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period 250001H to 252400H Mar 67
OPERATION NEW CASTLE TERMINATED OPNS
AT 251800H Mar 67

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INFO RUCIHOA/CMC
RUABQL/CG FMFPAC (FWD)
ZEN/CG FIRST MARDIV
ZEN/CG THIRD MARDIV
ZEN/CG FIRST MAW
ZEN/CG FORLOGCMD
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RUMFUAC/CTG 79.5
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155MM RD RIGGED A MINE. DEST IN PLACEM

(B2 CUM RES:	USMC	ENEMY
	46 KIA	302 KIA (CONF)
	429 WIA	598 KIA (PROB)
		65 DET
		5 PW/VC

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26 CIV DEF
7 INCIV
17 WPNS

(C) CUM HEL SORTIES: 9,976
(D) CUM TAC AIR SORTIES: 663
(E) CUM NGF:
(1) MSNS: H203
(2) AMMO EMPD: 6,992
(F) CUM ARTY:
(1) MSNS: 1,597
(2) AMMO EMPD: 18,004
(4) OP NEW CASTLE

BA) TACTICAL CMDR: 2D BN, 5TH MAR
(B) USMC UNITS: 2D BN(-)(REIN) 5TH MAR WITH CO'S
E,F AND BTRY EGXWXQN ELEMENTS OF 3D TK, 1ST RCN, 1ST AT BN.
(C) ARVN UNITSGC NONE
(D) OTHER UNITS: NONE
(E) ENEMY SITUATION: VC MAIN FORCE UNITS
OPERATING IN AREA.
(F) AREA OF OPERATION: ARE BOUNDED ON N BY

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S BY EW GL (AT45).

(G) DTG INITIATE

: 220630H

(H) TYPE: S&D

(I) PURPOSE: HTO SEARCH OUT AND DEST OR CPTR EN PERSON AND MAT
IN AREA.

(J) OP NEW CASTLE COMMENCED AT 220630H IN
QUANG NAM PROV WITHHLIGHT CONTACT FOR PD.

AT 220845H F/2/5 APPREH 3; \$35 -5 (AT849486).

AT 220830H EGXWXT VIC (AT832464) RECD 1 RD SPR FIRE FM VIC
(AT834465): 1 USMC WIA (MEEVAC). RTND 25 RDS YA FIRE AND
7 RDS 60MM: 1 VC KIA (PROB).

AT 221025H F/2/5 VIC (AT839492) PLAT POINT OB R) EN MVG
FM PTL. FIRE 50 RDS SA FIREGC 2 VC KIA (CONF), CPTRD 1 US
SMG, 30 RDS AMMO, AND 1 PACK.

AT 221420H CO F PLAT CBT PTL VIC (AT8344491) FIRED 4 RDS SA
AT 3; 3, : 1 VC KIA (CONF), CPTRD PACK WITH PAPERS, 1 GREN, 1
CARBINE, AND 1 PW/VC.

AT 221800H F/2/5 BLKG POS VIC (AT828473) DISCOVERED EN TRNG
CLASSROOM, 2 LB OF EN TRNG DOCUS. ALSO FD 2 ANTI AMERICAN

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SIGNS. DEST CLASSROOM AND SIGNSYK

AT 220830H F/2/5HVIC (AT842492) RECD SA FIRE FM UNK NR EN
VIC (AT842491). RTND 30 RDS SA FIRE AND SWPT AREAM FD NO
EVID OF EN CAS.

(K) CUM RES: USMC
#1 WIA

ENEMY
3 KIA (CONF)
1 KIA (PROB)
1 PW/VC,
3 DET
2 WPNS

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(L) CUM HEL SOGTIES: NONE

(M) CUM TAC AIR: NONE

(N) CUM NGF: NONE

(O) CUM ARTY

(1) MSNS: 22

(2) AXMO EXPD: 147

(3) OP BEACON HILL

(4) 3D MARDIV CONT S&D OP IN QUANG TRI PROV
WITH LIGHT CONTACT FOR PD.

3D MAGDIV REINSTATED OP BEACON HILL AS OF 211600H.

