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1. THIS SUMMARIZES EVENTS OF 27 DECEMBER 1967, UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED.

2. HIGHLIGHTS:

A. OPERATION AMBURN/PHI PHUNG 65

AT 0900 ON 28 DECEMBER, THE 3RD

BATTALION, 5TH MARINES, IN CONJUNCTION WITH ARVN FORCES AND AMERICAL DIVISION UNITS, COMMENCED OPER-

ATION AUBURN, A COORDINATED SEARCH AND

DESTROY OPERATION 14 MILES SOUTH OF DANANG.

HELICOPTERBORNE ASSAULT WAS MADE BY THE MARINES INTO

AN AREA WHERE THEY WILL MAN BLOCKING POSITIONS FOR

A THREE BATTALION ARVN SWEEP. TWO COMPANIES OF AMERICAL TROOPS WILL SCREEN THE OPERATION TO THE SOUTH.

GENERALLY, THE AREA OF OPERATIONS INCLUDES THE

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DUY XUYEN/GO NOI ISLAND, BOUNDED ON THE NORTH BY THE

SONG DIEN BINH AND CAU LAU RIVERS, ON THE EAST BY ROUTE

ONE, ON THE SOUTH BY ROUTE 537 AND ON THE WEST BY THE

RAILROAD TRACKS. THIS IS THE SAME AREA WHERE

THE 1ST MARINES LAST FEBRUARY KILLED 291 AND CAPTURED ANOTHER

65 ENEMY IN OPERATION STONE.

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RELIABLE SOURCES LOCATE ELEMENTS OF THE VIET CONG

W-25 LOCAL FORCE BATTALION ON THE ISLAND. ADDITIONALLY,

TWO LOCAL FORCE COMPANIES MAY BE LOCATED IN THE

AREA.

ENEMY CASUALTIES REPORTED THUS FAR IN THE OPERATION ARE 46 ENEMY KILLED, TWO CAPTURED AND TEN

WEAPONS SEIZED BY ARVN FORCES SWEEPING WEST FROM ROUTE ONE

TOWARD MARINE BLOCKING

POSITIONS.

B. OPERATION BADGER TOOTH/LAM SON 166

AT NOON ON THE 27TH, COMPANY L, BLT 3/1 LOCATED

AN ENEMY FORCE OF UNKNOWN SIZE IN A VILLAGE 12 MILES

EAST OF QUANG TRI. THE COMPANY DEPLOYED, ENGAGING

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THE ENEMY IN HEAVY FIGHTING. COMPANY M MOVED TO

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(6) THE 1ST MARINES, WITH ONE INFANTRY BATTALION (1ST BATTALION) AND COMPANIES A, B, C, AND COMPANY D (4TH BATTALION), CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WITH MODERATE CONTACT. AT 1000H, THE 1ST MARINES ARRIVED AT CAMP EVANS. AT 1030H, COMPANY A FOULDED 1000 POUNDS OF RICE (YD 528435). AT 1100H, THE COMPANY ENGAGED A SMALL GROUP OF VC WITH SMALL ARMS FIRE (YD 528435). TWO VC WERE KIA (CONF) AND THREE WERE KIA (PROB). AT 1350H, THE COMPANY EXCHANGED SMALL ARMS FIRE WITH AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF ENEMY (YD 528449). THREE VC WERE KIA (CONF) AND FOUR WERE KIA (PROB). AT 1550H, A AIR STRIKE ON SIX ENEMY (YD 532438) RESULTED IN SIX ENEMY KIA (PROB). AT 1820H, COMPANY A RECEIVED THREE ROUNDS OF 60MM MORTAR FIRE WHICH RESULTED IN ONE MARINE WOUNDED AND EVACUATED.

