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IN	OUT				
0655		1	010644	Weather Report	SF
	0940	2	010945	To: I,K,L,M&H&S Co's - Subj: Wpns safety. Ref: A - Conduct instruction as required by ref a during period 1-7 April 1966.	SF
1020		3	010900	A. India B. 010900H C. 113635 D. Unit on ptrl came upon 1 tunnel 4x4x15 rein. w/ concrete block and metal stakes under hedge row in the shape Z at 113635, and one chiCom gren. Discription of booby trap submitted w/ debriefing form: E. Tunnel blown with 5lbs of C-4. F-N. N/A	SFSen
1050		4	011000	A. Lima B. 011000 C. 114634 D. Unit on ptrl came upon one bunker at BT 114634 w/demensions of 4x4x25, heavily rein w/concrete & had a false room 2x2x4. E. Bunker was blown using 5 lbs C-4. Unit continued on ptrl. F-N.N/A.	SFSen
	1128	5	011125	To: K and I Co's - Send ptrl plan for 020600- 030600 prior to 011200.	SF
1205		6	011100	A. Lima plt ptrl B. 011100 C. 105649 D. Unit while on ptrl came upon one bunker at BT 105549, which was found in the bend of a trail. Dimensions 2x4x6 and reinf. w/con- crete. E. Bunker blown using 5 lbs C-4, unit continued on ptrl. F-N. N/A.	SFSen
	1203	7	011140	To: I,K,L,M Co's - Shove 6 will be in Pol area form 021300-021430. Be ready.	SF
	1340	8	011340	To: I and K Co's - Require Arty concentrations plotted & fired on West bank of S. Vinh Dien. Rpt loc of concentrations can be made w/park- green. India pass contents of this message to Mike on relief.	SF
1420		9	011410	Frm: RMC - All normal act. except 3 people ran when we flew over at 101638. There were boats on river one at 037648 & one at 034647, nothing unusual.	SF

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1440		10	011410	A. K sqd ptrl B. 011410 C. 034680 D. Ptrl observed young VC, board boat at 032682 when he saw ptrl he paddled south on S. Vinh Dien. When he was closer to ptrl, he was challenged and ptrl fired above his head and he tried to evade ptrl. Ptrl opened fire, body and boat sank. E. Neg results of search F-1. Neg I-One KIA VC J-N. Neg.		SFSen
1520		11	011515	A. Kilo 1 B. 011515 C. 035686 D. Tripped booby trap of undetermined nature. 1 USMC WIA, not evac'd. Area being thoroughly searched. F-O G.-One H-N. N/A		SF
1600		12	011558	Frm: Kilo - Golden Fleece opn secured for the day at conclusion of OP. K-2 units formed a block at 035683, K-1 swept south from Man Khan Neg enemy contact, however M26 thrown in fighting hole 035686, resulted secondary explosion causing frag injuries to 1 Marine. Kilo units returning CP. AO requested yesterday and did not show up.		SF
1635		13	011630	Frm: Kilo - Arty concentrations-Seemsg.		SF
1910	X	14	011840	A. Mike 3 B. 011815 C. 079670 D. 1 VCS picked up at 079670 in boat proceeding north, firing was heard in the area in which the man came. Man has ID - he also has scarf on body that look like fraf wounds. E. Evacuated to Bn CP. FOK- Neg. L-1 M-N. Neg.		SF
2000	1	15	011840	Frm: AO - Checked area 092665, neg siting. Checking out village spotted 6 males disappear in hamlet at 084666. Marked hamlet for 14 Lima, he didn't sppt it.		SF
2005		16	011945	A. India 3 B. 011930 C. 070623 D. (1) VC was walking down trail w/wpn. E. Ambush captured wpn and killed VC. F-J. Neg K. One Lima One M-One Rifle w/bayonet, type unk).		SFSen

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2010		17	011945	A. India 3 B. 111935 C. 070623 D. Ptrl came across 2 VC who threw 2 gren and atemptd to run. E. Ptrl pursued VC into friendly ambush. Ambush fired 5 S/A killing (1) VC. F-H. Neg I-One J. Neg K-One L-Neg M-(1) M26 gren N- M79 belt w/documents.	SFSen
2050		18	012045	Weather Report.	SF
00	LATE	19	011950	A. Lima B. 011945 C. D. A ptrl rcvd 20 rds of S/A from est 4-5 VC at BT 081657. VC broke contadt using 2 plts & 1 sec of tanks. F-Neg G. -1 med evac'd H-N Neg.	SF
	225	20	012220	To: Sen - Status of "Golden Fleece". Will be operating in Area "C" tommorrow (last day). See Msg.	SFSen
2240		21	012240	A. India 3 B. 012000 C. 070624 D. Rcvd approx 120 S/A fire into PPE, at the same time Hunter/killer tm encountered approx 10 VC in treeline at BT 070622. E. Ret S/A fire, called in 3 rds 81's and 3 rds 60mm and 28 rds of Arty. Searched area and found (1) young VN males body. F-H. Neg I-One J-N. N/A. Body had ChiCom grenade in hand we blew gren.	SFSen
	2315	22	012310	To Sen: Summary of Lima enemy contacts from 011945 - 012200, in GS 0867- See Msg.	SFSen
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IN	OUT				
0700		1	020655	Weather Report.	SF
0740		2	020825	Frm: Sen - From Shove 3 - No USMC vehicles allowed in DaNang until further notice. Only exeptions will be emergencies.	SFS-4
0945		3	020835	A. Company Mike B. 020835 C. 073703(Non-Nuoc) D. Explosion occured in VN house apparently office building, destroyed completely. E. Mike 6 investigating, explosion electrically detonated. F- 4 VN G- 3 VN H-N. Neg.	SFSen
1030		4	020945	A. India B. 020930 C. 065621 D. Observed <del>EX</del> 3 VC w/wpn and 2 VN broads moving along trail at 065621. E. Fired 32 S/A. VC fled East and South carrying WIA. Sqd pursued but unable to regain contact. Searching area. F-I N/A. J. 1 captured K-N. N/A.	SF
1040		5	021015	A. Lima 6 B. 020935 C. 099658 D. 2 women wounded by H&I fires. E. Corpsman treated and called med evac F-N. Neg.	SF
1115		6	021045	A. Sen 2 B. 1 April C. 060630 D. Reliable source rated C-3 a heavy machine gun moved by 90 VC from Than Trung to <del>xxxxxx</del> above coord. This happened 2300, 1 March, don't know who rated C-3. Regt rates F-3 Bn rates F-3.	SF
1140		7	021130	A. India B. 021130 C. 066631 D. Man riding tank killed by 1 sniper rd E. Unable to determine loc of VC, searching area. F-One G-N. Neg	SFSen
1230		9	021235	A. Mike Co B. <del>021230</del> <sup>021230</sup> C. <del>021235</del> <sup>021235</sup> D. Marble Mt. look-out rptd group of young men leaving vill at BT 058715 as Marine ptrl entered other side. E. K ptrl alerted moved through vill rapidly to established contact. Fired warning shots and surrounded 10 VSS attempting to flee through rice paddy, 3 VC tried to escape by boat, did not respond to challenged, were shot and killed. F-H. Neg. I-3 K-Neg L-10 M-N. Neg.	SFSen ENCLOSURE (3)

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1230		8	021235	A. Co Mike B. 088692 C. 021235 D. One FT security tripped ChiCom booby trap at above coord. E. Med Evac F-Neg G- 2 H-N. Neg.	SF
1730		10	021705	A. India B. 021415 C. 067682 D. Vehicles moving on road were fired on by est 1 VC. Rcvd approx 10-15 rds fire. E. Vehicles stopped and fired approx 20 SA rds. Searching area F-N. Neg.	SF
1910		11	021905	Weather Forecast	SF
1920		12	021915	A. H&S B. 021830 C. 073049 D. Apprehended 1 VCS, no ID card. Observing Fert CP. Turned over to Bn S-2. F-N Neg. L- One M-N. Neg.	SF

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0645		1	030640	Weather Report.	SF
0750		2	030645	India Spt Rpt - At 0645, BT 066632 pointing of sqd ptrl spttd 4 VC (2 w/wpns). VC fired 2 rds and fled West (066633). Sqd returned 50 rds S/A, 4 rds M79 and pursued by VC escaped.	SFSen
1103		3	031100	Frm: Sen 3 - Opn Fox - All cancelled.	SF
1130	LATE	4	031013	Frm: Pol Yankee 1 - Contact Redwood across Lland find out location of Alpha Co. There are truck drivers at waterpoint looking for "A" Co.	SF
	1135	5	031145	To: Pol Lima - 1/9 patrols.	SF
1155		6	031151	Frm: Kilo - Correct Coords where men were shot yesterday is 065708.	SF
1156		7	031154	Frm: Kilo - Resupply request.	SF S-4
1200		8	031156	Frm: Kilo - Kilo 1 has returned to CP.	SF
1220	LATE	9	030924	Frm: Shrpshotr Bravo - Have found 1 body VN male 50 to 60 yrs old at 063715. Believe he is VCS that Pol Kilo shot yesterday. Just pulled him out of river.	SF
1400	LATE	10	031000	A. 3/9 B. 031000H C. 074704 D. A mans body was brought to Non Nuoc hamlet by his wife. Man from Hoa Phong Village Binh Ky (1) Hamlet BT 0569. Wife claims he was shot by Marines yesterday while fishing. E. District Chief stated that he will handle.	SFSen
1405		11	031400	Frm: Sen 3 - Report changes of location of all units company & above since 31 Dec.	SF
1850		12	031840	Weather Report.	SF
2053		13	032050	Frm: Sen - Any unusual movements of RVN units will be reported to Sen 3 immed.	SF
2056		14	032055	A. Fert 2 B. 031350 C. 068704 D. Picked 15 suspicious monks.	SF

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2110		15	031905	Frm: Sen 2 - Intelligence rpt from Shove 2	SF
2125		16	032120	A. Limal B. 032110 C. 087695 D. Marine tripped booby trap, type unkwn. E. Marine Med evac'd. F. Neg G. 1 H-N. Neg.	SF
2330		17	032315	A. Mike 3 B. 032225 C. 046657 D. En- countered 6 VC moving North on trail approx 60 meters North of patrol. E. Patrol fired 170 S/A, 2 M79. VC returned 8 rds carbine and broke contact, fled North. Ptrl pursued by fire. Searched area finding 1 VC KIA w/M26 on body. F-H Neg. I- One J-L Neg. M. 1 M26 frag N. Neg.	SF

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	0315	1	040315	Frm: S-3 to I,K,L,&M Co's - Req the following info NLT 061700. a. Loc of combustion engine irrigation pumps in your sector. Can they be repaired? b. Loc & condition of existing school buildings not in use. c. Loc of existing market places & Number of people using market and time of opn. d. Loc & condition of any roads or trails that could be improved to support civilian motor vehicles and which would improve the flow of market commodities into & out of your section. SF	
0700		2	040629	Weather Report.	SF
0800		3	040755	Frm: Kilo - Rocky Point arrived. Golden Fleece commended in assigned area. Re: if Morbid C will be attached to this unit today. Answer: Affirmative.	SF
0905		4	040855	Frm: Kilo rear to Kilo - Administrative matters.	SF
	1050	5	041040	To H&S, I,K,L & M Co's - Send (1) man each to this Hdqrs NLT 041400 to attend mine school at regiment. Nominees will bring wpn, mess gear, and blanket.	SF
1120		6	041035	A. Lima Co B. 041035 C. 099658 D. Villagers from Ha Gia brought 2 women into CP suffering from fragmentation of face, side & legs. Believed to have been caused by mortars. Women live approx 107635. Time of injuries 040300. E. Checked of scheduled H&I's revealed no fire in that area. Women med evac'd.	SFSen
	1246	7	041220	To: Blkbox 3 - Locations of Bn & Co CP's. See msg.	SF
1615		8	041605	Frm: Kilo - LVT (Bravo 10) hit land mine at BT 042678 while carrying Golden Fleece to Kilo CP. 1 USMC WIA and 2 PF WIA's.	SFSen
1715		9	041630	Frm: Lima - Sqd ptrl unit on ptrl tripped a pressure type booby trap of about 20 lbs TNT. 1 USMC WIA, right leg missing, left leg badly damaged. Med Evacd 041615	SFSen

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1855		10	041855	Frm: Pol Kilo - Results of Golden Fleece today.- See msg.	SF
1910		11	041845	Frm: AO - Sighted 8 men at 091658 along road heading East. Two men moved off of road as we made pass & returned to the group as we pulled away. 4 men w/baskets w/poles, half wearing black pj's other wearing white.	SF
1925		12	041922	Weather Report.	SF
<del>1930</del>	1935	<del>12</del>	041930	Frm: Kilo 1stSgt to Kilo - Administrative matters.	SF
1930	1935	<del>12</del>	041930	A. Mike 3 B. 041900 C. 080631 D. Tank ptrl to Mike 2 PPB hit mine unk type. 1 tank disabled. E. Providing security for tank. Will retrieve tomorrow. F-N. N/A.	SFSen
2015		15	041720	A. Mike 2 B. 041720-041900 C. 074623 D. Rcvd 12-15 rds SA fire frm 076619 from 2-3 VC. Arty mission called. Sqd sent to sweep area. Rcvd 40-60 rds from same coords est 6-7 VC, second arty mission called. 24 rds 105's E. Ret 300 rds M60, 100 rds SA, 15 rds 60's, 2 rds 3.5 WP, 10 rds M79, searched area produced neg results. coverage was good. F-M. None N. found 15 empty tracer 7.62 cartridges at 076619.	SFSen
2205		16	042154	Frm Kilo - KO4P10 is in the area rptd by OP South. Ptrl has neg results, of hearing and seeing anything.	SF
2235		17	042210	A. Mike 2 B. 042210 C. 083626 D. Rptd rving unkwn no. of incoming 60mm mort rds frm vic 081613 and auto wpns fire from 076612 (5 rds incoming mortars). E. Returned SA and arty. Will search area at end of arty mission. F-N. None.	SFSen
2330		18	042240	A. MO4P32 Sqd ptrl B. 042240 C. 044650 D. 6 VC moving West to East along trail 044650. Fired 60 rds SA at VC who then fled North. F-H. None I - 1 confirmed J. 2 - confirmed K-N. None	SFSen
2235		19	042245	A. KO4P10 B. 042245 C. 052691 D. Ptrl moving along trail, Marine fell into	

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				<p>Cont'd</p> <p>man trap, 3ft wide, 5 ft long, 4 ft deep. Rcvd scratches and cuts on legs, does not need medical care at this time. Will be evac'd tommorrow for shots. E. Ptrl<del>ms</del> used one M26 to blow trap. Ptrl has returned this psn. F. None G. 1 H-N. None.</p>	SFSen

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0143		1	050141	Frm: Mike - Mike 6 now leaving Mike 2 for Mike CP.=	SF
0355		2	050353	Frm: Pol 3 to Pol Kilo - 1. Effect 050500 100% alert. 2. Opn Golden Fleece suspended. 3. Cancell LVT ptrl. 4. No aggressive action, fire only when fired upon. 5. Stay off of public roads. 6. Co Kilo on immed alert.	SF
<del>XXXX</del> 0705		3	050700	Weather Report.	SF
0836		4	050836	Frm: Kilo - K Engr swept rd between D Btry and K CP. Stayed at Delta Btry on 4 Apr, Golden Fleece secured.	SF
<del>XXXX</del>	0852	5	050852	To: Mike - Req patrol activity 060600-070600.	SF
1035		6	051030	Frm: CG, 3d MarDiv - Ref 041751Z cancel reference (a).	SF
1215		7	051100	A. 3/9 CP. B. 051055 C. 073653 D. 106mm rifle accidentally fired. It is assumed that man cleaning rifle on Ontos closed breech w/firing pin home. Rd fired killing 1 man and wounding 5 others. E. Med Evac F- One G. Five H-N. Neg.	SF
1225		8	051210	A. Lima 2 sqd ptrl B. 051110 C. 107645 D. Ptrl rcvd 3-6 rds carbine from 104646. Ptrl swpt area flushing out 1 VC running SW from treeline. E. Ptrl fired 10 rds SA. Searched area finding 1 dead VC 25 yrs old, VC had ChiCom grenade and 1 carbine magazine. Searched area for rifle, neg results. F-H Neg. I - One J-M. Neg N. 1 ChiCom gren 1 carbine magazine.	SFSen
1449		9	051440	Frm: Pol K 1stSgt to Pol Kilo - Administrative matters.	SF
1505		10	051415	Frm: Lima 6 - Villages from Ha Quang (4) brought in 1 VN woman w/unkwn cal wound in chest woman approx 65 yrs old. Incident happened at 051030 BT 112649. Ptrl in area at that time did no firing. Med Evac to RVN Hosp.	SF

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1717		11	051705	Frm: RM Y - Just finished sweeping entire foxtrot area. Neg hostile sitings or activities.	SF
1945		12	051830	Weather Report.	SF
1946		13	051940	A. Mike 1 B. 051810 C. 034655 D. Rcvd 20-30 rds auto and semi auto carbine rds from 036655 from approx 3 VC. E. Retrnd 20, SA rds, VC broke contact & fled NW. Searched area Neg results. F-N. Neg.	SF
2250		14	052245	A. Mike 2 B. 052145 C. 059628 D. Rcvd 50 auto carbine rds & 5 60mm mortars from 056626. Unk no VC, across Song Vien Dinh. Ret 50-60 SA, 1 M79, & 4 rds arty. No fire for effect because of dispersion of arty rds. F. Neg G. One(minor)H-I. Neg J. 1 (poss) heard moaning. K-N. Neg	SFSen S-1
2400		15	052230	A. M05P21 B. 052230 C. 058630 D. Rcvd 20 rds auto carbine & 3 gren from 060630 from est 6 VC. E. Ret 30 rds SA, 12 rds 81's, 3 M79's, after mortar mission completed, searched are w/neg results. Heard 1 secondary explosion after last rd of martar. F-N. Neg. SFSen	SFSen

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2130		10	062130	Frm: 1/9 - 1/9 S-2 rpts that one of his Village Chiefs report 400 VC at BT 054730. They will stay at that psn till 070400. 1/9 S-2 rates C-5 and 3/9 S-2 rates F-5.	SF
	2230	11	022230	Re: Kilo - Req you run recon ptrl 7 April to include BT 036724, BT 043722, BT 053717, BT 056706 and BT 056699. Use alligators Req Ptrl plan NLT two hrs prior depart.	SF

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0010		1	070006	Frm: Kilo - Req 2 Alligators to 070930 ptrl plans for Kilo which accomplish assigned mission already submitted. Refer to PPB 06 which was cancelled.	SF
0015		2	070010	A. Mike 3 B. 022330 C. 043661 D. One incoming grenade E. Area searched w/Neg results F. Neg G. One (Minor) H-N. Neg.	SFSenS-1
0630		3	070622	Weather Report.	SF
0645		4	070530	A. Mike B. 070530H C. Friendly 064620 D. Rcvd Heavy SA fire from est 6-8 VC coord 066626 E. Called 81mm mortars fired for effect 30 rds. Sqd is now sweeping area. F-N. N/A.	SFSen
0745		5	070650	A. Mike B. 070650 C. BT 069625 D. Rcvd 6 rds from est 6 VC. E. Ret 20 rds SA, 4 rds M79, 2 M26 gren F-H. N/A I-2 (body count), J-One K-L. N/A M 1 ChiCom gren N.- Assorted Documents.	SFSen
0950		6	070930	A. Mike 1 B. 070910 C. 061631 D. Tripped booby trap injuring 2 Marines. ChiCom grenade was mined, trip wire location of mine, knee-waist high, wired in place. E. Medevaced F-O G-2 H-N. Neg.	SF
1008		7	071000	A. Lima CP B. 070855 C. 099658 D. Villagers from Ha My Tay (123618) brought in to CP 1 VN male age 39. Man had severe fragmentation wound of left leg. Location is out of 81 mort range. No arty H&I's fired in that area. E. Med evac'd to Arvn Hospital. F-N. Neg.	SF
	1010	8	070905	To: Pol Kilo - Establish Plt ptrl Base at 1/1 CP relieving India of security requirement there. 2 LVT's will be provided to enable Kilo Plt to ptrl Northern sector from that PPB.	SF
1015		9	070945	Frm: Sen 2 - AO rpts observing SanPan with 5 people, unkwn cargo at 070815H at Coord 055641.	SF

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1212		10	071200	Frm: Pol 2 - Intelligence Report.	SF
	1320	12	071305	Frm: Rocky Point 30 - Req transportation for 4 people from Hoi An airfield to your Hdqtrs. ETA at Ho An 071330.	SF
1235		11	071215	A. Kilo 3 B. 071215 C. 045716 D. Milo 3 flushed (1) VC out with wpn fired SA wounding VC. E. Searching area have interpreter in route to question VC. F-J. K- One VC WIA L-N. Neg M. 1 - One steel bear trap.	Neg SFSen
1505		12	071420	Frm: Lima * Out Post Vien Dong crossing recvd 3 rds incoming SA from BT 095654. Rtd 6 rds SA. FT - Checked area - Neg results.	SF
1510		13	071458	Frm: Kilo - Ref spt rpt 071215, No wpn found. <del>2</del> VCS to be sent to Bn by LVT's.	SF
1950		14	071945	A. Mike 4 B. 071925 C. 054649 D. Observed 2 VC moving N to S at BT 053649. E. Set up hasty ambush & fired 20 SA, 1 M79. Searched area and found blood stains. F-I Neg. J. 2 (poss) K-N. Neg.	SFSen
2000		15	071958	Weather Rpt.	SFX
	2035	16	071950	Pol 14 to Landshark - Pol Mike recvd auto fife from 2 H34 Aircraft at 071910H vic GS BT 0664. In event of a similiar recurrence, Company M has been instructed to destroy any aircraft firing on firendly psn.	

