

## DECLASSIFIED

**SECRET**HQ COMMUN  
ROOM 2220  
EXT. 41721

ARLA. RESULTS WERE 12 VC CONFIRMED KILLED, 12 BUILDINGS AND CAVES DESTROYED.

USS ST. FRANCIS RIVER (LSMR-525) FIRED 16 SPIN-STABILIZED 5 INCH ROCKETS IN SUPPORT OF US ARMY UNITS IN OPERATION MALHEUR IN SOUTHERN QUANG NGAI PROVINCE.

ENEMY PLANS TO MINE CUA VIET-THACH HAN RIVER  
AN INTELLIGENCE SOURCE RECENTLY REPORTED  
THAT A MEETING WAS HELD OF VC LIVING ALONG THE  
CUA VIET AND THACH HAN RIVERS IN QUANT TRI  
PROVINCE. THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WAS  
REPORTED TO BE FOR DISTRIBUTION OF SOME 2,000  
UNDERWATER AND ANTI-TANK MINES TO BE EMPLACED  
IN THE RIVERS. IF CARRIED OUT, THIS COULD HAMPER  
LOGISTICAL TRAFFIC ON THE RIVERS FROM CUA VIET  
TO DONG HA. THE RIVERS ARE WELL SUITED TO  
MINING, AS THERE ARE MANY RESTRICTIVE CHANNELS  
WHICH MUST BE USED TO REACH DONG HA. THE ANTI-  
TANK MINES MAY BE TO RESTRICT THE MOVEMENT.

PAGE 6 RUHHFMA 5541 SECRET  
OF MARINE LVT'S AT CUA VIET. DETAILS ARE  
CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPH 3 F(3)(A) BELOW.

## 3. III MAF

## A. MAJOR UNIT OPERATIONS

## (1) OPERATION HICKORY (THIRD MARINE DIVISION)

(A) OPERATION HICKORY TERMINATED ON 28 MAY.

(ALL LATE ENTRIES) AT 281050H, COMPANY G, SECOND BATTALION, THIRD MARINES APPREHENDED 19 DETAINEES. AT 281130H, COMPANY F, SECOND BATTALION, 26TH MARINES AT (YD 071697) FOUND 40 TO 50 BUNKERS, 4 AK-47'S AND EVIDENCE OF ONE ENEMY KIA (PROB). AT 281830H, COMPANY K, THIRD BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES NEAR (YD 0775685) RECEIVED 4 ROUNDS OF 82MM FIRE. ONE USMC WAS WIA. AT 281847H, THE THIRD BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES RECEIVED 18 ROUNDS OF MORTAR FIRE. THREE USMC WERE WIA.

## (B) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC ENEMY

0/119 KIA(ADJ) 0/362 KIA(CONF) (ADJ)

4/817 WIA (ADJ) 1/528 KIA(PROB) (ADJ)

19/37 DETAINEES

4/108 WEAPONS CAPTURED

#792  
29MAY

BT

NNNN

31

03

062 **SECRET**

## DECLASSIFIED

RECORDED  
ROOM 2220  
EXT 41721

SEVEN ELEVEN 0400 CPT RD 3-10 BATTALION A SAWED 10MM GUN  
ALONG WITH SMALL ARMS. IT IS BELIEVED THAT MAIN  
DEFENSE OF COMPLEX IS FROM THE 10MM GUN AND THAT L/3/9 HAS APPROA-  
CHED IT FROM THE REAR. L/3/9 DESTROYED APPROX 6 BUNKERS BUT ARE CO-  
HVN EN FIRE. BUNKER COMPLEX IS CONSTRUCTED BY MUTUAL SUPPORTING  
POSIC/DEFENSE IN DEPTH. M/3/9 MOVED UP TO RELIEVE THE PRES-  
SURE ON L/3/9. BOTH UNITS PUL BACK TO PERMIT FULL USE OF  
SUPPORTING ARMS. IT WAS NOTED WHILE UNITS WERE IN CONTACT,  
VN WOULD NOT RETURN SA FIRE WHILE ARTY MSNS WERE FIRED ON AREA.  
1 MG WAS CAPTURED, NOTED SEVERAL AK-47S FIRED BY EN. RES: M/3/9  
34 WIA (30 MED EVAC), L/3/9 13 KIA, 27 WIA (25 MED EVAC).  
AT 011750 CO M/3/9 (YD 085647) LOC 5-100 LB BAGS OF VN RICE  
CONCEALED IN J HOLE, COVERED W/LEAVES AND BRUSH, AND 1 DEAD

PAGE SEVEN RUMMF

0600 CO NMF 1 DE 4 T 1 AL  
NVA UNDER THE RICE. RES: 1 EN KIA (CONF), CPT RD 1 AK-47.  
AT 010630-011230H 1ST AMTRAC WHILE ON SEARCH AND CLEAR  
MISSION IN DUYOSHIEU (YD 306644) AND DUONG XUAN (YD 309661)  
APPREH 20 DET.

CAS FOR PD 010001H TO 012400H WERE: USMC: 13 KIA, 98 WIA;  
ENEMY: 7 KIAA (CONF), 5 WPNS, 20 DET.

(S) OP CROCKETTE, 26TH MAR CONT S&D OP IN QU  
ANG

TRI PROV WITH LIGHT CHVTACT FOR PD.

AT 0110210- RADIO RELAY TO HEARD NOISES AND BSR LIGHTS  
MOVING TWD THEIR POS VIC (YD 844456). CALLED ARTY MSN.  
LIGHTS WENT OUT.

AT 011915H CO A/1/26 OBSR 3 EN TRPS MVG NW VIC (YD 777437).  
CALLED 81MM MSN. SEARCHED AREA W/NEG RES.

CAS FOR PD 010001H TO 012400H WERE: USMMC: NONE; ENEMY: NONE  
SKYL ADD TO CP PRAIRIE IV. AT

011400H CO F/2/26 VIC (YD 0746627) FD 2 FRESH GRAVES W/2 NVA  
BODIES ADDN1 24 HRS OLD: ADDD 2 EN KIA (CONF) TO OP PRAIRIE IV.

(7) ADD TO OP HICKORY. AT 011130H CO E/2/3 VIC  
(YD 121622) FD 2 DEAD VC IN BUNKER. BODIES ABOUT 2 WKS  
OLD. ADD 2 EN KIA (CONF) TO OP HICKORY.

BT

III MAF SITREP  
#152

NIN-NIN

CONFIDENTIAL



DECLASSIFIED

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

MARINE CORPS COMMAND CENTER  
Headquarters, U. S. Marine Corps  
Washington, D. C. 20380

29 May 1967

Subject: Operation Hickory

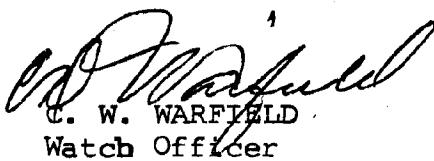
Source: LtCol IRWIN, NMCC Pac Desk

FONECON with MACV COC reported the following:

Operation HICKORY terminated at 282400H. Final results:

<u>USMC</u>	<u>ENEMY</u>
119 KIA	362 KIA
817 WIA	38 DETAINEES
Air Sorties: 1,006	
NGF msns: 67	

FONECON NMCC 290325Q (C)

  
C. W. WARFIELD  
Watch Officer

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

29

07

25

DECLASSIFIED

## DECLASSIFIED

UU ACN539  
 OVV MACV&206  
 TELECON ITEM 2254/67  
 0 290250Z MAY 67  
 FM COMUSMACV  
 TO NMCC  
 CINCPAC  
 INFO ZEN/CG III NAF  
 ZEN/CG I FFORCEV  
 ZEN/CG II FFORCEV  
 ZEN/COMNAVFORV  
 ZEN/SA IV CORPS  
 ZEN/CDR 7TH AIRFORCE  
 ZEN/CC 5TH SFGA  
 BT

MARINE CORPS  
 COMMAND CENTER

MAY 29 00 44 '67

CONFIDENTIAL CCN 17493 SRM: MACCOC3  
 SUBJ: TELECON (U)

1. (C) I CTZ:

A. IN THUA THIEN PROV (YD740230) AT HUE AT 290115H  
 THE MACV AND THUA THIEN COMPOUNDS RECD 40 RDS. 82MM MORT FIRE.  
 AT 290135H RECD AN ADDITIONAL 25 RDS. AC-47 WAS REQ AND ON  
 STATION. CM PLAN WAS EXECUTED. RES: SRD: ARVN: ONE KIA,  
 NINE WIA, NO US CAS; EN: UNK.

PAGE 2 UUMSA 0854 CONFIDENTIAL

B. REF PARA 1D, MY MSG 282126Z MAY: UPDATE: D/1/9  
 CONTACT WAS WITH AN EN CO. RES: SRD: FIVE KIA, 11 WIA;  
 EN: TEN KIA. NO REPT OF EN WPNS CPTD.

C. CP HICKORY: IN QUANG TRI PROV (YD063687) SIVE  
 KM WSW OF CON THIEN AT 281500H L/3/4 USMC WHILE MOVING TO-  
 WARD OBJ CAME UNDER HV SA/AW, MORT AND 57MM RR FIRE SR UNK  
 SIZE EN FORCE. SIRE WAS RTND AND L/3/4 WITHDREW FR OBJ  
 TO MORE EFFECTIVELY EMPLOY SPI ARMS. ARTY MSN FIRED AND  
 SURPRESSED EN SIRE. L/3/4 MOVED BACK ON OBJ AND WHILE SETTING  
 IN PERIMETER RECD NINE RDS OF 120MM RKT SIRE. NIGHT DEF POS  
 WERE ESTB WITH NO FURTHER CONTACT. RES: FRD: 10UR KIA, 19  
 WIA; EN: THREE KIA, NO REPT OF EN WPNS CPTD.

