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OPERATION

LIEN KET-24/UTAH

MARCH 040900H

MARCH 071800H

SEARCH & DESTROY FORCES INVOLVED

USMC

FRIENDLY

ARVN

TF DELTA

2/7 (-) 3 CO

3/1 (-) 3 CO

2/4 (-) 3 CO

1/7 (-) 2 CO

ARTY BN GRP 3 BTRY

TOTAL STRENGTH

3000

1st ABN BN

37 RANGER BN

5th ABN BN

1/5

4/4 APC TROOP

DIV STRIKE CO

TOTAL STRENGTH

2000

ENEMY

REGT HQ

36th REGT NVA (POSS)

2 BNS

VC/NVA ? (POSS)

TOTAL STRENGTH 1200 EST

RESULTSCASUALTIES

	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>
USMC	83	205	
ARVN	30	120 (1 US ADVISOR)	
VC	KIA	VCC	VCS
BY USMC	358 (BC)	4	34
BY ARVN	278 (BC)		
TOTAL	636 (BC)		
	325 (POSS)		

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RESULTS

CASUALTIES

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USMC	83	205	
ARVN	30	120 (1 US ADVISOR)	
VC	KIA	VCC	VCS
BY USMC	308 (BC)	8	34
BY ARVN	278 (BC)		
TOTAL	586 (BC)		
	332 (POSS)		

A/C EMPLOYMENT

FIXED WING

SORTIES 244
 CAS 169
 ESCORT 25
 LZ PREP 28

 INTERDICTION 22
 LOSSES 1 F4

HELICOPTER

SORTIES 2133
 DAMAGED 24
 SHOT DOWN 3
 RECOVERED 3

 TOTAL TROOPS LIFTED 5 BNs

ARTILLERY EMPLOYED: 2 BTRY 155 HOW AND 1 BTRY 105

ROUNDS EXPENDED 105: 320 155 HOW: 3635

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OPERATION LIEN KET 24/UTAH

- 040900H - ARVN 1ST ABN BN LIFTED INTO LZ 7 MILES NW QUANG NGAI BY MAG-36. HEAVY 50 CAL AND SA FIRE RECEIVED DESPITE LZ PREP BY A4s AND F8s. MARINE UH-1E SHOT DOWN. SHORTLY AFTER, F4 SHOT DOWN WHILE ON NAPALM RUN. CREWS OF BOTH A/C RECOVERED. UH-1E RECOVERED.
- 041318H - 2/7(-) LIFTED INTO LZ VIC (BS 543833). 11 UH-34D HIT. ONE FORCED TO LAND. LATER RECOVERED. 2/7 COMMENCED ATTACK TO NE AGAINST MODERATE RESISTANCE. BY 041800H 2/7 IN HEAVY CONTACT WITH ESTIMATED 2 BATTALIONS.
- 041525H - 3/1(-) LIFTED INTO LZ VIC (BS 555875). NO CONTACT.
- 050900H - 2/4(-) LIFTED INTO LZ VIC (BS 562 791). 6 UH-34D HIT BY SA. ONE HELO FORCED TO LAND, LATER RECOVERED. 2/4 SUFFERED 4 KIA, 22 WIA IN LZ. AT 051240H 2/4 COMMENCED ATTACK TO NORTH. ORDERED TO HOLD IN VIC (BS 570 816).
- 051050H - 3/1(-) ATTACKING TO SOUTH TO RELIEVE PRESSURE ON 1ST ABN BN. CONTACT MADE WITH DUG IN VC COMPANY. BY 051330, 3/1 HEAVILY ENGAGED. 3/1 CONTINUED THE ATTACK.

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051200H - ARVN 5TH ABN BN LANDED BY HELICOPTER IN VIC
BS 5483. ATTACKS FROM WEST.

051440H - 1/7(-) MOVED OVERLAND INTO BLOCKING POSITION
VIC BS 568 860.

05 DURING DAY - ARVN 1/5 AND 37TH RANGER BN BLOCKING VIC
BS 592 862 - BS 587 824. TF DELTA CP LOCATED
(BS 660 751). TWO COMPANIES FROM DA NANG AIRLIFTED
TO CHU LAI BY FIXED WING TRANSPORT (B/1/1, E/2/3).

CASUALTIES AS OF 051800

USMC	43 KIA	109 WIA
ARVN	15 KIA	112 WIA
VC/NVA (BY USMC)	117 KIA (BC)	
(BY ARVN)	151 KIA (BC)	

DURING EVENING 5 MARCH, 1/1 AT PHU BAI PLACED
ON 3 HOUR ALERT TO ENTER OPERATION.

052300H - B/1/7 (OPCON 2/4) GUARDING DOWNED HELICOPTER
ENGAGED BY MORTAR AND EST VC BN. COMPANY KILLED
42 VC (BC).

DURING 6 MARCH, 1/7 MAINTAINED BLOCKING POSITIONS
VIC (BS 5786). NO CONTACT. 2/7 ATTACKED TO EAST

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TOWARD 2/4 POSITION. CLOSED POSITION AT 061215.
CONDUCTED PATROLLING ACTIVITIES IN AREA. DIS-
COVERED CAVES CONTAINING PACKS AND MED SUPPLIES.
CAPTURED 1 VC AND 3 VCS. 2/4 MOVED TO SW TO
CLOSE WITH B/1/7. CLOSED AT 061600 AND ESTABLISHED
PERIMETER.

061345H - 3/1 CONDUCTED S&D OPERATIONS IN VILLAGE VIC
(BS 562 840). NO CONTACT. LOCATED LARGE CAVE
VIC BS 558 839 CONTAINING WEAPONS, AMMO, AND
DOCUMENTS.
ARVN 1/5 BLOCKING VIC 594 855. 3/5(-) BLOCKING
VIC 602 918. 37TH RANGER BN AND 4/4 APC BLOCKING
VIC 590 827. 1ST AND 5TH ABN BN BLOCKING BS 555 833.

CASUALTIES TO DATE

USMC	77 KIA	180 WIA
ARVN	30 KIA	120 WIA
VC BY USMC	270 KIA (BC)	
BY ARVN	225	

DURING 7 MARCH, 2/7 CONDUCTED S&D OPERATIONS TO
HIGHWAY 1. ALL UNITS REACHED HIGHWAY AT 071555
AND DEPARTED FOR CHU LAI 071650H. DURING NIGHT
OF 6 MARCH, 2/4 CONDUCTED PATROLS AND AMBUSHES
KILLING 4 VC. ADVANCED SE IN MORNING OF 7 MARCH

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DISCOVERED 2 VC BODIES AND DEPARTED FOR CHU LAI BY TRUCK AT 071525H FROM VIC (BS 590 763). 3/1 CONDUCTED PATROLS IN AREA. DISCOVERED LARGE FIELD KITCHEN. COMMENCED RETRACTION BY HELO TO CHU LAI. COMPLETED BY 071800. 1/7 MAINTAINED BLOCKING POSITION THROUGHOUT NIGHT OF 6 MARCH, CONDUCTED SWEEP MORNING OF 7 MARCH, DISCOVERED 48 VC BODIES VIC (BS 556 836). RETRACTED BY HELICOPTER TO CHU LAI AT 071615H.

071800H - ALL UNITS TF DELTA WITHDRAWN TO CHU LAI. 1/1 RELEASED FROM ALERT STATUS.

MCCC NOTE

ENEMY FORCE DESCRIBED IN SITREPS AS TOUGH, WELL EQUIPPED, AND DUG IN, WEARING KHAKI UNIFORMS, PROBABLY FROM THE 36TH REGT NVA. TERRAIN THOROUGHLY MINED AND BOOBY TRAPPED. NO FINAL DETERMINATION AVAILABLE AS YET, AS TO EXACT STRENGTH OR COMPOSITION OF ENEMY FORCE.

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III MAF DAILY SITREP 63-66031000H TO 041800H MARCH 1966.

I. OPERATIONS
A. OPN UTAH. COORDINATED 4 BN USMC ARVN OPN IN QUANG NGAI PROV-
INCE IN AREA BOUNDED BY COORDINATES (BS 6383), (BS 6378), (BS 5381)
AND (BS 5386) BEGAN AT 040900H. UNITS INVOLVED IN OPERATION INCLUDE
TF DELTA AS CONTROL HEADQUARTERS, 2/7TH MAR (-), 3/1ST MAR,
1ST ABN BN (ARVN) AND 37TH RANGER (ARVN). OPN COMMENCED AT
040900H WHEN 20 UH-34D HELICOPTERS FROM MAG-36 LANDED 1ST ABN BN
INTO LZ VIC (BS 543833). LZ HAD BEEN PREPPED BY 4 A4 AND 4 F8E ACFT

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PRIOR TO LANDING. AT 030910H UH-1E, ESCORTING UH-34D TROOP CARRYING HELICOPTERS, WAS SHOT DOWN BY 50 CAL MG FIRE. CREW RECOVERED BY UH-34D AND UH-1E LATER RECOVERED BY USAF CH-3C. AT 0930H F4B ON NAPALM RUN IN SUPPORT OF OPN HIT BY 50 CAL MG FIRE AND CREW EJECTED OVER WATER, CREW RESCUED BY UH-34D. AT 041318H CO'S E, F AND H 2/7TH MAR COMPLETED HELILIFT INTO LZ VIC (BS 543833). DURING LIFT UH-34D HIT AND 7 CREW MEMBERS WIA. AT 1305H ONE UH-34D FORCED TO LAND VIC (BS 543833) FROM 3 SA HITS IN FUEL TANK. PLAT G/2/7TH MAR PROVIDED SECURITY UNTIL ACFT REPAIRED AND RETURNED TO KY HA AIR FACILITY. FOLLOWING LANDING 2/7TH MAR ATTACKED NE. AT 041200H G/2/7TH MAR KILLED 4 VC VIC (BS 546829). VC WERE DRESSED IN KHAKI UNIFORMS. CO G CAPTURED 20 VC PACKS AND DESTROYED 100 RDS 50 CAL AMMO. AT 041400H CO F KILLED 2 VC VIC (BS 548829). 2/7TH MAR CONTINUED ATTACK AGAINST MODERATE RESISTENCE WITH 2 COMPANIES ON LINE. AT 041600H 2/7TH MAR VIC (BS 555875) WITH 2 CO IN LINE REPORTED RECEIVING SA AND MORTAR FROM BOTH FLANKS. AIR STRIKES AND ARTY SUPPORTED 2/7TH MAR THROUGHOUT AFTERNOON. AT END OF REPORTING PERIOD 2/7TH MAR IN HEAVY CONTACT WITH EST 2 VC BNS. AT 041525H 3/1ST MAR LANDED IN LZ VIC (BS 555875). NO COM CT REPORTED AT END OF PERIOD.

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B. III MAF MARINES MADE 30 CONTACTS WITH VC ELEMENTS IN SMALL UNIT ACTXGIONS RESULTING IN 4 VC KIA AND 34 VCS APPREHENDED; 1 SPRINGFIELD RIFLE, 2 GREN, 3 CASES TNT, SA AMMO AND EQUIP CAPTURED. MARINES SUSTAINED 17 WIA. AT 041000H CO D/1/3D MAR PATROL DISCOVERED VC BASE CAMP VIC (AT 869846). SEARCH REVEALED 3 CASES TNT, SA AMMO AND VARIOUS EQUIP. AMBUSH ESTABLISHED AT CAMP WITH NEG RESULTS. AT 040945H CO I/3/9TH MAR PLAT PATROL VIC (BT 035659) CLOSED ON ARMED VC WHO DIRECTED SA FIRE ON PATROL AND THREW GRENADE. VC KILLED: 1 SPRINGFIELD RIFLE, 2 GREN AND SA AMMO CAPTURED. ONE USMC WIA (MED EVAC).

