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SUPPORT OF INFANTRY OPERATIONS.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC	ENEMY
0/50 KIA	0/211 KIA (CONKR)
11/417 WIA	2/210 KIA (PROB)
	1/102 DETAINEES
	0/4 NVA PW
	0/10 CIVIL DEFENDENTS
	0/67 INKOC
	24/108 WEAPONS

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(2) OPERATION BIG HORN

(A) FOURTH MARINES COMMENCED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN THUA THIEN PROVINCE AT 0021H, AND REPORTED MODERATE CONTACT. TASK ORGANIZATION AND THE AREA OF OPERATIONS ARE THE SAME AS FOR OPERATION CHINCOK II. AT 1740H, TWO OTHERS DKON FIRST BATTALION, NINTH MARINES ON A RESUPPLY MISSION

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WERE TAKEN UNDER FIRE BY AN ESTIMATED VC COMPANY (YD 615390). TWO PLATOONS WERE DISPATCHED TO ASSESS THE OTHERS, AND WERE ENGAGED BY ENEMY FORCES AT THREE SEPARATE LOCATIONS. WHILE ENROUTE TO THE OTHER LOCATION, THE REINFORCING ELEMENTS CAME UNDER ATTACK AGAIN. AFTER CONSOLIDATING POSITIONS (YD 615390), MARINES RECEIVED APPROXIMATELY SIXTY ROUNDS OF MORTAR FIRE, AND HEAVY SMALL ARMS AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE FROM ENEMY FORCES, WHO WERE APPARENTLY WELL ENTRENCHED. CONTACT CONTINUED THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT, AND AS 060540H, THERE WERE FIFTEEN MARINES KILLED AND FORTY-EIGHT MARINES WOUNDED. ENEMY LOSSES WERE SIX KILLED (CONF) AND AN ESTIMATED FORTY KILLED (PROB). AT 2020H, ONE MARINE FROM COMPANY F, SECOND BATTALION, NINTH MARINES (YD 4533535) WAS WOUNDED BY SNIPER FIRE. RESULTS OF OTHER CONTACTS WERE NINE MARINES WOUNDED BY SMALL ARMS WEAPONS, THREE VC KILLED (PROB), AND ONE DETAINEE APPREHENDED.

(B) ARTILLERY UNITS FIRED TWO HUNDRED FORTY ONE AND EXPENDED SEVEN HUNDRED NINETY ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION IN SUPPORT OF INFANTRY OPERATIONS.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

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USMC	ENEMY
4/4 KIA	43/ KIA (PROB)
36/36 WIA	3 DETAINEES

- (3) OPERATION SEA DRAGON
(A) NO REPORT RECEIVED.

- (4) OPERATION BOGDE

?SA) FIFTH MARINES COMEINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY
OPERJHSMPS IN QUANG NGAI PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT. A TOTAL
OF SEVENTEEN DETAINEES WERE APPREHENDED THROUGHOUT THE CURRENT
PERIOD. LATER, MORE COMPLETE REPORTS OF OPERATIONS CONDUCTED
ON 4 APR REVEAL A TOTAL OF FIVE ADDITIONAL VC KILLED (CONF) FORXH
THATAERIOD.

(B) FIXED WING SUPPORT OF OPERATION BOONE
CONSISTED OF FOUR DIRECT AIR SUPPORT SORTIES WHICH EXPENDED
FOUR TONS OF ORDANANCE. THREE STRUCTURES WERE DESTROYED
AND NINETEEN WERE DAMAGED. ARTILLERY UNITS FIRED SEVENTY-
EIGHT MISSIONS AND EXPENDED EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE ROUNDS OF
AMMUNITION IN SUPPORT OF INFANTRY OPERATIONS.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE
USMC ENEMY

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0/2 KIA	2, EQ KIA (CONF) (ADJUSTED)
1:42 WIA (ADJUSTED)	9/17 KIA (PROB) (ADJUSTED&3
	0/8 VC PWD

DETAINEES (ADJUSTED)

0/6 INNOCENT CIVILIANS

0/9 WEAPONS

- (5) OPERATION DESOTO

(A) SEVENTH MARINES CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY
OPERATIONS IN QUANG NGAI PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT. ATL

0700H, A PATROL

ON COMPANY M, THIRD BATTALION, SEVENTH
MARINES (BS 813405) EXCHANGED SMALL ARMS FIRE WITH THREE VC
(BS 809408). AN ARTILLERY MISSION WAS FIRED ON THE VC POSITION
AND THE PATROL REPORTED THREE VC KILLED (CONF) AND ONE MARINE
WAS WOUNDED. AT 1005H, A SCOUT-SNIPEER TEAM (BS 840392) TOOK
VC UNDER SMALL ARMS FIRE AND DIRECTED ARTILLERY FIRE
ON THE ENEMY POSITION. (BS 836392). TWO VC WERE
KILLED (CONF) AND AN ENEMY BUNKER DESTROYED. AT 1750
THREE MARJESSARON COMPANY G, SECOND BATTALION, SEVENTH MARINES
WERE WOUNDED, WHEN A PATROL DETONATED A MINE (BS 843366). AT
1800H, COMPANY L, THIRD BATTALION, SEVENTH MARINES SUSTAINED

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CONCERNING THE COORDINATED ENEMY ATTACKS ON QUANG TRI CITY.
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SVA. MAJOR UNIT OPERATIONS

(1) OPERATION PRAIRIE III

IN THIRD MARINE DIVISION (FVD) CONTINUED
SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN NORTHERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE,
WITH THREE INFANTRY BATTALIONS ASSIGNED (THIRD BATTALION,
THIRD MARINES; FIRST BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES;
THIRD BATTALION, NINTH MARINES) AND REPORTED LIGHT CONTACT.
ADD THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO THE WEAPONS CACHE FOUND BY
COMPANY K, THIRD BATTALION, NINTH MARINES ON APRIL: SIX
BANGALORE TORPEDDES, THIRTY POUNDS OF EXPLOSIVES, TWO THOUSAND
ROUNDS OF 7.62 MM AMMUNITION, TWO MINES, TWO RADIOS AND
ASSORTED OTHER ITEMS. THE TWENTY SUBMACHINE GUNS, INITIALLY
REPORTED AS THOMPSON'S, ARE IN FACT STEW GUNS. A TOTAL OF
TWO DETAINEES WERE APPREHENDED DURING THIS PERIOD.

(3) FIXED WING SUPPORT OF OPERATION PRAIRIE III
CONSISTED OF TWELVE DIRECT AIR SUPPORT (TWO VISUAL AND TEN
F2Q-12) SORTIES, WHICH EXPENDED THIRTEEN TONS OF ORDNANCE.
ONE BUNKER WAS DESTROYED. HELICOPTERS FLEW SIXTY-FOUR SORTIES

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AND TRANSPORTED NINETY-SIX PERSONNEL AND ONE TON OF CARGO.
ARTILLERY UNITS FIRED TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-NINE MISSIONS AND
3,543 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION
IN SUPPORT OF INFANTRY OPERATIONS.

(C) RESULTS; DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC	ENEMY
0/50 KIA	0/211 KIA (CONF)
HG0/417 WIA	0/210 KIA (PROB)
	2/106 DETAINEES
	0/4 NVA PW
	0/10 CIVIL DEFENDENTS
	0/11 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
	0/10
	& WEAPONS

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(2) OPERATION BIG HORN

OPERAHJ (A) FOURTH MARINES CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY

S IN THUA TRIEN PROVINCE WITH MODERATE CONTACT.
FINAL RESULTS OF FIRST BATTALION, NINTH MARINES CONTINUED
WITH AN ESTIMATED VC COMPANY (YD 615390), CONTAINED IN
MY REPORT FOR 5 APRIL, ARE AS FOLLOWS: SIXTEEN MARINES

KILLED; TWENTY-NINE INJURED
UNWOUNDED; EIGHTING KILLED (CONF);
SEVENTEEN VC KILLED (PROB); TWO AK-47 RIFLES CAPTURED. FINAL
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RESULTS OF THE 0055H MORTAR AND GROUND ATTACK ON THE PROVISIONAL 155MM HOWITZER, BATTERY, TWELFTH MARINES (YD 645277) ARE AS FOLLOWS: THREE MARINES KILLED; EIGHT MARINES WOUNDED; TWELVE VC KILLED (CONF); TWENTY-THREE VC KILLED (PROB); FIVE DETAINEES APPREHENDED. ADDITIONALLY, ONE 8" HOWITZER AND ONE M-42 WERE DAMAGED. AT 0930H, TWO MARINES FROM COMPANY A, FIRST BATTALION, NINTH MARINES WERE WOUNDED, WHEN A PATROL DETONATED A MINE (YD 695385). THREE DETAINEES WERE CLASSIFIED AS INNOCENT CIVILIANS DURING THIS PERIOD.