D. OPHICKORY: IN QUANG TRI PROV (YD278680) FIVE  
 KM SW OF CON THIEN AT 281432H K/3/4 USMC ENGAGED EST EN PLAT  
 AND RECD FOUR-FIVE RDS 57MM IR AND HV SA FIRE. RTND SA, 62MM  
 AND 82MM MORT, AND ARTY FIRES. EN POS ASLT AND EN BROKE  
 CONTACT. RES: SRD: 07 WIA (FOUR EVAC); EN: 01 KIA, DEST  
 ONE 57MM IR AND ONE BUNKER.

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

29

02

50

## DECLASSIFIED

PAGE 3 UUNSA 0854 C O N S I D E N T I A L

F. CUM RES:

	FRIENDLY					
	PRAIRIE IV	CROCKETT	HICKORY	UNION II	CHOCTAW	MALHEUR
	US	US	US	US	US	US
KIA	156	2	111	375	4	42
WIA	1128	13	761	945	15	243
MIA	0	0	0	0	0	0
AIR						
SORTIES	349	374	893	63	50	193
NGF	157	0	57	0	0	0
ARC	0	0	0	0	0	0
LIGHT						
	ENEMY					
KIA	463	35	350	193	33	332
DET	692	0	19	95	7	266
RET	2	0	0	0	0	0
IND/WPNS	125	0	75	2	2	128
C/S WPN	22	0	27	0	0	8
\$ ADJUSTED						

2. (C) II CTZ:

PAGE 4 UUNSA 0854 C O N S I D E N T I A L

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

B. CUM RES:

	FRIENDLY					
	SRANCIS	BYRD	PERSHING	OH JAK KYO II	ROK	
	US	US	US	US	US	
KIA	106	14	301	21	21	
WIA	484	190	1269	51	51	
MIA	1	0	0	0	0	
AIR	1625	803	2394	72	72	
SORTIES						
NGF	2	53	1170	2	2	
ARC	126	9	135	0	0	
LIGHT						
	ENEMY					
KIA	649	591	1631	124	124	
DET	442	752	7157	15	15	
RET	0	11	114	28	28	
IND/WPNS	151	224	395	49	49	
C/S WPN	25	2	19	1	1	

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

PAGE 5 UUNSA 0854 C O N F I D E N T I A L

3. (C) III CTZ:

A. ALL OPS CONT W/O SIGNIFICANT CONTACT REPTD.  
B. IUM RES: OP MANHATTAN NO CHANGE.

	S R I E N D L Y		
	P A L M B E A C H	E N T E R P R I S E	S A I R F A X
KIA	US	US	U S / A R V N
WIA	52	105	78 / 36
MIA	320	487	445 / 124
AIR	3	3	0 / 1
AIR	141	384	862
S O R T I E S			
N G F	N / A	N / A	N / A
A R C	8	8	0
L I G H T			
KIA	534	877	719 / 114
D E T	95	49	1727 / 422
R E T	7	27	37 / 0
I N D / W P N	45	71	208 / 104
C / S W P N	9	4	0 / 3
	E N E M Y		

PAGE 6 UUNSA 0854 C O N F I D E N T I A L

4. (C) IV CTZ:

A. THERE WERE 11 SM UNIT ACTIONS REPT IN THE IV CTZ SR 280500H TO 290500H. RESULTS: SRD: SIX KIA, FOUR WIA, TWO MIA, FIVE I/WPNS LOST; FN: EIGHT KIA, TWO I/WPNS CPTD.

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

SP-4

121

DECLASSIFIED

## DECLASSIFIED

**SECRET**HQCOMMCEN  
ROOM 2220  
EXT 41721MARINE CORPS  
COMMAND CENTERNNNNVZCZCWWN621VV YYNA617VV NAB039  
OO WWND  
DE YYNA 4604 1  
51324

MAY 25 10 57 '67

25 MAY 67 10 57 '67

(AC) AA-AD  
AM-AO: A-03-A: A-5-AX

ZNY SSSSS  
 O 251324Z MAY 67  
 FM CG FMFPAC  
 TO WWND/CMC  
 O 250108Z MAY 67  
 FM CTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR  
 TO COMSEVENTHFLT  
 INFO CINCPAC  
 CINCPACFLT  
 COMPHIBPAC  
 CG FMFPAC  
 CG FMFPAC (FWD)  
 CTF ONE ONE FIVE  
 CTG SEVEN THREE PT FIVE  
 CDR SEVENTHAF  
 ZKP SEVEN ZERO PT SEVEN PT ONE  
 CTF SEVEN SELUN  
 CTE SEVEN ZERO PT TWO PT ONE PT ONE  
 CTF SEVEN THREE  
 CG THIRD MARDIV  
 CG FIRST MAW  
 CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE  
 CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE  
 CTF SEVEN SIX  
 PAGE 2 RUMEUAM F E CEO T  
 CTFLSEVEN NINE  
 COMUSMACV  
 COMNAVFORV  
 CG WIILMAF  
 TG SEVEN LIXLPT FOUR  
 CTF SEVEN NIPE PT FOURH  
 COG SEVEN OERO PTLEIGHT  
 USS HERMITAGE

BT

S E C R E T

BEAU CHARGER SITREP NR 16 AS OF 240000Z MAY 67 1U)

1. AMPHIB READY GROUP ALFA COMPOSITION: ADD USS SEMINOLE  
 2. ACTIONS

AXM ARG

L L (1) OG 76.4 REOUYNED TO AOA ASSIGNED OPEREAS AT FIRST  
 LIGHT IN SUPPORT OF OPERATWON BEAU CHARGER.

(2) 232030H. - :1 15 EXCHANGED CREWS.

L (3) 25000H USS OZBOURN RETURNED TO NGP STATION AFTER REARM AND  
 RELIVED H & I FIRELIN NORTHERN AOA AND DMZ AREA UNOIL 290200H.L 147 24HOUY OKINAWA HELO OPS SUMMARY (XWEBQPQH TO 74210G)H  
 BOROIES: 89, CARGO: 1)TON

25 01 08

**SECRET**

DECLASSIFIED

**SECRET**

HQCOMMEN  
ROOM 2220  
EXT 41721

PAGE 3 RUEUAM 008 L E CLRLE T

XKTL25080H OKINAWA WTH SURGICAL TEAM EMBARKED DESIGNATED  
MARY HOSPITAL SGIP, AHLDSEGNATED SECONDARY HOSPITAL SHIP. MEDICAL  
OFFICER OKINAWA DESIGNATEH CECO.

(6) 25001H USS SEMINOLE CHOPPED TO TG 76; 4 IAW SEVENTHFLT  
SKED; OFF LOAD REMAINDER BWT 3/4 IN PROGRESS.

B. SBF  
LANDWNG FMRCE  
Z LL(1) UNIT POSITIONS

- A) CO A 1/3 L (YD 272742)H
- (B) QO BLI/5 (YD 284715)
- (C) CO C 1/5 (YD 278744)
- (D) CP (FWD) 1/3 IYD 272742)

XKE) ALL OTHIR UNITSNREMAIN THT FAM EXM

(2) SEVMARY. M ACNTAINED NIGHT DEFENSWE POLITONS AND CONDKCTED  
EXZENSIVE PATROLS AND AMBKSHES WITHLIGHT CNTACTXMH

Z N L (3) CONTACTS. 242120H, CO BLWHLT CONDUCTING A PATROL  
CAPTURED ONE VCS. VCS WHTN QUESTIONED BY NATIONAL POLICE REVEALED  
THATT THERE ARE 10 VC IN VILLAGE VIC (YD 283715). CO B BILL SWETP  
VILLAGE AO 0545.

(4) LCASUABTIES

25 MAY 67  
10

PAGT 4 YUEUAM 008 S E C R E T

L (A) DURING PEYIOD

LULMC NONE

HL ENEMYLNONE

(M) CWMUBATIVE

L L USMC 23LKIA 79 WIA

ENEMY 83 VC/NAV KIA (COPF) 83 VC/NVA KIA XKRROB

5. INTENIOPS

Z A. ARGH

(1) OG 76.4 CONOINUEL SUPPM RT OF OPERATIOP BEAU CHARGER  
ZA L(2) WIOHDRAWAL HOUR BEAU CHARGER TENTATIVE 251200H.  
NTICIPATE TERMINATION ABOUT 261200H MAY

B. SLF

L XKQLLCNDUCO SERCH AND DESTROYOPS IP COORD WITH JUVN JASKH

FORCE OPERATING WST OF ACH

H L(2) OBTAIN PMSTURE FOR COMMENQEMENT OF WITDRAWALLON W-1. -6.

GP-6

BT

~~REASON~~**SECRET**

SECRET

ROOM 2220  
EXT 41721MARINE CORPS  
COMMAND CENTER

VZCZCWWN622VV YYNA625044

MAY 25 16 54 '67

00 WWND

DE YYNA WRYPI QRTQTTT

ZNY SSSSS

0 241555Z MAY 67

FM CG FMFPAC

TO WWND/CMC

0 251158Z MAY 67

FM CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE

TO RUMGUL/COMSEVENTHFLT

INFO ZEN/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE

RUMGUAQ/CTG SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT

RUMFUV/CTF SEVEN SIX

RUABQL/CTF SEVEN NINE

RUMSMA/COMUSMACV

RUMFKB/COMNAVFORV

RUMHMF/CG III MAF

RUHHHQQA/CINCPAC

RUKHBRA/CINCPACFLT

RUWJMSA/COMPHIBPAC

RUHHFMA/CG FMFPAC

RUABQL/CG FMFPAC (FWD)

RUMFKB/CTF ONE ONE FIVE

RUMFKE/CTE SEVEN ZERO PT TWO PT ONE PT ONE

RUMFCR//CTG SEVEN THREE PT FIVE

RUMSBJ/CDR SEVENTH AIR FORCE

RUMEC/CTU SEVEN ZERO PT SEVEN PT ONE

PAGE TWO RUAUBJC 610 S E C R E T

RUMFUE/CTF SEVEN SEVEN

RUMFUZ/CTF SEVEN THREE

RUMHVP/CG THIRD MARDIV

RUMHLA/CG FIRST MARDIV

RUMFKN/CG FIRST MAW

RUMEUAM/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR

RUMEUAM/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR

ZEN/TG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE

RUMEUAM/COMPHIBRON NINE

BT

S E C R E T

HICKORY/ BELT TIGHT SITREP NR 130 AND FINAL AS OF 250800Z MAY 67 (U)

1. ARG CONSISTING OF CTG 76.5, TRIPOLI (COMPHIBRON 9 EMBARKED), PRINCETON, MONTICELLO, OGDEN, TOM GREEN CTY, TACRON DET, COMSEC DET, UDT DET, ACDIV DET, AND SURGICAL TEAM. SLF CONSISTING OF CTG 79.5, BMU, BJU DET, AND HMM-164(-).