C. FIRST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

1. FIXED WING ACFT FLEW 209 SORTIES FOR 319 HOURS. 71 STRUCTURES, 4 BUNKERS AND 1 BRIDGE DESTROYED; 34 STRUCTURES AND 6 BUNKERS DAMAGED; 2 FIRES STARTED. ACFT SUPPORTED OPN UTAH WITH 44 MISSIONS OF LZ PREP, HELO ESCORT, LZ COVER AND CAS MISSIONS. HEAVY GROUND FIRE RECEIVED WHICH DOWNED 1 F4B. CRZN PICKED UP SAFELY FROM SEA. HELICOPTERS FLEW 1110 SORTIES IN SUPPORT OF III MAF AND I CORPS UNITS. AT 040900H 20 UH-34D AND 4 ARMED UH-1E OF MAG-36 LIFTED 440 ARVN TROOPS FROM QUANG NGAI INTO UNSECURE LZ VIC (BS 543833). ONE ARMED UH-1E ESCORT SHOT DOWN VIC (BS 538818).

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CREW RESCUED AND ACFT LATER EVACUATED TO KY HA BY UHAF CH-3C. ON COMPLETION OF ARVN LIFT, 36 MAG-36 UH-34D LIFTED 665 MARINES FROM 27TH MAR FROM (BT 500050) TO LZ AT (BS 543833). 11 ACFT HIT AND 7 CREW MEMBERS WIA DURING LIFT WHICH ENDED 1305H. ONE UH-34D FORCED DOWN IN LZ. CREW EVACUATED; ACFT LATER REPAIRED AND RETURNED TO KY HA.

2. DAILY SORTIE RECAP

FLOWN FOR	A4	F4	F8	RF-8A	EF-10B	UH-34D	UH-1E	CH-37
III MAF	59	12	7	7	1	814	119	11
I CORPS	31	0	0	0	0	156	10	0
2D AIRDIV	19	39	16	0	8	0	0	0
TF 77	0	4	2	0	4	0	0	0
TOTAL	109	55	25	7	13	970	129	11

3. CIVIC ACTION. III MAF MDCAP TEAMS GAVE MED TREATMENT TO 1639 PERSONS AND DENTAL TREATMENT TO 150 PERSONS. 3D MARDIV BAND PLAYED CONCERT FOR 1000 PERSONS IN DANANG ENCLAVE. ENGLISH CLASSES CONDUCTED IN 3 HAMLETS IN DANANG TAOR FOR TOTAL OF 43 PERSONS. PORTABLE TAPE RECORDER PRESENTED TO WORLD EVANGELIZATION CRUSADE ORPHANAGE IN DANANG. CONSTRUCTION ASSISTANCE BEGAN ON ONE HAMLET DISPENSARY AND 1 ROAD IN DANANG AREA.

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E. SUMMARY

1. MAJOR UNIT OPERATION

- (A) NAME OF OPERATION: UTAH
- (B) TYPE OF OPERATION: SEARCH AND DESTROY
- (C) AREA OF OPERATION: QUANG NGAI (BS 6383), (BS 6378), (BS 5381) AND (BS 5386).
- (D) UNITS PARTICIPATING: 27TH MAR (-) (CO F, G, AND H), 3/1ST MAR.
- (E) CONTROL HEADQUARTERS: TF DELTA
- (F) DTG INITIATED: 040900H
- (G) DTG TERMINATED: CONTINUING
- (H) RESULTS: (CUMULATIVE)

USMC LOSSES EN LOSSES

KIA-10	KIA-10
WIA-49	KIA-100 EST

2. FRIENDLY INITIATED SMALL UNIT OPERATIONS

- (A) TOTAL ACTIONS WITHOUT CONTACT/ 326
- (B) NIGHT CONTACTS: 6
- (C) DAY CONTACTS: 8

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(BT 067697)	048845H	S&D	K/3/9/NONE	UNK/2 VCS
(BT 035659)	040940H	S&D	I/3/9/1 W10	UNK/1 KIA (DOW), 1 SPRINGFIELD RIFLE, 2 GREN, SA AMMO, (EQUIP
(BT 064671)	041145H	S&D	K/3/9/NONE	UNK/1 KIA
(BT 068682)	041235H	S&D	M/3/9/NONE	UNK/1 VCS (WIA)
(AT 063609)	032005H	DEF	I/3/3/NONE	UNK/1 KIA
(035625)	040355H	AMB	I/3/3/NONE	UNK/1 KIA
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AAKBS 528999)	032045H	DEF	B/1/7/NONE	UNK/NONE
(BS 541981)	0320457	AMB	M/1/7/NONE	UNK/ NONE
(BS 591936)	040745H	S&D	M/3/7/NONE	UNK/2 VCS
(BS 591936)	040810H	S&D	M/3/7/NONE	UNK/28 VCS

F. RECAP OF SMALL UNIT OPERATIONS

LIST SCOUT

TYPE	S&D	OPNS	PATROLS	AMBUSHES	POST	SNIPER	TOTAL
FIRE TEAM			26	9	59	9	103
SQUAD	88		20	93			201
PLATOON	18		9	5			32
COMPANY	1						1

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TOTAL	107	55	107	59	9	337
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G. PLANS SUMMARY

1. OPN UTAH. 2/4TH MAR WILL BE COMMITTED TO OPN ON 5 MARCH. 2/7TH MAR AND 3/1ST MAR CONTINUES S&D OPNS.
2. 3D MARDIV WILL COND 69 PTL, 116 AMB AND 92 S&D OPNS NEXT 24 HOURS.
3. FIXED WING ACFT SCHED FOR 165 SORTIES IN SUPPORT OF III MAF, I CORPS AND 2D AIR DIV. HELICOPTERS SCHED FOR 36 IN SUPPORT OF III MAF AND I CORPS UNITS.

NEXT SITREP DUE 051800H MARCH 1966.

1. DO NOT SERVICE THIS MSG; FOLLOW UP AIR MAIL DELIVERY TO ALL ADDEES.

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Arrive 10 MAR

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C O N F I D E N T I A L CON 06961

1. (C) I CORPS TACTICAL ZONE (CTZ): OPN UTAH. HOSP SHIP REPOSE POSITIONED CLOSE OFF SHORE AT 15 DEGREES - 20 MIN NORTH TO ASSIST IN CASUALTY PROCESSING. AS OF 050600H, 2/7 IN 360 DEGREE PERIMETER VIC BS 554828, NOT ENGAGED. MEDEVAC COMPLETED AT 052210H. 3/1 CP CIV BS 553873, NO CONTACT ALONG FRONT LINE. PLANS 15 MAR: 2/4 TO BETHLO ASLT LIFTED TO VIC BS 552837 AND BS 556792. EMPLOY EAST & CONDUCT S&D MSN IZONE BETWEEN GRID LINES 56-58.

2. (C) II CTZ:

A. OPERATION HARRISON CONTINUES. RESULTS (CUM) TO INCLUDE CONTACT OUTLINED IN PARA 2 MY 042323Z MAR. US: 27 KIA, 78 WIA, 5 MIA. VC: 225 KIA, 11 VCC, 75 VCS, 14 IND WPNS & 2 C/S WPNS CAPTURED.

B. OPERATION WHITE WING CONTINUES. RESULTS (CUM): AS OF 050230H.

FRIENDLY

	US	ARVN	ROK	TOTAL
KIA	245	126	6	377
WIA	860	370	28	1258
MIA	6	2	6	14

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	US	ARVN	ROK	TOTAL
KIA	1268	357	215	1841
VCC	536	131	34	701
VCS	1568	484	132	2184
IND WPN	217	31	15	313
C/S WPN	52	13	1	66

3. (C) II I CTZ: 1ST DIV UH-1 ON RESUPPLY MISSION IN 3D BOE AREA VIC LAI XHE (KT 737402) HIT BY GROUND FIRE AND CRASHED AT 050810H. RESULTS 6 US KIA, 2 US WIA.

4. (U) IV CTZ: NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY.

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INTO LZ VIC (BS 543833). LZ HAD BEEN PREPPED BY 4 AR AND 4 F8E ACFT PRIOR TO LANDING. AT 030912H UH-1E ESCORTING UH-34D TROOP CARRYING HELICOPTERS, WAS SHOT DOWN BY 50 CAL MG FIRE. CREW RECOVERED BY UH-34D AND UH-1E LATER RECOVERED BY USAF CH-3C. AT 0930H F4B ON NAPALM RUN IN SUPPORT OF OPN HIT BY 50 CAL MG FIRE AND CREW EJECTED OVER WATER, CREW RESCUED BY UH-34D. AT 041318H CO'S E, F AND H 2/7TH MAR COMPLETED HELILIFT INTO LZ VIC (BS 543833). DURING LIFT 11 UH-34D HIT AND 7 CREW MEMBER KIA. AT 1305H ONE UH-34D FORCED TO LAND VIC (BS 543833) FROM 3 SA HITS IN FUEL TANK. PLOT G/2/7TH MAR PROVIDED SECURITY UNTIL ACFT REPAIRED AND RETURNED TO KY HA AIR FACILITY. FOLLOWING LANDING 2/7TH MAR ATTACKED NE. AT 041200H G/2/7TH MAR KILLED 4 VC VIC (BS 546829). VC WERE DRESSED IN KHAKI UNIFORMS. CO G CAPTURED 20 VC PACKS AND DESTROYED 100 RDS 50 CAL AMMO. AT 041400H CO F KILLED 2 VC VIC (BS 546829).

2/7TH MAR CONTINUED ATTACK AGAINST MODERATE RESISTENCE WITH 2 CO IN LINE REPORTED RECEIVING SA AND MORTAR FROM BOTH FLANKS. AIRSTRIKES AND ARTY SUPPORT 2/7TH MAR THROUGHOUT AFTERNOON. AT END OF REPORTING PERIOD 2/7TH MAR IN HEAVY CONTACT WITH EST 2 VC BNS. AT 041525 3/1ST MAR LANDED IN LZ VIC (BS 555875). NO CONTACT REPORTED AT END OF PERIOD. VC CASUALTIES: 10 KIA AND

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100 KIA EST; USMC 10 KIA, 49 WIA. COMPLETE INFORMATION UNAVAILABLE.
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1. 3D MARINES

(A) 1/3D MAR. AT 041000H CO D SQD PATROL DISCOVERED VC BASE CAMP VIC (AT 869846). SEARCH REVEALED FOLLOWING EQUIPMENT: 3 CASES TNT, ONE 15 LB SHAPED CHARGE, 1 WP GRENADE, 50 RDS M-1 AMMO, ASSORTED M-1 RIFLE PARTS, ONE 1/2 POUND BLOCK TNT RIGGED FOR ELECTRICAL DETONATION, 1000 FT COMM WIRE, 1 BAR MAGAZINE, 10 RDS SHG AMMO, 13 LBS MEDICAL SUPPLIES, 2 BLACK UNIFORMS, 1 KHAKI UNIFORM, 10 81MM AND 196MM DUDS. AMBUSH ESTABLISHED AT BASE CAMP WITH NEG RESULTS.

(B) 2/3D MAR. AT 032350H CO G OBSERVED 2 EXPLOSIONS VIC (AT 903719) WHICH THEY BELIEVED TO BE 60MM MORTAR RDS OR DETONATED BOOBY TRAPS. AREA SEARCHED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS; NO FRIENDLY CASUALTIES. AT 040155H CO G PATROL FIRED 3 RDS SA FIRE AT SUSPECTED ENEMY MOVEMENT TO REAR OF PATROL VIC (AT 917715). NO FURTHER CONTACT. AT 041205H CO H PATROL DISCOVERED NINE 81MM MORTAR RDS AND ONE 155 RD IN TREES AND ON GROUND VIC (AT 904682). MORTAR RDS WERE IN PROCESS OF BEING BOOBY TRAPPED WHEN DISCOVERED. AT 041645H SQUAD PATROL FROM CO H

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DETONATED BOOBY TRAP VIC (AT 899727). 2 USMC WIA (MED EVAC).

9TH MARINES

(A) W/9TH MAR. AT 032000H CO G SQD PSN VIC (AT 990643)
RECD 5 RDS SA FIRE FROM (AT 979642). FIRE CEASED WHEN 60MM ILLUM
CALLED; NO FURTHER CONTACT. AT 040100H H&S CO SQD AMB VIC (AT
993667) RECD 150 RRDS SA FIRE FROM APPROX 5 VC VIC (AT 996677).
SQUAD RETD 50 RDS SA FIRE; SEARCHED AREA WITH NEG RESULTS. AT
041401H CO G PLAT PATROL SUSTAINED 3 WIA (MED EVAC) RESULT OF
DETONATION UNK TYPE MINE VIC (AT 997644).

