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1. COMUSMACV Msg 172255Z Sep 66, OPERATION GOLDEN FLEECE 7-1 Commenced
170001H Sep 66
2. PAGE 7, (No Msg # Listed) FMFPAC SITREP # 537 DTG 180224Z Sep 66
period 17 Sep 66
3. PAGE 3, (No Msg #, Listed) OPERATION GOLDEN FLEECE 7-1 period
18 Sep 66
4. PAGE 4, (DTG 190021Z Sep 66, OPERATION GOLDEN FLEECE FMFPAC SITREP # 538
5. MACVCC Msg 190423Z Sep 66, (CORRECTION TO MACVCC Msg 182255Z Sep 66
regarding FINAL RESULTS)
6. MACVCC Msg 200450Z Sep 66, OPERATION GOLDEN FLEECE 7-1
7. PAGE 6, (No Msg # DTG 200338Z Sep 66, OPERATION GOLDEN FLEECE 7-1
8. MACVCC Msg 210435Z Sep 66, OPERATION GOLDEN FLEECE 7-1
9. (No Msg # Listed) OPERATION GOLDEN FLEECE 7-1, CG FMFPAC
210308Z Sep 66
10. PAGE 4, DTG 220319Z Sep 66, FMFPAC SITREP # 541, period 220319Z Sep 66
11. MACVCC Msg 220448Z Sep 66, OPERATION GOLDEN FLEECE 7-1
12. CG FMFPAC Msg 230319Z Sep 66, OPERATION GOLDEN FLEECE 7-1
13. MACVCC Msg 231052Z Sep 66, OPERATION GOLDEN FLEECE 7-1
14. PAGE 4, (No Msg or DTG Listed) OPERATION GOLDEN FLEECE 7-1
15. CG FMFPAC Msg 230319Z Sep 66, FMFPAC SITREP # 542, period 21 Sep 66
16. PAGE 6, (No Msg or DTG Listed) OPERATION GOLDEN FLEECE 7-1
17. MACVCC Msg 240447Z Sep 66, OPERATION GOLDEN FLEECE 7-1
18. CG FMFPAC Msg 240317Z Sep 66, FMFPAC SITREP # 543, period 22 Sep 66
19. PAGE 3, (No Msg or DTG Listed) OPERATION GOLDEN FLEECE III MAF SITREP
period 24011Z Sep 66
20. PAGE 4, (No Msg or DTG Listed) OPERATION GOLDEN FLEECE 7-1 HIST SUM # 265
21. PAGE 6, (No Msg DTG 250317Z Sep 66, OPERATION GOLDEN FLEECE 7-1
22. MACVCC Msg 251300Z Sep 66, OPERATION GOLDEN FLEECE 7-1 period
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| 23. PAGE 3, | Msg # (Not Listed) | OPERATION GOLDEN FLEECE 7-1 (No Sitrep or period listed) |
| 24. PAGE 6, | Msg # (Not Listed) | III MAF HISSUM # 267, OPERATION GOLDEN FLEECE (No Period listed) |
| 25. PAGE 4, | (No Msg # Listed) | FMFPAC SITREP # 545, OPERATION GOLDEN FLEECE 7-1 (Period not listed) |
| 26. ZFF-1 | Msg 270312Z Sep 66 | FMFPAC WESTPAC SITREP # 546, period 25 Sep 66
OPERATION GOLDEN FLEECE 7-1 |
| 27. CG, III MAF | Msg 270111Z Sep 66, | OPERATION GOLDEN FLEECE 7-1, period or sitrep not listed |
| 28. ZFF-1 | Msg 280326Z Sep 66, | FMFPAC WESTPAC SITREP # 547, period of 26 Sep 66 |
| 29. PAGE 3, | (NO MSG # or DTG Listed) | OPERAT ON GOLDEN FLEECE 7-1 OPERATION TERMINATED at 271800H Sep 66 |
| 30. (3) Three Photos showing casualties | "OPERATION GOLDEN FLEECE 7-1, period 17-27Sep 1966" | |

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1. (C) I CTZ

A. OPN PRAIRIE NTNT W/O SIGNIFICANT CONTACT DURING THE NIGHT. PREVIOUS CONTACT BROKEN BY VC 172000H. CO B AND D OF 1/4 BN NIGHT DEF PSN SURROUNDED BY EST VC REINF BN. 2/7 REINF 1/4 PSN VIC XD9756 AND 3/4 REINF 3/12 ARTY PSN VIC YD0654. RESULTS 161145H TO 172400H: FRD: 18 KIA, 39 WIA; VC: 30 KIA.

B. OPN GOLDEN FLEECE 7-1 (LIEN KET 60) AN S/D OPN

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IN RICE HARVEST AREA CONTROL

D Y2 1/7 (USMC) COMM 170001H. AO

IS 588054 ALONG SONG VE RIVER TO BS4570 - BS8835 - BS6035.

UNITS: USMC: 1/7; ARVN: 2/4, 2/5 INF BN, 1/4 APC. J-2 REPORTS 40TH BN 1ST REGT (400), 38TH BN (400) AND 48TH BN (400) IN AO.

C. ALL OTHER OPNS CONT W/O SIGNIFICANT CONTACT.

2. (C) II CTZ:

A. OPN SEWARD: REF MY 170445Z, PARA 1A; SHOULD READ: ELMS B 2/327 ATK BY EST VC MF BN OR BN(-) VIC CQ0472 AT 170200H. VC BROKE CONTAC 170300H. RESULTS; FRD; 10 KIA, 12 WIA, 2 MIA; VC: UNK.

B. ALL OTHER OPN CONT W/O SIGNIFICANT CONTACT REPORTED SINCE MY 171010Z.

3. (U) III CTZ. ALL OPNS CONT W/O SIGNIFICANT CONTACT.

4. (C) IV CTZ. OPN DAN CHI 261, PHASE III CONT W/LT CONTACT REPORTED. RESULTS OF ACTION ON 17 SEP: FRD: NEG; VC: 7 KIA (USMC), 3 VCC.

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Golden
Fleece
PR #537

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(A) NO SIGNIFICANT CONTACTS WERE REPORTED. THE
OPERATION TERMINATED AT 170001H.
JKSEE SUB PARA (5).

((?) CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES

USMC	ENEMY
4 KIA	83 KIA
28 WIA	21 SUSPECTS

(5) OPN GOLDEN FLEECE

(A) FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF OPN FRESNO, 1ST BN,
7TH MARINES AND ARVN FORCES RELOCATED TO THE MO DUC AREA,
JEP MILES SOUTH OF CHU LAI, TO PROTECT RICE HARVESTING IN THAT AREA. JM

(B) AREA OF OPERATIONS BOUNDED ON THE EAST BY A LINE
(BS 785610-820534), ON THE SOUTH BY A LINE (BS820435-790415)
ON THE WEST BY ROUTE ONE FROM (BS 790415) TO GRID 61. ARVN TO
OPERATE SEAWARD OF THE USMC AREA. THE OPERATION IS PLANNED FOR
70 DAYS DURATION.

(6) DECKHOUSE IV (171300H)

(A) AT 170340H, CO A1 1ST BN, 26TH MARINE WAS
ATTACKED SIX MILES NORTHWEST (SD 173653) OF DONG HA BY AN ESTIMATED
ENEMY COMPANY (60-80) THE ATTACK WAS PRECEDED BY 30 RDS OF 82MM
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PAGE THREE RUMMNF 958 C O N F I D E N T I A L
964605), 15 VC KIA (PROB). ADDITIONAL FRIENDLY CAS FROM
B/1/4 AND D/1/4 ACTION: 2 USMC KIA, 4 USMC WIA (MED EVAC).
III MAF STANDS READY TO RECONSTITUTE SLF UPON ORDER.
CAS FOR PD 180001H TO 182400H WERE: USMC: 3 KIA, 4 WIA
ENEMY: 15 KIA (PROB).
(3) OP POLESTAR. 2D BDE ROKMC CONT CLEARING OP
IN QUANG NGAI PROV WITH LIGHT CONTACT. 2ND BN NOW ABOARD
SHIP AND ON WAY TO CHU LAI, DUE TO ARRIVE ABOUT 190600H.
CAS FOR PD 180001H TO 182400H WERE ROKMC: NONE; ENEMY: NONE.
(4) OP GOLDEN FLEECE 7-1. 1/7TH MAR CONT RICE
PROTECTION AND S&D OP IN QUANG NGAI PROV, MO DUC AREA WITH
LIGHT CONTACT. DURING PD 17,000 WORKERS HARVESTED 2,700
TONS OF RICE. AT 180750H CO C POS VIC (BS 728486) OBSR 2
VC VIC (BS 713493), CALLED ARTY MSN, 1 VC KIA (CONF), 1 VC
KIA (PROB). AT 181000H CO C SQD CBT PTL RECD 200 RDS SA
FROM 3 POS VIC (BS 708554, 706555, AND 710550), RTND 300
RDS SA, 5 RDS M-79, 5 RDS 60MM AND CALLED IN ARTY MSN, 1
VC KIA (PROB). AT 181025H CO H POS VIC (BS 756495) APPREHENDED
1 VCS. AT 181215H CO B SQD CBT PTL VIC (BS 705548) RECD 150
RDS SA FROM HAMLET VIC (BS 705545), 5, 300 RDS SA AND

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ASSAULTED, 1 USMC WIA (MED EVAC), 1 VC KIA (PROB). AT
181310H CO B SQD CBT PTL VIC (BS 697578) RECD 30 RDS SA
FROM 10 VC VIC (BS 695579), RTND 350 RDS SA AND 20 RDS
M-79, CALLED IN ARTY, 2 USMC WIA (1 MED EVAC), 1 VCS. AT
181320H CO A PLAT CBT PTL VIC (BS 715510) OBSR 75 VC VIC
(BS 714504), FIRED 150 RDS SA, 1 M-72, AND 3 RDS M-79,
CALLED IN ARTY, 4 VC KIA (CONF). CAS FOR PD 180001H TO
182400H WERE: USMC: 3 WIA; ENEMY: 5 KIA (CONF), 3 KIA
(PROB).

B. PLANS SUMMARY

- (1) OP MACON. 3/9TH MAR CONT S&D OPS IN QUANG NAM PROV.
- (2) OP PRAIRIE. 4TH MAR CONT S&D OPS IN QUANG TRI PROV.
- (3) OP POLESTAR. 2D BDE ROKMC CONT CLR OP IN QUANG NGAI PROV.
- (4) OP GOLDEN FLEECE 7-1. 1/7TH MAR CONT RICE
PROTECTION AND S&D OP IN QUANG NGAI PROV

C. MAJOR UNIT OPERATIONS

- (1) OP MACON. US LOSSES: 22 KIA, 158 WIA
ENEMY LOSSES: 415 KIA (CONF), 566 KIA (PROB), 7 VCC,
42 VCS, 13 WPNS.
CUM YAC AIRSTRIKE SORTIES: 54

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CUM RESULTS NAVAL GUNFIRE: NONE

(2) OP PRAIRIE. US LOSSES: 75 KIA, 253 WIA

ENEMY LOSSES: 345 KIA (CONF), 549 KIA (PROB), 1 VCC,
1 NVAC, 1 RETURNEE, 73 WPNS.

CUM TAC AIRSTRIKE SORTIES: 1054

CUM RESULTS NAVAL GUNFIRE: NONE

(3) OP POLESTAR. NO CHANGE

CUM TAC AIRSTRIKE SORTIES: 4

CUM RESULTS NAVAL GUNFIRE: NONE

(4) OP GOLDEN FLEECE 7-1. US LOSSES: 1 KIA, 3 WIA

ENEMY LOSSES: 6 KIA (CONF)

6 KIA (PROB)

CUM TAC AIRSTRIKE SORTIES: 2

CUM RESULTS NAVAL GUNFIRE: USS HULL AND USS STORMES FIRED

13 MSNS 5"/54 EXPENDING 306 RDS, NO DAM EST AVAILABLE.

D. SMALL UNIT CONTACTS

CORPS AREA I

FRIENDLY INITIATED SMALL UNIT CONTACTS

PROV/COORD DTG

TYPE
FRD UNIT/LOSSES EN UNIT/LOSSES ACTION

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QUANG NAM

(BT 042601)	180130H (N)	CAC D-1/NONE	UNK/NONE	PTL
(AT 969646)	180850H (D)	D/1/9/1 WIA	UNK/NONE	S&D
(AT 961560)	181010H (D)	C/1/9/NONE	UNK/4 KIA (CONF)	OP
(BT 031580)	181040H (D)	H/2/1/2 WIA	UNK/2 KIA (PROB)	PTL
(AT 967668)	181220H (D)	I/3/1/2 WIA	UNK/NONE	PTL
(AT 969648)	181240H (D)	D/1/9/1 WIA	UNK/1 KIA (CONF)	PTL
(AT 917822)	181245H (D)	D/1/3/NONE	UNK/NONE	PTL
(BT 083689)	181255H (D)	K/3/1/1 KIA	UNK/1 KIA (CONF)	PTL
		6 WIA		
(AT 965648)	181615H (D)	D/1/9/1 WIA	UNK/NONE	PTL
(AT 972665)	181840H (D)	I/3/1/1 WIA	UNK/NONE	PTL
(BT 084002)	182130H (N)	I/3/1/NONE	UNK/1 KIA (CONF)	PTL
(BS 542923)	180115H (N)	K/3/7/NONE	UNK/NONE	PTL
(BS 448798)	180630H (D)	P/1ST RCN/NONE	UNK/2 KIA (PROB)	OP
(BS 567916)	180700H (D)	M/3/7/NONE	UNK/1 KIA (CONF)	AMB
(BS 567918)	180845H (D)	M/3/7/1 WIA	UNK/NONE	AMB
(BS 567914)	181100H (D)	M/3/7/6 WIA	UNK/NONE	PTL
(BS 567915)	181105H (D)	D/1/7/NONE	UNK/NONE	PTL

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7-1
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(DESCRIBED IN MY LAST REPORT) CONTINUED TILL 2000H ON THE 17TH. THE ENEMY, LOCATED AT XD 979611, WAS POUNDED DURING THE DAY BY ARTILLERY AND AIRCRAFT. IN ADDITION TO THE BATTALION'S ORGANIC WEAPONS, INTERIM CASUALTIES REPORTED FOR THIS ACTION NOW STAND AT NVA: 11 KIA (CONF). MARINES: 8 KIA, 10 MIA. IN ADDITION, 2 CHINESE COMMUNIST RIFLES HAVE BEEN CAPTURED.

AT 1540H ON THE 17TH THE THIRD BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES (MINUS) ARRIVED AT 1000 HOURS TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS OPERATION. REMAINDER OF THE BATTALION WILL ARRIVE ON THE 18TH. WITH THIS MOVE, THE ENTIRE FOURTH REGIMENT PLUS THE SECOND BATTALION SEVENTH MARINES (MINUS) IS NOW COMMITTED TO OPERATION PLAIN. IN ADDITION, THE SLF CHOPPED TO CG III MAF FOR CONTINUED OPERATIONS IN THE NORTHERN QUANG TRI AREA AT 180400Z.

(2) IN OPERATION MACON, SOUTHWEST OF DANANG, PATROLS OF THE THIRD BATTALION, NINTH MARINES ARE MAINTAINING THE PRESSURE TO MAINTAIN

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AREA AN UNHEALTHY PLACE FOR VC GUERRILLAS. ON THE 17TH, THEY MATCHED THE PREVIOUS DAYS SCORE OF ENEMY CASUALTIES INFLICTED (6 KIA CONFIRMED) WHICH WAS CREDITED TO MARINE OBSERVATION POSTS IN THE AREA. OBSERVERS HELD THEIR OWN HOWEVER, WHEN 90MM TANK FIRE WAS DIRECTED AGAINST A GROUP OF GUERRILLAS AT AT 942522. NO CASUALTIES WERE FIRMED, BUT 6 VC WERE CAPTURED BY A FOLLOW UP SWEEP OF THE AREA.

(3) THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY LINE FOR OPERATION GOLDEN FLEECE 7-1 HAS BEEN CHANGED TO RUN ALONG THE SOUTH BANK OF THE SONG VE. THE EASTERN BOUNDARY IS THE COASTLINE AND THE SOUTHERN AND WESTERN BOUNDARIES ARE THE EAST WEST GRID LINE 35 AND NORTH SOUTH GRID LINE 40 RESPECTIVELY. DURING THE DAY 1 MARINE AND 1 VC WERE KILLED WHILE PATROLS OF THE FIRST BATTALION, SEVENTH MARINES PROTECTED SOME 1000 VILLAGE PEOPLE AND THEIR CROPS. THE FIRST DAY SAW 150 TONS OF RICE HARVESTED AND SAFELY STORED IN COMMUNITY STORAGE BINS.