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	0230	<del>080230</del> 1	080230	Frm: S-3 to Kilo - 1. Alert status un- changed. 2. Provide gas mask and 2 CS grenades per individual 3. Be prepared to move by any combination of means. 4. Be prepared to move independently or as part of a larger unit. 5. All personnel will be thoroughly instructed in riot control use of <del>XX</del> CS/CN gas mask and respect for VN personnel and property. 6. Weapons will be loaded only on order of Kilo 6. 7. Comm-Elect unchanged from last message this subject. SF	
0935		2	080843	Weather Report.	SF
1645		3	081630	Frm: Kilo - Civil Affairs Report.	SF
1645		4	081640	A. Mike 2 B. 081630 C. 079622 D. Found 105 rd booby trapped & booby trapped satchel change at 079622. E. Blew in place F-N. Neg.	SFSen
1950		5	081900	Weather Report.	SF
2140		6	082120	Frm: Sen 2 Hoa Vang reports 2 VC Co moved to 086680, 1 VC Bn 010613. Hoa Vang rates C-3, Felt rates F-4.	SF
<del>2215</del>	2215	7	082205	To: Pol Mike & Lima - Advisor at Daen Ban reports 1 VC Co at Tan My (3) 0660, 2 VC Co's at Tan My (1) 0859, 1 VC Co West of Highway 1.	SF

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0745		1	090739	Weather Report.	SF
0905		2	090850	Frm: Kilo - Location 039681 - Civil affairs patrol fired on by 2 VC. Rtd fire est 2 VC WIA. Kilo 3 sending reinf unit to aid in search - One rifle, russian made captured.	SFSen
1050		3	091041	Frm: Kilo - Female WIA. Believe she was traveling with VC this morning. Found her sometime later after engagement. Evac to Da Nang East.	SF Sen
1125		4	091105	Frm: Lima - Rcvd 20 Long range SA from BT 093643 rds ineffective. Unit rtd 4 60mm rds.	SF
1145		5	091140	Frm: Kilo - Ref to 090900 debriefing of patrol.	SF
1150		6	091145	Frm: Pol Kilo - MEDCAP Ptrl at An Luu Hamlet (037680) at 091100 treated 2 males, adult women. Med evac'd by helo.	SF
1155		7	091148	Frm: WH 3 - WH Kilo 1 & WH K-6 departed 55 enroute to 22 via trucks at 091110. Will advise when move is complete.	SF
1157		8	091150	Frm: Kilo - C/A Rpt. Distributed in An Luu Hamlet (037680), 200 bars soap, 4 boxes bubble bath, 1 bx gravy mix, 10 lbs clothes. Med assist given.	SF
1230	LATE	9	081630	A. Mike 2 B. 081630 C. 074618 D. Rcvd sniper fire from tree line from 3-4 VC. Rcvd 40-50 rds carbine and 2 or 3 semi auto wpns. One USMC WIA (superficial) not med evac'd. E. Assaulted the treeline found 1 blood trail. Saw 2 VC being hit. F- N/A. G. One H-I N/A J.-2 (poss) K-N. N/A LATE REPORT.	SFSen
1245	LATE	10	090830	A. Mike 2 B. 090830 C. 073624 D. Tripped booby trap at above coord. M26 grenade, 1 USMC WIA (not med evac'd). E. Continued mission. F-I N/A H. One (minor) K-N. Neg.	SFSen
1340		11	091320	A. Mike 2 B. 091130 C. 082605 D. Spotted 3 VC 082595 E. Fired 3 90mm WP rds. 1 VC KIA (poss). Searched area, neg results. F-H. Neg J- One (Poss) J-N. Neg	SF

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1510		12	091445	Frm: India - 6x6 truck carrying one sqd hit land mine of unkwn type at (067677). 2 men med evac'd, 2 additional WIA's but not evac'd.	SFSen
1555		13	091450	Frm: India - Village chief trinh of Hoa Hai village reports the below listed trails were mined on the night of 8 Apr by VC. Arraigned to have engrs sweep trails ASAP. BG 081673-090664, 079693-087670, 087694-090691-084688, 090691-085688.	SF
1630		14	091545	Frm: Mike 1 - Rcvd 6 SA rds from 070631 from est 2 VC. Rtd 25 rds SA, 3 M79, VC broke contact.	SF
1740		15	091725	A. Mike 1 B. 091725 C. 076633 D. Rcvd 3d SA carbine fire from 070631 from est 3 VC. Rtd 3 60mm rds, 18 -81mm rds for effect. Sqd moved under cover of 81's. Neg results. F-N. Neg.	SFSen
	1830	16	091820	To: I,K,LM & H&S Co's - Recent intelligence indicated increased VC act in Zone of Action. The period between sunset and moonrise should be one of max alertness and vigilance.	SF
1940		17	091938	Weather Report;	SF
2010		18	091920	Frm: Lima - Unit on ptrl came upon 5 VN males at 115649. 4 VCS apprehended. One male ran and didn't stop when halted, patrol fired wounding man. This man was med evac at 1950.	SF
1100	LATE	19	091100	Frm: Sen - Be advised you have one plt as convoy reserve as of 101045.	SF

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IN	OUT				
0720		1	100715	Weather Report.	SF
1050		2	101025	A. Lima B. 101025 C. 099658 D. Villager from C m Sa #1 brought to CP 1 woman 49 yrs old in semi-conscious state from head wound of suspected shell fragments at 081649 at approx 091430. Check of ptrl show no friendlies or mortar activity in that area at time indicated. Medevac called and completed at 101045H. F-N. Neg.	SFSen
1305		3	101245	A. Mike plt ptrl B. 101245 C. 047654 D. Rcvd 30 rds SA carbine when crossing paddies at above coord from 3-4 VC. E. Rtd 60 rds SA, 2 M72, 3 M79. VC broke contact fled Northwest. Swept area w/neg results. Apprehended 1 VC with multiple scars from fragments, has one fresh wound in ankle. J-K - Neg. L-One M-N. N/A.	SFSen
1310		4	102255	A. Lima Plt Ptrl B. 101255 C. 106643 & 113634 D. Unit on ptrl came upon 1 Chi Com gren booby trap that was laying on middle of trail covered with brush and leaves as also 1 bunker 6x4x4. reinf with brick. E. ChiCom destroyed with 1 M26, bunker destroyed with 2 1/2 lbs C-4. Continued ptrl. F-N. N/A.	SF
1440		5	101415	A. Lima Plt Ptrl B. 101415 C. 099632 D. Unit on ptrl found 1 bunker 6x6x3 reinf, w/concrete at above coords. Checked out bunker and found 1 VCS (woman approx 30 yrs old), wearing burlap & banana leaves. Refused to answer questions, attitude reflects military training. E. VCS apprehended, bunker blown with 2 M26. F-K. N/A L- One M-N. N/A.	SFSen
1515		6	101500	A. Lima plt ptrl B. 101500 C. 099630 D. Unit on ptrl came upon one bunker 4x4x3 at above coords which was booby trapped with a tear gas grenade, filled with TNT and psn on the road of the bunker with trip wire set at ground level to go off upon entry. E. Bunker was blown using 1 M26 grenade which caused a secondary explosion resulting black smoke. F-N. N/A.	SFSen

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IN	OUT				
1525	LATE	7	101230	A. India Sqd Ptrl B. 101230 C. 077677 D. Chief Trinh pointed out 2 hidden cave entrances with dirt filled box on top. Tunnel approx 8 ft. long. E. Dug hole in area where cave was suspected. Found main part of cave. Caved in top and threw grenades dispatched demo team w/3d Plt to destroy, will rpt destruction. F-N. N/A.	SFSen
1535		8	101533	Frm: Kilo - Medical Report.	SF
1540		9	101535	Frm: Kilo - Civil Affairs Report.	SF
1700		10	101655	A. Mike 3 B. 101545 C. 052656 D. Rcvd 8-10 rds harrassing fire from 3 VC. <del>box</del> E. Returned 3 S/A, 3 M79, 20-81 HE& WP. Searched area neg results. VC fled North F-N. Neg.	SF
1855		11	101845	Weather Report.	SF
1940		12	101845	A. Lima Plt Ptrl B. 101845 C. 080658 D. Unit on ptrl came upon one male approx 25 yrs old at above coords with no ID card. E. VCS apprehended and taken to Bn S-2, Unit continued on ptrl. F-K. N/A L.- One M.-N. N/A.	SFSen
2012		13	101930	A. Mike B. 101930 C. 050656 D. Rcvd 5 rds semiauto frm 5 VC E. Fired 20 rds 81mm. One sqd sent to check area, sqd encountered 5 VC at 50 meters in heavy underbrush, VC fired 3 rds SA and threw 2 grenades. Marines returned 2 M26 grenades, 3 rds M79, 100 SA. VC fled NW in two groups. Marines pursued physically observed 2 VC at 250 meters. Fired 35 rds S/A and hit one, VC fell. Area checked with neg results. F-I. N/A J-One (poss) K-N. N/A.	SFSen
2350		14	102210	A. Mike 3 Sqd Ptrl B. 102210 C. 042652 D. While moving to Dart, ptrl observed 12-15 VC moving from NW to SE. E. Ptrl threw grenade and VC fled. Began searched of area and rcvd 3 rds, directed in return 150 rds S/A and completed search with neg results. F-N. N/A. (Remarks: 2/9-15-15 the above incident resulted in 1 USMC WIA)	SFSen

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0500		1	110447	A. Lima 2 B. 110200 C. 115648 D. While sweeping Ha Quang (4) patrol rcvd 3 rds carbine <del>from</del> from 111651. Also sustained 1 minor USMC WIA when booby trapped gate was destroyed by a frag gren. E. Ptrl contained sweep after destroying gate. F. Neg. G. One (MINOR) H-N. Neg.	SF
0715		2	110700	Weather Report.	SF
<del>0750</del>	0758	3	110756	<del>From</del> Kilo - Place plt on 30 min standby again at 1145 for Rough Rider. Should secure about 1600.	SF
1325		4	111319	Frm: Kilo 2 - Rough Rider convoy has reached destination. Am reverting back to company freq.	SF
1350		5	111315	A. India 2 B. 111315 C. 084704 D. Appro- hended 5 VCS, two ran, 3 walked away from approach- ing Marines. PF advised apprehension. E. Total 5 VCS apprehended F-K. Neg L. 5 M-N. Neg.	SF
1400		6	111353	Frm: Kilo - Civil Affairs Report.	SF
1455		7	111448	Frm: Pol Liaison - Req you have helo pick us up in Din Bon in 30 min. Req 10 cases of C-rats delivered to Din Bon advisory personnel confined to quarters.	SF
1810		8	111715	A. Mike 3 B. 111715 C. GS 0365 & 0465 D. Search & Destroy Opn E. Destruction report. F-N. N/A.	SFSen
1900		9	111800	Frm: PS - Pass to ALO's. All request for resupply Helo's will be submitted prior to 2200 the previous day. Any alterations will only be accepted on an emergency basis. Procedure commencing this date.	SF
1920		10	111919	Weather Report.	SF
<del>1931</del>	1931	11	111930	To: I,K,E,M & H&S - Reports rcvd from fairly reliable sources continue to indicate a buildup of VC forces within the ZOA. Extra vigilance and maintenance of positions contact with outer units is mandatory.	SF

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2015		12	112015	Frm: Sen 2: Intell Report.	SF
2040		13	112040	Frm: WagonMaster Delta - Delta Btry ptrl found VC booby trap (M26 gren) at 064675. Ptrl also found tunnel next to house at same Coord. Ptrl blew tunnel & Set off by fire inside house.	RE SF
2315		14	112305	A. H&S FT Ptrl B. 112245 C. 069650 D. Found (1) 5 rd clip 7.62 ammo, possibly more in area, too dark to check out. E. Search Neg. will continue ptrl. F-N. N/A	SF
2345		15	112320	A. India B. 112320 C. 072702 D. Rcvd approx 6 rds SA fire and 3 grenades from vic 072703, and approx 200 rds SA from vic BT 073704. Suspect VC objective to kill Village Chief. E. Area illuminated, 1 Sgd searching area. F-N. N/A (Searched area and picked up 2 VCS.)	SFSen

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0645		1	W20600	Weather Report.	SF
0810		2	120805	From: Pol India - Presently listening to a speech by village chief.	SF
1010		3	121005	Frm: Kilo - Req to fire mortars to check rds.	SF
1240		4	121230	A. Mike 1 B. 121150 C. 064626 D. Ptrl saw 3 VC dressed in black, one with cartridge belt at above coord. E. Fired 2 SA rds and attempted to capture. VC broke contact, fled SW. AO checking area out. F-N. Neg.	SF
1330		5	121325	A. Mike 1 B. 121315 C. 066624 D. Observed 1 VC trying to evade patrol at above coord. E. Marines fired 17 SA rds, 1 M79. VC broke contact & fled East. Marines pursued but could not regain contact. F-N. Neg.	SF
1340		6	121330	India Spt Report - No contact.	SF
1530		7	121510	Frm: Lima - Location 095628, rvd 20 rds SA from SE. 1 or 2 VC est. Rtd 30 rds SA, two sqds deployed to regain contact. Man tripped booby trap. 1 USMC WIA.	SF
1610		8	121510	Frm: Mike 1 - Location 082626 observed 2 VC at 084628. Sent sqd in to attempt to capture. Fired 20 rds SA, 2 M79, VC fled NW.	SF
1610		9		Frm: Mike - S&D mission of 12 April 1966 from BT 061630 to 066621 found - 2 Thompson Sub MG magazines, 1 grenade (M26), 1 uniform shirt (Chinese), 1 cache of medicine, 1 shoe (Chinese).	SF
1725		10	121720	A. Mike 1 B. 121610 C. 082626 D. While setting in PPB, VC threw grenade from tunnel inside PPB. E. Searched area, When VC threw grenade which was deflected by brush near the tunnel. The tunnel caved in by grenade on VC. M Co dispatched tanks for a thorough search of PPB. F.-Neg G.- 2 H-Neg. I.- One J. One- captured, K-Neg M.-1 Chicom rifle N-Neg.	SF

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1955		11	121850	A. Lima Co. B. 121815 C. 094665 D. OP north rcvd 15 rds SA from treeline at 085665. Retrnd 2 M79, 30 rds SA. Est 2 VC . E. Lima ptrl and tanks were sent to try to regain contact. F-N. Neg.	SF
2000		12	121940	A. Mike B. 121912 C. 085618, enemy 084616. D. Ptrl made contact with 3 VC, rcvd 6 rds SA. E. Rtrnd 30 rds SA, 14 M79. VC broke contact & fled south. Pursued by fire. Searched area Neg results. F-N. Neg.	SF
2105		13	122005X	Weather Report.	SF

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0220		1	130215	<del>XXX</del> A. H&S Ptrl B. 130130 C. 076658 D. While moving into Ch Pt #2, ptrl rcvd 10 rds SA from 10 yds. E. Rtd 40 rds SA and heard scream & moaning. Saw (2) people run from house & flee south. Unable to regain contact. F-I Neg J-One (poss) K-N. Neg.	SFSen
0635		2	130630	Weather Report.	F
0940		3	130600	Frm: Lima - Unit on ptrl detonated 1 105mm pressure type booby trap w/1 USMC WIA (DOW later). Ptrl then rcvd 10-15 rds SA from BT 103628. Unit rtd 200 rds SA fire, check of area, crater 4x6 ft and BA 279 which may have been used to set off booby trap. Tanks and reaction plt sent to assist if needed.	SFSen
1030		4	130820	Frm: Mike - 1 VCS (BT 078633) with fresh rifle wound in left wrist. Wound bandaged. About 20 ft from VCS 8 bamboo tripping devices found. VCS apprehended.	SFS-2
1115		5	131045	A. Lima B. 131045 C. 095625 D. Unit on ptrl came upon 1 VN male (50 yrs) suffering from apparent internal hemorrhaging. Med evac called complete 1105.	SF
1255		6	131134	A. 3/9 Sparrowhawk B. 131134 C. 093643 D. AO rptd sqd size unit of VC moving into treeline at above coord directly in front of "L" Co plt ptrl moving North. E. "L" ptrl notified to move N to establish contact. Elements of L & M Co moved to block at 093649 and 088644 respect. Sparrowhawk landed at 102642 to block crossing of horse-shoe. F-N. Neg I- 2 J- 1 K- 1 L-1 M-Neg N.- Neg Rmrks: Continuing search for wpns. Apprehending all male VCS.	SF
1350		7	131340	A. Co Lima B. 131340 C. 098644 D. While searching area, Co "L" found tunnel, threw in grenades, VC ran out. E. Continue S&D. F-H. Neg I. 2 J. 1 (captured) K. Neg. L. 24 (evacd to Bn S-2) M. 2 carbines, numerous grenades. N. Document, belts & web equipment.	SFSen

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1435		8	131415	A. Kilo B. 131415 C. 044718 D. located 1 booby trap <del>in</del> C-rat can w/TNT. Brenade firing device, trip wire attach to pin. E. Blown in place F-N Neg.	SFSen
1520		9	131515	A. Kilo B. 131450 C. 043702 D. Located 3 punji stakes in area. Trps approx 3 ft. deep w/stakes 2 1/2 x 3 ft. long. E. Traps destroyed. Local VN male being used to find traps. He seems to know where they are located. VN male will be returned to this psn for interrogation. F-K Neg L-One M-N. Neg	SFSen
1530		10	131500	A. Mike 3 B. 131500 C. 050657 D. Rcvd 40-50 SA rds from 046654 & 047656 from 3-5 VC E. Sent fire team to search each area to make contact but VC broke contact but VC fled as Marines closed in. Marines fired 235 rds SA and 4 M79. Searched area w/neg results. F-N. N/A.	SFSen
1630		11	131600	A. Mike B. 131600 C. 046654 D. Rcvd 12 rds from 045658 from est 2 VC E. Retrnd 100 SA and 12 81 HE rds. Searched impact area w/neg results. VC fled NW. F-N. N/A.	SF
1705		12	131630	Frm: Lima - Operation totals- 2 VCC KIA, 1 VC captured, 24 VCS, 2 barbines, 10 carbine mags, 4 M26 grenades, 1 ChiCom grenades, 1 K-bar, 2 jungle hammoks (camouflaged), 2 cartridge belts, cleaning gear, tooth brushes, black shorts and 4 tunnels w/false bottoms.	SF Sen
1825		13	131730	A. Kilo B. 131730. C. 052712 D. 3 man traps, each containing 10 stakes, size of traps 2x2x4 found. E. Blown in place F-N. N/A.	SFSen
1830		14	131820	Frm: Shrpshooter B. - We are sending in 3 vehicles to your CP to replace crippled beetle.	SF

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1905		15	131745	A. 3/9 CP B. 131745 C. 073656, enemy coords 077652. D. 3/9 CP rcvd 20-30 rds harr-assing fire from est 4-6 VC. <del>at</del> H&S ptrl at 075653 observed 2 VC in house right after a tank from Mike Co detonated mine and disabled. E. Dispatched ptrl from Co "M" to sweep enemy area. Dispatched ptrl from H&S to reinf ptrl at 075653 and to act as blocking force. H&S ptrl observed VC running from 075650 fired and killed VC. F-H. None I.-One J-K. None L. - 5 M-N. None. Remarks: 200-300 VN left village of Cau Hau vic 074654 and are clustered around 3/9 CP. Civil Affiars Officer and interpreters are working to clear them and assure that they will not be harmed.	SFSen
1920		16	131917	Frm: AO - At 089634 group of 7-8 mostly women & children ages 10 or 12 was observed next to two open graves w/bodies lying beside graves.	SF
1945		17	131935	A. OP marksman B. 131935 C. GS 1166 D. 100-200 fishing boats E-N. Neg.	SFE, L
	2000	18	132000	To Div : Req you passthe following to Division AO. "Thank you for continued outstanding support and cooperation. Observers sighting this morning was instrumental in 6 VC KIA and 1 VCC;	SF
2340		19	132250	Frm: Mike Co - Grenade thrown into PPB at 073637. One USMC WIA. Med evac'd. Area searched w/neg results.	SF
2350		20	132245	Frm: Mike - Observed 2 VC moving East to West approx 80 yds to South of ptrl at 053639. Directed 80 SA rds at VC, fire returned by VC. Ptrl searched area with neg results.	SF

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0635		1	140620	Weather Report	SF
	0757	2	140755	To: Pol Kilo - 1. Ptrl grids 05-70, 71-04, 04-72 commencing immed. 2. Suggest reinf sqds. 3. Send actual Ptrl route ASAP.	SF
	0804	3	140755	To: Pol India - 1. Patrol grids 07-67, 08-67, 07-68, 08-68, 07-69, 0869 on each side of Song Can Bien, suggest reinf sqd 2. Commence immed 3. Send actual ptrl route ASAP.	SF
	0807	4	140800	To: Pol Mike - 1. Ptrl from 065644 to 077649 and extend North to Bn CP vic 065654-076654 2. Commence immed, suggest reinf sqd. 3. Send actual routes ASAP.	SF
	0813	5	140805	To: Pol Lima - 1. Patrol vic 086637 North to 079655 to 092653 South to 086637 and make thorough search of area within this route 2. Commence immed suggest reinf sqd. 3. Send actual patrol route ASAP.	SF
<del>0830</del>	0830	6	140830	To: Peepsight - Summary of Assembly of Villagers at Polish CP of 131815.	SF
<del>1330</del>	1350	7	130840	To: All Co's - Policy concerning safety of hand grenades.	SF
1656		8	141655	A. Mike 3 B. 141600 C. 044656 D. Rcvd 20-30 rds harrassing fire from 045658. E. Rtd 150 SA rds, and 20 rds 81 HE. Swept area neg results. F-O G.- 1 (minor) H-N. Neg.	SF
1705		9	141700	A. Lima B. 141615 C. 133630 D. Lima Co Hdqtrs moving down to beach to block north of Ha Quang (2). Observed 2 boatsloads of armed VC putting out to sea. VC fired 30-40 rds SA which was ineffective due to suff. E. Lima returned 4 rds 90 mm, unk no. of 50 Cal.(tanks) and SA. Hueys fired rockets and straffed area. Boats and VC sank and have not reappeared. F-H. Neg. I.- 8 J-L. Neg. M. Unable to retrieve N.- Neg.	SF

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1720		10	141645	Frm: Kilo - Villagers from the An (2) brought in young girl with fragments wounds in the back of the neck believed to be from 81mm. Med Evac'd.	SF
1815		11	141815	Frm: Mike Co. Summary of activities of Mike 1 (Rein).	SF
1850		12	141845	A. Lima B. 141600-141900 C. GS 1362 D. Search & Seizure of Ha Quang (2) in response to info gained from VCS. E. Lima Co surrounded above hamlet and searched from S to N, accompanied by village cadre. 8 VC KIA as previously reptd. <del>ZZZZZ</del> F-H. Neg I.- 8 J-None K-Unk L- 23 (8 identified as VC) M-N. -None	SFSen
1900		13	141854	A. Mike 1 B. 141830 C. 082624 D. Observed 3 or 4 VC in black uniforms one w/wpn at 080611. E. Fired one 90mm HE w/undetermined results. No further sighting VC that area. F-N. N/A.	SF
1730		14	141920	Frm: Sen 2 - Hoa Vang rpts approx 1 VC Co at following Coords: 033669, 038673, 034661, Sen rates C-3.	SF
2015		15	141945	A. Mike B. 141945 C. 063645 D. As LP was sitting in position, one grenade was thrown by est one VC from 064644. E. Marines ret'd fire 10-12 rds SA and LP moved into an alt. psn. Searched impact area w/neg results. F-N. N/A.	SFSen
2020		16	142015	Weather Report.	SF
	2130	17	142050	To: All Co's - Notification for Freq & Designator Change.	SF

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	0118	1	150118	To: Co's I, K, L & M - New change in Bn Freq effective 150800 - Freq 39.7	SF
0200		2	150140H	Frm: Mike 6 - LP saw one VC <del>10634</del> BT 063645. Grenade thrown at VC. Will search area at first light.	SF
0700		3	150615	Weather Report.	SF
0950		4	150950	A. Lima B. 150824 C. 117634 D. Unit on patrol came upon 1 105mm dud at 117634, on open ground, not booby trapped. E. Blown in place using 1lb of C-4. Continued patrol.	SF
1120		5	151100	A. Lima 3 B. 151005 C. 108637 D. Ptrl observed 2 males approx 20-25 yrs at 108637 <del>XXXXX</del> running south from ptrl. E. Patrol fired 4 rds SA. Searched area- found 1 10 yr old boy wounded in left arm, still searching. Boy med evac'd. F-N. Neg.	
1140		6	151140	A. Lima 3 B. 151115 C. 108642 D. Ptrl rcvd 2 rds from high powered rifle from 105644. Resulting in 1 USMC WIA. E. Emergency med evac was called & completed at 1130. Searched area neg results. F-O G.-1 Med evac'd H-N. Neg	SF
1345		7	151340	Frm: Pied Piper C - Sudden death - First increments have arrived in old 1/1 CP area. Request to pull C-Z back to CP at 1700.	SF
1720		8	151715	A. Co Lima B. 151715 C. 108643 D. Unit on ptrl came upon (1) 105 dud at 115634, (1) M26 Frag booby trap at 108643, (1) pressure release 81mm Booby trap at 113647, (1) M26 frag booby trap at 112635. E. Destroyed all in place. F-N. Neg.	SFSen
1935		9	151930	A. H&S Sqd Ptrl B. 151730 C. 075664 D. Rcvd 2 rds SA from 2 VC at 075662 E. Rtd 5 rds SA & VC broke contact, fled North. Searched area, neg results. F-N. Neg.	SF
1935		10	151930	A. C-1-4 B. 151812 C. 080697 D. French bunker rcvd auto wpn fire from approx 3 VC resultng in 1 USMC KIA, VC fled SE.	

