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FMFPAC WESTPAC SITREP NO SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE (S)
1. THIS SUMMARIZES EVENTS AS OF 22 APRIL 1967, UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED.
2. HIGHLIGHTS

A. STING RAY PATROLS
DURING THE DAY, MARINE STING RAY PATROLS SIGHTED A TOTAL OF 67 VIET CONG IN SEVERAL SMALL GROUPS. ARTILLERY MISSIONS WERE CALLED ON THE ENEMY AND 3 OF THE ENEMY WERE CONFIRMED KILLED. ALTHOUGH IT COULD NOT BE CONFIRMED BY BODY COUNT, IT IS BELIEVED THAT AT LEAST 51 MORE OF VIET CONG WERE KILLED.

B. AIR OPERATIONS

ON 22 APRIL, A MARINE AIR OBSERVER SPOTTED

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29 VIET CONG, 2000 METERS WEST OF THE SONG BO RIVER IN THE SHAWNEE OPERATING AREA. THE OBSERVER DIRECTED FIXED WING AIR STRIKES ON THE ENEMY RESULTING IN 26 VIET CONG KILLED.

ELSEWHERE IN RVN, MARINE FIXED WING PILOTS FLEW 163 ATTACK SORTIES AND 44 OTHER COMBAT SORTIES IN SOUTH VIETNAM. BOMB DAMAGE ASSESSMENT WAS AN ADDITIONAL 8 ENEMY KILLED, 31 PROBABLY KILLED, 5 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS, 3 BRIDGES DESTROYED AND NUMEROUS OTHER ENEMY POSITIONS AND STRUCTURES DESTROYED OR DAMAGED.

IN NORTH VIET NAM AND SOUTH LAOS, 38 STRIKE SORTIES AND 9 COMBAT SUPPORT SORTIES WERE FLOWN.

C. OPERATION BEACON STAR

AFTER AN UNOPPOSED LANDING 15 MILES EAST OF QUANG TRI CITY, THE MARINES OF THE SLF (BLT 2/3) CONTINUED TO CONDUCT SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS AGAINST THE ENEMY. COMPANY G LANDED BY LVT OVER BLUE BEACH AT 0830H, 23 APRIL AND WILL CONDUCT OPERATIONS TO THE SOUTHEAST. THE LANDING WAS MADE IN ORDER TO INVESTIGATE

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A REPORT OF AN ENEMY COMPANY. THUS FAR THE ENEMY
HAS AVOIDED ALL CONTACT WITH THE MARINE FORCES.

D. NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT

THIRTY VIET CONG WERE KILLED, 15 PROBABLY
KILLED AND 120 ENEMY STRUCTURES AND 18 SAMPANS WERE
DESTROYED DURING 7 MISSIONS FIRED BY THE USS ST FRANCIS
RIVER (LSMR-525) ON 22 APRIL. THE MISSIONS WERE REQUESTED
BY ANGLICO SPOT TEAMS, SUPPORTING THE 3D BRIGADE, 25TH
US ARMY DIVISION IN THE DUC PHO AREA.

3. III MAF

A. MAJOR UNIT OPERATIONS

(1) 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 OP-
ERATIONS IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH MODERATE CONTACT. AT
0245H, AN ELEVENTH ENGINEER BATTALION DUMP TRUCK DETONATED A MINE
(YD 199746); ONE MARINE WAS WOUNDED (MED EVAC). AT 1000H, A PATROL
FROM COMBINE ACTION PLATOON P-2 DETONATED AN UNKNOWN TYPE EXPLOSIVE

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DEVICE (YD 277556) RESULTING IN TWO MARINES WOUNDED (MED EVAC).
AT 1000H, A TANK IN SUPPORT OF COMPANY A, FIRST BATTALION,
FOURTH MARINES DETONATED A MINE (YD 174727) RESULTING IN
ONE MARINE WOUNDED (MINOR) AND LIGHT DAMAGE TO THE TANK.
AT 1315H, COMPANY L, THIRD BATTALION, NINTH MARINES FIRED
SMALL ARMS AT FOUR VC; ONE VC WAS KILLED (PROB) AND ONE
AK-47, CLOTHING, FOOD, AND SIX KNAPSACKS OF RICE WERE CAP-
TURED. AT 1425H, COMPANY C, FIRST BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES
(YD 155723) RECEIVED TWENTY-FIVE ROUNDS OF 60MM/82MM MORTAR
FIRE AND SMALL ARMS FIRE. ARTILLERY MISSIONS AND SMALL ARMS
WERE FIRED AT ENEMY POSITIONS WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS; TWENTY-
SIX MARINES WERE WOUNDED. AT 1430H, COMPANY A, FIRST BATTALION,
NINTH MARINES (YD 146716) ENCOUNTERED MODERATE SMALL ARMS FIRE,
FIFTEEN ROUNDS OF RPG AND SEVEN GRENADES. THE MARINES RETURNED
THE FIRE AND KILLED TWO VC (CONF), SEVEN VC WERE KILLED
(PROB), AND ONE CHICOM RIFLE, ONE RPG LAUNCHER WERE CAPTURED;
FIVE MARINES WERE WOUNDED (MINOR). AT 1505H, COMPANY C
FIRST BATTALION, NINTH MARINES (YD 272548) RECEIVED LIGHT SMALL ARMS
SUPER FIRE RESULTING IN ONE MARINE WOUNDED (MED EVAC). AT
1545H, A TANK IN SUPPORT OF COMPANY H, FIRST BATTALION,

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AIR OPERATIONS

THE FIRST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING FLEW
162 STRIKE SORTIES, INCLUDING 27 IN NORTH VIETNAM, 13 IN
LAOS AND 126 IN RVN.

NINE AZAGA NIGHT SORTIES INTO NORTH VIETNAM
DELIVERED 133 MK-82 BOMBS AND OVER NINETY 2.75 INCH
ROCKETS ON 14 MOVING TARGETS, SEVERAL BRIDGES, A TRUCK
CONVOY AND TWO RAILROAD SIDING. OBSERVED RESULTS WERE
8 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS AND 6 SECONDARY FIRES. THREE OF
THE INTRUDER SORTIES WERE IN ROUTE PACKAGE II, THE RE-
MAINDER IN ROUTE PACKAGE I.

IN-COUNTRY SUPPORT OF GROUND OPERATIONS
WAS PROVIDED BY 18 SORTIES FOR OPERATION SHAWNEE, 7
SORTIES FOR PRAIRIE AND 2 SORTIES FOR OPERATION UNION.
BOMB DAMAGE REPORTED FOR THE 37 TONS OF ORDNANCE
EXPENDED IN THESE MISSIONS WAS 5 VIET CONG KILLED, 60
BUILDINGS, 4 CAVES AND 2 BUNKERS DESTROYED.

MAG-16 AND MAG-36 HELICOPTERS FLEW 1,070
SORTIES LIFTING 1,379 PERSONNEL AND OVER 200 TONS OF CARGO
IN SUPPORT OF MARINE, ARVN, AND ROKMC OPERATIONS.

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AS THE SPECIAL LANDING FORCE CONTINUED ITS
SEARCH FOR THE ENEMY EAST OF QUANG TRI CITY, CONTACT
WAS ESTABLISHED AT 1825H WHEN THE ENEMY FIRED 15
ROUNDS OF 82MM MORTAR AT COMPANY F, SECOND BAT-
TALION, THIRD MARINES. ARTILLERY COUNTER-MORTAR FIRE
AND MARINE CLOSE AIR SUPPORT STRIKES ACCOUNTED FOR
AN ESTIMATED 15 VIET CONG KILLED. ONE MARINE WAS
WOUNDED BY A MORTAR FRAGMENT AND ANOTHER BY A MINE.
ONE DETAINEE, WHO WAS APPREHENDED IN THE SEARCH OF
THAN KHE VILLAGE, WAS STILL BEING QUESTIONED. 18 OTHERS
HAVE BEEN RELEASED.

SIX MARINE FIXED WING AIRCRAFT PROVIDED SUPPORT
FOR THE SLF ASHORE AND THE USS FECHTELER (DD-870) FIRED
21 ROUNDS OF 5"/38 ILLUMINATION.

BLT 2/3 WAS CONSIDERED
FIRMLY ESTABLISHED ASHORE AND WAS PASSED TO OPERATIONAL
CONTROL OF III MAF AT 241600H. AMPHIBIOUS TASK GROUP 76.5
REMAINS OFF-SHORE SUPPORTING THE BLT. MAG-164 HELICOPTERS
OPERATING FROM THE USS PRINCETON (LPH-5) FLEW 48 SORTIES

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ON THE 23RD AND 194 SORTIE ON THE 24TH INCLUDING LIFTS IN
SUPPORT OF OPERATION SHAWNEE.

OPERATION SHAWNEE

THE MULTI-BATTALION SEARCH AND DESTROY
OPERATION IN VC BASE AREA 114, 20 MILES WEST OF
HUE, PROGRESSED ACCORDING TO PLAN. TROOP LIFTS INTO
LZ BUZZARD (YD4521), CROW (YD4315) AND HAWK (YD4915)
COMMENCED AT 1550H. RADIO RELAY FACILITIES WERE
ESTABLISHED AND OPERATIONAL ON HILL 647 (YD 515220) BY
1800H. HELICOPTER LIFTS WERE INTERRUPTED TEMPORARILY ON
THE MORNING OF THE 24TH BY LOW CLOUDS BUT THE LIFT
OF ARVN FORCES INTO LZ BUZZARD WAS COMPLETED BY
240940H. THE SECOND BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES LIFT
INTO LZ CROW WEJS RESUMED AT 0755H AND LAST ELEMENTS
CLOSED BY 0930H. THE SECOND BATTALION, TWENTY-SIXTH
MARINES LIFT INTO LZ HAWK WAS COMPLETED AT 241030H
AFTER A DELAY OF SEVERAL HOURS DUE TO LOW CEILING
IN THE LZ AREA. NO CONTACT WAS REPORTED AS OF 241500H.