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USMC	ENEMY
22 KIA	413 KIA
156 WIA	42 VC SUSPECTS
	7 VC CAPTURED

(2) OPERATION PRAIRIE (FOURTH MARINES)

(A) COMPANIES B AND D ENGAGED AN ENEMY FORCE OF UNKNOWN SIZE FROM 170700H-2000H ABOUT 15 MILES WEST OF DONG HA NORTH OF ROUTE 9 (XD 970611) WITH ALL ORGANIC AND SUPPORTING WEAPONS; ELEVEN ENEMY DEAD WERE REPORTED AND TWO CHICOM RIFLES WERE CAPTURED. EIGHT MARINES WERE KIA AND 16 MORE WERE WIA. AT 171230H, A RESUPPLY AIR CARRIER WAS DOWNED BY GROUND FIRE NEAR CG 17 (XD 963832); NO CASUALTIES RESULTED. ONE MARINE WAS KILLED WHEN HIS VEHICLE (1/4 TON) DEONATED A MINE AT 171417H JUST EAST (XD 023551) OF THIS ACTION. THE 1ST BN CP (XD 974563) RECEIVED FOUR ROUNDS OF 82MM MORTAR FIRE AT 171630H. TWELVE MARINES WERE WOUNDED. THE THIRD BN, BEGAN ARRIVING FROM THE PHU BAI AREA AT DONG HA AT 171540H TO RESUME PARTICIPATION IN OPERATIONS.

(B) CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES
USMC NEMY

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72 KIA	345 KIA
249 WIA	2 CAPTURED (1VC/1NVA)
	75 WPNS CAPTURED

(3) OPERATION POLESTAR (2ND BDE RECON)

(A) NO SIGNIFICANT CONTACTS WERE REPORTED.
(B) CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES. NO CHANGE FROM

PREVIOUS REPORT.

(4) GOLDEN FLEECE 7-1 (10TH, SEVENTH INFANTRY)

(A) CG C PATROL ENGAGED 15 VC AT 171100H THIRTY MILES SOUTH (BS 73503) OF CHU LAI; ONE MARINE KIA, ONE VC KILLED.

(B) THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY OF THE OPERATION AREA HAS BEEN CHANGED TO THE SOUTH BANK OF THE SONG VE. EASTERN BOUNDARY IS THE COASTLINE AND CHU LAI RIVER. NORTH-SOUTH 60, MARK 100, ALTERNATELY DURING THE DAY, 1000 WORKERS HARVESTED 150T OF GRAIN.

(5) DECKHOUSE IV (SLF) (10TH)

(A) AT 151200H, THE SLF CHOPPED TO THE OPCON OF CG III MAR.

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1. (C) I CTZ:

A. REF MY 182255Z SEP 66 PARA LA. FINAL RESULTS
SHOULD READ: FND: 17 KIA, 84 WIA; VC: 83 KIA, 12 VCS, 3 MW.
B. ALL OPN CONT NO SIGNIFICANT CONTACT RPTD.
C. CUM RESULTS: POLE STAR - NO CHANGE.
FRIENDLY

MACON
US

PRAIRIE
US

GOLDEN FLEECE 7-1
US

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KIA	22	75	1
WIA	158	252	0
AIR			
SORTIES	54	1001	2
NGF	0	9	17
		VIET CONG	
KIA	414	345	1
VCC	7	3	0
VCS	42	2	0
IND WPNS	11	72	0
C/S WPNS	2	3	0

2. (C) II CTZ:

A. MAJOR OPNS CONT NO SIGNIFICANT CONTACT REPT.
B. CUMULATIVE RESULTS:

FRIENDLY

	PAUL REVERE III	SEWARD	BYRD	TRAYER
	US	US	US	US
KIA	2	14	1	5
WIA	15	845	6	52
AIR				
SORTIES	308	147	45	225

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NGF	N/A	0	2	0
		VIET CONG		
KIA	31	80	78	51
VCC	12	48	3	27
VCS	50	390	55	31
IND WPNS	11	40	1	68
C/S WPNS	0	0	0	12
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1. (C) I CTZ:

A. OPN PRAIRIE: OPN PRAIRIE CONT WITH MODERATE CONTACT.
 FROM 191005H TO 192040H, D/1/26 ENGAGED AN EST NVA/VC CO VIC
 YD140719. RESULTS: FRD: 5 KIA, 15 WIA; VC: 53 KIA, 2 IW, 1
 C/S. AT 191515H E/2/7 ENGAGED A NVA/VC UNIT OF UNK SIZE. RES:
 FRD: 5 KIA, 9 WIA; VC: 10 KIA.

B. ALL OTHER OPNS CONT WO SIGNIFICANT CONTACT REPORTEEM

C. CUM RESULTS: OPN POLE STAR - NO CHANGE.

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	MACON	FRIENDLY GOLDEN FLEECE 7-1	PRAIRIE/LAN SON 314
	US	US	US/VN MAR
KIA	22	1	95/0
WIA	159	4	249/0
MIA	0	0	0/0
AIR			
SORTIES	54	2	1118/0
NGF	0	32	13/0
		VIET CONG	
KIA	421	13	532/0
VCC	7	0	3/0
VCS	42	0	2/0
IND WPNS	11	0	74/0
C/S WPNS	2	0	4/0

2. (C) II CTZ:

A. OPNS CONT WO SIGNIFICANT CONTACT REPT.

B. CUM RESULTS: SU BOK - NO CHANGE.

FRIENDLY

PAUL REVERE III

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(C) AIR AND ARTILLERY SUPPORT FIRED NINE AIR-
CRAFT WITH SIXTY-FOUR COMBAT ROUNDS AND EXPENDED 100 TONS
OF ORDNANCE, WHICH RESULTED IN AN ESTIMATED NINETEEN KIA
(PROB), ONE BRIDGE DESTROYED, TWO HELICOPTERS, AND TWO SECONDARY
EXPLOSIONS. HELICOPTER SUPPORT CONSISTED OF ONE HUNDRED SIX
ARMED HELO SORTIES AND ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-SIX HELI TRANSPORT
SORTIES, WHICH TRANSPORTED THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-THREE PASSE-
NGERS AND THIRTY-THREE TONS OF SUPPLY. ADDITIONALLY, EIGHTY-
ONE OTHER HELO SORTIES WERE FLOWN IN SUPPORT OF ONE OPERATION.
ARTILLERY UNITS CONDUCTED SEVENTY-THREE FIRE MISSIONS AND
EXPENDED FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY-SEVEN ROUNDS DURING THIS REPORT-
ING PERIOD.

(C) CUMULATIVE RESULTS

USMC

73 KIA

253 WIA

100 TONS

100 TONS (PROB)

200 TONS (PROB)

100 TONS (PROB)

(C) OPERATION HAZARD

(A) THE THIRD BN, NINTH MARINES CONTINUES
SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN QUANG NAM PROVINCE WITH LIGHT

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CONTACT. AT 180055H, AN ENGINEER BATT WITH CO L
RECEIVED SIX ROUNDS OF SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM TWO VC (AT005512),
SIXTEEN MILES SOUTHWEST OF DANANG. MARINES RETURNED SMALL ARMS
FIRE AND ACCOUNTED FOR ONE VC KIA, WHILE SUSTAINING ONE MARINE
WOUNDED.

(B) ARTILLERY FIRE SUPPORT CONSISTED OF TWENTY-
TWO MISSIONS, TWO OBSERVED AND TWENTY HAI, WHICH EXPENDED A
TOTAL OF FORTY ROUNDS.

(C) CUMULATIVE RESULTS

USMC

22 KIA

158 WIA

100

100 TONS (PROB)

100 TONS

100 TONS

100 TONS CAPTURED

(C) OPERATION GOLDEN FLEET

(A) THE FIRST BN, SEVENTH MARINES CONTINUES
SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN QUANG NAM PROVINCE. AT 180050H,
VEST IN THE HO DUC AREA OF QUANG NAM PROVINCE. AT 180050H,
CO C (B5728486) OBSERVED AND DESTROYED AN ARTILLERY
MISSION AGAINST TWO VC, WHICH RESULTED IN ONE VC KIA (CONF)

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AND ONE VC KIA (PROB). AT 1812Z, A SQUAD PATROL FROM CO B RECEIVED HEAVY SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM A HAWLIT (BS705945), AND SUSTAINED ONE MARINE WOUNDED DURING THE SUBSEQUENT ASSAULT. MARINES ESTIMATED ONE VC KIA (PROB). AT 181310H, A SQUAD PATROL FROM CO B (BS695579) MARINES RECEIVED SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM TEN VC (BS 695579). MARINES RETURNED SMALL

ARMS FIRE AND DIRECTED ARTILLERY FIRE AGAINST THE VC POSITION. TWO MARINES WERE WOUNDED AND ONE VC SUSPECT WAS APPREHENDED. AT 181323H, A PLATOON PATROL FROM CO 1 (BS715010) OBSERVED SEVENTY-FIVE VC (BS714500). THE PLATOON EMPLOYED ORGANIC WEAPONS AND DIRECTED AN ARTILLERY BATTERY AGAINST THE VC CONCENTRATION, RESULTING IN TEN VC KIA (PROB).

(2) AIR AND ARTILLERY SUPPORT

TWO MAG-11 F-4 AIRCRAFT EXPENDED FIVE TONS OF ORDNANCE IN SUPPORT OF THE OPERATION. IN ADDITION TO 3 VC CONFIRMED KILLED, SOME DAMAGE WAS ATTRIBUTED TO THE VC ROAD (PROB), FOURTEEN STRUCTURES AND FOUR CAPTAINS WERE KILLED, NINE STRUCTURES DAMAGED AND ONE SECONDARY EXPLOSION. ADDITIONAL BOMBS CONDUCTED TWENTY-ONE FIRE MISSIONS, FIVE OBSERVED AND SEVENTEEN UNOBSERVED, AND EXPENDED TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-ONE ROUNDS.

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1. (C) I CTZ:

A. REF FONCON NMCC (L/C FARRIS) AND MACV (L/C TICKLE)
AT 210930H. OPN GOLDEN FLEECE 7-1 IS CONTROLLED BY 7TH MARINES.
LIEN KET 60 IS CONTROLLED BY 4TH REGT ARVN. OPNS ARE SEPARATE.

B. OPNS CONT WO SIGNIFICANT CONTACT.

C. CUM RESULTS: OPN POLE STAR - NO CHANGE.

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MACON PRAIRIE GOLDEN FLEECE 7-1

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	US	US	US
KIA	22	95	1
WIA	159	300	4
AIR			
SORTIES	54	1118	7
NGF	0	23	46
		VIET CONG	
KIA	421	540	13
VCC	7	3	0
VCS	42	2	0
IND WPNS	11	87	0
C/S WPNS	2	4	0

2. (C) II CTZ:

A. OPNS CONT WO SIGNIFICANT CONTACT REPT.

B. CUM RESULTS: OPNS BYRD AND SU BOK - NO CHANGE.

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(C) CUMULATIVE RESULTS
USMC ENEMY
22 KIA 421 KIA (567 PROB)
159 WIA 7 VCC
42 MCS
13 WPNS CAPTURED

(3.) OPERATION GOLDEN FLEECE 7-1

(A.) THE KIRSL BN, SEVENTH MARINES CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN PROTECTION OF THE RICE HARVEST ACTIVITIES IN THE MO DUC AREA OF QUANG NGAI PROVINCE. AT 190930H, CO B (BS 682528) FOUND THE BODY OF ONE VC WHO HAD BEEN KILLED BY ARTILLERY FIRE. AT 191140H, CO A (BS 645450) ENGAGED THREE VC (BS 645497) WITH SMALL ARMS FIRE, AND ACHIEVED ONE VC KIA (CONF). AT 191220H, A PLATOON PATROL FROM CO A (BS 653504) CONTROLLED AN ARTILLERY FIRE MISSION AGAINST FIVE VC (BS 655498) AND CONFIRMED ONE VC KIA. AT 191445H, CO B (BS 690543) SUSTAINED ONE MARINE WOUNDED AS A RESULT OF VC SNIPER FIRE. MARINES RETURNED FIRE, BUT WERE UNABLE TO MAKE FURTHER CONTACT.

(B) AIR AND ARTILLERY SUPPORT. MAG-12 A-4'S FLEW FIVE

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(1) ON THE AFTERNOON OF THE 20TH, COMPANY D OF BLT 1/26 WITH A PLATOON OF TANKS ATTACHED (INCLUDING FLAME TANKS), BECAME HEAVILY ENGAGED WITH AN ESTIMATED TWO NVA COMPANIES JUST 5000 METERS SOUTH OF THE DMZ AT (YD 138 720). THE ENEMY WAS WELL ENTRENCHED IN AN EXTENSIVE BUNKER AND TRENCH COMPLEX, AND EVEN AFTER SUPPORTING ARMS FIRE HAD BEEN ADJUSTED ON THE ENEMY POSITION, COMPANY D CONTINUED TO RECEIVE HEAVY SMALL ARMS AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE. FLAME TANKS THEN MOVED IN AND FIRED DIRECTLY ON THE ENEMY TRENCHLINE WHILE GUN TANKS AND ARTILLERY AGAIN SHELLED THE POSITION. DURING THIS PERIOD TWO OF THE TANKS WERE HIT BY ANTI-TANK ROCKETS DELIVERED BY A FOUR MAN NVA ROCKET TEAM AT A RANGE OF ABOUT 75 YARDS THE TEAM WAS DESTROYED BY A THIRD TANK FIRING 90 MM CANNISTER AMMUNITION. DAMAGE TO THE MARINE TANKS WAS LIGHT. A LATE REPORT STATES THAT THE ACTION CONTINUED UNTIL 1845H ON THE 21ST, WHEN AFTER THREE MARINE COMPANIES ON LINE ATTACKED AND OVERRAN THE ENEMY POSITION, THE ENEMY BROKE CONTACT

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AND MOVED TO THE NORTH. CASUALTY FIGURES FOR THIS ACTION NOW STAND AT NVA: 51 KIA. USMC: 4 KIA! 23 WIA.

IN THE NORTHWESTERN PORTION OF THE OBJECTIVE AREA, THE REMAINING FOUR USMC BATTALIONS REPORT LIGHT CONTACT; AN AERIAL OBSERVER CONTROLLED AIR STRIKES AGAINST AN NVA MORTAR POSITION LOCATED IN THE MOUNTAINS, DESTROYING IT; AND ELEMENTS OF THE FIRST BATTALION FOURTH MARINES ADJUSTED 81 MM MORTAR FIRE ON A GROUP OF 3 ENEMY SOLDIERS SIGHTED IN THE AREA OF (XD 955 558). 6 OF THE ENEMY WERE CONFIRMED KILLED.

(1) IN OPERATION MACON SOUTHWEST OF DANANG, THE THIRD BATTALION, NINTH MARINES WAS CREDITED WITH KILLING 4 VC DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD IN ISOLATED SMALL UNIT ACTIONS.

(3) FARTHER SOUTH IN I CORPS, THE 2D KOREAN MARINE BRIGADE'S OPERATION POLESTAY EXPERIENCED ONLY LIGHT CONTACT AND NO CHANGE IN THE PREVIOUS CASUALTY FIGURES WAS REPORTED.

B. GOLDEN FLEECE OPERATIONS

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(1) SOUTH OF QUANG NGAI CITY, THE RICE HARVEST IS PROGRESSING SATISFACTORILY. ON THE 20TH, SOME 19,000 FARMERS REAPED 910 TONS OF RICE WHILE ENJOYING THE PROTECTION OF THE FIRST BATTALION SEVENTH MARINES (OPERATION GOLDEN FLEECE 7-1), AND TWO ARVN BATTALIONS (OPERATION LIEN KET 60).

