

OPERATION HICKORY II

Since the 1st of July 1967 the Con Thien area of Quang Tri Province has been the scene of intensive action involving both ground attacks and artillery, mortar, and rocket attacks against both friendly fixed positions and troops maneuvering in the field. The period 2 July - 9 July marked the heaviest ground contact while on the 6th of July some 1350 rounds of artillery, rockets and mortars hit III MAF areas.

In order to reduce the enemy artillery capability and clear the Con Thien area of enemy ground units, III MAF has commenced operations involving an extensive combined arms campaign and a ground attack employing USMC and ARVN forces supported by the Navy and 7th Air Force.

The combined arms campaign employs tactical air, B-52 strikes, Naval gunfire and counter-battery artillery fire into and North of the DMZ. It involves keeping air on station in the vicinity in order to more rapidly attack targets and coordinates all supporting arms for a more rapid response. The air offensive in this area will continue until the 18th at which time a phase roll-back to the North will commence. This involves dividing the area by East-West phase lines approximately 3 to 5 KM apart and attacking targets within each sector until a limit of 27 KM has been reached. III MAF has requested assistance from 7th Air Force and in fact requested authority to coordinate the air campaign up to 27,000 meters North of the DMZ (maximum range of the 130MM

Gur). This air offensive is intended to be a deliberate target by target attack.

In conjunction with the air offensive (which will primarily take out artillery and anti-aircraft weapons and positions), the 3rd Marine Division will conduct operation HICKORY II South of the DMZ, to destroy the enemy forces located in that area. (This should substantially reduce the enemy mortar/rocket capability in the area.) HICKORY II is a combined USMC/ARVN S&D operation which also involves an amphibious demonstration off the DMZ by the ARG, and a helicopter landing feint in the vicinity of Dong Ha Mountain. The concept for HICKORY II calls for the 3rd Division employing the 9th Marines to feint North from the vicinity of Con Thien and then rapidly attack to the South with 2 Bns driving against already established blocking positions to the North of Cam Lo. Two additional Marine battalions, already in the area will block to the North in the vicinity of Con Thien to provide security against any enemy incursions in that area. An additional Marine Bn under the 3rd Marines will screen the West flank of the area. Recon Bn will conduct extensive patrolling throughout the Southern half of the DMZ.

A helicopter landing feint will be conducted from Camp CARROLL to the vicinity of the Dong Ha Mountain. This will involve helicopter waves to simulate 60 man lifts (5 or 6 helicopters per wave).

The Amphibious Tractor Bn will conduct a demonstration in the East along the coast, attacking North from Cua Viet to the Southern Boundary of the DMZ, turning and sweeping back to

the Cua Viet River.

The 1st ARVN Division using the 2nd Regiment will attack North along Route #1 as the axis of advance with three Bns to the Southern Boundary of the DMZ, turn South and attack on both sides of Route #1 toward blocking positions Northeast and Northwest of Dong Ha.

The operation is expected to be of 3 day duration. It commenced as scheduled and is proceeding according to plan with no contact reported.

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COMMENCING AT 140900H, THE OPERATION WAS APPARENTLY EXECUTED ACCORDING TO PLAN, WITH ONLY ONE SIGNIFICANT GROUND CONTACT REPORTED.

ON 15 JULY, BETWEEN 0800H AND 1830H, ELEMENTS OF THE 1ST AMTRAC BN ENCOUNTERED HEAVY SA/AW AND SPORADIC MORTAR/ARTY FIRE FROM AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF ENEMY, 6 KM ENE OF GIO LINH. SA/AW, ARTY AND AIR STRIKES WERE DIRECTED ON ENEMY POSITIONS. RESULTS WERE: USMC 1 KIA, 54 WIA; ENEMY 48 KIA.

THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE REMAINING USMC CASUALTIES, 4 KIA AND 45 WIA, WERE CAUSED BY THE DETONATION OF MINES AND EXPLOSIVE DEVICES ^{VHLLS} ~~WHICH~~ A FEW RESULTED FROM ARTY FIRE.

TERMINATING AT 161600H, HICKORY II WAS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED BY OPN KINGFISHER, A 3D MARDIV EFFORT WITH 5 BNS, 3/3, 3/4, 1/9, 2/9, 3/9 IN THE SAME AREA.

THE SLFS, ALPHA AND BRAVO, COMMENCED BACKLOADING ON ARG SHIPPING AFTER THE TERMINATION OF HICKORY. CUMULATIVE RESULTS:

USMC
~~4~~ KIA
99 WIA

ENEMY
57 KIA

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2. COMUSMACV Msg 141030Z Jul 67, Subj: TELECON (U) Ref OPERATION HICKORY II
OPERATION HICKORY COMMENCED 140900H JULY 67
3. MCCC,HQS,USMC Ltr 14 Jul 67 Subj: Termination of Operation, BUFFALO
DTG 140810Z Jul 67 & COMMENCEMENT OF HICKORY II at
140900H Jul 67
4. MCCC,HQS,USMC Ltr 14 Jul 67, Subj: Correction to COMUSMACV msg 131306Z
DTG 140720Z Jul 67
5. COMUSMACV Msg 131306Z Jul 67, Subj: FUTURE OP (U) OPERATION HICKORY II
6. COMUSMACV Msg 141030Z Jul 67, Subj: TELECON (U) OPERATION HICKORY II
7. COMUSMACV Msg 150317Z Jul 67, Subj: TELECON (U) OPERATION HICKORY II
8. ADMINO FMFPAC Msg 160334Z Jul 67, Subj: OPERATION HICKORY II Cumulative
Results
9. COMUSMACV Msg 162220Z Jul 67, Subj: TELECON (U) Ref OPERATION HICKORY II
OPERATION HICKORY II TERMINATED AT
161600H July 67
10. PAGE 6, (No Msg or DTG Listed)FMFPAC SITREP # 839 for 15 Jul 67.
11. PAGE 3, (No MSG or DTG Listed)FMFPAC SITREP # 840 for 16 Jul 67

