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1. COMUSMACV Msg 250537Z Aug 67, Subj: Future OP (U)
2. CTG 76.5 Msg 260257Z Aug 67, Subj: Release of Info on Belt Drive
3. CTG 76.5 Msg 262300Z Aug 67, BELT DRIVE SITREP # 1
4. CTG 76.5 Msg 271457Z Aug 67, BELT DRIVE SITREP # 2
5. CTG 76.5 Msg 281422Z Aug 67, BELT DRIVE SITREP # 4
6. CTG 76.5 Msg 290248Z Aug 67, BELT DRIVE SITREP # 5,
7. CTG 76.5 Msg 291426Z Aug 67, BELT DRIVE SITREP # 6
8. CTG 76.5 Msg 300133Z Aug 67, BELT DRIVE SITREP # 7
9. COMUSMACV Msg 300300Z Aug 67, Subj: TELECON (U)
10. CTG 76.5 Msg 301421Z Aug 67, BELT DRIVE SITREP # 8
11. COMUSMACV Msg 310300Z Aug 67, Subj: TELECON (U)
12. ADMNO FMFPAC Memo DTG 310345Z Aug 67, Subj: FMPAC WESTPAC SITREP
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13. CTG 76.5 Msg 310214Z Aug 67, BELT DRIVE SITREP # 9
14. CTG 76.5 Msg 311415Z Aug 67, BELT DRIVE SITREP # 10
15. PAGE - - - - - , Ref BELT DRIVE # 856 Dtd 31 Aug 67,
3 & 4 DTG 020231 Sep 67
16. ZFF-1 Msg 010405Z Sep 67, Ref BELT DRIVE # 885, 30 Aug 67
17. CTG 76.5 Msg 011556Z Sep 67, BELT DRIVE SITREP # 12
18. ZYT-2 Msg 020333Z Sep 67, "OPERATION BELT DRIVE"
19. CTG 76.5 Msg 021346Z Sep 67, BELT DRIVE SITREP # 13
20. PAGE - - - - - , Ref FMFPAC SITREP # 887, Period 010001H -
012400H Sep 67 "OPERATION BELT DRIVE"
21. CTG 76.5 Msg 021544Z Sep 67, BELT DRIVE SITREP # 14
22. CTG 76.5 Msg 030338Z Sep 67, BELT DRIVE SITREP # 15
23. CTG 76.5 Msg 040228Z Sep 67, BELT DRIVE SITREP # 17
24. CTG 76.5 Msg 041502Z Sep 67, BELT DRIVE SITREP # 18
25. CTG 76.5 Msg 051126Z Sep 67, BELT DRIVE PRESREL NO 3 (U)
26. CTG 76.5 Msg 051638Z Sep 67, BELT DRIVE SITREP # 20 AND FINAL AS OF
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1. (U) I CIZ
2. (U) BELT DRIVE
3. (S) UNILATERAL SEARCH AND DESTROY; AMPHIBIOUS OP.
4. (S) CONTROL HEADQUARTERS: CTG 79.5.
5. (S) TASK ORGANIZATION: SLF BRAVO (2/3 USMC).
6. AG: QUANG TRI/THUA THIEN PROVINCE: LAND AREA ENCOMPASSED BY A 10 NAUTICAL MILE ARC CENTERED AT YD553524, DRAWN FR YD406648 TO YD372480, THEN A STRAIGHT LINE WEST TO YD282480, SOUTH TO YD280370, EAST TO YD446370, THEN CONTINUATION OF 12 MILE ARC TO YD695410.
7. (S) PLANNED STARTING DTG: ON OR ABOUT 26 AUG 67, H AND L HOUR TEA.
8. (S) MISSION: COMMENCING AT L AND H HOURS ON D DAY, SLF BRAVO CONDUCTS AN AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT IN THE AREA SOUTHWEST OF QUANG TRI CITY IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE AND CONDUCTS SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN THE AOA. FURTHER, BE PREPARED FOR OTHER OPS AS DIRECTED.
9. (S) CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS: OP BELT DRIVE IS AN AMPHIBIOUS OPERATION EMPLOYING A BALANCE NAVAL AND LANDING FORCE. THE HELICOPTER BORNE AND WATER BORNE ASSAULT COMMENCES AT H AND SL HOURS INTO LANDING ZONES CARDINAL (YD377464) AND WREN (YD391452) AND OVER BLUE BEACH (YD486571). THE OP WILL BE CONDUCTED IN TWO PHASES.
 - A. PHASE I: A DELIBERATE SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION OPERATION WITHIN THE HAI LANG FOREST AREA TO LOCATE AND DESTROY EN FORCES ENPLACEMENTS AND CACHES.
 - B. PHASE II: A SCREENING AND INTERDICTION OPERATION TO DENY EN FORCES ROUTES OR ENTRY INTO POPULATED AREAS EAST OF NATIONAL ROUTE ONE AND TO PREVENT THEIR INTERFERENCE WITH THE VIETNAMESE NATIONAL

ELECTIONS. EST DURATION UNK.

10. (C) ENEMY FORCES IN AO: 52H REGT CP (222) AT YD3137. 314TH NVA BN: (322) AT YD4652, 416TH NVA BN, (502) AT YD2843, 802TH NVA BN: (222) AT YD3838, 822D NVA BN, (302) SAT YD5942, 810TH NVA BN: (203) AT YD6238.

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RELEASE OF INFO ON BELT DRIVE (U)

A. CTG 76.5 260600Z AUG 67

1. PASS TO MACV COC. RELEASE OF INFO ON BELT DRIVE WILL NOT
JEOPARDIZE SECURITY OF MY COMMAND OR SUCCESS OF OPERATION.

2. REQ EFFECT CLEARANCE AND RELEASE OF RZ A WITH FOL CHANGES:

A. LEAD LINE- CHANGE DATE TO AUGUST 27 VICE 26

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BELT DRIVE SITREP NR 1 AS OF 27230:2(-7& 67 (U)

1. EXECUTED OPERATION BELT DRIVE WITH L/H HOURS 270645H.
2. HLZ'S WERE PREPPED BY FOUR FIRST MAW VF/VA AIRCRAFT AT L 30 AND L HOURS. BLUE BEACH WAS NOT PREPPED.
3. FIRST HELIBORNE WAVE TOUCHED DOWN AT 0654H WITH NO OPPOSITION. DELAY IN L HOUR CAUSED BY COMMUNICATION COORD DIFFICULTY BETWEEN FIXED WING A/C AND AIRBORNE SPOTTER WHICH DELAYED COMPLETION LANDING ZONE PREP. LANDING ZONE PREP COMPLETED 0649H.
4. FIRST WAVE OF LVT'S TOUCHED DOWN AT 0645H ON TIME WITH NO OPPOSITION.
5. NEXT SITREP AT 272000H WITH SITREP EVERY TWELVE HOURS THEREAFTER OR WHEN SIGNIFICANT EVENTS OCCUR.
6. LANDING FORCE CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS:

PAGE TWO RUMFTJG 151 **C O N F I D E N T I A L****A. SCHEME OF MANEUVER**

(1) AT H7HOUR (0645H) E/2/3 WITH A BJU ATTACHED LANDS IN LVTs OVER BEACH BLUE (YD 486571) SECURED THE BEACH AND MOVES TO SECURE LF OBJ 1 (YD 450510)

(2) AT L7HOUR (0645H) H/2/3 WITH A BJU ATTACHED LANDS IN LZ CARDINAL (YD 77464) SECURES THE LZ, CONDUCTS S&D OPNS ALONG BUILD-UP AREA N OF NHUNG RIVER TO SECURE LF OBJ (YD 350442)

(3) G/2/3 LANDS SUBSEQUENT H/2/3 IN LZ WREN (YD 32452) SECURES LZ THEN CONDUCTS AGGRESSIVE S&D OPNS ALONG BUILD UP AREA S 2 OF NHUNG RIVER TO SECURE LF OBJ 2 (YD 372423)

(4) F/2/3 IS LF RESERVE AND IS PREPARED TO LAND BY SEA OR AIR AND ASSUME THE MISSION OF ANY RIFLE COMPANY.

B. PARTICIPATING FORCES

(1) GLF COMPOSED OF BLT 2/3, NMM 262 TOTAL STRENGTH 1800 AUGMENTED WITH 4 ARMED AND 1 UNARMED UH71E FROM CG 1ST MAW, 6 INTERPRETERS, A CI TEAM AND ITT FROM D MARDIV. ADVISORY UNIT AT QUANG TRI PROVIDING FOUR MAN RF TEAMS.

C. OPERATION OF FRIENDLY FORCE.

(1) NO UNITS CONDUCTING MAJOR OPNS WITHIN THE AOA, HOWEVER THE 1ST ARVN REGT, 1ST ARVN DIV HAS UNITS LOCATED AROUND QUANG TRI CITY. RF AND PF UNIT LOCATED THROUGH OUT THE AOA.

(2) ESTABLISHED LIAISON WITH 4TH MAR AND EXCHANGED LIAISON OFFICERS WITH THE 1ST ARVN DIV AT QUANG TRI.

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1. TASK GROUP SEVEN SIX PT FIVE COMPOSITION:
A. WPB 82325 POINT DUME AND PCF 50 PROVIDING IN/EXFILTRATION
PATROL. PCF 50 RELIEVED PCF 51 AT 270830H.

(1) SUMMARY OF EVENTS: TG SHIPS NIGHT STEAMED IN HOLDING AREA NE DANANG MAKING FINAL PREPARATIONS FOR BELT DRIVE. AT 270230H SENT MSG CONFIRMING L/H HOURS AS 270645H. AT 270430H ORDERED LAND THE HELOBORNE AND WATERBORNE LANDING FORCE SHIPS PROCEEDED INDEPENDENTLY AT DARKEN SHIP TO THEIR BELT FIVE OPAREAS. PAUL REVERE ARRIVED IN APA OPAREA 270530H AND LAUNCHED WAVE GUIDE, SALVAGE AND HELO SAFETY BOATS. MONTICELLO

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ENTERED THE LSD OPAREA 270500H, BALLASTED DOWN AND SPLASHED
ELEVEN LVT'S AT 270617H WHILE PROCEEDING ALONG THE LOD AT
MAXIMUM SAFE SPEED. TRIPOLI ARRIVED AT THE INITIAL POINT AND
COMMENCED FLIGHT OPS AT 270545H, LAUNCHING 16 CH746 AND 3
UH1E HELOS FOR WAVE ONE. TERRELL COUNTY WITH TRIPOLI UH 34D
HELO TEMPORARILY ATTACHED, ARRIVED IN LST OPAREAS AT 270600H
TO PROVIDE READY SAR GUARD DURING THE HELOBORNE ASSAULT AND
CONTINGENCY LOGISTIC SUPPORT FOR THE OPERATION. LAUNCHED
TRIPOLI HELO FROM TERRELL COUNTY AT FIRST LIGHT. AT 270620H,
FOUR FIRST MAW FIXED WING A/C ARRIVED ON STATION FOR HLZ PREP AND
THE ARMED UH1E PREPOSITIONED ON PAUL REVERE LIFTED OFF.
THE FIRST WAVE OF 5 LVT'S CROSSED THE LOD CARRYING ECHO COMPANY
TOWARD BLUE BEACH. AT 270636H, FOUR VF/VA AIRCRAFT COMMENCED
PREPPING HLZ CARDINAL. LVT WAVE ONE TOUCHED DOWN IN CENTER
OF BLUE BEACH ON TIME WITH NO OPPOSITION FOLLOWED BY SECOND
WAVE OF 6 LVT'S WHICH ALSO TOUCHED DOWN ON TIME IN CENTER BLUE
BEACH AT H PLUS (270648H). ECHO COMPANY MOVED TOWARD LF
OBJECTIVE ONE AND WAVE GUIDE AND SALVAGE BOATS RETURNED TO PAUL
REVERE. LVT'S RETRACTED AT 270720H AND RETURNED TO MONTICELLO.
PREP OF HLZ CARDINAL WAS COMPLETED AT 270649H AND FIRST WAVE OF

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 CH-46 HELOS, UNDER ARMED UH1E ESCORT AND WITH 2 FIXED WING
 CAS A/C ON STATION, TOUCHED DOWN AT 270654H WITH NO OPPOSITION.
 DELAY IN L7HOUR WAS CAUSED BY COMMUNICATIONS COORD DIFFICULTY
 BETWEEN FIXED WING A/C AND AIRBOARNE SPOTTER WHICH DELAYED
 COMPLETION OF LZ PREP. AT 270657H CERTIFIED TO MACV COC THAT
RELEASE OF INFO ON BELT DRIVE WOULD NOT JEOPARDIZE COMMAND
 SECURITY OR SUCCESS OF OPERATION AND REQUESTED CLEARANCE AND
 RELEASE OF BELT DRIVE PRESREL (CTG 76.5 260600Z AUG 67) WITH
 CHANGE IN LEAD LINE DATE TO AUGUST 27 VICE 26 CAUSED BY ONE
 DAY DELAY IN EXECUTION DUE TO WEATHER PREP OF HLZ WREN WAS
 COMMENCED BY 4 VA/VF AIRCRAFT AT 270705H AND COMPLETED AT
 270744H. THE FIRST CH746 WAVE TOUCHED DOWN IN WREN AT
 270747H WITH NO OPPOSITION. MONTICELLO CONDUCTED HELO OPS
 TRANSFERRING 76 TROOPS OF PROV CO ASHORE 270825H 270900H AND
 RECOVERED LVT'S AND SHIP'S BOATS AT 270827H. PAUL REVERE RECOVERED
 ALL BOATS AT 270900H. AT 270935H, TRIPOLI HELO COMPLETED SAR
 DUTY AND RETURNED TO OPCON TRIPOLI. MONTICELLO RECOVERED ALL
 ACDIV 12 ASSAULT CRAFT AT 271045H. CH746 HELOS LIFTED LAST
 OF THE RESERVE (FOXTROT) COMPANY ASHORE AT 271157H TO COMPLETE
 SCHEDULED SHIP TO SHORE MOVEMENT AND COMMENCED CONTINUOUS

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 MEDEVAC/LOGISTICS/LIAISON/RESUPPLY OPS. ONE H746 ADMIN FLT
 WAS MADE TO DANANG TRANSFERRING 13 PAX AND 500 LBS MAIL,
 RETURNED 6 PAX 1400 LBS MAIL, AND 1000 LBS CARGO. ONE H-46
 LAUNCHED WITH AN EMERGENCY MEDEVAC TO USS REPOSE IN DANANG
 HARBOR. TRIPOLI HELO, GREEN BUG, MADE INTERSHIP SHUTTLE TO ALL
 TG SHIPS AND MADE HOLY HELO FLTS TO MONTICELLO AND PAUL REVERE
 GREEN BUG LIFTED CHIEF OF STAFF CTF 79 PLUS THREE TO THE
 MOUNT MCKINLEY FROM TRIPOLI. GREEN BUG TRANSFERRED 8 PAX, 00 LBS MAIL,
 AND 575 LBS CARGO, FLYING 10 PT HRS AND MADE 28 SHIP LANDINGS.
 TRIPOLI DISPENSED 11,919 GAL JP75 AND 687 GAL AVGAS. AT
 271740H A CH753 HELO LIFTED AN ARMED UH1E HELO FROM MONTICELLO
 TO MARBLE MOUNTAIN AF. UH1E HAD SUFFERED RESIDUAL ENGINE FIRE
 DURING PREPOSITIONING NIGHT OF 26 AUGUST AND FAILED TO DEVELOP
 ENGINE POWER.

(2) TRIPOLI MEDEVAC ACTIVITY: 9 ADMITTED, 2 TRANSFERRED,
 AND 7 REMAINING IN SICK BAY.

B. LANDING FORCE

(1) UNIT LOCATIONS

(A) BLT 2/3 CP YD 410477

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(B) E/2/3 YD 409467
 (C) F/2/3 YD 36460
 (D) G/2/3 YD 77432
 (E) H/2/3 YD 50445
 (F) B/1/12 YD

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(2) OPERATIONS

(A) E/2/3 LANDED AT 0630H IN LVTS OVER BEACH BLUE (YD 486571) WITH NEGATIVE CONTACT, LVTS RETURNED TO LSD AND E/2/3 MOVED OVERLAND SEIZED LF OBJ 1 (YD 450510) AND CONTINUED OVERLAND TO THEIR PRESENT POSITION.

(B) H/2/3, ABOARD 16 CH746, LANDED IN LZ CARDINAL (YD 377464) AT 0654H. H-HOUR WAS SLIPPED, 9 MIN TO INSURE COMPLETE LZ PREP. G/2/3 LANDED SUBSEQUENT H/2/3 IN LZ WREN (YD 92452). BOTH LANDING WERE UNOPPOSED.