(2) INCREASED SMALL UNIT CONTACTS AND SIGHTINGS OF VC IN GROUPS HAVE BEEN MADE, GIVING EVIDENCE OF THE VC'S CONCERN OVER THE RICE CROP AND OF THEIR DETERMINATION TO GET AS MUCH AS THEY CAN EVEN AT THE RISK OF EXPOSING THEMSELVES IN THE OPEN RICE PADDIES. DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD SEVEN SMALL UNIT ENGAGEMENTS RESULTED IN 4 VC CONFIRMED KILLED, 1 PROBABLE KIA, 3 VC WOUNDED (ONE SUBSEQUENTLY CAPTURED) AND 2 SUSPECTS APPREHENDED. 1 MARINE WAS WOUNDED.

(3) AERIAL OBSERVERS REPORTED SEVERAL SIGHTINGS AND ON ONE OCCASION, CAUGHT 130 VC IN THE OPEN AT (BS 654 525). THE AO CALLED IN ARTILLERY, AIR AND NAVAL GUNFIRE ON THEM, KILLING AN

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ESTIMATED 48. USS ST FRANCIS RIVER (LSMR 525), AND USS HOLDER (DD-819) FIRED 39 MISSIONS IN SUPPORT OF GOLDEN FLEECE, EXPENDING 875 ROUNDS OF 5" 38 CALIBER AMMUNITION AND ROCKETS. ST FRANCIS RIVER HIT VC ASSEMBLY AREAS, FORTIFICATIONS, CAVES AND VC ATTEMPTING TO HARVEST RICE IN FRONT OF MARINES SWEEPING THE AREA. SHE WAS CREDITED WITH 9 VC CONFIRMED KILLED AND 4 PROBABLES; 2 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS WERE CREATED, 55 ENEMY STRUCTURES DESTROYED AND ANOTHER 49 WERE DAMAGED.

(4) TWELVE MILES NORTHWEST OF CHU LAI, N THE FIRST BATTALION FIFTH MARINES CONCLUDED OPERATION GOLDEN FLEECE 5-1 AS 40 WORKERS HARVESTED ANOTHER 7 TONS OF RICE. NO SIGNIFICANT CONTACT WAS MADE DURING THIS OPERATION.

C. COUNTERGUERRILLA OPERATIONS

(1) EVEN WITH ONE-THIRD OF THE INFANTRY STRENGTH OF III MAF COMMITTED TO LARGE SCALE OPERATIONS THROUGHOUT I CORPS, A HIGH LEVEL OF SMALL UNIT ACTIVITY WAS PURSUED BY THE BATTALIONS

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AN ARTILLERY MISSION WAS FIRED AGAINST THE SUSPECTED ENEMY MORTAR POSITION (YD152717), AND RESULTS WERE UNCONFIRMED.

(B) AIR AND ARTILLERY FIRE SUPPORT. FIXED WING AIRCRAFT OF THE FIRST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING FLEW THIRTY-SIX COMBAT SORTIES AND EXPENDED FIFTY-EIGHT TONS OF ORDNANCE, WHICH ACCOUNTED FOR FORTY FIVE STRUCTURES DESTROYED, FOUR STRUCTURES DAMAGED, ONE SECONDARY EXPLOSION AND SEVENTY-FIVE METERS OF TRENCHLINE DAMAGED. ARTILLERY UNITS FIRED ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEEN MISSIONS AND EXPENDED TWO THOUSAND NINETY-THREE ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION AGAINST TARGETS IN THE PRAIRIE AREA OF OPERATIONS.

(C) CUMULATIVE RESULTS

USMC	ENEMY
95 KIA	540 KIA (801 PROB)
300 WIA	2 CAPTURED (1VC/1NVA)
	109 WPNS CAPTURED

(2) OPERATION MACON

(A) NARRATIVE SUMMARY OF THIRD BN, NINTH MARINES ACTIVITY IS UNAVAILABLE AT THIS TIME, BUT WILL BE INCLUDED IN MY NEXT REPORT. LIMITED INFORMATION REPORTED FOUR VC

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KIA(CONF)

(3) OPERATION GOLDEN FLEECE 7-1

(A) FIRST BN, SEVENTH MARINES CONTINUES TO PROTECT THE RICE HARVEST IN THE MO DUC AREA OF QUANG NGAI PROVINCE BY CONDUCTING AGGRESSIVE SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS. AT 201030H, A PATROL FROM CO A OBSERVED FIVE VC (BS688521), AND CONTROLLED AN ARTILLERY FIRE MISSION WHICH CAUSED TWO SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS AND FOUR VC KIA(CONF) AT 201050H, A PATROL FROM CO B OBSERVED THREE VC (BS706559). AN EXCHANGE OF SMALL ARMS FIRE ENSUED, AND THE PATROL CAPTURED ONE VC WITH MINOR WOUNDS AND ESTIMATED ONE ADDITIONAL VC WIA. AT 201840H, THE DAC CONG OF (BS668523) OBSERVED A CONCENTRATION OF ONE HUNDRED THIRTY VC (BS654525), AND CALLED IN AIR, ARTILLERY, AND NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT. THE OP ESTIMATED FORTY-EIGHT VC KIA(PROB) AT 202015H. A PLATOON POSITION OF CO C (BS730538) RECEIVED ONE GRENADE, WHICH CAUSED ONE MARINE WOUNDED. NO FURTHER CONTACT WAS MADE WITH THE VC.

(B) ARTILLERY FIRE SUPPORT RENDERED TO THE OPERATION CONSISTED OF TWELVE MISSIONS. FOUR OBSERVED AND EIGHT N&I, WHICH EXPENDED THREE HUNDRED THREE ROUNDS OF

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105MM AMMUNITION.

(C) CUMULATIVE RESULTS,
USMC ENEMY
1 KIA 18 KIA (78PROB)
5 WIA 1 CAPTURED

B. SMALL UNIT OPERATIONS

(1) HUE PHU BAI

(A) FOURTH MARINES, FIVE OF THE SIX INFANTRY BATTALIONS OPCON TO THE REGIMENT ARE ENGAGED IN OPERATION PRAIRIE, AND THE SECOND BN, NINTH MARINES REPORTS NO CONTACT.

(2) DANANG

(A) BASE DEFENSE COMMAND, FIRST MP BN. NO SIGNIFICANT CONTACTS WERE REPORTED.

(B) FIRST MARINES

1. FIRST BN. AT 191540H, A TANK ACCOMPANYING A SQUAD PATROL FROM CO D TOOK FIVE VC UNDER 90MM FIRE (BT095651), EIGHT MILES SOUTHEAST OF DANANG AND KILLED TWO VC (CONF). AT 191900H, A SQUAD PATROL FROM CO C DESTROYED A PRESSURE TYPE MINE AND TEN, FIVE POUND BLOCKS OF TNT (BT116624), ELEVEN MILES SOUTHEAST OF DANANG. THE PATROL
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(1) ILL MAF DAILY STRENGTH REPORT AS OF 2400H, 19 SEPTEMBER 1966.

COMBAT AREA	MARINE		NAVY		TOTAL
	OFFICER	ENLISTED	OFFICER	ENLISTED	
DANANG	2107	26468	164	1066	29805
CHU LAI	1325	19134	140	843	1442
PHU BAI	301	5204	31	289	5825
TOTAL	3733	50806	335	2198	57072

(2) COMBAT CASUALTIES FOR THE PERIOD OF 200001H TO 202400H SEPTEMBER 1966.

(A) LARGE UNIT OPERATIONS

1. OPERATION MACON

NONE

(CUMULATIVE) 22 KIA, 159 WIA

2. OPERATION PRAIRIE

6 WIA

(CUMULATIVE) 9 KIA, 300 WIA

3. OPERATION GOLDEN FLEECE 7-1

1 WIA

(CUMULATIVE) 1 KIA, 5 WIA

(B) SMALL UNIT OPERATIONS

1 KIA

19 WIA

H. PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE OPERATIONS: ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND LEAFLETS WERE DROPPED AND TWO HOURS OF TAPED MESSAGES WERE BROADCAST OVER SOUTHEASTERN QUANG TRI AND NORTHERN QUANG NGAI PROVINCES. THE LEAFLETS EXPRESSED THE DESIRE OF U.S. MARINES TO HELP THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE AND THE AERIAL BROADCASTS STRESSED THE CHIEU HOI PROGRAM.

4. OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST.

A. DISTINGUISHED VISITORS TO ILL MAF FROM 200001H TO 202400H SEPTEMBER 1966.

(1) MR. JOSEPH ALSOP, PROMINENT AUTHOR.

(2) RTREV. HARRY S. KENNEDY, EPISCOPAL BISHOP OF HAWAII.

B. TOTAL CASUALTIES UN RVN FOR THE PERIOD 200001H TO 212400H SEP 1966

	KIA	WIA	MIA	CAPTURED
US	6	77	0	-
RVNAF	15	55	0	-
OTHER FREE WORLD	1	2	0	-
VC/NVA	124	-	-	15

5. ALL OTHER UNITS NO CHANGE.

6. NEXT SITREP 22 SEPTEMBER 1966.

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1. (C) I CTZ:

A. ALL OPNS CONT WO SIGNIFICANT CONTACT RPTD.

B. REF MY 182255Z SEP, ITEM 1B. CORRECTED AO FOR OPN LAM SON 314 AS FOLLOWS: YD088594, YD048623, XD993596, YD000568, AND CAM LO RIVER FROM YD 088594 TO YD000568.

C. CUM RESULTS: OPN POLE STAR - NO CHANGE.

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	US	US	US
KIA	22	100	1
WIA	160	323	11
AIR			
SORTIES	54	1199	8
NGF	0	33	60
		VIET CONG	
KIA	427	594	25
VCC	7	3	1
VCS	42	2	0
IND WPNS	11	105	3
C/S WPNS	2	4	0

2. (C) II CTZ:

A. OPN THAYER. AT 211140H C/2/5 ENGAGED EST VC PLAT VIC BR867803. CONTACT VCNT UNTIL 211600H. VC EMPL AW AND MORT AND PROBED FRD POS THROUGHOUT AFTERNOON. AT 212400H EST VC CO ENGAGED. VC BROKE CONTACT 220230H. RESULTS: FRD : 11 WIA; VC: UNK.

B. OTHER OPNS CONT WO SIGNIFICANT CONTACT REPT.

C. CUM RESULTS: OPNS BYRD AND SU BOK- NO CHANGE.

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CONSISTED OF TWENTY-SIX FIRE MISSIONS, SIX OBSERVED AND
TWENTY M&I, WHICH EXPENDED TWO HUNDRED FORTY-FOUR ROUNDS
OF 145 MM AMMUNITION.

(C) CUMULATIVE RESULTS.

USMC	VC
22 KIA	427 KIA (97% PROB)
162 MIA	7 CAPTURED
	42 SUS. ETC
	13 MIA CAPTURED

WRKEL OPERATION GOLDEN FLEECE

(A) THE FIRST BN, SEVENTH MARINE REGIMENT ARE PROTECTING
THE RICE HARVEST IN THE VO DUC AREA, QUANG NGAI PROVINCE.
ADDITIONAL DAMAGE ASSESSMENT OF THE 202000H ARTILLERY FIRE
MISSION CONTROLLED BY THE DAO CONG OF (BS 658523) (SEE MY REPORT
OF 21 SEP) GIVES A FINAL ESTIMATE OF SIXTY-THREE VC KIA (PROB), AS
WELL AS, FIGHT TUNNELS AND A VC HEADQUARTERS DESTROYED. AT 202112H
A PLATOON FROM CO A, PROVIDING SECURITY FOR AN
ARTILLERY BATTERY (BS 727538), RECEIVED ONE GRENADE WHICH
CAUSED ONE MARINE KIA. AT 210000H, A VC RADIO RELAY POSITION
(BS 658523) DESTROYED TWO VC COMPANIES (BS 618608). AIR
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ZEN/CG THIRD MARDIV
ZEN/CG FORTRPS FMFPAC
ZEN/CG FIRST MAW
ZEN/CG MARCORB CAMLEJ
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ZEN/CG MARCORB CAMPEN
ZEN/CG SECOND MARDIV
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STRIKES AND ARTILLERY FIRE SUPPORT WERE CALLED IN, AND WERE
CREDITED WITH THREE VC KIA (CONFIRMED) THIRTY-THREE VC KIA
(PROB.) AT 211045H. A PLATOON FROM CO A (BS705533)
SUSTAINED ONE MARINE WOUNDED, AND THE PLATOON RECEIVED
SEVENTY-FIVE ROUNDS OF SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM AN UNDETERMINED
NUMBER OF VC (BS705538). THE PLATOON RETURNED SMALL ARMS
FIRE AND CONTROLLED AN ARTILLERY FIRE MISSION WHICH COVERED

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POSSIBLE AVENUES OF ESCAPE - ONE VC KIA WAS CONFIRMED. AT 211945H, CO A POSITIONS (BS75353) RECEIVED SMALL ARMS FIRE, NINE ROUNDS OF M-79, AND ONE ROUND OF 60 MM FROM AN ESTIMATED TWO PLATOONS OF VC (BS756324). MARINES RETURNED HEAVY SMALL ARMS FIRE, FIFTEEN ROUNDS OF M-79, AND WERE SUPPORTED BY ARTILLERY. FOUR MARINES WERE WOUNDED AND FOUR VC KILLED (CONF) IN THIS ACTION, WHILE THREE UNIDENTIFIED RIFLES AND SOME AMMUNITION WERE CAPTURED.

(B) ARTILLERY SUPPORT OF THE OPERATION CONSISTED OF EIGHT FIRE MISSIONS, TWO OBSERVED AND SIX H&I, WHICH EXPENDED A TOTAL OF ONE HUNDRED TWELVE ROUNDS OF 105 MM AMMUNITION. FOURTEEN NAVAL GUNFIRE MISSIONS WERE CONDUCTED, DURING WHICH ONE THOUSAND FORTY-NINE ROUNDS WERE FIRED REPORTED DAMAGE ASSESSMENT INCLUDED FOUR VC KIA (CONF), TWENTY-THREE VC KIA (PROB), SEVEN H&I STRUCTURES DESTROYED AND SIX DAMAGED.

B. SMALL UNIT OPERATIONS

(1) HUE PHU BAI. FIVE OF THE SIX BATTALIONS ASSIGNED TO THE FOURTH MARINES ARE PARTICIPATING IN OPERATION PRAIRIE, AND THE SECOND BN, NINTH MARINES DID NOT REPORT

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ANY SIGNIFICANT CONTACTS.

(2) DANANG

(A) BASE DEFENSE COMMAND. FIRST MP BN. NO CONTACTS WERE REPORTED.

(B) FIRST MARINES

1 FIRST BN. AT 210730H, A PLATOON PATROL FROM CO A FOUND THE BODY OF ONE VC (BT 179573), SIXTEEN MILES SOUTHEAST OF DANANG. TWO MARINES WERE WOUNDED AT 210915H, WHEN A SQUAD PATROL FROM CO D DETONATED A MINE, CONTAINING ABOUT FIVE POUNDS OF EXPLOSIVES, (BT 068681) SIX MILES SOUTHEAST OF DANANG. AT 211000H, A SQUAD PATROL FROM CO D (BT 078638) TOOK FIVE VC UNDER SMALL ARMS FIRE AND KILLED ONE (CONF), SEVEN MILES SOUTHEAST OF DANANG (BT 078660).

2 SECOND BN. AT 211000H, A SQUAD PATROL FROM CO E DETONATED AN UNIDENTIFIED TYPE MINE (BT 025627) AND SUSTAINED TWO WOUNDS. DURING SUBSEQUENT MEDICAL EVACUATION OPERATIONS, A HELICOPTER AND A SQUAD PATROL CAME UNDER SMALL ARMS FIRE, WHICH WAS SILENCED BY SMALL ARMS, M-79 AND 60MM MORTAR FIRE. AT 211750H, A PLATOON PATROL FROM CO H (BT 012568), ELEVEN MILES SOUTHEAST OF DANANG, RECEIVED SMALL ARMS

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1. (C) I CTZ.

A. OPN GOLDEN FLEECE. REF MY 230425Z, ITEM 1 B.
 AT 201840H AIR AND NGF WERE CA

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RESULTING IN EST 63 VC KIA. THIS FIGURE LATER CONFIRMED BY 7TH
 MAR REGT. ADDITIONAL INCREASE DUE TO RECONCILIATION OF
 CASUALTY FIGURES BETWEEN 1ST MAR DIV AND III MAF.

B. OPN PRAIRIE. AT 230935Z 07/1/26 ENGAGED EST VC
 PLAT VIC (YD112715) RESULTING IN 3 VC KIA. NGF MSN FIRED ON

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EST 7 : -553.058, 6 TO REINF VIC (YD112725). RESULTS: 15 VC
 KIA (CONF).