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BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES; FIRST BATTALION, NINTH MARINES (-);
AND THIRD BATTALION, NINTH MARINES) CONTINUED SEARCH AND
DESTROY OPERATIONS IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT
REPORTED FOR THE PERIOD. AT 1020H, COMPANY L, THIRD BATTALION,
NINTH MARINES APPREHENDED SIX DETAINEES (YD 107502). AT
1205H, COMPANY A, FIRST BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES FOUND A
CACHE OF ENEMY MORTAR ROUNDS (YD 146713) BENEATH A HUT.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION PRAIRIE IV, FIXED
WING AIRCRAFT FLEW SEVEN DAS (TPQ) SORTIES EXPENDING 13.5
TONS OF ORDNANCE; THERE WAS NO REPORTED BDAJW HELICOPTERS
FLEW TWO HUNDRED NINETY-TWO SORTIES WHICH TRANSPORTED SEVEN
HUNDRED SIXTY PERSONNEL AND CARRIED NINE TONS OF CARGO.
ARTILLERY FIRED SEVEN HUNDRED NINETY-FOUR MISSIONS EXPENDING
4,378 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION. 175MM GUNS FIRED FIVE OBSERVED
AND TWENTY UNOBSERVED MISSIONS EXPENDING TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY-
TWO ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

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CONTAINING ONE NVA EACH; FOURTEEN NVA KILLED (CONF). THE GRAVES WERE ESTIMATED TO BE FIVE DAYS OLD. AT 1450H, AND OP FROM COMPANY M, THIRD BATTALION, NINTH MARINES (YD 022558) HEARD MOVEMENT ON A TRAIL LEADING TO THEIR POSITION. ONE M-26 GREANDE WAS THROWN RESULTING IN ONE FRIENDLY WOUNDED (MINOR). DURING THE PERIOD, FIVE DETAINEES WERE APPREHENDED.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION PRAIRIE IV, FIXED WING AIRCRAFT FLEW FOUR DAS (TPQ) SORTIES EXPENDING 7.8 TONS OF ORDNANCE. HELICOPTERS FLEW TWO HUNDRED FORTY-THREE SORTIES TRANSPORTING TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE PERSONNEL AND CARRIED 262 TONS OF CARGO. ARTILLERY FIRED SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE MISSION EXPENDING 3,823 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION. 175MM GUNS FIRED. TWENTY-THREE MISSIONS EXPENDING TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-SIX ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC	ENEMY
0/3 KIA	1/33 KIA (CONF)
3/56 WIA	0/23 KIA (PROB) (ADMUSTED)
	6/10 DETAINEES

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0/30 WEAPONS

(2) OPERATION BEACON STAR

(A) AT 241600H, THE SPECIAL LANDING FORCE (TG 79.5) CONSISTING OF BATTALION LANDING TEAM 2/3 AND HMM 164 WERE PLACED UNDER THE OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF III MAF. AMPHIBIOUS TASK GROUP 76.5 IS OPERATING NORTHWEST OF HUE AND CONTINUES SUPPORTING THE LANDING FORCE WHICH REMAINS INTACT. THE SECOND BATTALION, THIRD MARINES CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS EAST OF QUANG TRI CITY WITH NO REPORTED CONTACT FOR THE PERIOD. COMPANY F IS MOVING TO THE SOUTHWEST CONDUCTING EXTENSIVE SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS. COMPANY G IS PREPARING TO MOVE BY HELICOPTER TO (YD 475580) IN ORDER THAT ANY CONTACT ESTABLISHED BY COMPANY F MAY BE RAPIDLY EXPLOITED.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION BEACON STAR, HELICOPTERS FLEW ONE HUNDRED FORTY-FOUR SORTIES CARRYING 9.5 TONS OF CARGO AND TRANSPORTING FIVE HUNDRED SIXTEEN PERSONNEL.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC	ENEMY
0/2 WIA	0/15 KIA (PROB)

(3) OPERATION SHAWNEE

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(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION PRAIRIE IV, FIXED WING AIRCRAFT FLEW TWO CAS AND FIVE DAS (TPQ) SORTIES EXPENDING 11.8 TONS OF ORDNANCE.

HELICOPTERS FLEW FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY-THREE SORTIES TRANSPORTING SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY-SIX PERSONNEL AND 38.3 TONS OF CARGO. ARTILLERY FIRED FOUR HUNDRED TWO MISSIONS AND EXPENDED 1734 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION. DURING THE PERIOD, 175MM GUNS FIRED ONE OBSERVED AND THIRTY-FIVE UNOBSERVED MISSIONS EXPENDING TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-NINE ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

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ENEMY

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30/86 WIA

4/27 KIA (PROB)

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HUNDRED SEVENTY-EIGHT SORTIES TRANSPORTING ONE HUNDRED SIXTEEN PERSONNEL AND 26.2 TONS OF CARGO. ARTILLERY FIRED ONE HUNDRED SIXTEEN MISSIONS EXPENDING 1,111 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION. 175MM GUNS FIRED TWENTY OBSERVED AND SIXTEEN UNOBSERVED MISSIONS. EXPENDING FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTY-NINE ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION. NAVAL GUNFIRE FIRED FIVE MISSIONS EXPENDING ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE
(NOTE: DOES NOT INCLUDE GIO LINH CASUALTIES)

USMC	ENEMY
1/10 KIA	9/44 KIA (CONF)
16/113 WIA	0/39 KIA (PROB)
	3/18 DETAINEES
	0/31 WEAPONS

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(2) OPERATION BEACON STAR PHASE II

(A) SECOND BATTALION, THIRD MARINES CONTINUED PHASE II OF THEIR SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION IN THE KHE SANH AREA OF OPERATION IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH NO CONTACT REPORTED FOR THE PERIOD.

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(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION BEACON STAR PHASE II, FIXED WING AIRCRAFT FLEW TWO CAS SORTIES EXPENDING ONE TON OF ORDNANCE.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC	ENEMY
0/1 KIA	0/17 KIA (PROB)
0/10 WIA	0/1 DETAINEE

(3) OPERATION SHAWNEE

(A) THE FOURTH MARINES WITH THREE INFANTRY BATTALIONS (SECOND BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES; SECOND BATTALION, NINTH MARINES; AND SECOND BATTALION, TWENTY-SIXTH MARINES) CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN THUA THIEN PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT REPORTED FOR THE PERIOD. (LATE ENTRY) AT 261630H, TWO MARINES FROM COMPANY H, SECOND BATTALION, TWENTY-SIXTH MARINES WERE WOUNDED (YD 480137) WHEN THEY STEPPED ON PUNJI STAKES. AT 0930H, A PATROL FROM COMPANY E, SECOND BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES FIRED SMALL ARMS AT TWO VC (YD 441178); THE AREA WAS SEARCHED AND ONE 8MM BOLT ACTION RIFLE, DETONATING CORD AND DOCUMENTS WERE CAPTURED. AT 1535H, COMPANY F, SECOND BATTALION, TWENTY-SIXTH MARINES FOUND ONE VC BODY IN A GRAVE (YD 602251).

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(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION SHAWNEE, FIXED WING ONE AIRCRAFT FLEW ONE ESCORT ON ONE CAS SORTIE EXPENDING 0.4 TONS OF ORDNANCE. THERE WAS NO REPORTED BDA ARTILLERY FIRED ONE HUNDRED SIXTY MISSIONS AND EXPENDED FOUR HUNDRED SEVEN ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION.

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~~(2) OPERATION BEACON STAR PHASE II~~

(A) THE SECOND BATTALION, THIRD MARINES CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH NO CONTACT DURING THE DAY.

(B) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC	ENEMY
0/1 KIA	1/17 KIA (PROB)
0/10 WIA	0/1 DETAINEE

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29 APR~~(3) OPERATION SHAWNEE~~

(A) THE FOURTH MARINES WITH THE SECOND BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES; SECOND BATTALION, NINTH MARINES; AND SECOND BATTALION, TWENTY-SIXTH MARINES CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN THUA THIEN PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT. AT 0820H, COMPANY F, SECOND BATTALION, 26TH MARINES FIRED ON ONE VC (YD 500181). ONE VC WAS KIA (PROB). AT 0930H, THE COMPANY ENGAGED AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF VC WITH SMALL ARMS AND GRENADE FIRE (YD 500181). THREE MARINES WERE WIA BUT ENEMY CASUALTIES WERE UNCONFIRMED. THE

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COMPANY ALSO CAPTURED ONE RIFLE, ONE CARBINE WITH TELESCOPIC SIGHT, ELEVEN ASSORTED MINES AND GRENADES AND FOUR PACKS. AT 0835H, COMPANY F, SECOND BATTALION, NINTH MARINES DETONATED A MINE (YD 592265). TWO MARINES WERE KIA AND ONE WAS WIA (MED EVAC). AT 0935H, EIGHT MARINES WERE WIA (MED EVAC) WHEN A VEHICLE DETONATED A MINE (YD 5632). AT 1927H, A THIRD BATTALION, TWELFTH MARINES POSITION (YD 485275) RECEIVED AN ESTIMATED 80-100 ROUNDS OF 60/82MM MORTAR FIRE. TWENTY MARINES WERE WIA (SIX MED EVAC). COUNTER MORTAR FIRE WAS DELIVERED WITH UNCONFIRMED RESULTS.

(B) FIXED WING SUPPORT OF OPERATION SHAWNEE CONSISTED OF 8 CLOSE AIR SUPPORT AND 5 DIRECT AIR SUPPORT (1 TPQ-10) SORTIES, WHICH EXPENDED 13 TONS OF ORDNANCE. HELICOPTERS FLEW 38 SORTIES AND TRANSPORTED 109 PERSONNEL AND 9 TONS OF CARGO. ARTILLERY UNITS FIRED 120 MISSIONS AND 1822 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION IN SUPPORT OF INFANTRY OPERATIONS.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE.

USMC	ENEMY
2/2 KIA	0/8 KIA (CONF)
32/44 WIA	1/9 KIA (PROB)

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(2) OPERATION BEACON STAR PHASE II/KHE SANH AREA

(A) THE SECOND AND THIRD BATTALIONS, THIRD

MARINES CONTINUE SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN WESTERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH HEAVY CONTACT. AT 0630H, WHILE PREPARING TO MOVE FROM HILL 861 THE 2D BATTALION FOUND TEN NVA BODIES. AT 0735H, AS COMPANY H MOVED OUT LEADING THE BATTALION, THE COMPANY ENGAGED AN ESTIMATED ENEMY COMPANY (XD 793446). THE ENEMY DELIVERED SMALL ARMS AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE FROM COVERED POSITIONS BUT WITHDREW UNDER HEAVY MARINE ORGANIC WEAPONS FIRE LEAVING 28 KIA (CONF) AND 15 KIA (PROB). MARINES SUSTAINED 9 KIA AND 24 WIA. AT 0750H, COMPANY M, THIRD BATTALION FOUND SIX NVA KIA AND CAPTURED ONE PW/VC (WIA) (XD 778446). AT 0800H, COMPANY H, SECOND BATTALION ENGAGED AN ESTIMATED ENEMY PLATOON WITH ALL ORGANIC WEAPONS, ARTILLERY AND AIR

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STRIKES. EIGHT NVA WERE KIA (CONF) AND FIFTEEN NVA WERE KIA (PROB). MARINES SUSTAINED SEVEN KIA AND 25 WIA. AT 0925H, AN AIR OBSERVER FROM THE THIRD MARINES CONDUCTED AN AIR STRIKE ON A BUNKER AND TRENCH COMPLEX (XD 785442); THREE NVA WERE KIA (CONF) AND TWO BUNKERS WERE DESTROYED. AT 1025H, COMPANY M ENGAGED AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF VC WITH SMALL ARMS AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE (XD 778438). TWO MARINES WERE WIA (MED EVAC) BUT ENEMY CASUALTIES WERE UNCONFIRMED. CONTACT BY BOTH BATTALION CONTINUED HEAVY THROUGHOUT THE DAY AS THE MARINES ENGAGED WELL ENTRENCHED ENEMY FORCES. THERE WAS EXTENSIVE USE OF MARINE FIXED WING AIR SUPPORT ON THE BUNKER AND TRENCH SYSTEMS. AT 1605H, THE SECOND BATTALION WAS ON HILL 881(S) (XD 77738) AND THE THIRD BATTALION WAS ON HILL 881(N) (XD 774438). AIR STRIKES CONTINUED UNTIL DARK AND AIR OBSERVERS REPORTED THE DESTRUCTION OF NUMEROUS BUNKERS AND DAMAGE TO OTHERS. AT 1845H, COMPANIES E AND G RECEIVED HEAVY MORTAR FIRE FROM UNKNOWN ENEMY POSITIONS. A COUNTER BATTERY PLAN WAS FIRED AND THE ENEMY MORTARS WERE SILENCED. THERE WAS NO SIGNIFICANT CONTACT REPORTED AFTER MARINE UNITS OCCUPIED AND CONSOLIDATED NIGHT POSITIONS. EXTENSIVE TPQ-10 STRIKES WERE CON-

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DUCTED THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT IN THE OBJECTIVE AREA.