(B) 3/9TH MAR. AT 032240H CO K FIRE TEAM LP DIRECTED
SA FIRE AT 3 VC AMONG BUILDINGS (BT 039713). SEARCHED AREA WITH
NEG RESULTS. AT 040815H CO I PLAT PATROL (BT 068628) RECD 1
RD SA FIRE FROM VIC (BT 067629) CAUSING 1 USMC WIA (MED EVAC).
SEARCH OF SUSPECTED PSN PRODUCED NEG RESULTS. AT 040820H CO I
PLAT PATROL VIC (BT 068630) RECD 15 RDS SA FIRE FROM (BT 066629).
ONE USMC WIA (MED EVAC). PATROL APPREHENDED 1 MALE VC IN IMMEDIATE
VIC ATTEMPTING TO CHANGE CLOTHES. AREA SEARCHED FOR HIS WPN
WITH NEG RESULTS. AT 040845H CO K SQD PATROL APPREHENDED 2 MALE
VCS WHEN THEY ATTEMPTED TO EVADE PATROL VIC (BT 067697). AT
040940H CO I PLAT PATROL VIC (BT 035659) CLOSED ON ARMED VC WHO

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DIRECTED SA FIRE AND GRENADE AT PATROL. RESULTS; ONE VC KIA
(DOW); ONE SPRINGFIELD RIFLE, MODEL 1903, TWO CHICOM GRENADES AND
MISCELLANEOUS AMMO CAPTURED; ONE USMC WIA (MED EVAC). AT 041145H
CO K PLAT PATROL VIC (BT 064671) SIGHTED FLEEING VC (BT 067672);
PATROL DIRECTED 10 RDS SA FIRE AT VC KILLING HIM. AT 041235H
CO M SQD PATROL APPREHENDED ONE VCS VIC (BT 068632) WITH LEG
WOUND FROM UNK CAUSE. MED EVAC TO BAS.

(C) 3/3D MAR. AT 032005H CO I TANK CREW ON OP VIC
(AT 963609) DIRECTED 1 RD 90MM AT ARMED VC ACROSS RIVER VIC
(AT 963604). OBSERVED HIT PRODUCED 1 VC KIA. AT 040355H CO I
SQD AMB VIC (AT 955625) OBSERVED VC SWIMMER SURFACE IN IMMEDIATE
AREA. SQD THREW 3 GRENADES AT VC CAUSING 1 VC KIA.

3. 3D ENGR BN. 36 ENGRS CONDUCTED 19 MINE SWEEPS IN
DANANG TAOR.

4. 12TH MARINES. AT 041410H BTRY F SQD PATOL RECD 30
RDS SA FIRE VIC (AT 954701) FROM UNDETERMINED DIRECTION. SQD
DID NOT RETURN FIRE; SEARCHED AREA WITH NEG RESULTS.

MISSIONS FIRED: 326

OBSERVED: 24

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IRI: 302

AMMO EXPENDED:

105MM: 465 HE, 1 ILLUM, 5 HC

155HOW: 90 HE

105GUN: 8 HE, 7 WP

TOTAL ROUNDS FIRED: 576

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1. 1ST MARINES

2. 1/4TH MAR. AT 040330H CO B SQD PATROL HEARD

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EXPLOSION VIC (BT 510119) 40 METERS SE OF THEIR POSITION. SEARCH NETTED 1 MALE, 1 FEMALE AND 2 CHILDREN WITHOUT ID CARDS WHO WERE EVAC TO VILLAGE CHIEF. AT 040430H WATERBORNE PATROL APPREHENDED 4 CURFEW VIOLATORS VIC (BT 511112) WITH ID AND CONTROL CARDS WHO WERE TURNED OVER TO COMBINED ACTION CO FOR DISPOSITION.

(B) 2/4TH MAR. AT 031715H CO G POSITION VIC (BT 434104) RECEIVED 4 RDS SA FIRE FROM VIC (BT 434099). MARINES RETURNED 60MM MORTARS WITH UNK RESULTS. AT 032355H CO E SQD (BT 434056) RECD 10 RDS SA; M-79 AND SA FIRE RETURNED AT EST 3 VC WITHOUT RESULTS. AT 040935H CO E VIC (BT 438052) RECEIVED SA FIRE FROM (BT 434056). MARINES RETURNED M-79 AND SA FIRE WITHOUT RESULTS. AT 041320H 2D PLAT RECEIVED SA FIRE FROM VIC (BT 397146). NO FIRE RETURNED DUE TO CIVILIANS AND VEHICLES IN AREA.

2. 7TH MARINES

(A) 1/7TH MAR. AT 032045H CO B RECEIVED 4 RDS SA FIRE VIC (BS 608999). MARINES ILLUMINATED AND FIRED 4 RDS SA AT VC OBSERVED RUNNING INTO TREE LINE. NEG RESULTS. AT 040830H CO A PLAT VIC (BT 663033) TRIPPED 2 CONSECUTIVE BOOBY TRAPPED M-26 GRENADES CAUSING 7 MARINES WIA.

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(B) 3/7TH MAR. AT 032045H CO M SQD ENROUTE TO AMBUSH SITE OBSERVED 2 VC VIC (BS 541981). PATROL FIRED SA FIRE; SEARCH REVEALED NO CASUALTIES. AT 040745H CO M OBSERVED 2 VCS MOVING TOWARD THEIR PSN VIC (BS 591936); MARINES FIRED AS VCS FLED. 1 VCS APPREHENDED WHEN HE STOPPED. AT 040810H CO M VIC (BS 591936) APPREHENDED 39 MALE AND 20 FEMALE VCS. 28 OF THE APPREHENDED VCS LATER EVAC TO 3D ITT. AT 041145VF CO L TRIPPED UNK TYPE EXPLOSIVE DEVICE VIC (BS 581939) RESULTING IN 2 WIA (MED EVAC).

3. ARTILLERY BN GROUP

MISSIONS FIRED: 80

OBSERVED: 15

UNOBSERVED: 65

H&I: 61

AMMO EXPENDED:

105MM: 365 HE, 4 ILLUM, 4 WP, 2 HC

155HOW: 399 HE, 3 WP

155GUN: 108 HE

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TOTAL ROUNDS FIRED: 892

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1. 1ST MAR. AT 0219Z H CO H 2/1ST MAR RECEIVED APPROX
100 RDS AUTO WPNS FIRE AND 5 RDS 60MM MORTAR FIRE FROM (YD 818164)
AND (YD 822162). MARINES ILLUMINATED AREA AND RETURNED FIRE WITH
UNK RESULTS. VC BROKE CONTACT. NO USMC CASUALTIES.

2. 4/12TH MARINES

MISSIONS FIRED: 44

OBSERVED: 2

UNOBSERVED: 42

HEI: 41

AMMO EXPENDED:

105MM: 42 HE, 2 ILLUM, 11 SP

155MM: 14 HE

TOTAL ROUNDS FIRED: 69

E. GENEGL

1. AIR BASE DEFENSE BN. 1/9TH MARINES CONTINUED OPERATIONS
IN DEFENSE OF DANANG AND MARBLE MT AIRBASES WITH NEGATIVE CONTACT.

2. TWO INSTANCES REPORTED OF VIETNAMESE NATIONALS VOLUNTEERING
INFORMATION ABOUT VC DIRECTLY TO MARINES: (SEE INTSUM
NR 63).

(A) 030210H: 2/3D MAR RECEIVED FOLLOWING INFO FROM

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VIETNAMES AT (AT 946688): VC SQD AND NUMEROUS TUNNELS LOC DUONG
LAN (AT 955690); "HARD CORE" REGT LOC VIC NUI SON GA (AT 950625);
PLANNING OPN TO THE NORTH; VC PLAT LOC IN LA CHAU (4) (AT 9564);
VC BN IS LOC VIC DUC KY (1) AND (2), (AT 955614) AND (AT 956628);
VC PLAT WITH 1 LRG LOC AT DONG PHU (1) (AT 950630); VC PLAT WITH
ONE 81MM MORTAR LOC AT DONG PHU (2) (AT 948621); UNIT AT DONG
PHU (2) HAS 120 VC WITH 10 "HARD CORE"; ON 27 FEB THIS UNIT
ZIN WITH 32 MEN WEARING BLUE SHIRTS AND SHORTS EQUIPPED WITH
3 OR 4 BARS, ONE 57MM RR AND ACCOMPANIED BY 12 NVN; BO BAN (2)
(AT 968698) IS A POSS VC STAGING AREA; AREA IN VIC GRID SQUARE
(AT 9652) IS HEAVILY MINED; NUMEROUS SPIDER TRAPS AND TUNNELS
ARE PBC FROM (AT 953625) TO (AT 948620).

(B) 022120H. 3D BN 9TH MAR REPORTED UNIDENT VILLAGERS
FROM LE SON (3) AT 977646) STATED MORT FIRE IN HAMLET AREA
SERIOUSLY WOUNDED 3 VC ON 1 MAR 66.

3. NAVAL SUPPORT ACTIVITY. AT 041

5H PATROL BOAT

APPREHENDED SAMPAN VIC (BT 015845) WITH 2 MEN ABOARD WITH NO
ID PAPERS. AT 041015H PATROL BOAT APPREHENDED SMALL FISHING
BOAT VIC (BT 047780) WITH ONE FEMALE ABOARD WHO HAD NO ID PAPERS.
AT 041400H PATROL BOAT STOPPED SAMPAN VIC (BT 012819); ONE MAN
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CHU LAI TOTAL	25	17	2	6	16	2	43	5
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PHU BAI TOTAL					19			7

II FIRST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING OPERATIONS

A. MAG-11

1. MAG-11 ACFT FLEW RECORD 100 SORTIES AND 169 HRS. 70

TONS OF ORDNANCE EXPENDED; 18 STRUCTURES, 3 BUNKERS DESTROYED, 5

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STRUCTURES DAMAGED, AND 6 BUNKERS DAMAGED.

2. 10 F4 AND F8 SCRAMBLED OR DIVERTED TO SUPPORT OPERATION

UTAH, COMBINED USMC ARVN OPERATION 12 MILES NORTH OF QUANG NGAI.

3. AT ABOUT 0930H AN F4, COVERING THE LANDING ZONE, WAS

HIT BY HEAVY .50 CALIBER FIRE FROM (BS 544830). ACFT TURNED TOWARD

CHU LAI; CREW EJECTED OVER THE WATER VIC (BT 392250). CREW RESCUED

AT 1200H BY 2 UH-34 SAR ACFT FROM CHU LAI.

B. MAG-12

1. ACFT FLEW 109 SORTIES AND 150 HRS. 75 TONS OF BOMBS,

144 FFAR AND 5152 RDS 20MM EXPENDED. 71 BRIDGE, 53 STRUCTURES AND

1 BUNKER DESTROYED, 29 STRUCTURES DAMAGED AND 2 FIRES STARTED.

2. A4 ACFT FLEW 26 SORTIES IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION UTAH.

ACFT DESTROYED 5 HUTS VIC BS 567832) AND ALSO DESTROYED 2

AND DAMAGED 2 OTHERS VIC (BS 557837).

C. HMAG-16

1. 6 UH-34 OF HMM-361 PRESUPPLIED ARVN OUTPOSTS OF TVONG

DUC AND DUC DUC (AT 866;66) FROM HOI AN. 151 PAX AND 14,050

LBS CARGO CARRIED.

2. 12 UH-34 FROM MAG-16 AUGMENTED MAV-36 FORCES

AFTERNOON 4 MAR AND AT 1500H 31 HELICOPTERS LIFTED 2 COMPANIES

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1. 3/1ST MAR COMMAND GROUP FROM LZ WILDCAT (BT 533078) TO A LANDING ZONE AT (BS 554875). LIFT COMPLETED AT 1550H WITHOUT INCIDENT.