(B) ARTILLERY UNITS FIRED ONE HUNDRED NINETY ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION AND EXPENDED 1,087 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION IN SUPPORT OF INFANTRY OPERATIONS.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC	ENEMY
15/19 KIA	20/20 KIA (CONF)
23/59 WIA (ADJUSTED)	36/79 KIA (PROB)

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5/5 DETAINEES (ADJUSTED)
3/3 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
3/3 WEAPONS

(3) OPERATION CANYON

(A) FIRST MARINES COMMENCEJA COORDINATED USMC/ARVN SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN QUANG NAM PROVINCE, APPROXIMATELY TWENTY MILES SOUTH OF DANANG, AT 0700H. PARTICIPATING MARINES UNITS ARE COMPANIES A AND C, FIRST BATTALION, FIRST MARINES; COMPANY I, THIRD BATTALION, FIRST MARINES; COMPANY G, SECOND BATTALION, TWENTY-SIXTH MARINES; AND ELEMENTS OF FIRST BATTALION, ELEVENTH MARINES; FIRST TANK BATTALION; FIRST ANTI-TANK BATTALION. ARVN UNITS ARE TWENTY-FIRST ARVN RANGER BATTALION, THIRTY-NINTH ARVN RANGER BATTALION, AND A TROOP FROM THE SECOND BATTALION, FOURTH ARVN APC. THE AREA OF OPERATIONS IS DEFINED BY THE SONG HOI AN AND THE SONG CUA DUV ON THE NORTH; THE SEA ON THE EAST; GRID LINE (BT 4) ON THE SOUTH; AND NATIONAL ROUTE 1 ON THE WEST. ENEMY CONTACT WAS REPORTED AS SIGNIFICANT, IN THAT NUMEROUS CONTACTS WERE MADE WITH INDIVIDUAL AND SMALL GROUPS OF HOSTILE FORCES. AT 1300H, A PATROL FROM COMPANY I, THIRD BATTALION, FIRST MARINES

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(C) CP SIG WORK

(A) 4TH MAP CONT SAID CP IN THUA THIEN FROM WITH LIGHT CONTACT
FED PD. ADD 2 AV-A7, 1 CAL .38 PISTOL, 1 CAL .45 PISTOL, 1 FN KIA
(COMF), ADD 15 FN KIA (CROD). TO 1/3 INCIDENT 051737H VIC
(0501500).

AT 070000H CO A/1/3 IC (YD590297) FEED 7 FDS SEE FIRE. FEED
SA FIVE, ARTY FIVE: 5 VC VIA (OTOP). 1 USMC VIA.

AT 071310H CO C/1/3 FD 1 BODY, WITH 2 CHICOM CREWS ON IT,
KILLED BY SA FIVE: 1 VC KIA (COMF).

FEED PD 1 DET CLASSIFIED RETURNED

FEED PD 4 DET CLASSIFIED IN CIV.

AT 071633 G 15 TURNED OVER 3 DET TO 4TH MAP AT ATTHUW CP.
L 2 DET 1 DET CLASS CIV DEF.

AT 071820H FDS 2/3 VIC (YD545000) CFSR 2 VC VIC (YD540002).
SEVERE 017 FDS W/ARTY FDS.

AT 071910H CO C/2/3 VIC (YD530000) FEED 5 FDS SPP FIRE.
CHICOM ARTY FDS W/ARTY FDS.

AT 071910H CO C/1/3 FLOCKING FORCE VIC (YD515300) CFSR 6 VC
W/ARTY. FEED SA W/ARTY FDS.

AT 071340H CO C/2/3 FLAT FLYING FDS VIC (YD590265) CFSR 20

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TO VIC (YD540000). FEED ARTY FDS W/ARTY FDS.

(C) COW FDS: USMC FIVE

10 KIA 20 VIA COMF, 30 VIA (OTOP)

30 KIA 11 DET, 1 DET, 1 DET

1 CIV DEF, 7 IN CIV, 6 VPFS

30 CIV 1.1. SOUTHER: 1000

(C) COW VC AIR SOUTHER: 1000

(C) COW FDS: 1000

(C) COW FDS: (C) FDS: 500, (C) ARTY FDS: 2, 512

(C) CP 070000H

(C) FEED PD 1 DET, 2 DET, 3 DET, 4 DET, 5 DET, 6 DET, 7 DET, 8 DET, 9 DET, 10 DET

(C) FEED PD 1 DET, 2 DET, 3 DET, 4 DET, 5 DET, 6 DET, 7 DET, 8 DET, 9 DET, 10 DET

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423 WIA

217 KIA (PROB)

104 DET

4 PW/NVA

10 CIV DEF

67 INCIV

108 WPNS

(C) CUM HEL SORTIES: 4225

(D) CUM TAC AIR SORTIES: 339

(E) CUM NGF NONE

(F) CUM ARTY: (1) MSNS: 9,134 (2) AMMO EXPD: 82,708

(2) OP BIG HORN

(A) 4TH MAR CONT S&D OP IN THUA THIEN PROV
WITH LIGHT CONTACT FOR PD.AT 080545H CO C/1/9 VIC (YD505385) RECD EST 40 RDS CF MORT
FIRE: 2 USMC WIA (MINOR). FIRED COUNTER MORT WUNK RES.AT 080720H CO C/1/9 SWEEPING AREA OF SUSPECTED MORT PCS VIC
(YD503385) DET M-16 MINE: 1 USMC WIA (MED EVAC), 1 USMC KIA.
EVAC HEL RECD 15 RDS SPR FIRE. CO C RTND 50 RDS SA, 10 RDS
M-79, 2 LAAW AND 21 RDS 81MM WUNK RES.

AT 081040H CO G/2/9 RECD SPR FIRE SB VIC (YD500266): 2 USMC

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WIA (MED EVAC). RTND SA FIRE: 1 VC KIA (PROB).

AT 081201H ONE M-35 LOADED W/106 AMMO IN CONVOY VIC (YD561
319) DET MINE. TRK TURNED OVER AND BURNED. 1 USMC WIA (MED EVAC).AT 081225H A/1/9 PLAT SEARCH FORCE VIC (YD610395) RECD SA
LFIRE FM 1 VC: 1 USMC KIA, 1 USMC WIA (MED EVAC) RTND SA FIRE:
1 VC KIA (CONF), CPTRD 1 M-16 RIFLE.

DUR PD 2 DET CLASSED CIV DEF.

AT 081225H 1/9 PTL VIC (YD610394) MARKSTEPPED ON M-16 MINE.
HE RECOGNIZED IT AND REMAINED ON IT WHILE ENGR DISARMED IT.AT 081920H CO A/1/9 VIC (YD57358). RECD SA FIRE DURING RE-
SUPPLY MSN FM HEL. A/1/9 RTND FIRE W/1 RD 60 MM, 500 RDS SA,
15 RDS M-79. GUNSHIPS FIRED M-60'S AND 2 WP GRENS RESULTING IN
A SEC EXPLOS. SPR FIRE CEASED.

(B) CUM RES: USMC

ENEMY

21 KIA

23 KIA (CONF)

100 KIA (PROB)

67 WIA

11 DET

1 RTNEE

3 CIV DEF

7 INCIV

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8 WPNS

(C) CUM HEL SORTIES: NONE

(D) CUM TAC AIR SORTIES: NONE

(E) CUM NGF: NONE

(F) CUM ARTY: (1) MSNS: 879 (2) AMMO EXPD: 3,239

(3) CP CANYON

(A) 1ST MAR CONT S&D CP IN QUANG NAM AND QUANG TIN PROV WITH SIGNIFICANT CONTACT FOR PD.

(LATE ENTRY) FM 071800H-071900H 1/1 S-2 SGT SQD CBTHPTL AND KCS VIC : 5210534) ENROUTE TO BN CP W/2 DET APPREH AT 071730H MVD TO VIC (BT210584) TO CHECK INFO VOLUNTEERED BY DET ON LOCATION OF EN CAVES IN AREA. INSTEAD DET PROVIDED FALSE INFO TO DIRECT SYU TO KILLING ZONE OF A 3 SIDED, 8 MAN AMB. AN UNK NO OF SA/WW FIRE WAS EXCHANGED RES IN 4 VC KIA (INCL 2 PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED DETS). EN BROKE CONTACT AND SQD CONT TWD CP. VC TRAILING SQD WAS TAKEN UNDER FIRE AND KILLED. SHSAKTM ECD AW/SA FIREHFM PRESUMABLY 1 VC FM INITIAL AMB REIN BY EST 20-30 MORE EN. SQD SET UVUP ASTY 350 PER, RTND FIRE AND REQ REIN. 1 VC WAS OBSR PN TRENCHLINE MVG SOUTH AND 4 EN WERE OBSR IN TREELINE. SQD OPZND FIRE

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AND KILLED ONE VC IN TRENCHLINE AND 4 VC IN TREELINE. AS REIN AND TANKS ARRIMAD, EN BEGAN TO BREAK CONTACT, THEN MVD TO VIC (BT308532) AND TOOK TKS UNDER FIRE W/SA/WW FIRE AND WHAT WAS BELIEVED TO BE TWO GRENS. TKS RTND 90MM AND MG FIRE. EN BROKE CONTACT AND FLED. SEARCH OF AREA REVEALED TWO LARGE BLOOD TRAILS INDICATING 2 VC KIA 049), CPTRD 11 CHICOM GRENS, 3 M-26 GRENS, 2 BAYONETS, 3 M-14 CART BELTS, 1HPONCHO, 1 PACK, 2 FIRST AID KITS AND ASST CLOTHING. H9 VC KIA (CONF), 2 VC KIA (PROB).