(B) FIXED WING SUPPORT OF OPERATION BEACON STAR
PHASE II/KHE SANH AREA CONSISTED OF 30 CLOSE AIR SUPPORT AND
17 DIRECT AIR SUPPORT SORTIES, WHICH EXPENDED 70 TONS OF ORDN-
ANCE. BOMB DAMAGE ASSESSMENT WAS ONE KBA (CONF), FIVE KBA (PROB)
NINE BUNKERS AND TWO TRENCHES DESTROYED AND TWO BUNKERS DAMAGED.

(C) RESULTS: AS OF 302400H

USMC	ENEMY
73 KIA	198 KIA(CONF)
209 WIA	179 KIA(PROB)
	1 DETAINEE
	1 PW/NVA

(3) OPERATION SHAWNEE

(A) THE FOURTH MARINES WITH THREE INFANTRY
BATTALIONS (SECOND BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES; SECOND BATTALION,
NINTH MARINES; AND SECOND BATTALION, 26TH MARINES) CONTINUED
SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN THUA THIEN PROVINCE WITH LIGHT
CONTACT. AT 0001H, TWO MARINES FROM COMPANY G, SECOND BATTALION,
NINTH MARINES WERE WIA (MED EVAC) BY ENEMY GRENADES (YD
515299). AT 1215H, A RECON TEAM ADJUSTED ARTILLERY ON A VC

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PLATOON CARRYING 2 MORTARS AND ONE 50 CALIBER MACHINE GUN (YD 602215)
ONE VC KIA(CONF) AND FIVE VC KIA(PROB) WERE REPORTED. AT 1055H,
A RECON TEAM MADE CONTACT WITH TEN VC (YD 516146). TWO VC
WERE KIA(CONF). AT 1810H, A RECON TEAM FIRED ON AN UNDETERMINED
NUMBER OF VC (YD 606234). SIX VC WERE KIA(CONF) AND SIX WERE
KIA(PROB).

(B) FIXED WING SUPPORT OF OPERATION SHAWNEE
CONSISTED OF 2 CLOSE AIR SUPPORT AND 2 DIRECT AIR SUPPORT
(2 TPQ-10) SORTIES, WHICH EXPENDED THREE TONS OF ORDNANCE.
ARTILLERY UNITS FIRED 190 MISSIONS AND 500 ROUNDS OF AMMUNI-
TION IN SUPPORT OF INFANTRY OPERATIONS.

(C) RESULTS, DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC	ENEMY
0/2 KIA	9/47 KIA(CONF)
2/46 WIA	11/20 KIA(PROB)
	0/2 VC/PW
	0/10 DETAINEES
	0/1 CIVIL DEFENDANTS
	0/7 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
	0/4 WEAPONS CAPTURED

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0/18 KIA

1/46 KIA(CONF)

3/270 WIA

2/56 KIA(PROB)

2/26 DETAINEES

0/34 WEAPONS CAPTURED (ADJ)

(2) OPERATION BEACON STAR PHASE II/KHE SANH OPERATION

AREA

(A) THE SECOND AND THIRD BATTALIONS, 3D MARINES CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS WITH HEAVY CONTACT. AT 0725H, COMPANY E, 2D BATTALION (XD 778451) RECEIVED 20 ROUNDS OF 60MM MORTAR FIRE ACCOMPANIED BY HEAVY SMALL ARMS FIRE. COUNTERMORTAR FIRE WAS DELIVERED ON THE SUSPECTED ENEMY POSITION WITH UNCONFIRMED RESULTS. FOUR MARINES WERE KIA AND 16 WERE WIA (MED EVAC). AT 1600H, A 3D MARINES AIR OBSERVER DIRECTED FOUR AIR STRIKES IN THE VICINITY OF (XD 744444) ON ENTRENCHED ENEMY TROOPS. TWENTY VC WERE KIA(CONF). AT 1400H, COMPANY M, 3D BATTALION, MOVED TO DONG HA. AT 1715H, COMPANY E, 2D BATTALION, 9TH MARINES ENTERED THE KHE SANH OPERATION AREA.

(B) FIXED WING SUPPORT OF BEACON STAR PHASE II/KHE SANH OPERATION AREA CONSISTED OF 107 CLOSE AIR SUPPORT

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AND 45 DIRECT AIR SUPPORT SORTIES WHICH EXPENDED 184 TONS OF ORDNANCE. REPORTED BDA WAS 11 KBA (CONF), 16 BUNKERS DESTROYED, 6 DAMAGED, AND ONE SECONDARY EXPLOSION. ARTILLERY UNITS FIRED 59 MISSIONS IN SUPPORT OF INFANTRY OPERATIONS.

(C) RESULTS, SINCE 240001H APRIL

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ENEMY

96 KIA

253 KIA(CONF)

273 WIA

453 KIA(PROB)

1 NVA/PW(ADJ)

(3) OPERATION SHAWNEE

(A) THE FOURTH MARINES WITH THE SECOND BATTALIONS, OF THE FOURTH, NINTH AND 26TH MARINE REGIMENTS CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN THUA THIEN PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT. AT 0900H, OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF COMPANY E, SECOND BATTALION, 9TH MARINES WAS PASSED TO THE 3D MARINES. AT 1215H, ONE VC WAS KIA (CONF) WHEN COMPANY E, 2D BATTALION, 4TH MARINES FIRED ONE FIVE VC (YD 403229).

(B) FIXED WING SUPPORT OF OPERATION SHAWNEE CONSISTED OF TWO DIRECT AIR SUPPORT (2 TPQ-10) SORTIES.
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(C) RESULTS, DAILY/CUMULATIVE

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0/18 KIA

2/272 WIA

ENEMY

4/50 KIA(CONF)

9/65 KIA(PROB) (ADJ)

0/26 DETAINEES

1/34 WEAPONS

(2) OPERATION BEACON STAR PHASE II/KHE SANH OPERATION

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(A) THE 2D AND 3D BATTALIONS, THIRD MARINES CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN WESTERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH DETAILS OF INFANTRY CONTACT UNREPORTED. A LATE ENTRY OF 1 APRIL REPORTS 59 VC KIA(CONF) IN SIX SEPARATE AIR

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STRIKES DIRECTED BY A 3D MARINES AIR OBSERVER ON ENEMY TROOPS IN THE OPEN AND IN BUNKERS.

(B) FIXED WING SUPPORT OF OPERATIONS IN THE KHE SANH AREA CONSISTED OF 51 CLOSE AIR SUPPORT AND 64 DIRECT AIR SUPPORT SORTIES, WHICH EXPENDED 236 TONS OF ORDNANCE. TWENTY-SEVEN BUNKERS AND THREE TUNNELS WERE DESTROYED, FOUR BUNKERS WERE DAMAGED, ONE SECONDARY EXPLOSION AND SEVEN SECONDARY FIRES WERE REPORTED. ARTILLERY UNITS FIRED 60 MISSIONS IN SUPPORT OF INFANTRY OPERATIONS:

(C) RESULTS, DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC

0/96 KIA

0/273 WIA

ENEMY

59/333 KIA(CONF) (ADJ)

0/453 KIA(PROB)

0/1 NVA/PW

(3) OPERATION SHAWNEE

(A) THE 4TH MARINES WITH THE 2D BATTALION OF THE 4TH, 9TH AND 26TH MARINE REGIMENTS CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN THUA THIEN PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT. AT 0810H, FIVE MARINES FROM COMPANY G, 2D BATTALION, 26TH MARINES WERE WIA BY AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE (YD 52218J). AT 1300H COMPANY

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2. HIGHLIGHTS

A. KHE SANH/BEACON STAR CONTACT

EARLY ON THE MORNING OF 3 MAY, COMPANY E,
2D BATTALION, 3D MARINES ON HILL 861 (NORTH), 8
MILES NORTHWEST OF KHE SANH RECEIVED A HEAVY
MORTAR ATTACK, FOLLOWED BY A GROUND ATTACK BY AN
ESTIMATED 2 NORTH VIETNAMESE COMPANIES, COMPANY E
HELD ITS POSITIONS, WHILE COMPANY H COUNTERATTACKED
THE ENEMY FROM THE NORTH. BY 1000H, THE ENEMY
ATTACK HAD BEEN REPULSED. FIXED WING AIRCRAFT AND
ARTILLERY SUPPORTED THE INFANTRY UNITS THROUGHOUT

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THE ACTION. THE NORTH VIETNAMESE UNITS LEFT 76
DEAD BEHIND AND ANOTHER 123 NVA WERE BELIEVED TO
HAVE BEEN KILLED. THREE NVA PRISONERS WERE CAPTURED
DURING THE ENGAGEMENT, 2 OF WHOM ARE SERIOUSLY
WOUNDED. THE OTHER POW WILL BE INTERROGATED
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. SINCE THE START OF THE
HEAVY CONTACT NEAR KHE SANH, ON 24 APRIL, 455
OF THE ENEMY HAVE BEEN KILLED AS OF 3 MAY.