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 ZEN/CO 5TH SFG

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 C O N F I D E N T I A L CCN 23438 FROM: MACCCC3
 SUBJ: TELECON (U)

1. (C) I CTZ:

A. ~~OP VICKORY II.~~

(1) REF PARA 5 MY MSG 131306Z JULY 67 (NOTAL): DELETE
 2/4 USMC; ADD 3/4 USMC.

(2) IN QUANG TRI PROV (YD0864), SEVEN KM SW CON THIEN AT
 140922H A 3D MAR DIV/1ST ARVN DIV COORD S/D OP COMM. AO: AREA BOUNDED

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B. IN THUA THIEN PROV (YD760240) IN HUE AT 132050H TWO
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C. ALL OPS CONT W/O SIGNIFICANT CONTACT REPTD.

2. (C) II CTZ:

A. REF PARA 2A MY MSG 140245Z JULY 67: ELMS OF 1/12 INF
 CONTINUING SEARCH OF BATTLE AREA DISCOVERED 25 FRESH GRAVES CONTAIN-
 ING 45 EN BODIES FP 12 JULY CONTACT. UPDATED RES: FRD: 32 KIA, 27
 KIA, 12 KIA; EN: 156 KIA.

B. CP HONG XIL DONG IN PHU YEN PROV (BG072534) 45 KM SW
 OF SONG CAU BETWEEN 140000Z AND 141420H JULY, ROK FORCES ON SEARCH
 RSN ENO AN UNK SIZE FM FORCE DEPLOYED IN A LARGE CAVE COMPLEX. RES:
 -PD: NONE; EN: 16 KIA, ONE DEI, TEN I/WPNS, SIX C/S WPNS (THREE 75MM
 800MM HIFLES, THREE M2), 25 RDS 75MM RR CPTD.

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

3. (C) III CTZ:

A. IN HAU NGHIA PROV (XT647153) IN THE VILLAGE OF CU CHI AT 132133H THE 25TH INF DIV BASE CAMP REC 16 RD 82MM MORT AND 75MM RP FIRE. COUNTER MORT PLAN WAS EXECUTED. RES: FRD: 15 WIA (FOUR EVAC); EN: UNK.

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

4. (C) IV CTZ:

A. IN KIEN PHONG PROV 30 KM ENE OF CAO LANH VIC (WS998622) AT 140340H AN EST TWO EN BNS MORTARED MY AN DIST TOWN AND ATK A USSF CAMP SEVEN KM S OF MY AN W/MORT, SA AND AW FIRE. ARTY, AC-47, AND TAC AIR SPTD. EN BROKE CONTACT AT 140630H. RES: FRD: 12 KIA (CIDG), SEVEN WIA (TWO US, TWO LLDB, THREE CIDG); EN: UNK.

B. IN CHOUNG THIEN PROVINCE AT VI THANH VIC (WR515810), AT 140305H AN UNK NO OF EN ATK THE BASE CAMP OF 1/31 INF BN W/MORT AND SA FIRE. EN BROKE CONTACT AT 140330H. RES: FRD: 15 WIA (12

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C. IN KIEN GIANG PROV 25 KM NE OF RACH GIA VIC (WS321181) AT 140100H AN UNK NO OF EN MORTARED KIEN TAN DIST TOWN AND ATK AN OP MANNED BY ONE PF PLAT W/MORT, SA AND AW FIRE. OP WAS OVERRUN. AC-47 AND ARTY SPTD. EN BROKE CONTACT AT 140345H. RES: FRD: TWO KIA (PF), 13 WIA (TWO RF, THREE PF AND EIGHT CIV), 13 MIA (PF), ONE 60 MORT, 16 I/WPNS AND ONE RADIO LOST; EN: UNK.

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B. II CTZ - ALL TAC AIR FLOWN IN OP FRANCIS MARION AND CREELEY AC WERE FLOWN SKYSPOT DUE TO HEAVY RAIN AND OVERCAST.

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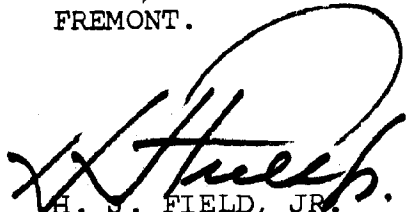
SUBJECT: Termination of Operation BUFFALO

1. Operation BUFFALO terminated one minute prior to the commencement of Operation HICKORY II.

(MCCC NOTE: NMCC reported commencement of HICKORY II at 140900H)

2. 3/4 is in HICKORY II vice 2/4. 2/4 continues in Operation FREMONT.