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				<u>CONT'd</u>  E. Returned 1 3.5, 100 rds SA, 1 sqd sent to regain contact. Picked up 1 VCS. Search continuing. F-One G-K. Neg L.- One M-N. Neg.	SF

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IN	OUT				
0515		1	161435	Frm: Sen 3 - 2/9 H Co rcvd 35 rds mortar fire BT 990685. Friendly cas unkwn at this time (60mm and poss some 57mm). Arty mission fired at suspicious psns. Flare ship & med evac requested.	SF
0525		2	160300	Weather R <sub>e</sub> port.	SF
0950		3	160940	Frm: Swaim - Where is Swain Mike to be at 0800 D-1 for Pol Opn GEORGIA.	SF
1250		4	161250	A. Lima Sqd Ptrl B. 161225 C. 111649 D. Unit on ptrl was told by the village chief that VN male approx 72 yrs of age was father of 3 hard corps VC males. He was apprehended at 111649 (Haun Quan 4) to be evac'd for questioning. Continued ptrl. G-K - Neg L-One M-N. Neg.	SF
	INFO			"F" Co 2/4 has relieved C 1/4 at this time of all duties at the water point and French Fort.	
1430		5	161415	A. Mike B. 161415 C. 049658 D. Marine on ptrl stepped on panji stake at above coord. E. Med Evac'd, Continued on ptrl. F. N/A. G. One H-N. Neg.	SF
1700		6	161650	A. India 3 B. 161650 C. 081691 D. 2 VCS fled away from patrol going from house to house. Did have ID cards, ages 35 & 51 E. Sqd apprehended VCS who will be sent to Bn CP. F-K. N/A L-Two M-N. N/A.	SF
1755		7	161745	A. India B. 161745 C. 086679 D. Rcvd SA fire from VC est 4. E. Rtd fire and assaulted psn from South to North. Friendly squad blocked and swept from N to S. Both sqds had neg results. F-N. N/A.	SF
1845		8	161830	A. Mike PPB B. 161830 C. 044649 D. Rcvd 20-30' semi auto & auto SA from 045648 & 045650 from est 3-4 VC. E. Retd 6 sent sqd to investigate area. Neg results. VC broke contact to NE. I-N. N/A.	SF

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2035		9	161945	A. India 1 B. 161820 C. 086678 D. Plt moving to PPB after previously being fired upon by est 4 VC and being unable to locate same was approached by several VN requesting assistance. A VN woman & 2 children sustained wounds apparently from the VC fire. E. Injured person & 4 relatives were medevac'd to ARVN hosp. F-o G- 3 Vn national H-N- Neg.	SF
2055		10	162040	A. Lima CP B. 162010 C. 099658 D. OP 093664 rcvd approx 10 rds carbine fire from est 2 VC from NW <del>XXXXXX</del> . 2d OP at 099657 rcvd 5-10 rds carbine fire from est 1 VC from SE E. Rtd 20 SA each psn. Exact loc VC unk. Relocated both OP's. Increased vigilance is maintained throughout are. F-N/ Neg.	SF
2155		11	162126	Weather Report.	SF
2225		12	162215	A. Mike 1 B. 162130 C. 044649 D. Observed 4 VC attempting to cross river using lily pads to disguise themselves at 043648. 1 VC came out of water on East side. E. fired 20 SA, 6 .45 cal. Sent fire team to check area. VC fled into treeline. No trace of VC in water. Bodies did not come to surface. F-H. Neg I- 3 J - 1 poss WIA K*N. Neg.	SF

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0630		1	170620	Daily Weather R port.	SF
0830		2	170826	Pay off will arrive w/resupply run. Req H&S attachment be available at CP.	SF
	0900	3	170855	To: Rocky Pt - Pass to Advisor 2d Bn, 51st ARVN Regt (An Hoa) that Pol 5 will arrive his CP about 0930.	SF
	0915	4	170905	Frm: Pol Kilo - Return alligators ASAP. Slaveborn now attached to Sudden Death.	SF
0915		5	170856	Frm: Antenna Whip 42 - I am not at my Base camp when you arrive, have my asst contact me. The helo he has at his position is to come to my psn ASAP.	SF
1235		6	171227	Frm: WH 3 - Unless otherwise directed WH will detach recon element at 181000 and helo lift to LZ Buzzard.	SF
1515		7	171405	Frm: Mike 3 - Rcvd 40 rds from M60 MG (BT 046659) from est 3-4 VC. Rtd <del>XXXX</del> 200 rds SA, 6 M79, 3 80mm WP and 10 81mm HE. Searched area with neg results.	SFSen
1550		8	171430	Frm: Mike - Tank patrol (BT 057635) rcvd 10 to 15 rds carbine fire from theeline (BT 057640). Rtd 100 rds 30 Cal. MG cont patrol South and observed 8-10 VC running South from BT 061629. Fired 100 30 Cal. rds, 3 rds 90mm HE, 1 rd cannister. Checked area with neg. results.	SF
1600		9	171520	A. Lima B. 171520 C. 112632 D. Unit on ptrl blew one bunker 6x4 reinf w/pind logs and one tunnel 6 ft long. Sweeping through the village of Ha Quang 3, rcvd 2 rds carbine from est 1 VC at coord 112632. E. Rtd 6 rds SA. A check of the area revealed a blood trail leading into a bunker. Bunker was blown using 2 1/2 lbs C-4. Parts of 1 VC KIA found. Unit continued on patrol F-H. N/A I- One (body count) J-N. Neg.	SFSen
1650		10	171645	Frm: Blackbox to Fert - 042648 from 2100-0200.	SF

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1655		11	171545	A. Mike B. 171545 C. 063628 D. Rcvd 5 rds SA from 066625 from estimated 2-3 VC E. Rtd 15 SA. Proceeded to check area. Rcvd 6 more rds SA from 069624. Proceeded to check that area. VC broke cotact to SE. Patrol continued mission. F-K. N/A L-One M- N/A. N. 1 steel helmet.	SFSen
1720		12	171707	Spt Report in Reference to demonstrators protesting for money for dead relatives in Non Nuoc.	SF
1915		13	171830	A. Kilo B. 171830 C. 038689 D. Rcvd 10-15 rds SA our CP 044685. Fire in- effective. Trd immed approx 300 rds MG fire, 10 rds 60mm Morts, 3 rds 3.5. Only 2 VC observed. MG fire caused VC to run into house then house was hit with 3.5's. E. Sent unit to check area. Plotted 81's & Arty. Will redesign one patrol for tonight. Will advise on area check. F-N. Neg.	SFSen
1926		14	171726	Frm: Sen - Opn "GEORGIA" postponed 1 day.	SF
	1939	15	171939	To: Kilo - Alligators will arrive to begin moving you to Lima 0830. Avail- ability limited to probably 3 gators.	SF
	2020	16	172020	To: Kilo - G Co, 2/4 operating near your zone of action is on radio freq 53.3 if you need to contact them	
2020		17	171930	Frm: Mike - Ptrl rcvd 20-25 SA (BT 068628- (BT 068630). Ptrl directed 40 rds SA at VC who broke contact to the SW. Checked area with neg results.	SF
1100		18	171920	Frm: Co India - Patrol moving through village found one VCS male hiding in house he was the only male in village. Patrol apprehended VCS and will hold for identi- fication by village chief.	SF

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IN	OUT				
0730		1	180720	Frm: Mike - Summary of Enemy contact from 180530-180615 - See Msg.	SFSen
0755		2	180750	Weather Report.	SF
0945		3	180615	Frm: Mike - Summary of Mike Sweep from 180615-180915. See Msg.	SF
1500		4	181418	Frm: Warehouse 3 - Pol to pickup warehouse M-6 at 972662.	SF
	1501	5	181437	To: PS - Be advised we are guarding all traffic fro sudden death.	SF
1621		6	181615	A. Mike 2 B. 181550 C. 067633 D. Rvd 2 S/A rds from 064633 resulting in 2 USMC WIA. E. Returned 40 rds SA, 1 M79 Searched area - neg results. F- o G. 2 (1)med evac'd. HON. Neg.	SF
1830		7	181818	Frm: Kilo - Resupply request.	SF
1915		8	191912	W_eather Report.	SF

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IN	OUT				
0630		1	190630	Weather Report.	SF
0800		2	190755	Frm: AO - At 055634 Boat going from bank to bank taking people across. At 055638 another boat doing the same.	SF
1230		4	191015	A. Mike B. 191015 C. 064633 D. Plt Ptrl sighted and rcvd long range rifle fire from 4 to 6 VC at 062620. An 81mm mission called but VC fled South to rapidly for it to be effective. E. Sparrow Hawk and AO utilized. AO rptd approx 200 persons leaving area for the South and crossing Hiway 14 east of Dien Ban Hq. Further enemy contact was not established. F-N. Neg.	SR
1330		5	191310	Frm: Mike - Booby trap, 60mm mort shell. Secured LZ call med evac. 1 KIA, 3WIA.	SF
1455		6	191455	Frm: India - Destruction Report. See msg.	SF
1500		7	191350	A. Lima B. 191350 C. 033681 D. Unit observed 1 VC w/Thompson sub MG at 033681. VC was approaching ptrl. E. Sqd set into ambush psn. VC saw Marines, fired 4 rds, ptrl rtd 6 S/A, VC KIA. WCS captured same area. F-H. Neg I - 1 VC J-K Neg L- 1 M. 1 Thompson sub MG, 3 mags. N. 3 notebooks, several pic of VN people.	SFSen
1605		8	191600	Frm: Blkbox - Activities for tonight.	SF
1635		9	191632	Frm: Lima - Dart site at 041670 spotted approx 12 VC and brought them underfire. More to follow as it comes in.	
	1747	10	191747	Frm: S-3 to All Co's - 1. Commencing 19 April A. Increase patrol/amb activities especially in rear areas. B. Adopt max security precautions during hours of darkness. 2. Report increase in patrol/amb activities NLT 191900.	
1920		11	191712	A. Lima B. 191620 C. 041670 D. Ptrl observed 3 VC's run N in a trench line approx 250m East of above coord. E. Fired 15 S/A, 1 M79. Searched area. Neg results. F-N. N/A.	SF

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1915		12	191830	Weather Report.	SF
1930		13	191830	Frm: Kilo - Rcvd 5 rds SA from Westly direction. Couldn't pinpoint origin. Sniper in psn trying to locate enemy.	SF
	2220	14	192200	Frm: Comm <sup>T</sup> o All Co's - Freq change 210800.	SF
	2301	15	192301	To: Lima - Do not take gas mask and CS grenades with you. Have them brought to Bn Supply on gators.	SF
2315		16	192220	Frm: Kilo - Observed 6+ VC at BT 109623 ambush withdrew, call in arty, 6 HE 2 WP two prob VC KIA.	

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TIME		SER NO.	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENT	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
2240		37	21 2240	PW to Platsburg: Co L night positions (shackled - SEEMSQ)	S, F
2350		38	212330	PW- P2A77 SBVRG, 212400 SitRep; A-Fert B-212400. C-no change. D-no contact with VC, elements arty continue H&I missions. E-Fert plans column movement commencing 220800. Co India at this CP will be employed as planned.	S, F
	0600	39	220600	From 3/9 to 9thMar S-3: SitRep 22001 to 220600, no change from SitRep 212400	S, F, Reg-3
0915		40	220915	PW -PB shower request, 4000 sandbags	S, F
0910		41	220900	PW-3 (LVT) to PW: A-LVT. B-220900. C-872557. D-Executed river crossing at AT 878565, moved into 872559, received 5-10 rds harrassing s/a fire from undetermined area. E-Proceeding through hamlet no further contact. F-N-Neg	S, F
1930		42	221030	PW-3 to PW: 1000 F at AT 892555 no contact, to send M accros in 30 minutes.	S, F
1035		43	221030	A-LVT Cloumn. B-221030H. C-088560. D-Man urinating blood (non battle). E-Med Evac to C Med. F-N-Neg	S, F
	1118	44	221118	Fr; 3/9 S-4 to S-3: Req to know how many water cans (empty) will be available upon resupply. We will need like number of empty cans from you upon resupply in order to resupply other units. Provide method of marking LZ and location.	S, F
	1128	45	221128	3/9 to Co L, Req you send location of your Rpt. C P.	S, F
1130		46	221130	Co L to 3/9 S-3: L 1 Plt Co CP located (916483) 3d Plt (929491).	S, F
1205		47	221159	PW-3 to PW: SitRep #3: M 3/3 crossing river at 1945 vic coord 895560 and began sweep P5L of my Hiep 5, 900560. CP of present location vic coord 900562, no enemy contact.	S, F
1245		48	221240	Rattle to HABY-6: Intelligence Report.	S, F
1315		49	221312	PW -3 to BW: We are moving M 3/3 to east side of river.	S, F
1350		50	221340	PW-L-2 to PW: We are commencing sweep.	S, F
1410		51	221400	A-Command Group.B. B-211410. C-898544. D-Unit blowing bunker AT 898544. A secondary explosion occurred est size as 60mm rd. E-med evac, continued sweep. F-none G-(1). H-N-Neg	S, F
1405		52	221405	Special SitRep 221200H	S, F

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TIME		SER NO.	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENT	ACTION TAKEN
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1410		Info	221405	Sen-6 departed this CP	S, F
1420		53	221414	PW-3 to PW: SitRep #4. AT 1315 M crossed river at AT 898548. F is in position along river, GS 9053. (1) USMC WIA, AT 90539 result of secondary explosion while blowing bunker.	S, F
1435		54	221430	A-PW-I. B-221443 C-953497. D-When sweep commenced Co I received 10 rds harrassing s/a fire from 947497, est 3-4 VC. E-returned approx 20 rds M-14 and 3 60mm rds, checked area, neg results. F-N- Negative	S, F
1440		55	221437	A-L-1. B-221345. C-AT 915482. D-OP observed one male approx 70 yrs old with no ID snooping around pos tions. When he noticed that he had been seen he tried to hide in a bush and was apprehended. E-Questioned by interpreter and will evac on resupply	S, F
1530		56	221515	F-N- neg. L-One. M-N-None A-PW-2. B-221510. C-870500. D-Found booby trapped gate at above coord with 20 lbs TNT. E-Blew gate in place. F-N- Negative.	S, F
1537		57	221535	Rattler to HABU-6; Recon Rpt.	S, F
1600		58	221555	A-PW I. B-221530. C-948502&947504. D-Found 2 bunkers rein with steel at above coord. E-Destroyed bunkers. One heat casualty, med evaced. F-None. G-One. heat casualty. F-N- Negative.	S, F
1645		59		A-PW-3. B-221535H. C-AT 927527. D-Co M received 6-8 rds s/a fire from above coord. E-Returned 300 rds .30 cal MG fire, enemy dispersed. Patrol Mike is moving through. Objective Alfa. PW-3 is crossing river. F-N- Negative.	S, F
1725		60	221720	PW-Lima to PW: blew one bouching betty coord At 871503, Req any info for us. We are not going to reach Obj, ARVNS ready to go home.	S, F
1800		61	221753	PW-I to PW; As of 221730. Right flank 945515 - leff flank 936515. ONE VCS identified by ARVN as VCC continuing NW. Destroyed one bunker AT 935515.	S, F
	1915	62	221913	PW to PW-3 Request your defensive position and your patrol activity within your ZOA	S, F
	1933	63	221933	S-4 to S-3-A: Request you clarify request for PRC-9 radio. The one we sent this afternoon was returned. Does valid requirement exist? Also please clarify concerning empty water cans. cannot continue to re-supply without all empty cans being rtd.	S, F

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1937		64	221845	Weather Report	S,F
2010		65	221910	A-Co I. B-221910H. C-AT 936510. D- Marine stepped on punji stake at above coord.	
	2015	66	221900	E-Marine Med Evac to C Med. G-1. H-N. Neg F-3 to Sen S-5: Eng attached to 3/9 swept road from At 900470 to At 909479, this sweep completed 221900H	S,F
2300		67	222218	A-F-2-9. B-222218H. C-AT 914526. D-Marine bitten by snake. E-Marine Evaced to C Med. G-One (non battle). H-N-Neg	S,F
	2325	68	222315	PW to All Stations: The practice of passing friendly coord in the clear will cease immediately. For immediate attention all commanders (PW-6 Sends).	S,F
0800		69	230800	A-Fert-3. B-230710. C-AT 916473. D-Men tripped booby traps resulting in one USMC WIA. E-Med Evac. F-None. G-(1) H*N- Negative.	S,F
	0810	70	230750	PW-2 - <del>XXXXXX</del> all units, Intelligence report	S,F
0850		71	230840	PG-31 to DASC, received rifle fire GS 8851.	S,F
0851		72	230845	PW to L-2; Move no further north than 1000 meters.	S,F

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	0910	73	220900	Fert-Sen-1. S&D commenced 230845. 2.S&D will progress slow due to heavily fortified area Vic gs 9051, 9151, 9052, 9152. 3. S&D elements instructed to make through deliberate search (x)	SF
	0930	74	220927	PW-PWL 1. Be prepared to move your CP and 1 plt to Vic. 914494 to join armored column for movement to this CP. 2. ETA of column approx 231200. 3. Leave 1 plt in Vic hill 85	S <sub>1</sub> F
1005		75	231000	A-Fert-3 B-230957 & C-915521 D-Chopper rec'd 10-15 rds S/A at above coord (X) E-Checking area out F-N-Neg.	S <sub>1</sub> F
1010		76	231007	PW3-PW-- PW3 915527, F-912524, Mike-915525 I-925527	
1016		77	231015	I Corps intel team representative report info gained from VCS: A rice cache approx. 18,000 lbs. located AT 820501 13 gurr. live at 869495(x) All have wpm(x) Rice is also transported from AT 869495 to AT 820501	S <sub>1</sub> F
1030		78	231025	PWL2-PW-- Sit Rpt. Continued our mission without any other enemy contact or mines.	S <sub>1</sub> F
1125		79	231115H	A. Lima 2, B. 23115H, C. AT 881502 D. Plt found 3 M26 grenade booby traps & 1 M16 anti personnel mine. E. Blew in place F-N. N/A.	S-F-SEN
1145		80	231105H	A. I Co., B 231105H, C. AT 926526 D. Detonated pressure type booby trap. believed 105rd. At above coord. E. MEDEVAC USME W.I.A., I-6 slightly WIA, is remaining in command. This area heavily fortified. S&D continues slow & through. F. O, G. 8, H-N Neg.	S-F-SEN
	1300	81	231200	<del>PW5</del> PW5-PWI (1) you are directed to make a through search of area where booby trap incident occurred (2) Utilized <del>XXXXXXXXXX</del> engineers and determine if 105 was electrical or pressure type.	S,F
1420		82	231320	Sen. to Fert. 1. There will be a Bn. Co's meeting 241000 2. Ref. evaluation of force requirements. 3. Ref. Cg. Msg. 220258Z.	S-F
1445		83	231233H	PW3 to PW I, M, F are continuing the attack to the S.W. from present position ZONE of action	

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				CONT'D. approx. 2,000 meters wide from river.	S-F
1447		84	231340H	PW-3 to PW Lima 2 has completed mission waiting further orders.	
1450		85	231330H	A. Lima 2 B. 231330H C. VC 886816 D. Rec. 10 rds. from VC sniper above coord. E. Fired 20 rds. 105HE cannot search area it is across river. Fire had good coverage. F-I Neg. J-2 Poss. K-N Neg.	SEN-3 S-F
	1347	86	231347	PW to PW Lima 1. Continue S&D to original planned position. 2. Make through search. 3. Report location each hour.	S-F
1350		87	231339H	PWI to PW Add two satchel charges to earlier request.	Fert-4 S-F
	1357	88	231357H	Pennant Winner to PW6 1. Be advised that PW L2 is sweeping towards 889509. 2. And will block in that position.	S-F
1430		89	231423	PWI to PW Send medivac 31 to I position. Last night 1 heat casualty routine medivac. LZ is secure, come up on I Co. TAC yellow smoke will mark LZ. Correction (WXXUJN)	S-F
1445		90	231440	RMK to PW At gs. 8551 an each knob on map are extensive fortifications and fighting holes.	S-F
1520		91	231515	Today Charlie to PW We are at bridge position about 200 meters from intersection of railroad and road. We will wait here for the LVT's.	S-F
1550		92	231544	A. F Co. B-231500, C-903519, D-detonated a booby trap grenade. E-Medivaced 1 USMC WIA. F-O G-I, H-N-Neg.	S-F
1555		93	231545	L2 to PW Saw 2 water wheels about 30' in diameter at 865502. We could not investigate because they were across river.	S-F
1620		94	231614	Today Charlie to PW We are waiting at bridge position for 8 amtracks.	S-F

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IN	OUT				
1640		95	231639	A-L-2 B-231612, C-874504, D-Found tunnel at above coord. E-Blow tunnel, 3 VC in tunnel resulting in 3 VC KIA. F-H-Neg. I-3 J-N-Neg	S-F
	1645	96	231643	PW-Sen. -- PW6 at <del>KIA</del> Bn. positions see Msg.	S-F
1752		97	231700	From I3 & Comm Group To S-3 <del>FIKE</del> RCD undetermined no. of S/A <del>FIKE</del> at 913513. Rtd 1000 rds 7.62 - 25 rds M79 8 rds 81mm, 4 rds 105mm. Plt checking area.	S-F
	1754	98	1754	PW6- PW Night defensive positions; 903519, 905521, 908517, 906496, 910494, 920500, CP 207506.	S-F
	1839	99	231839	PW-PW5*-Request patrol routes for patrols you are sending out tonight.	S-F
1850		100	231830	Recon OP to Recon 6-- Eight men moving about and crawling on ground at 944476 wearing black PJ with rifles and belts.	S-F
X 2010		101	231945	A. I-3 B. 231930 C. 908505 D. Recieved approx. 15 rds. S/A and 1 hand grenade from 2 VC 908506. E. Returned 50 rds. S/A, 2, 60mm. Hunter-killer team searched <del>area-neg.</del> results. F-N. neg.	S-F
X 2040		102	232030	A. 3/9 B. 232000 C. Bn. S&D. D. Destruction report: S&D companies destroyed 24 bunkers 4x6, rein. with steel and brick, 6 punji traps, approx. 60 meters of trench line during S&D operations from 230800 to 231700 April. E. Continued S&D to night defensive positions. F-N. Neg.	S-F
2345		103	232040	A. Recon B. 231830 C. -- D. Recon OP observed 8 VC observing 3/9 CP at 944476. One VC was crawling and was attempting to establish lookout position. E. Called Arty. (105) 12 rds. VT. Impacted on target. Two VC kia. Three were observed being dragged into ravine. F-H. Neg. I. 2 BC J. 3 poss. K-N. Neg.	S-F
	2205	104	232200	PW3-PW1-- Ref. your msg. 231010. What were results of mane search? What action was taken in regards to info.	S-F
2230		105	232156	Recon- Recon 6-- Many small flashing lights vic. 944476. Fired Arty Concentration and illumination.	S-f



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IN	OUT				
2315		106	232210	PW5-PW-- Destruction rpt. 230800 to 231600; India, 55 bunkers 4x4x6, 17 punji traps, 1 punji trap helo pad, 7 tunnels, 25 ft. long. Foxtrot, 47 bunkers 4x4x6, 11 punji traps, 4 tunnels. Mike, 43 bunkers 4x8x6, 12 punji traps, 7 tunnels, 15-25 ft. H&S, 2VC KIA BC, no wpms. See Previous Spot Report.	S-F
2330		107	232330	PW-PWL-- Plt on Hill 85 be prepared to move at 240630 to assist in Bn. S&D.	S-f
2345		108	232340	FM: Sent to Fert FRED report at 903468 Secret limited distribution late afternoon date.	S-F
2350		109	232350	FRED report BT 087490-Secret- limited Distribution. Early afternoon this date.	S-F
	0030	110	240005	PW-PLB--1. Be advised teletype is not operating. 2. 2400 sit ppt. and ISUM will will be delivered by helo. 3. Classification will not permit radio transmission.	S-F
0625		111	240623	PW5-PW-- No enemy contact during night. We are preparing to continue the attack at 0630.	S-f
0645		112	240645	Daily Weatherforecast.	S-F
0650		113	240636	PW5- PW-- Co. I, FJ & M, are now moving out of CP.	S-F
0705		114	240650	PWI-PW-- Sub. PDS. rpt. officers 5, enlisted 140, attachments, officers 7, total enlisted 170, grand total 177.	S-F
0730		115	240719	PW5- PW-- Rosemount Alpha sighted 8-10 people in boat heading west. No Weapons or fish. coord. 881457.	S-F
0735		116	240730	PWL-PW4-- Resupply request.	S-f
0750		117	240742	PWL2- PW4-- Resupply request.	S-F
0825		118	240824	Pw5-PW-- 240820 Co's located generally on line approx. 1200 meters forward of IP. No enemy contact, extensive trenching and tunneling exists through zone. Negative booby traps.	S-F