B. AIR OPERATIONS

THE FIRST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING FLEW 231
ATTACK SORTIES AND 24 OTHER COMBAT IN RVN ON
2 MAY. OF THESE, 51 WERE CLOSE AIR SUPPORT MISSIONS
AND 64 WERE DIRECT AIR SUPPORT MISSIONS FLOWN IN
SUPPORT OF MARINE UNITS, IN THE KHE SANH/BEACON STAR
AREA WHICH EXPENDED 236 TONS OF ORDNANCE. IN THE
PAST TWO DAYS, 222 SORTIES HAVE BEEN FLOWN AGAINST
ENEMY TARGETS IN THIS AREA, EXPENDING OVER 419 TONS
OF ORDNANCE. LATE REPORTS FROM THE KHE SANH/
BEACON STAR AREA SHOW THAT AN ADDITIONAL 59 ENEMY
WERE KILLED BY MARINE AIRCRAFT SUPPORTING THE 2D

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 1. THIS SUMMARIZES EVENTS OF 3 MAY 1967, UNLESS
 OTHERWISE SPECIFIED.
 2. HIGHLIGHTS

A. BEACON STAR/KHE SANH CONTACT

SUBSEQUENT INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED
 REGARDING THE CONTACT GAINED BY COMPANY E, 2ND BAT-
 TALION, 3RD MARINES ON HILL 881 (NORTH) (SEE MY REPORT
 OF 2 MAY) DURING THE EARLY MORNING OF 3 MAY. AN
 ADDITIONAL 35 NVA WERE KILLED DURING THE BATTLE, BRINGING
 THE TOTAL ENEMY CASUALTIES FOR THIS ENGAGEMENT BY COMPANY E TO 111
 ENEMY KILLED. A GRAND TOTAL OF 512 ENEMY HAVE BEEN KILLED, 4
 CAPTURED AND 27 INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS AND 9 CREW SERVED WEAPONS
 SEIZED SINCE THE START OF THE HEAVY FIGHTING NORTHWEST

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 OF KHE SANH ON 24 APRIL.

AIR OPERATIONS IN SUPPORT OF KHE SANH

MARINE FIXED WING AIRCRAFT CONTINUED
 TO ATTACK ENEMY POSITIONS NORTHWEST OF KHE SANH.
 ON 3 MAY, 80 SORTIES WERE FLOWN AGAINST ENEMY
 TARGETS IN THIS AREA, EXPENDING OVER 152 TONS OF ORD-
 NANCE. INCOMPLETE DAMAGE ASSESSMENTS REPORT 13
 BUNKERS DESTROYED, 2 DAMAGED, 2 TUNNELS DESTROYED,
 2 DAMAGED AND 2 STRUCTURES DESTROYED. IN ADDITION,
 2 ARC LIGHT STRIKES WERE FLOWN BY B-52 AIRCRAFT
 AGAINST ENEMY POSITIONS 4 KILOMETERS WEST OF HILL 881,
 DROPPING NINE HUNDRED 750 POUND HIGH EXPLOSIVE BOMBS
 ON THE ENEMY.

ATTACK ON LANG VEI CIDG CAMPS

AN ACTION RELATED TO THE
 HEAVY ENGAGEMENT INVOLVING MARINE FORCES NORTH-
 WEST OF KHE SANH. THE LANG VEI CIDG CAMP, 6 KILO-
 METERS SOUTHWEST OF KHE SANH, WAS ATTACKED BY AN
 ESTIMATED ENEMY BATTALION ON THE MORNING OF 4 MAY.
 THE ATTACK STARTED AT 0355H, WHEN THE CAMP

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CONSISTED OF TWO CLOSE AIR SUPPORT AND ONE DIRECT AIR SUPPORT SORTIE WHICH EXPENDED TWO TONS OF ORDNANCE. HELICOPTERS FLEW 184 SORTIES AND TRANSPORTED 189 PERSONNEL AND SIX TONS OF CARGO. ARTILLERY UNITS FIRED 216 MISSIONS AND 1784 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION IN SUPPORT OF INFANTRY OPERATIONS. OF THESE, 175MM GUNS FIRED 36 MISSIONS EXPENDING 887 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION.

(1) RESULTS, DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC	ENEMY
0718 WIA	0750 KIA(CONF)
17273 WIA	0765 KIA(PROB)
	0726 DETAINEES
	0734 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(2) OPERATION BEACON STAR PHASE II/KHE SANH OPERATION AREA.

(A) THE 2D AND 3D BATTALIONS, 3D MARINES CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN WESTERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH HEAVY CONTACT REPORTED. AT 0415H, COMPANY E, 3D BATTALION, 3D MARINES WAS ATTACKED BY AN ESTIMATED ENEMY COMPANY (XD 778 845). THE ATTACKING ENEMY COMPANY WAS SUPPORTED BY FIRE FROM ANOTHER ENEMY COMPANY. MORTARS AND SMALL ARMS FIRE WERE EM-

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PLOYED BY THE ATTACKERS AND THE COMPANY E POSITION WAS PENE-
TRATED PREVENTING THE USE OF MARINE SUPPORTING ARMS FIRE. AT
0720H, COMPANY H RESTORED THE MARINE PERIMETER BY COUNTERATTACK
AND THE ENEMY WITHDREW UNDER FIRE LEAVING 111 NVA KIA(CONF), 150
KIA(PROB) AND 3 POW/NVA. MARINES SUSTAINED 27 KIA AND 84 WIA
(48 MED EVAC) AT 1110H, COMPANY G, 2D BATTALION, 3D MARINES FIRED
ON 10 NVA ON A TRAIL (XD 775453). FIVE NVA WERE KIA (PROB). DURING
THE DAY, WHILE CONTINUING THE ASSAULT ON HILL 881 NORTH, THE
2D BATTALION CONTINUED TO MEET HEAVY RESISTANCE FROM ENEMY EN-
TRENCHED IN BUNKERS AND SPIDER HOLES. AT ONE POINT THE BATTALION
WITHDREW TO ALLOW AIR SUPPORT AND ARTILLERY TO BE BROUGHT TO
BEAR ON THE ENEMY. TWENTY NVA WERE KIA(CONF) AND 30 WERE KIA(PROB).
NINE MARINES WERE KIA AND 15 WERE WIA. (LATE ENTRY) AT 021445H,
WHILE MOVING TOWARD AN OBJECTIVE, COMPANY G ENGAGED AN UNDETERMINED
NUMBER OF ENEMY (XD 778460) WITH ORGANIC WEAPONS AND SUPPORTING
ARMS. TWO NVA KIA (CONF) AND FIVE NVA KIA(PROB) WERE REPORTED.
TWO MARINES WERE KILLED AND SEVEN WERE WOUNDED (MED EVAC).

(B) FIXED WING SUPPORT IN THE KHE SANH OPERATION AREA
CONSISTED OF 58 CLOSE AIR SUPPORT AND 22 DIRECT AIR SUPPORT
SORTIES WHICH EXPENDED 152 TONS OF ORDNANCE. THIRTEEN BUNKERS,
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TWO STRUCTURES AND TWO TUNNELS WERE DESTROYED, TWO BUNKERS AND

TWO TUNNELS WERE DAMAGED. ARTILLERY UNITS FIRED 80 MISSIONS

IN SUPPORT OF INFANTRY OPERATIONS.

(C) RESULTS, DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMMC

ENEMY

38/130 KIA

133/51222 KIA(CONF)(ADJ)

106/369 WIA

190/77643 KIA(PROB)

3/4 NVA//PW

36/36 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(A) OPERATION SHAWNEE

(A) THE 4TH MARINES, WITH THE 20 BATTALIONS, OF THE
4TH, 9TH, AND 26TH MARINE REGIMENTS CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY
OPERATIONS IN THUA THIEN PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT (LATE ENTRY)
AT 00215H, COMPANY H, 20 BATTALION, 4TH MARINES FIRED ON TWO VCC

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(YD 447255). TWO VCC WERE KIA (CONF) AND ONE FRENCH RIFLE WAS
CAPTURED. AT 002090H, A UH-1E CREW KILLED TWO VC (CONF).
AT 030113H, THE 4TH MARINES CP (YD 5432) RECEIVED 20 ROUNDS
OF 600MM MORTAR FIRE. COUNTER MORTAR FIRE WAS DELIVERED WITH
UNCONFIRMED RESULTS. AT 0900H, A PATROL FROM COMPANY G, 20
BATTALION, 9TH MARINES FOUND 10 BANGALORE TORPEDOES IN A
STREAM (YD 554331). AT 2145H, THE 4TH MARINES PERIMETER
RECEIVED 20 ROUNDS OF MORTAR FIRE (YD 5533). COUNTER MORTAR
FIRE WAS DELIVERED WITH UNCONFIRMED RESULTS. ON 2 MAY ONE
DETAINEE WAS RECLASSIFIED A PW/NVA.

(B) FIXED WING SUPPORT OF OPERATION SHAWNEE CON-
SISTED OF FIVE CLOSE AIR SUPPORT AND THREE DIRECT AIR SUPPORT
SORTIES, WHICH EXPENDED SEVEN TONS OF ORDNANCE. HELICOPTERS
FLEW 24 SORTIES AND TRANSPORTED TWO PERSONNEL. ARTILLERY UNITS
FIRED 144 MISSIONS AND 696 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION IN SUPPORT OF
INFANTRY OPERATIONS.

(C) RESULTS, DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC

ENEMY

0/2 KIA

4/51 KIA(CONF)(ADJ)

0/52 WIA

0/20 KIA(PROB)

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CONTACT. (LATE ENTRY). AT 031805H, AN ARTILLERY MISSION ON AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF ENEMY ON HILL 100 (YD 067607) RESULTED IN 2 VC KIA (:0492). AT 031900H, COMPANY D, 1ST BATTALION, 4TH MARINES RECEIVED 30 ROUNDS OF 60MM OF MORTAR FIRE (YD 115701). COUNTER BATTERY FIRE WAS DELIVERED WITH UN-CONFIRMED RESULTS. AT 031630H, ONE NVA WAS KIA (CONF) WHEN A RECON PATROL EXCHANGED SMALL ARMS FIRE WITH 7 ENEMY (YD-357383). AT 041028H, COMBINED ACTION PLATOON P-1 EXCHANGED SMALL ARMS FIRE WITH AN ESTIMATED 50 ENEMY (YD 115598). TWO MARINES WERE WIA (MED EVAC) BUT ENEMY CASUALTIES WERE UNCONFIRMED. AT 1020H, A RECON TEAM FIRED ON 4 NVA (YD-341409). ONE NVA WAS KIA (CONF) AND 1 WEAPON WAS CAPTURED. AT 1020H, A PLATOON FROM COMBINED ACTION COMPANY P-1 WAS ATTACKED BY AN ENEMY FORCE OF UNDETERMINED SIZE (YD 115559). THREE PF SOLDIERS WERE KIA, ONE MARINE AND 2 PF SOLDIERS WERE WIA (MED EVAC); THE PLATOON LOST 1M-16 RIFLE AND 2 CARBINES. AT 1230H, 2 NVA WERE KIA (CONF) WHEN A RECON TEAM EXCHANGED SMALL ARMS FIRE WITH AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF ENEMY (YD-

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208346). AT 1015H, A RECON TEAM ENGAGED AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF NVA (YD 142663) WITH SMALL ARMS AND GRENADE FIRE. TWO NVA WERE KIA (CONF), 2 WERE KIA (PROB) AND 1 WEAPON WAS CAPTURED. MARINES SUSTAINED 1 KIA AND 1 WIA (MED EVAC). ADDITIONALLY, 38 DETAINEES WERE APPREHENDED ON 3 MAY. THREE ADDITIONAL MARINES WERE WIA BY GRENADES.