(C) F/2/3 LANDED AT 1105H IN LZ CARDINAL, E/2/3 ASSUMED ROLE AS LF RESERVE.

(D) AT 1000H ONE RH746 RECEIVED SNIPER FIRE FROM VIC (YD 355465) THERE WERE NO HITS, H/2/3 RETURNED FIRE.

(E) AT 1020H ONE MAN FROM H/2/3 PIERCED HIS FOOT ON PUNJI STAKE VIC (YD 372442), MEDEVACED.

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(F) AT 1145H G/2/3 OPERATING VIC (YD 79447) TRIPPED A GRENADE RIGGED WITH A SUPRISE FIRING DEVICE, RESULTING IN 1 USMC WIA.

(G) AT 1213H OPERATING VIC (YD 78444) G/2/3 LEAD ELEMENTS WERE HIT BY WHAT APPEARED TO BE A COMMAND DETANATED CLAYMORE MINE. THIS RESULTED IN 2 USMC WIA.

(H) AT 1400H G/2/3 RECEIVED 8 RDS OF S/A FIRE FROM VIC (YD 64424). ARMED UH71E ON STATION FIRED ON TARGET, INCOMING FIRE CEASED.

(I) AT 1445H F/2/3 EVACUATED ONE MAN WITH SUSPECTED HEAT EXHAUSTION. MAN WAS DOA LPH. ALL REVIVING PROCEDURES FAILED. BODY EVACUATED TO USS REPOSE FOR AUTOPSY TO DETERMINE CAUSE OF DEATH.

(J) AT 1509H IN VIC (YD 46461) F/2/3 LEAD ELEMENTS TRIPPED SURPRISE FIRING DEVICE RESULTING IN 1 USMC WIA.

(K) AT 1600H ARMED UH71E RECEIVED A/W FIRE FROM VIC (YD 361421). ARTY CALLED ON AREA BY G/2/3, UH1E ASSISTED IN ADJUSTMENT. EXCELLENT EFFECT ON TGT TWO BUNKERS DESTROYED ESTIMATE 4 VC KIA.

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(3) CASUALTIES

(A) DURING PERIOD

USMC: 5 WIA

ENEMY: 4 VC KIA (PROB)

(B) CUMULATIVE

USMC: 5 WIA

ENEMY: 4 VC KIA (PROB)

WILL NOT REPORT MARINE WHO DIED UNTIL CAUSE OF DEATH IS KNOWN.

3. COMMENTS:

A. MT MCKINLEY, FLAGSHIP OF CTG 76, PROVIDING COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT FOR BELT DRIVE, WILL DEPART AREA TONIGHT FOR DANANG AND RETURN PM 28 AUGUST, CONTINUING COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT DURING ABSENCE.

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B. CO FOURTH MARINE REGIMENT V SITED CTG 76.5/CTG 79.5 ON BOARD TRIPOLI 271500H 7 271540H.

C. MONTICELLO AND UDT ELEVEN DET FOXTROT ARE CONDUCTING SUROBS AT 0700H, 1300H AND 1900H IN SUPPORT OF BELT DRIVE AND FWC GUAM SURFCAST. OBS BEING TAKEN AT RANDOM POINTS IN GENERAL AREA BLUE BEACH TO AVOID ESTABLISHING PATTERN ADVANTAGEOUS TO ENEMY REACTION.

D. CONDUCTED DIVINE AND LAY SERVICES THROUGHOUT THE TASK GROUP.

4. INTENTIONS:

A. TG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE

(1) REMAIN UNDERWAY IN OVERALL SUPPORT OF BELT DRIVE OPERATIONS ASHORE.

(2) TRIPOLI COMPLETE FLIGHT OPS APPROX 272100H THEN REMAIN IN LPH OPAREA AND PROVIDE MEDEVAC AND EMERGENCY RE SUPPLY READY DECK THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT.

(3) PAUL REVERE AND TERRELL COUNTY NIGHT STEAM IN HOLDING AREA AND REMAIN UFN.

(4) MONTICELLO AND UDT 11 DET F CONDUCT COVERT BEACH

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SURVEY 272300H - 282300H AS REQ BY CTG 76 240214Z AUG 67 NOTAL
RETURN AT FIRST LIGHT TO BELT DRIVE OPAREA FOR SUROBS
AND DUTY AS EMERG PELO DECK.

(5) TASK GROUP UNREP FROM VEGA 29 AUG.

B. LANDING FORCE

(1) ESTABLISH NIGHT DEFENSIVE POSITIONS AND AMBUSHES.
CONDUCT EXTENSIVE PATROL ACTION.

(2) CONTINUE TO CONDUCT S&D OPNS IN ASSIGNED SECTOR.

5. ACTIONS REQUIRED BY HIGHER AUTHORITY: NONE

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(7) AT 281450H WHILE ENROUTE NEW LPH OPAREA OFF DONG HA, OBSERVED DESTROYERS IN VICINITY DMZ RECEIVING SHORE FIRE FOLLOWED K SHORTLY BY DUPONT (DD941) MAKING HEAVY SMOKE AND RETIRING FROM THE GUN LINE. HEARING HER ATTEMPTS TO CONTACT REPOSE, CTG 76.5 OFFERED ASSISTANCE OF TRIPOLI IF REQUIRED. AT 281515H, TRIPOLI HELO RESPONDED TO MEDEVAC REQUEST BY DUPONT AND RETURNED 3 WIA, (ONE DOA) TO TRIPOLI. TRIPOLI MEDICAL OFFICER REMAINED ON DUPONT TO AID THE MONOR WOUNDED UNTIL 281830H. SUBSEQUENT REPORTS INDICATE DUPONT TOOK FOUR HITS IN VICINITY MT. 52 FROM COASTAL BATTERIES. DUPONT RETURNED TO GUN LINE. 281605H AND TRIPOLI PROCEEDED TO NEW LPH OPAREA. AT 281835H DUPONT TRANSFERRED MEDICAL RECORDS OF CASUALTIES TO TRIPOLI BY SMALL BOAT ALONG WITH PERSONNEL TO MAKE POSITIVE ID OF DOA. PERSONNEL RETURNED AND DUPONT DEPARTED AREA 281900H.

(8) TRIPOLI MEDEVAC ACTIVITY:

A. BELT DRIVE TOTALS: 20 ADMITTED (FROM DUPONT),
4 TRANSFERRED AND 16 REMAINING IN SICK BAY.

B. 12 HOUR SUMMARY: 9 ADMITTED AND 1 TRANSFERRED.

B. LANDING FORCE

(1) UNIT LOCATION

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(A) BLT 2/3 CP	YD 86446
(B) E/2/3	YD 86446
(C) F/2/3	YD 39465
(D) G/2/3	YD 378432
(E) H/2/3	YD 50445

(2) OPERATIONS

(A) AT 0830H G/2/3 PATROL OBSERVED ONE MAN DRESSED IN GREEN HEADED IN SOUTHERLY DIRECTION IN VIC (YD 67423). PATROL MAINTAINED SURVEILLANCE ON MAN.

(B) AT 0925H G/2/3 PATROL FOLLOWING MAN BROKE A SQD SIZE ENEMY AMBUSH. FIRED A/W AND S/A RESULTING IN 5 VC KIA B/C CAPTURING 5 SKS CARBINES. PATROL PURSUED 2 VC WIA, ESTIMATE AN ADDITIONAL 2 VC KIA. VC WERE DRESSED IN BLACK PJS. PATROL UNCOVERED HAMMOCK, CLOTHING AND ONE TRANSISTOR RADIO.

(C) AT 1430H SLF RECEIVED REQUEST FROM 1ST AMTPACBN TO RELAY A EMERGENCY MEDEVAC REQUEST TO DONG HA. DIVERTED SLF HELO. MADE PICKUP AT (YD 349694) RETURNED TO LPH712, NOTIFIED D MAR DIV.

(D) AT 1600H F/2/3 RECEIVED SNIPER FIRE WHILE BEING RESUPPLIED IN VIC (YD 45475) RESULTING IN 1 USMC WIA.

(3) CASUALTIES

(A) DURING PERIOD

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USMC: 1 WIA

ENEMY: 5 KIA B/C 2 KIA PROB

(B) CUMULATIVE

USMC: 1 KIA 6 WIA

ENEMY: 5 KIA B/C 6 KIA PROB

. COMMENTS:

A. MT MCKINLEY, FLAGSHIP OF CTG 76, RETURNED TO BELT DRIVE OPAREA 281715H AND IS PROVIDING COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT FOR OPERATIONS.

B. CONSEQUENTHFLT VISITED TRIPOLI 281023H - 281145H. RECEIVED BRIEFING ON BELT DRIVE AND PRESENTED THE LEGION OF MERIT WITH COMBAT DEVICE TO CTG 76.5, CAPTAIN J.L. LOWENTROUT, USN, COMPHIBRON NINE.

C. NEW LPH OPAREA IS CLOSER TO BELT DRIVE AREA OF PRIMARY INTEREST AND PRESENTS NO PROBLEMS OR OTHER FACTORS DEGRADING TO SUPPORT OF BELT DRIVE FORCES ASHORE.

4. INTENTIONS:

A. TG 76.5:

(1) REMAIN UNDERWAY IN OVERALL SUPPORT OF BELT DRIVE OPERATIONS ASHORE.

(2) TRIPOLI REMAIN IN LPH OPAREA OF DONG HA PROVIDING READY MEDEVAC DECK AND EMERGENCY HELO REFUELING FACILITY FOR DONG HA AREA.

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(3) REMAINDER OF TG NIGHT STEAM IN HOLDING AREA UNREP FROM VEGA 29 AUGUST. PAUL REVERE WILL PROVIDE FOUR LCM-6'S TO VEGA 290600H TO RECEIVE REQUIREMENTS OF TRIPOLI FFT. UPON COMPLETION VEGA TRANSFER OF TRIPOLI REQUIREMENTS INTO LCM76'S REMAINDER OF TG PLUS NGF UNITS AND MT MCKINLEY WILL UNREP. CTC OF UNREP IS PAUL REVERE.

B. LANDING FORCE:

(1) ESTABLISH NIGHT DEFENSIVE POSITIONS AND AMBUSHES, CONDUCT EXTENSIVE PATROL ACTION.

(2) CONDUCT EXTENSIVE PATROL ACTION FROM COMPANY PATROL BASES IN ASSIGNED AREA.

(3) DISPLACE B/1/12 AND BLT 2/3 CP.

5. ACTIONS REQUIRED BY HIGHER AUTHORITY: NONE

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BELT DRIVE SITREP NR 5 AS OF 290000Z AUG 67 (U)

1. TASK GROUP 76.5 COMPOSITION: NO CHANGE.

2. ACTIONS:

A. TG 76.5

(1) REMAINED UNDERWAY IN OVERALL SUPPORT OF BELT DRIVE OPERATIONS ASHORE.

(2) TRIPOLI REMAINED IN LPH OPAREA OFF DONG HA PROVIDING READY MEDEVAC DECK AND EMERGENCY HELO REFUELING FACILITY FOR DONG HA AREA.

(3) REMAINDER OF TASK GROUP NIGHT STEAMED IN HOLDING AREA.

(4) PAUL REVERE RDVU WITH VEG

IN BELT DRIVE AREA AND LAUNCHED
FOUR LCMS FOR TRANSFER OF TRIPOLI REQUIREMENTS FROM VEGA. TRANSFER IS
IN PROGRESS.

(5) CTG 76.5 DEPARTED TRIPOLI BY HELO FOR MT. MCKINLEY
FOR CALL ON CTF 76.

(6) AIR OPERATIONS SUMMARY:

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A. LATE ENTRY: EMBARKED OEG REP REVEALS FOL IMPRESSIVE
DATA REGARDING BELT DRIVE D7DAY HELO OPS; HMM 262 HILOS OPERATING FROM
TRIPOLI LIFTED 423 TROOPS INT HLZ'S CARDINAL AND WREN IN 53 MINUTES
(270354H7270747H). AVERAGE TURN AROUND TIME FOR EACH FLIGHT OF FOUR
CH-46'S, INCLUDING TROOP LOAD AND REFUELING WAS PT 9 MINUTES. 120.
OPERATIONAL LANDINGS WERE MADE ON TRIPOLI DURING THE DAY. A REQUEST
FOR EMERG MEDEVAC WAS RECVD AT 272117H AND WAS SUCCESSFULLY CONDUCTED
IN EXTREMELY POOR WEATHER AND DARKNESS OVER THE LAND AOA, REQUIRING
NEARLY TOTAL IFR.

B. 280221H7282359H: NO FIXED WING FLIGHTS WERE REQUIRED
IN SUPPORT OF BELT DRIVE. HELO OPS CONSISTED OF RESUPPLY, TROOP LIFT
AND MEDEVAC BY HMM 262 CH746'S AND TRIPOLI UH734D. UH-1E(S OF VMO 6
PROVIDED GUN SHIP ESCORT. THERE WAS NO DAMAGE TO THE HELOS FROM ENEMY
FIRE. 198 HILO SORTIES WERE FLOWN LIFTING THREE TONS OF EQUIPMENT/
SUPPLIES AND 20 TROOPS ASHORE. 10 TONS EQUIPMENT AND 15 TROOPS WERE
MOVED POINT TO POINT ASHORE BY HELO.

B. LANDING FORCE

(1) UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE

(2) OPERATIONS

(A) AT 2025H G/2/3 RECEIVED 25 RDS OF INC

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 FROM VIC (YD 72421). THERE WERE NO FRIENDLY CASUALTIES. ARTY WAS CALLED
 ON AREAN INCOMING FIRE CEASED.

(3) CASUALTIES

(A) DURING PERIOD

USMC: NONE

ENEMY: UNKNOWN

(B) CUMULATIVE

USMC: 1KIA 6 WIA

ENEMY: 5 KIA B/C 6 KIA PROB

. COMMENTS:

A. MT. MCKINLEY, FLAGSHIP OF CTF 76, IS PROVIDING COMMUNICATIONS
 SUPPORT FOR BELT DRIVE.

4. INTENTIONS:

A. TG 76.5

(1) REMAIN UNDERWAY IN OVERALL SUPPORT OF BELT DRIVE OPERATIONS
 ASHORE.

(2) UPON COMPLETION TRANSFER TRIPOLI REQUIREMENTS FROM VEGA TO
 LCM'S REMAINDER OF TG UNREP FROM VEGA AND TRIPOLI LOAD PRIVISIONS FROM
 LCM'S.

B. LANDING FORCE:

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(1) CONTINUE S&D OPNS FROM COMPANY PATROL BASES.

(2) DISPLACE B/1/12 AND BLT 2/3 CP.

5. ACTIONS REQUIRED BY HIGHER AUTHORITY: NONE.

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S E C R E T

BELT DRIVE SITREP NR 6 AS OF 291200Z AUG 67 (U)

1. TASK GROUP 76.5 COMPOSITION: NO CHANGE.

2. ACTIONS:

A. TG 76.5

(1) REMAINED UNDERWAY IN OVERALL SUPPORT OF BELT DRIVE OPERATIONS ASHORE.

(2) TERRELL COUNTY UNREPPED FROM VEGA AND ACTED AS LIXEGUARD WHILE DUPONT AND MONTICELLO UNREPPED. UPON COMPLETION RETURNED TO HOLDING AREA TO PROVIDE CONTINGENCY LOGISTIC SUPPORT FOR BELT DRIVE. CONDUCTED JOOM MANEUVERING DRILL DURING THE DAY.

(3) MONTICELLO UNREPPED FROM VEGA 291100H 291140H THEN PROCEEDED TO LSD OPAREA TO CONTINUE SUROBS AND PROVIDE READY DECK FOR HELOS. 0720H SUROBS WAS PRECLUDED BY SCHEDULED UNREP.

(4) PASL REVERE TRANSFERRED PROVISIONS FROM VEGA TO TRIPOLI VIA LCM'S THEN UNREPPED FROM VEGA AND RECEIVED 7.5 TONS OF MT. MCFINLEY

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REQUIREMENTS FET. RETURNED TO BELT DRIVE OPAREA AND RECOVERED LCM'S 291230H 291430H THEN PROCEEDED TO DANANG ARRIVING 291715Z TO INREP MT. MCKINLEY VIA LCM'S.

