

SUMMARY

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3/9 at Carroll	No activity
2/9 at Dong Ha	Newly arrived from SHAWNEE
3/4 at Dong Ha	Newly arrived from OKINAWA
1/4 at Con Thien	Under more or less constant attack, ground & mortars for 1 week plus.
1/9 Southeast of Con Thien	
	Opening road leading to East of Con Thien and on into DMZ. Engaged in heavy contact with enemy since initially entering area on 12th.
2/26 East of Con Thien	
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Three hours later at 0800 the SLF landed one company across green beach against no contact, however, the units landing by helicopter encountered heavy small arms fire in LZ Goose (SHOW ON MAP) and after landing one wave of 75 men were forced to shift to alternate LZs. The remainder of three companies was landed and linked up with the force in LZ Goose. They then made contact with an unknown size enemy force in an area to the West of LZ Goose. (Show on map at hedgerow (YD 242785). After heavy prep fires including close air and Naval gunfire, two companies with tanks supporting assaulted and overran the position killing 44 of the NVA and probably killing another 17. Two 140MM rocket launchers and one AT launcher were captured. Fourteen Marines were killed and 55 wounded. Positions were consolidated for the night and the sweep toward the river and then South will continue.

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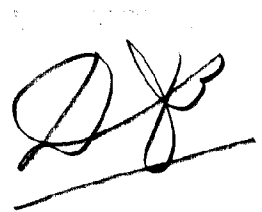
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OPERATION HICKORY

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SINCE 27 FEBRUARY, U.S. MARINE POSITIONS IN THE VICINITY OF THE DMZ IN THE AREA OF GIO LINH AND CON THIEN, HAVE BEEN SUBJECTED TO ALMOST DAILY MORTAR, ROCKET, AND ARTILLERY ATTACKS. ON MAY 8, TWO ENEMY BATTALIONS ATTACKED MARINE UNITS IN THE VICINITY OF CON THIEN (APPROXIMATELY 1.5 MILES FROM THE DMZ); SINCE THAT TIME, THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL ADDITIONAL ENEMY PROBES AND COMPANY-SIZED GROUND ATTACKS AGAINST MARINE UNITS OPERATING IN THE AREA. THE PERIOD HAS BEEN CHARACTERIZED BY INTENSE COMBAT. SINCE 8 MAY, 392 OF THE ENEMY HAVE BEEN KILLED IN THIS AREA, 82 MARINES HAVE BEEN KILLED AND 354 WOUNDED.

THE ENEMY HAS BEEN USING THE DMZ AREA, DESPITE HEAVY AIR AND ARTILLERY ATTACKS, AS A SANCTUARY FROM WHICH TO CONDUCT HIS MORTAR AND ROCKET ATTACKS AND LAUNCH HIS GROUND ATTACKS. ELEMENTS OF THE 341ST NVA & 324B NVA DIVISIONS ARE IN THIS AREA.

ON 8 MAY, COMUSMACV WAS AUTHORIZED TO CONDUCT GROUND OPERATIONS IN THE SOUTHERN HALF OF THE DMZ.

IN VIEW OF THIS NEW AUTHORITY, PLANS WERE DEVELOPED FOR OPERATION HICKORY. THIS IS A COMBINED USMC/ARVN GROUND HELI-BORNE/AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT, SUPPORTED HEAVILY BY AIR, NAVAL GUNFIRE AND ARTILLERY, INTO THE EASTERN PORTION OF THE SOUTHERN HALF OF THE DMZ, TAKING MAXIMUM ADVANTAGE OF SURPRISE.

THE PURPOSE OF THE OPERATION IS TO DESTROY ENEMY FORCES AND INSTALLATIONS IN THE AREA. THERE HAVE BEEN INTELLIGENCE INDICATORS THAT THE ENEMY PLANS ON LAUNCHING A LARGE SCALE ATTACK IN NORTHERN QUANG TRI EITHER ON FRIDAY, 19th MAY, (HO CHI MINH'S BIRTHDAY) OR PRIOR TO THE STANDSTILL FOR BUDDHA'S BIRTHDAY ON 23 MAY. III MAF OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS IN THE AREA WILL THEREFORE SERVE AS A SPOILING ATTACK AGAINST THE ENEMY'S PLANS.

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IN ADDITION, IT IS PLANNED TO EVACUATE ALL NON-COMBATANTS FROM THIS SECTION OF THE DMZ.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE CONCEPT OF THE OPERATION WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO COMMENCE ON 18 MAY AND LAST FOR APPROXIMATELY 7 DAYS.

(1) COMMENCING PRIOR TO FIRST LIGHT ON THE 18TH AN ARVN AIRBORNE TASK FORCE OF THREE (3) BNS, AND A REGIMENT OF THE 1ST ARVN DIVISION ATTACK IN COLUMN ASTRIDE ROUTE #1 ACROSS THE DMZ TO SECURE THE SOUTHERN BANK OF THE BEN HAI RIVER, THEN TURN TO THE SOUTH AND ON A BROAD FRONT SWEEP BACK TOWARD ROUTE #9.

(2) AT 0800H ON THE 18TH (2000 EDST ON THE 17TH) THE SPECIAL LANDING FORCE (SLF "A") EXECUTES AN AMPHIBIOUS LANDING BY SURFAEC MEANS AND HELICOPTER IN THE AMPHIBIOUS AREA OF OPERATIONS IN THE COMUSMACV PORTION OF THE DMZ AND CONTINUES OPERATIONS TO CLEAR ITS ASSIGNED AREA.

(3) AFTER THE LANDING OF SLF "A" BUT NOT LATER THAN 1100H (2300 EDST) THE THREE BNS OF THE 3RD MARINE DIVISION WITH TANKS ATTACK ACROSS THE DMZ IN COLUMN TO RAPIDLY SECURE THE SOUTHERN BANK OF THE BEN HAI RIVER, THEN TURN TO THE SOUTH AND SWEEP ON A BROAD FRONT TO ROUTE #9. A FOURTH MARINE BN WILL SCREEN THE LEFT (WEST) FLANK OF THE DIVISION BY CONDUCTING SURVEILLANCE AND SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS.

(4) THE SECOND SLF "B" WILL ACT AS 3D MARINE DIVISION RESERVE AND WILL BE LANDED AND COMMITTED AS REQUIRED.

(5) AIRCRAFT AND SHIPS FROM THE 7TH FLEET AS WELL AS ORGANIC MARINE AIR AND ARTILLERY WILL STRIKE BOTH PREPLANNED TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY AS THEY BECOME UNCOVERED. U.S.A.F. AIRCRAFT WILL ALSO PROVIDE SUPPORT BY INCREASED ATTACKS

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CONCENTRATED IN THE AREA JUST NORTH OF THE DMZ.

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Answers to Questions Asked by MCCC W.O.

Source: Major THOMPSON, FMFPAC CC

At commencement of Operations HICKORY, LAM SON 54 and BEAU CHARGER, III MAF estimated that the 812th and 31st NVA Regiments with total of five battalions and one Local Force Company (Reinf) were located south of the DMZ. At that time the headquarters of one battalion of each regiment was located in the DMZ area in vicinity of the southern boundry. Additional regiment, probably the 29th, was located on western flank of Operation HICKORY with one battalion operating southwest of CON THIEN. Confirmation of operations recently concluded our estimates to have resulted in (1) Annihilation of an estimated 2 battalion equivalents, (2) Escape southward of small groups probably from each regiment. (3) Northward withdrawal accross BEN HAI River of all the remainder of two regiments. As our operation continued in a southerly direction, the enemy moved forces back accross the BEN HAI or avoided contact south of the DMZ. We presently estimate that elements of three battalions are south of the DMZ, two of which are in the DMZ or in vicinity of the southern boundry. Additionally, we estimate that two battalions are located in the area west and southwest of CON THIEN.

2. We consider that our operations were successful in what we intended to do on this initial search and destroy operation within the DMZ. We do not claim to have cleared the enemy from the DMZ area of operations. There will be additional operations for that purpose.

3. III MAF estimates that 25% of the total southern part of the DMZ area, from the coast to the YD 06 line was covered by search and destroy operations. Air surveillance over this area was complete, but was limited west of the YD 06 line.

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4. Reconnaissance is continuing of this area. Aerial surveillance is being utilized to the extent resources will permit. Ground reconnaissance is being employed also. On 31 May and 1 June, patrols were operating in and near the DMZ at YD 091741, and XD 930652 and XD 960647. For 2 June, a patrol is scheduled for operations at YD 042709.

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Washington, D. C. 20380

Date 21 May 1967

SUBJ: Locations of Friendly Units in Operation HICKORY

SOURCE: FMFPAC Command Center

1. 1/3 landed in LZ YD255772, swept NW to Ben Hai (VIC YD250807) thence SW to YD230780 then SE to YD255750.
2. 3/4 Helilifted to YD088759, swept S along NS road to YD 095735.
3. 2/3 landed in LZ YD145775 and YD132771, swept N to Ben Hai then S in two traces from each location to GL77.
4. 1/9 swept N from Van Lo along Route #561 (NSR) to VIC Phu An (YD137695) then NW to Con Thien (YD165710).
5. 2/26 swept N from Phu An along trace of Route #561 to RJ at YD134719 then NW to YD137735.
6. 2/9 followed in place of 2/26 to Haw Son (YD137708) then S VIC Suan Hai (YD145735).
7. 3/9 moved from Cam Lo north, parallel to MSR to VIC YD 129669 then SW to Nui Ho Khe (YD101640).

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1. (C) I CTZ:

A. OP HICKORY:

(1) REF PARA 1C MY MSG 220310Z MAY. CHANGE RES TO
 READ: FRD: NINE KIA, 61 WIA (46 USMC, 15 NATL POLICE); EN: UNK.

(2) IN QUANG TRI PROV (YD149778), EIGHT KM NNW OF
 CON THIEN, AT 211515H MAY ELMS OF 2/3 USMC UNCOVERED A SUSPECTED DIV

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OP BUNKER COMPLEX CONSISTING OF SEVEN 10X12 BUNKERS WITH STEEL OVER-
 HEAD AND SIDES. BUNKERS CONTAINED BENCHES AND TABLES, VTWO
 ENTRANCES INTERCONNECTED BY TRENCHES WHICH LEAD TO RIVER BED. EQUIP
 CPTD INCLUDED ONE 40MM GREN LAUNCHER, THREE 82MM MORT AND EIGHT
 I/WPNS.

B. IN QUANG NGAI PROV (BS888280), 15 KM SE DUC PHO, AT
 220710H A AND B/1/35 INF USA MADE CONTACT WITH UNK SIZE EN FORCE. AT
 230234H CONTACT CONTINUES. AC-47 AIRCRAFTMRN STATION SINCE 222100H
 INTERIM RES: FRD: NONE; EN: 43 KIA.

C. LAM SON 54: IN QUANG TRI PROV (YD2372), ONE KM SE OF
 GIO LINH, AT 221415H MAY, ARVN 2/1 INF WAS RELEASED FR OP.

D. ALL OPS STANDING DOWN FOR BUDDHA STAND DOWN PERIOD WITH
 NORMAL SECURITY MISSION CONT.

2. (C) II CTZ:

A. REF PARA 2A MY MSG 221027Z MAY: EIGHT TAC AIR SORTIES
 AND 2212 RDS OF ARTY SPTD THE 3/12 INF. UPDATED RES: FRD: 10 WIA,
 74 WIA; EN: 61 KIA, FOUR DET, 17 I/WPNS, TWO C/S WPNS CPTD.

B. CP BYRD: IN BINH THUAN PROV (AN771130) EIGHT KM NW OF
 PHAM THIET AT 220945H MAY A RAILROAD SWITCHING LOCOMOTIVE AND THREE
 CARS HIT AN UNK TYPE MINE. RESULTS: FRD: SIX CIV KILLED, FIVE CIV

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WOUNDED, ONE RAIL CAR DEST, UNK AMT OF TRACK DAMAGED. REPAIR TO TRACK TO BE COMPLETED AT APPROX 231200H.

C. ALL OPS STANDING DOWN FOR BUDDHA STAND DOWN PERIOD WITH NORMAL SECURITY CONT.

3. (D) III CTZ: ALL OPS STANDING DOWN FOR BUDDHA STAND DOWN PERIOD WITH NORMAL SECURITY MISSION CONT.

4. (C) IV CTZ:

A. IN KIEN HOA PROV (XS750255) 25 KM SE TRUC GIANG AT 221745H MAY A LFT ON PATROL SIGHTED APPROX 12 SAMPANS ON THE BA LAI RIVER. 24 HOUR CURFEW WAS IN EFFECT AT THIS TIME. RESULTS: FRD: NEG; EN: FIVE KIA, SIX SAMPANS DEST, FOUR SAMPANS DAM. TWO SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS.

B. CP NGUYEN TRAI-19 A SECTOR S/D OP IN SADEC PROV (WS723343) FIVE KM SE OF HOA LONG COMM 220600H MAY AND TERM 221630H WITH MODERATE CONTACT REPTD. UNITS PART: 2/16 ARVN INF, ONE RF CO, ONE PF CO, ONE ARMO CAR CO, RESERVE: 43 RGR BN. RESULTS: FRD: 14 KIA, 35 WIA, ONE 38 CAL MG, 11 I/WPNS, THREE RADIOS LOST; EN: SEVEN KIA, NO RSCORT OF WPNS CPTRD.

C. ALL OPS STANDING DOWN FOR BUDDHA STAND DOWN PERIOD WITH NORMAL SECURITY MISSION CONT.

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5. (C) MAJOR TRUCK VIOLATIONS:

A. I, III, IV CTZ: NONE REPORTED.

B. CP PERSHING: IN QUANG NGAI PROV (BS931255) 20 KM SE OF DUC PHO BETWEEN 230130H AND 230135H MAY THE CP AND CO C 2/8 CAV RECD SIX TO EIGHT RDS OF 60MM MORTAR FIRE. ARTY, AC-47 AND ARA SPID. RES: FRD: ONE KIA, ONE WIA; EN: UNK.

CM. CUM TOTAL: 1

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Headquarters U.S. Marine Corps
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Date 21 May 1967

SUBJ: SITUATION REPORT

SOURCE: COL DALBY, FMFPAC CC

1. Marine units which continued to screen the left flank of OPERATION HICKORY had a heavy contact yesterday afternoon with an enemy force in strong defensive positions. An additional Marine company was brought up and the contact lasted until late in the evening. By the time the Marines overran the position 22 of the enemy were KIA. Other Marines in HICKORY discovered an enemy food cache with 10 Tons of rice in 200 lb. bags. This is in addition to the 8 tons of rice and large ammo cache of yesterday. Other Marine units in HICKORY continued to advance. SLF "B" which was committed day before yesterday, had killed 73 enemy troops by the end of the second day of operations and was maneuvering to link up with other Marine forces in HICKORY.

2. There was a mortar attack last night on Lang Vei, followed by a small ground attack. It was repulsed without the enemy getting into the wire, however there were several friendly killed, including the Montagnard leader of the native troops.

3. An ARVN airborne battalion yesterday lost a U.S. advisor who was later recaptured by ARVN. Not long after the initial capture a small ARVN element came upon NVA troops who were holding the advisor, killed the NVA and recaptured the advisor who was not injured in the exchange. Other elements of an ARVN Bn engaged an NVA Bn about 1 1/2 miles NW of Gio Linh. Heavily supported by artillery and air, the ARVN killed 250 enemy troops and captured 28 weapons, including 3 mortars.

4. During the 7 day period, 13-20 May, there have been 1154 enemy killed by friendly forces in I CTZ.

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UNIT OPERATIONS ARE SHOWN IN PARAGRAPH 3C BELOW.

3. III MAF

A. MAJOR UNIT OPERATIONS

(1) OPERATION PRAIRIE IV (THIRD MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE 3D BATTALION, 3D MARINES CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT. AT 1005H, COMBINED ACTION COMPANY PATROL P-2 RECEIVED HEAVY SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM 3 LOCATIONS. ARTILLERY FIRE WAS DIRECTED ON THE ENEMY WITH UNCONFIRMED RESULTS. THREE MARINES WERE KIA IN THE INCIDENT.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION PRAIRIE IV, FIXED WING AIRCRAFT FLEW 6 DIRECT AIR SUPPORT (4 VISUAL AND 2 TPQ-10) SORTIES, WHICH EXPENDED 8 TONS OF ORDNANCE. SEVEN STRUCTURES WERE DESTROYED AND 3 WERE DAMAGED. HELICOPTERS FLEW 203 SORTIES TRANSPORTING 104 PERSONNEL AND 67 TONS OF CARGO. ON 198 20 MAY, ARTILLERY UNITS FIRED 678 MISSIONS AND 3898 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION IN SUPPORT OF INFANTRY OPERATIONS. OF THESE, 175MM GUND FIRED 64 MISSIONS AND 342 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

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USMC

0/152 KIA

3/1091 WIA

ENEMY

2/463 KIA (CONF) (ADJ)

0/521 KIA (PROB) (ADJ)

0/8 NVA/PW (ADJ)

0/1 VC/PW (ADJ)

0/86 DETAINEES (ADJ)

0/147 WEAPONS CAPTURED (ADJ)

→ (2) OPERATION HICKORY. (THIRD MARINE DIVISION) SEE ALSO PARA.2A, ABOVE.

(A) THE 9TH MARINES WITH 7 INFANTRY BATTALIONS (2D BATTALION, 3D MARINES; 1ST AND 3D BATTALIONS, 4TH MARINES; 1ST, 2D, AND 3D BATTALIONS, 9TH MARINES; AND 2D BATTALION, 26TH MARINES) CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN NORTHEASTERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH SIGNIFICANT CONTACT. (LATE ENTRIES) AT 191215H, COMPANY K, 3D BATTALION, 9TH MARINES RECEIVED INTENSE SMALL ARMS FIRE (YD 113667). AIR STRIKES DIRECTED ON THE ENEMY POSITION RESULTED IN 2 ENEMY KIA (CONF) AND 3 KIA (PROB). TWO MARINES WERE KIA AND 3 WIA. AT 191340H, COMPANY F, 2D BATTALION, 26TH MARINES FOUND 1 FLAME THROWER AND 2 ENEMY BODIES. AT 191430H, THE 3D BATTALION,

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7TH MARINES ENGAGED AN ESTIMATED 11 ENEMY (YD 113758). THE BATTALION RECEIVED 82MM MORTAR FIRE WHICH KILLED 1 MARINES AND WOUNDED 23. ENEMY CASUALTIES WERE UNCONFIRMED. AT 1911)H, 2 MARINES FROM COMPANY H, 2D BATTALION, 26TH MARINES WERE WIA BY A MINE (YD 118716). AT 19152)H, H&S COMPANY, 2D BATTALION, 26TH MARINES FOUND 1 NVA BODY, 1 CHICOM LIGHT MACHINEGUN AND 1 82MM RECOILESS RIFLE (YD 133711). AT 1916)5, ONE MARINE FROM THE 1ST BATTALION, 11TH MARINES WAS WIA WHEN THE BATTALION (YD 125712) RECEIVED 12 ROUNDS OF ARTILLERY FIRE. AT 1916)5H, ONE MARINE FROM COMPANY E, 2D BATTALION, 9TH MARINES WAS KIA AND 3 MARINES WERE WIA BY ENEMY MORTAR FIRE (YD 137729). AT 19163)H, H&S COMPANY, 2D BATTALION, 26TH MARINES FOUND 2 NVA BODIES (YD 131711). AT 21115H, 5 MARINES FROM THE 2D BATTALION, 26TH MARINES WERE WIA BY ENEMY ARTILLERY AND MORTAR FIRE. AT 171)H, OPERATIONAL CONTROL

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2ND BATTALION, 3D MARINES (SLF BRAVO) WAS PASSED TO THE 3D MARINE DIVISION AND THE BATTALION JOINED THE OPERATION. AT 171)H, THE FIRST WAVE OF HELICOPTERS LIFTING COMPANY H AND COMPANY F THE BATTALION TOUCHED DOWN IN LZ PARROT (YD 111775) RECEIVING LIGHT SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM NORTH OF THE SONG BEN HAI. THE SECOND WAVE OF AIRCRAFT LANDED WITHOUT OPPOSITION, HOWEVER, AS THE THIRD WAVE TOUCHED DOWN AT 1827H, ONLY 1 OF THE AIRCRAFT OF THE WAVE WERE ABLE TO LAND DUE TO HEAVY SMALL ARMS AND MORTAR FIRE FROM NORTH OF THE BEN HAI. ARTILLERY AND AIR STRIKES WERE DIRECTED ON THE ENEMY POSITIONS. THE REMAINING AIRCRAFT WERE LANDED AT 191)H, UNDER LIGHT SMALL ARMS FIRE. DUE TO HEAVY FIRE IN PRIMARY AND ALTERNATE LZ'S A SECOND ALTERNATE LZ, SPARROW, WAS DESIGNATED AND THE LIFT WAS COMPLETED AT 131)H. AT 111)H, COMPANY E, 2D BATTALION, 9TH MARINES FOUND AN ABANDONED ENEMY CP (YD 151728) AND STOCKS OF AMMO AND FOOD. AT 163)H, WHILE APPROACHING THE EDGE OF A VILLAGE, ELEMENTS OF COMPANY H, 2D BATTALION, 3D MARINES ENGAGED AN ESTIMATED ENEMY COMPANY WITH ORGANIC WEAPONS AND AIR SUPPORT. CONTACT WAS BROKEN AT 1815H, WITHOUT CONFIRMED ENEMY CASUALTIES. 2 MARINES WERE KIA AND 12 WERE WIA IN THE BATTLE.

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 AT 1720H, A PATROL FROM COMPANY F, 2D BATTALION, 9TH MARINES
 ENGAGED AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF ENEMY. MORTAR FIRE AND AIR
 STRIKES ON THE ENEMY POSITIONS RESULTED IN 1 ENEMY KIA (CONF)
 FOUR MARINES WERE KIA AND EIGHT WERE WIA. AT 1805H, ELEMENTS
 OF THE 3D BATTALION, 9TH MARINES ENGAGED A ESTIMATED NVA COM-
 PANY IN PREPARED POSITIONS WITH MUTUALLY SUPPORTING BUNKERS
 (YD 116000). CONTACT CONTINUED BEYOND THIS REPORTING PERIOD.
 36 ENEMY HAVE BEEN KIA (CONF) AND 1 KILLED (PROB) AT LAST
 REPORT FIFTEEN MARINES HAVE BEEN KIA AND 18 WIA.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION HICKORY, FIXED WING
 AIRCRAFT FLEW 11 SORTIES CONSISTING OF 61 CLOSE AIR SUPPORT
 AND 19 DIRECT AIR SUPPORT (37 VISUAL AND 12 TPQ-1) SORTIES,
 WHICH EXPENDED 11 TONS OF ORDNANCE. SEVENTY-EIGHT STRUCTURES
 AND THREE MORTAR POSITIONS WERE DESTROYED. HELICOPTERS FLEW
 113 SORTIES TRANSPORTING 11 PERSONNEL AND 3 TONS OF CARGO.
 ON 19 AND 20 MAY, ARTILLERY UNITS FIRED 159 MISSIONS AND
 7323 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION IN SUPPORT OF INFANTRY OPERATIONS.
 ON 19 MAY NAVAL GUNFIRE FIRED 19 MISSIONS AND 118 ROUNDS OF
 AMMUNITION.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

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USMC	ENEMY
28/18 KIA	58/125 KIA (CONF)
116/118 WIA	1/17 KIA (PROB)
	1/2 DETAINEES (ADJ)
	3/17 WEAPONS CAPTURED (ADJ)

(3) OPERATION CROCKETT (THIRD MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE 26TH MARINES WITH THE FIRST BATTALION 26 MARINES
 BATTERY A, 1ST BATTALION 13TH MARINES; AND BATTERY F, 2D
 BATTALION, 12TH MARINES CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS
 IN WESTERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT. (LATE ENTRY)
 AT 19123H, AN AO DIRECTED AIR STRIKES ON A NVA COMPANY (XD-
 916333) AND A NVA PLATOON (XD 937319) WHICH RESULTED IN 9 ENEMY
 KIA (PROB). FROM 200800H TO 201900H AN AO RECEIVED HEAVY AUTO-
 MATIC WEAPONS FIRE FROM (XD 938328). AIR STRIKES WERE CONDUCTED
 EXPOSING AN ENEMY AUTOMATIC WEAPONS POSITION AND STORAGE AREA.
 TWO DIRECT HITS WITH 75 POUND BOMBS RESULTED IN 1 ENEMY KIA
 (PROB).

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION CROCKETT, FIXED WING
 AIRCRAFT FLEW 33 SORTIES CONSISTING OF 12 CLOSE AIR SUPPORT AND
 21 DIRECT AIR SUPPORT (12 VISUAL AND 9 TPQ-1) SORTIES, WHICH

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 EXPENDED 51 TONS OF ORDNANCE. ONESBUNKER WAS DESTROYED

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Date 21 May 1967

SUBJ: Update for 21May67 (H) received by G-3 FMFPac

SOURCE: FMFPac Command Center

1. Operations in northern Quang Tri 21 May (H) were characterized by thoroughness and deliberation as all Marine and ARVN units in the northern portion of the DMZ methodically searched out the enemy defenses and installations throughout the area, destroying each position uncovered. A tremendous amount of material is being found where the enemy had stock-piled tons of ordnance and food cache's located in the DMZ. III MAF has prepared and is transmitting to us a message which recapitulates those enemy supplies and equipment which have been seized. An example of the magnitude of the take can be gained by considering these statistics.

19 May - 3/4 found a cache of 20,000 lbs of rice, 5 tons of ordnance.

20 May - 3/4 found 46,000 lbs of rice. 2/9 found a cache containing 400 lbs of rice, 55 rds of 82mm mortar ammo, 21 rds of 60mm mortar ammo, 8 82mm Recoilless Rifle rds. The same day the 5th ARVN Airborne Battalion took 3 50..caliber machine guns, 2 complete 82mm mortars, 2 75mm Recoilless Rifles, 1 P-40 rocket launcher, 21 individual weapons, 404 grenades, 382 rds of 82mm mortar, 2,000 lbs of explosive, 500 rds of 60mm mortar, 200 rds of 75mm Recoilless Rifle ammo, 20 tons of small arms ammunition, 105 gas masks. 2/3 found 10 82mm Recoilless Rifle rounds, 2,500 rounds of small arms ammunition, 2,000 lbs of explosive, and 97 cases of 60mm mortar ammunition. All of these things were located within the DMZ.