(B) FIXED WING SUPPORT OF OPERATION PRAIRIE IV CONSISTED OF 2 DIRECT AIR SUPPORT SORTIES WHICH EXPENDED 8 TONS OF ORDNANCE. HELICOPTERS FLEW 244 SORTIES AND TRANSPORTED 185 PERSONNEL AND 22 TONS OF CARGO. ARTILLERY UNITS FIRED 232 MISSIONS AND 1565 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION IN SUPPORT OF INFANTRY OPERATIONS. OF THIS TOTAL 175MM GUNS FIRED 20 MISSIONS AND 278 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION.

(C) RESULTS, DAILY/CUMULATIVE,

USMC

2/20 KIA

7/282 WIA (ADJ)

ENEMY

6/55 KIA (CONF) (ADJ)

2/60 KIA (PROB) (ADJ)

38/64 DETAINEES

2/36 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(2) OPERATION BEACON STAR PHASE II/KHE SANH OPERATION

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(A) THE W2D AND 3D BATTALIONS, 3D MARINES CONTINUED
SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN WESTERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE

WITH LIGHT CONTACT. (LATE ENTRY). AT 0118

AIR OBSERVER DIRECTED K AIRST

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MINED NUMBER
OF ENEMY IN THE OPEN (XD 223483). EIGHTY-ONE ENEMY WERE
KIA (CONF). AT 040810H, COMPANY E, 2D BATTALION, 3D MARINES
UNCOVERED 28 NVA BODIES WKXD 77822).

WHILE COMPANY K WAS SWEEPING THE ZATTLE
AREA (XD 785445) 19 ADDITIONAL NVA BODIES WERE DISCOVERED
AND 11 AK-47 RIFLE WAS CAPTURED. AT 1755H, COMPANY E, 2D
BATTALION, 3D MARINES ENGAGED A NVA PLATOON WITH SMALL ARMS
AUTOMATIC WEAPONS AND GRENADE FIRE. THE ENEMY WITHDREW
UNDER FIRE LEAVING 16 NVA KIA WKCONF) AND 30 NVA KIA WKPROB).
TEN MARINES WERE KIA AT W12301H, OPCON ONCOMPANY C, 1ST BAT-1

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TALITN, 26TH MARINES WAS PASSED TO THE W3D MARINES IFND THE 10M-1
PANY E TERE THE KHE SA H AREA AT W16101H.
WOF 40 CLCSE) AT FIXED WING SUPPORT OF THE TPERATITN AREA IONSISTEE
SUPPTRT AND 28 DIRECT AI

SUPPORT SORTIESW,
WHICH EYPE DED 108 TONS OF ORDNANCE. NINE BUNKERS AND 1
TRENCH WERE DESTROYED AND 1 BUNKER AND 1 HUNEL WORE DAMAGED.
ARTILLERY UNITS FIRED 16 MISSITNS IN SUPPORT OF INFANTRY
OPERATIONS.

Q(C) RESULTSWN DAILY/CUMULATPEW.

USMC	ENEMY
0/1301 UIA	144/656 KIA (CONF) 2(ADJ)
W106379 WIA	W30/673 KIA WKPROB) 2(ADJ)
	W0/4 NVA/PW
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(LATE ENTRY) ION 3 MAY ONE MARINE WAS WIA WKMED EPAC) BY SNIPE

FIRE. AT W041015H, TH

EE HARINES FROM COMPANY HWN 261TH HARINES

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WERE WIA MED EVAC) BY A MI E (YD 5172661). DURING THE DAY,
3 DETAINEES WE

E APPREHENDED A D LATER RELEASED AS INNOCENT
CIVILIANS.

(B) FIXED WI G SUPPTRT TF OPERATION SHAW EE
CONSISTED OF 2 DIRECT AIR SUPPORT SORTIES WHICH EXPENDED
3 TONS OR ORDNANCE. ARTILLERY FIRED 82 MISSIONS AND 441
ROUNDS TF AMMUNITION IN SUPPORT OF

ZFANTRY TPERATIONSW.

(C) RESULTSWN DAILY/CUHULATIVE.

USMC	ENEMY
0/2 KIA	0/511 KIA (CONF)
4/56 WIA	W0/22 UIA (PROB)
	W0/1 NVA/PW
	0/15 DETAINEES (ADJ)
	0/1 CIVIL DEFENDANT
	0/8 WEAPONS CAPTURED

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(A) THE 5TH MARINES WITH THE 1ST AND 3D BAT-
TALIONS CONTINUED SEARCH AND DEST

OY OPERATIONS IN QUANG
NAM AND QUA G TIN PROVINCES WITH LIGHT CONTACT. SAT 0112H,
COMPANY I. 3D BATTALION REIFIED 50 ROUNDS TF V

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AND ARTILLERY MISSION ON SIX VC IN A JUNKER COMPLEX. FIVE VC WERE KIA (PRO)). DURING THE DAY, ONE USMC WAS WIA (MINOR) BY A PUNJI TRAP; ONE USMC WAS WIA (MED EVAC) BY A MINE AND TWO USMC WERE WIA (MED EVAC) FROM SNIPER FIRE.

(I) FIXED WING SUPPORT OF OPERATION PRAIRIE IV CONSISTED OF TWO DIRECT AIR SUPPORT (2 TPQ-10) SORTIES, WHICH EXPENDED SEVEN TONS OF ORDNANCE. HELICOPTERS FLEW 313 SORTIES AND TRANSPORTED 587 PERSONS AND 37 TONS OF CARGO. ARTILLERY UNITS FIRED 246 MISSIONS AND 1980 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION IN SUPPORT OF INFANTRY OPERATIONS.

(C) RESULTS, DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC	ENEMY
0/20 KIA	0/55 KIA (CONF)
6/291 WIA	5/70 KIA (PRO))(ADJ)

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1/65 DETAINEES (ADJ)

0/36 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(2) OPERATION LEACON STAR PHASE II/KHE SANH AREA

(A) THE SECOND AND THIRD BATTALIONS, THIRD MARINES CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN WESTERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT. AT 0850H, COMPANY F, SECOND BATTALION ENGAGED AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF ENEMY IN THE VICINITY OF (XD 775458). FIVE USMC WERE WIA. TWO VC WERE KIA (PRO)). AT 1400H, COMPANY F, SECOND BATTALION ENGAGED AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF ENEMY AT (XD 775458). TWO USMC WERE WIA, AND THREE VC WERE KIA (CONF).

(I) FIXED WING SUPPORT OF OPERATIONS IN THE KHE SANH AREA CONSISTED OF 46 CLOSE AIR SUPPORT AND 31 DIRECT AIR SUPPORT SORTIES WHICH EXPENDED 146 TONS OF ORDNANCE. REPORTED JOM) DAMAGE WAS EIGHT VC KIA (PRO)), 32 JUNKERS DESTROYED, SEVEN JUNKERS DAMAGED, TWO TRENCHES DESTROYED, FIVE TUNNELS DESTROYED, SIX SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS AND TWO SECONDARY FIRES. ARTILLERY UNITS FIRED 90 MISSIONS IN SUPPORT OF INFANTRY OPERATIONS.

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(C) RESULTS, DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC ENEMY

0/130 KIA 3/659 KIA(CONF)

7/386 WIA 2/675 KIA(PRO))

0/4 NVA/PW

0/37 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(3) OPERATION SHAWNEE

(A) THE FOURTH MARINES WITH THREE INFANTRY BATTALIONS (SECOND BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES; SECOND BATTALION, NINTH MARINES, AND SECOND BATTALION, TWENTY-SIXTH MARINES) CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN THUA THIEN PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT. (LATE ENTRY) AT 040950H, A THIRD RECON BATTALION PATROL CAPTURED ONE PW/VC WHO WAS WIA IN THE VICINITY OF (YD 353383). AT 0915H, A THIRD RECON BATTALION PATROL ENGAGED THREE VC AT (YD 325437). ONE VC WAS KIA AND ONE M-2 CARBINE WAS CAPTURED. AT 1405H, ANOTHER THIRD RECON BATTALION PATROL ENGAGED THREE VC AT (YD 498221). ONE VC WAS KIA (CONF) AND ONE VC WAS KIA(PRO)). DURING THE DAY, ONE USMC WAS WIA (MED EVAC) FROM AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE AND TWO USMC WERE WIA (MED EVAC) FROM SNIPER FIRE.

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(() ARTILLERY UNITS FIRED 93 MISSIONS AND 190 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION IN SUPPORT OF INFANTRY OPERATIONS.

(C) RESULTS, DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC ENEMY

0/2 KIA 2/53 KIA(CONF)

3/59 WIA 1/23 KIA(PRO))

1/1 NVA/PW

1/4 V/PW

0/15 DETAINEES

0/1 CIVIL DEFENDANTS

0/10 INNOCENT CIVILIANS

1/10 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(4) OPERATION UNION

(A) THE FIFTH MARINES CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN QUANG TIN AND QUANG NAM PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT. (LATE ENTRY). TWO DETAINEES WERE APPREHENDED ON 4 MAY. AT 0845H, COMPANY D, FIRST BATTALION ENGAGED AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF ENEMY AT (AT 911263). ONE USMC WAS WIA (MED EVAC). AT 1100H, A HAMLET CHIEF DELIVERED ONE CHIEU HOI, WITH WEAPON, TO THE COMPANY F SECOND BATTALION.

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FIRST MARINES, CP AT (IT 022288). AT 1400H, A H&S COMPANY,

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AND 3 ENEMY WEAPONS WERE CAPTURED.

IN ONE OF THESE ENCOUNTERS, COMPANY A, 1ST
BATTALION, 14TH INFANTRY RECEIVED SMALL ARMS FIRE
FROM 20 TO 30 VIET CONG 13 KILOMETERS SOUTHEAST OF TAM
KY. THE FIRE WAS RETURNED AND ARTILLERY AND AIR
STRIKES WERE DIRECTED ON THE ENEMY, RESULTING IN 7
VIET CONG KILLED AND 12 MORE PROBABLY KILLED.