(6) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION NEOSHO, FIXED WING

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AIRCRAFT OF VFA-122 FLEW ONE DIRECT AIR SUPPORT (TPQ) SORTIE, WHICH EXPENDED THREE TONS OF ORDNANCE. HDA WAS SIX HDA (PROB). VAS-36 HELICOPTERS FLEW FOUR SORTIES. THE 3D BATTALION, 12TH MARINES FIRED 74 MISSIONS EXPENDING 165 ROUNDS.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

US MC
0/5 KIA
1/50 WIA (EVAC)

ENEMY
5/46 KIA (CONF)
13/114 KIA (PROB)
0/4 VC/PW
0/27 DETAINEES
0/1 RETURNEES
0/6 WEAPONS CAPTURED

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(7) OPERATION AUBURN (FIRST MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE 3D BATTALION, 5TH MARINES, WITH COMPANIES E, F, G, I AND M, 5TH MARINES AND COMPANY F, 3D MARINES, CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN QUANG NAM PROVINCE WEST OF HOI ANH AT 0800H WITH SIGNIFICANT CONTACT. AT 0830H, A BATTALION ENGAGED A LZ PREP (AT 996542) WHICH RESULTED IN ONE ENEMY KIA (PROB). AT 0940H, COMPANY F, (YD 993533)

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0/27 DETAINEES
0/1 RETURNEES
0/6 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(7) OPERATION AUBURN (FIRST MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE FIFTH MARINES WITH ONE INFANTRY BATTALION (THE 3D BATTALION, 5TH MARINES WITH COMPANIES E, G, AND I, 5TH MARINES AND THE COMMAND GROUP, 2D BATTALION, 5TH MARINES) CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN QUANG NAM PROVINCE WEST OF HOI AN WITH SIGNIFICANT CONTACT. (LATE ENTRY) AT 280930H, COMPANY E, THIRD MARINES LANDED IN LZ HAWK (AT 995537), FOLLOWING A ONE HOUR PREP BY AIR AND ARTILLERY, AND RECEIVED HEAVY FIRE FROM TWO MUTUALLY SUPPORTING FORTIFIED AREAS (AT 9993 AND 9853). COMPANY I, 5TH MARINES MOVED TO ASSIST COMPANY E AND CONTACT CONTINUED UNTIL 281700H, WITH EXTENSIVE AIR AND ARTILLERY SUPPORT, WHEN THE COMPANIES THEN CONSOLIDATED AND ESTABLISHED NIGHT POSITIONS. NINETEEN

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MARINES WERE KIA AND 25 WERE WOUNDED AND EVACUATED. TOTAL CASUALTIES AS OF 291700H ARE 33 ENEMY KIA (CONF), 11 KIA (PROB), FIVE WEAPONS CAPTURED AND TWO DETAINEES APPREHENDED. AT 291135H, A DIVISION A0 DIRECTED THREE AIR STRIKES ON A FORTIFIED AREA (AT 989535) WHICH RESULTED IN 25 STRUCTURES DESTROYED, ONE SECONDARY EXPLOSION WITH A 900 FOOT FIRE BALL. AT 1130H, TWO MARINES FROM COMPANY E, 3D MARINES WERE KIA BY SMALL ARMS FIRE AND EVACUATED. AT 1320H, ONE MARINE FROM H AND S COMPANY, 2D BATTALION, 5TH MARINES WAS WOUNDED BY SMALL ARMS FIRE AND EVACUATED. ONE VC WAS KIA (PROB) ON 29 DECEMBER.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION AUBURN, FIXED WING AIRCRAFT OF VMA-121, VMA(AW)-533 AND H&MS-13 FLEW 10 SORTIES CONSISTING OF 8 CLOSE AIR SUPPORT AND 2 DIRECT AIR SUPPORT (TPQ) SORTIES, WHICH EXPENDED SEVEN TONS OF ORDNANCE. MAG-16 HELICOPTERS FLEW 22 SORTIES. BATTERIES E AND F, 11TH MARINES; THE 1ST PLATOON, 3D EIGHT INCH HOWITZER BATTERY AND 1ST PLATOON 3D 155 GUN BATTERY FIRED 27 MISSIONS EXPENDING 447 ROUNDS.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