2. ACTIONS:

- A. TERMINATED OPN BELT TIGHT AT 250800Z.
- B. TRIPOLI (COMPHIBRON NINE EMBARKED) REPORTED FOR DUTY.
- C. COMSEVENTHFLT VISITED THE FLAGSHIP.

24 15 55

AC  
AA-A D  
AM-A02  
A03-A7A  
A3-AX

25 MAY 67  
10 45 27

SECRET

**SECRET**

HQCOMMEN  
ROOM 2220  
EXT 41721

PAGE THREE RUAUBJC 610 S E C R E T

- D. UDT COMPLETED CLEARING OF PORT SHAST OF TOM GREEN CTY.
- E. SUMMARY OF SUPPORT PROVIDED DURING OVN HICKORY/BELT TIGHT:
  - (1) PRINCETON PROVIDED 21791 & -; & -2, 28,293 GAL JP-5, 24 GAL AVLUBE, 48 CASES FRUIT, 80 CASES FRUIT JUICE, AND SERVICED 5 IN-COUNT HELOS.
  - (2) OGDEN PROVIDED 2160 GAL JP-5, 1651 & - .9&-, AND 10 CASES FRUIT.
  - (3) MONTICELLO PROVIDED 250 LBS FRUIT.
- F. CONTINUED ADMIN OFFLOAD OF BLT 2/3 EQUIPMENT AND ATTACHMENTS WHICH ARE REQUESTED BY CG THIRD MARDIV FROM ARG SHIPPING TO DONG HA.
- G. EIGHT HMM-164 A/C WITH CREWS AND APPROPRIATE MAINTENANCE PERSON FLEW TO MARBLE MOUNTAIN TO AUGMENT MAG-16.
- H. LATEST AVAIL CASUALTY FIGURES FOR OVN HICKORY/BELT TIGHT: USMC KIA, 67 WIA; ENEMY KIA 24 B/C, 28 PROBABLE. THESE FIGURES MAY BE REVIED AS ADDITIONAL LATE REPORTS ARE RCVD.
- I. CIG 79.5 REMAIN DONG HA UNTIL COMPLETION CHOP ALL DET TO CG, THIRD MARDIV AND TO INSURE ORDERLY CASUALTY REPORTING.
- J. INTENTIONS.
  - A. CONTINUE ADMIN OFFLOAD FM ARG SHIPPING TO DONG HA OF BLT 2/3 EQUIPMENT AND ATTACHMENTS AS REQUESTED BY CG THIRD MARDIV.

PAGE FOUR RUAUBJC 610 S E C R E T

- B. AS SHIPS COMPLETE OFFLOAD SAIL THEM INDEPENDENTLY FOR SUBIC BAY FOR UPKEEP AND LP JESTAFF TRANSFER.
- C. UNODIR THIS IS LAST HICKORY/BELT TIGHT SITREP.
- 4. ACTIONS REQUIRED BY HIGHER AUTHORITY: NONE
- GP-4 (C) 1 JUNE 67
- BT

**SECRET**

DECLASSIFIED

SECRET

HO COMM CEN  
ROOM 2220  
EXT 41721

MARINE CORPS  
COMMAND CENTER

3807 *zrc*

OTIS JAW RUHHFMA4422 1441812-SSSS--RUCIHOA. MAY 24 17 49 '67

ZNY SSSSS

O 241812Z MAY 67

FM CG FMFPAC

TO RUCIHOA/CMC

O 240315Z MAY 67

FM CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE

TO COMSEVENTHFLT

INFO CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE

CTG SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT

CTF SEVEN SIX

CTF SEVEN NINE

COMUSMACV

COMNAVFORV

CG III MAF

CINCPAC

CINCPACFLT

COMPHIBPAC

CG FMFPAC

CG FMFPAC (FWD)

CTF ONE ONE FIVE

CTE SEVEN ZERO PT TWO PT ONE PT ONE

CTG SEVEN THREE PT FIVE

CUR SEVENTH AIR FORCE

CTU SEVEN ZERO PT SEVEN PT ONE

AC

AA A04  
AD AS  
AM ATA  
A02 AX  
A03 CA

24 MAY 67 1930  
Zulu

BELT TIGHT

PAGE TWO RUAUBJC 532 S E C R E T

CTF SEVEN SEVEN

CTF SEVEN THREE

CG THIRD MARDIV

CG FIRST MARDIV

CG FIRST MAW

CTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR

CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR

TG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE

BT

S E C R E T

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 OPS TO

24 03 15

SECRET

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

SECRET

HQCOMMCEN  
ROOM 2220  
EXT 41721

PAGE THREE RUAUBJC 532 S E C R E T  
THE SOUTH.

(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.

GP-4 (C) 1 JUNE 67

BT

NNNN\*

SECR

DECLASSIFIED

**SECRET**RCCM 2220  
EXT 417214343 *m*

OF TS JAW RUEOEISIU804 1450732-SSSS--RUCIHOA.  
 DE RUHHFMA 4487 1442344  
 ZNY SSSSS  
 0 242344Z MAY 67  
 FM CG FMFPAC  
 TO RUCIHOA/CMC  
 0 241558Z MAY 67  
 FM CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE  
 TO COMSEVENTHFLT  
 INFO CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE  
 CTG SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT  
 CTF SEVEN SIX  
 CTF SEVEN NINER  
 COMUSMACV  
 COMNAVFORV  
 CG III MAF  
 CINCPAC  
 CINCPACFLT  
 COMPHIBPAC  
 CG FMFPAC  
 CG FMFPAC (FWD)  
 CTK ONE ONE FIVE  
 CTE SEVEN ZERO PT TWO PT ONE PT ONE  
 CTG SEVEN THREE PT FIVE  
 CDR SEVENTH AIR FORCE  
 CTU SEVEN ZERO PT SEVEN PT ONE

(AC)

25 MAY 67 07 372

M A R H E E C O R P S  
C O M M A N D C E N T E R  
73.12.10 52 MAY  
1972

PAGE TWO RUAUBJC 566 S E I C R E T

CTF SEVEC SEVEN  
 CTF SEVEN THREE  
 CG LHIRD MARDIV  
 CG FIRST MARDIV  
 CG FIRST MAW  
 CTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR  
 CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR  
 TG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE  
 COMPHIBRON NINE  
 BT

**SECRET**

HICKORY/BELT TIGHT SITREP NR11 AS OF 241400Z MAY. 67 (U)R

1. TASK ORGANIZATION: NO CHANGE

2. ACTIOCS

A. TG 76.5

- (1) OPERATING SE OF CUA VIET SUPPORTING OPN HICKORY/BELT TIFHT;
- (2) MONTICELLO AND OGDEN CGMPLETED CLEANING WATERUIDE ON ONE BOILER.
- (3) PRINCETON PROVIDED 514 GAL AVGAS AND 4422 GALL JP-5
- (4) CTF 76 REPS CG THIRD MARDIV REP. CTG 76.5 AND CTG 79.5

24 15 58

**SECRET**

**SECRET**RCOM 2220  
EXT 41721

PAGE THREE RUAUBJC 566 S E C R E T

VISITED CG III MAF TO DISCUSS FUTURE EMPLOYMENT OF ARG AND SLF BRAVO. COMMENCE PLANNING ADMINISTRATIVE OFFLOAD OF BLT 2/3 EQUIPMENT AND ATTACHMENTS.

I (5) DURING 24 HOUR PERIOD ENDING 241800H 10 WIA AND 6 NON-COMBAT INJURIES WERE MEDEVACED TO PRINCETON. TOTAL MEDEVACS TO DATE 282, PRESENTLY ON BOARD 103.

B. LANDING FORCE.

(1) 2/3 CONDUCTED S&D OPNS TO THE SOUTH IN THEIR ASSIGNED TAOR. AT 1630H 2/3 ENCOUNTERED A TRIPLE BUNKER COMPLEX IN GENERAL VIC YD 135 730. BUNKERS WERE DEFENDED BY ESTIMATED PLT SIZE FORCE. ENEMY WITHDREW UNDER FIRE AND BUNKERS ARE BEING DESTROYED. COMPLETE RESULTS NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME.

(2) CASUALTIES FOR THIS PERIOD ARE UNKNOWN; WILL BE REPORTED WHEN KNOWN.

3. INTENTIONS

A. TG 76.5 CONTINUZ SUPPORTING OPN HICKORY/BELT TIGHT.  
B. COMMENCE ADMIN OFFLOAD OF DESIGNATED 2/3 ATTACHED UNITS TO DONG HA AND EIGHT A/C DETACHMENT FROM HMM 164 TO MARBLE MOUNTAIN. 2/3 DESIGNATED ATTACHEMENTS AND HMM 164 DETACHMENTS WILL BE UNDER THE OPCON OF IN-COUNTRY FORCES WHILE THE ARG/SLF PROCEEDS TO SUBIC

PAGE FOUR RUAUBJC 566 S E C R E T

BAY FOR TRANSFER TO TRIPOLI.