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A. MAJOR UNIT OPERATIONS

(1) OPERATION PRAIRIE IV

(A) THE THIRD MARINE DIVISION WITH FOUR
INFANTRY BATTALIONS (THIRD BATTALION, THIRD MARINES;
FIRST BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES; FIRST AND THIRD BATTALIONS
NINTH MARINES) CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS
IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT. AT 1130H, A
COMPANY L, THIRD BATTALION, NINTH MARINES PATROL FOUND AN
ENEMY CAMPSITE AT (YD 072510) AND ENGAGED AN UNKNOWN
NUMBER OF ENEMY. TWO VC WERE KIA (CONF) AND 1 VC WAS
KIA (PROB). THREE CARBINES WERE CAPTURED. AT 1545H, THE
FIRST BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES CP AT (YD 116701) RECEIVED

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35 ROUNDS OF 82MM MORTAR FIRE. SEVENTEEN USMC WERE WIA
(6 MED EVAC). DURING THE DAY 1 USMC WAS KIA AND ONE USMC WAS
KIA (MED EVAC) FROM SNIPER FIRE AND 4 USMC WERE WIA (MED EVAC)
FROM TWO MINE DETONATIONS.

(B) FIXED WING SUPPORT OF OPERATION PRAIRIE IV
CONSISTED OF 3 DIRECT AIR SUPPORT (3 TPO-10) SORTIES, WHICH
EXPENDED 5 TONS OF ORDNANCE. HELICOPTERS FLEW 283 SORTIES
AND TRANSPORTED 183 PERSONNEL AND 13 TONS OF CARGO.
ARTILLERY UNITS FIRED 304 MISSIONS AND 1236 ROUNDS OF
AMMUNITION IN SUPPORT OF INFANTRY OPERATIONS. OF THESE,
THE 175MM GUNS FIRED 32 MISSIONS EXPENDING 284 ROUNDS.

(C) RESULTS, DAILY/CUMULATIVE.

USMC

1/21 KIA

29/320 WIA

ENEMY

2/57 KIA (CONF)

1/71 KIA (PROB)

0/64 DETAINEES (ADJUSTED)

3/39 WPNS CAPTURED

(2) OPERATION BEACON STAR PHASE II/KHE SANH AREA

(A) THE SECOND AND THIRD BATTALION, THIRD
MARINES CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN WESTERN

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QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH NEGATIVE CONTACT. (LATE ENTRY)
AT 0600H, COMPANIES E AND F, SECOND BATTALION RECEIVED
92 ROUNDS OF 82 MM MORTAR FIRE AT (XD 776457). ONE USMC
WAS KIA AND 7 USMC WERE WIA (MED EVAC). AT 0730H, A
COMPANY K, THIRD BATTALION, NINTH MARINES PATROL FOUND
A GRAVE WITH 2 NVA KIA NEAR (XD 787440).

(B) FIXED WING SUPPORT IN THE KHE SANH OPERATION
AREA CONSISTED OF 10 CLOSE AIR SUPPORT AND 30 DIRECT AIR
SUPPORT SORTIES, WHICH EXPENDED 61 TONS OF ORDNANCE.
BOMB DAMAGE ASSESSMENT WAS 10 BUNKERS DESTROYED, 1 DAMAGED,
AND 1 GUN POSITION DESTROYED. ARTILLERY UNITS FIRED 121
MISSIONS IN SUPPORT OF INFANTRY OPERATIONS.

(C) RESULTS, DAILY/CUMULATIVE.

USMC
1/131 KIA
7/939 WIA

ENEMY
2/661 KIA (CONF)
0/675 KIA (PROB)
0/4 NVA/PW
0/37 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(3) OPERATION SHAWNEE

(A) THE FOURTH MARINES, WITH THREE INFANTRY

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BATTALIONS (SECOND BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES, SECOND BATTALION,
NINTH MARINES, AND SECOND BATTALION, TWENTY-SIXTH MARINES)
CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN THU THIEN
PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT. AT 1000H, COMPANY F, ENGAGED
THREE VC IN THE VICINITY OF (YD 405283). THREE USMC WERE
WIA (MED EVAC). TWO VC WERE KIA (CONF). AT 1445H, COMPANY
F, SECOND BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES ENGAGED 3 ENEMY. ONE
VC WAS KIA (CONF), 1 PW/VC AND 1 DETAINEE WERE APPREHENDED
NEAR (YD 394288). FIVE PACKS WERE CAPTURED. AT 1830H,
COMPANY G, SECOND BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES DETAINED 1 PW/
VC AT (YD 394287).

(B) FIXED WING SUPPORT OF OPERATION SHAWNEE
CONSISTED OF 1 DIRECT AIR SUPPORT (1 TPQ-10) SORTIE
WHICH EXPENDED 1 TON OF ORDNANCE. ARTILLERY UNITS FIRED
126 MISSIONS AND 272 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION IN SUPPORT OF
INFANTRY OPERATIONS.

(C) RESULTS, DAILY/CUMULATIVE.

USMC
0/2 KIA
3/62 WIA

ENEMY
3/55 KIA (CONF) (ADJUSTED)
0/23 KIA (PROB)

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MISSIONS AND 1870 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION IN SUPPORT OF INFANTRY
OPERATIONS. OF THESE, THE 175MM GUNS FIRED 32 MISSIONS AND EX-
PENDED 320 ROUNDS.

(C) RESULTS, DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC

07/21 KIA

10/330 WIA

ENEMY

07/57 KIA (CONF)

11/82 KIA (PROB)

1/1 VC/PW

07/66 DETAINEES

1/40 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(2) OPERATION BEACON STAR PHASE II/KHE SANH AREA

(A) THE SECOND AND THIRD BATTALIONS, THIRD MARINES
CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE
WITH LIGHT CONTACT. AT 0915H, COMPANY F, SECOND BATTALION FOUND
ENEMY POSITIONS WHICH HAD BEEN USED IN MORTAR ATTACKS ON 5 MAY,

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IN THE VICINITY OF (XD 770458). THE AREA SHOWED EVIDENCE
OF RECEIVING A HEAVY VOLUME OF COUNTER MORTAR FIRE. THE FOLLOWING
EQUIPMENT WAS CAPTURED: 3 AK-47'S. 1 CARBINE, 52 GRENADES, 1600
ROUNDS OF SMALL ARMS AMMUNITION, 9 ROUNDS OF 82MM MORTAR AMMUNITION,
2 ANTI-TANK ROUNDS, DOCUMENTS AND INDIVIDUAL EQUIPMENT. EIGHTEEN
NVA KIA WERE FOUND AND SIXTY ENEMY WERE KIA (PROB). AT 1139H, THE
THIRD MARINES CALLED AN AIRSTRIKE ON ENEMY TROOPS IN BUNKERS AT
(XD 724466). SIX ENEMY WERE KIA (PROB). AT 1230H, A COMPANY E PATROL
FOUND THREE NVA KIA AT (XD 783448). TWO AK-47'S AND ONE CHICOM
MACHINE GUN WERE CAPTURED. AT 1050H, COMPANY G NEAR (XD 769463)
DISCOVERED A BUNKER COMPLEX CONTAINING 16 NVA KIA IN GRAVES.(B) FIXED WING SUPPORT OF OPERATION BEACON STAR
PHASE II/KHE SANH AREA CONSISTED OF 13 CLOSE AIR SUPPORT AND
18 DIRECT AIR SUPPORT (17 VISUAL AND 1 TPQ-10) SORTIES, WHICH
EXPENDED 60 TONS OF ORDNANCE. SIX ENEMY WERE KBA (PROB), 14
BUNKERS WERE DESTROYED AND ONE DAMAGED, 11 GUN POSITIONS WERE
DESTROYED AND ONE TUNNEL WAS DESTROYED. ARTILLERY UNITS
FIRED 136 MISSIONS IN SUPPORT OF INFANTRY OPERATIONS.

(C) RESULTS, DAILY/CUMULATIVE

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0/131 KIA
0/393 WIA

57/698 KIA(CONF)
66/741 KIA(PROB)
0/4 NVA/PW(ADJ)
7/44 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(3) OPERATION SHAWNEE

(A) THE FOURTH MARINES, WITH THREE INFANTRY BATTALIONS (SECOND BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES; SECOND BATTALION, NINTH MARINES; SECOND BATTALION, 26TH MARINES) CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN THUA THIEN PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT. (LATE ENTRY) AT 060840H, A RECON TEAM NEAR (YD 327431) EXCHANGED FIRE WITH AN ESTIMATED 15 VC. FOUR VC WERE KIA(CONF) AND ONE DETAINEE WAS APPREHENDED. AT 0930H, A RECON TEAM FIRED SMALL ARMS AT 12-15 NVA NEAR (YD 269408). FOUR VC WERE KIA(CONF). AT 2210H, THE FOURTH MARINES CP AT (YD 535320) RECEIVED 21 ROUNDS OF MORTAR FIRE. ONE USMC WAS WIA (MINOR). COUNTERMORTAR FIRE WAS RETURNED. DURING THE DAY ONE DETAINEE WAS RECLASSIFIED AN AN INNOCENT CIVILIAN.

(B) FIXED WING SUPPORT OF OPERATION SHAWNEE CONSISTED OF 2 CLOSE AIR SUPPORT AND 2 DIRECT AIR SUPPORT (2 TPQ-10) SORTIES, WHICH EXPENDED 9 TONS OF ORDNANCE.

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ARTILLERY UNITS FIRED 49 MISSIONS AND 347 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION IN SUPPORT OF INFANTRY OPERATION.

(C) RESULTS, DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC
0/2 KIA
1/63 WIA

ENEMY
4/69 KIA(CONF)(ADJ)
0/23 KIA(PROB)
0/19 DETAINEES (ADJ)
1/11 INNOCENT CIVILIANS
0/12 WEAPONS CAPTURED(ADJ)

(4) OPERATION UNWON

(A) THE FIFTH MARINES CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN QUANG NAM AND QUANG TIN PROVINCES WITH LIGHT CONTACT. AT 0200H, TWO COMPANY D SECURITY PERSONNEL AT (BT 912 267) WERE WIA (MINOR) BY AN UNKNOWN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE. AT 0800, COMPANY C ENGAGED 10 ENEMY IN THE VICINITY OF (AT 937278). FOUR VC WERE KIA(CONF), TWO VC WERE KIA(PROB), AND ONE PW/VC WAS CAPTURED. ONE CARBINE, THREE GRENADES AND ASSORTED EQUIPMENT WERE CAPTURED. AT 0945H, COMPANY C ENGAGED FIVE ENEMY NEAR (AT 941284). FOUR VC WERE KIA(CONF). ONE SUBMACHINE GUN AND ONE PISTOL WERE CAPTURED. AT 2205H, COMPANY D PERIMETER

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PERSONNEL AT (AT 953294) ENGAGED TWO ENEMY. ILLUMINATION WAS USED TO CONDUCT AN IMMEDIATE SEARCH. ONE VC WAS KIA(PROB). ONE BAR WAS CAPTURED. DURING THE DAY, TWO USMC WERE WIA (MED

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8/8 NVA/PW

0/1 VC/PW

4/81 DETAINEES (ADJ)

75/115 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(2) OPERATION BEACON STAR PHASE II/KHE SANH OPERATING

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(A) THE SECOND AND THIRD BATTALIONS, THIRD MARINES CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN WESTERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT. AT 0745H, COMPANY H DETONATED AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE AT (XD 773455). TWO USMC WERE WIA (MED EVAC). AT 1055H, COMPANY H DISCOVERED A 50 BUNKER COMPLEX AT (XD 773455) AND CAPTURED 29-82MM AND 13-60MM MORTAR ROUNDS, 700 ROUNDS OF SMALL ARMS AMMUNITION, AND FIVE POUNDS OF TNT. THE BUNKERS AND AMMUNITION WERE DESTROYED. AT 1115H, COMPANY F, NEAR (XD 788462) DESTROYED 30 THREE-MAN BUNKERS. AT 1330H, COMPANY G FOUND 3 M-16

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RIFLES, MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT AND 3-250 POUND BOMBS AT (XD 788448).