C. ALL OTHER OPNS CONT WITH NO SIGNIFICANT CONTACT

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2. (C) II CTZ.

A. OPN THAYER. REF MY 222207Z SEP, PARA 2 A; REVISED
 RESULTS: FRD: 1 KIA, 25 WIA, 7 CH-53, 4 UH-1B, 4 UH-1D DAMAGED.
 ALL ACFT REPAIRABLE.

B. OPN BINH PHU 27. REF MY 230425Z SEP, PARA 2 C;
 REVISED RESULTS: FRD: 6 KIA, 30 WIA (1 US); EN: 137 VC KIA
 (USBC), 42 IND WPNS, 5 C/S WPNS.

C. ALL OTHER OPNS CONTINUED NO SIGNIFICANT COMCACTRF

REPORTED.

3. (C) III CTZ.

A. AT 231510H SEP A US FAC OBSERVED 2 H-34 TYPE HELI-
 COPTERS CROSS INTO CAMBODIA VIC REF 8363970 (50 KM WEST OF SAIGON).
 THEY TURNED BACK INTO VN, FLEW SOUTH ALONG BORDER THEN CROSSED
 BORDER INTO CAMBODIA VIC XS2496 AND CONTINUED NORTH. FAC HAD
 NO CONTACT WITH HELICOPTERS AND WAS NOT CLOSED ENOUGH TO OBSERVE
 MARKINGS. AT 231610 VN IN III CORPS TOC REPORTED THE HELI-

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2 NVA KIA (CONF), 3 NVA KIA (PROB), 3 RIFLES CPTD. AT 220900H CO K/3/4 FOUND 2 HUTS (YD 051629) CONTAINING C RATIONS, MED SUPPLIES, 2000 MALARIA PILLS, SALT TABLETS AND WATER CANS. AT 221145H CO L/3/4 VIC (YD 056627) DEST 5 HUTS AND BUNKER TYPE CAVES. AT 221230H CO C/1/26 VIC (YD 124720) ENCOUNTERED 4 MAN NVA RKT TM, FIRED SA AND M-79, 1 NVA KIA (CONF), 1 RKT LNCH CPTD. AT 221240H OBSR 2 OTHER MEMBERS OF RKT TM, FIRED SA, 2 NVA KIA (CONF). AT 221400H TK WITH CO A/1/26 VIC (YD 136666) WAS HIT BY ELEC DET 105MM RD, NO CAS, TK DAM BUT BEING REPAIRED. FROM 221505H TO 221800H CO C/1/26 VIC (YD 117719) RECD SA AND AV FIRE FROM UNK NUMBER VC, RECD ALL ORGANIC WPNS, ASSAULTED POS, 5 USMC WIA (MED EVAC), 5 NVA KIA (CONF), 2 NVA KIA (PROB). CO D/1/26 MOVED INTO VIC (YD 140730), AREA OF THEIR CONTACT OF 180945H, DISCOVERED 17 NVA BODIES, PROBABLY RESULT OF NGF MSN, 17 NVA KIA (CONF). AT 221950H RECON TM OBSR 3 VC VIC (YD 208475), CALLED IN ARTY, 3 NVA KIA (PROB). CAS FOR PD 220001H TO 222400H WERE: USMC: 1 KIA, 6 WIA; ENEMY: 28 KIA (CONF), 8 KIA (PROB), 1 WPNS CPTD. (3) OP POLESTAR. 2D BDE ROKMC CONT CLEARING OP IN

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QUANG NGAI PROV WITH LIGHT CONTACT. AT 222100H NGF MSN VIC (BS 773817) RESULTED IN 1 VC KIA (CONF). CAS FOR PD 220001H TO 222400H WERE: ROKMC: NONE; ENEMY: 1 KIA (CONF). (4) OP GOLDEN FLEECE 7-1. 1/7TH MAR CONT RICE PROTECTION AND S&D OP IN QUANG NGAI PROV, NO DUC AREA WITH LIGHT CONTACT. 9000 WORKERS HARVESTED 630 TONS OF RICE DURING PERIOD. AT 221130H CO A VIC (BS 769519) OBSR VC RUN FROM HOUSE, FIRED SA, 1 VC KIA (CONF). AT 221240H CO B POS VIC (BS 772515) RECD 1 GREN, FIRED 20 RDS SA, VC RTND SA, USMC ASSAULTED POS, 3 USMC WIA (MED EVAC). AT 221245H AO OBSR 2 VC VIC (BS 787501), CALLED IN NGF AND FIRED 1 RKT, 1 VC KIA (CONF), 1 VC KIA (PROB). AT 221250H CO H/27 (OPCON 1/27) VIC (BS 767317) DEST BAMBOO TYPE BOOBY TRAP WITH TRIP FLARES, THREE 250 LB BOMBS AND ONE 5"/54 PD. AT 221510H CO B VIC (BS 770510) FOUND 2000 LBS RICE, TURNED OVER TO SUB-SECTOR FOR REDISTRIBUTION TO REFUGEE CAS FOR PD 220001H TO 222400H WERE: USMC: 3 WIA; ENEMY: 1 KIA (CONF), 1 KIA (PROB), 2,000 LBS RICE CPTD.

B. PLANS SUMMARY

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MARINE AND ARVN FORCES. IN A COORDINATED EFFORT TO
GET IN THE CROP DURING THE PAST FIVE DAYS, OVER
57,000 WORKERS HAVE HARVESTED NEARLY 5,200 TONS OF
RICE WHILE MARINE AND ARVN UNITS, SUPPORTED BY
ARTILLERY, AIR, AND NAVAL GUNFIRE, HAVE EFFECTIVELY
PREVENTED ENEMY INTERFERENCE WITH THE HARVEST.
WHILE CONDUCTING OPERATIONS THROUGHOUT
THE AREA ON 21 SEP, MARINES REPORTED SEVERAL SIG-
NIFICANT ENEMY CONTACTS, INCLUDING ONE OBSERVATION BY A RADIO
RELAY TEAM OF AN ESTIMATED TWO VC COMPANIES
NORTH OF THE SONG VE RIVER. ARTILLERY AND FIXED WING
AIR STRIKES HIT THE AREA AND ACCOUNTED FOR THREE VC
CONFIRMED KILLED AND AN ADDITIONAL ONE PROBABLY KILLED.
LATER IN THE DAY, ELEMENTS OF COMPANY A, 1ST BN,
7TH MARINES ENGAGED TWO ENEMY PLATOONS ABOUT
TEN MILES TO THE SOUTH. FOLLOWING THE ENCOUNTER,
A PATROL SEARCHING THE AREA FOUND FOUR DEAD VC
AND THREE RIFLES. A TOTAL OF 25 VC HAVE NOW BEEN
CONFIRMED KILLED AND AN ADDITIONAL 100 ESTIMATED
KILLED SINCE GOLDEN FLEET 7-1 COMPLETED ON 17 SEP.

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WHILE THE RICE PROTECTION EFFORT BY
MARINES AND ARVN IN THE YO DUC AREA CONTINUES TO
DENY THE VC ANY BENEFIT FROM THE HARVEST, THIS IS
APPARENTLY NOT THE CASE IN THE VIRTUALLY UNPROTECTED
REGION WEST OF QUANG NGAI CITY. ON THE 18TH AND 19TH
OF SEP, US SPECIAL FORCES AGENTS REPORTED THAT UP
TO TWO ENEMY BATTALIONS WERE MOVING, BY BOAT,
DOWN THE TRA KHUC RIVER FOURTEEN MILES WEST OF
QUANG NGAI CITY. ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, THE VC
EXPECTED TO CONTROL THIS AREA AND THE HARVEST
WITHOUT ANY INTERFERENCE FROM THE QUANG BINH DISTRICT
OR THE SPECIAL FORCES CAMP. ALSO ON THE 19TH, THE HA
THANH SPECIAL FORCES CAMP IN THE SAME GENERAL AREA
RECEIVED ENEMY SMALL ARMS AND MORTAR FIRE, AND
FIVE ORPG WERE OVERFLOODED BY THE VC. FRIENDLY
CASUALTIES LISTED AS 3 KIA, 15 WIA, 1 KIA AND 21 WEAPONS
LOST. THE FOLLOWING DAY, 20 SEP, ANOTHER REPORT
WAS RECEIVED FROM US SPECIAL FORCES THAT OVER 200
BOATS WERE OBSERVED IN THE SAME AREA. ALL THE
BOAT LAGERS IN GRID SQUARES ARE 3861, 3862, 3863, 3864, 3865, 3866, 3867, 3868, 3869, 3870, 3871, 3872, 3873, 3874, 3875, 3876, 3877, 3878, 3879, 3880, 3881, 3882, 3883, 3884, 3885, 3886, 3887, 3888, 3889, 3890, 3891, 3892, 3893, 3894, 3895, 3896, 3897, 3898, 3899, 3900, 3901, 3902, 3903, 3904, 3905, 3906, 3907, 3908, 3909, 3910, 3911, 3912, 3913, 3914, 3915, 3916, 3917, 3918, 3919, 3920, 3921, 3922, 3923, 3924, 3925, 3926, 3927, 3928, 3929, 3930, 3931, 3932, 3933, 3934, 3935, 3936, 3937, 3938, 3939, 3940, 3941, 3942, 3943, 3944, 3945, 3946, 3947, 3948, 3949, 3950, 3951, 3952, 3953, 3954, 3955, 3956, 3957, 3958, 3959, 3960, 3961, 3962, 3963, 3964, 3965, 3966, 3967, 3968, 3969, 3970, 3971, 3972, 3973, 3974, 3975, 3976, 3977, 3978, 3979, 3980, 3981, 3982, 3983, 3984, 3985, 3986, 3987, 3988, 3989, 3990, 3991, 3992, 3993, 3994, 3995, 3996, 3997, 3998, 3999, 4000, 4001, 4002, 4003, 4004, 4005, 4006, 4007, 4008, 4009, 4010, 4011, 4012, 4013, 4014, 4015, 4016, 4017, 4018, 4019, 4020, 4021, 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(2) OP PRAIRIE. 4TH MAR CONT S&D OPS IN QUANG TRI PROV.

(3) OP POLESTAR. 2D BDE ROKMC CONT CLR OP IN QUANG NGAI PROV.

(4) OP GOLDEN FLEECE 7-1. 1/7TH MAR CONT RICE PROTECTION AND S&D OP IN QUANG TRI PROV.

C. MAJOR UNIT OPERATIONS

(1) OP MACON (ADJUSTED)

US LOSSES: 22 KIA, 160 WIA

ENEMY LOSSES: 425 KIA (CONF), 500 KIA

(PROB), 7 VCC, 42 VCS,

25 WPNS.

CUM TAC AIRSTRIKE SORTIES: 54

CUM RESULTS NAVAL GUNFIRE: NONE

(2) OP PRAIRIE (ADJUSTED).

US LOSSES: 99 KIA, 321 WIA

ENEMY LOSSES: 620 KIA (CONF), 450 KIA

(PROB), 1 VCC, 1 NVAG,

1 RETURNEE, 100 WPNS.

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CUM TAC AIRSTRIKE SORTIES: 1283

CUM RESULTS NAVAL GUNFIRE: MISSIONS FIRED: 26

AMMO EXPENDED:

5/54: 202 HE

6/55: 395 HE

TOTAL ROUNDS FIRED: 597

CUM RESULTS: 17 NVA KIA (CONF)

(3) OP POLESTAR. ROKMC LOSSES: 1 KIA, 23 WIA USMC: 1 WIA

ENEMY LOSSES: 5 KIA (CONF), 10

KIA (PROB), 43 VCS.

CUM TAC AIRSTRIKE SORTIES: 4

CUM RESULTS NAVAL GUNFIRE: 1 WIA (CONF).

(4) OP GOLDEN FLEECE 7-1 (ADJUSTED)

US LOSSES: 1 KIA, 14 WIA

ENEMY LOSSES: 151 KIA (CONF)

47 KIA (PROB)

15 VCS

1 VCC

3 WPNS

CUM TAC AIRSTRIKE SORTIES: 11

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 CUM RESULTS NAVAL GUNFIRE: MISSIONS FIRED: 22
 AMMO EXPENDED:
 5"/54: 1085 HE

5"/38: 381 HE
 TOTAL ROUNDS FIRED: 1466
 CUM RESULTS: 5 VC KIA (CONF), 20 VC KIA (PROB),
 17 STRUC DEST AND 6 STRUC DAM.
 D. SMALL UNIT CONTACTS

CORPS AREA I

FRIENDLY INITIATED SMALL UNIT CONTACTS

PROV/COORD	DTG	FRD UNIT/LOSSES	EN UNIT/LOSSES	TYPE ACTION
QUANG NAM				
(BT 1360)	211600H (D)	A/1/	UNK/5 KIA (CONF) 30 VCS	S&D
(AT 900830)	220145H (N)	D/1/	UNK/NONE	PTL
(AT 962592)	220410H (N)	A/1/	UNK/1 KIA (CONF)	PTL
(BT 131606)	220750H (D)	C/1/	UNK/NONE	PTL
(BT 099591)	220920H (D)	D/1/	UNK/1 VCS	PTL
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ZEN/I FFORCEV
ZEN/II FFORCEV
ZEN/COMNAVFORV
ZEN/SA IV CORPS
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1. (U) I, II, III, IV, CTZ. IN OPEN CONT W/O SIGNIFICANT
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1. (C) I CTZ. CUM RESULTS: ONE POLE STAR - NO CHANGE.

	MACON	FRIENDLY PRAIRIE	GOLDEN ELYSE 7-1
	US	US	US
KIA	22	100	1
WIA	160	332	17

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KIA	432	646	156
VCC	7	3	3
VCS	42	1	23
IND WPNS	23	105	6
C/S WPNS	2	4	0
AIR SORTIES	54	1370	13
NGF	0	44	71

3. (C) II CTZ. CUM RESULTS:

FRIENDLY

PAUL REVERE III SEWARD BYRD THAYER BINH PHU 27 DEUL

	US	US	US	US	ARVN	HUK HWA ROK
KIA	2	17	1	22	8	3
WIA	17	105	6	167	38	23
WIA	0	0	0	0	0	0
AIR SORTIES	355	168	45	333	0	10

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NGF	N/A					
		VIET CONG				
KIA	31	123	83	113	132	48
VCC	12	55	9	42	7	15
VCS	82	519	56	511		287
IND/WPNS	12	50	2	89	42	6
C/S WPNS	0	1	0	16	6	6

4. (C) III CTZ

A. OPN SUNSET BEACH : TO TASK ORG ADD 1/5 MECH.

B. CUM RESULTS:9. OPNS DECATUR AND LANIKAI NEG RESULTS.

FRIENDLY

	BATON ROUGE	SUNSET BEACH	KAMUELA	VAUCLUSE
KIA	2	3	0	0
WIA	12	24	0	1
MIA	0	0	0	0
AIR				
SORTIES	91	84	7	0
NGF	0	2	2	0
		VIET CONG		
KIA	41	36	0	7

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VCC	1	25	1	0
VCS	0	119	3	0
IND/WPNS	7	18	0	7
C/S WPNS	0	1	0	0
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ZEN/CG III MAF
ZEN/CG THIRD MARDIV
ZEN/CG FORTRPS FMFPAC
ZEN/CG FIRST MAW
ZEN/CG MARCORB CAMLEJ
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ZEN/CG MARCORB CAMPEN
ZEN/CG SECOND MARDIV
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ZEN/CG FORTRPS LANI

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ZEN/CG MARCORCRUITDEP PISC
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ZEN/CG MARCORSUPCEN BARSTON
ZEN/CG MARCORSUPCEN ALBANY
ZEN/CG MARCORSUPACTY PHILA
ZEN/FIRST MARBRIG
ZEN/CG FOURTH MARDIV (CAMPEN)
ZEN/CG FIFTH MARDIV (CAMPEN)
ZEN/CO FIRST BN TWENTY SEVENTH MAR
ZEN/CO FIRST RADIO BN

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S E C R E T SECTION 1 OFS7
FMFPAC WESTPAC SITREP NO FIVE HUNDRED FORTY THREE (C)
1. THIS SUMMARIZES EVENTS OF 22 SEPTEMBER 1966, UNLESS
OTHERWISE SPECIFIED.