AT 080530H 3/2/26 DEF POS VIC (BT221505) UNK NR EN PROBED WIRE AND FIRED 3 RDS SA FIRE. RTND 20 RDS SA FIRE: 3 VC KIA (CONF), CPTRD 1 PW/VC.

AT 080550H 3/2/26 DEF POS VIC (BT221505) OBSR MVMT TO FRONT. FIRE 10 RDS SA FIRE AND SEARCHED AREA, APPREH 1 FEMALE DET (WIA).

(LATE ENTRY) AT 071800H CO H/2/26 CP PER VIC (BT199488) RECD 10 RDS SA FM EST 1 EN VIC (BT195488). RTND 100 RDS SA SEARCHED AREA, NO EVID OF EN CAS. 1 USMC STEPPED ON PUNJI STAKES: 1 USMC WIA (MINOR).

(LWTE ENTRY) AT 071830H CO H/2/26 PLAT SWEEP NKRCE VIC (BT BT

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~~(D) CUM TAC AIR SORTIES: 360~~
~~(E) CUM NGF: NONE~~
~~(F) CUM ARTY:~~
~~(1) MSN: 9,578~~
~~(2) AMMO EXPD: 87,992~~

(2) OPHBIG HORN
(W) 4TH MAR CONT S2D OP IN THUA THIEN PROV
WITH LIGHT CONTACT FOR PD.
(LATE ENTRY) AT 081530H CO A/1/9 VIC (YD 637373) APPREH 2 DET.
AT 091200H H&S 2/9 OBSR 5 VC VIC (YD 496333): CALLED ARTY MSN
W/UNK RES.
ADD 1 USVC WIA (MINOR) AS A RESULT OF ACTION ON 07 APR 67.
DUR PD 2 DET CLASS INCIV.
AT 091314H ASSUMED OPOON OF 2/26
AT 091400H CO D/1/9 APPREH 2 DET
AT 091500H WHILE ON RECON FLIGHT OF TAOR HEL RECD SA FIRE
FM VIC (YD 604248) (YD 607233). HEL RTND FIRE AND CALLED IN
A/S. 100 PERCENT COVERAGE ON TGT. RES UNK.
AT 091800H AN ELEMENT OF 2/9 OBSR 8 VC IN VIC (YD 527276)
W/MORTAR TUBE AND BASE PLATE, ARTY MSN FIRED AND A SHEEP OFD

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AREA CONDUCTED W/NO CONTACT.

AT 091615H A/1/9 LOC VIC (YD 646327) WHILE CLEARING BAMBOO
TRAIL TRIPPES A 60MM RD RIGGED AS MINE. NO CAS.

AT 092015H TPS-21 LOC VIC (YD 538323) OBSR MOVEMENT AT
(YD 550341). ARTY FIRED MSN OF 27 RDS. WILL SEARCH AT
FIRST LIGHT.

(B) CUM RES: USMC

ENEMY

21 KIA
68 WIA

23 KIA (CONF)
100 KIA (PROB)
15 DET
1 RTNEE
5 CIV DEF
7 INCIV
8 WPNS

(C) CUM HEL SORTIES: NONE

(D) CUM TAC AIR SORTIES:

(E) CUM NGF: NONE

(F) CUM ARTY:

(1) MSN: 1,026

(2) AMMO EXPD: 3,902

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AND ONE VC KIA (PROB) NOT PREVIOUSLY REPORTED.

I N (A) FIXED WING SUPPORT OF OPERATION PRAIGIE III
CONSISTED OF 90 DIRECT AIR SUPPORT SORTIES,
WHICH EXPENDED 10 TONS OF ORDNANCE. HELICOPTERS FLEW 133
SORTIES AND TRANSPORTED 123 PERSONNEL AND 2 TONS OF CARGO.
ARTILLERY UNITS FIRED 577 MISSIONS AND 4605 ROUNDS OF
AMMUNITION IN SUPPORT OF INFANTRY OPERATIONS. OF THIS
TOTAL, 175MM GUNS FIRED 53 MISSIONS
EXPENDING 599 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION.

(C) IREFULTS, DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC H ENEMY

0/50 KIA (ADJUSTED) 7/230 KIA (CONF)

1/450 WIA (ADJUSTED) 17/238 KIA (PROB)

0/4 NVA/PW

0QT DETAINEES

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AA AIA
AD AM
AS AX
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0/ESCIVIL DEFENDANTS (ADJUSTED)
0/134 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
1/121 WEAPONS, CAPTURED

(2) OPERATION BIG HORN

(A) THE FOURTH MARINE CONTINUED SEARCH AND
DESTROY OPERATIONS IN THUA THIEN PROVINCE WITH MODERATE
CONTACT. BETWEEN 1315H AND 1500H, A RECON PATROL OBSERVED
84 VC (YD 603265). ARTILLERY MISSIONS ON THE ENEMY RESULTED
IN 18 VC KIA (CONF) AND 5 VC KIA (PROB). AT 1525H, TWO
MARINES FROM COMPANY C, FIRST BATTALION, NINTH MARINES WERE
WIA (MED EVAC) BY AN M-16 MINE (YD 651327). AT 1745H, AN
AIR STROKE ON AN ENEMY POSITION
(YD 550260) RESULTED IN SIX VC KIA (CONF). AT 1830H, A
MARINE FROM COMPANY F, SECOND BATTALION, NINTH MARINES
WAS WIA (MED EVAC) BY A MINE (YD 493332). AT 1900H, A MARINE
RECON PATROL FIRED ON A GROUP OF THIRTY VC (YD 603265) RESULTING
IN TWENTY VC KIA (PROB). FIVE DETAINEES WERE APPREHENDED DURING
THE DAY, AND ONE DETAINEE APPREHENDED ON 9 APRIL WAS RELEASED
AS AN INNOCENT CIVILIAN. ONE MARINE WAS WIA (MINOR) BY A
PUNJI STAKE ON 10 APRIL.

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(B) FIXED WING SUPPORT OF OPERATION BIG HORN CONSISTED OF 4 CLOSE AIR SUPPORT AND 2 DIRECT AIR SUPPORT SORTIES, WHICH EXPENDED 5 TONS OF ORDNANCE. BOMB DAMAGES ASSESSED WAS 6 VC KBA (CONF) AND 9 STRUCTURES DESTROYED. ARTILLERY UNITS FIRED 341 MISSIONS AND 1054 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION IN SUPPORT OF INFANTRY OPERATIONS.

(C) RESULTS, DAILY/CUMULATIVE.

	USMC	ENEMY
	0/21 KIA	24/47 KIA (CONF)
S	H 4/72 WIA	25/125 KIA (PROB)
		6/21 DETAINEES (ADJUSTD)
		0/1 RETURNEE
		0/5 CIVIL DEFENDANTS
S	N	0/8 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
		0/8 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(3) OPERATION DIXIE

(A) THE SECOND BATTALION, FIFTH MARINES TERMINATED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION IN QUANG NAM PROVINCE AT 1123H, WITH LIGHT CONTACT REPORTED. (LATE ENTRY) AT 091235H, MARINE FROM COMPANY E WAS KIA (MAD EVAC) BY

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A MINE (AT 920521). AT 092230H, COMPANY F EXCHANGED SMALL ARMS AND GRENADE FIRE WITH AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF ENEMY (AT 96530). THREE MARINES WERE WIA (MED EVAC); ENEMY CASUALTIES WERE UNCONFIRMED. AT 0245H, MOVEMENT OF SEVERAL VC WAS DETECTED BY AN AN/TPS-21 RADAR SET. A 81MM MORTAR MISSION RESULTED IN 2 VC KIA (PROB). AT 1510H, 30 MARINES FROM COMPANY G WERE WIA (29 MED EVAC) WHEN AN LVT SUPPORTING COMPANY G DETONATED A MINE (AT 945538). AT 1220H, COMPANY G FIRED 81MM MORTARS AT 5 VC (AT 938520); THREE VC WERE KIA (PROB).

(B) FIXED WING SUPPORT OF OPERATION DIXIE

CONSISTED OF 2 CLOSE AIR SUPPORT SORTIES, WHICH EXPENDED 1 TON OF ORDNANCE ARTILLERY

FIRED 36 MISSIONS + 24 rounds of Ammunition in support of Infantry OPERA:

(C) RESULTS, DAILY/CUMULATIVE.

