude of the local population as disclosed by the A P Team was found to be neither hostile or friendly. The local population seemed to be content to pay the VC rice tax in order to be left alone.

7. Mission. On 5 April 1967 conduct search and destroy operation from LD (YD 635379) in a northwesterly direction to western boundry of assigned AO (YD 584412). Reverse axis and conduct search and destroy operation in a southeasterly direction to eastern boundry (YD 645374). On order continue search and destroy mission in southern direction in conjunction with ARVN forces to ARVN airborne blocking position (Vic YD 611328) to (YD 652288).

8. Concept of Operation. Under cover of darkness on 4 April move overland to an assembly area in vicinity of objective #1. At first light one company will move to the LD (YD 635379). On order commence a coordinated two company search and destroy operation to the northwest with one company moving along both sides of the "Street Without Joy" and one company moving along the sand flats to the south. On reaching PL Apple one company will shift to the north of the road and one company will take the portion of the AO below the road. Upon reaching the western boundry (estimated 2 days) the battalion will reverse the axis and sweep back down the "Street Without Joy" to the southeasterly direction. Upon reaching the eastern boundry (YD 645374) the battalion on order will conduct a search and destroy operation in conjunction with ARVN forces in a southern direction

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toward an ARVN airborne blocking position in vicinity YD 611328 to 653288.

9. Execution.

a. 5 April 1967. On the evening of 4 April 1967, under the cover of darkness, the battalion (-) began a tactical foot march from the 4th Marine Regimental Hq area towards the battalion AO in Operation Big Horn. At 050001 "Operation Big Horn" commenced with the battalion located at YD 622361. The battalion moved throughout most of the night with Company "A" as the lead company, Company "C" as CP security and Company "D" in trace. At approximately 0230 the battalion conducted a tactical bivouac at YD 580360 while awaiting the start of daylight activities. At first light activities began with Company "A" moving to YD 605385 and commenced a search and destroy sweep of the general area. Company "D", moved to YD 623383 and conducted a search and destroy sweep as they moved to this position. While setting up a perimeter defense a marine from Company "A" at YD 598385 detonated an M14 mine located in a hedge row, which resulted in two WIA. The time of this incident was at 1200, 5 April. At the same coordinates at 1230 a mine sweep team detonated a M14 mine on a trail resulting in one WIA. While conducting sweep activities at 1255, Company "D" at YD 609295 detained 3 male Vietnamese. The PF NCO declared the detainees had no jobs and had been carrying supplies for the VC. These detainees were turned over to the battalion S-2 for interrogation and evacuation. Company "D" continued to sweep northwest to their night position at YD 614400. Night defensive posture was maintained at this position. Company "A" continued to have problems with mine incidents. At 1305 (YD 598385) while moving into the perimeter a M14 mine was detonated and two marines were wounded. The first active contact with the enemy occurred at 051325 (YD 598389) when a Company "A" platoon sighted 7 VC with weapons moving to the southeast. They were brought under fire and 1 VC was observed to be hit. The VC were wearing mixed civilian clothing. A check of the area revealed a well defined blood trail and it is estimated that one VC KIA is probable. Company "C" moving within the battalion perimeter, discovered (4) new M16 A1 mines set in a cluster. The mines were disarmed and later destroyed. The remainder of the day was relatively quiet until 1730 when 2 M76 Otters conducting a resupply mission to Company "D" position were attacked by an unknown number of enemy at YD 608393, using small arms fire, 60mm mortar, and AP mines. One otter was disabled, 8 marines were wounded, and 2 were killed. One platoon of Company "D" was sent from the northwest to aid the resupply vehicles and one platoon of Company "C" from the southeast was also sent to render aid. The Company "C" platoon reached the otters at 1815 and provided security for the besieged unit. Sporadic small arms fire was received in the perimeter established by C-3 around the otters. Since medevacs had been called for, it was decided to sweep the hamlet of Ap Dong Ho (1) to insure the safety of medevac helicopters. Company "C" (-) moved at 1900 and by 1930 was in position to commence the sweep (enclosure 2). The Company "D" platoon was taken under fire heavy small arms fire and was forced to stop at YD 610395. This firefight continued until 2130 hours when Company "D" was ordered to break contact with the enemy.