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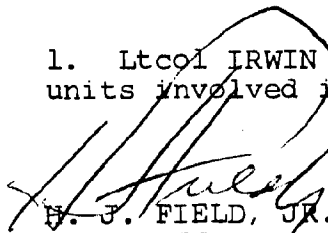
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SOURCE: LTCOL IRWIN, NMCC

INFO: Correction to COMUSMACV msg 131306Z

1. Ltcol IRWIN NMCC advised of correction to COMUSMACV 131306Z units involved in Operation Hickory should read 3/4 vice 2/4.


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SUBJ: FUTURE OP (U)

1. (U) 1 CTZ
2. (S) OP HICKORY II
3. (U) COORDINATED, SEARCH AND DESTROY
4. (S) CONTROL HEADQUARTERS: USMC: 3D MAR DIV; ARNV: 2D REGT, 2D ARVN DIV.
5. (S) TASK ORGANIZATION: USMC: 1/3, 2/3, 3/3, 1/4, 2/4, 1/9, 2/9, 3/9, 3D RECON BN, 1ST AMTRAC BN; ARVN: 1/2, 2/2, 4/2 AND ONE APC TRP.
6. (S) AO: 3D MAR DIV (-) REINF: AREA BOUNDED ON NORTH BY DMZ, ON EAST BY NS GRIDLINE (YD16), ON SOUTH BY CAM LO RIVER, ON WEST BY NS GRIDLINE (YD00). 1ST AMTRAC BN: AREA BOUNDED ON NORTH BY DMZ, ON EAST BY GULF OF TONKIN, ON SOUTH BY CUA VIET RIVER, ON WEST BY UNNAMED WATERWAY FR YD284670 TO YD243753. 1ST ARVN DIV: AREA BOUNDED ON NORTH BY DMZ, ON EAST BY UNNAMED WATERWAY (ABOVE), ON SOUTH BY SONG BO DIEU AND SONG HIEU GIANG, ON WEST BY NS GRIDLINE (YD16).
7. (S) PLANNED STARTING DTG: 140900H JUL 67.
8. (S) CONCEPT OF OPERATION: 3D MARINE DIVISION: THE 9TH MARINES COMMENCING AT H-HR ON D-DAY WITH ONE BATTALION FROM CON THIEN WILL FEINT NORTH AND ATTACK RAPIDLY TO THE SOUTH TOWARD BLOCKING POSITIONS PREVIOUSLY ESTABLISHED BY THE DIVISION RESERVE IN THE VICINITY OF CAM LO (YD1260 AND YD1561). TWO BATTALIONS WILL REMAIN IN THE VICINITY OF CON THIEN AND ESTABLISH BLOCKING POSITIONS TO PROTECT THE NORTHERN ZONE OF ACTION. A THIRD BATTALION WILL MOVE TO THE WEST TO SCREEN AND PROTECT THE LEFT FLANK. AT H-HOUR ON D-DAY A HELICOPTER FEINT WILL BE CONDUCTED FROM THE VICINITY OF CAMP CARROLL TO AN LZ SEVEN KM TO THE NNW OF CAMP CARROLL IN SIMULATED 60 MAN WAVES. THE 3D RECONNAISSANCE BATTALION WILL CONDUCT EXTENSIVE PATROLLING THROUGHOUT THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE DMZ. THE 1ST ARVN DIVISION WILL ATTACK NORTH ALONG THE AXIS OF ROUTE ONE AND THEN EXECUTE A TURNING MOVEMENT AND ATTACK SOUTH ON BOTH SIDES OF ROUTE ONE TOWARD BLOCKING POSITIONS IN VICINITY OF THE HIEU GIANG AND BO DIEU RIVERS. THE 1ST AMTRAC BATTALION COMMENCING AT H-HOUR ON D-DAY WILL ATTACK IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION FROM THE CUA VIET, ON THE COAST OF THE GULF OF

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TONKIN TO LIMIT OF ADVANCE IN VICINITY OF THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF THE DMZ AND THENCE SOUTHERLY. THE 2D BATTALION, 4TH MARINES IS THE DIVISION RESERVE AND WILL BE IN BLOCKING POSITIONS IN THE VICINITY OF CAM LO. THE ESTIMATED DURATION IS THREE DAYS. THE CONTROL HEAD-QUARTERS IS THE 3D MARINE DIVISION.

9. (C) ENEMY FORCES IN AO:

UNIT	STRENGTH	LOCATION
HQ 29TH REGT, 325 NVA	1000	YD0168
7TH BN NVA	400	YD0168
812TH REGT, 324B NVA	2600	YD1776
90TH REGT, 324B NVA	2600	YD672

10. (C) ENEMY FORCES WITHIN 10 KM OF AO:

UNIT	STRENGTH	LOCATION
12TH AT BN NVA	200	YD0272
13TH ARTY BN NVA	200	"
14TH AD BN NVA	200	"
15TH ENGR BN NVA	280	CVJTUQSNW
	200	YZS SIG BN NVA
17TH TRANS BN NVA	300	"
19TH MED BN NVA	200	"
803D REGT NVA	1800	YD0575
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C O N F I D E N T I A L CCN 23498 FROM: MACCO03

SUBJ: TELECON (U)

1. (C) I CTZ.