(5) TRIPOLI REMINED IN LPH OPAREA CONDUCTING HELO OPS IN SUPPORT OF BELT DRIVE AND PROVIDING EMERGENCY HELO REFUELING FACILITY FOR THE DONG HA AREA. IN ADDITION TWO CH-46'S MADE TWO FLIGHTS TO DANANG TRANSFERRING 13 PAX, 205 LBS MAIL AND RETURNED 16 PAX, 1100 LBS CARGO AND 1430 LBS MAIL. TRIPOLI REFUELED AIRCRAFT FROM VM0-3 AND HMM 163 WHILE ACTING AS EMERGENCY REFUELING STATION. DISPENSED 4,325 GALS JP-5 AND 185 GALS AVGAS. RESUPPLIED TROOPS ASHORE WITH 1,650 GALS OF WATER. TRIPOLI HELO DOWN FOR REPAIRS THROUGHOUT THE DAY. ONE CH-53 LANDED ON BOARD WITH THREE TONS MEDICAL SUPPLIES. RECEIVED COMPHIBRON ELEVEN FILES AND EQUIPMENT FROM NAVARRO BY LCM'S. COMPLETED FLIGHT OPERATIONS 291945H.

(6) TRIPOLI MEDEVAC ACTIVITY:

A. BELT DRIVE TOTALS: 25 ADMITTED (3 FROM DUPONT), 5 TRANSFERRED, 1 DISCHARGED AND 19 REMAINING IN SICK BAY.

B. JR HOUR SUMMARY: 5 ADMITTED, 1 TRANSFERRED AND 1 DISCHARGED.
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(1) UNIT LOCATION

(A) BLT 2/3 CP	YD 60440
(B) E/2/3	YD 362440
(C) F/2/3	YD 308446
(D) G/2/3	YD 362422
(E) H/2/3	YD 31448
(F) B/1/12	YD 404465

(2) OPERATIONS

(A) AT 0938H F/2/3 OPERATIONS IN VIC (YD 26458) RECEIVED 3 RDS OF SNIPER FIRE RESULTING IN ONE USMC KIA. PATROL SEARCHED AREA.

(B) AT 1115H G/2/3 PATROL WAS ATTACKED FROM REAR BY 6 NVA IN VIC (YD 356416). REAR GUARD OPENED FIRE WITH S/A A/W KILLING. NVA REMAINING NVA FLED. ARMED UH71E ON STATION FIRED ON AREA. SEARCH OF AREA WAS MADE. CAPTURED 1 SKS TYPE CARBINE. TRACKS INDICATING 1 NVA KIA PROB

(C) AT 1300H G/2/3 WAS SEARCHING AREA VIC (YD 355425). THIS AREA HAS BEEN HIT BY CAS AND ARTY FOR THE LAST TWO DAYS. COMPANY DISCOVERED MORTAR PITS AND 12 BUNKERS DESTROYED, UNCOVERED 9 BUNKERS INTACT DESTROYED SAME. BLOOD STAINS, BURNT CLOTHING AND STRONG SCENT OF BURNED FLESH INDICATE 12 NVA KIA PROBABLE.

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(D) SLF REPORTED TO OPCOM CG THIRD MAR DIV EFFECTIVE 290900H.

(3) CASUALTIES

(A) DURING QZ25)

USMC 1 KIA
ENEMY 1 KIA B/C 13 KIA PROB

(D) CUMULATIVE

USMC 1 KIA 7 KIA
ENEMY 6 KIA B/C 19 KIA PROB

3. COMMENTS:

A. LT. MCK NLEY, FLAGSHIP OF CTF 76 DEPARTED FOR DANANG BUT CONTINUES TO PROVIDE COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT FOR BLT DRIVE.

B. AT 201300H RECEIVED MSG FROM CG THIRD MARDIV ADVISE THAT AVIATION REFUELING CAPABILITY AT DONG HA WAS RESTORED AND SERVICES OF TRIPOLI FOR EMERGENCY HELO REFUELING FACILITY NO LONGER REQUIRED.

C. WITH THE LANDING FORCE FIRMLY ESTABLISHED ASHORE, OPCOM OF SLF BRAVO PASSED TO CG III MAF AND FUGPHER CHOPPED TO CG 3D MARDIV EFFECTIVE 0900PPH AUG 67. THE AOA WAS DISSOLVED AND CONTROL OF SUPPL

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ING ARMS PASSED SHORE TO CG III MAF AT THAT TIME. THE NOTAM REQUESTED BY CTF 76.5 240424Z AUG 67 IS SUSPENDED HHHDE RE INSTATED WHEN NOTIFIED.

D. BLT DRIVE PRESREL NR 1 (CTG 76.5 250600Z AUG 67) WAS CLEARED

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 BY COMUSMACV AND RELEASED BY CTE 70.2.1.1 ON 28 AUGUST WITH MENTION
 OF MONTICELLO, TERRELL COUNTY AND MT. MINPNWEY DELETED DUE TO
 FORTHCOMING HONG KONG VISITS.

E. CTG 76.5 CALLED ON CTF 76 ABOARD MT. MCKINLEY 290715H-290845H.
 1. COMPHIBRON ELEVEN, CAPTAIN E645. LANE, JR. USN, WILL ASSUME
 COMMAND OF ARG BRAVO (CTG 76.5) AND CATF BELT DRIVE 010600H SEP 67,
 RELIEVING CAPTAIN J.L. LOWENTROUT, USN, COMPHIBRON NINE.

G. USS NAVARRO ARRIVED IN BELT DRIVE AREA 281615H TO TRANSFER
 COMPHIBRON ELZQVEN FILE AND EQUIPMENT TO TRIPOLI.

H. TWO HMM 265 HELOS REMAINING ABOARD IN DOWN STATUS SINCE HMM
 265 ROTATION DEPARTED TRIPOLI FOR MMAF 291000H.

4. INTENTIONS:

A. TG 775

(1) REMA

N UNDERWAY IN OVERALL SUPPORT OF BELT DRIVE OPERAT-
 IONS ASHORE.

(2) TRIPOLI REMAIN IN LPH OPAREA MAINTAINING READY DECK FOR
 MEDEVAC AND JXDUCTING HELO OPS AS NECESSARY.

(3) PAUL REVERE RETURN FROM DANANG AND NIGHT STEAM IN
 HOLDING AREA.

(4) MONTICELLO AND TERRELL COUNTY NIGHT STEAM IN HOLDING AREA.

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MONTICELLO RETURN TO LSD OPAREA AM 2 AUG TO CONDUCT SUPOBS AND PROVIDE
 EMERG READY DECK.

B. LANDING FORCE

(1) ESTABLISH NA#5 S313, S33 S98510NS AND AMBUSHES . CONDUCT
 EXTENSIVE PATROL ACTION.

(2) CONTINUE S&D OPNS IN ASSIGNED AREAS.

5. ACTIONS REQUIRED BY HIGHER AUTHORITY: NONE.

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BELT DRIVE SITREP NR 7 AS OF 00000Z AUG 67 (U)

1. TASK GROUP 76.5 COMPOSITION: NO CHANGE

2. ACTIONS

A. TG 76.5

(1) REMAINED UNDERWAY IN OVERALL SUPPORT OF BELT DRIVE OPERATIONS ASHORE.

(2) TRIPOLI COMPLETED LOADING COMPHIBRON ELEVEN GIG, FILES, EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL BY BOAT FROM NAVARRO 202030H THEN REMAINED IN LPH OPAREA THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT MAINTAINING A READY DECK FOR MED-EVAC AND EMERGENCY RESUPPLY. CONDUCTED EMERGENCY MEDEVAC FLIGHT OPS 300300H AND RESUMED SCHEDULED FLIGHT OPS 007300H. MEDEVACED 4 WPM FROM BLT 2/3.

(3) PAULHORVERE RETURNED 292300H, FROM INREPPING MT. MCKINLEY IN DANANG, AND NIGHT STEAMED IN HOLDING AREA.

(4) MONTICELLO AND TERRELL COUNTY NIGHT STEAMED IN HOLDING AREA. MONTICELLO RETURNED TO LSD OPAREA FIRST LIGHT TO RESUME SUROBS

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AND PROVIDE EMERGENCY HELO DECK.

(5) TRCPOLI MEDEVAC ACTIVITY:

A. BELT DRIVE TOTALS: 29 ADMITTED, 5 TRANSFERRED, 1 DISCHARGED AND 23 REMAINING IN SICK BAY.

B. 12 HOUR SUMMARY: 4 ADMITTED.

(6) AIR OPS SUMMARY (290001H7292359H): TWO MISSIONS BY TWO LAND BASED, FIXE WING A/C DROPPED THREE TONS OF BOMBS AND FOUR NAPALM TANKS IN SUPPORT OF BELT DRIVE. UH71E HELOS FIRED 32 ROCKETS AND 5000 ROUNDS OF AMMO WERE EXPENDED DURING THE PERIOD. 165 SORTIES BY HMM 265 HELOS LUZTED 8 PT 4 TONS EQUIPMENT/SUPPLIES AND 50 TROOPS ASHORE.

B. LANDING FORCE

(1) UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

(2) :9234-589,

(A) AT 2130H B/1/12 VIC (YD 90465) RECEIVED TWO CHI COM GRENADES THROWN IN THEIR POSITION. THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES. FIRED SXXS RDS, RECEIVED NO MORE INCOMING.

(B) AT HQHH IN VIC (YD 62422) TO (YD 65424) G/2/3 RECEIVED PROBE FROM TWO DIRECTIONS, ENEMY USED TNT, GRENADES, A/W AND S/A. THEY WERE DRESSED IN RAIN HATS, GREEN SHIRTS, NO TROUSERS OR

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 SHOES. ESTIMATE 13 ENEMY INVOLVED. COMPANY RETURNED FIRE WITH A/W AND
 S/A. ENCOUNTER RESULTED IN 2 USMC KIA, 4 USMC WIA, 2 VC KIA B/C, 5
 VC KIA PROB AND TWO AR 47'S CAPTURED.

(C) AT 0510H IN VIC (YD 31448) ENEMY PROBED H/2/3 PERIMETER,
 THREW GRENADES INTO POSITIONS. FIRE WAS RETURNED AREA SEARCHED, TRACES
 INDICATE 1 VCIIA PROBABLE.

(3) CASUALTIES

(A) DURING PERIOD

USMC 2 KIA 4 WIA

ENEMY 2 KIA B/C 5 KIA PROB

(B) CUMULATIVE

USMC KIA 11 WIA

ENEMY 8 KIA B/C 24 KIA PROB

. COMMENTS:

A. MT. MCKINLEY, FLAGSHIP OF CTF 76, IS PROVIDING COMMUNICATIONS
 SUPPORT FOR BELT DRIVE.

B. COMPHIBRON ELEVEN, CAPTAIN E.A. LANE, JR., USN, WILL ASSUME
 COMMAND OF ARG BRAVO (CTG 76.5) AND CATF BELT DRIVE 010600H SEP 6,
 RELIEVING CAPTAIN J.L. LOWENTROUT, USN, COMPHIBRON NINE.

4. INTENTIONS:

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A. IG 76.5

(1) REMAIN UNDERWAY IN OVERALL SUPPORT OF BELT DRIVE OPERATIONS
 ASHORE.

B. LANDING FORCE

(1) CONDUCT S&D OPNS IN ASSIGNED SECTORS.

5. ACTIONS REQUIRED BY HIGHER AUTHORITY: NONE.

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O 1 A. IN QUANG TRI PROV (YD460466) 18 KM ESE OF QUANG TRI CITY AT 290600H THE HAI LANG PF CO ENGAGED AN UNK NO OF EN W/SA AND AW FIRE, FRD ARTY SPTD. THE EN BROKE CONTACT. RES: FRD: NONE; EN: FIVE KIA, TWO DET, THREE I/WPNS CPTD.

B. IN QUANG TRI PROV (YD310565) FIVE KM NNW OF QUANG TRI CITY AT 290830H THE TRIEU PHONG PF CO ENGAGED AN UNK NO OF EN W/SA AND AW FIRE, FRD ARTY SPTD. THE EN BROKE CONTACT. RES: FRD: FIVE KIA, THREE WIA; EN: UNK.

C. IN THUA THIEN PROV (YD710288) SEVEN KM NNW OF HUE AT 290700H THE HOUNG TRA PF CO ENGAGED AN EST EN CO W/SA AND AW FIRE, FRD ARTY SPTD. THE EN BROKE CONTACT. RES: FRD: ONE KIA, 10 WIA; EN: UNK.

D. IN THUA THIEN PROV (YD835148) FIVE KM W OF PHU BAI AT 300200H ELM OF 3D ENGR BN (USMC) AND MCB-3 (USN) RECD EST 10 RDS UNK CAL MORT FIRE. RES: FRD: TWO KIA (USN), 17 WIA (16 USN, ONE USMC).

E. IN THUA THIEN PROV (YD880142) AT PHU BAI AT 300150H THE 3RD MAR DIV HQ RECD AN UNK NO OF MORT RDS IMPACTING IN VIC OF THE AIRSTRIP. THE ATK TERM AT 300230H. CM PLAN WAS EXECUTED. RES: FRD: FOUR WIA (USMC); ONE WATER TRLR DAM; EN: UNK. AT 300230H THE MORT ATK SHIFTED TO THE ARVN DONG DA TRNG CENTER VIC YD870153 WHICH RECD AN UNK NO OF MORT RDS FOLLOWED BY A GND ATK BY EST TWO EN CO'S USING SA/AW, GREN AND SATCHEL CHARGES. ARVN RTND FIRE AS FLARE SHIP SPTD. EN BROKE CONTACT. RES: FRD: 16 ARVN KIA, 23 WIA; EN: UNK.

F. IN QUANG TIN PROV (BT 164414) 24 KM NW OF TAM KY AT 290130H THE THANG BINH DIST HQ AND NEAR-BY GO THOUNG OP MANNED BY A PLT FR ARVN 34TH ARTY AND ELMS OF 2/5 INF ARVN RECD EST 300 RDS 60/82MM MORT FIRE. A GND ATK BY EST EN CO WAS DIRECTED AGAINST THE OP. EN EMPLOYED SA/AW, GREN, FLAME THROWERS, BANGALORE TORPEDOS, SATCHEL CHARGES AND MORTS IN PENETRATING POS. FRD UNITS RTND SA/AW, GRENS AS ARTY, FLARE AND GUNSHIPS SUPPORTED. EN EJECTED FR POS AND BROKE CONTACT APPROX 290400H. 5TH MAR COMMITTED A REACTION FORCE BUT FAILED TO MAKE CONTACT. AT 291200H ARVN COMMITTED ELMS OF 2/5 INF TO SWEEP AREA. RES: FRD: 70 KILLED (39 ARVN, 31 DIV), 104 WOUNDED (51 ARVN, 53 CIV), 32 MISSING (THREE ARVN, 29 CIV), THREE I/WPNS AND ONE PRC-10 LOST, TWO 155MM HOW DAM BY FLAME THROWERS; EN: 14 KIA.

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

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H. CUM RES: OP YAZOO NO CHANGE.

	ARDMORE	KINGFISHER	BEL: FRIENDLY	DRIVE	FREMONT	CUMBERLAND	BENTON
	US	US	US	US	US	US	US
KIA	9	73	1	13	5	41	
WIA	34	675	7	161	86	263	
MIA	0	0	0	0	0	0	
AIR							
SORTIES	434	2274	0	112	126	632	
NGF	0	820	0	0	0	0	
ARC							
LIGHT	42	9	0	24	0	0	
			ENEMY				
KIA	61	521	6	59	6	397	
DET	3	72	0	67	23	9	
RET	0	0	0	0	0	0	
IND/WPN	6	69	6	23	2	150	
C/S WPN	1	10	0	0	0	0	

2. (C) II CTZ:

A. IN DARLAC PROV (ZV039268) 35 KM NW OF BAN ME THOUT AT 300255H THE TRANG PHUC CIDG CAMP AND BAN DON VILLAGE REC APPROX 60 RDS OF EN 82MM HE MORT FIRE. EN MORT BELIEVED LOC EAST OF CAMP. CAMP FIRED 81MM MORT AT SUSPECTED EN POS. AC-47 WAS ON STATION. RES: 35 WOUNDED (ONE USASF, ONE CIV INTERPRETER, ONE LLDB, 32 CIDG); EN: UNK.

B. IN PHU YEN PROV (CQ162462) ONE KM S OF TUY HOA AT 300300H AUG 67 AN EST EN SQUAD ATK A BRIDGE ON HWY 1 WITH SA AND AW FIRE. EN EMPL SATCHEL CHARGES AND BLEW A TWO FT GAP IN THE SOUTH END OF THE BRIDGE. BRIDGE IS IMPASSIBLE AND NO BY - PASS EXISTS. EST TIME OF REPAIR UNK. RES: FRD: (PF) ONE KIA; EN: UNK.