D. MAG-36

1. AT 0900H 20 UH-34 AND 4 ARMED UH-1E OF MAG-36 COMMENCED VERTICAL ASSAULT FROM QUANG NGAI TO UNSECURE LANDING ZONE VIC (BS 543833). LANDING ZONE PREP PROVIDED BY 4 A4 AND 4 F4 ACFT FROM 0830H TO 0900H. 440 ARVN TROOPS CARRIED INTO ZONE DESPITE HEAVY 50 CAL, AUTO WPNS AND SA FIRE. AT APPROX 0910H 1 UH-1E, ACCOMPANYING THE TROOP CARRIERS, WAS SHOT DOWN VIC (BS 536616). 2 A4 IMMEDIATELY SCRAMBLED TO PROVIDE RESCAP FOR DOWNED ACFT; UH-34 RESCURED CREW. A4 ACFT COVERED UH-1E UNTIL IT WAS LIFTED TO KY HA BY USAFSZH2*SC AFTERNOON 4 MAR. AT COMPLETION OF ARVN LIFT 16 UH-34 AUGMENTED ORIGINAL FLIGHT AND WLYYT MARINES FROM 2/7TH MAR WERE CARRIED FROM (BT 500050) TO LZ (BS 543833). 11 AIRCRAFT HIT AND 7 CREW MEMBERS WOUNDED DURING LIFT; LIFT COMPLETED AT 1305H. ONE UH-34 RECEIVED 3 HITS IN FUEL TANK AND WAS FORCED DOWN VIC (BS 543833). CREW IMMEDIATELY EVACUATED; ACFT LATER REPAIRED AND RETURNED TO KY HA.

E. MWHG-1

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1. LAAM BN EXERCISES

	AIR DEF EXERCISES	SUCCESSFUL ENGAGEMENTS	ACFT DESIG PRAC TGTS	SUCCESSFUL ENGAGEMENTS
1ST LAAM BN	1	1	3	3
2D LAAM BN	3	2	40	32
TOTAL	4	3	43	35

GSHMACS-7 OPERATIONS

	P ACFT TRACKED	ACFT PROV NAV ASSIST	ACFT HANDOFFS TO APPROACH CONTROL	IFF/SIF SYSTEMS CHECKS
MACS-7	41	16	14	19
DET A	17	1	0	0
TOTAL	58	17	14	19

3. MASS-2 OPERATIONS

	MED EVAC	HELO MSNS OTHERS	FIXED WING MSNS
DASC DANANG	9	9	13
DASC CHU LAI	10	09	14
TOTAL	19	18	27

4. ASRT SUMMARY

LOCATION	MSNS	NR/TYPER ACFT	ORDNANCE EXPENDED
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12 ANM-64
CHU LAI 6 60W-40 56 ANM-57
QUANG NGAI PP 7 1 F-8, 2A-4, 4 F-4, 244 MK-81, 36 ANM-57
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1. AS OF 051600H.
2. OPERATION UTAH CONTINUES IN SECOND DAY WITH 8 BNS OF TACK FORCE DELTA AND 2D ARVN DIVCLOSING ON ESTIMATED TWO VC/NVA BNS AND POSSIBLE REGIMENTAL HQ. ENEMY HAS PROVIDED HEAVY RESISTANCE AND APPERARS TO BE WELL EQUIPED, TOUGH FORCE WHICH INTENDS TO FIGHT. PARTIAL COUNT INDICATES 30 WPNS CAPTURED INCLUDING ONE 12.7 AA MG.
3. SMC FORCES AS FOLLOWS:

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TASK FORCE DELTA COMD GRP

2/7TH MARINES (-): (F-2-7), (G-2-7), (H-2-7)

3/1ST MARINES (-): (I-3-1), (L-3-1), (M-3-1)

2/4TH MARINES (-): (G-2-4), (H-2-4), (B-1-7)

1/7TH MARINES (-): (E-2-7), (K-3-1)

ARTY BN GRP: (K-1,11), (M-4,11), (C-1-11)

TACTICAL AIR COMMANDER IN SUPPORT OF TFD (CO MAG-36)

4. ARVN FORCES:

1ST AIRBORNE BN

5TH AIRBORNE BN

1ST BN/5TH ARVN REGT

37 BRVN RANGER BN

4/4 APC TRP

DIV STRIKE CO 2 ARVN DIV

5. ENEMY CONCENTRATED IN AREA DELINEATED BY (BS 5685) (BS 5682) (BS 5882) (BS 5885)

6. 1ST ARBN BN WHICH HELO LANDED AT 040900H AND 5TH ARBN BN WHICH HELO LANFED AT 051200H ATTACKING FROM WEST ALONG LINE (BS 5682) (5685).

7. 2/4TH MAR WHICH HELO LANDED AT 050900H HOLDING ALONG LINE (BS 5682) (5685).

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8. 1ST MAR WHICH HELO LANDED AT 041500H IN HEAVY CONTACT ALONG LINE (BS 5685) (5885).
9. 1ST/7TH MAR MOVING OVERLAND INTO POSITION ON LEFT OF 3/1ST MARINES.
10. 1ST/5TH AIRBORNE IN BLOCKING POSITION CENTERED AT (BS 592862)
11. 37 RAKERS IN BLOCKING POSITION CENTERED AT (BS 587824).
12. 2/7 AFTER HEAVY FIGHTING AFTERNOON AND EVENING OF 4 MARCH, IN POSITION CENTERED AT (BS 58327). WILL BE USED AS RESERVE.
13. TFD/2D ARVN DIV ADV CP SO LOCATED AT (BS 660751).
14. FIXED WING SORTIES FOR PERIOD 050600H - 051800H CONSISTED OF 25 CAS, 5 DAS, 4 TFO-10, 8 LZ PREP AND 17 INTERDICTION. APPROXIMATELY 10 HELOS PROVIDED CONTINUOUS SUPPORT THROUGHOUT DAY. TWO UH-34'S DOWNED BY FIRE NEAGKXP BS 5584) (5682) JM NEITHER PLANE RETRIEVED, BOTH UNDER SECURITY GUARDS. SIX US ARMY UH-1BS AND TWO USAF CH-3C IN SUPPORT.
15. LOGISTIC SUPPORT AND HELO SUPPORT BASED AT CHU LAI. FIXED WING SUPPORT FROM BOTH DANANG/CHU LAI. USS REPOSE IN POSITION SINCE 050300H SOUTH OF CHU LAI ASSISTING WITH CASUALTIES.
16. TWO COMPANIES (B/1/1 AND E/2/3) AIR LIFTED BY FIXED WING AIRCRAFT FROM DANANG TO CHU LAI COMMENCING 051000H. ASSIGNED OPCON 1ST MAR.
17. CASUALTIES AS FOLLOWS:

PAGE FOUR RUMMFP 555 S E : R E T
VC KIA: 117 (US BODY COUNT) 151 (ARVN BODY COUNT)
VC POSSIBLE KIA: 162 (US EST) 153 (ARVN EST)
VCC: 6
US CASUALTIES:
KIA 43 WIA: 109
ARVN CASUALTIES
KIA: 15 WIA: 112
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1 CORPS TACTICAL ZONE, OPN LIEN KET 24/UTAH, REFERENCE BY 250216Z. OPN CONTINUED IN ITS SECOND DAY WITH 8 BNS OF TASK FORCE DELTA AND 2D ARVN DIV CLOSING ON AN ESTIMATED TWO VC/NVA BNS AND POSSIBEL REGIMENTAL HQ, NO POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION OF UNITS AS YET. ENEMY HAS PROVIDED HEAVY RESISTANCE AND APPEARS TO BE WELL EQUIPPED FORCE WHICH INTENDS TO FIGHT. PARTIAL COUNT INDICATES 36 WPNS CAPTURED INCLUDING ON 12.7AA MG.

(1) TASK FORCE DELTA ORGANIZATION

2/7 (3 COMPANIES)

3/1 (3 COMPANIES)

2/4 (3 COMPANIES)

1/7 (2 COMPANIES)

ARTY BN GROUP: (4 BATTERIES)

ARVN FOCES

1ST ABN BN

5TH ABN BN

1/5

37 RGR BN

4/4 APC TRP

DIV STRIKE CO

(2) 1/5, 3/5 ARVN BLOCKING VIC BS6087.

(3) 2/4 MAR WHICH HELOLANDED AT 052900H HOLDING ALONG LINE (BS 5682) AND (BS 5685).

(4) 3/1 MAR WHICH HELOLANDED AT 041500H IN HEAVY CONTACT AS OF 051800H ALONG A LINE (BS 5685) AND (BS 5885).

(5) 1/7 MOVING OVERLAND INTO POSITION ON LEFT OF 3/1

(6) 1ST ABN BN AND THAUSTH ABNBN IN 09:KING FOXZED 592800).

(7) 37TH RGR IN BLOCKING POSITIONS (BS 587824).

(8) 2/7 AFTER HEAVY FIGHTING AFTERNOON AND EVENING OF 4 MARCH IN A POSITION (BS 553927) WILL BE USED AS RESERVE.

(9) TF DELTA/2D ARVN DIV ADV GP LOCATED AT (BS 650751).

(10) CASUALTIES AS FOLLOWS:

FRIENDLY:

US CASUALTIES: 43 KIA, 109 WIA

ARVN CASUALTIES: 15 KIA, 112 WIA.

VC: 11 KIA (US BC), 151 (ARVN BC), 6 VCC.

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B. REFERENCE MY 031820Z. THE UNNAMED OPERATION IN THE DMZ TERMINATED AT 241900H, NO CONTACT.

C. OPN LAN SON 237 REFERENCE MY 031302Z. OPERATION TERMINATED 051830H WITH THE FOLLOWING RESULTS. FRIENDLY: 3 KIA, 5 WIA. VC: 35 (ARVN BC), 2 VCS, 5 IWPB, 2 C/S WPNS.

2. (U) 11 CTZ: OPERATIONS GARFIELD, HARRISON, QUANG DUC 11, AND WHITE WING CONTINUE WITH NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY REPORTED.

3. (C) III DTZ:

A. OPN COCOA BLACK. REF MY 050522Z. CONTACT BROKEN 051250H. IT IS BELIEVED THAT ENEMY FORCE IS 272D VC REGIMENT. RESULTS (CONF): FRDLY: 13 KIA, 19WIA, 3 MIA. VC: 189 KIA, 4 VCC, 4 C/S WPNS.

2. (U) DISREGARD PARA 3, MESSAGE DTG 050216Z MAR 66. INFORMATION THEREIN IS CLARIFIED BY PARA 2, MESSAGE DTG 050522Z MAR 66.

3. (U) (U) CTZ: NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY REPORTED.

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Subj: Latest Report on USMC Casualties for UTAH

Source: Major KELLY, FMFPAC Command Center

1. III MAF CC reported that as of 060630H, USMC casualties for operation Utah were 70 KIA and 180 WIA.


2. Following aircraft incidents in the operation were reported:

a. 050900H - MAG-16 UH-34 BuNo 145781 Modex #EG-5 went down as the result of ground fire in the vicinity of BS556788. Pilot - CLARK, LtCol. One person received moderate injury. Aircraft repaired and flown out.

b. 051000H - MAG-16 UH-34 BuNo 143089 Modex #EG-16 went down as a result of ground fire in the same vicinity as the one above. Pilot - SPURLOCK, Major. No injuries reported. Aircraft has not been evacuated.

3. No further information available on operation Utah.

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OPERATIONS.

OPPN UTAH. ATTACK CONTINUES IN 2D DAY. USMC UNITS UNDER

DELTA NOW INCLUDE: 2/7TH MAR (-), 3/1ST MAR (-), 2/4TH MAAR (-)

AND 1/7TH MAR (-). ARVN UNITS IN OPERATION ARE: 37TH RANGER BN,,

1ST ABN BNZ, 5TH ABN BN,, 4/4 APC TROOP AND 2D ARVN DIV STRIKE CO.

1/7TH MAR. AT 05144 2H 1/7TH MAR ((-)) (E/2/7 AND K/3/3)

DEPARTED STAGING AREA VIC (BS 593913) AND MOVED OVERLAND TBEEST-

BLISK BLOCKING PSN VIC (BS 5668660) TO (BS 582860) LEFT OF 3/1ST MAR.