2. The refugees continue to be evacuated from within the DMZ and collected at Cam Lo. This operation is progressing well.

3. There was no contact of significance on the 21st except for the action on the left (southwest) flank of Operation HICKORY. This has been going on since the night of 20-21 May and is centered in (YD 104644) on a hill which overlooks the road leading to the Cam Lo - Con Thien MSR. The action began when a Company of 3/9 on a flank screening mission made contact with what they estimated to be an enemy platoon, well dug in and in positions which were mutually supporting. It soon became apparent that the enemy was at least in company strength. When it proved impossible to dislodge him, the Marines drew back, called in air and artillery, and blasted the entire hill.

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Two companies K and L, of 3/9 remain heavily engaged with this force. The enemy is defending with at least 2 companies. The enemy force is estimated to be a battalion minus. The casualties reported so far are 26 USMC KIA, 59 WIA. ENEMY 36 KIA (conf). The ratio of 2 to 3 is not so good, but the enemy are in heavy fortifications and digging them out is a slow and costly process. Massive applications of air and artillery will continue to be used. In the remainder of the 3d Marine Division zone the action has been primarily one of search for enemy installations and destruction of whatever is discovered. Our units are moving, but slowly and carefully.

3/4 all elements still within the DMZ. The Battalion is disposed generally into S parallel to the Song Ben Hai as it flows south from the area where the Battalion landed. One company is moving east very close to the southern limit of the DMZ, and toward 2/26.

2/3 is well spread out in the broad bend of the Song Ben Hai, east and west of its' HLZ. It is moving east with Company F and west with Company E. Company G remains in the center. These units are covering a 3,000 meter frontage as they search the area. Company H is at the HLZ as is the Battalion CP. The closest 2/3 element (Company E) to 2/26 is but 3,000 meters away.

2/9 continues search and destroy operations generally just below the DMZ. Their advance has been slowed by a large village complex which has been time consuming in so far as clearing it is concerned. The Battalion is being very careful in its move through this area and III MAF believes it will continue at this same pace for another day.

2/26 has not regained contact with the enemy forces which opposed it at the start of the attack. It is believed that there has been a definite enemy movement away from the area in front of 2/26, with consequent lessening chance of catching enemy elements between 3/4 and 2/3 and 2/26 and 2/9. However the possibility still remains.

1/9 has completed the relief of 1/4 on Con Thien OP. 1/7 has had no contact in Elephant Valley.

The ARVN have had no large contacts since 5th Airborne overran the enemy battalion killing 250 of them. Both the Airborne and ARVN Infantry are still within the DMZ, although 5th Airborne lead elements are within 300 meters of this southern edge. They continue to move south with 3rd Airborne on the right west flank of the advance and 7th Airborne between 5th Airborne and Route 11, and slightly to the rear. Many refugees remain to be collected at Trung Luong District Headquarters for movement to Cam Lo.

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SLF "A" remains within the DMZ. However Green Beach operations have been shifted to White Beach, farther south and near the Cu Viet. One company, "D", is at White Beach. Contact was light during the 21st and search and destroy operations continue, along with movement of civilian evacuees.

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1. The contact made by Marine Forces sweeping westward along the southern part of the DMZ continued into the second day. The action is taking place in the vicinity of hill 117, which is about 8 miles northwest of Cam Lo and about 1/2 mile inside the DMZ. Enemy positions there consists of heavy fortified bunkers in an area of dense foliage. Although the size of the enemy force is not yet known, it appears to be at least a reinforced company. During the morning hours of the 25th of May, a 2d marine battalion joined the assault, and in the afternoon both units initiated a combined attack on hill 117. By 1:30 P.M. their initial objective had been secured and the assault continued against heavy resistance. This part of the contact lasted until 5 in the afternoon with air and artillery supporting the ground attack. Casualties at this time are 14 marines killed and 102 wounded. There were 41 enemy killed (body count) and 37 additional enemy probably killed.
2. About 3 miles northeast of hill 117, on the southern edge of the DMZ, other Hickory forces discovered 40 bunkers and connecting tunnel lines. Another 30 bunkers were discovered about 1/2 mile east of that position. Neither complex was occupied and complete information on the rest of the search is not yet available.
3. An observation aircraft on station at midnight, in support of Operation "Hickory", was fired on by .50 caliber and 37 millimeter weapons from the vicinity of the mouth of the Ben Hai river. The pilot called artillery on the location from which firing had originated and observed a number of secondary explosions. Fires in the area continued to burn until 3 o'clock in the morning.
4. Operation UNION II commenced early on the morning of the 26th with elements of the 5th Marine Regiment, an ARVN Task Force, and the 6th ARVN Regiment. The operation is being conducted in the same geographical area as where Operation UNION I recently terminated.
5. In Operation THUNDER DRAGON, the 3d Company, 2nd ROK Brigade, engaged an unknown number of enemy in well fortified positions about 19 miles south of Chu Lai. The results of this contact were 38 enemy killed and 2 weapons captured.

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1. (C) I CTZ:

A. OP PRAIRIE IV: IN QUANG TRI PROV (YD2654) 30 KM NW OF QUANG TRI CITY AT 290001H USMC BNS 2/3, 1/4, 3/4, 1/9, 2/9, 3/9 AND 2/26 UD OP PRAIRIE IV.

B. OP HICKORY: IN QUANG TRI PROV (YD1670) FIVE KM E OF CON THIEU. OP HICKORY A USMC S/D OP COORD WITH 1ST ARVN DIV (OP

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LAM SON 54) COMMENCED 170001H AND TERM 282400H. CUM RES: FRD: 119 KIA, 317 WIA; EN: 362 KIA, 38 DET, 86 I/WPNS AND 22 C/S WPNS CPTD. THERE WERE 1006 AIR SORTIES AND 67 NGF MSNS IN SPT OF THIS OP.

C. REF PARA IA MY MSG 280252Z MAY. UPDATE: AT 281500H FOLLOWING CONTACT OF 27 MAY ELMS OF 2/35 INF USA SWEEP AREA. DURING SWEEP TWO FRD WERE WOUNDED, 45 EN BODIES WERE DISCOVERED, 66 DET APPREHENDED AND EIGHT I/WPNS CPTD. IUM RES: FRD: ONE KIA, NINE WIA, TWO UH-1D DEST; EN: 87 KIA, 66 DET, 24 I/WPNS AND THREE C/S WPNS CPTD.

D. IN QUANG NGAI PROV (BS714430) 10 KM NW OF DUC PHO AT 290238H ELM OF B/2/35 INF USA RECD EST 100 RDS 60/82MM MORT AND 57MM RR FIRE AND A HV VOLUME SA/AV FIRE FR UNK NR EN. FIRE CONT THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT. FRD TROOPS COMM SWEEP OF EN PCS SHORTLY AFTER DAY LIGHT. CONTACT CONTINUES AT 291230H. INITIAL RES: FRD: THREE KIA, 13 WIA; EN: 29 KIA, TWO DET, NINE I/WPNS AND ONE C/S WPNS CPTD.

E. ALL OTHER OPS CONT W/O SIGNIFICANT CONTACT REPTD.

2. (C) II CTZ:

A. IN BINH DINH PROV (BR978733) 13 KM NE OF PHU MY AT 290930H ELM 41ST ARVN REGT, WHILE ON SEARCH MEN, ENG EST EN PLAT.

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 MAIN CONTACT BROKE AT 1200H WITH SNIPER FIRE CONT UNTIL 1102H.
 ARTY SPID. RES: FRD: ONE KIA, THREE WIA; EN: 15 KIA, THREE DET,
 12 I/WPNS CPTRD.

B. ALL OPS CONT W/O SIGNIFICANT CONTACT REPTD.

3. (C) III CTZ:

A. IN BINH LONG PROV (XT829749) 15 KM SE OF AN LOC AT
 281430H, A CIDG COMPANY FR CHI LINH MADE CONTACT WITH EST EN PLAT
 EN BROKE CONTACT AT 281442H. CONTACT RESTORED AT 281502H. ON
 SECOND CONTACT CIDG BEGAN TO EXFILTRATE IN SMALL GROUPS. RADIO
 CONTACT LOST WITH FRD UNIT EN SECOND CONTACT. AT 281802H THE
 USSF LDR AND SIX CIDG WERE OBSERVED FROM AIR. TWO SUPPLY DROPS
 CONSISTING OF RADIOS AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES WERE MADE. AT 281805H
 APPROX 29 CIDG WERE OBSERVED MOVING TOWARD THE CHI LINH CIDG CAMP.
 AT 281910H THE USSF LDR AND SIX CIDG WERE EXTRACTED. INITIAL RES:
 FRD: ONE US WIA, ONE US MIA, 50 CIDG MIA; EN: THREE KIA (BC).

B. ALL OPS CONT W/O SIGNIFICANT CONTACT REPTD.

4. (C) IV CTZ: ALL OPS CONT W/O SIGNIFICANT CONTACT REPTD.

5. (C) WEATHER:

A. I, II, III CTZ: WEATHER HAD NO ADVERSE EFFECT
 ON OPS.

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B. IV CTZ: TWO MISSIONS WERE DIVERTED: ONE IN VINH
 LONG PROV, ONE IN DINH TUONG PROV DUE TO WEATHER IN TGT AREA;
 ONE OF 13 FLT CANCELLED DUE TO LOW CEILING IN TGT AREA.

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 NO C O N F I D E N T I A L C C N 17477 FROM: MACCCC
 SUBJ: TELCON (U)

1. (C) I CTZ:

A. REF PARA 1B, MY MSG, 282252Z MAY: UPDATE: CONTACT
 RESUMED AND WAS HV AT 280500H, REDUCING TO LIGHT AT 01222H WHEN EN
 BROKE CONTACT. RES: FRD: 25 KIA, 49 WIA; EN: 164 KIA, EIGHT DET, 22
 I/WPNS AND SIX C/S WPNS CPTD.

B. REF PARA 1C, MY MSG 280949Z MAY: AT 280805H, THE OP

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 ON CAS: FRD: EIGHT KIA, 19 WIA; EN: UNK.

C. REF PARA 1B, MY MSG 272133Z MAY: UPDATE ON RES: IN-
 CREASE IN FRD BY ONE KIA AND FIVE WIA NEW CUM RES: FRD: 22 KIA, 122
 WIA; EN: 342 KIA, 80 DET, 38 I/WPNS, 13 C/S WPNS CPTD.

D. OP HICKORY: IN QUANG TRI PROV (YD144729) FOUR KM NE OF
 CON THIEN AT 281405H, D/1/9 USMC ENGAGED AN EST EN PLAT. EN BROKE
 CONTACT 281600H. RES: FRD: TWO KIA, EIGHT WIA; EN: SIX KIAWM AT
 281550H, S/2/3 USMC VIC YD156706, THREE KM E OF CON THIEN ENGAGED
 AN EST EN SQD. WHILE MANEUVERING, A CND TYPE MINE WAS DETONATED.
 RES IN TWO USMC KIA, FIVE USMC WIA. PLAT CONT TO MANEUVER AND ASLTED
 THE EN POS FINDING THREE EN KIA. SRD ARTY AND MORT SPDT BOTH ATKS.
 CUM RES: FRD: FOUR KIA, 13 WIA (FOUR EVAC); EN: NINE KIA.

E. ALL OTHER OPS CONT W/O SIGNIFICANT CONTACT REPTD.

2. (C) II CTZ:

A. OP FRANCIS MARION: IN PLEIKU PROV (YA755385), 14 KM NW
 OF DUC CO AT 282255H MAY 67, CO A 3/12 INF HAD TWO SRD ARTY RDS
 IMPACT WITHIN ITS POSITION. RES: SRD: THREE KILLED, ONE WOUNDED.
 INVESTIGATION UNDERWAY.

B. ALL OTHER OPS CONT W/O SIGNIFICANT CONTACT REPTD.

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3. (C) III CTZ:

A. OP ENTERPRISE: IN LONG AN PROV (XS667583) 12 KM SE OF
 TAN AN AT 282938H MAY, AN APC FF 4/5/6V INF DETONATED AN UNK TYPE
 MINE. RES: SRD: TWO KIA, NINE WIA.

B. ALL OTHER OPS CONT W/O SIGNIFICANT CONTACT REPTD.

4. (U) IV CTZ:

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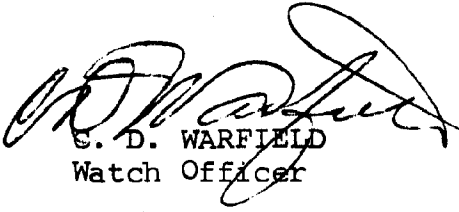
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Subject: Operation Hickory

Source: Maj ANDERSON FMFPAC CC

1. 3/4 and 2/26 are still located on Hill 117.
2. 2/3 has reached the EW GL 67.

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SUBJ: TELECON (U)

1. (C) I CTZ:

A. OP UNION II: IN QUANG TIN PROV (BT286299) 24 KM WNW
OF TAM KY AT 261212H SHORTLY AFTER 3/5 USMC LANDED IN LZ RECD SA/AW
FIRE, ONE CH-46 HEL RECD MINOR DAM, AN 81MM MORT AND ARTY MSN WAS
CALLED ON EN POS. RES: FRD: 12 USMC WIA; EN: UNK.

B. OP UNION II: IN QUANG TIN PROV (BT278325) 25 KM WNW

PAGE 2 UH4SA 2836 C O N F I D E N T I A L
OF TAM KY, AT 261532H L/3/5, M/3/5 AND I/3/5 USMC ENGAGED AN NK SIZE
EN FORCE. ARTY AND AIR STRIKES CALLED TO SPT UNITS MANEUVERING
AGAINST EN POS. AT 262120H HVY CONTACT HAD CEASED AND FRD UNITS
WERE IN NIGHT DEFENSIVE POS. AS OF 270430H ONLY CONTACT WAS
SPORADIC SA FIRE. RES: FRD: 28 KIA, 66 WIA; EN: 171 KIA, NO REPT
OF EN WPNS CPTRD.

C. OP HICKORY: IN QUANG TRI PROV (YD093663) FIVE KM SSW
OF CON THIEN AT 261316H L/3/9 USMC SUSTAINED THREE KIA AND SEVEN
WIA FOLLOWING THE DETONATION OF AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE BELIEVED
TO BE ONE OR MORE CLAYMORE TYPE MINES.

D. IN QUANG NAM PROV (AT984583) 16 KM W OF HOI AN AT
261450H A TANK FR CC C 1ST TANK BN USMC SUSTAINED A HIT FR A 82MM
RD FIRED BY ANOTHER TANK. THERE WERE THREE KILLED AND FOUR
WOUNDED. INVESTIGATION UNDERWAY.

E. OP BEAU CHARGER: IN QUANG TRI PROV 13 KM NNE OF
DONG HA OP BEAU CHARGER TERMINATED. 1/3 CORN BACKLOADING 250200H
AND COMPLETED 261120H. THE OP TERMINATED ON THE COMPLETION OF
BACK LOADING. CUM RES: FRD: 28 KIA, 79 WIA; EN: 63 KIA, 13 I/WPND,
SIX C/S WPNS CPTRD.

F. OP HICKORY: IN QUANG TRI PROV (YD082710) FOUR KM

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PAGE 3 UUNSA 0836 C O N F I D E N T I A L
VNM OF CON THIN AT 261610H FLM OF 3/4 USMC REPT. 12 UNK CAL RKT
RDS. COUNTER TRY AND AIR STRIKES WERE CALLED ON EN POS. RES:
FRD: 13 USMC KIA; EN: UNK.

G. ALL OTHER OPS CONT W/O SIGNIFICANT CONTACT REPTD.

2. (C) II CTZ:

A. REF PARA 2A NY MSG 261013Z MAY: UPDATED RES: FRD: 12
KIA, 54 WIA; EN: 92 KIA, TWO I/WPNS, ONE E-42 RL CPTRD.

B. ALL OPS CONT W/O SIGNIFICANT CONTACT REPTD.

3. (C) III CTZ:

A. IN BINH DUONG PROV (XT804120) TWO KM S OF PHU CUONG AT
261130H, A/2/27 INF MADE CONTACT WITH EST EN SQUAD. C/2/27 INF
REINFORCED. EN FORCE LATER EST TO BE PLAT SIZE. ARTY, TAC AIR
AND LFT SPT FRD UNITS. EN BROKE CONTACT AT 261752H. FRD FORCES
WILL SWEEP AREA AT FIRST LIGHT. RES: FRD: 12 KIA, 19 WIA; EN: UNK.

B. IN BINH DUONG PROV (XT896318) 13 KM SE OF LAI KHE AT
262025H, 2/2 INF(-) 4.2 MORT PLAT HAD ONE RD IMPACT IN THE EN
PERIMETER. RES: FRD: SIX WOUNDED. INVES UNDERWAY.

C. CP ENTERPRISE: IN LONG AN PROV (XS657769) FOUR KM E
OF BEN LUC AT 262215H MAY, TWO UH-1C HEL FR D/3/5 CAV ON A COMBAT
ASSAULT MSN HAD A MID AIR COLLISION. AREA IS SECURE. HELO'S

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DESTROYED. RES: FRD: FIVE KILLED (US) AND FOUR MISSING (US).
INVES UNDERWAY.

D. IN BINH LONG PROV (XT621883) SEVEN KM W OF AN LOC AT
260920H MAY, TWO CIDG CO LOC EN HOSPITAL. HOSPITAL INCLUDED A
DOCTOR, NURSES AND PATIENTS. EN FLED WHEN FRD UNIT APPROACHED
BUT ONE DOCTOR WAS CPTRD. AT 211130H EN ATK W/EST CO SIZE UNIT.
EN BROKE CONTACT AT 1230H. SPORADIC CONTACT CONTINUED THROUGHOUT
AFTERNOON. AT 1725H FRD UNITS REINFORCED BY ONE CIDG CO. AT
1745H FRD UNITS WITHDREW TO LZ AND SET UP PERIMETER. A/6/27
ARTY FIRED 74 8" RDS AND 30 175MM RDS IN SPT FRD UNITS. DURING
THE ATK A UH-1D CRASHED DUE TO MECHANICAL FAILURE INFURING FOUR
(US) CREWMEMBERS. HELO IS SECURE AND WILL BE EXTRACTED 27 MAY.
AT 2255H FRD UNITS REC 37 RDS UNK CAL MORT FIRE. LFT AND AC-47
ON STATION. ONE ADDITIONAL CIDG CO WILL BE INSERTED AT FIRST LIGHT
RES: FRD: FIVE KIA (ONE USSE, FOUR CIDG) 23 WIA (ONE USSE, 22
CIDG); EN: ONE DET. SPORADIC CONTACT CONTINUED.

E. ALL OTHER OPS CONT W/O SIGNIFICANT CONTACT REPTD.

4. (C) IV CTZ:

A. CP BAN CHI 18 KM S/S OF S/D OP IN BA XUYEN PROV
(WR990790) 18 KM NW OF SOC TRANC COMM 262600H MAY AND TERM

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261640H WITH LIGHT CONTACT REPTD: UNITS PART: 2/33 ARVN INF, ONE
RF BN, TWO RD CO'S, ONE RON CO, ONE PLAT ARVN CAR; RESERVE: ONE
RF CO. RESULTS: FRD: ONE KIA, ONE WIA; EN: 11 KIA, TWO DET, FIVE
I/WPNS, ONE CINE, TWO MISC DBC CPTRD.

B. ALL OTHER OPS CONT W/O SIGNIFICANT CONTACT REPTD.

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SITUATION REPORT
(UPDATE OF MARINE CORPS REPORT)

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SIXTEEN AIR FORCE F-105 STRIKE AND EIGHT SUPPORT AIRCRAFT, OUT OF TAKHLI, ATTACKED THE VINH XEN ARMY BARRACKS (JCS 34), 25 MILES NORTHWEST OF HANOI, AT 1:20 AM EDT THIS MORNING. PILOTS REPORTED THE TARGET SATURATED WITH NINETY-SIX 750-POUND BOMBS, 20 ANTI-MATERIEL BOMBLET CLUSTERS AND TWELVE 500-POUND BOMBS. THE ORDNANCE WAS SEEN TO IMPACT IN AN AREA CONTAINING 28 STORAGE AND SUPPORT BUILDINGS. OTHER BOMBS WERE SEEN TO HIT THE BUILDINGS ADJACENT TO THE POL STORAGE AREA. ONE FIRE AND A SECONDARY EXPLOSION WERE OBSERVED EMANATING FROM A BUILDING IN THE NORTHEAST CORNER. BILLLOWING BLACK SMOKE AND A HUGE FIRE-BALL ERUPTED FROM THIS BUILDING. RISING SMOKE PRECLUDED POSITIVE OBSERVANCE OF THE BOMB IMPACTS ON THE MAIN BARRACKS.

THE US NAVY CRUISER PROVIDENCE, WHILE CONDUCTING A CALL FIRE MISSION, WAS ATTACKED BY 40 ROUNDS OF ESTIMATED 76-MM FIRE FROM VIET CONG/NORTH VIETNAMESE ARMY SHORE BATTERIES. AT THE TIME, PROVIDENCE WAS ABOUT FIVE MILES EAST OF THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE ON A COURSE OF 335 DEGREES AND SPEED 10 KNOTS. SPLASHES WERE OBSERVED BETWEEN 200 AND 50 YARDS ABEAM AND ASTERN, AND ONE ROUND HIT A MAST ON THE CRUISER. THE ENEMY FIRE STARTED AT 6:08 PM EDT LAST NIGHT AND LASTED FOR FIVE MINUTES. THE CRUISER RETURNED THE FIRE EXPENDING 31 ROUNDS OF 6-INCH AND 54 ROUNDS OF 5-INCH GUNFIRE, NEUTRALIZING THE ENEMY BATTERIES. ONE SECONDARY EXPLOSION ASHORE WAS OBSERVED. ALTHOUGH THE HEIGHT-FINDING RADAR ANTENNA OF PROVIDENCE WAS DAMAGED BY THE SHORE BATTERY FIRE, THERE WERE NO PERSONNEL CASUALTIES.

ELEMENTS OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA MARINE CORPS BRIGADE HAD TWO SEPARATE ENGAGEMENTS ABOUT 10 MILES NORTHEAST OF QUANG NGAI CITY YESTERDAY. AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF ENEMY WERE OBSERVED IN A BUNKER COMPLEX. AIR STRIKES AND ARTILLERY MISSIONS WERE CALLED. TEN MINUTES LATER AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF THE ENEMY AND THE KOREANS ENGAGED IN A FIRE FIGHT. RESULTS REPORTED WERE: FRIENDLY, TWO KILLED, FIVE WOUNDED; ENEMY, 20 KILLED.

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OPERATION HICKORY REPORTS SPORADIC CONTACT BETWEEN 8:22 PM AND 10:15 PM EDT YESTERDAY. ONE CONTACT, ABOUT FOUR MILES NORTHEAST OF CON THIEN, WAS BETWEEN A US MARINE UNIT AND AN UNKNOWN SIZE ENEMY FORCE IN A BUNKER COMPLEX, AND IS CONTINUING. INTERIM RESULTS WERE NO MARINE CASUALTIES AND 17 OF THE ENEMY KILLED.

ABOUT 5 MILES SOUTH-SOUTHEAST OF TAM KY, AT 7:12 PM EDT LAST NIGHT, A US ARMY MORTAR PLATOON RECEIVED 15 ROUNDS OF ENEMY 82-MM MORTAR FIRE. US ARTILLERY AND GUNSHIPS FIRED ON THE SUSPECTED ENEMY POSITION. SIX OF THE US INFANTRYMEN WERE KILLED AND TEN WOUNDED WHILE ENEMY CASUALTIES WERE UNKNOWN.

US MARINE CORPS OPERATION DUVAL STARTED ON 19 MAY AND ENDED AT MIDNIGHT LAST NIGHT. THE 1-BATTALION SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION WAS CONDUCTED IN AN AREA 23 MILES WEST-NORTHWEST OF DA NANG WITH NO SIGNIFICANT CASUALTIES TO EITHER SIDE.

EIGHT AIR FORCE AND THREE US MARINE AIRCRAFT STRUCK A SUSPECTED SAM SITE YESTERDAY, 25 MILES SOUTH-SOUTHEAST OF DONG HOI AND ABOUT 15 MILES NORTH OF THE DMZ. TWO LARGE SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS FOLLOWED BY AN ORANGE FIRE BALL WERE OBSERVED. AS THE AIRCRAFT WERE LEAVING THE AREA, TWO LARGE FIRES WERE NOTED. THE AIR FORCE PLANES DROPPED A TOTAL OF 32 BOMBS AND CBUS, WHILE THE MARINE PLANES EXPENDED 39 BOMBS ON THIS TARGET.

EIGHT AIR FORCE F-105S DROPPED 48 SEVEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY POUND BOMBS ON THE BAC LE RAILROAD YARD, 41 MILES NORTH-NORTHEAST OF HANOI, YESTERDAY. PILOTS REPORTED RAIL CUTS SOUTH OF THE YARD. CP-4
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C O N F I D E N T I A L CCN 17135 FROM: MACCOC3

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1. (C) I CTZ:

A. IN QUANG NGAI PROV (BS725822), 13 KM NE OF QUANG NGAI CITY, AT 241230H 2D CO OF 2D BDE ROKMC OBSERVED UNK NO ENEMY IN BUNKER COMPLEX. CALLED AIR STRIKES AND ARTY MSN. RES: FRD - NO CAS; EN - 15 KIA. NO REPT OF EN WPNS CPTR. AT 241240H THE 2D CO RECD ONE GREN RESULTING IN TWO WIA. AT 241340 THE 2D CO ENGAGED UNK NO OF ENEMY.

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SA/AV FIRE EXCHANGED. RES: FRD - TWO KIA, THREE WIA; EN - FIVE KIA. NO REPT OF EN WPNS CPTR. CUM RES: FRD - TWO KIA, FIVE WIA; EN - 20 KIA. NO REPT OF EN WPNS CPTR.