C. IN PHU YEN PROV (CQ071401) SIX KM S OF TUY HOA AT 300230H AUG 67 ELM OF THE 3/47 INF (ARVN) WHILE IN NIGHT DEF POSITIONS CAME UNDER ATK FR EST TWO EN CO. FIRING SA AND AW FIRE. ARTY AND AC-47 ACFT SPTD FRDLY FORCES. EN BROKE CONTACT AT 300600H. RES: FRD: TWO KIA, FOUR WIA, ONE I/WPN LOST; EN: THREE DET, THREE C/S WPNS CPTD.

D. IN PHU YEN PROV (CQ201351) 12 KM SSE OF TUY HOA AT 300220H AUG 67 THE 533D COMPANY FR THE 577TH ENGR BN WHILE GUARDING A FLOAT BRIDGE ON HWY 1 CAME UNDER ATK FR AN UNK SIZE EN FORCE FIRING SA AND AW. EN OVERRAN A BUNKER GUARDING THE SOUTH APPROACH TO THE BRIDGE. THE 577TH ENGR BN SENT A REACTION FORCE TO REINF THE BRIDGE. ARTY AND AC-47 ACFT SPTD FRDLY FORCES. EN BROKE CONTACT AT 200555H. FLOAT BRIDGE NOT DAMAGED. RES: FRD: THREE KIA, THREE WIA, ONE CAL 50 MG DEST, ONE M-60 MG LOST; EN: UNK.

E. IN PHU YEN PROV (CQ155475) TWO KM S OF TUY HOA AT 300130H AUG 67 AN EST EN COMPANY ARMED WITH AW, MORT AND RPG-2 RL ATK A VN PRISON, ARTY AND AC-47 ACFT SPTD. EN BROKE CONTACT AT 300230H. RES: ONE KIA, FOUR WIA; EN: UNK.

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F. ALL OPS CONT W/O SIGNIFICANT CONTACT REPTD.
G. CUM RES: OP HONG KIL DONG NO CHANGE.

FRIENDLY

	FRANCIS MARION US	BYRD US	FERSHING US	GREELEY US
KIA	175	23	438	129
WIA	786	232	1977	199
MIA	8	0	2	0
AIR	4150	1093	5395	826
SORTIES				
NGF	0	387	2521	0
ARC	306	9	195	147
LIGHT				

ENEMY

KIA	1088	655	3055	190
DET	882	855	9661	17
RET	11	16	181	3
IND /WPN	244	222	786	87
C/S WPN	55	5	62	16

3. (C) III CTZ.

A. IN GIA DINH PROV (XS799899) CITY OF SAIGON
AT 290900H SUVN SGT WAS ASSASSINATED BY AN UNK TERRORIST.
SGT WAS PASSDKGXAFIN A MILITARY VEHICLE CARRYING ELECTION
POSTER.

B. REF PARA 3D AND 3E MY MSG 292222Z AUG 67:
DELETE AS ERRONEOUS.

C. OP ITTYHAWK: IN LONG KHAN PROV (YT445007)
EIGHT KM S OF XUAN LOC AT 300745H APC FR K/3/11 ACR
DETONATED MINE. RES: FRD: FIVE WIA.

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

E. CUM RES:

FRIENDLY

	FAIRFAX US/ARVN	ENTERPRISE US	CORONADO IV US
KIA	94/42	159	0
WIA	592/160	712	15
MIA	0/2	0	0
AIR			
SORTIES	1332	859	62
NGF	N/A	N/A	N/A
ARC			
LIGHT	6	0	0

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KIA	955/156	1198	76
DET	2240/390	151	72
RET	39/0	33	0
IND/WPN	253/133	164	62
C/S WPN	1/4	7	15

4. (U) IV CTZ: ALL OPS CONT W/O SIGNIFICANT CONTACT
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BELT DRIVE SITREP NR 8 AS OF 301200Z SEP 67 (U)

1. TASK GROUP 76.5 COMPOSITION: NO CHANGE.

2. ACTIONS:

A. TG 76.5

(1) REMAINED UNDERWAY IN OVERALL SUPPORT OF BELT DRIVE OPERATIONS ASHORE.

(2) TRIPOLI REMAINED IN LPH OPAREA CONTINUING LIAISON AND RESUPPLY MISSIONS THROUGHOUT THE DAY IN SUPPORT OF BELT DRIVE. IN ADDITION TWO CH746'S MADE ONE ADMIN FLIGHT TO DANANG. TRANSFERRED 18 PAX AND 320 LBS MAIL. RETURNED 8 PAX AND 800 LBS MAIL. TRIPOLI HELO MADE ONE DANANG FLIGHT WITH 4 PAX AND RETURNED 2 PAX AND 80 LBS MAIL. TRIPOLI DISPENSED 3866 GALS JP-5 AND 235 GALS AVGAS. LOADED ADDITIONAL COMPHIBRON ELEVEN PERSONNEL, FILE AND EQUIPMENT BY BOAT FROM NAVARRO 331515H7301600H. FLIGHT OPERATIONS ARE CONTINUING.

(3) MONTICELLO REMAINED IN LSD OPAREA CONDUCTING SUROBS AND

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PROVIDING EMERGENCY HELO DECK. PROCEEDED TO HOLDING AREA 01915H.

(4) PAUL REVERE STEAMED IN HOLDING AREA THROUGHOUT THE DAY.

(5) TERREPL COUNTY RETURNED TO LST OPAREA 301100H FOR PERS TRANSFERS BY HELO. PROCEEDED TO HOLDING AREA 01900H.

(6) TRIPOLI MEDEVAC ACTIVITY:

A. BELT DRIVE TOTALS: 43 ADMITTED, (6 FROM DUPONT), 6 TRANSFERRED, 3 DISCHARGED AND 4 REMAINING IN SICK BAY.

B. 12 HOUR SUMMARY: 14 ADMITTED, 1 TRANSFERRED AND 2 DISCHARGED.

B. LANDING FORCE

(1) UNIT LOCATION:

(A) BLT 2/3 CP	YD 60440
(B) E/2/3	YD 60440
(C) F/2/3	YD 60443
(D) G/2/3	YD 362442
(E) H/2/3	YD 71448

(2) OPERATIONS

(A) G/2/3 SEARCHED AREA OF EARLIER CONTACT THIS MORNING. UNCOVERED ONE BODY AND ONE AUTOMATIC CARBINE CONTINUED TO SEARCH AREA.

(B) AT 1100H IN VIC (YD 67427) G/2/3 OBS

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 GREEN SHIRTS, BLACK TROUSERS, VC WERE TOO FAR AWAY FOR S/A, DISPATCHED
 PATROL TO AREA AND FOUND 2 VC KIA WITH 1 CARBINE. TRACKS OF OTHER VC
 LEAVING AREA.

(C) AT 1645H IN VIC (YD 373443) E/2/3 PATROL ENGAGED ESTIMATED
 5 VC ARMED HELO ON STATION FIRED ON ENEMY RESULTING IN ONE VC KIA V/C.
 REMAINING ENEMY FLED.

(3) CASUALTIES

(A) DURING PERIOD

USMC: NONE

ENEMY: 4 KIA B/C

(B) CUMULATIVE

USMC: 3 KIA 11 WIA

ENEMY: 12 KIA B/C 21 KIA PROB ADJUSTED WHEN BODIES FOUND.

3. COMMENTS:

A. MT. ACKINLEY, FLAGSHIP OF CTF 76, IS PROVIDING COMMUNICATIONS
 SUPPORT FOR BELT DRIVE.

B. A PARTY OF RVN OFFICIALS AND US ADVISORS FOR QUANG TRI PROVINCE
 VISITED TRIPOLI 011300H-301400H. GROUP INCLUDED THE SENIOR US PROVINCE
 ADVISOR, THE DEPUTY PROVINCE CHIEF FOR SECURITY, CHIEF OPERATION FJ DIVI-
 SION COORDINATOR, SECTOR S73 ARVN, CHIEF OF NATIONAL POLICE QUANG TRI

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 PROVINCE AND THE US ADVISOR FOR POLICE AND ARMY FIELD FORCES.
 C. COMPHIBRON ELEVEN WILL ASSUME COMMAND OF ARG BRAVO (CTG 76.5)
 AND CATF BELT DRIVE 012600H SEP 67, RELIEVING COMPHIBRON NINE.

4. INTENTIONS:

A. TG 76.5

(1) REMAIN UNDERWAY IN OVERALL SUPPORT OF BELT DRIVE OPERATIONS
 ASHORE.

(2) TRIPOLI REMAIN IN LPH OPERA PROVIDING A READY DECK FOR
 MEDEVAC/RESUPPLY AND CONDUCTING FLIGHT OPERATIONS AS REQUIRED.

(3) PAUL REVERE, MONTICELLO AND TERRELL COUNTY NIGHT STEAM AT
 DARKEN SHIP IN HOLDING AREA

(4) MONTICELLO ARRIVE LSD OPAREA AM 1 AUGUST FOR SUROBS AND
 DUTY AS EMERGENCY HELO DECK.

(5) TRANSFER COMPHIBRON NINE STAFF PERSONNEL, FILE AND EQUIP-
 MENT TO OGDEN BY BOAT AND/OR HELO 1 AUG 7 1 SEPTEMBER. OGDEN ETA
 110000H.

(6) UNREP TG LESS TERRELL COUNTY FROM PLATTE 2 SEPTEMBER.

B. LANDING FORCE:

ESTABLISH

NIGHT DEFENSIVE AND AMBUSH POSITIONS. CONDUCT PATROL
 ACTION: (2) CONTINUE TO CONDUCT EXTENSIVE S&D OPNS IN ASSIGNED SECTORS.

5. ACTIONS REQUIRED BY HIGHER AUTHORITY: NONE.

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1. (C) I CTZ:

A. REF PARA 1D, MY MSG 302215Z AUG: CHANGE CAL OF ARTY FIRE
RECD FR 120MM TO 122MM.

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

CUM RES:

FRIENDLY

	ARDMORE US	KINGFISHER US	BELT DRIVE US	CUMBERLAND US	FREMONT US	YAZOO US
KIA	9	73	3	5	13	4
WIA	34	688	11	87	162	4
MIA	0	0	0	0	0	0
AIR SORTIES	444	2332	0	128	116	0
RNGF	0	836	0	P	P	P
ARC LIGHT	42	9	0	0	24	0

	BENTON US
KIA	41
WIA	263
MIA	0
AIR SORTIES	649
RNGF	0
ARC LIGHT	0

ENEMY

KIA	61	530	11	6	59
DDT	3	73	0	23	69
RET	0	0	0	0	0
IND/WPN	6	69	10	2	23
C/S WPN	1	10	0	0	0
KIA	397				
DET	9				
RET	2				
IND/WPN	150				
RC/S WPN	8				

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2. (C) II CTZ:

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

B. CUM RES: OP HONG KIL DONG NO CHANGE

FRIENDLY

	FRANCIS MARIONN	BYRD	PERSHING	GREELEY
	US	US	US	US
KIA	175	23	438	129
VIA	787	232	1983	200
MIA	8	0	2	0
AIR	4176	1108	5420	231
SORTIES				
NGF	0	399	2544	0
ARC	306	9	195	147
LIGHT				

ENEMY

KIA	1088	656	3093	190
DET	887	855	9702	22
RET	11	16	181	3
IND/WPN	244	222	793	87
C/S WPN	55	5	62	16

3. (C) III CTZ:

A. REF PARA 3A MY MSG 301000Z AUG 67: DELETE ENTRY.

DUPLICATION OF PARA 3C, MY MSG 300300Z AUG 67.

B. IN GIA DINH PROV (XS967980) 10 KM NE OF SAIGON AT 310100H AN ELM FR ARVN INF SCHOOL ON PTL I THU DUC DISTRICT MADE CONTACT WITH E N SQUAD. EN BROKE CONTACT AT 0115H. RES: FRD: FIVE KIA, ONE BAR AND ONE CARB LOST; EN: UNK.

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

D. CUM RES:

	FAIRFAX	FRIENDLY ENTERPRISE	CORONADO IV
	US/ARVN	US	US
KIA	94/42	159	0
WIA	592/160	714	15
MIA	0/2	0	0
AIR	1335	859	62
SORTIES			
NGF	N/A	N/A	N/A
ARC	6	0	0
LIGHT			

ENEMY

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DET	2240/390	151	82
RET	39/0	33	0
IND/WPN	254/133	164	65
C/S WPN	1/4	7	15

4. (C) IV CTZ:

A. IN AN XUYEN PROV (WR103333) IN THE THOI BINH AT 301920H AUG AN UNK SIZE EN FORCE ATKD THOI BINH DISTRICT TOWN AND 4/32 ARVN BN, W/100 RDS 60MM AND 81MM MORT FIRE. ARTY AND AC-47 SUPPORTED FRDLY UNIT. ATK TERM APPROX 310200H AUG. RES: FRD: TWO KIA, 14 WOUNDED (SEVEN ARVN, SEVEN CIV); EN: UNK.

B. ELEVEN EN INITIATED INCIDENTS WERE REPTD IN IV CTZ FR 300500H TO 310500H AUG. RES: FRD: THREE KIA, 19 WIA; EN: UNK.

C. IN PHONG DINH PROV (WR732938) IN RACH GIA AT 310200H UNK NO EN DETONATED UNK TYPE EXPLO DEVICE ON BRIDGE ON ROUTE 31. BRIDGE 100 PERCENT DEST. NO BY-PASS AVAILABLE. NO ETR.

D. IN PHONG DINH PROV (WR871875) THREE KM NW OF PHUNG HIEP AT 310825H UNK NO EN DETONATED UNK TYPE EXPLO DEVICE IN CULVERT ON ROUTE 4. HWY IMPASSABLE. NO BY-PASS AVAILABLE. ETR UNK.

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

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FROM: ADMINO FMFPAC

TO: CG FMFPAC

SUBJ: FMFPAC WESTPAC SITREP NUMBER 884

THIS SUMMARIZES EVENTS OF 29 AUGUST 67 - UNLESS OTHERWISE
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DTG: 310345Z AUG 67"(S)"

OPERATION NAME:

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COMPANY B, 1ST BATTALION, 5TH MARINES, SENT TO REINFORCE THE ARVN FORCES UNDER ATTACK AT THANG BINH DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS (SEE MY REPORT OF 28 AUGUST), MADE CONTACT WITH APPROXIMATELY 20 ENEMY 2 KILOMETERS NORTH EAST OF THAT DISTRICT TOWN AT 0800. THE COMPANY, SUPPORTED BY FIXED WING AIRCRAFT FROM MAG-12, KILLED 18 VC, WITH 4 ADDITIONAL PROBABLY KILLED.

D. SMALL UNIT COUNTER GUERRILLA OPERATIONS

DURING THE PERIOD, III MAF UNITS OF COMPANY SIZE OR SMALLER CONDUCTED 1247 COUNTERGUERRILLA OPERATIONS, OF WHICH OVER 800, OR 65 PER CENT, WERE AT NIGHT. THERE WERE 59 CONTACTS REPORTED, RESULTING IN 39 VC KILLED. IN ONE NOTABLE ENGAGEMENT, COMBINED ACTION PLATOON HB AMBUSHED 20 VC, 15 KILOMETERS SOUTHEAST OF PHU BAI ON THE EVENING OF THE 30TH. A PF MEMBER OF THE UNIT KILLED 5 VC WITH M-79 ROUNDS BEFORE THE ENEMY FLED.

E. OPERATION BELT DRIVE

OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF SPECIAL LANDING FORCE BRAVO (BLT 2/3), IN OPERATION BELT DRIVE, PASSED FROM CTG 76.5 THROUGH III MAF TO 3RD MARINE DIVISION AT 0900. ENEMY RESISTANCE

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IN THE OPERATION, WHICH IS BEING CONDUCTED SOUTH OF QUANG TRI CITY, HAS BEEN LIMITED TO CONTACTS WITH SMALL GROUPS OF ENEMY. THUS FAR, 8 ENEMY HAVE BEEN KILLED, WITH AN ADDITIONAL 24 PROBABLY KILLED.

F. PROVINCIAL CAPITAL AND ARVN INSTALLATION ATTACKED.

VIET CONG FORCES CONTINUED THEIR HARRASSMENT OF PROVINCIAL CAPITALS AND ARVN MILITARY INSTALLATIONS BY CONDUCTING TWO ATTACKS ON THE EARLY MORNING OF THE 30TH. AT 0200, IN QUANG NGAI CITY, THE MACV COMPOUND RECEIVED AN ESTIMATED 75 TO 100 ROUNDS OF 82 MM MORTAR FIRE. SIMULTANEOUSLY, ENEMY FORCES BROKE INTO THE PROVINCIAL JAIL LOCATED IN THE CITY AND RELEASED APPROXIMATELY 980 PRISONERS, FOUR HUNDRED WERE RECAPTURED ALMOST IMMEDIATELY BY UNITS OF THE 2D ARVN DIVISION AND THE SEARCH FOR THE REMAINDER CONTINUES.