A. OP HICKORY II: IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE (YD070635) NINE KM
N OF CAMP CARROLL AT 141840H E/2/3 USMC ELEMS DETONATED AN EXPLOSIVE
DEVICE RES IN TWO USMC WIA (ONE EVAC). AT 141920H WHILE LOADING CAS
INTO EVAC HEL, THE WIND FR THE HEL ROTOR BLADES DETONATED ANOTHER
EXPLOSIVE DEVICE RES IN ONE KIA, NINE WIA (ALL EVAC). CUM RES: FRD:

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ONE KIA, 11WIA.

B. IN QUANG NAM PROVINCE (BT008754) AT DANANG AT 150025H
THE DANANG AIR BASE RECD AN EST 50 SUSPECTED 122MM RKTS. THE WEST
RUNWAY IS CRATERED, THE EAST RUNWAY IS OPEN. FIVE AMMO REVETMENTS
RECEIVED DIRECT HITS CAUSING NUMEROUS SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS. CBTRY
FIRE WAS EXECUTED AT 150226H, AT 150100H ARTY MSNS AND TPG-10
STRIKES WERE FIRED ON POSSIBLE EN ESCAPE ROUTES. AC-47 AND AIR-
BORNE FAC WERE ON STATION. RESULTS: FRD: 12 KIA (USAF), 70 WIA
(39 USAF, 31 OTHER SVCS) FIVE AIRCRAFT DESTROYED (USMC: TWO F8'S,
USAF: THREE C-130'S), 31 AIRCRAFT DAMAGED (USMC: ONE C-130, ONE
F9, ONE A6, USAF: 14 F4D, ONE CH-53, ONE H43, 12 C-123'S), FOUR
USAF BARRACKS DAMAGED; EN: UNK.

C. IN QUANG NAM PROVINCE (BT147576) AT HOI AN AT
142300H THE POW CAMP AT THE QUANG DA SPECIAL ZONE HQ RECD 30 MORT
RDS UNK CAL FOLLOWED BY A GROUND ATTACK BY EST TWO EN PLATS. THE
EN PENETRATED THE POW CAMP AND RELEASED 1220 POW - OF WHICH 190
HAVE BEEN RE-CAPTURED. AC-47 AND ARTY SPID FRD FORCES. A TWO
ARVN BN REACTION FORCE IS NOW IN THE AREA. CONTACT TERMINATED
AT 150200H INITIAL RES: FRD: 12 KIA (ONE ARVN, TEN RF, ONE CIV
JAIL CHIEF), 60 WOUNDED (32 ARVN, 29 CIV, ONE POLICEMAN); EN: UNK

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

E. CUM RES:

	CROCKETT	HICKORY II	FREMONT	MALHEUR II
	US	US	US	US
KIA	52	2	1	26
WIA	255	22	14	230
MIA	0	0	0	0
AIR SORTIES	1178	0	15	454
NGF	0	0	0	30
AC LIGHT	207	0	0	0
		ENEMY		
KIA	1103	0	24	324
DET	15	0	16	24
RET	0	0	0	0
IND/WPNS	79	3	0	100
C/S WPNS	20	0	0	5

2. (C) II CTZ.

A. IN BINH THUAN PROVINCE (AN845144) SIX KM NE OF PHAN THIET BETWEEN 150112H AND 150225H ELM 3/44 REGT (ARVN) ENG AN EST EN CO. ONE PLAT FR 3/44 REGT WAS OVERRUN. ARTY AND GUNSHIPS FR

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2/7 CAV SPID. ELM 3/44 REGT ASSISTED BY UNITS FR 2/7 CAV CONDUCTED SWEEP OF THE AREA OF CONTACT. RES: ARVN: ONE KIA, 11 WIA 11 MIA; EN:UNK.

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

C. CUM RES: CP BYRD - NO CHANGE

	FRANCIS	PERSHING	GREELEY	HONG KIL
	MARION			DONG
	US	US	US	ROK
KIA	1445	386	114	7
WIA	616	1658	111	18
MIA	12	0	0	0
AIR SORTIES	2872	3842	440	57
NGF	0	2039	0	0
ARC LIGHT	243	144	75	18
		ENEMY		
KIA	909	2509	158	122
DET	686	8408	14	71
RET	8	166	0	0
IND/WPNS	193	620	85	54
C/S WPNS	29	46	15	12

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3. (C) CTZ.

A. OP DIAMOND HEAD: IN TAY NINH PROVINCE (XT309408)
12 KM SE OF TAY NINH CITY AT 150056H THE 1ST PLAT 2/22 INF, ON
AMBS PTL, MADE CONTACT WITH EST TWO EN COMPANIES. PLAT RECEIVED
TWO MORT AND SEVERAL RPG-2 RDS. LFT AND AC-47 DISPATCHED TO
SCENE OF CONTACT. A/2/22 INF (-), C/1/17 CAV AND B/3/4 CAV
REACTION FORCE MOVED OUT AT 150110H. AT 150240H REACTION FORCE
LINKED UP WITH A/2/22 INF (-) VIC OF CONTACT. EN BROKE CONTACT
AT 150250H WHEN TAC AIR MADE STRIKE. RES: FRD: TWO KIA, 16 WIA;
EN: UNK.

B. IN TAY NINH PROVINCE (XT294502) SIX KM E OF TAY
NINH CITY AT 142230H A RF/PF OUTPOST HIT BY EST EN PLAT. EN
BROKE CONTACT AT 2245H. AT 2350H SAME OUTPOST HIT BY EST EN BN.
INITIAL ATK WAS WITH 60MM AND 82MM MORT FOLLOWED BY GRD ATK
USING HAND GREN ONLY. OUTPOST WAS HIT FR ALL SIDES AND OVERRUN.
AT 150030H, EN BROKE CONTACT AND WITHDREW EAST AND SOUTHEAST.
RES: FRD: 16 KIA(RF/PF), 35 WIA(RF/PF), 30 MIA(RF/PF); EN: THREE
KIA, ONE I/WPN CPTD.