2. HIGHLIGHTS

A. LARGE SCALE OPERATIONS

(1) THROUGHOUT SOUTH VIET NAM FREE
WORLD FORCES KILLED 167VC/RVA DURING THE REPORTING
PERIOD. ONE-THIRD OF THESE WERE KILLED BY MARINES

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OF III MAF. OPERATION PRAIRIE ACCOUNTED FOR 26 WITH
9 ENEMY SOLDIERS KILLED IN ISOLATED SMALL UNIT
SKIRMISHES AND ANOTHER 17 KILLED BY SUPPORTING ARMS
FIRE BRINGING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF ENEMY CASUALTIES CAUSED
SINCE 3 AUGUST, WHEN PRAIRIE BEGAN, TO 620 (CONFIRMED).
FIFTY-FIVE MORE WERE CONFIRMED KILLED DURING OPERATION DECK-
HOUSE IV PRIOR TO 18 SEPT WHEN BLT 1/26 CHOPPED TO
III MAF. NO SOLID ENCOUNTERS WITH SIZEABLE ENEMY
UNITS HAVE BEEN MADE SINCE THE 21ST. THE FIVE INFAN-
TRY BATTALIONS CONTINUE TO SWEEP THE OBJECTIVE
AREA AND TOWARD THE DMZ, AND REPORTS FROM THE
EASTERN SECTOR STATE THAT THE ENEMY APPEARS TO BE
RETIRING NORTH, FIGHTING A REAR GUARD ACTION TO COVER THE
LARGER UNITS. ON TWO OCCASSIONS ENEMY UNITS WERE
OBSERVED TO BREAK UP INTO SMALLER GROUPS, EACH
RETREATING ALONG A DIFFERENT AXIS.
(2) IN GUNG NAM PROVINCE OPERATION
MACON CONTINUES WITH NO SIGNIFICANT CONTACT.
B. OPERATION GOLDEN FLEECE 7-1
SOUTH OF QUANG NGAI CITY 630 TONS OF

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RICE WERE REAPED BY 9,000 FARMERS; AND MARINES
CAPTURED 2,000 POUNDS OF RICE FROM THE VC. SINCE
THE OPERATION STARTED ON 17 SEPTEMBER 5,160 TONS
OF RICE HAVE BEEN HARVESTED AND PLACED SAFELY IN
COMMUNITY STORAGE HOUSES. DESPITE VC ATTEMPTS
TO HARVEST THE CROP THEMSELVES.
THE FIRST BATTALION, SEVENTH MARINES
SUPPORTED BY ARTILLERY, AIR, AND NAVAL GUNFIRE
HAVE KILLED 151 VC (CONFIRMED) AND ANOTHER 47 ARE
CONSIDERED PROBABLY KILLED. NUMEROUS SMALL CON-
TACTS WERE MADE BY GROUND FORCES ON THE 22ND RE-
SULTING IN AT LEAST 2 VC KILLED, MEAN WHILE NAVAL GUNFIRE
ACCOUNTED FOR 21 MORE CONFIRMED KIA WHEN USS
HOLDER (DD-819), IN AN OBSERVED MISSION FIRED 8 WP AND
14 AAC ROUNDS AT A NUMBER OF VC IN THE OPEN AND
HIDING IN DWELLINGS. TWELVE OF THE STRUCTURES
WERE DESTROYED AND 7 DAMAGED.

C. MARINE AIR OPERATIONS

(1) FIXED WING AIRCRAFT OF III MAF FLEW
154 TACTICAL STRIKE SORTIES IN RVN ON 22 SEPTEMBER.

C LN 19 AA FIXED WING AIRCRAFT TO READ WING VICE WINGSES

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Golden Fleece 7-1
III MAF SITREP
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121733), DURING SEARCH ENGAGED IN FIRE FIGHT, 1 USMC KIA, 4 USMC
VIA (MED EVAC), 1 NVA KIA (CONF).
AT 230935H TK WITH CO G/1/26 HIT BY MINE WITH 60 DAN. HNTD
90MM CANNISTER, AO OBSR 30 NVA MOVING TO REINFORCE ENEMY POS,
CALLED IN NGF, 24 NVA KIA (CONF), 1 USMC KIA (MED EVAC). AT
231505H CO F/2/7 VIC (XD 946579) MED EVAC NVA, RECD AW FIRE,
THEN RECD AW FIRE FROM NVA BURIED, THEN ORGANIZED, NVA
BROKE CONTACT, 3 USMC KIA (MED EVAC). AT 231500H CO F/2/7
VIC (XD 946579) DET BOOBY TRAP, 1 USMC KIA (MED EVAC). AT
231730H CO B/1/26 CPTD 1 NVA KIA (XD 123120). CAS FOR PD
230001H TO 232400H WERE: USMC: 1 KIA, 11 WIA; ENEMY: 26 KIA
(CONF), 4 KIA (PROB), 1 NVAC.
(3) OP POLESTAR. 2D BDE ROKMC CONT CLEARING OF 1
QUANG NGAI PROV WITH LIGHT CONTACT. CAS FOR PD 230001H TO
232400H WERE: ROKMC: NONE; ENEMY: NONE.
(4) OP GOLDEN FLEECE 7-1. 1/771. CONT RICE
PROTECTION AND S&D OP IN QUANG NGAI PROV. 2D BDE AREA WITH
LIGHT CONTACT. 7500 WORKERS HARVESTING 450 TONS OF RICE DURING
PERIOD. AT 200700H CO G FLAT GET PTL VIC (BS 766513) DEST
TUNNEL 3°X3°X45°. AT 230720H CO G FLAT GET PTL VIC (BS

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766517) HAD 1 MALE AND 1 FEMALE APPROACH PTL, MALE ATTEMPTED
TO ACTIVATE CHICOM GREN, KILLED BY 2 RDS SA, 1 VC KIA (CONF),
6 VCS. AT 230330H TO 231530H CO C S&D VIC BS 767513) DEST
46 TUNNELS AND CAVES. AT 230330H CO H S&D CBT PTL VIC (BS
766517) RECD 10 RDS SA AND 1 GREN, RECD 50 RDS SA AND ASLTD,
FOLLOWED VC INTO TUNNEL AND TRIMMER COMPLEX, 3 VC KIA (CONF),
2 VCC. CPTD 2 FRENCH AUTO RIFLES. AT 230355H CO A S&D CBT
PTL VIC (BS 771513) FOUND CEMENT BOX CONTAINING 3 SNAKES
BELIEVED TO BE PIT VIPERS AND 2 BOTTLED PTL CONTAINING V 2
BOTTLES PENICILLIN, KILLED SNAKE. AT 231100H CO B FLAT GET
PTL VIC (BS 770509) DEST HORNED LIZARD TWO AND A HALF FEET
LONG AND 12" IN DIA. AT 231120H CO A FLAT GET PTL VIC (BS
770513) SEARCHED CAVE, FOUND 1 RIFLE, 1000 RDS. AT
231130H CO A FLAT GET PTL VIC (BS 770513) FOUND 100 RDS 30
CAL AMMO IN CAVE, DEST CAVE. AT 231130H CO A FLAT GET
PTL VIC (BS 766513) OBSR VC RECD IN CAVE, 1 NVA KIA, 1 VC KIA
(CONF) AT 231250H CO H/2/7 S&D VIC (BS 766513)
BLASTING CAVE CAUSED SECONDARY EXPLOSION, 2 USMC KIA (MED EVAC).
AT 231430H MARINE FROM H&S CO (BS 661760) WAS SHOT IN RIGHT
(BS 661760) WAS SHOT IN RIGHT THIGH, 1 USMC KIA (MED EVAC).

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B. PLANS SUMMARY

C. MAJOR UNIT OPERATIONS

CUM TAC AIRSTRIKE SORTIES: 54

CUM RESULTS NAVAL GUNFIRE: NONE

COMBATS RESULTS NAVAL GUNFIRE: NONE
(2) OP PRAIRIE. IS LOSSES: 100 KIA
ENEMY LOSSES: 646 KIA (CONF) SE

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C RATIONS, MED SUPPLIES, 2023 VICTORIA PILLS, SALT TABLETS
AND WATER CANS. AT 221145H CO C/1/26 VIC (YD 055627) DEST
5 HUTS AND BUNKER TYPE CAVE. AT 221230H CO C/1/26 VIC (YD
124720) ENCOUNTERED 4 MAN NVA RKT TM, FIRED SA AND M-79,
1 NVA KIA (CONF), 1 RKT LNCHE. AT 221240H (BSR 2
OTHER MEMBERS OF RKT TM, FIRED SA, 2 NVA KIA (CONF). AT
221400H TK WITH CO A/1/26 V

DET 105MM RD, NO CAS, TK DAMAGED, BEING REPAIRED. FROM
221505H TO 221800H CO C/1/26 VIC (YD 117719) RECD SA AND
AV FIRE FROM UNK NUMBER VC, FIRED ALL ORGANIC WPNS, ASSAULTED
POS, 5 USMC KIA (MED EVAC), 3 NVA KIA (CONF), 2 NVA KIA
(PROB). CO D/1/26 MOVED INTO VIC (YD 09PUEPL) AREA OF THEIR
CONTACT OF 180945H, DISCOVERED 2 NVA BODIES, PROBABLY RESULT
OF NGF MSN, 17 NVA KIA (CONF). AT 221950H RECD IN OBSR 3
NVA VIC (YD 208475), CALLED IN ART, 3 NVA KIA (PROB). CUM
CAS (ADJUSTED): USMC: 99 KIA, 1 NVA KIA, ENEMY SMO KIA (CONF),
899 KIA (PROB), 1 VCC, 1 NVA, 1 RETURNEE, 15 WPNS.
ARTILLERY FIRES FOR OPERATION. CUM NGF SUPPORTING OPERAT

MISSIONS FIRED: 82
OBSERVED: 13

MISSIONS FIRED: 26

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UNOBSERVED: 69
H&I: 58

AMMO EXPENDED:

AMMO EXPENDED:
HZ

50/54: 202 HE

80/55: 395 HE

TOTAL RDS FIRED: 597

105MM: 568 HE, 11 WP

107MM: 28 HE

155HOW: 228 HE, 1 WP

TOTAL ROUNDS FIRED: 867

C. OP POLESTAR, 2D BKE ROFMR CONT CLEARING UP IN

QUANG NGAI PROGMITH L

GHT CONT. AT 222100 (YD 171719) DEN V

(BS 7-3817) RESULTED IN: VC KIA (CONF). CUM CAS: 10RMC
3 KIA, 23 WIA; USMC: 1 WIA; 5 KIA (CONF); 33 KIA
(PROB), 43 VCS.

D. OP GOLDEN FLEECE 7-1. 1/27TH BDE CONT RICE PRO
TECTION AND S&D OP IN QUANG NGAI PROV, MO DUC AREA WITH
LIGHT CONTACT. 9000 WORKERS, 630 TONS RICE
DURING PERIOD. AT 221130H CO C/1/26 (BS 769519) RECD
RUN FROM HOUSE, FIRED SA, 1 NVA KIA (CONF). AT 221230H CO
B POS VIC (BS 772515) RECD, FIRED 23 RDS SA, VC RKT.

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SA, USMC ASLT POS, 3 USMC (PROB). AT 221245H AO
OBSR 2 VC VIC (BS 7725150) (PROB). AT 221250H CO
OBSR 1 VC KIA (CONF), 1 VC (PROB). AT 221250H CO
W/277 (OPCON 1/7) VIC (BS 7725150) DEST BABOO TYPE
BOOBY TRAP WITH TRIP FLARE. 250 LB BOCBS AND ONE 5"/54
RD. AT 221310H CO B VIC (BS 772518) MED EVG HEL RECD 20
RDS SA FROM HAMLET VIC (BS 772518) UPON LIFTOFF, HEL RIND
20 RDS SA WITH NEG RESULTS. AT 221315H CO B VIC (BS 772518)
RECD FIVE 60MM RDS, NO ACTION TAKEN. AT 221435H 1/7 CP VIC
(BS 721538) RECD 6 RDS SA FROM UNK NUMBER VC VIC (BS 721538),
3 RDS HIT HEL IN AREA, RTND 20 RDS SA WITH NEG RESULTS. AT
221510H CO B VIC (BS 770510) RTND 2,000 LBS RICE, TURNED
OVER TO SUB-SECTOR FOR REDISTRIBUTION TO REFUGEES. AT WNOTEPH
CO C VIC KBS UYUTPOL APPREHENDED 1 VCS IN CAVE AND 5 VCS IN
SHEEP OF HALET. AT 221555H CO A PLAT CBT PTL VIC (BS
773042) RECD 17 RDS SA FROM UNK (BS 777515)
WITH NEG RESULTS. AT 221600H CO B VIC (BS 768511) CPTRD 2
VCS IN CAVE. AT 221645H HEL 1/7 CP VIC (BS 768510) RECD
3 RDS SA FROM UNK NUMBER VC VIC (BS 770510), RTND 12 RDS SA
AND 2 M-79 RDS WITH NEG RESULTS. AT 221700H CO A PLAT CBT

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PTL VIC (BS 770513), RTND 20 RDS SA AND 4 RDS M-79 WITH NEG
RESULTS. CUM CAS ADJUSTED ACCORDANCE WITH G-2 RE-EVALUAT ON:
USMC: 1 KIA, 14 KIA ENEMZ: 1 KIA (CONF), 47 KIA (PROB),
15 VCS, 1 VCG, 3 WPNS.
ARTILLERY FIRES FOR OPERATION NGF SUPPORT FOR OPERATION
MISSIONS FIRED: 7
OBSERVED: 2
UNOBSERVED: 5
HE: 3

AMMO EXPENDED:

105MM: 235 HE

TOTAL ROUNDS FIRED: 235

5"/54: 1085 HE

5"/38: 381 HE

TOTAL ROUNDS FIRED: 1466

CUM RESULTS: 5 VC KIA (CONF),

1 VC KIA (PROB), 17 STRUC

DEST AND 6 STRUC ETC.

E. SPECIAL OPERATIONS

(1) (A) COUNTY FAIR: 9:30 220000H/CONTINUING

JGBB LOCATION: CAM VAN (1/7 0759)

(C) UNIT PARTICIPATING: A/ (PROB), 100

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(3) COMBUSTIBLE MATERIAL

USMC

CHINA

22 KIA

432 KIA

160 KIA

1000

40 MDC

23 MPNS ON 1 MDC

(3) OPERATION GOLDEN PHEASANT

(A) FIRST BN, SEVENTH MARINE BRIGADE, WAS CONDUCTING SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN THE AREA OF QUANG NHAI PROVINCE IN ORDER TO FIND THE NICE HAVEN AT 230700H, A FIRE TEAM PATROL APPROACHED BY A VC MALE AND PATROL. THE MALE ATTACKED THE PATROL, BUT WAS KILLED BY SMALL ARMS FIRE. AT 230800H, A SOUND PATROL OF SMALL ARMS FIRE AND ONE GRENADE AND ASSAULTED THE VC MALE INTO A TUNNEL AND THE VC MALE THREE VC (GONE). AT 231000H, AUTOMATIC RIFLES AT 231000H.

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(B) 770113) FOUND A RIFLE IN THE CAVE WAS SUBSEQUENTLY RECOVERED.

HUNDRED THIRTY POUNDS OF SMALL ARMS FIRE.

(B) 770112) AT 231000H, A SECOND BN, SEVENTH MARINE BRIGADE, ENTERED A CAVE. THEY KILLED TWO GRENADE. AT 231400H, A MALE SECURITY FOR A RADIO RELAY BY VC SNIPER FIRE.

(C) ARTILLERY OFFICERS, WHICH WERE IN THE AMMUNITION.

(D) CORRELATIVE RESEARCH

USMC

CHINA

1 KIA

100 KIA

17 KIA

1000

23 MDC

40 MDC

23 MPNS ON 1 MDC

(3) COMBUSTIBLE MATERIAL

USMC

CHINA

1 KIA

100 KIA

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23 MDC

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23 MPNS ON 1 MDC

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C O N F I D E N T I A L CCN 43211

1. (C) I CTZ

A. OPN PRAIRIE: REF MY 242340Z SEP PAR 1 A, CORRECTION
 TO FRD CAS FOR CONTACT OF F & G 2/7 ARE: 5 KIA, 43 WIA.

B. OPN GOLDEN FLEECE 7-1: AT 241726H DAC CONG OP CALLED

RTY AND NGF MSN ON EST VC COMBAT (BS694589) RESULTS: 25 VC KIA
 (CONF).