A FORCE CONSISTING OF AN ESTIMATED 2 ENEMY COMPANIES, SUPPORTED BY MORTARS, ATTACKED THE ARVN DONG HA TRAINING CENTER ADJACENT TO THE PHU BAI AIRSTRIP AT 0230. ARVN CASUALTIES WERE 16 KIA AND 23 MIA. A REPORT OF ENEMY CASUALTIES COULD NOT BE MADE, PENDING A DAYLIGHT SEARCH AND COUNT.

3. III MAF

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A. LARGE UNIT OPERATIONS

(1) OPERATION KINGFISHER (THIRD MARINE DIVISION)

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

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

BELT DRIVE SITREP NR 9 AS OF 10000Z AUG 67 (U)

1. TASK GROUP 76.5 COMPOSITION: NO CHANGE.

2. ACTIONS

A. TG 76.5

(1) REMAINED UNDERWAY IN OVERALL SUPPORT OF BELT DRIVE OPERATIONS ASHORE.

(2) TRIPOLI COMPLETED SCHEDULED FLIGHT OPERATIONS 302030H THEN REMAINED IN LPH OPAREA MAINTAINING A READY DECK FOR MEDEVAC AND EMERGENCY RESUPPLY. RESUMED SCHEDULED FLIGHT OPERATIONS IN SUPPORT OF BELT DRIVE 106020H.

NG(3) PAUL REVERE, MONTICELLO AND TERRELL COUNTY STEAMED IN HQL AREA THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT.

(4) MONTICELLO RETURNED TO LSD OPAREA 106020H TO CONTINUE SUROBS AND PROVIDE EMERGENCY READY HELO DECK.

(5) AIR OPS SUMMARY (300001H7302359H):

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A. 185 SORTIES BY HMM 262 HELOS LIFTED 6 TONS OF EQUIPMENT/SUPPLIES AND 42 TROOPS ASHORE. # TONS OF EQUIPMENT AND 84 TROOPS WERE MOVED POINT TO POINT ASHORE BY HELO.

B. 2 MISSIONS BY 4 FIXED WING, LAND BASED AIRCRAFT DROPPED 7.5 TONS OF BOMBS AND 4 NAPALM TANKS IN SUPPORT OF BELT DRIVE OPERATIONS.

S(3) TRIPOLI MEDEVAC ACTIVITY:

A. CORRECT SITREP NR 8 TO RELECT VICE 6 ADMITTED FROM DUPONT.

B. BELT DRIVE TOTALS: 43 ADMITTED, (3 FROM DUPONT), 6 TRANSFERRED, 3 DISCHARGED, AND 4 REMAINING IN SICK BAY.

C. NO/CHANGE SINCE LAST REPORT.

B. LANDING FORCE

(1) UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE

(2) OPERATION

(A) AT 2000H H/2/3 RECEIVED SNIPER FIRE FROM VIC (YD 338459) PATROL WAS DISPATCHED TO INVESTIGATE PATROL RECEIVED S/A AND A/W FROM ESTIMATED 12 VC. ARMEDS H-1E CALLED ON AREA, INCOMING FIRE CEASED NO FRIENDLY CASUALTIES.

(B) RECON TEAM INSERTED AT 07:00H VIC (YD 378393).

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(C) : SLF HELOS ASSISTING IN LIFT OF 1,000 RVN. 4 SLF HELOS
 DESPATCHED TO DONG HA TO ASSIST D MAR DIV (FWD) IN RECON TEAM INSERTS
 AND RESUPPLY.

(3) CASUALTIES

(A) DURING PRIOD

USMC: NONE

ENEMY: UNKNOWN

(B) CUMULATIVE

USMC: 3 KIA 11 WIA

ENEMY: 12 KIA B/C 21 KIA PAOB

3. COMMENTS:

A. MT. MCKINLEY, FLAGSHIP OF CTF 76, RETURNED TO AREA PROVIDING
 CONTINUING COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT FOR BELT DRIVE.

B. COMPHIBRON ELEVEN WILL RELIEVE COMPHIBRON NINE AS CARG BRAVO AND
 CARG BELT DRIVE 010000Z SEP 67.

C. CTF 76 WILL VISIT ON BOARD TRIPOLI APPROX 310900H.

4. INTENTIONS:

A. TG 76.5

(1) REMAIN UNDERWAY IN OVERALL SUPPORT OF BELT DRIVE OPERATIONS
 ASHORE.

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(2) TRANSFER COMPHIBRON NINE STAFF PERSONNEL, FILE AND EQUIPMENT
 TO OGDEN BY HELO 1 AUG 71 SEP. OGDEN ETA 311600H.

(3) UNREP TG LESS TERRELL COUNTY FROM PLATTE 12 SEP.

B. LANDING FORCE

(1) REPOSITION FORCES TO PREPARE FOR SECOND PHASE OF OPNS, THAT
 OF DENYING VC ROUTES OF APPROACH TO THE VOTING STATIONS.

5. ACTIONS REQUIRED BY HIGHER AUTHORITY: NONE.

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BELT DRIVE SITREP NR 10 AS OF 311200Z AUG 67 (U)

1. TASK GROUP 76.5 COMPOSITION: NO CHANGE.

2. ACTIONS

A. TG 76.5

(1) REMAINED UNDERWAY IN OVERALL SUPPORT OF BELT DRIVE OPERATIONS ASHORE.

(2) TERRELL COUNTY AND PAUL REVERE STEAMED IN HOLDING AREA TH

THROUGHOUT THE DAY PROVIDING CONTINGENCY LOGISTIC AND LIGHTERAGE SUPPORT FOR BELT DRIVE.

(3) MONTICELLO REMAINED IN LSD OPAREA CONDUCTING SUROBS AND PROVIDING EMERGENCY HELO DECK EXERCISED THE CREW AT GENERAL QUARTERS 0815H-0930H. HOSTED INFORMAL VISIT BY CTF 76 0937H-0957H. CELEBRATED 1500TH HELO LANDING SINCE THE SHIP WAS COMMISSIONED. LANDING WAS MADE BY TRIPOLI HELO AT 301835H. OVER 600 LANDINGS HAVE BEEN MADE DURING MONTICELLO'S CURRENT DEPLOYMENT. PROCEEDED TO

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 HOLDING AREA 1915H.

(4) TRIPOLI CONDUCTED CONTINUOUS LIAISON, MEDEVAC AND RESUPPLY HELO OPERATIONS DURING THE DAY IN SUPPORT OF BELT DRIVE. IN ADDITION TWO CH746'S MADE ONE ADMIN FLIGHT TO DANANG, TRANSFERRING 2 KIA, 17 PAX AND 800 LBS MAIL. RETURNED 23 PAX, 1200 LBS MAIL AND 1500 LBS CARGO. TRIPOLI HELO PROVIDED TRANSPORTATION FOR CTF 76 FROM MT MCKINLEY TO TRIPOLI, THEN TO MONTICELLO AND RETURN TO MT. MCKINLEY. ALSO CARRIED CO REPOSE TO TRIPOLI AND RETURN. TRIPOLI HELO MADE FLIGHTS TO DANANG TO PICKUP PCO TRIPOLI, CAPTAIN H. L. ADAMS, AND TO CARRY 7 COMPHIBRON NINE ADVANCE PARTYXCPERS TO DANANG AFB FFT CONUS. TRIPOLI DISPENSED 7458 GALS JP-5 AND 739 GALS AVGAS. FLIGHT OPS ARE CONTINUING.

(5) TRIPOLI MEDEVAC ACTIVITY:

A. BELT DRIVE TOTALS: 54 ADMITTED, 10 TRANSFERRED, 8 DISCHARGED AND 6 REMAINING IN SICK BAY.

B. 12 HOUR SUMMARY: 11 ADMITTED, 4 TRANSFERRED AND 5

DISCHARGED:

B. LANDING FORCE

(1) UNIT LOCATION

(A) BLT 2/3 CP

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(B) E/2/3	YD 65462
(C) F/2/3	YD 35695
(D) G/2/3	YD 57452
(E) H/2/3	YD 334456
(F) B/1/12	YD 89449
(G) 1STPLT G/2/3	YD 545320

(2) OPERATIONS

(A) AT 1015H G/2/3 OPERATING IN VIC (YD 53453) TRIPPED A SURPRISE FIRING DEVICE RESULTING IN BQ USMC WIA.

(B) AT 1120H B/1/12 OPERATING IN VIC (YD 380437) RECEIVED S/A FIRE AS TRUCK DETONATED SMALL MINE. RETURNED FIRE AND INCOMING CEASED. NO DAMAGE TO TRUCK.

(C) AT 1155H F/2/3 WAS OPERATING IN VIC (YD 308457) WHEN THEY DETONATED A SURPRISE FIRING DEVICE RESULTING IN 1 USMC WIA.

(D) AT 1158H 2 CH-46 WERE DISPATCHED TO PICK UP MEDEVAC. PICK UP WAS MADE WITHOUT INCIDENT AND A/C PROCEEDED BACK TO SHIP. FLYING AT 3,000 FT AS THEY REACHED THE BEACH, ONE A/C BEGAN TO SWAY IN THE AIR, TAIL PYLON STARTED TO SPLIT, REAR ENGINE BURST INTO FLAMES. A/C CAME APART IN THE AIR AND FELL TO THE GROUND. ONE BODY WAS SEEN TO FALL OUT AS A/C NEARED GROUND. REMAINING CH746 C RCLED THE AREA CLOSE TO THE

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GROUND SEARCHING FOR SURVIVORS. 2 ARMED AND 1 UNARMED UH-1E WERE LAUNCHED TO ASSIST IN SEARCHING THE AREA. THE 1ST PLT G/2/3 WAS HELO LIFTED TO GRID SQUARE (YD 4656) TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR THE WECKAGE AND TO SEARCH AREA FOR BODIES. SALVAGE CREW WAS DISPATCHED TO SCENE. ALL PIECES OF THE A/C THAT COULD BE FOUND WERE HELO LIFTED TO TRIPOLI. ALL 5 BODIES WERE FOUND AND RETURNED TO LPH. INVESTIGATION WILL BE CONDUCTED.

SJ(E) AT 1600H 1ST PLT G/2/3 WAS HELO LIFTED TO 4TH MARINES CP (YD 545320) AND REPORTED TO OPCON 4TH MARINES AT THAT TIME.

(F) AT 1700H F/2/3 WAS HELO LIFTED TO THE 1ST AMTRAC BN CP AT THE MOUTH OF THE CUA VIET RIVER AND REPORTED TO THEIR OPCON.

(G) AT 1730H RECON OUTPOST OBSERVED TWO ENEMY WEARING KHAKI CLOTHING. ARTY FIRED ON AREA WITH EXCELLENT COVERAGE RESULTING IN 2 VC KIA PROB.

() CASUALTIES

1A) DURING PERIOD

USMC 2 WIA 5 NON HOSTILE DEATHS
ENEMY 2 KIA PROB.

(B) CUMULATIVE

USMC KIA 13 WIA 5 NON HOSTILE DEATHS

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ENEMY 12 KIA B/C 23 KIE PROB

3. COMMENTS:

- A. MT. MCKINLEY, FLAGSHIP OF CTF 76, IS PROVIDING CONTINUING COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT FOR BELT DRIVE.
- B. CTF 6 VISITED CTG 76.5 ON BOARD TRIPOLI 0850H 0930H.
- C. COMPHIBRON ELEVEN WILL RELIEVE COMPHIBRON NINE AS CARG BRAVO AND CATF BELT DRIVE 010600H SEP 67.
- D. OGDEN ARRIVE BELT DRIVE AREA 1900H AND ASSIGNED NIGHT STEAMING AREA. COMPHIBRON NINE STAFF TRANSFER POSTPONED UNTIL AM 1 SEP

4. INTENTIONS:

A. TG 76.5

(1) REMAIN UNDERWAY IN OVERALL SUPPORT OF BELT DRIVE OPERATIONS ASHORE.

(2) PAUL REVERE, MONTICELLO AND TERRELL COUNTY NIGHT STEAM AT DARKEN SHIP IN HOLDING AREA. MONTICELLO RETURN TO LSD OPAREA 012600H SEP FOR DUTY AS EMERGENCY HELO DECK AND CONDUCT SUROBS. PAUL REVERE CLOSE TRIPOLI FIRST LIGHT TO PROVIDE BOATS FOR COMPHIBRON NINE STAFF TRANSFER TO OGDEN. UPON COMPLETION RETURN TO HOLDING AREA.

(3) TRIPOLI NIGHT STEAM IN LPH OPAREA MAINTAINING A READY

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DECK AND CONDUCTING HELO OPS AS REQUIRED.

(4) TRANSFER COMPHIBRON NINE PERS AND EQUIPMENT TO OGDEN BY BOAT AM 1 SEPTEMBER.

(5) TG LESS TERRELL COUNTY UNREP FROM PLATTE 2 SEPTEMBER.

B. LANDING FORCE.

(1) ESTABLISH NIGHT DEFENSIVE AND AMBUSH POSITIONS. CONDUCT EXTENSIVE PATROL ACTIONS.

(2) CHOP 2ND BN (-) 3RD MAR, B/1/12, RECON PLT AND SP DET TO 4TH MARINES EFFECTIVE 010800H.

5. ACTIONS REQUIRED BY HIGHER AUTHORITY: NONE.

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PAGE 3 RUHHFMA 0192 S E C R E T
 UNITS FIRED 266 MISSIONS EXPENDING 400 ROUNDS OF
 AMMUNITION.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC	ENEMY
0/9 KIA	3/64 KIA (CONF)
0/34 WIA	0/189 KIA (PROB)
	0/3 DETAINEES
	0/7 WEAPONS CAPTURED

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(3) OPERATION BELT DRIVE (THIRD MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE SECOND BATTALION, THIRD MARINES (SPECIAL LANDING FORCE BRAVO) CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT. AT 1101H, ONE MARINE WAS KIA FROM COMPANY G (YD 353453) WHEN A MINE DETONATED. DURING THE PERIOD, TWO VC WERE KILLED (PROB) BY AN ARTILLERY MISSION.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION BELT DRIVE, FIXED WING AIRCRAFT FROM VMA-223 AND VMA-311 FLEW EIGHT SORTIES CONSISTING OF SIX CLOSE AIR SUPPORT AND TWO DIRECT AIR SUPPORT SORTIES, WHICH EXPENDED 10.8 TONS OF ORDNANCE. THE REPORTED BDA WAS TEN STRUCTURES DESTROYED AND SEVEN STRUC-

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 TURES DAMAGED.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC	ENEMY
0/3 KIA	0/11 KIA (CONF)
1/12 WIA	2/25 KIA (PROB)
	0/10 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(R) 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 NEGATIVE CONTACT REPORTED FOR THE PERIOD.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION FREMONT, FIXED WING AIRCRAFT FROM VMA-223 FLEW FOUR DIRECT AIR SUPPORT (2 TPO) SORTIES, WHICH EXPENDED FIVE TONS OF ORDNANCE. HELICOPTERS FROM MAG-16 FLEW 23 SORTIES. ARTILLERY UNITS FIRED 53 MISSIONS EXPENDING 376 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC	ENEMY
0/13 KIA	0/59 KIA (CONF)
0/162 WIA	0/99 KIA (PROB)

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0/1 NVA/PW
 0/68 DETAINEES
 0/1 CIVIL DEFENDANTS

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404 HILL 940 (RADIO RELAY) REPORTED NUMEROUS TRIP
FLARES BEING SET OFF AND MOVEMENT AROUND THEIR POSITION.
GRENADES WERE THROWN IN THE VICINITY OF THE MOVEMENT. AT
1300H, A PATROL WAS SENT OUT TO INVESTIGATE AND FOUND NUMEROUS
(XD 844466) DRAG MARKS. ONE ENEMY WAS KILLED (PROB).