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1. THE TWO DOKE 377 S E C - R E T
2. 277TH MAR. HEAVY ENEMY OPPOSITION OF EST 2 VC BNS VIC (BS 558836) ENCOUNTERED BRY 2/7TH MAR AFTERNOON OF 041530H CONTINUED UNTIL VC BROKE CONTACT AT 042300H. VC DRESSED IN KHAKI UNIFORMS WERE WELL DUG IN, WELL EQUIPPED AND EMPLOYED LARGE VOL SA, AUTO GUNS, 81MM AND 60MM MORTARS. DURING THIS ACTION 100 VC KIA (BC) 100 VC KIA POSS (30 BY AIR). BN MAINTAINED PSSNS. CO F, G AND H CONDUCTED SEPARATE SWEEPS 5 MARCH EAST AND BACK TO KEEP PRESSURE

3. VC, 5 VC KIA DURING SWEEPS. CAVEES UNCOVERED VIC (BS 558836) AND 80 VC KIA BODY COUNT. BN FORMED BLOCKING PSSNS EAST FROM (BS 558836) AND HAS ASSUMED POSTURE AS TF DELTA RESERVE.
4. 2/8TH MAR. ATT 050800H 30 7 -34D FROM MAG--16 AND MAG-36 LIFTED 2/4TH MAR (CO G AND HH 2/4 AND B/11/7) INTO LZ VIC (BS 56279D)

5. PREP PROVIDED BY A4 AND F4 ACFT CONTROLLED BY VMO-6 TACAW PRIOR TO LANDING. DURING LANDING 6 UH-34D HIT BY GROUND FIRE AND 1 UH-34D FORCED TO LAND; CREW RESCUED UNINJURED. CO B/1/7TH MAR PROVIDING SECURITY FOR DOWNED ACFT. IN LANDING ZONE 2/4TH MAR SUSTAINED 4 KIA AND 222 WIA. AT 051224H BN MOVED TO LOD (BS 561789)

6. (BS 575789) AND BEGAN ATTACK NORTH. DURING ADVANCE 2 VC KIA AND 12 VC KIA POSS. AT 051430H BN ORDERED TO HOLD VIC (BS 570816). BN SET IN PERIMETER WITH CP LOCATED VIC (BS 576816). AT 051716H UNK

7. BN RECEIVED SPORADIC SMALL ARMS AND PROBES DURING NIGHT. BN COMMENCED ATTACK SSW MORNING 5 MAR TO RELIEF PRESSURE ON 1ST ABTLZT 051030H CO L MADE CONTACT VC (BS 558837). VC WELL PREPARED PSSNS WITH AREA HEAVILY MINED AND BOOBYTRAPPED. AT 051030H CO M MADE CONTACT WITH EST VC CO VIC (BS 558837). CO I LINKED UP WITH CYO M AT 051330H AGAINST VC ARMED WITH 60MM MORTARS, 57MM AND 50 CAL MG. AAT 051330H ALL BBN UNITS HEAVILY ENGAGED

8. WITH FRONT LINE FROM (BS 558837) TO (BS 570837) TO (BS 570840). BN MAINTAINED CONTACT UNTIL 1ST ABN BN PASSED THROUGH LINES AT 051730H. BN KILLED 82 VC CONFIRMED AND ADDITIONAL 90 VC KIA POSS. 9. ARTY UNITS: BTRY K AND M 4/11TH MAR AND BTRY C/1/11TH MAR DISPLACED FORWARD FROM CHU LAI TAOR TO VIC (BS 600913) TO PROVIDE ARTY SUPPORT FOR TF DELTA UNITS.
10. III MAF MARINES MADE 11 CONTACTS WITH VC ELEMENTS IN SMALL UNIT ACTIONS RESULTING IN 4 VOS APPREHENDED. MARINES SUSTAINED 4 WIA AND 1 ARVN WIA. AT 051100H CO L/3/9TH MAR ON S&D

11. APPREHENDED 2 VOS VIC (BT 0833667). CO L/3/33D MAR SQUAD PATROL

12. CAPTURED 2 VOS VIC (AAT 951665) AT 041841H. CO B/1/1ST AND 10/2/50 MAR AIRLIFTED TO CHU LAI AT 051200H. ASSIGNED OPOCON

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1. MARINE AIRCRAFT WING
2. MARINE AIRCRAFT FLEW 223 SORTIES FOR 313 HOURS. 30
3. STRUCTURES AND 5 BUNKER
4. TRENCHLINE DESTROYED; 6

5. ACFT SUPPLIED OPN UTAH WITH 93 MSNS OF
6. NIGHT CAS, LZ PREP AND NIGHT CAS (TPQ-10). HELICOPTERS
7. SORTIES IN SUPPORT OF III MAF, I CORPS AND 2D AIRDIV. AT
8. MAR-73 AND 12H MOKAWYE UH-34D LIFTED 2/4TH MAR(-)
9. 2/7TH MAR YTO UNSECURED LZ VIC (CHRGTYWISQL ENCOUNTERING
10. FIRE WHICH HIT 6 ACFT. FIRE FORCED DOWN 1 HMM-263 UH-34D N

11. LOSS OF ENGINE POWER. CREW EXTRACTED BUT LZ NOT CONSIDERED
12. ENOUGH TO REPAIR ACFT. OTHER ACFT RETURNED SAFELY TO QUAM

13. UH-34D DOWN IN SAME AREA DURING AFTERNOON DUE TO ENGINE
14. PROBLEMS. CO B/17 PROVIDING SECURITY FOR ACFT. TOTAL OF 30 AC

15. BY FIRE DURING REPORTING PERIOD; 2 CREW MEMBERS KIA.

16. DAILY SORTIE RECAP

	A4	F4	FF8	RF-8A	EF-119B	UH-34D	UH-1E	CH-53
1. MAR	85	23	10	8	0	1,049	194	18
2. CORPS	12	14	4	0	0	123	0	0
3. AIR DIV	29	222	10	0	4	14	0	0
4. FLTT	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
5. TOTAL	126	599	24	8	6	1188	194	18

17. CIVIC ACTION. III MAF MEDCAP TEAMS PROVIDED MEDICAL TREAT-
18. MENT TO 2618 PERSONS OF WHOM 1658 WERE TREATED BY 1/3D MAR TEAMS.

19. FOUR SELF-HELP PROJECTS UNDERWAY IN DANANG ENCLAVE INCLUDE
20. CONSTRUCTION OF BOAT DOCK, CULVERT, WELL AND A MOAT WHICH WAS
21. COMPLETED. WWHG-1 CHAPLAIN DONATED 17,700 PIASTERS TO EVANGELICAL
22. PROTESTANT CHURCH FOR SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION. MARINE CPL OF 7TH ENGR
23. ON ORGANIZING DANANG HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL SERIES; HE PREVIOUSLY

24. TAUGHT COURSE IN CONVERSATIONAL ENGLISH TO 200 HIGH SCHOOL
25. STUDENTS.

2. SUMMARY

1. MAJOR UNIT OPERATIONS

(A) NAME OF OPERATION: UTAH (CONTINUING)
(B) UNITS PARTICIPATING: 2/7TH MAR (-) (CO F, G AND H),
2/1ST MAR (-) (CO I, L AND M), 2/4TH MAR (-) (CO G, H
AND B/1/7TH MAR), 1/7TH MAR (-) (CO E/2/7TH MAR AND KK/3/1ST MAR),
JOINT BRG BTRYSS: K/4/11, M/4/11 AND C/1/11.

(C) RESULTS: (CUMULATIVE)

(D) LOSSES: EN LOSSES

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2. FRIENDLY INITIATED SMALL UNIT OPERATIONS

(A) TOTAL ACTIVITY WITHOUT CONTACT: 341

(B) NIGHT CONTACTS:

(C) DAY CONTACTS:

(D) TOTAL CONTACTS:

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BT 899731	042310H	S&D	A/1/3/NONE	UNK/NONE
BT 902709	042325H	S&D	C/2/3/NONE	UNK/1 WIA (POSS)
BT 038642	042150H	S&D	R/2/9/NONE	UNK/NONE
BT 083667	051100H	S&D	L/3/9/NONE	UNK/2 VCS
BT 951655	041841H	S&D	L/3/3/NONE	UNK/2 VCS
DIANG NGAI				
BT 650041	150900H	S&D	A/1/7/NONE	UNK/NONE

1. RECAP OF SKILL UNIT OPERATIONS

TYPE	S&C	OPS	PATROLS	AMBUSHES	POST	SNIPER	TOTAL
TEAM			36	19	52	7	114
AD	99		17	90			206
ATOON	11		13	5			29
COMPANY	1						1
TOTAL	111		66	114	52	7	350

3. PLANS SUMMARY

1. OPN UTAH. 2/4TH MAR HOLDS PRESENT PSN. 2/7TH MAR
APPLIES PRESSURE FROM PRESENT PSN AND MAINTAINS TF DELTA RESERVE.

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3/1ST MAR ATTACK EAST. 1/7TH MAR MAINTAINS BLOCK IN PRESENT PSN.
2. 3D MAR DIV WILL COND 36 PTL, 107 AMB AND 52 S&D
OPNS NEXT 24 HOURS.

3. FIXED WING ACFT SCHED FOR 149 SORTIES IN SUPPORT OF
III MAF, I CORPS AND 2D AIR DIV. HELICOPTERS SCHED FOR 24
MSNS IN SUPPORT OF III MAF AND I CORPS UNITS.

4. MY NEXT SITREP DUE 061800H MARCH 1966.

1. DO NOT SERVICE THIS MSG; FOLLOW UP AIR MAIL DELIVERY
TO ALL ADDEES.

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III. MAY DAILY HISTORICAL SUMMARY 64-66 041800H TO 051800H

INFORM OPERATIONS.

ARVN OPERATIONS.
A. OPN UTAH. ATTACK CONTINUES IN 2D DAY. USMC UNITS UNDER
TF DELTA NOW INCLUDE: 2/7TH MAR (-), 3/1ST MAR (-), 2/4TH MAR (-)
AND 1/7TH MAR (-). ARVN UNITS IN OPERATION ARE: 37TH RANGER BN,
1ST ABN BN, 5TH ABN BN, 4/4 APC TROOP AND 2D ARVN DIV STRIKE CO.
1/7TH MAR. AT 051440H 1/7TH MAR (-) (E/2/7 AND K/3/3)
DEPARTED STAGING AREA VIC (BS 598913) AND MOVED OVERLAND TO

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RELISH BLOCKING PSN VIC (BS 568860) TO (BS 580860) LEFT OF
11 MAR.

2/7TH MAR. HEAVY ENEMY OPPOSITION OF EST 2 VC BNS
(BS 5588) ENCOUNTERED BY 2/7TH MAR AFTERNOON OF 041530H CONTI-
UNIL VC BROKE CONTACT AT 042300H. VC DRESSED IN KHAKI
IFORMS WERE WELL DUG IN, WELL EQUIPPED AND EMPLOYED LARGE VOL
AUTO WPNS, 81MM AND 60MM MORTARS. DURING THIS ACTION 100 VC
(CO) AND 150 KIA POSS (30 BY AIR). BN MAINTAINED PSNS. CO
AND H CONDUCTED SEPARATE SWEEPS 5 MARCH EAST AND BACK TO
PRESSURE ON VC. 3 VC KIA DURING SWEEPS. CAVES UNCOVERED VIC
(BS 55886) HAD 47 VC KIA BODY COUNT. BN FORMED BLOCKING PSNS
FROM (BS 558825) AND HAS ASSUMED POSTURE AS IF DELTA RESERVE.

2. 2/4TH MAR. AT 050800H 30 UH-34D FROM MAG-16 AND MAG-36
LIFTED 2/4TH MAR (CO G AND H 2/4 AND B/1/7) INTO LZ VIC (BS 562791).
12 PREP PROVIDED BY A4 AND F4 ACFT CONTROLLED BY VMO-6 TAC (A)
BEFORE LANDING. DURING LANDING 6 UH-34D HIT BY GROUND FIRE AND
1 UH-34D FORCED TO LAND; CREW RESCUED UNINJURED. CO B/1/7TH MAR
PROVIDING SECURITY FOJNDOWNED ACN. IN LANDING ZONE 2/4TH MAR
SUSTAINED 4 KIA AND 22 WIA. AT 051240H BN MOVED TO LOD (BS 561789)
TO (BS 570739) AND BEGAN ATTUBK NORTH. DURING ADVANCE 2 VC KIA AND

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12 VC KIA POSS. AT 051430H BN ORDERED TO HOLD VIC (BS 570816).
BN SET IN PERIMETER WITH CP LOCATED VIC (BS 576816). AT 051716H
HMK TYPE EXPLOSION EXPLODED AT CP RESULTING IN 1 USMC KIA AND
2 WIA.