(B) FIXED WING SUPPORT OF OPERATION BEACON STAR PHASE II/KHE SANH CONSISTED OF FOUR CLOSE AIR SUPPORT AND SIX DIRECT AIR SUPPORT (6 VISUAL) SORTIES, WHICH EXPENDED 19 TONS OF ORDNANCE. ARTILLERY UNITS FIRED 203 MISSIONS IN SUPPORT OF INFANTRY OPERATIONS.

(C) RESULTS, DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC

0/131 KIA

2/395 WIA

ENEMY

0/698 KIA (CONF)

0/741 KIA (PROB)

0/4 NVA/PW

3/47 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(3) OPERATION SHAWNEE

(A) THE FOURTH MARINES WITH THREE INFANTRY BATTALIONS (SECOND BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES; SECOND BATTALION, NINTH MARINES; SECOND BATTALION, 26TH MARINES) CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN THUA THIEN PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT. AT 0953H, COMPANY F, SECOND BATTALION, NINTH MARINES EXCHANGED FIRE WITH AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF ENEMY AT (YD 285328). ONE USMC WAS KIA AND TWO USMC WERE WIA (MINOR). AT 1100H THE H&S COMPANY

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MARINES) CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT. (LATE ENTRY) AT 080700H, TAC(A) CALLED AN AIRSTRIKE ON 30 ENEMY IN THE VICINITY OF YD 113724). THE AIRSTRIKE RESULTED IN 11 ENEMY KIA (CONF) AND 7 ENEMY KIA (PROB). (LATE ENTRY) AT 080930H, COMPANY B FIRST AMTRAC BATTALION ENGAGED AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF ENEMY NEAR (YD 264735). FOUR USMC WERE WIA (MED EVAC). (LATE ENTRY) AT 081745H AN AERIAL OBSERVER SPOTTED 5 ENEMY NEAR YD 111701). ARMED HELICOPTERS KILLED 5 VC(CONF). AT 1300H, THE FIRST BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES CP AT (YD 111700) RECEIVED AN ESTIMATED 10 ROUNDS OF 82MM MORTAR FIRE AND 3 TO 5 ROUNDS OF ARTILLERY FIRE. THREE USMC WERE WIA (MINOR). AT 1430H THE FIRST BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES CP AT (YD 111699) RECEIVED 80MM MORTAR FIRE. FOUR USMC WERE WIA (MED EVAC). AT 1645H AN AERIAL OBSERVER SPOTTED 7 VC IN FIGHTING HOLES AT (YD 138689). ARMED HELICOPTERS KILLED 5 VC(CONF). AT 1700H, THE FIRST BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES CP AGAIN RECEIVED MORTAR FIRE. ONE USMC WAS WIA (MED EVAC). DURING THE DAY ONE BROWN-UNIFORMED BODY WAS FOUND IN A GRAVE, AND ONE CARBINE WAS CAPTURED AFTER AN EXCHANGE OF SMALL ARMS FIRE.

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(B) FIXED WING SUPPORT OF OPERATION PRAIRIE IV CONSISTED OF 4 CLOSE AIR SUPPORT AND 5 DIRECT AIR SUPPORT 5 TPO-10) SORTIES, WHICH EXPENDED 17 TONS OF ORDNANCE. HELICOPTERS FLEW 232 SORTIES AND TRANSPORTED 467 PERSONNEL AND 14 TONS OF CARGO. ARTILLERY UNITS 309 MISSIONS AND 2296 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION IN SUPPORT OF INFANTRY OPERATIONS. OF THESE, THE 175MM GUNS FIRED 50 MISSIONS, EXPENDING 261 ROUNDS.

(C) RESULTS, DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC	ENEMY
0/66 KIA	7/279 KIA (CONF) (ADJUSTED)
13/478 WIA	1/295 KIA (PROB) (ADJUSTED)
	0/8 NVA/PW
	0/1 VC/PW
	0/81 DETAINEES
	0/116 WEAPONS CAPTURED (ADJUSTED)

(2) OPERATION BEACON STAR PHASE II/KHE SANH OPERATING

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(A) THE SECOND AND THIRD BATTALIONS, THIRD MARINES CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN WESTERN QUANG TRI

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PROVINCE WITH MODERATE CONTACT. AT 1307H, A COMPANY I PATROL

NEAR (XD 747374) ENGAGED AN ENEMY COMPANY UNTIL 1800H.

AIRSTRIKES, ARTILLERY, 106RR, AND 81MM MORTAR FIRES WERE

EMPLOYED. TWENTY-FOUR USMC WERE KIA AND 19 USMC WERE WIA.

THIRTY-ONE ENEMY WERE KIA (CONF) AND 45 ENEMY WERE KIA

(PROB). AT 1720H, A COMPANY E PATROL FOUND 203 ENEMY GRAVES

AT (XD 758453). AT 1820H A COMPANY E SQUAD ATTACKED AN

UNKNOWN NUMBER OF ENEMY AT (XD 746475) AND KILLED 6.

THE SQUAD CALLED AN ARTILLERY FIRE MISSION, WHICH ACCOUNTED FOR 2

MORE ENEMY KIA (CONF)

(B) FIXED WING SUPPORT OF OPERATION BEACON/STAR
 PHASE II/KHE SANH OPERATING AREA CONSISTED OF 21 CLOSE AIR
 SUPPORT AND 6 DIRECT AIR SUPPORT (6 VISUAL) SORTIES, WHICH
 EXPENDED 39 TONS OF ORDNANCE, ARTILLERY UNITS FIRES 200
 MISSIONS IN SUPPORT OF INFANTRY OPERATIONS.

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(C) RESULTS, DAILY/CUMULATIVE.

USMC

24/155 KIA

19/414

ENEMY

242/940 KIA (CONF) (ADJUSTED)

50/588 KIA (PROB) (ADJUSTED)

0/1 DETAINEES

3. OPERATION SHAWNEE

(A). THE FOURTH MARINES WITH THREE INFANTRY
 BATTALIONS (SECOND BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES; SECOND BATTALION,
 NINTH MARINES; SECOND BATTALION, 26TH MARINES) CONTINUED
 SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN THUA THIEN PROVINCE WITH
 LIGHT CONTACT. AT 0050H, FORWARD ARTILLERY POSITIONS AT
 (YD 382114) RECEIVED AN ESTIMATED 35 ROUNDS OF 82MM FIRE.
 EIGHT USMC WERE WIA (MINOR). AT 0900H A COMPANY G PATROL NEAR
 (YD 299349) EXCHANGED FIRE WITH SVC. FIVE VC WERE KIA (CONF) AND
 3 K-44'S AND 1 AK47 WERE CAPTURED. TWO USMC WERE WIA (MED EVAC).
 AT 0900H, A COMPANY H PATROL FOUND A 13 HUT COMPLEX AT (YD 293331)
 CONTAINING THE FOLLOWING: 263 ROUNDS OF 60MM, 143 ROUNDS OF 82MM,
 11 ROUNDS OF 75MM AND 5000 ROUNDS OF 7.62MM AMMUNITION, 200
 POUNDS OF CHICOM TNT, 1 CHICOM CARBINE AND 1-12 GAGE SHOTGUN. AT

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CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN QUANG TRI
PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT. (LATE ENTRY) ON 9 MAY, 2 NVA
BODIES WERE FOUND, KILLED BY FRAGMENTS. AT 0945H, A COMPANY
I PATROL ENGAGED 2 ENEMY NEAR (YD 114518). ONE VC WAS KIA
(CONF), 1 VC WAS KIA (PROB) AND 1 AK-47 WAS CAPTURED. AT
1400H, COMPANY C, FIRST BATTALION FOURTH MARINES FOUND 6
NVA BODIES AT (YD 115706). AT 1830H, COMPANY A, FIRST BATTALION,
FOURTH MARINES RECEIVED 20 TO 25 MORTAR ROUNDS. ONE
USMC WAS KIA, AND 1 USMC WAS WIA (MED EVAC). AT 1500H,
COMPANY C, FIRST BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES FOUND 4 NVA BODIES
AT (YD 116708). DURING THE DAY 2 USMC WERE WIA (MINOR) FROM
A BAMBOO MINE DETONATION AND TWO DETAINEES WERE APPREHENDED.

(B) FIXED WING SUPPORT OF OPERATION PRAIRIE IV
CONSISTED OF 1 DIRECT AIR SUPPORT (1 TPQ-10) SORTIE, WHICH
EXPENDED 2 TONS OF ORDNANCE. HELICOPTERS FLEW 239 SORTIES
AND TRANSPORTED 251 PERSONNEL AND 29 TONS OF CARGO. ARTILLERY
UNITS FIRED 304 MISSIONS AND 2344 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION IN
SUPPORT OF INFANTRY OPERATIONS. OF THESE, THE 175MM GUNS
FIRED 61 MISSIONS AND EXPENDED 285 ROUNDS.

(C) RESULTS, DAILY/CUMULATIVE.

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USMC

1/67 KIA

3/481 KIA

ENEMY

11/292 KIA (CONF) (ADJUSTED)

1/284 KIA (PROB) (ADJUSTED)

0/8 NVA/PW

0/1 VC/PW

2/83 DETAINEES

1/117 WEAPONS CAPTURED

➔ (2) OPERATION BEACON STAR PHASE II/KHE SANH OPERATING
AREA.

(A) THE SECOND AND THIRD BATTALIONS, THIRD
MARINES CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN WESTERN
QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT. AT 1250H, COMPANY F
CAPTURED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS NEAR (XD 745473): 1 AK-47,
1 MACHINE GUN, 2 SNIPER RIFLES WITHOUT SCOPES, 8 CHICOM
GRENADES, 4-82MM FUSES, 1200 ROUNDS OF RIFLE AMMUNITION AND
200 POUNDS OF RICE. AT 1605H 1 WOUNDED NVA WAS FOUND NEAR
THE COMPANY G COMMAND POST. RECON SUPPORT ENCOUNTERED HEAVY
CONTACT AND IS REPORTED IN STING RAY 3MD KS-32 REPORT IN
SECTION 3H(1).