C. CUM RES: OP FAIRFAX -NO CHANGE
FRIENDLY

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	ENTERPRISE	CORONADO	PADDINGTON
	US	US	US
KIA	147	37	3
WIA	591	170	16
MIA	0	0	0
AIR SORTIES	628	40	168
NGF	N/A	N/A	N/A
ARC LIGHT	0	0	42
		ENEMY	
KIA	1077	425	38
DET	133	467	6
RET	31	75	0
IND/WPNS	146	29	4
C/S WPNS	7	2	1

4. (U) IV CTZ. ALL OPS CONT W/O SIGNIFICANT CONTACT
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0709 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(1) OPERATION HICKORY II (THIRD MARINE DIVISION)

(A) AT 0900H, THE THIRD MARINE DIVISION WITH EIGHT INFANTRY BATTALIONS (FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD BATTALION, THIRD MARINES; FIRST AND THIRD BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES; AND FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD BATTALION, NINTH MARINES) COMMENCED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT REPORTED FOR THE PERIOD. FROM 0955H TO 1115H, ARTILLERY UNITS RECEIVED TWENTY-THREE ROUNDS OF ARTILLERY FIRE, ESTIMATED TO BE 85MM FROM THE VICINITY OF (YD 214839) RESULTING IN ONE MARINE WIA. AT 1200H, COMPANY D, FIRST BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES (YD 109674) FOUND ONE ENEMY MG, TWO RIFLES, CHICOM GRENADES, AND DOCUMENTS. AT 1200H,

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COMPANY H, SECOND BATTALION, THIRD MARINES DETONATED A MINE (YD 075622) RESULTING IN ONE MARINE KIA AND TWO MARINES WIA. AT 1615H, ONE MARINE WAS WIA FROM THE SECOND BATTALION, THIRD MARINES WHEN AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE DETONATED (YD 071635). FROM 1643H TO 1700H, TWO MINING INCIDENTS OCCURRED WITH THE SECOND BATTALION, THIRD MARINES (YD 070635) SUBSTRAINING ONE MARINE KIA AND TEN MARINES WIA. AT 2110H, ARTILLERY UNITS AT GIO LINH RECEIVED SIXTY ROUNDS OF ESTIMATED 82MM MORTAR AND SEVENTEEN ROUNDS OF ARTILLERY FIRE (UNKNOWN CALIBER) RESULTING IN SEVEN MARINES WIA.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION HICKORY II, FIXED WING AIRCRAFT FROM VMA-542, VMA-115, VMA-314, VMA-211, VMA-223, VMA-311, VMF(AW)-232, VMF(AW)-235, VMA(AW)-242 AND VMA(AW)-533 FLEW 104 FORTIES CONSISTING OF 19 CLOSE AIR SUPPORT AND 85 DIRECT AIR SUPPORT (57 VISUAL AND 28 TPQ) SORTIES, WHICH EXPENDED 249 TONS OF ORDNANCE. HELICOPTERS FROM MAG-16 FLEW 40 SORTIES TRANSPORTING 26 PERSONNEL. ARTILLERY UNITS FIRED 776 MISSIONS AND 8452 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION IN SUPPORT OF INFANTRY OPERATIONS. 175MM GUNS FIRED 2 MISSIONS EXPENDING 19 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION. NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORTED THE OPERATION BY

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FIRING FIFTY MISSIONS AND EXPENDING 63 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC	ENEMY
2/2 KIA	3/3 WEAPONS CAPTURED
22/22 WIA	

(3) OPERATION CROCKETT (THIRD MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE TWENTY-SIXTH MARINES WITH TWO INFANTRY BATTALIONS (FIRST AND THIRD BATTALION TWENTY-SIXTH MARINES) CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN WESTERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT REPORTED FOR THE PERIOD. AT 2300H, AN AIR OBSERVER CALLED AN AIR STRIKE FROM VMFA-314 ON AN ENEMY HARBOR SITE (XD 919344) RESULTING IN ONE ENEMY KILLED (CONF) AND UNCOVERING SIX BUNKERS. ONE SECONDARY EXPLOSION WAS OBSERVED.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION CROCKETT, FIXED WING AIRCRAFT FROM VMFA-314, AND VMF(AW)-232 FLEW 6 SORTIES CONSISTING OF 4 CLOSE AIR SUPPORT AND 2 DIRECT AIR SUPPORT SORTIES, WHICH EXPENDED 6.8 TONS OF ORDNANCE. ARTILLERY UNITS FIRED 302 MISSIONS AND 1469 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION IN SUPPORT OF INFANTRY OPERATIONS. 175MM GUNS FIRED 12 MISSIONS EXPENDING

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12 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC	ENEMY
0/52 KIA	1/201 KIA (CONF)
0/254 WIA	6/402 KIA (PROB)
	0/1 NVA/PW
	0/1 VC/PW
	0/3 DETAINEES
	0/23 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(4) OPERATION FREMONT (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 REPORTED FOR THE PERIOD. (LATE ENTRY) AT 131515H, AN ARTILLERY MISSION WAS CALLED ON AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF VC (YD 568283) RESULTING IN FOUR VC KILLED (PROB). AT 141200H, A COMPANY F PATROL FOUND ONE VC KILLED (CONF) BY SMALL ARMS FIRE (YD 373444). DURING THE PERIOD, TWO MINE INCIDENTS RESULTED IN ONE MARINE KIA (YD 548284) AND ONE MARINE WIA (YD 362447). FOUR DETAINEES WERE APPREHENDED DURING THE PERIOD.