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USMC

19/22 KIA (ADJ)

28/46 WIA (EVAC)

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ENEMY

31/33 KIA (CONF)

1/11 KIA (PROB)

0/2 DETAINEES

5/5 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(B) OPERATION FLYING DRAGON (2D BRIGADE, ROKMC)

(A) THE BRIGADE CONTINUES DISPLACEMENT TO THE NEW TACTICAL AREA IN QUANG NAM PROVINCE WITH NO CONTACT.

(B) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

ROKMC

NONE

ENEMY

NONE

(9) OPERATION WHEELER-WALLOWA

(A) THE AMERICAL DIVISION WITH SEVEN INFANTRY BATTALIONS CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN QUANG

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NAM AND QUANG TIN PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT. AT 1700H, A UH-1B AIRCRAFT FROM COMPANY C, 2D BATTALION, 20TH ARA WAS FORCED DOWN BY ENEMY FIRE. (BT 001553) RESULTING IN ONE USA KIA. TWENTY SMALL AND UNRELATED INCIDENTS RESULTED IN 14 ENEMY KIA (CONF), FOUR WEAPONS CAPTURED AND FOUR USA WOUNDED AND EVACUATED. SEVENTY-ONE DETAINEES WERE APPREHENDED AND 39 DETAINEES WERE RECLASSIFIED. 8 CIVIL DEFENDANTS AND 31 INNOCENT CIVILIANS. A TOTAL OF 103 REFUGEES WERE EVACUATED TO QUE SON DURING THE DAY.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION WHEELER-WALLOWA, USAF FIXED WING AIRCRAFT FLEW 11 TACTICAL AIR SORTIES. ORGANIC HELICOPTERS FLEW 1247 SORTIES TRANSPORTING 1956 PERSONNEL AND 350 TONS OF CARGO. AMERICAL DIVISION ARTILLERY UNITS FIRED 525 MISSIONS EXPENDING 4161 ROUNDS. THE 175MM GUNS OF BATTERY B, 3D BATTALION, 18TH ARTILLERY FIRED 64 OF THESE MISSIONS EXPENDING 128 ROUNDS.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USA

1/255 KIA

4/962 WIA (EVAC)

ENEMY

14/3155 KIA (CONF)

0/155 KIA (PROB)

0/39 NVA/PW

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0/133 DETAINEES
0/2 RETURNEES
0/23 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(6) OPERATION NEOSHO (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE 4TH MARINES, WITH ONE INFANTRY BATTALION (1ST BATTALION, 9TH MARINES, WITH COMPANIES A, B C, AND COMPANY D, 1ST MARINES), CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN THUA THIEN PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT. AT 0810H, A COMPANY A, 1ST BATTALION, 9TH MARINES PATROL FOUND AND DESTROYED 23 BRICK BUNKERS NEAR (YD 512448). AT 1745H, SIX MARINES FROM COMPANY D, 1ST BATTALION, 1ST MARINES WERE OVERCOME BY CARBON MONOXIDE, WHILE IN AN OTTER WHICH WAS IDLING AT THE TIME. ONE OF THE MARINES WAS EVACUATED. DURING THE PERIOD, TWO USMC WERE KIA BY THE DETONATION OF AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE AND WERE EVACUATED.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION NEOSHO, FIXED WING AIRCRAFT OF VMFA-122, VMF(AW)-235, VMA(AW)-242 AND H AND MS-11 FLEW SIX DIRECT AIR SUPPORT (TPQ) SORTIES, WHICH EXPENDED 22.5 TONS OF ORDNANCE. THE 3D BATTALION, 12TH MARINES FIRED 87 MISSIONS, EXPENDING 226 ROUNDS.