(B) FIXED WING SUPPORT OF OPERATION BEAVER CAGE

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SUPPORT AND 8 DIRECT AIR SUPPORT (8 VISUAL) SORTIES, WHICH EXPENDED 75 TONS OF ORDNANCE. THREE BUNKERS WERE REPORTED DESTROYED. ARTILLERY UNITS FIRED 179 MISSIONS IN SUPPORT OF INFANTRY OPERATIONS.

(C) RESULTS, DAILY/CUMULATIVE.

USMC	ENEMY
0/155 KIA	0/940 KIA (CONF)
0/424 WIA (ADJ)	0/588 KIA (PROB)
	1/2 NVA/PW
	4/4 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(3) OPERATION SHAWNEE

(A) THE FOURTH MARINES WITH THREE INFANTRY BATTALIONS (SECOND BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES; SECOND BATTALION, NINTH MARINES; SECOND BATTALION, 26TH MARINES) CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN THUA THIEN PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT. (LATE ENTRY) ON 9 MAY 1 VC WAS KIA (PROB) BY ARTILLERY. AT 0640H, A COMPANY F SWEEP FORCE EXCHANGED FIRE WITH 2 VC NEAR (YD 435377). ONE USMC WAS WIA (MED EVAC) AND 1 DETAINEE WAS APPREHENDED. AT 0910H, A COMPANY F PATROL

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ENGAGED 3 VC ACROSS A RIVER NEAR (YD 449380). ONE VC WAS KIA (PROB), 1 USMC WAS KIA AND 1 USMC WAS WIA (MED EVAC). AT 1100H, A RECON TEAM CALLED AN ARTILLEERY MISSION ON 12 VC AT (YD 564251). SIX VC WERE KIA (CONF) AND 2 VC WERE KIA (PROB). AT 1245H, A COMPANY F, SECOND BATTALION, NINTH MARINES PATROL ENGAGED AND KILLED 1 VC AT (YD 298344). ONE CARBINE WAS CAPTURED. AT 1450H, A COMPANY H, SECOND BATTALION, NINTH MARINES PATROL ENGAGED 3 VC NEAR (YD 308335). FOUR USMC WERE WIA (MED EVAC). AT 1630H, A RECON TEAM CALLED ARTILLERY FIRE ON 20 VC NEAR (YD 435425). TWO VC WERE KIA (CONF).

(B) FIXED WING SUPPORT OF OPERATION SHAWNEE CONSISTED OF 1 DIRECT AIR SUPPORT (1 TPO-10) SORTIES, WHICH EXPENDED 2 TONS OF ORDNANCE. HELICOPTERS FLEW 48 SORTIES AND TRANSPORTED 121 PERSONNEL. ARTILLERY UNITS FIRED 2157 MISSIONS AND 316 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION IN SUPPORT OF INFANTRY OPERATIONS.

(C) RESULTS, DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC	ENEMY
1/9	9/88 KIA (CONF)
4/92	8/40 KIA (PROB) (ADJUSTED)

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277576) RECEIVED 20 ROUNDS OF MORTAR FIRE FOLLOWED BY AN
ESTIMATED 2 ENEMY PLATOON ATTACK. THE ATTACK WAS REPULSED. ONE
USMC WAS KIA, 18 USMC WERE WIA (4 MED EVAC), AND 1 PF WAS
KIA. FOUR VC WERE KIA (CONF) AND 15 VC WERE KIA (PROB).
AT 1020H, ARTILLERY POSITIONS AT (YD 214741) RECEIVED 66
ARTILLERY AND 30 82 MM MORTAR ROUNDS. ONE USMC WAS WIA
(MINOR). AT 1200H, A NUNG PATROL AT (YD 135710) ENGAGED AN ESTI-
MATED ENEMY COMPANY AND RECEIVED 40-50 ROUNDS OF
82MM MORTAR FIRE AS IT RETURNED TO CON
THIEN. TWO USMC WERE WIA (MED EVAC), 2 USN WERE WIA AND
9 NUNGS WERE WIA. ONE ENEMY WAS KIA (PROB). DURING THE
DAY 1 DETAINEE WAS APPREHENDED.

(B) FIXED WING SUPPORT OF OPERATION PRAIRIE IV
CONSISTED OF 2 CLOSE AIR SUPPORT AND 1 DIRECT AIR SUPPORT
(1 TPQ-10) SORTIES, WHICH EXPENDED 1 TON OF ORDNANCE.
HELICOPTERS FLEW 111 SORTIES AND TRANSPORTED 213 PERSONNEL
AND 14 TONS OF CARGO. ARTILLERY UNITS FIRED 357 MISSIONS

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AND 3676 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION IN SUPPORT OF INFANTRY OPERA-
TIONS. OF THESE, THE 175MM GUNS FIRED 60 MISSIONS, EXPENDING
447 ROUNDS.

(C) RESULTS, DAILY/CUMULATIVE.

USMC	ENEMY
1/68 KIA	5/298 KIA (CONF) (ADJUSTED)
22/512 WIA ADJ	17/302 KIA (PROB) (ADJUSTED)
	0/8 NVA/PW
	0/1 VC/PW
	1/84 DETAINEES
	1/118 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(2) OPERATION BEACON STAR PHASE II/KHE SANH OPERATING
AREA.

(A) THE SECOND AND THIRD BATTALIONS, THIRD MARINES
CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN WESTERN QUANG TRI
PROVINCE WITH NEGATIVE CONTACT. AT 1325H, THE SENIOR OFFICER
PRESENT, KHE SANH AREA ASSUMED OPCON OF THE FIRST BATTALION, 26TH
MARINES.

(B) FIXED WING SUPPORT OF OPERATION BEACON STAR
CONSISTED OF 17 CLOSE AIR SUPPORT AND (2ESCORT) 14 DIRECT AIR SUPPORT

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SORTIES, WHICH EXPENDED 38 TONS OF ORDNANCE.
BOMB DAMAGE WAS 1 BUNKER DESTROYED AND 1 SECONDARY FIRE.
ARTILLERY UNITS FIRED 190 MISSIONS IN SUPPORT OF INFANTRY OPERATIONS.

(C) RESULTS, DAILY/CUMULATIVE.

USMC	ENEMY
0/155 KIA	0/940 KIA (CONF)
0/424 WIA	0/588 KIA (PROB)
	0/2 NVA/PW
	0/4 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(3) OPERATION SHAWNEE

(A) THE FOURTH MARINES WITH THREE INFANTRY BATTALIONS (SECOND BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES; SECOND BATTALION, NINTH MARINES; SECOND BATTALION, 26TH MARINES) CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN THUA THIEN PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT. AT 0715H, A COMPANY G, SECOND BATTALION, NINTH MARINES PATROL FOUND A HUT WITH 1 M-1 RIFLE, 1 CHICOM MAUSER AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES AT (YD 459374). AT 1530H, COMPANY F, SECOND BATTALION, NINTH MARINES FOUND A WEAPONS CACHE AT (YD 336357) WITH THE FOLLOWING: 2 US CARBINES, 20

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CHICOM 7.62 CARBINES, 1 US M1903, 7 GERMAN MAUSERS, 7 FRENCH 7.5 AUTOMATIC RIFLES, 1 BAR, 5 SHOTGUNS, 1 RUSSIAN 7.62 CARBINE, 2 UNIDENTIFIED CARBINES, 1 MAUSER, 700 POUNDS OF TNT, 6 ROUNDS OF RPG-2 AND 4000 ROUNDS OF RUSSIAN 7.62MM AMMUNITION. DURING THE SEARCH 3 USMC WERE WIA (MED EVAC) FROM AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE. AT 1845H A RECON TEAM CALLED AIR STRIKES AND ARTILLERY FIRE ON 16 NVA NEAR (YD 263336). TWO NVA WERE KIA (CONF) AND 3 NVA WERE KIA (PROB).

(B) FIXED WING SUPPORT OF OPERATION SHAWNEE CONSISTED OF 2 CLOSE AIR SUPPORT AND 1 DIRECT AIR SUPPORT (1 VISUAL) SORTIES, WHICH EXPENDED 2 TONS OF ORDNANCE. HELICOPTERS FLEW 17 SORTIES AND TRANSPORTED 21 PERSONNEL. ARTILLERY UNITS FIRED 82 MISSIONS AND 497 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION IN SUPPORT OF INFANTRY OPERATIONS.

(C) RESULTS, DAILY/CUMULATIVE.

USMC	ENEMY
0/9 KIA	2/90 KIA (CONF)
5/99 WIA ADJ	3/40 KIA (PROB) (ADJUSTED)
	0/1 NVA/PW
	0/7 VC/PW

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AND FOURTEEN DIRECT AIR SUPPORT) WHICH EXPENDED THIRTY
TONS OF ORDNANCE. HELICOPTERS FLEW FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY-
EIGHT SORTIES AND TRANSPORTED THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-EIGHT
PERSONNEL AND SIXTY-ONE TONS OF CARGO. NAVAL GUNFIRE FIRED
TWENTY MISSIONS AND EXPENDED TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-ONE ROUNDS
OF AMMUNITION. ARTILLERY UNITS FIRED 345
MISSIONS AND 2440 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION IN SUPPORT OF
INFANTRY OPERATIONS.

(C) RESULTS, DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC

1/68 KIA

57/549 WIA

ENEMY

0/298 KIA (CONF)

35/337 KIA (PROB)

8 NVA/PW

1 VC/PW

2/86 DETAINEES

0/118 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(2) OPERATION BEACON STAR PHASE II/KHE SANH AREA
OF OPERATION.

(A) THE THIRD BATTALION, THIRD MARINES AND
FIRST BATTALION, TWENTY-SIXTH MARINES CONTINUED SEARCH AND

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DESTROY OPERATIONS IN WESTERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH NO
CONTACT REPORTED FOR THE PERIOD. AT 1800H, SECOND BATTALION,
THIRD MARINES WAS PLACED UNDER THE OPERATIONAL OF CTG 76.5
AND COMMENCED BACKLOADING.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION BEACON STAR PHASE II
AND THE KHE SANH AREA OF OPERATION, FIXED WING AIRCRAFT FLEW
SEVENTEEN SORTIES, INCLUDING FIVE CLOSE AIR SUPPORT AND
TWELVE DIRECT AIR SUPPORT MISSIONS WHICH EXPENDED THIRTY SIX TONS
ON ORDNANCE. THE REPORTED BDA WAS TWELVE BUNKERS DESTROYED
AND ONE BUNKER DAMAGED. ARTILLERY FIRED FOUR HUNDRED NINETY-
FIVE MISSIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE INFANTRY OPERATION.

(C) RESULTS, DAILY/CUMULATIVE.

USMC

0/155 KIA

0/424 WIA

ENEMY

0/990 KIA (CONF)

0/588 KIA (PROB)

0/2 NVA/PW

0/4 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(A) OPERATION SHAWNEE

(A) THE FOURTH MARINES WITH THREE INFANTRY
BATTALIONS (SECOND BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES; SECOND

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