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FROM 240001

TO 242400

TIME		SER NO.	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENT	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
0845		119	240805	A. Recon B. 240805 C. 948481 D. OP observed 10-15 VC in black PJ'S with rifles and belts at above coord. E. Fired 2 arty missions, 105, fuze mixed. Eight rds. on target., was excellent F-H. neg. I. 2 still lying in target area. J. 3 possible. k-n. neg.	S-F
0855		120	240855	PW5- PW4-- Resupply request.	S-F-S4
1030		121	240952	PW5- PW-- Mike apprehended 2 VCS. One female vic. 894504. Male identified by PF as VCC.	S-F
1031		122	240953	Fert-2-Sen*2-- Intelligence report.	S-f
1032		123	241015	Hoi An-Sen3--ARVN air strike 241500 at 949457, 945452, 957451, 950445, 946442.	S-F
1050		124	241050	Recon reports there are trails and hatches. Could use air strike. Request approach from north going south. Not approved.	S-F
1300		125	241200	Recon report.	S-F
1340		126	241330	Recon report.	S-F
1505		127	241230	A. Recon B. 241230 C. 991489 D. Recon team observed approx 20 men with weapons at above coord. When AO approached area VC jumped into ditch. After AO departed VC returned to path. E. Called air strike	S-F
				3-F4 expended 3 zuni pod and 2 M42 gun pods. 2 A-4 expended 400 rds. 20mm. Good coverage on target. No estimate of casualties could be made due to high brush in area. F-N. Neg.	S-f
1525		128	241525	Plattsburg to PW-- Pass to PW 10 to use M-404 instead M-485	S-F
1610		129	241605	PW-PWL-- You are to remain in Vic. of your present positions. Prepare night defense. Conduct night patrol/ambushes. Do you need resupply?	S-F
1615		130	241606	Air strike Recon rattler See msg.	S-F
1715		131	241700	PWI-PW-- Destruction report 24 April. 905504 three bunkers, 903503 two bunkers, 903497 ten feet of tunnel, 900495 four bunkers, 903493 five bunkers, 900490 fifteen feet of tunnel, 898488 three bunkers 902498 three punji pits, 903497 fifty punji stakes, 895497 ninety feet of tunnel, 889487 trip wire rigged grenade similar to M-26, 896485 two bunkers, 898488 three bunkers 20x10x6, All bunkers 6x6x4 steel or bamboo rein. totals; 18 bunkers, 115 ft. of tunnel, 3 punji pits, 50 punji stakes, and 1 grenade booby trap.	S-F

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TIME		SER NO.	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENT	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
1755		132	241700H	A. Recon (Rattler) B. 241700H C. AT 800478 D. Recon team observed 40 men in column, armed with rifles E. Called artillery (105mm). 36 rounds delivered. Good effect on target, 13 VC observed directly in target impact area. F-H. N/A I-J. Unknown. Could not observe due to high scrub brush. K-N. N/A	S-F-Sen
2100		133	242043H	PW3 to Plat.3: Cobra will be operating in vicinity (PCBVRD) Rattler (DUGAFE), Habu (XNJBBV).	S-F-Sen
2200		134	241740H	TOT results artillery mission.	S-F
2215		135	242200H	PW to PWL: Instructions for Battalion S&D.	S-F
2400		136	242400H	Sit. Rep. : No change.	S-F
0650		137	250643H	No change in sit. rep. S&D commenced as planned.	S-F
0810		138	250807H	Daily Weather Report.	S-F
0815		139	250805H	A. Recon (Rattler) 3/9 B. 250805 C. (208493 D. OP observed 80 males moving by trail in vicinity of above coord. and approx. 60 males moving through valley in vicinity of 209486. AO called to investigate. Fixed wing aircraft called on station. When F-4's made ID pass AO observed large volume s/a directed at them. E. Directed air strike on above target, expended 2,000 rds 20mm and 2 Zuni Pods. Good target coverage, canopy about 70 ft. F-H. N/A I. 5-10 reported by AO. K-N. N/A	S-F-Sen
0943		140	250910H	From PW to PLB- A. CG 3d Mar. Div. Msg. 130037 Z revision of FMFM 8-2. 1. I AW Ref. A, a negative rep. is submitted.	S-F
1017		141	251017H	From PW-4 to PW-L: Request you notify PW-4 when and where to resupply. Also method of LZ control. (Lima wants no resupply).	S-F-S4
1034		142	251000H	From PW-4 to PW 35: Give following instructions to PW S-2. Rep. when he checks in	

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IN	OUT				
				to pick up vehicle: " Bring back a piece of Styrafoam 2'x4'. Should be available at Air Base.	S-F
1035		143	251020H	A. Recon (Cobra) 3/9 B. 251020 C. 96-2459 D. Observed 6 VC with weapons moving from hut at above coord. E. Called artillery, fired 12 (105mm) in. All on target F-H; N/A I. 5 (B.C.) J-M. N/A N. Could not retrieve.	S-F-Sen
1150		144	251145H	From WCL to PW 2: Approx. 20 VN moving South in river, (Boats)with chow. Coord. 849472. All male dressed in normal clothes.	S-F
	1156	145	251150H	From PW 3 to Platsburgh: Unit positions. (See msg. )	S-F-Sen
1210		146	251205H	A. Rosemont E B. 251205H C. AT 968461 D. Rosemont E received large amount s/a fire from above coord. E. Diverted on call A-4 strike craft escorting helos to vicinity target. (4) A-4's conducted strike, 350 20mm rds ex. F-N. N/A. Remarks: 8 buildings burning, noticing 3 large secondary explosions.	S-F-Sen
1335		Inf.	251330H	S&D is terminated. All units are returning to this area.	S

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FROM 251450 TO 252355H

TIME		SER NO.	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENT	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
	1455	148	251450H	From PW 3 to all Companies: Request total number of VCS, and total number of tunnels, bunkers, and fighting holes blown this date be submitted to this headquarters NLT 251700H.	S-F
1550		149	251545H	From PW-2 to PB-2: PW-14 reports OAO net being jammed by VN music.	S-F
1635		150	251630H	From PL3 to PW-T PF-R- 251610H Request William D. Mansfield 1930248 be sent back to this CP on first available transportation for formal hearings.	S-F
	1706	151	251700H	From PW-3 to Co's M-L: Ref. msg 251455H request destruction report for 25 April ASAP.	S-F
1930		152	251850H	Monroe to Motherhood: Daily Weather Report	S-F
1930	(late)	153	251225H	A. Recon (Rattle) Recon-6 B. 251225H C. AT 813454 D. Received one sniper rd from vicinity above coord. Est. (1) VC sniper. E. 9th Mar sniper attached to recon team positioned himself and returned (1) .30 sniper. VC sniper fell forward. Recon team of 9th Mar sniper relocated position. Second element of recon team observed VC sniper crawling downhill. Team could not pursue for fear of being detected by large VC force.	S-F-Sen
2005		154	251957H	From PLB to PW-3: 261945H: Be advised AO will be on station from 260630H to 261930H	SF
2400		155	252355H	A. 3/9/Capt. Phelps (USA advisor primary) B. 252355H C. 900470 (friendly) D. Civil GD outpost at 900470 reported receiving 4 possible rifle grenades. ARVN officer and US army advisor report this as a normal VC harassment. E. Fired 24 rds 105mm shell mixed at suspected grenadier positions located in vicinity AT 899494 and AT 902475. Rounds hit in target areas. Estimated good effect on target. F-H: N/A J-M. No evaluation can be made now N. N/A O. Normal VC harassment P. 105 artillery mission called Q. Cannot be evaluated. PF/USMC	Rou

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FROM

260900H

TO

261030H

TIME		SER NO.	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENT	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
				units will investigate at first light.	S-F-Sen
0910		156	260900H	A. 3/9, S-3 B. 260900H C. See FRAG-O 18-66 D. Battalion S&D : at 260705H F. Co Plt/PF Co. killed 8 VC (BC), vic. 815-467-260805. M Co. artillery mission at 824457. At 260807H conducted air strike a VC troops at 946473- 260845 F Co. captured 3 VCC- 1 VCC was WIA (Evac)	S-F-Sen
0925		157	260909H	From Habu to Habu 6: VC tunnel complex begins at 811453, runs South to 810449, then West to 8044, then to 7945. 9 men with weapons entered tunnel at 811453 at 260822H. Believe more men to be in area.	S-F
0930		158	260921H	3-A to PW-3-2: PT-M apprehended several VCS&S in this general area. These stated VC were in this area last night, and forced them to stay in their homes until 2300H.	S-F
0940		159	260923H	PLB-6 to PW-T-PLB: Be advised that PLB-6 has arrived at PW location.	S-F
0955		160	260940H	PLB to PW-T-PR: Info on interpreters. See msg.	S-F-S2
1035		161	261020H	From I-5 to 3-A: Neg. booby traps although villagers say there are many in the area. Neg. tunnels, neg. contact. Have 20 VCS	S-F
1035		162	261035H	From Habu to Habu-6: Main trench complex 816457-810460 leads down to 816457, makes 90° turn due South, then goes down to 81-8450, which goes to junction 815455 and branches off to two trails down 813450 and makes a circle at 821450 which leads up to the hills. Two rds were fired at helos from above complex.	S-F
1045		163	261023H	PLB-2 to PW-2: S-2 Info.	S-F
1050		164	261030H	From PW to RM A: Helo Landing: LR: 1030 LZ 815461. Recom OP marked with yellow panel. Tunnel system extending from 8124-54 South 500meters. Co. will drop in and search out tunnel system.	S-F

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FROM

261049H

TO 261500H

TIME		SER NO.	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENT	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
1120		165	261049H	PLB-2 to PW-T-P2: S-2 Info.	S-F
1125		166	261100H	From PW to PLB: 1. Please relay to today 2. Inform PW-CP if tunnel team immediately available. 3. Request confirmation NLT 261200H.	2 S-F
1127		167	261105H	From PW-2 to PLB-2: Ref. your msg 2510-23H: All VCC will be evac directly to 3rd ITT from this CP. All others are forwarded to DUC DUC District Headquarters for further screening & disposition.	S-F
1135		168	261121H	From PW-49 to PW rear 49: Make up combat equip. deadline. Rpt. forward this CP ASAP. Check FLSG for completed WO and send to this CP repaired equipment.	S-F
1205		169	261200H	A. 3/9/S-3 B. 261200H C. See FRAG#0 18-66 D. Bn S&D; Have located (4) water pumps, have salvaged (2). Remaining (2) are too large to be transported without disassembly (vic. 85-48 GS). Co. F lifted from from Air Strip at 815461 to assist PF Co. i in tunnel search. Sweep Co's are at 838-470-829489- Neg. enemy contact. CO L remains in block at vic. 815485-823489. E. Continuing S&D. F-H. N/A J. 9 K. O VCC-3 L. Will report when S&D secures. M. Grenades. Type, number, unknown. N. N/A. (1) VC WIA previously reported now a VC KIA. Total: 9 VC KIA O. S&D will continue. No alternate plans. P. Continue S&D. Q. To be reported.	S-F-Sen
	1220	170	261220H	From PW to PLB-T-Today: Tunnel team standby for 1300H. Pick up at Today LZ	S-F
1500		171	261500H	A. Recon Op B. 261429H C. AT 805496 D. Recon Op observed 9 VC moving up trail at above coord., all with weapons. E. Called artillery, 38 rds (105mm), good coverage J. 3 BC K. 2 poss.	S-F-Sen

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FROM 261400H TO 271545H

TIME		SER NO.	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENT	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
1430	(late)	172	261400H	From Rattle to Habu-6: S. 9 men A. moved on trail from Mt... L....to villa-ge 806498 U. Black shorts, gray tops T. 1350H E. 5 rifles and packs.	S-F
1550		173	261546H	From PLB to PW-2: Plt 2 Spar at 982528. Late morning 26 April. Secret limited distribution.	S-F
1600	(late)	174	261000H	From 3A to PW: Units located 500 beyond PL Cat. Cmd Gru is moving behind 2 Co's Negative enemy contact. Plt M checked out artillery mission. NFG results. 3 water pumps salvaged.	S-F
1920		175	261955H	Daily Weather Forecast.	S-F
0830		176	270740H	A. 3/9, PW-I B. 270740H C. AT 908482 D. Explosiom occurred near LOD, cause or device unknown. E. Med Evac F-N/A H. 2 USMC I-Q. N/A.	S-F, Sen
0835		177	270820H	A. PW-5 B. 270820H C. AT 925486 D. Observed 2-3 VC apparently using ridge line as an OP E. Called arty, 6 rounds fuze mixed. Target coverage good F-H. N/A I- 2 possible J-Q. N/A	S-F-Sen
1145		178	271027H	A. 3/9 M Co B. 271027H C. AT 948467 D. Co M observed 10 VC at 948447, dressed in green uniforms and packs E. Artillery fired 16 rounds on target. No estimate of casualties. VC no longer observed. F-Q. None	S-F-Sen
1300		179	271155H	A. 3/9, M Co B. 271155H C. 985487 D. Received s/a fire, unknown number of rounds from 982498 E. Air strike called village is now burning. Three houses are giving off black smoke. This may have been a fuel storage area. F-Q. N/A	S-F-Sen
1315		180	271302H	From PT-Mike to PW: Resupply request.	S-F-S4
1520		181	271510H	From PW-I to PW: Resupply request.	S-F-S4
1550		182	271545H	From M-6 to PW-4: Resupply request.	S-F-S4



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IN	OUT				
1645		183	271630H	A. 3/9, PW-5 B. 271630H C. 947506 D. I Co received (8) rds s/a fire from 947509 at 1630H. E. Returned 25 rds with unk results. Continued mission F-H. N/A I-J. No est. K-N. N/A ). Small guerilla element P. Returned fire Q. Continued S&D mission.	S-F-Sen
1710		184	271706H	From P-M to PW-4: Resupply request.	S-F-S4
1730		185	271700H	A. 3/9, I-2 B. 271700H C. 960498 D. Man tripped a M-26 booby trap. Received fragmentation in foot. Not med-evac'd E. No action taken F. N/A G. 1 (not med-evac'd) H-N. N/A O. M-26 booby trap grenade P. Continued mission Q. S&D continued.	S-F-Sen
1750		186	271745H	A. 3/9, AO B. 271745H C. 872502 D. AO received s/a fire from AT 872502.. E. Artillery mission called. Good coverage on target. Unable to estimate damage. F-Q. N/A.	S-F-Sen
1820		187	271815H	A. 3/9, PW-5 B. 271815H C. vic. 984516 D. At 1815H choppers resupplying M-3 received 50 rds s/a (M 1's and cal. 50) fm 4 VC located 984516. E. M-3 returned approx. 50 s/a rds on target. VC fire ceased. No friendly casualties. Enemy casualties unk F-H. N/A I-J. Unk K-N. N/A O. Small guerilla force P. Returned fire. Q. Enemy fire ceased.	S-F-Sen
1825		188	271820H	Daily Weather Forecast	S-F
2030		189	272025H	From PW-5 to PW-4: Resupply request.	S-F-S4
	2041	190	272030H	From PW to PW-5: Situate units delayed w will be in position by 0400H.	S-F
0750		191	280742H	Daily Weather Forecast	S-F
1000		192	280956H	A. 3/9, I Co B. 280956 C. 960501 D. Co I observed 8-10 VC moving in vic. 957519 E. Called artillery, 6 rds on target. 3 buildings destroyed F-H. N/A I- 2 poss J. 2 poss K-N. N/A O.	

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IN	OUT				
1005		193	281001H	Small guer. force Q. Cal. Arty A. 3/9, Cobra(Recon OP) B. 281001H C. 966475 D. Recon OP Cobra, situated at above coord saw two men moving East on trail at coord 970470. The two men wore black pajama type clothing and 1 had 1 bundle. E. Artillery called, 3-105mm rds fired. Excellent coverage of target although no casualties could be observed. F-H. N/A I-J. Unk K-N. N/A O. Small gue rilla force P. Called arty Q. Exce- llent coverage of target area.	S-F-Sen
1005		194	281005H	From PLB to PW: Reference (A) Div Order 3100 1 B (Reports) (B) CG Msg 240328Z A and B require that both friendly and enemy coords be shown when reporting in- cidents. When enemy coords are not known the direction from which fire was recei- ved can be shown. Recon element reports rec from oper Georgia frequently omit friendly coord. Req you include same, (shackled if required) to facilitate su- bmission of 9th Marines.	S-F.
1255		195	281206H	A. 3/9, Co I B. 281206 C. 970520 D. CO I est 1 rein sqd in village 9655- 22 E. Called arty fire. Good target coverage. Co I will sweep village F-Q. N/A.	S-F-Sen
1455		196	281455H	From PW-I to PW-4: Resupply request	S-F-S4
1535		197	281530H	From A. PW-5/M-3 B. 281530H C. 991544 D. Observed 10-15 VC in open at above coord E. Called arty mission. Fire for effect. Good coverage on target. F-H. N/A I. 5 (BC) J-Q. N/A.	S-F-Sen
1605		198	281600H	From PLB-Liaison1 to PW- Req you send po sitions of your companies as soon as you receive them.on the situate net.	S-F
1625		199	281622H	A. PW-5, I Co B. 281622H C. 973519 D. Observed 6 VC near trench line at a- bove coord 991544 E. Fired 8 in guns, 3 rds, good target coverage. 1 rd in trench F-H. N/A I. 6 (Poss) J-Q. N/A.	S-F-Sen
1630		200	2816		

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FROM 281704H TO 282250H

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IN	OUT				
1710		200	281704H	A. PW-5 B. 281704 U. CO I received 20-30 rounds auto s/a fire from 2-4 VC at coord 976528 E. Called arty (105 mm). 24 rounds. Good effect on target in tree line F-H. N/A I- 1 (poss) J. 3 (poss) K-Q. N/A	S-F-Sen
1820		201	281815H	A. 3/9, L-6 B. 281815H C. 997516 D. Received 6-8 s/a fire from estimated 2-3 VC E. Returned s/a fire 20 rds 7.62mm, 3 M-79 F. N/A G. 1 H. N/A I-J. Unk K-N. N/A O. Small units of VC saturate area P. Extend night patrols Q. We wait and see.	S-F-Sen
1830		202	281800H	A. L Co 1 Plt, 2 Ptrl B. 281800H C. 001518 D. As unit was digging in defensively they received 15 rds of high powered rifle fire, resulting in 1 USMC WIA (W-2102690). Unit observed 2 VC males at coord 007518 by using binoculars. They rated 1 VC had a scope attached to his rifle. Unit returned 100 rds M-60, 50 rds 7.62 fire. 1 VC with scope was observed being hit and falling to the ground. 2nd VC was observed pulling VC to a ditch. E. Arty mission called in. F. N/A G. 1 (hit in hip & med-evac'd) H. N/A I-1 K-Q. N/A	S-F-Sen
2115		203	282102H	A. I-FO B. 282102H C. 973522 D. Spotted 6 VC moving in open area E. Fired 14 rds WP 105mm. 2 VC seen falling F-H. N/A I- 2 J-Q. N/A.	S-F-Sen
2120		204	282105H	A. India 1 B. 282105H C. 972518 D. Received 2 frag gren from est 2 VC 3 USMC WIA obtained from 1 frag. Not med-evac'd E. We fired s/a 3.5 and M-79. Searched area with negative results F. N/A G. 3 H-Q. N/A.	S-F-Sen
2240		205	282237H	From PW-L to PW-3: Patrols	S-F
2250		206	282245H	From PW-I to PW-3: Patrols.	S-F
2300		207	282250H	From PLB-1 to PB info PW- Intelligence report. See MSG.	S-F

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FROM 282330H TO 290955H

TIME		SER NO.	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENT	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
2330		208	282330H	From PW-3 to PW-4: Resupply Request.	S-F-S4
2345		209	282335H	From PW-3 to PW-4: Need replacement of 81mm mortar site. If no replacement available will send in site by helo to be sent to FLSG. Can be repaired in 15min. Reply ASAP. (For reply see attached msg).	S-F-S4
0345		210	290205H	From I Co to S-3: Received 10-12 60mm rounds from 967524. Arty called on suspected mortar position. Mortar fire ceased. 4 HE and 59 WP 105mm fired.	S-F-Sen
0350		211	290258H	From Batt F 2/12 to S-3: received 15 rds incoming mortar fire from AT 906482. Returned direct 105mm fire, 25 HE, 21 WP. Enemy fire ceased. Unable to estimate damage at this time.	S-F-Sen
	0405	212	290405H	From S-3 to Sen-3: At 281340H F-Bttry displaced to 907477. In position at 281430H.	S-F
0545		213	290540H	Forward Command Group to Fert 6: Friendly units will not make H Hour. Unit on right flank will have 30min delay. Other friendly units are not in position. We do not know what time they will arrive.	S-F
0920		214	290915H	From PLB to PW-CO H-2/9 G-29 helo lift to AT 986563. Lift completed 0600-0803.	S-F
	0855	215	290824H	From P Tree to PT Mike: Return K-2290 to Mike rear ASAP for embark school.	S-F
0935		216	290920H	From PW-3 to PW: Req. 200lbs demo & tun. team. Standby for attachment to PW-I. Will advise time and place.	S-F
1000		217	290845H	A. I-3 B. 290845H C. AT 974526 D. I-3 AO recived s/a fire from est 10VC fm 976529 to 980529. Ret. LVT-H mixed shell I-2 est. J. 3 est. K-N. N/A	S-F-Sen
1005		218	290955H	From PW-3 to PW: Position report: I Co- 975527, 978530, 985525. Lima Co 991528, 002528.	S-F

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FROM

291029H

TO

TIME		SER NO.	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENT	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
1035		219	291029H	From PB to PW- Be advised Parchment 6 will arrive AN HOA 291500H.	S-F
	1120	220	291127H	From PT "M" rear to PW relay: Send following men to PW rear ASAP: AU 63, K 22-90.	S-F
1145		221	291135H	From PB to PW: Franchise 6 and Party will arrive your location ABP 1515H. PW-5 or PW-6 will meet Party. Desire to meet Mr Kan, new related subject PB-6 will arrive about 1410H.	S-F
1155		222	291150H	PW-3 to PW: Position Report: L Co, RF-999533, LF 990533. Mike CP- 976518. India LF- 975533, RF- 984533.	S-F
1205		223	291200H	From PW-3 to PW: Apprehended 5 VCS in M Co area. VCS to be returned by transportation used by tunnel team.	S-F
	1248	224	291042H	From PW-5 to PF: Be prepared to conduct Bn S&D operation by 300600H. Be prepared to leave this position by LVT at 300545H.	S-F
1250		225	291200H	A. 3/9, Rosemont-E B. 291200H C. See D D. (1) RME observed VC firing at helo vic. 955533. Fired 36 rds WP, 12 rds HE. (105mm). Good target coverage (2 buildings destroyed). (2) RME observed VC flip bridge, vic. 944474. Fired HE (20 rds) 105mm. No damage estimate. (3) RME observed camouflage boat vic. 94114758. Fired HE (30 rds) 105mm.	S-F
	1238	226	291232H	From PW-3 to PW BAS: Send diarrhea tablets by resupply choppers to PW-3.	S-F-BAS-S4
291515H		227	291515H	PW-3 to PW: Temporary CP- 975534.	S-F-M
1545		228	291545H	Habu to Habu 6: Sighted 1 man with weapon and pack walking into village. (AT 011484)	S-F
1920		229	291730H	PW-3 to PW: Try 954537. Contact Slaveborn Hotel on net 46.3. LZ secure. Marked with yellow smoke.	S-F
1922		230	291830H	A. 3/9 B. 291800H C. 902508 D. Vill	