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The platoon from Company "D" sustained 24 WIA and 2 KIA in this encounter while inflicting 11 confirmed KIA and 15 probable KIA upon the VC force. Company "C" (-) moved to within 30 meters of the edge of the hamlet with the lead platoon in a skirmish line and a platoon in column in trace, connecting the lead platoon to the perimeter around the others. The Company CP group was about 10 meters behind the lead platoon. At this time the enemy took the lead platoon under very heavy small arms, grenades, and mortar fire. Coincident with the initial enemy fire was the drop of an illumination flare from an on station flare ship. The light of the flare further imperiled the lead platoon of Company "C". The initial fire from the enemy was devastating to Company "C" lead platoon. The Company "C" CP group except for 1 man was killed instantly by the initial burst of small arms fire. The enemy seeing his advantage moved in an enveloping move from the right through the lead platoon position, captured 7 M16 rifles, and withdrew before the reserve platoon, due to darkness, could react. This action resulted in 15 USMC KIA and 20 WIA from Company "C". The Company "C" commander was one of the KIA. He was killed instantly by a gunshot wound in the head.

Company "C" inflicted 6 KIA on the enemy by body count and it is probable that 40 additional VC were killed as determined by blood and drag marks on the trail. At this time (2015) Company "A" moved from the battalion CP to relieve Company "C", Company "A" moved through the battle area and secured the area to enable the recovery of dead and wounded. The evacuation of casualties was complete by 0400. It was estimated that the enemy force in this action was a reinforced company well dug in and armed with a large ratio of automatic weapons including at least one 12.7mm machine gun.

The only other action on this evening occurred when Company "A" was deploying to secure the battalion perimeter at 1850 hrs, an M14 mine was detonated causing 1 WIA.

b. 6 April 1967. On the morning of 6 April, Company "A" commenced a sweep of Ap Dong Ho (1) finding 2 AK-47 rifles, many blood trails and numerous abandoned enemy positions. No contact was made.

At 060515 the battalion assumed opcon of Company "H", 2/9 and 2nd platoon Company "C", 3rd tanks. These units were used to establish a block from YD 576397 to 591387.

Company "H", 2/9 at 0600745 acquired one detainee who walked up to their position and claimed to be a "Chou Hoi". The detainee was 17 years old. The detainee was turned over to the S-2 of 2/9.

Company "A" at 060645 while conducting search and destroy operations fired on and hit a VC running (YD 614389) from the platoon position. The VC was killed by the gunshot wound.

At YD 605385, while moving in a search and destroy sweep, A-3 set off 1 M14 mine and sustained 2 WIA. There were no other incidents during the morning of 6 April 1967. Companies "A" and "D" conducted sweeps

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to the northwest. Company "A" was on the south side of "The Street Without Joy" and Company "D" was on the north side.

At 061200 Company "D" at YD 608395 while conducting a search of abandoned enemy positions found a quantity of grenades, ammunition and explosives which they destroyed. Company "D" had no further incidents to report until 061630 at YD 598412 a detainee was captured. A Popular Forces NCO stated that the detainee was a VC and that local villagers said he was not a resident of the area. He was turned over to the battalion S-2 for interrogation and evacuation. The remainder of the day was without incident and on the evening of 6 April four separate night defensive perimeters were established. Company "C" and the battalion CP were at YD 597385; Company "A" at YD 598397, Company "D" at YD 598406, and Company "H" with tanks at YD 587378. Local night patrols and ambushes were conducted from all defense perimeters. No contacts were made with the enemy.

c. 7 April 1967. On the morning of 7 April at 0830, Company "A" CP received 7 rounds of sniper fire from a small enemy unit dressed in black pajamas. Fire was returned with small arms M-79 and artillery. The enemy moved away to the west. ~~Fifty~~ ^{Fifteen} probable VC KIA were estimated.