C. SUBMIT RECOMMENDATION PM 25 MAY FOR TERMINATION OF OPN BELT TIGHT.

4. ACTIONS REQUIRED BY HIGHER AUTHORITY: NONE.

GP-4 (C) 1JUNE67

BT

NNNN#

**SECRET**

## DECLASSIFIED

NMCC031

VV ACN463 MACV7942  
 TELECON ITEM 0815/87  
 0 240258Z MAY 87  
 FM COMUSMACV  
 TO NMCC  
 CINCPAC  
 INFO ZEN/CG III MAF  
 ZEN/CG I FFORCEV  
 ZEN/CG II FFORCEV  
 ZEN/CONNAVFCRV  
 ZEN/SA IV CORPS  
 ZEN/CMDR 7TH AIR FORCE  
 ZEN/CO 5TH SFG

MARINE CORPS  
COMMAND CENTER

May 24 00 5200Z

BT  
 TO CONFIDENTIAL CCN 16952 FROM: MACCIC3  
 SUBJ: TELECON (U)

## 1. (C) I CTZ:

A. IN THUA THIEN PROV (YD990060) 15 KM SE OF PHU BAI AT 222350H, A PTL VESSEL FR 13TH COASTAL JUNK FLEET AMBUSHED AN NY NO EN. AREA SEARCHED AT 230830H. RES: FRD: TWO KIA, ONE WIA; EN: 18 KIA, FOUR I/WPNS, 8 GREN AND 32 DETONATORS CPT RD.

B. REF 1B MY MSG 222130Z MAY. EN BROKE CONTACT AT 231300H.

PAGE 2 UUMSA 0815 CONFIDENTIAL  
 UPDATE ON RES: FRD: EIGHT KIA, 13 WIA; EN: 43 KIA, 334 DET, 16 I/WPNS CPT RD.

C. OP HICKORY: IN QUANG TRI PROV (YD137705) SIX KM WSW OF GIO LINH AT 221700H, E/2/9 USMC FOUND TEN EN BODIES, SIX I/WPNS AND TWO C/S/WPNS. VIC YD102639, SEVEN KM SSW OF CON THIEN AT 221730H, L/3/9, DURING A SWEEP FOUND SIX EN BODIES. CUM RES: FRD: NONE; EN: 16 KIA, SIX I/WPNS AND TWO C/S/WPNS CPT RD.

D. ALL OTHER OPS CONT W/O SIGNIFICANT CONTACT REPD.

E. CUM RES:

	FRIENDLY		HICKORY	
	PRAIRIE IV (US)	CROCKETT (US)	(US)	CHOCTAW (US)
KIA	152	2	78 X	0
WIA	1117	13	530	1
MIA	0	0	0	0
AIR SORTIES	340	240	518	18
NGF	133	0	0	2
ARC LIGHT	0	6	0	0
	ENEMY			
KIA	463	34	242 X	0 X

DECLASSIFIED

## DECLASSIFIED

PAGE 3 UUMSA 0815 C O N F I D E N T I A L

DET	90	2	6
RET	0	3	2
IND/WPNS	125	2	30
C/S WPNS	22	0	24
X ADJUSTED			

## FRIENDLY

	DUVAL (US)	MALHEUR (US)	BEAU CHARGER (US)	LAM CO. 1 (ARVAD)
KIA	2	27	28	23
WIA	1	174	115	79
MIA	0	0	0	0
AIR SORTIES	0	136	30	0
NGF	0	0	0	12
ARC LIGHT	0	0	0	0
		ENEMY		
KIA	0	270	342	83
DET	0	131	31	0
RET	0	0	0	0
IND/WPNS	0	112	37	13 X
C/S WPNS	0	7	13 X	6 X

PAGE 4 UUMSA 0815 C O N F I D E N T I A L

X ADJUSTED

2. (C) II CTZ:

A. IN LAM DONG PROV (ZT185709) 12 KM SE BAO LOC AT 240226004 MAY 67, A CIDG CO WAS ATKD BY EST EN CO WITH HV SA AND MORT FIRE, ARTY, GUNSHIPS, AC-47 SPTD. 22D AND 23D RGR BN MOVING INTO AREA TO SUPPORT. CONTACT CONT. INITIAL RES: FRD: 15 KIA, (CIDG), 29 WIA (THREE USSF); EN: SIX KIA. NO REPT OF I/WPNS CPTD.

B. NO STAND DOWN VIOLATIONS SINCE LAST REPT.

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

D. CUM RES:

## FRIENDLY

	FRANCIS MARION (US)	BYRD (US)	PERSHING (US)	CH JAK KYO II (CRCK)
KIA	89	14	294	28
WIA	362	188	1240	45
MIA	1	0	2	0
AIR SORTIES	1497	796	2291	53
NGF	0	50	1140	0
ARC LIGHT	75	9	135	0
		ENEMY		

DECLASSIFIED

## DECLASSIFIED

PAGE 5 UUMSA 0815 C O N F I D E N T I A L

KIA	494	587	1572
DET	354	752	6952
RET	2	11	114 X
IND/WPNS	128	226	375
C/S WPNS	12	2	18

X ADJUSTED

## 3. (C) III CTZ:

- A. ALL OPS CONT W/C SIGNIFICANT CONTACT REPTD.
- B. NO STAND DOWN VIOLATIONS SINCE LAST REPT.
- C. CUM RES: CP ENTERPRISE, CINCINNATI - NO CHANGE.

	PALM BEACH	FAIRFAX	DALLAS	MANHATTAN
	(US)	(US/ARVN)	(US)	(US)
KIA	47	77/36	4	46
WIA	308	439/124	56	317
MIA	2	0/1	0	0
ARI SORTIES	141	806	162	300
NGF	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
ARC LIGHT	0	0	0	24
	ENEMY			
KIA	532	687/114	14	191

PAGE 6 UUMSA 0815 C O N F I D E N T I A L

DET	83	1722/422	0	368
RET	7	36/0	0	28
IND/WPNS	38	204/104	9	514
C/S WPNS	9	0/3	0	14

## 4. (U) IV CTZ:

- A. NO STAND DOWN VIOLATIONS SINCE LAST REPT.
- B. ALL OPS CONT W/O SIGNIFICANT CONTACT REPTD.

## 5. (C) STAND-DOWN VIOLATIONS:

## A. I CTZ:

## (1) MAJOR STAND-DOWN VIOLATIONS.

(A) IN QUANG NGAI PROV (BS735824) 13 KM NE OF QUANG NGAI CITY AT 231600H, ELM ARVN 2/4 INF RECD SA FIRE FR UNK NO EN. RTND FIRE. EN BROKE CONTACT. RES: FRD: FOUR WIA; EN: UNK.

(B) IN QUANG NGAI PROV (BS735824) 13 KM NE OF QUANG NGAI CITY AT 232100H, ELM ARVN 2/4 INF RECD SA FIRE FR UNK NO EN. RTND SA FIRE. EN BROKE CONTACT. RES: FRD: ONE WIA; EN: 13 DEZ.

(C) CUM TOTAL MAJOR STAND-DOWN VIOLATIONS: 11

(2) CUM TOTAL MINOR STAND-DOWN VIOLATIONS: 25

GP-4

BT

## DECLASSIFIED

**SECRET**200000Z  
ZOCOMCEN  
ZOCM 2220  
ZXT 41721MARINE CORPS  
COMMAND CENTER

2601

OFTS JAW RUEDESJ0873 1431521-5555--RUCIHOA. **May 23 1348W**

ZNY SSSSS ZFG RUHHFMA 207

OO WWND

DE YYNA 4204 1431158

ZNY SSSSS

O 231158Z MAY 67

FM CG FMFGAC

TO WWND/CMC

O 230304Z MAY 67

FM CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE

TO COMSEVENTHFLT

INFO CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE

CTG SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT

CTF SEVEN SIX

CTF SEVEN NINE

COMUSMACV

COMNAVFORV

CG III MAF

CINCPAC

CINCPACFLT

COMPHIBPAC

CG FMFPAC

CG FMFPAC (FWD)

CTF BNE ONE FIVE

CTE SEVEN ZERO PT TWO PT ONE PT ONE

CTG SEVEN THREE PT FIVE

CDR SEVENTH AIR FBRKE

CTUSSEVEN ZERO PT SEVEN PT BNE

(AC)  
 AA - AD  
 AM - A02  
 A03 - A04  
 AS - ATA  
 AY - CH

23 MAY 67 1522Z  
 23 MAY 67 1522Z

PAGESTWOSJUAUBJC 46955 E C R E Z

CTF SEVEN SEVEN

CTF SEVEN THREE

CG THIRD MARDI

CG FIRST MARDIV

CG FIRST MAW

KTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR

CG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR

TG SEVENSSIX PT FIVE

BT

S E K R E T

3 HICKORY/BELT TIGHT SITREP NR8 AS OF 230200Z MAY 67 (U)

1. TASK OR-8-589: NO CYANGE.

2. ACTIONS.

A. TG 76.5

(1) OPERATING SE OF CUA VIET SUPPORTING OPN HICKORY/BELT TIGHTD  
 (2) PRINCETON RREFUELED FM KHIPOLA.

2. LANDING FORCE.

(1) UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE

23

230304

**SECRET**

DECLASSIFIED

SECRET

HQCOMMEN  
ROOM 2220  
EXT 41721

(2) OPERATIONS

(A) ALL UNITS ESTABLISHED NIGHT DEFENSIVE POSITIONS AND AMBUSHES. AT 2105H 2/3 CP RECEIVED 4 RDS INCOMING ARTY FIRE FM

PAGE THREE RUAUBJC 469 S E C R E T

AX 3600. NO CASUALTIES.

(B) 2/3 IS HOLDING IN PRESENT POSITIONS. CONDUCTING ROUTINE PATROLS IAW U.S POLICY FOR BUDDHA'S BIRTHDAY. PLAN TO MOVE OUT ON SEARCH & CLEAR OPNS TO THE SOUTH IN NEW TAOR. NEW TAOR IS AREA FM 120740 TO 150710 TO 150630 TO 180630 TO 180700 TO 150740 TO 120740. ALL COORD YD.