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(C) RESULTS:DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC

0/5 KIA

3/64 WIA (EVAC)
(ADJUSTED)

ENEMY

0/46 KIA(CONF)

0/117 KIA(PROB)

0/5 VC/PW

0/27 DETAINEES

0/1 RETURNEE

0/6 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(7) OPERATION AUBURN (1ST MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE 5TH MARINES, WITH ONE INFANTRY BATTALION (3D BATTALION, 5TH MARINES WITH COMPANIES E, G AND M, 5TH MARINES AND COMPANY E, 3D MARINES) CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN QUANG NAM PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT. FOUR SMALL CONTACTS RESULTED IN ONE ENEMY KIA(CONF), ONE KIA(PROB) AND TWO MARINES WOUNDED AND EVACUATED.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION AUBURN, FIXED WING AIRCRAFT OF VMFA-323 FLEW TWO CLOSE AIR SUPPORT SORTIES, WHICH EXPENDED THREE TONS OF ORDNANCE. MAG-16 HELICOPTERS FLEW 86 SORTIES, TRANSPORTING 46 PERSONNEL AND THREE TONS OF CARGO.

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BATTERY F, 11TH MARINES FIRED 19 MISSIONS, EXPENDING 234 ROUNDS.

(C) RESULTS:DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC

0/22 KIA

ENEMY

1/34 KIA(CONF)

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2/48 KIA(EVAC)

1/12 KIA(PROB)

0/2 DETAINEES

0/5 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(8) OPERATION FLYING DRAGON (2D BRIGADE, ROKMC)

(A) THE 3D BATTALION CONTINUED DISPLACEMENT TO THE NEW BRIGADE TACTICAL AREA IN QUANG NAM PROVINCE WITH NO CONTACT.

(B) RESULTS:DAILY/CUMULATIVE

ROKMC

ENEMY

NONE

NONE

(9) OPERATION WHEELER-WALLOWA

(A) THE AMERICAL DIVISION, WITH SEVEN INFANTRY BATTALIONS CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN QUANG TIN PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT. NINE SMALL CONTACTS RESULTED IN SEVEN ENEMY KIA(CONF) AND NINE WEAPONS CAPTURED. TWENTY-EIGHT DETAINEES WERE APPREHENDED AND 49 PRE-

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VIOUSLY APPREHENDED DETAINEES WERE RECLASSIFIED AS THREE PW/VC, 15 CIVIL DEFENDANTS AND 30 INNOCENT CIVILIANS.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION WHEELER/WALLOWA, USAF FIXED WING AIRCRAFT FLEW FIVE TACTICAL AIR SORTIES. ORGANIC HELICOPTERS FLEW 711 SORTIES, TRANSPORTING 1,508 PERSONNEL AND 178 TONS OF CARGO. AMERICAL DIVISION ARTILLERY UNITS FIRED 519 MISSIONS, EXPENDING 3,099 ROUNDS. THE 175MM GUNS OF BATTERY B, 3D BATTALION, 18TH ARTILLERY FIRED 80 OF THESE MISSIONS, EXPENDING 163 ROUNDS.

(C) RESULTS:DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USA

ENEMY

0/258 KIA(ADJ)

7/3,162 KIA(CONF)

0/962 WIA(EVAC)

0/155 KIA (PROB)

0/39 NVA/PW

3/86 VC/PW

28/2,357 DETAINEES

0/10 RETURNEES

15/231 CIVIL DEFENDANTS

0/741 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(10) OPERATION MUSCATINE (AMERICAL DIVISION)

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BATTALION, 4TH ARTILLERY FIRED TWO OF THESE MISSIONS EXPENDING TWO ROUNDS.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC

ENEMY

0/17 KIA

0/56 KIA (CONF)

0/138 WIA (EVAC)

0/2 NVA/PW

0/1 VC/PW

0/134 DETAINEES

0/2 RETURNEES

0/2 CIVIL DEFENDANTS

0/23 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(6) OPERATION NEOSHO (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE 4TH MARINES WITH ONE INFANTRY BATTALION