C. ALL OTHER OPNS CONT W/O SIGNIFICANT CONTACT RPTD.

2. (C) II CTZ

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GE 2 RUMSMA 887 C O N F I D E N T I A L

A. OPN THAYER. 1/9 CAV PLACED OCA 1ST BDE EFF
 240800H.

B. OPNS CONT W/O SIGNIFICANT CONTACT REPT.

3. (C) III CTZ

. ALL OPS CONTINUE W/O SIGNIFICANT CONTACT REPT.

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 COMPANY

CT REPT.

B. OPN SUNSET BEACH: AT 250146H AN APC FROM 1/5 MECH
 INF HIT A MINE VIC XT493316. RESULTS: 8 KIA (US), 1 APC
 HEAVILY DAMAGED.

4. (C) IV CTZ: OPN DAN CHI 261, PHASE IV CONT W SPORADIC
 CONTACT REPT. RESULTS (25 SEP): FRD: 1 WIA. VC: 14 KIA, 5
 VCC, 6 VCS, 1 I/WPN.

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7-1

RUMFUAK/CT9 SEVEN NINE FT FIVE
ZEN/CG SECOND BDE ROKMC
BTO N F I D E N T I A L SECTION ONE OF TWO
III MAF DAILY SITREP NR 268 FOR PERIOD 250000H TO 230000H SEP 66

1. OP SUMMARY

A. GENERAL

(1) OP MACON. 3/9TH MAR CONT S&D OP IN QUANG NAM
PROV WITH LIGHT CONTACT, ? -5

(AT 934518) OBSR 5 VC VIC (AT 930122, FIRED 7 RDS 82MM,
5 VC KIA (CONF). AT 251410H CO 7 AND TRS OBSR 3 VC
ATTEMPT TO POLICE AREA OF PREVIOUS CONTACT, PERIOD 1. RDS
90MM WITH UNK RESULTS. CAS FOR 251400H TO 251500H WERE:
USMC: NONE; ENEMY: 5 KIA (CONF).

(2) OP PRAIRIE. 4TH MARINES WITH 2.4 INF BDE
(1/4(-), 2/4, 3/4, AND 2/7(-)) CONT S&D OP IN QUANG
TRI PROV WITH LIGHT CONTACT. AT 251200H CO F/2/7 RECD 13
RDS 81, 82MM WHILE RELOCATING, 10 ATTEMPTED TO LOCATE ENEMY
POS AND CALLED IN ARTY AND AIR STRIKES ON POS VIC (XD
956587) WITH UNK RESULTS, 22 USMC KIA (MED EVAC). AT

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251230H CO L/3/4 VIC (XD 997619) MADE CONTACT WITH 16 NVA,
RECD AV AND SA, RTND ORGANIC WPNS. CALLED IN ARTY AND AIR
STRIKES, 1 USMC KIA, 2 USMC KIA (MED EVAC), 4 NVA KIA (CONF),
5 NVA KIA (PROB). AT 251200H CO K/3/4 OBSR 1 NVA VIC (XD
066613), FIRED SA, 1 NVA KIA (CONF). AT 251500H 2/7 MAR AD
CONDUCTED AIRSTRIKE ON SUSPECTED ENEMY POS VIC (XD 950000),
1 LARGE SECONDARY EXPLOS OCCURRED. AT 251330H 2/7 MAR OP
VIC (XD 963577) RECD 13 RDS RR FIRE, CALLED IN BMM AND ARTY
WITH NEG RESULTS, 7 USMC KIA, 5 NVA KIA (MED EVAC). AT
251700H RECON INSERT VIC (XD 940000) RECD, 5N. BMM STRUCK
TREES AND CRASHED, TM AND CREW RESCUED BY AMCHM HEL, NO
CAS. AT 251835H 1/4 CP VIC (XD 971000) RECD 30 RDS 81MM RP
FIRE, RTND 180MM RR, 90MM, CALLED IN BMM, ARTY AND AIR
STRIKES, LARGE SECONDARY EXPLOS OVER VIC ENEMY POS, RESULTS
UNK, 4 USMC KIA (MED EVAC). AT 251800H VIC (XD 990000) MED
EVAC HEL WAS HIT BY FRIENDLY ARTY AT 250000H. AMCHM TOTAL
LOSS, 4 USMC AND 1 USN KIA. CAS FOR PERIOD 250000H TO 252400H
WERE: USMC: 15 KIA, 34 KIA; ENEMY: 1 KIA (CONF).

(3) OP GOLDEN FLEECE 7-1. 1/7TH MAR CONT RECD
PROTECTION AND S&D OP IN QUANG NAM, NO CAS, WITH

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(3) OP GOLDEN FLEECE 7-1. 1/75. 2ND CONT RICE
PROTECTION AND S&D OP IN QUANG TRI PROV.
(4) OP GOLDEN FLEECE. 15-66. 1/75. 2ND CONT RICE
RICE PROTECTION AND S&D OP IN QUANG TRI PROV.

C. MAJOR UNIT OPERATIONS

(1) OP MACON. US LOSSES: 22 KIA, 250 WIA
ENEMY LOSSES: 481 KIA (CONF), 500 WIA
(PROB), 7 VCC, 42 VCS.
25 WPNS.

CUM TAC AIRSTRIKE SORTIES: 54
CUM RESULTS NAVAL GUNFIRE: 100
(2) OP PRAIRIE. US LOSSES: 12 KIA, 116 WIA
ENEMY LOSSES: 734 KIA, (CONF), 100 KIA
(PROB), 1 VCC, 2 NVAC,
1 RETURNEE, 109 WPNS.

CUM TAC AIRSTRIKE SORTIES: 122
CUM RESULTS NAVAL GUNFIRE: 100 FIRED: 40
AMMO EXPENDED:
5"/54: 343 HE
8"/55: 529 HE

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TOTAL ROUNDS FIRED: 922

CUM CAS RESULTS: 27 NVA KIA (CONF)

(3) OP GOLDEN FLEECE 7-1. US LOSSES: 1 KIA, 18 WIA
ENEMY LOSSES: 215 KIA (CONF)

48 KIA (PROB)
27 VCS
3 VCC
6 WPNS

CUM TAC AIRSTRIKE SORTIES: 22
CUM RESULTS NAVAL GUNFIRE: 100 FIRED: 32
AMMO EXPENDED:
5"/54: 1085 HE
5"/38: 801 HE

TOTAL ROUNDS FIRED: 1886

CUM RESULTS: 5 VC KIA (CONF), 10 KIA (PROB)

33 STRUC DEST AND 26 STRUC DAM

(4) OP GOLDEN FLEECE 15-66. US LOSSES: 3 KIA, 8 WIA
ENEMY LOSSES: 7 RALLIERS

2 VCS
12 TONS RICE C

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#267 GOLDEN FLEECE

12 NVA KIA (PROB). AT 241415H RECON PTL AMB VIC (XD 96657) OBSR 6 NVA ENTER SITE, FIRED SA, CALLED A/S, 2 USMC WIA (MED EVAC), 6 NVA KIA (CONF). AT 241500H RECON TM VIC (XD 925493) OBSR 10 NVA VIC (XD 925492) AND 30 MORE NVA SNEEPIING TOWARDS PTL, PTL FIRED SA, CALLED FOR EXTRACTION, THEN RECD SA FIRE FROM REAR FROM AN ADDITIONAL 100 PTL RTND ALL ORGANIC WPNS AND EXTRACTED AT 241515H. FOLLOWING EXTRACTION AIRSTRIKES WERE CONDUCTED: 1 USMC WIA, 15 NVA KIA (CONF), 10 NVA KIA (PROB). AT 241530H PLAT (C-1) FROM CO C 3D TK BN TK WAS HIT BY RKT AND SA, RTND SA, 90MM, AND CALLED IN ARTY, 1 USMC KIA, 4 USMC WIA (MED EVAC), NVA WIA AT 241630H 1/4 CP VIC (XD 96656) RECD 27 RDS 57 AND 82MM, CALLED IN 81MM AND ARTY, 1 USMC WIA (MED EVAC). CUM CAS: USMC: 188 KIA, 382 WIA; ENEMY: 123 KIA (CONF), 933 WIA (PROB), 1 VCC, 2 NVAC, 1 RETRAINED, 129 WPNS, ARTILLERY FIRES FOR OPERATION. CUM NEF SUPPORT FOR OPERATION MISSIONS FIRED: 71 UNOBSERVED: 36
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AMMO EXPENDED:

100MM: 771 HE
107MM: 13 HE
155MM: 369 HE
8 INDR: 17 HE

TOTAL ROUNDS FIRED: 1270

C. OF POLESTAR, 2D BDE ROKMC TERMINATED CLEARING UP IN QUANG NGAI PROV AS OF 0600H WITH NO CONTACT. CUM CAS: ROKMC: 5 KIA, 23 WIA; USMC: 1 WIA; ENEMY: 5 KIA (CONF), 43 KIA (PROB), 43 VCS.

C. OF GOLDEN FLEECE 7-1, 1/7TH BN CONT RICE PROTECTION AND SMO OP IN QUANG NGAI PROV. NO DUE AREA WITH LIGHT CONTACT. 7000 WORKERS EXCAVATED 500 TONS OF RYOLITE, 100 TONS OF EXPLOS AND 10 CRATERING CHARGES TO DEST 144 BUNKERS, 14 CAVES AND TUNNELS; 20 REFUGEES WERE EVAC TO MOBILE CENTER, MORE THAN 200 TONS OF CONFISCATED RICE WA BURNED ON 25-2600H AT 24315H. 1/7TH BN FOUND SKULL CAVE CONTAINING 6

5"/54: 343 HE
8"/55: 929 HE
TOTAL ROUNDS FIRED: 922
CUM RESULTS: 27 NVA KIA (CONF).

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LOADED BAR MAG AND SMALL AMOUNTS OF SA AMMO. AT 241230H
CO H SQD CBT PTL VIC (BS 765117) FOUND ONE SUICASE OF
UNIDENTIFIED DOGUS. AT 241412H CO H SQD CBT PTL VIC (BS
766517) DISCOVERED 1 VC KIA, 1 VC KIA (CONF). AT 241400H
CO B SQD CBT PTL VIC (BS 765117) LOADED 1 VCS IN CAVE,
VCS REFUSED TO COME OUT, FIRED SA INTO DAVE, 1 VCS WIA
(DIED EVAC). AT 241726H DAC COMD CP CALLED ARTY AND NGF MSN
OF 199 RDS ON 1 VC CO VIC (BS 694453), 25 VC KIA (CONF), OBSR
VC WITH LIGHTS REMOVING BODIES. CALLED ADDITIONAL FIRE MSN,
WILL SEARCH FIRST LIGHT. RES 1717 MSN RPTD TO 177 BY US
ARMY SECTOR ADVISOR. CUM CAS: 1 KIA, 17 VIA; ENEMY:
182 KIA (CONF), 48 KIA (PROB), 24 VCS, 3 VCO, 6 WFNS.
ARTILLERY FIRES FOR OPERATION 100 NGF SUPPORT FOR OPERATION
MISSIONS FIRED: 3 MISSIONS FIRED: 33
OBSERVED: 2 LMS EXPENDED:
UNOBSERVED: 1
H&I: 1

AMMO EXPENDED:

24754: 1285 HE
24758: 801 HE
TOTAL ROUNDS FIRED: 1886

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105MM: 161 HE

TOTAL ROUNDS FIRED: 161

RESULTS: 5 VC KIA (CONF),
24 VC KIA (PROB), 1 STRUC
DEST AND 26 BODIES DAM.

E. OP GOLDEN FLEECE 15-66. AT 240001H 1ST BN, 2D BDE
ROKMC IN COORDINATION WITH RVN/AF FORCES FROM QUANG NGAI
SECTOR COMMENCED S&D OP TO PROTECT RICE HARVEST IN AREA
BOUNDED BY (BS 6984), (BS 7584), (BS 6778), AND (BS 7176).
AT 241120H 1ST CO 1ST BN APPREHENDED 1 VCS AND CAPTD 12 TONS
OF RICE VIC (BS 728828). LATER 1ST CO 1ST BN TRIPPED DOOBY
TRAPPED 155MM RD VIC (BS 728828), 3 ROKMC KIA, 6 ROKMC WIA
(DIED EVAC), 1 PRO-10 RADIO DEST. CUM CAS: ROKMC 3 KIA, 6
VIA; ENEMY: 1 VCS, 12 TONS RICE CAPTD.
ARTILLERY FIRES FOR OPERATION
MISSIONS FIRED: 91
OBSERVED: 25
UNOBSERVED: 66
H&I: 60
AMMO EXPENDED:
105MM: 937 HE
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AND THE SOVI CO CA ON THE WEST. CONTACT WAS LIGHT AND SPORADIC. 7-1
AT 241745H, CO E (51938937) ENCOUNTERED HEAVY AUTOMATIC WEAPONS
FIRE FROM FIVE VC (51938937). MARINES RETURNED FIRE WITH 106MM,
ARTILLERY, AND 60MM AND 81MM MORTARS. RESULTS WERE 5 VC KIA (PROB)
AND ONE VC SUSPECT APPREHENDED. THE OPERATION TERMINATED
AT 241938H.

(C) CUMULATIVE RESULTS

USMC	1 KNY
NONE	5 VC (PROB)
	1 VCS

(C) OPERATION MACON

(C) THIRD BN, NINTH MARINES CONTINUES SEARCH AND
DESTROY OPERATIONS IN QUANG NAM PROVINCE. NO SIGNIFICANT
CONTACTS WERE REPORTED DURING THE PERIOD.

(C) CUMULATIVE RESULTS

USMC	ENEMY
22 KIA	422 KIA (565 PROB)
162 DUA	7 VCS
	42 VCS
	24 SPNS CAPTURED

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(4) OPERATION GOLDEN FLEECE 7-1

(C) 3RD BATTAL, 9TH MARINE DIVISION CONTINUES
SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN THE HO DAO AREA OF QUANG NAM
PROVINCE. THIRTY-SIX REFUGEES WERE EVACUATED TO HO DAO RE-
FUGE CENTER BEFORE ENGINEERS DESTROYED ONE HUNDRED FORTY-FOUR
BUNKERS, FIFTY-SIX STRUCTURES AND FOURTEEN CAVES AND TUNNELS.
ADDITIONALLY, MORE THAN TWO HUNDRED TONS OF CONFISCATED RICE
WAS EVACUATED ON 23 AND 24 SEPTEMBER. AT 241400H, A SQUAD
PATROL FROM CO H (56766917) DISCOVERED THE BODY OF ONE
VC KIA. AT 241400H, A SQUAD PATROL FROM CO B LOCATED ONE VC
SUSPECT IN A CAVE (56766919). AFTER THE SUSPECT REFUSED TO
SURRENDER, MARINES FIRED SMALL ARMS INTO THE CAVE AND EXTRACTED
THE WOUNDED SUSPECT. AT 241726H, THE DAC COMG OF DIRECTED ARTILLERY
AND NAVAL GUNFIRE ON ONE VC COMPANY (56694939). TWENTY-FIVE
VC KIA WERE CONFIRMED. DURING THE NIGHT THE CP OBSERVED VC
WITH LIGHTS EVACUATING VC CASUALTIES FROM THE PREVIOUS TARGET
AREA. ANOTHER ARTILLERY FIRE MISSION WAS CONDUCTED AND THE
AREA WILL BE SEARCHED AT FIRST LIGHT.

(C) MAC-12 A-4 AIRCRAFT FLEW TWO SORTIES AND EX-
PENDER ONE TON OF ORDNANCE, WHILE ARTILLERY UNITS CONDUCTED

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THREE FIRE MISSIONS, ONE H&I AND TWO OBSERVED, WHICH EXPENDED ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE ROUNDS OF 105 MM AMMUNITION.

(C) CUMULATIVE RESULTS

USMC	ENEMY
1 KIA	132 KIA (48 PROB).
17 MIA	3 VCC
	26 VCG
	5 WPNs CAPTURED

D. SMALL UNIT OPERATIONS

(1) RUE PHU DAT

(A) FOURTH MARINES SECOND BN, NINTH MARINES. NO CONTACTS WERE REPORTED. THE REMAINDER OF THE REGIMENT IS PARTICIPATING IN OPERATION PRAIRIE.