(3) CASUALTIES

(A) DURING PERIOD

USMC: NONE

ENEMY: NONE

(B) CUMULATIVE

USMC : 12 KIA 56 WIA

ENEMY: 22 KIA B/C 23 KIA PROB

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

4. ACTIONS REQUIRED BY HIGHER AUTHORITY: NONE

GP-4 (C) 1 JUNE 67

BT

NNNN#

SECRET

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

MARINE CORPS COMMAND CENTER  
Headquarters, U. S. Marine Corps  
Washington, D. C. 20380

21 May 1967

Subj: Spot Reports

Source: Lt ROBINSON, FMFPAC Command Center

1. Lt ROBINSON, FMFPAC CC passed the following spot reports:

A. First report

1. Update of 3/9 contact. As of 211300H the contact continues. K and L 3/9 had contact with unknown size enemy force, vicinity YD1064. Artillery and air continue to support 3/9 units. Casualties now reported as 26 USMC KIA, 59 USMC WIA. Enemy 36 KIA (Conf)

B. Second report

1. As of 211500H, all other units Operation HICKORY moving, no significant contact reported.

C. Third report

1. At 20110H, E/2/9, vicinity YD151728, located an abandoned enemy CP. Bunkers and fort destroyed. Among numerous items captured were the following:

55 rounds 82mm mortar  
21 rounds 60mm mortar  
8 rounds 82mm RR  
400 pounds of rice  
Assorted number and type of SA ammo  
and grenades

D. Fourth report

1. As of 201400Z May ARG consisting of CTG 76.5, Princeton, Monticello, Ogdon, Tom Green Cty, Tacron Det, COMSEC Det, UDT Det, ACDID Det, and surgical team, SLF: No change. Eldorado, Providing comm support.

(a) Actions:

(1) TG 76.5 operated southeast of Cua Viet supporting Operation HICKORY/BELT TIGHT.

21

09

377

DECLASSIFIED

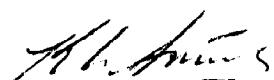
**CONFIDENTIAL**

(2) Blt 2/3 tank platoon transported from Monticello to Dong Ha by LCU and LCM-8. No incidents. 2 LCM-8's are in Dong Ha.

(b) Summary of support provided

(1) Princeton provided 502 gallons AV gas, 8699 gallons JP-5, 12 gallons AV Lub, and service for in-country helos. Ogden provided 2160 gallons JP-5.

FONCON FMFPAC CC 210537Q (C)



K. L. SMITH  
Watch Officer

**CONFIDENTIAL**

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

MARINE CORPS COMMAND CENTER  
Headquarters, U. S. Marine Corps  
Washington, D. C. 20380

21 May 1967

Subj: Spot Reports

Source: Lt ROBINSON, FMFPAC Command Center

1. Lt ROBINSON, FMFPAC CC passed the following spot reports:

A. First report

1. At 210430H, a L/3/1, squad combat patrol became disoriented and moved into an area cleared for 81mm H&I fires. 3 of the patrol members were wounded and medevac.

2. Investigation is being conducted.

B. Second report

1. At 201720H, vicinity YD139738, a platoon patrol from F/2/9 engaged an unknown size enemy force. Patrol received mortar fire and AW. 81mm mortar mission and AC and A/C provided support.

2. Initial casualties reported: 4 USMC KIA, 8 USMC WIA; Enemy 4 KIA (Conf).

C. Third report

1. Update on casualties for 3/9 contact reported to MCCC at 1500W (2100Q) are: 15 USMC KIA, 48 USMC WIA; Enemy 22 KIA (Conf), 4 KIA (Prob). MCCC info memo 210108Z refers.

D. Fourth report

1. At 200930H, A/3/35 infantry made contact with an estimated enemy company vicinity BS773456. Recon 2/25 infantry acted as a blocking force. Contact lasted throughout the day becoming sporadic by 2150H.

2. Results were: Friendly - 7 KIA, 22 WIA; Enemy - 61 KIA (Conf), 16 Det, 16 weapons captured.

FONCON FMFPAC CC 210345Q (C)

*K. L. SMITH*

Watch Officer

21

DECLASSIFIED

**CONFIDENTIAL**

MARINE CORPS COMMAND CENTER  
Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps  
Washington, D. C. 20380

20 May 1967

---

DATE

Subj: Spot Report (Opn Hickory)

Source: Major BRESLAUER, FMFPAC CC

1. AT 201845H ELEMENTS OF 3/9 MADE CONTACT WITH AN ESTIMATED NVA COMPANY DEPLOYED IN PREPARED POSITIONS, WHICH INCLUDED MUTUALLY SUPPORTING BUNKERS (YD 104644). CONTACT CONTINUING AT 202400H.

CASUALTY REPORT: 6 USMC KIA, 51 USMC WIA; 5 ENEMY KIA (CONF), 3 ENEMY KIA (PROB).

2. 3/9 IS THE BATTALION SCREENING THE WESTERN FLANK IN OPN HICKORY.

FONECON FMFPAC CC 202108Q (C)

J. K. Griffis Jr  
J. K. GRIFFIS JR  
Watch Officer

**CONFIDENTIAL**

21

01

082

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL  
MARINE CORPS COMMAND CENTER  
Headquarters, U. S. Marine Corps  
Washington, D. C. 20380

21 May 1967

Subj: Spot Reports

Source: Lt ROBINSON, FMFPAC Command Center

1. Lt ROBINSON, FMFPAC CC passed the following spot reports:

A. First report

1. Update of 3/9 contact. As of 211300H the contact continues. K and L 3/9 had contact with unknown size enemy force, vicinity YD1064. Artillery and air continue to support 3/9 units. Casualties now reported as 26 USMC KIA, 59 USMC WIA. Enemy 36 KIA (Conf)

B. Second report

1. As of 211500H, all other units Operation HICKORY moving, no significant contact reported.

C. Third report

1. At 20110H, E/2/9, vicinity YD151728, located an abandoned enemy CP. Bunkers and fort destroyed. Among numerous items captured were the following:

55 rounds 82mm mortar  
21 rounds 60mm mortar  
8 rounds 82mm RR  
400 pounds of rice  
Assorted number and type of SA ammo  
and grenades

D. Fourth report

1. As of 201400Z May ARG consisting of CTG 76.5, Princeton, Monticello, Ogdon, Tom Green Cty, Tacron Det, COMSEC Det, UDT Det, ACDID Det, and surgical team, SLF: No change. Eldorado, Providing comm support.

(a) Actions:

(1) TG 76.5 operated southeast of Cua Viet supporting Operation HICKORY/BELT TIGHT.

21

09

312

DECLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED

**CONFIDENTIAL**

(2) Blt 2/3 tank platoon transported from Monticello to Dong Ha by LCU and LCM-8. No incidents. 2 LCM-8's are in Dong Ha.

(b) Summary of support provided

(1) Princeton provided 502 gallons AV gas, 8699 gallons JP-5, 12 gallons AV Lub, and service for in-country helos. Ogden provided 2160 gallons JP-5.

FONCON FMFPAC CC 210537Q (C)

*K. L. Smith*  
K. L. SMITH  
Watch Officer

**CONFIDENTIAL**

DECLASSIFIED

SIMULTANEOUS WITH THE SECOND MORTAR BARRAGE, AN ENEMY FORCE ESTIMATED AT 15 MEN, ATTACKED AN ARVN OFFICERS' CLUB AND THE HUONG GIANG HOTEL IN THE CITY. BOTH BUILDINGS SUFFERED EXTENSIVE DAMAGE FROM VIET CONG B-40 ROCKETS AND SATCHEL CHARGES. FRIENDLY MORTARS AND AIR STRIKES WERE DIRECTED AT SUSPECTED GUERRILLA POSITIONS AND AN INFANTRY SWEEP AT FIRST LIGHT LOCATED THE ABANDONED VIET CONG MORTAR SITE. FRIENDLY CASUALTIES INCLUDED 3 ARVN, 1 VNAF, 2 POLICEMEN AND 3 CIVILIANS KILLED AND 7 ARVN, 3 POLICEMEN AND 13 CIVILIANS WOUNDED. THREE US ARMY SOLDIERS AND AN ICC TEAM MEMBER WERE ALSO WOUNDED. ONE VIET CONG WAS CONFIRMED KILLED.

## 3. III MAF

## A. MAJOR UNIT OPERATIONS

(1) OPERATION VICTORY (THIRD MARINE DIVISION)  
(A) THE THIRD MARINE DIVISION, WITH 7 INFANTRY

PAGE 6 RUHHFMA 5426 S E C R E T  
BATTALIONS (2D BATTALION, 26TH MARINES; 2D BATTALION, 3D MARINES; 1ST AND 3D BATTALION, 4TH MARINES; 1ST, 2D, AND 3D BATTALIONS, 9TH MARINES) TERMINATED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT. AT 1405H, COMPANY D, 1ST BATTALION, 9TH MARINES ENGAGED A REINFORCED COMPANY AT (YD 144729). THE CONTACT CONTINUED FOR TWO HOURS BEFORE THE NVA BROKE CONTACT. FIVE USMC WERE KIA, 11 WERE WIA, 10 NVA WERE KIA (CONF) AND 21 NVA WERE KIA (PROB). AT 1430H, COMPANY M, 3D BATTALION, 4TH MARINES ENGAGED A WELL ENTRENCHED NVA PLATOON AT (YD 078680). ARTILLERY SUPPORTED COMPANY M IN THE ASSAULT. TWENTY USMC WERE WIA (4 MED EVAC). 1 NVA WAS KIA (CONF), AND 1-57MM RR WAS DESTROYED. AT 1500H, COMPANY L, 3D BATTALION, 4TH MARINES ENGAGED AN UNKNOWN SIZE ENEMY FORCE NEAR (YD 063687). ARTILLERY MISSIONS WERE CALLED TO SUPPRESS THE ENEMY FIRE. THE COMPANY'S NIGHT PERIMETER RECEIVED 9 ROUNDS OF 140MM ROCKET FIRE. TOTAL CASUALTIES WERE 4 USMC KIA AND 19 USMC WIA; WHILE ENEMY CASUALTIES WERE 3 ENEMY KIA (CONF) AND 2 ENEMY KIA (PROB). AT 1550H, COMPANY F, 2D BATTALION, 3D MARINES ENGAGED AN ENEMY SQUAD AT (YD 156706). WHILE THE COMPANY WAS MANEUVERING, A COMMAND DETONATED MINE EXPLODED.