4. 3/1ST MAR. BN RECEIVED SPORADIC SMALL ARMS AND PROBES
DURING NIGHT. BN COMMENCED ATTACK SW MORNING 5 MAR TO RELIEVE
PRESSURE ON 1ST ABN BN. AT 051050H CO L MADE CONTACT WITH 30 VC
IN WELL PREPARED PSNS WITH AREA HEAVILY MINED AND 300BY TRAPPED.
AT 051050H CO M MADE CONTACT WITH EST VC CO VIC (BS 555837).
CO L LINKED UP WITH CO M AT 051330H AGAINST VC ARMED WITH 60MM
MORTARS, 57RR AND 50 CAL MG. AT 051330H ALL BN UNITS HEAVILY
ENGAGED WITH FRONT LINE FROM (BS 550837) TO (BS 570837) TO
(BS 570840). BN MAINTAINED CONTACT UNTIL 1ST ABN BN PASSED THRU
HIGH LINES AT 051730H. BN KILLED 82 VC CONFIRMED AND ADDITIONAL
KIA POSS.

BN UNITS: BTRY K AND M 2/11TH MAR AND BTRY C/1/11TH MAR
MOVED FORWARD FROM CHU LAI TACR TO VIC (BS 6009130) TO PROV-
IDE SUPPORT FOR TF DELTA UNITS.
VC ADVANCE VC CAN BE CONFIRMED BY 3-2. KIA 258, KIA 252 POSS
USMC 85 KIA AND 154 WIA

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1. OPERATION UTAH CONTINUES WITH RESUME OF ACTION FROM 051600H TO 261800H. 8 BNS OF TASK FORCE DELTA AND 2D ARVN DIVISION ENGAGED WITH ESTIMATED TWO VC/NVA BNS AND POSSIBLE REGIMENTAL HQS.

2. USMC FORCES TASK FORCE DELTA CMD GRP.

2/7TH MARINES (-) NO CHANGE

3/1ST MARINES (1-3-1) (K-3-1) (L-3-1) (M-3-1)

2/4TH MARINES (-) (G-2-4) (H-2-4) (B-1-7)

TH MARINES (-) (E-1-7) (ARVN RECON CO)

3. CONTACT THROUGH-NIGHT MOSTLY SPORADIC. IN LATE EVENING B-1-7 VC (BS 557789) GUARDING DOWNED HELO STRUCK BY MORTARS AND REPORTED VC BATTALION. ACTION CONTINUED WELL INTO NIGHT. HELO ZONE REINED HOT, UNABLE TO REINFORCE. AGGRESSIVE ACTION BY CO RESULTED IN KCVN OF 42 V KIU (BC) PLUS 60VC KIU (POSS).

4. HEAVIEST RESISTANCE LOCATED IN VILLAGES LOCATED NEJLLY GNG LINE (S 63,13) TO (BS 563837).

4. PLANS FOR TODAY: A. 2/1 WILL MOVE SOUTH TO POSITION MF 71. CONDUCT SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN THAT AREA.

B. 2/7 MOVES EAST AND OCCUPIES PRESENT POSITION OF 2/4 (BS 569814).

C. 3/1 MOVES WEST APPROXIMATELY 500 METERS TO (BS 556856) AND ARVN AIRBORNE BRIGADE MOVES WEST TO (BS 553837) TO PERMIT MAXIMUM AIRSTRIKES IN VILLAGE PARA 4 ABOVE.

D. UPON COMPLETION OF AIR STRIKE ARVN AIRBORNE BGDE WILL MOVE GENERALLY EAST THROUGH AREA WITH BLOCKS BY 1/7 VIC (BS 569814) 2/7 VIC (BS 569814) ARVN 1/5 (BS 594855) AND ARVN 37TH RANGERS (BS 593327).

5. CASUALTIES AS FOLLOWS AS OF 260600H.

VC KIA 272 (US BODY COUNT)

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US CASUALTIES : KIA 77, WIA 160

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FMFPAC WESTPAC SITREP NO THREE HUNDRED FORTY ONE AS OF 052400Z (C)
1. THIS SUMMARIZES ACTION AND EVENTS REPORTED SINCE 042400Z.

(1) III MAF AGAIN CONDUCTED OVER THREE HUNDRED SMALL
UNIT OPERATIONS -- COMPANY OR SMALLER-SIZED PATROLS, AMBUSHES, AND
SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS. THIS TOTAL IS PARTICULARLY IMPRESSIVE

IN CONSIDERATION OF THE FACT THAT FOUR OF III MAF'S 14 INFANTRY
BATTALIONS WERE INVOLVED IN OPERATION UTAH AND A FIFTH BATTALION
(2D BN, 1ST MAR) HAD JUST CONCLUDED THE THREE DAY OPERATION
NEW YORK. IN THE 340 OPERATIONS CONDUCTED, THERE WERE FOURTEEN

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CONTACTS - - THE ONLY SMALL UNIT CONTACTS, IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE, THAT WERE MADE BY ALL US FORCES IN VIETNAM FOR THE TWENTY-FOUR HOUR PERIOD 031000Z - 041000Z. ONE OF THE PATROLS WITHOUT CONTACT WAS PARTICULARLY FRUITFUL, NEVERTHELESS - - A 1ST BN, 3D MAR SQUAD OPERATING IN THE NORTHWESTERN CORNER OF THE DANANG TAOR UNCOVERED A VACATED BUT WELL-SUPPLIED VC BASE CAMP (AMMUNITION, EXPLOSIVES, MEDICINES, UNIFORMS). DETAILS ARE IN PARA. 2.B.

(C) BY 051600H, THE FOUR MARINE BATTALIONS COMMITTED IN OPERATION UTAH WERE CLOSING ON AN ESTIMATED TWO VC/NVA BATTALIONS

WHICH THUS FAR HAVE PROVIDED HEAVY RESISTANCE. THE ENEMY APPEARS TO BE A WELL EQUIPPED, TOUGH FORCE WHICH INTENDS TO FIGHT--AS EVIDENCED BY THE CASUALTIES: AS OF 051800H CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED AS 258 VC KILLED (BODY COUNT) AND AN ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL 252 VC KILLED BY USMC AND ARVN UNITS. FRIENDLY CASUALTIES

REPORTED AS OF 060630H WERE 70 USMC KIA, 180 USMC WIA, 15 ARVN KIA AND 11 ARVN WIA. THE CASUALTY FIGURES ARE FROM INITIAL REPORTS AND ARE SUBJECT TO REVISION.

(A) UTAH IS A COORDINATED USMC-ARVN OPERATION JUST NORTH OF QUANG NGAI CITY IN AN AREA BOUNDED BY COORDINATES (BS 6383), (BS 6378), (CS 5381), AND (CS 5386).

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9 (B) UTAH COMMENCED AT 040900H WHEN TWENTY UH-34 *MEMBERS FOR UTAH - 26* LANDED THE 1ST ARVN AIRBORNE BN IN THE VICINITY OF (CS 534833), SEVEN MILES NORTHWEST OF QUANG NGAI CITY. THE LANDINGS WERE ACCOMPLISHED DESPITE HEAVY 50 CALIBER, AUTOMATIC WEAPONS AND SMALL ARMS FIRE, ALTHOUGH THE LANDING ZONE HAD BEEN PREPARED BY MARINE AH AND F8 AIRCRAFT. A MARINE UH-1E ESCORT HELICOPTER WAS SHOT DOWN DURING THESE LANDING OPERATIONS AND SHORTLY THEREAFTER, AN F4B ON A NAPALM RUN WAS ALSO SHOT DOWN. CREWS OF BOTH AIRCRAFT WERE RECOVERED, AND THE UH-1E WAS RETRIEVED BY A USAF OH-30 HELICOPTER. BOTH OF THESE WERE REPORTED IN THE INITIAL FRAGMENTARY COVERAGE OF UTAH IN SITREP 340. AS MENTIONED ALSO IN THAT SITREP, INITIAL CONTACT WAS HEAVY AND THREE COMPANIES OF 2D BN, 7TH MAR WERE HELILIFTED FROM CHU LAI TO THE AREA. DURING THIS LATTER LIFT, ELEVEN UH-34'S WERE HIT (SEVEN CREW MEMBERS WIA) BUT NONE WAS DESTROYED.

(C) WHEN 2D BN, 7TH MAR ENCOUNTERED STIFFENING RESISTANCE (CS 555875) ON THE AFTERNOON OF 4 MARCH, 3D BN, 1ST MAR WAS HELILIFTED INTO THE BATTLE AREA. AS THE RESISTANCE CONTINUED, ADDITIONAL MARINE AND ARVN UNITS WERE COMMITTED UNTIL, BY 051600H, EIGHT BATTALIONS WERE ENGAGED.

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2D BN, 7TH MAR (3 COS)

3D BN, 1ST MAR (3 COS)

2D BN, 4TH MAR (3 COS)

1ST BN, 7TH MAR (2 COS)

ARTY GRP (3 BATTERYS)

TACTICAL AIR CMDR W/TFD: CO MAG-36

ARVN

1ST ABN BN

5TH ABN BN

1ST BN, 5TH REGT

3D BN, 5TH REGT

4TH ARMORED PERS. TROOP

DIV STRIKE CO, 2D ARVN DIV

(D) BY 051600H, THE FRIENDLY FORCES WERE CLOSING ON THE ENEMY WHICH WAS CONCENTRATED IN AN AREA BOUNDED BY (BS 5685), (BS 5682), (BS 5882), AND (BS 5885). THE 1ST ARVN ABN BATTALION WAS ATTACKING FROM THE WEST ALONG A LINE FROM (BS 5682) TO (BS 5885). THE 2D BN 4TH MAR WAS HOLDING ALONG THE SAME LINE. 3D BN

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1ST MAR WAS IN HEAVY CONTACT ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE ENEMY POSITION, ALONG A LINE FROM (BS 5685) TO (BS 5885). 1ST BN 7TH MAR WAS MOVING INTO POSITION ON THE LEFT OF 3D BN 1ST MAR AND THE 1ST BN 5TH ARVN REGT WAS IN BLOCKING POSITIONS (BS 587824) TO THE SOUTHEAST. 2D BN 7TH MAR WAS IN RESERVE (BS 55827). TFD AND THE 2D ARVN DIV ADVANCE CP WERE CO-LOCATED (BS 660754).

(E) TWO COMPANIES (B/1/1 AND E/2/3) WERE AIRLIFTED FROM DANANG TO CHU LAI AT 051000H.

(F) FIXED WING AND HELICOPTER SUPPORT FOR UTAH WAS CONTINUOUS. ON 4 MARCH ALONE, HELICOPTERS FLEW OVER 1100 SORTIES, LIFTING SOME 1200 USMC AND ARVN TROOPS. TWO OF THE APPROXIMATELY 30 MARINE HELICOPTERS SUPPORTING THE OPERATION ON 5 MARCH WERE SHOT DOWN (BS 5584) AND (BS 5680), RAISING TO FOUR THE NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT DOWNED BY ENEMY FIRE DURING THE FIRST 36 HOURS OF THE OPERATION. THERE WAS NO REPORT OF CASUALTIES, AND ALTHOUGH NEITHER AIRCRAFT HAD BEEN RETRIEVED BY 051600H, BOTH HAD BEEN PROVIDED SECURITY, PENDING RECOVERY. SIX US ARMY UH-1BS AND TWO USAF OH-30 ARE IN SUPPORT OF UTAH.