(2) DANANG

(A) BASE DEFENSE COMMAND. AT 240330H, A PATROL FROM THE FIRST MP BN BEGAN CHECKING AN AREA WHERE ACTIVITY HAD EARLIER BEEN WITNESSED. ONE OF THREE VC SUSPECTS APPREHENDED IN A HOUSE (BT317723), ONE MILE SOUTH OF DANANG LED THE PATROL TO A TUNNEL WHERE TEN M-26 GRENADES AND SEVERAL MAPS OF MARBLE MT AIR FACILITY WERE FOUND.

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(2) FIRST MARINES

1. FIRST BN AT 240315H, A PLATOON PATROL FROM CO D TOOK THREE BOATS (BT128650) UNDER SMALL ARMS FIRE AND KILLED TEN VC (CONF), NINE MILES SOUTHEAST OF DANANG. AT 0415H, A PLATOON PATROL FROM CO D (BT382630) RECEIVED AUTOMATIC FIRE FROM TEN VC (CONF), WHICH CAUSED TWO MARINE KIA AND TWO MIA. ENEMY WERE SOUTHEAST OF DANANG. MARINES RETURNED SMALL ARMS AND ARTILLERY FIRE, BUT RESULTS WERE UNCONFIRMED. AT 241345H, A SQUAD PATROL FROM CO A, (BT147993) KILLED ONE VC (CONF) WITH SMALL ARMS AND M-79 FIRE, THIRTEEN MILES SOUTHEAST OF DANANG (BT148594).

2. SECOND BN (REAR). AT 241145H, ONE MARINE FROM AN H&S CO WIRE TEAM WAS WOUNDED WHEN SMALL ARMS FIRE WAS RECEIVED FROM AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF VC (BT083633), EIGHT MILES SOUTH OF DANANG.

3. THIRD BN. AT 240320H, A SQUAD PATROL FROM CO N EXCHANGED SMALL ARMS FIRE WITH AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF VC (BT448668), SIX MILES SOUTHEAST OF DANANG. THE SQUAD SEARCHED THE AREA AND APPREHENDED ONE WOUNDED VC SUSPECT. AT 241300H A SQUAD PATROL FROM CO L (BT031714) APPRE-

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ZEN/CG FMFLANT
ZEN/CG III MAF
ZEN/CG THIRD MARDIV
ZEN/CG FORTRPS FMFPAC
ZEN/CG FIRST MAW
ZEN/CG MARCORB CAMLEJ
ZEN/COMCABSEAST
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ZEN/CG FORTRPS LANT

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ZEN/CG MARCORMCRUITDEP PISC
ZEN/CG MARCORMCRUITDEP SDIEGO
ZEN/CG MARCORSUPCEN BARSTOW
ZEN/CG MARCORSUPCEN ALBANY
ZEN/CG MARCORSUPACTY PHILA
ZEN/FIRST MARBRIG
ZEN/CG FOURTH MARDIV (CAMPEN)
ZEN/CG FIFTH MARDIV (CAMPEN)
ZEN/FIRST BN TWENTY SEVENTH MAR
ZEN/FIRST RADIO BN
ZEN/CG FOURTH MAW (MARTIC)
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FMFPAC WESTPAC SITREP NO FIVE HUNDRED FORTY SIX (C)
1. THIS SUMMARIZES EVENTS OF 25 SEPTEMBER 1966, UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED.
2. HIGHLIGHTS

A. GOLDEN FLEECE OPERATIONS

(1) OPERATION GOLDEN FLEECE 7-1, SOUTH OF QUANG NGAI CITY, GOES INTO ITS NINTH DAY WITH CONTINUING

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ENEMY CONTACT. A FOLLOW UP REPORT CONCERNING THE RESULTS OF THE SUPPORTING ARMS FIRE DIRECTED AGAINST AN ENEMY COMPANY NEAR THE SONG VE (SEE MY LAST REPORT) STATES THAT 14 MORE VC WERE KILLED. THIS IS ADDED TO THE 25 VC KIA INITIALLY REPORTED AND IS THE RESULT OF THE NAVAL GUNFIRE MISSION CALLED IN WHEN OBSERVERS SAW THE ENEMY, USING FLASHLIGHTS, ATTEMPTING TO RETRIEVE THEIR DEAD FROM THE BATTLEFIELD LATE IN THE EVENING OF THE 24TH.

NINETEEN MORE VC WERE KILLED BY GUNFIRE IN TWO OTHER MISSIONS; ONE AGAINST 20 VC IN WHICH 8 WERE KILLED, AND THE OTHER AGAINST AN ESTIMATED VC BATTALION AT BS 727 627. A FINAL REPORT OF THIS MISSION HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED. REGIONAL FORCE TROOPS SENT INTO THE AREA RECEIVED HEAVY SMALL ARMS FIRE, TOOK COVER AND REQUESTED MORE SUPPORTING ARMS. LATEST CASUALTY COUNT FOR THIS ACTION IS 11 VC KIA.

(2) MARINE ENGINEERS HAVE USED SOME 2,300 POUNDS OF EXPLOSIVES AND 56 CRATERING CHARGES SO FAR TO DESTROY 153 BUNKERS, 32 HOUSES, AND A NUMBER OF

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WELLS, SHEDS AND CAVES. 6 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS HAVE BEEN OBSERVED. AIDED BY REFUGEES, MARINES EVACUATED 500 TONS OF RICE DURING THE DAY FROM THE VC HAMLET OF VAN HA (1) LOCATED AT BS 767514 WHILE 6,000 WORKERS HARVESTED ANOTHER 430 TONS. REFUGEES CONTINUE TO MOVE INTO THE MARINE LINES; 50 WERE EVACUATED BY HELICOPTER TO THE MO DUC REFUGEE CENTER.

(3) NORTH OF QUANG NGAI CITY IN THE ROK MARINE AREA, ONLY LIGHT CONTACT IS REPORTED FOR OPERATION GOLDEN FLEECE 15-66. DURING THE PERIOD, 300 WORKERS HARVESTED SOME 20 TONS OF GOCE AND ANOTHER 12 TONS WERE CAPTURED. SEVEN VC SURRENDERED THEMSELVES TO THE ROK MARINES AS RALLIERS, AND ONE SUSPECT WAS APPREHENDED.

B. LARGE SCALE OPERATIONS

(1) THE FOUR BATTALIONS COMMITTED TO OPERATION PRAIRIE REPORT LIGHT CONTACT IN NORTHERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE. THERE WERE THREE INSTANCES OF NVA CREW SERVED WEAPONS FIRING ON MARINE FORCES (1 MORTAR AND 2 RECOILLESS RIFLE).

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CRAFT FLEW 18 A-4, 30 F-4 AND 16 F-8 SORTIES WHICH EXPENDED 116 TONS OF ORDNANCE. HELICOPTERS FLEW 4 SORTIES CARRYING 5 TONS OF CARGO.

(C) CUMULATIVE RESULTS

USMC

123 KIA

416 WIA

ENEMY

704 KIA (CONF) 1,041

2 CAPTURED (10/72 DIA)

109 WIA

(2) OPERATION MACON

(A) THE THIRD BN, NINTH AVIATION BATTALION, SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT. AT 251905H H-119A AND H-119B IN THE VICINITY OF (AT 934518) OBSERVED ENEMY AT (AT 936922). FIVE ROUNDS OF 90MM CANNON FIRE WERE EXCHANGED AT THE ENEMY KILLING THE FIVE VC (CONF). ENEMY KILLED THREE VC WERE OBSERVED BY CO 1 WHILE POLICING THE AREA OF THE PREVIOUS CONTACT. ELEVEN ROUNDS OF 90MM CANNON FIRE WERE EXCHANGED AT THE ENEMY WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS.

(B) CUMULATIVE RESULTS

USMC

ENEMY

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22 KIA

162 WIA

107 KIA (CONF) 569 (PROB)

7 VC CAPTURED

42 VC APPREHENDED

25 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(3) OPERATION GOLDEN FLEECE 7-1

(A) THE FIRST BN, SEVENTH MARINE BRIGADE, SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE. DURING THE PERIOD 241900H TO 241954H WORKERS HAVERSTED 432 TONS OF RICE. RECOVERED OTHER CACHES OF RICE IN UNRECOVERED AREAS. SUPPORT OF THE BN USED 2300 LBS OF EXPLOSIVES IN 35 CRATES TO DESTROY 153 BUNKERS, 32 HOUSES, 63 WEAPONS SHEDS, 20 CAVES AND PRODUCED 6 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS. FIVE HUNDRED TONS OF VC RICE WERE EVACUATED FROM THE AREA OF VAN HA TO IN THE VICINITY OF (BS 76751). REFUGEES WERE EVACUATED TO THE MO DUONG AREA. AT 241954H DAC CONG OBSERVATION POST. ENEMY WERE POLICING UP BODIES FROM A PREVIOUS AIR STRIKE. A FIRE MISSION. A SECOND FIRE MISSION WAS LAUNCHED WHICH RESULTED IN FOURTEEN VC KILLED. 22 WIA.

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ARTILLERY AND NAVAL GUNFIRE MISSION WAS CALLED AND 164 ROUNDS WERE FIRED AT A VC BN IN THE VICINITY OF (BS 727-627) WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS. A POPULAR FORCE UNIT WAS DISPATCHED TO SEARCH THE AREA AND RECEIVED HEAVY AUTOMATIC AND SMALL ARMS FIRE. THE POPULAR FORCE UNIT WITHDREW AND ARTILLERY AND NAVAL GUNFIRE WAS CALLED IN RESULTING IN AN ARVN REPORT OF ELEVEN VC KILLED (CONF) AND NINE WOUNDED. (PROB). AT 251040H, A CO M SQUAD COMBAT PATROL APPREHENDED A VCS AT (BS 766511) BELIEVED TO BE A VC TAX COLLECTOR. AT 251047H THE DAC CONG OBSERVATION POST OBSERVED TWENTY VC LEAVING A HAMLET IN THE VICINITY OF (BS 695589). A NAVAL GUNFIRE MISSION WAS CALLED AND A U.S. ARMY ADVISOR REPORTED EIGHT VC KILLED (CONF) AND FIVE VC WOUNDED (PROB). AT 251520H ENGINEERS SUPPORTING THE OPERATION DESTROYED VC BUNKERS IN THE VICINITY OF (BS 767515) CAUSING A SECONDARY EXPLOSION THAT WOUNDED ONE MARINE. (MEDEVAC). AT 251510H, VIETNAMESE COLLECTING VC RICE DETONATED AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE ON A GATE IN THE VICINITY OF (BS 766512). FIVE VIETNAMESE WERE INJURED. (MED EVAC).

(0) FORTY-SEVEN TRANSPORT SORTIES WERE FLOWN

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ZEN/CG THIRD MARDIV
ZEN/CG FORTRPS FMFPAC
ZEN/CG FIRST MAW
ZEN/CG MARCORB CAMLEJ
ZEN/COMCABSEAST
ZEN/COMCABSWEST
ZEN/CG MARCORB CAMPEN
ZEN/CG SECOND MARDIV
ZEN/CG SECOND MAW
ZEN/CG FORTRPS LANT

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ZEN/CG MARCORCRUITDEP PISC
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ZEN/CG MARCORSUPCEN BARSTOW
ZEN/CG MARCORSUPCEN ALBANY
ZEN/CG MARCORSUPACTY PHILA
ZEN9 FIRST MARBRIG
ZEN/CG FOURTH MARDIV (CAMPEN)
ZEN/CG FIFTH MARDIV (CAMPEN)
ZEN/FIRST BN TWENTY SEVENTH MAR
ZEN/FIRST RADIO BN
ZEN/CG FOURTH MAW (MATIC)
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BY HELICOPTERS IN SUPPORT OF THE OPERATION.

(C) CUMULATIVE RESULTS

USMC	ENEMY
1 KIA	215 KIA (48 PROB)
18 WIA	3 VCC
	27 VCS
	6 WPNS CAPTURED

(4) OPERATION GOLDEN FLEECE 15-66

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(A) THE FIRST BN, SECOND BRIGADE OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA MARINE CORPS CONTINUES SEARCH AND DESTROY AND RICE PROTECTION OPERATIONS IN QUANG NGAI PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT. DURING THE PERIOD, 300 WORKERS HARVESTED 20 TONS OF RICE. AT 250910H A ROK MARINE STEPPED INTO A PUNJI PIT AND WAS MEDICALLY EVACUATED. AT SECOND ROK MARINE WAS WOUNDED (MED EVAC) IN THE VICINITY OF (BS 593917) BY VC SMALL ARMS FIRE. THE FIRE WAS RETRUNED WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS. THE THIRD CO, FIRST BN APPREHENDED ONE VCS DURING THE DAY IN THE VICINITY OF BS 725817.

(B) CUMULATIVE RUSULTS

ROKMC

3 KIA

8 WIA

ENEMY

7 RALLIERS, 2 VCS AND

12 TONS OF RICE CAPTURED

B. SPECIAL OPERATIONS

(1) COUNTRY FAIR 11-19

(A) COMPANY C, FIRST BN, FIRST MARINES REINFORCED BY ELEMENTS OF 2/51 OF THE ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM CONTINUED COUNTRY FAIR 1-19. THE

OPERATION IS CENTERED APPROXIMATELY 12 MILES SOUTHEAST OF DANANG, AND INCLUDES

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THE HAMLETS OF HIEW NHON, CAM HAI, HWRMY TAY, HA QUANG AND HA MY DONG. AT PRESENT 2,200 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN SCREENED DURING THE OPERATION. THREE VC HAVE BEEN KILLED AND FIVE VC, TWO VCS AND ONE CHICOM 7.62 RIFLE HAVE BEEN CAPTURED. THREE MARINES HAVE BEEN WOUNDED, 1,203 PEOPLE WERE TREATED AT SICK CALL. GOOD WILL LEAFLETS WERE DISTRIBUTED AND MOVIES WERE SHOWN. FOOD DISTRIBUTION INCLUDED 2600 POUNDS OF RICE AND RATION SUPPLEMENTS OF SODA CRACKERS AND CANNED MEATS. THE EFFECTS ON THE INFRASTRUCTURE ARE UNKNOWN.

(2) COUNTY FAIR 3-20

(A) COMPANY C, FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES (-) REINFORCED CONTINUED OPERATIONS IN THE KIM LIEN HAMLET APPROXIMATELY TWO MILES NORTHWEST OF DANANG. AT PRESENT 372 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN SCREENED AND AN EQUAL NUMBER HAVE BEEN TREATED AT SICK CALL. TEN VCS HAVE BEEN APPREHENDED. PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS HAVE INCULDED A CULTURAL DRAMA PRESENTATION, THE PLAYING OF VIETNAMESE MUSIC, A P THE PRESENTATION OF A SANITATION LECTURE. MOVIES WERE ALSO SHOWN AND 400 MAGAZINES WERE DISTRIBUTED. FOOD DISTRIBUTION IN-

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WERE: USMC: 1 KIA, 2 WIA; ENEMY: 2 KIA (CONF), 20 KIA (PROB).
 (3) OP GOLDEN FLEECE 7-1. 17TH MAR CONT RICE PROTECTION AND S&D
 OP IN QUANG NGAI PROV, MO DUC AREA WITH LIGHT CONTACT. DURING
 PERIOD WORKERS HARVESTED 510 TONS OF RICE DRENCHING TOTAL RICE HAR-
 VESTED TO DATE TO 7,622 TONS. 3, & 4 78, & 1,863 LBS OF EXPLOS AND
 70 CRATERING CHARGES DEST 94 BUNKERS, 13 HOUSES, 62 WELLS, 80 SHEDS,
 9 CAVES, AND PRODUCED 2 SECONDARY EXPLOS. IN DEST OF VC HAMLET
 OF VAN HA (1) VIC (BS 767514), 13,150 LBS OF EXPLOS WERE USED TO
 DEST A TOTAL OF 554 BUNKERS, 123 HOUSES, 50 CAVES, 130 SHEDS AND
 125 WELLS. AT 260900H CO H PLATCBT PTL VIC (BS 767517) TRIPPED 300BY
 TRAPPED GREN, 1 USMC WIA (MED EVAC). AT 260920H DAC CONG OP CALLED
 ARTY MSN ON 300 VC IN OPEN VIC (BS 036587), MSN FIRED BY BTR G/3/11,
 27 VC KIA KCONF), REPORTED BY FIRST ANGLICO NGF SPOT TM. AT 261000H
 CO H VIC (BS 725563) APPREHENDED 3 VCS. AT 262130H CO D/1/7 SQD AMB
 VIC (BS 715567) RECD 70 RDS SA FROM 5 VC VIC (BS 716567), RTND 40 RDS
 SA, 2 VC KIA KCONF), 1 VC KIA JKPROB), ONE .45 CAL PISTOL CPTD. CAS
 FOR PD 260800H TO 260900H WERE: USMC: 1 WIA; ENEMY: 2 KIA (CONF),
 1 KIA (PROB).