BT

NNNN#

36 02 553

SECRET

**SECRET**ROOM 2220  
EXT 41721

## CONTROL OF 3RD MARINE DIVISION JOINING HICORY FORCES.

THE 8 MARINE BATTALIONS IN HICORY/BELT TIGHT AND BEAU CHARGER CONTINUED THEIR SWEEP OF THE AREA IN AND NEAR THE DMZ ALONG WITH THE LAMSON 54 FORCES. PAUSING ONLY FOR A 24 HOUR STAND DOWN DURING THE CELEBRATION OF BUDDA'S BIRTHDAY (23 MAY). BEAU CHARGER TERMINATED ON 26 MAY AFTER BLT 1/3 HAD KILLED 83 NVA AND CAPTURED 19 ENEMY WEAPONS. LAMSON 54, WHICH ENDED AT 282400H, RESULTED IN 362 NVA KILLED (CONF) AND 108 ENEMY INDIVIDUAL AND CREW SERVED WEAPONS CAPTURED. THE CUMULATIVE RESULTS OF HICORY/BELT TIGHT (ALTHOUGH FINAL REPORTS ARE PENDING) ARE 370 NVA KILLED (CONF) AND 552 OTHERS PROBABLY KILLED. ADDITIONALLY, 103 ENEMY WEAPONS WERE CAPTURED. THE III MAF/GVN UNITS ALSO DESTROYED EXTENSIVE ENEMY POSITIONS AND CAPTURED LARGE CACHES OF FOOD AND MUNITIONS.

UPON TERMINATION OF HICORY, ITS BATTALIONS (INCLUDING 2D BATTALION, 3RD MARINES) PASSED TO OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF OPERATION PRAIRIE TO THE WEST IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE. GVN FORCES CONINUE TO RELOCATE

PAGE 4 RUHHFMA 5426 S E C R E T  
VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS FROM THE HICORY-LAMSON 54 AREA.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS OF LARGE UNITS OPERATIONS ARE SHOWN IN PARAGRAPH 3A, BELOW

## B. ENEMY ENCOUNTERS NEAR HUE

THE ENEMY HAS CONTINUED HIS RECENT ATTEMPTS TO INFLICT BOTH PHYSICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL DAMAGE UPON THE VIETNAMESE AT HUE. A HEAVY CONTACT WAS MADE BY ARVN UNITS WITH A MAJOR ENEMY FORCE JUST OUTSIDE THE ANCIENT VIETNAMESE CAPTIAL ON 27-28 MAY AND, EARLY ON 29 MAY, ANOTHER ENEMY UNIT LAUNCHED A MORTAR (ATTAC) AND SMALL RAID WITHIN THE CITY.

THE LARGE UNIT ENCOUNTER TOO) PLACE 5 MILES NORTHWEST OF THE CITY BEGINNING AT 271140H AND CONTINUED UNTIL NOON THE FOLLOWING DAY. THE 9TH ARVN AIRBORNE BATTALION, ONE OF THREE ARVN BATTALIONS IN OPERATION LAMSON 60 IN THE HUE AREA, REPORTED KILLING 164 VC/NVA DURING THE 24-HOUR LONG ACTION. ADDITIONALLY, 28 ENEMY WEAPONS WERE CAPTURED. THE ARVN UNIT SUSTAINED 26 KILLED AND 49 WOUNDED.

EARLY ON 29 MAY, THE MACV AND THUA THIEN PRO-

PAGE 5 RUHHFMA 5426 S E C R E T  
VINCIAL HEADQUARTERS COMPOUNDS OF HUE WERE TARGETS OF VIET CONG MORTAR AND GRUUD ATTAC(S. AT 0115H, 40 ROUNDS OF 82MM MORTAR FIRE IMPACTED IN THE COMPOUNDS, FOLLOWED BY 25 MORE ROUNDS, TWENTY MINUTES LATER.

**SECRET**

## DECLASSIFIED

8751

OTTS JAW RUHHFMA5427 1500255-SSSS--RUCIHOA.

ZNY SSSSS

0 R 300255Z MAY 67 ZFF-1

FM CG FMFPAC

TO AIG 7603

BT

SECRET SECTION 2 OF 6  
 FINAL CASUALTIES WERE TWO USMC KIA, FIVE USMC WIA, AND THREE  
 ENEMY KIA(CONF). DURING THE DAY, TEN ENEMY KIA(CONF) WERE FOUND  
 WITH TWO WEAPONS, FIVE DETAINEES WERE APPREHENDED, ONE NVA WAS  
 KIA(CONF), AND A MACHINE GUN WAS CAPTURED. AIR STRIKES ACCOUNTED  
 FOR 51 ENEMY KIA (PROB). THE 2D BATTALION, 12TH MARINES  
 AT (YD 111704) RECEIVED ARTILLERY FIRE WHICH RESULTED IN THREE  
 USMC KIA AND 12 USMC WIA.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION HICKORY, FIXED WING  
 AIRCRAFT FLEW 113 SORTIES CONSISTING OF 53 CLOSE AIR SUPPORT  
 AND 60 DIRECT AIR SUPPORT (36 VISUAL AND 24 TPG-10) SORTIES,  
 WHICH EXPENDED 210 TONS OF ORDNANCE. BOMB DAMAGE WAS 51 KBA  
 (PROB), 33 BUNKERS DESTROYED, 4 BUNKERS DAMAGED, 2 AW POSITIONS  
 DESTROYED, 3 AW POSITIONS DAMAGED, 2 TRENCHES DAMAGED, AND 3  
 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS. ARTILLERY UNITS FIRED 439 MISSIONS AND  
 2788 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION IN SUPPORT OF INFANTRY OPERATIONS.

PAGE 2 RUHHFMA 5427 SECRET  
 OF THESE, 175MM GUNS FIRED 12 MISSIONS AND EXPENDED 144 ROUNDS.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE  
 USMC ENEMY

14/121 KIA	31/370 KIA(CONF)
92/840 WIA	83/575 KIA(PROB)

5/18 DETAINEES

4/104 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(2) OPERATIONS PRAIRIE IV (THIRD MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE THIRD MARINE DIVISION WITH THE THIRD BATTALION, THIRD MARINES CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS  
 IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTRACT. (LATE ENTRIES) ON 27 MAY  
 ONE USMC WAS WIA AND ONE ENEMY WAS KIA(PROB) IN A MINOR SKIRMISH.  
 ARTILLERY UNITS AT GIO LINH (YD 210743) RECEIVED ARTILLERY  
 FIRE WHICH RESULTED IN TWO USMC WIA.

(B) HELICOPTERS FLEW 131 SORTIES TRANSPORTING 125  
 PERSONNEL AND 1.5 TONS OF CARGO. ARTILLERY UNITS FIRED 292  
 MISSIONS AND 1130 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION IN SUPPORT OF INFANTRY  
 OPERATIONS.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE  
 USMC ENEMY

PAGE 3 RUHHFMA 5427 SECRET

300255

SECRET

**SECRET**ROOM 2220  
EXT 41721

WAS LIMITED BY LOW VISIBILITY.

THE HIGH LEVEL OF THE DAY'S ACTIVITY CONTINUED THE PATTERN OF THE PAST WEEK, WHEN FIXED WING OPERATIONS IN THE SEVEN DAY PERIOD INCLUDED 1524 STRIKE SORTIES, 437 OF WHICH WERE CONTROLLED BY GROUND RADAR TEAMS UNDER CONDITIONS OF LIMITED VISIBILITY. ALL TOLD, THESE TACTICAL STRIKES KILLED 137 VC/NVA (CONF) AND PROBABLY KILLED 172 OTHERS. ADDITIONALLY, 499 STRUCTURES, 117 BUNKERS AND 23 GUN POSITIONS WERE CONFIRMED AS DESTROYED BETWEEN 18 AND 25 MAY.

## 3. III MAF

## A. MAJOR UNIT OPERATIONS

## (1) OPERATION UNION

(A) CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS: 5TH MARINES (-), REINFORCED, CONDUCTS SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS WITH TWO MARINE BATTALIONS (-) COORDINATED WITH FIRST ARVN RANGER GROUP AND TH 6TH ARVN

*Hickory  
27MAV*

PAGE 6 RUHHFMA 4988 S E C R E T  
REGIMENT TO CAPTURE OR DESTROY ENEMY FORCES AND SUPPLIES. AT L HOUR-1 ON D-DAY, 1ST BATTALION, 5TH MARINES ESTABLISHES BLOCKING POSITIONS IN THE VICINITY OF (BT 067396) TO (BT 055385). AT H-HOUR, 1ST ARVN GROUP ATTACKS FROM THE NORTHEAST SECTOR OF THE OPERATING AREA TO THE SOUTHEAST ALONG AN AXIS GENERALLY SOUTH OF THE PARALLEL TO HIGHWAY 535. ALSO AT H-HOUR, 6TH ARVN REGIMENT ATTACKS FROM THE SOUTHEAST SECTOR OF THE OPERATING AREA TO THE WEST, ALONG THE GENERAL AXIS OF EAST-WEST GRIDLINE 33. 3D BATTALION, 5TH MARINES (-) LANDS AT H-HOUR IN LANDING ZONE ROBIN (BT 0529) AND ATTACKS TO THE NORTH EAST ON AN AXIS OF ADVANCE GENERALLY ALONG THE SON LY LY (RIVER).