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(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION FREMONT, FIXED WING

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1. (C) I CTZ:

A. ~~SECRET~~ HISTORY II:

(1) REF PARA 1B, MY MSG 152230Z JULY 67. UPDATE: CHANGE
 CAS TO READ: FRD: ONE KIA, 54 WIA (34 EVAC); EN: 48 KIA, 15 IW/WPNS
 AND ONE C/S WPN CPTD.

(2) OP TERM 161620H JULY 67. CUM RES: FRD: FOUR KIA

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 99 WIA; EN: 57 KIA, 17 I/WPNS AND TWO C/S WPNS CPTD. 181 TAS
 FLOWN AND 40 NGF MSNS SUPPORTED.

B. REF PARA 1D, MY MSG 160942Z JULY 67. UPDATE:
 CARGO INVENTORY OF CAPTURED TRAWLER: 394,560 RDS 7.62MM INCEN-
 DIARY, 311,520 RDS 7.62MM BALL, 1960 ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES, 1734
 HAND GRENADES, 5750 RDS 12.7MM AMMO, 43 RDS B-40 AMMO, 996 RDS
 82MM MORTAR, 6,880 LBS C-4 PLASTIC EXPLOSIVES, 3,102 LBS TNT,
 920 NON-ELECTRIC DETONATORS, 444 ELECTRIC DETONATORS, ASSORTED
 DRUM MAGAZINES, RADIO BATTERIES, DETONATOR CORDS AND 2,046 LBS
 TNT IN SHIP DESTRUCT SYSTEM

C. OP CROCKETT: IN QUANG TRI (XD783520), 12 KM
 NNW OF KHE SANH, AT 162400H JULY OP TERM. FINAL CUM RES: FRD:
 52 KIA, 255 WIA; EN: 226 KIA, FIVE DET, 25 I/WPNS (ADJ), AND
 ONE C/S WPNS CPTD. 1196 TAS AND 207 B-52 SORTIES WERE FLOWN IN
 SUPPORT.

D. IN QUANG NAM PROV (BT101453), 13 KM SW OF HOI AN
 AT 161400H A PLAT CBT PTL FROM A/3/5 USMC RECD SA FIRE FROM UNK
 NC EN. ONE RD OF FRD ARTY FIRE SUPPORT IMPACED OFF TGT. RES:
 FRD: ONE KIA (USN), ONE WIA (USMC). INVESTIGATION UNDERWAY.

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

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SOUTHEAST OF GIO LINH, REPORTED CONTACT WITH AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF VIET CONG DURING THE NIGHT. A FOUR HOUR ENGAGEMENT, IN WHICH THE ARVN FORCE WAS SUPPORTED BY ARTILLERY AND MORTAR FIRES, RESULTED IN 30 ENEMY CONFIRMED KILLED.

STING RAY OPERATIONS

SEVERAL SMALL CONTACTS WITH THE ENEMY BY STING RAY PATROLS WERE REPORTED FOR THE DAY, BRINGING THE ENEMY'S LOSS TO 39 CONFIRMED KILLED AND 84 PROBABLY KILLED SINCE THE START OF THE MONTH. CUMULATIVE RESULTS OF THESE PATROLS, SINCE THEIR BEGINING IN THE SPRING OF 1966, ARE OVER 1350 ENEMY CONFIRMED KILLED.

SMALL UNIT

A 1ST BATTALION, 5TH MARINES COMPANY COMMAND POST RECEIVED AND INTELLIGENCE REPORT STATING THAT ONE HUNDRED ENEMY WERE GATHERED APPROXIMATELY 8 MILES SOUTHEAST OF AN HOA. ARTILLERY WAS REQUESTED AND 90 105MM HIGH EXPLOSIVE ROUNDS WERE FIRED WHICH RESULTED IN TWO SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS. THE AREA WILL BE SEARCHED AT DAYBREAK FOR ENEMY CASUALTIES.

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ARMY UNITS, EIGHT MILES SOUTH OF DUC PHO, RECEIVED SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM AN ENEMY, MUTUALLY SUPPORTING, BUNKER COMPLEX. THE POSITIONS WERE TAKEN UNDER ARTILLERY FIRE, ATTACKED AND BY LATE AFTERNOON, SEIZED, RESULTING IN 28 NORTH VIETNAMESE ARMY SOLDIERS KILLED AND TWELVE WEAPONS CAPTURED.

ALL TOLD, SMALL UNIT ACTIVITY, IN 43 CONTACTS WITH THE ENEMY, ACCOUNTED FOR 45 ENEMY CONFIRMED KILLED AND 18 PROBABLY KILLED.