B. OP HICKORY: IN QUANG TRI PROV (YD068699), FIVE KM W OF CON THIEN, PRIOR TO 250800H ELM OF 2/26 USMC RECEIVED APPROXIMATELY 16 RDS ENEMY RKT FIRE OF UNK CAL. AN AIR OBSERVER ON STATION OBSERVED EN FIRING POS AND CALLED IN AIR STRIKE. DAM ASSESSMENT NOT RECD. AT 250800H ELM OF 2/26 USMC ENGAGED UNK SIZE EN FORCE. CONTACT CONTINUES AS OF 250930H. INTERIM RES: FRD - ONE KIA, 14 WIA; EN - UNK. AT 250930H, VIC YD1774 SEVEN KM NE OF CON THIEN, ELM OF 2/3 USMC ENGAGED UNK SIZE EN FORCE IN BUNKER COMPLEX. CONTACT CONTINUES AS OF 251014H. INTERIM RES: FRD - NONE; EN - 17 KIA, ONE 60MM MORT AND 200 RDS 60MM MORT AMMO CPTR.

C. IN QUANG TIN PROV (BT302134), EIGHT KM SSE OF TAM KY, AT 250710H THE 4.2 INCH MORT PLAT OF 1/14 INF (US) RECD EST 15 RDS 82MM MORT FIRE. ARTY AND GUNSHIPS FIRED ON SUSPECTED EN POS. RES: FRD - SIX KIA, TEN WIA; EN - UNK.

D. OP DUVAL: IN QUANG NAM PROV (ZC080880), 33 KM SE OF PHU BAI, OP DUVAL, A 1/7 USMC S/D OP COMM 191700H MAY AND TERM 251200H. FINAL CUM RES: FRD - ONE WIA; EN - UNK

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E. REF PARA 1C, MY MSG 242200Z MAY. UPDATE: DELETE ENTIRE SUBPARAGRAPH AND ADD THE FOLLOWING: IN QUANG NGAI PROV (BS750620), 15 KM SE QUANG NGAI CITY, AT 242930H TWO PLTS FROM 2D CO/3/4 INF (ARVN) RETURNING FROM NIGHT AMBUSH POS WERE AMBUSHED BY AN EST EN CO USING SA/AW AND 60MM MORT. SA/AW FIRE EXCHANGED AND COMM WAS LOST WITH FRD UNITS. A REACTION FORCE WAS SENT AT 241300H. LINK UP WAS MADE. FRD UNITS BROKE CONTACT AND RTND HOME BASE AT 241900H. RES: FRD-11 KIA, FORU WIA, TEN I/WPNS AND TWO PRC-10 RADIOS LOST; EN-20 KIA. NO REPT OF EN WPNS CPTR.

F. ALL OTHER OPS CONT W/O SIGNIFICANT CONTACT REPORTED.

2. (C) II CTZ:

A. IN PLEIKU PROV (AR850370), 14 KM SE OF PLEIKU CITY, AT 251130H AN APC FROM 2/8 INF ON BASE CAMP SECURITY HIT A MINE. RES: 11 WIA (TWO SERIOUS).

B. IN PHU YEN PROV (CQ050718), 16 KM S OF SONG CAU, AT 250730H A CIV BUS HIT AN EN MINE. RES: VIV - THREE KILLED, SIX WOUNDED BUS DESTROYED.

3. (U) III CTZ: ALL OPS CONT W/O SIGNIFICANT CONTACT REPORTED.

4. (C) IV CTZ:

A. IN KIEN HOA PROV (XS789167), 31 KM SE OF TRUC GIANG, AT

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240800H, A LAMBRETTA DETONATED AN EN MINE. RES: CIV - FOUR KILLED TEN WOUNDED, LAMBRETTA 80 PERCENT DAMAGED; EN - NONE.

B. ALL OPS CONT W/O SIGNIFICANT CONTACT REPORTED.

5. (C) WEATHER:

A. I, II, II CTZ: WEATHER HAD NO ADVERSE EFFECT ON COMBAT OPERATIONS.

B. IV CTZ: ONE FLIGHT DIVERTED FROM AN XUYEN TO VINH BINH DUE TO WEATHER IN TARGET AREA. TWO OF SEVEN FLIGHTS CANCELLED DUE TO LOW CEILING IN TARGET AREA.

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41. COUNTER BATTERY FILE

A2. 23 MAY 67

WHILE CONDUCTING CALL FIRE MISSION AT 17-32N 107-12 E AT 0500Z MAY IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION BEAU CHARGE, COURSE 325 1P 15 NW1 RECEIVED APPROX 40 RDS OF ESTIMATED 1.6 MM HOSTILE FIRE FROM UNKNOWN DIRECTION. SPLASHES OBSERVED BETWEEN 100 AND 200

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 YDS STRADDLES AND ASTERN. ENEMY FIRE COMMENCED 252608Z AND CEASED
 AT 252613Z. RETURNED DIRECT FIRE COMMENCING 252612Z TO 252620Z
 EXPENDING 31RDS 6"/7 AND 54RDS 5"/38. MEAN RANGE 11,500 YDS.
 ENEMY BATTERIES LOCATED GRID COORDINATES YD 243 237. (17-21.5N
 127-21.3E) YD 249 235 (17-22.5N 127-26.9E) YD 256 238 (17-24.5N
 127-27.3E). ENEMY BATTERIES NEUTRALIZED. DAMAGE TO UREU APPEARED
 EXTENSIVE. ONE SECONDARY EXPLMSION OBSERVED.
 H. ONE HIT RECEIVED ON MAXIMA DAMAGE TO SP/33 HEIGHT
 FINAL RADAR ANTENNA. ANTER
 DAMAGED WITH CONTROL BOXES AND POWER
 CABLES SEVERED. NO OTHER SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE. NO RPT NO PERSONNEL
 CASUALTIES. RECOVERED SHELL FRAGMENTS WILL BE HUNDLED IN ACCORDANCE
 CURRENT DIRECTIVES. FRIENDLY UNITS INVOLVED WERE ELEMENTS FROM
 TG 76.4 AND TU 72.8.3. BOON AND OCBURNS ALSO RETURNED FIRE.
 H. EVASIVE MANEUVERS WERE TAKEN TO THE WEST AND NORTH WEST
 AT 25 KHS TO OPEN RANGE AND CHANGE BEARING RATE.
 PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN OF DAMAGE ON BOARD.
 H. WIND 260 DEGREES TRUE 14 KTS. VISIBILITY 12 MILES. SKIES
 SCATTERED. TEMP 91 DEGREES, SEAS MODERATE.
 H. PRESENT INTENTIONS TO REMAIN IN NGFS AREA IN SUPPORT OF
 OPERATION BEAU CHARGE.

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 H. PROVIDENCE FLAGSHIP CONSEQUENTLY. VADM MYLAND NOT RPT NOT
 ON BOARD AT TIME OF INCIDENT.

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OFFSHORE IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION BEAU CHARGER PROVIDED PROTECTIVE ASSISTANCE TO THE PATROL CRAFT BY FIRING COUNTERBATTERY FIRE SILENCING THE ENEMY GUN POSITIONS. IN ADDITION, OVER 400 ROUNDS WERE FIRED INTO THE I CTZ AND THE DMZ BY NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT SHIPS OPERATING IN SUPPORT OF III MAF GROUND OPERATIONS. THE MISSIONS WERE FIRED UPON NUMEROUS ENEMY GUN POSITIONS, STRUCTURES, TRENCH LINES, AND INFILTRATION ROUTES. DAMAGE REPORTS FOR THESE MISSIONS HAVE NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED.

D. AMBUSH BY VIETNAMESE JUNK FLEET

ON THE NIGHT OF 22 MAY, A PATROL VESSEL FROM THE 13TH VIETNAMESE COASTAL JUNK FLEET, AMBUSHED AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF ENEMY IN THE DAM THUY TU INLET, 15 KILOMETERS SOUTHEAST OF PHU BAI. A SEARCH OF THE AMBUSH SITE THE FOLLOWING MORNING REVEALED 15 ENEMY KILLED, 4 WEAPONS AND 8 GRENADES.

E. CHIEU HOI RETURNEES

A TOTAL OF 99 CHIEU HOI RETURNEES (HOI CHANH), THE HIGHEST NUMBER TO BE REPORTED BY III MAF IN ICTZ FOR A WEEKLY PERIOD, RALLIED TO THE GVN DURING THE PERIOD 15-21 MAY

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1967. THIS TOTAL IS A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE OVER BOTH THE TOTAL OF 19 HOI CHANH REPORTED BY III MAF FOR THE PREVIOUS WEEK, AND THE WEEKLY AVERAGE FOR 1967 OF 49. A WEEKLY AVERAGE OF 30 RETURNEES HAS BEEN RECORDED SINCE 1 APRIL. CHIEU HOI RETURNEES FOR THE PERIOD 15-21 MAY 1967 BY PROVINCE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

PROVINCE	NUMBER
QUANG TRI	2
THUA THIEN	0
QUANG NAM	6
QUANG TIN	2
QUANG NGAI	89
TOTAL	99

3. III MAF

A. MAJOR OPERATIONS

(1) OPERATION HICKORY (THIRD MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE THIRD MARINE DIVISION, WITH SEVEN INFANTRY BATTALIONS (SECOND BATTALION, 26TH MARINES, SECOND BATTALION, THIRD MARINES; FIRST AND THIRD BATTALIONS, FOURTH MARINES; FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD BATTALIONS, NINTH MARINES)

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SUSPENDED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN NORTHEASTERN

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QUANG TRI PROVINCE. (LATE ENTRY) AT 221315H, COMPANY C, FIRST BATTALION, NINTH MARINES CALLED ARTILLERY FIRE ON 18 ENEMY IN BUNKERS AT (YD 156658). TWO ENEMY WERE KIA(CONF). ONE ENEMY WAS KIA(PROB). ON 22 MAY, 17 ENEMY WERE FOUND KIA(CONF) AND NINE INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS WERE FOUND. AT 231210H, COMPANY E, SECOND BATTALION, THIRD MARINES RECEIVED EIGHT ROUNDS OF 60MM MOARTR FIRE NEAR (XD 135733). FOUR USMC WERE WIA (MED EVAC). DURING THE DAY THREE DETAINEES WERE APPREHENDED AND ONE CHICOM GRENADE LAUNCHER WAS FOUND. AT 231010H COMPANY M RECEIVED S/A FIRE FROM(YD106630) AIR STRIKE AND ARTILLERY WAS CALL, RESULTING IN 2 VCKIA.

(B) ARTILLERY UNITS FIRED 53 MISSIONS AND 275 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION HICKORY.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE.

USMC
0/78 KIA
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ENEMY
0/242 KIA(CONF) (ADJ)
0/414 KIA(PROB) (ADJ)
3/5 DETAINEES
1/84 WEAPONS CAPTURED

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(2) OPERATION PRAIRIE IV (THIRD MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE THIRD MARINE DIVISION SUSPENDED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE. (LATE ENTRY) ON 21 MAY ONE USMC WAS WIA (MED EVAC) AND ON 22 MAY TWO USMC WERE WIA (MED EVAC), BOTH FROM MINES.

(B) ARTILLERY UNITS FIRED 233 MISSIONS AND 824 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION IN SUPPORT OF OPERATIONS PRAIRIE.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC	ENEMY
0/152 KIA	0/463 KIA(CONF)
0/1117 WIA(ADJ)	0/521 KIA(PROB)
	0/1 NVA/PW
	0/8 VC/PW
	2/89 DETAINEES

(3) OPERATION CROCKET (26TH MARINES)

(A) THE 26TH MARINES SUSPENDED OPERATIONS IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE. (LATE ENTRY). ON 23 MAY ONE NVA WAS FOUND KIA(CONF).

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

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BEAU CHARGER SITREP NR 15 AS OF 241200Z MAY 67 (U)

1. AMPHIB READY GROUP ALFA COMPOSITION: ADD ADVANCE ECHELEON
 SURGICAL TEAM EMBARKED IN USS OKINAWA.

2. ACTIONS

A. ARG

(1) TG 76.4 UNDERWAY IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION BEAU CHARGER.

(2) AT 241220H USS OZBOURN (YD 366850) HEADING NORTH AND
 USS BOSTON (ABT YD 335850) HEADING SOUTH OBSERVED 14 SPLASHES
 LANDING BETWEEN SHIPS. SHORE BATT APPREARED TO BE LOCATED VIC
 YD 250876. USS OZBOURN AND USS BOSTON COMMENCED COUNTER BATT
 FIRE. USS OZBOURN EXPENDED 70 RDS. USS BOSTON EXPENDITURE UKN.

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SHORE BATT FIRE, FIRED IN SALVOS OF TWO, ESTIMATED TO BE OF HIGH
 CALIBER (ABOVE 100 I.), AND WAS FIRED AT AN ESTIMATED RANGE OF
 10,000 YDS. USS OZBOURN DETECTED CROSS SLOT TRACKING FROM TIGER ISLAND
 AND CAP LAY DURING ENGAGEMENT. CONSIDER TGT DESTROYED.
 ONE SECONDARY EXPLOSION OBSERVED.

(3) ARTILLARY H & I FIRE IN PHASE I QAREA, INCLUDING SOUTHERN
 PART OF DMZ, FROM 1100H TO 1800H. USS OZBOURN FIRED H&I
 AGAINST SAHE AREA AND SOME TGTS IN NORTHERN PART OF DMZ, FROM
 1000H TO 1200H AND FROM 1400H UNTIL WFAVING STATION TO REARM
 AT 1900H.

(4) ADVANCE ECHELEON SURGICAL TEAM MINUS OINC EMBARKED IN
 USS OKINAWA 23 MAY 67.

(5) HOSPITAL SHIP SANCTUARY STATIONED VICINITY AOA, RELIEVED
 BY REPOSE AT 241731H.

(6) 124 HOUR SUPPORT PROVIDED: OKINAWA - 1698 GALS AVGAS,
 1,289 GALS JP-5, 30 GALS LUBE OIL.

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(1) UNIT POSITIONS.

(A) CO B 1/3 (YD 267703)

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(B) CO C 1/3 (YD 266732)

(C) ALL OTHERS UNCHANGED.

WK2) 1:9'S A, B, AND C CONDUCTED S&D OPERATIONS COORDINATED
WITH ARVN TASU FORCE WEST OF THE AOA. CO D CONTINUED AREA SECURITY
OF WHITE BEACH.

(3) CONT

CTS. 241232H, CO D IN VIC 294750 RECEIVED TEN ROUNDS
UNDETERMINED TYPE MORTAR FIRE FROM UNKNOWN LOCATION. NO CASUALTIES.

(4) CASUALTIES

(A) DURING PERIOD

USMC NONE

ENEMY NONE

(B) 1:7.7)-58;3

NW USMC 23 KIA 79 WIA

ENEMY 83 VC/NVA KIA (CONF) 83 VC/NVA KIA (PROB)

(5) SIGNIFICANT EVENTS. NONE

3. INTENTIONS

A. ARG

(1) TG 76.4 CONTINUE SUPPORT OF OPERATION BEAU CHARGER

(2) CONTINUE OFFLOAD AND SUPPORT OPS ASHORE

(3) UNREP TG 76.4 260500H MAY

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(4) TO ACTIVATE SURGICAL TEAH 250800H MAY

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NIGHT PATROLS AND AMBUSHES. COMMENCING AT FIRST LIGHT IONTINUE
SW&D OPERATIONS WITH QARVN TASK FORCE.

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COMPOUNDS, BUT HIT IN THE CIVILIAN RESIDENTIAL AREAS
OF QUANG TRI CITY.

OPERATION THUNDER DRAGON

DURING THE MORNING OF 22 MAY, 2 COMPANIES
OF THE ROKMC BRIGADE CONDUCTING OPERATION THUNDER
DRAGON ENGAGED AN ESTIMATED VIET CONG BATTALION,
13 KILOMETERS NORTHEAST OF QUANG NGAI CITY. THE
ROKMC FORCES WERE SUPPORTED BY ARTILLERY AND
AIR STRIKES THROUGHOUT THE ENGAGEMENT, WHICH
LASTED FOR APPROXIMATELY 5 HOURS BEFORE THE
ENEMY FORCE BROKE CONTACT AND WITHDREW. ENEMY
CASUALTIES FOR THE BATTLE WERE 36 KILLED AND 5
WEAPONS CAPTURED. ROKMC FORCES SUFFERED 9 KIA
AND 11 WIA.

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A. MAJOR OPERATIONS

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(1) OPERATION HICKORY (THIRD MARINE DIVISION) THE THIRD
MARINE DIVISION, WITH SEVEN INFANTRY BATTALIONS (SECOND BATTALION,
26TH MARINES; SECOND BATTALION, THIRD MARINES; FIRST AND THIRD
BATTALIONS FOURTH MARINES, FIRST, SECOND, THIRD BATTALION,
NINTH MARINES) CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN NORTH
EASTERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH SIGNIFICANT CONTACT. (LATE ENTRY)
AT 201845H, ADD -182MM MORTAR, 14 AK-47'S, ONE MAUSER, AND ONE
MACHINE GUN CAPTURED BY COMPANIES L AND M, THIRD BATTALION, NINTH
MARINES IN CONTACT NEAR (YD 104644). (LATE ENTRY) AT 210910H, THE
FIRST BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES RECIEVE THREE ROUNDS OF ARTILLERY
FIRE AT (YD 114702). TWO USMC WERE WIA (MED EVAC).
(LATE ENTRY) AT 211130H, COMPANY M, THIRD BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES
FOUND AND DESTROYED 11,250 POUNDS OF RICE AT (YD 083752).
(LATE ENTRY) AT 211200H, COMPANY F, SECOND BATTALION, NINTH
MARINES DETONATED AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE AT (YD 136702). ONE
USMC WAS KIA, AND THREE USMC WERE WIA (MED EVAC). (LATE
ENTRY) AT 211245H, THE FIRST BATTALION, NINTH MARINES CP
NEAR (YD 114702) RECEIVED 25 ROUNDS OF 100MM FIRE. ONE USMC
WAS KIA, AND ONE USMC WAS WIA (MED EVAC). AT 211620H, COMPANY
B, FIRST BATTALION, NINTH MARINES RECEIVED 4-5 ROUNDS OF 76MM FIRE

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NEAR (YD 115702). ONE USMC WAS KIA, AND ONE USMC WAS WIA. (LATE ENTRY) AT 211330H, COMPANY M, THIRD BATTALION, NINTH MARINES NEAR (YD 101640) ENGAGED AN UNKNOWN SIZED ENEMY UNIT. SEVEN USMC WERE WIA. (LATE ENTRY) AT 211755H, THE SECOND BATTALION, THIRD MARINE RECEIVED 170 ROUNDS OF MORTAR/ARTILLERY FIRE NEAR (YD 130785). NINE USMC WERE KIA AND 46 USMC WERE WIA. THE SECOND BATTALION, NINTH MARINES ALSO CAPTURED ONE 40MM GRENADE LAUNCHER, 3 - 82MM MORTARS, FIVE SKS, ONE US CARBINE, ONE AK-47 AND ONE CAL .38 PISTOL AT (YD 138773). (LATE ENTRY). AT 211800H, COMPANY F, SECOND BATTALION, NINTH MARINES FOUND AN ENEMY BASE CAMP AT (YD 137732). ONE ENEMY WAS FOUND KIA(CONF), AND THERE WAS EVIDENCE OF TEN ENEMY KIA (PROB). ON 21 MAY THREE USMC WERE WOUNDED FROM SNIPER FIRE AND AN ADDITIONAL TWO WEAPONS WERE FOUND. AT 1110H, COMPANY M, THIRD BATTALION, NINTH MARINES ENGAGED THE ENEMY IN 14 BUNKERS AT (YD 101640). ONE USMC WAS KIA AND FOUR ENEMY WERE KIA(CONF). DURING THE DAY THREE USMC WERE WIA (2 MED EVAC) FROM SMALL ARMS FIRE AND GRENADES, AND ONE NVA WAS KILLED AND ONE AK-47 WAS CAPTURED.

(B) FIXED WING SUPPORT OF OPERATION HICKORY

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CONSISTED OF 20 DIRECT AIR SUPPORT (3 VISUAL AND 17 TPO-10) SORTIES, WHICH EXPENDED 154 TONS OF ORDNANCE. BOMB DAMAGE WAS TWO KBA (PROB), 80 PACK ANIMALS KILLED, ONE SAMPAN, 3 BUNKERS, 14 STRUCTURES, AND ONE AW POSITION DESTROYED AND FIVE STRUCTURES AND ONE TRENCHLINE WERE DAMAGED. THERE WAS ONE SECONDARY FIRE AND ONE SECONDARY EXPLOSION. ARTILLERY UNITS FIRED 447 MISSIONS AND 3125 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION IN SUPPORT OF INFANTRY OPERATIONS.

(C) RESULTS, DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC	ENEMY
13/78 KIA(ADJ)	7/221 KIA(CONF)(ADJ)
72/524 WIA(ADJ)	43/423 KIA(PROB)(ADJ)
	0/2 DETAINEES
	30/74 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(2) OPERATION PRAIRIE IV (THIRD MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE THIRD MARINE DIVISION

CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH NO SIGNIFICANT CONTACT.

(B) HELICOPTERS FLEW 167 SORTIES AND TRANSPORTED 106 PERSONNEL AND FIVE TONS OF CARGO. ARTILLERY UNITS FIRED 286 MISSIONS AND 1776 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION IN SUPPORT OF

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HICKORY/BELT TIGHT SITREP NR 10 AS OF 240200Z MAY 67 (U)

1. TASK ORGANIZATION: NO CHANGE

2. ACTIONS

A. TG 76.5

(1) OPERATING SE OF CUA VIET SUPPORTING OPN HICKORY/BELT TIGHT.

(2) TWO LLCM-6'S TRANSPORTED CARGO FM DONG HA TO ARG SHIPPING.

B. LANDING FORCE

(1) UNIT LOCATION: ALL UNITS MOVING.

(2) OPERATIONS:

(A) ALL UNITS ARE CONDUCTING SEARCH AND VTEAR OPNS TO

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(B) (LATE REPT) AT 231210 G CO AT YD 1135733 RCVD 60MM
MORTAR, AA/W AND S/A FIRE. RETURNED FIRE W/81MM MORTAR, A/W, AND
ARTY. 1 EN KIA (C) 6 EN KIA (P)

(3) CASUALTIES

(A) DURING PERIOD

USMC: NONE

ENEMY: 1 KIA B/C

6 KIA PROB

(B) CUMULATIVE

USMC: 12 KIA

67 WIA

ENEMY: 24 KIA B/C

28 KIA PROB

3. INTENTIONS: TG 76.5 CONTINUE SUPPORT OF OPN HICKORY/BELT TIGHT.

4. ACTIONS REQUIRED BY HIGHER AUTHORITY: NONE.

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BEAU CHARGER SITREP NR 14 AS OF 20000Z MAY 67 (U)

1. AMPHIB READY GROUP ALFA CONSISTING OF: NO CHANG
2. ACTIONS

A. ARG

(1) TG 76.4 RETURN TO AOA ASSIGNED OPAREAS AT FIRST LIGHT IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION BEAU CHARGER

(2) 24 HOUR OKINAWA OPS SUMMARY (2221011 59 232100H)

SORTIES: 144, CARGO: 3.5 TONS

(3) OFFLOAD STATUS: OKINAWAWN BAYFIELD-NO CHANG

84 PCT PERS, PCT VH, 0 PCT CARGO

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(4) 240000H TO 240600H USS OZBOURN FIRED H AND I MISSITN
IN NORTHERN PART OF AOA.(5) 23155H AIRBORN SPOTTER OBS W50 TO 60 FISHING CRAFT NORTH
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(A) CO A 1/3 2(YD 280719)

(B) CO B 1/3 (YD 28713)

(C) CO C 1/3 7YD 270711)

(D) RECON PLAT (YD 273741)

(E) OTHERS NO CHA G

(2) ALL UNITS CONDUCT OPERATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH COMUSMACV
MSG 160230Z. COMMENCING AT 240001H UITS CARRIED OUT DEFENSIVE
OPERATIONS AND MOVE AS NECESSARY TO OBTAIN PROPER OFFENSIVE
POSTURE TO CONDUCT SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS AT FIRST LIGHT
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ATING WEST OF THE AOA.

(3) CONTACTS: NONE

(4) CASUALTIES

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Q(A) DURING PERIOD

USMC NONE

ENEMY NONE

(B) CUMULATIVE

USMC 23 KIA 79 WIA

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(5) 1 84,818:-,5 ;3,5: NONE

3. INTENTIONS

A. ARG

(1) 1 54 76.4 CONTINUE SUPPORT OF OPERATION BEAU CHARGER

(2) CONTINUE OFFLOAD AND SUPPORT OPS ASHORE.

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LANDING FORCE

(1) CONDUCT SEARCH AND DESTROY OP IN COORDINATION WITH ARVN
TASK FORCE OPERATIONS WEST OF AOA.

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Subject: Truce Violations

Source: Major THOMPSON, FMFPAC CC

1. AT 222350H, ELEMENTS E/2/9 AMB vic (YD 137673) SIGHTED A MOVEMENT, FIRED 8 ROUNDS SA. RESULTS - 1 USMC WIA INVEST BEING CONDUCT.
2. AT 230800H, ELEMENTS 2/11/ACR vic (BS 594937) RECEIVED 5 ROUNDS SNIPER FIRE. PTL DID NOT RETURN FIRE. NO CASUALTIES REPORTED.
3. AT 230840H HQ CO 1ST MAR RECEIVED 6 ROUNDS SA FIRE vic (BT.004633). SA AND M-79 FIRE RETURNED. NO CASUALTIES REPORTED.
4. AT 231030H 2/3 RECEIVED AN UNK NUMBER OF ENEMY 82MM MORTAR FIRE (YD 139743). COUNTER BTRY FIRE RETURNED AT SUSPECTED ENEMY POSITION. CASUALTIES - UNK
5. AT 230355H C/2/502 INF(USA) vic (BS 660340) RECEIVED SA FIRE FROM 3 VC. FIRE WAS RETURNED. SEARCH REVEALED 2 VC KIA (CONF). NO USA CASUALTIES.
6. AT 231035H K/3/9 SECURITY PATROL (YD 106630) RECEIVED SA FIRE FROM AN ESTIMATED NVA PLATOON. ARTY MSN CALLED ON ENEMY POSITION. CASUALTIES UNKNOWN.