(G) THIRTY VC WEAPONS WERE REPORTED AS HAVING BEEN SEIZED, INCLUDING ONE 12.7MM MACHINE GUN. AN INITIAL ARVN BT

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Source: LtCol HAGGERTY, FMFPAC CC

1. LtCol HAGGERTY advised that the plans for moving from the operating area to Chu Lai were as follows:

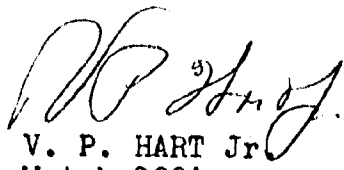
2/7 sweeps east in zone to Hwy #1.
071500H to Chu Lai

2/4 sweeps east to Hwy #1
071600H to Chu Lai

3/1 S&D in area, helo to Chu Lai
071300H

1/7 sweeps SW to BS 557837, then helo to Chu Lai
071600H

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1. I CTZ: OPN UTAH/LIEN KET 26: MY 060253Z ERRONEOUSLY STATED NO CONTACT SINCE 051730H. B/1/7 WAS IN CONTACT WELL INTO THE NIGHT WITH AN EST VC BN VIC BS 557789. THEY INFLICTED AT LEAST 42 KIA ON THE VC FORCE. CONTACT HAS CONTINUED THROUGHOUT THE DAY IN THE NORTHERN PORTION OF THE AREA. CURRENT LOCATIONS: USMC: 2/7 BS 569814- BLOCKING, 3/1 BS 556356- BLOCKING, 2/7 BS 578361- BLOCKING, 2/4 BS 557789- CONDUCTING S/D OPNS; ARVN: 1/5-BS 594855- BLOCKING, 3/5- BS 602918- BLOCKING 37TH RGRS & 1/4 APC-BS 590827- BLOCKING, 1ST & 4TH ABN BNS- BS 553833. THE AREA OF MAXIMUM RESISTANCE LOCATED IN VILLAGES FROM BS 563843 TO BS 563837. THIS AREA IS CURRENTLY BEING STRUCK BY TAC AIR WITH THE INTENTION OF THE ABN TF SWEEPING EAST THROUGH THE AREA AFTER THE AIR PREP WITH THE BLOCKING FORCES MAINTAINING THEIR POSITIONS. THERE HAS BEEN NO INDICATION OF THE VC FORCE ATTEMPTING TO EXTRACT FROM THE AREA. CURRENT RSLTS: USMC: 77 KIA, 180. 28-; ARVN: 30 KIA, 120 VIA; VC: 495 KIA (USMC) (270 BY USMC, 225 BY ARVN), 7 VCC, 2 VCS, 42 IWPNS, 7 C/S WPNS.

2. II CTZ: NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY SINCE MY 060252Z.

3. III CTZ: OPN COCOA BEACH CONTINUES WITH NO SIGNIFICANT CONTACT SINCE MY 060253Z. 2/2 BN MADE HCPTA MVMT WITHOUT CONTACT.

4. IV CTZ:

A. NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY SINCE MY 060253Z.

B. OPN DAN CHI 206, A 4 BN OPN CONTROLLED BY 21ST ARVN DIVISION IN CHUONG THIEN PROVINCE WR 5464, APPROXIMATELY 17 KM SOUTH OF VI THANH, WILL BEGIN 070800H MAR 66 TO LOCATE AND DESTROY A N ESTIMATED 2 VC BATTALIONS. FRIENDLY FORCES: 4/31 INF, 42D AND 44TH RANGER BNS, 2/2 AND 4/2 TROOPS; RESERVE: 2/31 INF AND 3/31 INF. CONCEPT: TWO TROOPS CONDUCT GROUND ASSAULT; ONE RANGER BN AIRLANDED. REPLANNED SUPPORT INCLUDES 2 TAC AIR SORTIES AND 3 ARMED UH1B PLATOONS. DURATION OF THE OPERATION ESTIMATED 1 TO 4 DAYS, DEPENDING ON DEGREE OF CONTACT ENCOUNTERED.

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III MAF DAILY HISTORICAL SUMMARY 65-66 051800H TO 061820H MARCH 1966.

I. OPERATIONS

A. OPN UTAH. TF DELTA WITH 4 USMC BNS CONTINUE OPNS IN ZONES
OF ACTION. 171ST MAR AT PHU BAI PLACED ON 3 HR ALERT STATUS TO
ENTER OPN.

1. 17TH MAR MAINTAINED BLOCKING PSNS WITH VC.
CONTACT ESTABLISHED. BV CP LOCATED (BS 578861).

2. 27TH MAR. BV CONDUCTED NIGHT PATROL AND AMBUSH
ACTIVITIES FROM NIGHT BLOCKING PSNS VIC (BS 558825). DURING

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MORNING 6 MAR BN ATTACKED EAST TO OCCUPY PSNS HELD BY 2/4TH MAR. AT 061032H PLAT FROM 4/2/7TH MAR CAPTURED 2 VCS VIC (BS 560823). ANOTHER VCS BELIEVED TO BE VC TAX COLLECTOR CAPTURED VIC (BS 572822). BN CLOSED ON 2/4TH MAR PSNS AT 061215H AND ESTABLISHED PERIMETER AROUND CP VIC (BS 579818) FROM WHICH UNITS CONDUCTED PATROL ACTIVITIES. AT 061332H PLAT PATROL FROM CO H DISCOVERED CAVE CONTAINING VC PACKS AND MED SUPPLIES VIC (BS 571821) AND CAPTURED 1 VC IN SAME AREA.

3. 2/4TH MAR. CO B/1/7TH MAR CONTINUED TO PROVIDE SECURITY FROM DOWN UH-34D VIC (BS 557739). AT 062320H CO B CAME UNDER MORTAR AND SA ATTACK WHICH LASTED UNTIL 062430H. AGGRESSIVE ACTION RESULTED IN 42 VC KIA AND 62 KIA POSS. UH-34D RECOVERED BY USA CH-47 AT 061122H. COS H AND G CONDUCTED NIGHT PATROLS FROM PERIMETER LOCATED VIC (BS 576818) WITHOUT CONTACT. AT 061015H BN ADVANCED SW TO RELIEVE PRESSURE ON CO B. DURING ADVANCE CO H KILLED 2 VC AND DESTROYED 3 M-79 BOOBY TRAPS. BN JOINED CO B AT 061620H AND DUG IN TO CONDUCT NIGHT PATROLS AND AVBUSHES.

4. 3/1ST MAR. AT 261115H CO K/3/1ST MAR CLOSED 71ST MAR CP AND CHANGED OPCON FROM.

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1/7TH MAR TO 3/1ST MAR. BN CONDUCTED PATROL OPNS DURING NIGHT. DURING MORNING 6 MARCH BN MOVED WEST TO HILL VIC (BS 558836) WHILE AIR AND ARTY CONDUCT PREP OF VILLAGE COMPLEX VIC (BS 562840). AT 1345H BN CONDUCTED S&D SE THROUGH VILLAGE WITHOUT MAKING CONTACT. ONE 82MM AND ONE 62MM MORTAR BASE PLATE FOUND IN VILLAGE, BOTH DAMAGED. BN COMPLETED SEARCH OF VILLAGE AT 0355H AND CONTINUED S&D SE TO VIC (BS 558839). LARGE CAVE COMPLEX LOCATED VIC (BS 558838). CAVES CONTAINED BUNKER 35 BY 15 FT AND SHAFT OF 40 FT WITH SIDE SHAFTS OF 30 FT. PRELIMINARY REPORTS INDICATE CAVE CONTAINED CHICOM MG, CHICOM SVG, ONE 81MM MORTAR (DAMAGED), ONE 62MM MORTAR BASE, 40 CHICOM GRENADES AND NUMEROUS DOCUMENTS. SEARCH OF CAVE INCOMPLETE. CAVE WILL BE DESTROYED BY 7TH MAR FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF SEARCH. CO M REMAINED VIC CAVE. CO I AND K RETURNED TO VIC (BS 5783).

5. CUMULATIVE VC LOSSES: 293 KIA (20), 325 VC KIA (POSS), 1 VCC, 7 VCS AND 19 WPNS CAPTURED (WPNS COUNT INCOMPLETE). USMC SUSTAINED 83 KIA AND 224 WIA.

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1. 30 MARINES

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(A) 3/20 MAR. AT 052345H H&S CO SQD PATROL DISCOVERED
BOOBY TRAPPED M-26 GRENADE VIC (AT 926670). PATROL MARKED SPOT,
CONTINUED MISSION AND DESTROYED GRENADE IN PLACE IN MORNING.
2. 9TH MARINES
(A) 3/29H MAR. AT 051852H CO L PLAT PATROL VIC
(BT 291651) RECD 5 RDS SA FIRE FROM (BT 093651). PLAT DIRECTED
RDS 40MM AND 50 RDS SA FIRE AT VC RETREATING SOUTH. PATROL
SEARCHED AREA WITH NEG RESULTS. AT 052245H, CO 1 OP (BT 298659)
RCD 2 RDS SA FIRE FROM (BT 295661). RETD 3 RDS M-79 AND 15 RDS
SA FIRE. SEARCH OF AREA PRODUCED NEG RESULTS. BETWEEN 260700H
AND 061600H CO 1 AND L CONDUCTED 1 DAY S&D OPNS EAST OF VINH DIEN
RIVER TO GRIDLINE BT28 BETWEEN GRIDLINES 61 AND 64. AT 060920H CO
L BLOCKING POSITION SPOTTED 1 VC CRAWLING AND KILLED HIM. IN
SWEEP VIC (BT 268628) CO L RECD 4 WIA AT 262822H WHEN VC THREW
2 GREN. MARINES KILLED VC WITH SA. CO L DESTROYED 21 BUNKERS,
5 TUNNELS, 3 MAN TRAPS AND 3 PUNJI PITS VIC (BT 2760) AND (BT 0761)
AT 262802H. AT 061502H CO 1 DESTROYED 6020 METERS TRENCH LINE VIC
(BT 2663) AND (BT 0662) AND APPREHENDED 24 VCS IN AREA. RESULTS:
3 VC KIA, 1 VCO, 24 VCS AND 1 USMC WIA.
(B) 3/30 MAR CO L PLAT S&D OPN APPREHENDED 1 VCS VIC (AT 935629) AT
261202H; PLAT CAPTURED 1 VCS VIC (AT 952655) AT 061300H. AT

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061645 CO L PLAT S&D OPN FIRED ON 3 VC WASHING PONCHOS AND
EQUIPMENT VIC (AT 956734). 3 VC KIA.
3. 3D RECON BN. AT 261430 VIC (AT 132623) CO C PLAT PATROL
SURPRISED 3 VC MOVING UP STREAM TOWARDS THEM. PATROL FIRED ON VC
WOUNDING 2, FOLLOWED THE BLOOD TRAIL WITH NO FURTHER CONTACT. AT
261520H VIC (AT 826621) 3 OR 6 VC ATTACKED CO C PLATOON PATROL
BASE. EIGHT MARINES LOCATED IN PATROL BASE RECD FIRE AND WOUNDED 2
VC. ONE USMC KIA AND ONE WIA SUSTAINED.
4. 3D ENGR BN. 36 ENGRS CONDUCTED 18 SWEEPS IN SUPT OF
FOUR INFANTRY BNS.
5. 12TH MARINES
MISSIONS FIRED: 281
OBSERVED: 4
UNOBSERVED: 277
H&I: 275
AMMO EXPENDED:
120MM: 294 HE
81MM: 62 HE
60MM: 12 HE, 6 WP
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ACTIVITIES FROM NIGHT BLOCKING PSNS VIC (BS 558825). DURING MORNING 6 MAR BN ATTACKED EAST TO OCCUPY PENS HELD BY 2/4TH MAR. AT 061030H PLAT FRM H/2/7TH MAR CAPURED 2 VCS VIC (BS 560823). ANOTHER VCS BELIEVED TO BE VC TAX COLLECTOR CAPTURED (BS 570822). BN CLOSED ON 2/4TH MAR PSNS AT 061215H AND ESTABLISHED PERIMETER AROUND CPN VIC (BS 579810) NFGOMHWMPCH UNITS CONDUCTED PATROL ACTIVITIES. AT 06133H PLAT PATROL FROM CO H DISCOVERED CAVE CONTAINING VC PACKS AND MEDSUPPLIES VIC (BS 9571821) AND CAPTURED VC IN SAME AREA.

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4. 7/1ST MAR. AT 061115H CO K/3/1ST MAR CLOSED

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3/1ST MAR CP AND CHANGE OPCON FROM

1/7TH MAR TO 3/1ST MAR. BN CONDUCTED PATROL OPNS DURING NIGHT.