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- (1) MENS: 222
(2) AMO EXFO: 7,070
(3) CUM ARTY:
(1) MENS: 1,624
(2) AMO EXFO: 18,310
(4) ~~OP NEW CASTLE~~

(A) 2/5TH MAR CONT S&D OP IN QUANGNAM PROV
WITH SIGNIFICANT CONTACT FOR FD.
AT 231515H CO E/2/5 S&D VIC (AT 84149) RECD 25 RDS SA FIRE
FM EST EN CO VIC (AT 850

99). RTND 1000 RDS SA FIRE, 6 M-79
RDS, 4 LAAW, 2 S&D PROVIDING SUPPORT RECD 30 RDS MORT FIRE.
2 PLAT ORDERED TO REINFORCE UNIT UNDER FIRE. RECD EST 10 RDS
GAMMONT. CALLED ARTY MEN ON EN MORT POS. OBSR SEVERAL SEC
EXPLOS: 40 VC KIA (PROB), 3 USMC KIA, 11 USMC VIA (MED EVAC).
BETWEEN 231000H-231730H CO E S&D C2 FIL IN PREP FOR CONT
ATTACK OBSR EST EN EN MOVING ALONG HIGH GND VIC JKAT 854496).
S&D FIRED SA/AM AND RECD SA/AM FIRE. S&D WITHDREW UNDER
COVER OF 60MM WP AND SUPPORTING FIRE OF CO E. CO F AND 2
LVTH-6 MOVED TO EN LEFT FLANK VIC (AT 805486). LVTH-6 FIRED
60 RDS 105 HE DIRECT FIRE AND 200 RDS .50 CAL AT EN EN(-) VIC

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(AT 805485). EN-FLED CARRYING DEAD AND WOUNDED TWO VIC (AT 855
985). LVTH-6 AGAIN LOCK-EN, UNDER FIRE. LVTH-6 OBSR DIRECT HIT ON
ONE EN MORT POS CONTAINING THREE 81/82WORT. 61 VC KIA
(CONF), 37 VC KIA (UNCONF).
DURING MORNING OF 25 MAR CO E/2/5 FD AND DEST 3 CAVES COMPLEXES
IN GS (AT 8248).

(B) CUM RES:	USMC	ENEMY
	3 KIA	64 KIA (CONF)
		78 KIA (PROB)
	12 MIA	3 DET
		1 PW/VC
		2 WINS

- (C) CUM HEL SORTIES: NONE
(D) CUM TAC AIR SORTIES: NONE
(E) CUM RES: NONE
(F) CUM ARTY:
(1) MENS: 02
(2) AMO EXFO: 2017
(3) ~~OP NEW CASTLE~~
(4) 3D BATTAL (CO) S&D OP IN QUANG TRI PROV

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(2) AMMO EXPD: 7,252

(F) VLM ARTY:

(1) MSNS: 1,689

(2) AMMO EXPD: 19,368

(4) OP NEW CASTLE

(A) 2/5TH MAR TERMINATED S&D OP IN QUANG NAM

PROV AT 251800H WPTH SIGNIFICANT CONTACT FOR PD.

(LATE ENTRY) AT 241520H CO F VIC (AT 833508) AND CO E

MADE CONTACT WITH EST 150-200 NVA/VC VIC (AT 850511) TO VIC

(AT 858512) AND (AT 855502) TO (AT 861503). VC WERE DISPERSED

IN A LARGE U-SHAPED AMB. CO E WAS WELL INTO AMB WHEN INITIAL

HVY SA/AW, 57 RR AND EST 30 RDS 60/82MM MORT FIRE WAS RECD

PINNING DOWN CO E. CO F TOOK EN LEFT FLANK UNDER FIRE, RES

IN 1 NVA KIA (CONF), EN WITHDREW TO NW UNDER FIRE.

AT 241545H LVTH-6 AND THREE LVTP-5 ARRIVED AT CO E'S POS TO

ASSIST. LVTH-6 MOVED 800M INTO CENTER OF AMB FIRING DIRECT

FIRE TO RELIEVE PRESSURE OFF CO E. EN ATTEMPT TO SURROUND CO

E. CO E CONSOLIDATED POS AND EVAC WOUNDED ON LVTH-6 AND

LVTP-5 TO CO F POS. ARTY AND A/S CALLED IN AGAINST RIGHT

FLANK OF EN AMB. ONE A/S SCORED A DIRECT HIT ON EN MORT

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POS VIC (AT 851514) RES IN 10 VC KIA AMB DESTRUCTION OF MORT.