(H) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION ARDMORE, FIXED WING
AIRCRAFT FROM VMFA-542, VMFA-115, VMFA-323, VVA-211 AND VMA-223
FLEW 16 SORTIES, CONSISTING OF 8 CLOSE AIR SUPPORT AND 8
DIRECT AIR SUPPORT SORTIES, WHICH EXPENDED 24.8 TONS OF
ORDNANCE. THE REPORTED BDA WAS SIX STRUCTURES DESTROYED, ONE
STRUCTURE DAMAGED, TWO SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS AND EIGHT SEC-
ONDARY FIRES. ARTILLERY UNITS FIRED 227 MISSIONS, EXPENDING
477 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE
USMC ENEMY

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0/9 KIA

0/34 WIA

1/61 KIA (CONF)

0/189 KIA (PROB)

0/3 DETAINEES

0/7 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(3) OPERATION BELT DRIVE (THIRD MARINE DIVISION)

(A) AT 290900H, THE THIRD MARINE DIVISION ASSUMED
OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF THE SECOND BATTALION, THIRD MARINES
IN OPERATION BELT DRIVE. FRIENDLY CASUALTIES AS OF 290859H WERE
ONE MARINE KILLED AND SIX MARINES WOUNDED. THE ENEMY'S
CASUALTIES WERE FIVE KILLED (CONF), SIX KILLED (PROB) AND
FIVE WEAPONS CAPTURED. (LATE ENTRY) AT 290930H, COMPANY F
HAD ONE MARINE WIA FROM SMALL ARMS FIRE. (LATE ENTRY) AT
291115H, COMPANY G KILLED ONE NVA (CONF) IN THE VICINITY OF
(YD 356416). ONE NVA WAS KILLED (PROB) AND ONE WEAPON
WAS CAPTURED. (LATE ENTRY) AT 291300H, A COMPANY G
PATROL (YD 355425) SEARCHED AN AREA WHERE INTELLIGENCE IN-
DICATED A PLATOON OF ENEMY WAS CONSTRUCTING BUNKERS FOR TWO
DAYS. AIR STRIKES AND ARTILLERY MISSIONS WERE CALLED IN AND
TWELVE BUNKERS WERE DESTROYED. TWELVE ENEMY WERE KILLED
(PROB). AT 0130H, COMPANY G (YD 362422, YD 365424) RECEIVED
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A PROBE FROM TWO DIRECTIONS. THE ENEMY USED TNT, GRENADES AND SA/AV FIRE. TWO MARINES WERE KIA AND FOUR MARINES WERE WIA. DURING THE EXCHANGE OF SMALL ARMS FIRE, THREE ENEMY WERE KILLED (CONF), FOUR ENEMY WERE KILLED (PROB) AND THREE WEAPONS WERE CAPTURED. AT 1110H, ONE VC WAS KILLED (CONF) AND ONE WEAPON WAS CAPTURED (YD 367407) BY COMPANY G. AT 1645H, FIVE ENEMY WERE ENGAGED BY COMPANY E (YD 373443). ONE VC WAS KILLED (CONF).

(R) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION BELT DRIVE, FIXED WING AIRCRAFT FROM VMFA-323 FLEW 2 CLOSE AIR SUPPORT SORTIES, WHICH EXPENDED 2.9 TONS OF ORDNANCE. HELICOPTERS FROM MAG-36 FLEW 35 SORTIES.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE
USMC ENEMY

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2/3 KIA

5/11 WIA

6/11 KIA (CONF)

17/23 KIA (PROB)

5/10 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(R) 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 NEGATIVE CONTACT REPORTED FOR THE PERIOD. AT 0800H, COMPANY F (YD 437428) HAD ONE MARINE WIA BY A PUNJI STAKE.

(R) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION FREMONT, ARTILLERY UNITS FIRED 82 MISSIONS, EXPENDING 11876 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC

ENEMY

0/13 KIA

1/162 WIA

0/59 KIA (CONF)

0/99 KIA (PROB)

0/1 MVA/PW

0/68 DETAINEES

0/1 CIVIL DEFENDANTS

0/64 INNOCENT CIVILIANS

0/23 WEAPONS CAPTURED.


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C O N F I D E N T I A L
 BELT DRIVE SITREP NR 12 AS OF 011200Z SEP 67 (U)

1. TASK GROUP 76.5 COMPOSITION: NO CHANGE.

2. ACTIONS:

A. TG 76.5

(1) REMAINED UNDERWAY IN OVERALL SUPPORT OF BELT DRIVE OPERATIONS ASHORE.

(2) TRIPOLI CONDUCTED CONTINUOUS LIAISON, MEDEVAC AND RESUPPLY HELO OPERATIONS DURING THE DAY IN SUPPORT OF BELT DRIVE. TRIPOLI HELO MADE TWO FLTS TO DANANG WITH 12 PAX, 1,323 LBS MAIL. HELO SHUTTLE TRANSFERRED 11 PAX, 556 LBS MAIL, FLEW 8 PT 7 HRS, AND MADE 23 SHIP AND 9 FIELD LDCS. TRIPOLI DISPENSED 1,263 GAL JP75 AND 496 GAL AVGAS. SECURED FLT OPS 011945H.

(3) PAUL REVERE RDVU WITH OKINAWA AT 1500H TO PROVIDE LCMs TO LOAD FLEET FREIGHT FFT TERRELL COUNTY, MONTICELLO AND

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 TRIPOLI. 1730H TRANSFER OF FREIGHT FROM OKINAWA COMPLETE.

(4) MONTICELLO REMAINED IN THE LSD OPAEA CONDUCTING
 SUROBS AND PROVIDING EMERGENCY HELO DECK.

(5) TERRELL COUNTY STEAMED AREA THROUGHOUT THE DAY
 PROVIDING CONTINGENCY LOGISTIC SUPPORT FOR BELT DRIVE.

(6) TRIPOLI MEDEVAC ACTIVITY:

(A) BELT DRIVE TOTALS: 57 ADMITTED, 15 TRANSFERRED
 AND 9 DISCHARGED AND 3 REMAINING IN SICK BAY.

(B) 12 HOUR SUMMARY: 3 ADMITTED, 5 TRANSFERRED
 AND 1 DISCHARGED.

B. LANDING FORCE

(1) UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE

(2) OPERATIONS:

(A) ALL 2/3 UNITS REMAINED IN THEIR PRESENT POSITION.
 F/2/3 OPCON TO 1STAMTRAC BN CONDUCTING S&D PATROLS FROM MOUTH
 OF CUA VIET RIVER. REMAINING ELEMENTS IN BLOCKING POSITIONS TO
 DENY THE ENEMY ACCESS TO VOTING PLACES.

(B) THERE HAS BEEN A NOTICEABLE CHANGE IN THE ENEMY'S
 COURSE OF ACTION DURING THIS OPERATION. THE SLF HAS 15 CONFIRMED
 KILLS AND HAS CAPTURED 15 WEAPONS. IN THE E/2/3 CONTACT NIGHT
 OF 1AUG, COMPANY MADE CONTACT WITH 12-12 ENEMY AT 12230H BUT

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 WERE UNABLE TO SEARCH THE AREA UNTIL 213700 YET THEY FOUND 3 NAV
 KIA, 1 NVA KIA, 3 WPNS, 1 PRC 25 RADIO AND MISC ITEMS OF EQUIP.
 IN PA OPN N UNLESS YOU WERE ABLE TO SECURE THE POSITION
 IMMEDIATELY IT WAS SELDOM YOU FOUND ANY BODIES AND NEVER WPNS.

(3) CASUALTIES

(A) DURING PERIOD

USMC: NONE

ENEMY: UNKNOWN

(B) CUMULATIVE

USMC: 3 KIA 13 KIA 5 NONE HOSTILE

ENEMY: 15 KIA B/C 28 KIA PRC

C. COMMENTS:

A. MT MCKINLEY, FLAGSHIP OF CTG 76, IS PROVIDING CONTINUING
 COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT FOR BELT DRIVE.

B. AS A RESULT OF HMM 262 HELO ACCIDENT YESTERDAY AND
 ANOTHER APPARENTLY SIMILAR ACCIDENT EXPERIENCE L2JY AN IN-COUNTRY
 CH-46 TODAY, ALL HMM 262 CH746'S HAVE BEEN GROUNDED EXCEPT FOR
 EMERGENCIES. CTG 79.4 WILL BE REQUESTED TO ASSIST IN PROVIDING
 H 4'S FOR RESUPPLY COMMENCING PM PM SEP.

C. OFFICERS AND MEN OF HMM 262 STOOD AT FLIGHT LSWXZL 6 4

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 AT 2115Z WHILE THE BODIES OF THE FIVE MARINES WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN YESTERDAY'S HELO ACCIDENT FLT 3 SENT TWO HH-1H HELOS FOR TRANSFER TO DANANG. MEMORIAL SERVICES WERE LATER HELD ONBOARD TRIPOLI AT 1900Z.

D. TO PREVENT MUTUAL INTERFERENCE, REQUEST ZLEWUSCARAB CONDUCT SUROBS UNTIL BELT DRIVE AOA REESTABLISHED ABT 5 SEP.

E. SHIP LOADING IN TG 76.5 AT PRESENT EXTREMELY TIGHT AND SITUATION WILL WORSEN ON REPLACEMENT OF MONTICELLO BY TORTUGA IN ORDER TO ALLEVIATE SITUATION AND AS AN INTERIM ARRANGEMENT UNTIL ARRIVAL OF ALAMO, CTG 76 INTEND, UNODIP COMSEVENTHFLT, TO ASSIGN ADDITIONAL 1156 CLASS LST AS AUGMENTATION. THIS WILL PERMIT MORE FLEXIBILITY IN OVERALL ARG/SLF LOADING AND ABILITY TO MEET OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS.

F. IN ORDER TO EFFECT RELIEF OF MONTICELLO BY TORTUGA AT MOST OPPORTUNE TIME, CTG 76 HAS DIRECTED TORTUGA TO GET UNDERWAY FROM SUBIC 4 SEP TO ARRIVE DANANG NLT 0500Z 20H SEP.

G. TERRELL COUNTY REPORTS STATOR WINDINGS BURNED OUT ON AIF COMPRESSOR MOTOR. CASUALTY OCCURRED DURING LOSS OF NR ONE GENERATOR A PERIOD OF TWO VOLTAGE WAS ENCOUNTERED BEFORE LOAD COULD BE REDUCED, SHIP IS DEPENDENT ON ONE REMAINING

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 COMPRESSOR FOR ENGINE CONTROL AND STARTING AIR PRESSURE.
 CTG 76.5 COORDINATING ARRANGEMENTS TO HAVE MOTOR AND WIRE TAKEN TO MONTICELLO FOR REWINDING.

4. INTENTIONS:

A. TG 76.5

(1) REMAIN UNDERWAY IN OVERALL SUPPORT OF BELT DRIVE OPERATIONS ASHORE.

(2) PAUL REVERE, MONTICELLO AND TERRELL COUNTY NIGHT STEAM AT DARKEN SHIP IN HOLDING AREAS. MONTICELLO RETURN TO LSD OPAREA 320600Z FOR DUTY AS EMERGENCY HELO DECK.

(3) TRIPOLI NIGHT STEAM IN LPH OPAREA MAINTAINING A READY DECK AND CONDUCTING HELO OPS AS REQUIRED.

(4) CTG 76.5 CTG 79.5 AND CO HH-1H 262 WILL PROCEED TO OKINAWA AT 220730Z TO CONFER WITH COUNTERPARTS IN ARG/SLF ILFA REGARDING PROVISIONS OF H 4 HELO SUPPORT FOR ARG/SLF BRAVO.

(5) TG LESS TERRELL COUNTY, UNREP FROM PLATTE COMMENCING 021030Z SEP. MONTICELLO WILL ACT AS XEDEVAC COMMUNICATION RELAY SHIP WHILE TRIPOLI REFUELS.

B. LANDING FORCE

(1) ESTABLISH NIGHT DEFENSIVE AND AMBUSH POSITIONS.

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(2) CONDUCT EXTENSIVE PATROL ACTION.

5. ACTIONS REQUIRED BY HIGHER AUTHORITY: NONE

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S E C R E T SECTION TWO OF SIX

(G) NGF: NONE

(H) ARTY: (PD/CUM)

(1) MSNS: 257/10487

(2) RDS: 566/27928

(3) OP BELT DRIVE

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(A) BLT 2/3 CHOPPED OPCON TO 4TH MAR AND OP
FREMONT AT 010600H. THIS IS MY FINAL REPORT.

(B) AIR SUPPORT. NONE

(C) ARTY SUPPORT. NO MSNS FIRED BY 175 GUNS.

(D) RES: (PD/CUM)

USMC

0/3, KIA

0/8 WIA (MEDEVAC)

0/4 WIA (MINOR)

(E) CUM HEL SUPPORT:

(1) SORTIES: 75

(2) PAX: 2

(3) CARGO (TONS): 0

(F) VD4 TAC AIR SORTIEUQNO

(1) (-A: # 0

(2) DAS: 9

(3) OTHER: 4

(G) NGF: 3 (H) ARTY: NG

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I) CUM BN DAYS 8-84H. S-1 S?

(1) OP FREMONT

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BELT DRIVE NR 13 AS OF 020000Z SEP 67. (U)

1. TASK GROUP 76.5 COPOSITION: NO CHANGE.

2. ACTIONS

A. TG 76.5

(1) REMAINED UNDER 16 IN OVERALL SUPPORT OF BELT DRIVE OPERATIONS ASHORE.

(2) CTG 76.5, CTG 79.5 AND CO HMM 262 DEPARTED TRIPOLI FOR OKINAWA AT 020732H TO CONFER WITH COUNTERVNCXS IN ARG/SLF ALFA REGARDING PROVISIONS FOR H 4 HELO SUPPORT FOR ARG/SLF BRAVO.

(3) TRIPOLI REMAINED IN LPH OPAREA MAINTAINING A READY DECK FOR MEDDMAC AND EMERGENCY RESUPPLY. RESUMED FLIGHT OPS UTILIZING UH-1E (AND SHIPS UH-34 FOR NORMAL ADMIN FLIGHTS) IN SUPPORT OF BELT FFINWK020715H.

(4) PAUL REVERE AND TERRELL COUNTY STEAMED IN HOLDING AREAS DURING THE NIGHT.

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(5) MONTICELLO STEAD IN HOLDING AREA DURING THE NIGHT AND RETURNED TO LSD OPAREA AT 020600H FOR DUTY AS EMERGENCY READY HELO DECK.

(6) AIR OPS SUMMARY (010001H7012400H)

(A) 87 SORTIES WERE FLOW. 10 TONS OF SUPPLIES AND 67 PAX WERE LIFTED ASHORE BY HELO.

(B) THE TADC/HDC AFLOAT REMAINED IN ACTIVE DIRECTION OF AIR THROUGH AIR CONTROL AGENCIES ASHORE.

(7) TRIPOLI MEDEVAC ACTIVITY

(A) BELT DRIVE TOTALS: 57 ADMITTED, 15 TRANSFERRED, 9 DISCHARGED AND 3 REMAINING IN SICK BAY.

(B) 12 HOUR SUMMARY: NO CHANGE SINCE LAST REPORT.

B. LANDING FORCE

(1) UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE

(2) OPERATIONS

(A) AT 0245H B/1/12 LOCATED IN VIC (YD 389449) RECEIVED ATTACK FROM ESTIMATED 15-20 ENEMY THROWING GRENADES AND BLOCKS OF TFYIMV S/A WERE FIRED. PERIMETER RET MD FIRE WITH A/W AND S/A. ENEMY PENETRATED PERIMETER AND USED SATCHEL CHARGES ON ONE 105 HOW CAUSING EXTENSIVE DAMAGE. ENCOUNTER CONTINUED FOR APPROX

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 2 MIN WITH THE ENEMY WITHDRAWING UNDER FIRE. ENCOUNTER RESULTED
 IN USMC WIA, 3 VC KIA B/C 5 VC KIA PROB 2 CARBINES CAPTURED.

(3) CASUALTIES

(A) DURING PERIOD

USMC: 3 WIA

ENEMY: 3 KIA B/C 5 KIA PROB

HX

(B) CUMULATIVE

UY:: KIA 1 DOW 15 WIA 6 NON HOSTILE DEATH

ENEMY: 18 KIA B/C 33 KIA PROB

1 MAN PREVIOUSLY RPT AS WIA DIED IN DA MUNG HOSPITAL.
 AUTOPSY ON MAN RPT SITREP MM 2 SHOWED CAUSE OF DEATH
 "NOT RELATED TO OPNS."

COMMENTS

A. MT MCKINLEY, FLAGSHIP RYE WHYN CONTINUES TO PROVIDE
 COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT FOR BELT DRIVE.

4. INTENTIONS

A. TG 76.5

(1) REMAIN UNDERWAY IN OVERALL SUPPORT OF BELT DRIVE
 OPERATIONS ASHORE.

(2) IS LESS TEBRELL COUNTY, UNREP FROM PLATTE COMMENCING
 021832H SEP. MONTICELLO WILL ACT AS MEDEVAC COMMUNICATIONS REAY
 SHIP WHILE TRIPOLI REFUELS

B. LANDING FORCE

(1) CONTINUE OCCUPY BLOCKING POSITIONS TO DENY ENEMY ROUTES
 TO VOTING PLACES.