(4) OP GOLDEN FLEECE 15-66. 1ST BN, 2D BDE ROKMC CONT SGQS FOUUSXV
 FEANVECTION OP IN QUANG NGAI PROV WITH LIGHT CONTACT. DURING PERIOD
 950

WORKERS HARVESTED 25 TONS OF RICE VIC (BS 715815) AND (BS 575835).

AT 281500H 10/3 CO VIC (BS 735888) FOUND CAVE COMPLEX CONTAINING
 1/2 TON OF RICE AND 1 TON OF POTATOS. THREE VC SURRENDERED THEM-
 SELVES BRINGING THE TOTAL RALLIERS FOR THIS OPERATION TO 10. CAS FOR
 PD 260800H TO 262400H WERE: ROKMC: NONE; ENEMY: 3 RALLIERS.

B. PLANS SUMMARY

- (1) OP MACON. 3/9TH MAR CONT S&D OP IN QUANG NAM PROV.
- (2) OP PRAIRIE. 4TH MAR CONT S&D OP IN QUANG TRI PROV.
- (3) OP GOLDEN FLEECE 7-1. 17TH MAR WILL TERMINATE RICE PROTECTION
 AND S&D OP IN QUANG NGAI PROV AT 271800H.
- (4) OP GOLDEN FLEECE 15-66. 1ST BN, 2D BDE ROKMC CONT RICE PROTECTION
 AND S&D OP IN QUANG NGAI PROV.

C. MAJOR UNIT OPERATIONS.

- (1) OP MACON. US LOSSES: 22 KIA, 160 WIA
 ENEMY LOSSES: JREI KIA (CONF), 569 KIA
 (PROB), 7 VCC, 42 VCS, 25 WPNS.

CUM TAC AIRSTRIKE SORTIES: 54

CUM RESULTS NAVAL GUNFIRE: NONE

- (2) OP PRAIRIE. US LOSSES: 124 KIA, 418 WIA
 ENEMY LOSSES: 742 KIA (CONF), 955 KIA (PROB).

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1 VCC, 2NVAC, 1 RETURNEE, 109 WPNS.
CUM TAC AIRSTRIKE SORTIES: 1400
CUM RESULTS NAVAL GUNFIRE: MISSIONS FIRED: 49
AMMO EXPENDED:
5"/54: 343HE
5"/55: 529 HE
TOTAL ROUNDS FIRED: 922
CUM RESULTS: 27 NVA KIA (CONF)
(3) OP GOLDEN FLEECE 7-1. US LOSSES: 1 KIA, 19 VIA
ENEMY LOSSES: 244 KIA (CONF)
49 KIA (PROB)
27 VCS
3 VCC
6 WPNS
CUM TAC AIRSTRIKE SORTIES: 25
CUM RESULTS NAVAL GUNFIRE: MISSIONS FIRED: 41
AMMO EXPENDED:
5"/54: 1085 HE
5"/33: 915 HE
TOTAL ROUNDS FIRED: 1990

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CUM RESULTS: 5 VC KIA (CONF), 24 VC KIA (PROB),
33 STRUC DEST AND 26 STRUC DAM.
(4) OP GOLDEN FLEECE 15-86. ROKMC LOSSES: 3 KIA, 6 VIA
ENEMY LOSSES: 10 RALLIERS, 2 VCS,
12 1/2 TONS RICE CPTRD.
CUM TAC AIRSTRIKE SORTIES: NONE
CUM RESULTS NAVAL GUNFIRE: NONE
D. SMALL UNIT CONTACTS

CORPS AREA I
FRIENDLY INITIATED SMALL UNIT CONTACTS

PROV/COORD DTG	FRD UNIT/LOSSES	EN UNIT/LOSSES	ACTION	TYPE
COAST DAM				
(AT 907020) 260035H (C) D/1/1/NONE		UNK/NONE		PTL
(AT 972629) 260041H (C) D/1/1/0/0 VIA		UNK/NONE		PTL
(ST 154595) 260035H (C) A/1/1/NONE		UNK/1 KIA (CONF)		PTL
(AT 957654) 2609201 (D) F/2/9/1 VIA		UNK/NONE		PTL
(AT 899722) 261337H (D) G/2/26/NONE		UNK/NONE		PTL
(AT 906548) 261625H (D) B/1/9/NONE		UNK/2 KIA (PROB)		OP
(AT 979678) 261703H (D) E/2/1/NONE		UNK/NONE		PTL
(ST 067620) 262515H (N) D/1/1/NONE		UNK/NONE		PTL

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(YD 797886) 261136H (D) B/3D RCN/NONE UNK/1 KIA (CONF) PTL
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QUANG TIN

(BS 438958) 251415H (D) M/3/5/NONE UNK/1 VCS CLR
(BT 406114) 261515H (D) C/1/5/NONE UNK/3 VCS, 2VCC PTL

QUANG NGAI

(BS 570925) 251515H (D) M/3/7/NONE UNK/NONE PTL
(BS 573923) 251900H (D) M/3/7/NONE UNK/NONE PTL
(BS 671976) 261445H (D) D/1/7/NONE UNK/9 VCS PTL
(BS 604982) 262045H (N) L/3/7/NONE UNK/NONE AND

QUANG NGAI

(BS 661915) 261335H (D) 7TH CO, 2ND BN UNK/22 KIA (CONF) PTL
2D BDE ROKMC/ 1VCS
NONE

(BS 657842) 260925H (D) 9TH CO, 3RD BN UNK/NONE PTL
VD BDE ROKMC/
1 WIA

(BS 721851) JWYQWEPH (D) 10TH CO, 3RD BN UNK/NONE
2D BDE ROKMC/

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RUABQL/CG NINTH MAB
ZEN/CG FIRYU MARDIV
ZEN/CG FMFLANT
ZEN/CG III MAF
ZEN/CG THIRD MARDIIV
ZEN/CG FORTIRPS FMFPAC
ZEN/CG FIRST MAW
ZEN/CG MARCORB CAMLEJ
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ZEN/CG SECOND MARDIV
ZEN/CG SECOND MAW

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ZEN/CG FORTIRPS LANT
ZEN/CG MARCORCJFC

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ZEN/CG MARCORCRUITEDEP SDIEGO
ZEN/CG MARCORSUPCENN BARSTOW
ZEN/CG MARCORSUPCEN ALBANY
ZEN/CG MARCORSUPAICTY P BLA
ZEN/FIRST MARBRIG
ZEN/CG FOURTH MARDIV (CAMPEEN)
ZEN/FIRST BN TWENTY SEVENTH MAR
ZEN/FIRST RADIO BN
ZEN/CG FOURTH MAW (MAARTC)
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S E C R E T SECTION 1 OF 37 KAM23) (&425 (AM2223)
FMFPAC WESTPAC SITREP NO FIVE HUNDRED FORTY SEVEN (C)
1. THIS SUMMARIZES EVENTS OF 26 SEPTEMBER 1966, UNLESS
OTHER WISE SPECIFIED.

II HIGHLIGHTS

A. GOLDEN FLEECE OPERATIONS
(1) ON 26 SEPTEMBER, IN OPERATION GOLDEN

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FLEECE 7-1, THE RICE HARVEST MAINTAINED A STEADY PEACE WITH ANOTHER 510 TONS OF RICE REAPED, BRINGING THE TOTAL AMOUNT THUS FAR COLLECTED TO 7,620 TONS. ONCE AGAIN MARINES OF THE FIRST BATTALION SEVENTH MARINES USED SUPPORTING ARMS TO GOOD EFFECT, KILLING 27 VC IN ONE ARTILLERY MISSION FIRED ON AN ESTIMATED 300 OF THE ENEMY BY A BATTERY OF THE ELEVENTH MARINES. TWO MORE VC WERE KILLED DURING THE DAY BY SMALL ARMS FIRE. THE VC FORTIFIED HAMLET OF VAN HA (1) JUST 12 MILES SOUTH OF QUANG NGAI CITY AND SITUATED ASTRIDE ROUTE ONE (THE MAIN NORTH SOUTH ROAD) WAS THOROUGHLY SWEEP BY MARINE ENGINEERS DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD AND THE WORK OF REDUCING THE HAMLET'S FORTIFICATIONS WAS CONTINUED. SOME 13,000 POUNDS OF EXPLOSIVES WERE USED TO DESTROY 554 BUNKERS, 50 CAVES AND NUMEROUS STRUCTURES AND WELLS WITHIN THE FORTIFIED AREA. IT MAY BE RECALLED THAT THIS HAMLET YIELDED 500 TONS OF CAPTURED VC RICE THE PREVIOUS DAY (DESCRIBED IN MY LAST REPORT). ELSEWHERE IN THE OBJECTIVE AREA, 8 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS WERE

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CREATED AS ENGINEERS DEMOLISHED ADDITIONAL VC FORTIFICATIONS, CACHES, AND HIDING PLACES.

(2) DURING THE SAME PERIOD ALMOST 1,000 WORKERS REAPED 25 TONS OF RICE IN NORTHERN QUANG NGAI PROVINCE WHERE THE SECOND ROK BRIGADE IS PROTECTING THE HARVEST IN OPERATION GOLDEN FLEECE 15-66. ON THE AFTERNOON OF 26 SEPTEMBER THE ROK MARINES ADJUSTED ARTILLERY FIRE ON AN ENEMY UNIT JUST SOUTH OF THE SONG VE AT BS 686588. 17 VC WERE KILLED BY ARTILLERY AND 5 MORE WERE KILLED DURING THE SUBSEQUENT SWEEP OF THE IMPACT AREA. IN ADDITION, THREE VC SURRENDERED TO THE ROK MARINES, BRINGING TO A TOTAL OF 10 THE NUMBER OF THE ENEMY WHO HAVE VOLUNTARILY CHANGED SIDES DURING THIS OPERATION.

B. LARGE SCALE OPERATIONS

(1) DURING THE NINE DAY PERIOD 18-26 SEPTEMBER SOME 1,400 VC/NVA WERE CONFIRMED KILLED BY FREE WORLD FORCES IN SOUTH VIETNAM. 760 OF THESE WERE KILLED DURING US MARINE OPERATIONS IN I CORPS,

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1U(A) THE THIRD BN, NINTH MARINES CONTINUES SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN QUANG NAM PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT. AT 260715H, A CO I, THIRD BN, NINTH MARINES SQUAD PATROL IN THE VICINITY OF (AT 936514) OBSERVED TEN VC AND CALLED IN SIX ROUNDS OF 105MM FIRE. ONE VC WAS CONFIRMED DEAD. AT 262110H, A CO I AMBUSH OBSERVED THIRTEEN VC IN THE VICINITY OF (AT 934526). TEN ROUNDS OF 81MM MORTAR FIRE WERE CALLED IN WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS.

(B) CUMULATIVE RESULTS

USMC	ENEMY
22 KIA	438 KIA (CONF), 569 (PROB)
160 WIA	7 VC CAPTURED
	42 VCS APPREHENDED
	25 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(3) OPERATION GOLDEN FLEECE 7-1

(A) THE FIRST BN, SEVENTH MARINES CONTINUES RICE PROTECTION AND SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN QUANG NGAI PROVINCE IN THE MO DUC AREA WITH LIGHT CONTACT. SEVEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED TWENTY TONS OF RICE HAVE BEEN HARVESTED TO DATE DURING THE OPERATION. NUMEROUS FACILITIES OF USE TO THE VC

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HAVE BEEN DESTROYED BY ENGINEERS WITH EXPLOSIVES THAT HAVE PRODUCED EIGHT SECONDARY EMISSIONS. THIS DESTRUCTION INCLUDED THE VC HAMLET OF VAN HA (1) IN THE VICINITY OF (BS 767517). AT 260320H, THE DAC CONG OBSERVATION POST OBSERVED THREE HUNDRED VC IN THE OPEN IN THE VICINITY OF (BS 686587). AN ARTILLERY MISSION WAS CALLED THAT RESULTED IN TWENTY SEVEN VC KILLED (CONF). COMPANY H APPREHENDED THREE VCS AT 261800H IN THE VICINITY OF (BS 725563). AT 262130H A CO B FIRST BN, SEVENTH MARINES SQUAD AMBUSH KILLED TWO VC (CONF) AND ONE (PROB) AND CAPTURED A .45 CAL PISTOL.

(B) HELICOPTERS SUPPORTED THE OPERATION, FLYING THIRTY-FIVE SORTIES IN A TWELVE HOUR PERIOD. THIRTY PASSENGERS AND FOUR TONS OF CARGO WERE TRANSPORTED.

(C) CUMULATIVE RESULTS

L	USMC	ENEMY
	1 KIA	244 KIA (CONF) 49 (PROB)
	19 WIA	3 VCC
		27 VCS APPREHENDED
		61 WPNS CAPTURED

(4) OPERATION GOLDEN FLEECE 15-66**SECRET**

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TRAPS, RTND ALL ORGANIC WPNS, CALLED IN 21MM, AIR STRIKES, AND ARTY, CONTACT CONT THROUGHOUT DAY, PARTIAL RESULTS, 4 USMC KIA, 14 USMC MIA, 7 NVA KIA (CONF), 20 NVA KIA (PRO), AT 251200H CO L/3/4 VIC GND 895814) RECD FIRE FROM ENEMY BUNKER AND REMAINED IN CONTACT TILL AFTER NIGHTFALL. A MARINE CASUALTY WAS UNABLE TO BE RETRIEVED THAT DAY, AND THOUGH AN EXTENSIVE SEARCH WAS MADE THE 26TH, NO EVIDENCE OF MAN WAS FOUND, 1 USMC MIA, CAS FOR PD 270000H TO 272400H WERE: USMC 4 KIA, 14 MIA, 1 NIA; ENEMY: 7 KIA (CONF), 20 KIA (PRO).

(3) OP GOLDEN FLEECE 7-1, 1/7TH MAR TERMINATED RICE PROTECTION AND SMO OF IN QUANG NGAI PROV, NO BUC AREA AT 271800H WITH NO CONTACT, DURING OF A TOTAL OF 7,620 TONS OF RICE WAS HARVESTED, CAS FOR PD 270000H TO 272400H WERE: USMC: NONE; ENEMY: NONE.

(4) OP GOLDEN FLEECE 10-06, 1ST BN, 20 BDE ROKMC CONT SMO AND RICE PROTECTION OF IN QUANG NGAI PROV WITH LIGHT CONTACT, DURING PERIOD 500 WORKERS HARVEST 20 TONS OF RICE, ONE VC SURRENDERED HIMSELF BRINGING TOTAL RALLIERS FOR THIS OPERATION TO 11, CAS FOR PD 270000H TO 272400H

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WERE: ROKMC: NONE; ENEMY: 1 RALLIER.

B. PLANS SUMMARY

- (1) OP MACON, 3/9TH MAR CONT SMO OF IN QUANG NAM PROV.
- (2) OP PRAIRIE, 4TH MAR CONT SMO OF IN QUANG TRI PROV.
- (3) SOP GOLDEN FLEECE 10-06, 1ST BN, 20BDE ROKMC CONT RICE PROTECTION AND SMO OF IN QUANG NGAI PROV.

C. MAJOR UNIT OPERATIONS

- (1) OP MACON, US LOSSES: 20 KIA, 180 MIA
ENEMY LOSSES: 450 KIA (CONF), 271 KIA
WOUNDED, 7 VCC, 40 VOS, 60 VPOL.

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CUM RESULTS NAVAL AIRSTRIKE 10-06

- (2) OP PRAIRIE, US LOSSES: 120 KIA, 400 MIA, 1 KIA
ENEMY LOSSES: 100 KIA (CONF), 270 KIA (PRO), 1
VCC, 2 VCC, 1 RETURNED, 2 VOS 80
WOUNDED

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CUM RESULTS NAVAL AIRSTRIKE 10-06, MISSIONS FAILED: 40
KIA, 100 MIA, 1 KIA
WOUNDED

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