Company "A", continued its sweep to the northwest moving to the ARVN block at YD 585412 and then returned, to the position held on the previous night. Company "D" remained in position and screened the area on the north side of "The Street Without Joy" by observation.

On 7 April, at 070845 Company "D" received sniper fire from YD 588405. This was one of the few active contacts with the enemy during the morning. No fire was returned since the snipers location could not be determined. One marine from Company "A" was injured by fragments from an artillery mission fired at YD 595403, at 1000 that morning.

At 071030, a Company "D" PF patrol at YD 597406 spotted a large group of people running away from the patrol. The patrol intercepted the group, conducted an interrogation session and detained 3 confirmed VC. A Company "C" patrol at YD 609392 encountered a lone VC at 071120. The VC threw a grenade at the patrol. The patrol killed the VC with small arms fire. A search of his body revealed two additional Chi Com grenades. No further contacts were made. During the afternoon at 1420 Company "H", and the tank platoon chopped opcon to 4th Marine Regiment. Night defensive positions were set up with normal night activities consisting of aggressive local patrols and ambushes. Company "C" and battalion CP were at YD 597385; Company "A" at YD 592399, and Company "D" at YD 599406. No contacts were made.

d. 8 April 1967. At 0545 the battalion CP area was hit by 40 60mm mortar rounds, causing 2 nonserious WIA. Muzzle flashes were spotted at YD 603385, artillery counter mortar fire was called. One squad from Company "C" was sent to search the area. When reaching the position an M16A1 mine was detonated and 2 marine WIA casualties were sustained. The search of the area was without results. Fifteen rounds of sniper fire was received when a LZ was being established to medevac the casualties.

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Fire was returned and enemy fire was suppressed. One WIA died before evacuation could be accomplished and the other WIA was evacuated on resupply in the afternoon. On 8 April both sweeping companies were to sweep to the southeast from the previous night's position to a block established by 1st ARVN Division from YD 658358 to 665366. While on a sweep at 081225 (YD 610394) Company "A" was on the south side and Company "C" was on the north side of "The Street". A Company "A" patrol encountered a bunker and attempted to conduct a search. As the search began a marine was killed instantly by a M16 round fired from within the bunker. Another marine was wounded at the same time. The VC then threw a Chi Com grenade which bounced back into the bunker killing the VC. The M16 was recovered and proved to be one lost by Company "C" in the incident of 5 April 1967. No further incidents were reported during the day. Companies "A" and "D" swept southeast to YD 645359 and established a perimeter to which Company "C" and the battalion CP moved. Normal night activities were conducted without contact.

e. 9 April 1967. On 9 April 1st ARVN Division set in a block from YD 611330 through YD 630332, 645307, 658294, and 663284. Companies "A" and "D" 1st Battalion, 9th Marines conducted a sweep southwest towards the block from their position of the previous night. Company "C" and the CP group followed in trace. The sweep continued through the 9th and 10th of April and was uneventful except for sporadic sniper fire and one mine incident. The mine incident occurred at 101505 (YD 631327) and two marines were wounded by an unknown type mine. The night of 9 April was spent in a battalion tactical bivouac at YD 635338 with normal night activities and night defense conducted without incidents. On 10 April the sweep was continued to the southwest through the block established by the ARVN's and to the assembly area for truck transportation to the Chinook Combat Base Camp.

The battalion (-) arrived at the base camp at 1700 on 10 April and remained there the afternoon of 11 April. At this time the battalion (-) conducted a tactical motor march north to the Dong Ha Combat Base and chopped opcon to 3rd MARDIVFWD 1111716H April 1967 ending participation in Operation Big Horn.