(1ST BATTALION, 9TH MARINES WITH COMPANIES A, B, C AND COMPANIES B AND D, 1ST MARINES) CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN THUA THIEN PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT, AT 1400H OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF COMPANIES B AND D AND THE 81MM MORTAR PLATOON, 1ST BATTALION, 1ST MARINES WAS PASSED TO THE 1ST MARINES AND THE UNITS JOINED OPERATION OSCEOLA. AT 1050H, A SCOUT SNIPER

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TEAM (YD 583270) DIRECTED ARTILLERY ON 20 ENEMY WHICH RESULTED IN ONE ENEMY KIA (CONF).

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION NEOSHO, USMC FIXED WING AIRCRAFT FLEW TWO DIRECT AIR SUPPORT (TPQ) SORTIES, WHICH EXPENDED NINE TONS OF ORDNANCE. THE 3D BATTALION, 12TH MARINES FIRED FIVE MISSIONS EXPENDING 237 ROUNDS.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC

ENEMY

0/5 KIA

1/47 KIA (CONF)

0/64 WIA (EVAC)

0/5 VC/PW

0/27 DETAINEES

0/1 RETURNEE

0/6 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(7) OPERATION AUBURN (1ST MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE 5TH MARINES WITH ONE INFANTRY BATTALION

(3D BATTALION, 5TH MARINES WITH COMPANIES E, G, AND M, 5TH MARINES, COMPANY E, 3D MARINES) CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN QUANG NAM PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT. FOUR SMALL AND UNRELATED

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CONTACTS RESULTED IN TWO ENEMY KIA (CONF), AND TWO MARINES WOUNDED AND EVACUATED.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION AUBURN, FIXED WING AIRCRAFT OF MAG-13 FLEW ONE DIRECT AIR SUPPORT (TPQ) SORTIE,

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WHICH EXPENDED ONE TON OF ORDNANCE. BDA WAS ONE KBA (CONF),
AND THREE BOATS DESTROYED. BATTERIES E AND F,
11TH MARINES FIRED 18 MISSIONS EXPENDING 222 ROUNDS.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC	ENEMY
0/22 KIA	2/37 KIA (CONF) (ADJUSTED)
2/50 WIA (EVAC)	

0/2 DETAINEES
0/5 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(B) OPERATION FLYING DRAGON (2D BRIGADE, ROKMC)

(A) THE 3D BATTALION CONTINUED DISPLACEMENT TO
THE NEW BRIGADE TACTICAL AREA IN QUANG NAM PROVINCE WITH NO
CONTACT.

(B) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

ROKMC	ENEMY
NONE	NONE

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(A) THE AMERICAL DIVISION WITH SEVEN INFANTRY
BATTALIONS CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN QUANG
TIN PROVINCE WITH SIGNIFICANT CONTACT. SEVENTEEN SMALL AND
UNRELATED CONTACTS RESULTED IN 26 VC KIA (CONF), TWO WEAPONS
CAPTURED AND TWO USA WOUNDED AND EVACUATED. FIVE DETAINEES WERE
APPREHENDED AND 20 DETAINEES WERE RECLASSIFIED AS ONE PW/VC, ONE
CIVIL DEFENDENT AND 18 INNOCENT CIVILIANS. A TOTAL OF 135
REFUGEES WERE EVACUATED TO QUE SON.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION WHEELER-WALLOWA, USAF
FIXED WING AIRCRAFT FLEW 12 TACTICAL AIR SORTIES. ORGANIC
HELICOPTERS FLEW 356 SORTIES TRANSPORTING 285 PERSONNEL AND
203 TONS OF CARGO. AMREICAL DIVISION UNITS FIRED 535 MISSIONS
EXPENDING 3828 ROUNDS. THE 175MM GUNS OF BATTERY B, 3D BAT-
TALION, 18TH ARTILLERY FIRED 91 OF THESE MISSIONS EXPENDING
147 ROUNDS.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USA	ENEMY
0/258 KIA	26/3188 KIA (CONF)
2/964 WIA (EVAC)	

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AND EVACUATED.