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FROM 291848H TO

TIME		SER NO.	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENT	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
				Villagers from PHU NHUEM reported to the DUC DUC District Chief that 12 VC had been killed by USMC demo teams of 22 Apr. in vic. of above coord. E. USA advisor, capt. Phelps, DUC DUC District Chief and RF squad investigated. With help of villagers, retrieved 12 VC bodies from tunnel. F-H. N/A I-12 (BC) J-Q. N/A.	S-F-Sen
1930		231	291848H	PW-3 to PW: Position report- PW-3 CP-959528. M Co- 959534, 964527. Co L-955528, 964527 Co I- 955528, 959534.	S-F
2039		232	292000H	A. Recon B. 291338H C. Enemy 01212821 Friendly 004481 D. Observed 6 VC with weapons at above coord. Received (1) rd harassinf fire E. Fired 7 rds 8" HE. Good effect on target. No estimate of casualties could be made. F-Q. N/A	S-F-Sen
2100		233	292055H	PT Mike to PW: Destruction report-blew 4 bunkers, 2 tunnels, 1 punji pit.	S-F
2110		234	292100H	PW to PW-3: 1. F Co will depart this CP at 300600H via LVT's, will conduct S&D as follows: LOD- 965519, sweep to and block for your S&D from that position 2. Cmd Group will relieve 300630H.	S-F
2207		235	292207H	5 AT-Whip 38- Today's sweep VC KIA (BC), 2 VCS. No ARVN casualties.	S-F
2345		236	292345H	A. I B. 290830H C. 995526 D. Punji wound right foot E. Blew punji. Evac man at 291800H G. 1 WIA H-Q. N/A.	S-F-S1-S-4
2400		238	292340H	PW-3 to PW-L&I: Frag Order.	S-F
0800		239	300715H	A. F-2-9 B. 300715H C. 908482-909-487 D. Co F-2-9 while en route to LOD by LVT's, 2 vehicles struck mines at above coord. one at 0647H & one at 0715H. Size of mines unknown resulting in broken tracks and 5 USMC WIA, all with concussion. Med-Evac to station hospital. Elements from Co F debarking from disabled LVT AT 909487 received 8-10 rds s/a fire from est	

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FROM

300810H

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301044

TIME		SER NO.	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENT	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
				2-3 VC from 592492. E. Returned fire, maneuvered to close with VC. Lost contact, negative results. Co F moving by foot to LOD. Amtracks returning to CP. F-N/A G-5 H-N. N/A	S-F-Sen
0830		240	300810H	Daily Weather Forecast.	S-F
0840		241	300815H	F Co to WP: Sit Rep.	S-F
1000		242	300915H	A. L 3/9 B. 300915H C. 948521 D. Lima right flank elements received 30-40 rds semi-auto s/a fire from est 5-7 VC AT 950519 E. Returned fire, VC withdrew to Southwest. Presently we are searching area. F-O- N/A P. AO 1500 station to watch for attempted escape to South. VC should be caught between blocking and sweeping forces.	S-F-Sen
1050		243	301045H	A. L 3/9 B. 300722H C. 954493 D. We were sweeping village at above coord. when we received heavy s/a from 8-10 VC at 950520. E. Returned 600 rds s/a and (8) rds 60mm. F-H. N/A I. 2 (BC) J. 2 (Poss) L-M. N/A N. 3 VC gas masks. Very much blood in area.	S-F-Sen
1120		244	301104H	A. L 3/9 B. 301104H C. 915508 D. Observed (1) VC who ran when approached by Marines. E. Fired s/a, VC was KIA. F-H. N/A I. 1 (BC) J-M. N/A N. Cartridge belt with accessories O. One of small guerilla forces P. Used s/a Q. (1) VC KIA.	S-F-Sen
1230		245	301205H	A. 3/9, Recon Team B. 301205H C. 00-5500 D. VC hiding in rocks E. USMC sniper fired 2 rds F-H. N/A I- 1 (BC) K-N. N/A O. VC hiding P. Had sniper fire Q. (i) VC KIA (BC). Sent team to recover intelligence.	S-F-Sen
1430		246	301044H	A. Recon OP Rattler B. 301044H C. 94-9490 D. Recon OP observed 40-50 VC moving away from sweep, heading toward the mountains. Fired 148 rds, HE & WP (105mm)	

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302000H

TIME		SER NO.	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENT	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
				Good effect on target but c could not observe results E. One company moving into the area to search. Final report to follow after search completed F-Q.N/A	S-F-Sen
1600		247	301205H	Ref. initial spot rep 301205H.	S-F-Sen
1800		248	301645H	A. 3/9 B. 301645H C. 875475 D. M Co picked up 13 VCS from today's S&D mission E. N/A F-K. N/A L. 13 M-O. N/A P. Turned into ITT Q. N/A	S-F-Sen
1805		249	301650H	A. 3/9 B. 301650H C. 875475 D. 40-50 VC spotted by Recon OP. Arty mission fired 148 rds. Dispatched L Co to sweep the area F-H. N/A I. (1) (BC), (3) (pos) J-P. N/A Q. L Co found (1) VC KIA, (3) VC KIA Poss.	S-F-Sen
1915H		250	301710H	Port Royal to PB6 and all Units: Assumed command responsibility for right flank sector of PLB. Zone of action at 301645. CP opened at 9676 E. Request Sen pass to From and PW.	S-F
1920		251	301735H	PB-2 to PW-2: Intelligence Report. See msg.	S-F
1930		252	301745H	A. Recon OP B. 301745H C. 909467 D. Recon reported VC plt at above coord. F. Fired arty mission 210rds (105mm) mixed fuze. AO reported 6 bodies. F-H.N/A I. 6 J. 12 poss K--O. N/A P. Fired arty mission Q. 6 VC KIA, 12 VC WIA poss	S-F-Sen
2020		253	302000H	A. L OP B. 301845H C. 947516 D. OP at above coord. received approx. 4 rds s/a fire from a tree line at 947538 from 3 VC. E. OP returned approx. 4 rds 7.62 mm and wounded 1 VC. When two (2) USMC ran out to get VC he attempted to throw a grenade and was shot again with approx. 15 rds s/a and was blown with his own grenade F-H. N/A I. (1) (BC) J-M. N/A N. (1) cover, (1) khaki shirt, (1) wallet, (1) notebook O. Local guerilla unit P. Returned fire Q. (1) VC KIA (BC).	S-F-Sen



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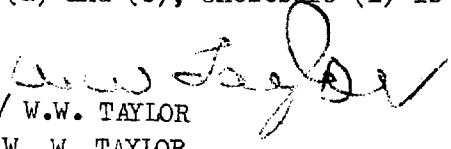
From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding Officer, 9th Marines

Subj: Lessons Learned

Ref: (a) CG, 3d MarDiv msg 217438Z  
(b) Your msg 291450Z

Encl: (1) Lessons Learned

1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), enclosure (1) is submitted.

  
/s/ W.W. TAYLOR  
W. W. TAYLOR

ENCLOSURE (4)

A. Command and Control1. Item. Command Helicopter

2. Discussion. Once again the necessity of having a helicopter at the disposal of the Battalion Commander engaged in battalion sized operations in Vietnam has been proven. The nature of the terrain, the habits of the enemy, and the wide dispersion of units makes it mandatory that the Commander have a positive means to assist him in the observation and control of his units. Each treeline, rice paddy and village looks virtually the same from the ground, there is seldom a vantage point which provides good observation, and the long distances which must be traveled to make and maintain contact with an elusive enemy precludes any prolonged use of an OP which may be found. Also, the HU-34 helicopter is not satisfactory for use as a command vehicle, due to limited observation capability and the lack of adequate observer to pilot and observer to ground communications.

3. Recommendation. That a HU-1E helicopter be provided to the Battalion Commander in Battalion sized operations.

B. Fire Support1. Item. LVTH's; use of

2. Discussion. The LVTH is very effective in the type of terrain encountered in South Vietnam as a direct fire support weapon. Infantry units are most vulnerable to small arms fire when it is necessary to cross large open areas such as rice paddies. The LVTH, attached directly to the rifle company, can effectively and quickly neutralize small arms fire received from forward and adjacent treelines, as it can be controlled directly by the commander on the scene without the necessity of time delays incurred in receiving clearance to fire.

3. Recommendation. That when units operate in terrain which is suitable for tracked vehicles and LVTH's are available that the LVTH's be attached as a direct fire weapon, rather than employed as conventional artillery.

C. Employment of Indigenous Forces1. Item. Use of RF's and PF's.

2. Discussion. While this battalion has had limited experience in operating with local VN Forces, the value of combining forces during search operations has become readily apparent. The RF's and PF's know the terrain, and are familiar with the habits of the Viet Cong, and make the presence of Marines in the hamlets more acceptable to the inhabitants by their very presence. In addition the morale and effectiveness of the local forces is enhanced considerably when they operate with Marines.

3. Recommendation. That RF and PF Forces be integrated with Marines down to and including platoon level.

#### D. Operations

1. Item. Scout Dogs.

2. Discussion. Scout dogs can be a valuable asset when used properly. However, on prolonged sweeps and search and destroy operations the dogs tire easily and rapidly become a burden to the attacking forces.

3. Recommendation. That the emphasis on the use of Scout Dogs be shifted to that of squad sized patrols and outposts.

#### E. Communications

1. Item. MRC-83 Overheating.

2. Discussion. During Operation "GEORGIA", two PP-2352's burned out due to overheating. This was caused by two factors:

- a. Temperature was in excess of 110°
- b. Excessive key time due to long message, using ratt.

3. Recommendation. Erect fly tent over jeep to prevent direct sun. Limit transmission time to 5 minutes maximum at one time.

#### F. Logistics

1. Item. Employment of Amphibian Tractors

2. Discussion. When the terrain permits it, LVT's have been utilized very successfully to provide Command Groups with mobility and capability for logistic support. Sections of LVT's have been preloaded and predesignated for specific units and this has made the coordination of resupply efforts a much more simple task. This battalion has used the LVT extensively to carry extra demolitions on search and destroy operations, as a rifle company can carry enough supplies for only about four hours work in the field in areas which are only moderately fortified.

3. Recommendation. That LVT's be attached to units on extended operations when the terrain permits.

#### G. River Crossings

1. Item. LVT's in river crossing.

2. Discussion. The river crossing capabilities of the LVT are limited by the speed of the river current. This in turn is subject to rapid change which may prevent the LVT from effecting the crossing.

3. Recommendation. When a river crossing is planned the current must be watched continually to detect these changes. Alternate plans are required to ensure completion of a scheduled crossing.

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## OPERATION ORDER 368-66

Ref: (a) Maps: Vietnam, 1:50,000 AMS Series L701, Sheets 6558 I,  
 6558 II, 6658 I, 6658 II, 6658 III and 6658 IV

- (b) 3d MarDiv OpO 368-66
- (c) 9th Mar OpO 111-66
- (d) 3d MarDivO 02000.2A
- (e) 3d MarDiv OpO 385-66
- (f) 3d Mar Div OpO 343-65
- (g) CG 3d MarDiv msg 131543Z Jan 66

Time Zone: H

TASK ORGANIZATION. Annex A (Task Organization)1. SITUATION

a. Enemy forces. Annex B (Intelligence) to ref (c) and ISUM's as issued.

b. Friendly forces

(1) 9th Marines commencing D-5 conducts preliminary search and destroy operations in the KINGS area. During Opn "GEORGIA", maintains Regimental Mobile Reserve Company on immediate status throughout Phase I and III and two-hour alert during Phase II.

(2) Artillery Support. Annex E to ref (c).

(3) Air Support. Annex F to ref (c).

(4) 2d Bn, 51st ARVN Regiment located vic An Hoa (AT 8746) requested to provide security around airfield vic (AT 875475) and assist in offensive operations.

(5) RVN RF and PF units in objective area requested to assist in offensive operations.

c. Attachments and detachments. Effective 0800 D-1.

2. MISSION. Commencing D-1, 3d Bn, 9th Marines moves to vic An Hoa (AT 8746) by helicopter and/or fixed aircraft and by LVT-Infantry surface movement from 9th Marines Zone of Action; conducts offensive operations to destroy VC forces and installations; opens area to GVN influence; assists in GOLDEN FLEECE (rice harvest) operations; provides rural construction assistance, Annex B (Operations Overlay). Ref (c).

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ENCLOSURE (5)

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3. EXECUTIONa. Concept of Operations

(1) Annex C (Concept of Operations) and Annex D (Operations Overlay) to ref (c).

(2) Annex B (Operations Overlay).

b. Co "T" (Rein), 3d Bn, 9th Marines

(1) By 1800 D-1, move to designated assembly area.

(2) At H-Hour, D-Day, conduct mechanized (LVT) movement to objective area; secure and defend assigned portion of objective A.

(3) Be prepared on order to conduct counter-guerrilla operations within "GEORGIA" area.

c. Co "M" (Rein), 3d Bn, 3d Marines

(1) By 1800 D-1, move to designated assembly area.

(2) At H-Hour, D-Day, conduct mechanized (LVT) movement to objective area; secure and defend assigned portion of Objective A.

(3) Be prepared on order to conduct counter-guerrilla operations within "GEORGIA" area.

d. Co "I" (Rein). Be prepared on order to land by helicopter at either primary or alternate LZ's on D-Day to act as blocking force for Co's "F" and "M" or conduct counter-guerrilla operations.

e. Co "L" (Rein).

(1) On D-1, move by fixed wing/helicopter to operating base at An Hoa vic (AT 875475).

(2) Provide security for operating base.

(3) When directed on D-Day, revert to Bn Reserve.

(4) Be prepared to conduct counter-guerrilla operations within "GEORGIA" area.

f. 1st Plt, Co "D", 3d Recon Bn. At approximately 1900, D-1, insert by helicopter and establish two OP's via GS (AT 8052) and (AT 9845) for continuous surveillance of Bn TAOR.

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g. Prov Artillery Group

(1) Commencing on D-1, move by fixed wing aircraft to operating base at An Hoa vic (AT 875475).

(2) General Support.

(3) Annex D (Artillery) to ref (c).

h. Co "B" (-)(Rein), 1st AmTrac Bn

(1) Direct Support Co's "F" and "M" for mechanized movement to objective area.

(2) General Support upon arrival at operating base.

i. 1st Prov Amphibian Howitzer Plt

(1) Direct Support for Co's "F" and "M" for mechanized movement to objective area.

(2) Upon arrival at operating base and when not employed in direct fire role reinforce fires of Provisional Artillery Group.

j. Co "C" (-), 3d Engr Bn

(1) One squad direct support to each rifle company.

(2) Co "C" (less direct support squads): General Support.

k. Battalion Reserve

(1) Co "L" (Rein). After reversion to reserve, be prepared to reinforce/counter attack within "GEORGIA" area. Maintain one platoon as Sparrow Hawk on 10 minute alert.

l. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Essential elements of the attack. Annex B (Operation Overlay).

(2) Assembly area for surface movement is 1st AmTrac Bn CP (AT 985716).

(3) H-Hour: Tentatively 0630 for surface movement. H-Hour for air-lifted units to be announced.

(4) EEL's - Annex B (Intelligence) to ref (b).

(5) Minimize damage to public and private property to extent permitted by assigned mission. Religious structures will be respected and left unmolested unless hostile fire is received from them.

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- (6) Fire Support Coordination. Annex G to ref (c).
- (7) Artillery. Annex E to ref (c).
- (8) Air Operations. Annex F to ref (c).
- (9) Civil Affairs. Annex J to ref (c).
- (10) Psychological Operations. Annex K to ref (c).
- (11) GOLDEN EYE Operations. Ref (e).
- (12) Captured rice will be handled in accordance with ref (g).  
Report caches in excess of 100 kilo (200 lbs) to this hqtrs.
- (13) Reports. Annex C (Reports).
- (14) Unclassified Code Name: "GEORGIA"
- (15) This order effective for planning upon receipt; execution on order.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. See AdminO 368-66 to accompany Operation Order 368-66.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

a. Communications. Annex D (Communications-Electronics) to Operation Order 368-66.

b. Command

(1) Organization

3d Bn, 9th Marines	LtCol TAYLOR
Cmd Group Alpha (airlift)	Major KELLY
Cmd Group Bravo (surface lift)	Major THOMAS

(2) Command Posts

(a) See Annex B (Operations Overlay) to Operation Order 368-66.

(b) 9th Marines (AT 998723).

(c) 3d Bn, 9th Marines:

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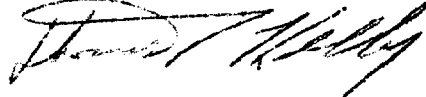
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(3) Command Relations with GVN Officials. See Annex I  
to ref (c).

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL TAYLOR



THOMAS R. KELLY  
Major, U. S. Marine Corps  
Executive Officer

ANNEXES:

- A - Task Organization
- B-- Operations Overlay
- C - Reports
- D - Communications-Electronics
- E - Distribution

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Annex A (Task Organization) to Operation Order 368-66

Ref: (a) 9th Marines OpO 111-66

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3d Bn, 9th Marines

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1stLt RANK

Capt GOODYEAR

H&S Co (-)

Co "E" (-) (Rein), 3d SP Bn

Det, FLSG (A)

Det, Hq Bn FLSG (A)

Det, Ammo Co

Det, EOD Plt

Det, Maint Co

Det, Supply Co (Bulk Fuel)

Det, 3d FFI

Sqd, Scout Dog Plt

Det, 3d AB Bn

Det, MASS-2, 1st MAW

Refugee T, 41st Civil Affairs Co (USA)

Det, 3d Med Bn

Co "F" (Rein), 2d Bn, 9th Marines

Capt RECKEWELL

Co G

Det, Comm Plt, H&S Co

Det, Med Plt, H&S Co

Sect, 81mm Mort Plt, H&S Co

Sect, 106mm RR Plt, H&S Co

FO Tm, Btry "E", 2d Bn, 12th Mar

Co "I" (Rein), 3d Bn, 9th Marines

Capt MATTMILLER

Co "I"

Det, Comm Plt, H&S Co

Det, Med Plt, H&S Co

Sect, 81mm Mort Plt, H&S Co

FO Tm, Btry "D", 2d Bn, 12th Mar

FAC Tm, H&S Co

Co "M" (Rein), 3d Bn, 3d Marines

Capt RUSHING

Co M

Det, Comm Plt, H&S Co

Det, Med Plt, H&S Co

Sect, 81mm Mort Plt, H&S Co

Sect, 106mm RR Plt, H&S Co

FO Tm, Btry "E", 2d Bn, 12th Mar

FAC Tm, H&S Co

1st Plt, Co "D", 3d Recon Bn

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Btry "A", 1st Bn, 12th Marines  
 Btry "C", 2d Bn, 12th Marines

Major MORROW

1st Prov Amphibian Howitzer Flt

Capt THAMES

Co "B" (-), 3d Engr Bn

Capt HICKS

Bn Reserve, Co "C" (Rein), 3d Bn, 9th Mar

Capt COLCOMBE

Co "D", 3d Bn, 9th Mar

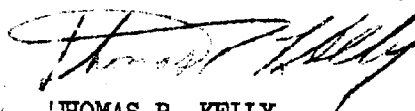
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Annex C (Reports) to Operation Order 368-66

Ref: 9th Marines Operation Order 111-66

Time Zone: H

1. Timely and accurate reports are essential to enable the commander to evaluate the operational and logistical requirements for the accomplishment of the mission and for the information of higher Headquarters as outlined in reference (a).
2. Special reports will be submitted as required. Periodic reports will be submitted as indicated below:

SUBJECT	SUMMITT- ING UNIT	RECEIVING UNIT	FREQUENCY	DUE	REFERENCE
Personnel Daily Summary	All	3dBn, 9thMar (S-1)	Daily	0900	RegtO 01080.3A
Casualty Report	All	--do--	On occurrence	ASAP	DivO 03040.2A
Spot Report	All	3dBn, 9thMar (S-2, S-3)	--do--	ASAP	DivO 3100.1B
Sit Report	All	3dBn, 9th Mar (S-3)	When Requested	ASAP	CG, 3d MarDiv msg 030205Z
Missing Serialized Equipment	Organic Units, Attached Units	3dBn, 9thMar (S-4) Parent Organ w/ copy to 3/9 S-4	On Occurance --do--	ASAP	BnO 08023.2 As directed
SHELREP/ MORTREP	All	3dBn, 9thMar (S-2, S-3)	--do--	ASAP	DivO 3800.1E

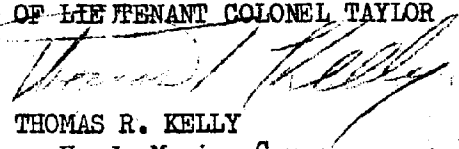
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or sound D. Time from E. Time to F. Area shelled G. Number  
and nature of weapons H. Nature of fire I. Number and type of  
shells. J. Flash to bang. K. Damage.

Immediate Report	All	3dBn, 9thMar (S-3)	Within 15min after enemy contact	--do--
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- A. Unit B. Friendly location C. Enemy location D. Enemy  
action (Number, weapons, etc.) E. Friendly Action  
F. Other.

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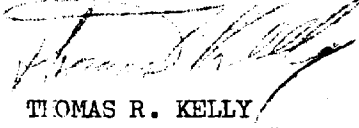
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FRAG-O 15-66

1. Situation

A. General

(1). Operation Georgia continued. Mechanized column, Command Group Bravo Co's F 2/9 and M 3/3 departed at 220800H from Hill 65 (AT 889557). Co I Heli lifted from (AT 877468) to primary LZ (AT 88EE 953497) at 221300H to sweep NW and link up with Command Group Bravo at (AT 917530).

(2). Recon elements continued to screen flanks of ZOA.

B. Enemy

(1). Small units of 3-4 VC continue to withdraw to SE. Contact sporadic and limited.

(2). AO indicates enemy small units are withdrawing to the vic. of area bounded by N/S Grid Lines 83 to 97 and the E/W Grid Lines, 35 to 40 which is believed to be a fortified area.

2. Mission. No change.

3. Execution

A. Command Group Bravo Co's F 2/9, M 3/3 and I 3/9 will conduct night defensive positions: left boundary (AT 906524, 910514). Right boundary (AT 92EE (AT 933531, 932518). Retain armoured column. All Command Group Bravo units will conduct patrols/ambushes around defensive positions.

B. Co L night defense: Co CP and (1) plt at (AT 916483), one plt at (AT 929491). Co L to conduct night patrols/ambushes up Hill 85 paaa.

C. One plt Co L and PF to prepare defensive in vic coord. (AT 871503). At first light to continue S&D to vic. coord. (AT 887513, 887507). At this point establish blocking position for Command Group Bravo S&D.

D. Command Group Bravo, Co's F 2/9, M 3/3, and I 3/9 at 230700H commence S & D from coordinates (AT 933531, 935520 to 983513, 900490).

4. Administration

(1) USMC

WIA 1 NBC 3

Enemy

KIA 0 WIA 0 VCC 0 VCS 2

(2) Logistics ( See special logistics status report submitted at 221800H.

5. Command Communications Electronics. All communications equipment functioning properly. No significant problem areas.

ENCLOSURE (6)



From: Third Bn, Ninth Mar  
To: Ninth Marines

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FRAG-O 16-66

1. Situationa. General

(1) Operation Georgia continues. Command Group Bravo Co's F-2-9, I-3-9, M-3-3 commenced S & D operation at 230840H from coordinates (AT 933531-935520) and at 231715H arrived at (AT 900518-917506).