	USMC	ENEMY
	0/35 WIA	0/3 KIA (CONF)
		5/42 KIA (PROB)
		0/1 VC /PW

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(4) OPERATION CANYON

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ARTILLERY, US ARMY. AT 1815H, A COMBINED ACTION COMPANY
P-2 PARROL KILLED ONE VC (CONF) AND CAPTURED ONE MAUSER
REFLE (YD 268567). ONE DETAINEE WAS ALSO APPREHENDED DURING
THE DAY.

(B) FIXED WING SUPPORT OF OPERATION PRAIRIE III
CONSISTED OF 2 ESCORT AND 9 DIRECT AIR SUPPORT (9 TPQ-10)
SORTIES, WHICH EXPENDED 6 TONS OF ORDNANCE. HELICOPTERS
FLEW 200 SORTIES AND TRANSPORTED 665 PERSONNEL AND 4 TONS
OF CARGO. ARTILLERY UNITS FIRED 499 MISSIONS AND 4313 ROUNDS
OF AMMUNITION IN SUPPORT OF INFANTRY OPERATIONS. OF THESE,
175MM GUNS FIRED 63 MISSIONS EXPENDING
799 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION.

(C) RESULTS, DAILY/CUMULATIVE.

USMC

0/50 KIA

0/450 WIA

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ENEMY

1/231 KIA (CONF)

0/238 KIA (PROB)

0/4 NVA/PW

1/153 DETAINEES

0/13 CIVIL DEFENDANTS

0/134 INNOCENT CIVILIANS

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1/122 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(2) OPERATION BIG HORN

(A) THE FOURTH MARINES CONTINUED SEARCH AND
DESTROY OPERATIONS IN THU THIEN PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT.
AT 1800H, THE SECOND BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES, PASSED TO THE
OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF THE THIRD MARINE DIVISION AND THENCE TO THE
FOURTH MARINES FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE OPERATION. AT 1145H, A
PATROL FROM COMPANY H, SECOND BATTALION, NINTH MARINES KILLED ONE
VC (CONF) (YD 600248). AT THE SAME TIME, A RECON PATROL
OBSERVED THREE VC KILLED (CONF) BY AN ARTILLERY LZ PJXPARATION
(YD 594247). AT 1630, ONE MARINE FROM COMPANY E, SECOND
BATTALION, 26TH MARINES WAS KIA AND TWO MARINES WERE WIA.
(MED EVAC) BY A MINE (YD 622264). DURING THE DAY, FOUR
DETAINEES WERE RECLASSIFIED CIVIL DEFENDANTS AND THREE
DETAINEES WERE RECLASSIFIED INNOCENT CIVILIANS.

(B) FIXED WING SUPPORT OF OPERATION BIG HORN
CONSISTED OF 2 LZ PREPARATIONS AND 2 DIRECT AIR SUPPORT SORTIES,
WHICH EXPENDED 6 TONS OF ORDNANCE. ARTILLERY UNITS FIRED
222 MISSIONS AND 698 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION IN SUPPORT OF
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(C) RESULTS, DAILY/CUMULATIVE.

USMC

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2/74 WIA

ENEMY

4/51 KIA (CONF)

0/125 KIA (PROB)

0/21 DEAINES

0/1 RETURNEES

2/8 CIVIL DEFENDANTS

0/11 INNOCENT CIVILIANS

0/8 WEAPONS CAPTURED

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B. SPECIAL OPERATIONS

(1) GOLDEN FLEECE. NO CONTACT.

(2) STING RAY. NO CONTACT.

C. INDIVIDUAL UNIT ACTIVITY

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(A) THIRD BATTALION, 26TH MARINES. AT 0920H,
A PATROL FROM COMPANY M FIRED ON THREE VC (YD 788136). ONE
(PROB) WERE REPORTED AT 0900 & TWO MARINES FROM 11 ENG BN WERE (E
EVAC) BY SNIPER FIRE. AT 1430H, COMPANY M ENGAGED TENSVC
WITH SMALL ARMS FIRE (YD 76115). ONE MARINE WAS KIA;
ENEMY CASUALTIES WERE UNCONFIRMED. AT 1840, A COMBINED
ACTION COMPANY A-6 PATROL ENGAGED AN ESTIMATED 30-50 VC
(YD 824162). ADDITIONAL ORCE FROM THE COMBINED ACTION COMPANY
WAS DISPATCHED TO ASSIST THE PATROL/ FIVE VC WERE KIA (PROB).

(B) THIRD RECON BATTALION. NO CONTACT

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(A) COMPANY B, FIRST BATTALION: NINTH MARINES.

NO CONTACT.

N (B2 THIRD RECON BATTALION. NO CONTACT.

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(B) FIRST MARINES

1. FIRST BATTALION. AT 1745H, A ZANK SUP-
PORTING COMPANY B DETONATED A MINE (BT 287635) AND SUSTAINED

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(2) KWOOPERATION BIG HORN

(A) THE FOURTH MARINES WITH THREE INFANTRY BATTALIONS (SECOND BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES; SECOND BATTALION, NINTH MARINES; AND SECOND BATTALION, TWSC01-SIXTH MARINES) CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN THUA THIEN PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT. AT 1253H, AN AIR STRIKE ON FIVE VC (YD 566231) RESULTED IN FIVE VC KIA (PROB). AT 1215H, ONE MARINE FROM COMPANY E, SECOND BATTALION, 26TH MARINES WAS KIA (MED EVAC) BY SNIPER FIRE (YD 534266). MARINES RETURNED SMALL ARMS FIRE RESULTING IN TWO VC KIA (CONF); TWO RIFLES WERE CAPTURED. AT 1610H, COMPANY H, SECOND BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES FIRED NIN SEVEN VC (YD 460351).

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THREE VC WERE KIA (CONF). AHC1805H, COMMAND OF COMPANY E, SECOND BATTALION, 26TH MARINES WAS PASSED FROM SECOND BATTALION, NINTH MARINES TO SECOND BATTALION, 25TH MARINES.

(B) FIRED WING SUPPORT OF OPERATION BIG HORN CONSISTED ON 2 CLOSE AIR SUPPORT, 2 LZ PREP AND 3 DIRECT AIR SUPPORT SORTIES, WHICH EXPENDED 11 TONS OF ORDNANCE. HELICOPTERS FLEW 67 SORTIES AND TRANSPORTED 161 PZ

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ARTILLERY UNITS FIRED 171 MISSIONS AND 649 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION IN SUPPORT OF INFANTRY OPERATIONS.

(C) RESULTS, DAILY/CUMULATIVE

N	USMC	ENEMY
	2/22 KIA	5/56 KIA (CONF)
	1/75 WIA	5/133 KIA (PROB) (ADJUSTED)
N		3/21 DETAINEES
	IZ	3/1 RETURNEE
N	I	2/9 CIVIL DEFENDANTS
		2/11 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
		2/12 WEAPONS CAPTURED

B. SPECIAL OPSATIONS

IA(1) GOLDEN FLEECE. NO CONTACT.

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OF THE PATROL RESULTED IN TWO VC KIA (PROB). AT 1620H, COMPANY B, FIRST BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES FOUND ONE NVA BODY (163 190-731). AT 1815H, FIVE MARINES FROM COMPANY L, THIRD BATTALION, THIRD MARINES WERE WIA (MED EVAC) BY A MINE (XD 972450).

(3) AIR SUPPORT OF OPERATION PRAIRIE III
CONSISTED OF 24 HELICOPTER SORTIES TRANSPORTING 19 PERSONNEL.

ARTILLERY UNITS FIRED 763 MISSIONS AND 3137 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION IN SUPPORT OF INFANTRY OPERATIONS. OF THESE, 175MM GUNS FIRED 50 MISSIONS EXPENDING 510 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION.

(C) RESULTS; DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC

0/52 KIA

5/464 WIA

ENEMY

1/238 KIA (CONF)

2/246 KIA (PROB)

0/155 DETAINEES

0/4 PW/NVA.

0/134 CIVIL DEPENDANTS

0/124 WEAPONS

(6) OPERATION BIG HORN

(A) THE FOURTH MARINES WITH THREE INFANTRY BATTALIONS (SECOND BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES, SECOND BATTALION, NINTH MARINES, AND SECOND BATTALION, 26TH MARINES) CONTINUED SEARCH

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AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN THUASYHIEN PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT. AT 0245H, A UNIT FROM COMPANY C, THIRD TANK BATTALION FIRED ON FOURTEEN VC IN A TREELINE (YD 585269) AND KILLED FOUR VC (CONF). AT 1014H, FIVE MARINES FROM COMPANY H, SECOND BATTALION, NINTH MARINES WERE WIA (MED EVAC) BY A MINE (YD 595268). AT 1230H, MARINES FOUND TWO VC BODIES (YD 622264). AT 1430H, AN ARTILLERY MISSION ON ONE VC (YD 523187) RESULTED IN ONE VC KIA (PROB).