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HICKORY/BELT TIGHT SITREP NR9 AS OF 231400Z MAY 67 (U)

1. TASK ORGANIZATION: NO CHANGE

2. ACTIONS

A. TG 76.5

(1) OPERATING SE OF CUUA VIET SUPPORTING OPN HICKORY/BELT TIGHT. WKWL PRINCETON PROVIDED 347 GAL AVGAS, 3711 GAL JP-5, AND 8 GALQ AVLUBE.

(3) CATAMOUNT DELIVERED 2 LCM-8'S FROM ACDIV 12 IN EXCHANGE FOR 2 LIM-8'S BELONGING TO ARG.

(4& REPOSITIONED VEHICLES AND CARGO FM PRINCETON

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GREEN COUNTY. WHO WILL ACT AS "SEA TAIL" FOR ARG.

WKTL TEN WIA AND 20 NON/COMBAT INJURIE WERE MEDEVACED TO PRINCETON DURING 24 HOUR PERIOD ENDING 231800H. TOTAL MEDEVACS TO DATE 266; PRESENTLY ON BOARD 100.

B. LANDING FORCE

(1) UNIT LOCATION: UNITS MOVING TO NEW POSITIONS.

(2) OPERATIONS

(A) AT 1210H A PATROL FROM H/2/3 RECEIVED 8 RDS 60 MM MORTAR. A/W AND S/A FIRE. FIRE WAS RETURNED WITH AE/W S/A. IMM AND 60MM MORTAR. INCOMING FIRE CEASED. ENCOUNTER RESULTED I 11 USMC WIA.

(B) AT 1200H A PATROL FROM H/2/3 UNCOVERED AIRPLANE WRECKAGE AT 131748. ATTACHED I.D. PLATE SHOWS BUNO 1334466 WRECKAGE HAD 20MM GUNS AND ROCKETS THAT COULD BE SALVAGED BUT WOULD TAKE A LARGE WORKING PARTY AND MUCH TIME. PATROL WAS DIRECTED DESTROY EVERYTHING.

(C) 2/3 CHOPPED TO 9TH MARINES EFFECTIVE 231600H.

WKEL CASUALTIES

(A) DURING PERIOD

USMC: 11 WIA

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ENEMY: UNKNOWN

(B) CUMULATIVE

USMC: 12 KIA 67 WIA

ENEMY KIA: 23 B/C, 23. PROB

3. INTENTIONS:

A. TG 76.5 CONTINUE SUPPORT OFF OPN HICKORY/BELT TIGHT.

B. 2/3 TO RELOCATE CP'S AFTER DARK TO AVOID POSSIBLE ENEMY
MORTAR/ARTY ATTACK.

4. ACTIONS REQUIRED BY HIGHER AUTHORITY: NONE

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 ARTILLERY UNITS AT GIO LINH WERE WIA WHEN THE POSITIONS RECEIVED TEN ROUNDS OF ENEMY ARTILLERY FIRE.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION PRAIRIE IV, FIXED WING AIRCRAFT FLEW THREE SORTIES CONSISTING OF THREE DIRECT AIR SUPPORT (2 VISUAL AND ONE TPQ-10) SORTIES, WHICH EXPENDED FOUR TONS OF ORDNANCE. ONE BUNKER WAS DESTROYED. HELICOPTERS FLEW 190 SORTIES TRANSPORTING 100 PERSONNEL AND 24 TONS OF CARGO. ARTILLERY UNITS FIRED 160 MISSIONS AND 1249 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION IN SUPPORT OF INFANTRY OPERATIONS. OF THESE, 175MM GUNS FIRED 38 MISSIONS AND 361 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION. NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT CONSISTED OF ONE MISSION EXPENDING 45 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC

ENEMY

0/152 KIA

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19/1110 WIA

0/521 KIA (PROB)

0/8 NVA/PW

0/1 VC/PW

0/147 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(2) OPERATION HICKORY (THIRD MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE NINTH MARINNES WITH SEVEN INFANTRY BATTALIONS (1ST AND 3D BATTALION, 4TH MARINES; 2D BATTALION, 3D MARINES; 1ST, 2D, AND 3D BATTALIONS, NINTH MARINES; AND 2D BATTALION, 26TH MARINES) CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN NORTHEASTERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH SIGNIFICANT CONTACT. (LATE ENTRIES). AT 201200H, COMPANY H, 2D BATTALION 3D MARINES ENGAGED AN ENEMY PLATOON WITH SMALL ARMS FIRE AND AN AIR STRIKE. ONE BUNKER WAS DESTROYED BUT ENEMY CASUALTIES WERE CONFIRMED. ONE MARINE WAS KIA AND FIVE WERE WIA IN THE BATTLE. AT 201345H, THE 2D BATTALION, NINTH MARINES FOUND SIX DEAD NVA (YD 137733). AT 201316H, COMPANY B, 1ST BATTALION, NINTH MARINES FOUND THREE DEAD NVA (YD 144632). AT 201600H, THE 2D BATTALION, 26TH MARINES FOUND ONE ADDITIONAL DEAD NVA (YD 133710). AT 201657H, ONE MARINE WAS WIA AND ONE TREAD OF A TANK WAS BLOWN OFF THE VEHICLE BY A MINE (YD 135646). AT 201720H,

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 COMPANY F, 2D BATTALION, 9TH MARINES EXCHANGED SMALL ARMS AND MORTAR FIRE WITH AN ESTIMATED SEVEN VC (YD 139798). FOUR ENEMY WERE KILLED (CONF), FOUR MARINES WERE KIA AND EIGHT MARINES WERE WIA. AT 201845H, COMPANY K, 3D BATTALION, 9TH MARINES ENGAGED AN ENEMY FORCE OF UNDETERMINED SIZE WITH ORGANIC WEAPONS AND SUPPORTING ARMS FIRE (YD 105647). THIRTY-TWO ENEMY WERE KILLED (CONF) AND EIGHT ENEMY WERE KILLED (PROB). TWENTY-FOUR USMC WERE KIA AND 50 WERE WIA. AT 202245H, COMPANY L, 3D BATTALION, 9TH MARINES JOINED COMPANY K IN THE ATTACK, DIRECTING ARTILLERY ON THE ENEMY POSITION WHILE RECEIVING SMALL ARMS AND 60MM FIRE. FOUR ENEMY WERE KILLED (CONF) AND THREE ENEMY WERE KILLED (PROB). TWO MARINES WERE KIA AND NINE WERE WIA. AT 210100H, THE THIRD BATTALION, NINTH MARINES FOUND ONE DEAD NVA AND CAPTURED ONE AK-47 RIFLE (YD 103644). AT 0955H, COMPANY M, 3D BATTALION, 4TH MARINES FOUND FOUR ADDIOTIONAL DEAD NVA AND CAPTURED ONE MAUSER RIFLE (YD 082753). AT 1745H, ELEMENTS OF THE 2D BATTALION, 3D MARINES RECEIVED 170 ROUNDS OF ENEMY ARTILLERY FIRE OF UNKNOWN CALIBER (YD 138773). ARTILLERY AND AIR STRIKES WERE DIRECTED ON THE SUSPECTED ENEMY POSITION WITH UNCONFIRMED RESULTS. THREE MARINES WERE KIA AND 52 WERE WIA.

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 FIFTEEN NATIONAL POLICE WERE ALSO WOUNDED.
 NOTE: ADD 180 VC KILLED (PROB).
 AS A RESULT OF THE CONTACT BY 2D BATTALION, 26 TH MARINES AT 191850H, AND ADD 50 ENEMY KILLED (PROB) TO THE CONTACT BY COMPANY E, 2D BATTALION, 9TH MARINES AT 191645H.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION HICKORY, FIXED WING AIR-CRAFT FLEW 110 SORTIES CONSISTING OF 47 CLOSE AIR SUPPORT AND 63 DIRECT AIR SUPPORT (38 VISUAL AND 25 TPO-10) SORTIES, WHICH EXPENDED 125 TONS OF ORDNANCE. SEVENTEEN BUNKERS, 8 STRUCTURES, 3 MORTARS, ONE ARTILLERY POSITION AND ONE AW POSITION WERE DESTROYED, AND ONE STRUCTURE AND 4 TRENCHES WERE DAMAGED. HELICOPTERS FLEW 100 SORTIES TRANSPORTING 71 PERSONNEL AND 20 TONS OF CARGO. ARTILLERY UNITS FIRED 298 MISSIONS AND 4130 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION IN SUPPORT OF INFANTRY OPERATIONS.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC	ENEMY
34/63 KIA	55/147 KIA (CONF)
125/498 WIA	241/340 KIA (PROB)
	0/2 DETAINEES
	0/53 WEAPONS CCCAPTURED

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(3) OPERATION CROCKETT (THIRD MARINE DIVISION).

(A) THE 26TH MARINES WITH THE 1ST BATTALION, TWENTY-SIXTH

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RUMGUAQ/CTG SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT

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BEAU CHARGER SITREP NR 12 AS OF 230000Z MAY 67 (U)

1. AMPHB READY GROUP ALFA CONSISTING OF: N CHANGES

2. ACTIONS:

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- (1) 222202H SMALL CRAFT CLOSED NIGHT STEAMING AREA FROM THE NORTH. PATROL BOATS CLOSED TO INVESTIGATE. TAKEN UNDER FIRE FROM SHORE BY ARTY THREE MILES OFF CAPE LAY. OZBOURN PROCEEDED TO ASSIST. SMALL HIGH SPEED CRAFT REPORTED EVADING WPB THEN SMALL CRAFT RETIRED TOWARD WUND AT YD 255894.
- (2) 230442H JUNKS ON EASTERLY HEADING OFF CAPE LAY WERE APPROACHED

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1944 853,5818:89,. GRENADE THROWN ON PCF. WHILE JUNKS BEING INVESTIGATED BY PCF AND WPB TO BREAK CONTACT. TEN ROUNDS LANDED ABOUT 200 YDS FROM OZBOURN PORT BOW. 230456 OZBOURN FIRED 15 RND 5 /38 COUNTERBATTERY AT TIGER ISLAND COORD YD 485989 AND 48681. AT WHEPTPE ENEMY CEASED FIRE AND COUNTED

BATTERY DISCONTINUED. OZBOURN REPORTED UNDER CONTINUOUS ENEMY RADAR TRACK DURING ENTIRE NIGHT. 2-3 JUNKS APPARENTLY SUNK, THREE JUNK CREW DETAINEES TRANSFERRED TO POINT DEFIANCE FOR FURTHER TRANSFER TO INTELL OFF. DANANG. RADAR BLIPS, TWO JUNKS, MERGED WITH TIGER ISLAND. NO FRIENDLY CASUALTIES OR DAMAGE FROM FIRE FIGHTS.

- (3) TG 76.4 RETURNED TO ASSIGNED OPAREAS AT FIRST LIGHT IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION BEAU CHARGER.

INAWA2KEHOUOS SUMMARY (212101H TO 222100H)

SORTIES: 128, CARGO: 5.5 TS

B. SLS

LANDING FORCE

(1) UNIT LOCATIONS:

(A) CO A

(YD 255742)

(B) CO B

(YD 255719)

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(C) CO C (YD 26773)
 (DWV CO D (YD 325711)
 (E) CP (FWD) (YD 276743)
 (F) CP (REAR) (YD 323716)
 (G) RECON (YD 2807)
 (H) 105 BTRY (YD185)
 (I) 107 BTRY (YD 32717)

(2) SUMMARY:

(--) ALL UNITS ESTABLISHED NIGHT DEFENSIVE POSITIONS,
 LISTENING POSTS AND CONDUCTED EXTENSIVE PATROLS AND
 AMBUSHES

(B) COMMENCING AT 230001H UNITS CONDUCTED OPERATIONS IN
 ACCORDANCE WITH COMUSMACV MSG 160230Z MAY 67.

(3) CONTACTS:

(A) 221900H, UNITS (ARMED) WHILE ON RECON OF AREA VIC

(YD 233804) AND (YD 241802), OBSERVED SMALL BOATS
 CROSSING RIVER, 3 AIRCRAFT FLEW

OVER BOATS, VC FIRED

ON AIRCRAFT. AIRCRAFT TOOK BOATS UNDER FIRE AS THEY
 REACHED THE SOUTH BANK OF RIVER WITH UNKNOWN
 RESULTS.

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(4) CASUALTIES:

(A) DURING PERIOD

USMC NONE

ENEMY NONE

(B) CUMULATIVE

USMC 23 CWA 79 WIA

ENEMY 83 VC/NVA KIA (CONF) 83 VC/NVA KIA (PROB)

COMMENTS: PAT WOODY DICKERSON, NEWS DAY, ON BOARD OKINAWA
 INTENTIONS

A. ARG

(1) TG UYMR CONTINUE SUPPORT OF OPERATION BEAU CHARGER

(2) CONTINUE OFFLOAD AND SUPPORT OPS ASHORE

(3) OBSERVE DGDDHA'S BI IN DAY IN ACCORDANCE WITH COMUSMACV
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B. SLF

(1) CONTINUE WITH OPERATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH COMUSMACV
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Subj: Cease Fire

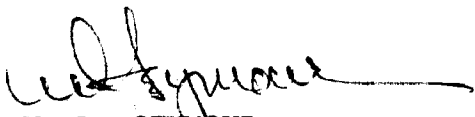
Source: Col ZAMPERELLI, NMCC PAC DESK

1. In response to MCCC query, at 221315Z the following response was provided by NMCC:

a. All units in Operations Hickory/Beau Charger are remaining in place during the cease fire with no contact reported.

b. The rules of engagement for the cease fire apply to units in Hickory/Beau Charger.

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HICKORYBELTSNIGHT SITREP NR 7 AS OF 221400Z MAY 67 (U)

1. TASK ORGANIZATION: NO CHANGE
2. ACTIONS

A. TG 76.5

- (1) OPERATING SE OF CUA VIET SUPPORTING OPN HICKORY/BELT TIGHT.
- (2) PRINCETON PROVIDED 509 GALL AVGAS, 5827 GAL JP-5, 18 CASES FRUIT AND 53 CASES FRUIT AUICE.
- (3) TWO LCM-6 SHATVED TO DONG HA, WILL RON, AND TRANSPORT CARGO TO ARG SHIPPINGTCORROWOM

WKRL PRINCETON RCVD 4 KIA, 43 WIA AND 63 NON-COMBAT INJURY

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3; -:733 \$748, & 24 HOUR PERIOD ENDING 221800H. TOTAL MEDEVACS TO DATE
236, RESENTLY OKBOARD 116.

B. LANDING FORCE

(1) UNIT LOCATION

(A) 2/3 CP	YD 137 743
(B) E/2/3	YD 128 747
(C) F/2/3	YD 142 753
WKD) G/2/3	YD 133 31748
(E) H/2/3	YD 128 746

(2) OPERATIONS

ID (A) ALL UNITS CONDUCTED SEARCH AND CLEAR OPNS TO THE SOUT.
REACHED THEIR PRESENT POSITIONS WITH NEGATIVE CONTACT.

WKB) EARLIER SITREPC449,397)6 4/9453S 5 GALLON OF MOR-
PHINE. REPT SHOULD HAVE READ SEVERAL VILES OF MORPHINE ALONG WITH
OTHER MEDICAL SUPPLIES IN A 5 GALLON CAN.

(3) CASUALTIES.

UB (A) DURING PERIOD
USMC: NONE
ENEMY: NONE
(B) CUMULATIVE

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USMC: 12 KIA 561 28-

ENEMY: 221 (8- 7/C 23 KIA PROB

(AS NOTED EARLIER CROWDED NETS MAKE REPORTING LATE. THESE
CUMULATIVE ENEMY CASUALTIES ARE CORREN. ENCOUNTERS EX-
PLAINING THE ADDITION WILL BE SUBMITTED WHEN RECEIVED.)

3. INTENTIONS

A. TG 76.5

(1) CONTINUE SUPPORT OPN HICKORY/BELT TIGHT.
(2) PRINCETON REFUEL JP-5 AND NSFO FOTEHIPOLA.

B. 2/3 WILL HOLD IN THE SAME GENERAL POSITIONS 231 .-6, AND CONDUCT
ROUTINE PATROLS IAW U. S. POLICY FOR BUDHA'S BIRTHDAY.

4. ACTIONS REQUIRED BY HIGHER AUTHORITY: NONE.

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Subj: ARG/SLF Situation Report

Source: Maj BRESLAUR, FMFPAC CC

1. At 221045Q, the following report was received:

"202200Z May - ARG operating Southeast of Cau Viet reporting operations Hickory/Belt Tight.

1. USS GREER COUNTY chopped to CTG 76.5 effective 201200Z in compliance with CTG 76.5 scheduled change. Between 201840H - 202000H, USS PRINCETON received 69 Med Evacs including 39 USMC and 17 RVN Marines wounded. 127 Med Evacs presently aboard.

2. BLT 2/3 is moving and continuing search and destroy operations toward grid line YD74.

3. All units established night patrols and ambush sites. Fired extensive H&I with organic weapons at 220050Z, E/2/3 perimeter was probed vicinity YD132773 by 2 NVA. Perimeter fired on enemy resulting in one (1) NVA killed - confirmed (body count).

4. Casualties during the period: USMC - None; enemy - 1 KIA. Cumulative casualties: USMC - 12 KIA, 56 WIA; Enemy - 14 KIA (C) 23 KIA (P).

5. Intentions - TF 76.5 to continue support Hickory/Belt Tight and send two (2) LCM-6 to Dong Ha to transport cargo to ARG shipping and for SLF to conduct search and clear operations to grid line YD74.

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Date 22 May 1967

SUBJ: Update Operation BEAU CHARGER

SOURCE: Lt ROBINSON, FMFPAC CC

1. The below update is as of 220001Z.

BOSTON AND MANSTEEL FIRED H&I MISSION FROM 212000H TO 220500H. AT 212355H WHITE BEACH WAS ATTACKED BY ROCKETS OR MORTARS FROM VICINITY (YD 272729). BOSTON FIRED COUNTER-BATTERY FIRE UNTIL 220720H AT SUCH TIME FIRE ON WHITE BEACH CEASED.

LANDING FORCE UNIT LOCATIONS:

COMPANY "A"	(YD 258773)
COMPANY "B"	(YD 266750)
COMPANY "C"	(YD 254752)
COMPANY "D"	(YD 328711)
105 BATTERY	(YD 327717)
107 BATTERY	(YD 327717)
CP (REAR)	(YD 328716)
CP (FWD)	(YD 263763)

ALL UNITS MAINTAINED NIGHT DEFENSIVE POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED EXTENSIVE AMBUSHES WITH LIGHT CONTACT.

CONTACTS: 212045H C/1/3 PATROL (YD 244761) ENCOUNTERED 1 VC WITH WEAPON. ENEMY TAKEN UNDER FIRE BY SMALL ARMS. 1 VC KIA, 1 RIFLE WITH SCOPE AND 3 CHICOM GRENADES CAPTURED. 222155H A/1/3 AMBUSHED AND TOOK 2 VC UNDER FIRE (YD 268777). OBSERVED 1 VC BEING DRAGGED, 1 VC KIA (PROB) 212345H REAR CP RECEIVED 25 ROUNDS UNKNOWN TYPE MORTAR/ROCKET FIRE FROM (YD 3073) NO CASUALTIES. NAVAL GUNFIRE CALLED IN WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS.

CASUALTIES DURING PERIOD: USMC - NONE
ENEMY - 1 KIA (CONF), 1 KIA (PROB)

CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES: USMC - 23 KIA, 79 WIA
ENEMY - 83 KIA (CONF), 82 KIA (PROB)
1 RIFLE W/SCOPE, 3 GRENADES.

THE LANDING FORCE COMMENCED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS PHASE II SOUTH OF PHASE LINE BLUE. COORDINATED ADVANCE WITH ARVN TASK FORCE OPERATING WITH AMPHIBIOUS OBJECTIVE AREA.

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BEAU CHARGE SITREP NR 11 AS OF 221222Z MAY 67 7U)

1. AMPHIB READYGROUP ALFA CONSISTING OF: NO CHANGE

2. ACTIONS:

A. ARG

(1) TG 76.4 UNDERWAY IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION BEAU CHARGER.

(2) CAPT P. S. MCMAHUS, USN, COMPHIBRON FIVE RELIEVED CAPT

J. L. LOWENTROIS, USN, COMPHIBRON NINE AS COMMAND

SEVENTHFLT AMPHIBIOUS READY GROUP ALFA AT 222632Z AND ASSUMED

DUTY AS CATE OPERATION BEAU CHARGER.

(3) 1 0230H RN FIRED AND MINDM 1412 H FOR FOUR HOURS

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IN DIRECT SUPPORT BN 1/3 IN NORTHER PART ACA.

(4) POINT DEFIANCE REPAIRED ONE BROUGHT TERRAIN FORKLIFT.

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(5) 24 HOUR SUPPORT PROVIDED: OKINAWA WA GIGY GALS AVGAS.

671 GAL JP-5 AND 56 GALS LUBE OIL

B. SLF:

C. LANDING FORCE

(1) UNIT LOCATIONS

WYL CO A (YD 268744)

(B) CO B (YD 271743)

(C) CO C (YD 25963)

(D) CO D (YD 328711)

(E) CP (FWD) (YD 276743)

(F) CP WREAR (YD 328716)

(G) RECON (YD 222719)

(H) 1135377Y WKYD 327717)

(2) SUMMARY. COMPANIES A, B, AND C CONDUCTED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS SOUTH OF PHASE LINE BLUE IN CONJUNCTION WITH ARVN TASK FORCE OPERATING WEST OF THE

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(3) CONTACTS.

(A) (LATE REPORT) 211700H, COB RECEIVED SPORADICS/A
OFIRE WHILE SWEEPING AREA VIC (YD 250765). FIRE
RETURNED WITH S/A AND SEARCH OF AREA

EPEALED 1
RIFLE 7.62 SKS AND INDICATIONS OF 1 VC/NVA UIA
(PROB).

(4) CASUALTIES

Q(A) DURING PERIOD

EX USMC NONE
ENEMY 1 VC/NVA KIA (PROB)

W K3) CUMULATIVE

EZTK USMC 23KIA 79 WIA
ENEMY 33VC/NVA KIA(CONF) 231;:NVA KIA (PROB)

WK5) CAPTURED EQUIPMENT/WEAPONS. 1 RIFLE 7.62 SKS.

INTENTIONS

A. ARG

(1) TG 76.4 MOVE TOWARDS FOR NIGHT STEAMING BUT WITHIN
DIRECT SUPPORT RANGE.

(2) CONTINUE SUPPORT OF OPS ASHORE

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3. LANDING FORCE

(1) 1 38TALISH NIGHT DEFENSIVE POSITIONS, LISTENING POSTS
AND CONDUCT EXTENSIVE AMBUSHES.

(2) COMMENCING 230300H TO 232400H CONDUCT OPS INACCORDIANCE
WITH COMUSMACV MSG 160230Z MAY 67.

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1. (C) I CTZ:

A. OP LAM SON 54: REF PARA 1C BY MSG 222215Z MAY 67. UPDATE: ADD: 47 AIR STRIKES AND NUMEROUS ARTY MSNS WERE CONDUCTED DURING THE CONTACT AND ARE CREDITED WITH THE MAJORITY OF EN CAS. EN BROKE CONTACT AT AN UNK TIME DURING THE LATE AFTERNOON. RES: NO CHANGE.

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B. OP BELT TIGHT: IN QUANG TRI PROV (YD143762) SEVEN KM NNE OF CON THIEN AT 220700H MAY 67 CG III MAF ASSUMED OPCON OF SLF "B" (2/3 USMC) AND PASSED OPCON TO CG 3D MAR DIV. EMPLOYMENT OF SLF "B" IS IN AUGMENTATION ROLE FOR OP HICKORY AND ALL REPORTS WILL BE CONJUNCTION WITH OP HICKORY NOT REPEAT NOT OP BELT TIGHT.

C. OP HICKORY, LAM SON 54: SUMMARY OF CACHES DISCOVERED IN OP HICKORY AND LAM SON 54 BY DATE, UNIT, AND SIGNIFICANT ITEMS FOUND. 19 MAY - 3/4 USMC - 22,200 LBS RICE AND FIVE PLUS TONS OF ASSORTED AMMO. 20 MAY - 3/4 USMC - 11,250 LBS RICE. 20 MAY - 3/4 USMC - 15,200 LBS RICE. 20 MAY - F/2/9 USMC - 55 RDS 82 MORT, 21 RDS 60 MM MORT, EIGHT RDS 82MM RECOILLESS RIFLE, 400 LBS RICE. 20 MAY - 5TH ABN BN - THREE .50 CAL MG'S, TWO 82MM MORT (COMPLETE), TWO 75MM RECOILLESS RIFLES, ONE B-40 RKT LAUNCHER, 21 I/WPNS, 404 GRENS, 312 82MM MORT RDS, 2000 LBS EXPLOSIVES, 500 60MM MORT RDS, 202 75MM RECOILLESS RIFLE RDS, 20,000 RDS SMALL ARMS AMMO, 150 GAS MASKS. 21 MAY - 2/3

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USMC - 97 CASES 60MM MORT RDS (10 RDS/CASE), 2020
LBS EXPLOSIVES, 2500 RDS SMALL ARMS AMMO, 12 82MM
RECOILLESS RIFLE RDS. TOTAL BY SIGNIFICANT ITEM.
RICE: 23.3 TONS, ASSORTED AMMO: FIVE TONS. 82MM
MORT RDS: 364; 60MM MORT RDS: 1,491; 82MM RECOILLESS
RDS: 18; 75MM RECOILLESS RDS: 202; C/S WPNS: EIGHT;
I/WPNS: 21; EXPLOSIVES: 4,320 LBS; GRENS: 404; SMALL
ARMS AMMO: 22,500 RDS. ALL RICE WAS DEST, SO WAS
OTHER MATERIEL, EXCEPT FOR SAMPLES AND MATERIEL OF
IMMEDIATE VALUE.

E. ALL OTHER OPS CONT W/O SIGNIFICANT
CONTACT REPTD.

2. (C) II CTZ:

A. REF PARA 2A BY MSG 212959Z MAY 67 BETWEEN
222024H AND 212832H 3,231 RDS OF 125, 155, 175 AND
EIGHT INCH ARTY WERE FIRED IN SPT OF 1/8 INF
CONTACT.