10. Results.

a. USMC KIA 21
USMC WIA 63

Six M16 rifles were captured by VC forces from USMC dead on the battlefield 5 April 1967.

b. VC KIA 20 (confirmed),
70 (probable)
VCC 6 (confirmed)

Two AK-47 rifles were captured on the evening of 5 April 1967.

c. All artillery mission areas were searched.

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11. Administrative Matters.

a. Supply. Upon entrance into Operation Big Horn the battalion carried a prescribed load of one day of Class I, a BA of Class V and combat essential Class II. Resupply was by helicopter and Otter M-76 from the LSA. The vulnerability of the Otter to small arms fire proved to be a problem on one occasion. Two Otters were disabled by small arms and mortar fire. This obvious weakness of the Otter, limits its use in resupply. Resupply by helicopters was restricted due to adverse weather conditions.

b. Maintenance. Numerous malfunctions of the M-16 rifle due to short coming in maintenance occurred during an engagement with the enemy. This adversity resulted from a need for familiarity with the unique properties of the M-16 rifle. Malfunctions were caused by sand sticking to unnecessary oil on functioning parts of the rifle. A total of 40 rounds per man was allowed to accomplish this training. A minimum of 300 rounds should be fired by each marine to insure the proper seating of the functioning parts of the weapon and to instill troop confidence and knowledge of care and cleaning of this unique weapon.

The lack of knowledge of maintenance and capabilities of the M-16 rifle was a hinderance to the success of the operation and to the preservation of the lives of marines engaged with the enemy.

c. Treatment of casualties and evacuation and hospitalization.

Casualties were treated by the battalion medical officer or corpsman in the field and medevaced as rapidly as possible by helicopter. Medical facilities at the Phu Bai Vital Area were the first stop for casualties.

d. Transportation. Motor transportation for the battalion motor marches was conducted without serious incident.

e. Communications. Radio and wire communication was established and maintained throughout the operation without major difficulties.

f. Medical Evaluation. Operation Big Horn was conducted with the medical officer and five senior corpmen in the field traveling with the command group. This generally allowed more adequate evacuation of non-battle casualties were kept in the field for the duration of the operation instead of being evacuated.

12. Special Equipment and Techniques. During this action an armed propaganda team was in direct support of the battalion. The APT team had worked with the battalion in the same area during a earlier operation. The APT worked well with marine units and their ability to glean information from local inhabitants and their first hand knowledge of local structures and hiding places was valuable to the battalion effort. The APT pointed out several mines and boobytraps and undoubtedly saved the lives of some marines. The continuous presence

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of the U.S. Liason Officer with the APT team greatly enhances their efficiency and enables marine commanders to secure a maximum use of the team.

13. Commanders Analysis.

a. The results of this operation of "The Street Without Joy" were similiar to those of previous USMC operations conducted in the area. Heavy contact was made just before dark in a built up area characteristically imbued with heavy vegetation. After the initial contact the enemy was able to take advantage of darkness heavy vegetation and knowledge of trails through the area, to break contact and withdraw. Statements of the local population indicate that the enemy withdrew around the blocking forces by taking advantage of the high, nearly full grown rice, to move northward to the shoreline and then utilizing boats. This was their suspected means of withdrawal during Operation Jay. It is considered that in view of the extensive mines in the cemetery areas south of "The Street", and the comparative ease with which blocking forces can be emplaced on the eastern and western areas of "The Street" and the success the enemy had achieved in withdrawing to the north, that the next operation scheduled in the area would prove more successful if the attack was made from the north.

b. It is considered significant that there was much evidence that mines had been removed from the region within the built up area. This would seem an indication that a large force not acquainted with the area had just been there or it was planed to move one into the area.

c. During the night of 4-5 April the battalion moved in column. The night was extremely dark with a heavy overcast and drizzle. Much of the time it was not possible to see the next man even though he was only a meter away. This was the first occasion the battalion had made a major night move as a unit. Although little difficulty was encountered by rifle companies, since their personnel are accustomed to night movement, considerable difficulty was encountered by H&S Company in maintaining control and contact within the unit. This was particularly evident later in the night when the troops began to tire. Every effort should be made to maintain a high state of training in night movement of all hands, headquarters personnel as well as line troops. Prior to a night movement, troops must be thoroughly briefed on the absolute necessity of maintaining contact with the individual in front and the necessity of ensuring that the individual behind is always informed when movement commences.