(2) Co "L" 2d Plt and 1st Plt from DUC DUC RF conducted S & D from (AT 871503) and swept to (AT 889509).

b. Enemy. See current ISUMS

2. Mission. No change3. Execution

a. Command Group Bravo (Major Kelly), Co's F-2-9, I-3-9, and M-3-3 occupied night defensive positions in vic. coordinates (AT 906525-900518-903510-909501-920507-923507-906525) and will conduct night patrols/ambushes.

b. One plt Co "L" and RF to prepare night defensive in vic coordinates (AT 889509). This point will be blocking position for S & D operation commencing at 240600H April 1966.

c. Co "L" and one plt conduct night defensive positions at (AT 877468) and be Battalion reserve. One plt Co "L" establish defensive position in vic. (AT 915466) and conduct patrols/ambushes

d. Command Group Bravo, Co's F-2-9, I-3-9, and M-3-3 at 24-0600H conduct Bn S & D from (AT 900518-920520) to vic coord. (AT-866494-895480).

4. Administration(1) Casualties(a) USMC

WIA- 12

NBC- 4

(b) Enemy

KIA- 7

VCC- 1

WIA- 2

VCS- 15

WIA Captured- 1

Refugees- 10

2. (2) Logistics. See special logistics status report submitted daily at 1800.

5. Command Communications Electronics. Omitted.

ENCLOSURE (9)

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From: 3d Battalion, 9th Marines  
 To: 9th Marines

FRAG-O 17-66

1. Situation

a. General

(1) Phase II of Operation Georgia continues. At 241240H, Command Group Bravo, Co's F-2-9, I-3-9, M-3-3 and one plt from Co "L" returned to vic. AT 87748- 3-9 CP.

(2) Co. "L" continued S & D in vic. AT 914465. At 241700H Co. "L" prepared night defensive positions in above area.

b. Enemy

(1) Reports continue to indicate all MF units have withdrawn out of the ZOA, with the possible exception of one Co.

(2) General direction of exit continues to SE towards the high terrain.

(3) Local force guerilla units continue with ~~mining~~ booby trapping and occasional harassing fire. Guerilla units remain dispersed. It is estimated that they will continue to operate in small 2-8 men units.

(4) Intelligence indicates possible MF Co. in planned S & D area for 25 April 1966.

c. Friendly. No change

2. Mission. The 3d Bn (Rein), 9th Marines, in conjunction with a company from the 51st Regiment and a Regional Force Company conducts a Battalion Search and Destroy Operation in preparation for an intensified pacification effort within the Zone of Action.

3. Execution

a. Concept of execution

(1) Commencing at 0530, L, M, and I companies move to the LOD by AmTrac and execute a Search and Destroy Operation from North to South in assigned Zones of Action.

(2) Commencing at 0645, one Regional Force Company reinforced by a platoon from F Company, is helilifted to a blocking position in the Northeastern sector of the Area of Operations.

(3) Commencing at 0500H, one company from the 2nd Bn, 51st ARVN Regiment, moves by foot into a blocking position in the North area of the operations.

ENCLOSURE (8)

## b. F-2/9 (-)

(1) One RF plt and F Co will helo lift to vic. blocking position ~~RF~~ boundary AT 914517 LF boundary AT 903520.

(2) One Company 51st ARVN moves from present location and establishes a blocking position from vic coord AT 867494-AT 888510 . NLT 250630H.

c. I-3-9 depart Bn CP by LVT. Occupies assault position on LOD by 250500H vic AT 908479-AT 909492. Crosses LOD on order. Conducts S & D Operation in Zone of Action.

d. M-3-3 depart Bn CP by LVT. Occupies assault position on LOD by 250500H vic AT 909492- AT 909501. Conducts S & D in Zone of Action.

e. L-3-9 depart present position. Occupies assault position at LOD by 250500H vic AT 901469- AT 908479. Conducts S & D in Zone of Action

## f. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) H-hour 0630
- (2) L-hour 0700
- (3) Contact is from right to left
- (4) Minimum destruction of private property.

4. Administration

## a. Casualties

- (1) USMC  
WIA-12  
NBC- 4
- (2) Enemy  
KIA-14BC  
KIA possible-10  
WIA captured-1  
WIA possible-5  
VCC-3  
VCS
- (3) Refugees  
Men-women-children

b. Logistics Omitted5. Command Communications Electronics

- a. Command will be controlled from CP.
- b. Command Group assigned as coordinating element only.
- c. Reports will be submitted to CP.

From: Third Bn 9th Mar

To: 9th Mar

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FRAG-O 18-66

A. Ninth Mar OP 111-66

1. Situation

a. Enemy Forces. It is estimated that one MF platoon with one MG and with one guerilla plt with assorted individual weapons are within the ZOA. The total estimated strength is 85 men. Particular emphasis is directed to the location and destruction of well camouflaged caves along the river bank. The DUC DUC District Chief reports at least two Chinese irrigation pumps are utilized within the ZOA. The DUC DUC District Chief further states several VN families in the area desire to be evacuated to the refugee center.

b. Friendly Forces. No change, except one PF company provides blocking force.

2. Mission. The 3d Bn 9th Mar (Rein) in conjunction with the Popular Forces Company conducts a Bn (Reim) S & D operation in the area bounded by AT 863493- AT 816492- AT 804466- AT 828462 to expand GVN influence within the ZOA and to evacuate refugees.

3. Execution

a. Concept of Operations

(1) Commencing at 250645H, Command Group and two companies move to the LOD by LVT and execute a S & D operation from NE to SW defined as area (2) by reference (a).

(2) Commencing at 250645H one company lifts by helo to vic. AT 823488 and establishes a block from AT 823488 to AT 816485.

(3) One Popular Forces company and one plt Co F depart from vic. AT 837459 by Sam-Dan at 0400H and establishes a block from AT 827-461 to AT 805468.

b. Co L land by LVT and conduct S & D in ZOA AT 863493-AT 812464 to AT 827461.

c. Co M land by LVT and conducts S & D in ZOA AT 865497- AT 863493 to 805486-AT 812464.

d. Co L lands at L-Hour by helo and provides a blocking force as indicated.

e. Co F (-) provide one platoon blocking force with PF company indicated.

f. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) H-Hour 0645H

(2) L-Hour 0645H

4. Administration. No change except:

Casualties.

(1) All casualties will be evacuated to the Bn C & C section.

(2) Refugees will be evacuated to DUC DUC District.

5. Command Communications Electronics. No change except Army Advisors with PF Co will be on Bn TAC Net.

ENCLOSURE (9)

From: Third Bn Ninth Mar  
To: Ninth Mar

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FRAG-O 19-66

A. Ninth Mar OP 111-66

1. Situation

a. Enemy Forces. Daily reports from Recon Teams have been reporting an average of six sightings of 2 to 15 men groups moving in and around AT 967463. AO reports also indicate movement in these areas. During 240600H twenty-six(26) sightings were made around these two areas. Intelligence reports a fortified village AT 936498. One aircraft received a hit s/a from the village. Estimated that guerilla plt is within the Northern ZOA (North of Grid Line 49). The numerous reports of enemy movements to the South from the Northern and Central ZOA, it is considered probable that a convoy be located in the SW part of the ZOA.

b. Friendly Forces. One PF squad with each company.

2. Mission. The Third BN 9th Mar is commencing a joint S & D operation in the area bounded by AT 910505, AT 000517, AT 930450, AT 030513 to expand GVN influence and to evacuate refugees.

3. ExecutionA. Concept of Operations

(1) Commencing at 270700H Command Group and three (3) companies will execute a S & D operation from SW to NE, defined as areas 5,6,10,12, 20, by reference (a).

(2) One company lands by helicopter and secures the right flank.

(3) The second company lands one plt by helicopter on the ridge line in the center of the Zone of Action, and maintains two platoons initially in a reserve status.

(4) The third company moves to the LOD by LVT.

B. Co L land on order AT 944477 by helo, conducts S & D in ZOA. Two platoons in reserve vic. AT 913478.

C. Co M land at L-Hour by helo and conduct S & D in ZOA at coord. 934467 and 947470.

D. Co I land by LVT and conducts S & D in ZOA.

E. Co F one plt at OP AT 851461. Two platoons Bn reserve.

F. Coordinate Instructions

(1) H-Hour 0700H

(2) L-Hour 0700H

(3) Cross LOD on order.

4. Administration. No change.

5. Command Communications Electronics. No change.

ENCLOSURE (10)

From: Third Bn Ninth Marines  
To: Ninth Marines

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FRAG-O 20-66

- A. Enemy Forces. No change
- B. Friendly Forces
  - (1) PF squad remains with each company.
  - (2) 39th Ranger Battalion F plus one infantry company from 3/51 ARVN regt with company of APC's executes blocking positions to the South vic. GS 0051, 0151, 0251, and 0249 at 280400H.
- 2. Mission. No change.
- 3. Execution.
  - A. Concept of Operations. Continue the attack to the NW utilizing two companies with a blocking force consisting of the 39th Ranger Bn (Rein) located to the East.
  - B. Co continue S & D in zone from AT 957516-958500.
  - C. Co L continue S & D in zone from AT 968503-968500- 968516.
  - D. Co M
    - (1) Be prepared to lift company headquarters and two platoons on order from LZ Kiwi to vic. of forward CP (Coord. to be announced).
    - (2) Maintain one platoon vic. coord 986507.
  - E. Bn reserve F Co.
  - F. Coordinating instructions
    - (1) H-Hour 0700H
    - (2) LOA from AT 972520-986516.
- 4. Administration and Logistics. No change.
- 5. Command and Communications. No change.

ENCLOSURE (11)

From: Third Bn Ninth Marines  
To: Ninth Marines

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FRAG-O 21-66

1. Situation

- a. Enemy Forces: See current ISUMS
- b. Friendly Forces: No change

2. Mission. The Third Bn Ninth Marines continues Phase II of Operation Georgia. Commencing at 290600H the Bn S & D will continue within the area from objective "C" and is estimated to terminate at 291700H in objective "D". See enclosure (1) of reference (a).

3. Execution

a. Concept of Operations

(1) Co's I and L reinforced by direct fire support from LVT-H's will cross the LOD vic. AT 970520 to AT 000520 and will sweep from the South to the Northwest in the ZOA.

(2) Command Group and LVT-H's move to vic. AT 974519 , controls and provides direct support.

(3) CO M-3-3 displaced to vic. AT 974519 to provide covering fire and be in position for immediate commitment for support of Co's I or L.

4. Administration. Omitted.

5. Command Comm Electronics. Omitted.

*ENCLOSURE (12)*

From: Third Bn Ninth Marines  
To: Ninth Marines

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FRAG-O 22-66

1. Situation

- a. Enemy Forces: See current ISUMS
- b. Friendly Forces: No change.

2. Mission. The Third Bn ninth Marines continues Phase II of Operation Georgia. Commencing at 300630H the Bn S & D will continue from the vic. GS 95-53 to the vic. of AT 909500 and AT 905519.

3. Execution

a. Concept of Operations

(1) Command Group, Co's I-3-9, L-3-9 and M-3-3 continue S & D from vic GS 95-53 to AT 918526 and 920510.

(2) LVT's (1) plt attached.

(3) LVT-H in direct support Bn S & D.

(4) a. Co F-2-9 commencing at 300630H will depart from vic. AT 877468 and proceed by LVT to vic. AT 307500 and AT 905519, then sweep West to vic. coord. AT 918526 to AT 920510. At this point establish and occupy blocking positions for BN S & D sweeping from West to East.

b. Upon contact from the main sweeping force, reverse forces and conduct a Co. S & D from coord. AT 900518 and AT 900500 East to vic. See coord. 880510 to AT 880500. Turn Southeast and sweep from vic coord. 875509 to 875500, Southeast to vic. coord. AT 365490 and AT 869480.

c. All units after completion of S & D return to BLT CP, complete administrative tasks and make preparations for further operations.

4. Administration. Omitted

5. Command Comm Electronics. Omitted

ENCLOSURE(13)



From: Third Bn Ninth Marines  
To: Ninth Marines

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1. Situation
  - a. Enemy Forces: See current ISUMS
  - b. Friendly Forces: No change.
2. Mission. The Third Bn Ninth Marines continues Phase II of Operation Georgia. Commencing at 010600H armored and combat patrols will be conducted.
3. Execution
  - a. Co L and (1) plt Co M, commencing at 010600H will conduct an armed patrol from vic. AT 945516-AT 938510- AT 935500-AT 920500-AT 914494- AT 909485- AT 873473, then to BLT CP.
  - b. Co M provides security for mine sweep units from BLT CP to vic. AT 909480 beyond VN housing. At this point Co M will return to BLT CP by 011630H.
  - c. Co F commencing at 010001H conducts combat patrols throughout GS 87-49, 87-50 North to the SONG THU BON and GS 88-50.
  - d. Co I commencing at 010600H from vic. AT 915466 conducts a company combat patrol to BLT CP. Report not later than 010930H.
4. Administration. Omitted.
5. Command Comm Electronics. Omitted.

ENCLOSURE (14)

HEADQUARTERS  
3d Battalion, 9th Marines  
3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
c/o FPO, San Francisco, California

BnO 3410.2  
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5 Apr 1966

BATTALION ORDER 3410.2

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Distribution List

Subj: Psychological Operations Patrols

Encl: (1) Recommended Psy Ops Patrol Activities

1. Purpose. To establish guidelines for organization and operation of Psy Ops Patrols.

2. Background. Units in this command have successfully employed Psy Ops patrols on several occasions. These patrols have gained intelligence information as well as making a favorable impression on the local populace. As the tactical value of this technique becomes apparent, there is a need for more detailed planning and better utilization of available support.

3. Concept. A Psy-Ops patrol should be a tactical unit with the capability of aggressive action in the event of enemy contact. This unit has a fourfold mission:

a. Collection of information. Emphasis is on information concerning behavior and resources of the local people.

b. Assessment of needs. Emphasis is on determining appropriate civic action projects.

c. Assistance of local populace. Emphasis is on MEDCAP and selective commodity distribution.

d. Dissemination of propaganda and information. Emphasis is on promulgation of basic themes through local example.

4. Support. Support available through this Headquarters includes but is not limited to:

a. MEDCAP supplies and personnel.

b. I Corps Audio Team.

c. Village and hamlet officials.

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BnO 3410.2  
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- d. Wide variety of commodities.
- e. Propaganda (leaflets and prepared thematic material).
- f. Current events information (Vietnamese newspapers and magazines).
- g. Self-help information (publications concerning education, trades, personal hygiene and agriculture).

5. Action

- a. All units will conduct a minimum of one Psy Ops patrols per month.
- b. Psy Ops patrol plan will be submitted to S-3 not later than two days prior to mission. Plan will include objective area, route, date/time, alternate date/time, support required and specific mission.

6. Reports

- a. Pertinent information will be included in daily civil affairs report.
- b. Detailed patrol report will be submitted to S-2 within 24 hours after completion of mission.

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RECOMMENDED PSY OPS PATROL ACTIVITIES

1. Collection of Information

- a. Location, state of repair, facilities, activities at schools, pagodas, markets and other.
- b. Extent and estimated age of fortifications and mines.
- c. Viet Cong propaganda.
- d. Intelligence information and general conversation with villagers.
- e. Local commodities, resources and crops.
- f. Population composition.
- g. Reaction of villagers to Marine presence and assistance.

2. Assessment of local needs

- a. Sanitation and medical assistance.
- b. Construction.
- c. Local commodities.
- d. Education.
- e. Market places.
- f. Industry and handicraft.
- g. Entertainment.

3. Assistance

- a. MEDCAP
- b. Commodity distribution.
- c. Special projects initiated on basis of assessment of local needs.

4. Dissemination of Information and Propaganda

- a. Distribution of newspapers.
- b. Distribution of personal hygiene, agricultural, and cultural information.
- c. Communication of prepared Psy War regulations and thematic material.
- d. Distribution of Psy War leaflets. Examples: curfew, claims, river traffic, etc.

Enclosure (1) to Encl 16

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From: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF  
 To: Commander, U. S. Military Assistance Command, Vietnam  
 Via: Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force

Subj: Operation GEORGIA, After Action Report

Ref: (g) COMUSMACV Directive No. 335-8

1. Readdressed and forwarded in accordance with reference  
 (g). Comments concerning the basic report are set forth below.

a. Tactics. VC units continue to conduct harassing measures rather than face close contact with USMC forces (of company size or larger).

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

c. Supporting Arms

(1) With regard to the items in paragraphs 3a and 3b of enclosure (2) to the basic report; no DASC was assigned in support of Operation GEORGIA. The Battalion ALO was augmented by controllers from MASS-2, to assist in coordinating and controlling air in the objective area.

(2) FMFM 3-3 states silence denotes consent in reference to request for Air Support. The requesting unit is notified if aircraft are unavailable.

(3) AMTRACs and Armored Amphibians. The pre-operation engineer sweep and construction effort over the land route to be used by LVT's with infantry embarked, was vital to the success of the Bravo Group movement into the operating area. Aside from the significant, though obvious, safeguard

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of protecting embarked personnel from multiple casualties in single vehicle mine incidents it permits greater planning accuracy with regard to rates of advance, coordination of personnel lifts using two or more means, time phasing and reaction capabilities. When considered feasible this headquarters establishes engineer-tracked vehicle coordinated effort as standard for all similar operations, early in the planning sequence at each planning level.

d. Communications. Frequency interference is a continuing problem and every effort is made to provide units with frequencies which have the least reported interference. Techniques to protect equipment from heat are being incorporated in the Division SOP for Maintenance.

e. Medical. The recommendation contained in paragraph 15.d of the basic report is under consideration at this headquarters.

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FIRST ENDORSEMENT on CO, 3d Bn, 9th Marines After-Action Report 3/JKM/jaz  
over 3100.1 of 14 May 1966

From: Commanding Officer, 9th Marines  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Attn: G-3)

1. Forwarded.

2. The undersigned wishes to underscore the recommendation contained in paragraph 15.a of the basic letter for a UH-1E helicopter to be made available to the ground commander for command and control purposes. There were many instances in which it was felt that the commander could have influenced the action on the ground more effectively had he been able to conduct timely reconnaissance of the battle area.

3. Subject to the foregoing, the comments and recommendations contained in the basic correspondence are concurred in.

E. H. SIMONS

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to Commanding General  
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3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
c/o PFO, San Francisco, California

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14 May 1966

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division  
Via: Commanding Officer, 9th Marines

Subj: Combat Operations After Action Report

Ref: (a) DivO 3100.1B  
(b) 3d MarDiv OpO 343-65  
(c) 3d MarDiv OpO 368-66  
(d) 3d MarDiv OpO 385-66  
(e) 9th Mar OpO 111-66  
(f) 3d Bn, 9th Mar OpO 368-66

Encl: (1) ✓ Artillery  
(2) ✓ Air  
(3) ✓ Amphibs  
(4) ✓ Amphibious Howitzers  
(5) ✓ Reconnaissance  
(6) ✓ Engineers  
(7) ✓ Logistic Support

1. Code Name. Operation GEORGIA. Combination Search and Destroy and Pacification Operation designed to open the area to GVN influence.
2. Dates of Operation. 200600H April 1966 - 101500 May 1966
3. Location. Quang Nam Province (An Hoa AT 87-47). (See Annex D, Reference B (Operations Overlay)).
4. Control or Command Headquarters

3d Bn, 9th Marines (Rein)

20Apr-6May  
6-8 May  
9 May -

LtCol W. W. TAYLOR  
Major T. R. KELLY  
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Provisional Artillery Group

Major MORROW

Co "B" (-) (Rein), 3d Amphib Bn

Major KENDRICK

Co "B" (-) (Rein), 3d Shore Pty Bn

Capt GOODYEAR

1st Provisional Amphibious Howitzer Platoon

Capt THAMES

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Capt HICKS

1st Plt, Co "D", 3d Engr Bn

1stLt SCHWARTZ

5. Task Organization. See Annex A, reference (f) (Task Organization)
6. Supporting Forces. See Enclosures (1) through (7).
7. Intelligence

a. Enemy forces estimated to be in the objective area prior to entry of U.S. Forces were the 5th Bn (probable) with estimated strength of 500, and the Q18 Local Force Co (confirmed) with a strength of 100. In addition to these units there were an undetermined number of guerrillas in the objective area.

b. Other units considered to be within reinforcing distance of the area (6 hrs or less) were the R20th Bn (confirmed), strength 500, 70th Bn (confirmed), strength 500, Chu-Dung Bn (confirmed), strength 500, Q13 Local Force Co (confirmed), strength 100, Q14 Local Force Co (confirmed), strength 60, and Q17 Local Force Co (confirmed), strength 60.

c. Prior to insertion of the 3d Bn, 9th Marines, there was no confirmed information on the specific activity of enemy units in the objective area. However, they were known to possess adequate small arms, 57mm recoilless rifles, and both 60mm and 81mm mortars. The existence of all these weapons were positively confirmed during the course of the operation.

d. Briefly, enemy courses of action were considered to be as follows:

(1) To attack with one battalion and one company plus unknown number of guerrillas.

(2) Defend, at time and place of their choosing with one battalion and one company plus unknown number of guerrillas.

(3) Reinforce capability 1 or 2 with three battalions and three companies.

(4) Conduct small scale attacks or harassing guerrilla actions throughout the area to include mining.

(5) Withdraw from the area prior to or after commencement of friendly operations.

(6) The terrain and previous VC action when confronted by USMC Forces, favored his adoption of capabilities 4 and 5 with no factors mitigating against the adoption of these capabilities.

e. Adequacy of Pre D-Day Intelligence

- (1) Intelligence provided this organization was generally

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accurate. Contact was made with ~~the~~ R20 Bn at a different location than initially reported.

(2) Aerial photography, both vertical and oblique, was provided on a timely basis, and was most helpful in planning operations within our ZOA. X

(3) Information on trenches and strong points was verified by sweep operations in the operation area. Though there is evidence gained primarily from statements of villagers and VCS, that VC units exfiltrated both South and West from our ZOA, other VC units chose to stay to conduct mortar, booby trapping, and harrassing small arms attacks.

f. Fortifications, Caves and Tunnels. This entire area was found to contain an elaborate system of caves and tunnels combined with connecting trenches extending hundreds of meters. Trenches appeared to be used by the VC, not as fighting positions primarily, but as covered avenues of approach and egress.

g. Terrain Analysis

(1) Critical Terrain. Generally the critical terrain in the area of operations was the individual hamlets. Hamlet control is essential in limiting VC activity.

(2) Observation and Fields of Fire. Observation from high ground throughout the area was good. Low areas had poor observation due mainly to the vegetation. Over the paddy land, observation was excellent and fields of fire were good, limited only by reduced observation and natural relief.

(3) Cover and Concealment. With the exception of the open paddy land, cover and concealment were excellent throughout the area. Cover was provided mainly by the extensive tunnels and trenches, concealment by good use of natural vegetation and employment of camouflage in the vegetated areas.

(4) Obstacles. Natural obstacles are present in the form of rice paddy dikes and rivers. Man made obstacles were present in the form of hamlet-type bamboo fences.

(5) Avenues of Approach. Throughout the ZOA nearly every avenue of approach could be covered by fire. Many avenues of approach were covered by fighting holes and trench lines.

(6) HLZ. Nearly any paddy is suitable as an HLZ but the proximity of any hamlet in the area near the HLZ must be considered a potential and highly probable site for sniper activity on incoming Helos.

h. Captured Material, Weapons and Documents

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(1) Captured Material. Material captured fell into two categories; War material and War support material. The principle war materials found were, hand grenades of various types (ChiCom and U.S. M-26), smoke grenades, small arms ammo (ChiCom 7.65mm SMG rds, 30 Cal. M-1 rds, .30 Cal carbine rds, and ChiCom 7.62 carbine rds), and 60mm mortar rds, and 81mm mortar rds. Miscellaneous material included web cartridge belts, canteens and cartridge pouches. Various medical supplies and clothing were also recovered.