B. ALL OPS CONT W/O SIGNIFICANT CONTACT
REPTD.

3. (C) III CTZ:

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A. CP KITTY HAWK: REF PARA 3A, MY MSG 212959Z
MAY: UPDATE: K/3/11 AC CONVOY CONSISTED OF 10 VEHICLES.
FIVE TAC AIR STRIKES AND GUNSHIPS SPTD FRD UNIT. DAM:
THREE ACAV'S DEST, ON 1/4 TON TRK DEST, ONE 2 1/2 TON
MESS TRK DEST, ONE M48A3 TANK HV DAM, FOUR MISC VEH
LT DAM. ALL VEHICLES IN CONVOY REC HITS.

B. ALL OTHER OPS CONT W/O SIGNIFICANT
CONTACT REPTD.

4. (C) IV CTZ:

A. IN VINH LONG PROV (X9839333) THREE KM W OF
VINH LONG CITY AT 212232H MAY UNK NO OF EN FIRED APPROX
22 SEC OF MORTAR (UNK CAL) ON THE VINH LONG AFLO. AC-47
AND ARMED HEL SUPPORTED. EN CEASED FIRING AT APPROX
212352H. AT 220102H A EN SIZE REACTION FORCE COMMENCED
HELI-BORNE LIFTS INTO LZ'S VIC VINH LONG AFLO. SEARCH
FOR EN CONT. RESULTS: FRD: NEG CASUALTIES, ONE UH-1D
DEST, TWO UH-1B HVY DAM, NINE UH-1D MOD TO HVY DAM,
THREE UH-1D LT DAM; EN: UNK.

B. IN BAC LIEU PROV (WR809272) AT BAC LIEU CITY
AT 212345H MAY THE 21ST ARVN DIV HQ COMPOUND RECD APPROX

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15 RDS 75MM RR FIEL. TWO OR THREE RDS HIT IN THE
COMPOUND WITH THE REMAINING RDS FALLING IN A CIVILIAN
HOUSING AREA. AND HEL, OPIN AND AC-47 SUPPORTED. ATK
END 220102H. RESULTS: FRD: (UNK) SEVEN KILLED, 40
WOUNDED, ONE 2 1/2 TON DEST, NO CIV HOMES DEST OR DEST;
EN: UNK.

C. ALL OPS CONT W/O SIGNIFICANT CONTACT

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C O N F I D E N T I A L CCN 16702 FROM: MACCC03

SUBJ: TELECON (U)

1. (C) I CTZ:

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B. CP BELT TIGHT: IN QUANG TRI PROV (YD142752) SEVEN KM NNE OF CON THIEN AT 222700H MAY CG III MAF ASSUMED OPCON OF SLF "B" (2/3 USMC) AND PASSED OPCON TO CG 3D MAR DIV. EMPLOYMENT OF SLF "B" IS IN AUGMENTATION ROLE FOR CP HICKORY AND ALL REPORTS WILL BE CONJUNCTION WITH CP HICKORY NOT REPEAT NOT OF BELT TIGHT.

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RICE: 23.3 TONS, ASSORTED AMMO: FIVE TONS. 52MM
MORT RDS: 364; 52MM MORT RDS: 1,491; 82MM RECOILLESS
RDS: 12; 75MM RECOILLESS RDS: 202; C/S WPNS: EIGHT;
I/WPNS: 21; EXPLOSIVES: 4,222 LBS; GRENS: 424; SMALL
ARMS AMMO: 22,522 RDS. ALL RICE WAS DEST, SO WAS
OTHER MATERIEL, EXCEPT FOR SAMPLES AND MATERIEL OF
IMMEDIATE VALUE.

E. ALL OTHER OPS CONT W/O SIGNIFICANT
CONTACT REPTD.

2. (C) II CTZ:

A. REF PARA 2A, MY MSG 212959Z MAY 67 BETWEEN
202224H AND 212832H 3,231 RDS OF 125, 155, 175 AND
EIGHT INCH ARTY WERE FIRED IN SPT OF 1/8 INF
CONTACT.

B. ALL OPS CONT W/O SIGNIFICANT CONTACT
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3. (C) III CTZ:

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A. CP KITHY HAWK: REF PARA 3A, MY MSG 212959Z
MAY: UPDATE: K/3/11 AC CONVOY CONSISTED OF 12 VEHICLES.
FIVE IAC AIR STRIKES AND GUNSHIPS SPTD FRD UNIT. DAM:
THREE ACAV'S DEST, ON 1/4 TON TRK DEST, ONE 2 1/2 TON
WESS TRK DEST, ONE M48A3 TANK HV DAM, FOUR MISC VEH
LT DAM. ALL VEHICLES IN CONVOY REC HITS.

B. ALL OTHER OPS CONT W/O SIGNIFICANT
CONTACT REPTD.

4. (C) IV CTZ:

A. IN VINH LONG PROV (XS839333) THREE KM W OF
VINH LONG CITY AT 212232H MAY UNK NO OF EN FIRED APPROX
20 RDS OF MORTAR (UNK CAL) ON THE VINH LONG AFLD. AC-47
AND AR-15 HEL SUPPORTED. EN CEASED FIRING AT APPROX
212057H. AT 221107H A BN SIZE REACTION FORCE COMMENCED
HELL-FORGE LIFE INIO LZ'S VIC VINH LONG AFLD. SEARCH
FOR EN CONT. RESULTS: FRD: NEG CASUALTIES, ONE UH-1D
DEST, TWO UH-1D HVY DAM, NINE UH-1D MOD TO HVY DAM,
THREE UH-1D LT DAM; EN: UNK.

B. IN BAC LIU PROV (WR802272) AT BAC LIU CITY
AT 212345H MAY THE 21ST ARVN DIV HQ COMPOUND RECD APPROX

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15 RDS OF 75MM RR FIRED. TWO OR THREE RDS HIT IN THE
COMPOUND WITH THE REMAINING RDS FALLING IN A CIVILIAN
HOUSING AREA. WITH ALL, AT 212345H AC-47 SUPPORTED. ATK
WAS CONTINUED. RESULTS: FRD: (CIV) SEVEN KILLED, 40
WOUNDED, AND 140 CIV HITS, 100 AC CIV HITS. EN: UNK.

C. ALL OTHER OPS CONT W/O SIGNIFICANT CONTACT

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C O N F I D E N T I A L CCN 16623 FROM: MACCOC3

SUBJ: TELECON (U)

1. (C) I CTZ:

A. OP HICKORY: IN QUANG TRI PROV (YD1250), AS OF 201800H, THERE ARE 3000 REFUGEES AT CAM LO SITE, 1000 IN CAM LO VILLAGE, 500 AT SCHOOL IN DONG HA. ARVN REPORT 3000 ASSEMBLED AT TRUONG LUONG DIST HQ. 50 ARVN TRUCKS AND 32 USMC TRUCKS TO SHUTTLE TO CAM LO. ATTITUDE OF PEOPLE IS GOOD, HOWEVER MOST REFUGEES ARE WOMEN. MALES ARE

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OVER 60 OR UNDER TEN. 165 CP TENTS HAVE BEEN ERECTED AS WELL AS TEN TWO FAMILY TIN-ROOFED TEMPORARY SHELTERS.

B. REF PARA 1C, MY MSG 202215Z MAY: UPDATE: 5TH ABN BN CALLED AIR STRIKES AND ARTY ON EN BN. RES: FRD - NINE KIA, 46 WIA; EN - 250 KIA, 21 I/WPNS AND FIVE C/S WPNS CPTR.

C. OP HICKORY: IN QUANG TRI PROV (YD104644) FIVE KM S OF CON THIEN, AT 201845H ELMS OF 3/9 USMC MADE CONTACT WITH AN EST EN CO DEPLOYED IN PREPARED POS WHICH INCLUDED MUTUALLY SUPPORTING BUNKERS. CONTACT CONTINUING AT 202400H. INITIAL CAS: FRD - SIX USMC KIA, 51 USMC WIA; EN - FIVE KIA. NO REPT OF EN WPNS CPTR.

D. CUM RES: OP CROCKETT - NO CHANGE; OPS DUVAL AND TIGHT BELT - NO CONTACT REPORTED.

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	BLAU CHARGER (US)	PRAIRIE IV (US)	HICKORY (US)	SHAWNEE (US)	MALHEUR (US)	LAM SON 54 (ARVN)
KIA	23	150 X	33 X	13	27 X	24
WIA	75	1091 X	391 X	133	167 X	115
MIA	2	0	0	0	0	0
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	UNK	331	225	142	110	24
SORTIES						
AGF	12	130	0	0	0	0
ARC LIGHT	0	0	0	0	0	0
		ENEMY				
KIA	79	463	129	126	229 X	340
DET	0	87	3	55	83	81
RET	0	0	0	0	0	0
IND/WPNS	2	125	34	88 X	119 X	49
C/S WPNS	1	22	13	0	6	6
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(C) RESULTS, DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC	ENEMY
0/151 KIA	0/486 KIA (CONF)
0/1131 WIA	0/528 KIA (PROB)
	0/8 NVA/PW
	0/1 VC/PW

0/86 DETAINEES

0/148 WEAPONS CAPTURED (ADJ)

(2) ~~OPERATION~~ (THIRD MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE THIRD MARINE DIVISION WITH SIX INFANTRY

BATTALIONS (2D BATTALION, 26TH MARINES, 3D BATTALION, 4TH MARINES; 2D BATTALION, 9TH MARINES; 1ST BATTALION, 4TH MARINES; 1ST BATTALION, 9TH MARINES; AND 3D BATTALION, 9TH MARINES) CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN NORTHEASTERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH SIGNIFICANT CONTACT. AT 0510H, 2

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MARINES FROM COMPANY E, 2D BATTALION, 26TH MARINES WERE WIA BY ONE ROUND OF ENEMY 82MM MORTAR FIRE (YD 106696). AT 0530H, ONE NVA SURRENDERED TO COMPANY I, 3D BATTALION, 4TH MARINES (YD 104725). AT 0800H, COMPANY G, 2D BATTALION, 26TH MARINES RECEIVED 10 ROUNDS OF 60MM MORTAR FIRE WHICH WOUNDED 14 MARINES (YD 128716). WHILE MOVING TO A POSITION TO EVACUATE THEIR WOUNDED THE COMPANY FOUND 16 GRAVES WITH TWO NVA BODIES IN EACH GRAVE, A TOTAL OF 32 NVA WERE KIA (CONF). AT 0810H, TWO MARINES FROM COMPANY H, 2D BATTALION, 9TH MARINES WERE WIA WHEN THE COMPANY RECEIVED SIX ROUNDS OF 60MM MORTAR FIRE (YD 141713). AT 0850H, COMPANY G, 2D BATTALION, 26TH MARINES RECEIVED AN ESTIMATED 20 ROUNDS OF 82MM MORTAR FIRE. SIX MARINES WERE WIA. AT 0900H, COMPANY E, 2D BATTALION, 9TH MARINES EXCHANGED SMALL ARMS AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE WITH AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF ENEMY (XD 143717). FOUR ENEMY WERE KILLED (CONF) AND ONE AK-47 AND ONE SMG WERE CAPTURED. AT 0910H, TWO MARINES FROM COMPANY H, 2D BATTALION, 9TH MARINES WERE WIA WHEN THE COMPANY RECEIVED SIX ROUNDS OF 60MM MORTAR FIRE. AT 1015H, COMPANY F, 2D BATTALION, 26TH MARINES FOUND SIX BUNKERS (YD 123722). ONE

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DEAD NVA WAS FOUND IN ONE OF THE BUNKERS AND ONE RIFLE WAS CAPTURED. AT 1045H, COMPANY B, 1ST BATTALION, 9TH MARINES FOUND ONE DEAD NVA (YD 127679). BETWEEN 1300H, COMPANY H, 2D BATTALION, 9TH MARINES MADE CONTACT WITH AN ESTIMATED ENEMY PLATOON EMPLOYING MORTARS, SMALL ARMS AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE FROM WELL PREPARED POSITIONS ALONG A TREE LINE (YD 143726). TANKS MOVED TO ASSIST THE COMPANY AND ONE TANK WAS HIT BY A RPG ROUND. AIRSTRIKES AND ARTILLERY WERE DIRECTED AGAINST THE ENEMY AND THEY BROKE CONTACT. SEVEN MARINES WERE KIA AND 12 WERE WIA BUT ENEMY CASUALTIES WERE UNCONFIRMED. AT 1850H, COMPANY B, 2D BATTALION, 26TH MARINES RECEIVED 30 ROUNDS OF ARTILLERY FIRE OF UNKNOWN CALIBER. ARTILLERY AND AIRSTRIKES WERE DIRECTED ON THE ENEMY POSITION. TWENTY-FIVE ENEMY WERE KIA (CONF, TEN KILLED BY AIR, 15 BY ARTILLERY).

(B) ON 17 MAY, FIXED WING SUPPORT OF THE OPERATION CONSISTED OF 24 CLOSE AIR SUPPORT AND 61 DIRECT AIR SUPPORT SORTIES (9 TPS-10). IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION HICKORY ON 19 MAY FIXED WING AIRCRAFT FLEW 100 SORTIES CONSISTING OF 53 CLOSE AIR SUPPORT AND 47 DIRECT AIR SUPPORT (34 VISUAL AND 13 NIGHT TPQ-10) SORTIES, WHICH EXPENDED 184 TONS OF ORDNANCE. TWENTY-EIGHT

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STRUCTURES AND FOUR BUNKERS WERE DESTROYED, 12 STRUCTURES AND FOUR TRENCHES WERE DAMAGED AND 3 ROADS WERE CUT. HELICOPTERS FLEW 587 SORTIES TRANSPORTING 383 PERSONNEL AND 59 TONS OF CARGO.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC	ENEMY
10/13 KIA	63/90 KIA (CONF)
41/124 WIA	0/4 KIA (PROB)
	1/1 NVA/PW
	0/1 DETAINEE
	3/27 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(3) ~~OPERATION CROCKETT~~ (THIRD MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE 26TH MARINES, WITH THE FIRST BATTALION, CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN WESTERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT. AT 1115H, AFTER AN EXCHANGE OF SMALL ARMS FIRE BETWEEN COMPANY A AND AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF VC AN AO SUPPORTING THE COMPANY ADJUSTED ARTILLERY ON ONE VC (XD 745342). ONE VC WAS KIA (PROB).

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION CROCKETT, FIXED WING AIRCRAFT FLEW 15 SORTIES CONSISTING OF 15 DIRECT AIR SUPPORT (12 VISUAL AND 3 NIGHT (TPQ-10) SORTIES, WHICH EX-

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EXPENDED 26 TONS OF ORDNANCE.

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Washington, D. C. 20380

20 May 1967

Subj: Situation Update

Source: Captain ROBINSON, FMFPAC Command Center

1. Present situation is as follows:

a. 3/9 continues to screen the left flank developing little contact. Same holds true for 1/9 securing route 561.

b. 2/26 and 2/19 are moving. There has been no large contact in their zone of action since yesterday when 2/26 broke through the battalion of 812th NVA Regiment that was in front of them. 2/26 is ahead with 2/9 slightly behind and to the right (east). They are headed north and at midnite 2/26 was about 500 meters south of the northern edge of the DMZ and moving.

c. 3/4 has moved well from their original LZ in the loop of the Ben Hai River. They are going southeast and heading now toward 2/26. The enemy that 2/26 and 2/9 had engaged would be aware by now that something is going on to their rear. They may decide to try and run for the river, moving in a northeasterly direction. If they do, the weather is good and we'll see them and get them in the open and have a field day. Of course, they could do as they have so often done, break into two and three man groups and disappear into the underbrush. In this case we will have to hunt them down. We have plenty of Marines in the area to do it.

d. BLT 2/3 (SLF "B") has been committed. They are landing near the river and the first helo wave was down in the primary LZ, (Parrot, YD-144775) at 0725. No contact was reported. At 0745, the 2d wave was in the LZ, began receiving SA fire from across the river. Then the mortar rounds began coming in and when the 3d wave arrived it had to orbit the zone. It was then diverted to an alternate LZ about 500 meters away. There is no further report on this operation. There was no report of casualties. The first two waves were reported to have landed without casualties. The battalion mission is to seize division objectives 2 and 3, no coordination. This and the landing are Phase I. Phase II will be a through, deliberate and aggressive search and clear operation to the south in assigned LOR to link up with friendly forces.

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Subj: Situation Update (Continued)

Limits of the TAOR are the Song Ben Hai on the north from YD160775 to YD120770 south along grid line 12 to YD120740 then east along grid line 74 to YD160740, then north along grid line 16 to the Song Ben Hai. 2/3 plans to move north between NS grid line 12 and 16 in executing Phase II.

e. The ARVN continue their operation without major contact. What contact ^{they} have had since yesterday has been small and sporadic. They have collected about 2500 refugees in an area by Gio Linh and are moving them in USMC and ARVN trucks down Highway #1 to Dong Ha and then over to the refugee center we have established at Cam Lo. We are trying to develop a small strip at Cam Lo, capable of accepting large aircraft. The technicians are inspecting it today and we may have it in operation tomorrow. We have asked MACV for two Caribou aircraft and we plan to use these for resupply and evacuation of refugees needing medical care to the civilian hospitals at Hue and Quang Tri. We are trying to move refugee supplies by road and the highway is tied up with this on top of military traffic. There were no major incidents involving enemy incoming last night in the DMZ area, except for usual harassing fires on Gio Linh.

f. SLF "A" in Beau Charger has had lighter contact than on D-day. This operation has produced about 200 refugees who are being evacuated by LVT to the beach and then on to Dong Ha via LCU.

g. No contact yet in the recon in force Operation in Elephant Valley.

2. This message as transmitted by III MAF.

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MCCC NOTE: Clarification/verification of portion of Para 1.b indicating 2/26 in northern half of DMZ and Para 1.d indicating 2/3 to move north in Phase II was requested.

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Date 20 May 67

SUBJECT: Spot Report on Opn BELT TIGHT as of 200200H

SOURCE: FMFPAC Command Center

1. FMFPAC C.C. passed the following info to MCCC pertaining to subject report:

(1) ACTION

a. TG 76.5

1. Operating southeast of Hue Cua supporting Operation BELT TIGHT/HICKORY.

2. Off loading tank platoon to Dong Ha by LCU and LCM-8.

b. Landing Force

1. Unit Locations

- (a) BLT 2/3 CP YD145775
- (b) E/2/3 LPD #5 (landing by kilo to LZ Mocking Bird)
- (c) F/2/3 YD145775
- (d) G/2/3 LPD #5 (landing by kilo to LZ Mocking Bird)
- (e) H/2/3 YD145775

2. Operations

(a) Concept of Opn was to land BLT 2/3 by Helo in LZ Parrot YD145775 alternate LZ Mocking Bird YD133771. Seize 3D MARDIV have checked into YD126770 and 3 YD153772. Then ordered conduct search and clear opn to the south. All civilian personnel are to be evacuated by Helo to Cam Lo.

(b) At 0714H, first wave "6 aircraft" of H/2/3 landed by helo in LZ "Parrot" YD145775-No fire on entering zone, last aircraft leaving zone received small arms fire. Second wave "6 aircraft" landed on 0754H in LZ "Parrot" so far. Third wave "11 aircraft" arrived in zone 0827H. 4 aircraft, completing H/2/3 lift, landing; remaining 7 aircraft unable to land due to heavy mortar and small arms fire from area north of Ben Hai River and west of LZ "Mocking Bird" YD 133771. CAS and artillery called on area. 7 aircraft returned to ship,

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refueled and were joined by additional 3 aircraft. The fourth wave "10 aircraft" with F/2/3 in LZ "Parrot" at 0914H, received light small arms fire from north of Ben Hai River. Fifth wave "11 aircraft" completing F/2/3 and Alpha Command Group in LZ at 0953H.

(c) Due to heavy fire in LZ "Parrot" and Mocking Bird" a second alternate LZ was designated. LZ "Sparrow" YD 146765.

(d) SLF reports OpCon CG, 3dMarDiv 200700H. Chopped B/1/12 to CO, 12th Marines at same time. Tank Platoon will chop to 3d Tank Battalion upon arrival Dong Ha ETA 201400H.

3. Casualties

(a) During period: USMC - None, ENEMY - None.

(b) Cumulative: USMC - None, ENEMY - None.

2. Intentions


a. TG 76.5

(1) Continued support of Belt Tight/Hickory.

(2) Continued off loading Tank Platoon and other equipment/supplies as required.

b. SLF continued Helo landing of BLT 2/3.

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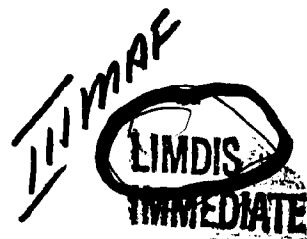
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A1. RVN AIR OPS FM USS PRINCEZON (HMM 164 EMB)
A2. PERIOD COVERED 191601Z TO 201600Z
SECTION V HELOS

COMMENCED OPERATION BELT TIGHT WITH INITIAL ASSUALT LANDINGS TAKING
PLACE IN GIO LINH DISTRICT, QUANG TRI PROVINCE, RVN. L-HOUR WAS
SCHOULED FOR 0700 WITH CO H OF BLT 2/3 LIFTED BY CH-46 HEWOS FROM
HMM-164 INTO HELO LANDING ZONE PARROT (YD 144775). CO F WAS HEWO
LIFHLD INTO LZ PARROTT AND COS E AND G WERE HELO LIFTED INTO LANDING
ZONE MOCKINGBIRD (YD 133771). COMPONENTS OF SLF BN 2/3 WERE CHOPPED
TODPBROAGSDMAF AS THEY PASSED THE HIGHWATER MARK. CG III MAG
SIMULTANEOUSLY CHOPPED THEM TO CG THIRD MARDIV. HELOS CONTINUED LIFTS
THROUGHOUT THE DAY IN SUPPORT OF THE SLF BN TROOPS ASHORE. ARG
COMMANDER IS COMMANDER AMPHIBIOUS SQD SEVEN//CTG 76.5.
COMMANDER LANDING FORCE IS CTG 79.5.

Z2. SORTIES 200 TESKS 30
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NUMBER OF SORTIES 186
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Subj: Situation Report

Source: Major ANDERSON, FMFPAC CC

1. Contact which SLF Alpha made with enemy immediately upon landing on the 18th in Operation Beau Charger continued through the night and into the day of the 19th. During the early morning hours of the 19th, elements of 1/3 assaulted and overran an enemy position killing 12 NVA. Contact continued through the day against a determined enemy located in well developed defensive positions. The total enemy killed in Beau Charger thus far stands at 73.
2. Further inland, Operation Hickory forces made significant contact. In the action following initiation of their attack on morning of 19th, 2/9 had by 1030 overran and swept through enemy forces position in a well developed defensive bunker complex. 34 enemy were killed in that action. Marine elements continued to move forward during the day, make successive contact with enemy forces in well prepared positions. Forward elements took up night positions about 3 miles NNE of Con Thien. Other Hickory forces were headed north and at midnight were about 500 yards south of the southern edge of the DMZ and moving.
3. Also in Operation Hickory, 3/4 continued to maneuver in an effort to block enemy forces engaged earlier by elements of the 9th and 26th Marines. During the day 3/4, discovered a large food cache containing 150-100 lb bags of rice and an ordnance cache of more than 5 tons. The ordnance was later destroyed by EOD personnel.
4. SLF Bravo was committed on the morning of the 20th. The first wave of helos touched down at 0725H, with no contact. 1/2 hour later the second wave was on the ground in the objective area. At that time the Marines began receiving SA fire, followed by incoming mortar rounds from the north side of the Ben Hai river. By the time the third wave had arrived, ground fire was heavy enough that the wave landed in an alternate LZ 500 yards away. The first two waves landed without casualties: Casualty reports from third wave have not yet been received.
5. ARVN contact in Lam Son 54, has been relatively light, however the 3d and 5th ARVN Airborne Battalions made contact with an estimated reinforced enemy company. The ARVN overran the position, killing 40 NVA and capturing 200 rounds of 82mm ammo. About 2700 civilian refugees from the DMZ area in the

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zone of the ARVN battalion are now being processed and transferred by truck, helo and boat to the refugee center at Cam Lo.

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Subj: Concepts for Operation Belt Tight/Hickory

Source: Major SEARS, FMFPAC Command Center

1. Retained by CG III MAF as the Operation HICKORY reserve force, TG 79.5 (BLT 2/3 and HMM-164) was committed in Operation Belt Tight at 200700H. The assault/reinforcement of the III MAF units in Hickory was launched from USS Princeton (LPH-5), USS Ogden (LPD-5), and USS Monticello (LSD-35).

2. The reserve force was assigned a TAOR vice a normal AOA since this commitment is not considered a true independent amphibious operation against a hostile shore, but rather reinforcing of elements previously committed. The mission assigned to CTG 79.5 is to execute a helicopter assault in the southern DMZ with the purpose of conducting search and clear operations in assigned TAOR. This will be done in two phases:

Phase I - land by helo and seize III MAF object 2 (YD126770) and object 3 (YD153772).

Phase II - conduct deliberate and aggressive search and clear operations to the south in assigned TAOR to link up with friendly forces.

3. The TAOR assigned is the area bounded on the north by the Ben Hai River from YD160775 to YD120770, south along grid line YD12 to YD120740, thence east along grid line YD74 to YD160740 then north along grid line YD16 to Ben Hai River.

4. Unique, and a departure from the norm for amphibious operations, is the fact that the helicopter force will chop to CG 3D MarDiv upon crossing the high water mark. This procedure was requested by CG III MAF and concurred in by Commander, SEVENTHFLT and insures positive control of all supporting arms throughout the force's approach to its inland TAOR. Although not normally done, in this matter it is considered acceptable under the present tempo of operations, particularly where coordination of air and artillery in the DMZ conflict.