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1. Code Name. Prairie III.
2. Dates of Operation. 111717H April 1967 to 192400H April 1967.
3. Location. Quan Trieu Phong, Quan Hai Lang.
4. Task Organization.

1st Battalion, 9th Marines

Maj FULHAM

H&S Co (-) (Rein)

Capt HUTCHINSON

H&S Co (-)
FoTm, "D" Btry 2nd Bn, 12th Mar
Det, Co "A", 3rd SP Bn
Det, Co "B", 3rd Engr Bn

Company "A" (-) (Rein)

Capt SLATER

Co "A" (Rein)
FoTm, "D" Btry 2nd Bn, 12th Mar
Det, Co "B", 3rd Engr Bn
Det, H&S Co (-) (Rein)
FAC Tm
FoTm 81mm Mortar Plt
Det, Med Plt
Det, Comm Plt

Company "D" (-) (Rein)

Capt SHAW

Co "D"
Det, Co "B", 3rd Engr Bn
FoTm, "D" Btry, 2nd Bn 12th Mar
Det, H&S Co
FoTm, 81mm Mortar Plt
Det, Med Plt
Det, Comm Plt

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Btry "A", 1st Bn, 40th Arty (USA)

Capt LOPEZ (USA)

Det. 1st Bn, 44th Arty (USA)

Lt. O'ROUKE (USA)

5. Supporting Forces.

a. Artillery use was limited during this portion of Prairie III. Several missions were fired against concentrations of enemy snipers situated on high ground. H&I missions were fired at night throughout the operation. No illumination or counter mortar missions were fired.

b. Air. Air activities during Operation Prairie III consisted entirely of observation, medical evacuation and resupply.

Due to the adverse weather conditions, observation aircraft were kept to a minimum. The weather continued to break in the late afternoon allowing normal helicopter resupply. All medevacs were expeditious and conducted in a satisfactory manner.

On the morning of 18 April a HU1E (Slick) executed an emergency medevac with the weather ceiling below two hundred feet; in addition, there were intermittent rain showers and the landing zone was not secure. Fine professional airmanship was displayed.

At no time during the operation was close air support required or requested. There were no night air activities conducted. The following is a total of evacuations: Two (2) emergency, one (1) priority and one (1) routine.

c. Armor. Six M42 twin 40mm vehicles accompanied the convoy to Quang Tri. They were emplaced in the defensive perimeter around La Vang..

6. Intelligence

The ARVN installations at Quang Tri and La Vang were attacked and overrun on the night of 5 April 1967. Intelligence sources indicated the continuing presence of the VC Main Force 808 battalion and the NVA 814 Battalion in the Quan Trieu Phong and Quan Hai Lang Districts and a distinct possibility of an immediate attack on Quang Tri and/or La Vang on 13 or 14 April. These two battalions of enemy have the capability of launching attacks supported by 60 and 82mm mortars and a highly rated capability in demolitions. Enemy resupply is by water and overland means. The exact location of the enemy force was not known. The terrain in which the battalion operated was largely continuous rolling hills with a maximum of cover and concealment offered by defilade and by dense vegetation in some areas.

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Streams lying between the hills formed a network of watercourse obstacles that tended to channelize movement. Heavy rains increased the formidability of these obstacles. Vegetation did not prove to be an obstacle in most areas. Some of the higher hills were considered critical terrain. They offered ideal positions for snipers from which they could successfully harass our units. Avenues of approach were difficult to negotiate because of the obstacles and the enemy's advantage in command of the high terrain features. Psyops were not conducted during the operation. However, it was noticed that in the larger villages the citizens seemed very friendly and co-operative while in the smaller hamlets apathy would best describe their reaction to our presence. Weather during this period was typically overcast with rain. The rain was almost continuous and it hampered resupply schedules as well as the comfort of troops in the field. One emergency medevac was accomplished only with great difficulty due to the weather.