(B) ARTILLERY UNITS FIRED 241 MISSIONS AND 421 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION IN SUPPORT OF INFANTRY OPERATIONS.

(C) RESULTS, DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC

0/22 KIA

5/80 WIA

ENEMY

6/62 KIA (CONF)

1/131 KIA (PROB)

0/21 DETAINEES

0/1 RETURNEES

0/9 CIVIL DEPENDANTS

0/11 INNOCENT CIVILIANS

0/10 WEAPONS

(3) OPERATION HUMBOLDT

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PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT. AT 1415H, ANCELEVENTH ENGINEER BATTALION
PATROL VICINITY (FFH226575) APPREHENDED ONE DETAPHEE. AT
1630H COMPANY D, FIRST BATTALION, NINTH MARINES VICINITY
'B1579) #11 APPREHENDED ONE DETAINEE. DURING THIS PERIODS ONE
DETAINEE WAS CLASSIFIED AS AN INNOCENT CIVILIAN.

(C) BHKCN

FIXED WING SUPPORT OF OPERATION PRAIRIE III
CONSISTED OF 2 ESCORT AND 13 DIRECT AIR SUPPORT (13 TPO-125

SCORTIES, WHICH EXPENDED 17 TONS OF ORDNANCE. HELICOPTERS
FLEW 64 SCORTIES AND TRANSPORTED 136 ZWONNEL AND EIGHT TONS
OF CARGO. ARTILLERY UNITS FIRED 833 MISSIONS AND 3548 ROUNDS
OF AMMUNITION IN SUPRT OF INFANTRY OPERATIONS. OF W ESE,
175MM GUNS FIRED 11J MISSIONS EXPENDING 835 ROUNDS.

(C) RESULTS, DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC

ENEMY

3/52 KIA

SUG/232 KIA(CONF)

3/465XWWIA(ADJ) 3/247 KIA(FCB)(ADJ)

2/4 NVA/PW

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3/13 CIVIL DEFENDANTS(35(ADJ)

3/135 INNOCENT CIVILIANS

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NOTE: CIVIL DEFENDANT STATISTICS CORRECTED FROM REPORT
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(2) OPERATION BIG HORN

(A) THE FOURTH MARINES WITH THREE INFANTRY
BATTALIONS (SECOND BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES; SECOND BATTALION,
NINTH MARINES; KCAND SECOND BATTALION, TWENTYXXIXIXICAMARINES)
CONTINUED SEARCH AND BT TROYIIDYERATIONS IN THUA THIEN PROVINCE
WITH LIGHT CONTACT. AT 1115H, A UNIT FROM COMPANY E, SECOND
BATTALION TWENTY-SIXTH MARINES, WITH TANKS, VICINITY (YD 5240N
1447) FIRED ON TWO VC. TWO VC WERE KIA(FCB)/3 DURING THIS PERIOD
EIGHT USMC WWTB WIA (MED EVAC) BY MINDY/EXPLOSIVE DEVICES IN
FOUR INCIDENTS.

(B) ARTILLERY UNITS FIRED 215 MISSIONS AND 699 ROUNDS OF AMMUN
ION IN SUPPORT OF INFANTRY OPERATIONS.

(C) RESULTS, DAILY/CUMULATIVE

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ENEMY

3/22 KIA

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VIA (MINOR). AT 1445H, A COMPANY A, FIRST BATTALION, NINTH MARINES PATROL, VICINITY OF (YD 313477) ENCOUNTERED 3 ENEMY IN A TRENCH. TWO VC WERE KIA (CONF), 1 DETAINEE, 2 WEAPONS, AND NUMEROUS DOCUMENTS WERE CAPTURED. AT 1500H, RECON TEAM 2-D-1 RECEIVED FIRE FROM VICINITY OF (YD 349446). TWO ARTILLERY MISSIONS WERE CALLED. THE ESTIMATED 15 NVA IN BUNKERS AND TUNNELS BROKE CONTACT. 1 USMC WAS VIA (MINOR) AND 2 VC WERE KIA (PROB). AT 1530H, COMPANY D, FIRST BATTALION, NINTH MARINES DETONATED A MINE, VICINITY OF (YD 341477). ONE USMC WAS VIA (MED EVAC). AT 1700H, FIRST BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES CP, VICINITY OF (YD 186731), RECEIVED 20-25 ROUNDS OF 60MM FIRE. 7 USMC WERE VIA (4 MED EVAC). COUNTER-MORTAR FIRE WAS RETURNED BUT RESULTS WERE UNKNOWN.

(B) FIXED WING SUPPORT OF OPERATION PRAIRIE III CONSISTED OF 12 DIRECT AIR SUPPORT (12 TPQ-10) SORTIES, WHICH EXPENDED 17 TONS OF ORDNANCE. HELICOPTERS FLEW 167 SORTIES.

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(C) RESULTS, DAILY/CUMULATIVE.

USMC ENEMY
0/52 KIA 2/240 KIA (CONF)
16/482 WIA 2/249 KIA (PROB)
0/4 NVA/PV
1/158 DETAINEES (ADJ)
0/13 CIVIL DEFENDANTS
0/135 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
2/126 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(2) OPERATION BIG HORN

(A) THE FOURTH MARINES WITH THREE INFANTRY BATTALIONS (SECOND BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES; SECOND BATTALION, NINTH MARINES; SECOND BATTALION, TWENTY-SIXTH MARINES) CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN THUA THIEN PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT.

(B) ARTILLERY UNITS FIRED 304 MISSIONS AND 638 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITIONS IN SUPPORT OF INFANTRY OPERATIONS.

(C) RESULTS, DAILY/CUMULATIVE.

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0/99 WIA (ADJ) 0/133 KIA (PROB)
0/21 DETAINEES (ADJ)
0/1 RETURNEES
0/9 CIVIL DEFENDANTS
0/11 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
0/10 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(3) OPERATION HUMBOLT

(A) THE THIRD BATTALION, FIRST MARINES CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN QUANG NAM PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT. AT 1420H, COMPANY M SWEEP FORCE FOUND A CAVE, VICINITY OF (BT 040660). MARINES CAPTURED 5 PW/VC, ONE M-14, A SMALL AMOUNT OF AMMUNITION/GRENADES, AND UNIFORMS. THE CAVE WAS DESTROYED. AT 1645H, A COMPANY C, 1ST TANK BATTALION SCREENING FORCE FIRED ON 3 ENEMY, VICINITY OF (BT 095661). ONE VC WAS KIA (PROB).

(B) ARTILLERY UNITS FIRED 5 MISSIONS AND 11 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION IN SUPPORT OF INFANTRY OPERATIONS.

(C) RESULTS, DAILY/CUMULATIVE.

USMC	ENEMY
	0/13 KIA (CONF)
0/3 WIA	1/1 KIA (PROB)

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5/13 VC/PW
1/6 WEAPONS CAPTURED (ADJ)

B. SPECIAL OPERATIONS

(1) GOLDEN FLEECE

(A) GOLDEN FLEECE 1-2. NO CONTACT.

(B) GOLDEN FLEECE 5-9 TERMINATED AT 131530H. COMPANY H, SECOND BATTALION, FIFTH MARINES COVERED 5.5 SQUARE KILOMETERS, AND 10.2 TONS OF RICE WERE COLLECTED.

(C) GOLDEN FLEECE 9-3 TERMINATED AT 151630H. COMPANY A, FIRST BATTALION, TWENTY-SIXTH MARINES COVERED 19 SQUARE KILOMETERS AND 12 TONS OF RICE WERE COLLECTED.

(2) STING RAY OPERATIONS

(A) STING RAY 1MD-339. BETWEEN 1200H AND 1635H THE PATROL HAD 5 SIGHTINGS OF 18 ENEMY. ARTILLERY MISSIONS WERE CALLED; TWO VC WERE KIA (CONF) AND 1 VC WAS KIA (PROB).

(B) STING RAY 1MD-360. AT 1300H, CONTACT WAS MADE WITH AN ESTIMATED 15VC. THE PATROL RETURNED FIRE AND USED TEAR GAS(CS). VC BROKE CONTACT.

UH-1E DELIVERED SUPPRESSIVE FIRE. THE PATROL WAS EXTRACTED AT 1330H FROM VICINITY OF (BT 2306); 1 VC WAS KIA (PROB)

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A. MAJOR UNIT OPERATIONS

(1) OPERATION PRAIRIE III

(A)

THIRD MARINE DIVISION (FVD), WITH FOUR INFANTRY BATTALIONS (THIRD BATTALION, THIRD MARINES; FIRST BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES; FIRST AND THIRD BATTALION, NINTH MARINES) CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT. AT 1114H, RECON TEAM 202, IN THE VICINITY OF (XD 115646) MADE CONTACT WITH AN ESTIMATED NVA PLATOON. THE PATROL EXCHANGED SMALL ARMS FIRE AND CALLED IN ARTILLERY FIRE. TWELVE VO WERE KIA (PROB). AT 1330H, A BULLDOZER WORKING IN THE VICINITY OF (XD 156731) DETONATED A MINE; ONE USMC WAS KIA (MINOR). AT 1625H, COMPANY D, FIRST BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES, IN THE VICINITY OF (XD 188739), RECEIVED 22-25 POUNDS OF 60MM MORTAR FIRE; FIVE USMC WERE KIA (MED EVAC). MORTAR AND ARTILLERY FIRE WAS RETURNED WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS.