## (2) OPERATION HICKORY (HIRD MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE THIRD MARINE DIVISION WITH SEVEN INFANTRY BATTALIONS (1ST AND 3D BATTALION, 4TH MARINES; 2D BATTALION, 3RD MARINES; 1ST, 2D AND 3D BATTALIONS, 9TH MARINES; AND 3D BATTALION, 26TH MARINES) CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN NORTHEASTERN GUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH MODERATE CONTACT. (LATE BT

NNNN\*

**SECRET**

**SECRET**RCCM 2220  
EXT 41721MARINE CORPS  
COMMAND CENTER

6669

OTTS ZYY RUHHFMA4997 1470352-555  
27 MAY 67 RUCIHOA33 '67ZNY SSSSS ZFG RUHHFMA  
OO RUAUDB RUAHQL RUWJBRA RUCIHOA RUCIJMA  
DE RUHHFMA 4989 1470352

ZNY SSSSS

O R 270352Z MAY 67 ZFF-1  
TO AIG 7603

BT

S E C R E T SECTION 2 OF 8

ENTRY). AT 242345H, ONE MARINE FROM COMPANY G, 2D BATTALION, 26TH MARINES WAS WIA WHEN THE COMPANY RECEIVED THREE ROUNDS OF ARTILLERY FIRE AT (YD 093689). AT 242325H, A 60MM MISSION FIRED BY COMPANY F, 2D BATTALION, 3D MARINES ON EIGHT ENEMY (YD 140740) RESULTED IN FOUR ENEMY KIA (PROB). AT 250420H, COMPANY G, 2D BATTALION, 3D MARINES RECEIVED 40 ROUNDS OF 82MM MORTAR FIRE WHICH WOUNDED SIX MARINES. AT 0610H, THREE MARINES FROM COMPANY D, 1ST BATTALION, NINTH MARINES WERE WIA BY A MINE (YD 114706). AT 0610H, COMPANY H, 2D BATTALION, 26TH MARINES MADE CONTACT WITH AN ESTIMATED ENEMY PLATOON (YD 061696) WITH MORTARS AND AIR STRIKES WHICH KILLED SIX ENEMY (CONF) AND KILLED TEN ENEMY (PROB). THREE USMC WERE KIA AND 30 WERE WIA. AT 0610H, THE REMAINDER OF THE BATTALION MADE CONTACT WITH AN ESTIMATED ENEMY COMPANY (YD 061696) WITH ORGANIC WEAPONS, ARTILLERY AND AIR STRIKES WHICH RESULTED IN 20 ENEMY KILLED (CONF)

PAGE 2 RUHHFMA 4989 S E C R E T

AND FIVE KILLED (PROB). AT 0625H, COMPANY H EXCHANGED SMALL ARMS FIRE WITH AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF ENEMY (YD 066700) RESULTING IN TWO MARINES WIA. ENEMY CASUALTIES ARE UNKNOWN. AT 0655H, WHILE SEARCHING A VILLAGE (YD 133733), COMPANY E, 2D BATTALION, 3D MARINES EXCHANGED SMALL ARMS FIRE WITH AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF ENEMY. SEVENTEEN ENEMY WERE KILLED (CONF) AND ONE 60MM MORTAR AND ONE 82MM MORTAR BASE PLATE AND TRIPOD WERE CAPTURED. ONE MARINE WAS KIA AND FOUR WERE WIA. AT 0750H, THREE MARINES FROM THE 2D BATTALION, 26TH MARINES WERE WIA WHEN THE BATTALION CP (YD 188717) RECEIVED 10 ROUNDS OF ROCKET FIRE FROM (YD 188717). AT 0900H, OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF COMPANY E, 2D BATTALION, 4TH MARINES WAS PASSED TO THE 4TH MARINES. AT 1230H, COMPANY M, 3D BATTALION, 9TH MARINES, WITH ARTILLERY AND AIR SUPPORT ENGAGED 15 NVA (YD 084659). FOUR USMC WERE KIA AND 3 ENEMY WERE KILLED (CONF) AND ONE ENEMY RIFLE WAS CAPTURED. AT 1330H, COMPANY E, 2D BATTALION, 3D MARINES FOUND SIX DEAD ENEMY AND CAPTURED ONE WHEELED MACHINGUN MOUNT. (YD 137730) AT 1400H, COMPANY H, 2D BATTALION, 26TH MARINES ENGAGED AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF ENEMY (YD 067702). SIX USMC WERE WIA BUT ENEMY CASUALTIES WERE NOT DETERMINED. TWO DETAINEES WERE APPREHENDED

2/8

270352

**SECRET**

**SECRET**ROOM 2220  
EXT 41721PAGE 3 RUHHFMA 4989 S E C R E T  
DURING THE DAY.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION HICKORY FIXED WING AIRCRAFT FLEW 84 SORTIES CONSISTING OF 45 CLOSE AIR SUPPORT AND 39 DIRECT AIR SUPPORT (22 VISUAL AND 17 TPQ-10) SORTIES, WHICH EXPENDED 143 TONS OF ORDNANCE. REPORTED BDA WAS EIGHT KBA (CONF), EIGHT BUNKERS AND SIX GUN POSITIONS DESTROYED, ONE TRENCH DAMAGED AND ONE SECONDARY EXPLOSION OBSERVED. HELICOPTERS FLEW 24 SORTIES TRANSPORTING 60 PERSONNEL AND 2 TONS OF CARGO. ARTILLERY UNITS FIRED 328 MISSIONS AND 7168 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION IN SUPPORT OF INFANTRY OPERATIONS.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC	ENEMY
4/85 KIA	52/309 KIA (CONF)
59/613 WIA (ADJ)	19/460 KIA (PROB) (ADJ)

2/13 DETAINEES

2/99 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(3) 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 1000H, ARTILLERY UNITS AND COMPANY B, 1ST BATTALION 4TH MARINES, LOCATED AT (YD 111700), RECEIVED 12-16 ROUNDS OF ARTY

PAGE 4 RUHHFMA 4989 S E C R E T  
FIRE. 1 USMC WAS WIA. ONE ENEMY WAS KILLED (PROB) DURING THE DAY.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION PRAIRIE IV HELICOPTERS FLEW 457 SORTIES TRANSPORTING 324 PERSONNEL AND 59 TONS OF CARGO. ARTILLERY UNITS FIRED 354 MISSIONS AND 2138 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION IN SUPPORT OF INFANTRY OPERATIONS. OF THESE, 175MM GUNS FIRED 33 MISSIONS AND 496 ROUNDS.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC	ENEMY
0/54 KIA	0/463 KIA (CONF)
1/1119 WIA	1/522 KIA (PROB)

0/8 NVA/PW  
0/1 VC/PW  
0/89 DETAINEES  
0/147 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(4) OPERATION CROCKETT (THIRD MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE FIRST BATTALION, 26TH MARINES.

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

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION CROCKETT FIXED WING

PAGE 5 RUHHFMA 4989 S E C R E T  
AIRCRAFT FLEW 35 SORTIES CONSISTING OF 13 CLOSE AIR SUPPORT AND 22 DIRECT AIR SUPPORT (18 VISUAL AND FOUR TPQ-10) SORTIES**SECRET**

**SECRET**HQCOMM CEN  
ROOM 2220  
EXT 41721

240001-242400

PAGE 3 RUHHFMA 4734 S E C R E T

IN SUPPORT OF III MAF GROUND OPERATIONS. DURING THE DAY, 230 FIXED WING COMBAT SORTIES WERE FLOWN, 216 OF WHICH WERE ATTACK SORTIES AGAINST THE ENEMY AND THE REMAINDER WERE PRIMARILY PHOTO AND VISUAL RECONNAISSANCE MISSIONS TO LOCATE AND FIX THE ENEMY POSITIONS. AS A RESULT OF THESE SORTIES, OVER 28 OF THE ENEMY WERE KILLED, 73 ENEMY STRUCTURES, 32 BUNKERS, 2 GUN EMPLACEMENTS, 2 AUTOMATIC WEAPONS POSITIONS, 1 MORTAR, 1 ARTILLERY POSITION AND 1 CAVE WERE DESTROYED. ALSO, 7 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS AND 4 FIRES WERE OBSERVED.

## D. RECORD CARGO TONNAGE MOVED AT DANANG

ALTHOUGH 90 PERCENT OF THE STEVEDORES AND 65 PERCENT OF THE TRUCK DRIVERS DID NOT REPORT TO WORK DURING THE DAY SHIFT DUE TO THE VIETNAMESE HOLIDAY ON BUDDAS' BIRTHDAY, THE MEN OF THE NAVAL SUPPORT ACTIVITY AND III MAF LOGISTICAL PERSONNEL ESTABLISHED A NEW RECORD ON 23 MAY BY BACKLOADING OVER 10,700 MEASURED TONS OF CARGO AND MOVING OVER 20,250 MEASURED TONS THROUGH THE PORT OF DANANG. THIS APPRECIABLY EXCEEDS THE PREVIOUS HIGH OF 9,925 MEASURED TONS BACKLOADED.

**HICKORY**

PAGE 4 RUHHFMA 4734 S E C R E T

ON 10 MAY AND 17, 918 MEASURED TONS MOVED THROUGH THE PORT ON 28 APRIL.