(6) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC	ENEMY
0/17 KIA	0/56 KIA (CONF)
2/140 WIA (EVAC)	0/2 NVA/PW
	0/1 VC/PW
	1/135 DETAINEES
	0/2 RETURNES
	0/2 CIVIL DEFENDANTS
	0/23 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(6) OPERATION NEUSHO (3D MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE 4TH MARINES WITH ONE INFANTRY BATTALION (1ST BATTALION, 9TH MARINES) CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN THUA THIEN PROVINCE WITH NEGATIVE CONTACT. AT 1200H, COMPANY D, 1ST BATTALION, 9TH MARINES JOINED OPERATION NEUSHO AND CAME UNDER THE OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF THE 4TH MARINES.

(B) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC	ENEMY
0/5 KIA	0/47 KIA (CONF)

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0/64 WIA (EVAC)

0/5 VC/PW

0/27 DETAINEES

0/1 RETURNES

0/6 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(7) OPERATION AUBURN (1ST MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE 5TH MARINES WITH ONE INFANTRY BATTALION (3D BATTALION, 5TH MARINES WITH COMPANIES E, G, AND M, 5TH MARINES, AND COMPANY E, 3D MARINES) CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN QUANG NAM PROVINCE WITH NEGATIVE CONTACT. ON TWO SEPARATE OCCASIONS, COMPANY M, 3RD BATTALION, 5TH MARINES RECEIVED SMALL ARMS FIRE. NO CASUALTIES WERE SUSTAINED. AT 1445H, COMPANY M, 3RD BATTALION, 5TH MARINES AND DESTROYED FOUR BUNKERS AND A 30 FOOT TUNNEL (AT 991531). AT 1830H, COMPANY G, 2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES (AT 984530) RECEIVED SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM FOUR ENEMY, NO CASUALTIES WERE SUSTAINED. AT 2020H, COMPANY G, 2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES (AT 988531) RECEIVED GRENADES FROM AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF ENEMY. NO CASUALTIES WERE SUSTAINED.

(B) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC	ENEMY
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0/22 KIA

0/50 WIA (EVAC)

0/37 KIA (CONF)

0/2 DETAINEES

0/5 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(B) OPERATION WHEELER WALLOWA

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OPERATIONS IN THUA THIEN PROVINCE WITH NEGATIVE CONTACT. AT 1830H, VIET CONGSE CIVILIANS TURNED IN 499 ROUNDS OF SMALL ARMS AMMUNITION AND 33 ROUNDS OF 60MM MORTAR AMMUNITION TO COMPANY B (YD 519348).

(5) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION NEOSO, FIXED WING AIRCRAFT OF VM (AW-235 FLEW ONE DIRECT AIR SUPPORT (TPO) SORTIE, WHICH EXPENDED TWO TONS OF ORDNANCE. THE 3D BATTALION, 12TH MARINES FIRED 102 MISSIONS, EXPENDING 665 ROUNDS.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC	ENEMY
0/5 KIA	0/47 KIA (CONF)
0/64 MIA (EVAC)	0/5 VC/PW
	0/27 DETAINEES
	0/1 RETURNEE
	0/6 WEAPONS CAPTURED

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(7) OPERATION AUBURN (1ST MARINE DIVISION)