(B) FIXED WING SUPPORT OF OPERATION PRAIRIE III CONSISTED OF NINE DIRECT AIR SUPPORT SOP-

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TIES, WHICH EXPENDED 12 TONS OF ORDNANCE. HELICOPTERS FLEW 39 SORTIES AND TRANSPORTED 46 PERSONNEL AND 6 TONS OF CARGO. ARTILLERY UNITS FIRED 842 MISSIONS AND 4156 POUNDS OF AMMUNITION IN SUPPORT OF INFANTRY OPERATIONS. OF THESE, 175MM GUNS FIRED 19 MISSIONS, EXPENDING 69 POUNDS.

(C) RESULTS, DAILY/CUMULATIVE

8/52 KIA
6/488 WIA

8/242 KIA (CONF)
12/261 KIA (PROB)
8/4 NVA/PPV
8/158 DETAINEES
8/13 CIVIL DEFENDANTS
8/135 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
8/126 WEAPONS CAPTURED

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(2) OPERATION BIG HORN

(A) THE FOURTH MARINES WITH THREE INFANTRY BATTALIONS (SECOND BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES; SECOND BATTALION, NINTH MARINES; SECOND BATTALION, TWENTY-SIXTH MARINES) CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN THUA THIEN PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT. SEVEN USMC WERE MED EVACED DURING THE DAY BECAUSE OF INJURIES FROM MINES AND EXPLOSIVE DEVICES. AT 1210H, COMPANY E,

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SECOND BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES, IN THE VICINITY OF (YC 506328),
RECEIVED INCOMING FIRE. FIVE USMC WERE KIA (MED EVAC).

(B) FIXED WING SUPPORT FOR OPERATION BIG HORN CONSISTED
OF 1 DIRECT AIR SUPPORT SORTIE, WHICH EXPENDED
1 TON OF ORDNANCE. ARTILLERY UNITS FIRED 325 MISSIONS AND
691 POUNDS OF AMMUNITION IN SUPPORT OF INFANTRY OPERATIONS.

(C) RESULTS, DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC	ENEMY
2/22 KIA	2/62 KIA (CONF)
12/111 KIA	2/133 KIA (PROB)
	2/21 DETAINEES
	2/1 RETURNEES
	2/9 CIVIL DEFENDANTS
	2/11 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
	2/12 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(3) OPERATION HUMBQLT

(A) THIRD BATTALION, FIRST MARINES CONTINUED
SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN QUANG NAM PROVINCE WITH LIGHT
CONTACT. AT 1405H, A TANK FROM COMPANY C, FIRST TANK BATTALION
DETACHMENT A MIKE AT (GT 039659). THE LEFT TRACK WAS BLOWN OFF AND
THREE USMC WERE KIA (MINOR). ONE DETAINEE WAS APPREHENDED DURING
THE DAY. ONE USMC WAS KIA (MED EVAC) AS A RESULT OF THE PREMATURE
EXPLOSION OF AN M-79 ROUND AT (GT 033654). AT 1800H, AN H&S COMPANY
PATROL FOUND ONE M-1, 300 POUNDS OF AMMUNITION, AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES
IN A CAVE AT (GT 048658).

(B) ARTILLERY UNITS FIRED ONE MISSION AND SIX
ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION IN SUPPORT OF INFANTRY OPERATIONS.

(C) RESULTS/DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC	ENEMY
4/7 KIA	2/13 KIA (CONF)
	2/1 KIA (PROB)
	2/13 VC/PP
	1/1 DETAINEES
	1/7 WEAPONS CAPTURED

B. SPECIAL OPERATIONS
(1) GOLDEN FLEECE

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EXPENDED 22 TONS OF ORDNANCE. HELICOPTERS FLEW 108 SORTIES AND
TRANSPORTED 92 PERSONNEL AND FIVE TONS OF CARGO. ARTILLERY UNITS
FIRED 903 MISSIONS AND 2619 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION IN SUPPORT OF
INFANTRY OPERATIONS. OF THESE, THE 175MM GUNS FIRED 50 MISSIONS,
EXPENDING 674 ROUNDS.

(C) RESULTS, DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC

0/52 KIA

6/494 WIA

ENEMY

9/249 KIA (CONF) (ADJUSTED)

1/255 KIA (PROB)

0/4 NVA/PW

1/159 DETAINEES

0/13 CIVIL DEFENDANTS

0/135 INNOCENT CIVILIANS

1/127 WEAPONS CAPTURED

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(2) OPERATION BIG HORN

(A) THE FOURTH MARINES WITH THREE INFANTRY
BATTALIONS (SECOND BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES; SECOND BATTALION,
NINTH MARINES; SECOND BATTALION, TWENTY-SIXTH MARINES) CON-
TINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN THUA THIEN PROVINCE WITH
LIGHT CONTACT. (LATE ENTRY) TWO USMC FROM COMPANY C, THIRD

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TANK BATTALION WERE WIA (MINOR) AS A RESULT OF ACTION ON 13
APRIL. AT 1000H ONE USMC FROM COMPANY E, SECOND BATTALION,
FOURTH MARINES STEPPED ON A PUNJI STAKE AT (YD 505353). ONE
USMC WAS WIA (MED EVAC).

(B) ARTILLERY UNITS FIRED 336 MISSIONS AND 750
ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION IN SUPPORT OF INFANTRY OPERATIONS.

(C) RESULTS, DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC

0/22 WIA

3/114 WIA

ENEMY

0/62 KIA (CONF)

0/133 KIA (PROB)

0/21 DETAINEES

0/1 RETURNEES

0/9 CIVIL DEFENDANTS

0/11 INNOCENT CIVILIANS

0/10 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(3) OPERATION HUMBOLT

(A) THE THIRD BATTALION, FIRST MARINES TERMINATED
SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN QUANG NAM PROVINCE.
THERE WAS LIGHT CONTACT FOR THE PERIOD. DURING THE DAY TWO
USMC WERE WIA (MINOR) FROM GRENADES AND SMALL ARMS FIRE.
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THE THREE ELECTIONS CONDUCTED IN ICTZ THUS FAR IS 78.6 PERCENT. CONSIDERING THE INCREASED VC ACTIVITY AIMED AT DISRUPTING THE ELECTIONS (MY-REPOPT NUMBER 736 REFERS), VOTER TURNOUT IS CONSIDERED VERY ENCOURAGING.

E. INTERROGATION OF MAJOR CU CONTINUES

THE LATEST INTERROGATION REPORT OF MAJOR CU, THE TRAINING OFFICER OF MILITARY REGION WHO DEFECTED TO GVN CONTROL ON 24 MARCH, IS CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPH 3F.

3. III MAF

A. MAJOR UNIT ACTIVITIES

(1) OPERATION PRAIRIE

(A) THIRD MARINE DIVISION (FWD), WITH FOUR INFANTRY BATTALIONS (THIRD BATTALION, THIRD MARINES; FIRST BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES; FIRST AND THIRD BATTALION, NINTH MARINES) CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT. DURING THE DAY 1 USMC WAS KIA (MED EVAC) FROM SMALL ARMS FIRE. AT 1600H, COMPANY L, THIRD BATTALION, NINTH MARINES FOUND SMALL AMOUNTS OF AMMUNITION AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES, 1 SHORT WAVE AND 1 CIVILIAN RADIO, AND ONE PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM IN THE VICINITY OF QD

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096478). AT 1230H THE FIRST BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES C. P. IN THE VICINITY OF (YD 127725) RECEIVED 20-25 POUNDS OF 82MM MORTAR FIRE. COUNTERMORTAR FIRE WAS EMPLOYED.

(B) FIXED WING SUPPORT OF OPERATION PRAIRIE III CONSISTED OF 1 DIRECT AIR SUPPORT (TPQ-10) SORTIE, WHICH EXPENDED 3 TONS OF ORDNANCE. HELICOPTERS FLEW 202 SORTIES AND TRANSPORTED 232 PERSONNEL AND 17 TONS OF CARGO, ARTILLERY UNITS FIRED 867 MISSIONS AND 3152 POUNDS OF AMMUNITION IN SUPPORT OF INFANTRY OPERATIONS. OF THESE, 175MM GUNS FIRED 48 MISSIONS AND EXPENDED 590 POUNDS.

(C) RESULTS, DAILY/CUMULATIVE.