(2) Captured Weapons. There were four types of weapons captured during the operation. They included (2) ChiCom 7.62 carbines, (2) M-1 rifles, (1) M-1 carbine, and (1) Thompson SMG.

(3) Captured Documents. Hasty translation of captured documents revealed the following:

(a) Training notes on how to conduct ambushes and how to shoot down aircraft.

(b) VC songs, poems and propaganda.

(c) VC ID cards, unit ID certificates (R20th Bn and attached companies).

(d) None of the captured documents revealed anything of immediate tactical value and were forwarded to higher headquarters;

i. VC Tactics

(1) Tactics employed on Operation GEORGIA consisted of four types: Harrassing small arms fire, mortar attacks and heavy engagement (est 2 MF Co's) with the employment of automatic weapons, rifle grenades and hand grenades, mining and booby trapping.

(2) Harrassing small arms fire was experienced throughout the area of operation. Fire was generally ineffective inflicting less than 10% of the total casualties.

(3) Mortar attacks were experienced only twice; once during the night on a field CP (rounds not effective) and once following a heavy engagement with a large enemy force (rounds did cause casualties).

(4) Mining and booby trapping accounted for a majority of our casualties. Several times U.S. M-16 mines were encountered.

j. Intelligence Gained from Interrogation and Rallies

(1) During the course of the operation, 428 persons were apprehended. Many of the people apprehended were civilians belonging, not necessarily by choice, to various VC associations, youth, farmers, old men, etc. Of the total apprehended, 409 were forwarded to district headquarters for further disposition. Thirteen were forwarded to 3d IIT for further interrogation, 5 were evaced to ARVN hospital, and 4 were released as a local security guard. Of the 13 sent to 3d IIT, 10 were reported as being VCC.

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(2) Members of the various VC associations were not classified as VCC. Only cadre leaders and guerrillas were so classified.

(3) Information supplied by the various captives mainly concerned past VC activity, possible locations of mines and booby traps. Many VC names were given. Overall indications were that the VC had complete control of the villages outside the An Hoa complex.

(4) The most fruitful information came from the ralliers who turned themselves in. Three guerrillas and one hamlet guerrilla pit leader (bringing in 1 ChiCom 7.62 carbine and 2 ChiCom grenades) turned themselves in to district authorities near the end of the operation. These men subsequently led Marines to various hidden caves, weapons and equipment.

k. Conclusions

(1) Due to the type and frequency of VC activity encountered in the objective area, it may be concluded that elements of one main force battalion were encountered.

(2) VC population control was complete in the outlying areas. With almost no exceptions, the hamlets swept contained only children, old women and old men. All others had departed or had been taken to the mountains by the VC.

(3) The area of operation still contains considerable fortified areas as well as many guerrillas. Main Force units still have the capability of moving into the area at any time to launch a large scale offensive.

8. Mission. Commencing D-1, 3d Bn(-)(Rein), 9th Marines moved to An Hoa vic (AT 87-47) by helicopter and fixed wing aircraft and by LVT/Infantry surface movement from 9th Marines Zone of Action; conducted offensive operations to destroy VC forces and installations; opened area to GVN influence; assisted in Golden Fleece (rice harvest) operations; provided rural construction assistance.

9. Concept of Operations

a. Preliminary Operations (D-5 to D-1)

(1) Search and destroy and clearing operations were conducted in the KINGS area by USMC units augmented by available RVN military/paramilitary forces to destroy VC units in area and, secondarily, to determine suitable LVT crossing sites, assembly areas, and resupply points. 2d Bn, 9th Marines and 3d Bn, 9th Marines conducted operations in the KINGS area preparatory to entry of forces into the GEORGIA area. Reconnaissance platoons conducted surveillance and intelligence gathering missions.

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(2) Artillery units displaced, as required, to be in position to support preliminary operations prior to D-1.

b. Phase I (D-1 to D+1)

(1) Battalion Group Alpha consisting of command group, one or more rifle companies and combat/combat service support units, entered area of operations by helicopter and/or fixed wing aircraft; established base of operations vic AN HCA and prepared to support waterborne-oveland movement into area by remaining battalion units.

(2) Battalion Group Bravo consisting of command group and remaining battalion elements moved into area of operations by surface means as expeditiously as possible. Air and artillery support covered movement throughout. 1st Provisional Amphibian Howitzer Platoon provided direct fire support. Regimental Mobile Reserve remained on immediate alert status throughout Phase I.

c. Phase II (D+2 to D+20)

(1) 3d Bn, 9th Marines (Rein) conducted systematic search and destroy and/or clearing operations in selected company zones of action within area of operations. Insofar as possible, each Marine company was augmented by ARVN, PF or RF soldiers.

(2) Three companies operated continuously with a fourth company in Battalion reserve vicinity Battalion CP.

(3) During Phase II, maximum emphasis was placed on providing groundwork for GVN influence in area. Tactics and techniques which have yielded positive results were considered and employed (i.e. assisting in GOLDEN FLEECE type operations (Ref (f)); conducting COUNTY FAIR activities; initiating rural construction projects).

(4) Rifle companies were rotated during Phase II. The same battalion command group, however, remained throughout the operation. Rotation of companies was accomplished by helicopter and/or fixed wing aircraft.

(5) Upon commencement Phase III, and when not employed in a direct fire role, 1st Provisional Amphibian Howitzer Platoon reverted to indirect fire role and reinforces fires of Battery "F", 2d Bn, 12th Marines.

d. Phase III (D+21 to D+22). 3d Bn, 9th Marines, returned to AN HCA. The Provisional Amphibian Howitzer Platoon, elements of Co "B", 1st Amphibian Bn and Co "A", 1st Bn, 9th Marines retracted under OPCON of 1st Bn, 9th Marines.

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10. Executiona. Preliminary Operations

12 April - 3d Bn, 9th Marines assigned responsibility for conducting Operation GEORGIA by 00, 9th Marines. Concurrent planning began in conjunction with 9th Marines.

14 April - Received Regimental Operation Order.

15 April - Conducted initial briefing on Operation GEORGIA. All units composing the task organization were represented.

16 April - Advance elements of 2d Bn, 4th Marines arrived 3/9 Zone of Action to prepare to assume responsibility for the zone.

19 April - Conducted final briefing on Operation GEORGIA.

b. Phase I

20 April - Command Group Alpha and Company "L" began departing Marble Mountain Zone of Action at 0740. At 0840 Command Group Alpha had established the forward CP at vic AT 877473 and made liaison with local GVN Officials. The LSA established supply dumps at 1400 and Btry "F", 2d Bn, 12th Marines was in position by 1855. The first enemy contact was made at 1855 when a Recon OP located at 978478 received harrassing small arms fire from estimated 3-4 VC. Artillery fire called, 12 rounds HE, good effect on target. Results were unknown as no search could be made.

21 April - Command Group Bravo departed IP with Co "F", 3d Bn, 9th Marines. Co "M", 3d Bn, 3d Marines, 1st Prov Amphib How Plt, and Co "B", 3d AmTrac Bn at 0800. Co "I", 3d Bn, 9th Marines completed helilift to AN HOA by 1830. The primary overland route for Command Group Bravo was found to be impassable due to river current. Air lift of supplies and equipment continued without incident.

22 April - Movement of Command Group Bravo over the alternate route continued with one minor VC incident consisting of 10-15 rounds harrassing small arms fire vic AT 872559. No fire returned as range was too great to determine location. At 1500 Co "I" helilifted to vic AT 955435 and commenced a sweep North to linkup with the LVT column and Command Group Bravo. Link up was effected at 1900 vic GS 92-52. Phase I of operation GEORGIA ended with no significant enemy contacts. The LVT column experienced no major difficulties traversing the alternate route which entailed two (2) river crossings. Recon OP's occupying the highground in the southern and western portions of the objective area continued to report sightings of small groups of males leaving the general area of operations indicating that the VC did not intend to stand and fight. One USMC WIA (F-2-9) occurred as a result of a secondary explosion in a tunnel blown. M-3-5 received approximately 10 rounds long range harrassing small arms fire while conducting the river crossing at 428530. Returned heavy volume of fire, VC withdrew.

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23 April - Phase II of Operation GEORGIA began with a sweep from vic GS 93-53, 93-52 and 93-51, southwest towards the Bn CP located at AN HOA. Three VC initiated incidents occurred early in the day resulting in one USMC WIA from punji stake at 936510, one USMC WIA from unknown type booby trap at 916745 and seven USMC WIA from a home made pressure detonated booby trap at 926526. Companies "K", "M", and "F" continued the attack and established night defensive positions from 904516-907498. Co "I" engaged an estimated 3-4 VC in a brief fire fight vic 908513 resulting in 2 VC KIA (bc). Other enemy contacts during the day resulted in 3 VC KIA in a tunnel destroyed by Co "L" at 874504 and an arty mission called by a Recon OP on 8 armed VC at 944476 resulting in 2 VC KIA (bc) and 3 VC WIA (poss). A large number of bunkers, tunnels, caves and punji traps were destroyed throughout the Zone of Action.

24 April - Search and Destroy completed without significant contact, all units arriving AN HOA by 1400. Aggressive patrolling from company bases was commenced. At 1700, a Recon OP observed approximately 40 armed VC moving southwest at 800478. Artillery strike called, 36 rds EE observed on target. Unable to determine enemy casualties.

25 April - A three company S&D operation was conducted in area bounded by 876506, 903510, 899475 and 910486 utilizing a Command Group and "M", "I" and "L" Companies. The only enemy contact was two booby trapped M26 grenades located on the LCB at 910487, which were blown in place. A large amount of demo was again expended on extensive tunnels, caves, and bunkers. Other enemy contact as follows:

250805 - Recon OP observed approx 80 VN males vic coord 208493. AO and strike A/C received large volume of S/A fire when pass was made to investigate. F-4 A/C conducted napalm and 20mm strafing run with good effect on target area. AO estimates 10 VC KIA.

251020 - Recon OP observed 6 armed VC w/weapons leaving hut at 962459. Artillery mission delivered resulting in 5 VC KIA (bc).

251205 - AO received large volume S/A fire from 968461. A-4 A/C conducted 20mm strike which destroyed 8 structures. 3 large secondary explosions were also observed.

251225 - 9th Marine sniper attached to Recon OP shot and killed one VC at 813454.

252335 - AN HOA Civil Guard OP at 900470 reported receiving long range harrassing S/A fire and 4 rifle grenades. Arty fired at suspected positions. Results unknown.

26 April - A combined USMC and local force S&D commenced at 0630 in area bounded by AT 810458, 810484, 864496, and 840470. Co "L" was landed by helicopters to a blocking position in the west. A company

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of RF/TF augmented by a platoon from F-2-9 crossed the river by sampan and moved by foot into blocking position in the southwest while "M" and "I" Companies crossed the river by LVT and swept toward the blocking positions. At 0705 the RF's, RF's and the platoon from F-2-9 engaged an estimated VC squad in a firefight at 815467, resulting in 8 VC KIA and 3 VC captured. S&D concluded with retraction of all forces at 1830. Remainder of contacts limited to three long range sightings of small groups of VC. Arty missions were fired, results negative. A total of four diesel powered 4-6 HP water pumps were salvaged from this VC controlled area and transported to District Headquarters. At 1429, a Recon OP directed 36 rds 105 EE on 9 VC at 805496. 3 VC KIA (bc) and 2 VC KIA (poss).

27 April - Commenced a 4 day search and destroy operation towards the northeastern sector of the GEORGIA Zone of Action with three rifle companies, one platoon of Amtracs and the Provisional Amphibian Howitzer Platoon participating. Contact was extremely light for the first day and a half, with enemy activity limited to booby trapping, long range harassing fire, and two incidents of VC firing at resupply helos. Small arms, artillery fire, and air strikes were returned but distances involved were too great to determine results. Friendly casualties during the period were 3 USMC WIA from 2 booby traps.

28 April - At 1430, Btry "F", 2/12 displaced to 907477 to provide artillery support as the attacking force moved north. Enemy contacts became more numerous late in the evening on the 28th. All three companies experienced minor engagements and returned fires by both small arms and artillery which accounted for 5 VC KIA (bc), 9 VC KIA (poss) and 3 VC WIA (poss). Co "E" received one USMC WIA at 901518 from VC observed using a rifle with a scope. Return fire resulted in two VC falling but distance precluded recovery of bodies. During the night, Co "I" received 3 WIA's from incoming hand grenades.

29 April - At 0205, Co "E" received 10-12 rds of 60mm mortar fire. Arty counter mortar fire at suspected positions silenced mortars. Approximately 1 hour later, Btry "F", 2/12 received 25 rds of 60mm and 81mm mortar fire. Returned 105 direct fire. No damage estimate possible. At 290700 attack continued to north in conjunction with ARVN forces joining on the right flank at 010514. No significant enemy contact during the day except for report of ARVN killing 2 VC. Villagers reported to Duc Duc District Chief that 12 VC had been killed by USMC destroying tunnels via 920508 on 22 April. Excavation revealed 12 VC KIA.

30 April - S&D continued now in a southwesterly direction towards Bn GP. F-2-9, moving to a blocking position by LVT, hit two mines estimated 20 lbs TNT each. Two LVT's disabled, five USMC WIA (minor concussion). Simultaneously a volume of S/A fire was received from estimated 4 VC at 592492. Returned fire, maneuvered to close, contact not regained. F-2-9 continued to blocking position by foot. Co "E", occupying the center portion of the sweep engaged an estimated squad of VC at 950520. Results, 4 VC KIA (bc) and 2 VC KIA (poss). Other

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contacts for the day included Recon OP's directing artillery fire at VC platoons sighted at 875475 and at 89467 resulting in 8 VC KIA (bc), 3 VC KIA (pos) and 12 VC WIA (pos). S&D terminated at 301745, Co "L" remaining in the field vic coord 885505.

1 May - A company patrol reinforced with armor was conducted from AT 945516 to 936510 to 935500 to 920500 to 914494 to 909485 to 873473 terminating at the Bn CP. In addition, Co "F" conducted combat patrols throughout GS 87-48 North to the SONG THU BCN and GS 88-50. Co "I" conducted combat patrols from AT 915466 to the BLT CP. Co "L" armored patrol observed 5 VC fleeing east in vic 904476, one of which had a weapon. Marines fired resulting in 1 VC KIA (bc) and 2 VCS WIA. Co "L" armored patrol providing security for a mine clearing team detonated an unknown explosive device of approximately 4 lbs TNT at the same time received approximately 40 rds S/A fire from 5 VC located at AT 911494 resulting in 11 USMC WIA. The VC then withdrew without further contact. Co "L" armored patrol received fire from the rear of their column by an estimated 6-8 VC. Co "L" dispersed, returned fire and assaulted VC resulting in 2 USMC WIA, 5 VC KIA (bc) and 3 VC WIA (est). Co "F" patrolling in vic 897508 tripped booby trap resulting in 1 USMC KIA and 1 USMC WIA. Recon team inserted in vic 904445 observed 8 VC crossing bridge at 944474, fired artillery mission, 2 VC KIA (bc) and 10 VC KIA (est).

2 May - The Bn conducted a three company S&D from vic AT 864486 to 868474 to vic 895494 to 898500. After completion of S&D, Co "I" conducted a Co size patrol in vic GS 90-50, 90-51. Co "I" conducted Co size S&D through GS 90-50, 90-49. Co M blocked for Co "I" and after completion of Co "I" S&D, Co "M" conducted day and night patrols throughout GS 90-47, 90-46, 90-49, 91-47, 91-48 and 91-49. Co "F" provided security for VN construction workers to evacuate gravel from vic AT 870503 to the AN HOA Complex. Co "I" engineer team detonated a M-16 Bouncing Betty mine in vic 870507 resulting in 6 USMC WIA. Co "I" received 40-50 S/A rds fire from est 15 VC at 992504 resulting in 1 USMC WIA. Returned fire called in air strikes resulting in 6 VC KIA (bc). Co "F" at gravel security received long range fire from 3-4 VC in vic 864499 resulting in 1 USMC KIA. Returned artillery fire results unknown. Recon OP inserted in vic AT 896921 apprehended 2 VCS after they had walked into the CP by mistake.

3 May - Co "M", 3/3 relieved Co "M", 3/3; Co A, 1/9 relieved Co "F", 2/9. Co "M" while on patrol in vic 877514 was attacked by an estimated NF Battalion. The VC launched their attack as Co "M" crossed the river by LVT. Co "L" and Co "A" reinforced Co "M", artillery was used, two air strikes were called on the VC, contact remained for approximately 4 hours. Results, 5 USMC KIA, 54 USMC WIA, 17 VC KIA (bc), 50 VC KIA (est) and 50 VC WIA (est).

4 May - Conducted a three Co S&D in vic 880506 to 905518 to 915505. Co "M" remained overnight in vic 080506. Co "L" in vic 880505 received 4 rds 60mm mortar fire, fired counter mortar with 81mm. No friendly casualties. Co "I" in vic 912484 detonated a M-16A1 mine resulting in 1 USMC KIA, and 1 USMC WIA.

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5 May - Conducted a two company S&D from vic 873487-886495 to vic 873487-890501. Co "M" blocking at this position. Co "A" detonated a booby trap in vic 911488 resulting in 2 USMC KIA. Co "A" received 40-50 rds S/A fire from village at 905493, fixed wing aircraft on station fired 300 rds 20mm. Co "A" swept through village with negative results. Fired ToF with artillery at total of 162 rds fired at 899520 suspected VC MF Co, a second consisting of 73 rds was fired at 867517 suspected VC LF Co and a third ToF was fired at 829483 a suspected VC Bn CP. 54 rds 105 expended.

6 May - The 3d Bn prepared for Phase-II of Operation GEORGIA. Co "I" conducted a Co S&D in vic 906488 acting on information provided by a VC Ballier who accompanied the S&D. Results 5 VC KIA (bc) and 5 individual weapons destroyed.

7,8,9,10 May - Commencing 070300, the 3d Bn in conjunction with ARVN, RF and HF forces conducted a four day Search and Destroy operation in the Northwest sector of the Zone of Action. Co "M" in vic 959487 received 15 rds S/A fire, returned artillery negative results. Co "A" observed 4 VC in vic 857516, called artillery resulting in 2 VC KIA (bc). Rosemont Delta (AO) observed 5 VC heading North away from the sweeping force, called artillery at 810510, results 1 VC KIA (bc) and 1 VC KIA (confirmed). Co "I" in vic 868554 received heavy S/A fire from 6-10 VC in a trench, returned fire and closed in, negative results. The four day S&D to the Northwest had little contact. The S&D progressed without complications and at 101650, Co "A" 1/9 and LVT units crossed river to CPCCN of 1st Bn, 9th Marines. Operation GEORGIA Terminated.

## 11. Results

### a. Friendly Casualties

(1)	KIA	9	RF	0
(2)	WIA	94	RF	0
(3)	MIA	0	RF	0

### b. Enemy Casualties

(1)	KIA (bc)	103	
(2)	KIA (est)	164	
(3)	WIA (est)	149	
(4)	KBA	20	(A total of 9 air strikes utilized during Opn GEORGIA, 4 physically checked by S&D units).
(5)	VCC	10	
(6)	VCS	428	

### c. Friendly Equipment and Material Losses. None

### d. Enemy Equipment and Material Losses

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<u>Amount</u>	<u>Type</u>
(1)	K-50 SMG w/2 magazines
(4)	U.S. Carhines w/6 magazines
(2)	Thompson SMG
(2)	M-1, U.S. Rifles
(1)	ChiCom Model 53, Carbine
(1)	.25 Cal ChiCom pistol w/magazine

(2) Grenades

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Type</u>
(1)	Energia Rifle Grenade (French)
(1)	WP, U.S. (booby trapped)
(33)	ChiCom
(14)	M26, U.S.
(4)	Smoke, U. S.

(3) Mines/Booby Traps

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Type</u>
(1)	155mm Booby trap
(6)	81mm Booby trap (trip, electrical and pressure)
(8)	60mm mortar booby traps (trip & pressure)
(3)	M16 anti-personnel mines
(4)	M16A1 anti-personnel mines
(2)	105mm booby traps
(3)	M79 booby traps
(2)	Steel bear traps
(8)	Homemade booby traps.

(4) Miscellaneous

(1)	Trunk of medical supplies consisting of anti-biotics, aspirin, vitamins, ampules of glucose and numerous bandages)
(100)	Assorted uniforms/clothing, assorted documents some of which were a VC tax collection roster in My Hiep Village.
(11)	Cartridge belts (various type)
(4)	Shovels
(3)	Canteens

(5) Fortifications Destroyed

(503)	Bunkers
(392)	Punji Traps
(430)	Trench (meters)
(487)	Tunnels (feet)

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- (4) Buildings (Arty)
- (2) Bridge (Arty)
- (1) Tanker (Arty)
- (18) Buildings (Air)

(7) Food Captured/Redistributed. 12,000lbs Rice.12. Administrative Mattersa. Supply

(1) The source of supply for all classes was the LSA, operated by Co "B", 3d Shore Party Bn, in conjunction with FLSG, III MAF. The rapid release of obligations and/or vigorous follow-up action on all requisitions is considered noteworthy and materially added to the success of this operation. Resupply of deployed units was accomplished by both helicopter and LVT's. Supply support was definitely assisted by the forklifts located in the LSA.

(2) The availability of both helicopters and LVT's for re-supply materially added to the efficiency of the individual Marine as his prescribed load was lessened considerably.

b. Maintenance

(1) This battalion, with its attachments, experienced no serious maintenance difficulties during Operation GEORGIA. First and second echelon maintenance was performed by users and organic maintenance personnel. Equipment requiring 3d echelon or higher maintenance was evacuated through the LSA to FLSG. The amtracs and LVTB platoon performed limited 3d echelon maintenance.

(2) The rapid and efficient maintenance support provided by FLSG kept this battalion and attachments in a constant state of readiness. Particularly noteworthy was the ability to repair and return comm-elect equipment on a same day basis.

c. Treatment of Casualties, Evacuation and Hospitalization

(1) Treatment of Casualties. Sufficient medical personnel and equipment were available to give prompt and effective medical assistance as required. Three medical officers were available at all times.

(2) Evacuation. The location of the Command CP at AN HOA was forward fighting units was even further from said medical facility. At least four occasions there were "mass" casualties, that is to say more casualties than could be lifted by 2 UH-34 helicopters in one trip. The smallest number was 11 casualties; the largest number brought in at one time was 42. On at least 6 other occasions was this medical facility at AN HOA instrumental in saving a life of a severely wounded Marine.

(3) Hospitalization. Patients requiring hospitalization were transported by helicopter to appropriate facilities.

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d. Transportation. Transportation to the operating area was by fixed wing aircraft (C-123) and helicopter. Logistics support was also provided by means of fixed wing aircraft and helicopter. Transportation in the CP area consisted of organic Motor Transport only. The M422A1 and M274A1 and the M37 were the prime movers during the operating period in the CP area. It is considered that 6x6 trucks should be furnished whenever possible to provide support for the service units of the Infantry Bn, and its attachments.

e. Communications. Communications for Operation GEORGIA was in general satisfactory. Specific troubles noted were:

(1) Frequency Interference:

- (a) 39-40 Meg interfered with 51-52 Meg.
- (b) Vietnamese, Korean and Cambodian stations interfered from 1200-1600 daily.
- (c) Interference from commercial stations, i.e., music.
- (d) No interference was believed to be jamming.
- (e) Interference on FM between friendly stations was considerable.
- (f) At times interference was so bad on HF single sideband RATT that circuit would not operate.

Recommendations: Minimum of three FM frequencies as follows:

From 30-40 Meg's  
From 40-50 Meg's  
From 50-60 Meg's

(2) Heat. It is imperative that all radio equipment be kept from the direct rays of the sun. Man pack equipment should be covered with a light canvas material. Vehicular equipment should be placed under a fly tent or other suitable shade.