5. ACTIONS REQUIRED BY HIGHER AUTHORITY: NONE.

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(A) THE TWENTY-SIXTH MARINES WITH ONE INFANTRY BATTALION (FIRST BATTALION, TWENTY-SIXTH MARINES AND COMPANIES I AND M, THIRD BATTALION, TWENTY SIXTH MARINES) CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN WESTERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH NO CONTACT REPORTED.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION ARDVORE, FIXED WING AIRCRAFT FROM VMA-211, AND VMA-223 FLEW 5 DIRECT AIR SUPPORT SORTIES, WHICH EXPENDED 8.9 TONS OF ORDNANCE. ARTILLERY UNITS FIRED 257 MISSIONS EXPENDING 560 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION IN SUPPORT OF INFANTRY OPERATIONS.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC

0/9 KIA

0/34 WIA

ENEMY

0/64 KIA (CONF)

0/189 KIA (PROB)

0/3 DETAINEES

0/7 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(3) OPERATION BELT DRIVE (THIRD MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE SECOND BATTALION, THIRD MARINES (SPECIAL LANDING FORCE BRAVO) CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH NO CONTACT. AT 0800H, BLT 2/3

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JOINED OPERATION FREMONT.

(B) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC

0/3 KIA

0/12 WIA

ENEMY

0/17 KIA (CONF)

0/25 KIA (PROB)

0/10 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(C) 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 NO CONTACT REPORTED FOR THE PERIOD. AT 0800H, OPCON OF BLT 2/3 WAS PASSED TO THE FOURTH MARINES AND THE BLT JOINED THE OPERATION.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION FREMONT, FIXED WING AIRCRAFT FROM VMA-211, AND VMA-223 FLEW 5 SORTIES CONSISTING OF 2 CLOSE AIR SUPPORT AND 4 DIRECT AIR SUPPORT SORTIES, WHICH EXPENDED 10 TONS OF ORDNANCE. HELICOPTERS FROM MAG-16 FLEW 4 SORTIES. ARTILLERY UNITS FIRED 75 MISSIONS EXPENDING 230 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION IN SUPPORT OF INFANTRY OPERATIONS.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC

ENEMY

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0/15 KIA

0/162 WIA

0/50 KIA (CONF)

0/99 KIA (PROB)

0/2 DVA/PW

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BELT DRIVE SITREP NR 14 AS OF 021200Z SEP 67 (U)://

1. AMPHIBIOUS READY GROUP BRAVO COMPOSITION: NO CHANGE

2. ACTIONS

A. ARG BRAVO

(1) REMAINED UNDERWAY IN OVERALL SUPPORT OF BELT DRIVE OPERATIONS ASHORE.

(2) 020940H, CTG 76.5, CTG 79.5 AND CO HMM 262 RETURNED FROM OKINAWA CONFERENCE WITH ARG/SLF ALFA REGARDING UH34D HELOS SUPPORT FOR ARG/SLF BRAVO.

(3) TRIPOLI CONDUCTED MEDEVAC AND RESUPPLY OPERATIONS DURING THE DAY IN SUPPORT OF BELT DRIVE. TRIPOLI HELO MADE 3 DANANG FLIGHTS TRANSFERRING 21 PAX, AND 300 LBS MAIL. RETURNED 11 PAX AND 1,200 LBS MAIL. INTERSHIP HELO SHUTTLE TRANSFERRED 27 PAX AND 300 LBS MAIL, FLYING 10 PT 0 HRS AND MAKING 10 SHIP AND 21 FIELD LANDINGS. IN ADDITION, TRIPOLI PROVIDED 27 CASES JUICE, 8 CASES FRUIT AND 221

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SIX-GAL CANS OF WATER TO THE TROOPS IN THE FIELD. 1,040 GAL JP-5, 773 GAL AVGAS AND 20 GAL MOGAS WERE DISPENSED. 021900H TRIPOLI DEPARTED LPH OPAREA FOR RDVU WITH PLATTE (AO-24).

(4) PAUL REVERE STEAMED ASSIGNED OPAREA. 021500H DEPARTED OPAREA FOR RDVU AND UNREP WITH AO. UPON COMPLETION ACTED AS LIFE GUARD FOR TRIPOLI THEN RETURNED TO NIGHT STEAMING AREA.

(5) MONTICELLO STEAMED ASSIGNED OPAREA FOR RDVU AND UNREP WITH AO. UPON COMPLETION RETURNED OPAREA AND ACTED AS MEDEVAC COMMUNICATIONS RELAY SHIP WHILE TRIPOLI UNREPED.

(6) TERRELL COUNTY STEAMED ASSIGNED OPAREA PROVIDING CONTINGENCY LOGISTIC SUPPORT FOR BELT DRIVE. 1025H TRANSFERRED MAIN COMPRESSOR MOTOR TO MONTICELLO FOR REWINDING. ETR MOTOR 031800H.

(7) TRIPOLI MEDEVAC STATISTICS

(A) BELT DRIVE TOTALS: 67 ADMITTED, 16 TRANSFERRED, 10 DISCHARGED AND 41 RSUCXAONG IN SICKBAY.

(B) 12 HOUR SUMMARY: 10 ADMITTED, 1 TRANSFERRED AND 1 DISCHARGED.

B. SLF BRAVO

LANDING FORCE

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(1) UNIT LOCATION:

(A) B/1/12

YD 398485

(B) E/2/3

YD 377465

(2) OPERATIONS

(A) AT 1030H PATROL SEARCHED AREA OF B/1/12 CONTACT AND UNCOVERED ONE VC KIA.CG (B) F/2/3 OPERATING WITH 1STAMTRACBN IN VIC C VIET RIVER

MOUTH HAVE HAD SOME CONTACT AND CASUALTIES WHICH WERE EVACUATED TO IN-COUNTRY MEDICAL FACILITIES. DUE DISTANCE FROM OPERATING AREA UNABLE TO RECEIVE CURRENT DETAILS. WILL REPORT WHEN RECEIVED.

(C) CTG 79.4 PROVIDED 2 UH-34D FROM HMM 362 TO RESUPPLY LANDING FORCE. DURING PERIOD CH-46 A/C ARE DOWN.

(3) CUMULATIVE

USMC: 3 KIA 1 DOW 15 WIA 6 NHD

ENEMY: 19 KIA B/C 32 KIA PROB

3. COMMENTS

A. ONE CH-53 HELO MADE TWO FLIGHTS TO TRIPOLI AMH OFF-LOADED PARTS OF CH-46 WRECKAGE WHICH CRASHED 31 AUG) TO MMAB. REMAINING PARTS TO BE OFF LOADED 3 SEP.

B. TO ALLEVIATE TIGHT SHIP LOADING SITUATION ANTICIPATED BY REPLACE-

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MENT OF MONTICELLO BY TORTUGA, CTF 76 HAS ASSIGNED WINDHAM CTY TO SEATAIL TG 76.5 FOR PERIOD TORTUGA ASSIGNED TO CTG 76.5. WINDHAM CTY TO ARRIVE DANANG NLT 070800H SEP.

4. INTENTIONS

A. ARG BRAVO

(1) TRIPOLI NIGHT STEAM IN LPH OPAREA UPON COMPLETION UNREP AND PROVIDE MEDEVAC AND EMERGENCY RESUPPLY READY DECK.

(2) UPON COMPLETION UNREP, PAUL REVERE ACT AS TARGET FOR Z-10-CC FOR TRIPOLI WHILE LATTER RETURNS TO LPH OPAREA. UPON COMPLETION Z-10-CC BOTH SHIPS NIGHT STEAM IN ASSIGNED AREAS.

(3) MONTICELLO STEAM LSD OPAREA AND ACT AS MEDEVAC COMMUNICATIONS RELAY SHIP UNTIL TRIPOLI RETURNS LPH OPAREA. AT THAT TIME, MONTICELLO RETIRE AND NIGHT STEAM ASSIGNED AREA RETURNING TO LSD OPAREA AT FIRST LIGHT TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY READY HELO DECK.

(4) TERRELL COUNTY NIGHT STEAM ASSIGNED AREA. RETURN TO LST OPAREA AT 0600H.

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(5) PROTESTANT AND CATHOLIC CHAPLAINS WILL BE TRANSFERRED

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ELO WITHIN THE TASK GROUP TO CONDUCT SERVICES ON 3 SEP.

B. SLNGBRAVO

(1) ESTABLISH NIGHT DEFENSIVE AND AMBUSH POSITIONS.

(2) CONDUCT EXTENSIVE PATROL ACTION.

5. ACTIONS REQUIRED BY HIGHER AUTHORITY: NONE.

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BELT DRIVE SITREP NR 15 AS OF 030000Z SEP 67 (U)

1. AMPHIBIOUS READY GROUP BRAVO COMPOSITION: NO CHANGE.
2. ACTIONS

A. ARG BRAVO

(1) REMAINED UNDERWAY IN OVERALL SUPPORT OF BELT DRIVE OPERATIONS ASHORE.

(2) MONTICELLO FORWARDED FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM OUTAGAMIE COUNTY TO CTG 76.5: QUOTE: NITROGEN REQUIRED TO EXTINGUISH INCENDIARY FIRES STARTED BY INCOMING MORTAR SHELLS AT CUA VIET. CO2 BREAKS DOWN UNDER THESE KIND OF FIRES. THERE ARE NO FIRES AT THIS TIME BUT CUA VIET UNDER RED ALERT AND ALMOST OUT OF NITROGEN. CUA VIET STORES AVIATION FUEL IN RUBBER BLADDERS. REQ FOR NITROGEN RELAYED OVER CIRCUIT TO US. REQ TO KNOW IF YOU CAN SPARE ANY NITROGEN. CUA VIET MIKE EIGHT CAN PICK UP. END QUOTE. HELD TRIPOLI ALONGSIDE PLATTE AND OBTAINED LAST TWO 50 LB BOTTLES OF NITROGEN FROM AO. FORMER TRANSFERRED NITROGEN TO

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MONTICELLO FFT INCOUNTRY LCM8.

(3) 022120H7030015H TRIPOLI REFUELED FROM PLATTE AND RECEIVED 9PERS BY HIGHLINE TRANSFER IN ADDITION TO ,500LBS FLEET FREIGHT BY BURTONING RIG. TRIPOLI THEN RETURNED TO LSD OPAREA AND RESUMED READY DECK FOR MEDEVAC AND EMERGENCY RESUPPLY. SCHEDULED FLIGHT OPS WERE RESUMED AT 030758H.

(4) PAUL REVERE ACTED AS LIFE GUARD FOR TRIPOLI UNREP THEN PROCEEDED TO NIGHT STEAM AREA. SCHEDULED 2710-CC WITH TRIPOLI CANCELLED BECAUSE OF TRIPOLI REQUIREMENT TO RETURN TO LPH OPAREA AT BEST SPEED TO ASSUME MEDEVAC READY DECK.

(5) MONTICELLO REMAINED LSD OPAREA AND ACTED AS MEDEVAC COMMUNICATIONS JILAY SHIP UNTIL TRIPOLI COMPLETED UNREP AND RETURNED TO LPH BQACWA. MONTICELLO THEN PROCEEDED TO NIGHT STEAM AREA RETURNING TO LSD OPAREA AT FIRST LIGHT TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY READY HELO DECK.

(6) TERRELL COUNTY REMAINED NIGHT STEAM AREA AND RETURNED LST OPAREA AT 0600H.

(7) AIR OPS SUMMARY (020001H7022400H)

(A) 136 HELO SUPPLY AND SUPPORT SORTIES WERE FLOWN LIFTING 7 PT 7 TONS. EQUIPMENT/SUPPLIES AND 28 TROOPS ASHORE.

(8) TRIPOLI MEDEVAC STATISTICS

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(A) BELT DRIVE TOTALS 67 ADMITTED, 16 TRANSFERRED, 19 DISCHARGED AND 2 REMAINING IN SICK BAY.

(B) 12 HOUR SUMMARY: 0 ADMITTED, 0 TRANSFERRED AND 9 DISCHARGED.

B. LANDING FORCE

(1) UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE

(2) OPERATIONS

(A) ALL UNITS ESTABLISHED NIGHT DEFENSIVE AND AMBUSH POSITIONS CONDUCTED EXTENSIVE PATROL ACTION WITH NEGATIVE CONTACT. UNITS CONTINUE IN BLOCKING POSITION. ARVN PERSONNEL ATTACHED TO SLF ARE BEING TAKEN TO HAI LANG SO THEY MAY VOTE.

(3) CASUALTIES

(A) DURING PERIOD

USMC: NONE

ENEMY: UNKNOWN

(B) CUMULATIVE

USMC: 3 KI

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ENEMY: 19 KIA B/C 2 KIA PROB

3. COMMENTS

A. TERRELL COUNTY STILL DEPENDENT UPON ONE AIR COMPRESSOR FOR

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ENGINE CONTROL AND STARTING AIR PRESSURE BECAUSE OF BURNED OUT STATOR WINDING IN 2ND AIR COMPRESSOR MOTOR. MOTOR WAS DELIVERED TO MONTICELLO 2 SEP FOR REWINDING. ETR 031800H.

4. INTENTIONS

A. ARG BRAVO

(1) REMAIN UNDERWAY IN OVERALL SUPPORT OF BELT DRICS OPERATIONS ASHORE.

(2) CTG 76.5 AND CTG 79.5 WILL HELO TO 2/3BN CP AND 3RD MARDIV AT 031030H FOR CONFERENCES.

(3) COMMANDING OFFICERS TG 76.5 WILL VISIT FLAGSHIP 3 SEPT TO DISCUSS TG OPS WITH CTG 76.5.

B. SLF BRAVO

(1) CONTINUE IN BLOCKING POSITIONS.

5. ACTIONS REQUIRED BY HIGHER AUTHORITY: NONE.

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BELT DRIVE SITREP NR17 AS OF 040000Z SEP 67 (U)

1. AMPHIBIOUS READY GROUP BRAVO COMPOSITION: NO CHANGE.

2. ACTIONS

A. ARG BRAVO

(1) REMAINED UNDERWAY IN OVERALL SUPPORT OF BELT DRIVE OPERATIONS ASHORE.

(2) TRIPOLI REMAINED IN LPH OPAREA PROVIDING READY MEDEVAC AND EMERGENCE RESUPPLY DECK FOR BELT DRIVE AND DONG HA. RETAINED TWO HMM 361 AND UH734'S FROM DONG HA ONBOARD OVERNIGHT. 0725H RECEIVED REQ FROM DASC KDONG HA TO RETAIN THESE EHHELOS ON TRIPOLI UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

(3) PAUL REVERE ACTED AS TARGET SHIP FOR Z-10"CC-CC EXERCISES (TRIPOLI) ROM 0017H70119H THEN PROCEEDED TO NIGHT/DAY STEAM AREA.

(4) MONTICELLO REMAINED NIGHT STEAM AREA RETURNING L8D

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OPAREA 06600H TO PROVIDE EMERGENCE HELO READY DECK.

(5) TERRELL COUNTRY ARRIVED DANNAANG 040700H FOR REFUELING AND PICKUP OF TASK GROUP FLEET FREIGHT.

(6) CTG 76.5 REPS AND CTG 79.5 PROCEEDED TO THIERD MARDIV AT 0700H TO ARRANGE MUTUALLY AGREEABLE CHOP OF BLT BACK TO SLF AND REESTABLISHMENT OF AOA, M

(7) AIR OPS SUMMARY (030001H7032400H)

(-A) 72 HELO SORTIES WERE FLOWN. 5 PT 4 TONS OF SUPPLIES WERE LIFTED ASHORE AND PT 6 TONS OF SUPPLIES WERE LIFTED POINT TO POINT ASHORE.

(B) ON CAS MISSION WAS FLOWN BY TWO LANDBASED FIXED WING AIRCRAFT. TONS BOMBS AND 7 NAPALM TANKS WERE DROPPED. A TOTAL OF 48 AIRCRAFT ROCKETS WERE FIRED BY ALL TYPES OF AIR SUPPORT AIRCRAFT.

(8) TRIPOLI MEDEVAC STATISTICS:

(A) BELT DRIVE TOTALS: 108 ADMITTED, 19 TRANSFERRED, 23 DISCHARGED AND 66 REMAINING IN SICK BAY.

(B) 12 HOUR SUMMARY: 0 ADMITTED, TRANSFERRED AND 0 DISCHARGED.