7. Mission.

The 1st Battalion, 9th Marines is to assist in defense of Quang Tri, Mai Dang, Hai Lang and in coordination with 1st ARVN Regt, conduct search and destroy operations in the area southwest of Mai Dang.

8. Concept of Operation.

a. The 1st Battalion, 9th Marines is to deploy a battalion command group and two companies to AO southwest of Quang Tri to locate and destroy enemy forces in the area and to provide assistance to the 1st ARVN Div in the defense of Quang Tri, Mai Dang, and Hai Lang.

b. proposed execution

- (1) On 13 April 1967 move by motor march to vicinity La Vang YD 3649.
- (2) Commence operations to locate and destroy enemy forces in area of operations.
- (3) Provide security for Battery "A", 1st Bn 40th ARTY.
- (4) Be prepared to assist ARVN forces in defense of Quang Tri, Mai Dang, and Hai Lang.

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9. Execution.

a. The 1st Battalion, 9th Marines(-) arrived at the Dong Ha Combat Base and chopped OPCON 111717H April 1967 to 3d Marine Division Forward. Company "C", chopped OPCON to the 1st Battalion, 4th Marines. Upon arrival the battalion (-) moved into its assigned area and prepared for forthcoming operations. Preparations continued until 1620 on 13 April when the battalion commenced a tactical motor march to Quang Tri. Heavy rains had swollen the Song Vinh Phuoc River and damaged the bridge crossing at YD 267577. Because of the damaged bridge the move to Quang Tri could not be completed and the convoy returned intact to the Dong Ha Combat Base. The battalion entrucked again at 140920 H April 1967 and proceeded directly to a debarkation point at YD 370497. The move was without incident and the battalion arrived at 1025. Battery "A" M42 40mm dusters, and 106RR Platoon (without crew served weapons) of H&S Co. 1st Battalion, 9th Marines left the convoy and escorted a self propelled 105mm battery to La Vang. These units remained in defensive position at La Vang. In the afternoon from 1536 to 1610 six M42 40mm vehicles conducted a demonstration of presence march in Quang Tri by parading through the streets in column.

The battalion moved from the debarkation point in a tactical column to establish a perimeter at YD 373486. Sporadic sniper fire was received throughout the afternoon of 14 April. There were no casualties and the snipers were not located. Normal night activities consisting of aggressive patrols and ambushes were conducted without contact.

b. 15 April. Commencing on first light, Companies "A" & "D" started a sweep towards the artillery position at YD 320502. Company "D" was on the north flank of the sweep. The battalion CP accompanied Company "D". Company "A" was on the southern flank. Throughout the day the battalion received harassing rifle fire from ranges of 300 to 500 meters. There were no casualties as a result of this fire. At 0825 an artillery mission was called on a suspected sniper position at YD 366464. A search of the area revealed four fresh fighting holes and evidence that four people had recently eaten at the location. Two empty 2.57 inch Recoiless Rifle round cannisters were found at the site. An AO was called to search the area for enemy sniper positions, but none were spotted.

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Co. "A" at 1445 received automatic small arms fire. Their location was YD 315477 and the VC location was YD 313477. Fire was returned with small arms and M79. Two VC were killed and 1 was wounded and 2 French type submachine guns were captured. There were no friendly casualties. A mine incident occurred at 1538 when a marine from Company "D" detonated a trip wire activated mine of unknown type at YD 348503. The mine was set alongside a trail and 1 WIA resulted from its detonation.