DURING MORNING 6 ARCH BN MOVED WEST TO HILL IC (BS 558836)

1010E AIR AND ERTY CONDUCT PREP OF VILLAGE COMPLEX VIC BS 562840).

5. 1ERTMHBN CONDUCTED S&D SE THROUGH VILLAGE WITHOUT MAKING

CONTACT. ONE 82MM AND ONE 62MM MORTAR BASE PLATE FOUND IN

VILLAGE, BOTH DAMAGED. BN COMPLETED SEARCH OF VILLAGE AT

1535HND CONTINUED S&D SE TO VIC (BS 558839). LARGE CAVE

COMPLEX LOCATED VIC (BS 558838). CAVES CONTAINED BUNKER 35

BY 15FT AND SHAFT OF 40FT WITH SIDE SHAFTS F 30 ET. PRELIMINARY

REPORTS INDICATE CAVE CONTAINED CHICOM TG, CHICOM SMG, ONE

81MM MORTAR (DAMAGED), ONE 60MM MORTAR BASE PLATE, 40 CHICOM

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B. 111 MWF MARINES HAD JW CONTACTS WITH VC ELEMENTS IN

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1. THIS SUMMARIZES ACTION AND EVENTS REPORTED SINCE 252400Z
2. III MAF

A. HIGHLIGHTS

QLXTHIS IS A RECAP OF AVAILABLE INFORMATION ON OPERATION
UTAH, A COORDINATED USMC - ARVN OPERATION JUST NORTH OF
QUANG NGAI IN AN AREA BOUNDED BY COORDINATES (3S 6383),
(3S 6378), (3S 5381), AND (3S 5386).

(A) UTAH COMMENCED AT 040900H WHEN TWENTY UN-34

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COPTERS FROM HAG-36 LANDED THE 1ST ARVN AIRBORNE IN THE VICINITY OF (BS 534833), SEVEN MILES NORTHWEST OF QUANG NAM CITY. THE LANDINGS WERE ACCOMPLISHED DESPITE HEAVY 50 CALIBER, AUTOMATIC WEAPONS AND SMALL ARMS FIRE, ALTHOUGH THE LANDING ZONE HAD BEEN PREPARED BY MARINE A4 AND F8 AIRCRAFT. A MARINE UH-1E ESCORT HELICOPTER WAS SHOT DOWN DURING THESE LANDING OPERATIONS AND SHORTLY THEREAFTER, AN F4B ON A NAPALM RUN WAS ALSO SHOT DOWN. CREWS OF BOTH AIRCRAFT WERE RECOVERED, AND THE UH-1E WAS RYHE COMPANY HELD ITS POSITION THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT, WITH ENEMY DEAD ESTIMATED AT ONE HUNDRED.

(F) BY THE MORNING OF 6 MARCH MARINE AND ARVN FORCES WERE CLOSING ON THE CORE OF ENEMY RESISTANCE, LOCATED GENERALLY IN THE VICINITY OF BINH DONG (BS 563830).

(G) FIXED WING AND HELICOPTER SUPPORT FOR UTAH HAS BEEN CONTINUOUS. THROUGH 5 MARCH, FIXED WING STRIKE AIRCRAFT HAD FLOWN 191 CLOSE AIR SUPPORT, LANDING ZONE PREPARATION, AND TPQ-12 SORTIES. HELICOPTERS HAD FLOWN 2348 SORTIES, AND HAD LIFTED FOUR OF THE EIGHT INFANTRY BATTALIONS INTO THE BATTLE AREA, USUALLY AGAINST WAVY AND ACCURATE VC FIRE.

(H) THE KHAKI-UNIFORMED ENEMY, PROBABLY FROM THE 36TH REGT, IS TOUGH, WELL EQUIPPED (SMALL ARMS, AUTO WEAPONS, RECOILLESS RIFLES) AND WELL DUG IN -- 46 VC BODIES WERE FOUND IN ONE CAVE. HE HAS SHOWED NO INCLINATION TO FLEE OR BREAK OFF THE ACTION. THE TERRAIN IS THOROUGHLY MINED AND BOOBY-TRAPPED.

UNEXPECTEDLY, CASUALTIES HAVE BEEN HIGH: AS OF 062600H, 270 HAD BEEN KILLED (US BODY COUNT), WITH AN ESTIMATED 312 MORE POSSIBLY KILLED, BUT AS YET UNCONFIRMED. US CASUALTIES: 77 KIA, 120 MIA. ARVN FORCES REPORT VC CASUALTIES AS OF 051300H AS 151

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VC KIA, WITH ANOTHER 200 POSSIBLE. (THESE FIGURES ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE US FIGURES MENTIONED ABOVE). ARVN CASUALTIES, AS OF 051600H, ARE 15 KIA AND 112 MIA.

(2) OF THE 448 SMALL UNIT ACTIONS CONDUCTED BY ALL US GROUND FORCES DURING THE TWENTY-FOUR HOUR PERIOD FROM 041001Z TO 051002Z, 347 WERE BY III MAF. OF THE SEVEN CONTACTS MADE, SIX WERE BY III MAF. OF FIVE LARGE UNIT ACTIONS (BATTALION OR LARGER), III MAF WAS INVOLVED IN PERHAPS THE LARGEST -- OPERATION UTAH, DESCRIBED ABOVE.

(3) ON 4 MARCH AND AGAIN ON 5 MARCH, FIXED WING PILOTS FROM THE 1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING LED IN THE NUMBER OF COMBAT SORTIES FLOWN IN VIETNAM. OF 963 TOTAL SORTIES, MARINE PILOTS FLEW 383; THE AIR FORCE FLEW 364, AND THE NAVY, 216.

(4) MAJOR GENERAL LEWIS W. WALT, RETURNING TO III MAF FROM CONUS, ARRIVED IN HONOLULU AT 061735W. GENERAL WALT IS SCHEDULED TO DEPART FOR VIETNAM ON 8 MARCH.

(5) USS LEONARD F. MASON (DD-852) HAS PASSED TO CONUSMAOV I CORPS ASSESSMENT OF THE NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT PROVIDED BY ON DURING THE FIRST ARVN DIVISION OPERATION LAM SON 235 IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE 25 - 28 FEBRUARY. THAT ASSESSMENT READS, IN

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0800Z MAR 67. BN MAINTAINED BLOCKING PSNS THROUGHOUT
~~THE ENTIRE PERIOD.~~
 (SS 556836) AND (SS 557841). HELO REACTION TO CHU LAI

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BEGAN AT 071445H AND AT 071615H.
2. 2/7TH MAR. BN CONDUCTED NIGHT AMBUSH AND PATROLS.
DURING S&D TOWARD HIGHWAY 1 CO H CAPTURED 2 VC VIC (BS
559819) AT 070729. CO G APPREHENDED 8 VCS PRIOR TO
072830H. ALL UNITS REACHED HIGHWAY BY 271555H AND DEPARTED
FOR CHU LAI AT 1555H.
3. 2/4TH MAR. CONDUCTED NIGHT PATROLS AND AMBUSHES
FROM DDUG IN PSN VI: (BS 557789). AT 262106H AMBUSH FROM CO H
TOOK 10 VC UNDER FIRE RESULT IN 4 VIC KIA. ONE USMC WIA
(NON EVAC). BN ADVANCED SE MORNING 7 MAR. DURING ADVANCE
2 VC BODIES FOUND VI: (BS 562789) AT 070840H. AT 270910H
BN ELEMENTS OBSERVED 2 VC RUNNING VIC (BS 572786). VC TAKEN
UNDERFIRE RESULTING IN 2 VC KIA (POSS). AT 271525H BN
ARRIVED VIC (BS 590113) AND DEPARTED FOR CHU LAI BY TRUCK AT
271705H.
4. 3/1ST MAR. CO I AND K RETRACTED BY HELO TO CHU
LAI COMPLETING LIFT BY 071430H. CO L RETURNED CHU LAI WITH
1/7TH MAR. CO M REMAINED AND CONDUCTED S&D OF CAVE COMPLEX
(BS 555838). POSSIBLE FIELD KITCHEN FOUND CONTAINING 90
COOKING POTS. CO RAND BN CP RETRACTED BY HELO AT CHU

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LAI BY 271900H.

5. CUM VC LOSSES: 308 KIA (BC), 332 POSS KIA, 8
VCC, 34 VCS AND 22 WPVS CAPTURED (COUNT INCOMPLETE). USMC
SUSTAINED 83 KIA AND 205W
AKS. III MAF MARINES HAD NO CONTACTS WITH VC ELEMENTS IN FMALL
UNIT ACTIONS RESULTING IN 9 VC KIUGN EGR (WIA), AND 19 VCS (1 WIA).
MARINES SUSTAINED 5 WIA (1 POW). AT 271240H CO D/1/3D MAR
PLAT PATROL HAD KEEETING ENGAGEMENT WITH 199, 8 VC VIC (AT 877834).
PATROLL FIRED ON VC KILLING 1 AND WOUNDED

VC; COULD NOT REEAIN CONTACT. RESULTS: 1 VC KIA; 3 VCC (WIA);
1 SPRINGFIELD RIFLE, 1 CHICOM CARBINE, 1 UED CARBINE, 1 MAS 36,
3 SHAPED CHARGES, 15 CHICOM GRENADES, 3 K-26
GRENADES, 18 FULL PACKS, 7 CANTEENS AND CARTIDGE BELTS CAPTURED.
AT 271322H CO K/3/9TH MAR PLATPATROL PURSUED 2 VC FROM BUILDING
VIC (BT 255117) KILLING THEM WITH SA AND GRENADES BY UOQIZKCPYQIPPH
CO L/3/3D MAR APPREHENDED 12 VCS VIC (BT 952647).

C. FIRST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING

FIXED WING ACFT FLEW 203 SORTIES FOR 294 HOURS. 171
CTURES, 1 BRIDGE, 1 GUN EMPLACEMENT, 3 TRENCH LINES AND 1 RADIO
STATION DESTROYED; 33 STRUCTURES, 1 BRIDGE AND 1 VENTILATION

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1. In initiating Operation UTAH, III MAF acted on the following intelligence:

(1) On 21 February a Quang Ngai district agent reported one (1) regiment located at BS 5387, about 4 miles south of Chu Lai, with the mission of attacking Marines at Chu Lai.

(2) On 19 February a Quang Ngai district agent reported two (2) enemy battalions were located at BS 5373, 20 miles south of Chu Lai. These units were reported to be drafting laborers and to have a mission of attacking the Quang Ngai Airfield and the city.

(3) On 16 February a Quang Ngai district agent reported that one (1) NVA battalion was located at BS 5785, 13 miles south of Chu Lai. This battalion was preparing to attack the Son Tinh District Headquarters, also to mortar Quang Ngai city and mine the Tra Khuc bridge. This mission was to be executed during the last part of February.

(4) The Quang Ngai Liaison Officer (USMC), relayed a report to the 7th Marines that the 36th NVA Regiment is now located on the Batangan Peninsula at BS 7885. Other units with the 36th Regiment were reported to be the 101st Regiment at BS 6981, and the 42nd Battalion at BS 5479. These units were reported to be positioning themselves for a possible attack on the Son Tinh District Headquarters, 18 miles southeast of Chu Lai. (III MAF considered all units indicated above as being very doubtful, except the 36th NVA Regiment.)

(5) On 17 February the 51st ARVN Regiment reported that at 2045H a number of VC entered a friendly mine field approximately 6 miles north of Quang Ngai at BS 6381 (17 miles southeast of Chu Lai. Two (2) VC bodies were found and two (2) carbines were later found. On the bodies were ID Cards indicating the VC were members of the 6th NVA Regiment. The 6th NVA Regiment is also known as the 36th Regiment.

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(6) The most important report upon which III MAF based its action during Operation UTAH was obtained from VC captured by ARVN forces during Operation QUYET THANG 42 on 3 March. These VC stated that they were members of the Demolition Company of the 6th NVA Regiment. They stated that the 6th NVA Regiment (also known as the 36th Regiment) was located at BS 5594, approximately 8 miles south of Chu Lai. Also, ARVN forces engaged in QUYET THANG 42 reported receiving heavy machine gun fire, and that two (2) enemy battalions were in the area.

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