(3) Equipment In General. It was noted that several of the advanced units had unusual amount of bad equipment upon reporting. Over 45 separate items of equipment went through the technical shop within the first five days of the operation. Most of this would have been prevented by proper preventive maintenance at the operators level.

(4) Radio Relay (TRC-27). This is considered to be unsatisfactory. The terminals between Hill 55 and 3/9 was operational approximately 95% of the time. However, between Hill 55 and 9th Marines CP availability was very poor, approximately 40% of the time.

(5) Support. The support received from FLSG in obtaining maintenance float or repair was outstanding.

f. Medical Evaluation

(1) Equipment and Supplies, General

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(a) A Shock and Resuscitation Block contains such equipment as to give the "Shock Team" the capability of highly sophisticated first aid measures. With this equipment such surgical procedures can be performed as to insure that a casualty has had all bleeding stopped, has adequate airway, and is not in immediate danger of shock. Sufficient surgical equipment is on hand to do any procedure necessary to insure that the patient is in the best possible condition to be transported further to the rear.

(b) Sufficient medical supplies were on hand to provide for routine sick call.

(c) Sufficient supplies were available to carry on an extensive Medical Civil Action Program in support of the Psywar and Civil Action Team.

(2) Results of Medical Support

(a) The following were seen and treated at this BAS:

USMC	-	WIA - evacuated - 34
		WIA - returned to duty - 46
		NBC - evacuated - 15
		NBC - returned to duty
		and routine sick call - 560
		KIA - 7
		DOW - 2
		NBC - killed - 2

Vietnamese	-	Adult Male - 114
		Adult Female - 44
		Children - 92

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VN civilians retained in  
dispensary for further  
treatment - 17

(3) Comments

(a) Operation GEORGIA took place in the vicinity of AN HOA, RVN. Approximately 35 miles southwest of the Field Hospital at 3d Medical Battalion. It has been a policy of 3d Med Bn to send their own Shock and Resuscitation Teams in support of operations which are farther out than 20 miles when requested. This is the first time that a Shock and Resuscitation Team has been formed from BAS personnel with equipment provided by 3d Medical Battalion. The BAS personnel thus became the "S&R" Team.

(b) Casualties were brought from the battle field directly to the BAS (Rein) where they were given initial treatment. Dressings were changed or reinforced, intravenous fluids, blood or plasma-like fluids were started as needed and measures were instituted to insure that the badly wounded Marines were in sufficiently stable condition.

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dition to make the 22 minute trip to "C" Med via helicopter.

(c) Battle injuries ranged from minor fragmentation wounds to severe head, chest, abdominal and extremity wounds.

(d) Personnel and equipment at the BAS were adequate to provide medical support for the operation.

### 13. Special Equipment and Techniques

a. Scout Dogs. Scout dogs were used on virtually all of the sub operations conducted during Operation GEORGIA. A total of eight dog teams were employed. Scout dogs proved to be most effective when used on small unit searches and security patrols. Large numbers of participating troops appeared to be detrimental to the dogs sense of smell and also to make the scout dogs nervous.

b. Tunnel Team. A complete tunnel team was provided by 3d Engr Bn for Operation GEORGIA. This team proved to be very effective even though there were a limited number of suitable targets found for its particular talent. Tunnel teams are more effective on deliberate search and destroy operations, as they can be provided with sufficient time and security to conduct a systematic accomplishment of the mission.

### 14. Commanders Analysis

a. Enemy Contacts. Once again MF units chose to vacate the area of operations rather than face close contact with USMC forces. Only during the river crossing on 3 May was organized resistance met and the immediate application of organic fire power and supporting arms all but destroyed that MF unit as an effective fighting force. Other enemy contacts were mainly small guerrilla units.

Plans to cordon an area for a search and destroy must be thorough and the means to execute them must be provided on a timely basis. Any area to be attacked must be surrounded simultaneously and surreptitiously whether by air, ground, or combination thereof, as the Viet Cong are able to immediately take advantage of any weak point or avenue of escape which remains unblocked.

b. Command and Control. The very nature of Viet Cong hit and run tactics and the fleeting nature of enemy contacts makes it mandatory that the Battalion Commander have special means at his disposal for observation, control, and communications. The lack of good vantage points for observation through most of the operating areas in Viet Nam and the long distances that troops must move to make and maintain contact with the enemy requires that the commander have a helicopter for command purposes. The UH-1E is the most effective for this purpose as it is maneuverable, provides good observation and possesses good observer to pilot and observer to ground communications capabilities.

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c. Local Forces. For the first time this battalion had an opportunity to work with and observe GVN forces to any great extent. Excellent cooperation was gained from RF/EF forces through the U.S. Army Advisors and the Duc Duc District Chief. While they are not highly trained or experienced, the RF's and EF's are highly motivated and willing and proved to be capable and effective allies. Working with USMC forces considerably enhanced their abilities as well as their confidence. The ARVN on the other hand seem to be only as effective and motivated as the commander. In this instance, the ARVN commander was not interested in combined USMC/ARVN actions and was hesitant to have his forces venture more than 1000 meters from his headquarters. On the only occasion that the ARVN agreed to provide a blocking force for a sweep, the ARVN Company Commander moved approximately half way to the designated position, halted, and refused to proceed.

d. Civil Affairs

(1) Population and Attitudes of the People. Current political unrest and civil disturbances which are prevalent throughout much of Viet Nam is not reflected in the populace of the GEORGIA area. This is due probably to the strong influence of UNQDD, the comparatively small sphere of Buddhist influence, and the lack of adequate communications and transportation facilities to the outside. At first the people did not seem hostile to either USMC or VC forces. They are fairly backward and not too interested in happenings outside their particular hamlet. However, as the operation progressed, refugees and VCS intimated that as long as the VC would help in the harvests and not be too demanding in taxation they were fairly welcome and at least acceptable, but lately the VC have fallen into disfavor because of increased demands on the crops. Also the VC were being blamed for the artillery and air attacks and many refugees were deserting as it was clear that USMC and GVN forces were superior.

(2) Commodity Distribution and MEDCAP. These programs were highly successful in the immediate AN HOA area for the local population and the refugees. The outlying areas are definitely not ready for this and the GEORGIA time frame did not permit complete pacification. The following statistics demonstrate the scope of these programs.

(a) MEDCAP

1. Medical Treatment

Women	789
Men	579
Children	1071
Total	2439

2. Medical Evacuation

Women	6
Men	3
Children	9
Total	18

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~(b) Commodity Distribution1. Food. 94,180 lbs

Bulgar wheat	41,160 Lbs
Corn meal	16,100 lbs
Salad oil (1,344 gal.)	13,920 lbs
Flour	15,500 lbs
Miscellaneous	7,500 lbs
Captured rice cache (turned over to the Duc Duc District Chief for redistribution)	10,000 lbs

2. Cement. 6,000 lbs. Will be traded to the local construction company for concrete pipe to be used to line two wells for refugees.

3. Blankets. 280. 175 of these were given to the refugees in the WONG SON mining area.

4. Sheets of Tin Roofing. 600

5. Soap. 11,000 bars

6. Sewing Kits. 500. These are to be used in sewing classes to be held in the AN HOA Complex.

7. Woodwork Kits. 77

8. Masonry Kits. 8

9. Fertilizer. 100,000 lbs. Of this, 20,000 lbs has arrived, 80,000 lbs is to be delivered. This will be sold to the farmers at a price well below cost.

(3) Education

(a) <u>Schools Assisted.</u> (Total students about 1100)	<u>Pvt</u> 2	<u>GVN</u> 2
<u>1. School Kits</u>	385	715
<u>2. School Kit Fillers</u> (given to teachers)	185	300
<u>3. Physical Ed Kits</u>	2	1 (12 more to be given)
<u>4. VN text books</u>	4	on order

(4) Refugees. About 42 families and a total of 314 people.

(5) Ralliers. A total of 4 Ralliers turned themselves in.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~e. Psychological Warfare Operations

(1) Effective Psy War operations require rapid reaction to intelligence and to the tactical situations. The most effective Psy War operations to date is the MEDCAP program, as nearly all refugees and villagers know that they could expect medical aid from USMC. Also effective are movies and those leaflets which tell a story in picture. (Most of the people interviewed had seen propaganda leaflets but cannot read). Loudspeakers are effective when broadcasts are made from the UH-1E helicopter, however, this vehicle was not available. The U-10 aircraft must fly at a minimum altitude of 3000 feet which too frequently renders broadcasts inaudible.

(2) Most of the problems encountered in Psy War operations could have been avoided with better planning and coordination. It must be understood by Audio Teams, etc., that they are directly attached and are under the operational control of the supported command. Only in this manner can schedules be maintained, interpreters and Vietnamese Cadre be allocated, and control over the whereabouts of team members be maintained.

15. Recommendations

a. Command and Control. That, when an infantry battalion is operating independently, a UH-1E helicopter be made available to the commander to provide him with the means necessary to observe, control, and communicate with his units actively engaged.

b. Helicopter Support. That, the practice of "fragging" one helicopter squadron to provide support to an infantry battalion operating independently, be continued. During Operation GEORGIA, HMM-263 provided four (4) aircraft on station at all times for med evac, recons, and other missions and, in addition, maintained six aircraft on standby for emergency purposes, i.e., troop lifts, extraction of recon OP's, etc. This arrangement adds materially to the success of such operations, as it provides for effective liaison and coordination between ground and air.

c. Aerial Observation. That, in future operations such as GEORGIA, AO's be provided the battalion on an exclusive basis. It is mandatory that a battalion operating independently in a large ZOA have the ability to maintain continuous surveillance during daylight hours and to have the additional capability to call and adjust artillery fires which is also provided by the AO.

d. Medical

(1) That in the future, it should be strongly considered that battalion medical officers be given the opportunity to rotate through the facilities of the Medical Battalion so that they may become better acquainted with the equipment and procedures which they might use in the event their battalion is committed to an operation similar to GEORGIA.

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(2) That with the apparent success of the BAS (Rein), 3d Bn, 9th Marines in supporting Operation GEORGIA, strong consideration should be given establishing a policy that whenever any Marine battalion is to operate more than 20 miles from a major medical facility, that the BAS personnel from that battalion be reinforced with a "Helo Mount Out Block", and at least one Medical Officer, and that BAS operate as a casualty clearing station. Should more than one battalion be involved in an operation, the BAS personnel from each battalion should be combined. This would thus allay commitments for the Medical Battalions to provide medical companies to support any but the largest of Marine operations taking place at great distances from the established hospital facilities.

(3) That in the event a battalion is assigned permanently to the AN HOA area and especially if a regiment is so assigned, the Medical Battalion provide a clearing platoon equipped with laboratory, X-Ray, and surgical capabilities and facilities to retain patients for a short time before returning them to duty. In the event that the Medical Battalion is unable to provide the clearing platoon, that the above mentioned equipment be provided the BAS of the battalion assigned and that an additional Medical Officer be assigned to reinforce the Medical Officer.

e. For other specific recommendations, see enclosures (1) through (7).

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1. General. Artillery support was provided by two batteries of 105mm howitzers in the objective area, by one 8" howitzer, one 155mm gun, and two 155mm howitzers located outside the objective area, and by the Provisional Amphibian Howitzer Platoon except when the platoon was utilized as a direct fire weapon for operations. A provisional command group was provided to exercise coordination and control. Artillery support was excellent, as ordinarily a large volume of fire could be delivered at a target rapidly and accurately. Supply of Class V posed no real problem as ammunition was plentiful in the dump. Only on 3 May did the dump level drop below the required 5 DOA and an emergency air drop of 600 rounds HE on 4 May provided adequate resources until the dump level could be re-established.

2. H and I Fires. H and I fires were used extensively to interdict known and suspected routes of egress and exit and to lessen the VC capability to launch mortar attacks. An average of 35 different H and I fires were fired nightly. H & I fires were also used very effectively to cover close in avenues of approach to company and platoon night patrol bases.

3. Observation Agencies

a. Forward Observers. Forward observer procedures were generally very good during the conduct of fire missions with the exception of giving complete and proper surveillance reports upon the completion of the mission. The absence of lucrative targets and the fleeting nature of enemy contacts in Vietnam makes it mandatory that the forward observer be on the job and flexible at all times. He must constantly keep a plot of his position, suspected enemy positions and must be familiar with known registration points so that he can rapidly adjust and fire for effect. If the observer cannot get on target with one adjustment, his target is lost. The following errors in procedure were generally applicable to all types of observers utilized:

(1) Use of WP. WP is an excellent round for marking targets and for some fire missions, but the billowing clouds of smoke which result, hinder observation for adjustment of fire and end of mission surveillance.

(2) Fuzes. There appeared to be a general reluctance on the part of FO's to request Fuze MISQ in attacks of targets. Invariably FO's would request Fuze VT, which is not only more costly, but resulted in the dump level of VT being nearly depleted on two occasions. If the observer can give a complete, precise, picture of the target, the FDO can adequately assess fuze requirements.

(3) At My Command. This term was used entirely too often by observers. This delays the response of artillery and many targets were allowed to escape.

b. Other Ground Observers. Artillery missions were fired often in response to sightings by Recon OP's. Some very fine targets were observed and some excellent missions fired. However, there was a

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tendency on the part of these untrained observers to enter fire for effect too early and attempt to "chase the target" rather than re-enter the adjustment phase. Further training of Recon personnel in artillery adjustment would add flexibility to the use of supporting arms.

c. Aerial Observers. Aerial Observers were used extensively to fire and adjust artillery missions and to provide surveillance upon end of missions. The only real problem encountered was one that could have been corrected by prior liaison. No AO representatives were present during planning conferences and as a result, early in the operation, certain AO's were not prepared to switch frequencies to either the conduct of fire or fire direction net as required. This problem was overcome at the beginning of Phase II and with proper prior planning should never again be a problem.

4. FSCC. On several occasions the FSCC was split, a "mobile" FSCC moving with the forward command group. This practice is acceptable, but not advisable except when sufficient experienced FSCC personnel are available to operate in both areas.

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1. General. Air Support for Operation GEORGIA was provided in the form of a mobile DASC attached to the battalion for purposes of direct liaison with DASC for air requests and by four (4) UH-34's on station daily during the hours of 0700-1800. The four helicopters provided were intended to be utilized as follows: two (2) for med evac and two (2) for resupply, recons and other administrative or tactical missions. In actuality, helicopter requirements were so numerous that often all four were utilized at the same time for purposes other than med evac. During these periods, medical evacuation would have to go through normal channels to Landshark.

2. Operations. Air support for Operation GEORGIA was, with minor exceptions, excellent. The capability of resupply by helicopter enabled combat troops to travel much lighter and on the spot resupply of demolitions was accomplished on countless occasions. Aerial recons were numerous and effective even though the UH-34 is not a particularly good aircraft for reconnaissance, and medical evacuation was outstanding.

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a. Item. DASC

Comment. The principle difficulty encountered in the operations with a mobile DASC were caused by the DASC being integrated with the Bn ALO including even the use of the ALO callsign. This is an unsatisfactory arrangement as they both have different missions to perform. DASC should not be concerned with internal air operations.

Recommendation. Separate the ALO and the DASC.

b. Item. Air Request Information

Comment. There are entirely too many instances wherein a request for air support is submitted through proper channels allowing sufficient lead time for the commitment and the Air Liaison Officer does not get an actual confirmation as to whether the request is filled. This is unsatisfactory, because the organization submitting the request must also have sufficient time to make preparations for execution of an alternate plan should aircraft be unavailable.

Recommendation. That the squadron receiving the commitment immediately contact the Bn ALO. That the Bn ALO also be immediately notified should aircraft not be available.

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1. General. LVT support was provided by Co "B", 3d AmTrac Bn. LVT's were employed in a daily role as troop carriers for movement to suboperating areas and returns, for resupply, and for river crossings.
2. Operations. LVT's proved to be a valuable supporting arm during Operation GEORGIA. In addition to being utilized as troop carriers for two companies and a command group for movement to the Zone of Action, they were utilized in four river crossing operations and were able to deliver fire support. LVT's were very effective when employed in conjunction with LVTH's in offensive operations.
3. Limitations. The chief limiting factor in operations involving LVT's was the terrain. Excellent support is available in relatively flat and sandy areas and through some of the rice paddies. In river operations however, they were hampered by the speed of the current which required use of an alternate route to the objective area. Operation in rice paddies, which are interspersed with high dikes, is difficult and leads to problems in the field of maintenance.
4. Comments and Recommendations
  - a. Item. Reconnaissance
  - b. Comment. Much of the success of LVT operations was due to route recons being performed by amphibian tractor personnel. This saves time and maintenance in the long run.  
  
Recommendation. That time and vehicles for route recon be made available to LVT personnel during the planning phases.

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1. General. Amphibian Howitzers were employed in two distinct roles; as an indirect fire weapon and as a direct fire support weapon. When utilized as an indirect fire support weapon, the LVTH's were under the control of the Provisional Artillery Group as conventional artillery. The versatility of ammunition and mobility makes it an outstanding weapon to use in direct fire.

2. Operations. On two occasions, 1 May and 3 May, the LVTH's were used extensively in direct fire roles. On 1 May an armored column was attacked from three sides. Direct fire was immediately returned and the enemy fire was neutralized. On 3 May, during a river crossing, resistance in the form of a Main Force Company reinforced was encountered. Immediate fire was returned to the front and exposed right flank and was instrumental in neutralizing enemy fires and preventing more casualties. The LVTH's fired a total 518 rounds of 105mm on Operation GEORGIA and of these, 363 rounds were fired in direct fire missions.

3. Comments and Recommendations

a. Item. Terrain

1. Comment. The most significant limitation upon the capabilities of the LVTH as a direct fire weapon is terrain. The weight of the vehicle, the turret, and the ammunition makes it even more susceptible to damage to the suspension system than the LVT when traversing difficult terrain. It is very difficult to maintain the LVTH in operating condition when rough terrain and high diked rice paddies must be travelled.

Recommendation. That in all operations involving use of the LVTH in a direct fire role, the LVTH Commander be afforded the opportunity for recons with the supported commander.

b. Item. Attachment

Comment. The attachment of the LVTH directly to the company or platoon supported proved to be the most effective method of direct fire employment. This affords a closer liaison between the infantry commander and his supporting arms and definitely minimizes the ever present problem of communications and control.

Recommendation. That LVTH's, when utilized in a direct fire role, be attached directly to the lowest echelon actually supported.

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~RECONNAISSANCE

1. General. The mission of the recon platoon was to provide continuous surveillance of the SONG VU GIU River complex and all avenues of approach and escape. To conduct limited offensive operations against selected VC small units.

2. Operations. 1st Plt operated on 6 reconnaissance zones situated on the southern and western periphery of the ZOA. Squad size patrols were inserted for four to six days, in specific reconnaissance zones designated by the Battalion Commander. Multiple observation posts were established in each reconnaissance zone and limited patrolling was conducted. OP's reported all sightings direct to a platoon headquarters located with the Battalion Command Group. Artillery missions and air strikes were called, adjusted and controlled by the patrols from OP positions.

3. Results

a. Recon Sightings	382
b. VC engaged by Recon (air, artillery, small arms)	607
c. VC KIA	38
d. VC KIA (estimated)	58
e. VC KIA (confirmed by Recon)	14
f. VC WIA (confirmed by Recon)	7
g. Artillery missions (controlled by Recon)	36
h. Air strikes (called by Recon)	6

4. Special Techniques. Sniper teams were attached to each recon squad but could be used only defensively since they would otherwise compromise the patrols location. The scopes were operative less than 60% of the hours employed and required frequent maintenance and re-alignment that could not be conducted in the field. Sniper personnel were unable to adjust to the essential techniques of noise discipline, personal alertness, water conservation and long range patrolling.

5. Comments and Recommendations

a. Comment. The results indicate a necessity for reconnaissance operations in support of an infantry battalion operating independently. The Recon OP, operated by trained personnel, is capable of providing valuable information concerning enemy movement, activities, and strength, and also can be utilized effectively as an observation agency to call and adjust the fires of supporting arms, thus denying the enemy his avenues of approach and escape.

b. Recommendation. That the attachment of reconnaissance platoons to infantry battalions operating independently continue.

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1. General. Engineer support was provided by Co "C" (-)(Rein), 3d Engr Bn and was primarily of a front line combat support nature. Engineers provided the rifle companies with an increased demolition capability and were instrumental in the destruction and/or neutralization of enemy fortifications. Several deliberate mine sweeps were also conducted in support of tracked vehicle movements and limited minor construction was provided in the headquarters area. Engineer support was excellent.

2. Destruction Totals. Engineers in support of Operation GEORGIA destroyed the following VC fortifications:

- |                                                           |     |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| a. Bunkers                                                | 654 |
| b. Tunnels                                                | 264 |
| c. Caves                                                  | 56  |
| d. Punji traps                                            | 23  |
| e. Fence lines                                            | 38  |
| f. Gates                                                  | 30  |
| g. Fighting holes                                         | 49  |
| h. Trench lines                                           | 3   |
| i. Mines                                                  | 16  |
| j. Booby traps                                            | 15  |
| k. A total of 9,338 lbs of C-4 was used by the engineers. |     |

3. Comments and Recommendations

a. Item. Sweeps vs Deliberate S&D.

Comment. Many Search and Destroy operations are conducted in such a rapid manner that they more resemble sweeps. This is necessary as the fluid nature of the Viet Cong and his refusal to stand and fight places mobility and rapid movement to maintain contact at a premium. This however makes it impracticable to conduct a deliberate destruction mission due to the vast distances traveled and the lack of security available for the engineers.

Recommendation. When rapid movement is required, destruction should be limited to covered tactical positions only, such as caves, tunnels, and bunkers. A record of trenches and fighting holes must be made to show their locations for future destruction.

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Comments. Infantry units, when operating in heavy brush and hedge row areas, at times use field expedient methods of breaching, i.e., cutting or forcing through.

Recommendations. If time and enemy situation permits, the use of engineers to breach hedge rows with demolitions would be more practical.

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a. Five supply dumps were set up on D-1 adjacent to the AN HOA Airfield and LSA received and unloaded on a continuous basis on average of 12 C-123 fixed wing aircraft a day during the operation. All expended brass (Artillery), suspended lots of ammunition, ordnance items for repair or replacement, and many miscellaneous items were backloaded and sent to the 15th Aerial Port for pick-up by the appropriate units or agencies. Numerous items were helo lifted to the ASP-1 pad in the absence of fixed wing aircraft.

b. Resupply requests submitted to the LSA by the 3/9 S-4 for items not available were sent to the S-3 Officer, FLSG and the items requested were promptly sent to the LSA by the first available transportation. Most Class II and many Class V requests were normally heli-lifted from the ASP-1 helo pad. Items requested arrived at the LSA the same day or the next day if available.

c. Road conditions and circulation in the LSA and to units in the battalion area were very good.

d. Overall there were sufficient personnel and equipment in the LSA to support the battalion and its attachments. This support was completed during the operation with only a minimum of minor difficulties. No unusual maintenance, supply, personnel, or administrative problems were encountered by LSA during the operation.

2. Comments and Recommendationsa. Item. Class II Supplies

Comment. Issuance of Class II supplies on future operations should not come under the auspices of the LSA.

Recommendation. A supply man from FLSG or the supported Battalion should handle the issuing of Class II items. The Shore Party normally doesn't have sufficient or trained personnel to handle the many varieties of Class II items received.

b. Item. Air Liaison

Comment. In any exercise which utilizes a maximum of helicopter resupply and administrative transportation, the positioning of air liaison personnel within the LSA is very effective and in fact necessary.

Recommendation. That air liaison personnel always be attached to the LSA.

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c. Item. On numerous occasions during Operation GEORGIA, the helicopters "fraggged" to this battalion for support, would have to return to the Marble Mountain Air Facility to refuel. This was not only uneconomical and time consuming (round trip exceeded one hour), but also meant that for that period of refueling, helicopter availability for Med Evac and resupply was seriously curtailed.

Recommendation. That in future operations which require helicopters to remain on station away from the air facility, the capability for refueling be established within the LSA.

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