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THE PERIOD, 175MM GUNS FIRED 1 OBSERVED AND 42 UNOBSERVED MISSIONS EXPENDING 337 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION. NAVAL GUNFIRE FIRED ELEVEN MISSIONS AND EXPENDED 275 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC

26/151 KIA

169/1131 WIA

ENEMY

12/486 KIA(CONF)

0/528 KIA(PROB)

0/8 NVA/PW

0/1 VC/PW

0/86 DETAINEES

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(2) OPERATION HICKORY (THIRD MARINE DIVISION)

#781 18 MAY

(A) THE NINTH MARINES WITH SIX INFANTRY BATTALION (SECOND BATTALION, TWENTY-SIXTH MARINES; FIRST AND THIRD BATTALIONS FOURTH MARINES; AND THE FIRST, AND SECOND, BATTALIONS, NINTH MARINES) AND THE THIRD MARINES WITH THE THIRD BATTALION NINTH MARINES COMMENCED A COORDINATED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION IN CONJUNCTION WITH BEAU CHARGER (SLF ALPHA-BLT 1/3-HMM 164)) AND LAM SON 54 (1ST ARVN DIV WITH 6 BNS) IN NORTH EASTERN QUANG TRI

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PROVINCE WITH SIGNIFICANT CONTACT FOR THE PERIOD. AT 0225H, COMPANY H, SECOND BATTALION, TWENTY-SIXTH MARINES (YD 139703) RECEIVED ONE GRENADE RESULTING IN TWO MARINES WIA. AT 0545H, COMPANY F, SECOND BATTALION, NINTH MARINES (YD 145698) WOUNDED AND CAPTURED ONE NVA. ONE RPG AND TWO AK-47'S WERE ALSO CAPTURED. AT 0900H, ONE MARINE WAS KIA AND FIVE MARINES WERE WIA WHEN H&S COMPANY, SECOND BATTALION, TWENTY-SIXTH MARINES (YD 136710) RECEIVED ENEMY MORTAR FIRE. AT 1100H, COMPANY E, SECOND BATTALION, NINTH MARINES (YD 125700) RECEIVED SMALL ARMS FIRE AND 50 ROUNDS OF 82MM MORTAR FIRE RESULTING IN ONE MARINE KIA AND THREE MARINES WIA. AT 1130H, COMPANY B, FIRST BATTALION, NINTH MARINES (YD 128683) FOUND TWENTY-SEVEN NVA BODIES, SEVEN CARBINES, FOUR AK-47'S, FOUR MGS, ONE HEAVY MG AND THREE RPG LAUNCHERS. AT 1145H, COMPANY E, SECOND BATTALION, NINTH MARINES (YD 125700) DETONATED AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE RESULTING IN TWO MARINES WIA. AT 1245H, TWO ROCKET ROUNDS AND EIGHT ROUNDS OF 82MM MORTAR FIRE HIT COMPANY E, SECOND BATTALION, TWENTY-SIXTH MARINES (YD 135712) RESULTING IN TWELVE MARINES WIA. AT 1300H, COMPANY E, SECOND BATTALION, TWENTY-SIXTH MARINES (YD 135712) RECEIVED MORTAR FIRE RESULTING IN FOUR MARINES WIA. AT 1525H, FIVE MARINES FROM COMPANY H, SECOND

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BATTALION, NINTH MARINES (YD 138708) WERE WIA FROM MORTAR AND SMALL ARMS FIRE. AT 1540H, A M-42 IN SUPPORT OF COMPANY A, FIRST BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES (YD 132677) DETONATED A MINE RESULTING IN NINE USA WIA. THE M-42 TRACK WAS BROKEN. AT 1645H, COMPANY M,

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THIRD BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES APPREHENDED ONE DETAINEE AND CAPTURED ONE 9MM PISTOL AND ONE MAUSER RIFLE. AT 1745H, ONE MARINE WAS WIA FROM COMPANY M, THIRD BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES (YD 139706) WHEN HE DETONATED AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION HICKORY, FIXED WING AIRCRAFT FLEW 40 SORTIES CONSISTING OF 23 CLOSE AIR SUPPORT AND 17 DIRECT AIR SUPPORT (17 PTQ-10) SORTIES, WHICH EXPENDED 68.5 TONS OF ORDNANCE. THE REPORTED BDA WAS TWENTY-SIX STRUCTURES DESTROYED, EIGHT STRUCTURES DAMAGED, EIGHT BUNKERS DESTROYED AND TWELVE SECONDARY FIRES WERE OBSERVED. HELICOPTERS FLEW 83 SORTIES TRANSPORTING 455 PERSONNEL.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC	ENEMY
3/3 KIA	27/27 KIA(CONF)
83/83 WIA	4/4 KIA(PROB)
	1/1 DETAINEES

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24 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(3) OPERATION CROCKETT (THIRD MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE TWENTY-SIXTH MARINES WITH THE FIRST BATTALION, TWENTY-SIXTH MARINES; BATTERY A, FIRST BATTALION, THIRTEENTH MARINES; AND BATTERY F, SECOND BATTALION, TWELFTH MARINES CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN WESTECF QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH NO CONTACT REPORTED FOR THE PERIOD.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION CROCKETT, FIXED WING AIRCRAFT FLEW 9 SORTIES INCLUDING SEVEN CLOSE AIR SUPPORT AND TWO DIRECT AIR SUPPORT SORTIES WHICH EXPENDED 16.9 TONS OF ORDNANCE. THERE NO CONFIRMED BDA.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC	ENEMY
0/1 WIA	0/8 KIA(CONFL)
	0/11 KAI(PROB)

(4) OPERATION SHAWNEE (THIRD MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE FOURTH MARINES WITH ONE INFANTRY BATTALION (SECOND BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES) CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN THUA THIEN PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT.

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1. (C) I CIZ:

A. REF PARA 1F MY MSG 192145Z MAY. EN OB: NONE REPTD.

B. OP LAM SON 54: IN QUANG TRI PROV (YD181751), FOUR KM NW OF GIO LINH, AT 191220H, 3D AND 5TH ABN ENGAGED EST EN CO. RECD HV SA AND MORT FIRES. ARTY FIRED IN SPT. EN BROKE CONTACT. RES: FRD: 20 WIA; EN: 40 KIA, THREE I/WPNS, 200 RDS 82MM MORT CPTD.

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ACCUY FRD RES: FRD: 15 KIA, 67 WIA; EN: 90 KIA, 74 DET, 49 I/WPNS, SIX C/S WPNS, 200 RDS 82MM MORT CPTD.

C. IN THUA THIEN PROV (YD522362), 27 KM NW OF HUE, AT 191625H, CONVOY CARRYING ELM OF 1ST DIV RECON CO, DET UNK TYPE MINE RESULTING IN ONE KIA, 18 WIA. THERE WERE FOUR I/WPNS DAM. TRK WAS DEST. ROAD PASSABLE.

D. IN QUANG TIN PROV (BT259318), 12 KM NNE OF TAM KY AT 192430H, RD TEAM NR 4 AND THE 17TH PF PLAT PROVIDING SECURITY WHILE LOCATED IN AN THAI HAMLET WERE ATKD BY TWO EN PLAT FIRING SA AND THROWING GRENS. REACTION FORCE OF TWO PCR PLAT WAS DISPATCHED AND HIT UNK TYPE MINE ONE KM TO WEST OF ATK. EN BROKE CONTACT. RES: FRD: ONE RF KIA, NINE WIA (ONE RD, EIGHT ARVN), ONE ARVN AND ONE RF ON LEAVE WERE CPTD, ONE CIV KILLED, RF LOST FIVE I/WPNS, FIVE GRENS, AND SOME DOCUMENTS, ONE SCHOOL AND TWO HOUSES DEST; EN: UNK.

E. OP BELT TIGHT/HICKORY: IN QUANG TRI PROV (YD1476), SEVEN KM NNA OF CON THIEN, AT 222725H, OP BELT TIGHT/HICKORY COMM WITH HELO ASLT OF BLT 2/3 USMC. RES: NO CONTACT OR CAS REPTD. BLT 2/3 OPCON CHOPPED FROM CTG 76.5 TO CG, III MAF AT 222725H.

F. CUE RES: OP CROCKETT - NO CHANGE, OP DUVAL - NO CONTACT REPTD:

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	PRAIRIE IV (US)	HICKORY (US)	LAKE SON 54 (ARVN)
KIA	155	3	15
VIA	1191	83	67
RIA	2	2	2
AIR SORTIES	322	0	0
NSF	132	0	2
ARC LIGHT	2	0	2
		ENEMY	
KIA	485	27	90
DET	87	1	74
RET	0	0	0
IND/VPNS	125	15	49
C/S VPNS	27	9	6

	SHAWNEE (US)	VALHEUR (US)	BEAU CHARGER (US)
KIA	13	22	22
VIA	131	174	74

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KIA	2	2	0
AIR SORTIES	128	90	2
NSF	2	0	2
ARC LIGHT	2	0	2
		ENEMY	
KIA	115	224	27
DET	54	884	2
PET	0	2	2
IND/VPNS	89	121	2
C/S VPNS	2	55	2

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C. ALL OTHER OPS CONT W/O SIGNIFICANT CONTACT REPTD.

D. (C) II CIZ:

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	FRIENDLY			
	FRANCIS MARION (US)	BYRD (US)	PERSHING (US)	GH JAK KYO (POK)
KIA	623	14	288	22
WIA	2265	187	1216	45

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MIA	0	0	2	0
AIR SORTIES	1358	791	2223	53
NGF	0	50	1125	0
ARC LIGHT	33	9	135	0
		ENEMY		
KIA	375	587	1525	86
DET	3353	752	6840	12
RET	0	0	27	26
IND/WPNS	97	2223	369	45
C/S WPNS	6	1	17	1

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3. (C) III CTZ:

A. ALL OPS CONT W/O SIGNIFICANT CONTACT REPORTED.

B. CUM RES: OP MANHATTAN - NO CHANGE.

	FRIENDLY			
	FAIRFAX (US/ARVN)	ENTERPRISE (US)	DALLAS (US)	PALM BEACH (US)
KIA	77/35	95	1	47
WIA				
UUV DBL	429/122	450	11	322
MIA	8/1	1	0	2

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AIR SORTIES	799	316	74	139
NGF	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
ARC LIGHT	2	0	0	2
		ENEMY		
KIA	662/112	363	1	527
DET	1701/482	76	2	83
RET	35/2	27	0	7
IND/WPNS	199/124	78	3	38
C/S WPNS	1/3	4	0	9

4. (U) IV CTZ: ALL OPS CONT W/O SIGNIFICANT CONTACT REPORTED.

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1. (C) I CTZ:

A. OP HICKORY AND PRAIRIE IV: IN QUANG TRI PROV (YD1670), FIVE KM E OF CON THIEN AT 1720H, THE FOLLOWING USMC UNITS CHOPPED OUT OF OP PRAIRIE IV AND INTO OP HICKORY: 1/9, 2/9, 3/9, 1/4, 3/4/2/26. THE CONTROL HQ FOR OP HICKORY IS 3D MAR DIV VICE 9TH MAR.

B. OP HICKORY: IN QUANG TRI PROV (YD136710), SEVEN KM W OF

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GIO LINH AT 192625H, WHILE ARTY PREP FIRES WERE BEING CDTD ON EN POS, AN UNK NO OF RDS FELL SHORT HITTING F/2/9 USMC RESULTING IN THREE KILLED AND TWO WOUNDED. INVESTIGATION UNDERWAY.

C. OP HICKORY: IN QUANG TRI PROV (YD198776), SEVEN KM NW OF GIO LINH, AS OF 191220H, APPROX 222 REFUGEES HAVE BEEN MOVED THUS FAR TO CAM LO RESSETTLEMENT AREA. 68 WERE MOVED BY LCU FR SLF BEACH-HEAD. BALANCE WERE MOVED FR UPPER GIO LINH AND TRUNG LOUNG IN SMALL GROUPS BY RESUPPLY HEL. QUANG TRI SECTOR REPORTS 2500 REFUGEES LOC AT THE COLLECTION POINT AT TRUNG LOUNG DIST HQ (YD198776). ONE TRK PLAT (22 VEHICLES) DISPATCHED TO TRUNG LOUNG TO ASSIST IN MOVEMENT TO CAM LO. BUILDUP OF SUPPLIES AND IMPROVEMENT OF FACILITIES AT CAM LO CONTINUES.

D. OP HICKORY: IN QUANG TRI PROV (YD267755), SIX KM NNW OF CON THIEN, AT 191102H, 3/4 USMC DISCOVERED AN AMMO CACHE OF SEVEN EIGHT TONS OF ASSTED AMMO AND EXPLD. AT ABOUT SAME TIME AND LOCATION DISCOVERED A FOOD CACHE INCLUDING TEN TONS OF NATIVE RICE.

E. IN THUA THIEN PROV (YD558435), 23 KM NW OF HUE, AT 192325H, THE 224TH RF CO AT LOUNG NAI OP WAS ATKD BY ONE CO OF 826TH VC BN AND K-14 VC LOCAL FORCE CO. IN FIRED MORT, SA/AW FIRES. AT 192515H COMM WAS LOST WITH THE OP AND REESTABLISHED AT 191200H. AC-

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47 SPID. ARTY FIRED IN SPT. EN BROKE CONTACT. RES: FRD: 24 KIA, 14 WIA, SIX WIA, TWO CIV KD AND ONE CIV WOUNDED; EN: 25 KIA, TWO DET, TWO I/VPNS AND 102 CRENS CPTD.

F. OP DUVAL: IN QUANG NAM/THUA THIEN PROV (ZC8888), 33 KM SE OF PHU BAI, AT 191722H, CP DUVAL, A 1/7 USMC RECON IN FORCE AND S/D CP CONN. UNIT: 1/7 (-) REINF USMC. AG: AT8683, AT8682, YC8382, YC8393. EST DURATION: SEVEN DAYS. EN CB: TO FOLLOW.

G. OP HICKORY: IN QUANG TRI PROV (YD1672), FIVE KM E OF CON THIEN; SUMMARY OF EVENTS FOR 19 MAY: FOLLOWING 1 1/2 HOUR ARTY PREP, 2/26 USMC AND 2/9 USMC COME ATK ON EN POS VIC HILL 88 (YD134712) 2/26 USMC RECD HV AW/SA FIRE FR EAST. 2/9 USMC RECD SPORADIC SA FIRE PUSHED AHEAD AND RELIEVED PRESSURE ON 2/26 USMC. AT ABOUT 192830H, 2/26 USMC RECD MORT FIRE RESULTING IN 29 WIA, 2/9 USMC CONT ADVANCE. BY 191032H, 2/26 USMC PASSED THROUGH EN POS ACCOUNTING FOR 34 EN KIA AND NINE C/S VPNS CPTD. AT 191330H, H/2/9 USMC ENGAGED EST EN PLAT IN PREPARED POS. EN FIRED HV AW AND MORT FIRES. TKS WERE EMPLOYED. ONE TK HIT BY RPG FIRE AND SET ON FIRE. ASTKE AND ARTY CALLED. 2/26 USMC AND 2/9 USMC CONT MOVE TOWARD YD1373 IN ZONE. 3/9 USMC CONT TO SCREEN TO THE WEST WITH NO SIGNIFICANT CONTACT REPTD. 1/4 USMC PROVIDING SECURITY FOR ARTY POS AT CON THIEN. 1/9 CONT SCREENING TO

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SOUTH OF CON THIEN. AT 191120H, 3/4 USMC UNCOVERED NATIVE RICE CACHE OF TEN TONS AND AN AMMO/EXPLO CACHE OF APPROX SEVEN - EIGHT TONS.

H. ALL OTHER OPS CONT W/O SIGNIFICANT CONTACT REPTD.

2. (C) II CIZ:

A. OP PERSHING: IN QUANG NGAI PROV (BS803246), 15 KM S DUC PHC, AT 191515H MAY 67, A/5/7 CAV (US), WHILE ON SWEEP OP, ENG EST EN PLAT IN AMBUSH POS. EN BROKE CONTACT AT 2320H. ARTY AND GUNSHIPS SPID. RES: FRD: FIVE KIA, SEVEN WIA, ONE SCOUT DOG WIA; EN: THREE KIA, NO REPT OF VPNS CPTD.

B. REF PARA 2A MY MSG 191204Z MAY 67: UPDATED RES: FRD: 31 KIA, 24 WIA, 12 M-16 RIFLES, FIVE M-62 MG LOST: EN: 119 KIA, THREE I/VPNS, ONE B-47 RCT LAUNCHER CPTD.

C. ALL OTHER OPS CONT W/O SIGNIFICANT CONTACT REPTD.

3. (C) III CIZ:

A. IN BINH DUONG PROV (XT823116), THREE KM E OF PHU CUCNG, AT 191800H MAY, AN UNK SIZE EN FORCE ATK 3/7 INF (ARVN) W/SA AND AW FIRE. ARTY, LFT, AC-47 SPID. EN BROKE CONTACT AT 192312H. RES: FRD (ARVN): THREE KIA,, 13 WIA; EN: UNK.

B. IN HAU NGHIA PROV (XT515025), 16 KM SW OF CU CHI, AT 192230H, AN UNK SIZE EN FORCE ATK FLD POS OF 1/27 INF. ATK WAS

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REPULSED AT 182312H WITH NEG FRD CAS. DURING THE ATK, AN 81MM MORT RD FIRED BY A/1/27 INF IMPACTED ON FRD PCS. RES: FRD: 14 WOUNDED. INVESTIGATION UNDERWAY.

C. II. BINH DUONG PROV (XI498475), TWO KM NE OF DAU TIENG, AT 192106H MAY, C/3/22 INF WAS CONDUCTING H & I FIRES WITH 81MM MORT. ONE RD IMPACTED ON C/3/22 INF MESS HALL. RES: ONE KD, TWO WOUNDED. INVESTIGATION UNDERWAY.

D. ALL OPS CONT W/O SIGNIFICANT CONTACT REPTD.

4. (C) IV CTZ:

A. SIX BN UNIT ACTIONS W/CONTACT REPTD IN IV CTZ BETWEEN 190520H AND 191600H. RES: FRD: FOUR KIA, THREE WIA; EN: TEN KIA, THREE DLT, FOUR I/WPNS, 200 RDS SA AMMO, SEVEN GRENS, AND MISC DOCU CPTD.

B. CP DAN CHI 287/3, A 21ST ARVN DIV S/D OP IN PHONG DINH PROV (WS620150), 25 KM W OF CAN THO COMM 190800H AND CONT WITH LT CONTACT REPTD. 19 MAY. RES: FRD: SIX KIA, 19 WIA; EN: THREE KIA, FOUR DLT, ONE I/WPN, 13 AT MINES, 15 RDS 60MM MORT, THREE GRENS, ONE DRILL CPTD. ONE ARVN EM RTND TO GVN CONTROL. UNITS: 2/31, 3/33, 4/33 INF, 44TH RGR BN, 3RF BN'S, 1/S CAN; RES: 3/31 INF, 41ST, 42D, 43RD RGR BNS.

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C. ALL OTHER OPS CONT W/O SIGNIFICANT CONTACT REPTD.

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19 MAY 1967, 1:20 PM EDT
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(UPDATE OF 5:30 AM REPORT)

SOUTHEAST ASIA

IN US MARINE OPERATION HICKORY, TWO COMPANIES RECEIVED HEAVY SMALL ARMS, AUTOMATIC WEAPONS, AND MORTAR FIRE FROM AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF ENEMY AT 4:00 AM EDT ON 17 MAY ONE MILE EAST OF CON THIEU. FIRE WAS RETURNED. RESULTS OF THIS ENGAGEMENT WERE ONE MARINE KILLED AND 36 WOUNDED. ENEMY LOSSES WERE UNKNOWN.

IN ANOTHER HICKORY ACTION, A USMC COMPANY RECEIVED 10 ROUNDS OF 60-MM MORTAR FIRE. WHILE MOVING CASUALTIES TO AN EVACUATION SITE, THE COMPANY DISCOVERED 16 FRESH GRAVES, EACH CONTAINING TWO BODIES. RESULTS WERE 16 MARINES WOUNDED, 32 ENEMY DEAD. CUMULATIVE RESULTS FOR THE OPERATION AS OF 9:00 AM TODAY WERE TWO USMC KILLED, 99 WOUNDED, AND 59 ENEMY KILLED. ONE ENEMY SUSPECT WAS DETAINED.

OPERATION BEAU CHARGER, THE USMC SPECIAL LANDING FORCE AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT, UNDERWAY JUST EAST OF HICKORY, IS CONTINUING WITH LIGHT TO MODERATE CONTACT. ALL UNITS ARE MAINTAINING NIGHT DEFENSIVE POSITIONS, CONDUCTING LOCAL PATROLS, AND SETTING UP AMBUSH SITES. CUMULATIVE RESULTS AS OF 9:00 AM EDT THIS MORNING WERE 14 MARINES KILLED, 58 WOUNDED, AND 61 ENEMY KILLED.

ARVN (SOUTH VIETNAMESE ARMY) FORCES FORMERLY PARTICIPATING IN OPERATION HICKORY HAVE STARTED OPERATION LAM SON 54 IN THE HICKORY AREA OF OPERATIONS AND ASTRIDE HIGHWAY 1, EXTENDING NORTH TO THE BEN HAI FREEDOM BRIDGE IN THE DMZ. SIX ARVN BATTALIONS ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE OPERATION. ENEMY FORCES IN THE AREA ARE ESTIMATED TO BE THE 812TH NORTH VIETNAMESE ARMY REGIMENT WITH A STRENGTH OF 2,053.

IN US ARMY OPERATION MALHEUR, ONE COMPANY ENGAGED AN ESTIMATED ENEMY COMPANY SEVEN MILES SOUTHWEST OF DUC PHO AT 2:25 AM EDT ON 18 MAY AND MANEUVERED THROUGHOUT THE DAY TO FORCE THE ENEMY INTO A POCKET. ARTILLERY SUPPORTED AND ILLUMINATION WAS PROVIDED DURING THE NIGHT. ACTIVE CONTACT CEASED AT 8:00 AM EDT YESTERDAY. AN ADDITIONAL US ARMY COMPANY WAS AIRLIFTED TO THE AREA AND A FORWARD AIR CONTROLLER AND TACTICAL AIRCRAFT WERE ON STATION. RESULTS WERE FOUR US KILLED AND 48 WOUNDED; 25 ENEMY WERE KILLED AND 15 INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS WERE CAPTURED.

AN UPDATED REPORT OF THE CONTACT IN OPERATION FRANCIS REPORTED IN THIS MORNING'S 5:30 AM SITUATION REPORT INDICATES NO CHANGE IN FRIENDLY CASUALTIES. ENEMY CASUALTIES INCREASED TO 117 KILLED.

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IN THE NORTHWEST OUTSKIRTS OF SAIGON AT 9:22 PM EDT LAST NIGHT, A LOCOMOTIVE AND FOUR RAIL CARS WERE DERAILED BY A COMMAND DETONATED MINE. THE CARS WERE LOADED WITH METAL LANDING STRIP MATTING SHEETS. THERE WERE NO FRIENDLY CASUALTIES. TWO ENEMY SUSPECTS WERE DETAINED.

THIS MORNING AT 1:27 AM EDT, SIX US AIR FORCE B-52S (HOTEL 88) STRUCK THE 5TH NORTH VIETNAMESE ARMY DIVISION HEADQUARTERS AREA, 34 MILES SOUTHWEST OF QUI NHON. LATER, AT 8:49 AM EDT, SIX AIR FORCE B-52S (INDIA 26) STRUCK SUSPECTED ENEMY BASE CAMPS 28 MILES SOUTH-SOUTHWEST OF HUE. AT 8:51 AM EDT TODAY THREE AIR FORCE B-52S HIT TROOP CONCENTRATIONS 33 MILES WEST-SOUTHWEST OF PLEIKU. A TOTAL OF 245 TONS OF BOMBS WERE DROPPED ON THESE THREE MISSIONS.

TWELVE USAF F-105S STRUCK THE KEP ARMY BARRACKS (ABOUT 37 MILES NORTHEAST OF HANOI) AT 4:45 AM EDT THIS MORNING. PILOTS REPORT THAT 71 BOMBS WERE DROPPED IN THE TARGET AREA. ONE FLIGHT REPORTED THAT PART OF THE TARGET AREA WAS AFIRE, AND ANOTHER FLIGHT OBSERVED ITS BOMBS "WALKING" THROUGH A ROW OF BUILDINGS IN THE TARGET AREA. FOUR OTHER F-105S ATTACKED FLAK SITES IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA OF THE TARGET. FOUR MIG-17S WERE SIGHTED BUT THERE WERE NO ENGAGEMENTS. ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE WAS HEAVY IN THE AREA. AN ANTI SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILE (SAM) FLIGHT (FOUR F-105S) REPORTED ELECTRONIC INDICATIONS OF SAM ACTIVITY BUT NO INFIGHT SAMs WERE OBSERVED. ALL US AIRCRAFT CONNECTED WITH THIS STRIKE RETURNED TO FRIENDLY BASES.