MARINE CIVIC ACTION

DURING THE PREVIOUS WEEK, MARINES CONTINUED ADMINISTRATING MEDICAL TREATMENT AND DISTRIBUTING COMMODITIES TO THE LOCAL VIETNAMESE PEOPLE. THE SEVEN DAY PERIOD RECORDED 23,824 MEDICAL AND 2,725 DENTAL TREATMENTS TO THE SICK AND DISTRIBUTION OF NEARLY 17 TONS OF FOOD AS WELL AS NUMEROUS QUANTITIES OF NEEDED CLOTHING AND SOAP. IN ADDITION, BUILDING SUPPLIES, WHICH INCLUDED OVER 29 TONS OF CEMENT AND REQUIRED LUMBER, BRICKS, SAND, ROCK AND HAND TOOLS, WERE CONTRIBUTED. ONE DISPENSARY AND FOUR, TEN ROOM FAMILY DWELLINGS WERE ALSO COMPLETED. IN THE NUI LOC SON AREA, MARINES FROM THE 1ST BATTALION, 5TH MARINES ASSISTED THE PEOPLE BY CONDUCTING 249 MEDCAPS, THEREBY FURTHERING VIET-

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VIET/AMERICAN FRIENDSHIPS.

3. III MAF

A. LARGE UNIT OPERATIONS

(1) OPERATION HICKORY II (THIRD MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE THIRD MARINE DIVISION WITH EIGHT INFANTRY

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BATTALIONS (FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD BATTALION, THIRD MARINES;
FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD BATTALION, NINTH MARINES; AND THE FIRST
AND THIRD BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES) CONTINUED SEARCH AND
DESTROY OPERATIONS IN NORTHERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH LIGHT
CONTACT REPORTED FOR THE PERIOD. (LATE ENTRY) AT 142300H,
COMPANY E, SECOND BATTALION, THIRD MARINES RECEIVED APPROXIMATELY
FORTY ROUNDS OF 82MM MORTAR FIRE RESULTING IN ONE MARINE WIA.
AT 0955H, ONE MARINE WAS KIA AND FIFTEEN MARINES WERE WIA FROM
COMPANY C, FIRST BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES (YD 092653) WHEN A
MINE DETONATED. AT 1420H, ONE ENEMY BODY WAS FOUND (YD 132676)
BY COMPANY F, SECOND BATTALION, NINTH MARINES. FROM 1000H TO
1540H, FIRST MATRAC BATTALION (YD 273728) RECEIVED SMALL ARMS
FIRE, MORTARS, AND ARTILLERY FIRE RESULTING IN SIX MARINES WIA.
AN AIR STRIKE WAS CALLED FROM VMA-311 AND ARTILLERY MISSIONS
WERE FIRED AT THE ENEMY'S POSITION WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS.

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(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION HICKORY II, FIXED WING
AIRCRAFT FROM VMFA-542, VMFA-314, VMFA-115, VMA-211, VMA-223,
VMA-311, VMA(AW)-232, VMA(AW)-235 AND VMA(AW)-533 FLEW 70 SORTIES
CONSISTING OF 32 CLOSE AIR SUPPORT AND 38 DIRECT AIR SUPPORT (29
VISUAL AND 9 TPQ) SORTIES, WHICH EXPENDED 141 TONS OF ORDNANCE.
THE REPORTED RDA WAS 95 STRUCTURES DESTROYED, 43 STRUCTURES
DAMAGED, 22 BUNKERS DESTROYED, 17 BUNKERS DAMAGED, 2 SECONDARY
EXPLOSIONS, 10 SECONDARY FIRES, 6 GUN POSITIONS DESTROYED, 8
GUN POSITIONS DAMAGED, 2 AW POSITIONS DESTROYED, ONE AW POSITION
DAMAGED AND 6 TRENCHLINES DAMAGED. HELICOPTERS FROM MAG-16
FLEW 126 SORTIES TRANSPORTING 109 PERSONNEL AND 7.3 TONS OF
CARGO. ARTILLERY UNITS FIRED 499 MISSIONS AND 3633 ROUNDS OF
AMMUNITION IN SUPPORT OF INFANTRY OPERATIONS. 175MM GUNS FIRED
11 MISSIONS AND EXPENDED 45 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION. NAVAL GUNFIRE
SUPPORTED THE OPERATION WITH 10 MISSIONS AND 260 ROUNDS OF
AMMUNITION.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC

ENEMY

1/3 KIA

1/1 KIA (CONF)

22/44 WIA

6/3 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(2) OPERATION BUFFALO

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AT 0920H ON 17 JULY, SLF (B) CONSISTING OF BLT 2/3 AND
MM-164 COMPLETED BACKLOADING ON SHIPS OF THE AMPHIBIOUS
READY GROUP LOCATED NEAR THE MOUTH OF THE CUA VIET RIVER.
OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF THE SLF WAS PASSED TO CTG 79.5
UPON COMPLETION OF BACKLOADING.

D. NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT

NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT SHIPS OF THE US
SEVENTH FLEET FIRED OVER 8,000 ROUNDS IN SUPPORT OF
FREE WORLD GROUND FORCES BETWEEN 5 AND 11 JULY,
PRIMARILY IN SUPPORT OF III MAF UNITS IN I CORPS. MAJOR
DAMAGES DURING THE PERIOD INCLUDED 295 ENEMY KILLED,
2 ACTIVE ROCKET POSITIONS AND 5 ARTILLERY POSITIONS
DESTROYED, 209 STRUCTURES DAMAGED OR DESTROYED, 74
SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS AND 4 SECONDARY FIRES.