B. SLF BRAVO

(1) UNIT LOCATION : NO CHANGE

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2) OPERATIONS

(A) ALL UNITS ESTABLISHED NIGHT AMBUSH POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED EXTENSIVE PATROL ACTION WITH NEGATIVE CONTACT.
F/2/3 REMAINS OPCON TO 1ST AMTRAC BN

(3) CASUALTIES

(A) DURING PERIOD

USMC: NONE

ENEMY: UNKNOWN

(B) CUMULATIVE

USMC: 3 KIA 1 DOW 15 WIA 6 NHD

ENEMY: 19 KIA 32 WIA

3. COMMENTS

A. TRIPOLI MEDEVAC STATISTICS REFLECT 6 CASUALTIES RECEIVED FROM DONG HA FACILITIES AS A RESULT OF YESTERDAYS ARTILLARY ATTACK. 3 DONG HA CASUALTIES HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED TO REPOSE FOR MALARIA TREATMENT.

B. CANCELED REGULAR MORNING TRIPOLI GREEN BUG TRIP TO DANANG AND AIR/NGF ARTY STRIKES OFF CAP LAY IF REQUIRED.

C. REQUESTED NGFS (5"/54) FROM CTU 70.8.9 TO COVER SLF WITHDRAWAL 5-6 SEP (CTG 76.5 031204 SEP 67).

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4. INTENTIONS

A. ARG BRAVO

A. ARG BRAVO

(1) REMAIN UNDERWAY IN OVERALL SUPPORT OF BELT DRIVE OPERATIONS ASHORE.

(2) TRIPOLI CONTINUE TO PROVIDE MEDEVAC CAPABILITY FOR DONG AS LONG AS POSSIBLE.

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(3) MAKE PREPARATIONS TO BACKLOAD AND RECEIVE BLT 2/3 UPON CHOP TO SLF.

B. SLF BRAVO

(1) REMAIN IN BLOCKING POSITIONS.

5. ACTIONS REQUIRED BY HIGHER AUTHORITY: NONE.

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BELT DRIVE SITREP NR 18AS OF 041200H SEP 67(U)

1. AMPHIBIOUS READY GROUP BRAVO COMPOSITION: NO CHANGE.

2. ACTIONS

A. ARG BRAVO

(1) REMAINED UNDERWAY IN OVERALL SUPPORT OF BELT DRIVE OPERATIONS ASHORE.

(2) CTG 76.5 REPS AND CTG 79.5 CONFERRED WITH THIRD MARDIV REPS CONCERNING BLT 2/3 CHOP BACK TO THE SLF AND BACKLOAD OF BLT. BACKLOAD TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED TO COMMENCE WITH W-HOUR 050700H2.

(3) COMMENCING AT 041800H TRANSFERRED 0V OF THE DONG HA CASUALTIES TO THE USNHS REPOSE BY HELO. NONE OF THE CASUALTIES IN SERIOUS OR CRITICAL CONDITION.

(4) TRIPOLI REMAINED IN LPH OPAREA AND CONTINUED TO PROVIDE MEDEVAC CAPABILITY FOR DONG HA AND SUPPORT DONG HA HELOS.

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 DURING THE DAY, TRIPOLI REFUELED 13 TRANSIENT HELOS FROM DONG HA AND SUPPLIED 54 INFLIGHT LUNCHES FOR THEIR CREWS. IN ADDITION, SEVERAL CASES OF FRESH FRUIT WERE SENT TO DONG HA FOR PERSONNEL BASED THERE. BLT TROOPS IN THE FIELD WERE SUPPLIED WITH 193 SIX-GAL CANS OF FRESH WATER AND 6 CASES JUICE.

(5) TRIPOLI HELO, GREEN BUG, MADE TWO FLTS TO DANANG TRANSFERRING 10 PAX AND 1,200 LBS MAIL, RETURNING WITH 9 PAX AND 1,000 LBS MAIL AND 60 GALS OIL.

(6) PAUL REVERE IN ASSIGNED AREA THROUGHT OUT THE DAY.

(7) MONTICELLO IN ASSIGNED LSD OPAREA PROVIDING EMERGENCY HELO READY DECK.

(8) TERRELL COUNTY DEPARTED DANANG 1230H HAVING BEEN UNABLE TO FUEL WITH DIESEL DUE TO INOP YOG. LST WAS DIRECTED TO RETURN TO HOLDING AREA BUT LATER DIRECTED BACK TO DANANG TO OBTAIN LUBE OIL FOR UH734 TRIPOLI NOW OPERATING

(9) TRIPOLI MEDEVAC STATISTICS

(A) BELT DRIVE TOTALS: 117 ADMITTED, 49 TRANSFERRED, 25 DISCHARGED AND 43 REMAINING IN SICK BAY.

(B) 12 HOUR SUMMARY: 9 ADMITTED, 30 TRANSFERRED AND 2 DISCHARGED.

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B. SLF BRAVO

(1) UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE

(2) OPERATIONS

(A) ALL UNITS REMAINED IN BLOCKING POSITIONS, CONDUCTED EXTENSIVE PATROL ACTION. AT 1435H A PATROL OF G/2/3 OPERATING IN VIC (YD 50442) TRIPPED A SURPRISE FIRING DEVICE RESULTING IN 1 USMC WIA.

(B) F/2/3 AND 1ST PLT G/2/3 REPORTS TO OPCON 2D BN 3D MAR EFFECTIVE 042000H. 2D BN D MAR, BTRY B 1/12, 3D PLT (REIN), CO B D RECON BN, AND 1ST PLT (REIN), CO C, D SP BN REPORTS TO OPCON SLF BRAVO AT SAME TIME.

(3) CASUALTIES

(A) DURING PERIOD

USMC: 1WIA

ENEMY: UNKNOWN

(B) CUMULATIVE

USMC: 3 KIA 1 DOW 16 WIA 6 NHD

ENEMY: 19 KIA B/C 2 KIA PROB

• COMMENTS

A. TROTUGA (LSD726) IS SCHEDULED TO ARR DANANG 060800HA

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AND WINDHAM COUNTY (LST71170) 070800H5 TO LOAD AND BECOME PART OF TG 76.5 AS RELIEFS FOR MONTICELLO.

B. TRIPOLI'S SICK BAY WARDS HELD CASUALTIES FROM THE MARINES, NAVY, NABY SEABEES AND ARMY TODAY REFLECTING THE AMPHIBS TRUE ALL SERVICE SPIRIT AND SUPPORT CAPABILITY.

4. INTENTIONS

A. ARG BRAVO

(1) REMAIN UNDERWAY IN OVERALL SUPPORT OF BELT DRIVE OPERATIONS ASHORE. TRIPOLI PROVIDE READY MEDEVAC AND EMERGENCY RESUPPLY FOR BELT DRIVE AND DONG HA.

(2) AT 050001H6 OPCON SLF BRAVO WILL PASS TO CTG 76.5 AND ARG/SLF BRAVO WILL BE RECONSTITUTED. AT THIS TIME BELT DRIVE AOA WILL BE REESTABLISHED AND CTG 76.5 WILL ASSUME CONTROL AND COORDINATION OF SUPPORTING ARMS WITHIN AOA.

(3) EXECUTE W-HOUR 050700H2.

(4) PAUL REVERE DEPART NIGHT STEAM AREA TO ARR VIC SOUTH OF CUA VIET AND DISPATCH THREE LCM (6) AND ONE LCM(6) SALVAGE BOAT TO LST RAMP CUA VIET TO ARR 050700HWXZ AND LOAD FOXTROT CO FOR RETURN O TRIPOLI.

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(5) MONTICELLO DEPART NIGHT STEAM AREA TO ARR OFF SONG HUONG RIVER WHERE ONE LCU AND TWO LCM (8) TRANSIT RIVER TO HUE RAMP UPON COMPLETION MORNING SWEEP (ABOUT 0900H) TO COMMENCE BACKLOAD ELEMENTS B/1/12. (ARTILLERY).

(6) RETURN TERREL COUNTY TO DANANG UPON COMPLETION BACKLOAD TO FUEL.

B. SLF BRAVO

(1) ESTABLISH NIGHT DEFENSIVE AND AMBUSH POSITIONS.

(2) CONDUCT EXTENSIVE PATROL ACTION.

(3) SLF REPORT TO OPCON CTG 76.5 AT 050001H6.

(4) AT 050700H2 SLF RLMMENCE TACTICAL MOVEMENT TO BEACH BLUE (YD 486571) FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING AN AMPHIBIOUS WITHDRAWAL.

5. ACTIONS REQUIRED BY HIGHER AUTHORITY:

A. ASSIGN NGFS IN SUPPORT OF WITHDRAWAL. PRESENTLY IN COMMUNICATION WITH CTU 70.8.9 AND ASSIGNMENT EXPECTED MONETARILY.

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ZEN/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE

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BELT DRIVE PRESREL NO. THREE (U)

1. FOL PRESREL SUBMITTED FOR COMUSMACV CLEARANCE AND RELEASE SAIGON.
REQUEST CLEARED TEXT BE RPROVIDED ADDEES WHEN RELEASED.2. QUOTE. USS TRIPOLI, 5 SEPT. 67. OPERATION BELT DRIVE TERMINATED
ON 5 SEPT 1967.SPECIAL LANDING FORCE BRAVO IS ONCE AGAIN EMBARKED ABOARD AMPHIBIOUS
READY GROUP BRAVO SHIPPING. UNQUOTE.

3. TEXT OF THIS PRESREL DECLASSIFIED UPON CLEARANCE BY COMUSMACV.

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BELT DRIVE SITREP NR 20 AND FINAL AS OF 051200H8 SEP 67 (U)

1. AMPHIBIOUS READY GROUP COMPOSITION: NO CHANGE.

2. ACTIONS

A. ARG BRAVO

(1) REMAINED UNDERWAY IN OVERALL SUPPORT OF BELT DRIVE OPERATIONS. CONTINUED AMPHIBIOUS WITHDRAWAL OF BLT2/3.

(2) PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING EQUIPMENT TO ASSIST CTG 76.4 WITH HERMITAGE FLOODING CASUALTY: TRIPOLI 7 3 P250 PUMPS WITH SUCTION HOSE; PAUL REVERE 7 THREE P7250 PUMPS, ONE BARNES SHIP EMERG SALVAGE PUMP, CHARGED SKUBA TANKS, 20 LENGTHS SUCTION HOSE 20 LENGTHS DISCHARGE HOSE, FIVE CANS GAS, ONE CAN DIESEL FUEL, AND ASSISTANCE OF ONE DAMAGE CONTROL MAN AND ENGINEMAN. MONTICELLO7 ONE P250 PUMP WITH SUCTION HOSE.

(3) DUPONT (DD-941) RELEASED FROM NGFS DUTIES 051720H5.

(4) 052000H7 COMPLETED AMPHIBIOUS WITHDRAWAL OF BLT 2/3.

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RECOMMENDED TERMINATION OPERATION BELT DRIVE AND REQUESTED CAN7
CELLATION OF NOTAM.

(5) TRIPOLI REMAINED IN LPH OPAJJA AND CONTINUED TO
PROVIDE MEDEVAC AND SUPPORT FOR HELOS OPERATING IN DONG HA AREA.
12 TRANSIENT HELOS WERE REFUELED AND 24 IN7FLIGHT LUNCHES
EBOVIRIPOLI HELO MADE TWO FLIGHTS TO DANANG TRANSFERRING
15 PAX AND 750 LBS MAIL, RETURNING 8 PAX AND 2,700 LBS MAIL.
6 PAX WERE CARRIED ON THE INTER HIP SHUTTLE. TRIPOLI DISPENSED
3,270 GAL AVGAS AND 1,507 GAL JP75.

(6) TRIPOLI DEPARTED PRH OPAREA 1830H2 FOR RDVU AND UNREP
WITH CACAPON(A0752). TRIPOLI AVIATION STORES AND FUEL CAPACITY
DESIGNED TO SUPPORT CH46 HELOS. RECENT OPS WITH UH734 TYPE
AIRCRAFT HAVE CAUSED HEAVY DRAIN ON TRIPOLI LIMITED SUPPLY AVGAS
NECESSITATING THIS UNSKED UNREP TO REPLENISH AVGAS.

(7) PAUL REVERE COMPLETED TRANSFER OF FOXTROT CO, WWXE TO
TRIPOLI BY BOAT AT 0840H2. RECOVERED BOATS AND PROCEEDED TO BLUE
BEACH ARRIVING 1230H6. COMMENCED WITHDRAWAL OF ECHO, GOLF,
HOTEL COMPANIES AND BLT COMMAND GROUP OVER BLUE BEACH AT 1500H6.
COMPLETED WITHDRAWAL 1710H9 AND PROCEEDED TO NIGHT HOLDING AREA.

88) MONTICELLO BOATS ARR HUE LST RAMP 0830H1. COMMS CED

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LOADING B/1/12 ARTILLERY BATTERY APPROX 1600H7. LOADED ALL BUT
THREE VEHICLES AND BOATS PROCEEDED TO MONTICELLO. REMAINING
THREE VEHICLES PROCEEDED TO COL CO CAUSEWAY AND WERE BACKLOADED
BY MONTICELLO BOATS TO THE SHIP AFTER COMPLETION FINAL TRIP.

(9) TERRELL COUNTY OBTAINED LUBE OIL FOR TRIPOLI
AND DEPARTED DANANG 1150H7 AND PROCEEDED TO VIC BLUE BEACH
TO RECEIVE BOOPS FROM WITHDRAWAL.

(10) TRIPOLI MEDEAKUTATISTICS:

(A) BELT DRIVE TOTALS: 137 ADMITTED, 50 TRANSFERRED,
2 DISCHARGED AND 55 REMAINING IN SICK BAY.

(B) 12 HOUR SUMMARY: 20 ADMITTED, 1 TRANSFERRED AND
4 DISCHARGED.

(11) AIR OPS SUMMARY (050001H6 - 052000H7)

(A) A TOTAL OF 98 HELO SORTIES WERE FLOWN AND 10 TROOPS
WERE LIFTED ASHORE.

B. SLF BRAVO

(1) UNIT LOCATION: ALL UNITS ABOARD ARG BRAVO SHIPPING

(2) OPERATIONS

(A) ALL UNITS COMMENCED TACTICAL MOVEMENT TO BEACH BLUE
(YD 486571). AT 0905H H/2/3 RECEIVED A/W FIRE FROM VIC (YD 365462)

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 FIRE WAS RETURNED AND ARMED UH-1E ON STATION FIRED ON AREA, INCOMING
 DEASED. AT 1430H H/2/3 RECEIVED 2 RDS 1 60MT MORTAR FIRE AT VIC
 GKYD 461508). ARMED UH71E WAS CALLED OVER AREA, INCOMING FIRE CEASED.
 IN BOTH ENGAGEMENTS THERE WERE NO FRIENDLY CASUALTIES. LAST UNITS
 EPARTED BEACH BLUE 071710H.

(3) CASUALTIES

(A) DURING PERIOD:

USMC: NONE

ENEMY: UNKNOWN

(B) CUMULATIVE

USMC: KIA 1 DOW 16 WIA 6 NHD

ENEMY: 19 KIA B/C 2 KIA PROB

• COMMENTS

A. AT 051900H5 TERRELL COUNTY REPORTED THE SECOND OF HER
 THREE S/S GENERATORS INOP. THE GENERATOR WAS SMOKING EXCESSIVELY
 AND POSSIBLY HA BLOWN RINGS. SHIP REQUESTED AND PERMISSION
 HAS BEEN GRANTED TO SECURE ONE SHAFT TO ENABLE WATCH
 PERSONNEL TO WORK ON GENERATOR. IN THE MEANTIME, TERRELL COUNTY
 IS LIMITED TO 10 KT SOA WITH 3 MINUTE NOTICE TO HAVE TWO SHAFTS
 ON THE LINE AND FULLY POWER. OPERATION OF GUNS AND OTHER

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 EQUIPMENT REQUIRING ELECTRICAL POWER IS NECESSARILY LIMITED
 UNTIL AT LEAST ONE MORE GENERATOR IS BROUGHT UP TO SATISFACTORY
 OPERATING CONDITION. STAFF MATERIAL OFFICER WILL VISIT SHIP IN
 MORNING.

4. INTENTIONS

A. ARG BRAVO

(1) PAUL REVERE, MONTICELLO AND TERRELL COUNTY
 NIGHT STEAM ASSIGNED AREAS AT DARKEN SHIP. AT 0630H9 SHIPS
 CLOSE TRIPOLI FOR INTERSHIP BOAT TRANSFER OF TROOPS AND EQUIP.
 PAUL REVERE PROVIDE BOATS AND COORDINATE TRANSFERS.

(2) UPON COMPLETION NIGHT FUELING, TRIPOLI RETURN LPH
 OPAREA AND PROVIDE MEDEVAC AND EMERGENCY RESUPPLY READY DECK
 IN SUPPORT HELOS OPERATING IN DONG HA AREA.

5. ACTIONS REQUIRED BY HIGHER AUTHORITY:

A. TERMINATION AMPHIBIOUS OPERATION BELT DRIVE.

B. CANCELATION NOTAM.

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