## 3. III MAF

## A. MAJOR UNIT OPERATIONS

## (1) OPERATION HICKORY (THIRD MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE THIRD MARINE DIVISION WITH SEVEN INFANTRY BATTALIONS (1ST AND 3D BATTALION, 4TH MARINES; 2D BATTALION, 3D MARINES; 1ST, 2D, AND 3D BATTALIONS, 9TH MARINES; AND 2D BATTALION, 26TH MARINES) CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN NORTHEASTERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT. (LATE ENTRY) AT 232150H, COMPANY E, 2D BATTALION, 3D MARINES RECEIVED AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE A GROUP OF ENEMY. THE FIRE WAS RETURNED AND ONE ENEMY WAS KILLED (CONF) AND SIX WERE KILLED (PROB). ONE MARINE WAS WIA. THREE ADDITIONAL LATE

ENTRIES REPORT ONE NVA BODY AND ONE AK-47 RIFLE FOUND AND ONE MARINE WIA BY LAND MINES. FROM 1130H TO 1315H, AN AIR OBSERVER DIRECTED AIR STRIKES AT (YD 067798 AND YD 069683) WHICH RESULTED IN FOUR ENEMY KILLED (PROB). ON 24 MAY, PATROLS IN THE OPERATION FOUND 12 DEAD NVA IN GRAVES. SIX DETAINEES WERE ALSO APPREHENDED. AT 1045H, FOUR MARINES FROM COMPANY E, 2D BATTALION, 3D MARINES WERE WIA BY SNIPER FIRE

**SECRET**

**SECRET**MURKIN  
ROOM 222C  
EXT 41721

PAGE 5 RUHHFMA 4734 S E C R E T

FROM A VILLAGE (YD 133733). AT 1235H, ONE MARINE FROM THE 1ST BATTALION, 9TH MARINES WAS KIA AND TWO WERE WIA WHEN THE BATTALION RECEIVED SIX ROUNDS OF ARTILLERY FIRE (YD 115702). AT 2130H, ONE MARINE FROM THE 3D BATTALION, 9TH MARINES WAS KIA AND FIVE WERE WIA WHEN THE BATTALION CP RECEIVED 41 ROUNDS OF ARTILLERY AND MORTAR FIRE (YD 103654). IN SIX ADDITIONAL UNRELATED INCIDENTS TWO ENEMY WERE KILLED (PROB). ONE MARINE WAS KIA BY SNIPER FIRE AND FOUR MARINES WERE WIA BY ENEMY FIRE AND ONE MARINE WAS WIA IN A PUNJI TRAP.

## (B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION HICKORY FIXED WING

AIRCRAFT FLEW 101 SORTIES CONSISTING OF 47 CLOSE AIR SUPPORT AND 54 DIRECT AIR SUPPORT (29 VISUAL AND 25 TPQ-10) SORTIES, WHICH EXPENDED 206 TONS OF ORDNANCE. THIRTEEN BUNKERS AND TWO STRUCTURES WERE DESTROYED, THREE BUNKERS AND FIVE TRENCHES WERE DAMAGED, FIVE ROADS WERE CUT AND ONE SECONDARY FIRE WAS OBSERVED. ARTILLERY UNITS FIRED 248 MISSIONS AND 4258 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION IN SUPPORT OF INFANTRY OPERATIONS. OF THESE, 175MM GUNS FIRED EIGHT MISSIONS AND 75 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION. NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT CONSISTED OF 32 MISSIONS EXPENDING 455 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION.

PAGE 6 RUHHFMA 4734D E C R E T

## (C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC	ENEMY
3/81 KIA	15/257 KIA (CONF)
18/556 WIA	10/425 KIA (PROB) (ADJ)
	6/11 DETAINEES (ADJ)
	1/97 WEAPONS CAPTURED (ADJ)

## (2) OPERATION PRAIRIE IV (THIRD MARINE DIVISION)

## (A) THE 3D BATTALION, 3D MARINES CONTINUED

SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT. BETWEEN 1050H AND 1100H ARTILLERY UNITS LOCATED AT (YD 205745) RECEIVED FOUR ROUNDS OF ARTILLERY FIRE RESULTING IN TWO MARINES KIA AND ONE WIA. COUNTER BATTERY FIRE WAS RETURNED WITH UNCONFIRMED RESULTS.

## (B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION PRAIRIE IV FIXED

WING AIRCRAFT FLEW ONE DIRECT AIR SUPPORT SORTIE WHICH EXPENDED 800 POUNDS OF ORDNANCE. FOUR STRUCTURES WERE DESTROYED AND ONE SECONDARY EXPLOSION WAS OBSERVED. ARTILLERY UNITS FIRED 300 MISSIONS AND 1429 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION IN SUPPORT OF INFANTRY OPERATIONS. OF THIS TOTAL, 175MM GUNS FIRED 30 MISSIONS EXPENDING 624 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION.

BT

**SECRET**

**"SECRET"**

MARINE CORPS COMMAND CENTER  
 Headquarters, U. S. Marine Corps  
 Washington, D. C. 20380

25 May 1967

Subject: Operation Hickory and Lam Son 54

Source: Col ORD, FMFPAC, G-3

In response to question posed by MCCC Col ORD provided the following:

1. The general locations of the units in Lam Son 54 are somewhere in the area between the Eastwest GL 72 and 71 and the Northsouth GL 17 and 24. They are moving south on the eastern flank of 2/3. The airborne units are east of 2/3 in the following order west to east: 3d, 5th and 9th. (Col ORD is not sure of the ARVN Bns but thinks 2/1 and 4/1 are located east of the airborne with 4/1 being the eastern Bn of the Sweep).
2. The contact that 2/3 had on the 25th was estimated to be against an enemy platoon at YD135730. They were in a triple bunker complex. When 2/3 attacked, the enemy pulled out. 2/3 movement has been slowed by the discovery of several enemy installations.
3. The contact by elements of 2/26 and 3/4 on Hill 117 is continuing. (Col ORD is hopefull that more info will come in on the WHSR Summary. If it doesn't he will initiate a call tomorrow morning in an attempt to gather more info. He also advised that voice communications between the 3d MarDiv COC and III MAF have been slow causing a delay in reporting.)

FONECON FMFPAC CC 2522150

*CD Warfield*  
 C. D. WARFIELD  
 Watch Officer

**"SECRET"**

26

02

15

## DECLASSIFIED

TELECON ITLN 2795/67

031230Z MAY 67

FM COMUSMACV

TO NMCC

CINCPAC

INFO ZEN/CG III MAF

ZEN/CG I FFORCEV

ZEN/CG II FFCRCEV

ZEN/COMNAVFORV

ZEN/SA IV CORPS

ZEN/CO 5TH SFG

ZEN/CMDR 7TH AIR FORCE

BT

*Asia*

CONFIDENTIAL CCN 16623 FROM: MACCOC3

SUBJ: TELECON (U)

1. (C) I CTZ:

A. OP HICKORY: IN QUANG TRI PROV (YD1255), 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

PAGE 2 UUMSA 0795 CONFIDENTIAL  
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.

FRIENDLY

	BEAU CHARGER (US)	PRAIRIE IV (US)	HICKORY SHAWNEE (US)	MALHEUR (US)	LAM SON 54 (ARVN)
KIA	23	152 X	33 X	13	27 X
WIA	75	1091 X	391 X	133	167 X
MIA	0	0	0	0	0
AIR					

PAGE 3 UUMSA 0795 CONFIDENTIAL

	SORTIES UNK	331	225	142	113	24
NGF	12	132	2	2	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	2	2	2	2	0	0
IND/WPNS	2	125	34	68 X	119 X	49
C/S WPNS	1	22	13	0	6	6
Y ADJUSTED	21	03			052	

**CONFIDENTIAL**

VZCZCFC593X  
DE RUMSMA 2089U 1391430  
ZNY 'CCCCC ZOK JPCC 0  
Z 0 191430Z MAY 67  
FM COMUSMACV  
TO RUEPJS/NMCC  
RUHKA/C INCPAC  
INFO RUHK/B/C INCPACFLT  
RUHKQ/C INCPACAF  
RUMBAN/C COMUSMACTHAI  
RUMTBK/ AMEMB BANGKOK  
RUHKM/CG FMFPAC  
ZEN/ CDR 7TH AIR FORCE

ZEN/COMNAVFORV  
20 NOV 1967 16466 FROM: MACC 003

BJI JOPREP OPREP CINCPACINST 005440.1E  
A (U) REF: CINCPACINST 005440.1E

AI- (1) ACCIDENTAL DELIVERY OF BRDNCE

A2. (U) 19 MAY 67

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  
PAGE 2 RUMSMA 2089U C O N F I D E N T I A L  
FELL SHORT HITTING F/2/9 USMC. RESULTS: THREE KILLED, TWO  
WOUNDED. INVESTIGATION UNDERWAY.

GP-4

87

CMC	Han
ACMC	Han
MILSEC	
Cofs	Han
DC/S P&P	Han
DIV INFO (AG)	Han
LEGIS ASST (AR)	Han
<del>DC/S (AIR) (AA)</del>	
DISCIP BRANCH (DK)	Han
DEP C/S ADMIN (AY)	Han

**CONFIDENTIAL**

19

14

30;

DECLASSIFIED

~~TOP SECRET~~

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE  
NATIONAL MILITARY COMMAND CENTER  
MESSAGE CENTER

1395

709 JCS089/17 R2  
1975/---/---/TOP SECRET/---/---/---/

KAG176  
RUEKDA  
RUHKA 2296 1362242  
Y TTTT ZOK JPCCO  
162244Z MAY 67  
ADMINO CINCPAC  
RUHKA/CINCPACFLT  
MSMA/COMUSMACV  
JABFB/CINCPACREP RYIS  
INFO RUEKDA/JCS  
JHKN/CG FMFPAC  
JMFRC/COMSEVENTHFLT  
JMSDN/CG 111 MAF  
JMJIR/AMEMB SAIGON

1395  
FOR THE U.S.  
SERVICE

517 0355Z

IMMEDIATE

LIMDIS

OP SECRET LIMDIS  
INCPACREP RYIS NOT ADDEE PASS TO ADM SHARP FOR INFO AS ALFA 150.

(BEAR TRAP CU)

JCS 5403/162105Z MAY 67 NOTAL  
NO REPEAT NO DEMONSTRATION OR FEINT EMPLOYING ARG/SLF OFF BEACHES OF  
VN IS AUTHORIZED. REF A PERTAINS.  
THIS IN NO WAY MODIFIES CURRENT AUTHORITIES FOR USE OF NAVAL  
UNFIRE AND AIR STRIKES IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION HICKORY.

P-3

BT

NNN

INFO....CJCS-1(1) DJS-3(2-4) J3-8(5-12) J5-2(13-14) SAGOA-3(15-18)

S/DEF-5(18-22) WHITE HOUSE-4(23-26) STATE-1(27) NMOC-1(28)

CNO-2(29-30) CNAF-1(31) CMIC-2(32-33) FILE-1(35)

REF ID: A5A13 MESSAGE

ADV CY TO: NMOC

1 OF 1



~~TOP SECRET~~

DECLASSIFIED