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A. LARGE UNIT OPERATIONS

(1) OPERATION HICKORY II (THIRD MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE THIRD MARINE DIVISION WITH EIGHT INFANTRY
BATTALIONS (FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD BATTALION, THIRD MARINES;
FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD BATTALION, NINTH MARINES; AND THE FIRST

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AND THIRD BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES) TERMINATED SEARCH AND DESTROY
OPERATIONS IN NORTHERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT
REPORTED FOR THE PERIOD. (LATE ENTRY) AT 150830H, FIRST AMTRAC
BATTALION (YD 266736) SWEEP AN AREA PREVIOUSLY PREP BY ARTILLERY
FIRE. MINES (AT), ONE CARBINE, AND TWO SOVIET T-41 AT MINES WERE
FOUND, AND NINE NVA WERE KILLED (CONF). (LATE ENTRY) AT 1730H,
COMPANY A, FIRST AMTRAC BATTALION (YD 277724) RECEIVED LIGHT SMALL
ARMS FIRE RESULTING IN THREE MARINES WIA. THE ENEMY SNIPERS WERE
AGGRESSIVELY ENGAGED AND SIX ENEMY WERE KILLED (CONF). (LATE ENTRY)
FROM 150800H, TO 151845H, THE FIRST AMTRAC BATTALION (YD 269732)
RECEIVED HEAVY SMALL ARMS, MORTAR/ARTILLERY FIRE. AIR STRIKES
WERE CALLED THROUGHOUT THE DAY AND THE AMTRAC BN LINKED UP WITH
THE FIRST ARVN DIVISION IN THE VICINITY OF (YD 117825). ARTILLERY
MISSIONS (105MM AND 175MM) WERE FIRED AT THE ENEMY'S POSITION.
TWO USMC WERE WIA. AN AO CALLED AN AIR STRIKE ON THE FOLLOWING
LOCATIONS (YD 104748, YD 105745, YD 08363, YD 049681) RESULTING
IN TWELVE BUNKERS DESTROYED. TWO ENEMY WERE KILLED (CONF) AND EIGHT
ENEMY WERE KILLED (PROB). DURING THE PERIOD OF THE FOURTEENTH,
TWO AIR STRIKES RESULTED IN ELEVEN NVA KILLED (PROB).

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION HICKORY II, FIXED WING

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AIRCRAFT FROM VMFA-542, VMFA-115, VMFA-314, VMA-211, VMA-223,
VMA-311, VMF(AW)-235, VMA(AW)-242 AND VMA(AW)-533, FLEW 72
SORTIES CONSISTING OF 14 CLOSE AIR SUPPORT AND 58 DIRECT AIR

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SUPPORT (43 VISUAL AND 15 TPQ) SORTIES, WHICH EXPENDED 151 TONS OF ORDNANCE. THE REPORTED BDA WAS 22 KBA (CONF) 19 KBA (PROB), 15 STRUCTURES DESTROYED, 10 STRUCTURES DAMAGED, 30 BUNKERS DESTROYED, 10 BUNKERS DAMAGED, 3 GUN POSITIONS DESTROYED, 1 AW POSITION DESTROYED, 5 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS, 3 SECONDARY FIRES AND FOUR TRENCHES WERE DAMAGED. HELICOPTERS FROM MAG-16 FLEW 47 SORTIES. ARTILLERY UNITS FIRED 489 MISSIONS AND 1858 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION IN SUPPORT OF INFANTRY OPERATIONS. 175MM GUNS FIRED 14 MISSIONS AND EXPENDED 27 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION. NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORTED THE OPERATION WITH 15 MISSIONS AND 40 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC

ENEMY

1/4 KIA

56/57 KIA (CONF)

55/99 WIA

23/23 KIA (PROB)

16/19 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(2) OPERATION KINGFISHER (THIRD MARINE DIVISION)

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(A) AT 161601H, THE THIRD MARINE DIVISION WITH EIGHT INFANTRY BATTALIONS (FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD BATTALION, THIRD MARINES; FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD BATTALION NINTH MARINES; FIRST AND THIRD BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES) COMMENCED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN NORTHERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH NEGATIVE CONTACT FOR THE PERIOD. THE AREA OF OPERATION IS THE SAME AS OPERATION HICKORY II.

(3) OPERATION CROCKETT (THIRD MARINE DIVISION)

(A) AT 162400H, THE TWENTY-SIXTH MARINES WITH TWO INFANTRY BATTALIONS (FIRST AND THIRD BATTALION, TWENTY-SIXTH MARINES) TERMINATED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN WESTERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT REPORTED FOR THE PERIOD

AT 1340H, AN AIR STRIKE FROM MAG-12 AND ARTILLERY WAS CALLED IN BY A RECON PATROL (XD 743440). FOUR ENEMY WERE KILLED (CONF), THREE BUNKERS WERE DAMAGED AND ONE SECONDARY FIRE RESULTED FROM THE ABOVE MISSION. ANOTHER AIR STRIKE FROM VMA-311 WAS CALLED IN THE VICINITY OF (XD 747443) THAT RESULTED IN NINE VNA KILLED (PROB). AN AO CALLED IN AN ARTILLERY MISSION ON AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF ENEMY (XD 747443). SIX ENEMY WERE KILLED (PROB).

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION CROCKETT, FIXED WING

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