(A) THE 5TH MARINES, WITH ONE INFANTRY BATTALION ((3D BATTALION, 5TH MARINES, WITH COMPANIES E, G AND M, 5TH MARINES; AND COMPANY E, 3D MARINES)), CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN QUANG NAM PROVINCE WITH LIGHT CONTACT. AT 0830H, A SCOUT DOG ATTACHED TO COMPANY E, 2D BATTALION, 3D MARINES DETECTED AN ENEMY AMBUSH (AT 975530). SMALL ARMS FIRE WAS EXCHANGED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. AT 0945H, AN AO DIRECTED AIR STRIKES ON A FORTIFIED VILLAGE (AT 970535). SEVEN STRUCTURES WERE DESTROYED, SEVEN STRUCTURES WERE DAMAGED AND ONE SECONDARY EXPLOSION WAS OBSERVED. AT 1010H, AN AO DIRECTED ARTILLERY MISSIONS ON AN ESTIMATED 40 ENEMY IN A FORTIFIED VILLAGE (AT 970537). DAMAGE ASSESSMENT COU NOT BE DETERMINED. AT 1715H, A MARINE FROM COMPANY D, 5TH MARINES DETONATED AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE (AT 965541). HE WAS WOUNDED AND EVACUATED. AT 1950H, COMPANY G, 5TH MARINES (AT 965540) RECEIVED SMALL ARMS FIRE AND GRENADES. ONE USN WAS KIA.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION AUBURN, MAG-16 HELICOPTERS FLEW 48 SORTIES, TRANSPORTING 126 PERSONNEL AND 11 BT

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TENS OF CARGO. BATTERIES E AND F, 2D BATTALION, 11TH MARINES FIRED 23 MISSIONS, EXPENDING 399 ROUNDS.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USMC

0/22 KIA

1/51 WIA (EVAC)

USN

1/1 KIA

ENEMY

0/37 KIA (CONF)

0/2 DETAINEES

0/5 WEAPONS CAPTURED

(B) OPERATION WHEELER-WALLOWA

(A) THE AMERICAN DIVISION, WITH SEVEN INFANTRY BATTALIONS, CONTINUED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN QUANG NAM AND QUANG TIN PROVINCES WITH SIGNIFICANT CONTACT. AT 1245H, TROOP C, 2D SQUADRON, 12TH CAVALRY ENGAGED AN UNKNOWN SIZE ENEMY FORCE (AT 976336). TROOP A, 2D SQUADRON, 12TH CAVALRY REINFORCED TROOP C AND ARMED HELICOPTERS OF TROOP B, 1ST SQUADRON, 9TH CAVALRY WERE CALLED TO SUPPORT THE CONTACT.

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THE CONTACT TERMINATED AT 1740H. INITIAL CASUALTIES WERE 36 NVA KIA (CONF), FOUR DETAINEES APPREHENDED AND EIGHT WEAPONS WERE CAPTURED. DURING THE CONTACT ONE USA WAS KIA AND NINE USA WERE WOUNDED AND EVACUATED. IN 23 ADDITIONAL INCIDENTS 27 ENEMY WERE KIA (CONF), EIGHT DETAINEES WERE APPREHENDED, THREE WEAPONS WERE CAPTURED AND THREE USA WERE WOUNDED AND EVACUATED. ON 1 AND 2 JANUARY, A TOTAL OF 125 REFUGEES WERE EVACUATED TO QUE SON.

(B) IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION WHEELER-WALLOWA, USAF FIXED WING AIRCRAFT FLEW SIX SORTIES. ORGANIC HELICOPTERS FLEW 1,038 SORTIES, TRANSPORTING 1,520 PERSONNEL AND 434 TONS OF CARGO. AMERICAN DIVISION ARTILLERY FIRED 105 MISSIONS, EXPENDING 2,419 ROUNDS. OF THESE, THE 175MM GUNS OF BATTERY B, 3D BATTALION, 18TH ARTILLERY FIRED TWO MISSIONS, EXPENDING 20 ROUNDS.

(C) RESULTS: DAILY/CUMULATIVE

USA

1/259 KIA

12/976 KIA (EVAC)

ENEMY

63/3,252 KIA (CONF)

0/39 NVA/PW

0/87 VC/PW

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