THIS MORNING'S 5:30 AM SITUATION REPORT INDICATED THAT TWO US NAVY A-4 AIRCRAFT FROM THE CARRIER BON HOMME RICHARD ATTACKED THE HANOI THERMAL POWER PLANT. THESE TWO A-4S (NOT A-4CS) RELEASED ONE WALLEYE MISSILE PER AIRCRAFT. THE APPROACH TO THE RUN-IN AND DIVE ENTRY FOR BOTH AIRCRAFT WAS DISRUPTED BY INTENSE ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE AND HEAVY SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILE ACTIVITY. CLOUD COVER WAS GENERALLY THREE-TENTHS SCATTERED IN THE AREA AND PILOTS PASSED THROUGH CLOUDS DURING THE "POP-UP" (A QUICK CLIMB FROM LOW LEVEL JUST PRIOR TO RUN-IN ON THE TARGET) AND IN THE DIVE ENTRY. THE COCKPIT MISSILE INDICATORS FOR BOTH AIRCRAFT SHOWED A PROPER ORIENTATION ON THE GENERATOR HALL, THE AIMING POINT, AT THE TIME OF WALLEYE RELEASE. PILOTS BELIEVE ONE MISSILE WAS LONG, POSSIBLY IMPACTING BEYOND THE GENERATOR HALL IN THE SUPPORT AREA OF THE THERMAL POWER PLANT. THE SECOND MISSILE IS BELIEVED TO HAVE IMPACTED AT THE BASE OF THE GENERATOR HALL OR JUST SHORT OF IT. PILOTS OBSERVED NO DETONATIONS FROM THEIR WALLEYE MISSILES AND THERE WAS NO KNOWN COLLATERAL DAMAGE OUTSIDE THE POWER PLANT AREA. BOTH RUNS WERE MADE FROM WEST TO EAST AS PLANNED. PILOTS ESTIMATE THAT AT LEAST 20 SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILES WERE FIRED WHILE THEY WERE IN THE AREA. PILOTS OF SUPPORT AIRCRAFT REPORT FOUR MIGs WERE SHOT DOWN. THERE WERE NO US FLAK SUPPRESSION AIRCRAFT IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA OF THE TARGET - - THEY WERE KEPT NEAR THE ROLL-IN POINT AT THE APPROACH TO THE TARGET. ALSO, THERE WAS NO 1200 HANO (ANTI SAM) MISSION IN SUPPORT OF THIS STRIKE. THREE US NAVY F-4B AIRCRAFT, ONE F-4B AND TWO PHOTO-RECON F-4B, WERE SHOT DOWN. ONE F-4B IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN SHOT DOWN BY A SAM. THE CAUSE OF LOSS FOR THE OTHER TWO AIRCRAFT IS UNKNOWN YET. THE PILOTS OF THE F-4B WHICH WAS SHOT DOWN REPORTED THAT THE MISSION IS BEING RECONSIDERED ON A FUTURE DATE TO OBTAIN A MORE PRECISE DAMAGE ASSESSMENT FOR THIS FACILITY LIKE ON THE HANOI THERMAL POWER

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OTON F I D E N T I A L JPCCO 16466 FROM: MACCOC3

SUBJ: JOPREP/OPREP 3/PINNACLE/032 (U)

A. (U) REF: CINCPACINST 005440.1E

A1. (U) ACCIDENTAL DELIVERY OF BRDNANCE

A2. (U) 19 MAY 67

H. (C) OP HICKORY: IN QUANG TRI PROV (YD136710) SEVEN KM
W OF GIO LINH AT 190625H WHILE ARTILLERY PREPARATION FIRES WERE
BEING CONDUCTED ON AN ENEMY POSITION AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF ROUNDS

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FELL SHORT HITTING F/2/9 USMC. RESULTS: THREE KILLED, TWO
WOUNDED. INVESTIGATION UNDERWAY.

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Date 19 May 67

SUBJ: Spot Report Opn HICKORY

SOURCE: III MAF

1. At 190800H, G/2/26 VIC YD123716 received 10 rounds enemy 60MM mortar fire. 16 USMC WIA.

2. While moving casualties to position for EVAC, G/2/26 discovered 16 fresh graves each containing 2 NVA soldiers. 32 NVA KIA(conf).

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BEAU CHARGER

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Date 19 May 67

SUBJ: Update on Operation BEAU CHARGER as of 182000H

SOURCE: Major THOMPSON, FMFPAC Command Center

1. FMFPAC C.C. passed the following information to MCCC concerning subject update:

(1) Naval Gunfire. Prior to and during the launching of the assault, there was a duel between Navy fire support ships and enemy shore batteries. Although none of the ships were hit, one round landed only 10 yards ahead of USS FETCHTER. The USS Pt. DEFIANCE, while in the midst of launching her boats, was blanketed by 10 salvos, with nearest hits to the boats of 50 yds and to Pt. DEFIANCE of 200 yds. Pt. DEFIANCE took evasive action at 20 kts. Counter Battery fire and airstrikes silenced the enemy guns and the Point DEFIANCE returned and continued to unload. All ships continued assigned target and preparatory firing although somewhat handicapped by loss of NGFLO who was KIA early in the assault.

(2) Special Landing Force:

a. Unit Locations

A YD252795
B YD248795
C YD261782
D YD275778
CP YD275778

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b. Summary. Co's A and B engaged enemy unit of unknown size and developed heavy contact with them. Co B with Tank support had previously moved to Link up with Co A. CAS and NGF were employed in close support of Co's A and B, with an airstrike resulting in large secondary explosion. Co B captured 2 140MM Rocket launchers and 1 AT launcher. After completion of heavy preparatory fires late in the afternoon, the 2 Co's assaulted the enemy position in VIC YD242785 and over-ran it. Casualties in this action totaled USMC; 14 KIA, 55 WIA(44 EVAC). VC/NVA; 44 KIA(C), 17 KIA(P). Marines are consolidating defensive positions for the night and will continue the advance in the morning.

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 SUBJ: TELECON (U)

1. (C) I CTZ:

A. GP PRAIRIE IV: IN QUANG TRI PROV (YD138705), THREE KM
 E OF CON THIEU, AT 172330H MAY ELM OF 2/26 USMC RECD EST 200 RDS OF
 82MM MORT FIRE. CM ARTY AND 81MM MORT FIRE RTND. RES: FRD - 12 WIA;
 EN - UNK.

B. ALL OTHER OPS CONT W/O SIGNIFICANT CONTACT REPORTED

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C. CUM RES:

	PRAIRIE IV (US)	SHAWNEES (US)	CROCKETTS (US)	MALHEUR (US)	BEAUSS CHARGER (US)	HICKORYSS
KIA	151	13	2	16	1	2
WIA	1131	129	1	120	76	41
MIA	2	2	2	2	2	2
AIR						
SORTIES	305	128	121	76	2	2
NGF	121	2	2	2	2	2
ARC LIGHT	2	2	2	2	2	2
			ENEMY			
KIA	485	106	8	194	39	27
DET	87	54	2	82	2	1
RET	2	2	2	2	2	2
IND/MPNS	125	89	2	129	2	15
C/E WPNS	27	2	2	3	2	9

CUM RES AS OF:

1 191900H

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2. (C) II CTZ:

A. REF PARA 2B, MY MSG 182200Z MAY: CONTACT BROKEN APPROX 181900Z A, B AND RECON 1/8 INF SWEEPING AREA OF CONTACT. AT 190640H ELM OF 1/8 INF MADE CONTACT WITH LOST PLAT. LOST PLAT CAS: 22 KIA, SEVEN WIA. 1/8 INF CONTINUES SWEEP OF AREA. INTERIM RES: OF CONTACT: FRD - 31 KIA, 24 WIA; EN - 58 KIA, THREE I/WPNS AND ONE B40 RL CPT. B. ALL OTHER OPS CONT W/O SIGNIFICANT CONTACT REPORTED.

C. CUM RES:

	FRIENDLY			
	FRANCIS MARIONNE (US)	BYRD (US)	PERSHING (US)	CH JAK .YO II (ROK)
KIA	30	14	283	20
WIA	194	187	1201	45
MIA	2	0	23	0
AIR SORTIES	1321	791	2171	53
NGF	2	50	1099	0
ARC LIGHT	30	9	129	0

ENEMY

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KIA	256	587	1512	82
DET	2326	7523	67813	11
RET	0	0	27	26
IND/WPNS	92	222	363	45
C/S WPNS	5	1	17	1

B ADJUSTED

35 DOES NOT INCLUDE PARA 2A CONTACT.

3. (C) III CTZ:

A. ALL OPS CONT W/O SIGNIFICANT CONTACT REPORTED.

B. CUM RES:

	FRIENDLY					
	FAIRFAX (US/ARVN)	ENTERPRISE (US)	MANHATTAN (US)	AMINAS (US)	DALLAS (US)	PALM BEACH (US)
KIA	76/36	95	46	4	0	45
WIA	422/122	448	316	35	3	288
MIA	7/1	1	0	0	3	0
AIR SORTIES	791	314	122	29	52	132
NGF	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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ARC LIGHT	2	2	24	0	3	0
		ENEMY				
KIA	660/112	852	191	9	1	526
DET	1700/422	46	366	0	0	83
RET	36/0	27	28	0	0	7
IND/WPNS	198/104	68	614	7	0	37
C/S WPNS	0/3	4	14	2	0	9

3 FINAL RESULTS

4. (C) IV CTZ:

A. TWELVE SMALL UNIT ACTIONS REPORTED IN IV CTZ BETWEEN 180500Z AND 190500Z. RES: FRD - FIVE KIA, 11 WIA (INCL THREE S), ONE I/WPN LOST; EN - 14 KIA, FOUR I/WPNS, 15 GREN, 200 RDS SA AMMO CPTD.

B. ALL OPS CONT W/O SIGNIFICANT CONTACT REPORTED.

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18 May 1967

Subj: Operation Hickory/Beau Charger

Source: GySgt WAKEFIELD, FMFPAC Command Center

1. As reported earlier 2/9 and 2/26 were engaged until late evening with an estimated 2 NVA Battalions. 2/26 made the first contact with them, followed by 2/9 moving around to 2/26's right and attacking. The contact lessened considerably during the night and it was planned to resume the attack at first light with 2/26 and 2/9 jumping off in a coordinated attack at 190400H, and continuing the attack to the Song Ben Hai. As of this hour we have no information on the time the attack was actually initiated.

2. Regarding 3/4, which you recall was helilifted to a LZ just south of the Ben Hai River, it is planned for them to slide to the east and then attack south with the objective of catching from the rear the 2 NVA Battalions.

3. 3/9 continues to screen the left (west) flank and has encountered no significant contacts in its zone of action. 1/9 continues to secure the road south of Con Thien to keep the MSR open. Only light contacts have been reported by 1/9.

4. The SLF will continue its sweep toward Cua Viet. The SLF Commander has reported that the air support he is receiving is perfect. The mix of Marine, Air Force and Navy air support appears to be working well. As a matter of interest, during the rocket attack on Dong Ha early on the 18th, one rocket impacted directly on the roof of the 3d Marine Division COC. The COC had a tin roof with 3 layers of sand bags on top. As a result no one in the COC was injured. In fact, the tin roof was not even damaged. Next door in the ARVN COC it was a different story. It had no sandbags and that is where the casualties occurred. Will continue to keep you advised as additional information becomes available.

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AMPHIBIOUS DEMONSTRATION OFF THE BEACHES OF NVN.

CG FMFPAC 162301Z May 67 (MCEO) (NOT INCLUDED IN THIS FOLDER).
DISCUSSES OPERATION BEAU CHARGER (1/3) AND BELT TIGHT (2/3).

1. BELT TIGHT IS AN ASSAULT LANDING THAT COULD BE DIRECTED
EITHER IN CONJUNCTION WITH HICKORY OR IN ANOTHER LOCATION IN I CTZ.

2. IF 2/3 IS LANDED ADMINISTRATIVELY TO PHASE INTO HICKORY
IT IS ASSUMED THAT THE NAME BELT TIGHT WILL NOT BE USED.

3. BEAU CHARGER IS AN AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT IN CONJUNCTION
WITH HICKORY.

4. MESSAGE INCLUDES AOA FOR BEAU CHARGER.

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Subj: Situation Update

Source: GySgt WAKEFIELD

1. Gio Linh.

a. Initial reports indicate Gio Linh received 60 rounds 82mm mortar between hours 0200H until 0215H on 18 May.

b. Follow up report: Between 172350H until 180401H. Composite artillery battalion received 200 rounds 82mm mortar, 30 rounds of 120mm mortar, 58 rounds unknown caliber artillery fire.

c. Casualties reported: 1 KIA, 12 WIA.

2. Dong Ha Rocket/Artillery attack on 18 May.

a. Major items of equipment destroyed/damaged during subject attack.

- (1) Equipment destroyed:
- 1 5 Ton Wrecker
 - 1 Shop Tent
 - 1 AN-MRC 87
 - 3 Generators
 - 1 MSQ Radar Van
 - 1 Galley with Mess Equipment
 - 1 M-274 Mechanical Mule
 - 2 Buildings
- (2) Major Items damaged:
- 1 5 Ton Truck
 - 1 M 105 Trailer
 - 1 10 Ton Truck
 - 1 Radio Vehicle
 - 3 Buildings extensive damage
 - 6 UH-34 Helos minor damage
 - 1 CH-46 minor damage
 - 1 UH-1E Gunship minor damage
 - 1 UH-1E(SLICK) extensive damage

c. Casualties: 11 KIA (3 USA), 91 WIA (6 USA). ARVN
2 WIA.

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3. Update on Operation Hickory

a. The 3d Battalion, 4th Marines heliborne assault into the area described in my 172210W report in the loop of the Song Ben Hai was completed at 181445H. The battalion has initiated its sweeping movement to the south. No contact has been reported. The initial contact reported by 2/26, subsequently involving 2/9, appears to have been at YD 138706. These two battalions remained engaged throughout the day with an estimated 2 NVA battalions. Casualties have not been reported so far.

b. To recapitulate action in Lam Son 54, at 180630H, ARVN 1/2 contacted an unknown number of enemy vicinity YD 215800; 4 enemy KIA (C), 2 PW's 20 detainees. 2/1 apprehended 3 PW's and 58 detainees. At 181415H, elements of the 3d and 9th ABN Bn's made contact with an unknown size enemy force vicinity YD 180750. This contact was reported as continuing with 44 friendly WIA reported.

c. BEAU CHARGER: During the morning, St. Paul received fire at CAP NUI LAY. No damage or casualties reported. Counter battery fires silenced the enemy guns ashore. As reported previously, the surface landing on Green Beach met no opposition. The heli-borne landing went into LZ Goose on time, and received heavy fire which damaged 3 UH-34's and 1 HUEY necessitating their return to the UPH Okinawa. Two marines were WIA and medevaced to the Okinawa. A second UH-1E received hits and returned to the Okinawa with battle damage and the Co-Pilot WIA. The remainder of the waves scheduled for Goose went into LZ Owl. (C, A and B companies of 1/3). Company D is on Green Beach Troops and tanks moved from LZ Owl to LZ Goose and linked up with the 75 Marines in the LZ. Heavy fire was received from the tree line and village at YD 250800. Air strikes were called on these enemy positions with results not yet reported. Pilots from the aircraft carriers of TF 77 supporting these operations report the Marines moving well in the ocean front zone and inland in the Hickory area.

d. III MAF reports the Order of Battle, dispositions in the DMZ area and strengths prior to the start of Operation Hickory, included:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>ACCEPTED LOCATION</u>	<u>EST. STRENGTH</u>
31st Regt/341st NVA Div	XD 8972	2400
32d Regt/341st NVA Div	YD 1278	2400
812 Regt/324B NVA Div	YD 0507	2400
803 Regt/324B NVA Div	YD 0268	2400

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90 Regt/324B NVA Div	YD 1073	2400
41st APSF	YD 2090	1700
K.400 Company (LF)	Gio Linh	120
Cam Lo Company (LF)	not Cam Lo	80
Gio Linh Company (LF)	Gio Linh district	50

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TO DIRECTOR CON 15372 FROM: MACOMCOC
SUBJ: TELECOM (U)

1. (C) I CIZ:

A. CP WEBSTER: IN QUANG NAM PROV (ZC1955) 13 KM SE OF AN
HOM AT 162715H MAY, CP WEBSTER, A TACR S/D OF COMM WITH 3/7 (-) USMC.
THE CP TERN 161030H. COM RES: FRD: ONE KIA; EN: TWO KIA, FIVE DET.
B. CP PRAIRIE IV: IN QUANG TRI PROV (YD131679) THREE KM SE
OF CON THIEU FR 171472H TO 171615H ELX 1/9 USMC RECD SPORADIC SA FIRE

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DURING SWEEP OF AREA. TKS WERE IN SPT. EN BUNKERS DISCOVERED AND
CAPT. RES: FRD: SEVEN KIA; EN: EIGHT KIA, FOUR I/WPNS, ASSID AMMO
FIRE AND CAPT RE. CPERS.

C. REF PARA 10 BY YOL CIPNIRZ MAY, UPDATE: RDS RECD WERE
MIXTURE OF 14MM ARTS AND/OR 122MM ARTY. DAN/CASUALTY REPT:
EQUIP DAN

1 - 5 TON TRK	1 - 5 TON TRK
1 - SHOP TENT	1 - M-105 TPL
1 - AN-MROB7	1 - 10 TON TRK
3 - GENERATORS	1 - RADIO VEH
1 - 400 RADAR VAN	3 - BLDGS (EXTENSIVE)
1 - GALLERY W/RESS EQUIP	6 - UH-34 (MINOR)
1 - M-174 TECH MULE	1 - CH-46 (MINOR)
2 - BLDGS	1 - UH-1E GUNSHIP (MINOR)
	1 - UH-1E SLICK (EXTENSIVE)

CAS: FRD: 11 KIA (EIGHT USMC, THREE USA), 93 WIA (85 USMC, SIX USA,
TWO ARVN); EN: UNK.

D. REF PARA 10 (2) MY MSG 182254Z MAY, UPDATE ON GIO LINH
ATK: FR 172350H TO 182401H, COMPOSITE ARTY BN RECD 222 RDS 82MM MORT,
17-00 120MM MORTS COPY FROM UNK DEL ARTY FIRE. RES: FRD: ONE KIA,

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100 VIA; 11: UNK.

IN VIA; EN: VAE.
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(3) CP HICKORY: 3/4 USMC GUNN WEL LANDING VIC YD3276
181415Z. AREA L. WEL AND NO CONTACT REPTD. 2/25 USMC VIC YD1471
2/25 AIR AGAINST 1/2 IN PCS. EN: ALL EXPLACED IN WELL DEVELOPED
COMPLEX. 1/2 CAZAR, 2/25 EN: 57XX 2/25 FIREF. INITIAL
2/25 FIF: 15 2/25 EN: UNK. 2/25 USMC AT 181122: 2/25 OF RDS 802X
2/25 AND 57XX 2/25 FIREF. REACH 2/25 FLANK 181125 AT 181024P.
DURING 2/25 2/25 FIREF AND NO FIREF. INITIAL FIF: FIF: 35 WIA; EN:
UNK. INITIAL GUN FIF: FIF: 54 WIA; EN: UNK.

ALL PLACES THAT WERE SIGNIFICANT CONTACT PERIOD.

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 014300Z FEB 67. REL: FEB: TWO KIA; EN: 34 KIA, 12 DEI, ONE I/WPN
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REF PAGE 04 BY MSC 142944Z MAY 67: AT 141230H MAY 67, A PLAT FR B/1/8 INF (US), WHILE ON C/D MSN, ENG WHAT WAS THOUGHT TO BE 12-15 KM WID YF713319. REMAINDER OF B/1/8 INF (US) ATTEMPTED TO REINFORCE AND WERE ENG BY HV ART AND SA FIRE PRIOR TO LINK UP. AT 1430H A/1/8 INF (US) WAS COMMITTED TO REINFORCE B/1/8 INF (US). AT 1447H, RADIO CONTACT WAS LOST WITH PLAT WHICH MADE INITIAL CONTACT. LAST TRANSMISSION INDICATED PLAT WAS BEING OVERRUN AND WAS CALLING ARTY ON IT'S POSN AT 1730H, RECON PLAT 1/8 INF (US) WAS COMMITTED TO REINFORCE B/1/8 INF (US). EN. FORCE NOW EST TO BE BN SIZE. ARTY, ARA, AC-47 SPTG. CONTACT CONT WITH SPORADIC SA AND MORT FIRE. INTERIM RES: FRD: THREE KIA, 21 MIA, 32 MIA; EN: UNK.

INTERIM RES: FPD:THREE KIA, 21 KIA, 32 KIA, 13. SNA:
C. IN BINH DINH PROV (CR241241) SEVEN KM W OF QUI NHON AT
1204ZMAY 67, A SIDE PANEL ON A BRJ-RNK SEMI-TRAILER TRAVELING
NORTH ON HWY 1, CAVE WAY SPILLING 25 VN CIV ONTO THE HIGHWAY. RES:
FIVE KILLED, 24 SERIOUSLY INJURED, 26 SLIGHTLY INJURED. 9-3 16TH
AP FOR INVESTIGATING

REF: 02 KIA, 03 MIA (41 BGR, TWO US), EN: 73 KIA, ONE DET, SEVEN

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WPNs, ONE C/S WPN OPTED.

E. ALL OTHER OPS CONT W/O SIGNIFICANT CONTACT REPTD.

4. (C) III C17:

F. IN PHUOC LONG PROV (YT128531) NINE KM S OF DONG XCAI, AT 171030H MAY, A MOBILE GUERRILLA FORCE LOC A 5LDC CONTN 22 TONS OF RICE IN 170 LB BAGS. MARKINGS ON THE BAGS WERE CONTINENTAL RICE CO OF NEW YORK. ALSO IN AREA WAS A US MANUFACTURED TRUCK. ITEMS DEST.

G. IN PHUOC LONG PROV (YT072582) 12 KM E OF PHUOC VINH, AT 181415H MAY, A MOBILE GUERRILLA FORCE CONTACTED AN EST EN CO. ARTY AND TAC AIR CPT. EN BROKE CONTACT AT 181522H. RES: FRD: NONE; EN: 01 KIA, 10 REPT OF EN WPNs OPTED.

H. IN HAU NGHIA PROV (X0561947) 19 KM SW OF CU CHI, AT 182235H MAY, AN UNK SIZE EN FORCE ATK FIELD POS OF C/27 INF FR N, 8 AND 2. EN EARL SA, AV, RIFLE GREN AND MORT. AC-47, ARTY, LFT SPI C/27 INF. EN BROKE CONTACT AT 182312H. RES: FRD: 11 WIA; EN: NK

I. IN HAU NGHIA PROV (XT015825) 16 KM SW OF CU CHI, AT 182232H MAY, FIELD POS OF 1/27 INF RECD SA AND MORT FIRE FR ALL SIDES FOL WITH A GRD ATK BY UNK SIZE EN FORCE. AC-47 AND ARTY SPID. GRD ATK CONTAINED 1820 FR PERI. EN BROKE CONTACT AT 182312H. RES: FRD: SEVEN WIA; EN: UNK.

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J. IN HAU NGHIA PROV (XT592150) FOUR KM NW OF CU CHI, AT 182320H MAY, A/1/5 INF (V) WITH NATIONAL POLICE AND PF ELMS CONDUCTED A SEARCH OF PHUOC MY HAMLET. RES: FRD (PF) ONE KIA, FIVE WIA; EN: TEN KIA, 12 DEI; EQUIP OPTED: TWO M-1 RIFLES ONE CHICOM CBN, THREE US CBN, ONE WPG-2, ONE 45 CAL PISTOL, ONE AK47.

K. IN LONG AN PROV (X8622732) 12 KM NE OF TAN AN, AT 182130H MAY, EST TWO EN SCD ATK POST MANNED BY ONE PF SOLDIER. NAT'L POLICE SCD AND A PF INTELLIGENCE SCD REACTED. SA FIRE EXCHANGED, ARTY FR TAN AN SPID. EN BROKE CONTACT AT 182215H. RES: FRD(PF) TWO KIA, (CIV) SEVEN WIA, (CIV) TWO WOUNDED; EN: UNK.

L. IN LONG AN PROV (X8627692) FIVE KM N OF TAN AN, AT 182120H MAY, EST EN PLAT ATK A PF PLAT CP. SA FIRE EXCHANGED. EN BROKE CONTACT AT 182142H. RES: FRD(PF) SIX KIA; WPNs LOST: FIVE M-1 RIFLES, TWO CBN; EN: UNK.

M. IN LONG AN PROV (X8612752) 14 KM N OF TAN AN, AT 182300H MAY, AN UNK NO EN ATK RF/PF ELMS SECURING DEN LUC BRG ON HWY 4. LFT, ARTY SPID. 3/30 INF (US) ALERTED BUT NOT DEPLOYED. EN BROKE CONTACT AT 182345H. RES: FRD (PF) TWO KIA, (PF) SIX WIA, (CIV) ONE KIA, TWO WOUNDED, NO REPT OF DAM TO BRG; EN: UNK.

N. CP ANINH AMBUSHED 182400H MAY; CUM REC TO FOL.

O. ALL OTHER OPS CONT W/O SIGNIFICANT CONTACT REPTD.

4. (C) IV C17:

P. CP BLACKJACK 410, 1821 1-1600H. STORMING CONTACT REPTD.

Q. (C) (V) FRD: SEVEN KIA, 15 WIA (INCL 11A US); EN: 25 KIA, SIX WIA (INCL 11A US); TOTAL CUM REPT: 24 KIA, SEVEN WIA, 33 WIA (INCL 11A US); EN: 47 KIA, 11 WIA (INCL 11A US); 100 CAL COOKING OIL, 15 CAVES, TEN HUTS, 1000 LBS RICE.

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18 May 1967

Subj: Operations Hickory/Beau Charger

Source: LtCol LAWRENCE, NMCC

1. Following received from MACV by telephone: (Information as of 181830H).

a. Operation Beau Charger. SLF "A" landed at 180800H. Heavy small arms fire was encountered in the primary helo LZ and an alternate LZ was used. Enemy activity at YD2579 was engaged by companies A and B, 1/3. Casualties in the action were: Friendly - 1 KIA, 76 WIA; Enemy - 39 KIA. Two gunships received extensive damage. 50 refugees were found in the area.

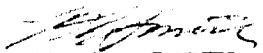
b. Operation Hickory.

(1) 3/4 commenced landing YD0976 at 181130H. Area secure, no contact.

(2) 2/26 is located at YD1477 and continues the attack against an estimated enemy battalion emplaced in a well developed bunker complex. 2/26 received small arms, AW, 82mm mortar and 57mm RR fire. Casualties reported are: Friendly - 18 WIA; Enemy - Unknown.

(3) At 181100H, 2/9 received 50 rounds of 82mm mortar fire and 500 rounds of small arms fire. 2/9 reached the right flank of 2/26 at 181600H. During the move heavy mortar and machine gun fire was received. Casualties reported are: Friendly - 35 WIA; Enemy - Unknown.

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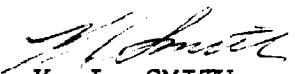
18 May 1967

Subj: Relocation of civilians during Operation Hickory

Source: Major ANDERSON, FMFPAC Command Center

1. III MAF reports that an estimated 13,000 Vietnamese civilians from within the DMZ, and an estimated 7,000 from area immediately south of the DMZ will be relocated during Operation Hickory.