USMC

2/54 KIA

14/508 MIA

ENEMY

8/249 KIA (CONF)

8/255 KIA (PROB)

8/4 NVA/PW

8/159 DETAINEES

8/13 CIVIL DEFENDANTS

8/135 INNOCENT CIVILIANS

8/127 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(2) OPERATION BIG HORN

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(A) THE FOURTH MARINES, WITH THREE INFANTRY BATTALIONS (SECOND BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES; SECOND BATTALION, NINTH MARINES; SECOND BATTALION, TWENTY-SIXTH MARINES), CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN THUA THIEN PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT. AT 0705H, A COMPANY E, SECOND BATTALION, TWENTY-SIXTH MARINES PATROL FOUND 1 M-2 CARBINE WITH 50 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION IN THE VICINITY OF (YD 521325). AT 0810H, A RECON TEAM CALLED AN ARTILLERY MISSION ON 4 VC IN THE VICINITY OF (YD 62231). FOUR VC WERE KIA (PROB). AT 1040H, A COMPANY F, SECOND BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES SWEPT FORCE FIRED AT 1 VC IN THE VICINITY OF (YD 399318). ONE VC WAS KIA (PROB). DURING THE DAY 1 USMC WAS KIA (MINOR) BY AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE.

(B) ARTILLERY UNITS FIRED 341 MISSIONS AND 525 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION IN SUPPORT OF INFANTRY OPERATIONS.

(C) RESULTS, DAILY/CUMULATIVE.

USMC
0/22 KIA
1/115 WIA

ENEMY
0/62 KIA (CONF)
5/138 KIA (PROB)
0/21 DETAINEES
0/1 RETURNEES
0/9 CIVIL DEFENDANTS
0/11 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
1/11 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(3) OPERATION YELL

(A) THE FIRST MARINES WITH ONE INFANTRY BATTALION (SECOND BATTALION FIRST MARINES AND COMPANY C, FIRST BATTALION FIRST MARINES) COMMENCED A SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION IN QUANG NAM PROVINCE AT 180700H, WITH MODERATE CONTACT DURING THE PERIOD. DURING THE DAY 31 DETAINEES WERE APPREHENDED. AT 0630H, A COMPANY E PATROL KILLED 1 VC (CONF) (BT 0715596). AT 0632H, A COMPANY E PATROL FIRED ON 2 ENEMY AT (BT 0715599). TWO VC WERE KIA (PROB). AT 0633H, A COMPANY E PATROL KILLED 2 VC (CONF) AT (BT 0715599). TWO K-44 RIFLES AND A SMALL AMOUNT OF AMMUNITION WAS CAPTURED. AT 0510H, A COMPANY E

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A. MAJOR OPERATIONS

(1) OPERATION PRAIRIE III

(A) THE THIRD MARINE DIVISION (FWD), WITH FOUR INFANTRY BATTALIONS (THIRD BATTALION, THIRD MARINES; FIRST BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES; FIRST AND THIRD BATTALION, NINTH MARINES) TERMINATED A SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION IN QUANG TRI AT 2400H. THERE WAS LIGHT CONTACT FOR THE PERIOD. AT 2900H, A TANK WITH COMPANY D

FIRST BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES DETONATED A MINE IN THE VICINITY OF (YD 167723). A TRACK WAS BLOWN OFF. AT 1200H, AN ELEVENTH ENGINEER TD-18 BULLDOZER DETONATED A MINE IN THE VICINITY OF (YD 172724). A TRACK WAS DAMAGED. AT 1300H, THE FIRST BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES IN THE VICINITY OF (YD 100725) ENGAGED AN ENEMY FORCE WHICH USED 82MM MORTAR FIRE AND B-48 ROCKETS, AND SMALL ARMS FIRE. ONE USMC WAS KIA AND 17 USMC WERE WIA (MED EVAC). THREE NVA WERE KIA (CONF). ONE AK-47 AND ASSAULT RIFLE UNIT

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ZTAOMTOU WAS CAPTURED. DURING THE DAY TWO DETAINEES WERE APPREHENDED.

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(B) HELICOPTERS FLEW 209 SORTIES AND TRANSPORTED 324 PERSONNEL AND NINE TONS OF CARGO. ARTILLERY UNITS FIRED 700 MISSIONS AND 3003 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION IN SUPPORT OF INFANTRY OPERATIONS. OF THESE, THE 175MM GUNS FIRED 44 MISSIONS, EXPENDING 260 ROUNDS.

(C) RESULTS, DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC	ENEMY
1/55 KIA	3/252 KIA (CONF)
17/529 WIA (ADJUSTED)	0/255 KIA (PROB)
	0/4 NVA/PW
	1/160 DETAINEES
	0/13 CIVIL DEFENDANTS
	0/135 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
	1/128 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(2) OPERATION BIG HORN

(A) THE FOURTH MARINES WITH THREE INFANTRY BATTALIONS, (SECOND BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES; SECOND BATTALION, NINTH MARINES; SECOND BATTALION, TWENTY-SIXTH MARINES) CONDUCTED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN THUA THIEN PROVINCE. AT 181200H, AN ARTILLERY

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MISSION WAS CALLED ON TWO ENEMY BY A RECON TEAM IN THE VICINITY OF (YD 633233). TWO VC WERE KIA(PROB). AT 2030H, A COMPANY H, SECOND BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES AMBUSH IN THE VICINITY OF (YD 412384) ENGAGED AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF ENEMY WITH SMALL ARMS FIRE. TWO VC WERE KIA(PROB).

(B) FIXED WING SUPPORT OF OPERATION BIG HORN CONSISTED OF FOUR DIRECT AIR SUPPORT (4 TPQ-10) SORTIES WHICH EXPENDED SIX TONS OF ORDNANCE. ARTILLERY UNITS FIRED 371 MISSIONS AND 692 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION IN SUPPORT OF INFANTRY OPERATIONS.

(C) RESULTS, DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC

0/22 KIA

0/115 WIA

ENEMY

0/62 KIA(CONF)

4/142 KIA(PROB)

0/21 DETAINEES

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0/1 RETURNEES

0/9 CIVIL DEFENDANTS

0/11 INNOCENT CIVILIANS

0/11 WEAPONS CAPTURED

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(3) OPERATION YELL

(A) THE FIRST MARINES WITH ONE INFANTRY BATTALION (SECOND BATTALION, FIRST MARINES AND COMPANY C, FIRST BATTALION, FIRST MARINES) CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN QUANG NAM PRONCE WACHT LIGHT CONTACT. AT 182045H A COMPANY H AMBUSH IN THE VICINITY OF (AT 996604) FIRED SMALL ARMS AT 6 TO 7 ENEMY. THREE VC WERE KIA(PROB). AT 190400H, A COMPANY E OBSERVATION POST IN THE VICINITY OF (BT 00021603) FIRED AT ONE ENEMY. ONE VC WAS KIA(CONF). AT 1015H, A COMPANY H BLOCKING FORCE, OBSERVED ONE ENEMY RUN FROM A CAVE IN THE VICINITY OF (15 005598). THE ENEMY THREW A GRENADE, LOUNDING ONE USMC (MED EVAC), BUT THE VC WAS KIA(CONF). AT 1255H, A COMPANY H BLOCKING FORCE IN THE VICINITY OF (AT 994599) EXCHANGED FIRE WITH AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF ENEMY. TWO USMC WERE KIA, AND ONE VC WAS KIA(CONF). AT 1545H A COMPANY H PATROL EXCHANGED GRENADES WITH THE ENEMY IN THE VICINITY OF (AT 994590). AN ARTILLERY MISSION WAS CALLED. FIVE

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MARINES) COMMENCED A SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE AT 0801H. CONTACT DURING THE DAY WAS LIGHT. AT 0801H, THE NINTH MARINES ASSUMED OPCON OF THE FIRST BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES AND THE FIRST BATTALION, NINTH MARINES. AT 0825H, A RECON TEAM IN THE VICINITY OF (YD 094654) FOUND A HUT CONTAINING 200 POUNDS OF 82MM MORTAR AMMUNITION, 100 CHICOM GRENADES, ASSORTED AMMUNITION AND FUZES, AND THE FOLLOWING WEAPONS: 1 M3A1 SUB-MACHINE GUN, 4 M-1 RIFLES; 3 BROWNING AUTOMATIC RIFLES, 1 FRENCH LIGHT MACHINE GUN, 5 PPSH-41 SUB-MACHINE GUNS AND 11 CHICOM CARBINES. AT 1005H, A FIRST BATTALION, FORTY-FOURTH ARTILLERY PATROL, WITH AN M-42 VEHICLE, RECEIVED 1 ROUND OF ROCKET FIRE IN THE VICINITY OF (YD 385455). THREE USA WERE KIA, 1 USA WAS WIA (MED EVAC), AND 2 USMC WERE WIA (MED EVAC). AT 1100H, A COMBINED ACTION PLATOON P-2 PATROL IN THE VICINITY OF (YD-296544) EXCHANGED FIRE WITH AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF ENEMY. ONE PF WAS WIA (MINOR). DURING THE DAY 5 USMC WERE WIA (3 MED EVACS) IN THREE MINE DETONATIONS.