AT 1730H WHEN CO E'S EXACT POS WAS KNOWN, CO F REIN WITH LVTH-6

COMMENCED ENVELOPMENT OF EN LEFT FLANK. CO F CAME UNDER

INTENSE SA/AW AND 57MM RR FIRE AS THEY CROSSED HIGH GRD VIC

(AT 862507). CO F RTND SA/AW AND DIRECT 105MM FIRE, CAUSING

EN TO WITHDRAW TO NE, CO F PURSUED, LVTH-6 HIT 4 TIMES BY

57MM RR. DEST EN GUN AND CONT TO ATTACK AFTER EVAC CO F

WOUNDED. EN AGAIN WITHDREW. A/S RES IN DEST OF 57MM RR AND

AW. POLICE OF AREA BY CO F REVEALED 12 VC KIA BY SA, (CONF),

10 VC KIA BY LVTH-6 AND 2 VC KIA BY FLAME TM ATTACHED TO CO F.

EYE WITNESSES AND EXCELLENT COVERAGE OF SUPPORTING ARMS.

INDICATE 52 ADD VC KIA (PROB), NUMEROUS PACKS AND DOCUS,

GRENS, AND ASST AMMO, CLOTHING AND 1 M-1 RIFLE WERE TAKEN

IN ACTION. AT 241850H EN SUCCEEDED IN BREAKING CONTACT AND

2/5(-) CONSOLIDATED NIGHT POS.

DURING ABOVE ACTION VC SPR VIC (AT 865524) FIRING ON REAR OF

CP ELEMENT WAS TAKEN UNDER FIRE WITH M-72: 1 VC KIA (CONF)

RES OF ENTIRE ACTION: 13 USMC KIA (MED EVAC), 1 USMC KIA,

22 USMC KIA (MINOR), 42 VC KIA (CONF), 52 VC KIA (PROB).

AT 250815H CO E SPOTTED 6 VC W/ WPNS VICH (AT 856503), FIRED

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ZEN/CG FIRST MARDIV

ZEN/CG THIRD MARDIV

ZEN/CG FIRST MAW

ZEN/CG FORLOGCOMD

RUABOL/CG NINTH MAB

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4 RDS 105MM DIRECT FIRE: 2HVC KIA (CONF).

AT 250955H CO E OBSR 4 VC W/PACKS AND WPNS VIC (AT 839507).

FIRED 4 RDS 105MM HE: 2 VC KIA (CONF).

DURING CO F SEARCH 30 REFUGEES, INCLUDING ONE BADLY BEATEN
BOY 19 YRS OLD, REQ TO BE TAKEN TO NEW LIFE HAMLET. BOY HAD
BEEN BEATEN BY EN FOR REFUSING TO JOIN THEM.

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AT 251740H 1ST PLAT CO B 3D TK BN VIC (AT 869501) TKS OBSR

EN FIRING AT A/C VIC (AT 868507). FIRED 4 RDS 90MM HE: 1

VC KIA (CONF).

AT 251745H 3D PLAT CO B 3D TK BN VIC (AT 873505) OBSR 1 ZN SPR
IN TREELINE VIC (AT 873518). FIRED 3 RDS 90MM HE: 1 VC KIA (CONF).

(B) CUM RES: USMC H

5 KIA

55 WIA

ENEMY

118 KIA (CONF)

140 KIA (PROB)

34 DET

1 PW/VC

3 WPNS

(C) CUM HEL SORTIES: 20

(D) CUM TAC AIR SORTIES: 13

(E) CUM NGF: NONE

(F) CUM ARTY:

(1) MSNS: 146

(2) AMMO EXPD: 2,752

(3) CUM BN DAYS: 4

(4) OP BEACON HILL

(A) 3D MARDIV CONT S&D OP IN QUANG TRI PROV

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