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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

Subject: Operations BEAU CHARGER and HICKORY, I Corps
RVN

1. Two USMC operations were initiated in the northern portion of I Corps on 17 May. These operations are designed to destroy enemy forces and bases in an area of recent VC/NVA rocket/mortar and ground attacks.

a. Operation BEAU CHARGER, an amphibious and heliborne assault by Special Landing Force ALPHA (1 Battalion Landing Team and a medium helicopter squadron), was initiated 17 May at 8:00 PM EDT 14 miles north-northwest of Quang Tri. (All civilians will be cleared from the area of operations and will be moved via Dong Ha to Cam Lo.) Enemy forces estimated in the area total 9000. The first two waves of helicopters received heavy small arms fire from the primary landing zone and were diverted to the alternate. No significant contact was reported on the ground by heliborne forces or amphibious assault elements. Enemy shore batteries are reported to have fired on the SLF during the amphibious landing with no casualties or damage reported. US aircraft attacked the shore batteries; however, no damage assessment has been received.

b. Operation HICKORY is a co-ordinated US-ARVN search and destroy operation with 4 USMC and 5 ARVN battalions. Geographically, it covers the landward extensions of BEAU CHARGER to the eastern boundary of Operation PRAIRIE, currently in progress. A unique feature of HICKORY is the initial attack by ARVN and USMC forces thru the southern portion of the Demilitarized Zone to the south bank of the Ben Hai River. Friendly forces will then turn southward on a broad front to search out and destroy enemy forces and military installations in the zone and evacuate all non-combatants. Enemy forces estimated in the area of operations total 3100. An additional 4800 enemy are estimated to be within 6 nautical miles of the AO.

(1) ARVN forces initiated operations 17 May at 5:00 PM EDT. The two ARVN battalions moving east of highway report minor contact. The ARVN airborne task force moving west of highway 1 reports moderate contact.

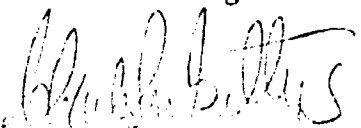
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(2) Two USMC battalions (2/26 and 2/9) began operations 17 May at 10:00 PM EDT and moved toward the DMZ northwest of Con Thien. At last report these units were in contact with an estimated 2 enemy battalions. No casualties have been reported.

(3) Another USMC battalion (3/4), recently arrived in-country from the 9th MAB, Okinawa, was helilifted into a landing zone in the DMZ just south of the Ben Hai River at 11:30 PM EDT last night. No contact has been reported.


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Brigadier General, USA
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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: OPERATIONS BEAU CHARGER AND HICKORY, I CORPS
RVN

1. TWO USMC OPERATIONS WERE INITIATED IN THE NORTHERN PORTION OF I CORPS ON 17 MAY. THESE OPERATIONS ARE DESIGNED TO DESTROY ENEMY FORCES AND BASES IN AN AREA OF RECENT VC/NVA ROCKET/MORTAR AND GROUND ATTACKS.

A. OPERATION BEAU CHARGER, AN AMPHIBIOUS AND HELIBORNE ASSAULT BY SPECIAL LANDING FORCE ALPHA (1 BATTALION LANDING TEAM AND A MEDIUM HELICOPTER SQUADRON), WAS INITIATED 17 MAY AT 8:00 PM EDT 14 MILES NORTH-NORTHWEST OF QUANG TRI. (ALL CIVILIANS WILL BE CLEARED FROM THE AREA OF OPERATIONS AND WILL BE MOVED VIA DONG HA TO CAM LO.) ENEMY FORCES ESTIMATED IN THE AREA TOTAL 9000. THE FIRST TWO WAVES OF HELICOPTERS RECEIVED HEAVY SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM THE PRIMARY LANDING ZONE AND WERE DIVERTED TO THE ALTERNATE. NO SIGNIFICANT CONTACT WAS REPORTED ON THE GROUND BY HELIBORNE FORCES OR AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT ELEMENTS. ENEMY SHORE BATTERIES ARE REPORTED TO HAVE FIRED ON THE SLF DURING THE AMPHIBIOUS LANDING WITH NO CASUALTIES OR DAMAGE REPORTED. US AIRCRAFT ATTACKED THE SHORE BATTERIES; HOWEVER, NO DAMAGE ASSESSMENT HAS BEEN RECEIVED.

B. OPERATION HICKORY IS A CO-ORDINATED US-ARVN SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION WITH 4 USMC AND 5 ARVN BATTALIONS. GEOGRAPHICALLY, IT COVERS THE LANDWARD EXTENSIONS OF BEAU CHARGER TO THE EASTERN BOUNDARY OF OPERATION PRAIRIE, CURRENTLY IN PROGRESS. A UNIQUE FEATURE OF HICKORY IS THE INITIAL ATTACK BY ARVN AND USMC FORCES THRU THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE TO THE SOUTH BANK OF THE BEN HAI RIVER. FRIENDLY FORCES WILL THEN TURN SOUTHWARD ON A BROAD FRONT TO SEARCH OUT AND DESTROY ENEMY FORCES AND MILITARY INSTALLATIONS IN THE ZONE AND EVACUATE ALL NON-COMBATANTS. ENEMY FORCES ESTIMATED IN THE AREA OF OPERATIONS TOTAL 3100. AN ADDITIONAL 4800 ENEMY ARE ESTIMATED TO BE WITHIN 6 NAUTICAL MILES OF THE AO.

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(1) ARVN FORCES INITIATED OPERATIONS 17 MAY AT 5:00 PM EDT. THE TWO ARVN BATTALIONS MOVING EAST OF HIGHWAY REPORT MINOR CONTACT. THE ARVN AIRBORNE TASK FORCE MOVING WEST OF HIGHWAY 1 REPORTS MODERATE CONTACT.

(2) TWO USMC BATTALIONS (2/26 AND 2/9) BEGAN OPERATIONS 17 MAY AT 10:20 PM EDT AND MOVED TOWARD THE DMZ NORTHWEST OF CON THIEN. AT LAST REPORT THESE UNITS WERE IN CONTACT WITH AN ESTIMATED 2 ENEMY BATTALIONS. NO CASUALTIES HAVE BEEN REPORTED.

(3) ANOTHER USMC BATTALION (3/4), RECENTLY ARRIVED IN-COUNTRY FROM THE 9TH MAB, OKINAWA, WAS HELILIFTED INTO A LANDING ZONE IN THE DMZ JUST SOUTH OF THE BEN HAI RIVER AT 11:30 PM EDT LAST NIGHT. NO CONTACT HAS BEEN REPORTED.

S/ CHARLES M. GETTYS

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17 May 1967

Subject: Beau Charger, concept of.

Source: Major THOMPSON, FMFPAC, Command Center

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b. Phase II. Will consist of destruction of enemy forces and facilities south of Phase Line Purple to the CUA VIET RIVER.

c. Phase III. Will consist of an amphibious withdrawal, to be conducted upon completion of assigned mission or when ordered.

2. BLT 1/3 landed at H-hour (180800H) on Green Beach and at L-hour (180800H) in LZ's Duck and Goose. One company remains in reserve on LPH Okinawa. Center of Green Beach is at (YD 276780). Center of LZ's as follows:

Duck -	YD 228772 -
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3. As previously reported, BLT 1/3 and HMM-263 initiated the assault at 180800H.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L CCN 16253 FROM: MACCOC3

SUBJ: TELECON (U)

1. (C) I CTZ:

A. OP PRAIRIE IV: IN QUANG TRI PROV (YD242598), AT DONG HA, AT 180315H THE 3D MAR DIV BASE RECD EST 150 RDS OF 140MM RKT FIRE. INITIAL RES: FRD - 11 KIA (NINE USMC, TWO USA), 43 WIA (39 USMC, TWO USA, TWO ARVN); EN - UNK.

B. OP BEAU CHARGER: IN QUANG TRI PROV (YD280740), 20 KM

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N OF QUANG TRI CITY, AT 180800H OP BEAU CHARGER COMMENCED WITH THE AMPH LANDING OF BLT 1/3 USMC.

C. OP PRAIRIE IV: REPORTED MORT/RKT ATTACKS.

(1) AT CAMP CARROLL (YD262548), AT 180110H RECD EST 27 RDS UNK CAL MORT/RKT FIRE.

(2) AT GIO LINH (YD215742), AT 180200H RECD EST 60 RDS 82MM MORT FIRE.

(3) AT CAM LO (YD128595), AT 182330H THE 9TH MAR BASE AREA RECD EST 40 RDS RKT FIRE.

(4) IN ALL ABOVE CM/BTRY FIRE RTND. NO CAS OR DAMAGE REPORTED.

D. REF PARA 1C, MY MSG 172158Z MAY: CHANGE 2/66 USMC TO READ 2/26 USMC.

E. CUE RES: OP BEAU CHARGER - NO CHANGE.

	PRAIRIE IVS (US)	FRIENDLY SHAWNEE (US)	CROCKETT (US)	MALHEUR (US)
KIA	123	13	2	14
WIA	917	128	1	111
MIA	0	0	0	0

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AIR SORTIES	254	122	97	68
MGF	102	2	2	2
ARC LIGHT	2	2	0	2
		ENEMY		
KIA	466	106	8	171
DET	8753	55	0	75
RET	2	0	0	0
IND/VPNS	117	89	0	101
C/S VPNS	27	2	2	3

\$ PRAIRIE IV AS OF 171820H

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2. (C) II CTZ.

A. ALL OPS CONT W/O SIGNIFICANT CONTACT REPORTED.

B. CUM RES:

	FRANCIS MARION (US)	BYRD (US)	PERSHING (US)	OH JAK KYO (ROK)
KIA	29	14	282	16
VIA	1595	185	1192	34
MIA	2	0	3	0

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AIR SORTIES	1303	785	2143	53
MGF	0	50	1097	0
ARC LIGHT	30	9	129	0
		ENEMY		
KIA	255	567	1499	26
DET	2483	739	6763	11
RET	0	0	27	26
IND/VPNS	92	201	359	45
C/S VPNS	5	1	16	1

\$ ADJUSTED

3. (C) III CTZ:

A. ALL OPS CONT W/O SIGNIFICANT CONTRACT REPORTED.

B. CUM RES: CP PALM BEACH - NO CHANGE.

	FAIRFAX (US/ARVN)	ENTERPRISE (US)	DAYTONS (US)	MANHATTAN (US)	AHINA (US)	DALLAS (US)
KIA	75/36	94	5	46	4	0
VIA	415/121	440	41	316	26	0
MIA	2/1	1	0	0	0	0

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SORTIES	788	305	83	800	29	38
NGF	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
ARC LIGHT	0	0	0	24	0	0

ENEMY

KIA	658/112	847	30	191	9	1
DET	1720/422	46	1	366	0	0
RET	36/0	27	2	28	0	0
IND/WPNS	196/104	67	5	613	7	0
C/S WPNS	0/3	4	1	13	0	0

§ FINAL RESULTS

4. (C) IV CTZ: ALL OPS CONT W/O SIGNIFICANT CONTACT REPORTED.

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17 May 1967

Subj: Operation BEAU CHARGER

Source: Major THOMPSON, FMFPAC Command Center

1. Operation BEAU CHARGER commenced as scheduled. Both "H" and "L" hours were met with no contact.

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Subj: Operation HICKORY (U)

Ref: CINCPAC 161125Z May 67

1. (TS) Request in para 2, reference, not repeat not authorized. No repeat no demonstration or feint employing ARG/SLF off beaches of NVN is authorized.

2. (TS) Decision in para 1 reflects highest level concern that demonstration by ARG/SLF would be heralded by NVN and interpreted in quarters inimical to continued US pressures against NVN as an NVN victory in repulsing a US amphibious operation.

3. (TS) Within current authorities there are no restrictions on the use of naval gunfire and air in support of Operation HICKORY. GP-3

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16 May 1967

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Subj: Message to Execute Operation Beau Charger and
Spot Report.

Source: Major ANDERSON FMFPAC CC

1. At 160717Z the following report was received from FMFPAC CC:

"160848Z

FROM: COMMSEVENTHFLT

TO: CTG 76.4

CTG 76.9

SUBJ: BEAU CHARGER

1. EXECUTE OPERATION BEAU CHARGER 17 MAY. REPORT ASSIGNMENT
OF H AND L HOURS EARLIEST."

Spot Report:

FROM: CG III MAF

TO: CG FMFPAC

SUBJ: ENEMY LAUNCHER SITE

1. AT 160100H, H/3/11 VIC AT 921795 RECEIVED 10/11 ROUNDS OF
UNKNOWN CALIBER ROCKET FIRE. H/3/11 FIRED COUNTER BATTERY
FIRE AT 8686, AT 865859, AT 8786, AND M/4/11 FIRED ON SUSPECTED
POSITIONS AT AT 881837. 1 USMC WIA.

2. AT FIRST LIGHT ON THE 16TH, UNITS FROM 2/7 COMMENCED SEARCH
OF SUSPECTED ENEMY POSITIONS. AT 161045H, AN AIR FORCE FAC
REPORTED SEEING WHAT APPEARED TO BE POSSIBLE ROCKET FIRING SITE
AT COORDINATES AT 858849. AT APPROXIMATELY 161250H, A MARINE
FROM 2/7 ASSISTED BY AN AO LOCATED 28 LAUNCHERS AND 7-140MM
ROCKET ROUNDS VIC AT 858849. A SEARCH CONTINUES.

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OPERATION HICKORY (U)

A. COMUSMACV MACCOCI 16011/160300Z MAY 67 (NOTAL)

B. CG III NAF 151510Z MAY 67

1. REF A REQUESTS APPROPRIATE AUTHORITY BE OBTAINED OR
GRANTED FOR THE CONDUCT OF AN AMPHIBIOUS DEMONSTRATION
WITH ARG/SLF OFF BEACHES OF NVN FOR PURPOSES OUTLINED IN
REF B.

2. FOR JCS: UNODIR BY 171200H INTEND TO AUTHORIZE
CINCPACFLT TO CONDUCT AN AMPHIBIOUS DEMONSTRATION OFF THE
BEACHES OF NVN APPROXIMATELY 30,000 METERS NORTH OF THE
RMDL. TENTATIVE D-DAY IS 18 MAY. EXACT TIMING WILL BE
PROVIDED AT LEAST 12 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF H-HOUR, D-DAY.

3. FOR CINCPACFLT. PROCEED WITH PLANNING TO EXECUTE
AMPHIBIOUS DEMONSTRATION PROPOSED IN REFS A AND B. GP-4

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ACT:J3-8(1-8)

INFO: CJCS-1(9)DJS-3(10-12) NMCC/DDO-1(13) CSA-1(14) CNO-2(15-16)

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SIBJ: AIR SUPPORT OF OPERATION HICKORY

1. (TS) THE CONTINUED BUILDUP OF NVA OFFENSIVE FORCES IN
 ROUTE PACKAGE ONE AS EVIDENCED MOST RECENTLY BY THE OBVIOUS ATTEMPT
 TO SITE SURFACE TO AIR MISSILES IN THE TALLY HO AREA IS A MATTER OF
 INCREASING CONCERN. ARTILLERY AND MORTAR FIRE FROM WITHIN AND
 NORTH OF THE DMZ FALLING ON MARINE POSITIONS IN NORTHERN I CORPS AT
 A STEPPED UP PACE CALLS FOR INCREASED EFFORT TO PREVENT THE ENEMY
 FROM ATTAINING A POSITION WHERE CONSTANT HARASSMENT ACROSS THE DMZ
 IS CARRIES ON WITH IMPUNITY. TACTICAL AIR, NAVWL GUN FIRE AND
 ARTILLERY HAVE KEPT THE ENEMY OFF-BALANCE IN THE PAST AND SLOWED HIS
 RATE OF INFILTRATION INTO RVN, BUT I BELIEVE IT IS TIME TO INCREASE
 THE TEMPO OF ACTIVITY IN AND NORTH OF THE DMZ.

2. (TS) ACCORDINGLY, III MAF WILL CONDUCT A MAJOR OFFENSIVE
 (NICKNAMED HICKORY) INTO THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE DMZ AND, IN

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SUPPORT OF THIS OPERATION, WE ARE PLANNING TO CONDUCT AN INTENSIVE FIREPOWER CAMPAIGN AGAINST ENEMY CONCENTRATIONS AND GUN POSITIONS IN THE NORTHERN PORTION OF THE DMZ AND THE AREA TO THE IMMEDIATE NORTH. THIS RYEA WILL EXTEND FROM THE SOUTH CHINA SEA WESTWARD FOR APPROXIMATELY 15 KILOMETERS. IF THE SAM THREAT IS ELIMINATED IN TALLY HO, ARC LIGHT FORCES WILL BE USED ON SELECTED AREAS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED. CONCENTRATED TACTICAL AIR STRIKES WILL BE CONDUCTED THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE AREA. ARTILLERY AND NAVAL GUN FIRE WILL BE EMPLOYED ON SUITABLE TARGETS. HOWEVER, TO PROVIDE THE AMOUNT OF TACTICAL AIR CONSIDERED NECESSARY AND AT THE SAME TIME CONTINUE ADEQUATE SUPPORT OF GROUND FORCES IN RVN, ADDITIONAL TACTICAL AIR FORCES WILL BE REQUIRED.

3. (TS) REQUEST THAT 125 SORTIES PER DAY FOR 3 DAYS FROM TASK FORCE 77 BE MADE AVAILABLE TO COMUSMACV COMMENCING ON D-DAY OF OPERATION HICKORY. D-DAY FOR OPERATION HICKORY IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR 18 MAY.

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T O P S E C R E T LIMDIS 16011 FROM: MACCOCI

SUBJ: OPERATION HICKORY (U)

REF: CG III MAF MSG DTG 151510Z MAY 66, (TS)

(TS) REQUEST APPROPRIATE AUTHORITY BE OBTAINED/GRANTED FOR
COMSEVENTHFLT TO CONDUCT AN AMPHIBIOUS DEMONSTRATION WITH AN ARG/
SLF OFF THE BEACHES OF NVN APPROXIMATELY 30,000 METERS NORTH OF
THE PMDL FOR THE PURPOSES OUTLINED IN REF MESSAGE. TENTATIVE D-DAY
IS 18 MAY. EXACT TIMING WILL BE PROVIDED AT LEAST 12 HOURS IN
ADVANCE OF H-HOUR, D-DAY.

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1. UREF A PROVIDED NEW AND EXPANDED AUTHORITY FOR US/FMMA FORCES OPERATIONS IN THE DMZ. THE CONCEPT PRESENTED HEREIN IS FOR AN OPERATION TO BE CONDUCTED UNDER THE NEW RULES OF ENGAGEMENT AND IS INTENDED TO OFFER MAXIMUM SURPRISES TO THE ENEMY WHEN US FORCES CROSS THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF THE DMZ FOR THE FIRST TIME.

2. CONCEPT FOR OPERATION HICKORY IS AS FOLLOWS:

A. FORCES OF 3D MARINE DIVISION IN CONJUNCTION WITH SLF (ALFA) AND ARVN FORCES WILL CONDUCT A COORDINATED OPERATION IN NORTHERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE LEADING TO A SURPRISE ATTACK IN COLUMN FORMATION ACROSS THE DMZ, NORTH TO THE SOUTHERN SIDE OF THE BEN HAI RIVER THENCE TURNING SOUTHWARD ON BROAD FRONT TO SEARCH OUT AND DESTROY ENEMY FORCES AND MILITARY INSTALLATIONS AND FACILITIES IN ZONE AND TO EVACUATE ALL NON-COMBATANTS IN THE OPERATING AREA. THE OPERATION WILL CONTINUE IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION TOWARDS ROUTE 9.

B. THE PREPARATORY AND EXECUTION PHASES WILL BE CHARACTERIZED BY HEAVY SUPPORTING ARMS ATTACKS AND HEAVY CONTINUING FIRE SUPPORT.

C. ON D DAY, ARVN FORCES (THREE AIRBORNE BATTALION TASK FORCE AND A VOTWO INFANTRY BATTALION REGIMENT) WILL JUMP OFF DIVIDE HIGHWAY 1 IN THE ATTACK ACROSS SOUTHERN DMZ BEFORE FIRST LIGHT. SLF ALFA WILL EXECUTE AN AMPHIBIOUS AND HELICOPTER ASSAULT OVER THE BEACHES IN ZONE AT ABOUT 2800; THEN AT A PRESELECTED HOUR, NOT TO EXCEED PLUS 3 HOURS, 3RD MAR DIV WITH 3 MARINE BATTALIONS REINFORCED BY 2 COMPANIES OF TANKS WILL ATTACK ACROSS THE DMZ IN ZONE WEST OF A/B FORCES.

D. A SECOND SLF (BRAVO) WILL BE IN III MAF RESERVE AVAILABLE FOR INSERTION INTO ACTION, EITHER IN AN AMPHIBIOUS OPERATION OR BY ADMINISTRATIVE OFF LOAD, WHENEVER REQUIRED WITH PRIMARY COMMITMENT PLANNED FOR INSERTION IN THE 3RD MARDIV ZONE OF ACTION.

E. A BATTALION OF THE 3D MARINES WILL OPERATE ALONG THE LEFT BOUNDARY OF THE 3RD DIV ZONE OF ACTION PROVIDING FLANK SCREENING AND PROTECTION.

F. D-DAY: TENTATIVELY 18 MAY 67

G. DURATION OF OPNC ESTIMATED 7 DAYS.

3. IN CONJUNCTION WITH OPN HICKORY BUT ENTIRELY INDEPENDENT THEREFROM, IT IS DESIRED THAT AN AMPHIBIOUS DEMONSTRATION BE CONDUCTED OFF THE BEACHES APPROX 30,000 METERS NORTH OF THE PMDL BY AN ARG/SLF

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(CTG 76.5/79.5) SUCH A DEMONSTRATION HOPEFULLY WOULD CONFUSE THE ENEMY AS TO OUR SPECIFIC INTENTIONS WITH THE TWO SLKQJS, DELAY HIS DECISION ON EMPLOYMENT OF REINFORCEMENTS FOR THE DMZ AREA, CAUSE HIM TO DISCLOSE SHORE DEFENSE WEAPONS NORTH OF THE DMZ AND GIVE HIM CAUSE FOR CONCERN AS TO WHETHER AMPHIBIOUS ATTACKS ARE CONTEMPLATED AGAINST THE NVA NORTH OF THE DMZ. IT IS RECOGNIZED THAT A TURN-AWAY LANDING MIGHT PROVIDE A BASIS FOR THE NVA TO CLAIM THAT THEY HAD REPLUSED AN AMPHIBIOUS OPERATION AGAINST NORTH VIETNAM. WHILE SUCH A CLAIM WOULD NOT BE TRUE, EXPERT PROPAGANDA TECHNIQUES MIGHT USE THE EVENT TO THEIR ADVANTAGE IN CERTAIN POLITICAL FORUMS. THESE CONSIDERATIONS NOTWITHSTANDING, THERE ARE MILITARY ADVANTAGES WHICH COULD BE GAINED FROM SUCH A FEINT AND PERMISSION IS REQUESTED FOR THE ARG/LF TO CONDUCT SUCH A DEMONSTRATION ON 18 MAY.

4. PRIOR TO AND DURING OPN HICKORY THERE WILL BE LARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR PREP FIRES, HELO ESCORT, CLOSE AIR SUPPORT AND ATTACK OF ENEMY MISSILE AND OTHER WEAPONS SITES. IT IS APPARENT THAT THESE LARGE REQUIREMENTS CANNOT BE MET BY III MAF FIXED WING ASSETS ALONE AND ADDITIONAL AIR SUPPORT WILL BE REQUIRED FROM OTHER SOURCES. IN THE CASE OF OPN HICKORY IT APPEARS THAT 7TH AIR FORCE WILL BE REQUESTED TO PROVIDE SORTIES INCLUDING NAVY AIR COMMENCING ON 17 MAY. IN THE CASE OF THE AMPHIBIOUS DEMONSTRATION IT IS HIGHLY DESIREABLE THAT NAVY AIR PARTICIPATE IN PREP FIRES AND PREPLANNED STRIKES NORMALLY CONDUCTED IN ASSOCIATION WITH AMPHIBIOUS OPERATION.

5. IN SUM, IT IS REQUESTED AT:

A. PERMISSION BE GRANTED TO CONDUCT AN AMPHIBIOUS DEMONSTRATION NORTH OF THE DMZ IN THE GENERAL VICINITY OF YE 0504 ON 18 MAY.

B. 7TH AIR FORCE BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE AIR SUPPORT IN RESPONSE TO REQUESTS FROM III MAF TACTICAL AIR COMMANDER.

C. RESPONSIBILITY FOR COORDINATION OF AIR/ARTILLERY IN AND NORTH OF THE DMZ DURING OPN HICKORY BE ASSIGNED TO CG III MAF AS PREVIOUSLY PROPOSED IN REF B.

D. NAVY AIR SUPPORT BE PROVIDED INCLUDING PREP FIRES AND PREPLANNED STRIKES IN SUPPORT OF THE AMPHIBIOUS DEMONSTRATION, IF APPROVED.

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Subj: Message to Execute Operation Beau Charger and
Spot Report.

Source: Major ANDERSON FMFPAC CC

1. At 160717Z the following report was received from FMFPAC CC:

"160848Z

FROM: COMMSEVENTHFLT

TO: CTG 76.4

CTG 76.9

SUBJ: BEAU CHARGER

1. EXECUTE OPERATION BEAU CHARGER 17 MAY. REPORT ASSIGNMENT
OF H AND L HOURS EARLIEST."

Spot Report:

FROM: CG III MAF

TO: CG FMFPAC

SUBJ: ENEMY LAUNCHER SITE

1. AT 160100H, H/3/11 VIC AT 921795 RECEIVED 10/11 ROUNDS OF
UNKNOWN CALIBER ROCKET FIRE. H/3/11 FIRED COUNTER BATTERY
FIRE AT 8686, AT 865859, AT 8786, AND M/4/11 FIRED ON SUSPECTED
POSITIONS AT AT 881837. 1 USMC KIA.

2. AT FIRST LIGHT ON THE 16TH, UNITS FROM 2/7 COMMENCED SEARCH
OF SUSPECTED ENEMY POSITIONS. AT 161045H, AN AIR FORCE FAC
REPORTED SEEING WHAT APPEARED TO BE POSSIBLE ROCKET FIRING SITE
AT COORDINATES AT 858849. AT APPROXIMATELY 161250H, A MARINE
FROM 2/7 ASSISTED BY AN AO LOCATED 28 LAUNCHERS AND 7-140MM
ROCKET ROUNDS VIC AT 858849. A SEARCH CONTINUES.

FONCON FMFPAC CC 160717Z (S)

K. L. SMITH
Watch Officer

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