(C) ARTILLERY UNITS FIRED 1077 MISSIONS AND 4979 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION IN SUPPORT OF INFANTRY OPERATIONS.

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OF THESE THE 175MM GUNS FIRED 34 MISSIONS, EXPENDING 378 POUNDS

(C) RESULTS, DAILY/CUMULATIVE.

USMC

ENEMY

3/3 KIA

25/25 WEAPONS CAPTURED

8/8 WIA

(2) OPERATION BIG HORN

(A) THE FOURTH MARINES WITH THREE INFANTRY BATTALIONS (SECOND BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES; SECOND BATTALION, NINTH MARINES; SECOND BATTALION, TWENTY-SIXTH MARINES) CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN THUA THIEN PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT. (LATE ENTRY). TWO USMC WERE WIA (MED EVAC) BY A PUNJI PIT ON 19APR. AT 1130H, COMPANY F, SECOND BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES, IN THE VICINITY OF (YD 381420) ENGAGED 8 VC DIGGING AMBUSH POSITIONS; SEVEN VC WERE KIA (CONF); ONE AK-47 WAS CAPTURED. AT 1300H, THE SECOND BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES' COMMAND POST CALLED AN ARTILLERY MISSION ON 8 VC IN THE VICINITY OF (YD 419409); THREE VC WERE KIA (PROB). DURING THE DAY 2 USMC WERE WIA (MED EVAC) BY PUNJI PITS AND 2 DETAINEES WERE APPREHENDED.

(B) ARTILLERY UNITS FIRED 227 MISSIONS AND 1432

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ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION IN SUPPORT OF INFANTRY OPERATIONS.

(C) RESULTS, DAILY/CUMULATIVE.

USMC

0/22 KIA

2/119 WIA

ENEMY

7/69 KIA (CONF)

7/79 KIA (CONF)

3/145 KIA (PROB)

2/23 DETAINEES

0/1 RETURNEES

0/9 CIVIL DEFENDANTS

0/11 INNOCENT CIVILIANS

1/12 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(3) OPERATION YELL

(A) THE FIRST MARINES WITH ONE INFANTRY BATTALION (SECOND BATTALION, FIRST MARINES AND COMPANY C, FIRST BATTALION, FIRST MARINES) TERMINATED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN QUANG NAM AT 1200H WITH LIGHT CONTACT. AT 0210H, A COMPANY H BLOCKING FORCE IN THE VICINITY OF (AT 992597) EXCHANGED FIRE WITH AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF ENEMY. ONE USMC WAS KIA AND 1 USMC WAS WIA (MED EVAC). AT 0515H, A COMPANY H BLOCKING FORCE IN THE VICINITY OF (AT 003507) RECEIVED 1 ROUND OF

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SNIPER FIRE. ONE USMC WAS WIA (MED EVAC). AT 1045H, A COMPANY G PLATOON IN THE VICINITY OF (AT 994607) DETONATED A MINE. THREE USMC WERE KIA AND FOUR USMC WERE WIA (MED EVAC). DURING THE DAY 1 USMC WAS WOUNDED (MED EVAC) BY A PUNJI STAKE AND 1 DETAINEE WAS APPREHENDED.

(B) ARTILLERY UNITS FIRED 5 MISSIONS AND 28 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION IN SUPPORT OF INFANTRY OPERATIONS.

(C) RESULTS, DAILY/CUMULATIVE.

USMC

4/6 KIA

7/17 WIA

ENEMY

0/17 KIA (CONF)

0/11 KIA (PROB)

1/32 DETAINEES

0/3 WEAPONS CAPTURED (ADJ)

P. SPECIAL OPERATIONS

(1) COUNTY FAIRS

(A) COUNTY FAIR 1-34 WITH COMPANY A AND A DETACHMENT OF H&S CO, FIRST BATTALION, FIRST MARINES; BATTERY A, FIRST BATTALION, ELEVENTH MARINES; COMPANY C, FIRST TANK BATTALION; THE FOURTH BATTALION, 51ST ARVN AND THE COMBINED ACTION COMPANY D-5 COMMENCED OPERATIONS AT 0630H IN THANH BT

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A. MAR OPERATIONS

(1) OPERATION PRAIRIE IV

(A) THE THIRD MARINE DIVISION WITH FOUR INFANTRY BATTALIONS (THIRD BATTALION, THIRD MARINES; FIRST BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES; FIRST BATTALION, NINTH MARINES; AND THIRD BATTALION, NINTH MARINES) CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN QUANG TRI WITH LIGHT CONTACT. AT 1100H, COMPANY D, FIRST BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES (YD 168715) FOUND TWO CARBINE GRENADES OF 22MM MORTAR, THREE CHICOM GRENADES, AND ONE AIRMOTOR FOR AN AK-47. AT 1350H, AN AC CALLED AN AIR STRIKE ON SIX TO EIGHT NVA (YD 105645); ONE NVA WAS KILLED (CONF) AND TWO ENEMY WERE KILLED (PROB). AT 1500H, A CAC P-2 PATROL (YD 27556) DETONATED AN UNKNOWN TYPE EXPLOSIVE DEVICE RESULTING IN ONE MARINE BOUNDED OFF. DURING THE PERIOD, ONE ADDITIONAL NVA WAS KILLED (PROB).

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(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION PRAIRIE IV, ARTILLERY FIRED 1,165 MISSIONS AND EXPENDED 4,967 POUNDS OF AMMUNITION. DURING THE PERIOD, 175 GUNS FIRED FORTY-TWO MISSIONS (FOUR OBSERVED AND THIRTY-EIGHT UNOBSERVED) EXPENDING TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-SIX POUNDS OF AMMUNITION.

(C) RESULTS:	DAILY/CUMULATIVE
USMC	ENEMY
0/3 KIA	1/1 KIA (CONF)
1/9 KIA	3/3 KIA (PROB)
	2/2 WENS

(2) OPERATION BIG HORN

(A) AT 212400H, THE FOURTH MARINES WITH THREE INFANTRY BATTALIONS (SECOND BATTALION, NINTH MARINES; SECOND BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES; AND SECOND BATTALION, TWENTY-SIXTH MARINES) TERMINATED OPERATION BIG HORN IN THUA THIEN PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT. AT 0800H, COMPANY F, SECOND BATTALION, TWENTY-SIXTH MARINES (YD 443253) FOUND ONE CLAYMORE MINE. AT 1115H, COMPANY F, SECOND BATTALION, NINTH MARINES FOUND EXPLOSIVE DEVICES IN THE VICINITY OF (YD 436392). AT 1240H, AN ARTILLERY MISSION WAS CALLED ON

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FIVE VC (YC 535897); ONE VC WAS KILLED (CONF). DURING THE PERIOD, ONE VC WAS KILLED (PROB) BY SMALL ARMS FIRE.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION BIG HORN, FIXED WING AIRCRAFT FLEW 2 DAS SORTIES EXPENDING TWO TONS OF ORDNANCE; NO BDA WAS REPORTED. ARTILLERY FIRED TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-FOUR MISSIONS EXPENDING EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC	ENEMY
2/22 KIA	1/72 KIA (CONF)
2/127 MIA	1/146 KIA (PROB)
	2/23 DETAINEES
	2/1 RETURNEE
	2/9 CIVILIAN DEFENDANTS
	2/11 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
	2/12 WEAPONS

(3) OPERATION GRAND

(A) AT 211000H, THIRD BATTALION, SEVENTH MARINES (WITH COMPANIES K, L AND M) COMMENCED A SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION IN QUANG NAM PROVINCE, FIFTEEN

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MILES SSS00000TH, WEST OF DANANG, WITH NEGATIVE CONTACT.

(B) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC	ENEMY
NONE	NONE

B. SPECIAL OPERATIONS

(1) COUNTY FAIR OPERATION

(A) COUNTY FAIR 5-15 (WRAP UP). FROM 150600H-200730H, COMPANY H, SECOND BATTALION, FIFTH MARINES WITH CAC M-1, 324TH RF COMPANY AND TWO PLATOONS OF PF CONDUCTED COUNTY FAIR 5-15 AT NINH BINH (3) (AT 824375). THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE OF ANY VC INFRA-STRUCTURE. A TOTAL OF 1527 PEOPLE WERE SCREENED WITH FIVE HUNDRED RECEIVING MEDICAL ATTENTION. DENTAL PERSONNEL TREATED TWO HUNDRED FIFTY VILLAGERS EXTRACTING THREE HUNDRED TEETH. TWO HUNDRED FIFTY POUNDS OF RICE, FIVE HUNDRED POUNDS OF CLOTHING, TWO HUNDRED FIFTY POUNDS OF SOAP WERE DISTRIBUTED TO THE VILLAGERS.

(2) STING PAY OPERATIONS. NO WERE NO SIGNIFICANT CONTACTS OR SIGHTINGS REPORTED FOR THE PERIOD.

(C) INDIVIDUAL UNIT ACTIVITY

(1) HUE PHU BAI

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