The battalion established night positions and conducted extensive patrols and ambushes. The battalion CP and H&S Company manned a section of the ARVN perimeter at La Vang. Company "D" was set in at YD 348503 and Company "A" set in at YD 334504. No contacts were made.

c. 16 April. In the morning search and destroy sweeps were conducted to the south from the previous nights positions. Company "D" swept to YD 3345 while Company "A" swept to YD 3045. No contacts were made in the sweep activities. Company "A" and the battalion CP set in at YD 331481, Company "D" set in at YD 332471. Normal night activities were carried out with no incidents.

d. 17 April. The days activities called for a sweep south and east to YD 3544 then sweep northeast. See enclosure (3). Company "A" terminated sweep activities in the vicinity of YD 380465 and Company "D" activities terminated in the vicinity of YD 370470. Harassing fire and sniper rounds were fired from long ranges (YD 350452) at Company "A" during the conduct of the sweep activities. At YD 343444 Company "A" found 7 graves containing the bodies of young men. The bodies had been stripped of gear and clothing and because of decomposition the cause of death could not be determined. It was estimated that the bodies were 10 days to two weeks old.

Company "D" received 10 to 15 rounds of small arms fire from YD 340475. Fire was returned with small arms and 60mm mortar fire. One USMC WIA resulted from a short round fired by the 60mm mortar section. A battalion perimeter was set in for the night in the vicinity of YD 380465. Normal night activities were conducted without incident.

e. 18 April. Company "A" and the Cp group stayed in place until 1300 and then moved to the entrucking point at YD 370497 and returned to the Dong Ha Combat Base.

Company "D" conducted a sweep south to YD 356445, then northeast along the north side of the river to the railroad bridge at YD 393465, then guided along the railroad back toward Quang Tri. At 1015 while on the sweep, Company "D" received 30 rounds of sniper fire from YD 377455; there were no casualties.

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Fire was returned with small arms and four M79 rounds. Later at 1140 from YD 373455 more sniper fire was received and 1 USMC KIA resulted.

Company "D" then moved to YD 346495, set in, and conducted night ambushes and patrols. No contacts were made.

f. 19 April. Company "D" moved in a sweep to YD 333430 and set in defensive perimeter. Patrols were conducted down through grid square YD 3345. During the night normal night activities were conducted. No contact was made on 19 April. At 192400 H April 1967 Prairie III was ended and Prairie IV commenced.

10. Results.

- a. USMC KIA (1) one
USMC WIA (2) two
- b. VC KIA CONFIRMED (9) nine
VC WIA CONFIRMED (1) one captured.
Two French type submachine guns were captured.

c. All areas were searched after artillery missions had been fired.

11. Administrative Matters.

a. Supply. The battalion carried a prescribed load of one day of class I, a BA of Class V and combat essential Class II. Resupply was by helicopter and motor transport from the LSA. Resupply activities were carried out in a routine manner. Adverse weather conditions required close co-ordination and scheduling to take advantage of brief periods of clearing that occurred in the afternoons.

b. Maintenance. Nothing significant to report.

c. Treatment of casualties and evacuation and hospitalization. Casualties were treated in the field by corpsmen and evacuated as rapidly as possible to medical facilities and the Dong Ha Combat Base.

d. Transportation. Motor transportation for the battalion motor marches was provided without major difficulty.

e. Communications. The battalion's requirements for radio and wire communications were established and maintained throughout the operation.

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f. Medical evaluation. The battalion medical officer was employed in the battalion rear during this operation and was "on call" to the medical facilities at the Dong Ha Combat Base. Due to the dispersed nature of the battalion in this period maximum use of the medical officer was gained by his location in the rear area. Other circumstances involving less dispersion would allow employment of the medical officer and staff with the battalion command group.

12. Special Equipment and Techniques.

NONE

13. Commanders Analysis.

Although enemy main force units were suspected to be in the area of operations, it was evident that they did not desire to engage the marines. The terrain would favor the use of air strikes and armor and thereby afford great advantage to US Forces. It was also apparent that the eyes of the enemy force (scout sniper teams) kept the marine units under constant surveillance without difficulty because of the terrain. It is felt that small units down to squad size could more effectively locate the enemy in this terrain. A larger size unit could then engage the enemy once he was located.


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